



GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF ILLINOIS Golden Moments Newsletter

June 2017

GRCI News & Updates

Welcome to the NEW GRCI Golden Moments! This version is mobile device friendly! We hope that it will be even more convenient for member communication. While we try our best to get everything updated, if you notice something that could be better or a link that isn't working, please give us your feedback.

Message from GRCI's President

I hope this e-blast finds you and your dogs well. A big hello from Quincy, Illinois. My dogs and I have settled in well. One bed and 4 chairs what more does one need? Hollis is holding down the fort up north and getting ready for the big move. While I've run home a few times, it's normally for 36 hours. Not long enough to say hello to you all at various events we have been hosting. I am very pleased to announce that our last general meeting we voted in new members into the club.

Before I go any further, we need you at our next General Meeting on June 26. We will be having a grooming clinic at Chicago Canine Club in Burr Ridge. We need a quorum to approve the new slate of Board candidates for 2017-2018. If the house is all packed I might be in attendance.



At the last General Meeting Mitchell Bornstein, the author of Last Chance Mustang, discussed the concepts/techniques he uses in working with horses that have behavior problems, and the rationales behind them. He discussed how he retrains horses with socialization issues or that have gaps in their training, and horses that have been traumatized or suffered some sort of abuse. Mitch's presentation focused on his work with "Samson," a displaced wild mustang whose life in the six years before they met had been "a dark, painful living hell."

Mitch's work is applicable to our work with our beloved Golden Retrievers-especially for those of us who have opened our hearts and homes to a Golden rescue dog or adopted an older Golden that has had less than optimal previous life experiences.

Things got a little dicey right before the hunt test. The club that has been helping us the last few years backed out with not much notice. Thanks to so many of you who answered the call to come and assist your club's Hunt Test. A big thanks to Beth and Terry Gerdes and their committee for all their hard work.

Next up we have our Specialty on Saturday, June 17. Then in July we host an Agility Trial on July 29 and 30. 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 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

General Meeting and Golden Grooming Tips and Tricks June 26, 2016 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

CHICAGO CANINE CLUB

16W129 83rd Street
Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Join GRCI members for this important meeting! We need a quorum to approve our nominating slate of board members for the 2017-18 year. The meeting will also provide updates on all recent and upcoming events.

After the general meeting, stay and observe a dog grooming demonstration by our member, Pat Janes. Pat will groom one of her dogs and answer questions as she takes us through some basic grooming tricks of the trade.

Upcoming Events

GRCI Specialty Shows and Rally and Obedience Trials - June 16 & 17, 2017 at the Lake County Fairgrounds and Libertyville Sports Complex

The June Specialty is less than a month away, and help is still needed in the Obedience rings on June 17 at the Libertyville Sports Complex. If you are able to steward, please contact Murray Mitchneck, Obedience Chairperson, at mmitchneck@aol.com. Thank you for volunteering for our club!

For information on all the shows and trials, see the [Event Documents](#) on the website.



GRCI Picnic and Awards Ceremony

Sunday, August 13 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 accomplishments throughout the year.

Cost for the picnic this year is \$10 per member. You may use your volunteer "coupons" for payment if you have them. Cost for guests and non-members is \$19 per person.

RSVP to Cheri Mitchneck agility12@aol.com by August 4 with your payment: 39 E. Dahlia Lane, Round Lake Beach, IL 60073. Or call 847-722-4287 with questions.

Hope to see you and your Golden Retrievers there!

GRCI CCA Event Summary by Robin Comp-Zelles

A big thank you to all of the participants and volunteers that helped to make our CCA a wonderful success.

Cathy Williams was our Event Secretary officially, however, this CCA was her baby this year and I (Robin Comp-Zelles) came on board later, as Event Chairperson. Cathy was definitely the paper handler and worked diligently to get and replace volunteers when they kept moving out of the area.

We had 24 dogs entered, one dog was absent due to injury, our best wishes to Beth and Terry Gerdes that their boy gets better soon. The CCA was held at CarDunAl Dog Training in Huntley, IL, which was more than ample for our ring set up and photograph/measuring station. Their site volunteer was Bonnie Morrow (who has Golden Retrievers) and she was very gracious about arriving at 6:30 am for me to begin setting up. Andie Zelles volunteered to handle the photography and Kathy Guerra handled the official measuring. (Kathy joined us even with having moved recently to Madison, WI.) Hospitality was presented by Michelle Kolb, who made sloppy joes and pasta salad for lunch. Coffee and donuts for the morning, with some bananas were mighty tasty. But, her friend Lorraine made some awesome chocolate chip cookies and there was a brownie tray for dessert so I was drawn to the kitchen area all day. The hunt test was able to share some soda, so with some additional water we were all set.

The judges: Ellen Hardin, Mary Schulz and Tom Schulz (all from Wisconsin) started their evaluations at 8:00 am sharp, having judged Kay Dahlquist's girl as test dog to warm up their thoughts. We had several volunteers that shared helping the evaluators, helping at the secretary table and hospitality. A huge thank you to: Gayle Pluta, Murray Mitchneck, Jane Coen, Jan Williams, Kim Mroczenski and Sandy Heimborg for giving their time and energy to this event. Curt Heimborg was very nice to help with moving heavy stuff, ring tear down and packing stuff in our cars.

Congratulations to all of the dogs that earned their qualifying scores and CCAs. All participants received ribbons for qualifying scores and rosettes if they earned their CCA, a GRCI thermal lunch cooler, a GRCI salad holder and a bag of treats donated by FROMM Family Pet Foods. Our volunteers received a filled lunch cooler also!

For those of you thinking about entering your dog here are a few thoughts: be sure

your dog does not have any disqualifying faults (as deemed from the Golden Retriever Standard), is not overweight (preferably in working condition), is washed and trimmed (neaten feet, ears and body coat), has clean teeth and ears, can trot at your side, can be socially acceptable with people and other dogs, and can stand for: measuring, photographing, examination. If you need assistance with any of this try talking to your breeder or a club member who I am sure would be happy to help. It is quite possible for this to be a topic at a club meeting prior to another CCA Event to help prepare owners for what is expected.



GRCI Certificate of Conformation Qualifiers - Morning Group and Afternoon Group. Congratulations to all dogs and owners!

GRCI 2016-2017 Award Time

It's that time of year again--time to celebrate all the successes you've had with your dogs! Apply for GRCI Plaques and Brass Plates, Certificates, and Trophies!

The GRCI Awards Application and Awards Description can be accessed from the "Members Only" area of our [website](#).

Note that:

- Members must be in good standing with GRCI and must have renewed their 2017 membership by January 15, 2017. See Awards Description document, page 1, #7 for additional requirements.
- The award year acknowledges titles and awards earned (completed) from June 1, 2016 through May 21, 2017.
- Awards will be presented at our Annual Meeting and Picnic, August 13, 2017.

Plaques/brass plates and certificates are awarded for eligible AKC and GRCA titles as well as for achievements in other venues. (See page 2.)

Dog of the Year-plaque; titles are not necessary (See page 6)

Versatility Award-GRCA certificate for dogs that have accomplishments in Conformation, Field, and Performance (page 6)

PERPETUAL TROPHIES! (See pages 3-7)

There are a number of perpetual trophies offered to celebrate achievements in: **Conformation** (CH Rockgold Chug's Ric O Shay Trophy; CH Aylwyn's Key Largo Award; First President's Trophy)

Obedience (Scarsdale L-Con Ric Memorial Trophy; Aylwyn's Jumpnjyme O Sundown Trophy; Byron Trophy)

Therapy Dog (Linus Trophy)

All Around Achievement in Conformation, Field, and Obedience (Thistle Trophy)

The PETE & CATHY MILLER Trophy (page 7) is awarded to a **member** to recognize "leadership in the golden retriever community and selfless commitment to the well-being and betterment of the breed."

Mail or email your application and documentation to Kaye Dahlquist. See the application for contact information.

Wags and Brags

Donna Bihner reports Ellie earned her RAE this past month and is now - Kanosak Wild Goose Chase VCD1 CDX BN GN RAE TD MJB MXB CGC. Ellie was my first performance dog and is now in a well deserved retirement. She was supposed to be a pet but the fun Golden owners in her puppy class dragged me along and look how much we accomplished together. Could not be prouder of my girl!



Ellie

Betty Smith reports: Mattie achieved her PAX (Preferred Agility Excellent) title at our GRCI Agility Trial, July 29! She got her 20th QQ, which means she qualified in both Standard and Jumpers With Weaves classes at the same trial 20 times. I'm so proud of her!



Betty and Maddie

Cathy Williams reports: Emmett earned his first Nosework 3 (NW3) title on his first try! In fact, he has earned all of his nose work titles on his first try, which is quite a feat! The first in the "family" to do so!



Cathy and Emmett

Cheri Mitchneck reports that Beau (who will be 13 in August) earned his RAE2 at Car-dun-al Dog Training on April 22 and his CCA, also at Car-dun-al Dog Training, at the GRCI CCA event on May 21. Congratulations to Beau!



Please share your Golden's accomplishments! Send an email summary and a photo to Cathy Williams at cwilliams0727@gmail.com to be included in the next Golden Moments!



Shop GRCI Merchandise!

Show your support of GRCI through logo apparel, hats and outerwear. Check out the website - choose any item and size you like! They are nice for GRCI event chairs and committees, or for your competitions.



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 a cards or other forms of "sunshine" to brighten their day.

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