



MIDLAND GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2015

JOINT CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW



*Joint Championship Show Best in Show line up
(see report on page 8)*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th December 2015

Championship Show

at

KC Buildings, Stoneleigh

Judges:

Dogs: Mrs Ann Falconer

Bitches: Mrs Joyce Ryder

Schedules enclosed

& Entries can be made online

with Fosse Data

PLEASE NOTE

31st January 2016

AGM

at

Baginton Village Hall,

Ryton, near Coventry

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REMINDER

You are reminded that Members' subscriptions are due on 1st November 2015 for year to 1st November 2016

WEBSITE

Members will be delighted to discover that the new look club website is up and running and can be found at midlandgrc.co.uk, as previously

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• WORKING NEWS •



I am pleased to report that MGRC held two very successful days of tests this year. We were again invited back both to Woodcock Farm & Owlpen Manor, two wonderful grounds where we able to set a variety of different tests. A very big thank you to Simon Pullin who not only arranged for us to go there, but also helped set the tests, judged at Woodcock Farm and threw dummies for us at Owlpen. The weather on both days was, like most of the summer, a mixture of showers and sunshine. Thankfully we had our MGRC tent for shelter although at times in the wind we thought it might take off. Fortunately it had been well and truly anchored and we all managed to squeeze in for the presentation of the Intermediate Awards during a heavy downpour. Both days were well supported with many Goldens featuring in the awards and our Novice Test went international when we were very pleased to welcome Eugene & Charlotte Thielen who were over here on holiday with their dogs from Belgium. This was their first Test in this country and Charlotte went on to win with her two year old English bred Golden Retriever, dropping just one mark. For the Novice it was a clean sweep for Goldens in the morning, but it was the turn of the Labradors for the Open in the afternoon.

My thanks to our hosts for so generously allowing us to use their land, and to our judges, stewards & dummy throwers for giving up their valuable time, without their support we would not be able to put on these events. Also to Skinner's Pet Foods for so generously sponsoring us.

Congratulations to everyone who was in the awards and I would also like to thank all the competitors for coming and supporting the club.

On behalf of the club and the Cranham Training Group I would like to say a very special thank you to Mervyn Philpott who will shortly be moving to go and live with his daughter Ann. As many of you know Mervyn has for many years run two training groups at his home in Cranham, Gloucestershire and in recent years has done so under the banner of MGRC raising money for both our Rescue and the AHT. Mervyn has helped so many of us with his encouragement over the years and been a great inspiration to us training in all weathers throughout the year. Once again many thanks Mervyn and we wish you the very best in your new home and look forward to you coming back and visiting us.

WORKING TEST RESULTS 2015

1. Special Puppy, NDND, Intermediate & Veteran

The first test was held at Woodcock Farm, Owlpen by kind invitation of Mr F Applebe on the 3rd May. Our Judges for the day were Mrs J Gardner, Mrs K Pinker, Mrs D Smith & Mr S Pullin

Special Puppy Results

1.	Dallagill Bluebell with Overmarsh	Lab B	Mrs W Manning
2.	Oceanred Canvas Back	GR D	Mr C Marchant
3.	Fallowfen's Tinker	GR D	Mrs C Collins
4.	Hickorywood Heart of Gold	GR B	Mrs A Shearman



Novice Dog, Novice Handler Results

1.	Kaliture Cathmor	GR D	Mr D Godding
2.	Appleyard Malli	Lab B	Mrs R Clark
3.	Merryway Pollyanna	GR B	Mr R Proctor
4.	Gortons Ruby Red Sky	GR B	Miss J Deeming



Intermediate Results

1.	Mistigris Cabe	Lab D	Mr I Glover
2.	Kilpen Bertie	Lab D	Mrs K Pennell
3.	Killyrudden Mousa	Lab B	Miss E Davis
4.	Croftferry Acorn	Lab B	Mr S Prosser
COM	Mynyddmaen Ieuan	Lab D	Mrs J Derrick
COM	Loisaba Gwyneth of Tayfordwood	Lab B	Mrs H Paterson

**Veteran Results**

1.	Hamish of Deer Meadow	Lab D	Mr I Glover
2.	Castlemans Kiwi Timara	GR B	Miss A Jones
3.	Kilpen Tia Drop	Lab B	Mrs K Pennell
4.	Birdsgreen Atomic	GR D	Mr C Marchant

**Novice Test Results**

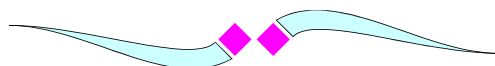
1.	Pinedale Gayle	GR B	Mrs C Thielen
2.	Kenine Can't Go Back	GR D	Miss C Thomas
3.	Karnoosty Hole In One	GR B	Miss C Iles
4.	Kaliture Cathmor	GR D	Mr D Godding

**Open Test Results**

1.	Windoogpack Coral	Lab B	Miss C Baker
2.	Loisaba Gwyneth Of Tayfordwood	Lab B	Mrs H Paterson
3.	Stykesboy Graig Ddu	Lab B	Mr P Clark
4.	Lord Rye Of Knowle For Lovehayne	Lab D	Mr R Edwards
COM	Dealminster Twig	Lab B	Miss A Jones

**2. Novice & Open Test**

Our second test was held at Owlpen Manor by Kind invitation of Sir Nicholas & Lady Mander on the 12th July. Our Judges for the day were Mr P Bruton, Mr M Redpath, Mrs J Redpath & Miss H Goodwin



INTERCLUB WORKING TEST 2015

The Interclub competition was this year hosted by Eastern Counties GRC on Saturday, 27th June at The Ampton Shoot, Suffolk. With such a long journey we decided to travel on Friday afternoon and hopefully miss the rush hour traffic. We all arrived within half an hour of each other, around 6.00pm at a wonderful B&B on a working farm about 8 miles from Ampton. After an early start and with beautiful weather we set off only to find after a few miles the road closed! Following our 'sat-navs' we had a lovely detour round the Suffolk country lanes only to find ourselves back where we started! With nerves now beginning to get a little frayed we finally arrived at Ampton just in time.



We were introduced to our steward, Sarah, who was to guide us around for the day making sure we didn't get lost. The first test was done as a team with Novice Dogs going first with a short mark, followed by a longer mark for the Open Dogs. This proved to be rather tricky, losing sight of your dog in the very long grass. One test completed we were off to No 2. After a short delay with the test having to be altered due to nesting ducks we had a double mark, with the Novice retrieving from the lake and the Open across scrubland. The bonus test was next with each dog having to first retrieve a blind with shot fired into the wood from a track.

After this the team had to decide who would go for the bonus. Kirsty was chosen and earned us an extra 20 points with a very good timed retrieve of a very long blind down the track on the edge of the wood. Half way, and everything going well so far.

The next test was in sugar beet followed by the water test. Both tests were completed well.

The final test was again done in pairs with blinds in rough cover, this proved to be tricky but with a little perseverance was achieved. All finished and with smiles on our faces we headed back to await the results.

With just two marks separating the top two clubs, the GRC were this year's winners with 446 points and MGRC were runners up with 444 points.

Thank you to Eastern Counties GRC, Di Ewing and all her helpers for a very well organised and enjoyable day.



Congratulations to the MGRC team on being runners up overall.



MGRC Team (left to right):
 Kirsty Cousins
 Mary Jarrod
 Denise Smith
 Jill Gardner
 Gortons Banatyne Boy
 Lilleburne Ripple Reed
 Karnoosty InThe Rough
 Holway Flint Of Foxcote



And at the end of
the day



time to relax,



time to eat,



.... and after all that work, finally to sleep!

Very well done to everyone and thank you for a wonderful weekend

~ SEMINAR 2016 ~

Date: 15 May 2016

Venue: Kennel Club Buildings, Stoneleigh

We plan to hold a seminar in 2016 for people aspiring to Judge, the seminar will cover all aspects of what this route entails. On the day we will be running the Kennel Club Seminar "Points of The Dog" our Kennel Club accredited trainer will be Dr Ruth Barbour. The day will be open to All Breeds .

We are also looking at an Introduction to Showing, this is aimed at new or newer people to the world of showing, again it is hoped to help and encourage people to enjoy showing and pick up helpful tips on the way.

We hope to have a more detailed description in due course, but if anyone would like to book a place please contact Hazel Gripton 01623487283 or e-mail: j.gripton@ntlworld.com.

MIDLAND GRC CRANHAM TRAINING GROUP

We have met regularly since the middle of April and have varied the meeting places so that the dogs have had a number of different terrains on which to work including water, woodland and cover. Numbers have varied due to holidays etc. but on some occasions we have had nearly 20 attend and have included cocker and springer spaniels, a Chesapeake Bay Retriever a Gordon Setter, besides a goodly complement of Labs and Golden Retrievers. The Thursday a.m. group has averaged about half a dozen each time.



There was a K.I.C. Working Gundog Certificate Test at Jayne Coleys in July when the Assessors were Jayne and Mary Valentine. (Mary is now a K.C. Approved Assessor) when there were 3 passes and I have another scheduled for 27th. September at Laurie Pittaway's land at Bentham, Cheltenham.

Our contributions so far this year—half to AHT and half to MGRC Rescue funds - have totalled £1132.00. Denise has been taking the beginners with help from John Slatter and I would like to say a very heartfelt "thank you" to them both.

One of our group Anne Wyatt has won 5 CCs with her chocolate Labrador and has hopes of getting his full Ch. Title this coming season



if there is a SGWC test within reach. On the working side we have had several successes in working tests with new member this year Trish



Constantine, winning ND/Nh test at the Bristol and West G.S. test at the first attempt and beating 23 labs in the process. She is very proud of her Merlot.

I think we have just 2 more meetings of the Tuesday group this year and I have every hope that it will continue next year when I will have moved up to Rudyard. I would be very interested to hear of anyone who would like to do some field training in the Stoke/ Leek area next spring. Contact me on 01452 699631 before mid-October or email mervynphilpot@talktalk.net

My thanks to all who have supported the group this year.

Mervyn



TOBY'S STORY

The phone call I took regarding rehoming Toby an 18 month old Golden male, seemed to go well and whilst completing my form (which I do whilst chatting to owners to get as much information as possible about the dog) it seemed I wouldn't have much of a problem to home a young boy like this. Toby was good with children, he lived with three young children, also a cat. Then came the bombshell – Toby was completely blind, he had been from birth. Charmain had bought Toby from a breeder at 10 weeks old. He had had his first injections with the breeder but needed the follow-up ones. So when Charmain took him to her vets after having him for two weeks they



were told the news that Toby was blind, and as they had insured him he was referred to a specialist by the vet.

As you can imagine Charmain was shocked as they had no idea, yes he had bounded around and bumped in to things but after all he was a puppy. His eyes were the normal soft brown colour, so this gave no indication.

However Toby's blindness was not the main reason Charmain needed to re home him, her husband had passed away and she had three young children, the little girl was in a wheelchair so needed extra attention. So all in all she had a lot to deal with.

Charmain had contacted the breeder after visiting the vets, the breeder offered to have Toby back and give her her money back, but the breeder added that Toby would have to be put to sleep as she couldn't re home him. I must stress that the breeder was not thought to be a Kennel Club Accredited breeder. They had all grown fond of Toby even at that early stage, so he stayed with them for the next 14 months.

Toby was referred to Eye specialist Jeremy Wills – www.veteye.co.uk. Apparently Toby has just never developed the nerves at the back of the eye, so no connection to the brain. It was simply a Multiple Ocular Defect. I spoke to Jeremy Wills to confirm all this with a view to how we could help Toby move forward. The only way you could tell was that Toby's eyes floated around – up and down slowly. He confirmed there was no operation etc that would help Toby. He suggested owners putting a bell on their ankle for him to follow and several other ideas.

Charmain's brother and sister in law were looking after Toby in their home to help Charmain out. So this is where I first met Toby. A very nervous little dog who I couldn't get near. For his safety he went in a large cage when he was left and at night. He had grown to trust Sue who was looking after him and it was lovely to see him interact with her. I was surprised to see him go out in the garden and know his way around. He was living with two Springer Spaniels who seemed to

ignore him. Sue's two teenage daughters loved Toby and would like to have kept him but as they were all out in the day it wasn't fair on Toby. Fortunately Sue was happy to keep Toby until the right home could be found.

So the search begins. I had spoken to a middle aged retired couple about taking on a rescue Golden and I thought it was worth a phone call. Without a lot of hesitation Kate said she would speak to her husband and have a think about it. She had told me they had had a one eyed Labrador in the past! They came with me to see Toby and said they would like to take him on. I then visited their home and we all – Kate, her husband Tony and me spent ages going around the garden discussing how to make it safe for Toby etc. There were quite a few steps which were a bit of a worry. I needn't have worried. Toby very quickly learned his way around.

I went to visit Toby again recently. I'm so pleased to say he is really happy and confident and he goes walks often with Tony to fetch the morning newspaper. Toby is apparently quite a celebrity in the village. The neighbours have a White Standard Poodle who he follows around in their paddock most days. They have taken him on holiday and had the grandchildren to stay, who absolutely love him. This little dog is amazing; he has really come out of himself. Of course he will always be at a disadvantage but he is living the best life he could.

Ingrid Pinfield

Rescue Officer



JOINT BREEDS CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW 2015 REPORT

hosted by MIDLAND GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

Our club had the privilege this year to host the Joint Breeds Show. As a date and venue were needed it was logical to use our Open Show Date and venue as the Kennel Club Buildings were already booked with its excellent facilities and giving us the option of inside or outside rings. Due to the weather prior to the show and putting safety first it was decided to remain inside for the day.

Our Judges for the day picked by members Ballot were Dogs Mrs Sue Brown (Ipcress) & Bitches Mrs Sandra Birkin Green (Sansue).

Our Dog Judge attracted an entry of 74 dogs making 113 entries. Mrs Brown's Best Dog that came from the Open Class and went on to win Best in Show, was Archibald's IR SH CH Abinvale The Aviator, Reserve Best Dog was Joy's Lux CH/SH CH Zampanzar Say It Again Shardanell JW (IMP ESP), who took Reserve Best in Show. Best Puppy Dog was Frouds Mafleurdean Charlie Coker coming from Minor Puppy and was Reserve Best Puppy in Show. Best Veteran Dog was Aulton and Middleton's Winnatts Wordsworth ShCM coming from the 9 years + Class.

Our Bitch judge attracted an entry of 107 bitches making 142 entries. Mrs Birkin Green found her Best Bitch and Reserve Best Bitch from Limit class, Best Bitch being Loach's Thornywait Pink Sparkle With Putjade JW, who went Best Opposite Sex and Reserve Bitch was Campions Fenwood Elle JW. Best Puppy Bitch that came from the Puppy class was Seares' Dasmaks Lemmon Grass At Tanalia, who

went on to take Best Puppy In Show. Best Veteran in show was the bitch and came from 7 years + class, Stanfield's SH CH Thornywait Pussycat Doll With Roxali JW. Best Special Working also came from the Bitch class Gayler's Carolake Love And Kisses JW ShCM. Brace which was judged jointly went to Mr and Mrs Taylor.

During the lunch break and new to the club, we ran a Puppy Walk for puppies of 4 to 6 months, our judge was Mrs Penny Lane-Ridyard, this was not for puppies to be judged, but for socialisation, introduction to the ring and fun and enjoyment.

During the lunch break we also held an auction, as we had 2 pictures and a cake donated for the auction, we were lucky to secure an expert auctioneer, who helped raise the bar regarding the worth of these items. We thank Mr Keith Young for this role and also the exhibitors who placed bids. Finally special thanks to a lady who bought 1 picture and cake, with all the money raised going to rescue and to everyone else who contributed to the raffle, both by bringing prizes and purchasing tickets. Thank you.

A final thanks must go to our 2 Judges who did a great job, our stewards who kept the rings running, Sarah Middleton for her camera work on the day, where all her pictures can be found on our website, to our sponsors Royal Canin and finally to our exhibitors for making it a friendly, happy and sporting day.

Hazel Gipton



Dogs line up



Bitches line up