

Sarah Abrey – Aubrook kennels – New Zealand.

Thank you to the club for asking me to judge your Championship Show for the Golden Retriever Club of NSW in June 2025. What an honour to judge a breed, I have come to love since 1991 and a day I will remember for a long time!!

Firstly, I would like to thank the Committee for making me feel so welcome. Thank you to Sandra Patterson for being the go-to person leading up to the show. Thank you to Brett Irwin for collecting me and dropping me off at the airport, especially on King's birthday holiday. Thank you to Tony Tau for being my steward and guaranteeing the ring ran smoothly, ensuring the ribbons were placed ready to be handed out after each class. You made my job easy. Thank you to his assistant and steward in training, Annalise Teasdel.

As I said I have had golden retrievers since 1991. In this time, I have shown and worked my dogs in a number of different disciplines. When we talk about Golden Retrievers being fit for purpose, we need to remember that this is not only structurally but being mentally sound is just as important. Golden retrievers need to have the structure to work but must be kind, friendly and confident in field and happy to work with their handler whether is it showing, field trialling,

picking up for the season or scent work. Balanced structure, balanced mind!!

I would like to thank those who entered their wonderful golden retrievers for me to judge and accepted my decisions on the day. It was great for me to have class numbers that made me think about what I was doing and why. I would like to mention the weather conditions that played a role in some of the bitch classes. It was very windy to the extreme and very gusty, to the point that it blew down some of the prize table display. It did sadly unsettle a few dogs on the day.

I found the majority of goldens were happy and confident in the ring and I was pleased to see straight front legs with lovely tight cat feet. I think Angela and I talked about the number of cat feet at dinner on the Sunday. I also found back ends were very sound with strong short hocks and little sign of cow hocks.

It was great I the opportunity to come out on the Sunday and meet people and have cuddles with as many golden retrievers as I could. I do not think I stopped smiling all weekend.

Once again thank you and remember my opinion is just one judge's opinion on the day. We all take the best Goldie home with us!!

## Dogs

	Baby Puppy 3 entered – no scratchings
1 <sup>st</sup>	<p>3 - GOLDENOSPNEY FORTUNE TELLER (AI) – Mrs S Irwin – Baby Puppy In Show</p> <p>Younger baby enjoying his day in the ring with confidence. Level topline stack and move. Balanced head. Balanced angulation front and rear. Move straight up and back. short coupled. Forgave the tail carriage on the move.</p>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<p>1 - GOLDTREVE WICKED WILL (AI) - F &amp; B &amp; Ms J Hession &amp; R Clout</p> <p>Rangier dog than first. Balanced head, good pigmentation, deep muzzle. Good topline on the stack. Would like better tail set. Balanced angulation front and rear. Good movement.</p>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<p>2 - GILDENGOLD VINCENT (AI) - Miss P Denholm</p> <p>Rangier dog – gangly stage. Not the balance of the first two in the head. Kind expression and dark eye. Balanced angulation, short coupled, tight cat feet. Moved happily.</p>

	Minor Puppy 3 entered – no scratchings
1 <sup>st</sup>	<p>5 - GILTEDGE LOOKING AT ME- Mrs K Handley – Minor Puppy In Show</p> <p>Lovely boy very balanced with good substance. Kind head and expression lovely dark eye. Level topline and tailset deep ribs and short coupled, Balanced angulation. Strong back end with short straight hocks. Moved well.</p>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<p>4 - SHTAR ONE SMOOTH OPERATOR - M J &amp; Mrs P A O'Sheehy</p> <p>Balanced boy. Balanced head with kind expression. Straight forelegs with tight cat feet. Little upright in the front. Short coupled with good width of stifle, short hocks and level topline. Moved well.</p>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<p>6 - BLUEBREEZE CARTIER IN GOLD - Mrs D L Stubblings</p> <p>Seemed a bit unsettled today, tensed up. Balanced head with kind expression. Balanced angulation, short coupled. Not as happy on the move.</p>

	Puppy 1 entered – no scratchings
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1 <sup>st</sup>	<p>7 - GILTEDGE LOOKING AT YOU - Mrs K Handley - Puppy in Show</p> <p>Stood alone in the class. Lovely balanced dog. Beautiful balanced head, excellent pigmentation Level topline on stack and on the move. Angulation correct, short coupled. Short hocks and tight cat feet. Moved correctly with confidence. Happy!!</p>
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	Junior 4 entered – no scratchings
1 <sup>st</sup>	<p>11 - FANTANGO TOMMY GUN (AI) - Mr P Middleton &amp; Ms J Salvestrin</p> <p>Beautiful head and kind expression with good pigmentation. level topline, long ribcage, short coupled. Balanced angulation, level topline, good second thigh and short hocks. Once he settled into his movement, he was straight going and coming. Still lot of maturing to do.</p>
2nd	<p>8 - SHTAR EARL SPENCER - M J &amp; Mrs P A O'Sheehy</p> <p>Beautiful head and kind expression with good pigmentation. Straight legs and great cat feetfeet. Balanced angulation, longer in loin</p>

	than first. Good second thigh and short hocks. Moved well.
3rd	10 - MONTEGO THE OUTLANDER - Mrs R Easton & Mrs A Meehan  Mature boy with good substance and bone. Longer in body than first two placings. Strong masculine head, ear set a little low. Good pigmentation. Level topline moved well.

	Intermediate 4 entered – 1 scratching
1 <sup>st</sup>	13 - CH. NARAGOLD THE WITCHER (AI) - Ms E Clark  Darker golden, balanced angles front and rear, lovely head proportions and pigmentation, kind expression. Short coupled with good width of stifle Moved well. Level topline on the stack and on the move. Not in full coat today
2nd	12 - CH. GOLDBRIOR THE STOCKMAN (AI) - Mr I & Mrs L Olsen  Balanced head with kind expression and good pigmentation. Level topline and tailset correct Moved well when settled. however was a bit unsettled on stack and move

3rd	<p>15 - EUROGOLD HARD ACT TO FOLLOW - Karin Connell</p> <p>Dark golden boy. Balanced head with kind expression. Good bone, balanced angulation, short hocks. Moved confidently.</p>
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	<p>Australian bred 6 entered – no scratchings</p>
1 <sup>st</sup>	<p>18 - CH. BLUEBREEZE BITCOIN MILLIONAIRE - Mrs D L Stubbings – Australian Bred In Show</p> <p>Happy confident moving dog. Took my eye in the class. Balanced head with good pigmentation. Correct neck, ribs and tight cat feet. Balanced angles front and rear, Good second thigh with short hocks. Level topline on stack and on the move with correct tail carriage. Shown in full coat today</p>
2nd	<p>21 - CH. GUNARRYN LETS TWIST AGAIN - Dr J &amp; Mrs G &amp; Dr H Montgomery</p> <p>Lovely smiley face. Balanced head, dark eye and pigmentation. Good neck, ribs and level topline on the stack, good angulation, short hocks. Not in full coat Moved well.</p>

3rd	<p>19 - CH. GILDENGOLD PULLINGTHE WOOLOVER (AI) - Miss P Denholm</p> <p>Less substance than the first two. Narrower in the head, deep muzzle, kind expression. Good angulation. Level topline longer in the loin, tailset correct. Nice to see moved on loose lead.</p>
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	Bred by Exhibitor 1 entered – no scratchings
1 <sup>st</sup>	<p>22 - CH. BLUEBREEZE LOST IN NEVER LAND - Mrs D L Stubbings - Bred by Exhibitor In Show</p> <p>Stood alone in this class. Beautiful balanced dog who carried himself with confidence. Balanced head, dark eye. Good reach of neck. Balanced angles front and rear, second thigh short hocks, correct tailset. Moved well.</p>

	Open 6 entered – 2 scratchings
1 <sup>st</sup>	<p>24 - SUP.CH. FANTANGO ONE FOR THE ROAD(AI) - Mr P Middleton &amp; Ms J Salvestrin – Runner-up Best In Show and Dog CC</p> <p>Carried himself with confidence, took a round to settle into his movement. Balanced</p>

	<p>masculine head with dark eye, kind expression. Balanced angulation. Short coupled with good width of stifle and short hocks. Correct tailset. Level topline on stack and on the move with correct tail carriage. Shown in full coat today</p>
2nd	<p>27 - GOFETCH GOLD-N-RUSH (IMP NZL) - Mrs. JILLIAN SIMMONS</p> <p>Bit unsettled to start with, but was better stacked in reverse. Not as strong as 1<sup>st</sup> dog but a nice balanced dog. Balanced head, kind expression with dark eyes, snow nose today. Balanced angulation. Short coupled with good width of stifle and short hocks and level topline. Out of coat at the moment. Moved well once settled.</p>
3rd	<p>28 - BIH. CH. BIH. JR CH. BLK.CH. J CH. GRC. ME. CH. ME. GR CH. MK. CH. GOLDEN ROMANCE BIG SPENDER (IMP SRB) - Mrs R Easton &amp; Mrs A Meehan</p> <p>Larger dog, longer frame than first two placings. Kind masculine head with dark eye, snow nose, deep muzzle and broad skull. Balanced angulation, longer in loin. Level topline and correct tail set. Moved well.</p>

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	Veteran 3 entered – 1 scratchings
1 <sup>st</sup>	<p>29 - SUP.CH. BLUEBREEZE HERO OF NEVER LAND - Mrs D L Stubbings - Veteran In Show, Reserve Dog CC</p> <p>Smaller balanced dog, who moved well and caught my eye in the class. Lovely balanced masculine head with dark eye that gave that kind expression. Good neck, short coupled balanced angulation, good second thigh, short hocks. Correct tailset covered the ground well holding his level topline that he had on the stack.</p>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<p>31 - SUPREME CH. PIARKI WINSTONS GOLDEN TICKET - Rachael Ohlrich</p> <p>Masculine dog with balanced head, dark eye, snow nose, longer in loin. Level topline on the stack. Would like better angulation in the front to match the hindquarters. Moved confidently.</p>

## Bitches

	Baby Puppy 4 entered – 2 scratchings
1 <sup>st</sup>	<p>32 - GOLDKEY CHANTILLY LACE - Miss M Stuckey</p> <p>Lovely balanced baby girl with sweet expression dark eye and pigmentation. Balanced angulation, level topline, good bone and short coupled. Moved well for a baby.</p>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<p>35 - SUNRYZ MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD - Mr P &amp; Mrs N Murray</p> <p>Younger girl. Kind expression with dark eye. Good topline on the stack. Short coupled and nice tight cat feet. Topline a wee bit roly on the move. Moved happily</p>

	Minor Puppy 4 entered – no scratchings
1 <sup>st</sup>	<p>36 - SHTAR PEACHES N CREAM - M J &amp; Mrs P A O'Sheehy</p> <p>Lovely outline on this girl, balanced feminine head, dark eye and kind expression, clean neck Level topline on stack , straight legs , good angulation, good second thigh and nice short hocks. Moved well once settled.</p>

2nd	<p>38 - BLUEBREEZE DRESSED BY DIOR - Mrs D L Stubbings</p> <p>Good substance. Another lovely feminine head with dark eye and pigmentation and kind expression. Straight front legs with tight cat feet, short coupled, Good balanced angulation. Good second thigh and short hocks. Tailset dipped slightly. Not so settled on the move as first place</p>
3rd	<p>39 - NARAGOLD LADY KORRA - Ms E Clark</p> <p>Not so mature as the first two, but a lovely bitch with nice outline – bit unsettled when going over her. Balanced head, dark eye and pigmentation showing her kind and alert expression. Good angulation fore and aft and cat feet. Held the level topline she has on the stack and when moving. Moved well.</p>

	Puppy 1 entered – no scratchings
1 <sup>st</sup>	<p>40 - WYNWHISPER MIDNIGHT MADNESS (AI) - Ms B Gaywood</p> <p>Stood alone – both the handler and the dog handled the windy conditions well. Strong head with dark eye. Clean neck, a little longer in</p>

	coupling. Longer bitch who lost her level topline on the move.
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	Junior 9 entered – 1 scratchings
1 <sup>st</sup>	<p>42 - GILTEDGE LOOK AT CRUNCHIE- Mrs K Handley – Junior In Show</p> <p>Nice balanced bitch good substance. Balanced feminine head with Kind expression, dark eye. Correct body, short coupled, correct angulation, good second thigh, short hocks and lovely cat feet. Moved true with level topline on the move and stack.</p>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<p>44 - FANTANGO RHYTHM OF MY HEART (AI) - Mr P Middleton &amp; Ms J Salvestrin</p> <p>Nice outline. Feminine head with kind, soft expression, dark eye and pigmentation. Clean neck, correct level topline and tail set. Correct angulation, good second thigh feet and short, straight hocks. Tailset correct – moved well when settled</p>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	45 - CH. FANTANGO TEASE THE BOYS (AI) Mr P Middleton & Ms J Salvestrin

	Smaller but balanced bitch. Kind expression, balanced head. Balanced angulation. Good bone and tight cat feet. Short coupled with level topline. Moved well.
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	Intermediate 4 entered – no scratchings
1 <sup>st</sup>	<p>51 - CH. NARAGOLD THE GOOD WITCH (AI) - Ms E Clark - Reserve Bitch CC and Intermediate in show</p> <p>Darker bitch, balanced and confident in the ring. Balanced head. Good angulation fore and aft, ribs to elbow, good bone and straight legs to cat feet. Short coupled with excellent balanced angulation, good second thigh and short hocks. Correct tail set and carriage. Moved true and cover the ground with ease. Good bone and substance.</p>
2nd	<p>50 - CH. RAMGOLD ROSE GOLD - Mrs R Ramsay</p> <p>Longer bitch with longer body, very happy girl. Kind expression dark eye and pigmentation. Slightly shorter in upper arm. Balanced angulation. Slightly longer in coupling than first place. Short hocks. Moved well.</p>

3rd	<p>52 - BLUEBREEZE RUMOUR HAS IT - Mrs R L Krischer</p> <p>Smaller balanced bitch. Balanced feminine head with kind expression and dark eye. Level topline. Good bone and neat feet. Good width of stifle. Moved well.</p>

	<p>Australian bred 10 entered – 2 scratchings – wind upset this class</p>
1 <sup>st</sup>	<p>62 - CH. FANTANGO KILLER QUEEN - Mr P. Middleton &amp; Ms J. Salvestrin</p> <p>Balanced bitch who handled the windy conditions well. Feminine balanced head dark eye, balanced head. Correct angulation fore and aft. Ribs to elbow, level topline, good second thigh and short hocks. Tail set correct. Moved well holding her topline on the move.</p>
2nd	<p>57 - CH. BLUEBREEZE BAREFOOT PRINCESS - Mrs D L Stubbings</p> <p>Nice balanced bitch would have liked a slightly darker eye. Balanced head. Good body and substance, ribs well back, short coupled.</p>

	Correct angulation for and aft. Hocks and feet correct . Moved well.
3rd	54 - PHILENI DELTA DAWN M J & Mrs P A O'Sheehy  Taller bitch, nice outline. Strong balanced head with dark eye. Clean neck and longer in loin, balanced angulation .Level topline and correct tail set. Was a wee bit unsettled on the move.

	Bred by 5 entered – 2 scratchings
1 <sup>st</sup>	64 - CH. GUNARRYN ROCK A HULA BABY - Mrs F Dyer  Balanced bitch with nice outline, confident, good bone and substance. Balanced head with kind expression dark eye and pigmentation. Clean neck, short coupled, level topline on the stack. Balanced angulation fore and aft. Strong hind quarters with short straight hocks. Moved will and held topline on the move.
2nd	65 - WYNWHISPER DIRTY LITTLE SECRET SWN - Ms B Gaywood

	Darker bitch, balanced head with dark eye. Slightly short in upper arm. Level topline, ribs to elbow, short hocks. Moved cleanly fore and aft
3rd	68 - EUROGOLD DRESSED TO KILL - Mrs K Connell  Balanced head with kind expression. Would like a slightly darker eye. Balanced angulation. Level topline on the stack. Short hocks and tight cat feet. Moved well, but lost the topline on the move.

	Open 4 entered – no scratchings
1 <sup>st</sup>	69 - CH. FANTANGO POKER FACE - Mr P Middleton & Ms J Salvestrin – Best In Show, Open In Show, Bitch CC  Beautiful balanced feminine bitch who caught my eye when she moved around the ring the first time. Filled the eye. Beautiful head with dark eye and kind expression. Correct front, with super forechest, straight legs with tight catlike feet. Ribs to elbows. Excellent balanced angulation fore and aft. Balanced throughout. Strong short coupling. Moved with ease and

	confidence, covering the ground easily, held her topline on the move. Not in full coat. A real partnership with handler.
2nd	<p>70 - CH GILTEDGE CATCHING AT DOBRO - Kim Handley</p> <p>Close between first and second, different types but 1<sup>st</sup> was smoother on the move. Lovely balanced bitch, balanced head, sweet kind expression, dark eye and pigmentation. Correct front with tight cat feet, ribs to elbows and short coupled, good angulation fore and aft. Good substance, short hocks. Level top line stack and move. When moving was looking back at handler.</p>
3rd	<p>71 - CH FANTANGO PLAY IT FORWARD - Robyn Ramsay</p> <p>Balanced bitch with balanced head, dark eye, snow nose. Topline not as strong as first two placing on stack or move. Balanced angulation shock hocks. Moved well.</p>

	Veteran 5 entered – no scratchings
1 <sup>st</sup>	75 - CH. GILDENGOLD SPINNING CHORUS (AI) - Miss P Denholm

	<p>Lovely overall picture, bitch shown on a loose lead. Balanced head with kind expression and dark eye and pigmentation. Level topline. Balanced angulation, short hock and good second thigh. Level topline and correct tail set. Covered the ground with ease.</p>
2nd	<p>73 - CH. FANTANGO WHISPERING SECRETS - Mrs F Dyer</p> <p>Close to first place and placing could have changed at another time. Slightly longer bitch. Kind expression and very happy. Balanced feminine head with dark eye and pigmentation. Correct neck, balanced front and rear angulation, level topline. Lovely mover.</p>
3rd	<p>74 - CH GILTEDGE YOU WATCHING ME - Kim Handley</p> <p>Stronger bitch but still elegant. Balanced head with pretty expression. Slightly longer in loin. Balanced angulation. Short hocks and correct tailset. Moved well.</p>

	Neutered bitch
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1 <sup>st</sup>	<p>79 CH. NEUT. CH. BLUEBREEZE ON CLOUD NINE - Mrs D L Stubbings Neuter In Show -</p> <p>Lovely balanced bitch, moved well and worked well with her young handler. Balanced head with sweet expression, dark eye and pigmentation. Well-proportioned. Balanced angulation fore and aft. Short coupled, short hocks. Moved well and held topline and stack and move.</p>
2nd	<p>80 - GOHLDRICH TICKET TO MAGICNES - Ms R Ohlrich – Reserve Neuter In Show</p> <p>Larger bitch. Balanced head, dark eye and snow nose, kind expression. Longer on loin. Balanced angulation. On the stack topline raised over loin and dipped at tailset. Short hocks and tight cat feet. Moved happily.</p>
3rd	<p>78 - CH. KULABAY CATCHER OF DREAMS - Mrs R Shapter</p> <p>Balanced head with dark eye and snow nose. Kind expression. Ribs to elbows straight legs and catfeet. Would like a little more angulation in the front to balance the rear construction. Short hocks. Level topline on the stack, which</p>

	was lost on the move. Moved correctly going away and coming back.
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