

**Southern Golden Retriever Society**

**LIMITED OBEDIENCE SHOW**

**13 AUGUST 2017**

First of all a big thank you to Hazel ,Jan, Derek and all the SGRS team for inviting me to judge for you at your Limit show.

The show is always friendly and the venue excellent. Despite the deluge earlier in the week the venue was dry and not boggy

I always enjoy judging at your show and it is pleasing that we are now starting to see some good Goldies competing in the higher classes in Open Obedience Shows

My thanks to Chris Kennard , my steward for her excellent work all day and also her husband Derek who helped in tidying up my scoreboard

Special thanks to Julia who co-ordinated all the scores for all four classes

Onto the results

**INTRODUCTORY CLASS                    21 ENTERED, 19 RAN, 8 BROKE STAYS**

The exercises in this class are

Play with your dog 15seconds	10 points
Heel on lead (right hand circle)	10 points
Recall (on or off lead) with finish	10 points
1 minute stay ( sit or down)	10 points

I was amazed at the number of handlers who don't know how to play with their dogs

The majority of points lost on heelwork were for a tight lead and for lagging, but a number of handlers lost unnecessary points for starting the exercise with their dog not sitting square to their leg.

1st (after run off) No 109 handled by Rob Fowler LEITITIA APERTA BY FERRARI (Nell) losing 1½. Lovely attentive heelwork, but try to stop Nell touching your hand

2<sup>nd</sup> (after run off) No202 handled by Lesley Thomas CINDERFIELD BLAISE OF GLORY ( Blaise). Nothing much between you and Nell until in the run off Blaise decided to lay down on the recall

3<sup>rd</sup> No 166 handled by Pat Byrn MEDDOBE ANN HATHAWAY ( Sadie) losing 2½. Sadie was one of the only clear recalls all day. A small goldie who has the look of the Davern line in her.

4<sup>th</sup> No 65 handled by Marie Beardshall QUMAARA INCANTANTO (Gracie) losing 2¾. An off centre present on the recall and wide crooked sits on both exercises proved costly today.

5<sup>th</sup> No 196 handled by Pat Routledge QUMAARA SHAE ( Daisy Mae) losing 5. A lot of marks were lost where the dog was changing position on your leg, moving forwards then lagging in the space of a couple of steps.

6<sup>th</sup> No 198 handled by Barbara Sutton QUMAARA BATTICORE ( Chester) a sibling to 4<sup>th</sup> above losing 7. The stays were costly for you today.

KC Certificates of Merit were awarded to all dogs who lost less than 10 marks, so in addition to those placed today the following dogs received certificates

No 73 Kensalroag Catch the Wind

No 92 Qumaara Khaleesi

No 123 Leitia Biatrix

Thank you to all the competitors for accepting my decisions today.

**BEGINNERS CLASS      19 ENTERED 15 RAN      5 BROKE STAYS**

Due to the hot weather with all the dogs in full sun, I decided to reduce the down stay to 1 minute

The exercises in this class are

HEEL ON LEAD	15 POINTS
HEEL FREE	20 POINTS
RECALL	10 POINTS
RETRIEVE (ANY ARTICLE)	25 POINTS
SIT STAY ( 1 MINUTE)	10 POINTS
DOWN STAY (2 MINUTES)	20 POINTS
Total	100 POINTS

The standard in this class today was mixed . The temperature in the afternoon was very hot and although most of the ring was in shade it was just TOO HOT for many of the dogs.

The heelwork round was a simple letter “L” with 1 right turn, 2 about turns and 2 left turns. The majority of points were lost for lagging (probably due to the heat) wide turns and tight leads

## THE RESULTS

1<sup>st</sup> No 117 handled by Beverley Hewitt QUMAARA KAZANJIAN ( Ted) Losing 9½

HOL 3, HF 3, R 1½, ret 2

2<sup>nd</sup> No 95 handled by Barbara Farnham PANDREFT ISADOA ( Teasel) Losing 11

HOL 4, HF 3, R 1, Ret 3. Chomping & mouthing the dumbbell were costly today. My notes say “nice clean sits”. Well done

3<sup>rd</sup> No 195 handled by Ian Richardson SAMARA SUMMER SONG (Jonty) Losing 11¾

HOL 3½, HF 5½, R 2, Ret ¾

This dog's sire is of the CAMROSE line , some of whom are doing well in Obedience.

I have judged this dog before , it's a shame that Jonty stopped to have a scratch on the heel free as it cost you today

4<sup>th</sup> No 172 handled by Shirley Lidinson EVERGOLDEN WIZARD MAJIC ( Merlin) losing 12

HOL 3½, HF 6, R ½, Ret 2. Sadly Merlin did not wave his magic wand today with lots of lagging and tight leads on the turns.

5<sup>th</sup> No 207 handled by David Wimsett PALHARVEST AUTOMINAL GOLD (Pachabelle) losing 12½

HOL 5, HF2½, R 2, Ret 3. Lagging today was costly on HOL and HF and stopping for a sniff on the retrieve lost you a couple of places today

6<sup>ht</sup> No 64 handled by Peter Barnard TILTHAM ST KITTS (Merlin) losing 14

HOL 3, HF 4, R 3, Ret 4. Throwing the dumbbell in the air on the way back and stopping for a scratch on the retrieve were costly today.

## GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Many points were lost in not getting the commands in before turns, just like driving “mirror, signal, manoeuvre” we need to do something similar with our dogs such as “Dogs name, command, turn ”

Again many of the dogs lacked enthusiasm with lots of lagging on heelwork. To keep the dogs attention only take 3 or 4 steps then do something different change direction, speed up, turn or do something so that the dog does not know what is coming and so has to pay attention and when back in the correct position reward with praise, a toy or a sweetie

WELL DONE to all of you and just remember that no matter what the result today you all took home the best dog

Mike Moloney