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Over two years ago I received an email announcing that I had been selected to judge the 5th Australian Golden National in 2004. It arrived on April 1, 2002, April Fools Day, and I wasn't quite sure whether to believe it or not! To receive such an invitation is, without a doubt, a great honour, especially when you are the first breed specialist from North America to be invited to officiate at an Australian Golden National. I was even more thrilled, because ever since I was a teenager sending off postcards for free Australian travel magazines, I have always wanted to visit "down under". I was amazed, excited and somewhat nervous to learn that I had drawn the largest entry of Golden Retrievers ever in Australia. "No worries"- not only was it a large entry, it was an entry rich in quality dogs. Judging the 5th Australian Golden National was a highlight of my life in dogs and in my career as a judge.

The Show Committee and the Club as a whole should be commended for the wonderful event which unfolded over 3 ½ days. Such a great happening does not occur without the cooperation and dedication of many people. You all really did a splendid job! The trophy table was a sight to behold with beautiful prints, figurines, bronzes, sashes and ribbons. The outdoor ring under the huge marquee, surrounded by tables and umbrellas created a very festive air. Aside from the occasional brisk gusts of wind, the weather was perfect.

Bob and Joan Hutton acted as exceptional hosts for the judges, taking us to dinner, sightseeing and shuttling us back and forth between hotel, show grounds and banquet hall. I was so pleased to spend some time with Valerie Foss and Jeff Sampson. I thoroughly enjoyed their presentations at the Sunday seminars. Our evening outings for dinner with the judges were full of fun and interesting discussions. My ring stewards, John and Carol Mulcahy worked extremely hard and made all the difference in allowing me to assess the large entry in a timely manner. Barrie and I were overwhelmed by everyone's warm and generous hospitality and friendliness. A special thank you as well, to Bruce MacLean and Claire and Andre Kaspura for their kindness, hospitality and shuttle service!

Upon seeing the catalogue after the judging, I was interested to see the number of related dogs that had won or placed in the classes. Obviously there were certain lines which produced the style and construction I look for in judging Golden Retrievers. Ideally, I look for a well-balanced dog with correct outline and proportions, a pleasing head and expression, strong topline, good body depth, correct spring of rib and length of ribcage, efficient, ground covering movement with good reach and drive. In the area of proportion, I look for approximately equal length of muzzle to back skull in the head and equal distance from withers to elbow and elbow to ground in the body, along with short-coupling. The bone lengths in both forequarters (scapula and humerus) and hindquarters (pelvis, femur and tibia/fibula) should appear to be approximately equal in length. Golden Retrievers should be moderate in bone and size, not too fine or overdone in any aspect. They should be an agile and athletic dog, capable of doing their job. I always try to keep the function and purpose of the breed foremost in my mind when making decisions in the ring. There is a phrase in the American and Canadian standards that is always in my mind when I judge: "Over-all appearance, balance, gait and purpose to be given more emphasis than any of his component parts".

Some areas of concern in the entry were the number of close moving rears, lack of reach in front and the lack of forechest. These are not uncommon problems around the world. I saw a few dogs with missing premolars, but generally the bites were good. While eye shape is not specified in the breed standard, an oval or open almond shape generally presents a more pleasing and kindly expression than a very round eye. For the most part, pigment was dark and there were very few light eyes. Coat texture was generally good, although it is not uncommon for some of the lighter or cream dogs to have a slightly softer coat texture. There was a variety of colours present, but colour certainly did not play a part in any of my decisions. Temperaments appeared to be stable and friendly. Even with some upsetting bursts of wind shaking the marquee, very few dogs were overly distressed.

I hope these comments will help to expand on my brief critiques and give further understanding as to my judging priorities. Judging dogs is both an art and a science. Sometimes it is an inexplicable "something" that draws your eye to a certain exhibit. The depth of quality in many of the classes was such that the decisions had to be made on finer points of the standard and showmanship on the day. Movement was often a determining factor. Many dogs were left out of the ribbons that were still very good examples of the breed and will undoubtedly have their day to shine.

BABY PUPPY DOG (18 entries – 1 absentee)

This was a beautiful class of puppies which gives great hope for the future of the breed.

- 1st **SANTAMARIA BUSTER KEETON**
s: CH Cornerstones California Tan CD ET (Imp USA), d: Santamaria Strength Ntlonr
A beautiful puppy with lovely balance and angulation front and rear, good bone, beautiful head and expression with dark pigment, correct coat texture. Very good body development with correct proportions and super movement for his age, both in profile and down and back.
- 2nd **GOLDOG ALPINE HYLANS COTT**
s: GRAND CH Goldog Alpine Highland, d: CH Goldog Alpine Dancer
Another lovely puppy, well balanced with good angulation, good bone and body development and a very pleasing head and expression with nice dark pigment. Nice topline. Sound movement.
- 3rd **YELLOWFETCH FENG SHUI**
s: Avonbreeze Heedless (ai), d: Yellowfetch Yippee
Lovely head and expression with black pigment, strong topline with good tail set. Nicely angulated rear but slightly less angulated forequarters than the previous two pups. .
- 4th **PERRECCA ROYSTON**
s: CH Perrecca Zig Zag, d: CH Perrecca Willowwood
Nice moving puppy with correct coat texture, moderate bone, nice topline. Longer in body with less return of upper arm and less forechest at this age.
- 5th **GILTEDGE BLACKWATCH**
s: CH Standfast Dream Ticket from Kerrien (Imp UK), d: Yellowfetch Pixie Dust
Lovely substantial puppy with beautiful proportion and balance. Lovely head and neck into shoulders with sound topline and correct tail set. Did not use himself well on the move this day.
- 6th **FERNFALL ARAMIS GOLD**
s: CH Tulzean Autumn Tango, d: CH Fernfall Watermark
Lovely reach and drive on the move. Balanced pup, a bit more moderate in bone but not as solid in topline with a slightly dropped tail set.

MINOR PUPPY DOG (13 entries, 2 absentees)

Many of the pups in this class were going through various awkward stages of growth and often the movement was less coordinated or looser, reflecting this stage of their development.

- 1st **BLAZEDNGOLD ICE STORM**
s: CH Tulzean Autumn Tango, d: Deshavoi Loch Alise
Well proportioned with beautiful outline and blend of neck into shoulders, lovely topline, nicely balanced, correct angulation with good body development for age. Lovely head, expression and pigment but a slightly larger ear than ideal
- 2nd **PHILENI CHASE THE ACE**
s: CH Euraid Just A Gigolo CDX, d: Phileni Ramblin Rose
Less mature looking and not moving quite as well as the first place pup, but of good proportion with moderate bone and nice angles. Nice head and expression with good forechest. Nice topline.
- 3rd **FANTANGO AFTER THE REIGN**
s: CH Fantango Purple Reign, d: Fantango Affair T Remember
Larger pup with a beautiful head and expression and lovely reach of neck with correct blend into shoulders. Balanced with good angulation. body depth and substance. Nice coat. Not moving his best today.
- 4th **PIPERDALE KEZIABUSH HERO (Imp NZ)**
s: Alibren Voulez-Vous (Imp UK), d: Kerriedale The Pied Piper
Smaller in size and more moderate in bone and substance, this pup was nicely balanced and moved well. Good proportion with a compact body. Pleasing head and expression.
- 5th **GOLDSIRIUS SUMMER NIGHT**
s: Fantango The Peacemaker, d: CH Donsue Attitude Plus
Well balanced and used himself very well on the move. At this stage of growth, he was a bit high in rear and his head was a bit overdone in the back skull. Needs a bit more time to come together.
- 6th **BUFFALO RUSTIC BEAU**
s: CH Lawnwoods Rustic Rian UD (Imp UK), d: CH Stenbury Sea Fantasy CD (Imp Swd)
Lovely head and expression with dark pigment. Balanced angulation with good body proportion and development for his age. Movement lacked some coordination at this stage and was a bit close in rear.

PUPPY DOG (17 entries, 1 absentee)

- 1st **AVONBREEZE MCLEOD (AI)**
s: ENG CH Paudell Easter Plantagenet At Kerrien, d: CH Giltedge Charlotte
Lovely balanced pup with solid topline, moderate bone, good rib length and body depth, sound moving. Lovely head and expression with beautiful chiseling under the eye and dark pigment.
- 2nd **GOLDTREVE FAME N FORTUNE**
s: GRAND CH Goldtreve Wild N Wicked, d: GRAND CH Goldtreve Camrose Tia
Slightly less angulated but very balanced with good proportions. Nice topline with correct coat texture. Sound on the move. Pleasing head with strong muzzle, but lacking the nice head planes of the first place pup.
- 3rd **GOLDBRIOR QUIZ MASTER**
s: Willowlawn Cast A Spell (Imp UK), d: Goldbrior Kira Lee
Lovely type, with balanced angles, good coat, well developed body with good depth for age. Not quite as sound on the move as the preceding pups.
- 4th **FANTANGO FIRST KNIGHT**
s: CH Dobro Samurai Guy, d: Fantango Come What May
Nicely balanced with pleasing outline, good topline and lovely reach of neck. Could use more return of upper arm in front and more rib spring, but this may come. Moved soundly but could reach out more.
- 5th **KAPARLA STAND N DELIVER**
s: A/NZ CH Kaparla Loch Invar, d: A/NZ CH Kaparla Just an Illusion
Nice profile movement. Longer in loin but balanced front and rear quarters. Not as solid in topline with drop off in croup and lower tail set. Nice bone and substance.
- 6th **SUNRAPT KEZIABUSH MANDATE (Imp NZ)**
s: NZ CH McIlroy Millenium Choir Boy, d: NZ CH Glentreve Iced Rose
Balanced but with more moderate angulation front and rear. Slight rise in topline over the loin. Moved soundly both in profile and on the down and back. Good body proportions and pleasing head.

JUNIOR DOG (21 entries, 4 absentees)

The first three placing dogs in the class were all extremely good dogs and the decisions were made largely on movement and fine points.

- 1st **STANROPH SHARED ASSETS (Imp UK)**
s: ENG SH CH Goldenquest Ambassador (UK), d: ENG SH CH Stanroph So Be It (UK)
A very beautiful dog with lovely, balanced angles and correct proportion giving a beautiful outline. Lovely head and expression with great pigment, solid bone. Very sound moving with better reach in front than the following dogs.
- 2nd **CH YELLOWFETH AS YOU WILL**
s: GRAND CH Yellowfetch As You Do, d: CH Yellowfetch Go Girl
A lovely medium gold dog with good forechest, topline and balanced angulation. Less body development, but a pleasing head and expression with a good stop.
- 3rd **CHALEUR CODE OV SILENCE**
s: GRAND CH Chaleur Acclaim To Fame, d: CH Giltedge Florida Storm
A larger dog with a beautiful outline, lovely head and expression with black pigment. Very balanced with correct angulation and nice blend of neck in to shoulders. Good topline, lots of body with good depth. Would like to have seen the front movement cleaner coming at me.
- 4th **ALNCLAIR JOHNNY B GOOD**
s: CH Alnclair Rickys Revenge, d: Alnclair Mimi Rogers
Well-proportioned dog with nice front quarters but needing a bit more angulation in the rear for balance. Nice topline. Solid movement on the down and back. Pleasing head and expression with black pigment.
- 5th **NIRENO SIROCCO**
s: Stenbury Water Snowman (Imp SWD), d: Nireno Bring N Breezy
Moved well, holding a solid topline. Ideally could use more bend of stifle and more reach of neck. Good coat texture. Short coupled with good body depth.
- 6th **BOOLAROO ERROL FLYNN**
s: CH Goldjester Oscar, d: Boolaroo Mistletoe Holly
Moderate gold-coloured dog, not quite as well balanced front and rear, needing more length and return of upper arm to balance the strong rear. Moved well when given the opportunity.

INTERMEDIATE DOG (51 entries, 2 absentee)

- 1st **GOLDTREVE CAMROSE KRAKA**
s: CH Standfast Dream Ticket From Kerrien (Imp UK), d: GRAND CH Goldtreve Camrose Tess (ai)

A beautiful, moderate dog with a well-angulated and balanced outline. Correct proportion with a solid topline, correctly textured coat. Good forechest, moderate bone. Lovely balanced head with lovely eye, pleasing expression and black pigment. Very sound on the move with good reach and drive.

2nd **CH LEANR TOUCHED BY FROST**

s: CH Goldtreve Camrose Kyva, d: Leanr Keeper Othe Gypsy

Balanced outline with strong topline and nice blend of neck into shoulders. Good tail set. Could use a bit more rear angulation but moved soundly. Pleasing head and expression. A nice, moderate dog.

3rd **GILTEDGE THE GAMBLER**

s: CH Giltedge Hemingway, d: CH Giltedge Florida Storm

Lovely type with pleasing head and expression and black pigment. A larger dog, with a good rear and layback but less length and return of upper arm. Good body depth and development with nice bone. Used himself well on the move.

4th **CH DYKINTA CAUSIN A STORM**

s: GRAND CH Dykinta Cause F Applause, d: Dykinta Beaubridie

Smaller, athletic dog with well-balanced, moderate angles and good forechest. Not quite as sound moving on the down and back or as solid in topline.

5th **CH EURAIDD JUST A GIGOLO CDX**

s: Avonbreeze Heedless (ai), d: CH Ramgold Ricotta

Solidly built dog with pleasing head and expression and solid, though slightly sloping, topline. Nice rear quarters but not as balanced, needing more length and return of upper arm. Used himself well on the move.

6th **AMBERMIST GRAND EDITION**

s: A/ENG CH Stanroph Shogun (Imp UK), d: CH Ambermist Im Iresistable

Well balanced dog with nice angles and overall pleasing outline. Good body development. A bit lower on leg. Moved soundly.

AUSTRALIAN BRED DOG (30 entries, 2 absentees)

This was a very strong class with some lovely dogs!

1st **CH DYKINTA GRAND SLAM**

s: Rainscourt Auld Lang Syne (Imp UK), d: Perrecca True Love

This dog won on his beautiful profile movement. Beautiful gold colour with correct coat texture. Lovely outline with moderate bone, balanced angles, level topline, good body depth. Lovely head and expression.

2nd **GILTEDGE TICKET TO RIDE**

s: CH Giltedge Hemingway, d: CH Giltedge Tara

Sound moving, athletic, moderate dog with lovely topline and tail set. Beautiful outline with balanced angulation and nice blend of neck into shoulders. Slightly shorter in muzzle.

3rd **GRAND CH YELLOWFETCH AS YOU DO**

s: CH Standfast Dream Ticket From Kerrien (Imp UK), d: CH Yellowfetch Liberty Lass

A more substantial dog with lovely outline and balanced angulation. Good topline with lovely reach of neck and nice depth of body. Good head and expression. Rear could be stronger moving away.

4th **CH KAPARLA NONE BUT THE BRAVE**

s: Styal Scottish Standard (Imp UK), d: CH Kaparla Loch Isle

Lovely cream dog with a pleasing head and beautiful black pigment. Eye lighter than ideal. Nice outline with balanced angulation and solid topline. Lovely sound movement.

5th **CH BUFFALO SPELLMASTER**

s: Stenbury Water Snowman (imp Swd), d: Buffalo Memories by Milo

Sound moving, athletic, moderate dog with a pleasing head and expression and nice proportions. Moderate in bone, substance and coat. Nice front quarters.

6th **CH IMATRIEVER KARUBIAN JULE**

s: CH Alubyc Dakota, d: CH Imatriever Imacutie

A pleasing dog with nice proportions and balanced angulation. Neck did not blend quite as nicely into the shoulders. Nice head and expression. Less sound on the move and did not hold his topline as well moving as standing.

OPEN DOG (35 entries, 2 absentees)

1st **CH CHALEUR QUIZMASTER (AI)**

s: SV/NU CH Styal Santangelo (Swd), d: GRAND CH Ralun Stop N Stare

Beautifully balanced dog with good angles, moderate substance. Short-coupled with a solid topline and good depth through the body. Moderate forechest. Lovely head and expression with a dark eye and black pigment. Wonderful mover, both in profile and on the down and back.

2nd **SANTAMARIA JUDGEMENT DAY**

s: CH Stanroph School Boy (Imp uK), d: CH Santamaria Top Billing

A lovely dog with a solid topline, good body depth, correct proportions, solid rear. Less layback and reach when moving than the first place dog. Slightly lighter eye and shorter muzzle, but still a pleasing head with lovely dark pigment.

3rd **GOLDEW DREAM WEAVER**

s: CH Standfast Dream Ticket from Kerrien (Imp UK), d: Goldew Celebration

Beautiful head and expression on this slightly longer cast dog. Lovely gold colouring with good coat texture. Well balanced with nice angles and nice profile movement.

4th **CH LAWNWOODS RUSTIC RIAN UD (IMP UK)**

s: Rossbourne Just Jamie (UK), d: Lawnwoods Remember Me (UK)

Very moderate athletic dog, short-coupled with a slightly sloping but solid topline. Less developed forequarters with more moderate front angulation. Solid rear.

5th **CH ARANGOLD CAMBRIAN (IMP NZ)**

s: NZ CH Arangolds Best O British, d: NZ CH Royalguide My Vision

Nice body depth and spring of rib with good forechest. Pleasing head and expression. Moderately angulated, needing a bit more rear to balance front. Some toeing in on the move.

6th **CH YELLOWFETCH OLYMPIC GOLD**

s: Tasvane Indiana (Imp UK), d: CH Yellowfetch Liberty Lass

Slightly longer cast but presenting a pleasing and balanced outline. Nice blend of neck into shoulders. Good topline and forechest. Nice profile movement but a bit close moving in rear. Pleasing head and expression.

VETERAN DOG (6 entries, 2 absentees)

1st **CH BEAUCROFT THE BRIGADIER**

s: NZ CH Heathermist Double Agent, d: CH Tweedwater Brengwain

Beautiful profile movement with good reach. Pleasing head with good pigment. Nice substance.

2nd **CH LAYANDA ACES IMAGE**

s: CH Goldsirius Iz Fanztazic, d: CH Layanda Fashion And Fame

Good proportion and balance, lovely head and expression. Less reach moving in profile

3rd **GRAND CH GOLDOG ALPINE HIGHLAND**

s: CH Perrecca Dorchester, d: CH Goldog Alpine Serra

Well balanced with a slightly longer, lower on leg profile. Lovely head and expression. Good topline.

4th **CH YELLOWFETCH BURNIN BUSH**

s: Tasvane Indiana (Imp UK), d: CH Yellowfetch Liberty Lass

Pleasing head and expression, taller dog with good body development and balanced angles.

CHALLENGE DOG Goldtreve Camrose Kraka

RESERVE CHALLENGE DOG CH Chaleur Quizmaster

These two dogs were both outstanding in the stack and moving. The Intermediate Dog prevailed with his overall balance, proportion, moderation and incredible frontquarter assembly. I was pleased to learn this win gave him a well-deserved championship title.

BABY PUPPY BITCH (24 entries – 4 absentees)

This was a strong class of babies, equal or even better than the Baby Puppy Dogs.

- 1st **SANTAMARIA ALONGCAMPOLLY**
s: CH Cornerstones California Tan CD ET (Imp USA), d: Santamaria Strength Ntlonr
Littermate to the Baby Puppy Dog, this pup had all his qualities and a great show attitude as well. Sound, coordinated movement, lovely, balanced angulation with good body development and bone for her age. Lovely head and expression with dark pigment.
- 2nd **ERAKY SHINING IMAGE**
s: CH Jukeran Shtarka CDX, d: Eraky Born To Shine
A lovely baby with a solid topline, beautiful angulation, good coat, pleasing eye with dark pigment giving a lovely head and expression. Lovely profile movement
- 3rd **STANROPH SECOND TO NONE (Imp UK)**
s: Linchael Vivaldi (UK), d: ENG SH CH Stanroph Sea Nymph (UK)
Lovely balanced angles and blend of neck into shoulders. Slightly longer in body and overall not as developed at this age. Lovely profile movement.
- 4th **COJALEI HOT N SPICY**
s: GRAND CH Goldtreve Wild N Wicked, d: CH Cojalei All That Jazz
Good body development with good spring of rib, nice angles, bone and substance. Head at an in-between stage of development. Sound coming and going.
- 5th **GOLDOG ALPINE NEWGRACE**
s: CH Perrecca Interlude, d: Goldog Alpine Piper
Nice head with strong muzzle. Nice profile movement. Balanced front and rear with solid topline.
- 6th **LEANR LUV ME DO**
s: GRAND CH Goldtreve Wild N Wicked, d: Leanr Touched by Love
Balanced although less angulated front and rear, with less development in body at present. Slightly longer cast in body. Pleasing head and expression with moderate substance and nice profile movement.

MINOR PUPPY BITCH (18 entries, 5 absentees)

- 1st **BLAZEDNGOLD INNOCENT EYES**
s: CH Tulzean Autumn Tango, d: Deshavoil Loch Alise
Littermate to the Minor Puppy Dog, this pup had lovely pigment, head and expression. Good coat and bone with a solid topline. Angles balanced with good body proportion. Used herself very well on the move.
- 2nd **YELLOWFETCH U GO GIRL**
s: CH Standfast Dream Ticket From Kerrien (Imp UK), d: CH Yellowfetch Go Girl
Pleasing head but slightly less developed for age than the first place dog. Lovely balanced angulation with good substance. Solid topline but longer in loin. Good coat texture and nice movement.
- 3rd **MONTEGO AS YOU WISH**
s: GRAND CH Yellowfetch As You Do, d: CH Montego Miranda CDX
Pleasing head with good back skull. Good proportion with balanced angles and good return of upper arm. More upright neck, not blending as well into shoulders. Topline not as solid, with a lower tail set. Good movement in profile and on the down and back.
- 4th **JEWELDEN THE LAST TANGO**
s: Jeweleden Montegomine, d: Montego Dusky Eve
Pleasing head and expression. Moderate bone. Moved well but topline less solid on the move and rear could be stronger going away. Not as balanced with less angulation and slightly longer loin.
- 5th **JUSTLEY CHERRY BLUE SKIES**
s: CH Giltedge Hemingway, d: Ambervalley Bonnie Banks
A moderate, athletic looking pup less angulated but balanced. Nice profile movement. Head needs time to mature
- 6th **BEAUCROFT UNDERCOVER GAL**
s: CH Beaucroft The Brigadier, d: Taumac Golden Crystal (ai)
Balanced angulation with good body development. Nice coat texture. Not as coordinated on the move at this stage. Head strong for a puppy bitch, showing a lot of back skull

PUPPY BITCH (24 entries, 0 absentees)

- 1st **TAHmero APRILS POWEROLUV**
s: CH Lawnwoods Rustic Rian UD (Imp UK), d: GRAND CH Tahmero Lottys Apriluv

Lovely, moderate pup with beautiful angles, strong topline, good body development with correct tail set, good forechest and a lovely head and expression. Correct coat with a slight wave.

2nd **GOLDBRIOR QUEEN O HEARTS**

s: Willowlawn Cast A Spell (UK), d: Goldbrior Kira Lee

A pleasing pup with lovely head and expression, slightly less stop than ideal. Good topline and balanced angulation. Slightly longer in body but good depth. Nice profile movement but a slight tendency to toe out.

3rd **BONNYBELLE GEORGIE LASS**

s: CH Euraidd Just A Gigolo CDX, d: Bonnybelle Georgie Girl

Pleasing head and expression with a nice eye and dark pigment. Good topline and tail set with smooth blend of neck into shoulders. Less angulation and return of upper arm in front quarters. Good body development with sound movement overall.

4th **KAPARLA SUCH IS LIFE**

s: A/NZ CH Kaparla Loch Invar, d: CH Kaparla Just an Illusion

Moderate bone with balanced angles. Less head and body development than previous pups, but nice on the move. Croup drops off a bit, making for a lower tail set.

5th **BARADAV DREAM COME TRUE**

s: CH Erinderry Firecracker of Glenavis (Imp UK), d: Baradav Hot Gossip

Nice short-coupled body with good depth and spring of rib. Good forechest and balanced, correct angles. Less pleasing in the head with a rounder eye, shorter muzzle and domed back skull. Sound moving.

6th **YELLOWFETCH MUDDY BOOTS**

s: CH Dobro Samurai Guy, d: CH Yellowfetch Desdemona

A larger bitch with good head and expression. Less front angulation to balance with nice rear. Solid topline. Slightly longer in body with less development. Good on profile movement but less sound coming and close moving away.

JUNIOR BITCH (36 entries, 5 absentees)

1st **FANTANGO JUST THE TICKET**

s: CH Standfast Dream Ticket From Kerrien (Imp UK), d: CH Fantango In Poppyfields

Lovely bitch with pleasing head and expression, dark pigment with good muzzle and back skull. Strong topline with good tail set. Athletic appearance standing and moving. Moves with good reach and drive. Good body proportions and development, nice angles. Larger ear than ideal.

2nd **MYCAV HOT FUDGE SUNDAE**

s: CH Sandusky Klammer CDX (Imp Swd), d: Mycav Glamour Dot Com

Beautiful bitch with strong topline and correct, balanced angulation. Pleasing head and expression with nice eye. Nice moving but with less reach than the first place dog. Nice body depth and spring of rib.

3rd **DOBRO CHILLI VANILLI**

s: CH Dobro Samurai Guy, d: Dobro Minthe

Nice, but slightly longer body, with good forechest and depth. Balanced with nice angles. Slightly rounder eye on pleasing head. A bit close in rear moving away.

4th **SANTAMARIA MANDALEH**

s: CH Santamaria General Lee, d: CH Santamaria Anna Leise

Nicely balanced with good angles and a solid topline. Good body development. Nice profile movement. Less pleasing head with rounder and lighter eye and some falling away of the back skull.

5th **CH YELLOWFETCH AS NICE AS PIE**

s: GRAND CH Yellowfetch As You Do, d: Yellowfetch Yippee

Short coupled body with leggier appearance. Solid topline. Moderate bone with balanced angles and decent forechest. Less pleasing in the head.

6th **MONTEGO ENGLISH ROSE**

s: CH Sykebelle Maurice, d: CH Montego Miras Dream

Moderately angulated but balanced. Longer in body with a less solid topline through the mid-back. Nice moving with a pleasing head and expression and nice dark pigment.

INTERMEDIATE BITCH (42 entries, 9 absentee)

1st **GILTEDGE LADY MADONNA**

s: CH Giltedge Hemingway, d: CH Giltedge Tara

Lovely bitch with balanced angles, terrific topline and tail set and beautiful blend of neck into shoulders. Nice body development with good forechest. Pleasing head but would like to see a darker eye. Beautiful smooth movement.

2nd **ELLJOA CARAMEL CREAM**

s: CH Phileni Pheonix Rising, d: Elljoa Lady Kensington

Also a very lovely bitch, very sound on the move but with less reach and drive and forechest than the first place bitch. Held her topline well on the move. Short-coupled, deep body with balanced angulation and lovely correct coat. Lovely head and expression.

3rd **JONESH LIVE AT THE RITZ (AI)**

s: ENG CH Ritzilyn Cockney Robin, d: CH Giltedge Jane Eyre

Good sound moving bitch with a strong rear and good forechest. Less return of upper arm and less pleasing head, lacking blend between the muzzle and back skull. Head planes not as pleasing. Nice dark pigment. Good body depth.

4th **GILTEDGE STRAWBERRY FIELDS**

s: CH Giltedge Hemingway, d: CH Giltedge Tara

Nice head and expression, with lovely reach of neck and a solid topline and correct tail set. Less angulated in front. Athletic appearance and overall sound moving, but a slight tendency to toe in.

5th **PIARKI MEA TERAH**

s: CH Nieghan New Adventure CD (Imp UK), d: Piarki the Winter Spirit

Nice short-coupled body with good depth and development. Solid topline. Pretty head but with rounder eye. Lacked reach in front movement.

6th **AMBERVALLEY BONNIE BANKS**

s: Justley Rockefeller, d: Garbank Lislone Chanel (Imp UK)

Balanced front and rear with good angles, body depth and spring of rib. Nice topline. A bit close moving in rear.

AUSTRALIAN BRED BITCH (48 entries, 9 absentees)

1st **CH GILTEDGE CHARLOTTE**

s: CH Stanroph School Boy (Imp UK), d: CH Fantango In Poppyfields

Lovely profile movement, balanced angles, body depth and development gave her the class. Good forechest and forequarters, moderate bone with a pleasing head and expression. Lovely smooth blend of neck into shoulders.

2nd **BUFFALO SPELLBOUND**

s: Stenbury Water Snowman (Imp Swd), d: Buffalo Memories by Milo

A solid bitch with terrific body depth and development. A bit taller on leg, but sound moving with a solid rear and topline. A bit less angulation in front than ideal. Pleasing head with lovely pigment.

3rd **JONESH COUNTRY ROADS**

s: CH Jonesh Dance Till Dawn, d: Jonesh Cheshire County

Well balance angles with a stronger head than the 2nd place bitch. Nice blend of neck into shoulders. Solid topline. Good movement.

4th **CAMUKA SOPHIES ROSE**

s: CH Strathraer Nordic Star (iid), d: Camuka Sovereign Edition

Lovely blend of neck into shoulders. Pleasing head with dark pigment. Topline not as solid when moving. Nice frontquarters but needs a bit more bend of stifle for ideal balance.

5th **CH PERRECCA INSPIRATION**

s: CH Perrecca Mychesterson, d: GRAND CH Perrecca Prelude

Lovely rich colour with good coat. Nice profile movement but a bit close in rear. Short-coupled with good forechest and topline. Balanced, but ideally could use a bit more angulation at both ends.

6th **IMPRESSA PART TIME ANGEL**

s: Tasvane Indiana (Imp UK), d: Impressa Highly Illogical

Lovely moderate bitch, a bit longer cast in body but with nice balance angles and a solid topline. Not showing her best and moving with less reach than ideal.

OPEN BITCH (39 entries, 0 absentees)

This was a tough class to judge, with a number of lovely bitches who could win anywhere in the world. I know that on any given day, several of these bitches could easily switch placements.

1st **GOLDTREVE CARMOSE TIA**

s: CH Standfast Dream Ticket from Kerrien (Imp UK), d: GRAND CH Goldtreve Camrose Tess (ai)

A lovely balanced, athletic bitch with moderate angulation and bone. Good proportion and body depth. Lovely profile movement although a bit close in rear. A beautiful blend of neck into shoulders with a solid topline. Her beautiful head and soft expression with black pigment and balanced proportion pulled her ahead on this day.

2nd **CH GILTEDGE TARA**

s: CH Standfast Dream Ticket from Kerrien (Imp UK), d: CH Giltedge Virginia

Slightly longer in body proportion with lovely angulation. Slightly better layback and forechest than the first place bitch, with a beautiful topline. Sound moving. Pleasing head and expression. Good body depth and spring of rib.

3rd **CH CHALEUR UNFORGETTABLE**

s: GRAND CH Chaleur Acclaim To Fame, d: CH Kaparla Loch Isle

Another lovely bitch that used herself well on the move. Balanced but slightly less angulated front and rear. Nice topline and lovely blend of neck into shoulders. Good body and proportion.

4th **BUFFALO MEMORIES BY MILO**

s: Ch Buffalo Kingpin, d: Ch Buffalo Waterwings

A substantial bitch with good body properties, nice topline and angles. Pleasing but stronger bitch head, not as strong in pigment. Coming and going movement not as sound as her profile. Good coat and condition.

5th **MONTEGO CHRISTOBELLE**

s: CH Nieghan New Adventure CD (Imp UK), d: CH Goldtreve Camrose Belle (ai)

Nice head and expression with black pigment. Moved well but less solid in the topline. Nice body, slightly longer cast.

6th **CH GILTEDGE JANE EYRE**

s: CH Stanroph School Boy (Imp UK), d: CH Fantango In Poppyfields

Very balanced with nice angles, solid topline, good body depth. Lovely rich colour. Pleasing head and expression. Not moving as well today.

VETERAN BITCH (10 entries, 0 absentees)

1st **CH FANTANGO IN POPPYFIELDS**

s: Tasvane Indiana (Imp UK), d: CH Fantango Field of Dreams

This bitch caught my eye as soon as she entered the ring. Her attitude, athletic body and condition belied her years. Beautiful topline, balanced angulation, lovely but not overdone bone and substance. She moved well presenting a sound, well put together package. Pleasing head and expression with black pigment. Moderate coat.

2nd **GRAND CH PERRECCA PRELUDE**

s: GRAND CH Deanchel Love Me Tender, d: Dykinta Prime Time

Lovely deep, short-coupled body with good spring of rib. Nice front quarters but needs a bit more bend of stifle. Sound moving in profile carrying a nice topline.

3rd **CH BEAUCROFT BY DESIGN**

s: NZ CH Heathermist Double Agent, d: CH Tweedwater Brengwain

Longer cast in body but with good depth. Pleasing head and expression with nice blend of neck into shoulders. Used herself well moving, but ideally could use more return of upper arm. Dropped off tail set.

4th **CH ALUBYC GEORGIA**

s: Tasvane Indiana (Imp UK), d: Imatriever Memphis Belle

Lovely head and expression with good topline and body depth. Less angulated front did not balance as well with nice rear. Nice moving overall.

5th **STRATHRAER ARCTIC SKYE (IID)**

s: Fnl/Swd/Fnl Ft CH Trewater Macoy (Imp Fnl), d: Haamorin Mesimarja (Imp Fnl)

Pleasing head and expression. Taller on leg and lacking in bend of stifle. Nice topline and blend of neck into good layback.

6th **GRAND CH PERRECCA PALOMA**

s: GRAND CH Deanchel Love Me Tender, d: Dykinta Prime Time

A smaller, richer coloured, compact bitch with balanced, moderate angulation and nice bone. Nice topline and body properties. Ideally could use more length of neck but a pleasing head and expression.

CHALLENGE BITCH CH Fantango In Poppyfields

RESERVE CHALLENGE BITCH CH Goldtreve Camrose Tia

The bitch CC lineup was exceptional, but I confess, the Veteran Bitch stole my heart. Her fantastic front quarters, athletic appearance and solid topline at 8 ½ years of age are a tribute to her soundness. The Australian Bred bitch pushed the Open for reserve, but the Open Bitch prevailed with her lovely head and expression and feminine yet athletic appearance.

GENERAL SPECIALS JUDGING - MRS AINSLIE L MILLS (CANADA)

BEST IN SHOW CH Fantango In Poppyfields

RUNNER UP TO BEST IN SHOW Goldtreve Camrose Kraka

BREEDER OF BEST IN SHOW Janelle Dulke

OBEDIENCE WINNER OF WINNERS Dykinta High Gambler UD

BABY PUPPY IN SHOW Santamaria Alongcampolly

OPPOSITE BABY PUPPY IN SHOW Santamaria Buster Keeton

MINOR PUPPY IN SHOW Blazedngold Innocent Eyes

OPPOSITE MINOR IN SHOW Blazedngold Ice Storm

PUPPY IN SHOW Avonbreeze McLeod (ai)

OPPOSITE IN PUPPY IN SHOW Tahmero Aprils Power OfLuv

JUNIOR IN SHOW Stanroph Shared Assets (Imp UK)

OPPOSITE JUNIOR IN SHOW Fantango Just The Ticket

INTERMEDIATE IN SHOW Goldtreve Camrose Kraka

OPPOSITE INTERMEDIATE IN SHOW Giltedge Lady Madonna

AUSTRALIAN BRED IN SHOW CH Giltedge Charlotte

OPPOSITE AUSTRALIAN BRED IN SHOW CH Dykinta Grand Slam

OPEN IN SHOW CH Chaleur Quizmaster

OPPOSITE OPEN IN SHOW CH Goldteve Camrose Tia

VETERAN IN SHOW CH Fantango In Poppyfields

OPPOSITE VETERAN IN SHOW CH Beaucroft The Brigadier