



**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. I am very pleased to announce that our last general meeting we voted in 2 members into the club. At our last general meeting we had a very interesting program on Integrative Medicine by Dr. Melissa Behrens. Those in attendance found the information she presented not mainstream but very interesting as alternative methods to dog health.

It was nice to see so many of our members at the Specialty last month. Thank you to Joan Wetton and her committee for all your hard work. This year we were faced with new challenges that were handled by the committee very well. Conformation was held outside on grass for the first time. Because of the size of the dog show we needed to hold the Obedience and Rally trials at a location 5 minutes away. The logistics involved doubled. Joan and her volunteers are to be applauded for the great job they did.

Next up we host our Agility Trial on July 29, 30 and 31. I hope you can participate, volunteer or come by and watch these great events. A lot of hard work goes into organizing and putting on these different events. It is well received when our members come out to show their support.

Many thanks to the board members and their committees, who have so worked so hard planning what will be a very busy and exciting year. I look forward to seeing so many of you compete and volunteer in the coming months.

If you have any Wags or Brags, please send them to Cathy Williams at cwilliams0727@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Hal Axelrod

GRCI Picnic, General Meeting and Awards Presentation

Sunday, August 14 at 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

[Hawthorne's Backyard, 1200 Hawthorne Lane, West Chicago, IL](#)
630-293-6700

Bring your Golden Retrievers and join us for our most popular meeting and event of the year - [our annual picnic](#), where we will celebrate all our Golden Retrievers and those that have achieved some special

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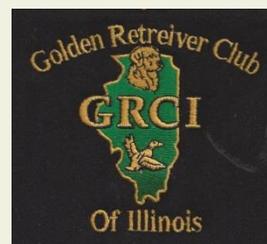
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accomplishments throughout the year.



Golden Retriever Club of Illinois

Picnic and Annual Awards Meeting

Sunday, August 14, 2016

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 1:00 p.m., we will have a brief business meeting, and introduce our new board members. We will also have our annual awards presentation.

Date: Sunday, August 14, 2016

Time: 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Hawthorne's Backyard

1200 Hawthorne Lane

West Chicago, Illinois 60185-1816

Hawthorne'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 Cheri by AUGUST 5th either via email - agility12@aol.com - or with the completed form below if you are bringing guests.

RESERVATION FORM by AUGUST 5th

Please mail this form with your check payable to GRCI for any guests to Cheri Mitchneck at 39 E. Dahlia Lane, Round Lake Beach, IL 60073 Cheri's phone: 847-722-4287

Name _____ Phone _____

of Members _____ # of Guests _____ Enclosed check \$ _____

R.S.V.P. to Cheri Mitchneck at 847-722-4287 or agility12@aol.com

GRCI AGILITY TRIALS JULY 29, 30 AND 31ST

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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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**GRCI MEMBERS NEEDED
TO VOLUNTEER AT THE
JULY AGILITY TRIAL**

**At McCook Athletic & Expo Center
4750 Vernon Ave, McCook, IL**

If you are interested, please contact Betty Smith.
630/660-5825 betty.greg@comcast.net

Or you can sign up online.
See the links in the email.



Thursday:
Help unload trailer
& set up
2:30pm

Fri., Sat., Sun.:
Help during the
Trial with leash
running, bar
setting, etc.

Sunday afternoon:
Help take down
rings and re-load
trailer

Bring a dessert,
salad or snack to
share

Breakfast & Lunch

Worker Coupons for
anyone who
volunteers their
time to help run a
**Successful Agility
Trial!**

Obedience
Jane Coen 847-236-0138
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See details at the [GRCI Website](#).

Upcoming Events in the Area

Badger Golden Retriever Club is hosting a WC/WCX test on Sunday, August 14. For premium information click [here](#). Contact is Joan Kaml jkaml@sbcglobal.net

Badger Golden Retriever Club is also hosting back to back obedience/rally trials on September 17th and back to back conformation shows on September 18th. It is a new show site and dates for Badger GRC. It will be held at Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club Training Facilities. Obedience/rally will be inside, but if the weather is good, conformation will be outside. There is grooming space information on the last page of the [premium](#).

GRCI 2016 June Specialty and Obedience /Rally Trials
By Joan Wetton

After months of extensive planning on the part of GRCI's 2016 Specialty Committee, GRCI had another year of back-to-back Conformation

Specialties coupled with Obedience and Rally trials on June 18, 2016. However this year things were different, breed and the performance events were held at different locations about one and one half miles apart. Breed was held outdoors at the Lake County Fairgrounds. Obedience and Rally trials were open to All Breeds and held at the Libertyville Sports Complex, a climate-controlled facility.

A special thank you goes out to Jane Coen who helped to orchestrate these events. Thanks, also, for the assistance which was ably given again this year by the Specialty Committee comprised of Jane, Pat Covek, Barbara Gron-Grosse, Cheri and Murray Mitchneck, Nancy Pederson, Laurie Stecker, Jan Williams and Nolan Ryan. Nolan was new to the committee this year, but did a bang-up job as Show Chairperson of the Specialty. Murray and Jane did fantastic jobs as Chairpersons of Obedience and Rally, respectively. The AKC representative, present to review one of the judges at both our and Sunday's performance events, complemented them on our Obedience and Rally trials. Barbara and Cheri kept us fed and refreshed at the Fairgrounds and Sports Complex, respectively. Nancy and Jan helped to get the word out about our events and handled catalog advertising.

Thanks, also, go out to many individuals who helped to make things run smoothly. Lisa Goldberg again this year assisted Pat and Laurie at the Raffle/Auction table as well as manning the Public Education booth. These folks were present at the Fairgrounds. I am grateful to Mark Rusley who gave of his time to be breed chief ring steward assisted by former GRCI member, Laurie Cantone. Marion Kogut assisted the performance events show secretary and also served as a steward at the Sports Complex. She had also assisted non-member Lynn Heidinger who distributed over 600 Specialty flyers at Obedience and Rally events for the five weekends before the closing date. GRCI members, Donna Bihner, Kaye Dahlquist, Nancy Einwich, Marion Kogut, Cheri and Murray Mitchneck, Bev and Jack Novosel, Leah and Cindy Sloan, along with non-members, Lynn Heidinger, Deb and Jim Metcalse, Dick Schaefer, and Barbara Sciarra did an outstanding job as Obedience and/or Rally stewards. Without stewards, no matter the event, things would not run.

Our thanks go out to all of you who volunteered your time and talents to help ensure the Specialties ran smoothly. If I inadvertently missed any of you who helped in one way or another, please know that your contributions were very much appreciated. We also want to thank all of you who generously supported GRCI and the Specialties with your trophy donations, Raffle and Silent Auction donations and/or catalog ads. All of your efforts helped to make the Specialties a reality.

For the first Specialty Best of Breed was awarded to CH Richwood Wing-T Workin' Like A Dog SH. Best of Opposite Sex was awarded to CH Malagold's She's A Wild One CD RN AX AXJ. Select dog was awarded to GCH CH Wingate's It's All About Me. Select bitch was awarded to CH Malagold's Tequila Rose. For the second Specialty, Best of Breed was awarded to GCHS CH Rhapsody Yet Another One JH AX AXJ. Best of Opposite Sex was awarded GCH CH Gingerrun's Something Heavenly. Select dog was awarded to CH Wingate's We'Re Gonna Need A Bigger Boat. Select bitch was awarded to CH Kattwalk's Gonna Be A Hot One. For the Obedience trial, High In Trial and High Combined for Goldens and for All Breeds were awarded to OTCH Sunfire's What's On Tap UDX13 OGM GN GO. For the Rally trial, High Combined for Goldens and for All Breeds were awarded to Wingate's Firstar Simon Says CDX RAE JH NA NAJ CGCA.

The 2017 Specialty Committee is forming. If you have any suggestions for the 2017 Specialty, please contact its Director, Nolan Ryan at nryan9444@concast.net or 630-940-5212, who will share your input with the Committee.

Wags and Brags

WAGS AND BRAGS

GRCI members Robin and Andie Zelles report that New Junior Hunters "Ketch" (Karagolds Sailing New Horizons TD AX AXJ WC CCA) and "Tear'N" (Zaniri's Tear'N Up the Border TD) earned their titles going 4 for 4, qualifying for their titles. Both finished at The Wisconsin Amateur Field Trial Club in Horicon, WI.

"Ketch" also earned two legs towards his CD title at the Paw Power Blues obedience trial with 195.5 and 196, both 3rd places!





Donna Bihner's dog, Parker had a great weekend in DeKalb. He got his 2nd leg of Utility Obedience with a First Place one day, and was Reserve Winner's Dog in the Conformation Ring the next!



Donna and Parker



Parker with his handler after taking RWD

Jane Coen reports that her Goldens have become models for some of our company, UL's, employee engagement initiatives like the current employee safety campaign.



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.

The Obedience Corner

By Jane L. Coen

"Give Them an Inch and They Will Take a Mile"

As a dog obedience class instructor, it has been my great pleasure to work with hundreds, if not thousands of dogs and their owners over my lifetime. Many of my obedience students have gone on to compete with their dogs at obedience trials. Not surprisingly, the students who set high standards for their dogs and consistently required their dogs to work to those standards have had the greatest success at the trials.

Have you ever noticed that some dogs do not perform as well at a trial as they do at home or in a familiar training setting? If we were to compare those dogs to dogs that consistently perform well at trials, I think we would find a difference in how the dogs are trained. I think we would find that the sharp, attentive working dogs are trained by trainers who have set high standards for their dogs and train to those standards. Such trainers do not allow their dogs to get away with "little" imperfections in training because they know that little imperfections tend to be amplified at obedience trials.

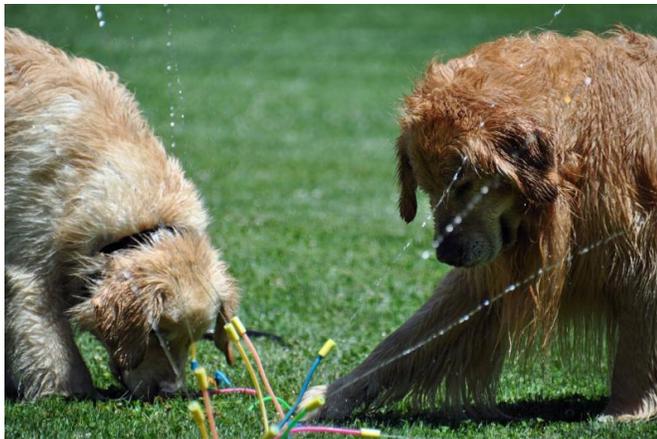
If a trainer does not correct a dog for looking away while heeling during training, the trainer should not be surprised to find the dog wandering around the ring-at times aimlessly-during the Off Leash Heeling exercise. If a trainer does not

insist that the dog snatch up the dumbbell and drive back to the trainer immediately on the Retrieve on the Flat Exercise, the trainer should not be surprised if the dog stops and sniffs around on the mat before picking up the dumbbell at a trial. If the trainer allows the dog to take a step or two forward on the Directed Jumping exercise when the dog is told to "Sit!" at the far end of the ring on the go-back portion of the exercise, the trainer should not be surprised when the dog travels in so far on the go-back exercise at a trial that it receives a non-qualifying score because the dog is no longer 10 feet beyond the jumps.

If we allow little mistakes or imperfections during training, our dogs will not be clear on what we expect from them, and when they encounter a greater degree of distraction at trials, we are likely to see deterioration in their performance.

The Moral: High Standards are a critical key to success in training.

Until next time, Happy Heeling!



Nancy Einwich's dog Pilgrim has the upper "paw" as he and Timmy stay cool in the summer heat!

