



# MIDLAND GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2008

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8th June 2008

Open Show

Judge:

Mrs S Webster

Entries can be made online now

7th December 2008

Championship Show

Judges:

Dogs: Mr M Godefroy

Bitches: Mrs R Rains

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4th October 2008

FIT & FERTILE SEMINAR

Keith Shea

## CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 2007

Judges: Mr Gordon Talbot & Mrs Barbara Gell

### MAIN WINNERS

BEST IN SHOW - Mr Knippenborg's **CH/DUTCH/FIN/GIB/SWE/GERMVDH SEQUINS SHAMROCK**

RESERVE BIS - Mr Godefroy & Mrs Campion's **SH CH RAMCHAINED GREEN GLOW BY FENWOOD JW**

BEST PUPPY IN SHOW - Mrs Linfield's **DREAMING DELIGHT AT TONARA**

RES BPIS - Mrs Morss' **XANTHOS ESPIONAGE**

BEST VIS - Mrs Butterworth's **SH CH APPLEBROOK LILY OF THE FIELD**

BEST SP WORKING: Mrs Carter's **CANALEIGH HOT GOSPEL JW.**

## THANK YOU



Ingrid Pinfield & the main Committee Officers accepting the cheque for £361 donated by Barclays Bank

The committee is extremely grateful to all the exhibitors at the December Show who contributed prizes & gave money to our cause. We were raising money to help towards the costs of operations on a Golden called Tamba, through the Many Tears charity, & towards the costs of our own rescue operation. Barclays Bank had generously agreed to match the sum raised at the show, hence the cheque, so over £700 has been raised to help Golden retrievers in need. A fantastic sum, & once again THANK YOU!

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## WORKING NEWS

Report from Mervyn Philpott

The Spring Working Test was held on 16th March at a new venue, Brimpsfield Park in Glos, by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Richard Larthe.

John Slatter & I had visited on Saturday & set the tests for puppy & novice dog/novice handler alongside a stream, however the extremely heavy rain during Saturday/Sunday meant that John had to reset them on nearby fields. Novice & open tests were set further down the stream & using the larger of the small lakes, & were unaffected, although the water was rushing through the lakes at great speed & was a lovely brown colour. We had to look very carefully to distinguish a golden head during the water tests.

There was a total entry of just over 60 - I think this must be a record for a MGRC test - few in the puppy & nd/nh classes, but 35 in novice & 19 in open. Our judges were Graham Cox (Wydcombe) as the panel judge, Kevin Wilkinson, Hilary Smith & Lucy Jenkins. Lucy took on the puppy & nd/nh classes, while the others had one test each in the novice. Then all four judged a test each in the open held in the afternoon.

The puppy tests were a seen mark, a walk up in twos, a seen followed by a blind in the same area & a double in which one of the dummies had to be retrieved over a fast running small stream. Novice had a seen over the lake entailing a 25 yard swim, an unseen up a tractor track & round a slight bend, an unseen with a distraction &, for the leading 8, a seen launcher dummy followed by an unseen in the

same area.

For open there was a diagonal swim over the lake to an unseen back in bushes to the left some 20 yards from the bank, an unseen up a small valley when dogs had to be directed to the left, a straight forward seen onto the bank of the stream attracted by a shot, & finally a walk up in fours with a retrieve in front & behind.

Brenda Rea had been "volunteered" to prepare soup & a ploughman's lunch for judges & helpers & any competitors who wished, & my grateful thanks to her for all her hard work. Chris Marchant had brought along a Welsh RU International shirt, which at his request was auctioned for the Linear Accelerator Appeal, together with one of the famous "half monty" calendars. With Lucy Jenkins as auctioneer continuing the Welsh theme, £52 was raised - £37 for the shirt & £15 for the calendar.

In the puppy class there was a win for Denise Smith & Harsett Tamise, with 2nd to a Lab. In nd/nh Linda Law's Catcombe Cory won, & again a Lab came 2nd. In novice 1st & 2nd were Labs & 3rd went to Ian Falconer's Catcombe Chutney. In open all winners were Labs.

With a good response to the raffle, plus donations & entry fees, we raised £298.72 for the Club. My thanks to all who helped on the day, especially Dave Clinch, John Slatter & Brenda Rea.

## ~ MIDLAND GOES INTERNATIONAL ~

The MGRC held its International Forum on 27 October at Mappleborough Green Village Hall. We were lucky to have three speakers who, within the breed, are well known and respected, Hazel Hinks (Styal UK), Henric Fryckstrand (Dewmist Sweden) and Marianne Holm Hansen (Tallygold Denmark).

Marianne started the day, giving us an insight to the judging systems used abroad which, was of great interest for those who had not judged outside the UK. This was then compared to our own system, with Marianne posing the question at the end of the session. Which system would you prefer? Following this Hazel and Henric did a duo with Hazel leading, gently encouraged by Henric, as she took us on a Styal journey, discussing her most memorable moments and dogs. Hazel's great sense of humour captivated the audience, who enjoyed every moment. Henric finished the day off with a photographic history of Swedish Champions up to the present day, prompting much discussion with the enthusiastic audience.

An excellent lunch was provided by Josie Marriott and her team and the day proved to be a renowned success.

We still have a few DVDs available at a cost of £10.00p plus postage contact myself on 01623 487283 or e mail [j.gripton@ntlworld.com](mailto:j.gripton@ntlworld.com) or any committee member.

**Hazel Gripton**

## ~ FUTURE EVENTS ~

4 October 2008 - Keith Shea Fit and Fertile - Discussing all aspects of fertilisation including A.I.

Kennel club Golden Retriever art exhibition - We intend to hire a coach to the exhibition on a date to be confirmed. Anyone who is interested please contact Hazel Gripton or any committee member to reserve a place.

## ~ PUPPY REGISTER ~

Generally we have had a good response regarding puppy enquiries, but as most clubs are aware, more and more litters are being advertised on the internet which appears to be the first port of call for puppy buyers. I would ask that you please support your local clubs puppy lists, as the revenue gained goes directly to rescue. The cost of registering a litter with us is £10 and the forms can be obtained from the MGRC website of Hazel Gripton.

## CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 2007

MGRC held its 30th Championship Show on Sunday 2nd December & we were back in the Cricket Hall at The Connexion. As a committee we were thrilled that our judges Gordon Talbot for dogs & Barbara Gell for bitches drew an entry of 404 animals & 613 entries: 243 dogs & 370 bitches.

Pedigree kindly provided us with vouchers for BIS, RBIS & BPIS, & the Club provided prize cards to seventh in all classes, rosettes & prize money to fourth as well as the special rosettes, & our usual gift of a Christmas pudding to every class winner.

The weather was kind again, which was fortunate as exhibitors came from all parts of the UK, & we were delighted to welcome exhibitors & visitors from several European countries too. Many people were kind enough to bring raffle prizes, for which the committee is always grateful, & especially so this year as our chairman Sandy Lane had done a deal with Barclays Bank. The agreement was that the bank would match what was raised at the show. However, the bank could only contribute to a designated charity, so the committee chose Many Tears, which is raising money to help a Golden Retriever called Tamba. With the help of Keith Young as auctioneer £361 was raised on the day, a fantastic sum which is being put to good use by MGRC Rescue, & Many Tears & Tamba benefited equally thanks to Barclays.

The line-up of unbeaten dogs was called into the ring first & featured 9 class winners. From these Mr Talbot selected the Open class winner for his CC, the multi champion from Europe Sequins Shamrock, being handled in this country by Gail Brodie. The RCC went to the winner of Limit, the Hennessys' Ritzilyn Pasadena JW, & from the 2 puppies Gordon chose the Minor Puppy Heather Morss' Xanthos Espionage.

There were 10 unbeaten bitches for Mrs Gell's line-up, including 3 multiple class winners. One of these was the Minor Puppy which had also won Puppy, Mrs Linfield's Dreaming Delight at Tonara. For the CC Barbara chose the winner of Limit, Malcolm Godefroy & Anita Campion's Ramchaine Green Glow by Fenwood JW, & went to Mid Limit with the RCC to the Bakers' Leekerwen Top Teesha JW ShCM.

After some discussion it was decided that the BIS choice should be left to Keith Young as referee, & he chose the dog. The bitch was awarded RBIS as well as BOS, BPIS went to the bitch puppy & the dog puppy was therefore RBPIS. The veteran bitch beat the dog, the Websters' Kulawand Dreamseeker to Benjcroft, & the working dog beat the bitch, Penny Gayler's Carolake Fancy That.



*Main Dog Winners with Judge*



*Main Bitch Winners with Judge*



*Two Winning Veterans*

## PUP OF THE YEAR 2007

Once again the Quality Hotel at Penkridge was the venue for the popular contest, held on 10th February 2008. This year we drew an entry of 52 puppies which had all won at least one Puppy class at a championship show in 2007.

Sponsorship for this event is vital, & the committee is extremely grateful to Royal Canin for stepping in at the last minute & providing the club with a small bag of food for every exhibit as well as 2 large bags for BP & RBP. As Royal Canin has just brought out a food specifically designed for Golden Retrievers, the committee is hoping to retain this sponsorship for the foreseeable future.

Other sponsors to whom the club is indebted are Fosse Data Systems for the printing of the catalogues, & the very generous supplies of shampoo & coat products received from John Paul Pets - a number of bottles for BP & RBP, a bottle for each exhibit & a sample for everyone present. The exhibitor goody bag this year will take some beating!

Sandy Lane as chairman gave a fulsome introduction to our judge Fiona Scholes, who was given a warm welcome by exhibitors & spectators alike. She professionally worked her way through the 21 pairs of dogs which comprised the first round, so that we had enough time to enjoy a first-class 3-course lunch & tea/coffee.

The afternoon began with the Best Of The Rest competition, drawn from the 21 first-round losers. This was won by Mr & Mrs Rains' Gunhills Night Serenade JW, with the club providing a bottle of champagne alongside the rosette. The second round comprised 8 pairs & a 3 to provide a final 10. From these 5 pairs Fiona selected her final 5 - Endean & Towers' Chlodyl Rodney, Godefroy & Champion's Castlerock Royal Star by Fenwood, Roberts & Green's Vanzela Hoo La Baloo at Maunsfield, Sanderson & Bassant's Crancott Love Story with Jesire & Stokes' Tamarley Cristal Rose at Jobeka JW.

You could cut the atmosphere with a knife as Fiona scrutinised her final 5 &, with a flourish, selected Castlerock Royal Star by Fenwood & Tamarley Cristal Rose at Jobeka JW for a further look. Loud applause greeted her choice of the bitch as POTY, with the dog as Reserve, & a photograph outside in the sunshine completed the afternoon.



*Pup of the Year and Reserve Pup of the Year*

