

## JUDGE'S CRITIQUE

### GRC of NSW Championship Show - 8 September 2002

I had the great honour to be invited by your Committee to judge your Championship Show and I wish to express my gratitude to all the people involved in my visit for their hospitality and generosity during my first stay in your country. To say that I was very pleasantly surprised at the standard you have achieved with your breeding would be an enormous understatement. The general soundness and quality is equal to that in the UK and I felt that many shown under me would make their presence felt anywhere in the world. I must congratulate you all for the very professional manner you showed and presented your dogs – something that many in the UK could learn from. I surprisingly found that the dogs were better in many respects to the bitches. Type and conformation was more even in the dogs. Several bitches were too heavy, lacking muscle tone or were sadly out of coat. The main fault I found generally, and this is simply to make you aware for future breeding plans, fronts were quite wide in many exhibits, making them almost "labrador-like" and on moving, tended to pin-in giving an exaggerated roll which affected their movement in profile. Just something that I feel needs watching as wide fronts are not correct. The show organisation was impeccable and I thoroughly enjoyed seeing so many quality dogs - all new to me, which made my deliberations so much more enjoyable.

#### BABY PUPPY DOG (7):

**1 COOMBEHILL SPINNERS TALE**

5 Months quality pale baby, raw- just as he should be for age, good angulation fore and aft, good masculine expression, tight feet. Well balanced. Moved well with confidence.

**2 ALNCLAIR A BOBBYS GUN**

Another five month pale boy, a little exuberant but acceptable for age, good shoulder placement, excellent rear angulation, moved well.

**3 LEANR TOUCHED BY FROST**

3 months baby with beaut outline for age, lovely front and back end, good tail set and top-line. Very confident for age.

#### MINOR PUPPY DOG (6):

**1 IMPRESSA LUTHER KING**

Pale cream quality puppy with masculine head, good balance throughout. Lovely forehead, level top-line, good straight front, neat feet, excellent rear angulation. Just needs to muscle to make his rear movement more positive.

**2 PERRECCA JUST A BOY SCOUT**

Promising mid gold masculine puppy, making his handler work hard. Good straight front, tight feet, tends to stand a bit dippy at times, but when rear end drops into position should be ok. Lively happy showy dog.

**3 AMBERVALLEY ISLE OF MULL**

Pale puppy who was little unsettled. Good masculine head, straight front, level top-line, good quarters. Just needs time to start enjoying himself. Moved true.

#### PUPPY DOG (3):

**1 COJALEI SHOWSTOPPER.**

Eye catching pale dog, very impressive outline, lovely head and expression, good length of neck into good shoulders and level top-line. Excellent rear quarters - just needs to muscle up to get his movement better. Most promising, well handled and presented.

**2 EURAIDD JUST A GIGOLO.**

More compact pale boy. Lovely head and expression, adequate shoulder, short coupled, good quarters. Moved well. Needs to tighten in front.

**3 TAUMAC COURT JESTER.**

Mid gold boy with kind masculine expression. His shoulder blade felt high giving him a slight slope to the croup, but this could be a growth phase. Short coupled, good quarters, moved well.

**JUNIOR DOG (17):** Best class of the day. 3 Superb dogs headed this class.

**1 FANTANGO PURPLE REIGN.**

An outstanding young dog of 17 months, beautifully balanced and just the type I like. Good expressive head with excellent pigment, good length of neck into super shoulders and straight front with neat tight feet. Level top-line. Good quarters. His super muscle tone, sadly lacking on many today, enabled him to flow around the ring with great drive. Immaculately presented and handled. A dog who should have a great future and be an asset to the breed here. I had no hesitation in giving him the C.C. and eventually Best in Show.

**2 SKYBELLE MAURICE.**

Very hard decision between 1 and 2 as they are so alike in construction, 1st being slightly more scopey at this age which was the deciding factor. Pale gold with beautiful soft expression, good neck into well angulated shoulders, level top-line and strong quarters. Very well balanced throughout. Handled and presented beautifully, moved with purpose and drive. R.C.C. and Reserve B.I.S.

**3 CH. YELLOWFETCH FORREST GUMP.**

Very worthy Ch. Pale gold - so sound throughout. Lovely soft expression, good neck, shoulders and top-line. Moved really well, handled to perfection giving balanced picture. A typical golden. I am sure these three dogs will, and probably have, change places throughout their careers.

**INTERMEDIATE DOG (16):** Another lovely class.

**1 ALNCLAIR RICKY'S REVENGE.**

Lovely pale well balanced dog. Good head, well constructed shoulders with excellent upper arm. Level top-line, well angulated quarters. Lacking coat today but a good quality honest dog who moved really well.

**2 HOBSONVALE ROB ROY.**

Similar remarks apply and I note he is by same sire as 1. Very similar in outline and construction. Super rear angulation. Was just tending to crouch giving him a slightly sloping top-line, but nevertheless another quality sound boy.

**3 CH IMATRIEVER KARUBIAN JULE.**

Quality pale gold, with good overall construction. Good neck, shoulder and top-line. Very mature, strong quarters, well presented.

**AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG (13):** Two outstanding dogs headed this class.

**1 CH PHILENI PHEONIX RISING.**

I was pleasantly surprised to find that this dog was the sire of my previous two class winners and the 2<sup>nd</sup> in intermediate. Pale cream masculine dog with no sign of coarseness. Lovely soft expression with kind eye and good pigment. Excellent length of neck into good shoulder construction, level top-line, excellent quarters. Beautifully presented and shown. A great asset for the breed in Australia as he is such a young dog, producing outstanding progeny.

**2 TASVANE CHEEKY CHARLIE.**

Another I liked a lot. Similar remarks apply except the 1st was just in better bloom. Lovely overall dog, well presented and handled. Moved with great drive and precision.

**3 GR.CH.YELLOWFETCH OLYMPIC GOLD.**

Mid gold with impressive outline. Lovely neck, shoulder and upper arm. Excellent top-line and quarters in beautiful coat and condition. Handled and presented well. Just preferred head and feet of 1st two.

**OPEN DOG (15):** Far too many in this class carried too much weight which pegged them back.

**1 CH. RAMGOLD RADISH.**

Another well constructed pale dog, carrying right amount of weight enabling him to move effortlessly around the ring. Lovely head, good neck and shoulders, bone and feet. Level top-line to good rear quarters, beautifully presented.

**2 TASVANE INDIANA.**

Lovely type, very similar to 1, and same remarks apply. Was just a little reluctant to my going over him. Correct weight, moving well, handled to advantage. Lovely head and expression.

**3 CH. GILTEDGE HEMINGWAY.**

This dog had beautiful shape with profuse pale gold coat. Lovely neck, shoulder and upper arm. Excellent rear angulation, moved well from behind. A little wide in front which affected front movement.

**BABY PUPPY BITCH (15):**

**1 ALNCLAIR GEISHA GIRL.**

Smart 4 months puppy well proportioned and angulated, good front, feminine head and expression. Moved very well for age, sympathetically handled.

**2 LEIGHVALLEY GONWITHEWIND.**

Another well constructed pale gold puppy 5 months. Good forehand, shoulder and top-line. Good rear angulation, moved and showed well.

**3 FANTANGO ANNABELLA.**

3 months cream baby with the sweetest of heads and super pigment. Excellent shoulder construction, level top-line. Good rear quarters and moved really well. Full of mischief which should be typical at this age.

**MINOR PUPPY BITCH (9):**

**1 GOLDTREVE SAY NO MORE.**

Very promising gold bitch. Well balanced throughout, lovely head and pigment. Excellent neck with super shoulder blade and upper arm construction. Firm top-line leading to well angulated quarters, good straight front with tight feet, moved really well.

**2 STRATHRAER BLUE JEANS BABY.**

Very similar to 1, with same remarks for construction. Sound honest bitch, just preferred the excellent shoulders of 1st.

**3 GOLDBRIOR NEVER SO FINE.**

Another of similar type to two above, beautifully presented and handled but not quite the coat of first two.

**PUPPY BITCH (6):**

**1 ERAKY OUTSIDE CHANCE.**

Lovely cream puppy, beautifully balanced, good bone, straight front. Feminine expression with good pigment, level firm top-line, excellent rear angulation, moved and handled to advantage.

**2 DOBRO OCEAN FANTASEA.**

Pale gold with lovely outline, feminine expression, good neck into well laid shoulder and upper arm. Level top-line, excellent turn of stifle, moved well.

**3 GOLDBRIOR MIDAS TOUCH.**

Lovely cream puppy, very well constructed, pretty head, lovely bone, moved well. Carrying too much weight making her body roll, which is a pity but can be resolved.

**JUNIOR BITCH (26):**

**1 DOBRO FREE AS A BIRD (AI)**

Very promising quality young bitch. Lovely balanced pale gold with very feminine head and expression. Excellent neck and shoulder/upper arm construction. Straight front with neat feet. Level top-line with good rear angulation. Moved well to win the C.C. I was not surprised to find out afterwards she is sired by one of my favourite dogs: the immortal Cockney Robin, to whom I had the great privilege of awarding his 3rd C.C. and whose progeny have always impressed me greatly.

**2 GOLDTREVE CAMROSE MIA.**

Another very pleasing pale gold bitch with lovely head, good length of neck, straight front with tight feet. Level top-line, good stifle. A very happy showgirl, not quite as mature as 1.

**3 DYKINTA THE INCITER.**

Rich golden colour of a different type to two above. Lovely head and pigment, mature body, good bone and feet, level top-line, good sound quarters. Moved very well, handled and presented to perfection.

**INTERMEDIATE BITCH (19):**

**1 PIARKI MACI GOLD.**

I was so sorry that this superb bitch was not carrying the coat today as I felt that she was probably the best constructed bitch on the day. Her overall construction was there for anyone to see. She had a super head and moved around the ring with ease. Her day should come and I cannot see why she should not carry her crown. A lovely bitch.

**2 BUFFALO BEWITCHED.**

Another very elegant well constructed bitch. Not quite the presence of winner. Lovely neck and shoulders, short coupled, super quarters, moved very well. Handled to perfection.

**3 MONTEGO CURTAIN CALL.**

A lovely cream bitch with feminine head. Very smart appearance. Not quite as mature as two above but everything in the right place. Good quarters, very well presented.

**AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH (16)**

**1 CH. MONTEGO MIRANDA CDX.**

A very pretty eye-catching bitch, ultra feminine with glorious pale shaded coat. Most beautiful head, dark eye, good pigment. Excellent shoulder and upper-arm, level top-line. Moved really well. Very shapely outline. Showed to advantage to win R.C.C. Most worthy Ch.

**2 CH. TAUMAC GOLD FOR SUSIE.**

Another lovely worthy feminine Ch. Good size, pretty mid gold with superb shoulder construction, dark eye and pigment. Lovely top-line and rear quarters. Very active, well muscled and moved with great drive. A lovely show girl, presented and handled superbly.

**3 CH. CLAIREDOREE NEW LUV.**

A great pity this bitch was carrying too much weight as she is just the type I look for. Lovely head, dark eye and pigment, excellent shoulders and rear quarters. Very animated on the move and obviously loving every minute. Very well presented in gleaming cream coat. A very worthy Ch. who would benefit, like me, from being a little less "bonny".

**OPEN BITCH (19)**

**1 BUFFALO MEMORIES BY MILO.**

Very pleasing mature pale gold bitch. Good outline, straight front, lovely head, well angulated shoulders. Short coupled, good strong quarters. Moved and showed well.

**2 CH. GOLDFLEECE FLY SO HIGH.**

A lovely mid-gold bitch with excellent construction who almost won this class but for an unfortunate front movement which, I was told afterwards, was caused by an injury. She had super shoulders and upper-arm, lovely top-line and quarters. Presented a lovely picture when stood. Her obvious attributes have been passed on to her lovely daughter who won the C.C. today.

**3 CH. ALUBYC GEORGIA.**

Completed a trio of lovely mature bitches. Cream with sweet feminine head, good shoulders, straight front with tight feet. Good rear angulation. Well presented and handled.

**BERNARD CATTERALL (JUDGE).**