

## **Hampshire Gundog Society Premier open show 9th April 2023**

My sincere thanks to the society for their invitation to judge golden retrievers at their premier open show, also for their warm welcome and kind hospitality. Many thanks to my steward on the day for keeping the ring running smoothly, and to all of the exhibitors who entered and brought their beautiful dogs for me to judge it is always a privilege.

### **Minor Puppy (5 entries 1abs)**

1st Mrs P D Gayler. Carolake X' Marks the Spot

A very eye-catching feminine puppy of 7 months of age. Well presented in a beautiful pale gold wavy coat. My notes say a well-balanced puppy and she certainly is, a compact puppy with a beautiful outline, displaying perfect symmetry in her front and rear angles. She has a beautiful feminine head with black pigment and kind dark eyes creating a melting expression. She has good bone and lovely tight neat feet; her hocks were straight and well let down. She has a super topline which she held on the move. Her movement was effortless despite the uneven ground in the ring she kept her stride perfectly. I was pleased to award her Best Puppy.

2nd Mrs PT Todd. Van Gough of Sunshine's Valley with Toddrosa NAF

Another lovely puppy, he also caught my attention as he entered the ring and going over him didn't disappoint, he is a large well-made boy of only 6 months of age. His profuse pale coat and fabulous body shape draws your attention he was happy and enthusiastic just as you would expect from a puppy his age. He has a fabulous male head with a beautiful soft expression, lovely dark eyes and black pigment. He is well angled front and rear with close elbows and round neat feet. He has plenty of bone and is very well bodied, a lovely spring of rib, short coupled and a level topline. He wasn't as settled as 1 today but it was only his second time in the ring! Both of these puppies have a very promising future ahead.

3rd Ms ES Fisher. Palizolla Pavonis

Res Mrs K Waterman. Burleybeck Swing on a Star

### **Puppy (5 entries)**

1st Mrs PD Gayler. Carolake X' Marks the Spot

2nd Mrs PT Todd. Van Gough of Sunshine's Valley with Toddrosa NAF

3rd Mrs JM & Mr MP Clarke. Sunnyoak The Look of Love

Res Mrs S Brewer. Stradcot Poetry in Motion

Vhc Ms ES Fisher. Palizolla Pavonis

### **Junior (3 entries 1 abs)**

1st Mrs JM & Mr MP Clarke. Sunnyoak The Look of Love

A very pretty girl well presented in a lovely pale coat with good feathering. Just a few days short of her first birthday, she is a picture of elegance. A lovely feminine head with a sweet expression and

fabulous black pigment. For me what stood out with this girl is her lovely reach of neck which just flowed into her correct shoulder layback leading to a super level topline. She is well angled with a good straight front placing her legs right under her body, nice straight legs and neat feet. When asked to move she just floated around the ring in this class effortlessly with good reach and drive.

2nd MS ES Fisher. Siagar Moonlight Sonata Via Palizolla

A beautiful feminine girl, slightly smaller framed than 1, well presented in a lovely pale coat. A pretty feminine head with good pigment, dark eyes and a sweet kind expression, a good reach of neck into well laid-back shoulders she is short coupled with a good length of leg to body ratio and nice tight-fitting elbows. Her topline is level and tailset correct. She was slightly unsettled on the move today, however the ground in the ring was uneven, she was much more settled in the next class and moved out well with her handler.

### **Yearling (3 entries 1 abs)**

1st Ms ES Fisher. Siagar Moonlight Sonata Via Palizolla

2nd Mrs PT Todd. Kelbadora Dream of Dreams With Toddrosa JW

A lovely well-made mid gold coated girl, one I have judged before when she was a puppy. She has matured into a beautiful young lady, she has a lovely head with a broad deep muzzle with a soft female expression, good pigment and correct earset. A good length of neck into an excellent shoulder placement. She has fabulous angulation fore and aft she is nice and short coupled with a level topline, well-muscled second thighs and well let down hocks. She was certainly happy and enthusiastic today.

### **Undergraduate (2 entries)**

1st Mrs J M & Mr MP Clarke. Sunnyoak The Look of Love

2nd Mr RHW & Mrs BRW Mitchell. Tasheen Mustique

A lovely young lady well presented in the most gleaming gold coat, The shine on her rich gold coat as the sun caught it was just beautiful. A lovely sweet head with a kind expression a lovely reach of neck into correct shoulder placement, well angled front, nice straight legs and neat feet, superb level topline, with her tail well set on and carried level with her back, well-muscled second thigh and a good bend of stifle. Nothing overdone with this girl. She was very happy and confident giving her handler a bit of hard time today.

### **Graduate (no entries)**

### **Post Graduate (2 entries)**

1st Mrs H Withey. Rosinante Major Hero

A lovely mid gold boy caught my eye as he entered the ring, he was well presented in the loveliest rich gold coat with pale feathering. He has a beautiful masculine head with a deep muzzle, kind dark eyes with the most gorgeous expression, a good reach of neck and a dead level topline. Going over him was a pleasure he is well angled fore and aft, short coupled, with a powerful well-muscled second

thigh well let down hocks and the neatest of feet. He moved out with perfect footing attentively looking to his owner, he created a great picture and a beautiful example of balance.

2nd Mrs SH Pounds-Longhurst. Mossburn Golly Miss Molly

A lovely mid gold coated girl with pale feathering, she has a lovely feminine head with a melting expression, a good reach of neck into correct shoulder placement, well angled fore and aft with tight fitting elbows and a nice straight front, again another dog that is not over done. What stood out for me was her super hard condition, she has a level well-muscled top line, she was firm over her loins and well-muscled second thighs. A sound Mover with good reach and drive.

**Limit (1 entry 1 abs)**

**Open Dog (1 entry)**

Mrs SH Pounds-Longhurst. Mossburn Galloping Major

I have judged this beautiful mid coated boy before; I liked him then and seeing him today he has matured beautifully he is the litter brother to second place in Post Graduate. He is a mid-gold wavy coated boy with pale feathering, a lovely masculine head with a gentle expression, a good reach of neck leading to a well laid-back shoulder placement, he has a nice straight front with super angulation and tight-fitting elbows, like his sister he has a firm topline and well-muscled second thighs. He moved out well with his handler with confidence and good drive, holding his topline. A lovely example of the breed I was happy to award him Best of Breed today.

**Open Bitch (3 entries 1 abs)**

1st Mrs JM & Mr MP Clarke. Sunnyoak Cherry Blossom

Another elegant girl well-presented from this Kennel, as pretty as a picture in a profuse pale coat with gentle waves, her head is feminine and her expression is gentle. She is well balanced with a perfect topline a super front correct shoulder placement and well sprung ribs. Her hind quarters are well angled firm and well-muscled, her tail is well set on and carried level on the move. Her movement was a pleasure to watch, perfect foot fall at one with her handler. I was pleased to award her Reserve Best of Breed.

2nd Mrs P D Gayler. Carolake remember me

Another quality girl well presented in excellent condition with a rich gold wavy coat with pale feathering. She has a lovely feminine head with the kindest of expressions. A lovely straight front, legs placed well under her body good tight elbows and neat feet. She is deep through the chest with a good spring of rib, topline is firm and level which is held on the move. Her second thighs are well muscled and hocks well let down. She is beautifully balanced with no exaggeration.

**Judge**

**Lesley Robinson (Lemarli)**