

SOUTH WESTERN GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB 45TH CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

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Firstly I would like to thank the Committee for inviting me to judge bitches at this Show and for their hospitality on the day at this well run Show. A huge thank you must go to my hardworking Stewards who were very helpful and kept things running smoothly in the ring.

My thanks to all the exhibitors who entered their lovely bitches for me to judge and for accepting my choices. I was pleased with my entry and despite several absentees I was left with some quality bitches to put my hands on and gave me some difficult decisions.

Movement on the whole was good throughout but my only observation with this was that a few exhibits were down on pasterns, and a lack of those nice cat like feet, which can be improved with a little road work.

I found a few carrying a little weight generally over the shoulders.

My co-judge and I agreed on the dog CC winner going on to BIS and the other awards of RBIS, BP and BVIS all going to the bitches, making a lovely final line up.

Veteran Bitch (8. 4a)

A nice class of older ladies in varying shades of gold.

1st Clunie's Warrentor Maplemoon

Gorgeous 8 year old shown in great condition in her beautifully presented gold coat and pale feathering. With her ever wagging tail, she stood four square showing off her balanced outline. Lovely feminine head and expression with dark eye and good pigmentation. Good reach of neck onto correct shoulder placement. Level topline and correct tailset. Well muscled rear quarters with good bend of stifle and straight hocks. Moved out well. Pleased to award her Reserve CC and on agreement with my co-judge, was awarded BVIS.

2nd Turner's Grain of Gold's Arwen of Amilone (Imp Swe) SGWC

Larger framed 9 year old pale gold bitch, with nice head, dark eye and pigment. Good length of neck onto well placed shoulders. Good front assembly and straight forelegs. Level topline. Rear angulation with well muscled rear quarters and nice bend of stifle. Moved out well. Would like to have seen her with a bit more coat.

3rd Wheeldon's Ch Thornywait Fame n Fortune

Minor Puppy Bitch (9. 2abs)

A lovely class of quality babies which made my final choices difficult but was ultimately happy with my placings.

1st James' Tsarmont Starlet

A lovely, well balanced 8 ½ month old pale baby, presenting a good outline. Sweetest of heads, with melting expression and nice dark eye and good pigment. Well put together front with good angulation, straight forelegs and good bone. Good length of neck on to well placed shoulders, level topline and good

tailset. Good bend of stifle to well muscled rear quarters. Moved well. Really splitting hairs between 1st and 2nd but maturity won this bitch the class.

2nd Smith's Gablecross Rosie Cotton

This delightful 7 month old showed her little socks off, and wanting to please her handler. Delightful head and expression. Very well put together front with good angulation, straight forelegs, nice feet and good bone and with well placed shoulders, level topline and good tailset. Good bend of stifle and well muscled rear quarters. Moved well.

Puppy Bitch (9. 3abs)

1st Clarkson's Drumkilty Venetian Glass

Another quality bitch to come from this Kennel. Lovely 10 month old bitch with delightful head and expression with dark eye and pigmentation. Good front assembly with straight forelegs and neat feet. Her excellent shoulder placement came off good reach of neck. Level topline with correct tailset. Good, well muscled rear quarters with straight hocks. Moved well with purpose. Best Puppy Bitch and in agreement with my co-judge she was Best Puppy in Show.

2nd Jackson-Haines Leighsham Chantilly

Smaller framed, pale coated youngster with nice head and expression. Nice front assembly with good upper arm, good bone, reach of neck on to good shoulder placement, level topline and correct tailset. Nice bend of stifle and straight hocks and well muscled. Moved well. Just lost out to winner on maturity.

3rd Todd's Kelbadra Dream of Dreams with Toddrosa

Junior Bitch (8)

1st Ives Balsamina Bellini

Caught my eye straight away. Well balanced outline and shown in beautifully presented pale coat. The sweetest of heads and expression with dark eye and pigment. Nice straight front, with straight forelegs, good bone and neat feet. All this leading to good reach of neck with well laid back shoulder placement, level topline and correct tailset, which was held on the move. Good rear angulation with well bent stifle and straight hocks. I'm sure she will have a good future. I see that she is the daughter of my CC winner.

2nd Loach's Putjade Plastic Fantastic

Different in type to my 1st place but has everything in the right place. Free stood, showing a well balanced outline and shown in good profuse coat. Good front assembly and good rear well muscled rear quarters with good bend of stifle. Moved well.

3rd Russell-Bond and Cole's Rosinante Silhoutte

Yearling Bitch (11, 5abs)

1st Wooden's Catenae Candy Floss at Salako

Stood out for me in this class, being shown in lovely pale coat and giving a balanced outline. Lovely head and expression, with dark eye and pigment. Good front assembly with straight leg and neat feet. Nice reach of neck leading to good shoulder placement and level topline. Well muscled rear angulation with good bend of stifle. A little bit of a fidget but she moved out well around the ring.

2nd Parry's Luromcar Memphis Returns to Mitcharron

Shown in lovely pale coat this bitch is slightly larger in proportions to my class winner. Nice head and expression. Good straight front assembly with nice reach of neck on to good shoulder placement. Level topline. Good well muscled rear quarters, bend of stifle and straight hocks. Moved well.

3rd Russell-Bond and Cole's Rosinante Silhouette

Maiden Bitch (12, 4abs)

1st Towers Alibren Heidi High

2nd James Tsarmont Starlet

3rd Todd's Kelbadora Dream of Dreams

Novice Bitch (17)

1st Ives Balsamina Bellini

2nd Clarkson's Drumkilty Venetian Glass

3rd Russell-Bond and Cole's Rosinante Silhouette

Undergraduate Bitch (8, 1 abs)

1st Ives Balsamina Bellini

2nd Clarkson's Drumkilty Venetian Glass

3rd Russell-Bond and Cole's Rosinante Silhouette

Graduate Bitch (12, 7 abs)

1st Vernon's Graceleigh Firenze

Presenting and elegant outline this pale coated bitch has the sweetest of heads, with lovely expression, dark eye and pigmentation. Good straight front with correct length of upper arm, good shoulder placement, level topline with correct tailset. Well muscled rear quarters with good bend of stifle and straight hocks. Moved well. Pushed hard in the challenge but sadly her movement this time let her down.

2nd Todd's Toddrosa Oasis Charm JW

Stood foresquare, with her happy wagging tail, she showed off her overall outline. Very pleasing head and expression with nice dark eye. Good front angulation and upper arm. Nice length of neck on to good shoulder placement, level topline. Good well muscled rear quarters with good bend of stifle. Moved well.

3rd Russell-Bond's Rosinante Deju Vu

Post Graduate (8. 5abs)

1st Russell-Bond's Rosinante Morwenna

Nice compact bitch shown in good pale coat. Good straight front assembly with good reach of neck onto well laid shoulders, level topline with correct tailset. Good well muscled rear quarters with good bend of stifle and straight hocks. Moved well.

2nd Nelson's Cadwst Eternal Flame

Larger framed bitch shown in nice mid -gold coat. Good front assembly, with nice straight legs, showing ample upper arm and shoulder placement from good reach of neck. Level topline. Good rear quarters with nice bend of stifle and all well muscled. Moved well.

3rd Brewer's Stradcot Coconut Ice

Mid Limit Bitch (9. 2abs)

Three of my favourites headed this class. All of similar type, and I was splitting hairs between them all, but happy with my final places.

1st Hush's Benrown Esprit

Gorgeous dark gold lady, reminding me of my first show bitch. Sweetest of head and delightful expression with dark eye and pigment. Good reach of neck leading on to nice shoulder placement and level topline with correct tailset. Good front assembly with ample upper arm, straight legs and nice feet. Well muscled rear angulation with good bend of stifle and straight hocks. Moved well. I considered her for the Res CC but just preferred the overall balance and movement of the Veteran bitch.

2nd Cole's Rooksbury Phantasia JW

Another nice type, with sweetest head and expression and dark eye and pigment. Good reach of neck leading on to nice shoulder placement, level topline and good tailset. Nice straight front with good upper arm, nice straight legs and good feet. Moved out well from well muscled rear quarters, having good bend of stifle and straight hocks.

3rd Hill's Sandaula Kiss From A Rose

Limit Bitch (9. 3 abs)

My goodness what a challenging class to judge. Two beautiful bitches headed this class and I really needed two red cards.

1st Ives Trewater Busy Lizzie at Balsamina

My notes say Wow. As soon as this bitch entered the ring I could not take my eyes off of her. A beautiful head with gorgeous expression with her dark eyes and pigment. Superb reach of neck flowing into excellent shoulder placement. Excellent forearm placement, good straight front legs and nice cat like feet. Level topline with correct tailset. Well muscled rear quarters, good bend of stifle and straight hocks. Moved with drive and purpose around the ring. Best mover of the day. Beautifully presented and superbly handled. Delighted to award her the Bitch CC, her first but I'm sure top honours will come her way and I will watch her progress with interest.

In agreement with my co-judge delighted to award her Reserve Best in Show

2nd Champion Fenpinque Vogue

Similar type to the winner of this class and similar comments apply. Presented in immaculate pale coat. Lovely head and expression with dark eye and good pigmentation. Good reach of neck onto well laid back shoulder placement. Good upper arm. Straight forelegs and nice feet. Level topline. Good, well muscled rear quarters which were used to move soundly around the ring.

3rd Loverock and Eddies Thornywait Mamma Mia

Open Bitch (3. 2abs)

1st Simms-Stelling Poppygold Fire Opal with St Vincent

Stood alone but worthy of her first place. Free stood, she presented a balanced outline. Nice head and expression. Well put together good straight front assembly. Good reach of neck on to good lay back of shoulder. Level topline with good tailset. Good rear quarters, well muscled and with good bend of stifle and straight hocks. Shown in good coat. Moved well.

Special Beginners (2.1abs)

1st Thomas' Santandore Honesty

Stood alone. Unplaced in previous classes. Nicely put together with nice head and expression. Level topline. Good front and rear quarters. Moved OK

Marilyne Lade - Judge