



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 GRCI Members!

Ho! Ho! Ho! We just saw Santa (thank you Randy Johnson!) at the Holiday Party and all the dogs gave him their Christmas lists. We had a great turnout for a fun evening! Michelle Kolb wins the prize for dreaming up a hysterical game for us all to play. She brought crepe paper and bows and we 'wrapped' our dogs as presents. Some dogs like mine were statues as the paper was applied and others well not so much. Much laughter was heard with this game and many prizes awarded. After the short meeting and our fun game we had a pizza dinner with lots of trimmings. Cheri Mitchneck did yet a wonderful job organizing everything. Our new member Barry Gray took over the camera and got some great Santa shots, (thank you Barry!), you can find many of the pictures on Facebook. Thank you Cheri, Michelle and Randy for making it a great party.



Fall is a busy time for the club and we recently had two big events. In October we had our very first Scent Work Trial. Helen Borosak came up with the idea of this trial and ran with it. We had a very active committee, Michelle Kolb, Kaye Dahlquist, Cathy Williams, Laurie Stecker and myself. The judges made it fun and relaxed, and we heard comment after comment about how well it ran and how much people enjoyed the venue. The event was at Dash K9 in Geneva and as it was a first time event for that location there were extra details to work out. Helen & team did a lot of planning and it paid off. A job well done and things are already in motion for 2019. A huge thanks to all!

Our second event was our Fall Agility trial - this year not in October but instead over the Thanksgiving weekend. As our National was on top of our normal October dates we had canceled that trial. Our committee, never a group to take a break

when it is offered, took over another club's weekend when they also needed to cancel. Yet again we had a fabulous trial that ran like clockwork. Mother Nature tried to put a damper on it by sending a blizzard our way but thankfully it held off just long enough for the trial to conclude. A huge thanks to Kim Mroczenski, Robin Zelles, Andie Zelles and Michelle Kolb.

Now a plea for help with our October 2019 Tracking Trial. We need a chairperson and a secretary or this event will be canceled. There are several people around who can help any member who is willing to do these roles. Kaye Dahlquist has offered to find the track layers. PLEASE can anyone help? I so hate to lose our dates and our test. Tracking is very hard to get into and this is a nice opportunity for our fellow Golden members to get in as they get priority.

Happy Holidays Everyone,
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Holiday Party Games - Wrapping our Golden "Gifts"



Santa and his Golden Helpers



17 year old Tiera has been a very good girl!



Fun, Food and Festivities!

GRCI Annual Picnic and Awards

Event Summary

Congratulations to all the Golden and their owners for their hard work in all areas of competition and service.

Highlighting a few of our perpetual trophy award winners:

**Dog of the Year - Bill Staub's "Dusty" - Agiligold Leave'M In the DustCCA
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Pete and Cathy Miller Award - Murray Mitchneck

**Linus Award - Bill Staub's "Dusty" - Agiligold Leave'M In the DustCCA NA
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**Alwyn's Jumpnjyme O Sundown Award - Nancy Pederson's "Driver" -
CH SHARMIK-FOREVER GREEN WHITE CHECKER CDX PCD BN GN RE TKN
CCA**

For a complete list of all the Award Recipients and achievements, please [see this link](#).

GRCI AKC Scent Work Trial

Event Summary

The GRCI inaugural scent work trial is now in the history books! It was so nice to find members, observers, and participants pitching in and working together. All the judges were great to work with and had fun using Halloween themed decorations in the interior search rooms. The pass rates were very good as well!

We received very positive feedback from competitors on how the trial ran, and most importantly they had fun with their dogs!! That's what it's all about! The committee, judges, secretary, Dash K9 and all volunteers made our success possible.



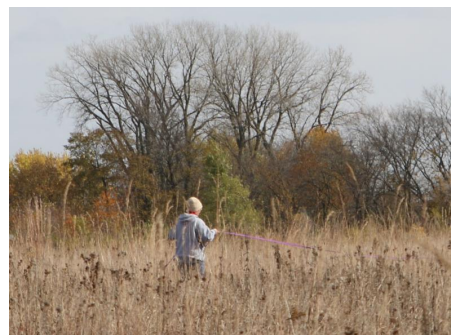
GRCI's Tracking Test 2019

Help Wanted!!!

GRCI Tracking Tests
October 12 - 13, 2019

We are looking for Volunteers to help with the Tracking Test. We need:

- Chairperson
- Secretary
- Hospitality Chairperson
- Committee Members



We already have one volunteer: Kaye Dahlquist has offered to be responsible for finding track layers and to be part of the committee to help with the event.

If we cannot find helpers, we will not be able to put on the Tracking Tests. If you are interested, please contact Michelle Kolb, 847/800-6124, partyinthepaint1@sbcglobal.net

Wags and Brags

Cheri Mitchneck reports that MISTY earned her NOVICE AGILITY PREFERRED TITLE ON OCTOBER 7, 2018. since then, she has earned one leg toward OPEN STANDARD PREFERRED TITLE and one leg in NOVICE JUMPERS PREFERRED at WAGS in Spring Grove, Illinois on November 17 and 18, 2018.. MISTY earned her second leg in NOVICE JUMPERS PREFERRED at GRCI'S AGILITY trial at Rush N' Around in Manhattan, Illinois on November 25, 2018. MISTY is loving AGILITY and

we are so proud of her achievements.



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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