

## **GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA – CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**

### **CRITIQUE – MS MARCIA SCHLEHR (USA)**

First off, let me thank the GRC of South Australia for the invitation to judge this specialty show. It is a great honour, and I'm delighted to have had the opportunity to see your dogs and meet so many devoted "Golden" people.

It was pleasing to see so many dogs with lovely head and expression, and good front assembly, although there were a fair number that also had somewhat east-west fronts. Coats were generally quite good (a few dry and rough, perhaps just due to seasonal changes). Bites good-- a few slightly irregular and one that was level. Toplines from excellent to soft, and quite a few that rolled badly when moving. Very interesting variety of styles, with good examples throughout regardless.

#### **Baby Puppy Dogs**

1. Haydengold High Hope - 5 1/2 months. Promising baby, nice gait in side view, good coat.
2. Sovanna Golden Trojan - younger puppy, good outline/profile, attractive head, not as good in rear movement as #1.

#### **Minor Puppy Dogs**

1. Savaneta Making Memories. Just 6 months, well developed, good quality coat, had a bit houndy.

#### **Junior Dogs.**

1. Invernee Armani Attitude 15 mo. A bit unsure of himself at first, then recovered nicely. Practical easy-care coat, good outline,
2. Goldog Alpine Archer. 1 year of age. Pale dog with attractive profile, a bit narrow yet and rolling topline when moving.
3. Dream Max Forbidden Apple. 11+ month. Promising pale youngster, at that "awkward age" could do with less tuck-up and a firmer topline when moving.

#### **Intermediate Dogs**

1. Larbellah Team Leader. 22 mo. Very nice profile both standing and moving. Well coordinated. Attractive gold colouring.
2. Ch Chaleur Valentino. 2-1/2 years. Lovely outline on this pale dog, very attractive head. Not quite as good in movement as #1.
3. Larbellah Take the Lead. (brother to 1st). Attractive dog, not as mature as the two above him and not quite the head and expression.

#### **State-Bred Dogs**

1. Ch Baradav Goinplaces. 4 yr. Sound dog, well developed, good ribbing.
2. Ch Chantesuta Amazon Gold. 4 yr. Stylish dog, less well developed than #1.

#### **Australian-bred Dogs**

1. Gr Ch Trigolden Love to Tango. 4 yr. Very masculine, broadly built strong dog.
2. Ch Baradav Flying Solo. 3 yr. Nice type, a bit lighter made than #1
3. Gr Ch Beaucroft Intruder. Quality dog, coat not as good today as those above him.

#### **Open Dogs.**

1. Ch Giltedge Black Watch. Impressive dog of outstanding quality, very masculine and substantial but not extreme. Excellent overall balance, rich colouring, very attractive head. Could perhaps use just a bit more leg under him.
2. Gr Ch Goldog Alpine Jamie. 7 yr. Slightly smaller dog, overall very excellent quality. Narrower muzzle and slightly less quality in head than #1.
3. Ch Chaleur Stack the Deck. Lovely pale dog. Over angulated rear detracted from otherwise excellent dog.

#### **Veteran Dogs**

1. Giltedge Southern Storm. 7 years. Very nice dog, balanced, a bit heavier than he needs to be and coat a bit rough.
2. Ch Dewmist Samsonite. 7-1/2 years. Typey pale dog, over-angulated rear detracted.
3. Ch Goldog Alpine Wilderness. 8-1/2 years. Less ribbing than #1 & 2, a bit long in loin.

Challenge Dog: Ch Giltedge Black Watch.

Reserve Dog: Gr Ch Goldog Alpine Jamie.

#### **Baby Puppy Bitch**

1. Haydengold Hopelessly in Love (5-1/2 months). Nicely moving little girl, good coming and going, good front angulation.
2. Serngold Bewitched (nearly 5 months) Mid gold, nicely balanced, attractive head.
3. Goldjazz Amy (nearly 6 months) Pretty girl, not the topline of first two, a bit erratic in movement today.

#### Minor Puppy Bitch

1. Chaleur Absolutely Fabulous (just 6 months) Very pretty pale gold girl, lovely outline, moved well, good front angulation.
2. Savaneta Heart's Desire (6 months)
3. Savaneta Affair of the Heart These two sisters very similar; deep golden, some roll in topline, not quite the angulation of the 1st place winner.

#### Puppy Bitch

1. Goldntropics Gossip Girl (9 months) Excellent outline, nice balance, good texture coat.
2. Chaleur Xcuses Xcuses (7 months) Pretty youngster, a bit soft in topline.
3. Riverstone in Your Dreams at Waldwiese. Nice front angulation, slightly low on leg.

#### Junior Bitch (Very nice class, all moved well)

1. Boolaroo Herbal Essence. Well balance, good topline and movement. Better standing on her own than posed.
2. Goldshyne Sweet Cassandra. Attractive head (better than #1), but not quite the overall balance of #1.
3. Serngold National Velvet. Not quite as good as #2 in front angulation; some roll in topline but nice coming and going.

#### Intermediate Bitch (A very strong class!)

1. Beaucroft Fait Accompli (18 months) Shaded light gold, good texture wavy coat. Excellent proportion with beautiful outline and overall balance. While not yet mature, she appeared athletic and very fit for purpose.
2. Tiptree Thartrix Tbrrie. Pretty girl attractive head, coat rather rough.
3. Ch Dalvuigold Miss Emma. Neatly made, good body depth, slightly short on leg and not quite the angulation of the two above her.

#### State Bred Bitch

1. Goldjazz Whatacracka. Very nice topline, good front angulation. Coat short but sufficient and good quality.
2. Ch. Savaneta Fire N Spice. Darker colour, practical coat. Lacks the strength of topline of #1.

#### Australian Bred Bitch

1. Gr Ch. Savaneta Hearts On Fire. (7 yrs). Lovely matron, excellent outline and balance. good coat of rich gold. No extremes, just quality.
2. Ch Dobro Golden Slipper. Pretty girl, a bit soft in topline, coat not as good as #1.
3. Dalvuigold Miss Millie. Well-made darker bitch, nice topline and front angulation. Her atypically short muzzle and level bite kept her out of a higher placing.

#### Open Bitch

1. Gr Ch Chaleur Unforgettable. Well-made 8 year-old, although a bit plump carries her age very well indeed --as a Golden of quality should. Good body, strong loin.
2. Gr Ch Yellowfetch Whatz It To U. Attractive bitch, just a little longer in loin than #1.
3. Ch Giltedge Angel Dust. Very nice bitch overall but lost on a softer topline and not as true coming and going as those above her.

#### Veteran Bitch

1. Gr Ch Savaneta Fire N Ice. Handsome 8 year-old lady, good practical coat, excellent front assembly. Topline not as solid as it might once have been, but certainly a quality Golden.
2. Ch Boolaroo Calamity Jane. She might have been the oldest entry at 11+ years, but other than a softness in topline, she gave away little to the "youngsters". (I always seem to fall for the oldies!)

#### Neuter Bitch

1. Goldjazz Taylor Maid. Sweet little girl, unfortunately way too heavy. Great personality and obviously happy to be there!

Challenge Bitch: to the Intermediate class winner, on her overall proportion and workmanlike quality.

Reserve Bitch: to the lovely Open winner.

Note: it was a very close contest between the Intermediate, Open, and Australian-Bred winners. All three, although somewhat different in "style", and are outstanding Golden Retrievers.

**BEST IN SHOW TO THE MALE, CH GILTEDGE BLACK WATCH, A DOG OF RARE QUALITY.  
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