**JUDGING CRITIQUE - BITCHES**

**SOUTHERN GOLDEN RETRIEVER SOCIETY**

**The Doberman Club Training & Showground**

**Hertford Road, Digswell, Herts. AL6 0BU**

**4 May 2024**

This appointment has been on my calendar for over two years and arrived at last. What a super show with so many quality bitches. Thank you to The Society for inviting me and also many thanks to all you competitors who have lovingly prepared your girls for me to judge.

I would also like to thank my 2 stewards who did their best to keep me on track. I also want to thank the hospitality team who prepared a delicious lunch.

There were so many beautiful girls, which made it so difficult to choose and many went away without a place. Every dog had been well groomed. Movement was good and most were carrying the right amount of weight.

**BABY PUPPY (2 Entries, 2 Absent)**

I was really looking forward to seeing the babies. A little disappointing, but there are obvious reasons why they are absent.

**CLASS 18 - SVB (3 Entries, 0 Absent)**

Two lovely older girls both in their 11th years, and in great condition for their ages.

1st PANDREFT HARMONY FOR HATTIE – Mr F & Mrs P Taylor

 A mid gold girl in profuse coat. Well made throughout. Attractive head with soft expression. Standing four square and very attentive to her owner, enjoying her day out, happily flowed around the ring.

2nd GRAIN OF GOLD’S ARWEN OF AMILONE (IMP SWE) SGWC – Miss Ruth Turner

 Cream girl. Just preferred the head of one. Balanced compact girl. Good reach of neck into correct layback of shoulder, very neat feet, level top line. So well groomed. Sound level mover.

3rd IRISH COFFEE CREAM – Mr S Seer

**CLASS 19 - VETERAN (12 Entries, 1 Absent)**

1st SH CH ROJILLAIR EVENING MAGIC OF ODARLA JW – Mrs M Rodgers

 Light gold girl, totally balanced, providing a striking picture on the stand. Straight front legs and well let down hocks, very neat feel. Good strong neck into well laid back shoulders, well sprung ribs, level topline flowing into her tail. Shown in perfect condition, beautifully groomed. Real power in her movement.

2nd QUAKERHALL VICTORY JUBILEE JW – Mrs D Crookes & Mrs R Jenkinson

Another well balanced gold girl. Pretty head and good pigment. Straight front legs and neat feet. Good reach of neck, excellent upper arm and shoulder placement. Moved so well.

3rd SH CH POPPYGOLD FIRE OPAL WITH STVINCENT – Mrs P Simms

**CLASS 20 - MPB (10 Entries, 2 Absent)**

1st ASHBYGLEN I PUT A SPELL ON YOU – Mrs King

 Light gold baby, giving her all to her handler, especially for one so young. Standing four square, straight legs back and fore. Just the right amount of bone. Pretty head, dark eye. Good upper arm, level topline, good bend of stifle. Moved well, at one with her handler. One to watch in the future.

2nd ZLATAZAR GODDESS OF GOLD – Mrs P Singh

 Another light gold baby, very similar to one, also behaving so well. Pretty head, good pigment. Good reach of neck, straight legs, neat feet. Short coupled with good bend of stifle. Level top line, correct tailset. Moved very well, again I believe she will do well in the future.

3rd ROOKSBURY AURORA – Mrs L Cole

**CLASS 21 – PUPPY (11 Entries, 1 Absent)**

 I loved both these girls, they are just different. Both have bright futures in the ring.

1st CHEEK TO CHEEK UNBRIDLED DREAMS FOR SIATHAM – Mrs A Falconer

 Lovely cream well developed 11 month old in a pretty coat. Feminine head, dark pigment, soft expression. Just the right amount of bone, straight front legs and well let down hocks. Good upper arm and correct shoulder placement, good bend of stifle. Level topline, good tailset. Moved out so well.

2nd THORNYWAIT ROYAL STORY FOR QUAKERHALL – Mrs D Crookes & Mrs R Jenkinson

 Light gold very feminine girl with pretty head, dark eye and soft expression. Again, straight forelegs and hocks, very neat feet. Good reach of neck into correct shoulder placement. Level topline, totally balanced throughout. A really attractive girl, beautifully presented. Steadily flowed around the ring.

3rd THORNYWAIT ROYAL DESIGN FOR MEIEPERE – Mrs M Fosdike

**CLASS 22 – JUNIOR (9 Entries, 3 Absent)**

1st THORNYWAIT ROYAL STOREY FOR QUAKERHALL - Mrs D Crookes & Mrs R Jenkinson

 (See above in puppy)

2nd HAYDENGOLD MOMENT IN TIME – Ms L List

 Attractive light gold girl, pretty head. Excellent reach of neck into her strong topline. Straight legs fore and aft, very neat feet. Just right for her age. Nothing overdone. Moved well.

3RD TULLOCHMOHR RAY OF SUNSHINE AT GLENERVA JW – Miss L Harper

**CLASS 23 – YEARLING (12 Entries)**

1st FAIRWINDS IN MOTION WITH ZENEVIEVA JW – Ms K & Miss K Kelly

 A real showgirl. Beautiful feminine cream girl, caught my eye on entering the ring. Sweet head, dark pigment, good reach of neck. Excellent upper arm, correct shoulder layback and level topline. Neat feet, well let down hocks. Moved with drive from her strong back legs. One for the future, I am sure.

2nd WARRENTOR NOHKALIKAI JW – Miss K Clunie

 A gold girl, very different to one, but very well balanced in a good coat. Attractive head and dark eye. Just right amount of bone, neat feet Nothing overdone. Level topline into her flowing tail held well on the move. Moved soundly around the ring.

3rd AMBERSUN PASSIONE OF ODARLA JW

**CLASS 24 – MAIDEN (9 Entries, 2 Absent)**

1st THORNYWAIT ROYAL DESIGN AT MEIEPERE – Mrs M Fosdike

 Attractive cream girl, showing her socks off. So nice to see a dog enjoying herself. A well developed girl at just over one year. Excellent reach of neck into a well constructed frame. Short coupled, just the right amount of bend at stifle. Strong straight legs front and back. Really strode out keeping her handler moving.

2nd SHEARSTONE DILLY GAFF – Mr & Miss A Porter

 A more petite gold girl. Equally well constructed. Sweet head and expression, dark pigment. Good reach of neck into correct shoulders. Just right for her age. Very happy on the move.

3rd ROOKSBURY AURORA – Mrs L Cole

**CLASS 25 – NOVICE (13 Entries, 4 Absent)**

1st THORNYWAIT ROYAL STOREY FOR QUAKERHALL - Mrs D Crookes & Mrs R Jenkinson

 (see above in puppy)

2nd HAYDENGOLD MOMENT IN TIME – Ms L List

 Light gold girl, just over one year. Feminine head, lovely expression, dark eye. Behaving so well. Very well balanced, short coupled, firm topline. Moved well.

3rd BERRYMEADE FIRESTARTER (A1) – Mrs P & Mr S O’Gorman

**CLASS 26 – UNDERGRADUATE – (10 Entries)**

1st THORNYWAIT ROYAL STOREY FOR QUAKERHALL - Mrs D Crookes & Mrs R Jenkinson

2nd HAYDENGOLD MOMENT IN TIME – Ms L List

3rd ROSYTH KIND OF MAGIC – Miss T Pratt

**CLASS 27 – GRADUATE (10 Entries, 4 Absent)**

1st HAYDENGOLD GOSSIP GIRL JW – Ms L List

Very attractive feminine girl with lovely head and expression. Totally balanced outline, light coated which hid nothing. Good reach of neck into her firm topline, good tailset. Short coupled, good bend of stifle, strong hocks. Moved with real drive. **ResCC**.

2nd BENCO LOST IN TIME WITH GUNHILLS – Mr P & Mrs R Rains

 Slight smaller compact light gold girl. Standing four square, very attentive to her handler. A sweet feminine girl in a pretty coat. Good upper arm and clean neck flowing into her level topline. Moved so well.

3rd GABLECROSS ROSIE COTTON WITH LUCASTES – Mrs E Smith

**CLASS 28 – POST GRADUATE (11 Entries, 3 Absent)**

1st MRGARVEY CLEMENTINE – Miss P Hill & Mr D Smith

 3 year old mid gold girl in a beautiful coat. Pretty head, gentle expression, dark eye. Good reach of neck into her firm topline, flowing into her lovely tail feathering. Stands four square, presenting a lovely balanced outline. Moved with drive.

2nd BALSAMINA BELLINI – Mrs T & Miss A Ives

 Loved her as a baby and still do. In lovely wavey coat and great condition. Slightly finer girl than one. Very sweet head and expression. Short coupled and so well constructed throughout Moved as one with handler.

3rd CHERRYGOLD STOREYTELLEN JW – Mrs J May

**CLASS 29 – MIN LB (9 Entries, 3 Absent)**

1st TULLOCHMOHR SHOOTING STAR AT GLENERVA JW – Miss L Harper

Lovely cream girl in wavy dense coat. Presents a super outline, standing four square. Well defined skull, clean neck, good upper arm and layback of shoulder. Short coupled and truly balanced. Freely moved around the ring.

2nd DANTASSIE DIZZIE HEIGTHS – Mrs C Haxton

Cream 2 year old girl in beautiful coat. Loved her head and soft expression. Good length of neck into correct shoulders, level topline. Good spring of rib, short coupled. The neatest round feet**.** Moved so well. Difficult decision placing these two super girls.

3rd DRUMKILTY TRISKELE JW

**CLASS 30 – LIMIT (22 Entries, 6 Absent)**

What a super entry for this class. So many beautiful girls.

1st LAMANCHA QUESTION THE TRUTH – Miss M McDonald

This super girl took my eye immediately. She is so feminine with the softest expression, lovely dark eye. Just the right amount of bone. Excelled in upper arm, deep chested with spring of rib, short coupled, truly balanced throughout. Carrying the right amount of weight. Level topline into her flowing tail, maintained on the move. Covered the ground with ease, creating a lovely vision. **CC.**

2nd FENPINQUE VOGUE – Ms A Campion

 Another beautiful cream girl. Lovely soft expression, great pigment. Reachy neck, good upper arm

Stood four square with good bend of stifle, strong hind quarters. So well balanced. Moved very well maintaining her level topline.

3rd KULAWAND SKY WITH DIAMONDS – Mr R & Mrs S Lane & Mrs P Lane-Ridyard

**CLASS 31 - OPEN (7 Entries)**

1st CADWST ETERNAL FLAME – Mrs V Nelson

I have admired this girl before, as she is so well made. She gives her all every time I see her. Lovely soft expression, dark eye, good reach of neck into well laid- back shoulders. Level topline into flowing tail. She is totally balanced and a beautiful golden girl. Moved well and covered the ground with ease.

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2nd LAMANCHA OBSIDIAN FLAME – Miss M McDonald

Dark gold 4 year old girl in lovely coat. Good reach of neck into correct should placement. Good bone, neat feet, short coupled. Moved with drive.

3rd CONTEMPORARY BEGUILE AGAIN VIA SIATHAM JW- Mrs A Falconer

**CLASS 32 – SPECIAL WORKING (1 Entry)**

 I was so pleased to see this girl has worked, so few of our breed prove they can work.

1st GRAIN OF GOLD’S ARWEN OF AMILONE (IMP SWE) SGWC

 (see above in Special Veteran)

**CLASS 33 - SPECIAL OPEN (3 Entries, 1 Absent)**

 Why do so few of us not prove we have gundogs? Well done girls!

1st CH LAMANCHA KEEP A SECRET JW SGWC– Miss M McDonald

 Another lovely girl from this kennel. At almost 8 she looked and moved so well, belying her age.

 Cream/Light gold in good coat. Short coupled, nothing overdone.

2nd MADDOUSE TAIL SPINNER SGWC – Mrs S Phipps-Baker & Mr I Baker

 Cream, well made 7 year old girl in lovely coat. Stood four square, showing herself to perfection.

**CLASS 34 – KCGCDSB (7 Entries)**

1st CADWST ETERNAL FLAME – Mrs V Nelson

 (see above in Open)

2nd MARSABIT TINKERBELL FOR LEITITIA – Mr G & Mrs G Jolly

Such a happy gold girl. Attractive head, dark pigment. Neat feet, straight legs back and fore. Level top line, good bend of stifle. Flowed around the ring, wagging her tail.

3rd ALTINDAN USER FRIENDLY JW – Miss A Taggart

**JUDGE: PAM WOODEN (SALAKO GOLDENS)**