

Golden Retrievers, Spécialité Nationale, Carling Lake Resort July 14th, 2007

Thank you for inviting me to judge your goldens on July 14th in the beautiful setting of Carling Lake Hotel. I enjoyed the day tremendously and feel I need to congratulate you on your quality of goldens, your excellent handling and your sportsmanship. In all the classes there were several runners up to the 4 placings - 4 seeming to be a very inadequate number, and I wish to apologize to the many excellent dogs and bitches who had to leave the day without receiving their due!!

It was a true highlight when the specials entered: 41 of them filling up the entire ring and showing such quality. It was a wonderful sight that I shall never forget.

However - so difficult to judge: how to be fair, to be precise, to be thorough enough – I loved them all. With so much quality, petty details suddenly become important: a slightly light eye – a straight upperarm – a slightly curved tail – a summer coat – a slightly long loin – a shade out in elbows – a not entirely perfect mouth – slightly soft pasterns - it all matters before the final choice. It is a comfort to realize that the perfect dog has yet to be born, and that each and every judge chooses from a very personal preference. So again: to the many of you who weren't placed: my deepest sympathy, and to the many winners: Many heartfelt congratulations!

Junior Puppy Male

No. 102 Sagagold Obi Wan Kenobi

: 1st: 6 months, well proportioned, masculine head, strong bone, good front, good coat.
Correct tailset and topline, moves with ease

No. 103: 2nd

No. 100 3rd

No. 104 4th

Senior Puppy Male

No. 114 Lazyriver Shi's Grand Slam

1st: 11 months, well developed with good head and balance. Excellent pigment. Good topline on the move, good coat.

No. 108 2nd

No. 109 3rd

No. 113 4th

Junior Puppy Female

No. 191 De la Framboisiere Una Querida

1st: 6 months, still a baby, with feminine head, strong bone, balanced, excelling in strong hind quarters. Moves with a good stride, good coat.

No. 184 2nd

No. 188 3rd

No. 180 4th

Senior Puppy Females: judged by Mr. Michael Lanctot

12 – 18 months Females: judged by Mr. Michael Lanctot

12 – 18 months Male:**Kat. No. 122 Kalshan Free Lander**

1st: 13 months, mature, well balanced, pleasing head with soft expression. Super topline with correct tailset – on the move and when stacked. Correct bone and feet, moves with ease and balance, covering his ground well, a little soft in coat

No. 115 2nd

No. 116 3rd

No. 119 4th

Canadian Bred Male

No. 126 **1st Kyon's Roling Stone:** balanced with excellent front and super topline. A shade long in loin, but moves with balance and poise. Super bone, lovely feet, excellent coat. Good masculine head with soft expression.

No. 124 2

No. 125 3rd

No. 127 4th

Bred by Exhibitor Male

No. 131 **1st: Chrys-Haefen Unforseen Chance:** well matured male with a lovely head, well knitted front with correct chest, good long rib case, correct bone and feet, Moved with drive and excellent tail carriage, excellent coat.

No. 130 2nd

No. 124 3rd

No. 132 4th

Open Males

No. 133 **1st: Stormynights It's a Wild Ride:** balanced with correct head and expression, excellent bone, super topline and movement, lovely, correct tailset making an excellent picture, good bone and feet, correct coat. Needs to mature in chest, but he is only 2½ years, and he shows great promise.

No. 140 2nd

No. 144 3rd

No. 148 4th

Winner Dogs: No. 133

Stormynights It's a Wild Ride

Reserve Winner Dog: No. 114

Lalzyriver Shi's Grand Slam

Veteran Males

No. 156 **1st. Ch. Trowsnest English Gentry:** Such a Classic, lovely head with soft expression, excellent bone, lovely neck and shoulder with firm elbows, good spring of rib, super topline and tailset, excellent coat quality. Would like a little harder condition at 8 years, but a really lovely boy.

No. 155 2nd

No. 157 3rd

No. 152 4th

12 – 18 Months Female: Judged by Mr. Michael Lanctot

Canadian Bred Females

- No. 214 **1st Skylon Eatmore Bar None:** Lovely type with sweet head and expression, mature in body with good balance, moves well, needs a little ring experience to settle down. Coat quality correct, but at this moment not quite in full coat.
- No. 216 2nd
 No. 215 3rd
 No. 217 4th

Bred by Exhibitor Females

- No. 221 **1st : Verdoro Yeg to Lax:** Well proportioned and with good balance throughout. Feminine head and sweet expression, good bone and feet, good neck and shoulder, chest and rib, strong, correct topline and tailset, moves happily and freely, not in her best coat today
- No. 227 2nd
 No. 223 3rd
 No. 225 4th

Open Class Females

- No. 234 **1st Gorefinadan Bright Mist:** Mature bitch with feminine head and soft expression, correct bone and feet, lovely neck, shoulder and topline, moves happily with flowing topline, great balance throughout, good coat, although summer takes its toll.
- No.232 2nd
 No. 237 3rd
 No. 233 4th

**Winners Female: No. 234
 Gorefinadan Bright Mist**

**Reserve Winners: No. 204
 De la Framboisiere Anis Étoilé**

Veteran Females

- No. 253 **1st Bonie Maggie Mia:** Lovely type, sweet head, in excellent condition and well proportioned with excellent shoulder, chest and topline. Good bone and feet, good coat, moves with dignity and poise, a true lady.
- No. 248 2nd
 No. 251 3rd
 No. 254 4th

**Winner veteran: No. 253
 Bonie Maggie Mia**

to apologize to all those lovely dogs that went through the day without receiving their proper due!

Best of Breed: No. 171**Ch. Cheek to Cheek Steve Mac Queen**

Just the right size and sound although, doesn't put a foot wrong on the move.
Excellent head and expression, good bone, closely knitted elbows, beautiful, flowing topline, good coat. Strong but no coarseness anywhere.

Best Opposite Sex: No. 261**Ch. Lazyriver Star in the Skye**

Ideal size for a bitch, sweet head, feminine all over but quite strongly made with good bone, lovely feet, excellent chest and rib, lovely topline, strong quarters, moved with the wind, excellent coat.

Award of Merit:**Cat. No. 134****Ch. Top Look's Mystic River**

Pleasing in type, balanced, well angulated, excellent neck and front, chest and rib, sound movement, lovely coat. Masculine head and correct expression.

Cat. No. 175**Ch. Amberwood Winter Wonderland**

Masculine, sound and balanced, Sweet expression. Lovely neck and front, good feet, Strong topline, moves with drive and soundness, good coat.

Cat. No. 259**Ch. Lazyriver Sunrise over Savannah**

Very feminine, sweet head and expression, beautiful neck and topline with lovely placement of shoulders, flowing movement, excellent coat.

Cat. No. 263**Ch. De la Framboisière Edelweiss**

Lovely pigment, excellent expression, balanced bitch who moves with drive and ease, good coat.

Best of Winners: No. 133'**Stormynights It's a Wild Ride****Best puppy: No. 114****Lazyriver Shi's Grand Slam**

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