

# Golden Retriever Club Show

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I would like to thank the society for inviting me to judge this well-arranged show, it was very much an honour to be asked and I thoroughly enjoyed my day. The weather was warm & some lovely dogs to judge. I found a couple of dogs with incorrect bites who would otherwise have been placed higher. I would like to thank the exhibitors for accepting my decisions so graciously.

### BABY PUPPY DOG

1<sup>st</sup> **SEACOVE NAUTILUS- J Bedford.** Cream well boned boy of a lovely type, liked his kind head of correct proportions, lovely dark eye and good pigment, short coupled body with good ribcage, level topline and tailset, moved correct but could have had a bit more drive and enthusiasm but it was a warm day, nicely handled and presented.

2<sup>nd</sup> **KAVANDALE CHANCE TO STEP UP - K van den Berg.** Cream lad of good balance, sweet head but could be a bit more masculine, correct eye colour and pigment, good length of neck and layback of shoulder, short in loin, moved well, nicely handled and presented.

3<sup>rd</sup> **ALMGOLD AUTUMN ASHES AT WENTROSE - A Masters & R Dickson.** Lovely type of puppy, rich gold in colour, lovely head and expression, dark eye and pigment, excellent length of neck & level topline and tailset, would have preferred more fore-chest and length of upper arm but moved with good drive behind, could only find one testicle today.

### MINOR PUPPY DOG

1<sup>st</sup> **MISTYMOOR FLY ME TO THE MOON - J Cook.** Mid gold dog of 6 months, nice type, lovely head with correct eye shape and colour, excellent pigment, good length of neck, level topline & tailset, balanced angulation in front and rear, well boned legs, good spring of rib, moved well, just hope he grows up on his legs now.

2<sup>nd</sup> **SANDLEWOOD THE ANTZ PANTZ – G Nelson & P Gordon.** Cream longer cast dog of 7 months, excellent front angulation with good fore-chest, he has a very nice head with a soft gentle expression, good ribcage and depth of chest, personally I find his length of thigh a bit long and has a tendency to lose his topline at times, moved well with good drive.

3<sup>rd</sup> **GOLDSMITH HOG N 'TH' LIMELITE - K. Price.** Mid gold short coupled dog, lovely head with a kind expression, straight front with lovely feet, good front angulation but would prefer more bend of stifle, moved ok.

### JUNIOR DOG

1<sup>st</sup> **SANDLEWOOD RUNA MILE IN M'SHUS - G Nelson & P Gordon.** My star of the day, Very eye-catching young pale gold boy who appealed a lot for his overall balanced body, correct length of leg to length of body ratio, masculine head with a dark eye and pigment, good skull and stop, strong neck of good length, short coupled loin, well sprung ribs, stands on strong well boned legs with correct cat-like feet, moves well holding a lovely shape and hard to take your eyes off him, carries his tail level with his back, very nicely presented and handled, would imagine he still has his best to come as still young at only 18 months old, could have took him home with me, delighted to award him best dog and best in show.

2<sup>nd</sup> **KAVANDALE THE FED EXPRESS – K van den Berg.** Cream dog of good balance, sweet head with excellent pigment, good length of neck, level topline and tailset, short coupled body, moves well driving from short strong hocks but a bit too proud of his tail for me today.

3<sup>rd</sup> **MISTYMOOR KINGSMAN - J Cook.** Mid gold boy with a sweet head, eyes set well apart, good neck, balanced angulation in front and rear, excellent fore-chest, would prefer stronger front pasterns and better feet, moved well and nicely presented.

### **INTERMEDIATE DOG**

1<sup>st</sup> **CH ARCTIQUE LET THE THUNDA ROLL - E Steed.** Wow what a coat on this boy, mid gold with not a hair out of place, Beautiful head with a lovely kind eye, good length of neck & layback of shoulder, Balanced angulation in front and rear, good fore-chest, lovely straight front & good feet, short strong hocks that he uses well on the move, nicely handled.

2<sup>nd</sup> **WYSIWYG WIND BENEATH MY WINGS (IMP-AUST) - G Samkin.** Darker gold boy, head is not my ideal and would prefer a tighter eyelid, excellent dark pigment, Tremendous bone, good neck and topline, would prefer more length of upper-arm, short strong loin, moves well in profile but a bit close behind, nicely handled and presented.

### **LIMIT DOG**

1<sup>st</sup> **CHALEUR SAY IT CLEAR (AI) (IMP-AUST) – M Penney.** Short coupled well up to size boy of good balance, nice head with a kind expression, good eye colour, nice length of neck and well angulated front, level topline but would prefer tailset to be more level, moves nicely, well presented and handled.

2<sup>nd</sup> **KAVANDALE YOU RANG M'LADY - P Campbell & K van den Berg.** Smaller boy who was not in his best coat today, balanced angulation, short coupled loin, would prefer more bone for a male, sweet head and expression, lovely straight front, nicely handled and moved well.

### **NEW ZEALAND BRED DOG**

1<sup>st</sup> **KAVANDALE JOHNNY MAC – K van den Berg.** Mid gold well-presented boy of good balance, well-shaped head with correct eye colour and pigment, good length of neck and layback of shoulder, level topline, well spring ribs and good depth of chest, moves well with plenty of drive, would just prefer a lower tail carriage and a tad more bone for a male, otherwise a lovely boy., very nicely handled and presented.

2<sup>nd</sup> **CH ARCTIQUE THE RAIN MAKER – E. Steed.** Mid gold boy of a lovely type, beautiful head, good length of neck, lovely straight front, excellent bone & good feet, would just prefer more length of leg for correct balance, moved nice and very well presented.

3<sup>rd</sup> **CH GOFETCH LIGHTNING BOLT – L Handley.** Good sized dog with a very nice head, straight front, lovely hind quarters, level topline & tailset, good ribcage, moved well.

### **STUD DOG**

2 very different boys in this class.

1<sup>st</sup> **CH RALUN GREAT EXPECTATIONS (IMP-AUST) - M Penney.** Well up to size cream dog in profuse well-presented cream coat, lovely masculine head, well angulated front with excellent fore chest, short loin, well angulated rear quarters, would prefer stronger front pasterns, moved well with good drive.

2<sup>nd</sup> **CH GOFETCH STORM CHASER - L Handley.** Mid gold dog of good balance, lovely head and expression, excellent well boned legs, would prefer a better fore chest, good topline and tailset, moved ok.

### **VETERAN DOG**

1<sup>st</sup> **CH GOLDSMITH HAPPY LARRY – K Price.** Mid gold dog who knew how to move, lovely head, excellent flow of neck into topline, level topline and tailset, good fore-chest but would like more length to upper arm, well presented coat and nicely handled.

2<sup>nd</sup> **CH KAVANDALE BOSTON STAR CGC - P Campbell.** Short coupled dog with well-balanced angulation, excellent fore chest and good bone, lovely head and expression, moves well in front but would prefer stronger hind action.

3<sup>rd</sup> **DOBRO BOBBY DAZZLER (IMP-AUST) – P Hinton & A Wallace.** Larger size cream dog who was carrying a bit too much weight for me today, short coupled body, balanced angulation, good bone and lovely soft head, would prefer more length of neck but had a good strong topline and correct tailset, moved ok.

### OPEN DOG

1<sup>st</sup> **CH SANDLEWOOD TAKE-A-BOW - S Fleming, P Gordon & G Nelson.** Smaller sized mid gold lad with a lovely head, nice eyes set well apart, good length of neck flowing into correct shoulder placement, level topline and tailset, short coupled loin, balanced front and rear angulation, good ribs, very nicely presented and moves well, would just prefer a lower tail carriage.

2<sup>nd</sup> **CH GOLDENDREAM BACK N TIME - M Snowden.** Short coupled boy with good bone, his head appealed a lot, lovely expression and pigment, found him a bit heavy over the shoulders today, well angulated front, would prefer tighter fitting elbows & a tad long in the thigh for me, moved well in profile and nicely presented.

3<sup>rd</sup> **KAVANDALE TICKET TO RIDE – A Coory, T Coory & K van den Berg.** Mid gold lad with a nice head, would prefer more length of neck and length of upper arm, good topline, moved well.

### BABY PUPPY BITCH

1<sup>st</sup> **ALMGOLD AUTUMN GIFT AT WENTROSE – A Masters & R Dickson.** Elegant type of puppy, full of fun today enjoying her day out, sweet feminine head, long neck & good topline standing and moving, short body with a correct ribcage, well angulated hindquarters, moves well when settled with plenty of drive.

2<sup>nd</sup> **GLENSHAE BONNIE DANCER - J Carlson.** Cream girl of a different type, lovely head with excellent pigment, good bone, good spring of rib, balanced angulation, a bit bum high at the moment and needs to develop in her hind quarters, moved nicely and well presented.

### MINOR PUPPY BITCH

1<sup>st</sup> **KAVANDALE FLIGHT OF FANCY - K van den Berg.** Cream girl with a pretty feminine head, short body and balanced angulation, would like to see more fore-chest, good ribs, moves well in profile but a little close when viewed from behind, nicely handled and presented.

2<sup>nd</sup> **GOLDSMITH NO PROMPT NEEDED – K Price.** Mid gold longer cast girl, lovely pretty and feminine head with excellent pigment, well boned legs, would like to see more front angulation, moved well.

3<sup>rd</sup> **GOFETCH ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS - L Handley.** Mid gold longer cast puppy, sweet feminine head, balanced front and rear angulation, would prefer a stronger topline, appeared a bit worried today so hard to assess her movement.

### PUPPY BITCH

1<sup>st</sup> **KERIDALE AGENT FLASH OF PAST - F Collings & L McKenzie- Goodwin.** Mid gold young girl who was not in her best coat today, sweet head with good pigment and a nice expression, balanced angulation in front and rear, short coupled loin, moves nicely with good drive and extension.

### JUNIOR BITCH

1<sup>st</sup> **KAVANDALE BILLIE JEAN - K van den Berg.** This young lady was not in her best coat today but has a lovely shape, pretty feminine head with a gentle expression & excellent pigment, would prefer her a tad shorter coupled but has well balanced angulation, lovely straight front, moved nicely and well presented.

2<sup>nd</sup> **MISTYMOOR SEE YOU AGAIN - J Cook.** Lovely type of bitch, with balanced angulation, pretty head with kind eye and good pigment, level topline & good legs, carrying a tad too much weight for me today and would have preferred more energy on the move.

3<sup>rd</sup> **GOFETCH LIGHT ME UP – L Handley.** Cream well balanced lady, feminine head with a kind expression, correct pigment, well balanced angulation in front and rear with good length of leg, short in the loin, good ribs, well-presented coat and moved well.

#### **INTERMEDIATE BITCH**

1<sup>st</sup> **GOLDSMITH PASS THE SALT – K Price.** Pale gold girl with a very pretty & sweet head that has a lovely expression, slightly long in body for me which makes her loose her topline at times, lovely straight front and the best of feet, balanced front and rear angulation, nicely handled and presented and moved correctly.

#### **LIMIT BITCH**

1<sup>st</sup> **CASADEORO LIBERTY BELLE – P Hinton.** Lovely girl who stood alone in this class but liked her a lot, lovely head of good proportions, kind eye and good pigment, good length of neck, level topline & tailset, short coupled body and well angulated front and rear, short strong hocks parallel standing and moving, carries a tad too much weight for me today but moved well when settled.

#### **NZ BRED BITCH**

1<sup>st</sup> **KAVANDALE THE STORY SO FAR - K van den Berg.** Cream girl well up to size, not in her best dress today but very nicely made & hasn't got much to hide, sweet head and expression, good neck and topline, well balanced front and rear angulation, good fore-chest & depth of chest, moves well with plenty of drive, tail carriage a bit high for my liking but nevertheless a lovely girl.

#### **VETERAN BITCH**

1<sup>st</sup> **CH KAVANDALE RUMOUR HAS IT – R Dickson.** Cream girl with the sweetest of heads, such a lovely soft gentle expression with a lovely eye and pigment, short coupled body well balanced angulation, excellent fore-chest, moves well in profile but a tad close behind, nicely presented.

#### **OPEN BITCH**

1<sup>st</sup> **CH GLENTREVE A-MOMENT-IN-TIME AT GOLDENKIWI - D Edwards & J Fletcher.** Mid gold girl of lovely balance, in full well presented coat, lovely head with a gentle expression & good pigment, excellent neck and shoulders, good fore-chest, straight well boned legs & good feet, short coupled loin, well angulated rear quarters, moves with plenty of drive and holds her lovely topline and correct tail carriage, delighted to award her best bitch.

2<sup>nd</sup> **CH ARCTIQUE SUMMER RAIN – E Steed.** Another stunner who I liked a lot, most lovely head with a gentle intelligent expression, excellent length of neck and layback of shoulder, slightly longer in the back than my winner, lovely front angulation and dead straight front with the best of feet, loved her short strong hocks, would just have preferred a bit more bend of stifle, in full well presented light gold coat, moved with plenty of drive, reserve best bitch.

3<sup>rd</sup> **GOLDRIVER MUSTANG SALLY - J Bertrand.** Cream girl who was not in her best coat today, pretty head with a nice expression and good pigment, short well balanced body, straight legs, just drops off a bit at the croup which affects her topline & outline, moved nicely.