

## **The Golden Retriever Club of NSW**

**1st day Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**Judge: Viveca Lahokoski, Finland.**

Thank you to the Club for the honor of judging at your show. Your hospitality and the show arrangements were lovely. The stewards were amazing. I truly enjoyed the day and want to thank you all for entering your lovely goldens for me to judge. I was very pleased with the quality of the dogs on the whole, they were trained and handled so well and shown in lovely condition.

The weather was a bit challenging, a cold morning, turning into warm sunshine and changing over the day into a dust storm. The dogs took it all so well. I was a bit worried for the young bitch puppies when the wind started to fly away with trash bins and stuff, but they all coped so well. Temperaments were excellent, lovely body proportions, just a few which could do with better height of legs. Loved the straight fore legs and cat-like feet and level top lines I saw on the day. I was so happy with the class winners, but also many lovely 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>s, which you can read about in the critiques below.

One thing in particular was wonderful to notice, there were so many promising puppies and youngsters present, so the future looks bright too.

### **Baby Puppy Dog**

1. Goldshyne My Style : a balanced puppy boy, with excellent bone and body for his age. Lovely arch of neck. Excellent width of thigh and strong well angulated hocks. Very nice on the move when settled. Very lively and happy temperament.
2. Fantango Up Up n Away: balanced and well developed for his age, with excellent body for his age. Sweet head that still needs to develop. Moves with style, needs to settle in his top line. Lovely straight forelegs.
3. Japorik Luck of the Draw: a puppy boy with nice body proportions. Beautiful head, straight forelegs, a bit upright in shoulder. Good topline and well angulated hocks. Nice temperament.

### **Minor Puppy Dog**

1. Chaleur U Had Me at Hello (AI): a lovely young male, so balanced and well developed with excellent height to length proportions. Lovely head and expression, with the breed typical softness. Tight, cat-like feet, excellent body, bone and hindquarters. Moved with excellent balance and parallel front and rear. A very promising young boy.
2. Giltedge Maestro (AI): so well developed, compact young boy. Good bone and ribcage, excellent fore chest. Would prefer more defined stop. Good hindquarters. Very showy, happy dog, with lovely coat condition, just needs to tighten up in topline with age.

3. Kenzanne Hocus Pocus: a frisky, happy young boy with nice body proportions. Very masculine head, a bit rounded in skull. Excellent straight forelegs, not in his best coat on the day. Would prefer better turn of stifle and lower set hocks. Needs to settle in top line.

### **Puppy Dog**

1. Ch Happybear a New Beginning (AI): a very showy young male with excellent body proportions. Masculine head with a nice profile, would prefer darker eyes. Excellent neck and fore chest. Profuse coat. Very showy movements, but needs to settle in front movements for better balance. Lovely width of thigh, well let down hocks and good bend of stifle. Excellent well boned and straight forelegs.
2. Tyassagold The Keeps Watch: A well developed young male. Needs to straighten in forelegs. Very beautiful head and expression. Good bone and well angulated hindquarters. Level movements with good length of stride, needs to settle in top line.
3. Cals Run Wild at Gold Stream (AI): well developed for his age. Masculine head with soft expression. Well defined stop and good width of muzzle. Excellent bone. A bit soft in pasterns. Enough hind angulations. His top line needs to settle on the move.

### **Junior Dog**

1. Goldbrior Da Vinci Code (AI). a happy young boy, with showy movements, covering the ground well. Masculine head with excellent pigment. Eyes could be set wider apart and the head's lines needs to even out. Excellent neck and good fore chest, lovely coat condition. Firm top line, very well angulated behind, lovely width of thigh. Parallel movements front & rear.
2. BlueBreeze Over the Moon: a balanced and well developed boy. Excellent straight forelegs and lovely tight feet. Excellent pigmentation. Good fore chest, could have better layback of shoulder. Moves with a nice balance, with a good firm top line. Good hind angulations.
3. Ikentrieve Kraken Goodtime. a boy with a lovely masculine head and expression. Could have better layback of shoulder and needs to settle in top line. Well bodied, with good spring of rib. Enough bone for his size. Very nice hindquarters.

### **Intermediate Dog**

1. Ch Ralun Nu Look (AI): a stunning male, with an excellent conformation and lovely type. Excellent masculine head, with - for me - perfect shape of skull and width of muzzle, with that lovely smiling face. Excellent fore chest, good length of upper arm. Excellent hind angulations with lovely width of thigh and well let down hocks. Firm top line and covering the ground with a long stride. Parallel movements both front & rear. Just needs to settle at times with his tail carriage.
2. Ch Fantango What Happens in Vegas (AI): another stylish dog, with excellent body proportions. Excellent layback of shoulder, nice firm top line. Moves with a long stride from the side, covering the ground so well. Needs to tighten up in elbows. Lovely width of thigh and excellent hindquarters.

3. Ch BlueBreeze Hero of Never Land: a balanced, typey dog. Moving freely and with ease around the ring. Excellent masculine head with good width of muzzle and skull. Could have better layback of shoulder, good spring of rib and good turn of stifle.

### **Australian Bred Dog**

1. Ch Chaleur Say I Will (AI): a dog with excellent balance and type. Masculine head with correct width of muzzle and shape of skull. Excellent neck, bone, firm topline which he held on the move. Lovely hindquarters with well let down hocks. Level, free striding movements, covering the ground with ease. Parallel movements front & rear.
2. Ch Giltedge Do You Like Apples (AI): another lovely male of excellent type, with excellent body proportions and deep ribcage with and good spring of ribs. Lovely, classic head with melting expression. Excellent neck, fore chest and hind quarters. Firm top line, which he held on the move. Level and free striding movements.
3. Ch Giltedge Cat Got Your Tongue ET: an impressive male, with good body proportions and strength. Deep through the heart. Beautiful, masculine head. Level movements from the side. A straight, firm topline. Excellent hindquarters, good width of thigh.

### **Bred by Exhibitor Dog**

1. Ch Dobro Sky At Night: an elegant male, shown in excellent muscle condition. Good bone. Would prefer a shade darker eye. Excellent straight forelegs. Good firm top line and well bent stifle. Balanced movements from the side.
2. Ch Goldkey Freedom Fighter: a happy, showy male with soft expression, masculine head with a bit rounded skull. Could have better fore chest and layback of shoulder. A bit upright in upper arm. Excellent hindquarters. Moves with nice ground covering stride from the side, but needs to settle in topline.

### **Open Dog**

1. Sup Ch Fantango Playing The Game (AI): a stunning, confident and showy dog with a long, effortless stride, covering the ground so well. Looked like he could go on running with same enthusiasm and drive the whole day. Shown in excellent muscle condition. Lovely head profile with correct width and depth of muzzle, well shaped skull. Lovely neck melting into well laidback shoulders and continuing in a straight firm topline. Excellent fore chest, bone and hindquarters with lovely width of thigh and well let down hocks.
2. Sup Ch Chaleur Hilfiger: stylish and with excellent strength, showing a lovely profile. Shown in beautiful condition. Beautiful, masculine head with good width of muzzle. Powerful ground covering movements. Could have more length of upper arm & fore chest. Lovely bone and bend of stifle.
3. Ch Aubairn Podsofpepper: a symmetrical and balanced dog, with excellent overall strength. Presenting a very breed typical profile with correct body proportions. Loved his masculine head with a soft expression and correct proportions. Good

neck, firm top line, excellent bone and short coupled. Well bent stifle. Level and powerful mover.

### **Veteran 7+ Dog**

1. Ch Goldew Southern Son: a lovely powerful veteran, shown in excellent condition. A wonderful level mover with super tail carriage, covering the ground effortlessly. Strong neck, excellent fore chest and upper arm. Firm top line which he held on the move. Strong bone, lovely width of thigh and excellent hindquarters. A dog with lovely presence and carried himself with confidence.
2. Ch Tonara Dream Debut For Roslarach RN RA RE (Imp UK): a powerful, strong dog with a beautiful head profile. Correct width and depth of muzzle, soft expression. Very strong bone, deep through the heart, could have better layback of shoulder. Short coupled, firm top line. A happy showy veteran.
3. Gr Ch Burragundy Dusty Drover. happy veteran dog, with a biddable soft expression. Could have more length of neck and better lay back of shoulder. Very deep through the heart with well sprung ribs. Good bone, moderate bend of stifle. Moved with drive, but could have more length of stride.

### **Baby puppy bitch**

1. Fantango Whispering Secrets: a super lovely, balanced puppy. With a lovely soft and biddable expression. Excellent neck, top line and bone. A firm top line which she held on the move. Level and symmetrical movements and she had a lovely confident princess attitude.
2. Sandlewood the Beez Kneez at Goldshyne: a balanced, well developed puppy. Needs to develop in head. Excellent, level mover. Top line needs to settle on the move. Excellent hindquarters and bone.
3. Fantango Uptown Girl: an elegant, feminine puppy. Needs to develop in muzzle. Good bone, well developed, nice body proportions. Well bent stifles. Excellent level movements for her age.

### **Minor Puppy bitch**

1. Fantango Rave Review: an elegant , stylish puppy. Presenting a beautiful profile, with excellent body proportions and length of legs. Soft, biddable expression, still needs to develop in muzzle. Lovely neck, enough fore chest. Excellent hindquarters. Level mover, with long and free stride.
2. Giltedge Sparkling Red (AI): a balanced, symmetrical puppy with lovely head and expression. Well developed body for her age, excellent bone. Nice width of thigh and good hindquarters. Lovely, neat cat-feet.
3. Chaleur U Are the One (AI): elegant puppy. Feminine head, which needs to develop to match the overall picture. Excellent neck and well laidback shoulders. Lovey width of thigh and well let down on hocks. A bit long in loin and tail tip should be straighter.

### **Puppy Bitch**

1. Fantango Do You Wanna Dance: a balanced, symmetrical young bitch. Gorgeous head with lovely, soft and biddable expression. Excellent bone, body and lovely width of thigh. Well let down on hocks and well bent stifles. Lovely level and flexible movements, covering the ground well. Excellent body proportions. A young bitch with so many lovely points and I'm sure she has a bright future ahead.
2. Happybear the Cats Whiskers (AI): a balanced and well developed bitch. Beautiful, biddable expression and excellent head profile. Excellent neck, good fore chest and well laid back shoulder. Excellent hindquarters and level, balanced mover.
3. Giltege String of Pearls: a very well developed young bitch. Well sprung ribs. Excellent bone- good fore chest and hindquarters. Lovely width of thigh. Moves well but could be more enthusiastic for a better overall impression.

### **Junior Bitch**

1. Giltedge You Watching Me: beautiful, symmetrical and well developed bitch. Lovely neck and well laid back shoulder. Excellent bone, well sprung ribs. Lovely hindquarters. Level mover.
2. BlueBreeze A New Moon Rises: balanced bitch with a lovely head and expression. Excellent neck, level top line a bit long in loin. Nice fore chest and good bone. Level mover, covering the ground well.
3. Mesfleurs Fortune Favours: excellent body proportions. A bit strong head for me, but expression is soft and pigment excellent. Could have better layback of shoulder and upper arm. Enough hindquarters. Firm top line and balanced movements.

### **Intermediate bitch**

1. Giltedge Catch My Act: beautiful , powerful bitch presented in lovely full coat condition. Beautiful arch of neck and lay back of shoulder continuing into firm top line and well set on tail. Excellent hind quarters, well let down strong hocks. Lovely breadth of thigh and good cat-like feet. Level on the move.
2. Ch BlueBreeze On Cloud Nine: elegant and feminine bitch, shown in excellent muscular condition. Firm top line and muscular loin. Good bone and hindquarters. A little flat in skull and would prefer more width in muzzle. Level, sound mover.
3. Ch BlueBreeze Devine Intervention: balanced bitch with beautiful head profile and soft expression. Good neck and level top line. Excellent bone. A little long in loin. Excellent hindquarters. Balanced movements.

### **Australian Bred bitch**

1. Ch Ralun Lasting Touch (AI): a happy and confident bitch with lovely body proportions and excellent length of legs. Lovely head and alert expression. Excellent neck and well laid back shoulders. Super topline. Lovely, powerful hindquarters. Shown in beautiful coat condition. Moves with excellent drive and power. A truly eye catching bitch with many lovely breed typical points.

2. Aubairn In Rapsches: symmetrical and balanced all over , with correct body proportions. Lovely head profile and excellent width of muzzle. Excellent neck and good layback of shoulders. Enough hindquarters. Firm topline and beautiful, level movements.
3. Ch Ikentrieve El Amor Sophia (AI): a bitch with gorgeous head and melting expression. Well defined stop and lovely head profile. Excellent neck, bone, body and firm top line. Good hindquarters. She excels on the move, with lovely drive and with a ground covering stride. Unfortunately not in coat today.

#### **Bred by Exhibitor bitch**

1. Goldstream Sheer Majik: a feminine, elegant bitch. Soft and biddable expression. Beautiful neck, flowing into firm top line. Well bent stifles and strong hocks. Excellent fore chest and body. Level, effortless mover.
2. Ch BlueBreeze Cover Girl: strongly built bitch. Soft expression, would prefer more defined stop and more length of leg. Very deep through the heart. Shown in lovely coat condition. Excellent fore chest & hindquarters. Moved with drive.
3. Gildengold Spinning Chorus (AI): a young, only 10 months of age bitch who still needs to develop in head. Firm top line and good bone. Moderate hindquarters. A bit loose in elbows, which shows in movement. Coats not in full bloom yet.

#### **Open bitch**

1. Ch Chaleur Hubba Bubba: a quality bitch with a lovely confidence and proportions. Beautiful head with lovely profile, well defined stop and chiseling. Excellent, clean neck flowing into well laid shoulders and level topline. Lovely soft and balanced lines, presenting a beautiful profile. Excellent bone and body. Moved with ease and steadiness, with an unhurried balance. Parallel movements both front and rear. A lovely eye catching, true golden for me.
2. Ch Giltedge There's a Butterfly (AI): balanced and symmetrical, with excellent body proportions and short coupled. Soft expression, would prefer more defined stop and better lay back of shoulder. Excellent, firm top line and good tail set. Excellent bone and hindquarters. Powerful and level mover.
3. Ch Fantango Carry On Dancing: strongly built bitch shown in a little heavy condition which affected her top line and rounding of the loin. Lovely soft expression and depth of muzzle. Excellent fore chest, bone and spring of rib. Shown in excellent coat condition. Moved with nice long stride, but needs to settle in top line.

#### **Veteran bitch**

1. Gr Ch Ikentrieve Kindred Spirit: balanced, quality bitch with nice body proportions. Lovely soft expression. Well sprung ribs, firm top line and shown in good muscular condition. Good, strong hindquarters. Level mover with nice long stride, covering the ground well. Not in best coat on the day.
2. Montego Pretty Woman: veteran bitch shown in lovely condition. Balanced, with a lovely soft expression. Would prefer better defined stop. Good neck and excellent

fore chest and body. Good hindquarters. Moves with nice drive, but a little arched at the loin in movement.

### **Open Neuter bitch**

1. Neut Ch Japorik Miss Rosebay CCD, CD: an elegant and balanced bitch with nice body proportions. Would prefer a little stronger bone and more width to muzzle. Level and balanced movements. Good hindquarters and well sprung ribs. A little dry coat quality.
2. Neut Ch Giltedge Catch My Drift CD, RN, ORA: powerful built bitch. Soft expression, but would prefer a darker eye and more defined stop. A little upright in upper arm. Excellent bone and nice width of thigh. Good hindquarters. A bit dry coat quality. Moves with drive.
3. Ch/Neut Ch Goldkey Dream Catcher: a bitch with good body proportions. Soft expression, but would prefer a better defined stop. Excellent clean neck, but a little upright in upper arm. Deep through the heart. A little arched over the loin and would like to see more flexibility and balance in movements.