



Our Property Judge Mr Wayne McGrath "Alnclair"

With my wife I have been involved with Golden Retrievers since 1983 when we purchased our first puppy and quickly became involved in showing. We gained our "Alnclair" prefix in June 1985 but didn't breed our first litter until October 1996. Over the years we have bred dozens of champions including BISS winners in Australia and New Zealand. We have also bred 5 successful Seeing Eye dogs and many dogs with obedience titles, including one who retired from the obedience ring at age 10 with his last Winner of Winners award at a National show. As we are a small breeding kennel we are extremely proud of all these achievements.

I have been judging the Gundog group at Championship level (awarding CCs to all Gundog breeds) since 2012.

As a Golden Retriever breed specialist judge I have been privileged to have judged hundreds of Golden Retrievers at some very special appointments. These include the Golden Retriever Club breed shows in Germany (FCI), South Africa, New Zealand South Island, New Zealand North Island, Western Australia and Tasmania. I was honoured to judge my own state's diamond anniversary championship show in 2024 (deferred from 2021 due to the pandemic.) I have also judged Goldens at Windsor Gundog Society Open Show in 2015 and Golden Retriever bitches at the Gundog Breeds Association of Scotland championship show in 2019. At this show my BCC winner was Best of Breed and eventually Best In Show 3 from a field of excellent entries. A very special honour was being chosen to be the Referee Judge at the 2023 GRC Scotland's Guisachan Gathering show, as well as judging the Golden Retrievers at Windsor Championship show (UK) in June 2025.

I have been a life member of our local All Breeds Club since 2003 and have held various executive positions for the club since 1983. Nearly 30 years ago I qualified as a steward and junior handler judge and am still active in these roles today as continued involvement in the dog world.

I am very honoured to be your Property Classes judge at this 2026 National show, and I wish everyone good luck and good memories.

Wayne McGrath