

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW CRITIQUE The Golden Retriever Club (Inc) Championship Show 2nd April 2022 Judge: Margaret Hean "Arangold Retrievers"

Thank you so much for inviting me to judge your championship show. I consider it a privilege to be able to evaluate the dogs entered and wish to congratulate you all on the way your dogs were presented to me and the way in which you all supported each other...win or lose.

The show had a lovely atmosphere and you really managed to turn the weather on too!

CRITIQUE –

DOGS Dog Baby Puppy

1 st Seacove Harbour Master with Goldriver – Very promising 3.5 month old puppy. Dark eye, nice layback of shoulder and good upper arm. Short coupled with dark pigment and good bone

. Junior Dog

1 st Cambermere Stella-Maverick – 16 month old mid-gold boy. Level topline, lovely coat, good layback of shoulder but could do with slightly longer upper arm. Good bone, neat feet good mover but a little proud of his tail! Interested to see he is the son of my BIS winner.

2 nd Mistymoor Blinding Lights – 16 months old, smaller dog, good front angulation, nicely balanced, short coupled, pleasant head and expression, slight slope to croup.

3 rd Goldridge Game-of-Thrones at Celticgold – 14 month old, less mature than first two needs to drop into himself which will improve his angulation. Nice type.

Intermediate Dog

1 st Kavandale Story Time – 2.5 years old. Lovely type, dead level topline, typical soft head and expression. Nice coat, adequate angulation, moved well. A little long.

2 nd Mistymoor For The Love of Gold – smaller dog, pleasant type, short coupled, good bone. Not the topline of the 1st placed dog.

Limit Dog

1 ST Gofetch Quantum Leap – 3.5 years old, lovely type. Classic head and expression, level topline. Good front angulation. Nice length of neck flowing into shoulders. Interestingly another son of my BIS winner.

2 nd Seacove Christmas Bonus at Speyside – 5.5 years old. Nice type, short coupled, level topline, dark eye and straight front. Moved correctly but a little sluggish. Could do with a little more length of neck to be balanced.

3 rd Glentreve Game-Set-and-Match – 4years old. Pleasant head, nice feet, slight slope to croup. A little unsure about being handled in the ring.

NZ Bred Dog

1 st Ch Goldriver Leader of the Pack – 7.5 years old. Lovely head and expression. Good front angulation with both good layback of shoulder and good length of upper arm. Level topline, deep through the chest. Short hocks, good coat and undercoat. A little soft in pasterns. but a lovely quality dog. Would have been a contender for top honours but didn't move as well in CC line up.

2 nd NZ SPR Ch Sandlewood Take A Bow – 6 years old. Lovely type. Good layback of shoulder but not the upper arm of 1st placed dog. Level topline. Handled beautifully but unfortunately due to a “hot spot” had had his neck shaved which made him appear a trifle un-balanced. He also at the moment did not have the water resistant undercoat of the winner.

3 rd Ch Mistymoor Fly Me To The Moon – 4 years old. Short coupled. Adequate angulation. Pleasant head and expression. Deep through the chest. Good bone.

Stud Dog

1 st Ch Sandlewood Runa Mile In M'Shus – 5 years old. Beautifully balanced front and rear. Dead level topline which he maintained on the move. Short coupled, In full coat. Beautifully presented and handled. Not exaggerated in any way. Delighted to give him Best Dog and BIS

. Also interesting to note that he is the son of Ch Sandlewood Ivy's a Gamble who I gave BIS to when I judged the SGRC Golden Specialty a few years ago.

2 nd Ch Goldendream Back N Time – 6 years old. Another very typey dog. Not easy to pick between these two. Bigger dog with adequate angulation and level topline. Beautiful coat. Typical soft head and expression. Moved well. Reserve dog.

Open Dog

1 st Ch Kavandale Chance To Step Up – 4 years old. Beautiful free moving young dog covering the ground with ease. Lovely balance and topline. In great condition. Kind head and expression. Short coupled. With a couple more years under his belt will vie for top honours.

2 nd Rowangold Runnin' Down a Dream – 6 years old. Lovely type. Good rear angulation, could have a slightly better length of upper arm. Lovely coat, head and expression. Carrying a bit of extra weight which didn't do him any favours on the move.

3 rd Chaleur Say It Clear (AI) (Imp Aust) – Another nice type. In full coat. Good layback of shoulder but slightly shorter upper arm. Good rear angulation. Soft head and expression. A little longer coupled than 1st and 2nd.

CRITIQUE – BITCHES

Bitch Baby Puppy

1 st Piperdale Monet – 5 months old. Lovely type. Straight front, good front angulation, balanced with a level topline and personality plus!!!

2 nd Kavandale Remember-The-Name – 4 months old. A pretty baby. Younger and less mature than 1st. Moved well, Nice angulation and topline. A little soft in pasterns.

Bitch Puppy

1 st Sandlewood Ballare Mio Sogno De Rosegreen – 9 months old. Nice free moving puppy. Deep through the body. Well balanced front and rear. Good length of neck and lovely bone

. Novice Bitch

1 st Sandlewood Let's Chance It – 16 months old. Correct type. Moved freely. Well balanced dark eye, short coupled with good spring of rib. Topline is actually better than she shows when free stood.

2 nd Mistymoor Shining Light at Willowrose – 17 months old. Slightly heavier girl. Good angulation front and rear. Lost her topline a little on the move.

Junior Bitch

1 st Rowangold Vegas Showgirl – 16 months old. Very pretty mid gold girl. Good depth through. Level topline. Beautiful kind head and expression. Moved freely. Lovely rear angulation and good length of neck. Interesting to see that she is a daughter of my BIS winner.

2 nd Kavandale Bree-Z-Match – 15 months old. Lovely kind expression. Good depth through body. Didn't have the angulation of 1st place.

3 rd Goldendream Nine To One – 18 months old. A heavier bitch with lovely balanced angulation, deep through the chest. Had a slight slope to the croup and did not move as well as the first two.

Intermediate Bitch

1 st Kavandale Dixiechick – Lovely type. Free moving bitch. Not in full coat but nicely balanced. Level topline and correct tail set which was maintained on the move. Good length of neck, deep through the chest. Gave the top two a run for their money!!

2 nd Cambermere Twilite-Lyra – Lovely bitch with good angulation, level topline and correct tail set. In full coat but unfortunately carrying extra weight over her shoulders that caused her to roll on the move.

3 rd Mistymoor Naughty But Nice – Pretty bitch, not the front angulation of the first two. Good bone, soft expression and level topline.

Limit Bitch

1 st Sandlewood Chances Are – 16 months old. A very pretty girl, a little light in condition. Moved beautifully maintaining topline. However tended to drop her topline on the stack. Her structure is correct so I think this is more behavioural. Lovely pigment.

2 nd Goldbridge Gemini Dreamer at Celticgold – 14 months old. Deep through chest. Level topline and good tail set. Unfortunately she is carrying extra weight over her shoulders which caused her to roll on the move.

New Zealand Bred Bitch

1 st Ch Sandlewood Peppermint Patty – 3.5 years old. Well balanced typey bitch. Moved well with drive maintaining her topline. Deep through the ribs and carrying just the right amount of weight.

2 nd Cambermere Sweet-Nadia – 3.5 years old. Another nice bitch but carrying a bit much weight over her shoulders which caused her to roll on the move. Level topline and tail set, great bone and kind head and expression.

3 rd Goldridge Gilmore Girl – 13 months old and very much the baby of the class. Not very happy in the ring and this caused her to lose her topline on the move. Good length of neck and great pigment. Tail set fine once she relaxes.

Brood Bitch 1

1 st Goldendream Georgia By Night – 3.5 years old. Lovely girl in full coat. Beautiful type. So balanced on the move. Good front and rear angulation, deep through the chest pretty head and expression,

very feminine. Beautiful topline and tail set on the move, Did tend to try to put her back feet under her on the stack. Very happy to award her reserve bitch.

Veteran Bitch

1 st Ch Seacove Hidden Treasure – 8 years old. What a quality bitch!! Her movement defied her age....she just floated around the ring. Deep through chest, level topline maintained on the move, Well balanced front and rear, beautiful head and expression. A lovely quality girl who I was happy to award the bitch CC and best bitch and ultimately Reserve BIS.

2 nd Ch Cambermere Solar-Everdeen – 8.5 years old. A smaller girl but lovely bone, level topline. Balanced angulation front and rear. Again move really well with drive. Open Bitch 1 st Ch Rosegreen Il Mio Sogno – 5.5 years old. Mid-gold bitch. Pleasant type, a little long in the body. Correct front and rear angulation. Level topline. Soft head and expression. Moved well.

2 nd Aubrook Champagne Supernova at Goldridge – 3.5 years old. Rather unsure in the ring. Nicely balanced, level topline. Moved well once she relaxed. Sympathetically handled.