

Judges Resumé

Introducing

Mr Bart van Maren
Ramchaine and Hellacious Acres Golden Retrievers
The Netherlands

Our Judge
for our Championship Show

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Dear Golden Fanciers of the New Zealand Golden Retriever Club

Your committee has asked me to write something about myself and my involvement in our lovely breed.

I have enjoyed owning, showing and breeding Golden Retrievers for over 35 years and have been fortunate to have great success from the start in breeding and owning multiple Champions and Junior Champions, including TWO World winners - Mac Lobell of the Hellacious Acres and Bibi Blues of the Hellacious Acres .

I have three sons, the youngest – Sebastian, will be 3 years old in October 2014.

Yes I know what you think, a rather old daddy, but I can assure you, "It is great fun" and a bit like having a young golden puppy to keep you on your toes!!

We own a little old Dutch Farmhouse with a lovely garden and spacious runs and plenty of rooms inside where we keep, breed and love our dogs.

I have a small business in partnership which specialises in designing and building exhibition stands, so that keeps me busy outside the dog world.

Next to that I spend my time on my family, our house, our garden and of course our dogs.

Charmaine and I married in August 2010 and since being together our large Golden Retriever family has grown, currently incorporating many 'oldies' now retired from the show ring, as well as our top winning show team, and promising youngsters. So a great variety of ages, from 15 years to only a couple of months and everything in between.

Our passion is showing internationally and we love to campaign our dogs to Multiple Champion Titles in various countries across Europe. Since 2009 when Charmaine left England to live with me in the Netherlands, there have been 14 Champions living at our home at Willow Farm (with their Dutch/German/VDH/Luxembourg/Danish/Swedish/UK and/or International Champion Titles).

Charmaine and I have now bred over 50 champions and junior champions, living all over the world and are proud to have owned or bred 7 UK champions under the Hellacious Acres and Ramchaine affixes, plus more CC, RCC and Junior Warrant winners. Our hobby has led us to friends and breed enthusiasts all around the world.

We are committed to breeding to the highest standards with our Golden Retrievers aiming for the best in health as well as conformation wise, without the loss of type or temperament, and those essential features that make our beloved breed what it is.

Since 2000 I have been a FCI judge for English Setters and Golden Retrievers. I have now judged in Norway, Finland, Germany, Poland, Czech, Serbia, Russia, & the Netherlands. I am also approved by the UK Kennel Club to award CC's in Golden Retrievers. My first UK appointment to award CC's was in Scotland for both sexes and this year, I will judge the Dogs at Windsor Championship Show in June 2014.

I am really looking forward to meeting you all and judging your Golden Retrievers at your New Zealand Golden Retriever Club Speciality Show in Auckland and to visit your beautiful country.

I promise you, to judge your dogs with all the knowledge and experience I have gained over the years.

Kind regards,
Bart van Maren