

Midland Golden Retriever Club  
Single Breed Open Show  
Coventry  
Sunday 10th June 2007

Thanks go to all exhibitors and the committee for the opportunity to judge so many quality dogs. All bites were correct, presentation was excellent but muscle tone was poor in some contributing to the sloppy movement that has become the norm for many goldens. I attempted to find virtues not faults but above all I was looking for soundness, balance and that difficult to define attribute, quality. I found it disappointing that so few veterans were entered; many exhibitors seem to show a succession of overly mature puppies but never any veterans that are still happy and in show condition.

Minor Puppy Dog 6

1 Scholes's Rossgilde Raffles

Very much a baby, as they should be in minor puppy, and so just right for his age and behaving perfectly at what I later discovered was his first show. Lovely head into good length of neck, correct shoulder placement and plentiful angulation back and front. Moved well for his age. The most beautiful wavy coat and lots of ring presence earned him the class and Best Dog Puppy.

2 Lewis and Hunter's Allouemdan Aylmer

Well grown gold puppy with lots to like about him. More balanced at the moment than his litter brother. Nice head with good pigment and kindly expression. Good rear angulation and straight front but not the length of upper arm of the winner. Well presented and handled.

3 Meadow's Putjade Primley Blue

Puppy Dog 7

1 Lewis and Hunter's Allouemdan Aylmer

2 Meadow's Putjade Primley Blue

Well balanced gold puppy that should develop into a very nice dog. Again rear angulation was superior to front but well made apart from this. Nicely shaped head with lovely expression and good pigment.

3 Lewis and Hunter's Allouemdan Abracadabra

Junior Dog 11

1 Barron's and Jenkin's Xanthos Bilbo Baggins at Rannaleroch  
A well constructed young dog that had to be good to win this strong class. A mid gold large framed typical junior, well off for bone, that is strongly made throughout. He will take time to reach his full potential. Well angled front and rear with straight back pasterns, good dark pigment and well shaped

masculine head. He generally moved very well but tended to throw his front feet around in exuberance which I think is acceptable at this early age. Later learnt that this win gave him a well deserved Junior Warrant.

2 Aulton's Winnatts Worthsworth

Most glamorous and attractive blond dog that I have admired from the ringside. Masculine head with soft expression; well constructed throughout but still needs to tighten in movement. Although far from being the finished article (as he shouldn't be at this age) he has the potential to mature into a lovely dog.

3 Brooks's Castlerock Royal Star

Maiden Dog 6

1 Matthew's Ipress Lord and Master at Highguild

Another attractive, masculine dog with lots to like but his movement was a little erratic today. Nice head and expression and well put together but not quite as balanced at the moment as the first three in the strong junior class. Beautifully presented and handled.

2 Harding's Ramchaine Issac

Well presented and handled again and overall a promising dog with a lovely head but his rear angulation is better than his front at the moment making him look a little unbalanced and untidy on the move.

3 Scott's Gunmarsh Quest for Gold

Novice Dog 9

1 Aulton's Winnatts Worthsworth

2 Matthew's Ipress Lord and Master at Highguild

3 Stevens's Altindan Xantico

Undergraduate Dog 15

1 Hush's Rumwood Royal Male at Benrowan JW

Stylish mid-gold dog that is now coming together very nicely. Lovely masculine head with typical expression and dark pigment, strongly made throughout with correct angulation and short couplings. He has a well balanced profile but not the clean outline of some due to a very wavy coat that must be difficult to prepare. Moved accurately and with drive from his strong quarters.

2 Steven's Summeramba First Encounter

Appealing, masculine pale dog that excels in head and expression. Although beautifully presented and generally well constructed I feel he will need more time than most to come together. He is clearly very difficult to show both standing

and on the move but it should be well worth persevering to get the best from him.

### 3 Aulton's Winnatts Worthsworth

Graduate Dog 11

#### 1 Parry's Mitcharron Memphis Gunner

A new one to me but what an attractive dog; stood out for his overall conformation and balance. Super type and so full of quality. Masculine although but without any exaggeration. Lovely head with expressive dark eyes, straight front, tight feet, correct angulation both front and rear and good muscle tone. Deep through the chest and short coupled. With all this going for him I expected him to move well which he did with both accuracy and verve. Immaculate presentation and lovely head carriage completed a very pleasing picture. Best Dog and Best in Show

#### 2 Barron's and Jenkin's Xanthos Bilbo Baggins at Rannaleroch

#### 3 Cooper's Dikedaze Sunkissed JW

Post Graduate Dog 3

#### 1 Wild's Gatchells Blue Jordan JW

Two very nice dogs took the first two slots in this class, close decision between them; just preferred the movement of the first as the second flagged a little in the heat. Quality throughout with a good flow of neck into well laid shoulders, straight front, level topline, neat feet and good angulation both fore and aft. Expertly handled as always from this owner but he too seemed to be feeling the heat a bit in the challenge.

#### 2 Hill's Gillbryan Ready for Take Off to Sandaula

No mistaking this one for a bitch, as a very masculine dog who is strongly made throughout with the right amount of bone. Well shaped head, good reach of neck, level topline and correct tailset contributed to a very nice outline.

Open Dog 3

#### 1 Scholes's Chisleay Crusader for Rossgilde JW ShCM

This quality dog is so good to go over as everything is in the right place and feels that way too. He is very balanced with the correct length of leg and short in the couplings. Good angulation, level topline held on the move and excellent shoulder placement are also evident. His length of stride and plenty of drive from behind enables him to cover the ground with ease. A lovely wavy coat completes the picture.

#### 2 Wild's Goldmarker Blue Rhine JW ShCM

Upstanding dog that moved out so well and with an exuberance that belies his years. In great muscular condition. His overall balanced and good angulation produces a lovely outline

when standing. Would just prefer a slightly lower tailset. So attentive to handler he commands attention.

#### Special Veteran Dog 2

1 Taylor's Shazeldon Love Me Tender at Tannadice  
Beautifully presented nine year old dog in gleaming gold coat. His condition is a credit to his handler who really got the best out of this dog. Liked his well shaped, masculine head with a lovely dark eye that helped give the kindest of expressions. Although nicely angulated I preferred the bitch's movement in the challenge for best veteran.

#### Special Working Dog 2

1 Wild's Gunhills Game Master JW  
Lovely, lively dog that gave his handler plenty to do but it was this joy de vive that appealed to me and gave him the edge over the open winner in the challenge. This exuberance was evident in his movement too where he drove round the ring with long ground covering strides. Even allowing for the heat few of the dogs today seemed to be enjoying themselves and lacked that animation that gives them that bit of extra showmanship. Well constructed throughout resulting in a very pleasing outline with the exception that I would prefer a little less angulation of the stifle so placing his hocks not so far behind his tailset. An eye catching dog that cannot be overlooked in any company. Reserve Best Dog and Reserve Best in Show

#### Minor Puppy Bitch 11

1 Gregory's Bernewode Edwardian Lady  
Two lovely puppies headed this class but just preferred the head of the first at this stage. Excelled in reach of neck and shoulder placement but well made all through, handled and presented very well and showed like an old timer.

2 Godefroy and Champion's Ramchaine Inga La Fenwood  
Similar remarks to the first apply but a larger framed bitch that will need a bit more time than some to come together. Moved with great confidence showing her lovely outline. Two very promising babies.

#### 3 Causer's Lovissa Razzamatazz

#### Puppy Bitch 11

1 Rain's Gunhills Night Serenade  
My notes say blond and beautiful and she certainly is both. Lovely feminine head with the most gentle of expressions further enhanced by good pigment; Straight front, super turn of stifle and good layback of shoulders helped to produce a really pleasing overall picture although I would prefer slightly more upper arm to balance the rear angulation. Also appreciated her positive movement; one of the few with real

drive today. An eye catching quality youngster whose immaculate presentation and expert handling resulted in her taking Best Bitch Puppy and Best Puppy in Show

2 Gregory's Bernewode Edwardian Lady

3 Loach's Grovewood Gaia at Putjade

Junior Bitch 9

1 Gell's Leithfield Miss Chanel

Two quality bitches headed this class but I preferred the outline of the first although the second placed had the edge on length of upper arm. Excellent rear construction, strong topline and good tailset. Particularly liked the flow of neck into the shoulders. Good rapport with her handler who presents her to perfection.

2 Aulton's Winnatts Philomena

Pretty head with good pigment and generally well made throughout. Good turn of stifle and second thigh but tended to drop of a the rear a little at the moment. Like several today she was a little reluctant to stride out when moving; hardly surprising on such a hot day.

3 French's Caffimba Chicagos Lady

Maiden Bitch 10

1 Rain's Gunhills Night Serenade

2 Gregory's Bernewode Victoriana

A little surprised to see this pretty blond girl in maiden until I discovered that she is still a minor puppy. Pleasing outline, sweet head, short coupled and well angulated with neat feet she lacked the confidence on the move of the older class winner. Slightly more mature than her litter sister who won minor puppy but exhibits many of the same qualities, what a lovely pair of youngsters.

3 Aulton's Winnatts Philomena

Novice Bitch 15

1 Rain's Gunhills Night Serenade

2 Aulton's Winnatts Philomena

3 French's Caffimba Chicagos Lady

Undergraduate Bitch 13

Three beautiful bitches headed this class all with lots to commend them; the old cliché that they will change places is certainly applicable here.

1 Gell's Leithfield Miss Chanel

2 Burn's Abnalls Sabella

Well balance feminine bitch with correct angulation, lovely reach of neck and a classic outline. Sweet head with kindly expression and excellent pigment. Needs more time and confidence on the move to complete the picture. Preferred her shortness of coupling to the lovely girl who was third.

3 Mell's Meloak Dancing Strike

Graduate Bitch 5

1 Tuck's Tavasari Tiarella to Tamsbrook JW

Beautiful cream bitch in excellent coat and condition. Pretty head with typical golden expression. She is so balanced from every angle with correct angulation, strong topline and good tailset giving the 'I don't want to change anything' outline I was looking for. Moved straight and true both coming and going. When fully mature must surely be destined for top honours. Best Bitch and Best Opposite Sex.

2 Gell's Leithfield Miss Chanel

3 Turton-Price's Palton's Moment in Time

Post Graduate Bitch 7

1 Gregory's Bernewode Goodnight Girl JW

Full of quality being feminine but powerful, I loved the flowing economical movement of this mid gold girl. Nice head with gentle expression and super pigment although I would prefer slightly more depth of muzzle. Excellent angulation both ends without being overdone in any way. A pretty coat with deep waves completed the 'package'. Reserve Best Bitch

2 Perry's Cailloch Prima-Donna

Attractive gold bitch, I liked her a lot for her overall balance and type. Correct double coat with a pretty head and typical golden expression. Well put together with good bone but today she just lost out on movement to the winner.

3 Well's Shtamar Lilac Wine

Open Bitch 10

1 Burn's Abnalls Isabell JW

Glamorous elegant bitch with a lovely profile. Good firm topline and tailset, straight front and neat feet. Correct angulation which helped her to move accurately. She has the gentlest of heads and excellent pigment. Another quality bitch, handled and presented to advantage she just lost out in the challenge to the two bitches in full coat.

2 Well's Shtamar Shakatak

Gave her handler a hard time but moved very well when settled. A short coupled strongly made bitch with lovely deep gold coat. Typical balanced head but would prefer a darker eye to give a softer expression.

3 Causer's Putjade Peachy Keen For Lovissa

Special Veteran Bitch 2

1 Tuck's Tamsbrook Tara's Theme

10 year old in fine shape, retaining her perfect bite and more importantly her waistline. Well put together with nice head, kindly expression and excellent bend of stifle. In super coat and condition she moved really well for her age and is certainly a credit to her owner. Best Veteran in Show

Special Working Bitch 1

1 Tuck's Tamsbrook To Hold A Dream

Most attractive of bitches whom you can't ignore with her 'look at me' attitude and text book outline. Pretty head with sweet expression. Good forehead construction matched equally with strong quarters and correct bend of stifle. Mature short coupled body. Glamorous cream coat that was presented to perfection, as were all from this kennel. So responsive to handler. Lovely type and quality throughout. Just preferred the movement of her kennel mate when it came the challenge.

Judge: Jean Griggs - Mulfield