

Southern Golden Retriever Club Championship Show 3rd October 2019

I would like to thank the SGRC for inviting me to judge. I was very impressed by the overall presentation of the dogs although a couple were over trimmed which took away from their overall balance. Temperaments were all great which was lovely to see. I felt that the quality of the bitches was on the whole superior to the dogs hence my BIS and RBIS were both bitches.

Critique - Margaret Hean "Arangold Retrievers"

Dog Baby Puppy

1. Sandlewood L'Belgium Artiste
A lovely balanced puppy, beautiful bone, good feet and balanced angulation front and rear, level topline, moved with drive. A classic head with dark pigment. A beautiful puppy with a promising future.
2. Seacove Hedge Your Bets for Goldsmith
A younger puppy, lovely head, level topline, good rear angulation, good pigment, not as well angulated in the front as 1.

Dog Puppy

1. Alubyc Full Force Gale (Imp Aust)
Nicely balanced puppy, good pigment, level topline, good length of neck, moved freely with lovely wagging tail. Needs to tighten in the pasterns a little.
2. Sandlewood Hercule Poirot
Deep through the chest, level topline, moved freely. Longer coupled and didn't have the front angulation of 1.

Junior Dog

This was a hard class to judge with a number of quality dogs, 1st and 2nd place were very close and could swap places at any time.

1. Shannongold Sueno Espanol (AI)
Big pale dog, Plenty of bone, level topline, balanced angulation, Free moving in full coat. Dark eye, deep chest. Beautifully handled and presented. Went on to be awarded reserve dog and Junior in Show.
2. Alubyc Flying Colours (Imp Aust)
Another quality dog. Slightly longer coupled than 1, balanced angulation front and rear, lovely length of neck, level topline and moved with drive. Unlucky to be in the same class as 1 today.

Intermediate Dog

1. Ch Sandlewood Order In The Court
Well balanced boy. Short coupled, sweet head and expression, level topline, good bone, balanced angulation front and rear, on the smaller side but everything in proportion. Beautifully handled and presented.
2. Glentreve Game Set and Match
Taller dog than 1st place. Longer coupled, good length of neck, level topline. Not the angulation of 1. Moved well.

NZ Bred Dog

1. Ch Sandlewood Take-a-Bow
Nicely balanced dog in full coat. Level topline, moved with drive with lovely wagging tail, pleasant head and expression although personally I would like it a little more masculine. Well handled.
2. Scotiagold Claret Cliff
Good bone, longer coupled than 1, solid masculine head, good length of neck. Moved with purpose.

Stud Dog

1. Ch Speyside Casino Royale
Lovely 8.5 year old dog. Well balanced, level topline, short coupled, deep through the chest, nice length of neck. Unfortunately forgot to put his clothes on before he came out today!

Veteran Dog

1. NZ & Aust Ch Goldriver Off The Radar
7 year old gold dog who obviously loved the ring! Nicely balanced, level topline, dark eye, lovely neat cat like feet. Moved well with lovely wagging tail. Well handled.
2. Ch Goldriver Let me Entertain U
9 year old dog, slightly smaller in stature, but nicely balanced with balanced angulation front and rear, level topline, soft head and expression and lovely wavy coat. Moved well.

Open Dog

1. Ch Goldendream Back N Time
Well balanced short coupled dog in full coat. Plenty of substance, masculine head with soft expression. Neat feet, deep through the chest with good spring of rib, nice length of neck that flowed well into his shoulders, moved with drive. Went on to be awarded Best Dog.
2. Ch TripleJ Where-ever-I-may-roam
Well balanced dog, with pleasant head and expression, in full coat, good bone, balanced angulation front and rear. Very proud of his tail today which spoilt his outline on the move.

Bitch Puppy

1. Salhouse Siren of Hearts
Pretty bitch puppy. Nice bone pretty head and expression, deep through chest. Balanced angulation front and rear. Moved well.

Junior Bitch

1. Speyside Highland Fling
Lovely balanced young bitch with a stunning head and expression. Good topline and tail set, deep through the chest, good length of neck and moved with drive. Very unlucky to come up against the Junior dog for Junior in show.
2. Shannongold Bella Khaleesi (AI)
Another pretty young bitch with balanced angulation front and rear, level topline good length of neck, not quite the head and expression of 1.

Intermediate Bitch

1. Speyside Rhapsody in Blue with Glentreve
Very attractive deep gold bitch. Absolutely dead level topline, neat feet, nicely balanced front and rear angulation, good length of neck and flow into shoulders, kindly head and expression. Moved happily.

NZ Bred Bitch

1. Ch TripleJ Iced-Honey CDXS TCQ RA
Pretty very feminine bitch, in full coat. Level topline, short coupled with well sprung ribs, happy mover at one with her handler.

2. Glentreve Play-Time at Goldenkiwi
Bigger heavier bitch than 1, a little longer in coupling. Good front angulation. Severe trimming around her neck tended to make her look unbalanced.

Brood Bitch

1. Ch Sandlewood Ivy's A Gamble
A stunning 6 year old bitch who caught my eye as soon as she entered the ring. Plenty of bone, a level topline maintained on the move, beautiful flow from neck into shoulders, short straight hocks, superb balanced angulation front and rear which allowed her to move with drive. Deep through the body with well sprung ribs, short coupled. In full coat and with a classic head and soft expression that just completed the picture. I was happy to award her best Bitch and Best in Show.
2. Shannongold Viva Las Vegas JD
An attractive bitch with pleasing head and expression, deep through the chest, level topline maintained on the move, balanced angulation but would prefer a little more upper arm, moved freely. Unlucky to be in the same class is 1.

Open Bitch

1. Ch TripleJ Nothing-Else-Matters
A quality deep gold bitch with very good and balanced angulation front and rear which enabled her to move effortlessly around the ring. Short coupled, level topline, lovely flow from neck into shoulders, good depth of chest with neat feet and short hocks. This was topped off by a feminine head and soft expression. I was happy to award her Reserve Bitch and Reserve Best In Show.
2. Ch Glentreve A-Moment-In-Time
A solid bitch, deep through the chest, good angulation front and rear, longer coupled than 1, nice flow from neck into shoulders. Unfortunately her over trimmed neck took away from her overall balance.