

# **THE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF NSW CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012**

Firstly I would like to thank the officers & committee, past & present, for giving me the opportunity of judging at this prestigious show. Thanks must also go to the exhibitors for travelling the miles to provide what was truly a world class entry, Russell Britten who ensured the ring ran like clockwork & Robyn & Les Williams who made sure our every need was met.

The day started with the Veteran's Parade & what a pleasure to see them out there showing the youngsters how it should be done. I was so taken with Gr Ch Perrecca Justa Boy Scout, he shrugged off his 10 and a half years, strode out round the ring, head held high & proud, dead level topline. What a credit to his owner, brought a tear to my eye & set the bar for the rest of the entry.

I was delighted with the depth of quality of the entry, which had the knock on effect of making many decisions hair splitting. When the entry's been good it's always exciting to go out & see the line up & I was genuinely thrilled with the dogs awaiting final judgement. I have been fortunate enough to judge in most European countries as well as the UK & feel the best of Australia could compete successfully anywhere in the world.

## **Baby Puppy Dog (9):**

1. **PHILENI SAMBUCCA:** Very close decision between these 3 super babies. Lovely balanced mid-gold 4 and a half month old boy. Super head with dark pigment & pleasing eye, excellent forehand assembly placing his legs well under his body, Good bone, well up on his front pasterns, neat feet. Level topline which he maintained on the move, very promising.
2. **FANTANGO PLAYING THE GAME (AI):** Quality cream baby just right for his age, happy & confident, moved out really well. Lovely head & expression, balanced all through, with short coupled body & level topline & tailset. Handled to advantage, just needs time to complete the picture.
3. **GILTEDGE REPEAT OFFENDER:** Mid-gold baby with super flow of neck into level topline & tailset. Well off for bone with good angulation fore & aft, neat feet. A happy confident boy, who covered the ground with ease.

## **Minor Puppy Dog (5, 1 absent)**

1. **TWEEDWATER ROYAL FUSILIER:** Well grown boy beautifully presented in gleaming pale gold coat with cream feathering. Lovely gentle masculine head with kind eye & dark pigmentation. Good flow of neck into level topline & tailset, balanced angulation, well off for bone with neat feet. Good level mover.
2. **LIONSFIELD MR HENDERSON:** Lovely boy who excels in length of upper arm & shoulder angulation. Level topline & tailset, in good coat & condition, just preferred head of 1.

3. GOLDSTREEM MAJIK HAPPENS: Glamorous pale boy with pleasing head, good reach of neck & level topline & tailset. Had a tendency to push up out of his front angulation but when settled presented a very nice balanced picture.

Puppy Dog (6, 3 absent)

1. GILTEDGE CLASS ACT: Really loved this quality mid-gold boy. In super coat & condition, strong masculine head with dark pigmentation enhancing his expression. Lovely flow of neck into well laid shoulders, excellent bone & feet. Firm level topline which he held on the move as he powered round the ring with a long free stride. PIS.
2. KARPALA FORMULA ONE (AI): Shorter coupled boy with beautiful gentle head, kind eye & dark pigmentation. Well laid shoulders with good length of upper arm, super bend of stifle, good bone & feet. Close contender just preferred the flow of neck of 1.
3. KULABAY POKER FACE: A lot to like about this well constructed pale gold boy, with lovely reach of neck, good lay back of shoulders & length of upper arm. Topline not as firm as 1 & 2, but a scopey boy who will take time to fulfil his potential.

Junior Dog (11, 1 absent)

1. PALMGOLD RAINBOW WARRIOR(AI): Another close decision between all 5 placings. This pale glamorous boy had a lovely clean outline, gentle masculine head with dark pigmentation. Balanced all through with good width of second thigh & nicely angulated rear providing good driving movement.
2. HEATWAVE SPIRIT OF NORTHERN LIGHT (imp Sweden): Close contender with a lovely masculine head, well constructed & shown in glamorous pale coat. Super level topline which he kept on the move, just preferred backend of 1.
3. INNISCROFT PINKERLY ADAGIO FOR ALUBYC (iid) (imp Italy): Another glamorous pale boy to whom similar remarks apply. Has a tendency to stand over too much ground & lose his topline, but when standing correctly presents a well balanced outline with super angulation.

Intermediate Dog (18, 2 absent)

1. NARAGOLD PARADISO: Beautifully proportioned boy with lovely gentle head & expression. Superb reach of neck flowing into level topline & tailset. Well angulated forehand placing his legs well under his body, correspondingly well bent stifles. Well presented & handled in gleaming pale gold coat
2. CH GOLDEW SOUTHERN SON: Substantial darker boy shown in rich gold coat. Strong masculine head, good reach of neck into level topline, well off for bone with neat catlike feet. Well angulated front & quarters. A powerful active mover with a lovely long free stride. Just preferred head of 1.
3. OCEANVIEW HAPPY DAYS: beautifully presented pale gold boy shown in super condition. Well constructed all through with good angulation of shoulder & upper arm, powerful quarters with good bend of stifle, good level mover, again preferred head of 1.

Australian Bred Dog (18, 4 absent)

1. GR CH FANTANGO WILD OATS: My star of the day, loved everything about this beautiful boy, gentle masculine head with kind expressive eye & good pigmentation. Superb outline, with good reach of neck flowing into level topline & tailset, well angulated front, excellent width of second thigh & short strong rear pasterns providing super driving movement. Powered his way effortlessly round the ring a joy to watch. Presented & handled to perfection. DCC, ABIS & BIS.
2. CH BURRAGUNDY BRACE YOURSELF ET: Well constructed mid-gold boy, had a tendency at times to sink into his quarters which spoilt his balance, but when standing correctly presented a very pleasing balanced picture, with good front & rear angulation & super reach of neck. Powerful level mover.
3. CH PIARKI THE PERFECT STAR: Pale boy, with pleasing gentle head & expression, profuse pale coat which unfortunately didn't have the bloom of the first 2. Excellent reach of neck & shoulder placement, level topline & tailset, super bend of stifle. Good powerful level mover.

Open Dog (19, 5 absent)

1. CH ANEIRABY SIRIUS CHARM: Close decision between 3 top quality boys. Not an easy one to show but well worth the wait when he was settled! Super quality with lovely head & expression, beautifully presented in gleaming pale gold coat. Loved his balance, super reach of neck, level topline, well angulated fore & aft, covered the ground with ease. Had everything I look for in a Golden, close contender, Res DCC
2. CH LARBELLAH TEAM LEADER: Another out of the top drawer, beautifully constructed boy presented in rich gleaming gold coat. Similar remarks apply, just preferred head of 1.
3. CH FANTANGO BACKSTAGE PASS: So little to separate these 3. Another top quality boy, well constructed all through, On the day, not got quite the bloom & enthusiasm on the move of the first 2.

Veteran Dog (4, 1 absent)

1. GR CH SHOGOLD MARATHON AFFAIR: Beautifully presented mid –gold boy shown in gleaming coat & condition belying his 9yrs. He flowed round the ring & into first place on his accurate stylish movement. Gentle head, level topline which he held on the move, balanced angulation. Well deserved VIS.
2. CH ALNCLAIR GILLYS HERO: Well constructed pale 8yr old, shown in good coat & condition. Good reach of neck topline & angulation, not as positive on the move as 1.
3. GR CH LIONSFIELD WALTER LADD CCD ET: Well presented & handled mid-gold boy with pleasing head & expression.

Baby Puppy Bitch (14, 3 absent)

1. NARAGOLD TRILOGY: Took my eye as she catapulted herself into the ring! Just loved everything about her, as well as super construction & movement when settled, she just oozed character through every pore. A young lady it will be very difficult to ignore. BPIS.
2. PHILENI WATCH OUT FOR TEGAN: Beautifully constructed pale gold girl, with super reach of neck into well placed shoulders, short coupled body, with well angulated quarters. Presents a very pleasing balanced picture.
3. GOLDBRIOR KATE CAREW: Quality baby shown in profuse pale coat. Attractive feminine head, good length of upper arm & front angulation, well bent stifle. Happy confident character.

Minor Puppy Bitch (9, 1 absent)

1. ALNCLAIR PINK DIAMOND AT DOBRO: Beautifully balanced pale gold girl shown in smooth coat which emphasized her super outline. Pretty head with dark expressive eye & good pigmentation. Good reach of neck, well angulated shoulder & upper arm with matching rear angulation. Accurate stylish mover with lovely head carriage. MPIS.
2. BEAUCROFT VICTORIA SECRET (AI): Lovely quality girl shown in profuse pale coat, well constructed all through with super topline & tailset, excellent bend of stifle, just preferred front angulation of 1.
3. GOLDTREVVE CHARLOTTE: Quality girl shown in glamorous pale coat. Very pretty feminine head, good reach of neck, short coupled with good bone & feet. Strong well constructed quarters, moved well.

Puppy Bitch (9, 2 absent)

1. FETCHNPOINT YOU AND WHOSE ARMY (AI): Well grown mature puppy with pretty feminine head, well constructed all through with super reach of neck, level topline & tailset, well angulated quarters. Beautifully presented in gleaming cream coat, good accurate mover.
2. GOLDBRIOR YOUR SO FINE: Smaller compact girl, shown in attractive pale gold coat. Very pretty with lovely gentle expression enhanced by dark pigmentation. Short coupled with good angulation fore & aft. Good mover handled to advantage.
3. GILTEDGE SOUL SISTER: Beautifully constructed mid-gold girl. Good reach of neck into level topline & tailset, super angulation fore & aft, impressive on the move but for me not as feminine as 1 & 2.

Junior Bitch (21, 3 absent)

1. ANEIRABY BELL TALK OF THE TOWN: Beautiful class of quality necessitating a close decision between these 3 gorgeous girls with several others in contention as well! Won the class on her movement, prettiest of heads with kind expression & super pigment. Well constructed all through, super reach of neck, level topline & tailset, well angulated fore & aft. JIS.
2. RALUN DIAMONDS R FOREVER: Absolutely beautiful elegant cream girl with stunning outline. Unfortunately had scratched her muzzle & lost quite a bit of fur which gave 1. the edge, but once it grows back will be difficult to beat. Loved everything about her, perfectly balanced, beautifully presented & handled to advantage.

3. FANTANGO WALKIN ON THE WILDSIDE: A lot to like about this larger scopier girl with stunning outline, who just needs time to mature to realise her full potential.

Intermediate Bitch (24, 5 absent)

1. SHUVANI FREYA ROSE: Headed a fabulous class, this beautiful girl had that extra bloom about her that said, this was her day! Beautifully presented in full pale gold coat with cream feathering, prettiest of heads, feminine all through with melting expression & super pigmentation. Excellent reach of neck into well laid shoulders, level topline & tailset, well off for bone, neat feet, super angulation fore & aft, covered the ground with a long free stride. Had everything I look for in a Golden in spades. Hardest decision of the day was between her and the DCC winner for BIS, ultimately he just had the edge in ring presence but was delighted to award her BCC, IIS & RUBIS.
2. KARPALA GOSH IM POSH (AI): Strong contender, very similar to 1. just slightly longer cast & not quite the coat. Excels in reach of neck flowing into dead level topline, with super angulation fore & aft. Good level mover.
3. A/NZ CH ARTIQUE SEPTEMBER RAIN (imp NZ): Lovely mature girl with similar outline to first 2 just slightly shorter on the leg. In excellent coat, well presented & handled.

Australian Bred Bitch (19, 3 absent)

1. CH GOLDLAKE ONCE UPON A TIME: Very pretty feminine girl with super reach of neck, well presented in attractive pale gold coat. At times stood over too much ground, but when correct presented a super balanced outline. Excellent driving movement covered the ground with ease.
2. CH YELLOWFETCH SHININ LIGHT: Beautifully constructed bitch, similar to 1. but carrying a bit too much weight for me. Gorgeous flowing outline with excellent reach of neck, level topline & super angulation.
3. CH RALUN XTRAVAGANZA: Ultra feminine cream girl with super elegant outline. Had flashes of brilliance in the class when stood correctly then at other times lost her angles. Very pretty feminine head, excellent reach of neck, balanced all through.

Open Bitch (14, 4 absent)

1. CH RALUN TOUCH OF SILK (AI): Loved everything about her, elegant, beautifully balanced feminine cream girl, presented & handled to perfection. Balanced all through with super reach of neck, level topline, plenty of forechest & front & rear angulation, Flowed round the ring with ease, very close contender just preferred the type of CC winner. Res BCC & OIS.
2. CH DOBRO DELLALUNA: Very similar to winner but not quite the coat & flow of neck. Lovely feminine head, good reach of neck, level topline & tailset, super front angulation placing her forelegs well under her, good width of second thigh & rear angulation. Super level mover.
3. CH MONTEGO BRIDGET JONES: Darker girl handled to advantage, super reach of neck into level topline & tailset. Well angulated fore & aft, excellent mover who covered the ground effortlessly with drive.

Veteran Bitch (7, 1 absent)

1. SUPREME CH YELLOWFETCH WHATZIT TO U ET: 7yr old who went round the ring more like a 2yr old. Mid-gold with pleasing head, good reach of neck, well angulated front & rear in excellent condition for her age.
2. CH ALNCLAIR AIMING HIGH: Very pretty pale girl with pleasing feminine head, good reach of neck & nicely proportioned body. Easy free mover.
3. CH GOLDTREVE WILD CHILD: Lovely pale gold girl with super elegant outline & backend. Not quite the front angulation of 1 & 2 but excelled in reach of neck, another super mover for her age.

Neuter Dog (2, 1 absent)

1. NEUT CH JUKERAN WHISPERINGTAMBO CDX: Happy waggy boy shown in gleaming rich gold coat. Stood alone but thoroughly enjoying his day out, moved round the ring with drive. Neuter Challenge Dog.

Neuter bitch (6, 1 absent)

1. CH SEADUEL DIAMONDS FOREVER: Pretty pale gold girl with pleasing head, well balanced outline with good angulation fore & aft, well presented in good coat & handled to advantage. Neuter Bitch Challenge & NIS.
2. GOLDTREVE DREAM WEAVER: Pale girl very similar to 1. but not quite as firm in topline. Super reach of neck & angulation, good mover. Neuter Reserve Challenge.
3. MONTEGO FIELD OF DREAMS CD: Nicely constructed pale bitch. Neutered coats are seldom easy but I feel she would have benefited from more trimming to neaten her outline.

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