



Golden Retriever Club of Illinois GOLDEN MOMENTS NEWSLETTER

Dear Cathy,

Announcements

Next General Meeting - Monday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m.

We are very pleased to announce that at our General Meeting, April 27, 2015, our guest speaker will be Dr Karen Kuhl, DVM, DACVD. Dr Kuhl is a Veterinary Dermatologist. Dr Kuhl did her residency at the University of Pennsylvania, and is Board Certified by the American College of Veterinary Dermatology. She has been published in journals, books, and news magazines. After Dr Kuhl's presentation there will be time for questions.

Our meeting will be held at the [Veterinary Specialty Center, 1515 Busch Parkway, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089](#). It will begin at 7:00pm. No dogs will be allowed at this meeting, but there will be one of Dr Kuhl's Golden Retriever patients present.

Please RSVP for this meeting ASAP, because seating is limited. RSVP to: Barbara Gron Grosse bgg2134@sbcglobal.net or 847 272-9548

Hope you can join us for this very informative meeting.

Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA)

The CCA at Pawsitively Heaven Pet Resort is this weekend on April 11, 2015. This is a great opportunity for Golden owners to learn about the Golden Retriever Standard for Conformation.

We are in need of volunteers for the event. If you would like to help, please contact event Chair Robin Comp-Zelles at mzelles@aol.com.

Annual Heart, Eye, Microchip and Genetic Eye and Skin Testing Clinic

Sunday, April 12 from 10:30 to 2:00 p.m. GRCI is hosting our annual Heart, Eye and Microchip clinic. Dr. Gretchen Schmidt will be giving eye exams, Dr. Michael Luethy will give heart exams, and Dr. Mark Rusley will implant microchips if your dog needs one.

This year, we are also offering genetic testing for conditions Goldens are at risk for : Optigen PRA 1&2 (eyes) and Ichthyosis (skin) tests. Optigen offers a range of tests for all breeds. Check site: www.optigen.com for details and for making advance arrangements. On the day of clinic blood draw cost is 10.00 while cheek swab at no cost.

Please consider having your Golden donate sample blood for research re: canine diseases., These studies are the OFA

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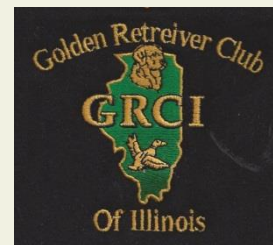
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DNA repository, and the Dog genome project at MIT and Harvard . the costs for these studies are to be covered by the golden retriever foundation. More info at: www.offa.org and www.dogDNA.org

For full information and to register, click [here](#). Contact Pat Covek with questions at 847-526-5089 or patriciamcovek@gmail.com. Deadline for reservations is April 8, 2015.

Open Ring Agility and Obedience - Members Only

Wednesday, April 22 from 10:30 to 12:30 is our next GRCI Members-only drop-in training. It's going to be held at Lucky Dog Academy in Plainfield. (off 59 and 126) from 55 exit at 126th. Address is : 14903 S. Center St. , Plainfield, IL 60544

Hope lots of members , with day time availability, as well as our Southsiders can attend! Contact Kaye Dahlquist with questions kaye.dahlquist@gmail.com.

GRCI Hunt Test

GRCI Members - Your help is needed!

Our annual Hunt Test is coming up May 2 and 3 at the Des Plaines Conservation Area in Wilmington. We expect many more entries than in recent years, which means we need even more volunteers!

For most positions, volunteers do not need to be experienced, but will be trained "on the job." We need two marshals for master each day, one marshal for senior on Sunday, and two marshals for junior each day. The test begins at 8:00 a.m. each day and runs until dusk. Helpers are required to be there around 7:00 a.m.

We also need one or two members with trucks for transporting crates of birds to the different sites.

Please let me know your availability. Thanks for any help you can give!!!

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GRCI Specialty Silent Auction Items Needed

June 13, 2015 is our GRCI Specialty. Pat Covek and Laurie Stecker are the Silent Auction Chairs, and they are looking for Golden Retriever or dog related items, as well as other spring or unique donations you may have. Contact Laurie at aylwyn1@aol.com or Pat at patriciamcovek@gmail.com

GRCI July Agility Trials

It's time to plan for the Agility Trials on July 24, 25 and 26. We need volunteers! The trial is at McCook Athletic & Expo Center, 4750 Vernon Ave. Click [here](#) for more information. Contact Michelle Kolb with questions at partyinthepaint1@sbcglobal.net

GRCA National Needs Volunteers

The GRCA National is in Wilmington OH this year - Sept 26 to Oct 3. If

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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. She will arrange flowers, cards, and other forms of "sunshine" to brighten their day.

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you are planning to go, please [check out this flyer](#) to see where you can help out!

Wags and Brags

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Donna Bihner reports:

After months of struggling we finally finished Open Standard in agility. It was always just one thing that held us back but finally it all clicked. The next day we went back and qualified in both excellent standard and jumpers for our first excellent legs! Very proud of my Parker.



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 or Hal Axelrod at harryaxe@comcast.net.

GRCA Junior Achievement Award

GRCA wants to acknowledge our juniors who are well rounded in many facets of dog ownership. If you know of any juniors who may qualify for this award, please let me know.
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JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Unlike Junior Showmanship, there are few records kept on those juniors who excel in other facets of being a dog owner. It is up to their friends, instructors, 4-H leaders or clubs to recognize their contributions. If you know of such a junior, nominate them for the Junior Achievement Award.

The Junior Achievement Award is designed to recognize young people, between 10 and 18 years of age for the year being nominated, for their varied interests with dogs, and to encourage well rounded participation in all facets of dog ownership.

Consideration will be given to any dog-related activity with a Golden Retriever, such as, but not limited to:

- Any academic endeavor such as term papers on the history of the Golden Retriever or school assembly speech on dog ownership,
- Community service such as nursing home visits, obedience demonstrations in the community or a "Walk with Fido" for charity,
- Any GRCA WC/WCX event,
- Any AKC event: obedience, tracking, agility, field trials, hunting tests, or conformation.

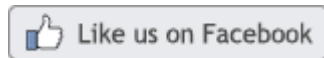
The junior, or his/her sponsor, must submit to the Junior Achievement Chairman (Janet Peacock, 16 Desvio Court, Pacifica, CA 94044-4229 or jepgr@aol.com) by a written account of the junior's qualifications and accomplishments for the previous calendar year.

Where applicable, copies of titles, certificates, grades, letters of appreciation, etc. should be submitted with the nomination to verify authenticity.

Emphasis will be on excellence in a broad spectrum of activities.



April Showers bring May Flowers!



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