

Southern Golden Retriever Society

15th October 2017

Judge: Anthony Allen

I was thrilled to be invited to be asked to judge at the Southern Golden Retriever Society open show. I absolutely loved this appointment. There were some super dogs for me to go over and a great atmosphere with lots of applause for my winners. Special thanks to my stewards who kept me on the straight and narrow during the day.

For Best in Show I selected the smart young dog **Thornywait San Valentino JW** who came through from the yearling class, Reserve Best in Show went to my Best Bitch **Tamsbrook Timotae**. For Best Puppy I selected **Messano Flaming Star** and Reserve Best Puppy going to **Putjade Pay the Piper at Malenbrook**. Best Veteran in show was awarded to Rinante Loverboy by Tannadice JW and Reserve Best Veteran in show to **Burpham Moonlight Romance at Sunfern**.

The only two general comments I would make are: Firstly please watch your fronts. I found a number with short upper arms which gave a rather unbalanced outline and an untidy front action. The other concern was that some were a little straight in front and over angulated behind, while this can look flashy they did not have the reach and drive that is called for in the standard.

VETERAN DOG (3 Entries, 2 Absent)

1st Taylor Mr JM & Mrs BM ROSINANTE LOVERBOY BY TANNADICE JW.

What a grand chap this boy was, certainly enjoying his day out. He has a super head piece, well proportioned with a lovely kind eye. Strong neck, a decent front assembly with a good depth to his chest. Stands on well boned legs and neat feet. Ribs well sprung and quarters well developed with well bent stifles. Moved well in profile with drive. Delighted to award him **Best Veteran in Show**.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (4 Entries, 0 Absent)

1st Male Mr SE & Mrs HI PUTJADE PAY THE PIPER AT MALENBROOK

I thought this a very smart young dog well put together with good balanced angles fore and aft. His headpiece is developing nicely and has correct proportion, good eye shape to give an appealing expression. Good front assembly, strong neck, standing on well boned legs and nice tight feet. Needs to drop in to his front but will do that as he matures. Body of good proportions with ribs springing nicely. Quarters well made, moderate bend of stifle. He had fun on the move, as a puppy should but I could see his footfall was accurate. A promising puppy **Best Puppy Dog**.

2nd Luckhurst Mr T & Mrs S MALURAYA MONICAS MAVERICK

It transpired it was the dog and handlers first time in the ring and they both did brilliantly. Maverick was a little bit excitable on the first run round but once he and his handler relaxed I could see a smart well made dog who felt very right as I put my hands on him. His head is developing nicely and with time should finish in to a handsome boy. Good front assembly with shoulders well laid back and a decent return of upper arm. Body of good proportions and quarters developing as they should do for his age. Accurate foot fall, scoring in front action. Please keep showing him he is a really nice type of puppy with bags of potential.

3rd Wells Mrs J PEARLBARN PERONI

PUPPY DOG (6 Entries, 1 Absent)

1st Male Mr SE & Mrs HI PUTJADE PAY THE PIPER AT MALENBROOK

2nd Seamons Mr PD & Mrs JL MESSANO BLUE SUEDE SHOES

Unlucky to meet the winner in this class as he is another very smart puppy, and I saw when I looked at my catalogue that his sister was my BPIS. Masculine in head, balance proportions but I wouldn't want him any broader in back skull. Strong in neck, decent front assembly. Standing on well boned legs and neat feet. Good depth to chest for his age and ribs springing nicely. Quarters developing well. Good in profile just a tad untidy coming towards me today. I understand that the wins in the subsequent classes gave him the final point for his JW – many congratulations.

3rd Luckhurst Mr T & Mrs S MALURAYA MONICAS MAVERICK

JUNIOR DOG (6 Entries, 2 Absent)

1st Seamons Mr PD & Mrs JL MESSANO BLUE SUEDE SHOES

2nd Stallard Mrs A MAPLEROSE ALL TUCKERED OUT

He has a pleasing head with a masculine expression. An adequate reach of neck. I would have liked slightly more return of upper arm. Good overall body proportions, excellent spring of rib and length of loin. Quarters well made with a good bend of stifle. Coat was in good condition. Movement was positive and with drive, just not a tidy as the winner as he came towards me.

3rd Taylor Mr JM & Mrs BM AMILONE JABBERWOCKY BY TANNADICE

YEARLING DOG (4 Entries, 1 Absent)

1st Trinder Mr A THORNYWAIT SAN VALENTINO JW

I really liked this chap. Superbly made young man at 22 months. He presented a balanced picture on the stack. He has a masculine head with pleasing expression. Strong clean reach of neck leading on to correctly placed shoulders. Good front construction. Stands on well boned legs and neat feet. Good overall body proportions, perhaps a shade long in loin but not unbalanced. Quarters well made with good width, stifles well bent and correct from hock to heel. Coat in good condition. Movement was true both in profile, and fore and aft. He just stood out challenge and out moved the rest, I was delighted to award him **Best Dog** and later on **Best In show**. One whose career I will follow with interest.

2nd Todd Mrs P TODDROSA SPRINTER SACRE

Another well made dog just not as developed as the winner. Pleasing head shape with a kind eye giving a masculine expression. He has a decent front assembly with shoulder well placed. Well boned legs and tight feet. Body proportion correct giving a balanced shape. Excellent quarters with a super bend of stifle. Handler tends to hold him back a little on the move so he didn't really get in to his stride.

3rd Stallard Mrs A MAPLEROSE ALL TUCKERED OUT

MAIDEN DOG (5 Entries, 1 Absent)

1st Jenner Mrs CJ SIAGAR STEP TO THE STARS

I liked the overall shape on this pale boy, just a puppy. He had balanced angles fore and aft which gave him a pleasing outline. Head developing nicely with a good shape. Clean through the neck into well placed shoulders. Still needs to develop in body but has plenty of time on his side. Quarters well developed with a good bend of stifle. Moved soundly and fluidly.

2nd Codling Mrs ADJ MILLIVANILLI FRUSTRATION

This chap was 20 month old. Well made dog with a refined head and expression. Good overall body proportions and balanced angles fore and aft. Quarters well developed with a decent bend of stifle. Did enough on the move but not quite the drive of the winner.

3rd Foxley-Sander Mrs TJ HONEYMILL SECRET AGENT.

NOVICE DOG (6 Entries, 4 Absent)

1st Seamons Mr PD & Mrs JL MESSANO BLUE SUEDE SHOES

2nd Taylor Mr JM & Mrs BM AMILONE JABBERWOCKY BY TANNADICE

I see this chap was the son of my best Veteran and very like him in shape and make up. He has a please head and expression, strong through the neck, a decent front assembly but a tad short in upper arm. Standing on well boned legs but for my tastes I would like a little more length of leg to balance him out. Body and quarters developing well with a good bend of stifle.

UNDERGRADUATE DOG (5 Entries, 2 Absent)

1st Seamons Mr PD & Mrs JL MESSANO BLUE SUEDE SHOES

2nd Todd Mrs P TODDROSA SPRINTER SACRE

3rd Taylor Mr JM & Mrs BM AMILONE JABBERWOCKY BY TANNADICE

GRADUATE DOG (3 Entries, 2 Absent)

1st Todd Mrs P TODDROSA SPRINTER SACRE

POSTGRADUATE DOG (3 Entries, 1 Absent)

1st Purvis Mrs T POPPYGOLD APACHE TEARS

Pale boy with a pleasing head with a masculine expression. An adequate reach of neck. I would have liked slightly more lay back of shoulder. Good overall body proportions, excellent spring of rib and length of loin. Quarters well made with a good bend of stifle. Coat was in good condition. Movement was positive and with drive which gave him the class.

2nd Rose Mr MF & Mrs DG RULER OF THE WORLD OVER AZTECA

This pale boy had a super head piece, masculine and a lovely kind eye. Firm through the neck but not quite the front assembly of the winner. Well made body ribs well back and sprung, firm in loin.

Quarters well developed, stifles well bent. Had plenty of enthusiasm on the move just a tad proud of his tail.

LIMIT DOG (3 Entries, 0 Absent)

1st Wells Mrs J PEARLBARN POT OF GOLD

Upstanding dog with a good outline. He has a pleasing masculine head with a clean reach of neck.

Decent front assembly and good overall body proportions, ribs well sprung and good length and strength to loin. Quarters well made with a good bend of stifle. Coat was in good condition.

Movement was positive and with drive, just a little too proud of his tail.

2nd Purvis Mrs T POPPYGOLD APACHE TEARS

3rd Krucyk Mrs N MAPLE ROSE ROYAL COMMANDER

OPEN DOG (4 Entries, 1 Absent)

1st Linfield Mrs LC TONARA RIO GRANDE JW ShCM

A smart six year old chap with a lovely pleasing head and expression with well set ears. Strong and clean through the neck. I liked his overall body shape, well developed forechest with good spring of ribs. Correct length & depth of loin, quarters well made well bent stifles, standing on well boned legs, level top line with correct tail set. Moved OK with drive just would have preferred him a tad tidier in front when he came towards me. I thought him a smart and was pleased to award him

Reserve Best Dog.

2nd Cook Mrs Wendy CALAROSE OVER THE MOON JW

It transpired that I judged this chap as a puppy and he did well under me then, very happy to see him here again today. He is a pale boy with a masculine head and expression. Clean in neck and a decent front assembly. Ribs well spring and firm through the loin, which gave a level top line. Moderately angulated quarters. Had drive on the move just wasn't as accurate as the winner in movement today.

3rd Murphy Mr & Mrs AF AMBERGOLD FRANKIE

SPECIAL OPEN DOG (2 Entries, 1 Absent)

1st Phipps-Baker Mrs S & Baker Mr I TENFIELD NIGHT OF THUNDER FOR MADDOUSE

This two year old chap had a very pleasing shape and today was in super condition with great musculature. I like his head piece, good eye that enhanced his expression. Good strong neck in to a decent front assembly, good depth of chest for his age. Ribs well spring and quarters well developed. Moved out with drive and had excellent footfall.

VETERAN BITCH (2 Entries, 1 Absent)

1st Henderson Mrs AM BURPHAM MOONLIGHT ROMANCE AT SUNFERN.

What a grand lady, eight years of age and who was totally enjoying her day out, she is very pretty with a lovely feminine head and kind expression. Well made with a clean reach of neck. Good overall body proportions with good angles fore and aft. Moved so well with a lovely driving action.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (5 Entries, 2 Absent)

1st Golder Mrs SC & Mr GS SUMMERAMBA HI DE HI

A very pretty bitch just six months old, with a lovely head and expression and excellent eye shape and colour. Strong and clean through the neck. Correct lay back of shoulder and front angulation. Standing on good legs, just would like her to tighten in elbow a little. I liked her overall body shape, well developed forechest with good spring of ribs for her age. Loin of correct length, quarters well made well bent stifles, top line correct and tail well set. Just finding her feet on the move but has attitude about her. A nice type of puppy.

2nd Hughes Mrs N AYMSBURY ARIADNE

When this bitch entered the ring I thought she would be the winner but she just fort her handler all the way today on both the stack and on the move, this was a pity. I thought she was elegant with a decent front assembly, a tad short in upper arm. Standing on well boned legs. Good body proportions and quarters well made, stifles well bent. Coat in lovely condition.

3rd Golder Mrs SC & Mr GS FABRAY FANTAZIZER WITH SUMMERAMBA (IMP DK)

PUPPY BITCH (9 Entries, 3 Absent)

1st Morrissey Mrs J & Tappenden Miss C MESSANO FLAMING STAR

A very pretty bitch, with a lovely head and expression with well set ears, excellent eye colour. Strong and clean through the neck. Correct lay back of shoulder and front angulation. Standing on good legs. I liked her overall body shape, well developed forechest with good spring of ribs for her age, loin of proportional length. Quarters well made well bent stifles, top line correct and tail well set. She just excelled on the move, super front action for her age and stood out in profile. No hesitation in awarding her Best Puppy in Show. If she carries on developing in this manner I think she will have a bright future ahead of her.

2nd Jolly Mrs GM & Mr GR LEITITIA ANZHELIKA

Another cracking puppy with a lovely head piece with a super eye to enhance that typical expression. Clean reach of neck in to well placed shoulders. Good front angles, her body is developing well, ribs springing nicely and good length to loin. Quarters well made with a good bend of stifle. Couldn't match the winner on the move as she needs to settle in to her front and tighten in elbow.

3rd Golder Mrs SC & Mr GS SUMMERAMBA HI DE HI

JUNIOR BITCH (7 Entries, 4 Absent)

1st Seamons Mr PD & Mrs JL STVINCENT MOONLIGHTING AT MESSANO

This young lady was just 12 months but developing really nicely. I loved her angles and overall shape, balanced head of good proportions, eyes dark but a tad round, still has an appealing feminine expression. Clean reach of neck in to a super front assembly. Good angles fore and aft, depth to chest and rib well developed for her age. Held her top line well both on the stack and on the move. Moved with drive and accuracy in footfall for one so young.

2nd Jolly Mrs GM & Mr GR LEITITIA ANZHELIKA

3rd Mandley Mrs VL MILLANZA FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS TO MALTQUDOS

YEARLING BITCH (11 Entries, 4 Absent)

Again a very close decision between these two, both very typy bitches. It was a close decision

1st Hodgson Mrs A LAURENLEY PHOEBE AT RIKITA JW

This young lady scored on overall construction and make up. A pale bitch she presented a lovely outline on the stack and excelled on the move. Her head is feminine, clean through the neck which led in to correctly placed shoulder, good front angles and return of upper arm. Standing on well boned legs and neat feet. Good depth of chest for her age. Ribs springing nicely, firm though the loin and super level top line. Well made quarters with a good bend of stifle. Super on the move with a great front action and rear drive. Considered her for top honours in the challenge, just needed a little more maturity.

2nd Gayler Mrs PD CAROLAKE REMEMBER ME JW

Another one that I like a lot, she scored in head and expression and overall make up but just kept fighting her handler and losing her shape. She has a clean reach of neck in to well placed shoulders, she has a good front assembly with correct lay back of shoulders. Dropping into her chest nicely, standing on the good legs. Body well made with good proportions and quarters well developed with stifles well bent. Flowed on the move with a good action, carried her tail well, a shade close behind. As with the winner a very promising youngster who should have a bright future ahead of her.

3rd Seamons Mr PD & Mrs JL STVINCENT MOONLIGHTING AT MESSANO

MAIDEN BITCH (7 Entries, 3 Absent)

1st Jolly Mrs GM & Mr GR LEITITIA ANZHELIKA

2nd Tuck Mrs P TAMSBROOK TOUCH OF CLASS

3rd Gargan Mrs G SIAGAR FINAL EDITION

NOVICE BITCH (12 Entries, 5 Absent)

1st Morrissey Mrs J & Tappenden Miss C MESSANO FLAMING STAR

2nd Seamons Mr PD & Mrs JL STVINCENT MOONLIGHTING AT MESSANO

3rd Jolly Mrs GM & Mr GR LEITITIA ANZHELIKA

UNDERGRADUATE BITCH (7 Entries, 2 Absent)

1st Morrissey Mrs J & Tappenden Miss C MESSANO FLAMING STAR

2nd Seamons Mr PD & Mrs JL STVINCENT MOONLIGHTING AT MESSANO

3rd Tuck Mrs P TAMSBROOK TOUCH OF CLASS

GRADUATE BITCH (7 Entries, 3 Absent)

1st Lees Mr PG & Mrs JM SILVERBARROW SECRET IN LACE BY DENMARELLA JW

A very nice type of bitch who I liked standing. She presented a pleasing outline and a balanced picture. Feminine in head and expression. She is well made with good reach of neck, correctly placed shoulders, standing on good legs and feet. Proportionate length of body with well made quarters. She has a good moderate bend of stifle and well let down hocks. Her handler struggled to keep up with her a bit but once she got in to her stride she moved out with drive and the correct action.

2nd Seamons Mr PD & Mrs JL STVINCENT MOONLIGHTING AT MESSANO

3rd Todd Mrs P TODDROSA ANNIE POWER

POSTGRADUATE BITCH (9 Entries, 2 Absent)

Difficult decision between these two as both had some very positive qualities and I was splitting hairs to make the final decision.

1st Lane Mr R & Mrs S & Lane-Ridyard Mrs P AMBLEMERE SPIRIT IN THE SKY OF KULAWAND

I like this bitch she has a pleasing head and expression with well set ears. Strong and clean through the neck, correct lay back of shoulder. I liked her overall body shape, well developed forechest with good spring of ribs. Correct length & depth of loin, quarters well made well bent stifles, standing on well boned legs, level top line with correct tail set. Moved well with a good action. In the challenge she just lost her shape at the end so had to be content with **Reserve Best Bitch**.

2nd Golder Mrs SC & Mr G SUMMERAMBA MILADY JW

Another I have judged before and she won Best Puppy under me that day, so thrilled to see she has grown in to a beautiful young lady. She presents a lovely shape on the stack and a super outline. I loved her head and expression, she is so pretty. Good through the neck, shoulders well place but a tad short in upper arm. Good depth to forechest and stands on well boned legs. Ribs well sprung and firm loin giving a level top line. Excellent well developed quarters. On the move she had drive but today not the accuracy in front action of the winner.

3rd Taylor Mr FJ & Mrs PD PANDREFT IN THE PINK

LIMIT BITCH (3 Entries, 1 Absent)

1st Jolly Mr GR & Mrs GM LEITITIA ANGEIOLINA JW

I last saw this lady as a very young lady when she won the puppy group under me at Ardingly, I was taken with her then and delighted to see her again as she has now grown up at two years old. I liked her head piece, very feminine with a good eye to give a beautiful expression. Good through the neck in to well placed shoulders and a good front assembly, good depth of chest for her age. Legs well boned. Her body is well proportioned with ribs well sprung a firm loin,. Super quarters with stifles well bent and good muscle tone. I like her on the move where she had drive but a tad untidy coming towards me today. Considered her for top honours but not quite in the finish of the principal winners today.

2nd Beaumont Mr J ATERGOLDE TUDOR PRINCE

OPEN BITCH (5 Entries, 0 Absent)

1st Tuck Mrs P TAMS BROOK TIMOTAE

I liked this bitch as she entered the ring and did not disappoint when I got my hands on her. She has a beautiful feminine head. Strong and clean through the neck, with correct lay back of shoulder. I liked her overall body shape, forechest good for her age, with an adequate spring of ribs. Correct length & depth of to loin, quarters well made well bent stifles, standing on well boned legs & neat feet, super level topline which she held on the move, leading on to a correct tail set. Fluid mover with a good action just wished she had more drive about her to complete the picture. Never-the-less I thought she was top drawer and in my opinion could easily carry a title. I was delighted to award her **Best Bitch** and subsequently **Reserve best in Show**.

2nd Male Mr SE & Mrs HI MALENBROOK MI MOSA JW ShCM

Good overall shape and balance from this bitch, head of good proportions. Good through the neck in to well to well placed shoulders. Well boned legs and good depth to chest. Ribs well sprung and firm though the loin giving her a level top line. Quarters well made with a good bend to stifle. In good coat and condition. Had drive on the move. Just preferred the cleaner outline of the winner through the neck and shoulders.

3rd Ball Miss SA TODDROSA LEADING LIGHT