



Golden Retriever Club of Illinois GOLDEN MOMENTS NEWSLETTER

Announcements

It's Time to Renew!

GRCI Membership Renewals are due by January 15 to be eligible for awards and renewal status. Please take a moment to send your membership renewal to Treasurer, Murray Mitchneck. If you need a copy of the renewal click [here](#).

Membership Survey

A Membership Survey was sent out in December. The Board will be taking the feedback and results into consideration while planning the year's events, meetings and seminars. Thank you to those members who took some time to share their ideas!

Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA)

We are pleased to be hosting a CCA this Spring. It will be at Pawsitively Heaven Pet Resort on April 11, 2015. Entry opening dates will begin February 23, 2015. Judges will be Maureen O'Shaunessy, Tom Schulz and Mary Schulz. This is a great way for members and non-members to get an evaluation of their Golden's conformation to the AKC Standard by judges and breeders in a non-competitive environment. If you want to know more about CCA, see the GRCA information [here](#). If you have questions, please contact event Chair Robin Comp-Zelles at mzelles@aol.com.

A Star is Born??

GRCI was contacted by someone producing a short film about a dog walker, and she is looking for a club member who excels in Obedience with Golden Retrievers to participate in a film shooting from February 27 to March 1. If you are interested, please contact Betty Smith at betty.greg@comcast.net.

Wags and Brags

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Bill Staub reports he and his Golden Retrievers had a great time in North Carolina at the National! Agility was held in a great location and had good judges - he even won \$7 in the NC lottery big ball with 3 numbers!



Bill's Golden Retrievers at the National

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[GRCI General Meeting](#)-February 23

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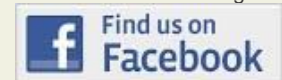


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Kelly and Maggie with Parade of Titleholder ribbons

Karin Boullion reports that "Maris" U-CH/BIS Goldbullion N Goldberry's 61 Asterisk and "Charlee" U-CH Gi-ki N Claymore's Speed O Sound at GoldB NJP, CCA took first place in Brace at the National in October.



Karin, Maris and Charlee

Jane Coen reports that Kiz earned her first CDX leg on Nov. 30 at Western Waukesha with a 198 1/2 for first place and her second CDX leg at Northwest on Nov. 13 with a 196 1/2 for first place. They earned the final leg and CDX Title on Jan. 3, also with a 1st Place and 196 1/2! Way to go!



Jane and Kizzie earn their CDX Title

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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 flowers, cards, and other forms of "sunshine" to brighten their day.

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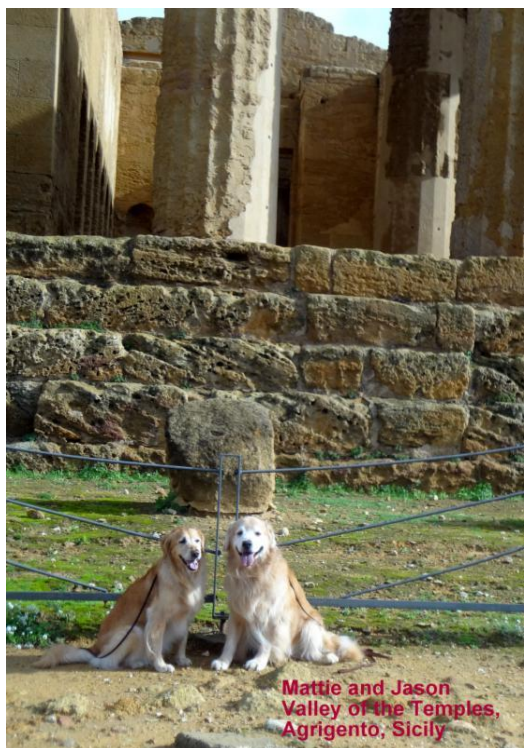
If you have a Wag and Brag to share, please send your story in "copy and paste" mode, along with a picture if you have one to Cathy Williams at cwilliams0727@gmail.com or Hal Axelrod at harryaxe@comcast.net.

"Tails" from I"tail"ia!

Recently member Betty Smith spent 4 months in Italy with her husband and her Golden Retrievers. She took some time to write about her travels and experiences --

We had a wonderful adventure, but I am glad to be back home! My husband, Greg, taught in Rome last semester, and since we didn't want to be without our dogs for four months, we took them with us. I did a lot of research and found that there is no quarantine for most European Union countries as long as the dog has a microchip and is current on rabies vaccinations. There were some rules and timelines to follow, and I had to visit the USDAA office near O'Hare to get an official stamp. It was a bit of a hassle-one more thing to do while packing for 4 months away (and 3 seasons worth of clothes), and then when we landed, the customs officials didn't even look at the paperwork. But of course we had to have it!

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Happy New Year!!! Stay Warm!