



GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF ILLINOIS Golden Moments Newsletter

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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!

What a lovely day for a picnic! As I am writing I'm reflecting on our picnic that was just yesterday, August 11th. We moved to a new location this year, Seager Park in Naperville. We had been going to the same place for years and due to the dog fur we left behind?! we were not invited back. We scrambled at first but now after having such a good experience at Seager maybe being kicked out was a very good thing! We had the largest group I've seen at a picnic as well. Thank you goes to Kathy Bova for her help in finding and securing the park. And of course to Cheri Mitchneck who did an excellent job of securing a great caterer and arranging the whole event. The BBQ was excellent and was devoured. To Michelle Kolb who had a fun arts and crafts table where people made paw prints of their dog with clay and Kaye Dahlquist who had a fun tennis ball game. We also had people games where we learned who has a crate addiction....Sandy Heimberg we are thinking of you with your 30 crates! Our program finished with the awards presentations. Jennifer Rudolph was our awards chairperson this year and did a lovely job acknowledging our members with their awards. Job well done Jennifer! Finally we even had 4 teams earn a CGC title. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a success. All in all a great day!



In addition to the picnic we also need to acknowledge our very busy agility committee. We just had our two ring trial at McCook. This is a tough trial as we have to bring in all the equipment, set it up and also, of course, take it down. It also came with several special challenges, like ants in the break room and NO AC for the entire weekend. It got a touch close and steamy by the end of each day. The intrepid committee persevered and the trial went on. They also raised money for two different cancer causes, Charge Against Cancer and the Morris Foundation. A huge thank you to Kim & Mark Mroczenski,

Robin Comp Zelles, Andie Zelles, Betty Smith and Michelle Kolb! We have 3 more agility trials scheduled for 2019, so they are one busy group, and we owe them a HUGE thank you for a job well done!

We discussed two topics at the meeting yesterday that I wanted to pass on to everyone. First we are going to try something different at the October membership meeting. Instead of a program we are going to have a social hour. We will book one of the large meeting rooms at a Panera (location TBD) and have a social hour from 6-7, then start the meeting at 7. If you want to come and have dinner or just socialize you can join in. It can be hard to chat with folks at our meetings so we are hoping people can join in, relax and just talk a while. We will also look into how to allow people to join via phone for the actual meeting portion at an upcoming meeting. More to come as we figure this out.

Secondly we will be changing the awards a bit to include more choices of awards and possibly levels of awards. There is a committee looking into our options, and we will get something out soon. We will not take away the current award options, but thought people might like other choices.

The picnic is the end of our fiscal year for GRCI, and it was bittersweet saying goodbye to Beth Gerdes and Michelle Kolb from the Board of Directors. Both have given years of service to GRCI on the Board, and we are so grateful. We are even more grateful that they are not disappearing, but will still be very active in the club, just not on the Board. As we said goodbye we also said hello to new Board members Andi Zelles and Miriam Zarate! Thank you both for running for the Board!

I want to close by congratulating our Perpetual Award Winners.

William Staub - Linus Trophy for the most therapy visits

Michelle Kolb - Pete & Cathy Miller Award for her many years of service to GRCI

Betty Smith - Dog of the Year for her girl Mattie

Take care everyone and hope to see you soon!

See you all soon,

Donna Bihner

GRCI President

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GRCI Sporting Dog Agility Classic
September 7 and 8
Canine SportsZone
3036 Laura Lane, Middleton, WI 53562

For a link to the Premium, please click [HERE](#).

Sporting Dog



Entries limited to
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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



GRCI's AKC Scent Work Trial

GRCI'S **SECOND AKC SCENTWORK TRIAL WILL BE
HELD SEPTEMBER 14 & 15, 2019**
AT DASH K9 IN GENEVA!

**WE NEED WORKER VOLUNTEERS! ANYONE IS
WELCOME TO COME WATCH AND LEARN MORE
ABOUT NOSEWORK!**

Please contact Helen Borosak at
hbgolden@comcast.net or more information, or to volunteer, please contact



volunteer coordinators, Cathy Williams at cwilliams0727@gmail.com or Jane Coen at warrington26@comcast.net

2 Trials per day!! Entries are open!

Events:

9/14: Container and Exterior (Novice, Advanced, Excellent and Master)

9/15: Interior (Novice, Advanced, Excellent & Master)

Buried (Novice and Advanced only)

Handler Discrimination - 1 trial per day (Novice and Advanced) are offered on both days.

All Breeds Including All-American are Welcome!

Eye Clinic -October 3

Taurine Clinic - October 8

Heart Clinic (with Echocardiograms) - November 16



Fox Valley Dog Training Club in St. Charles Illinois is hosting and sponsoring these clinics at the Kane County Fairgrounds.

Information on all three clinics can be found on the home page of the club web site. Sign up today!

www.fvdtc.org

July GRCI Agility Trials Event Summary

Teamwork makes the dream work!

We collected \$295 for the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study (Morris Animal Foundation) AND \$1100 for the Charge Against Cancer. Thanks to all of the kind and caring local competitors in our Agility community! (Also thanks to Fromm Family Foods for the treats!) GRCI appreciates your support of our trial and those very important organizations.



GRCI wants to send our warmest, biggest, longest THANK YOU ever! The July 2019 agility show was one of the best we've had... because of YOU! Without our dogs, friends, and club members we wouldn't be able to have successful trials. We apologize greatly for the heat, but as a wise friend said to us, "Those who sweat together... stay together!" Thanks for your patience with the heat. Obviously, we, nor the MAX intended to bake everyone! We are all family here, united by one common factor... our cherished dogs.

WORKERS! Wow! Thank you for all of your volunteering this weekend. With a full trial it's hard to ask people to give time... but there was always an

amazing friend there when we turned for help. Please know that we wouldn't have gotten through the show without you. Literally, no team could run a course if we didn't have the volunteers in the ring. Thank you!

Congrats to everyone- not only for those who qualified, placed, MACH'd, got their personal best times, but also to those who accomplished their personal goals as large or small as they may be!

These dogs give their all as we give to them... every moment we share with them is exciting and a privilege. It's GRCI's goal to make sure your team has the best experiences.

Also a special shout out to the Lyons Dog Training Club and Kimberly Mroczenski, because they were too cool and helped us out in many ways! And our judges! Linda Robertson and Diane Fyfe had fun and fair running courses!

And I thank them for their patience too!

Andie Zelles



2019 GRCI Annual Picnic and Awards Event Summary

It was a beautiful day for the GRCI Picnic and Awards Ceremony. It was well attended and all participants enjoyed the food and fun for both dogs and owners alike. Special thanks to Kathy Bova, Cheri Mitchneck, Michelle Kolb and Jennifer Rudolph for their part in planning a wonderful and memorable day for everyone.



Highlights from the day:

Betty Smith accepts the Dog of the Year Award on behalf of her dog, Mattie.



Mattie - GRCI's 2019 Dog of the Year

Michelle Kolb received the Pete and Cathy Miller Award for her contributions to the club.



Connie Hillquist was the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test evaluator at the picnic. Four lovely teams received their CGC titles.



Elaine Edwards & Jaime, Joy Lesky & Max, Leslie Bower & Kanosak Fete in the French Quarter and Jacqueline Gray & Kayla and their dogs earned their CGC titles at the picnic.

And of course there were fun and games! Blue enjoyed catching hotdogs from owner Murray Mitchneck.



Murray and Blue Boy

GRCI Membership Meeting
October Date TBD, Place TBD

For more information, contact Kathy



Wags and Brags

MACH Punchabunchamunchkins!!!

Kim Mroczenski reports that the week she discovered Punch's cancer is back, and she had her first chemo of the second series, she ended that week getting her Master Agility Championship! Kim says - This dog amazes us, and she is a true delight! Super proud of her!



MACH Top Flight's Cocktail Party aka
Punch

Jane Coen is proud to report that Kizzie was awarded her NACSW NW2 title with Second Place Overall, 1st Place Container Search, and 3rd Place Interior and Exterior Searches. Jane and Kizzie were also given "pronounced" designations in 3 of 4 of the searches. Team Kizzie received great accolades from the judges and volunteers who watched her search. She is starting a great scent work career!



Kizzie

Kizzie's Nosework success continued at the For Your K9-hosted AKC Scent Work Trial on August 17 and 18, earning her Advanced Buried Title, and two legs each in Advanced Exterior, Excellent Interiors and Excellent Containers with placements in 7 out of 8 searches. They credit their success to their wonderful mentor and teacher, Cathy Williams.



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!

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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