



GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF ILLINOIS Golden Moments Newsletter

April 2019

GRCI News & Updates

Welcome to GRCI Golden Moments! This version is mobile device friendly! We hope that it will be even more convenient for member communication. While we try our best to get everything updated, if you notice something that could be better or a link that isn't working, please give us your feedback.

Message from GRCI's President, Donna Bihner

Hello GRCI Members!

We have had a busy start to our spring events. First we had an exciting day on March 10 hosting a GRCA CCA. We had just enough dogs enter to fill the event and 23 passed! We had people from as far as Minnesota and many from Wisconsin. Our members were very active and entered 15 of the dogs and all passed with flying colors. Our judges took their jobs seriously and gave constructive comments both in written and verbal form. They had to go home with writer's cramp after all they wrote in such a short time. A huge thanks to Cathy Williams who was chairperson, Michelle Kolb for hospitality (and did it with a dog entered AND with a litter of 12 at home!), stewards Miriam Zarate, Sally Banka, Jan Williams, Kaye Dahlquist, Cathy Williams, measurer Jennifer Rudolph, and photographer Nancy Pederson. I was secretary and I can't tell you how grateful I was for the many offers to help. It's a busy day and tons of paperwork but so worth it!



We kept up the busy pace the following weekend and tons of members brought their dogs to the Pet Expo at the Arlington Race Track. A huge thanks to Cherri Mitchneck for organizing and getting it all set up and to the many members who worked the booth. It's hard to describe how busy and fun this event is on paper. People melt when they come by and see the Golden Retrievers. Although many think at first we are a rescue and many wanted to adopt my dog. LOL We help the public understand the Golden breed and what to look for in a breeder. Very worthwhile.

Our next event is the upcoming Hunt test on May 4 & 5. We are looking for a few members to help out with the lunches. I'm willing to make sandwiches can someone work with me???? Before and after we can watch the dogs in action!

We have a lot of things happening in the next few months. Hopefully you can participate and if you can help even better!

April 15 Membership Meeting - St. Charles IL

April 28 Health Clinic (hearts, eyes and microchip) at Dundee Animal Hospital
Contact Pat Covak patriciamcovek@gmail.com

May 4-5 Hunt test Contact Beth Gerdes gerdes2@maxwire.net

June 14 & 15 Specialty in Grayslake Contact Nolan Ryan nryan9444@comcast.net

June 15 Obedience Trial - Spring Grove (Wags) Contact Murry Mitchneck. Many stewards will be needed. Please consider helping with this event! mmitchneck@aol.com

See you all soon,
Donna Bihner
GRCI President
Dbihner@gmail.com

GRCI Membership Meeting
Monday, April 15, 7 p.m.
Kane County Extension Office, 535
Randall Road, St. Charles, IL



GOLDENS IN SCOTLAND!

You have probably seen the pictures -- 300 Goldens in Scotland! Come join us for a video and highlights about this extraordinary event. Kathy Bova will lead the discussion.

We will also be discussing recent events and planning for our future events, and we welcome our members' input!

IMPORTANT! Please note that we are not able to bring our Goldens with us to this facility. We will have other meetings and events where we welcome your Goldens!

For more information, contact Kathy Bova (630) 215-8276

GRCI Hunt Test
May 4 and 5
Des Plaines Wildlife Conservation Area
24621 N River Rd, Wilmington, IL 60481



We need volunteers to prepare lunches for the judges and helpers. The kitchen is open this year for us to use to prepare lunches. Lunches are typically sub sandwiches (or the like), chips, cookies and a drink.

This is a great opportunity to get out and see what hunt tests are all about!

Please contact Beth at 309-310-3330

GRCI Eye, Heart and Microchip Clinic

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Dundee Animal Hospital

2565 Algonquin Road, Algonquin IL 60102



2019 HEALTH CLINIC Annual Eye, Heart, Microchip Clinic GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF ILLINOIS

MEMBERS, NON-MEMBERS, *ALL BREEDS WELCOME*
DUNDEE ANIMAL HOSPITAL, Sunday, April 28, 2019, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
2565 Algonquin Road, Algonquin, IL 60102 (*just west of Randall Rd.)

EYE-EXAMS: Dr. Gretchen Schmidt, Ophthalmologist
Animal Eye Clinic, Denmark, WI
*Please arrive 20 minutes before your listed appointment time,
complete the necessary forms and receive the eye drops prep.
Cost: \$35.00 per dog.

HEART-EXAMS: Dr Kelly Wessberg, Cardiologist Veterinarian
Cost: \$40.00 per dog.

MICROCHIP: HOME-AGAIN CHIP IMPLANTATION:
Dr. Mark Rusley, DVM
Dundee Animal Hospital
Cost: \$35.00 per dog. Includes National Registration.

SIGN UP: All dogs will be taken on a first come - first served basis within the appointed time slot. We will contact you only if your time slot is filled to make adjustments.

PLEASE supply your details, circle a preferred time slot, and submit the attached form with a **CHECK** made out to "GRCI" for the total amount by April 22.

Return to: PATRICIA COVEK, 595 LEON DR., TOWER LAKES, BARRINGTON, IL 60010
Questions? Contact Pat (847) 526-5089

NAME _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Breed _____ Dog's Age _____

EYE _____ # OF DOGS @\$35.00 EA. TOTAL \$ _____
HEART _____ # OF DOGS @\$40.00 EA. TOTAL \$ _____
MICROCHIP _____ # OF DOGS @\$35.00 EA TOTAL \$ _____ \$ _____
(CHECK AMT.)

APPOINTMENTS -

EYES: (10:30 AM) OR (11:30 AM) OR (12:30 PM) OR (1:30 PM)
HEART: (10:30 AM) OR (11:30 AM) OR (12:30 PM)
MICROCHIP: (10:30 AM TIL CLOSING)

Upcoming GRCI Agility Trials

GRCI will be hosting agility trials:

July 26, 27, 28th (26th with Lyons DTC), The
Maxx Athletic Complex, Mc Cook IL

Sept 7 and 8 GRCI Sporting Dog Classic, Proceeds
to Charge Against Cancer WI



October (dates TBD) Rush N Around Agility Center, Manhattan, IL

November (dates TBD) Rush N Around Agility Center, Manhattan, IL

Please come join us! Help is always needed, no experience necessary.

Please contact Michelle Kolb, partyinthepaint1@sbcglobal.net

GRCI Sporting Dog Agility Classic

September 7 and 8

Canine SportsZone

3036 Laura Lane, Middleton, WI 53562

Sporting Dog



**Entries limited to
dogs in the Sporting Group**

**All Regular Classes,
Premier, FAST, T2B,
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Agility Classic

September 7 - 8, 2019

**CANINE
SPORTSZONE**

**3036 Laura Lane
Middleton, WI 53562**

For trial info please go to www.agilgold.com



**All proceeds from the
GRCI Sporting Dog Agility Classic
will be donated to
Charge Against Cancer,
a canine cancer research fund at the
UW School of Veterinary Medicine
www.charge-against-cancer.com**



Certificate of Conformation Assessment Event Summary

On March 10, GRCI hosted a GRCA CCA event on March 10th at Dash K9 in Geneva IL.

We had dogs and people entered from as far as Minnesota and many from Wisconsin, along with many GRCI members, who entered 15 of the dogs and all passed!

Our evaluators were Maureen Shaughnessy, Candy Nee, and Vonnie Peterson. who all gave very informative and educational feedback to the participants.

Many thanks to our GRCI member volunteers, Donna Bihner as Secretary, Cathy Williams who was chairperson, Michelle Kolb for hospitality, evaluator assistants Miriam Zarate, Sally Banka, Jan Williams, and Kay Dahlquist, measurer Jennifer Rudolph, and photographer Nancy Pederson.

It was a fun day, and we all learned more about our wonderful Golden breed!





Chicagoland Pet Expo Event Summary

March 17, 2019

The GRCI Booth at the 2019 Chicagoland Pet Expo was a great success thanks to all the wonderful volunteers and their beautiful Golden Retrievers to make this achievement happen.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL GRCI VOLUNTEERS:
 Laurie Stecker; Glenn & Elaine Edwards & 2 pups;
 Barbara Gron; Tom Blanchfield & Boomer; Joan Wetton, Jane Coen & Kizzie; Carrie Costello & Betsey; Beth Arnold & pups; Sally Banka & Brooke;
 Jen Rudolph & Leah & Gambit (thanks Jen for the Morris Foundation materials); Pat Coveck; Donna Bihner and big puppy Zee; Jeannie Sweeney; Jacqueline Gray & Kayla; Carol Dall & Ginger; Nancy Richards & girls; Kaye Dalquist & Timer; Pat Alberts & Pat Janes & puppy Rosie; Bob & Lee Melka & Teddy (welcome back!); and Cheri & Murray Mitchneck & Misty & Blue Boy.
 Thanks again for all your time and effort to represent our great club with your beautiful Golden Retrievers. We could not have done this without each and every one of you and your pups!



There were a lot of smiles and happy faces on the children and adults who visited our furry booth of Golden love, hugs and kisses. GRCI also received many inquiries and many people expressed interest in joining the fun our great club has to offer.

Until next year, **HAPPY SPRING AND HAPPY GOLDEN DAYS!**

Cheri Mitchneck
 Director, Public Education



**Barb Gron-Grosse, Murray Mitchneck,
Glenn and Elaine Edwards**



**Kaye Dahlquist and Lee
Melka**



Jackie Gray and Kayla



Pat Albert's Golden

Wags and Brags

Announcing "Ketch" is a New MACH and Agility Dog Hall of Fame Dog:
CH MACH Karagold's Sailing New Horizons VCD2 JH MXB MJB CDX WC TD.

Such an awesome present to his proud mom, Robin Comp-Zelles.



Ketch

Cathy Williams reports that Keenie earned her AKC Novice Scentwork Container, Interior and Buried titles in February with placements and her NACSW NW1 in March with a second place out of 45 in interiors!



Keenie at WAG AKC Trial



Cathy and Keenie NW1

Jane Coen is proud of her Golden, "Kizzie, who recently attended three Nose/Scent Work Trials where she participated in 17 searches, passing them all. Kizzie earned her NW1 title at the NACSW Trial on March 24. She also earned her AKC SCN, SIN and SBN titles at the AKC trials in Elmhurst on March 30-31, and needs one more Exterior Novice leg to complete her AKC SWN title. Kizzie picked up her first Advanced Interior and Container legs at the March 31 Elmhurst trial. Jane and Kizzie want to thank their mentor, Cathy Williams, who did such an excellent job preparing them for these trials.



Kizzie at WAG AKC trial



Kizzie NW1

Cheri Mitchneck reports that Firstar Fast Rhythm and Blues of Relyea aka Blue Boy showed very well and had fun at the Cool Cluster on January 23 and 25 in their first outing in conformation.



Cheri and Blue



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Firstar Fast Locomotion Misty-Eve of Relyea and Firstar Fast Rhythm and Blues of Relyea participated in GRCI's CCA event and were highly scored by the 3 wonderful judges. Thanks to all who organized this great event for our Golden.



Blue and Misty

Please share your Goldens accomplishments! Send an email summary and a photo to Cathy Williams at cwilliams0727@gmail.com to be included in the next Golden Moments!



Shop GRCI Merchandise!

Show your support of GRCI through logo apparel, hats and outerwear. Check out the website - choose any item and size you like! They are nice for GRCI event chairs and committees, or for your competitions.



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 a cards or other forms of "sunshine" to brighten their day.

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