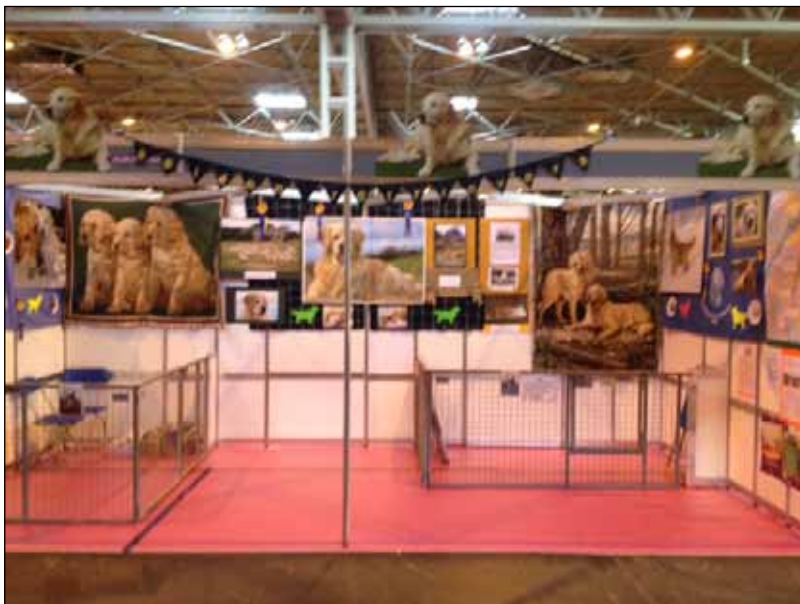




MIDLAND GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2015



Our marvellous stand at Discover Dogs, Crufts 2015

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3rd May 2015

Special Puppy, NDNH, Intermediate and Veteran Tests at Woodcock Farm, Owlpen, Glos.
Contact Mary Valentine or visit the website for details.

14th June 2015

Joint Breeds Championship Show at The KC Building, Stoneleigh.

Judges:

Dogs: Mrs Sue Brown (Ipcress)

Bitches: Mrs Sandra Birkin-Green (Sansue)

Entries can be made online with Fosse Data & schedule enclosed.

7th July 2015

KC Working Gundog Certificate Test on Dummies at Winchcombe.

Further details can be found on the MGRC website or by contacting Mervyn Philpott.

12th July 2015

Novice and Open Test at Owlpen Manor, Nr Uley, Glos.
Contact: Mary Valentine or visit the website for details.

6th December 2015

Championship Show at The KC Building, Stoneleigh.
Dog Judge: Mrs Ann Falconer
Bitch Judge: Mrs Joyce Ryder

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REMINDER - MEMBERSHIP FEES

If you pay your membership by standing order, please ensure that you have altered it in line with the increase in membership fees. If any part of the membership fee for 2014-15 is still outstanding, please contact the Membership Secretary immediately.

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CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW DECEMBER 2014 REPORT

The club's 37th breed Championship show was held at the Kennel Club Building on 7th December 2014. The weather was kind, for which committee and exhibitors alike were grateful, since the only drawback to this venue is the car park. Cut glass crystal trophies were presented to the Best Dog, Best Bitch and Best Puppy, together with the usual array of sashes, rosettes, prize cards and Christmas puddings. Once again the committee was grateful to Eukanuba for providing vouchers for Best Dog, Best Bitch, the Best Veterans and the Best Puppies.

As Show Secretary I was delighted when Lynn Kipps again volunteered to photograph the final line-ups for us, and her fabulous shots are to be seen on the website and in this newsletter. Last year I neglected to thank Sarah Middleton for photographing first & second in each class for the website, so I was very happy when she volunteered her services again for this year. A big thank you to her from the committee – we know exhibitors like to celebrate their success with a photograph, and it's nice for those unable to attend the show to see the winning dogs.

Mr Eddy Webster travelled down from Scotland to judge an entry of 99 dogs. He selected Angell's Millanza Take A Bow JW from Mid Limit as his Best Dog, and the dog went on to win Best In Show. In reserve Eddy chose the Open winner, Hennessy's Sh Ch Ritzilyn Doctor Pepper JW. The winner of Minor Puppy and Maiden was Clark's Trewater Aramis, and Stokes & Etherington's Elkarima's Golden Harlequin Knight won Puppy and Novice. In the challenge for Best Puppy Dog T. Aramis came out on top and went on to win Best Puppy In Show. Best Veteran Dog went to Fanning's Jemsty Special Edition and Aulton's Winnatts Wordsworth ShCM won Working Dog and Best Special Working overall.

Mrs Sandra Lane was chosen by ballot to judge the bitch entry of 106. She awarded Best Bitch to Scholes's Double Dutch Lady Of Rossgilde JW ShCM from Open, and in reserve Sandra chose Drury's Bencoe Angelina Lauro JW from Limit. List's Haydengold Kandy Kisses was the winner of Junior, Novice and Undergraduate – well done to exhibitor and exhibit! Griggs's Garmoran Mayan Star Over Mulfield headed Minor Puppy, won the challenge with the winner of Puppy, Turner's Aupa Dolcetto Di Amilone, and finished Reserve Best Puppy In Show. Best Veteran Bitch and Best Veteran In Show went to Pounds-Longhurst's Mossburn Don't Mind Me JW ShCM, and the Working Bitch class was won by Pounds-Longhurst's Brodene Tempestivity To Mossburn. Unusually there were no entries for the Brace class, so the show closed with the final challenges and the presentation of crystal to our judges by our vice-chairman, Mr George White.

ANGELA AULTON



*Winning dogs with judge, Mr Eddie Webster
BIS/DCC: Millanzo Take A Bow JW
RBIS/Res CC: Sh Ch Ritzilyn Doctor Pepper JW
BPIS: Trewater Aramis*



*The winning bitches with judge, Mrs Sandra Lane
BOS/CC: Double Dutch Lady of Rossgilde
Res CC: Bencoe Angelina Lauro JW
BP: Garmoran Myan Star over Mulfield*

RESCUE DOG - SPARKY

12 year old Sparky had been living in an empty house for six months on his own. His owner Debra (53 years) had had a stroke in June and was taken in to nursing care and put in an induced coma for several weeks. During this time her neighbour had been going round to feed Sparky and take him for a short walk.

Debra lived on her own and unfortunately the neighbour couldn't take Sparky in as he had two terriers and they wouldn't take to Sparky. In the August it was decided that Debra would not be able to return to her home and Sparky. Sparky was her only concern and she kept asking about him. In the December the nursing home asked Age UK for help, and that's when they contacted us.

About a month prior to this I had received an email from a lady saying her mother was in the house on her own all day and missing the company of their old Golden Retriever who had recently died. She was specifically asking for an 'older' Golden Retriever. This worked out really well, and it turns out Sparky is quite a character, still fit enough to go a decent walk and loving the attention. Debra has been sent some pictures of Sparky in his new home, and will keep in touch with her, so she is content knowing he is well loved.

**Ingrid Pinfield
Rescue**





SPRING WORKING NEWS



It only seems like yesterday I was writing the Autumn report, where has the time gone! The shooting season has now been and gone and many congratulations to all our members who gained awards in Field Trials last season. By the time you read this the Working Test season will have started and this year MGRC has organised two days of tests. We have been invited back to the wonderful grounds at both Woodcock Farm and Owlpen Manor, and in a slightly different format to last year we are bringing back NDNH and Intermediate tests and also running a Veteran Test.

We hope as many members as possible will come along and join us, whether to compete, help or just

to come and find out what the working side is all about, everyone is welcome. If you would like to find out more please do give me a call. Our aim is to provide tests that challenge both our skills as handlers and the ability of our dogs but most importantly to have an enjoyable and fun day out with our dogs.

I look forward to seeing you and would like to wish you good luck and a very enjoyable & successful season

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Working Tests 2015

3rd May - Special Puppy, NDNH, Intermediate & Veteran - Woodcock Farm, Owlpen, Glos.

12th July - Novice & Open - Owlpen Manor, Nr. Uley, Glos.

Full schedules and entry forms can be downloaded from the MGRC website or are available from the working Test Secretary.



CRANHAM TRAINING GROUP REPORT



Training on a wet February morning



We started training on the first Thursday in February and so far have had a good turnout with variable weather as would be expected at this time of year. The main classes will start on April 15th at 6.30pm and we always welcome any newcomers. Denise Smith ran a Sunday class earlier and raised £42 for Club funds and she is running a further six sessions in March and then her handlers will transfer to the Tuesday evening class. We are hoping to run a charity evening, just for the group later in the session- a chance for newcomers to get a taste of test conditions. I have arranged a K.C. Working Gundog Certificate Test on Dummies at Jayne Coley's land at Winchcombe for July 7th with Jayne and Mary Valentine as Assessors.

Our rescue Gordon Setter, Sally, is making slow progress; going out further to retrieve and hunting an area, sometimes reasonably well, and we are just getting her to go a short distance for a blind. Getting her to sit and stay is sometimes possible for a short time but John is working on that. She has decided that dummies may be picked up at training, but not at home!! - and sometimes we can fool her into picking up a dummy which is not her own. We'll get there one day!

Please feel free to contact either Mary or myself if you would like to join the class- or even to come along and just watch to see how the natural instincts of your retriever can be channelled into healthy exercise for your dog - to say nothing about your own!!

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