

WA GRC Championship show Critiques. Saturday 10 September 2016.

Firstly I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity of judging your lovely dogs and experiencing the great WA hospitality. It is always an honour to judge your own breed.

Our accommodation was very comfortable and in a really good location - big thanks to Ann and George Jones for that. A yummy lunch was provided on show day and the after show luncheon on the Sunday at the Aqua Bar was a great get-together with lots of laughs.

To my ring steward Jan and chief steward Lynn thank you for making the show run smoothly. The photographer Diana of Animal Images Photography did a sterling job too - I hope everyone buys mementoes of the day - as I will. Big thanks also to Leonie Maley for being our "chauffeur" on show day - we enjoyed the circuitous route back to the unit. Carla also scored some unpaid uber jobs which we appreciated very much.

The trophy table was full of quality and for such a small club the committee and members do an amazing job. All those who helped to organise and run the show as well as look after the visitors (us) really deserve a huge pat on the back.

I was happy to see that my decisions were accepted with good grace by the exhibitors and in some classes it really was a very close decision indeed. As well as the exhibitors' temperaments being KFC I was pleased to see all the dogs displayed good temperament in the ring too.

There were some exhibits not in their best coat today and also a few "winter noses", but today I did not penalise this, although it may have affected a final placement. Most exhibits displayed a kindly expression which is a hallmark of the breed. However a few exhibits had teeth and/or jaw problems, some with misaligned teeth, and some with incorrect bites - something to be mindful of. Overall sound movement prevailed in the exhibits, as well as good muscle tone.

In compiling my critiques I have included virtues and also areas for improvement in all the exhibits. No animal is perfect but if we can acknowledge the areas where our Golden Retrievers can be enhanced then we can all strive to select breeding partners that complement each other and thereby improve our own lines and the breed in general.

Thank you everyone for entering your exhibits under me. I enjoyed the day immensely.

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Baby Puppy Dog - 1 entry

1. Bluebreeze Scotlands Guardiann - P Andrew. BABY IN SHOW

A promising youngster, well pigmented, very pleasant head, strong bone, straight and parallel front legs, good body proportions, tight feet, good reach and drive, moved out well on the day. His coat was a little unruly as the new coat was coming through. Improved handling and presentation skills should see this young lad go far.

Minor Puppy Dog - 2 entries, 2 absent

Puppy Dog - 1 entry

1. Dobro Distinction at Aneiraby (ai) - C. O'Donnell. PUPPY IN SHOW

Good size. Good length of neck, good length of nuzzle and breadth of skull, head yet to develop fully. Good undercoat. Nice straight back end with no sign of cow hocks; good bend of stifle, level topline which he held on the move, tail set on well, moved out with strength showing good reach and drive. A very promising young dog.

Junior Dog - 2 entries, 0 absent

1. Kavandale Twist N Turn - R Peirce. OPP SEX JUNIOR IN SHOW

Pleasing head with good width of skull but would prefer slightly more breadth of muzzle and a slightly more open eye; good length of neck; ribcage correctly positioned with good fore-chest and depth of chest; strong well-arched loins; parallel legs at back with no sign of cow hocks; correct ear set; good bone; in better coat than 2nd placed dog; good bend of stifle with well let down hocks, moved out straight fore and aft.

2. Clairedoree Great Scott (ai) - A. Kumar

Not the maturity of dog number one. Lacking coat and furnishings today. Good pigmentation around the eyes but had a "winter nose". Nice straight bone, moved out well. Chest yet to drop. Balanced masculine head. Good bend of stifle and well let-down hocks.

Intermediate Dog - 4 entries, 1 absent

1. Aneiraby Aurora Australis (ai) - C. O'Donnell. OPP SEX INTER IN SHOW

Very pleasant masculine head of correct proportions; nice style of dog; lacking some pigment on nose; good bone; sufficient coat of correct texture; could have a better turn of stifle; good front angulation; parallel legs fore and aft with well let down hocks; on the move his outline was marred by his tail which was carried gaily; his movement displayed correct reach and drive and foot placement.

2. Piarki Rocher - E. Hodgson

Very close decision for first place. Slightly longer caste than number one dog; another with a "winter nose"; well proportioned front assembly; similar to number one dog I would prefer more turn of stifle and slightly shorter hocks; very good depth of chest but lack of furnishings made him look more "cut up" in underline; masculine head - one of the most pleasing on the day.

3. Melliferous Go Wild Logans Run - A. Cameron

Shorter coupled dog with ample furnishings which, if trimmed more, would improve the outline of his neck and chest areas. Nice style of head with good balance in proportions; good pigmentation; gave his handler a challenge and did not move as well as the two placed above him. Topline slightly marred by roll over croup. Tight feet; parallel legs front and back.

State Bred Dog - 3 entries, 0 absent

1. CH Ralun Extraordinaire - R. Peirce. BEST STATE BRED IN SHOW

Well boned upstanding dog; lacking some nose pigmentation which detracted slightly from his kindly expression; good breadth and shape of skull and foreface; good ear set; well angled front and back; short coupled; moved out well; well presented and handled; lacking some coat today and the sparse feathering detracted from the look of his underline.

2. Ambermist Sentinel (ai) - D Turner

This boy did not move as well as number one today. A heavier dog all over with some excess width across the forechest, but still has a good layback of shoulder. Good tail set and carriage on the move, although he tended to drop his head whilst moving. Good flow of neck into shoulder, although slightly shorter in neck than number one. Well bent stifles and well let down hocks.

3. CH Hartogold Supernova - J. Crawford

Good bone and nice straight coat which is in good order. Well angled. Shorter in neck than the two above and head shape not as balanced as those placed above him. Slight roll over in croup spoiled his outline, and although his bite is correct not all his lower teeth were correctly placed. Nice straight bone in front and back legs. Correct ground-covering gait.

Aust Bred Dog - 2 entries, 0 absent

1. CH Giltedge Do You Like Apples (ai) - K Handley & S Stephens. BEST AUST BRED IN SHOW

Loved this boy's overall balance. Very strong topline which he held on the stack and whilst moving. Tight cat-like feet. Balanced masculine head with kindly expression and full pigmentation. Effortless movement around the ring although he had a slight tendency to converge when moving away. Good ear set, correct bite and good clean muscular neck. Coat in good condition, presented and handled very well.

2. CH Plarki Cleaver CCD RN - E Hodgson

Well balanced head, lacking some nose pigmentation today. Good layback of shoulder but not quite the balance of dog number one. Coat in good condition. Well presented and handled. In a very tough class today.

Open Dog - 3 entries, 0 absent

1. CH Fantango Westside Story - J Crawford. OPP SEX OPEN IN SHOW

Nice outline with strong topline and correct tail set. Good flow of neck into shoulder. Good depth of body. In good coat. Hocks could be trimmed to better advantage. A strong but balanced head. Eyelids a little loose. Jaws strong with a perfect regular and complete scissor bite.

2. Sup Ch Ralun Flying High (ai) - R. Peirce

Good topline, well let-down hocks and good turn of stifle. Well balanced and a very pleasant masculine head. Best mover in the class. Over coat in good condition but lacking some undercoat on the day. There was a lot to like about this boy, however his bite was not his forte. Today this boy had black markings on his teeth which spoiled the look of his mouth.

3. CH Oceanviews Southern Star - J Bliss & J Brown

Moved well. Very pleasant head with good pigmentation. Balanced angles fore and aft. Front legs straight and parallel, although did tend to turn his feet a little east-west on the stack. Held his topline on the move and when being stacked. Adequate over coat. Some irregular teeth placement in the bottom jaw detracted from his bite.

Veteran Dog - 2 entries, 0 absent

1. CH Larbellah Team Leader - K Handley & D Petterwood. BEST VETERAN IN SHOW

Nearly 9 yrs old. Well proportioned and structured male with a smooth transition of the neck into his topline and through to a well set on tail. Good tight feet. Very well balanced dog with good layback of shoulder and equal upper arm. Matching back end with a good width of second thigh. Well let down hocks. Good boning. Correct bite with teeth in good order. A little bit of "butterflying" on his nose. Moved out at a steady pace, but not with the reach and drive of some of the younger dogs.

2. CH Swifttreve River Dance - D Turner

9 1/2 yrs old. Another quality dog. Pleasant head and expression. Well angled and boned. Well let down hocks. Slightly wider through the chest which was evident on the move. Not quite the topline of number one. Correct bite with teeth in good order.

DCC winner: CH Giltedge Do You Like Apples (ai) - K Handley & S Stephens.

RDCC winner: CH Larbellah Team Leader - K Handley & D Petterwood.

Baby Puppy Bitch - 3 entries, 0 absent

1. Giltedge One Scoop or Two (ai) - K Handley & T Platt. OPP SEX BABY IN SHOW

Well put together girl coming along nicely. Tight feet. Good bone. Good skull proportions, head shape and pigmentation. Well handled, well behaved and moved out with purpose using her balanced angles fore and aft. Still wearing her baby coat.

2. Shtar Where Bluebirds Fly - H Keeling

Close decision for first place. Still in proportion but starting to go up on leg. Well angled shoulders with similar angles behind. Very pleasant head with good pigmentation. Also moved out well with good reach and drive.

3. Ile Maurice La Seductrice - P Rughoobur

Pleasant and well proportioned head, although expression spoiled by tear staining on one eye today. Short coupled with good topline, tight feet and just starting to change coat. Some ring craft lessons will help the handler get the most out of this puppy.

Puppy Bitch - 1 entry

1. Ralun Made in Gold (ai) - R Peirce & E Griffiths. OPP SEX PUPPY IN SHOW

Moved with purpose. A very happy girl. Very pleasant head. Short hocks and good angles fore and aft. Strong hindquarters. Quite mature for her age. Lots of potential.

Junior Bitch - 2 entries, 1 absent

1. Parkridge Its All About Me - D Turner. BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW

Good shoulders and equal length of upper arm. Very appealing head with good pigmentation. Good turn of stifle and well let down hocks. Coat developing. Moved straight and true in an enthusiastic manner in tune with her handler. Good smooth flow of neck into shoulder and topline. A lot to like about this young girl.

Intermediate Bitch - 3 entries, 0 absent

1. CH Ralun Lasting Touch (ai) - N Ryan & D Nadebaum. BEST INTER IN SHOW

Substantial mature looking bitch, slightly longer caste. Pleasing expression with slight depigmentation on her nose. Good tight feet. A happy girl who moved out well. Well presented and handled. Well angled fore and aft. Good length of neck and flow into shoulder.

2. CH Aneuraby Its Electrifying (ai) - C O'Donnell

KFC expression. Well proportioned head. Good shoulders. Clean outline. Strong in loin with correct coupling. Balanced angles fore and aft. Well let down hocks. Coat in reasonable order. Winter nose. Moved quite well.

3. Nyrrae Xtra Xciting - R Rayner

Pleasant head with good pigmentation, well shaped eye and kindly expression. Adequate angles front and back. Not the topline of those placed above her - slight rollover on croup. Front and back feet could be trimmed to appear more catlike. Coming into new coat. Seemed to enjoy her day out.

State Bred Bitch - 2 entries, 0 absent

1. CH Aneuraby Diamantina Starr - C O'Donnell. OPP SEX STATE BRED IN SHOW

Balanced angles fore and aft; good length of neck and flow of neck into shoulders and topline; nice wide second thigh; very neat cat like feet; well sprung ribs and correct tailset; lacking some coat and featherings today. Covered the ground well on the move.

2. Purengold Summer Sky - M Casas

Pleasant feminine head with correct eye and ear set; straight legs with good bone with balanced angles front and back; lacking coat and feathering today. Shorter in neck and not quite the level topline of number one. Moved out well.

Aust Bred Bitch - 3 entries, 0 absent

1. CH Aneiraby Ohm Cant Resist - C O'Donnell. OPP SEX AUST BRED IN SHOW

A strong class. This girl held her topline very well on the stack and move; well balanced angles; feminine head; good flow of neck into shoulders with good spring of rib and strong loin. Reasonable coat. Tight elbows; very happy mover.

2. CH Ralun Just About Me (ai) - R Peirce

Close decision. Longer caste bitch. Topline not as strong as number one, notably on the move. Very well angled front and back; good tight feet; feminine head with lovely expression; well let down hocks.

3. Bluebreeze Bound for Fame - R Rayner

Feminine head with pleasing expression; a little down on her pasterns; in good coat. Not quite the movement of the first two. Balanced angles fore and aft.

Open Bitch - 5 entries, 3 absent

1. CH Giltedge There's a Butterfly (ai) - K Handley. BEST OPEN IN SHOW

Strong and solid bitch; well let down hocks; coat in good order; feminine head; muscular front; would prefer a smoother flow of neck into shoulders - hers was more adjunct. Moved well, but her topline had a slight roll. Seemed to be carrying some excess weight. Well angled fore and aft. Good tight feet. Coat in good order.

1. Bluebreeze Fame and Fortune - R Rayner

Feminine head with kind expression; a little finer than first place, good dark eyes and correct eye shape; not as well angled as number one. Her low head carriage detracted from her movement. Foot placement was good.

Veteran Bitch - 3 entries, 0 absent

1. GR CH Dobro Diamantina - C O'Donnell. OPP SEX VETERAN IN SHOW

11 year old girl who moved around the ring like a bitch half her age; held her topline well on the move; well laid back shoulder blade; in good order; good length of neck, and flow into shoulder; well let down hocks and well bent stifles; strong loin; coat losing some texture with age.

2. CH Aneiraby Citrine Charm - C O'Donnell

9 yrs old. Another nice veteran who held her topline very well. A bit of a butterfly nose; good angles front and back; would prefer a slightly shorter hock. Moved well. Feminine head. Good turn of stifles. Well laid back shoulder blades and good length of upper arm.

3. CH Montego Rambling Rose (IID) - R Connah

7 yrs old. Feminine bitch with pleasing expression. A little wide in front. Moved well. Well sprung ribs. Good length of neck. Good flow of neck into topline. Lacking coat and rolled slightly over the croup. Good underline, and good deep chest.

BCC winner: Parkridge Its All About Me - D Turner.

RBCC winner: CH Ralun Lasting Touch (ai) - N Ryan & Nadebaum

Neuter Dog - 1 entry

1. Neut Ch Ambermist Rag Trade - A Jones. NEUTER IN SHOW

Balanced front and back. Lacking some nose pigment, but full pigment otherwise. A little east west on the stack, but not noticeable. Masculine head with pleasing head proportions. Coat in good order with correct texture and good feathering. Moved out displaying a happy disposition.

Neuter Bitch - 3 entries, 0 absent

1. CH Ralun A Touch of Silk (ai) - R Peirce. OPP NEUTER IN SHOW

Longer caste bitch who moved well on the day. Good length of neck and well balanced fore and aft. I liked this girl very much but she dropped her topline a little on the move. In good coat. Well let down hocks. Handled well. Close decision for class in show.

2. Neut Ch Claireedoree Drumbeat Echo - A Kumar

Very feminine head. Winter nose. Short coupled with good balanced angulation. Level topline, but with a slight rollover of croup. Good flow of neck into shoulders. Carrying some excess weight today. Well let down hocks.

3. Ambermist Kiss Me Quick - D Turner

Feminine head. Lacking some nose pigmentation. Slightly longer caste than number two. Not the movement of the two placed above - she did not seem keen to "strut her stuff." Good length of neck. Straight legs front and back and well let down hocks.

Best in Show: CH Giltedge Do You Like Apples (ai) - K Handley & S Stephens.

Runner-up & Opposite Sex in Show: Parkridge Its All About Me - D Turner.