



**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 at our last general meeting we voted in 8 members into the club. Andie Zelles and Robin Comp-Zelles provided a very informative program on FUNdamental Games to Play with Your Dog. I know I went home and began a few of the exercises that evening to great success. Thank you very much for sharing your expertise. At our next general meeting we will have a program on Integrative Medicine by Dr. Melissa Behrens.

It was nice to see so many of our members at the Hunt Test a few weeks ago. We had some nice weather that made everyone happy. A big thanks to Beth and Terry Gerdes and their committee for all their hard work. We had many new members step up this year to lend a hand and it was appreciated. Next up we have our Specialty on Saturday, June 18. Then in July we host an 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 articles or "Wags and Brags" send them to Cathy Williams. Sincerely,

Hal Axelrod

GRCI General Meeting

Monday, June 27, 2016, 7:15 p.m.

[Biscuits and Bows, 1945 S Plum Grove Rd, Palatine, IL 60067](#)

Brief General Meeting to Approve the GRCI Board Slate for 2016-2017
7:45 p.m. - **Program on Integrative Medicine by Dr. Behrens**

Dr. Behrens will educate us on how to integrate nutrition, acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine and dietary supplements into our Golden's current healthcare plan to help prevent disease and promote health. This will be an informative session, full of valuable information to help us keep our Golden's healthy. Please plan to join us.

R.S.V.P. to GRCI President, Hal Axelrod at harryaxe@comcast.net

GRCI June Specialty and Obedience/Rally Trials

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Upcoming Events

[General Membership Meeting](#)
June 27, 2016

[GRCI June Specialty](#)
June 18, 2016

[GRCI July Agility Trials](#)
July 29, 30, 31

[GRCI Tracking Test](#)
October 16, 2016

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Saturday, June 18, 2016 is our GRCI Back-to-back Conformation Specialties at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake.

1 1/2 miles away will be GRCI's All Breed Obedience and Rally Trials at the Libertyville Sports Complex, a climate-controlled building.

We need volunteers to help at both locations. Please contact Joan Wetton, 847-251-2264 or jrw00013@aol.com if you are able to assist your club.

Remember, GRCI cannot continue to successfully hold any type of event without the support of its membership.

Sunday, June 19 GRCI will have Golden Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes at the Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Little Fort Kennel Club show.

Silent Auction -- Pat Covek and Laurie Stecker are the Silent Auction Chairs. They are seeking Golden Retriever or dog related items as well as other unique donations you may have. Contact Laurie at aylwyn1@aol.com or Pat at patriciamcovek@gmail.com

GRCI AGILITY TRIALS JULY 29, 30 AND 31ST



GRCI needs our MEMBERS to make this show SPECTACULAR!

Members that volunteer receive Worker Coupons that can be used within the Club's picnics, seminars, membership fees

Non/Members that volunteer receive Worker Coupons for dollars off their next GRCI Agility Entries.

Delicious Lunches Available for ALL Workers!

THANK YOU!
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Agility Chair Person
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JULY 29TH, 30TH, 31ST 2016
GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF IL

THREE DAY AGILITY TRIAL
~AND~
NON-REGULAR AGILITY RUNS & TREASURE HUNT
ONLY FRIDAY JULY 29TH
{See Premium for Details}

The Premium is on Robert Olson's Website
<http://rdolson.org/premiums/#grci>

Please contact the worker coordinator Betty Smith
betty.greg@comcast.net if interested in volunteering
or if you have questions about volunteering

Come Join the FUN! 😊

See details at the [GRCI Website](#).

Cardiac Clinic

Cardiac Clinic
Sponsored by Winnebago Labrador Retriever Club
June 17, 2016
Telfer Park, Beloit Wisconsin

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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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Obedience

WLRC is pleased to offer a Cardiac Clinic with both Auscultation and Color Doppler Echo on Friday, June 17, 2016. Heidi B. Kellihan DVM, DACVIM from University Of Wisconsin, Madison will be the veterinarian administering the testing. The fee is \$250. If you have any questions please contact Sue Seehawer at sue@sonlightlabs.com .

Wags and Brags

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GRCI members Donna Bihner, with her dog Ellie, and Nancy Einwich with Pilgrim, take first and second place in the GRCA Central Regional Rally Trial in the RAE class.



Cathy Williams reports that her dog, Emmett, earned his NASCW Nosework 1 title on May 21, in Green Bay, Wi, finishing 10th overall out of 43 dogs competing.



Cathy and Emmett

Jane Coen reports that her Golden, "Kizzie," earned her first Senior Hunter leg at the Fox Valley Hunt Test at Bong in Wisconsin on May 14th! This is an accomplishment she has been looking forward to for a long time! They are headed to the Island View Hunt Test this weekend for another Senior Hunter Test.

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.

Around the Ring

Grooming Tutorials and Local Conformation Classes

by Karin Boullion

I decided to do a search to see what sort of grooming tutorials are out there and even though these were done a number of years ago, they are still the best overall.

One of the better grooming DVD's is the one done by Erik Strickland. This is a good item to have as a reference tool. It is broken down into "chapters", so you can go directly to the part you need, like ears, feet or tail. The DVD is available on Amazon.com or excerpts are available on his website <http://morningsagegoldens.freesevers.com/index.html>

Local conformation handling classes seem to be few and far between these days. All seem to be of the drop-in variety, so you will never know how many will be there.

Mondays, 8:15 p.m. Glenbard; DuPage County fairgrounds
7:00 p.m - For Your K9; Melrose Park

Tuesdays- 7:15 p.m.Meyers Tails up; Belvidere
6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. King's Kennels, Riverwoods

Wednesdays - 8:00 p.m.Car-Dun-Al; Huntley
7:00 p.m. Barking Lot, Deerfield

Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. Pawsitively Heaven; Chicago Ridge
8:00 p.m. Fox Valley; Kane Co fairgrounds

The Obedience Corner

By Jane L. Coen

"What Does It Take To Produce a Good Heeling Dog?"

If your objective is to have an obedience dog that is competitive-one that will consistently qualify with good scores and have a chance of placing in its classes-then it is important that the dog learn to Heel well. By "Heel well," I mean maintaining proper Heel position, at all times, and exhibiting the desired attitude, as defined by the AKC *Obedience Regulations*.

So what is required to deliver that type of Heeling performance? The same attributes required for good performance in any other obedience exercise: attention and response. To make sure we have a common understanding of those terms, let me define them below.

Attention - When working with its handler, the dog's attention is constantly focused on the handler and his/her verbal commands and signals. In other words, the dog keeps its eyes on its handler, at all times, and is not distracted by smells, sights or sounds in its surroundings.

Response - When given a verbal command or signal, the dog responds instantly, with enthusiasm and speed. In other words, the dog does not hesitate before responding, and does not execute the command slowly, reflecting disinterest and a lack of desire.

If you have attended one or more obedience trials, you have undoubtedly seen dogs that would fall into both camps: sharp working dogs that Heel with enthusiasm and precision and who maintain constant eye contact with their handlers, and dogs that Heel sluggishly and inattentively, seeming to wander aimlessly around the ring.

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Make a Splash with your Golden this
Summer!