

The Golden Retriever Club of Western Australia – Championship Show held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019

First and foremost I would like to thank the committee for their kind invitation to judge, and who looked after me so well during my stay in Perth, and to the exhibitors who had travelled from far and wide to show their dogs, I had some really lovely dogs to judge. My apologies for the lateness of my critique, I have not been at all well since my return to the UK.

Baby Puppy Dog 3 (2a)

1<sup>st</sup> Stephens & Platt Fetchnpoint Roll Over Red Rover - nearly six months old in mid-gold attractive coat, well boned with the neatest of feet. Well schooled for his age, lovely head, good flow of neck into well layed shoulder & return of upper arm. Level topline, nice body and good bend of stifle, Moved true both coming and going, should have a bright future.

Minor Puppy Dog 1

1<sup>st</sup> Keedwell's Lousarnae Playing With Fire – 7 months and just changing his coat, lovely pigment, nice head and expression, adequate neck, nice front, neat feet with good bone. To be ultra critical he does not have quite the topline I look for. Moved well in front and profile, but a tad close behind.

Junior Dog 2

1<sup>st</sup> Rughoobur's Ilemaurice Son Of Samurai – Really liked this 16 month old boy, lovely masculine head with super pigment, correct dentition, lovely length of neck flowing into well layed back shoulder and corresponding length of upper arm. Good depth and spring of rib and level in topline. Good body proportions, well developed stifle with good width. Moved well coming and going with good reach and drive in profile Reserve CC.

2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew's Bluebreeze Behind The Legend – Just out of puppy with not quite the maturity of my winner. Masculine head and expression, good bone and neat feet, well sprung rib, just tends to drop off a little over the croup, good in stifle, moved well.

Intermediate Dog 2

1<sup>st</sup> Thompson's Ch. Chaleur U Had Me At Hello (AI) – 18 months blonde boy of good size, lovely head and kind expression with good depth of muzzle with the blackest of pigment, super flow of neck into well layed shoulder with corresponding return of upper arm, straight front with strong bone, level topline and good spring of rib. Strong

well developed stifle in hard muscular condition, moved well when viewed from any angle, handled to advantage

2<sup>nd</sup> Ryan's Aust. Ch. Happybear A New Beginning (AI) – Lovely head and expression on this 2.5 year old mid golden boy. Good in neck and shoulder, well sprung rib, short coupled, today his topline was not so strong as my winner. Good width and turn of stifle, moved well with good carriage around the ring.

#### Limit Dog 4

1<sup>st</sup> Dalton's Aneiraby Yule Be Stellar – Strongly built mid golden boy with masculine head and expression, nice length of neck into shoulder, straight front with good bone, I would like neater feet and a more level tail carriage on the move. He has balanced body proportions with a good bend and width to his stifle. Just a little proud of his tail today, but he moved well covering the ground with ease.

2<sup>nd</sup> Browne's Parkridge Man In The Mirror – Blonde upstanding boy with a slightly larger frame, good bone and super masculine head with lovely pigmentation. Loved his type & balanced angulations. Unfortunately not so happy in the ring today, he seemed to have his mind on other things.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Hodgson's Piarki Rocher – Blonde lad with lovely head and expression, nice bone and feet, level topline and good tailset, not quite the width of stifle for me, but still a balanced boy who moved out well.

#### State Bred Dog 4

1<sup>st</sup>. Hermann's Conarhu Meant To Be Bwana – Lovely type with super masculine head and expression, this boy has plenty of ring presence, he has a good neck and shoulder, straight front with nice neat feet, he is short coupled and in superb bloom, with good angulation both fore and aft. Moved well coming and going, but tended to fly his tail on the move and also standing. At one with his handler.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Browne's Waterly Standing Ovation – In lovely blonde coat and condition, with super head and expression, similar remarks apply to this lad, so happy and full of himself today, just felt he was a little longer in the loin than my winner. Moved well when viewed from all angles.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Peirce's Ch. Ralun Nu Look (AI) – Another blonde chap, who was presented in good coat & condition. Well made although, but not the flow of neck as my previous winners. Nice head and expression, well boned and moved well covering the ground with ease.

#### Australian Bred Dog 4 (1a)

1<sup>st</sup>. Peirce's Ch. Ralun Extraordinaire – Super balance on this blonde boy who ticked all the boxes for me. Super masculine head with kind expression, lovely flow and length of neck, correct front angulation with straight front, good spring and depth of

rib, short coupled with well developed stifle in good hard muscular condition. He has a level topline which he kept on the move he covers the ground with ease, moving straight and true. Looking the part today in beautifully prepared coat which shone in the sunshine. Pleased to award him the Dog CC.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Hodgson's Ch. Piarki Cleaver CCD RA - Lovely dark coated golden in super bloom, his coat shining in the sun. A more compact boy, but not quite the angulation or topline of my winner. His will to please is evident, totally at one with his handler. He has the most appealing masculine head, good bone and feet. Well ribbed with good strong well muscled rear quarters. Moved around the ring with ease.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Andrew's Bluebreeze Scotlands Guadiann – Happy outgoing personality with masculine head and expression. I would like a little more spring of rib, but he is a balanced boy who moved well.

Open Dog 3 (1a) Two very nice boys.

1<sup>st</sup>. Hanley & Stephens Ch Giltedge Do You Like Apples (AI) – Mature golden boy who is so well balanced, in super bloom & condition, his coat gleaming in the sunshine. Lovely masculine head which is kind, he also has an intelligent expression. Well boned with the best of feet. Correct length of neck with good lay of shoulder. Strong table-top topline both standing and moving with correct set of tail. Good depth of body and spring of rib, short coupled with good width to his stifle which is well muscled. Moved with reach and drive.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Turner's Ch. Fantango Cant Buy Me Love – Blonde with lovely head and expression, super construction all through with lovely flow of neck. Well boned limbs with correct feet and well arched toes. Unfortunately not quite in his best coat today, but his movement is a joy to watch.

Veteran Dog 1

1<sup>st</sup>, Crawford's Ch Hartogold Supernova – Mid gold boy in super hard condition, well off for bone with nice feet, good length of neck flowing into level back. Good length of shoulder blade and corresponding length of upperarm, placing his front limbs well under his body. Well bodied, short coupled with a good bend of stifle, moved well in all directions belying his 10 years.

Baby Puppy Bitch 6 (3a) Lovely class of babies, all at different stages of development.

1<sup>st</sup>. Rughoobur's Blazedngold Her Royal Highness – Pity I did not have any room in my suitcase! Just loved this little girl, so confident and balanced for her age at just 4.5 months old. She has all the components for a bright future and she moved as though she owned the ring.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Spencer & Ryan's Happybear Blanc De Blanc – 5 month old blonde baby, who has grown up on her legs, she has the most lovely head & expression good reach of neck with straight front and neat feet. Looking a little longer in the couplings than my winner, just needs her body needs to catch up with her legs, which it will. Happy and outgoing, moving well.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Watson's Baradav All About Eve – nicely balanced baby enjoying her day out. Pretty head and expression, but not quite the angulation and tail set of first and second. Moved well.

#### Minor Puppy Bitch 2

1<sup>st</sup>. Leyton's Nugold It's All About Florence – Just six months old, pretty head and nice expression, straight front with neat feet, balanced body properties, unfortunately today her rear did not match her front, and so her topline was compromised. Just coming into lovely coat, moved on a good stride.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Long & Campbell's Asuare Diamond In The Rough – Mid gold baby who has a lovely head and expression, Unfortunately, today she was not happy, not sure if it was the occasion, but she kept pulling away from her handler making it very difficult to assess her movement. She has nice body properties, her neck would benefit from some trimming as it was really thick and spoilt her outline. Short coupled with good bend of stifle.

#### Puppy Bitch 2

1<sup>st</sup> Brighton's Chaleur Wish Upon A Star (AI) – Top end of puppy, loved her pretty head with kind expression, good length of clean muscular neck, good lay of shoulder, level topline, straight forelimbs, well upon her pasterns, with neat feet. Balanced in body with good rib. Nice bend of stifle, moved well when viewed from all angles, with a happy relaxed attitude. Daughter of my Bitch CC winner. Best Puppy.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Keedwell's Dykinta Flight Of Whisper (AI) – Smaller frame girlie in lovely coat & condition. Good head and expression, not quite the angles all through of my winner, her tail is set a little too low, and unfortunately today she was standing with a roached back. Moved out well.

#### Junior Bitch 4 (1a)

1<sup>st</sup>. Turner's Ambermist Tequila Sunrise – Feminine blonde just right for her age, pretty head and expression, good length of neck and front angulation. Well boned with straight limbs and neat feet, plenty of rib lovely width and turn of stifle, straight hocks, in lovely coat and bloom, moved with drive, sound and level mover.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Gale's Ilemaurice Sugar N Spice - Mid gold more compact bitch with nice head and expression. In super bloom, balanced angulation both fore and aft, would prefer

a more level croup with nice depth of body but not as filled in the loin as my winner. Moved on a good stride.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Rughoobur's Ilemaurice Fifty Shades Of Grey – Litter sister to 2<sup>nd</sup>. With slightly darker coat. As one would expect very similar remarks apply, she is better in topline than her sister, but unfortunately was not so happy and confident which cost her a placing here. Acceptable movement when settled.

#### Intermediate Bitch 4

1<sup>st</sup>. Peirce's Chaleur Utopia (AI) – An easy winner here, blonde and beautiful! Loved her head, balanced with lovely pigmentation, correct ear set, super length and flow of neck into well placed shoulders with corresponding length of upper arm enabling her to place her legs well under her body. Straight well boned front legs with cat like feet and well arched toes with short nails. Good spring and depth of rib, level backline with nice set of tail. Balanced rear angulation, to match the front. Good second thigh with well let down straight hocks, and hard muscular condition, she moved efficiently which was a pleasure to watch. Shown in lovely coat and condition. Will certainly trouble the best for top honours.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Hudson's Dykinta Grand Rush – Pretty head with nice muzzle and pigment, shown in good bloom, Good balanced angulation and short coupled, nice spring to rib, well off for bone, would prefer a better set of tail. Moved with drive.

3<sup>rd</sup> Jones' Dobro Magic Of The Night At Manjano – Mid Gold young lady in lovely coat and condition, pretty head with dark points, enough neck and layback, lovely straight fore legs, good depth and spring of rib. Balanced rear angles to front. With straight hocks, unfortunately, not the topline of my previous two. Moved a little close behind, but fine in profile, and front action.

#### Limit Bitch 5 (1a)

1<sup>st</sup>. Crawford's Blazedngold Lace And Whiskey (AI) – In super blonde coat, soundly constructed all through, if her handler allowed her head to be lower it would improve the profile view and allow good flow of neck into backline. I liked her head and expression, good in neck, well boned limbs with the straightest of fronts. Good depth to body with a good spring of rib, nicely coupled, strong rear angulation with good width & turn of stifle. Moved soundly, with good carriage.

2<sup>nd</sup> O'Donnell's Aneiraby Ninianes Charm – Darker coated young lady with pretty kind head and expression with good pigmentation. Good flow of neck into shoulder which are well layed back. Equal length of upper arm with straight well boned legs and nice cat-like feet. Good depth of body and spring to rib, with strong rear quarters, Moved well when viewed from all angles, not quite the bloom of my winner.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Keeling's Shtar Where Bluebirds Fly – Feminine head with lovely dark points. Balanced body angulation both front & rear, straight boned legs, level topline with

correct set of tail, not quite the coat bloom of the previous two. Moved well on a good stride.

#### State Bred Bitch 8 (2a)

1<sup>st</sup>. Peirce's Ch Ralun Nerita – My notes say “Just my cup of tea” Super head shape with the most feminine of expressions, correct ear carriage, good length of neck flowing into well layed back shoulders, with corresponding length of upper arm, placing her front limbs well under her body. Level topline and strong rear quarters, with good depth of body. Balanced with sound positive movement she is at one with her handler.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Griffiths' Ch Ralun Made In Gold – Nice type with feminine head and expression, nice in neck and shoulder, but would like a little more length and angle to upper arm, nice body proportions and good width and turn of stifle. Well boned limbs that are straight, her handler needs to have a little more confidence in her to get the best from this lady. Moved well.

3<sup>rd</sup> Jones' Conarhu African Princess – Built on larger lines, but still feminine, pretty head and expression, balanced in body proportions, would have liked a more level topline and a little more width to stifle. Totally at one with her handler, covering the ground with ease.

Australian Bred Bitch - 2 Two very nice quality bitches.

1<sup>st</sup> O'Donnell's Ch Aneiraby Its Electrifying (AI) – Darker coated lady presented in lovely coat and condition, Lovely head and expression with super pigmentation. Lovely length and flow of neck into correctly placed shoulders. Corresponding length of upper arm placing her fore-legs well under her body, straight front, lovely body with spring of rib of correct depth. Short coupled with strong well muscled hindquarters. Straight hocks, moved with the correct reach and drive flowing around the ring, handler get the very best out of her,

2<sup>nd</sup>. Handley & Stephen's Ch Giltedge Roll Out The Red Carpet (AI) I thought initially when the exhibits entered the ring she would be my winner, but her handler told me that she had hurt herself on her journey here. What a shame as this impaired her movement. She is a lovely bitch full of quality, feminine in head, with super front angulation, the straightest of fronts, good depth of body with correct ratio's. Good spring of rib, short coupled with strong well muscled hind quarters, Level topline and correct set of tail.

Open Bitch 2 - Another 2 quality exhibits which I found very difficult to split. Not surprising then, that 1<sup>st</sup> was the Bitch CC and 2<sup>nd</sup> was the Reserve Bitch CC. winners. My notes say two gorgeous blonde beauties, and they are.

1<sup>st</sup> Thompson's Ch. Chaleur Say My Name – This lady has everything I look for in a mature golden retriever bitch. She completely filled my eye. I just loved her head

with melting expression, super length of strong muscular neck flowing into correct front angulation. Straight well boned legs, superb cat-like feet with short nails, Correct body proportions, withers to elbow and elbow to the ground, Good depth of body the most level strong back, short coupled and has the correct set of tail. Her hindquarters match her front, with good width and turn of stifle in hard muscular condition, with straight well let down hocks. Presented in the most beautiful coat with bloom, she has no exaggerations. With confirmation like this she floated around the ring, with good reach and drive, she has oodles of ring presence with the most lovely head carriage. Wish she was mine! Bitch CC.

2<sup>nd</sup> Turner's Ch Parkridge Its All About Me – As I said before, I had quite a task on my hands here splitting these two lovely girls, so a lot of what I said for my first placed bitch applies here too. She oozes quality from her nose to the tip of her tail, with the very best of confirmation, shown in super coat and condition, and she moved with good reach and drive, so unlucky to meet 1 today. I had no hesitation in awarding her the Reserve CC.

Veteran Bitch 2 (1a)

1<sup>st</sup> O'Donnell's Ch Aneiraby Diamantina Starr – Looking very good today, belying her 10 years, and has a twinkle in her eye! her owners should be very proud of her. Feminine balanced head with kind expression, nice length of strong neck, good shoulder and upperarm with straight well boned legs. Good strong topline with nice spring of rib, short coupled with balanced hindquarters. Moved out well and covering the ground with ease.

Vicky Clarke - Judge