



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

Hello Everyone!

Fall is definitely upon us! I mean we have had Halloween and Thanksgiving, but where is the cold weather? Not that I'm complaining as I am not a big fan anymore of the cold and snow. I'm sure it is coming, but I'm hoping it stays away at least for our Holiday Party!

Are you planning on coming to the party on Monday, December 4th? Cheri is ordering pizza and I hear Santa is coming with treats for the pups. If you haven't taken your holiday picture yet you will have a chance at the party (with or without Santa). A couple of years ago I bought a professional holiday backdrop for pictures and I'll have it set up. There will be lots of people there that can help you get you and your dogs setup and to make funny noises so we get really cute Golden expressions. I actually like taking pictures of these helpers as they can be more fun than the posed photos!



I recently mailed out the membership forms for 2018 - please take a moment and drop it in the mail. We do an awful lot for a club our size and I'm hoping we will do some new things in 2018. Plans are in the works - and more ideas are welcome!

As the year comes to an end it is time to reflect on another year. As always the Club has been busy with trials, tests and events. Our Board and Committee folks deserve a huge note of thanks for a job well done!

As the holiday season gets going in earnest I wish you the best. Stay safe if you travel, enjoy the festivities and have a Happy New Year as well.

Donna Bihner, GRCI President

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GRCI Holiday Party

Monday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

[Biscuits and Bows, 1945 Plum Grove Road, Palatine, IL](#)

Don't miss one of our best meetings and Golden celebrations of the year. We will have pizza, games, fun and even a surprise for your Golden from Santa!



GRCI Specialty Committee Requests Your Help!

Dear GRCI Members:

Your 2018 Specialty Committee is hard at work planning GRCI's three conformation Specialties, two Obedience Trials and two Rally Trials that will be held in June 2018. There is still a need for sponsors for some of the trophies. You can participate by sponsoring a specific prize or making a donation to the General Trophy Fund. The attached link below identifies the specific prizes that need sponsors. The prizes for the Obedience and Rally trials are listed on the first page. The prizes for the three conformation Specialties are listed on the second page, and the third page is for donations to the General Trophy Fund. Although it is optional, you may dedicate a specific prize to a Golden that you have loved and lost (e.g., In memory of Tripper UD RAE).

Please let me know which specific prize(s) you would like to sponsor so I can update the attachment with your information. You can either bring your donation to GRCI's December 4 Holiday Party or mail it to me at:

Jane Coen
926 Warrington Rd.
Deerfield, IL 60015

Checks should be made out to GRCI. Please add "2018 Specialty Trophy Donation" on the memo line.

Last year, our generous Members sponsored every single specific prize that was awarded! We hope that will be the case again this year.

If you have any questions, please contact me at
(847)236-0138 or warrington26@comcast.net.

Thanks, in advance, for your generous support of GRCI and the 2018 Specialty!

[List of Trophy Donation Options Attachment](#)

Wags and Brags

Cheri Mitchneck reports that Misty earned her CD TITLE on September 12, 2017 at the Kenosha County Fairgrounds. So proud of my little girl!



Cheri and Misty

Nancy Pedersen reports on two new titles for Driver at the FVDTC's November Obedience/Rally Trials. He finished his CD (195 1/2) and RE (well, let's just say there were stuffed toys on the figure 8 and let it go at that) as well as earning his first RAE leg with placements in all three classes.

Proud of my wild child!

CH Sharmik-Forever Green White Checker CD PCD BN RE CCA



Driver with his new Title Ribbons

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

GRCA Volunteer Opportunities

From : Janet Peacock, GRCA Secretary, jepgr@aol.com

STATISTICIAN - TRIATHLON CERTIFICATE

Promote the Triathlon Certificate which can be earned at Regional & National Specialties.

Receive documentation from qualifiers, ascertain validity, and respond to questions and inquiries.

STATISTICIAN - JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Ensure that all juniors who are in contention for Top Junior are members of the GRCA or have sponsors.

Record all first through fourth place junior handler placements (Golden Retrievers only) in AKC junior handler competition.

MEMBERS' EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

The purpose of the Members' Education Subcommittee shall be to educate GRCA members in all facets of the Golden Retriever in an effort to enhance their knowledge and appreciation of the breed's abilities, temperament, conformation, history and care.

If you are interested in one of the volunteer position above, please contact theGRCA Secretary, Janet Peacock at: jepgr@aol.com for answers to questions or to send a resume. Thankyou.

WESTERN REGION SPECIALTY REPORTER

We are looking for a Western Region Specialty Reporter. If you are interested and want more details, please contact Sylvia Donahey at: GRNews@pacbell.net



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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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