

**South Western Golden Retriever Club
Championship Show
17th March 2024**

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Judge: - Ms Lesley List (Haydengold)

Firstly, I would like to thank the Committee of the South Western Golden Retriever Club for their kind invitation for me to judge at what was my first Championship show appointment. It was an honour to be invited and the Committee's cordial hospitality made the experience very special. Thank you also to my stewards for the day, Neil Straw and Helen Hanrahan, who both did a fantastic job.

I found the overall quality to be high, and was absolutely delighted with my main winners, in particular, both my CC and RCC winners...two beautiful examples of our breed...in super condition and fit for the purpose they were intended...

However, in saying that, I was a little disappointed on finding a few incorrect bites in the younger classes and some tails being carried higher than the standard calls for, these are fundamentals of our breed and need to be watched for the future. I also found some with shorter upper arms than ideal, which in turn affected their forward reach on the move.

Lastly, thank you to my exhibitors for bringing your lovely girls for me to judge and taking my decisions so sportingly. I was very pleased with the quality of my final line up, with some tough decisions to be made...I had a wonderful day

Veteran Bitch (8,1)

A lovely class of Veteran girls

1. **Ives's – Sh Ch Trewater Busy Lizzie at Balsamina** – Super outline on this almost 8 yr old cream girl who was shown in tip top condition. Lovely feminine head with dark eyes and good pigment, reachy neck flowing into good shoulder placement, straight forelegs with good bone and neat feet. Firm level topline, correct tailset with nicely angulated hindquarters and neat hocks, moved out really well with a good carriage which won her the class
2. **Clarkson's – Ch. Drumkilty Hibernia JW** – A worthy champion and a favourite of mine, Quality cream girl of 8.5 yrs with good bone and substance, lovely head with good pigment, loved her outline with correct front and rear angulation. Moved well, just preferred the carriage and animation on the move of my winner today.
3. **Hush's – Benrowan Esprit**

Minor Puppy Bitch (5,1)

- 1) **Ayling-Jones's – Moloko Eeh by Gum Raiveslake** – This quality 8.5 mth old puppy stood out in this class, Sweet head with dark eyes and good pigment. Straight forelegs with good bone and neat feet, she had a lovely balanced outline, with good flow of neck into shoulders, correct length of upper arm, firm level topline and correct tailset. Balanced front and rear angulation, moved out really well with good foot fall. Very promising.
- 2) **Maddock's – Weatherby Clementine** – Sweet 7 month old puppy whose handler was not making the most of her lovely outline today. She had a pretty feminine head with good pigment, straight forelegs and neat feet, good flow of neck into shoulders, deep body with good spring of rib, firm topline. Short in the couplings with nicely angulated hindquarters. Moved out well,
- 3) **Collis' – Tillsun Mistletoe Promises**

Puppy Bitch (8,1)

- 1) **Smyth's – Kadaka Krumpet** – *What a super puppy! This 9 month old mid gold girl was presented in excellent coat and condition, she just oozed quality. She had a beautifully balanced head with good pigment and correct dentition. Excellent front assembly with good bone, straight forelegs and neat feet. Short deep body with good spring of rib. Level topline and good tailset, correct turn and width of stifle with short straight hocks. Loved her balanced outline and happy outgoing temperament. She covered the ground with ease on the move. Must have a promising future, my BPB*
- 2) **Price's – Thornywait Bobbysocks** – *Another lovely puppy who was close up to 1, slightly longer than my winner, but she presented a lovely outline. Such a pretty head with dark eyes and good pigment. Correction dentition. Good length of neck flowing into good shoulders with corresponding length of upper arm, level topline with good tailset. Liked her width of stifle and short straight hocks. Moved out well but not quite the animation on the move of my winner.*
- 3) **Savage's – Thornywait Royal Icing**

Junior Bitch (6,1)

1. **Mandley's – Maltqudos Enchanted JW**, Pretty feminine mid gold girl of almost 18mths, loved her balanced outline. Lovely head and expression, good reach of neck flowing into good shoulders with firm topline and correct tailset, straight forelegs with good bone and tight feet. Adequate rear angulation with straight hocks. Moved out well with good reach and drive.
2. **Pike's – Trebell Thea into Enthrall**, Close up to 1 this pretty cream girl of 17 months presented a lovely outline, she had a feminine head with good pigment. Good length of neck into level topline with correct tailset, nicely balanced angulation front and rear, not quite the coat and condition of my winner today but moved out well
3. **Harding's – Eveninghill Red Sky at Night**

Yearling Bitch (15,3)

What a super class of quality young bitches, I'm sure my first three will change places many times in the future.

1. **Rodger's – Ambersun Passione of Odarla JW** – Just loved this young lady! So very balanced, she has a pretty feminine head with good pigment, super reach of neck flowing into good shoulder placement with corresponding length to upper arms, straight forelegs with catlike feet. Good depth of body and spring of rib, firm level topline and correct tailset, good rear angulation and width of stifle with straight hocks. Loved her balance both standing and on the move where she covered the ground with ease. A bright future ahead I'm sure.
2. **Clarkson's – Drumkilty Yours Truly JW** – Close up to one and similar comments apply, so very well put together, loved her head with dark eyes and good pigment, good reach of neck into excellent front assembly, good bone and feet, deep through the body, short coupled, correct rear angulation with good width of stifle, Moved out well, just preferred the overall balance of my winner today
3. **Kelly's – Fairwinds in Motion with Zenevievea JW**

Maiden Bitch (11,4)

1. **Ayling-Jones's – Moloko Eeh by Gum Raiveslake**
2. **Maddock's – Weatherby Clementine**
3. **Taylor's – Strettonhill Daffodil**

Novice Bitch(11,2)

1. **Smyth's – Kadaka Krumpet**
2. **Hush's – Ousevale Ocean Breeze at Benrowan** - Pretty 22 mth old mid gold bitch, shown in good coat and condition, pretty feminine head with good pigment, good bone with neat feet, nicely balanced outline with good angulation front and rear, moved well
3. **Pike's – Trebell Thea into Enthrall**,

Under Graduate Bitch(6,1)

1. **Leeming's – Kadaka Kalypso at Iscadu JW** - Nicely balanced cream girl in good coat and condition, she has a pretty feminine head with kind expression. Good length of neck flowing into shoulders, level topline, short coupled with good tailset, nicely made hindquarters with good width and turn of stifle, moved out well.
2. **Pike's – Trebell Thea into Enthrall,**
3. **Harding's – Eveninghill Red Sky at Night**

Graduate Bitch (14,1)

A trio of lovely girls headed this class

1. **O'Gorman's – Berrymeade Love Her Madly** - Super outline on this eye-catching mid gold girl who was presented in excellent coat and condition. Pretty feminine head, reachy neck flowing into good shoulders and correct length of upper arm, she had straight forelegs and neat feet. Deep through the body with firm level topline and correct tailset, short coupled. Nicely angulated hindquarters with straight hocks, Moved out well with good reach and drive
2. **Smith's – Gablecross Rosie Cotton with Lucastes** – Lots to like about this pretty cream girl, such a pretty feminine head with dark pigment, excellent length of neck flowing into a good front assembly, good bone and feet, level topline, sound well angulated hindquarters, shown in lovely coat and condition, moved out with drive.
3. **Price's – Putjade Pumpkin Spice For Sybiton JW**

Post Graduate Bitch (6,1)

3 lovely girls headed this class

1. **Loverock's, Walden-Smith's & Zubair's – Thornywait Starstruck with Lovissa JW** - Super make and shape on this quality girl who I have admired from a puppy. So well-constructed and presenting the most balanced outline. Pretty feminine head with dark pigment, super neck flowing into excellent front assembly, standing four square with good bone, firm level topline and correct tailset. Lovely hindquarters with good width through the stifle and short neat hocks. She moved out well showing good reach and drive, just lost out on maturity in the challenge today but I'm sure she is destined for the top.
2. **Smith's – Goldmarker Luminess (AI)** – Another quality girl with lovely construction, shown in super coat and condition and so attentive to her handler. She has a beautiful head with melting expression. Lengthy neck flowing into good front assembly. Straight forelegs with neat feet, deep through the body with good spring of rib, short coupled. Nicely angulated hindquarters with good width through the stifle, Moved out well, just preferred the overall balance of my winner today.
3. **Ives's – Balsamina Bellini JW**

Mid-Limit Bitch (4,0)

1. **Tower's – Alibren Heidi High JW** – Quality mid gold girl presented in excellent coat and condition. Lovely feminine head with dark pigment, straight forelegs with good bone and neat feet. Good length of neck which flowed into her firm level topline. Well sprung ribs and short through the couplings. Moved out well showing good drive from the rear with correct footfall.
2. **Clarkson's - Drumkilty Triskele JW** – Another quality girl of lovely make and shape who was close up to 1. Presented in attractive cream coat, loved her flow of neck into her shoulders which had corresponding length to upper arms. Good bone and neat feet, deep through the ribs and short coupled. Good rear angulation and width through the stifle, moved well but just preferred the rear action of my winner today.
3. **Taylor's – Pandreft Quite A Melody**

Limit Bitch (7,1)

1. **Campion's Fenpinque Vogue** – Super make and shape on this beautifully presented cream girl who was shown in excellent coat and condition. Lovely feminine head with kind expression, super reach of neck into well placed shoulders, standing on straight forelegs with good bone and feet. Firm topline with correct tailset, super rear assembly. Such a happy, waggy girl whose handler gets the best from her, moved out well.
2. **Chan's – Lovissa Hello Dolly of Wemcrest** – Loved the outline on this quality dark gold girl, lovely balanced feminine head with good pigmentation, Good length of neck which flowed into correct shoulders with corresponding length of upper arm. Deep through the body, level topline and tailset, correct rear angulation with good width of stifle. Moved with good forward reach and rear drive. Pushed 1 hard, just felt she needed a little more coat and condition today to complete a lovely picture, liked her a lot.
3. **Loverock's – Lovissa Russian Roulette**

Open Bitch (10,1)

1. **O'Gorman's - Ch Thornywait Top Notch For Berrymeade JW SGWC** – I have admired this super girl from when she was a puppy and was so delighted to see that she has matured into such a super example of our breed. She was presented in excellent coat and condition, standing four square with everything in the right place as it should be. Lovely feminine head with the darkest of pigment. Strong neck into textbook front assembly, straight forelegs with good bone, short deep body with firm level topline and correct tailset. Super hindquarters with short straight hocks. She powered around the ring to take this class and could not be denied her well-deserved **CC** today. I was delighted to see her go **BIS** on the referee's decision.
2. **Savage's – Weisford Presumed Innocent** – Another super girl who I loved and was close up to one and of very similar construction, everything flowing correctly into her super outline both standing and on the move. She was presented in excellent coat and condition, loved her sweet head with dark pigment, reachy neck which flowed into her super front construction, firm level topline with correct tailset and strong well-muscled hindquarters. Another who powered around the ring with super reach and drive, delighted to award her the **RCC**, another who is destined for top honours.
3. **CHE/IT Ch Olvinglay Wax Lyrical**

Special Beginners Bitch (12,0)

- 1) **Pike's – Trebell Thea into Enthrall**,
- 2) **Thomas' – Santandore Honesty** – Happy cream girl enjoying her day out, liked her balanced outline, sweet, feminine head with good pigment, reachy neck flowing into good front assembly, firm topline with correct tailset. Nicely angulated hindquarters, moved truly.
- 3) **Harding's – Eveninghill Red Sky at Night**

**SOUTH WESTERN GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB
CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW – 17 MARCH 2024
Golden Retriever – Dogs**

A huge privilege to be invited to judge dogs at SWGRC Championship Show. I thank the hard working, cheerful, professional Committee for this honour. My sincere thanks to each exhibitor for providing me with such a wonderful entry. The immaculate condition of all your dogs, makes me feel very proud of our breed and the dedication of our exhibitors. My gratitude to my two Stewards, Meaylee Lewis & Gordon Brewer, who did a fantastic job of keeping the ring running perfectly. Tremendous atmosphere, like a gathering of good friends enjoying each other's company at the show. Across all the exhibits I found tight catlike feet, black pigment, accurate bite, correct eye shape and well set on ears.

Veteran Dog (7,1)

1. Loverock & Waldon-Smith's Space Dust, ShCM, VW – Presented and handled to perfection. Gentle expression. Strong neck into a good forechest and shoulder angulation, good depth and spring of rib, strong loin. Well angled and muscled rear. Strong, level topline. Dressed in a beautifully conditioned mid gold wavy coat. Very sound positive movement with good stride. Deserving of his first place and BVD, BVIS.
2. Gerhold's Sh Ch Jaymardy Indigo Pacific, JW - Another top-class mature dog, just preferred the outline of 1st. Very attentive to handler. Wearing a full mature wavy cream coat. Clean through the neck, shoulders correctly placed with good front angulation, well boned. Quarters well made with good bend of stifle, well held topline. Moved with style and soundness.
3. Burrows' Dilworthey Williams Prince, JW, VW,

Minor Puppy Dog (5,2)

1. Towers & Henderson's Baricia Bella Divino - A gorgeous 8mth, lovely cream baby coat. A lovely symmetrical outline. His puppy presents quality from his sweet expressive head to the tip of his well set on happily wagging tail. Front and rear angulation in total balance. Good reach of neck merging into well-defined shoulders and a strong topline. At this young age, already a super mover both front and aft. Stood out today in this class, so together for one so young.
2. Grainer's Brekswood Gentleman Jack - Another 8mth cream coated baby. Attentive expression. Strong neck leading into correctly angulated shoulders, matching rear angulation and level topline. His movement was very good for a young boy; precise, light and covering plenty of ground.
3. Fenn's Fulvia Just Magic at Jandeburn

Puppy Dog (7,1)

Very promising youngsters, all at different stages. I will watch with interest as they mature.

1. Zubair & Loach's Thornywait Royal Rebel - Loved the outline of this well constructed and balanced puppy, adorned with a beautiful gold coat. Excellent length of neck into well laid shoulders, correct front angulation. Body in proportion front and rear, with good bone for his age. Super topline and tailset held so well on the move. Movement was effortless and he flowed around the ring with the full reach

and drive I was looking for. Reviewing the catalogue after judging, I see that his father is the winner of RCC today. BPD, BPIS

2. Foreman's Amberson Summer Son - Another very stylish, quality puppy. Pushed hard for first place, all could change on another day. Free-standing, balanced overall shape, clean reach of neck flowing into well laid shoulders and firm topline. Deep chest, strong loin, well bent stifles, good width of thigh. Turned out in his beautiful mid gold coat. Very sound positive movement with good stride. Perfectly handled and presented.

3. Middleton-Collins' Berrymeade A Fool In Love of Jasperleigh

Junior Dog (8, 0)

1. Monteverde's Olvinglay Gan Amhras, JW - Excellent type and very well proportioned throughout, beautiful head and expression. Strong neck set into very good shoulders. Sturdy body of correct depth, well angulated front and rear, short coupled, perfect topline into correct tailset. Wearing his best cream, thick, wavy glamorous coat. Moves like a dream, poised, long stride, a joy to watch. Absolutely top-quality masculine outlook on this wonderfully balanced male, expertly presented and handled.

2. O'Gorman's Berrymeade Billy Summers, JW - Dark gold well-presented coat, attractive expression. Stood four square showing off his front angles and depth of chest. Good length of rib and loin, which he uses in conjunction with excellent rear quarters. Sound and positive on the move, holding his strong topline with good tailset and carriage. A quality male who did not disappoint.

3. Loach & Zubair's Putjade Poldark

Yearling Dog (7, 0)

1. Keightley's Richana Rocket Man, JW - A classy, elegant dog of substance, so well shown. Moved with great reach and strong drive. Soundly constructed with excellent lay of shoulder and front angulation, balanced by level topline. Correct rear angulation, good turn of stifle. Wearing his best, well condition cream coat. An appealing head completing the picture of a quality example of the breed.

2. Harris & Ball's Wemcrest Out of This World, JW - An appealing well-proportioned balanced dog. Glamorous gold coat. Charming head and soft expression. Going over him, he impressed with excellent muscletone, well sprung ribs, deep brisket, strong loin, nothing overdone. Good length of stride and energy.

3 Golder's Wild Kisses with Summeramba of Sunshine's Valley

Maiden Dog (4,2)

1. Foreman's Ambersun Summer Son

2. Towers & Henderson's Baricia Bella Divino

Novice Dog (9, 3)

1. Foreman's Ambersun Summer Son
2. Pastusiak's United Kingdom Du Bois De La Rayere - Such a pleasure to go over this lovely young dog, dressed in his best mid gold coat. In prime muscular condition. Attractive head and expression, well angled front, strong reach of neck, correct lay of shoulder and proper bend of stifle. Co-ordinated movement around the ring with grace and pace.
3. Towers & Henderson's Baricia Bella Divino

Undergraduate Dog (2, 0)

1. Golder's Wild Kisses With Summeramba of Sunshine's Valley - A lovely young male in good condition, make and shape. Body of correct proportions with a good length of loin. Quarters well made with shapely front and well bent stifles. Deep chest and correct coupling. Beautiful cream, wavy coat over a body with good substance. Happy temperament showed in his energetic movement.
2. Middleton-Collins' Berrymeade A Fool In Love of Jasperleigh - A fine, upstanding male, wearing a smooth mid gold coat. Super outline standing and on the move. Good angulation both fore and aft, strong topline and coupling. Non-stop happy wagging tail. Moved out with purpose.

Graduate Dog (12, 1)

Very close decision between 1 and 2, first winning on maturity.

1. Archer's Haydengold Just A Rumour At Sunandair, JW - Mature expression, balanced head, robed in a mid-gold coat. Decent length of neck. Very stylish, quality male, lovely shape on the stand, deep in chest and short coupled, balanced throughout. Moved with drive holding his balanced outline from all angles.
2. Black's Bencoe Just In Time Del Avrain, JW, IR JCH - Handsome young male, perfectly proportioned. Clean length of neck set well into shoulders which sat back at the correct angle creating shapely front angulation. Rear angulation in proportion to front. Abundant cream coat. Moved steadily around the ring with a sure-footed easy action.
3. Bednall & Milledge's Bencoe Big Time Operator

Post Graduate Dog (15, 4)

1. Gerhold's Navilis Vivat Vivaldi, JW - Opulent cream coat in peak condition. Strong, muscular outline showing off his dead level topline into correct tailset, super depth of chest and short coupled. Prominent front assembly complimented with strong rear

angulation which produced an attractive balanced movement. Everything to admire about this perfectly presented dog. Tail never stopped wagging.

2. Cooper's Amilone Corsendonk at Dikeadaze - Another very stylish dog, not quite the maturity of 1 but worthy of his place today. Appealing head sitting on a good reach of neck into well-defined layback and front angulation, level topline, depth of chest, good turn of stifle and width of thigh. Loved this male's enthusiasm, putting everything into his showing and his positive, sound, free driving movement.

3 Gulliver's Tonara Moon Walk

Mid Limit Dog (5, 0)

1. Haines' Leighsham Tullamore, JW - Very attractive male with many breed qualities to admire. Rich, gleaming gold coat. Kind expression. Strong neck flowing into well laid shoulders and super return of upper arm. Strong shapely body and short coupled, level topline. Excelled in well-developed quarters. Perfectly handled to show his many virtues to advantage especially on the move.

2. Norris' Fenpinque Magnum Opus at Molestream, JW - Striking looking with balanced, kind expression. Attractive cream coat. Correct angulated quarters, balanced throughout. Strong topline retained at all times, well ribbed with a short, strong loin. Moved around the ring with a surefooted, steady action. So well put together but not just the maturity of the winner but stunning, nonetheless.

3. Loverock's Putjade Peaky Blinder at Lovissa

Limit Dog (9, 1)

Very strong class of excellent dogs.

1. Foreman's Ambersun Heart and Soul - Stunning, well covered body with lovely thick, wavy gleaming gold coat. Stood perfectly four square, enthusiastic wagging tail. Excelled in front and rear quarters, good return of upper arm and stifles. Firm level topline, deep chest, well sprung rib and short, strong loin. This male knows he is special, attitude in abundance. On the move showed himself off like a pro.

2. Kipps' Wheatcroft Rainbow - This attractive male catches the eye with his obvious quality. Balanced in outline and beautifully presented. Super front construction with well laid shoulders and good turn of upper arm. Super reach of neck flowing into dead level topline and well set on tail. Rear angles strong and well angled. Moved smooth with drive. Lovely dog but couldn't take it away from the winner.

3 Simms-Stelling's Penbridge Play Fast And Loose For St Vincent

Open Dog (9, 0)

A lovely class of mature males, all shown in excellent condition, just wish there were placings for all.

1. Morss & Monteverde's IT/SWI/INT CH Olvinglay Soothsayer, JW, WW'21 - An

absolutely stunning dog, worthy of all his international titles. Luxurious pale coat. Handsome masculine head with kind attentive expression with his lovely dark eyes. Sturdy neck into superb shoulder and front angulation. Correct depth of chest, well sprung ribs. Strong, dead-level topline and appropriate length of loin. Substantial rear quarters, well-muscled, good width of thigh, perfect turn of stifle. An absolute joy to watch on the move with graceful straight free action, gliding around the ring. Shown and presented to perfection. An outstanding example of the breed and more than delighted to award him the Dog Challenge Certificate. DCC, BOS

2. Savage's CH/IR SH CH Weisford Guilty As Sin - Another excellent quality dog, unfortunate to meet 1 today. Masculine male with a sumptuous gold, glorious coat. A kind expression and balanced head leading into a strong neck. Front and rear construction is sound and muscular with the correct upper arm, shoulder placement and turn of stifle. Robust topline and strong loin. Moved with an elegant, balanced length of stride. Expertly presented and handled, showing the stunning dog he is. RDCC

3. Bawden's SH CH Balsamina Beachcomber At Darthill, JW

Special Beginners Dog (10,2)

1. Dean's Pearlbarn Pasha at Rugglestone - A happy young lad, dressed in his pale best coat. Mischievous head with black pigment. Strong neck and topline. Shapely body, deep brisket, excellent ribcage and short coupled. Rear quarters were strong and flexible with a good turn of stifle. Confident on the move and showy, a lovely attribute in the ring which gave him the edge.

2 Coad's Tinkersroc Bon Bon - Similar age to 1st. Classic head and kind expression, good reach of neck fitting into well laid shoulders. Well angulated front and rear, nice spring and depth of rib, short in loin. Good bone while still elegant, retaining masculinity. Stood four square and focused, moved around the ring freely and soundly.

3 Middleton-Collins' Berrymeade A Fool in Love of Jasperleigh

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