



# MIDLAND GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

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## MGRC Discover Dogs at Crufts 2020



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### • DIARY DATES •

**SUNDAY, 27th JUNE 2021**

at The KC Building, Stoneleigh

**• OPEN SHOW •**

Judge: Mr David McCubbin

Fred Hathaway classes: Mrs Lorraine Tooth

**• CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW •**

(Re-scheduled from December 2020)

Dog Judge: Mrs Doreen McGugan

Bitch Judge: Mrs Janet Bradwell

Referee: Miss Penny Gowland

**SUNDAY, 5th DECEMBER 2021**

at The KC Building, Stoneleigh

**• CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW •**

Dog Judge: Mr Eddie Webster

Bitch Judge: Dr Ruth Barbour

Referee: TBC

**• AGM •**

**Sunday, 31st January 2021**

To be held 'virtually' at 2.00 pm

Details to follow

### • MEMBERSHIP •

Please be reminded  
that membership renewal is due on  
1st NOVEMBER 2020

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN



Dear Members,

Who could ever have envisaged the events that have unfolded during 2020! Covid-19 has raged at pandemic proportions through the world and arrested our normality. It has played havoc with the social and competitive events that we attend with our much-loved Golden Retrievers. These are not just dog shows but social opportunities and mean so much to most exhibitors. I am sure that there is now a big dichotomy for most of our members: the wanting and needing to get back out there and the big worry about how this infection will continue as a threat to our lives and well-being. Personally, I hope that we can see some events soon. It is with a heavy heart that as a committee we decided to postpone the Championship Show. We are hoping that if all goes well we will be able to hold it with the open show next summer, should things have settled by then and it is safe for the Committee and exhibitors to be attending shows then.

We were lucky to get our AGM in January, but then to lose the open show that was due to be held in the spring, this was in the middle of lock down and as a result we had to cancel.

To offer our members some events we are in the process of organising an online show, Lesley Layland will be announcing this soon. I have also arranged a webinar with Mrs Val Foss on the History of the Golden Retriever, this is being co-hosted with the Retriever Club of Portugal. I do hope if you are interested that you will sign up for the event. It will be held on 11th October 2020. Information about registration will follow soon and be available on the FB page and Website, so keep your eyes open.

The club has had two significant members and supporters passed away since our last newsletter:

George White (Sharnborne) died on 9th May 2020. He had served as a committee member of MGRC for many years. He was Vice Chairman and after he decided to step down from this position due to health problems he then served as Vice President. He attended shows with his wife Hazel, and they had some nice winning stock. I will remember their kennel most for their lovely Sh Ch Sharnborne Bettina. They were very well known in the Midlands area. Unfortunately, Hazel died some years ago and I know how much George missed her. George attended fewer shows and canine events and gradually as his health failed, he withdrew from the canine

world. The last time I saw him was at our Open Show in 2019 where he was quite frail. Our thoughts are with his family.

Mervin Philpott (Westley) was a great supporter of MGRC particularly on the working side, running training classes and other working events on behalf of the club. Mervin was such a generous, good hearted man, he made many donations to the club and the rescue funds and was always so willing to step forward and help the club. Despite being unwell and near the end of his life Mervin was still thinking of us and donating rosettes for the working test from his care home. Mervin's death leaves MGRC without any working representation and it is truly a great blow to the club and to the breed; there is now such a divide between the working and show side that seems to be drifting ever further apart.

2020 has been a hard year in many ways not just the Covid-19 infection, many have had to deal with the death and illness associated with this. All of us have faced the isolation and difficulties that has brought on our personal and canine life. I know my own dogs have been even more important to me in these times and given me a focus and friendship. The loss of the AHT is a significant blow to the whole dog world. The research they were doing could only have positive offshoots for dogs and their owners.

The number of enquiries for puppies has also been worrying, I am sure that many unscrupulous breeders are charging elevated prices and those desperate are paying. What will happen to these poor puppies, they must have lacked socialization in their critical years, so I am sure we will see adults with behavioural problems. Also, what will happen when people go back to work and leave a dog that has never been on its own? Separation anxiety can be very difficult to deal with. When furlough comes to an end many people will lose their jobs, what will then happen to their pets if they cannot afford them? I think we will see many coming through rescue either through unemployment or because of behaviour issues.

I hope as the year draws to a close that we can all look for a brighter 2021. I wish you good health and happiness and that you stay safe and well and we look forward to seeing everyone in the near future.

**Penny Gowland, Chairman**



## INTRODUCING OUR NEW SECRETARY



I have been fortunate to grow up in a family where dogs are a big part of home life.

In 1985 my parents bought our first Golden Retriever; Penny and it was her who introduced us to the world of Golden Retrievers. Penny sadly passed away much before her time, but in 1993 we purchased a bitch from the Dunsaron kennel; Dunsaron Anna Felicia and was introduced to the show scene by her breeder.

In 1995 together with my parents we were granted our own kennel name 'Applecote'. The name was

chosen partly from the village where I live and the name of my house and in the following year we had our first litter. We kept two puppies out of that litter and it was with my own Applecote Washington Gem with whom I really learnt to show, so I have a lot to thank him for and I now show all of the dogs here at Applecote.

Throughout the years which I have been showing my dogs I have had success at both Open and Championship Show level. I have gained entries into the Kennel Club stud book with numerous homebred dogs and have also bred a South African Champion; SA Ch Applecote You Make Me Smile at Gavalat.

After serving my apprenticeship I was invited to judge my first Open Show in 2001 and in 2017 I was approved by the KC to award Challenge

Certificates.

I have served on the executive committee of the NGRA and have also served as committee member, treasurer and secretary at Hinckley & District Canine Society and have also organised and run charity dog shows for my local agricultural society.

With the lack of shows due to the corona virus this year I have enjoyed taking part in new activities with my dogs and in particular Gundog Training with my two new puppies. This is something which I haven't taken part in before but myself and the pups are thoroughly enjoying it.

**Miss Lesley Layland, Secretary**



## SEMINAR UPDATE



On October 20th 2019 we held a Kennel Club Requirements Of A Dog Show Judge Seminar (Rules and Regs). The KC Trainer for the day was Dr Ruth Barbour. We had candidates from different breeds as well as Golden Retriever people. Many people came to this seminar some quite nervous, but Dr Barbour put them at ease and everyone actually began to enjoy the day. The seminar has a multi choice exam at the end, and we are pleased to say again all candidates passed.

Due to Covid-19, we have not been able to run any seminars this year. As soon as we are able to hold these again, we will inform you of any educational activities.

**Hazel Gripton**



# CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW ~ SUNDAY, 8th DECEMBER 2019

We held our 41st Championship Show on Sunday 8th December 2019 at the Kennel Club Buildings Stoneleigh.

Our Judges for the day were:

- Dogs: Miss Isobel Cuthill (Mousselegen)
- Bitches: Mr Robert Lane (Kulawand)
- Referee: Mr Keith Young (Pyngold)
- The Fred Hathaway Special Award Classes:  
Miss Anne Douthwaite (Gracewood)
- Puppy walk: Miss Susan Wharfe (Gracewood)

Miss Cuthill drew an entry of 122 Dogs and the CC was awarded to the Mid Limit winner, ENDELLION SPINNAKER, owned by Mrs V Giltsoff, who was also awarded **BEST IN SHOW** on the Referees decision.

Reserve CC winner came from the Limit Class and was ANGUSKYE RUN TO YOU BY LEIGHSHAM JW owned by Mrs J Jackson-Haines.

Best Puppy Dog and **BEST PUPPY IN SHOW** was AMILONE FLINTSTONE owned by Miss S Grainger.

Best Veteran Dog who won the 7+ years class and went on to become **BEST VETERAN IN SHOW** on the Referees decision, was Sh Ch FLYNGALEE ALONSO owned by Miss S McCormack.

Mr Lane drew an entry of 110 bitches. The CC was awarded to the Open winner, JAYMARDY HIDDEN SECRET JW ShCM owned by Mrs J Maddison, who was awarded **RESERVE BEST IN SHOW** and **BEST OPPOSITE SEX IN SHOW**. I believe this gave her the magical 3rd CC.

Reserve bitch CC was MESSANO FLAMING STAR JW owned by Mrs J Morrissey and Miss C Tappenden from the Mid Limit class.

Best Special Working in Show was the dog, DANGEROUS GAMES DELLA VAL D'AVETO WITH GILLBRYAN (IMP ITA) owned by Mr and Mrs Wicklow and Miss Wred.

We gave Crystal gifts for Best In Show, Best Opposite Sex and Best Puppy in Show.

Prize money of £10.00 for Special Veteran Dog 9 years+ and Special Veteran Bitch 9 years+ also £10.00 for BEST VETERAN IN SHOW.

Our raffle was well supported and as always, this goes to Midland Golden Retriever Rescue; we thank you all for your generous support.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, both the Open Show and Championship Show 2020 have been cancelled. We aim to reschedule the Championship Show to 2021 so will hopefully, be holding two Championship Shows and an Open Show next year.

*Hazel Gripton*

## OVERALL WINNERS



BIS

RBIS

BPIS

BVIS

BW

## DOGS



BD

RBD

BPD

BVD

## BITCHES



BB

RBB

BPB

BVB

## NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS



**GARY FOREMAN**  
(Ambersun)

I, along with my wife Teresa, bought our first Golden Retriever 39 years ago as our family pet and very soon after became hooked in the world of showing. We were very active in the show ring for many years – even when our children were young. We achieved two Show Working Gundog Certificates, numerous Stud Book Numbers, Junior Warrants, CCs and RCCs and also bred a Champion with dogs we either owned or bred. We were also very active with Golden Retriever Rescue. In 2001, due to family commitments, we took some time away from the show world but continued to own Goldens until late 2014 when we lost Tom, who was the last of our line.

In 2015 we decided to visit the Golden Retriever Club Championship Show and met up with lots of old friends. This rekindled our love for all things “Golden” and we soon found a new “addition” for our household – Jenson. We have had great fun showing him and he has won his KC Stud Book Number. Last year we also had our first “homebred” litter and are showing two of the puppies from that litter. I am currently on the A2 Judging list after passing all the required exams, tests, assessments and I also attended Day 1 of the Golden Retriever Club 2 Day Open Stake, as required for the A2 qualification.

Since returning back to the world of Goldens I have also judged at 6 Open Shows, including a Breed Club Open Show and have been offered an appointment to award CCs next year.

As a committee member, I like to think of myself as a “team” player and am always willing to support and contribute both verbally and physically.



**CARON FRENCH**  
(Caffimbra)

I have owned Golden Retrievers since 1985 & currently have 4 Golden Girls. I have been showing my dogs at all levels since 1987 and in that time I have gained Stud Book numbers and owned 2 Junior Warrant winners, one home bred.

I have attended Breed Club & General Championship & Open Shows on a regular basis over most years and enjoyed showing my dogs at Crufts. I also handled the Golden Retriever Bitch RCC winner at Crufts in 2013, after showing her in all her Crufts qualifying Championship classes during much of her career, it was a very special day.

In January 2020 I was privileged to have my first Championship Show judging appointment, which I enjoyed immensely and I am now on the Kennel Club A1 Judging List.

I held the position of Treasurer for Chepstow & District Canine Society for several years, am now an Honorary Member of the Club and I look forward to hopefully being an asset to Midland Golden Retriever Club's Committee.

**• VACANCY •**  
**WORKING TEST SECRETARY**  
*If you're interested, please contact the Secretary*

## DEMAND FOR PUPPIES

The demand for puppies has gone crazy during covid. The price for a puppy is soaring and some people are charging extortionate prices of between 3-6 K! The pre-covid price was much lower. This puts all reputable breeders in a vulnerable position with our puppies because if you sell them at the normal pre-covid price, people may purchase with a view to selling on and doubling or even tripling their money.

If you are selling a litter, please vet your potential families very carefully, discuss the future and the risk of unemployment, as well as the cost of keeping a large dog. Ensure that they realise fully that with the current situation puppy rearing will need extra effort to socialise and train their youngster, and this is a single opportunity to get the socialisation phase right. The puppy also needs to learn to be on its own for periods of time, otherwise leaving it alone in the future may be problematic.



We are in uncertain times and when we sell a puppy we must make every effort we can to ensure it goes to a happy, forever home, but with the unprecedented Covid pandemic, none of us can be certain of the future.

**SUPPORT**

*During these uncertain times, if you are struggling and require support, whether through loneliness, social isolation, or a problem with your dog, please contact Carol Oldring and we will do our best to help.*

**PUMPKIN AND APPLE TREATS**

1 cup pureed pumpkin  
 4 cups oatmeal  
 1 apple (remove core and seeds)  
 1 egg

*Grate the apple and mix with ground oatmeal, stir in the pumpkin and egg. Roll out the dough to about ½ inch thickness and cut into shapes with a pastry cutter.*

Preheat oven to 400 F  
 Place shapes onto a lined baking sheet and bake for 12 – 15 minutes.

**GINGERBREAD BITES**

3 cups whole wheat flour  
 2 tbs ground ginger  
 1 tsp ground cinnamon  
 ½ cup honey  
 ½ cup warm water  
 ¼ cup olive oil

*Mix together the flour, ginger and cinnamon then stir in the honey, water and oil until thoroughly mixed.*

Preheat oven to 325 F, 160 C  
*Roll out the dough to about ½ inch thickness and cut into shapes. Lightly spray a baking sheet and place shapes on baking sheet. Bake for 20 minutes.*