



**Golden Retriever Club of Illinois
GOLDEN MOMENTS NEWSLETTER**

Announcements

A Message from GRCI's President

I hope this e-blast finds you and your dogs well. It has been a slow wet start to the summer but from what I hear many of you are out competing with your dogs and enjoying the summer regardless. At our last board of directors meeting and general meeting, we discussed the need for more of our membership to be involved in our club. Many of us bring new members to our club through groups we train with or families who make homes for our puppies. However, it is not the number of members we have but the involvement of the membership that makes our chapter thrive.

We are an active club with many diverse interests in the Golden Retriever breed. We sponsor vaccination clinics, heart and eye clinics, educational forums, hunt tests, working tests, an independent conformation/obedience specialty, agility trials and field training classes.

If you look at our mission statement above, our club offers many different activities and competitions. Recently we have needed to go outside our club membership to staff many of our events and activities. I believe we are all members of our club because we find something in our mission statement that we and our dogs benefit from. I am asking all of us to evaluate if we and our club friends can take a more active role in our club if you already aren't.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming Agility Trial July 24-26 and our annual picnic on August 16. If you have questions on how you can get more involved, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Hal Axelrod
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GRCI July Agility Trials

It's time to plan for the Agility Trials on July 24, 25, and 26. We need volunteers! The trial is at McCook Athletic & Expo Center, 4750 Vernon Ave. Click [here](#) for more information. [Get the premium](#). Contact Michelle Kolb with questions at partyinthepaint1@sbcglobal.net
JUST ADDED! FRIDAY NIGHT Fun Run!! See details on the premium above.

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Upcoming Events

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GRCI Annual Picnic and Awards Celebration

Sunday, August 16 2015 at Hawthorne's Backyard, 12 to 4 p.m.
1200 Hawthorn Lane, West Chicago IL
This year we will celebrate the achievements of our members' Goldens at the picnic with our Awards Ceremony!

Golden Retriever Club of Illinois
Picnic and Annual Awards Meeting
Sunday, August 16, 2015

Our Annual Picnic and Awards Meeting has been planned for all GRCI members, goldens, and their families. You are invited to join us. Lunch will be served about 1:00pm, we will have a brief business meeting, and introduce our new board members. We will also have our annual awards presentation. This year our awards presentation has been moved up to be included in our picnic.

Date: Sunday August 16, 2015
Time: 12:00 to 4:00pm
Location: Hawthorne's Backyard
1200 Hawthorne Lane
West Chicago, Illinois 60185-1816
Hawthorn's Phone: 630-293-6700
RAIN or SHINE

The menu is: Ribs, BBQ Chicken, BBQ Beef Brisket, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, Coleslaw, Rolls, Soda, Water, Ice Tea, Coffee, cookies and brownies.

Again this year there will be NO cost to our members. The cost per guest is \$18.00. Head count to Barbara by AUGUST 9TH Either via email bgg2134@sbcglobal.net or with the completed form below if you are bringing guests.

RESERVATION FORM by August 9th

Please mail with your check payable to GRCI
To: Barbara Gron-Grosse, 2134 Clover Road, Northbrook, IL 60062
Barbara's Phone: 847 272-9548

Name _____ Phone _____
of Members ____ # of Guests ____ Enclosed check \$ _____

GRCA National Needs Volunteers

The GRCA National is in Wilmington OH this year - Sept 26 to Oct 3. If you are planning to go, please [check out this flyer](#) to see where you can help out!

Wags and Brags

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Pat Janes reports that Drummer - Sundowns LiL'Drummer Boy - won a 4 point major in Oklahoma. It was his first time away in a long time. He was shown by Bob Halahan.

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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.

Charging Against Cancer

by Katherine Rudolph

What lengths would you go for your dog's life? That question was put to the test for me and my golden retriever Charger in May of 2010, when I happened to notice a small bump on his muzzle. That little bump was unfortunately diagnosed as a Stage 2 Mast Cell Tumor. Over the years I've known friends whose dogs were diagnosed with various cancers and I swore I would never put my dog through chemotherapy, radiation, multiple surgeries, or spend thousands of dollars for what - maybe the chance that he would live a few more months? At that time Charger was a very healthy and fit 7 year old competing in agility, so imagine my shock when I was told that even with successful chemotherapy, Charger had 6-7 months to live. How could this happy, healthy dog be gone by December?

I went to the University of Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital at the University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine for help. The school is among the top veterinary schools in the country and has achieved widespread recognition for its research programs. As luck would have it, the oncology department was conducting a clinical trial studying the efficacy of the simultaneous use of two chemotherapy drugs on mast cell tumors. Charger was enrolled in the study. It might help him, and if it didn't, maybe something could be learned that would help others.

[Read more](#)




Charger after 4 radiation treatments. Hair on his nose growing back.



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