

South Western Golden Retriever Club Open
Show held on Sunday, 4 October 2015

Judge's Report: Mrs Merriol Haselden (OVERDENE)

I was delighted to be invited to judge the Club's open show. The weather was kind so judging was outside, with exhibitors sitting around the ring, reinforcing the "friendly" feel of the show. In a quality entry with few absentees, almost without exception, exhibits were clean and well-presented; I would never have known that one of the best presented had been working the day before. Movement was a deciding factor in many classes; clever stacking can hide imperfections which will always show up on the move and in a breed which needs to be capable of doing a day's work to be "fit for purpose", movement has always been high up my list of "must haves" when judging. That said, I went home after my lovely day feeling that the breed is safe in the west country.

Minor Puppy (dog): (1 entry)

1. Main's GWYNGALA GROUP CAPTAIN; This lovely mid-gold 7-month boy, shown in excellent coat, has all the basics for a bright future. Potential for good masculine head in time, kindly expression and nice dark eyes. Balanced overall; correct angulation, good reach of neck, level topline held on the move, strong quarters, nice feet. Still needs to tighten up a little behind but movement good, and this was the deciding factor in challenge for Best Puppy in Show. Will watch his progress with interest.

Puppy (dog): (4 entries, 1 w/d)

1. Main's GWYNGALA GROUP CAPTAIN;
2. Ley's MURPRILA WOW SUCH A CHARMER; Another pleasing youngster. Head still needs time to mature, but kind expression, dark eyes, slightly longer in couplings than 1. whose overall balance I preferred. Ribs deepening nicely and movement good.
3. Froud & Hill's MAFLEURDEAN CHARLIE CROKER.

Junior (dog): (9 entries, 2 absent)

1. Brown's KADAKA KAMAN AT WESTCOMBE; Another happy youngster with much to like about him. Nice outline; nothing overdone. Notes say I would have liked a little more length of muzzle, but head still maturing. Good angulation, reach of neck, topline and tailset held on the move, strong quarters. Movement secure.
2. Ley's MURPRILA WOW SUCH A CHARMER;
3. Cook's CALAROSE SHINING STAR.

Special Yearling (dog): (9 entries, 2 absent)

1. Brown's KADAKA KAMAN AT WESTCOMBE;
2. Morrish & Deadman's DEVONIVY BLU MAGIC AT OAKSJUBLU; Exhibitor not present for detailed notes, but from memory, this darker gold dog was well-presented, with good movement. Preferred overall picture and balance of 1.
3. Healey's COYNEBARN GOLDEN TWEED.

Novice (dog): (7 entries, 1 absent)

1. Main's GWYNGALA GROUP CAPTAIN;
2. Cook's CALAROSE SHINING STAR; Nice example of the breed who was unlucky not to place higher in earlier classes; shown in excellent cream coat. Good head with kindly expression, dark eyes, good pigment. Deep in ribs, longer coupled than some, but good topline and tailset held on the move. Strong quarters, movement good.
3. Bissell's WARRENTOR TRIBUTE FOR BISSKIDS.

Debutant (dog): (7 entries, 1 absent)

1. Brown's KADAKA KAMAN AT WESTCOMBE;
2. Ley's MURPRILA DAKARIA I'M THE ONE; Last saw this mid-gold dog as a puppy and pleased to see he has matured well. Good masculine head with kindly expression; dark eye, correct angulation, deep through ribs. Unlucky to come up against 1. whose overall balance and movement I preferred. A little proud of his tail!
3. Bissell's WARRENTOR TRIBUTE FOR BISSKIDS.

Graduate (dog): (3 entries, 1 absent)

1. Brown's KADAKA KAMAN AT WESTCOMBE;
2. Ley's MURPRILA DAKARIA I'M THE ONE;

Post Graduate (dog): (4 entries, 1 absent)

1. Walaszkowski-Caines's MURPRILA STAR WITNESS; Handsome, masculine dog with good expression; dark eyes, balanced overall, shown in hard condition. Straight front, good angulation, reach of neck and topline/tailset which he held on the move. Strong quarters; secure movement with drive. Nothing overdone - won class on overall picture he presented.
2. Morrish & Deadman's DEVONIVY JUST A MAGIC TOUCH AT OAKSJUBLU SGWC; Enthusiastic boy, with much to recommend him, shown in profuse cream coat. Moved well, with drive; unlucky to come up against class winner whose overall balance and angulation I just preferred.
3. Mace's HARRY THE MAGICIAN AT TELANJAN.

Limit (dog): (5 entries, 1 absent)

A really nice class which led to some hair-splitting.

1. Merricks' STORMERICK BOBBY SHAFTO JW; Mid-gold dog whom I did well as a youngster, and he doesn't disappoint now that he's matured. Good head with kindly expression, nice dark eye, excellent pigment, correct angulation, nothing overdone. Good topline and tail set held on the move and it was his secure movement that won him this class and Reserve Best Dog.
2. Arnold's AMBERLAND ARILEY; New one on me - really like this boy. Masculine head with good expression, dark eye and pigment, straight front. Nice tight feet, good reach of neck, deep through ribs, good angulation. Moved well. Unlucky to come up against 1.
3. Brown's KADAKA KAPPA BLEU AT WESTCOMBE.

Open (dog): (4 entries)

Absolutely loved both 1 & 2 in this class, and it was definitely one of my hardest decisions on the day. I felt they could change places on another occasion, and in the end, it was maturity which won through.

1. Lees' DENMARELLA FOLLOW THE SUN JW ShCM; Handsome, upstanding dog who presented a balanced outline. Masculine head with good expression, straight front, nice tight feet, good angulation, strong quarters. Good topline and tailset held on the move; his excellent movement secured him the class and was a deciding factor in awarding him Best Dog and Best in Show.
2. Fenn's WILLSBROOK THE HAIRY BIKER AT JANDEBURN ShCM; Last saw this lovely boy a couple of years ago, and loved him then. Now matured into an upstanding dog with masculine head and kindly expression. Good angulation; well-balanced, strong quarters, nothing overdone; another excellent mover. Very unlucky to meet 1. in this class, and challenged hard for Reserve Best Dog. Am sure he will continue to do well.
3. Bissell's WARRENTOR WESLEY FOR BISSKIDS.

Veteran (dog): (7 entries, 1 absent)

A lovely class of older boys, including many old favourites admired for years from the ringside.

1. Merricks' Ch STORMERICK DON SEBASTIAN JW ShCM; An old favourite of mine; can't believe he's now 9¹/₂ years old! He carries them well, and was beautifully presented by his young handler. Lovely head and expression, balanced throughout, correct angulation, deep through ribs. Excellent mover. Best Veteran in Show;
2. Lees' DENMARELLA SPIRIT IN THE SKY; Another lovely dog carrying his almost 10 years very well. Similar comments apply, but longer in couplings than 1. Shown in good dark cream coat, good topline and tailset held on the move.
3. Brown's TREBETTYN GI BLUES AT WESTCOMBE ShCM.

Special Open (dog/bitch): (1 entry)

1. Clunie's NAKURU BROWN SUGAR OF WARRENTOR; Attractive, feminine 8¹/₂ year old bitch, shown in immaculate and hard condition. Sweet expression, dark eye, good pigment, correct angulations, deep ribs, good topline and tailset held on the move. Strong quarters - certainly felt she could do a day's work! Best Veteran Bitch.

Breeders/Bred by Exhibitor (dog/bitch): (3 entries)

1. Arnold's AMBERLAND ARILEY
2. Ley's MURPRILA DAKARIA I'M THE ONE;
3. Froud's MAFLEURDEAN WITCHES WAND.

Minor Puppy (bitch): (4 entries)

Two very similar bitches headed up this class; later discovered they were litter sisters. Although overall I preferred the outline of 2, the class was won on movement by:

1. Hazeltons' TENFIELD RED SUNSET OVER CAILLOCH; 7-months pretty, feminine dark cream puppy; good head with kindly expression, nice dark eye. Balanced outline with straight front, good bone and tight feet. Should have a bright future and will watch her progress with interest. Best Puppy Bitch;
2. Hart's TENFIELD RAINBOW RAY; Another pretty, feminine bitch, and similar comments apply. Although I preferred her overall outline, her movement still needs to settle; I hope she will also do well when this has been mastered!
3. Clarkes' SUNNYOAK STOLE MY HEART.

Puppy (bitch): (7 entries, 1 absent)

1. Hazeltons¹ TENFIELD RED SUNSET OVER CAILLOCH;
2. Clarkes¹ SUNNYOAK STOLE MY HEART; Placed 3rd in MP class where she was unlucky to meet 1 & 2 placed exhibits. Another pretty puppy, shown in profuse cream coat. Good head and expression, good shoulders, well-bent stifles, potential for depth through ribs, strong quarters, nothing overdone. Movement good.
3. Fraud's MAFLEURDEAN WITCHES SPELL.

Junior (bitch): (11 entries, 1 absent)

1. Russell's ROSINANTE CLASSIQUE; Very pretty, feminine bitch shown in good, darker cream coat. Balanced outline, good reach of neck, correct topline and tailset held on the move. Best mover which secured her the class over another nice bitch.
2. Harvey & Anderson's ALIBREN HOT SPICE FOR ASHIQUA; A new one on me, but much to like about her. Feminine head with gentle expression; dark eye, nice feet, balanced throughout. Still needs to deepen a little but should come with maturity. Moved well.
3. Hazeltons' TENFIELD RED SUNSET OVER CAILLOCH.

Special Yearling (bitch): (12 entries, 1 absent)

1. Ellis's TENFIELD DASH OF PEPPER JW; Feminine, mid-gold bitch with nice dark eye, well balanced with good angulation, still-deepening chest and good spring of rib. Well bent stifles; nothing overdone, she won class with her business-like movement;
2. Russell's ROSINANTE CLASSIQUE;
2. Woodward & Carter's TENFIELD PEPPERS SECRET AT WYLEVALLEY.

Novice (bitch): (9 entries)

1. Woodward & Carter's TENFIELD PEPPERS SECRET AT WYLEVALLEY; Pretty, feminine cream bitch shown in good coat. Presented a balanced picture with correct angulation, nice outline, good front and well bent stifles. Movement OK.
2. Harvey & Anderson's ALIBREN HOT SPICE FOR ASHIQUA;
3. Hazeltons' TENFIELD RED SUNSET OVER CAILLOCH.

Debutant (bitch): (4 entries)

1. Woodward & Carter's TENFIELD PEPPERS SECRET AT WYLEVALLEY;
2. Hazeltons¹ TENFIELD RED SUNSET OVER CAILLOCH;
3. Taylor's PANDREFT IN THE PINK.

Graduate (bitch): (4 entries, 1 absent)

1. Russell's ROSINANTE CLASSIQUE;
2. Ellis's GOLDLEIGH MIDNIGHT SKYE; Pale gold bitch, shown in good hard condition. Lovely head with sweet expression, nice dark eyes, good reach of neck, correct angulation; held topline and tailset on the move;
3. Podmore's DEVONIVY DEJA VU.

Post Graduate (bitch): (3 entries)

1. Hazelton's CAILLOCH HELTER SKELTER; Feminine, cream bitch with good head and expression. Correct angulation front and rear, good reach of neck, excellent topline and tailset; good spring of rib, moderate bend of stifle - nothing overdone. Won class on balanced picture she presented and her excellent movement;
2. Clarke's BRAMBLEBRIAR RAINBOW ROSE FOR SUNNYOAK; Another nice cream bitch with similar comments applying, although longer in the couplings, and with more bend of stifle. Movement OK.
3. Taylor's PANDREFT HARMONY FOR HATTIE.

Limit (bitch): (8 entries, 4 absent)

1. Randall's KELVERQUEST SHE'S A LADY; Mid-gold, completely balanced bitch show in good coat. Feminine head with lovely dark eye; straight front, good reach of neck, correct angulation. Excellent topline and tailset which she held on the move; it was her movement which won her this class;
2. Ellis's SHEARSTONE DIVA IN DECEIT AT GOLDLEIGH; -Another nice bitch who was unlucky to come up against 1. Happy show girl with wagging tail; well-constructed, good angulation and balanced picture; splitting hairs on movement which I felt wasn't quite as secure on this occasion;
- 3 Clunie's WARRENTOR CAPELLA.

Open (bitch): (7 entries)

1. Porters' SHEARSTONE LOVELY JUBBLY; I loved this pretty, alert and attentive darker gold completely balanced bitch who caught my eye as she entered the ring, and she did not disappoint on further examination. Well-constructed throughout; good angulation, reach of neck, deep through ribs with topline and tailset held on the move. Her business-like movement won her the class, and secured her Best Bitch, RBIS and BOS.
2. Ellis's BRAMBLEBRIAR CLOUDBERRY AT GOLDLEIGH; Different in type to 1. but a nice example of the breed. Good head and expression, balanced picture, deep through chest, correct bend of stifle, strong, well-muscled quarters;
3. Ellis's TENFIELD BINDAREE.

Veteran (bitch): (3 entries, 1 absent)

1. Ellis's TENFIELD BINDAREE; Unlucky not to place higher in OB class, this feminine bitch, just starting to show her age, has much to like about her. Nothing overdone, presented a balance picture with correct angulation, good front, well-bent stifles, good topline and tailset held on the move. She was unlucky to come up against winner of Special Open in challenge for Best Veteran Bitch.
2. Bristows¹ DEBRICS JUSTMEE; A larger bitch of a different type not often seen these days. Happy showgirl, with kindly expression and good ring presence. Sadly carrying a little too much weight, making movement difficult to assess, although she held her topline and tailset on the move.