

Southern Golden Retriever Society

Sunday February 28th 2016

I would like to thank the Southern Golden Retriever Society for my judging invitation and to thank the exhibitors for their entries. I was really pleased with the quality and quantity of my entry. There were some lovely dogs here and I wished that I had more than one CC as I was spoilt for choice but having said that I was delighted with my ticket winner who went on to become Best in Show.

Since I last judged, heads have generally improved and some were excellent portraying good width to nicely shaped skulls and correct ear carriage with lovely chiselling in their faces giving those really gentle expressions so typical of our breed. On the down side far too many dogs were carrying their tails right over their backs which spoilt the whole look of the dog. The tail should be set on and carried level with the back and while some are young and a little over excited this should not be considered the normal tail carriage for a Golden Retriever.

Special Veteran Dog (2)

1st Leonard's PEARLBARN PLAYWRIGHT FOR WYNRITA

This young man was just over ten years old and he presented a balanced masculine outline. He had a nicely shaped head with a nice eye and good ear carriage, all in all giving a kind expression. Strong reach of neck into a level top line, enough shoulder angle, deep chest with well angled quarters which he used well on the move. He had plenty of coat with good feathering. In the challenge for best veteran he was beaten by the bitch that moved with such enthusiasm.

2nd Thurgood's PECOLSTONE PERFECT LORD ShCM

This dog has a pleasing outline and at just over eleven years of age was looking good. He has the loveliest of heads with correct ear set which frame his face beautifully, nicely shaped eyes giving the gentlest of expressions. Excellent layback of shoulder with complimentary quarters. Needing a little more coat to finish the picture and today was not quite as positive on the move as the winner.

Veteran Dog (4)

1st Walker's KENSALROAG ANGUS MACLEOD TO FALKESHALL ShCM

What a happy nine and a half year old dog who showed himself off to advantage with his tail that never stopped wagging. He had a real rapport with his handler, who really got the best out of him. Shown in full mid gold coat and feathering. Nicely balanced head with enough pigment. Good reach of neck into well laid back shoulders, straight front, nice feet and quarters. Balanced and mature with deep chest. He was well muscled and moved very well.

2nd Hays GUNMARSH RAFFLES AT BRANJOY JW

Almost nine years old cream dog who presented a very nice and pleasing outline. He had a gentle shaped head and a soft expression. I preferred the angles of my winner but this boy moved really nicely.

3rd Rose's AZTECA APRIL QUEST JW

A masculine dog with a lovely head, correct ear set and a kindly expression, Straight front and well angled shoulders but I felt that he lacked the balance of the others placed before him. He had a full and plentiful rich gold coat.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (12 Entries, 2 Absent)

1st Vernon's GRACELEIGH PAPAARAZZI

Delightful minor puppy who is balanced and a very nice shape. He had plenty of straight cream coat. Masculine head but it has a gentle shape and gives a soft expression. He has excellent shoulders with enough upper arm and correctly shaped quarters, good depth to his chest with short couplings. He moved with a confident and outgoing personality and for one of only six months knew how to show himself off and how to cover the ground on the move. Best Puppy dog and Reserve best puppy in show.

2nd Harper's GLYNERVA INDIANA JONES

Mid gold dog with enough coat who is a very nice shape for his age giving a pleasing out line. At just six months he moved very well and with confidence. He has a good depth to his chest and enough quarters, I just preferred the shoulder angle on the winner.

3rd Kipps WHEATCROFT WHITE FLAME

This cream boy was of a different type but still lots to like about him, he will just take a little longer to come together, he has a bigger frame which is covered in lots of glamorous coat. He has correct angles front and back with a strong top line. He just needs to tighten up a little on his front movement but he is just a baby of six months, one to watch in the future.

PUPPY DOG (18 Entries, 2 Absent)

1st Vernon's GRACELEIGH PAPARAZZI

Winner of minor puppy

2nd Vicars CATCOMBE CALICO at PEERSBROOK

Mid gold puppy that was very balanced and with a clean outline, not over done in any way, he had enough angles with a strong top line. Sweet head and expression. He moved with confidence and looked just right for his age.

3rd Watterlot's LORD EDDARD STARK DU CLOS DES FACONS

I liked the overall shape and balance of this puppy. Good layback of shoulders nicely angled quarters with a solid top line. Head was a good shape with a kind expression. He carried a thick straight gold coat and looked good when moving around the ring.

JUNIOR DOG (11 Entries, 1 Absent)

1st Golder's & Gunner's SUMMERAMBA SUNDANCE KID

I liked his outline and his overall substance which presented a pleasing picture in profile. Excellent for-hand construction with complimentary quarters and a level top line. Masculine head that was gentle and not coarse in any way, enough pigment, lovely dark eye giving an appealing expression. Shown in thick cream coat with plenty of feathering. He looked good on the move but was slightly proud of his tail. He went on to win two more classes, that I was later to learn gave him his Junior Warrant.

2nd Peeters-Van Nunen UNDER THE BUTTON VD BEERSE HOEVE

This dog had good angles in front and rear with a deep chest and a level top line, He had good bone and overall substance. Slightly longer in the loin than my winner. He had a well-shaped head that was kind and expressive. He was a little slack on the move. Shown in a lovely light golden coat.

3rd Birkin-Green & Gripton's SANSUE GOLDEN DREAM

Lovely dog of a different type to the other two as he has a bigger frame to fill which will come in time. All the essentials in construction and looked at his best when stood free. Masculine well shaped head with a nice eye. He moved out well covering the ground effortlessly.

YEARLING DOG (19 Entries, 5 Absent)

1st Keightley's GOLDLYN GO ROAMING TO RICHANA JW

Lovely light gold dog shown in full coat with plenty of feathering. Good reach of neck with adequate shoulder angle with nicely angled quarters which he used well on the move. Pleasing head with correct dark eye giving a kindly expression, good depth of muzzle. Presented himself well giving a pleasing picture.

2nd De Meyer's NOSE FOR NEWS NO HILLS

Balanced dog with correct angles but is a little heavy over his shoulders which is spoiling his outline. As he matures he will deepen more in the loin to finish the picture. He deserved this place today as he has lots of very good qualities, including a very nice head with an appealing expression, good bone, feet and correct movement. He carries a lovely full coat with lots of feathering.

3rd De Ridder's NODOUBT MR SCOTT NO HILLS

Very light cream /golden dog with sound construction and pleasing angles. Good layback of shoulder and nicely angled quarters. Lovely gentle head with the sweetest of expression. I would like a little bit more of him but what he had he showed to advantage. He moved out positively and looked good. Shown in enough coat to complete the picture.

MAIDEN DOG (14 Entries, 5 Absent)

1st Morss's XANTHOS BULLET PROOF JW

What a lovely young dog who was just a week over twelve months. Clean in his outline with good shoulder angulation and well angled upper arm. Correct depth of chest, neat feet. Level top line and correct tail set. Nicely shaped head with lovely dark eyes, good pigment and a soft and kindly expression. Not a big dog but perfectly balanced. Came into his own on the move holding himself together really well.

2nd Vernon 's GRACELEIGH PAPARAZZI

Winner of minor puppy and puppy

3rd Brodie's CHADZO WHISTLEBLOWER Pleasing outline
on this boy but he needs to mature and develop to his full potential. He is only just over a year old so he has plenty of time. Masculine without any trace of coarseness. His head was nicely shaped with a friendly and happy expression. He needed a bit more of his light gold coat to finish the picture.

NOVICE DOG (19 Entries, 7 Absent)

1st Golder's & Gunner's SUMMERAMBA SUNDANCE KID

2nd Vernon's GRACELEIGH PAPARAZZI

3rd Dunn's & Handley's CUCKMERE MISTER SOFTEE

This dog is a very nice shape and much better shown free when he lifts his head up quite naturally, when stacked his handler would benefit from lifting his head higher to show off his virtues. He has a good reach of neck, leading to pleasing angles front and rear with good upper arm and level top line. Such a happy dog with lovely wagging tail and his nicely shaped head had a gentle and kindly expression. Moved well.

UNDERGRADUATE DOG (18 Entries, 6 Absent)

1st Golder's & Gunner's SUMMERAMBA SUNDANCE KID

placed first in junior and novice

2nd Cook's CALAROSE SHINING STAR JW

Dog with a very pleasing outline. Excellent reach of neck flowing into his shoulder angulation which is clean and correct. Could be a little straighter in front and shorter in the loin but he has well angled quarters. Gentle but masculine head that has good pigment, nice eye and a kindly expression. Looked very smooth and fluid on the move.

3rd Birkin-Green & Gripton's

SANSUE GOLDEN DREAM

Also placed 3rd junior/ res in yearling

GRADUATE DOG (6 Entries, 1 Absent)

1st Godfray's TONARA GEORGE WASHINGTON

This dog was in really hard muscular condition which really showed on the move where he covered the ground with ease. Dark gold dog with plenty of coat and feathers. Not over done in any way with pleasing angulation and a solid top line. Plenty of bone and a beautiful gentle and well- shaped head, his expressive eye was kind and he had a soft and gentle expression. He went on to win the good citizen class. He was handled really well.

2nd De Ridder's NODOUBT MR SCOTT NO HILLS

Placed 3rd in yearling

3rd Ley's MURPRILA DAKARIA I'M THE ONE

Mid gold dog with a good out line, enough angles front and rear with a good reach of neck and deep chest. He moved out and back with purpose but was a bit proud of his tail.

POST GRADUATE DOG (8 Entries, 0 Absent)

1st Rose's DELTAMORE FRANKEL BY GAYTONWOOD

Mid gold dog who needed a little more coat today but his outline was sharp and clean. Good reach of neck with a well- laid shoulder flowing onto a solid top line and correct tail set. Quarters were correctly angled to compliment his front. Enough bone and depth of chest. His head was a nice shape with a thoughtful expression. He came into his own on the move, covering the ground, running straight and true. He was handled really well.

2nd Birkin-Green's & Gripton's THORNYWAIT DIAMOND GEEZER WITH SANSUE JW

I really liked this boy who presented himself well and was furnished with plenty of cream coat and feathering. He had a very nice head which had a lovely dark eye and adequate pigment. He had enough angles and when his handler stood back from him, he showed off his neck and shoulder to his advantage but he did try to hide his virtues. Happy wagging tail and enjoying his day out, showing off his friendly personality. Moved well.

3rd Broadhead's MONCHIQUE STREET URCHIN JW

Happy outgoing mid gold dog who was shown in excellent coat which was beautifully presented. He has correct construction with plenty of substance and has a deep chest and good bone. Longer in loin. Moving very well today

MINOR LIMIT DOG (20 Entries, 4 Absent)

1st Garget's & Morriss HAYDENGOLD KEEPA SECRET WITH GARVIN JW

This really was a lovely class with hair splitting decisions being made. This boy oozes masculinity without a trace of coarseness. He has substance, balance and good bone. I liked his head which was broad and well-shaped but gentle with a good kind eye and with lovely depth of muzzle. His ears framed his face nicely when not in repose. Correct reach of neck, excellent upper arm and well angled hind quarters. Deep chest, nicely shaped feet. He was very well muscled. Level top line that stayed that way on the move, I thought he looked happy, outgoing and very stylish on the move. He was shown in full mid gold coat with plenty of feathering. My star of the day as he shone out for me and I was pleased to award him a very well deserved CC. He was BOB and Best in Show on the referee's decision.

2nd Golder's GEMBAEK'S MIXED MUSIC TO SUMMERAMBA (IMP DK) JW

This dog presented a very balanced picture but was just slightly smaller than and not quite as mature as the winner. He had excellent front angles and nicely shaped rear quarters. Level top line. Moved out well with good reach and drive. Sometimes when stood looked better without his tail raised. Shown in full coat which was presented beautifully. A quality boy who can only get better as he matures just that little bit more.

3rd Vernon's GRACELEIGH PLAYBOY JW

Lovely shape to this dog. He is not a big dog but there is a lot to like about him. He presents a balanced picture with excellent layback of shoulder and plenty of upper arm, complimentary quarters, slightly longer in loin than one. I thought his head was nicely shaped and masculine with an intelligent expression. He was covering the ground with ease on the move.

LIMIT DOG (12 Entries, 1 Absent)

1st Tuck's TAMBROOK TAKE THAT

Upstanding dog who is maturing very nicely. Plenty of cream glamorous coat with lots of feathering. He has a super reach of neck flowing into a strong and solid top line. Well off for upper arm and has enough shoulder angle, correctly shaped quarters. He has a beautiful head that is masculine but soft and gentle, lovely shaped dark eyes and his nose had the blackest of pigment which really complimented his face. A very happy boy enjoying his day out. Moving really well today with a constant wagging tail. He was very unlucky to meet the other two boys in the challenge as he was certainly up for consideration for top honours.

2nd Hill's DRUMKILTY TAKE THE HIGH ROAD TO SANDAULA JW ShCM

I do love this boys shape as he is so balanced. He has very good angles with a level top line. Plenty of substance and shown in hard condition, carrying a full light gold coat. Nicely shaped broad head without a trace of coarseness, good depth of muzzle. A kind and gentle expression. When asked to pick up his pace slightly on the move he strode out and looked really good.

3rd Broadhead's PUTJADE PACHANGA WITH MONCHIQUE JW ShCM

Beautiful cream dog shown with plenty of coat and feathering. He has a balanced shape with good quarters and a firm top line. Lovely gentle head but masculine. He moved level and true and was very well handled.

OPEN DOG (9 Entries, 2 Absent)

1st Wild's SH CH FENWOOD ELL MASTERPIECE AT BLUEWATERS JW

I have done this boy very well in the past when he was a puppy and since then he has grown into a beautiful dog that is a very worthy Champion. Masculine head with a well a shaped eye and a good width to his muzzle. His expression is full of character which looks mischievous but gentle. He has substance and balance with an excellent reach of neck and good upper arm. This boy really knows how to move and enjoyed every minute of it. He had enough coat today but his light mid gold coat was looking a bit dull and lacking lustre under the indoor lighting which spoilt his overall appearance and he had to give way to two dogs in the challenge that were looking spot on for top honours.

2nd Angell's SH CH MILLANZA TAKE A BOW JW

A very nice shape to this boy, excellent for-hand construction and enough rear angles, needs to drop in the loin a little to complete the picture. Soft and gentle head with a kind expression. He had enough coat but was lacking feathering today. Moved out well.

3rd Ennis Van Maren's & Van Maren's MULTI CH RAMCHAIINE MOMENT OF TRUTH

I liked this boy very much today with his lovely gentle head and soft expression. Shown in plenty of cream glamorous coat. He is a very nice shape with correct angles to front and rear. He was longer in the loin and not quite as mature as the dogs placed in front of him but he moved very well and was presented and handled beautifully.

SPECIAL WORKING DOG (1 Entries, 1 Absent)

SPECIAL OPEN DOG (6 Entries, 0 Absent)

1st Brodie's CH CHADZO ACCAPELLA JW

Light golden dog carrying a full coat and plenty of feathering. Very balanced boy that looked a picture today. Super reach of neck, correct shoulder layback and enough upper arm. Solid top line, good depth of chest and well angled quarters. He had a correctly shaped head, with lovely soft eyes of a good shape which gave the kindest of expressions. He moved really well, with excellent reach and drive, covering the ground effortlessly with his top line staying perfectly level. Today for me he was a worthy winner and deserved the RCC and went on to Reserve Best in Show.

2nd Morss's ITA. CH XANTHOS FERRARI JW

This dog had lots of mid gold coat and plenty of feathering. He has a lovely soft and gentle head with a kind expression. He excels in for-hand construction with well angled quarters to balance and compliment. Longer in loin than the winner which showed when he was on the move, but he did move really well and showed himself off nicely.

3rd Williams CATCOMBE COUNTRY TZAR OF BUSHEYHALL ShCM

Another very nice boy. Mid gold mature dog of substance who was shown in full coat with plenty of feathering. Lovely head with a good expression. Well made with good angles front and rear. He looked good on the move and was at one with his handler.

KC GOOD CITIZEN DOG (10 Entries, 0 Absent)

1st Godfray's TONARA GEORGE WASHINGTON

Winner of graduate.

2nd Taylor's ALIBREN LOVE ME DO AT TANNADICE

Pleasing outline on this mature boy who was carrying plenty of rich golden coat and feathering. Good bone with substance. Masculine head with a thoughtful expression. Adequate front angles and a solid top line. Well shaped quarters that he used well on the move.

3rd Rose's RULER OF THE WORLD OVER AZTECA

Nice young dog with plenty of light gold coat. Nicely shaped head with a lovely kind expression. I would prefer more angles in his construction but he is still young and sometimes all you need is time to mature for these to improve. He moved out well.

Judge..... Ann Hagger (Fairfield)