



MIDLAND GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2018



Discover Dogs

Another successful display which was extremely busy and attracted many visitors over the four days. Our thanks to all who supported in giving their time and brought dogs.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, 21st October 2018

Seminar

Requirements of a dog show

Judge Trainer: Dr Ruth Barbour

Venue: The KC Building, Stoneleigh

Cost: £25 to includes lunch

Saturday, 9th June 2018

Open Show

at Tomlinsons Canine Centre,
Markfield, Leicestershire.

Judge: Mrs Deborah Robbins

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

Sunday, 2nd December 2018

Championship Show

Dog Judge: Mrs Pat Tuck (Tamsbrook)

Bitch Judge: Mrs Heather Morss (Xanthos)

at The KC Building, Stoneleigh

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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN



2018 is an exciting year with many interesting and exciting anniversaries:

Its 250 years since Captain James Cook set sail from England on board HMS Endeavour. 200 years since the first human blood transfusion and the publication of Frankenstein by Mary Shelly. 150 years since the last public hanging in Britain and the foundation of Golden Retrievers. It is 110 years since the first Golden Retriever was exhibited. 100 years ago in 1918 there was a grand total of 15 Golden Retrievers registered, there were no shows and none of the dogs born this year were made up; names certainly reflected the times with two dogs being called, War Bond and Victory of Feddall. It was also the 100-year anniversary of the end of the First World War and in addition, the world faced a further blow with the beginning of the Spanish Flu pandemic, which spread worldwide and was estimated to have a death toll of over 50 million. Women were allowed to vote 100 years ago. Ten years later in 1928, Golden Retriever registrations had risen to 591; there were five champions made up that year and interestingly all were full champions. In 1948, the NHS was formed and this year celebrates its 70-year anniversary. Registrations of Golden Retrievers have continued to grow and by 1948, despite being just after the end of the Second World War of the registration of puppies went up to over 2,000. Of these seven went on to take their full Champion title, there was 1 Dual Champion, 2 Field trial Champions and only 1 Show Champion. In 1968, the registrations of Golden Retrievers had increased dramatically with over 4,000 registrations and from this year, 5 were made up as full champions, 4 field trial champions and 6 show champions. 1968 also saw the death of Martin Luther King and Robert F Kennedy; in this year, the Capital Punishment Act abolished public hanging in Britain. The Ulster GRC and GRC of Wales were both formed in 1968 and both celebrate 50-year anniversary. Moving on a decade to 1978, Malcolm Willis set up the foundations of the current hip scoring scheme and Women were first admitted as members of the Kennel club; Berkshire Downs and Chilterns GRC and the GRC of Northumbria were formed and all celebrate their 40th anniversaries this year. In 1978, registrations of Golden Retrievers had risen to nearly 7,000 and there is a notable change in the titleholders with 7 Champions, 2 Field Trial Champions and 12 Show Champions. Our own MGRC was founded in 1976 and held its first Championship show in 1978; this year is our 40th Anniversary of holding a Championship Show and your Committee are planning a very special Ruby Anniversary show with lots of lovely prizes and fun. There have been many landmarks to celebrate both in society and within our lovely breed and I hope that you will be able to join us to celebrate and look forward to seeing you there.

Penny Gowland, Chairman - pennygowland@btinternet.com

RESCUE REPORT



Lola was only 3 years old. She had recently had a litter, and when the owner arrived he proudly told me she had two litters previous to this one!

The owner phoned and wanted to bring her to me that day as he said she had grumbled at his daughter over her food bowl.

He said they had just sold the last of the puppies, and as she was nervous they weren't going to breed from her again. They had also owned the sire which they had recently sold on the internet.

When I first saw Lola she showed a lot of aggression towards me, so bad that I couldn't get near her. I agreed to take her in to the kennels and see how she calmed down but with the proviso that if I felt she could not be re homed, I would have to have her put to sleep. The owner was happy to leave Lola with me.

She was extremely thin, and had several sore patches on her back which had obviously been irritating her.

In agreement with the kennels that we use for our rescues, Lola stayed for the week and gradually gained the trust of Clair who runs the kennels.

Clair had only that week lost her old German Shepherd Dog which lived at the kennels. As Lola slowly came round, Clair took her in the house. I am glad to say she is still there. Clair has two young daughters, and Lola is completely trustworthy with them.

However, this is a year ago and if Lola is out when I go she is still aggressive towards me. I think she connects me with what had happened to her when she came in to me.

CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 2017 REPORT

Another year and another show has come around which was held on 3rd December at KC Buildings, Stoneleigh.

We were delighted both our judges were able to accept their appointment Mrs Val Burns (Dogs) and Mr Per Iversen (Bitches).

All the Judges had a lovely entry and we thank everyone who entered for making it a special day for them as without you there would be no show.

The Club was pleased again to offer cut Glass Crystal for Best in Show, Best Opposite Sex and Best Puppy in Show.

Mrs Burns drew an entry of 127 with 106 dogs to judge and found her Best Dog from Open, Mrs J Wilds Sh Ch Fenwood Ell Masterpiece At Bluewaters JW who went on to be Reserve Best In Show and Best Opposite Sex .

Reserve Best Dog was from Limit, Mrs Pope's Chilzer Corrigan. Best Puppy Dog coming from Minor Puppy was Mrs Williams Thornywait Full Monty at Trebetyn who went Reserve Best Puppy in Show.

Best Veteran Dog who went on to be Best Veteran in Show was Mrs Gerholds Sh Ch Crossview Summer Alliance JW ShCM coming from Special Veteran Dog (9+Yrs)

Mr Iverson drew an entry of 196 with 133 Bitches to judge.

The Best Bitch came from Open and went on to be awarded BEST IN SHOW was Miss K Braeckman's Dan Sh Ch /Deu Ch Glitters Much Munches.

Reserve Best Bitch also from Open was Mrs F Clarkson's Drumkilty Hibernia JW.

Best Puppy Bitch won Minor Puppy and Puppy was Mrs J Jackson-Haines Leighsham In The Summer Time and went on to become BEST PUPPY IN SHOW.

Best Special Working in Show was Mrs H Morss with Xanthos Givenchy JW.

Mr and Mrs Taylor won the Brace class.

This year we introduced a new class for Dogs and Bitches aged 6-12 months called the Fred Hathaway Special Award Puppy Class and was judged by Mr Gary Foreman. It was held during the lunch break and from an entry of 14; Mr Foreman selected Mr and Mrs Foster's Mockingjay V D Corner Brook for 1st place.

We also held a Puppy Walk in the Lunch break for puppies 4-6 months, which they all enjoyed.

We Thank Our Sponsors Royal Canine and many Thanks go to everyone who was involved in the Raffle, which made £270

We look forward to seeing you all in 2018 as we celebrate our 40th Championship Show.

Hazel Gripton



**Best in Show
line-up**



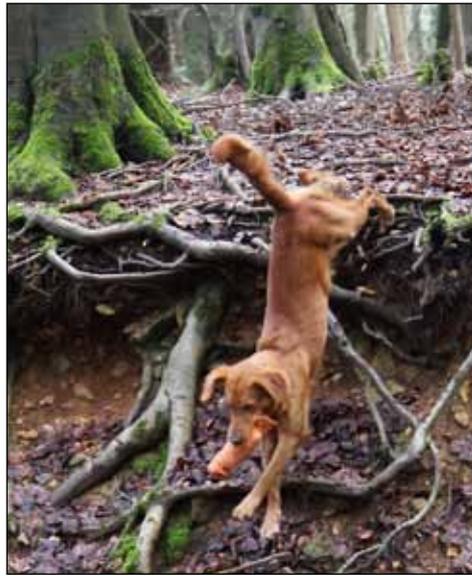
**Dog
line-up**



**Bitch
line-up**



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