

# GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF ILLINOIS

## Golden Moments Newsletter

June 2018

### GRCI News & Updates

Welcome to 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.

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### Message from GRCI's President

Hello GRCI Members!

Things are in high gear as we get ready for our Grayslake events which are just a couple weeks away! It will be a very busy weekend of showing in Conformation, Obedience and Rally. As we combined with several other clubs the numbers of events in a few short days is amazing. 7 Conformation shows, 3 obedience and 3 rally trials happen from June 13th thru June 17th. GRCI Conformation Specialties are on Friday (1 show) and on Saturday (2 shows). This year we are offering 2 Obedience and 2 Rally trials on Saturday as well. Needless to say the various committees headed by Nolan Ryan (conformation), Murray Mitchneck (obedience) and Deb Domick (rally) are in the final stages of preparation. We owe each of them as well as everyone on the committee a HUGE thank you for all their work. I'm also putting out a plea for help for the obedience & rally trials. We really need some stewards! Really, really, really need them!

Please use this link to sign up.

[Rally and Obedience Volunteer Sign Up](#)

The first weekend in May we hosted our annual Hunt test. It was a perfect weekend (the sun was finally out and it was actually hot for a while on Saturday). Yet again this was organized by Terry and Beth Gerdes. It was obvious it was a very well organized event as it ran smoothly, people were having a good time, were well fed and many dogs were passing. I spoke with one of the judges who has been working our event for 10 years. They raved about the club and about Terry & Beth. What a nice compliment to hear. I loved watching the dogs and my husband and I quietly cheered as each junior dog passed (we were working one of the duck stations so had to be quiet). Thanks as well to

the many members who made it a successful weekend, Jane Coen, Mark & Kim Mroczenski, Joan Wetton, Robin Comp-Zelles and Andie Zelles.

At our last membership meeting we had a very interesting talk from Dr. Erin O'Connor on animal chiropractic and then had a nice meeting at the Colonial in St. Charles. If you didn't attend you missed out on ice cream, voting in 3 new members(!), lots of great updates and did I mention yummy ice cream? Our next meeting is June 25th.

July will bring our agility trial and then our picnic and awards in August. Summer is a busy time for our club! I know many of you have litters and new puppies as well. Love this time of year! If you have pictures of new furry family members please pass them along so we can put them on our Facebook page. Nothing better than a picture of a Golden Retriever Puppy.

We have a lot going on but are always open to new ideas. Do you have a thought on something you think club members could benefit from? Please share!

Donna Bihner. GRCI President  
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## **GRCI General Meeting**

**Monday, June 25, 7:00 p.m.**

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

Mark your calendars for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 25, for GRCI's General Meeting at Biscuits & Bows located at 1945 S Plum Grove Rd. in Palatine, IL. This is a very important meeting. Members will be approving GRCI's 2018-19 Board of Directors slate of Officers and Directors, who will take office at the August Annual Meeting and Picnic. Please plan to attend the meeting to ensure we have a quorum.

The program for this meeting will be very educational and interactive. We've invited GRCI's good friend, AKC Obedience and Rally Judge Loretta Lazzara to return to present a one-hour program on what she's observed as a result of the recent AKC Rally and Obedience Regulation changes. She'll highlight what's going well, along with areas where exhibitors seem to be having difficulties. Loretta will demonstrate the correct way to perform the new Rally signs and Obedience exercises. Members then will have the opportunity to take the floor with their dogs to practice the exercises, during which Loretta will provide constructive performance critiques.

So...mark your calendars, and plan to bring your dog and a chair to the General Meeting on June 25. See you there!

## **GRCI Agility Trials - Volunteers Needed**

**July 27, 28 and 29, 2018**

**[MAX McCook Athletic Center 4750 Vernon Ave, McCook, IL](#)**

Happy Summer, Everyone!

When we heard the spring birds tweeting and bees buzzing... we said to ourselves, "It's almost the GRCI agility trial!", and just like the bees we are literally buzzing around to finish our last tasks to have another spectacular July Agility Trial! This year we are hosting three amazing judges, Anne Riba, Terry Elger, and Gill Chapman in our three day, two ring, indoors trial. Along with our traditional show, we are going to have our annual AKC Non-Regular Agility Fun Run Friday after the trial (AKC Pending Approval). Last year it was a great hit, so we hope to raise money for donations, again this year. Besides donations, the fun run provides exhibitors and trainers the ability to work their dogs at a show environment that no one is able to "train" at on a regular basis.

We are all excited to be hosting the trial because it is most enjoyable to see the smiling faces and excited cheers between dog and handler teams/friends, and what more fun can there be than having your friends assist with running the trial! This year, I am honored to trial chair my second show for GRCI with the great help of assistant trial chair, Michelle Kolb, and committee members Kim Mroczenski, Betty Smith, Carolyn Hesse, and Robin Comp-Zelles.

We strive, again, to have a successful trial that creates excitement, happiness, and friendliness. As a club, we have attained a strong reputation in the agility community, and this trial is one that isn't just for showing one's dogs(s) but one of tradition. As to keep tradition, we always have open arms to our fellow members and friends who want to come experience the agility trial and lend a helping hand!

Hope to see you there!

Best Regards,  
Andie Zelles

## GRCI 2017-2018 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 2018 membership by January 15, 2018. See Awards Description document, page 1, #7 for additional requirements.
- The award year acknowledges titles and awards earned (completed) from June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018.
- Awards will be presented at our Annual Meeting and Picnic, August ??, 2018.

Members are encouraged to nominate their own dog or another member or member's dog for GRCI's Dog of the Year award and the Pete and Cathy Miller award. Don't forget to submit your dog's qualifications for the other perpetual trophies. See below for more details.

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;** nominate your or another member's dog (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:

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**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.

Hope to see lots of submissions for this year's awards. [kaye@dhlqst.com](mailto:kaye@dhlqst.com), 947 Saratoga, Drive, Palatine, IL. 60074

## Wags and Brags

A special Wag and Brag from Kaye Dahlquist and Jayda regarding their achievement in K9 Nosework! **Did you know that GRCl is hosting an AKC Scent Work Trial in October??** You can volunteer and observe this popular sport, and learn what's involved. No experience needed!

Jayda with her NW2 Title ribbon and  
2nd Place overall ribbon

On April 7th. Jayda passed her NACSW nose work trial at the high school in LeRoy, IL. Out of 38 entries, 6 dogs successfully completed all 4 elements. They found scented items containing anise and birch odors that were hidden in interior rooms, exterior locations, on the outside of vehicles, and inside closed containers.

Each dog uses its nose to find the hidden scented items and then alert the handler within the specified time allowed. My job was to make sure she checks the whole area and pay attention her body language. Jayda makes it easy since she uses her paw to tap on indicate a find, and then I tell the judge "ALERT" and reward Jayda with a yummy treat.

Our locations included a crowded classroom that was not staged or modified in any way. The covered desks could have had tempting distractions - a half eaten sandwich, power bar crumbs or spilled chips. In this new situation Jayda got to work up and down aisles sniffing desks and quickly found all 3 scented items. For the vehicle search, there were 3 cars outdoors. Fortunately, the start line was downwind, from the hide; when she caught the scent of birch or anise, she bypassed the 2 forward vehicles and found the hide tucked behind the license plate of the far car.

Jayda found all her hides with no false alerts and we ended up with the 2nd fastest overall times of the day. Good Girl!!

We're looking forward to our first GRCl AKC scent work trial in October. The AKC rules are a bit different than NACSW, but hopefully there will be should be more trials available and people can have the flexibility to choose what elements to trial in. This will be a another opportunity to partner with our dogs and watch them use their natural scenting ability!  
My Best, Kaye

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

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## [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](mailto:Aylwyn1@aol.com). She will arrange a cards or other forms of "sunshine" to brighten their day.

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