



GRCI AWARDS

General Requirements

1. The awards year for all awards and perpetual trophies is from June 1st to May 31st of the following year. Only Golden Retrievers, registered with the AKC [including those with Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) numbers], are eligible for awards.
2. Dues must have been paid (postmarked) by January 15th of the year in which the award or perpetual trophy is awarded.
3. The winner of any perpetual trophy must agree to return the trophy in good condition to the Awards Chairperson of GRCI on or before May 31st of the year after it is received. Each perpetual trophy recipient will be required to sign a statement, which will be kept on file with the Awards Chairperson, agreeing to the above conditions. If a trophy recipient does not wish to accept responsibility for the trophy awarded, then the trophy must be relinquished to the Awards Chairperson and a statement to this effect must be signed.
4. The time limit to achieve an award for a title earned is from June 1st to May 31st of the following year. However, in the case where a portion of the requirements for a title has been completed in one award year, the owner may complete the title during a subsequent award year and claim the award providing all points or legs towards the title were earned while the owner was a member in good standing (dues must have been paid by January 15th, as stated above (item 2) and the recipient must claim the award the year it was completed.
5. In order to achieve an award, a Golden Retriever (hereafter referred to as a dog) must have been owned by a GRCI member at the time of the accomplishments. In the event of a co-ownership, only one owner must be a member in good standing of GRCI.
6. In order to achieve a perpetual trophy, a dog must have been owned by a GRCI member in good standing at the time of the accomplishments. In the event of co-ownership, if both owners are residents of the State of Illinois, both owners must be members in good standing of the GRCI for the perpetual trophy to be awarded. In the event that one is a member in good standing of the GRCI, and a resident of the State of Illinois, the nonresidential owner/owners must be a member of a "State Member Club," or if one is not available, the non-resident owner must be a member of GRCA for the perpetual trophy to be awarded.
7. All members in good standing of the GRCI who wish to be eligible for any of the annual GRCI awards and certificates must actively participate in assisting with at least one GRCI event or GRCI-sponsored event per year or hold an office or position which requires voluntary time. In addition, such members must attend at least two GRCI General Meetings during the award year (June 1st through May 31st of the following year). [NOTE: Volunteering at a second GRCI event or GRCI-sponsored event during the award year can be substituted for attendance at one of the two required GRCI General Meetings.]
8. All awards and certificates will be presented at the general meeting in August. Should a member be unable to attend the annual meeting, that member must make arrangements for receipt of the award. GRCI will not incur any costs for delivering the award.

Award Recognitions

Plaques:

The following titles earned in an award year will be recognized by a plaque so long as all general requirements by GRCI are met:

1. All American Kennel Club (AKC) titles
2. All GRCA titles

Certificates:

The following achievements will be recognized by a certificate so long as all general requirements by GRCI are met:

1. All United Kennel Club titles
2. All Canadian Kennel Club titles
3. All States Kennel Club titles
4. GRCA WC/WCX duplicate titles
5. Open all age qualified dogs (GRCA) 1st or 2nd place in a licensed field trial or JAM in open all-age or amateur all-age
6. Master National Finalist (AKC)
7. NOI participants (AKC)
8. Therapy dogs (Please note: Dogs must have made three visits per calendar year. Members must list the facility visited, the dates the visits took place, and include the dog's license number on the awards eligibility form.)
9. World Series (1st through 10th place)
10. Canine Good Citizenship Award

Perpetual Trophies:

1. CH ROCKGOLD CHUG'S RIC O SHAY TROPHY –

Awarded annually to the GRCI member whose Golden Retriever achieves highest honors on the bench (June 1st to May 31st of the award year)

The points system for determining this award shall be:*

- 10 points for BIS
- 5 points for Group 1
- 3 points for Group II
- 1 point for Group III
- ½ point for Group IV

*Points are earned only for the HIGHEST placing at each show.

2. CH AYLWYN'S KEY LARGO AWARD –

Awarded annually to the GRCI member whose Golden Retriever wins the highest honors on the bench, owner handled (June 1st to May 31st of the award year)

The point system for determining this award shall be:*

- 20 points for BIS
- 10 points for Group I
- 8 points for Group II
- 6 points for Group III
- 4 points for Group IV
- 2 points for BOB
- 1 point for BOS

*Points are earned only for the HIGHEST placing at each show.

3. SCARSDALE L-CON RIC MEMORIAL TROPHY –

Awarded annually to the GRCI member whose Golden Retriever places highest in the Obedience competition at GRCI's Specialty in the award year ((June 1st to May 31st of the award year).

4. AYLWYN'S JUMPJYME O SUNDOWN –

The Aylwyn's Jumpjyme O Sundown Trophy will be awarded to the Golden Retriever acquiring the highest point total in regular AKC obedience trials during a 12-month period (June 1st to May 31st of the award year). Points will only be credited when the member's dog is handled by the member and the handler must be amateur status (not having any income from teaching obedience lessons, seminars, judging, or handling dogs for others). Only scores and titles earned while the owner is a GRCI member will be counted. This trophy is subject to perpetual trophy guidelines and need not be awarded every year.

Scoring guidelines:

Title/Placement Bonus Points

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| • OTCH | 200 |
| • HIT | 150 |
| • High Combined | 125 |
| • UDX | 100 |
| • UD | 75 |
| • CDX | 50 |
| • CD | 25 |
| • 1 st Place | 20 |
| • 2 nd Place | 15 |
| • 3 rd Place | 10 |
| • 4 th Place | 5 |

In the case of a tie, the recipient will be determined by the highest average qualifying score. If still tied, the recipient will be determined by the highest title earned in the award year. If still tied, the highest number of qualifying scores will determine the recipient.

5. FIRST PRESIDENT'S TROPHY –

Awarded annually to the GRCI member whose amateur-handled Golden Retriever accumulates the most points in AKC licensed conformation shows during the 12-month period (June 1st to May 31st of the award year).

The schedule of points shall be:*

- 5 points – Best of Breed
- 4 points – Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex
- 3 points – Winners Dog or Bitch
- 2 points – Reserve Winners Dog or Bitch
- 1 point – First Place (Minimum 2 dogs, any place)

*Any dog will only receive the points for the highest honor achieved at any given show. When a dog completes its Championship title in an award year, the dog is no longer eligible in future award years to compete for this trophy.

6. BYRON TROPHY –

Awarded annually to a GRCI member's highest scoring Novice A dog. That is, the Novice A dog with the highest total of the three legs with which it earned its CD title (June 1 to May 31st), amateur handled. Amateur handled being a person who has not attempted to derive any part of his livelihood from the training or handling of obedience dogs.

In the case of a tie, the highest individual leg will determine the winner. If there is still a tie, the second highest leg shall determine the winner. If there is still a tie, the third highest leg shall determine the winner. If all three legs are the same, the highest placement in a trial shall determine the winner.

7. THE LINUS TROPHY –

The GRCI Board of Directors will award the Linus Trophy annually to a dog that exemplifies what it means to be an active therapy dog. This trophy need not be awarded each year.

The requirements of this trophy are as follows:

1. The member and dog must have completed six or more therapy dog visits during the calendar year at a health related facility of their choice.
2. The member must document and submit the following when applying for the trophy:
 - a. Number of years consistent as an active therapy dog,
 - b. Type of facility visited (i.e., hospital, nursing home, retirement home, institution)
 - c. Name, address, and dates visited for each facility,
 - d. A brief paragraph describing the benefits their dog has imparted on those he or she visited. Members are encouraged to share and detail experiences.
3. In the event of a tie, the trophy would be awarded to the dog that has the most visits over the six required. If the number of visits over the six required still does not break the tie, then the trophy would be awarded to the dog that has been actively involved in therapy work the greatest number of years.
4. This trophy need not be awarded each year.

8. THISTLE TROPHY –

Given in the memory of AFC CH Riverview's Chickasaw Thistle UDT, to the Golden Retriever owned by GRCI member whose all around record in three areas of performance is most outstanding during the award year. This trophy is intended to encourage GRCI members to train their dogs for field, bench, and obedience competition. It will be awarded by the GRCI Board of Directors to the dog who meets at least the minimum requirements as defined below and who most meritoriously exemplified the purpose of this award. It is preferable for the award to be made to a qualified dog that is well balanced in all three areas of endeavor. The trophy need not be awarded each year.

Thistle Trophy Minimum Requirements

Conformation:

If the dog is not a Champion, it must win at least one point on the bench. If the dog is a Champion, it must go BOB or BOS once during the award year.

Field:

The dog must place in a sanctioned field trial which included water tests or JAM in a licensed trial.

A dog's first WC or WCX earned, or first qualifying Junior, Senior or Master Hunter leg or title goes toward this requirement.

Obedience:

The dog must earn one leg toward any obedience degree to qualify. A CD dog must obtain one qualifying score in CDX competition during the award year. A CDX dog must earn at least one qualifying score in Utility during the award year. A UD dog must earn at least one qualifying score in Utility and one in Open in the same trial during the award year. If he earns a TD or TDX, he will qualify for this award the first time he passes.

If more than one qualified for the award, the following guidelines shall be used to select the winner. Points shall be awarded according to the following schedule. The maximum number of points during the award year in each area shall not exceed five.

Bench:

- Winners Dog or Bitch with a minor win 1 point
- Winners Dog or Bitch with a major win 2 points
- Best of Winners with major points 3 points
- BOB or BOS with a major point entry 4 points
- Group placement 5 points

Obedience:

- Qualifying score for any degree or entry in regular classes 1 point
- For 2nd, 3rd or 4th place in regular classes 2 points
- For the first TD or TDX degree 3 points
- For a class first (regular trial) 4 points
- For High in Trial 5 points

Field:

- First WC, WCX, Qualifying JH leg or JAM sanctioned trial with water 1 point
- Placement in sanctioned trial (with water), JH title or 1st qualifying SH leg 2 points
- For sanctioned trial first place (with water), SH title or 1st qualifying MH leg 3 points
- For a JAM in a licensed trial or MH title 4 points
- For a placement in any licensed trial 5 points

NOTE: It is assumed the field trials are all licensed All-Breed trials. The maximum number of points, which a dog may receive, is 15. The dog with the highest number of points, including at least one point in each of the three categories, will be chosen the winner. If there is still a tie, the dog with the best balance of points

will be declared the winner (i.e., if a dog has 5 points in bench, 1 in obedience, and 2 in the field, he would not be as good as the dog who had 3 in bench, 2 in obedience, and 3 in field). If the dogs are still tied, the quality of points shall be taken into consideration (i.e., if a dog goes HIT for 5 points, he shall have higher quality of work than a dog who wins 5 qualifying scores in the classes).

DOG OF THE YEAR –

Any dog (past or present) that exemplifies what a Golden Retriever should be. Titles are not necessary for a dog to be eligible. Please submit the dog's name with a brief explanation of your reasons to the Awards Chairperson. A simple majority vote of the GRCI Board will determine the winner; with "No Dog" being a choice, along with choices of nominated dogs. (Small plaque and letter of recognition given).

VERSATILITY AWARD –

The Versatility Award is retroactive, and your Golden need not be living to qualify for it. Like the WC and WCX, the VC and VCX are GRCA designations only and are not officially recognized by the AKC.

GRCA Versatility Certificate (VC) and Versatility Excellent Certificate (VCX) Program - Revised
March, 2006 (Effective to January 1, 2006)

Mission Statement:

The Golden Retriever Club of America holds in highest esteem the versatility of those Golden Retrievers who reflect both the conformation and working attributes of the breed. The Versatility Certificate (VC) and Versatility Excellent Certificate (VCX) are awarded to those Golden Retrievers who exemplify that degree of versatility through a combination of accomplishments in each of the following areas: Conformation, Field and Performance.

Requirements for the Versatility Certificate (VC) and Versatility Excellent Certificate (VCX)

1. Versatility Certificate s and Versatility Excellent Certificates are awarded only when applied for and accompanied by supporting documentation ([see VC/VCX Application](#)).
2. Versatility points are awarded for the highest achievements in each area: Conformation, Field and Performance.
3. There are a total of six different categories within the three areas. The conformation area includes accomplishments in the Breed ring or CCA tests. The Performance area is comprised of titles in the Obedience (including Rally), Agility and Tracking categories. The Field area consists of both Hunt Tests and Field Trial accomplishments.
4. The dog must have at least 1 point in each area: Conformation, Field and Performance.
5. A total of 12 points must be acquired from within the six categories for a Versatility Certificate (VC). The Versatility Excellent Certificate (VCX) requires a total of 20 points from within the categories.
6. Points within a category are not cumulative (Only the highest point title is recognized).

Schedule of AKC/GRCA Title Points for VC/VCX and OS/ODs

Points	Conformation Area	Performance Area			Field Area	
		Obedience	Agility	Tracking	Noncompetitive	Competitive
14						FDHF
12						FC or AFC
11	SDHF	OTCH/ ODHF	MACH/ ADHF	CT		***
10		UDX		VST	MH	
9	CH		MX or MXJ			
8		UD	MPX or MJP	TDX		**
7			AX or AXJ		SH	
6		CDX	AXP or AJP			
5			OA or OAJ		WCX	
4	Major points	CD	OAP or OJP	TD	JH	
3		RAE	NA or NAJ		WC	
2	Minor points	RA or RE	NAP or NJP			
1	CCA	RN				

Points are not cumulative within a category. Only the highest point title is recognized. (*per Resolutions 99-14 and NS 98-50*)

THE PETE & CATHY MILLER TROPHY –

The Pete & Cathy Miller Perpetual Trophy, established Spring, 2012 by the Board of Directors, is to be awarded annually to a member(s) of the Golden Retriever Club of Illinois who exemplifies the spirit of generosity and willingness to give his/her time that Pete and Cathy have always shown to this club. This trophy is to be awarded to a member(s) for leadership in the golden retriever community and selfless commitment to the well-being and betterment of the breed. This award is based on the person's behavior and not on the accomplishments of any particular dog.

The Pete & Cathy Miller Perpetual Trophy is to be offered each award year so that worthy members are able to be nominated for their support of GRCI.

A member may be nominated by any other member of the Golden Retriever Club of Illinois. The nominator must submit a written summary stating why the particular individual(s) should receive this award.

A Keeper Trophy or Certificate will be given with this Perpetual Award.