

Midland Golden Retriever Club
46th Breed Championship Show
Sunday 7th December 2025.

Dog Judge : Judge Hilary Mell

It was a great honour to judge at this prestigious show today. I thoroughly enjoyed my day and was met with such quality throughout the day. It has been a number of years since I judged males at this level so this made for an even more interesting day. I would first like to thank the committee for this opportunity and for the attention given to me throughout the day. My stewards were efficient throughout the day allowing me to attend to the job in hand. I would like to thank the exhibitors who afforded me the opportunity to appreciate their dogs and for the sportsmanlike way they accepted my decisions. Temperament was exemplary today. Some dogs I have admired ringside were either lacking in condition or not moving as well on the day, this therefore had great bearing on my final placings. Thank you again for making this a very special day for me.

BABY PUPPY DOG (3)

1, Gerhold - Navilis Shcheryk (IMP UKR)

What a lovely start to my day. This young man did himself proud. He has the most beautiful head with lovely dark points. These positive attributes along with his super outline, profuse coat and confidence on the move put him in first place. I wish this team all the best for the future.

2, Jolly - Sweet Lucky Charm Wonderful Fair Plantagenet (IMP DEU)

Another youngster with lots to like, although not as forward in body today as the winner, he has the most appealing head, again with lovely dark points. Liked what I saw today in outline, angulation and coat. Handled quietly and efficiently. Good luck for the future.

3. Bruyneels Eveninghill By My Side.

VETERAN DOG (9-2abs)

1. Towers & Henderson - Sh Ch Alibren Baker's Boy

This 7 year old male won easily today. Eye catching in outline displaying super angulation both fore and aft. There is nothing exaggerated on this male. He stands well over himself with straight forelegs and tight feet. Beautiful gentle head but all male, scoring highly in head properties. Handled expertly today. Along with his many positive attributes, overall condition in body and coat gave him the class today.

2. Trinder - Sh Ch Thornywait San Valentino JW ShCM.

This 10 year old male is one of my favourites and has had a super show career. Lovely outline with nothing overdone. He is a great showman and moves out extremely well. Unfortunately, today he was not carrying the condition of my winner who was on top form.

3. Phipps-Baker & Baker Madhouse Top Hat

MINOR PUPPY DOG (7-2abs)

Three very promising youngsters headed this class.

1. Norris - Fenpique Royal Rascal By Molestream.

This youngster caught my attention. Beautiful appealing head with lovely dark points. Overall lovely outline, profuse coat, level top line, straight forelegs and tight feet. Nothing negative for me on this young man and could easily have taken him home. I wish this duo all the best for the future.

2. Maze-C-Colboc = Goldheaven Anarchist

Another super youngster who has many of my winners many qualities. Lovely head with lovely positive head properties. Good angulation both fore and aft. Stands on lovely tight feet. His coat and condition was excellent. Again, nothing negative for me at this stage. This lovely youngster stood a very respectful second to my winner today who I felt was slightly more together on the move at this stage.

3. Keene - Shinehill Tailors Moon.

PUPPY DOG (6-2abs)

1. Woods - Terra Di Siena Sunset Over the Horizon for Amirene

Wow, eye catching youngster. Loved his head, so gentle. He is well angulated in forequarters with hindquarters to compliment. He stands well over himself placing his lovely straight forelegs and tight feet well under. Topline is level. He really is out of the top draw. His movement for one so young displayed reach and drive. Loved him. Best Puppy in Show.

2. Norris - Fenpique Royal Rascal by Molestream.

3. Webb & Smith - Waterbabies Walk Tall at Hectson (IMP ITA)

JUNIOR DOG (11-2abs)

1/ Knight & Cooke - Haydengold Bachchat JW.

Really liked this young male. Loved his head, again scoring highly in positive head properties, balanced with good depth in muzzle. Neck is strong of adequate length leading into his super forequarters, good length and angle to upper arm. Level topline. Deep in chest, elbows tight. Rear angulation to compliment. Great substance and condition. Must be destined for the top.

2. Davis - Lynste Dream Boy.

Another super young male. As all the attributes as my winner but not carrying the condition or finish in coat as one. Loved is outline, topline level, well angulated in quarters. Gentle appealing in head with good pigment. Again another youngster who has it to go all the way. His movement is effortless and

he covers a lot of ground.

3. Bolton - Goldmarker I Dreamed a Dream at Shiresmill.

YEARLING DOG (11-2abs)

1. Clarke-Gear - Dewmist Danzatore with Ousevale JW (IMP SWE).

Another young male who appealed today. Pleasing head with strength in neck leading to his forequarters. Good forechest and angle in upper arm placing his forelegs well under himself. Topline level. Rear angulation to compliment. He has good width in stifle and good second thigh. Hocks straight. Moves out strongly and covers a lot of ground. His handler does get the best from him, expertly handled.

2. Bolton - Goldmarker I Dreamed a Dream at Shiresmill.

Placed this young male 3rd in JD and what a lovely youngster he is. Pleasing head with good depth in muzzle. Shown in lovely condition today. Well angulated in quarters and lovely and straight in forelegs. Good width in stifle with neat short hocks. For preference preferred the front assembly on my winner. Moved and handled well.

3. Smith - Goldmarker Alderbaran

NOVICE DOG (7-1WD)

1. Woods - Terra Di Siena Sunset over the Horizon for Amirene.
2. Norris - Fenpique Royal Rascal by Molestream.
3. Webb & Smith - Waterbabies Walk Tall at Hectson (IMP ITA)

GRADUATE |(8)

1. Towers & Henderson - Baricia Bello Divino JW.

Presented in first class condition. Liked the head on this young male. Great strength to neck leading into his super forequarters. Level topline. Forechest evident allowing for good angle and length to upper arm placing forelegs well under. Deep in rib, elbows tight. Well angulated in rear quarters with good second thigh. Moved out well.

2. McAleese - Toseland Rolls Royce

Pleasing head on this lovely young male. Like is balanced outline, level topline. Shown in lovely condition today. Well angulated throughout with nothing overdone. Straight in forelegs and tight feet. Elbows tight and good depth in ribs. Deserving of his place today, unfortunate to meet one on form but very similar remarks apply.

3. Webb & Smith - Waterbabies a Sea of Faces (IMP ITA)

POST GRADUATE DOG (7-2abs)

1. Angell - Linigor Seven Up at Millanza JW.

Lovely head and expression on this male. Super straight front and tight in feet. Liked everything about him. Super coat and condition. Strong neck of adequate length leading into his front assembly. Good forechest evident with good length and angle of upper arm. Slightly longer in body than my 2nd placed male but still maintains balance overall. Good width and angulation in his hindquarters allowing for strong powerful movement.

2. Liggins & Hodges – Silver Passion Glam Fashion at Nunsbrook JW. (IMP DEU)

Loved the head on this male, so appealing with many positive head properties. Turned out to perfection in correct profuse coat. Liked his height to length ratio. Good strength in neck into his front assembly. Straight in front and nice tight feet. Short coupled and deep in the chest. Well angulated in rear quarters with second thigh evident. Overall quality young male. Super balanced outline. Moved out correctly.

3. Todd – Van Gogh of Sunshines valley with Toddrosa (IMP BEL) JW.

MID LIMIT DOG (10-1abs)

1. Archer - Haydengold Just a Rumour at Sunandair JW.

This is a striking young male, mid gold shown in super coat and condition. Appealing balanced head. Strength in neck leading into his excellent forequarters. Good angle and length in upper arm to place forelegs well under. Good depth in chest with elbows tight. Excellent in rear quarters with good width to stifle and second thigh. Topline level with tail set well off. Overall quality from any angle. Moves out well.

2. Foreman - Ambersun I'll Fly For You.

Another who got my attention. He has the most appealing gentle head. Balanced in angulation with nothing exaggerated. Elbows tight with good depth in chest. Topline level. Preferred the front assembly on my winner. Very attentive to handler at all times who moved him out well today.

3. Bednall & Milledge - Bencoe Big Time Operator.

LIMIT DOG (11-2abs-1WD)

1. Monteverde - Olvinglay Gan Amhras JW (IMP ITA).

Liked the head on this male, gentle but masculine, balanced with good depth to muzzle. Liked his balanced outline, topline and correct tail set. Well angulated in quarters with good length of leg to body length. Forelegs straight and feet tight. Good depth in chest with elbows close. Overall quality and strength throughout enabled him to move out well, handled expertly.

2. Brown - Ipcress Oracle

More substantial male than my winner but still depicts quality and balance. Head of good proportions and very appealing. Stands on good tight feet with forelegs straight. Well developed in rib with elbows close. Angulation

balanced both fore and aft. Carries a strong level topline and good tail set. On the move went well but couldn't match my winner today.

3. Bolton - Megarvey Still Game for Shiresmill JW.

OPEN DOG (8-1abs)

What a lovely class of quality. Was nitpicking to my final placings but all those present did not disappoint with my final cut influenced by condition and movement on the day.

1. Black - Sh.Ch. Bencoe Just in Time Del Avrain JW IR JCH.

This male exudes quality from any angle. The most beautiful head scoring highly in head properties. Well muscled neck of adequate length into his well angulated forequarters. He has good depth in rib with close fitting elbows. Strong well angulated hindquarters with excellent muscle tone. His presentation, condition and movement is correct, he covers the ground so easily without any effort, could watch him all day. RDCC.

2. Bawden - Sh Ch Balsamina Beachcomber at Darthill JW

Another long time favorite of mine and what a worthy champion. His overall balanced outline draws you to him. He has the most appealing head, so gentle but all male. His overall body shape, angulation is just right with nothing exaggerated. Topline level with correct set of tail. I just felt my winner had the edge on movement and was more precise in profile.

3. Foreman - Ambersun Alive and Kicking.

SPECIAL WORKING (3)

1. Bardossy - Dewmist Dream Weaver JW SGWC

You work your way through what has been a super quality entry and then your star appears near the end. In the line up my eye just kept being drawn back to him. Beautiful head with excellent head properties. Strength and adequate length in neck flowing into his super front assembly displaying correct angulation, forelegs strong with tight feet. Elbows are close, deep rib and short in couplings. Strength and width to hindquarters with super muscle tone. The more I looked, the more I liked and felt this boy could go all day if asked in the field. On top of his many virtues so far his movement sealed it for him and I was extremely pleased to award him the CC and on the referee's decision he went BIS.

2. Taylor - Alibren Aldaniti at Tannadice JW SGWC

This lovely mid gold male stood a very respectful second to my winner. I liked his head so pleasing in expression. So biddable to his handler at all times. He is well angulated both fore and aft without exaggeration. Strength in neck leading to his super front assembly. Good depth in rib and elbows close. Well muscled hindquarters with good width to stifle. Shown in lovely condition.

3. Roper - Catnnels Inside Story for Brensham SGWC

WORKING DOG (abs).

SPECIAL BEGINNERS DOG (3)

1. Webb & Smith - Waterbabies Walk Tall at Hectson (IMP ITA)

Lovely balanced head on this male, pigment dark with good depth of muzzle. Shortcoupled with balance in angulation. Liked his leg length to body length. Straight in forelegs with nice tight feet. Shown in lovely condition. Handled quietly and efficiently by his handler.

2. Mears - Ambersun Winter Storm.

Lovely appealing masculine head on this pale boy. Shown in lovely coat and condition. Straight in forelegs. Liked his overall shape and unexaggerated angulation. Good topline. Moved and handled well today.

3. Fry - Steval Sandman.

GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME (6-2abs)

1. Davis - Lynste Dream Boy (AI)

2. Pounds-Longhurst - Mossburn Galloping Major JW.

Lovely gentle head on this dark gold boy. Liked his balanced outline, deep through ribs and short in couplings. Strong and straight in forelegs placing legs well under his forequarters. His angulation is balanced, topline and tail set correct. Shown in lovely rich coat. Handled so efficiently at the correct pace.

3. Todd - Xanadu with Toddrosa of Sunshine's Valley (IMP BEL).

Hilary Mell.

