



# MIDLAND GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2019

## MGRC Open Show

Midland GRC Open Show 19.5.2019



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Best in Show  
line-up

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, 8th December 2019

#### CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Dog Judge: Miss I. Cuthill

Bitch Judge: Mr R. Lane

Referee: Mr K.A.W. Young

at The KC Building, Stoneleigh

Sunday, 20th October 2019

#### SEMINAR

Requirements of a dog show Judge

Trainer: Dr Ruth Barbour

Venue: The KC Building, Stoneleigh

Cost: £25 to includes lunch

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Sunday, 26th January 2020

#### AGM

Baginton Village Hall, Frances Road,  
Baginton, Coventry CV8 3AA

at 2.00 pm

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN



I really enjoyed attending the Inter Club Working Test in the beautiful grounds of Owlpen Manor that MGRC hosted, on behalf of the Club by Mary Valentine. Mary had put an enormous effort into organising the event and all the planning and preparation paid off. Everyone appeared to really enjoy themselves and the whole day went smoothly, with a lovely BBQ lunch and great prizes. The raffle was a whopping success and raised a £370 for rescue, a big thanks to everyone who purchased tickets. The results were:

**1st: The Golden Retriever Club**

**2nd: South Western GRC**

**3rd: GRC of Northumbria**

**4th: Northern Golden Retriever Association**

This was Mary's swan song, she has now stood down from her role as Working Secretary. The post is vacant, and we are looking for a willing candidate to come forward to take up the baton and continue to keep MGRC active in the working activities. After the inter club working test Mary has been in hospital and the committee wish her a very speedy recovery.

As you will have probably heard by now Mervyn Philpott has sadly passed away. Mervyn was a very supportive member of the Club. He

was a very kind and gentle man with a big sense of humour. Over the years Mervyn did a lot to support MGRC especially on the working side. On behalf of the Club he ran the Cranham Training Group and only recently stepped down from this when he moved up to Leek. Mervyn was very generous and frequently gave prizes and specials and donated to our rescue. At our recent Inter Club Working Test he donated all the rosettes. His wife Daphne and friend and dog partner Joan Gill, had been on the committee of MGRC for many years. Our thoughts are with his family.

The criteria for the B section of the Judging List has been revised and lowered to 125 dogs, if this now makes you eligible for the B list or if you would like to apply for our judges list please send us an update, or if a new application download a form from our website and once complete send it to Hazel Gripton.

The club is running a requirement of a Dog Show Judge Seminar in October. If there are any events or seminars you would like us to host, please get in touch.

Hope to see you at our Championship show on 8th December with judges Isobel Cuthill doing dogs and Bob Lane doing bitches.

**Penny Gowland, Chairman**

## WORKING TEST PHOTOS



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## ..... OPEN SHOW — SUNDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019 .....

Our Judge for the day was Ms Lesley List (Haydengold) who had 66 Golden Retrievers entered, making entry of 95.

The weather was again kind to us so we were able to hold judging outside in the beautiful Leicestershire setting.

Ms List found her Best Dog, who came from Limit, Mrs L Wedge's Riverscharm Mr McGregor JW. He went on to win **BEST IN SHOW**.

Reserve Best Dog from the Open Class and was Mrs Loverock and Waldron – Smith's Lovissa Space Dust ShCM.

Best Puppy Dog from the Puppy Class was Mr and Mrs Golder's Summeramba Jeroboam and he went on to win **BEST PUPPY IN SHOW**.

There was no entry for Veteran Dog which is such a shame, as the oldies still like to show off and strut their stuff.

Special Working went to Mr and Mrs Maynard's Chinnordale Cue Card JW.

In the bitches Best Bitch went to Mr and Mrs Hush with Benrowan Esprit who went **RESERVE BEST IN SHOW**.

Reserve Best Bitch was Castlegolden Classy Lady JW owned by Mr and Mrs Magson.

Best Puppy Bitch was Mrs Clarkson's Drumkilty On Impulse from

Minor Puppy and was **RESERVE BEST PUPPY IN SHOW**.

Best Veteran Bitch was Aysbury Akaysha who went on to be **BEST VETAN IN SHOW**.

During the lunch break we held a display by Canine Partners who demonstrated what an enormous help these dogs can be to owners requiring assistance.

Our Raffle which goes to rescue raised £135, we thank you all for your generosity.

A Big Thank you to our Photographer Mrs Lynn Kipps.

Running alongside the Open Show, we held a KC Hands On "Points of the Dog" seminar. Our trainer, Dr Ruth Barbour informed us all had passed, well done everyone. Thank you to Rebekah Radford, now Mrs Hemmings (congratulations from all at Midland) for bringing your dogs for the candidates of the seminar and for giving up your time, also a BIG thank you to Dr Barbour for her time.

We thank our Sponsors of the day which was Fish 4 Dogs.

Thank you not only goes to our judge but to all exhibitors' as again without you there would be no show.

We Look forward to you all joining us in December at our Championship Show.

*Hazel Gripton*



### • TROPHIES •

MGRC are no longer giving out the Trophies at our Open and Championship Shows, a few will be kept for the archives but if you donated a Trophy or Cup and would like it returning, would you please contact Lillah, so arrangements can be made.

### Dog line-up



### Bitch line-up

## 2019 GOLDEN RETRIEVER INTER-CLUB WORKING TEST

This year it was Midland GRC turn to host the Inter-Club Working Test, on Sunday 23rd June. It was held at Owlpen Manor, Uley, Gloucestershire, by kind invitation of Sir Nicholas and Lady Mander.

Owlpen is such a lovely ground. I have been there in the past at Golden Retriever Working Events, but only finding out at his recent memorial that Mervyn Philpott was born and spent the early part of his life there. Mervyn was a great supporter of the Club's Working side and until moving up to live with his daughter Anne held training classes with the profits going to the Club.

The Club's Working Test Secretary, Mary Valentine had put together an excellent day with a lot of hard work and planning. She was helped by a great team of hard-working helpers and Committee Members without whom these days would not be able to take place. The event was generously sponsored by Skinners Pet Foods and Firedog Gundog Supplies.



Six Tests were set with 6 judges: Mr Phil Bruton, Mrs Jayne Coley, Mr Nigel Probert, Mr S. Pullin, Mrs Nicola Rudgard and Mr Graham Bird, a last minute stand in for the previously scheduled judge who was not well.

A good turn out with 12 of the 13 Golden Retriever Clubs had teams running. Only Ulster GRC unable to attend.

Each Club puts forward a team of four dogs, 2 Novice and 2 Open standard. The Tests are set so as at times all four dogs are in together working as a team, and sometimes in pairs or individuals. There are also bonus points to be gained on certain retrieves.

The day went very well, with good weather and a great atmosphere. It is lovely to see so many Goldens enjoying their work. These Breed only events are very special and a pleasure to be a part of, even more so when there is a chance for friends, from all over the country to get together and enjoy their dogs. After all the teams had completed the Tests, the Club held a well-received BBQ and buffet tea.

Mary Valentine made the decision that she now needs time for other things so after many years of lovely Working events she has retired as Midland Working Test Secretary. As yet no one has stepped up to replace her so the Club needs someone to continue their very enjoyable and well supported Working Tests. It is very sad but until someone does, these events will no longer take place as there is no one with the experience and knowledge on the Committee to continue.



### Results:

**1st** - winning the Pinecrest Trophy - The Golden Retriever Club with 429 points, Novice Mrs C. Peers Pinedale Sage, Novice Mrs S. Richardson Tullysedge Chase The Gold at Hartleyjean, Open Mr P. Blount Hanwoodgold Archie and Open Mr R. Atkinson Salander Angie of Holway.

**2nd** - South Western GRC with 425 points, Novice Mrs J. Mann Windwithe Brandy of Holway, Novice Mrs M. Allen Winbeck Loyal Kinsman of Tanderswell, Open Mrs M. Hanman Salander Ruby Tuesday, Open Mr K. Broomfield Polihale Vodka Surprise.

**3rd** - GRC of Northumbria with 402 points, Novice Mrs J. Hay Gaytonwood Berberis of Holywear, Novice L. McDougal Sailorscope Galaxie Dust, Open Mr G. Hay Soinneanta Gorse of Holwear & Mr G. Coupar Glenmorangie Gold.

**4th** - Northern GRA with 401 points, Novice Mrs H. Burnie Heasleydrive Golden Miller of Copperburn, Novice Mrs A. Wagland Funnyline Fieldquest Knockandhu, Open Mr S. Crookes Millgreen Opal of Moscargrange and Open Mr P. Wagland Funnyline Fieldquest Kelbrook.

**Top Novice Dog** and **Overall Top Scoring Dog** winning the Eastern Counties GRC Tankard and The Northern Cup - Funnyline Fieldquest Knockandhu handled by Mrs Anna Wagland. (Running for NGRA).

**Top Open Dog** winning The Pebbletoft Trophy - Kaliture Rooster handled by Mr Andy Fisher (Running for GRC of Wales).

Midland GRC was represented this year by Novice Mrs C. Hunting Karnoosty Hole in One, Novice Mrs A. Smith Gaytonwood Havana, Open Mr A. Phillips Castlemans Soul Man & Open Mrs J. Gardener Polihale Grizzly Bear of Foxcote.

Congratulations to Mary, Midland GRC and the helping team for a brilliant day.

The 2020 Inter-Club will be hosted by Northern Golden Retriever Association.

Angela Cooper

### • MEMBERSHIP •

**Membership is due on 1st November 2019**