

Thank you to the Southern Golden Retriever Society for asking me to judge at this lovely show. It was a good venue, with both obedience and agility competitions and a couple of fun activities as well. The weather was kind to all – dried, cloudy and not too hot. Thank you to those helping on the scoreboards and with the stay team.

Introductory Class. 26 entries with 23 worked.

This class was completed in the morning and we had a queue of people waiting to enter the ring all the time, so we were never kept waiting. Overall the standard was variable, and I think most could have used the toy and the feeding area to a greater advantage to help their dogs enjoy the ring experience.

Those who took away the prizes were-

1st Wiegelden Breaking Dawn (Sona) and Ms Colette Fagan. Score 2 points (play 1pt, HW 1pt, recall 0 pts) Well handler and happy dog. Tight lead in heelwork were most of the points. Well done both
2nd Bellmarni Moi Meisje (Meisje) and Mrs Jenny Tuckfield. Score 3.5 pts (Play 0 pts, HW 2 pts, Recall 1.5pts) Nice round, happy dog - crooked sit in heelwork and present on recall.

3rd Redrift Summer Breeze (Ruby) & Mrs Sue Fowler. Score 4 (Play 1 pt, HW 2.5 pts, Recall 0.5pts) Good round, Well done. Crooked sit and present and tight lead cost you the points.

4th Glenlmond Uallach (Inka) and Mrs Christine Collie. Score 4 (Play 0 pts, HW 3.5 pts, Recall 0.5pts) Good set exercises, heelwork most costly, well done

5th Kensalroag Catch the Wind (Charlie) and Mrs Jane Brimley. Score 4.5 (Play 1 pts, HW 2.5 pts, Recall 1pts) Lovely dog well done just need to be a bit tighter on the heelwork

6th Qumaara Miss Money Penny (Penny) and Mrs Amy Evans. Score 5 (Play 1 pts, HW 3 pts, Recall 1pts) happy dog well done – crooked sits most costly.

Beginner Class - 15 entries with 15 worked

This class was started after lunch, but everyone was keen to come in and work and I was not kept waiting. Nice happy dogs with some good rounds, however stays affected the final positions. Well done all who entered.

Those that had a smile on their faces –

1st Evergolden Wizards Majic (Merlin) and Mrs Shirley Lidinson. Score 8 (HOL 3.5 pts, HF 3 pts, Recall 0pts, Retrieve 1.5pts) Lovely round well done – Merlin was just a little wide at times

2nd Tiltham Isal Santa Lucia at Velvenya (Velvet) and Mrs Sue Francis. Score 8.25 (HOL 3.5 pts, HF 3.75 pts, Recall 0pts, Retrieve 1pts) Nice round well done – a few crooked sits and lagging were the main faults but well done

3rd Maluraya Mozart (Gillie) and Mr David Jarrett. Score 8.5 (HOL 2.75 pts, HF 3 pts, Recall 1.25pts, Retrieve 1.5 pts) Well done, nice round, just working wide at times and needed a little encouragement to move on the recall and retrieve

4th Julonian Bobby (Bobby) and Mr Dave Toms. Score 8.75 (HOL 2.5 pts, HF 4.25 pts, Recall 1pts, Retrieve 1 pts) Very nice HOL but lost a bit of attention in heel free. Well done

5th Sarama Summer Song (Johnty) and Mr Ian Richardson Score 9.5 (HOL 1.5 pts, HF 3 pts, Recall 2pts, Retrieve 3 pts) Well done – good heelwork, unfortunately the retrieve was costly for you today

6th Milltimber Moonbeam over Velvenya (Anatastra) and Mrs Sue Francis. Score 10.5 (HOL 4.5 pts, HF 4.5 pts, Recall 0.5pts, Retrieve 1 pts) Well done – good set exercises today

Thank you all for being lovely competitors, enjoy your wonderful dogs.