

The Golden Retriever Club of New South Wales  
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It was a great privilege to be asked to come and judge The Golden Retriever Club of New South Wales breed speciality Championship Show. Over all I found your Golden Retrievers in very good muscular condition and carrying the correct amount of weight. I have rarely seen so many good straight fronts, strong pasterns and good feet, pigmentation was generally good to. On a down side there were a few exhibits who were nervous. This is not typical for the breed and I urge you to breed away from this trait.

The dogs were of good size and mostly had correct length of visible leg. Shortness of leg and over angled rear quarters are becoming a major problem in Europe and I was pleased not to find too much in the New South Wales Golden. The dogs were of excellent quality, I would like to have seen more femininity in the bitches. When I was making my choices I was trying to reward quality and balance this with imperfections. I enjoyed my day and congratulate all the exhibitors on excellent presentation and handling.

#### Baby Puppy Dog (4,0)

1<sup>st</sup> Ashiya Soyouthinkyoudance Best Baby Puppy, a lovely extrovert youngster, well angulated front and rear, good length of visible leg, a little lose in elbow at the moment, good bone, catlike feet, lovely balanced head.

2<sup>nd</sup> Dobro Mastr Blend, many similar comments apply, lovely head and eye found him a little more upright in shoulder at the present time but he has a lot of time on his side.

3<sup>rd</sup> Athalon Addicted to Sin, just at a growing phase and at the moment he has lost his balance, however a lot of good points and I am sure he will come on well.

#### Minor Puppy Dog (6,1)

1<sup>st</sup> Fantango Wild Oats Best Minor Puppy in Show, a super young dog who is truly masculine but not over done, Kindest of expression, good size, very balanced outline, good reach of neck, strong topline, correct rear conformation, nice bone and catlike feet.

2<sup>nd</sup> Dykinta Cadence, Lovely head and expression with excellent pigmentation, and a lovely mid gold coat, straight front and catlike feet, over angulated in the rear end which caused him loss of strength here.

3<sup>rd</sup> Imatrevier Super Trouper, a nicely balanced youngster, with a pleasing head he is a little tied in at the front at the moment.

#### Puppy Dog (5,1)

1<sup>st</sup> Dobro Dande Lion, a well grown youngster who presents a masculine picture strong masculine head with good pigment, good reach and set of neck, good bone, lovely balanced outline with correct angulation front and rear, level topline and correct double coat. Just had that edge on maturity.

2<sup>nd</sup> Standneliva Devil Inside, took my eye on the move where he moved with a good driving action with an open side gate, in super muscular condition, strong quarters, good pasterns, short coupled body, but needs some time to balance out.

3<sup>rd</sup> Dykinta Windsong, a very happy dog with a nice head and expression, compact outline lovely front and fore chest, over angulated in the rear which detracted from his movement.

#### Junior Dog (8,1)

1<sup>st</sup> Eurogold Eye Witness, well grown youngster with real masculine proportions, good length of visible leg, Pleasing head with a kind eye and a powerful muzzle nicely angulated front and rear, in correct double coat, a little loose in the front on the move.

2<sup>nd</sup> Elljoa Monte Carlo, another quality youngster with a pleasing head, eye a little small, straight front, a little loose in elbow on the move, short back and nice deep thighs, in correct double coat.

3<sup>rd</sup> Montego Raise the Stakes lovely straight front and catlike feet, level topline, a little over angulated in the rear, short well let down hocks.

#### Intermediate Dog (9.1)

1<sup>st</sup> Larbellah Team Leader Res CC and Best Intermediate in Show, most lovely profile, classical head with a good skull, chiselling and excellent pigment, in rich gold coat, straight front, balanced angulation front and rear, lovely smooth topline, moves with reach and drive giving him an open side gate.

2<sup>nd</sup> Phileni the Gamber most lovely head with a good skull and nice chiselling, could do with better pigmentation, nicely made all round a very sound moving youngster.

3<sup>rd</sup> Jonesh HMS Agincourt, a balanced and upstanding youngster, nice topline and tail set, nice bone and catlike feet, could do with more forehead angulation to complete a very nice picture.

#### Australian Bred Dog (9,3)

1<sup>st</sup> Ch Fantango First Knight Best Australian Bred in Show, nicely balanced and correct sized young dog, good length of visible leg, correct angulations front and rear, nice head with correct ear set, chiselling and skull, would prefer better pigment, nice free movement.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ch Dykinat Northern Cracka, lacked a bit in substance but, pleasing head and expression, compact outline, straight front catlike feet, short back, strong topline.

3<sup>rd</sup> Yellowfetch What U Tlkin Bout, compact youngster, a little strong in skull but pleasing expression, lovely forehead with good neck, shoulder and upper arm, a little over angulated in the rear.

Open Dog (8,2)

1<sup>st</sup> Dobro Diamond Edge CC and BOB a very happy extrovert dog who caught my eye as soon as he entered the ring, full of quality, effortless movement, correct proportions with good length of visible leg, the most loveliest of heads with correct ear set, kind eye and a melting expression, nice reach of neck into well laid shoulder, straight front, feet could be more arched and tighter, nice topline and tail set, correct turn of stifle, moved freely. I believe that this is his third CC today.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ch Giltedge Blackwatch, another quality male with a lot of substance and maturity, nicely made all round with a pleasing head with nice ear set, skull and stop.

3<sup>rd</sup> GR CH Perrecca Just A Boy Scout, very nice frame with a good topline, tail set and correct angulation front and rear, nice bone, pasterns and feet, head is a little wedge shaped, moves with good reach and drive.

Veteran Dog (3,0) three very nice dogs who could easily change place on another day  
1<sup>st</sup> Ch NZ CH Montego Pendragon's Quest, a nice upstanding dog with good angulation front and rear, correct length of leg, nice head and expression, extravert temperament, moves correctly.

2<sup>nd</sup> CH Xanthous Fletcher Christian, pleasing expression, most lovely forehead conformation with good fore chest, straight front and level topline, a little over angulated in the rear end.

3<sup>rd</sup> GR CH Imatriever Karubian Jule not as much substance as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> but a very nice moving dog with a pleasing outline, happy temperament, well prepared and presented.

Baby Puppy Bitch (11,2) this classes was so full of quality and although they are all so young, I think the future is rosy!

1<sup>st</sup> Giltedge Catch You Later, very nicely made all round, pleasing outline, lovely head and expression, nice reach of neck into well laid shoulder, straight front and catlike feet, level topline and good depth of pelvis correct development for her age.

2<sup>nd</sup> Dobro Magic Happens, another very promising youngster, slightly more up on her legs than 1<sup>st</sup> and at the moment her tail set is slightly low, lovely head and expression with a nice eye and correct ear set, straight front and super feet a very promising youngster.

3<sup>rd</sup> Jonesh Walk On By, the sweetest of expression, lovely wavy coat, pleasing outline, well sprung rib, nice turn of stifle and depth of thigh.

Minor Puppy Bitch (6,3)

1<sup>st</sup> Buffalo Stenburys Idol, a lovely quality youngster with a confident and extravert temperament, pleasing outline, correct angulation, nicely sprung rib cage, Nice head and expression with excellent pigment. Moves well in profile.

2<sup>nd</sup> Elljoa Tapestry, pleasing head and expression, straight front, correct pasterns and nice tight feet, correct bone, level topline, tail a little low set, moves a bit close behind but nice in profile.

3<sup>rd</sup> Gibzonis Girl Chloe a happy show girl with a sweet expression and excellent pigment, would like a little more defined stop. Pleasing outline, nice bone and feet, rather loose on the move at the moment.

#### Puppy Bitch (7,1)

1<sup>st</sup> Fantango Playing the Field Res CC and Best Puppy in Show, an extrovert and happy showgirl who presents a very pleasing picture, nice all round conformation, classical head with correct ear set, kind eye and excellent pigment, nice reach of neck into well laid shoulder, straight front nice bone, pasterns and feet, well sprung rib cage, nice turn of stifle which she used to advantage on the move, presented and handled to advantage. Have never awarded a res CC to one so young before but in the challenge she could not put a foot wrong.

2<sup>nd</sup> Dobro Kimberlee Diamond needs more time to come together but a very balanced outline, lovely topline and tail set, straight front and tight feet, nice turn of stifle.

3<sup>rd</sup> Caerhys Glen Elwyn, shown in a lovely mid golden wavy coat of correct texture, pleasing head and expression, tends to move a little close behind.

#### Junior Bitch (10,1ab,1 wythdrawn)

1<sup>st</sup> Ch Eurogold Eye Catcher, Best Junior in Show, A quality blond bitch, pleasing outline, nicely angulated front and rear, good fore chest, straight front, most loveliest of head with a pleasing expression, correct eye, nicely balanced skull and muzzle.

2<sup>nd</sup> Japorik Wait and See, a more compact bitch with a super coat, nice angulation, straight front and catlike feet, beautifully shown and presented, just preferred the head of 1.

3<sup>rd</sup> Impressa Briana on Goldenpalm, lovely outline, good reach of neck into nicely angled forequarters, correct bone, nice turn of stifle, erratic on the move today.

#### Intermediate Bitch (8,1)

1<sup>st</sup> Goldtreve Pennylane, a very honest type of golden with no exaggerations, balanced outline, straight front, pleasing head and expression with good pigmentation, straight front, good feet and well sprung ribcage. Won the class on her correct movement.

2<sup>nd</sup> Jonesh HMA Ashanti, a larger bitch with a stronger head and plenty of substance, good bone, level topline, nice spring of rib, strong quarters into well let down hocks.

3<sup>rd</sup> Dobro Dellaluna most lovely in profile however I found her head a little too strong for a bitch. Free movement.

Australian Bred Bitch (18,3)

1<sup>st</sup> Buffalo Taylor Maid, super quality, in lovely coat, plenty of substance, strong level topline, nicely angulated front and rear, pleasing head and expression, straight front and catlike feet, correct pasterns, moves very freely, taking 1<sup>st</sup> in a very strong class.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ch Bozgold Waltzing Matilda, another quality bitch, many of the same comments apply although today she lacked the bloom of 1.

3<sup>rd</sup> Goldtreve Dreamweaver, lovely extrovert temperament

Open Bitch (13,2)

1<sup>st</sup> Buffalo Sea Biscuit, a very typical golden retriever, very balanced throughout, sweet expression, straight front, correct pasterns and catlike feet, nice bone, nice turn of stifle into well let down hocks, in super condition, moved well.

2<sup>nd</sup> Yellowfetch What Now, lacks typical balance as she is too short in the leg, but cannot deny her qualities, most lovely head and expression, beautifully presented and handled.

3<sup>rd</sup> CH Fantango Centre Stage, lacking bloom and coat today, but a lovely mid gold bitch with plenty to like about her. Pleasing head and expression, straight front, correct pasterns and good feet, level topline, nice strong quarters with deep thighs.

Veteran Bitch (3,1)

1<sup>st</sup> Ambervalley Bonnie Banks, CC, Reserve BIS and Best Veteran in show, just took my eye for her balance and femininity, has a most gorgeous head and expression with a pleasing eye, nice reach of neck into well laid shoulder and upper arm, level topline and short strong back, nice turn of stifle with deep thighs and well let down hocks. Moves correctly in profile.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ch Montego Miras Dream CDX, very balanced throughout with a pleasing head and nice bone and substance.

Judge

Penny Gowland