



**Golden Retriever Club of Illinois  
GOLDEN MOMENTS NEWSLETTER**

## Announcements

### Celebrate with GRCI at the Annual Holiday Party December 8

The GRCI Holiday Party will be at the [Chicago Canine Club](#) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on December 8 at 16W129 83rd Street, Burr Ridge, IL. Join us for a Pizza Dinner, Holiday Cheer, Fun Games with your Golden and the ever-popular visit with Santa! Please RSVP to Barb Gron Grosse [bgg2134@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bgg2134@sbcglobal.net)

### It's Time to Renew!

GRCI Membership Renewals were out the first week of November via US Postal Service, but you can also print your membership renewal [here](#).

### Membership Survey

GRCI values your opinion! Watch your email for a link to our Membership Survey. Give us feedback on meeting ideas, times and new events you would like to see from GRCI. Every response will be placed in a drawing for a \$100 gift card!

### Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA)

We are very happy to announce that Sandy Foster and Robin Comp-Zelles have graciously agreed to Chair a CCA event for GRCI. This is a great way for members and non-members to get an evaluation of their Golden's conformation to the AKC Standard by judges and breeders in a non-competitive environment. Stay tuned for information on location and date. If you want to know more about CCA, see the GRCA information [here](#).

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### Upcoming Events

[GRCI Holiday Party and General Meeting - December 8](#)

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[grcillinois.org](http://grcillinois.org)

or on our Facebook Page



## Wags and Brags

### WAGS AND BRAGS FROM THE GRCA NATIONALS!

Kim Mroczenski reports that Marley, MACH Tiara Markimski's Spiderling received her Rally Novice title at the National. Her dogs Marley and PJ also participated in the Parade of Title Holders.



### Marley Earns Rally Novice Title



### Marley and PJ with Parade of Titleholder ribbons

Karin Boullion reports that Journey, co-owned with Peggy Covey, placed 4th in the 15-18 month Puppy Sweepstakes class.



### Peggy, Karin and Journey

Jan Williams and her dog, Captain, made the Final Cut in the Best of Breed class of over 200 Champions!

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## Sunshine Notes

Do you know someone in the hospital, sick or in need of some Sunshine in his or her life?

Call Laurie Stecker at 847-705-9172 or email at [Aylwyn1@aol.com](mailto:Aylwyn1@aol.com). She will arrange flowers, cards, and other forms of "sunshine" to brighten their day.

## Newsletter Contributors



**Jan and Captain in BoB**

If you have a Wag and Brag to share, please send your story in "copy and paste" mode, along with a picture if you have one to Cathy Williams at [cwilliams0727@gmail.com](mailto:cwilliams0727@gmail.com) or Hal Axelrod at [harryaxe@comcast.net](mailto:harryaxe@comcast.net).

## The Conformation Ring

### Golden Notes from Karin Boullion

People talk about the "evils" of social media groups like Facebook, but sometimes they can be used as a good learning tool. I belong to a number of different groups, most of which include breeders, judges and exhibitors as members. One group "owner" likes to get constructive discussions going so she will put together picture collages of good and not-so-good examples of a given aspect of the dog (heads, tail set, movement) and ask the members to discuss what they like (or not) in a civilized way (no bashing, rudeness). She tries to make sure there is nothing to make a dog recognizable but asks if you know who the dog is, to not say. While being able to go over dogs physically is the ideal. Using the pictures does help train the eye as to what the breed standard is talking about. But of course nothing beats getting "hands on" exposure.

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## What's New?

Need a Great Idea for Holiday gifts for your Golden pals?

GRCI has a full line of shirts, jackets, caps in custom colors that you can order on-line! Each item comes with the newly updated GRCI logo. We even have camo gear for the field! Great for your Golden loving friends and yourself!



Choose from a full line of shirts in any color!

Order them through [this link](#).



GRCI Camo for the Field!



Caps and hats in many colors too!



**Happy Holidays!!!**



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