Golden Moments July 2015



Golden Retriever Club of Illinois GOLDEN MOMENTS NEWSLETTER

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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

<u>here</u> for more information. <u>Get the premium</u>. 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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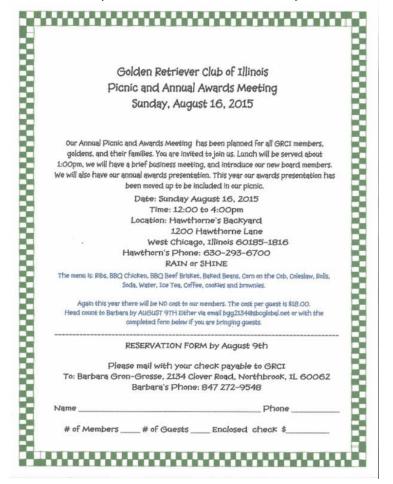
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GRCI Annual Picnic and Awards Celebration

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!



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

WAGS AND BRAGS!

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 <u>Aylwyn1@aol.com</u>. She will arrange flowers, cards, and other forms of "sunshine" to brighten their day.

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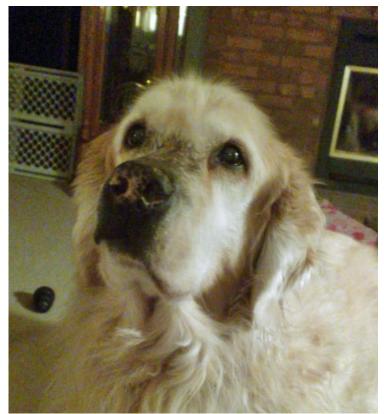
If you have a Wag and Brag to share, please send your story in "copy and paste" mode, along with a picture if you have one to Cathy Williams at cwilliams0727@gmail.com or Hal Axelrod at harryaxe@comcast.net.

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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