

KOMENTARZ (Sandra Whelan)

First of all my sincere thanks for the invitation to judge once again at your very special show (I know I wasn't the original choice but wasn't I the lucky one). The atmosphere in my opinion is unsurpassed, the organisers and exhibitors were so cheerful and friendly and the hospitality shown to both myself and my co judge Janise Ward was mind blowing. My sincere thanks for the wonderful gifts you gave us and to my two stewards, Barbara & Martha I offer my sincere gratitude. The venue in spectacular is such a lovely backdrop to host such a prestigious show.

To you Wojtek personally my sincere thanks, I still have my Christmas ornament your wife made us 9 years ago and it still goes up on my Christmas tree every year. You have a wonderful crew of organisers and any judge is privileged to be asked to adjudicate.

Now to the dogs, first of all my sincere thanks to the exhibitors both the new show folk and those well-seasoned who all took their places with grace & gratitude. There has been huge progress made in the 9 years since I last judged at this show, no overdone heads and short necks, all the exhibits were spotlessly clean and with the exception of 2 dogs had wonderful temperaments, now on that point I beseech you please do not breed from a Golden with a fearful temperament, the trait will continue and it is not a feature of a Golden Retriever who should be confident and biddable. My only hugely noticeable fault was upper arms or I should say the lack of, shoulder placements were good overall but short upper arms stop the dog extending in the front so when he/she moves they tend to turn their feet in, please be mindful of this as it presented itself in more than 50% of the dogs. Otherwise I think the quality overall was very good and exhibitors seemed to be having a great time.

Keep going folks you are doing an amazing job.

Kindest regards & my heartfelt thanks.

Sandra Whelan
Sandseers Golden Retrievers.

KOMENTARZ (Janis Ward)

Krajowa Wystawa of Poland

I would like to thank Wojtek and his great Team for a truly wonderful day of judging at the Show. It was such an honour and privilege to be asked and also to judge alongside the lovely Sandra.

My stewards Tanya and Teresa were professional, friendly and so hard working, I always think stewarding is harder work than judging! Thank you so much, you made my experience even more enjoyable.

Of course I must thank the exhibitors for bringing their lovely dogs. I thought there was a good depth of quality and I loved being able to judge them, especially all the wonderful Veterans. Anyone who thinks judging is easy needs to think again! While fault judging is wrong, to ignore a serious fault in an otherwise stunning dog is also wrong, and choosing plain with no quality would also be wrong, so not an easy job.

I looked for the most important points in the Standard - character, charm, happiness and confidence, and that I found in abundance. Almost every d'og was enjoying their day out and happy to be there. All the exhibitors were really friendly, like their dogs, and took my decisions well!

All together everyone created a happy, friendly atmosphere, everything that a dogshow should be, coupled with warm and sunny weather, in a lovely, large venue. The hospitality from the Club was perfect in every aspect and nothing was too much trouble. The gifts were amazing. The beautiful Norwegian ceramic candle holder, the shoulder bag, the keyring and mug. All now very much treasured. Thank yo