



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 Members!

The holidays are over and thankfully the days are getting longer. I'm so looking forward to being able to train outside again as my basement is not the best training area. Hubby is resistant to my idea of dumping the pool table so I have a bigger area to work! So around and around we go. LOL



Speaking of the holidays I have to extend my thanks to everyone who helped with the holiday party. What a blast! We had a great turnout which made the games even more fun, (Michelle Kolb & Kaye Dahlquist), as well as the visit with Santa (Randy Johnson). Lots of yummy pizza and treats were on hand so that no one left hungry (Cheri and Murray Mitchneck)! We took some great pictures with Santa that can be seen on our Facebook page or on the web site. If you missed it this year you missed a fun time, make sure you put it on the calendar for 2018! On to 2018! First and most importantly... Have you sent in your renewal form? Don't procrastinate! Send it in today! There are new events and activities being planned and we'd love to see you partake in all of them.

So let's talk about the upcoming year. We have put together our Club calendar and all of the events, meetings, trials/tests are now on the club website. We have a busy year planned and will add more events in the next couple of months. One of the most exciting updates for 2018 is the addition of a two day Scent Trial in October. Scent is a new AKC title and we are excited to be one of the first clubs to hold a trial. A huge thanks to Helen Borosak for spearheading the effort. We are

now putting together the committee and would love some members to join in. Here is your opportunity to create something new and exciting. If you are interested reach out to Helen or myself.

The June Specialty is also in the heavy planning stage. Not only will there be four Specialties June 15 & 16 (thanks Nolan Ryan), we are adding a second trial to our Obedience/Rally day, June 16, (thanks Jane Coen & Murray Mitchneck). Great judges all around so plan on attending.

Unfortunately our National, which will be held in St. Louis at Purina this year, is right on top of both our fall Agility and Tracking events. The committees have suggested we not hold these events so that our members can attend the National. The Board has agreed and we will forgo these events for just 2018.

We are also in the early stages of planning a grooming and handling seminar. Details will be shared as soon as things are finalized. There has been a lot of interest in this event and we are working hard to make it happen. I know I would love some special tutoring on feet! I can never get them right.

We have a lot going on but are always open to new ideas. Do you have a thought on something you think club members could benefit from? Please share!

Donna Bihner. GRCI President
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GRCI General Meeting

Monday, February 26

[535 S. Randall Road, St. Charles, IL 60174](#)

AKC Obedience and Rally Judge, Loretta Lazzara, will be presenting a program on the new AKC Obedience Regulations that will take effect 5/1/18. She'll also be able to answer questions about the new AKC Rally exercises, classes and titles that went into effect 11/1/18. In addition, Loretta will share insights into the most common handler errors she observes in the Obedience ring as an AKC Judge. Don't miss this informative program!

GRCI Holiday Highlights

Once again we had a great Golden celebrations pizza, games, fun and toys and pictures with Santa!

Here are some of the pictures from the party, and there are more on the GRCI Facebook page if you want to see them all.



Helen Borosak and Shauna



Santa visits a sweet pup!



Michelle and Pizzazz



Andie Zelles and her family have a great holiday photo!

GRCI Hunt Test - Volunteers Needed

Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6

The GRCI hunt test is May 5th and 6th this year at Des Plaines Wild Life Area in Wilmington, IL. We need assistance with hospitality, hauling equipment and help in the field. Please contact Beth or Terry Gerdes at 309-310-3330 OR 309-287-9168. Please come out and see what your dogs were bred to do.

Thank you - Beth Gerdes

Chicagoland Pet Expo - Booth Help Needed

Friday, March 16, Saturday, March 17 and Sunday March 18

[Arlington Racetrack](#)

GRCI needs you and your Golden to help us educate the public about our breed and good dog ownership at GRCI's booth at the Chicagoland Pet Expo at Arlington Racetrack. Please contact Cheri Mitchneck

at agility12@aol.com and/or 847-722_4287 to let her know of availability to help.

Shifts are:

Friday, March 16, 2018

9:00 am set up to 12:00 pm

12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Saturday, March 17, 2018

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Sunday, March 18, 2018

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm (closing)

GRCI Specialty Committee Requests Your Help!

The Specialty Committee wishes to extend its sincere thanks to all of the GRCI Members who are sponsoring a trophy/prize for GRCI's Specialty on June 15 (conformation only) or for GRCI's two Specialties on June 16 (two conformation Specialties and two Obedience and two Rally Trials). Your generous donations help ensure the success of these important Club events.

There are still a number of conformation prizes that need donors, and we're still seeking a donor for the new, Triple High Combined - Rally prize for the two Rally Trials on June 16. Members are welcome to make a donation of any amount to the General Trophy Fund, as well.

Trophy donation checks should be made out to GRCI, with the notation "Specialty Trophy Donation" written on the memo line. Please mail your check to Jane Coen, Trophy Chair, at 926 Warrington Rd., Deerfield, IL 60015.

Please see the attached table to identify prizes still needing donors, and to confirm whether those of you who have pledged to sponsor a prize have already sent in your checks.

Thanks for your support of GRCI and this year's Specialty.

Jane Coen

GRCI Vice President and Specialty Committee Secretary and Trophy Chair

[List of Trophy Donation Options Attachment](#)

Wags and Brags

Sandy Heimburg reports on her dog, Argo's Heavenscent Golden Treasure UD OM1 PCD GN BN MXB MJB NF T2B ADHF CCA "Treasure"

My little gem Treasure earned two separate accomplishments recently. She has earned the Golden Retriever Club of America Agility Hall of Fame Award and the Obedience Master Level 1 Title. Super huge accomplishments for such an awesome Golden Furball.



Treasure with her ribbons



Treasure in action!

Jane Coen reports that her Golden, "Loosey," earned her first two CDX legs in December, with scores and placements of 198 for first place, and 194 for second place, at the Saturday and Sunday Rosemont shows. Loosey is taking a break from trialing to raise her litter of eight puppies that were born on January 12. Proud Mom and babies are doing great!



Loosey and her pups

Karin Boullion reports that Journey was Best of Winners, a Major win at the Mid-Michigan GRC supported entry at Ingram County KC show and is now a Champion. We're ecstatic that he finished and doubly thrilled as this cemented the total accomplishments needed for Charlee to become an outstanding dam! Thanks to her kids and their owners - Sheldon & Mary Beth Wajda, Redford and Journey with Peggy Covey and their dedication and commitment on all of their titles.



Journey - New Champion and Best of Winners

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!



[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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