

CRITIQUE BY WAYNE PEARSON

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The Golden Retriever Club of Queensland Inc.

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I would like to thank the Golden Retriever Club of Queensland for inviting me the judge at this prestigious Show. It is always a great honour to be invited to judge the Breed within which you are involved and love so much.

I would also like to thank the exhibitors for entering their dogs under me. Breeding dogs is both a very personal and difficult passion and whilst it is not possible to please everyone, I certainly pleased myself with the quality of dogs entered under me. The presentation and handling of all the exhibits on the day was of such an outstanding standard and all exhibitors should be proud of what they have achieved with our wonderful breed. Thank you for giving me the opportunity of going over your dogs.

To Marilyn Morphet, my ring steward, a very big thank you for your assistance in the ring and for the hospitality that you extended to me over the weekend.

In writing my critique, I have attempted to make it constructive rather than purely a commentary on the good points of each placegetter and in doing so, I have tried to outline the reasons for my awards. In doing so, please remember that it is only my opinion of your dogs as I saw them on the day. Thank you to all exhibitors for the spirit in which you accepted my awards.

BABY PUPPY DOG

1st No.1 IMATRIEVER HOWZAT NUJAK

Compact, well developed baby with excellent pigment and pleasant soft expression. Well balanced head. Good neck into well laid shoulders with correct front and rear angulation. Well developed chest and ribs for age. Moved with reach and drive.

2nd No. 2 FETCHNPOINT WATZ ONE TO DO

Another well developed puppy for age with good bone. Slightly stronger in head than first placegetter. Good front and rear angulation although not as developed yet as number one in first and second thigh. Moved truly.

MINOR PUPPY DOG

1st No.5 STANDNDELIVIA DEVIL INSIDE

Well developed young dog, balanced and moderate throughout. Head and skull of correct proportions, well balanced with pleasant expression. Good pigmentation. Well laid shoulder with adequate length of upperarm and well turned stifle. Good bone. A little soft in topline today which should strengthen with age. Moved truly with good reach and drive.

2nd No. 6 SHOGOLD BENZ N BUBBLES

Slightly taller than first placegetter but again a very well balanced dog. Good head and expression with strong pigment. Correct front and rear angulation with strong first and second thigh. Moved with strong level topline but without the drive behind of first placegetter but also expect this to strengthen with age. Very well handled and presented.

3rd No. 3 CHIPALA AMERICAN DREAM BOY (AI)

Well presented minor puppy. Slightly longer in head, skull still to develop and broaden. Excellent pigmentation. A little more upright in front assembly than first and second placegetters.

PUPPY DOG

1st No.7 GOLDFLEECE BOLT FROM THE BLUE

A lovely cream dog with a pleasing head and expression, correct balance, good pigmentation but would prefer a slightly darker eye. Strong neck flowing into well laid shoulder with fully developed chest. Well sprung ribs, level topline, well turned stifle however not yet fully developed through first and second thigh. Moved with good reach in front but lacked a little drive behind on the day.

2nd No. 8 SUMMERGOLD STAR TREKKER

Well developed dog with excellent forequarter construction and well sprung ribs. Good pigment however lacked a little strength through muzzle. In very good coat and as with the first placegetter, moved with good reach in front however lacked drive behind on the day.

JUNIOR DOG

1st No. 9 IMPRESSA LORD OF THE ROSES

A very well balanced dog of mid gold colour. Pleasing head and expression although would prefer slightly more width throughout. Excellent bone, straight forelegs and well angled forequarters with good length of upperarm. Hindquarters were in balance with the forequarters. Not as settled on the move today but did enough to demonstrate good reach and drive.

INTERMEDIATE DOG

1st No.13 PHILENI THE GAMBLER

A well balanced dog with lovely head and expression, well defined stop, good flow of neck into well laid shoulders and good length of upper arm. Level topline, well bent stifle with strong first and second thigh. Once settled, moved with good reach and drive.

2nd No. 10 HAYDENGOLD POWER OF ONE

A slightly longer cast dog than first placegetter with pleasant head and lovely pigmentation. Excellent front and rear angulation, moved truly with level topline. Very well handled and presented.

3rd No. 11 CH NARAGOLD MAGIC DARCY

Another well balanced dog, slightly more compact than second placegetter. Pleasing head and expression with strong pigmentation. Well angled in front with rear to match, strong topline, moved truly however carried tail a little high early on in the class.

AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG

1st No. 21 NARAGOLD RECONNAISSANCE

A compact dog that is well balanced front and rear. Slightly stronger in head but nevertheless a pleasing soft expression. Lacking a little pigment but moved truly with a level topline.

2nd No. 22 CHALNCLAIR GILLYS HERO

Slightly longer cast than first placegetter, good head and expression with excellent dark pigment. Good flow of neck into shoulders, well laid shoulder and good length of upperarm which balanced with hindquarter. Level topline on the stack although sloped slightly on the move. Not as steady as first placegetter on the move today.

3rd No. 17 CH ROCKGOLD KIWI KENOBI

Another well balanced dog who moved truly. Slightly stronger in head than 1st and 2nd but nevertheless a pleasing expression with good pigmentation. Well laid shoulder with good length of upper arm and sound hindquarters to balance with front. Very well presented and handled.

OPEN DOG

1st No. 29 CH GOLDFLEECE KNOCK ON WOOD (AI)

An eye catching dog from the moment he entered the ring, painting a picture of balance and strength without any exaggeration. Lovely balanced head with correct planes and soft expression. Strong neck flowing into well laid shoulders with good length of upper arm. Strong bone, straight front and nice tight feet. Deep well sprung ribs, short coupled with well bent stifle. Moved truly with good reach and drive and carried a level topline. Well presented and handled. A pleasure to award Dog C.C. and later on Reserve in Show.

2nd No. 33 CH SHOGOLD MARATHON AFFAIR

Another extremely well balanced dog throughout lacking a little pigment but nevertheless another very well balanced head with pleasant expression. Good neck into shoulders, well angled forequarters, deep chest, well sprung ribs, short coupled and hindquarters to match forequarters. Moved truly and effortlessly with excellent topline. Well presented.

3rd No. 30 CH FETCHNPOINT KNEE JERKER

Stronger head than first and second with good pigment and balance throughout. Well angled forequarters and hindquarters with good bone. Moved with reach and drive but overall not as toned as those above him.

VETERAN DOG

Overall an outstanding class of Veterans

1st No. 34 GR CH & NZ CH WINTERLEA SON OF A KIWI ET (IMP NZ)

A well balanced dog of mid gold colour, beautifully presented. Excellent well balanced head and expression, strong neck flowing into well laid shoulders complimented by good length of upper arm. Deep well sprung ribs, short coupled and well turned stifles. Good bone. Moved with reach and drive and maintained a level topline. A pleasure to award him Reserve C.C.

2nd No. 36 CH ALNCLAIR RICKYS REVENGE

Slightly stronger in head than first placegetter yet still balanced with soft expression. Good neck into shoulders with correct forequarter and hindquarter angulation. Deep chest, well sprung ribs. Moved soundly with firm level topline but just lacked the carriage of the dog above.

3rd No. 35 GR CH IMATRIEVER KARUBIAN JULE

Overall a well balanced dog. Slightly finer in head than those above. Good angulation front and rear, moved with a level topline. On the day not the drive behind as first and second placegetters as he is just starting to show his age but at almost 10 years, he is in lovely condition and well presented.

CHALLENGE DOG: No. 29 CH GOLDFLEECE KNOCK ON WOOD (AI)

RESERVE CHALLENGE DOG:

No. 34 GR CH & NZ CH WINTERLEA SON OF A KIWI ET (IMP NZ)

BABY PUPPY BITCH

1st No. 39 HAYDENGOLD HOPELESSLY IN LOVE

Very feminine baby with excellent pigmentation, soft expression and well balanced head. Good front and rear angulation, short coupled, well boned. Moved with reach and drive. Fantastic, happy, outgoing personality. Well handled.

2nd No. 40 TIFADOR IRISH MISS

Slightly longer cast throughout than first placegetter. Well balanced front and rear assembly with an overall well developed body for age. Moved truly with good reach and drive for one so young.

3rd No. 38 TIFADOR MADISON AVENUE

Litter sister to the one above, similar comments apply. Good head and expression with excellent pigment. Not as true on the move as first and second placegetters on the day.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH

This class was not so well behaved and created plenty of work for their handlers.

1st No. 48 SHOGOLD STRAWBERRYS N BUBBLES

A feminine bitch with good well balanced head and lovely soft expression. Stacked up well with correct neck into shoulders. Excellent forequarter angulation with good bone and straight front. Well sprung ribcage with well turned stifles. On the day moved with good reach in front but lacked a little drive behind.

2nd No. 44 CHALEUR EXTREME MAKE OVER

Shorter cast bitch with very feminine head, excellent pigment and expression. Sound front and rear assembly, well sprung ribcage. Not as settled on move as first placegetter.

3rd No. 47 ALNCLAIR AMAZING GRACE

Well constructed bitch who didn't settle on the move in the ring today. Lovely balanced head, expression and pigmentation. Good front and rear assembly with well sprung ribcage.

PUPPY BITCH

1st No. 49 DOBRO KIMBERLEE DIAMOND

Slightly longer cast bitch, lacking in coat on the day. Stacked up well with slightly longer head piece, prefer a little more width of skull. Good pigmentation. Long well laid shoulder blade, requires longer length of upper arm. Good bone throughout, not as settled on the move today.

2nd No. 51 SUMMERGOLD STAR SEARCHER

Shorter coupled bitch in full coat. Feminine head with good pigmentation. Strong bone. On the move lacked reach and drive with stilted hind movement.

JUNIOR BITCH

1st No. 54 FETCHNPOINT KNEES N TOES

Striking bitch with lovely outline. Well balanced head with soft expression. Strong flowing neck into well laid shoulders with correct angled upper arm. Excellent bone, straight front, tight feet. Deep well sprung ribs. Sound, well turned hindquarters, strong through first and second thigh. Moved effortlessly with balance and drive maintaining excellent topline on the move. Well handled and presented.

2nd No. 55 IMPRESSA ROSE ABOVE THE REST

Shorter cast and stronger overall than the first placegetter. Well balanced head although hairline slightly affected softness of expression. Strong neck into well laid shoulders.

Good bone, well sprung ribcage, well developed hindquarter, although on the move lacked the drive of the one above.

3rd No. 58 SHOGOLD SANDRAS LEGACY

Short coupled, balanced bitch although topline sloping slightly on the stack. Balanced head with good pigment and soft expression. Good forequarter assembly but slightly straighter angles behind. As with second placegetter, lacked the drive of first placegetter.

INTERMEDIATE BITCH

1st No. 61 CH NARAGOLD ANGELICA

Beautifully presented bitch. Stacked up well and caught the eye from the moment she entered the ring. Feminine well balanced head with correct planes and soft expression. Lovely neck into well laid shoulders, good bone and tight feet. Well balanced front and rear angulation. Well sprung ribcage and well ribbed back, short coupled. Moved with good reach in front but not as sound in hindquarter movement on the day.

2nd No. 62 IMPRESSA CHAMPAGNE NICE

Slightly stronger throughout than first placed bitch. Balanced feminine head with good pigmentation. Well sprung ribs. Correct front and rear angulation, although standing slightly taller behind which affected her topline.

3rd No. 60 GLENTREVE DREAMS COME TRUE AT TIFADOR (IMP NZ)

Longer cast bitch than those above her. Good pigmentation with pleasant expression. Good front assembly although topline dipping slightly behind shoulders which carried through on the move. Correct bone, tight feet, good turn of stifle with well let down hocks. Moved with adequate reach and drive.

AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH

1st No. 65 CH. YELLOWFETCH SHININ LIGHT

A typey bitch who presented a lovely outline with excellent flow from head to tail. Feminine, well balanced, chiseled head with soft expression although just lacking in pigment today. Correct neck into well laid shoulders and upper arm to balance. Good strong bone, tight feet, well sprung rib cage, short coupled, excellent well turned stifles and let down hocks. Moved truly with good reach and drive whilst maintaining a level topline. Later going on to win Reserve C.C.

2nd No. 66 MATANA STORMY MISS (AI)

A beautiful bitch on the stack but not as settled on the move today. Extremely well balanced throughout. Feminine head with good expression. Excellent neck into shoulders. Good bone, well sprung ribs, short coupled. Correct forequarter and hindquarter angulation. Lost out on movement to winner today.

3rd No. 67 IMPRESSA CATCHA DREAM

Again another compact well balanced bitch. Good head and expression. Correct front and rear angulation with good bone and well sprung ribs, deep through the heart. Moved truly with good reach and drive.

OPEN BITCH

1st No. 72 GR CH YELLOWFETCH WHATZ IT TO U

An outstanding bitch who oozes quality and caught the eye the moment she entered the ring. Extremely well balanced throughout. Lovely feminine head with soft melting expression, correct planes and good pigmentation. Strong neck flowing into well laid shoulders with correct length of upper arm. Straight front, good bone, tight feet. Well sprung ribcage and well ribbed back. Short coupled, good turn of stifle, strong first and second thigh with hocks well let down. Moved truly with good reach and drive, level topline and correct tail carriage. An honour to judge such a lovely specimen of a Golden Retriever and to award her Bitch C.C. and ultimately Best Exhibit In Show.

2nd No. 73 CH ALNCLAIR ANN TICIPATION

A well balanced bitch throughout. Feminine head with correct balance and soft expression. Good neck into well laid shoulders, correct forequarter and hindquarter angulation. Straight front, good bone. Well sprung ribs. Not as strong in topline as first placegetter and although not as animated moving, moved with good reach and drive.

3rd No. 75 PENCANDY MYSTICAL FLICK (IMP UK)

Taller bitch than those placed above her. Feminine head with good planes but lacking in pigmentation. Prefer more front and rear angulation which in turn resulted in her lacking reach and drive on the move.

VETERAN BITCH

A lovely class of Veteran ladies.

1st No. 78 CH TIFADOR LADY ASHLEY

A very well balanced and youthful 9 ½ year old bitch. Her head was feminine but lacking a little in width of skull but nevertheless a pleasant expression. Excellent neck into shoulders, well constructed front and rear assembly. Deep through chest with well sprung ribs. Strong through the loin, good bone and tight feet. Excellent mover for her age with good reach and drive.

2nd No. 77 GR CH ALNCLAIR MAGGIE MAY

A lovely 11 ½ year old bitch who is starting to show her age and unlucky to meet the winner here today. Strong bitch in excellent condition. Feminine well balanced head with soft pleasing expression. Adequate front and rear angulation, moved truly but did not have the reach and drive today as the first placegetter.

CHALLENGE BITCH: No. 72 GR CH YELLOWFETCH WHATZ IT TO U

**RESERVE CHALLENGE:
BITCH:**

No. 65 CH. YELLOWFETCH SHININ LIGHT

BEST IN SHOW: No. 72 GR CH YELLOWFETCH WHATZ IT TO U

RESERVE IN SHOW: No. 29 CH GOLDFLEECE KNOCK ON WOOD (AI)