

The South Western Golden Retriever Club Championship Show. 16th March 2025.

Bitch Critique.

I was very honoured to be asked to judge bitches at the above show, stepping in for Mrs Liz Keene, who unfortunately had to withdraw from her judging appointment due to a sudden family bereavement.

The committee made me very welcome, and there was a lovely atmosphere throughout the day. Thank you for the lovely gift which I will treasure as a reminder of this very special day.

Special thanks to my two efficient stewards, Meaylee and Jak who had the unenviable task of sorting the huge number of run-ons into the correct order!

The overall quality of the day's entry was truly outstanding.

Baby Puppy Bitch (5)

1 Mrs A L & Mr M L Brown's Louellabrook Love Star. This beautiful little star headed a lovely outgoing happy class of baby puppies, all having a promising show career ahead of them.

This puppy has a lovely head and expression with dark eyes. She is full of quality, well balanced, and in good pale coat. She moved out very confidently, obviously enjoying her moment. My co-judge and I were very happy to award her best baby puppy in show.

2 Ms D Anstey's Seruilia Sunbeam At Andesine. Another lovely puppy with pleasing head and expression, and growing on well. She is nicely balanced with good bone.

3 Ms M Stokes' Goldmarker Palladino At Anneyamar

Veteran Bitch (8,2a)

1 Mrs D Robbins & Mrs P Rowark's Quakerhall Lady Bountiful By Brekswood JW.

I last judged my first and second winners as puppies. I liked them then and still do today. Interesting that as veterans they have changed places! This girl has a lovely balanced head and soft expression. She is well balanced throughout with correct angles front and rear. Good bone and deep through chest. Moved out well with drive holding her topline. Shown in beautiful coat and super condition. BVB

2 Mrs D S Crookes & Mrs R J Jenkinson's Sh Ch Quakerhall Pandora's Bounty JW.

Another lovely girl with pleasing head and expression. Very well put together with good reach of neck flowing into good layback of shoulder. Straight front, good angles front and rear. Moved out well with reach and drive holding her topline.

3 Mr R C & Mrs L J E Maynard's Tamniarn Ella Belle To Chinnordale

Minor Puppy Bitch (6)

1 Miss S A Loach's Putjade Press Gang. So much to like with both first and second in this class. Very well balanced dark coated puppy with well proportioned head and dark eye with a lovely expression. Plenty of bone, straight in front, short coupled with good depth to chest. Good angles front and rear. Moved out well keeping a good topline.

2 Ms L List's Haydengold Latest Gossip. Lovely pale coated puppy, very well balanced throughout. Beautiful head and dark eye. Good reach of neck, straight in front, well angled front and rear, level topline and correct tailset. Moved out really well.

3 Mr B & Mrs C Foster's Auristela Ginger Rogers.

Puppy Bitch (13)

1 Ms L List's Haydengold Latest Gossip. Second in minor puppy bitch.

2 Mrs D A Youngson's Linirgor Adeline At Treeveville. Quality well grown puppy with lovely balanced head and expression. Developing nicely with good front and rear angles. Good bone, straight front. Good reach of neck flowing nicely into good layback of shoulder. Moved out well straight and true holding her topline.

3 Mrs L O'Neill's Strathlon Morning Breeze.

Junior Bitch (11,1a)

1 Mrs F M Clarkson's Drumkilty Nollaig Shona JW. Very upstanding rangy girl in good coat and condition. Lovely balanced head, balanced throughout having correct angles front and rear. Good reach of neck, deep through chest and well ribbed. Moved out soundly and steadily holding her topline with correct tailset. So much to like about her and stood out in the challenge.

2 Mrs King's Ashbyglen I Put A Spell On You JW. Another eye catching girl in lovely coat and condition. Pretty head and good reach of neck into well laid shoulder. Correct angulation both front and rear, good bone. Moved out with reach and drive holding her topline and correct tailset.

3 Mrs L P Cole's Rooksbury Aurora.

Yearling Bitch (7)

1 Mrs D Robbins & Mrs P Rowark's Brekswood Honey Bee JW. Another lovely girl from this kennel with all the right proportions. Attractive head with soft expression, straight front, good bone. Moved out steadily and true holding a level topline and correct tailset. In lovely coat and condition.

2 Mrs A E Smyth's Kadaka Krumpet. Another nicely proportioned girl in good coat and condition. Pleasing head with good reach of neck flowing into well laid back shoulders. Good front and rear assembly. Moved out well with drive keeping her topline and correct tailset.

3 Mrs L P Cole's Rooksbury Aurora.

Maiden Bitch (14,2a)

1 Mrs D A Youngson's Linirgor Adeline At Treeveville. Second in Puppy.

2 Mrs L O'Neill's Strathlon Morning Breeze. Very nice type with pleasing head and expression. Balanced outline in profile with good reach of neck. Level topline kept on the move. She had good reach and drive covering the ground with ease.

3 Miss S A Loach's Putjade Press Gang.

Novice Bitch (19,10a)

1 Mrs S & Mr D Layland's Maddous Could Be Trouble. Nicely proportioned girl in good gold coat. Attractive balanced head with expressive dark eyes. Well proportioned and balanced with good reach of neck leading into laid back shoulder placement. Good second thigh. Very scopy moving out with reach and drive, keeping level topline.

2 Mrs D A Youngson's Linirgor Adeline At Treeveville.

3 Mrs L O'Neill's Strathlon Morning Breeze.

Undergraduate Bitch (8,2a)

1 Ms L List's Haydengold Moment In Time JW. Very nicely proportioned girl with pleasing head and expression. Good reach of neck leading into correct shoulder placement. Straight in front. Good second thigh. Moved with drive and purpose holding her level topline

2 Mrs L P Cole's Rooksbury Aurora. Another lovely girl with similar attributes to 1. Lovely head and expression, balanced overall with good angles front and rear. Moved out straight and true from strong quarters

3 Mrs Ward's Wild Rose To Laurenley Of Sunshine's Valley (Imp Bel) JW

Graduate Bitch (7)

1 Mrs P & Mr S O'Gorman's Berrymead Kinvara JW SGWC. Attractive dark golden girl in good coat and condition. Fits the breed standard with no exaggerations. Moved out with energy reach and drive keeping her level topline and tail carriage straight off her back.

2 Mrs L P Cole's Rooksbury Aurora.

3 Mrs J & Mr R Chan's Wemcrest Sound Of Music.

Post Graduate Bitch (10,2a)

1 Mrs L O'Neill's Strathlon April Bonnie Lass. Good all round sound girl both standing and on the move. Well proportioned with correct angles front and rear. Pleasing head and expression. Kept level topline and correct tailset on the move, and moved with reach and drive.

2 Mrs J M Price's Putjade Pumpkin Spice For Sybiton JW. Different type to 1. In good darker coat, short coupled with good angles front and rear. Pleasing head and expression. Well set on neck leading into good lay back to shoulder, with correct angles front and rear. Good bone, hocks well let down. Moved with drive and purpose from strong hindquarters.

3 Mrs M Leeming's Kadaka Calypso At Iscadu JW.

Mid Limit Bitch (12,1a)

1 Mr M L & Mrs H J Mell's Sansue Love Actually At Meloak. This beautiful girl had my attention the minute she entered the ring. She oozes quality from her nose to the tip of her tail. Shown in excellent coat and condition and handled to perfection. For me she totally fits the breed standard. Lovely head and expression with dark eye. Good bone and balanced throughout. Moved effortlessly round the ring covering the ground with ease holding level topline and correct tail set. Her correct front and rear assembly allowed her to move with reach and drive. I was delighted to award her the CC, and delighted afterwards to learn that it was her third! A very worthy champion. CC and BIS.

2 Mrs A E Falconer's Soneve Simply Special For Siatham JW. Another lovely girl who I have admired from a puppy, thoroughly enjoying her day. Balanced throughout, lovely head and expression, correct front and rear assembly, level topline and correct tail set on the move. She moved correctly and actively exuding enthusiasm all the way round the ring.

3 Ms R Turner's Amilone Pinkster (AI)

Limit Bitch (13,1a)

1 Mrs J May's Cherrygold Storyteller JW. So much to like about this girl. She headed a class full of quality. Very balanced throughout. In good coat and condition, handled well. Her super confirmation allowed her to move with drive holding a dead level topline with correct tailset.

2 Mrs F M Clarkson's Drumkilty Yours Truly JW. This super girl could have so easily changed places with 1 on another day! Lovely balanced head and kind expression. Excellent reach of neck flowing into well laid shoulders. Correct front and rear assembly, strong second thigh and hocks well let down. Moved out with reach and drive holding level topline. Very well presented.

3 Mrs J Jackson-Haines' Leighsham Chantilly JW

Open Bitch (8,2a)

1 Mrs A E Falconer's Sh Ch Contemporary Beguile Again Via Siatham JW. Love this girl. She is such a neat package, so effervescent and can't wait to be on the move! In lovely coat and condition. When free standing she places herself well into a balanced outline. Moves actively, covering the ground and holding her level topline with correct tailset. Delighted to award her RCC.

2 Mrs D S Crookes & Mrs R J Jenkinson's Sh Ch Quakerhall Flare By Pandora. Another beautiful girl in excellent coat and condition and handled so well. Would loved to have been able to give two first places! Good reach of neck flowing into well laid shoulders. Correct front and rear assembly, strong second thigh, hocks well let down. Good forechest. Moved out soundly and actively, driving from behind.

3 Mrs M C Loverock, Mrs L Waldron Smith & Mrs S Zubair's Sh Ch Thornywait Starstruck With Lovissa JW

Special Beginners Bitch (11,4a)

1 Mrs T Joslin's Dartney Platinum Jubilee. A pleasing class of special beginners, and a very delighted owner of the first placing! A very sound honest girl with no exaggerations.

Pleasing head, in good coat and condition. Nicely put together. Good bone, straight front, moved out steadily with drive and purpose keeping level topline.

2 Mrs J Manning's Fulvia Beatrice. Another sound girl with similar attributes to first. Not quite the same drive but presented a lovely picture both standing and on the move.

3 Dr L K Buckles' Brazenbeacon Artemis

Judge Susan Wharfe