Southern Golden Retriever Society

Championship Show - Dogs

3rd May 2025

Judge Linsey Dunbar

Thank you to the society for the invitation and hospitality. First time visit for me to this lovely venue. Good sized rings with an excellent surface for the dogs. Thank you to my stewards for keeping the ring moving efficiently.

Sadly, the overall quality of the males today was disappointing. I left feeling very disheartened for the breed that I have lived with and loved my whole life. The main issue for me was the fronts on the dogs. It was rare to find anything more than hair in between the front legs. The entry mostly lacked the correct layback of shoulder and then return of upperam. This results in a dog that does not have enough reach in front. My critique frequently mentions chiselling. I feel this is an important part of a correct head for a golden. A dog lacking in chiselling will give what I call a melted not melting expression. All dogs today were turned out in lovely clean condition. Thank you to all exhibitors for making the effort to present your boys to their best. It is appreciated.

Baby PD (3 Entries, 0 Absent)

1st Davis Mrs L LYNSTE DREAM BOY (AI)

Upstanding well grown puppy, kind head with good pigment, well boned but feet are needing to tighten still. Well ribbed and strong in the couplings, good bend of stifle. Moved with a clean action.

2nd Poile Miss V & Blackboro Mr P CHERRIMAR VINCENZO

Lovely head, good overall balance and moved well for one so young with good footfall. Just preferred the shoulder position of the winner.

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SVD (1 Entries, 0 Absent)

1st Loverock Mrs MC & Waldron-Smith Mrs L LOVISSA SPACE DUST ShCM VW

‍‍‍‍‍‍ Quality dog that really should have held his title. Impresses with his overall balanced outline, still maintaining a rock solid topline. Balanced kind head with good chiselling, kind eye. The correct balance of masculinity but with the gentleness that is required. Well boned straight limbs, well sprung ribs and a firm loin. Good bend of stifle and well let down straight hocks. Moved well with an effortless gait and drive from the rear. BVD

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VD (2 Entries, 0 Absent)

1st Quill Mrs K HOSARVAR NINITO

An active dog who is incredibly light and effortless on his feet, gentle head with lovely pigment, good bone and feet. Honest in construction and balance. Excellent carriage and shown on a lovely loose lead.

2nd Maynard Mr RC & Mrs LJE CH CHINNORDALE CUE CARD JW SGWC

Another veteran who has retained a rock solid topline. Handsome masculinity throughout, presented in lovely bloom of his lustrous gold coat. Well developed thigh and bend of stifle. Just not quite moving as freely today.

MPD (6 Entries, 1 Absent)

1st Birkin-Green Mrs & Gripton Mrs H LOUELLABROOK ATLANTIC STAR WITH SANSUE

Obvious winner for me. Upstanding dog who if he goes on to fulfil this promise could be a very useful dog for the breed. I loved his gentle masculine head. Utterly masculine yet retaining the gentle expression required. Excellent layback of shoulder with good return of upperarm. Well ribbed , good bend of stifle. The body is rolling a little on the move at this age but the legs are going where they should and with good extension. BPD

2nd Knight Mr JH & Cooke Miss MJ HAYDENGOLD BACKCHAT

Well angulated forehand on this young dog, another with a kind head and lovely pigment. Well boned with good feet. Good spring of rib and short coupled. Well developed bend of stifle.

3rd Kinchella Mr P & Mrs T WYNRITA CALL ME ELDER PRINCE FOR HONEYMILL

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PD (9 Entries, 1 Absent)

1st Birkin-Green Mrs & Gripton Mrs H LOUELLABROOK ATLANTIC STAR WITH SANSUE

2nd Morss Mrs H & Monteverde Mr G OPPENHEIMER OLIGARCHIA (IMP POL)

Eyecatching dog who is presented so professionally. Lovely gentle head with the kindest of eye, good strength of neck and nice shoulders. Well boned with straight limbs, good pasterns and feet. Would prefer more strength in the hock. Moved with a light stride just not quite the co-ordination of the winner.

3rd Ellis Ms K TENFIELD DUNKELD DINGO

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JD (9 Entries, 3 Absent)

1st Taylor Mrs M & Teague Mr N TREWATER WATSON AT GOLDREALM

Upstanding dog who is well up to size, a little stronger in the skull than I prefer but has a very kind and gentle expression. Presented in first class order. Level topline and strong loin and croup. Well balanced angulation with good thigh and stifle. Moved retaining his level topline.

2nd Middleton-Collins Mrs R & Mr D BERRYMEADE DREAM ON WITH JASPERLEIGH

Nice balanced outline. In between coats at the moment. Good clean neck and well-placed shoulders. Moved out with a tidy stride.

‍‍‍‍‍‍3rd Moore Miss S TENFIELD KLIPSPRINGER WITH AURYNGRA

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YD (5 Entries, 0 Absent)

1st England Mrs SJ BREKSWOOD GENTLEMAN JACK

His light and active stride won him this class and a shortlist in the challenge. If there was such a prize he would have been my 3rd best dog. He impresses with his correctness, he is balanced throughout. Clean well-muscled neck flows in to clean shoulders, correct length of back, with good well sprung ribs and short strong loins. Just understandably maturity that cost him in the end. I am sure he will gain his title.

2nd Holmes Ms JN ASHBYGLEN EXCALIBUR JW

Loved his head and expression, gentle in the eye with an alert expression and dark pigment. Well placed shoulders, moved out very cleanly with good reach in profile. Just would prefer slightly shorter couplings. Presented in lovely condition.

3rd Moore Miss S TENFIELD KLIPSPRINGER WITH AURYNGRA

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MD (7 Entries, 1 Absent)

1st Morss Mrs H & Monteverde Mr G OPPENHEIMER OLIGARCHIA (IMP POL)

2nd Taylor Mrs M & Teague Mr N TREWATER WATSON AT GOLDREALM

3rd Middleton-Collins Mrs R & Mr D BERRYMEADE DREAM ON WITH JASPERLEIGH

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ND (9 Entries, 1 Absent)

1st Morss Mrs H & Monteverde Mr G OPPENHEIMER OLIGARCHIA (IMP POL)

2nd Taylor Mrs M & Teague Mr N TREWATER WATSON AT GOLDREALM

3rd Middleton-Collins Mrs R & Mr D BERRYMEADE DREAM ON WITH JASPERLEIGH

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UGD (6 Entries, 0 Absent)

1st Oughton Miss E CARUBELO LIVE THE DREAM JW

Upstanding dog who is put together well. Balanced angulation fore and aft with excellent layback of shoulder. He impresses on the move with a long reachy stride, can really cover the ground in an effortless fashion.

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2nd Taylor Mrs M & Teague Mr N TREWATER WATSON AT GOLDREALM

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GD (7 Entries, 2 Absent)

1st Williams Miss KJ BERRYMEADE KILTERNAN OF BUSHEYHALL SGWC

The effortless light gait on this dog is what catches your eye. He moves with good drive from the rear and covers the ground with ease. Gentle head with balanced proportions. Would prefer a slightly better layback of shoulder. Good bone for his build and nice neat pasterns.

2nd Moore Miss S PURBARN FRIENDS TOGETHER WITH AURYNGRA

Gentle head with a kind expression, presented in good coat and condition. Would prefer a bit more angulation in the forehand. Has a well developed stifle and is strong in the loin.

3rd Webb Mrs SJ & Smith Mr C WATERBABIES A SEA OF FACES TO HECTSON (IMP ITA)

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PGD (5 Entries, 1 Absent)

It was a close decision between 1 and 2.

1st Williams Mrs LJ PANTEGPARISH BEST MATE

This dog excels in forehand construction, very well laid back shoulders, good depth of chest and development of chest, excellent return and length of upperarm. Very appealing head with a kind eye with chiselling. Good bend of stifle and straight rear pasterns. Just felt he does not quite show himself to advantage.

2nd Todd Mrs PT VAN GOGH OF SUNSHINE'S VALLEY WITH TODDROSA (IMP BEL) JW

Larger frame than the winner and I found that sadly he does not quite get to come in to his own on the move, he has a light effortless stride but perhaps for his handler it is difficult to get him going at that one gear more that he has in him. Kind head and expression but preferred the chiselling of the winner. Well made throughout with particularly good shoulder placement.

3rd Merrick Miss J WARRENTOR TOURMAKEADY

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MIN LD (7 Entries, 0 Absent)

I found this class difficult to judge. My notes refer to several “would prefers”.

1st Black Mrs A & Mr I BENCOE JUST IN TIME DEL AVRAIN JW

The handler has got the very best out of this dog, he is presented like a new pin and is shown in excellent coat and condition. Kind head with good pigment. Clean neck to decent shoulder layback, well ribbed and short strong couplings. Excels in well bent stifles with good width and development of thigh with short strong pasterns. Moved well in the rear with drive. Just would prefer tidier front action and a little more extension.

2nd Keightley Mrs GA RICHANA ROCKET MAN JW

Impressed with his shoulder placement and return of upperarm. Balanced clean outline. Kind and gentle head with good pigment. Would prefer neater front pasterns and today was not quite maintaining his topline in profile movement.

3rd Morss Mrs H & Monteverde Mr G OLVINGLAY GAN AMHRAS JW (ATC ITA)

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LD (6 Entries, 0 Absent)

1st Taylor Mr JM & Mrs BM ALIBREN ECCLES AT TANNADICE JW

An active mover who is again light on his feet and maintains a level tail carriage. Kind head with good under eye chiselling. Well boned with nice feet. For me I would prefer a bit more forechest. Well ribbed and good couplings, well bent stifles and good rear pasterns.

‍‍‍‍‍‍2nd Williams Mrs L EVENINGHILL DETROIT RED

Honest dog with overall balanced construction, level topline, good depth of chest with well sprung ribs and a good topline. Lovely typical head with an intelligent kind expression. Close decision between him and the winner. I prefer the type of this dog but he was not quite as free on the move.

3rd Barber Miss NL MESSANO JUST GOOD FRIENDS WITH SWANSREACH

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OD (4 Entries, 0 Absent)

Close decision between 1 and 2.

1st Fryckstrand Mr H MULTI CH DEWMIST TASTE OF ADVENTURE (ATC SWE)

Without a doubt this dog had the best forehand construction of the day. He flows from his clean strong neck in to well laid shoulders. One of the few that could fill my hand in forechest and matched with good return of upperarm. His head is gentle with good pigment. He has good length of straight limbs with good pasterns and lovely neat feet. He has a mature frame with good depth of chest. I find though when stacked he has a tendency to over extend in the stifle and therefore slope in the topline. However, when I would glance over and he was being freestood he was perfect in topline. On the move he is very clean in front and behind and moved with an effortless reachy stride and held a level topline with good tail carriage. CC and on referee’s decision BOB. Congratulations to his dedicated owner and breeder on his title.

2nd Bawden MBE Miss CL SH CH BALSAMINA BEACHCOMBER AT DARTHILL JW

This dog is so familiar to me, looking at his head is like stepping back in time for me as I see his ancestor who I owned staring back at me. Fortunately for him I consider this head to be a personal favourite. To me it is the perfect balance between masculinity and gentleness. He stands out for his symmetry when stacked with good angulation front and rear. There is quality shining out from him. His topline was always solid and this caused me the headache between the two dogs but I felt the winner had the edge on forehand and was a little tidier in rear action. RCC

3rd Bernaert Mr W MULTI CH GREY GOOSE BACK IN BLACK (ATC BEL)

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SWGD (0 Entries, 0 Absent)

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SOSGWCD (2 Entries, 0 Absent)

1st Williams Miss KJ BERRYMEADE COEUR BLIMEY AT BUSHEYHALL SGWC WGC

Such a classic outline and again like his kennel mate he has a light and active stride. He has a masculine kind head, good length of neck is good in layback of shoulder. Strong in topline and with well developed stifles and good second thigh.

2nd Kinchella Mrs T & Mr P CH HONEYMILL ELDER WARRIOR SGWC

Mature and balanced outline, strong couplings and presented in good coat and condition. Well developed quarters. Moved out well but not quite the forward reach of the winner.

3rd Taylor Mr JM & Mrs BM ALIBREN ALDANITI AT TANNADICE JW SGWC

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KCGCDSD (3 Entries, 0 Absent)

1st Middleton-Collins Mrs R & Mr D BERRYMEADE A FOOL IN LOVE OF JASPERLEIGH JW

Lovely well presented dog with good overall construction. Presented in good coat and condition, deep through the heart with good ribbing. Good development of stifle. Moved well but just a little too proud of his tail.

‍‍‍‍‍‍2nd Moore Miss S TENFIELD KLIPSPRINGER WITH AURYNGRA

Lovely sweet head with the darkest of pigment, well boned with good feet. Well ribbed and short in the couplings. Moved well with good carriage.

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