



**Golden
Retriever
Club of
Illinois**

Golden Moments

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The Golden Retriever Club of Illinois is an active club with many diverse interests in the Golden Retriever breed.

The GRCI sponsors vaccination clinics, heart and eye clinics, educational forums, hunt tests, working tests, an independent conformation/obedience specialty, agility trials and field training classes.

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12:00 Noon – 3:30 PM

Location: Hawthorn's Backyard

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RAIN OR SHINE

Upcoming Events:

GRCI Agility Trials

October 4-5-6, 2013

Manhattan, IL

GRCI Tracking Test

October 13, 2013

Sycamore, IL

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2013 Specialty Report

By Jane L. Coen

After a year of extensive planning on the part of GRCI's 2013 Specialty Committee, GRCI's Specialty was held on June 15, 2013 at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, Illinois. 2013 was the first year that GRCI offered two Specialties on the same day. The morning Specialty included Conformation, Junior Showmanship, Sweepstakes, Obedience and Rally. The afternoon Specialty was Conformation only. With our Specialties being held in conjunction with the Little Fort Kennel Club shows on June 14 and 16, and the North Shore Dog Training Club's trial on June 16, exhibitors had the opportunity to enter four breed shows and three Obedience and Rally trials at the same show site over the course of three days.

For the first Specialty, Best of Breed was awarded to Ch. Maximus Golden Trip American Folklore. Best of Opposite Sex was awarded to CH. Forever's Frat Party and Best of Winners to Chuckanut's Caribou Barbie. For the Obedience trial, High in Trial and High Combined were awarded to High Times Instant Soup CDX SH NA NAJ. For the Rally trial, High Combined was awarded to Kanosak's Young Goddess BN CDX RAE GN CGC. For the second Specialty, Best of Breed was awarded to Ch. Laurell's Jo Jo DiMaggio. Best of Opposite Sex was awarded to Ch. Forever's Frat Party and Best of Winners to Chuckanut's Caribou Barbie.

Feedback on GRCI's Specialties was very positive—from exhibitors, GRCI members, spectators and Little Fort Kennel Club. We solicited input on how we could improve GRCI's Specialties in future years, and received some good ideas. We would welcome additional input from you, our Club members, as well.

Our Specialties were beautifully organized and run by a group of hard-working Club members. First, my most sincere thanks go out to the members of the 2013 Specialty Committee:

- ★ Judy Bush and Lee Melka – Trophy Co-chairs
- ★ Pat Covek and Laurie Stecker – Raffle and Silent Auction Co-chairs
- ★ Nancy Einwich – Rally Chair
- ★ Barbara Gron-Grosse - Hospitality
- ★ Lee Melka – Obedience Chair
- ★ Nancy Pedersen and Cindy Pakenas – Publicity and Advertising Co-chairs
- ★ Joan Wetton – Chief Ring Steward
- ★ Cathy Williams – Advisor to the Specialty Committee

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This was my first time serving as a Specialty Chair, and I could not have asked for a more talented, dedicated team. Each team member was amazing in her respective role.

Our thanks go out to all of you who volunteered your time and talents to help ensure the Specialties' success. Volunteers included:

- ★ Public Education – Barbara Gron-Grosse, ably assisted by Lisa Goldberg
- ★ Breed Ring Stewards – Michelle Kolb and Cathy Williams
- ★ Obedience Ring Stewards – Kaye Dahlquist, Randy Johnson, Bob Melka, Cheri and Murray Mitchneck, and Joan Wetton (with Ruth Smith standing by to fill in, as needed)
- ★ Rally Ring Stewards – Nancy Einwich, Cindy Pakenas and the judge's sister, Marian Lazzara
- ★ Catalog Sales – Anna Valenti

GRCI members and friends who assisted Pat Covek and Laurie Stecker with the Raffle, Silent Auction and catalog sales included: Nancy Pederson, Kevin Grudem, Hal & Hollis Axelrod, As Good As Gold Golden Retriever Rescue, Gail & Larry Larsen, Sandy & Bob Cummings, Rick Larson, Barbara Gron-Grosse, Kim & Mark Mroczenski (Murphy's Trading Co), Kaye Dahlquist, Ruth Smith, Pat Janes, Pat & Jim Alberts, Leslie Heatherman, Cheri & Murray Mitchneck, Cathy & Ken Williams, Lee & Bob Melka, Jane Coen, Kenni R., Kathy Guerra, Pat & George Covek, Laurie & Jerry Stecker, Carolyn Hesse, Dr. Robert Covek, Kathy Le Breton, Lisa Goldberg, and Anna Valenti. If I inadvertently missed any of you who helped in one way or another, please know that your contributions were very much appreciated. We also want to thank all of you who generously supported GRCI and the Specialties with your trophy donations, Raffle and Silent Auction donations and/or catalog ads. All of your efforts helped to make this year's Specialties a great success.

The 2013 Specialty Committee had budgeted a loss of \$1,865 for this year's Specialty. As a result of your generous donations, and the Committee's great work, we were able to reduce the loss to just \$266.

The 2014 Specialty Committee has already begun working on next year's June Specialties. If you have any suggestions for the Committee, please contact GRCI's 2014 Specialty Chair, Cathy Williams at cwilliams0727@gmail.com or 847-452-2568, who will share your input with the Committee.

2013 Specialty Winners

Conformation

Judged by: M Shaughnessy DVM

Best of Breed or Variety: CH Laurell's Jojo Dimaggio (B), M Strickland/R Beutler/L Kling

Best of Opposite Sex: GCH CH Forever's Frat Party (D), C Nee/J Nee/R Hoffman/S Jordna

Select Dog: CH Landican's Just A Blazingstar JH AX AXJ NAP, M Hartman

Select Bitch: GCH CH Maximus Golden Trip American Folklore, L Moey/E Kwan/A Grundy

2013 Specialty Winners, continued

Best of Winners: Chuckanut's Caribou Barbie (B), J Van Engelenhoven

Winners Dog: Maltcairn Malagold Cedar Rudy, M Schulz/T Schulz

Reserve Winner Dog: Forever's All Jacked Up, J Nee/C Nee

Winners Bitch: Chuckanut's Caribou Barbie, J Van Engelenhoven

Reserve Winner Bitch: Goldrox Crescent Wild Girls Play Ball, M Roxby/C Roxby

Obedience

Judged by: Mr. E J Willems

Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes: Util B, High Times Instant Soup UD SH NA NAJ, B Carlsen

Highest Combined Score in OB and UA/UB: High Times Instant Soup UD SH NA NAJ, B Carlsen

Beginner Novice A: 1st Zampanzar Lest's Go, J Wilharm

Beginner Novice B: 1st Kuventre's Kool Kash, M Kogut; 2nd Heartland's Sweet Cent Sation CGC, J Winters/J Winters

Novice A: 1st Goldberry Bullion Trouble's Belle, A Mednick

Open A: 1st Argo's Spirit Of Life CD RN, L Melka/R Melka/S Cummings

Open B: 1st High Times Instant Soup UD SH NA NAJ, B Carlsen; 2nd Hurricane Creek's Marathon Man UD SH, R Smith;

3rd Sundown Calling All Cars UD BN GN RA, T McNally/L McNally; 4th Kanosak's Uptown Girl UDX OM1 BN GN RE OA

OAJ, R Bizer; Qualifiers: Tanbark's Rio De Oro UDX5 OM7, F Foster and Argo's One In A Million UD JH MX MXJ, L Melka/S Cummings/R Melka

Utility B: 1st High Times Instant Soup UD SH NA NAJ, B Carlsen; 2nd Tanbark's Rio De Oro UDX5 OM7, F Foster; 3rd Winterset's Indian Harvest UDX RE TD, N Einwich; 4th Tanbark's Justa Jester UD GN GO RN, J Nicholl

Rally

Judged by: L C Lazzara

Rally Novice B: 1st CH Firstar's Blue Vespa Of Hallis CD, H Axelrod/H Axelrod; 2nd CH Golly G's Giddy Up 'N Go UD JH

MX MXJ NAP OJP, K Guerra; 3rd Firststar's Vente Of Hallis CD, H Axelrod/H Axelrod; 4th Touch Of Love Of Clear Passion CD BN, M Wilharm

Rally Advanced A: 1st Tender Touch Ozzie's Amazing Harriet RN, R Johnson

Rally Advanced B: 1st Kanosak's Young Goddess CDX BN GN RAE CGC, R Bizer/F Andresen; 2nd CH Westwood's High Speed Pursuit CDX GN RAE, N Pederson

Rally Excellent B: 1st Kanosak's Young Goddess CDX BN GN RAE CGC, R Bizer/F Andresen; 2nd CH Westwood's High Speed Pursuit CDX GN RAE, N Pederson; 3rd Firststar Isn'T She Lovely CD RA NAJ CGC, J Wetton



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Ron Farina Memorial Page GRNews

GRCI will be placing a memorial page in the fall Field Issue of the GRNews. Ron was a longtime member and contributed to the club in so many ways over the last 30 years. GRCI also will be placing a page in this same issue recognizing all our members who are working their Golden Retrievers in the field. Ruth Smith is putting together this page and will keep you up to date on the details. The Board of Directors felt this would be a nice issue to put Ron's memorial page in since Ron loved working his dogs in the field.

If you would like to contribute to this memorial ad and have your name listed on the page please send your contribution to me at the address listed below. Please make your checks out to GRCI.

Nancy Einwich
47W840 Winterset Road
Hampshire, IL 60140



From Left to Right: Kate (Magnum Calibres Mistrees Kate, AM, CDX, JH, WC, WCX – CAN, CD); Ron Farina; Tuffy (Aces Tuff Stuff, Am, CD, WC, WCX); Ace (Thaddeace of High Times Solomon, Am, US, JH, WC, WCH – CAN, CDX, WC)

THE AGILITY ZONE

by Robin Comp-Zelles

Last month I mentioned my new puppy “Ketch” and some of our “adventures” together. In the past couple of month’s I have found that though I am introducing a number of foundation training exercises, his agility training is rather minimal, in the formal sense.

All of the “round” equipment has been introduced (tire – on the ground, tunnel and the chute base). Ketch has also learned to move at my side, following my hand, on both my right and left, changing speeds and directions. He really likes to run fast to chase a toy or cookie with me and stop, change directions and as well as learning the other way. He is running a low teeter and “banging” it, also how to work a “two on/two off” (front feet on the ground, rear on the board) on the dog walk. I love to encourage a focused, driven release from the start line and contacts, so we work a lot of puppy recalls using a release word. The puppy recalls I like to do have a helper holding the leash while I tease my puppy with either a piece of food or toy, preferably a toy, I move backwards from my puppy waving my

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arm down low, side to side, in front of my puppy. When I get about 20’ away I use my release word (i.e. OK, Free, Release) (puppy should be focused on me, feet on the ground, no spinning/jumping). My helper releases the puppy and hopefully the puppy comes flying towards me so I can play and reward with the toy or food. If my puppy gets distracted, the leash is on so I can pick it up and encourage the pup into me.

Our obedience training continues. I truly believe that agility is an extension of obedience, but most of all I am working our relationship. Ketch is quite an interesting boy, independent yet people oriented, a mind like a steel trap (can remember where a cookie was dropped in the training building the week prior), very bright and willing, can be quite fast and yet dawdle. He is quite the cuddle-bug in the morning and at night, and I have no no problem with rolling him over, clipping nails, etc. However, that independence that you like to have a certain amount of, can get him into trouble and can make me much less valuable to him as he is very happy to go and explore his environment. So, we are working very hard at our “relationship” more than any particular exercise for performance.

Relationships are a funny thing, that they are a two-way street is quite apparent. Respect for ingenuity and a quest for thrills needs to be balanced with acquired life skills and obedience. So, I need to be sure that Ketch gets to have fun and a lot of life experiences while realizing that I am the key to getting out and doing all of that. However, control is a double-edged sword. Too much makes an unhappy pup, and none makes an unhappy me. If I can encourage my puppy to get on my page without really knowing it by offering behaviors that I want and can reinforce, I much prefer that to having to correct him. Corrections are necessary in life, pressure is present in the world of training and showing. How to turn off those pressures and stay positive is what the pup will need to learn. I need to find out how the pup handles varying levels of pressure without him becoming overloaded to an extreme. This is a fine line and you need to be aware of your pups threshold. I also have to work at being “special” to him with how I play and what I can give him by way of what “he” wants.

Regardless of the age of your dog, being aware of “who” that dog is, what makes him tick and what motivates him is so very important to the future of your relationship. Where you fit in your dog’s life is equally important. Does your dog look forward to going out in the training ring with you or does he look the other way? Does your dog enjoy the limelight of the show ring or does he find it overwhelming? If you plan on showing your dog, it becomes integral to your training future to “get to know your dog.”

The end of July brings our summer GRCI agility trials. Our entry limit has been reached and we have a wait list at this point, so our committee is excited. The final preparations are in full swing. It will be a busy weekend and I’ll share how it went in the next newsletter.

’Til next time, keep working those weave entries.



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THE OBEDIENCE CORNER

By Jane L. Coen

The Importance of Socialization

Over the years, I have acquired and trained four dogs that previously had been raised as kennel dogs—three Shetland Sheepdogs and one Golden Retriever. These dogs' ages, at the time I adopted them, ranged from two to eight years old.

The Golden was a breed champion that alternated between living in the kennel and the house. As a result of the socialization this dog received from attending conformation classes and dog shows and spending part of the time in the house, she was well socialized. She adapted easily to becoming my full-time housedog at five years of age, and was relatively easy to train.

One of the Shelties had been temporarily placed with a trainer as a young dog, before returning to a kennel existence. The trainer put a Tracking Dog (T.D.) title and a Companion Dog (C.D.) title on the dog. This dog came to live with me as a three year old, well socialized dog, and adapted easily to being a full-time housedog. She went on to become a competitive obedience trial dog.

Another one of the Shelties had received almost no socialization. The only training experience he had before he came to live with me, at two years of age, had been negative. The dog's breeder had asked a well-known, competitive trainer to evaluate the dog, and in the course of the evaluation, the trainer put a lot of pressure on the dog. I was warned by the trainer that the dog had responded to the pressure by coming up the leash to go after the trainer. After living and working with this dog, I concluded that the other trainer had mishandled the dog, and put him in a "fight or flight" mode. I found this dog to be sweet and gentle, although he was timid and unsure of himself in new situations—clearly the result of a lack of early socialization. With patience and a lot of effort, this dog ultimately became a decent working obedience dog.

The most challenging adoptee was an eight year old Sheltie who had finished her breed championship as a relatively young dog, and then never left the kennel again, except for a couple of trips to the veterinarian over the years. When I first met this dog, my reaction was pity and compassion. This dog did not even know her name, had no interest in toys (maybe because she had never seen one), and cringed if you reached toward her to pet her. Training this dog required a tremendous amount of patience and an extensive amount of repetition. She earned her C.D. title, but was not a particularly high-scoring dog and was not a happy, confident worker. She was retired at nine after earning her C.D.

I share these stories because I believe they underscore the critical importance of providing a puppy with an adequate amount of early socialization. It doesn't matter if your goal is to raise a well-adjusted, well-behaved family pet or a competitive breed and/or performance dog. Providing an environment that enables the dog to develop a healthy dose of self-confidence is critical.

We all want our dogs to be trustworthy around people of all ages. We don't want our dogs biting or snapping out of aggression or fear. Nor do we want our dogs to panic and lose emotional

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control if they encounter new situations—loud, sudden noises, unfamiliar dogs or people, etc. We want our dogs to be able to take new situations in stride.

Certainly, some dogs are more self-confident than others by nature. However, even with the more self-confident dogs, it is still important to provide proper socialization. Research has shown that if a puppy is completely isolated from human beings from seven to 12 weeks of age, it doesn't matter what you do with the puppy after that period, the puppy will never be able to form a normal relationship and bond with a human. Research also has shown that dogs need to be exposed to new and different situations and environments between 12 and 16 weeks of age if they are to develop the self-confidence needed to take new situations in stride.

I have been teaching obedience classes for over 40 years. Occasionally, I will have an older puppy or grown dog come into the training facility literally being dragged along the floor like a dust mop. Invariably when I ask about the dog's background, I am told the dog has had little or no socialization with people or new environments. These dogs tend to be very difficult to train, and require an enormous amount of patience and time.

Socializing a puppy is very easy and simple. I tell my puppy class students that they have two socialization homework assignments. First, throughout the eight week class, the owners are to make sure the puppies have the opportunity to interact with five "friendly strangers" each day. A friendly stranger is anyone outside of the puppy's household. The second assignment is to take the puppy on a walk every day, constantly taking a different route to expose the puppy to new sights and sounds. I tell people to get the puppy to nearby parks where children are involved in both organized sports and just running around and playing. Where there are children there are also adults, so the puppy gets exposed to men, women and children of varying ages.

I tell my puppy class students to place their puppies into a Sit position when people come up to visit with the puppy. That way, the puppy learns good manners from the beginning, and does not get into the bad habit of jumping up or mouthing people.

I also tell new puppy owners to walk their puppies down sidewalks on leash near busy streets or roads to get the puppies used to traffic. Once the vet gives the OK, I tell students to also take their puppies to their local pet store, which provides great socialization opportunities.

Let me stress that I do not encourage allowing puppies to rush up to strange dogs on the street, at the park or anywhere else. In fact, I only let my puppies interact with dogs I know well that are friendly toward other dogs and under their owners' control. This means I would never take a puppy—or a grown dog for that matter—to a dog park. Based on my limited experience with dog parks, I have observed that the vast majority of dog owners at dog parks have little, if any, control over their dogs. I know two people whose dogs ended up at the emergency vet to be stitched up after being attacked by a supposedly friendly dog at their local dog park. No thanks!

The first night of my puppy classes, I share a story about my first

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Golden, “Sandy.” I tell my classes that when Sandy was eight weeks old, I took her for a walk around the block. She trotted happily at my side, alert and interested in her surroundings. All of a sudden, she slammed on the brakes and crouched down out of fear. Her hackles went up and her tail tucked under her body. I thought, “What on earth?” I looked in the direction Sandy was looking, and saw a large bird bath in the middle of a neighbor’s yard. I had never noticed it before. Apparently, it looked like the Boogie Man to Sandy, who was terrified.

I consciously chose to take the time to let Sandy work up her courage to investigate the scary object. With encouragement, she mustered her courage and slowly belly-crawled up to the cement bird bath. Once up to it, she sniffed around. Soon her tail came out from under her body and actually started to wag. When she seemed satisfied that the bird bath was nothing to be afraid of, we continued our walk. Interestingly, a week later when we took that same route on a walk, Sandy approached that house and casually glanced over her shoulder as she acknowledged the bird bath in such a way as if to say, “Oh yeah, there’s the bird bath—no big deal.”

Making the time to allow a puppy to develop a high level of self-confidence pays off in big dividends when it comes to training and competing with the dog. I’m currently training two Golden Retrievers: My one and a half year old Golden and a friend’s older dog. My dog has been involved in obedience, rally, agility and the field since she was a puppy. She loves working in all of these areas, and is performing very well. The older dog has been with me since November for training, and is a lovely dog. She earned her Canine Good Citizenship (CGC) Certificate in January and her Rally Novice (RN) title in May. We’re close to being ready to compete for her C.D. Although the older dog is very bright, learns very quickly and is eager to please, she lacks self-confidence in new situations. For a variety of reasons, this dog received a limited amount of socialization early on. I find a big difference between working with these two dogs, and attribute the difference, at least in part, to the degree of socialization they received growing up.

I want to emphasize that it is not impossible to train a dog that lacks early socialization—I’ve done it with varying degrees of success with a number of dogs. However, if our goal is to achieve the highest possible level of success with our dogs and produce dogs that are confident and happy, then it is essential that we invest the time in our dogs’ early socialization. Getting our puppies “out and about” is the best thing we can do to help them reach their full potential—and shouldn’t that be our goal, after all?

Until next time, Happy Heeling!



GOLDEN NOTES

By Karin Boullion

From the Golden Retriever standard:

Gait -- when trotting, gait is free, smooth, powerful and well coordinated, showing good reach. Viewed from any position, legs turn neither in nor out, nor do feet cross or interfere with each other. As speed increases, feet tend to converge toward center line of balance. It is recommended that dogs be shown on a loose lead to reflect true gait.



Gait – one of the toughest things to capture well on film. This picture captures the foot timing placement, where the rear foot goes into the spot vacated by the front foot (in the circle). I’ve also included a line in the front showing a dog’s “reach” should not extend past the nose of the dog. And with the brown dashed line, I’ve tried to point out that the angle of both legs – the “reach” (in the front) and the “drive” (in the rear), should be the same. I wish I had a photo of a dog moving away or coming in, to help illustrate other problems.

Improper speed and the “stringing up” of a dog (a tight lead that forces the dog’s head more upright – think terriers) are two things that handlers use to help “hide” movement flaws in their dogs. Moving too fast might make the dog look flashy, but they are hoping you won’t be able to see the actual movement. Dogs will flip their front feet or add a bit extra to their rear kick when compensating for unbalanced angles, or crab or side wind when the rear foot over-reaches the front foot placement. Sometimes this can be corrected by moving at a better pace for the dog and switching sides (moving the dog on the right instead of the left) or close to a wall to discourage the swinging out of the butt. A good instructor should help with this if you are taking a class, or having a second person watching (& filming) while you try different speeds.

Many handlers now have a tendency to set up the lead where it comes from under the dog’s chin and alongside its face, pulling it up with a tight short grip. If you look at it straight on, the dog’s head gets tilted over. I have to wonder how they can expect the dog to move properly with this tilt? Here again, as you practice gait speed, try different placements for the lead. By filming, it will help you see the overall picture of your dog’s movement. And be sure to keep it fun and upbeat!

Until next time!



**Golden Retriever Club of Illinois
Picnic and Annual Meeting
Sunday, August 18, 2013**

Our Annual Meeting and Picnic has been planned for all GRCI members, goldens, and their families. You are invited to join us. Lunch will be served about 1:00pm, we will have a brief business meeting, and introduce our new board members. We will also have games with your goldens.

Date: Sunday August 18, 2013
 Time: 12:00 to 3:30pm
 Location: Hawthorne's Backyard
 1200 Hawthorne Lane
 West Chicago, Illinois
 Hawthorn's Phone: 630-293-6700
 RAIN or SHINE

This years menu is: Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs, Bratwurst, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad, Garden Salad, Potato Chips, Soda, Water, Ice Tea, Coffee, cookies, brownies and watermelon.

The price per person is \$10.00 (GRCI will pick up the remainder)
 Head count to Barbara by AUGUST 10TH with the completed form below.

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 Barbara Gron-Grosse, 2134 Clover Road, Northbrook, IL 60062
 Barbara's Phone: 847 272-9548

Name _____ Phone _____

Number of people _____ Enclosed check \$ _____



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Call Laurie Stecker at 847-705-9172 or email at Aylwyn1@aol.com and she will arrange flowers, cards, and other forms of "sunshine" to brighten their day.

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