



## GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF ILLINOIS Golden Moments Newsletter

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### 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. With temperatures rising, the muddy paws are increasing. With this change in temperature comes the ramping up of the club's busy time of year. We have many events and activities planned in the coming months. Your board and committee members have been hard at work preparing. What we need now is you, our members, to come and help assist in the execution of these wonderful events. As you read through the newsletter please do so with the intent of helping your club at one or more of these. No prior experience is needed. There is on the job training.

As I write this, the Pet EXPO is in its second day. Thank you to Cheri for all the set up and organizing. Thanks to our members who pulled shifts and to the dogs who had to suffer through hundreds of attendees and all the attention and hugs they were given. In a few weeks we have our health Clinic on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Next up is the Hunt Test on May 6 & 7. Hope to see many of you participate or spectate.

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" please forward them to Cathy Williams.

Sincerely,  
Hal Axelrod





## Special General Meeting

Announcing a Special GRCI General Meeting Program  
Featuring Author, Mitchell Bornstein

April 24, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Community Center, 250 E. Wood St., Palatine, IL 60067

Come hear "Chicago's horse whispering barrister," Mitchell Bornstein, the author of *Last Chance Mustang*, discuss the concepts and techniques he uses in working with horses that have behavior problems, and the rationales behind them. He'll discuss how he retrains horses with socialization issues or that have gaps in their training, and how he trains horses that have been traumatized or suffered some sort of abuse. Mitch's presentation will focus 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."

**Why has GRCI invited a horse trainer to present to a group of Golden Retriever owners?** Because all of what we'll hear from Mitch 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.

Do you have specific questions you'd like Mitch to cover during his time with us? If so, send your questions to Jane Coen via email at [warrington26@ul.com](mailto:warrington26@ul.com), and she will forward them on to Mitch.

To learn more about Mitch and his book, *Last Chance Mustang*, read the Chicago Tribune article at <http://www.chicagotribune.com/lifestyles/books/ct-prj-last-chance-mustang-mitchell-bornstein-20150625-story.html>. Mitch will be happy to sign copies of his book for those of you who previously purchased a copy, and he'll have a limited supply of books available on April 24<sup>th</sup> for those interested in purchasing a signed copy.

## Upcoming Events

### Eye, Heart and Microchip Clinic

Sunday, April 9 from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. GRCI is hosting our annual Heart, Eye and Microchip clinic. This is open to all breeds, members and non-members. Dr. Gretchen Schmidt, Ophthalmologist, will be giving eye exams, Dr. Michael Luethy, Cardiologist, will give heart exams, and Dr. Mark Rusley, DVM will implant microchips if your dog needs one. Click [here](#) for registration form.



### GRCI Hunt Test - May 6 and 7 at Des Plaines Wildlife Area, Wilmington, IL

Please contact Beth Gerdes, 309-310-3330 if you can help and volunteer. We need help with getting lunches and marshaling at the stakes.

Also, Beth is looking for someone interested in learning the job of Hunt Test Secretary. You will be required to be at the test both days for the entirety of the test. If not secretary this year, possibly

shadow Beth this year to be able to help in future years. We need new blood to get involved with the hunt test to ensure that future tests are possible.

### **GRCI CCA Event - Save the Date - Sunday, May 21, 2017**

GRCI is hosting a Certificate of Conformation Assessment this year. It will be held at [Car-Dun-Al Dog Training Club](#) in Huntley, IL on May 21, 2017. For Golden owners interested in an evaluation of your Golden by conformation judges, but may not want to enter a dog show, this is the event for you! For more details on the CCA, please see the [GRCA CCA link here](#). Our judges will be Ellen Hardin, and Tom and Mary Schulz. The GRCI CCA Committee members are Robin Comp-Zelles, Cathy Williams and Hal Axelrod. You can find the [Premium and Entry Form](#) on our website at the event detail.

Entries will open on April 10, 2017 and should be sent to Cathy Williams, CCA Secretary, 1089 Memory Lane, Lake Zurich, IL 60047. Entries will be accepted by First Received method, but should not be post marked prior to April 10, 2017. 24 entry spots will be available, and one alternate. If you are interested in volunteering for the event, please contact Robin, Cathy or Hal. It is a very educational and informative event.

\*Prior to entering, please be sure to read the [AKC Standard for Golden Retrievers](#), making note in particular of Disqualifying Faults - undershot or overshot bites and height requirements. There is also a temperament test, so please consider if your dog can exemplify a true Golden temperament along side of other dogs.

### **GRCI at the Pet Expo**

Thanks so much to our hard working volunteers at the Pet Expo: Hal Axelrod, Barbara Gron-Gross, Betty Smith with Mattie, Susan Zelmar with puppy, Jane Coen, Joan Wetton, Pat Janes with Chase & Ruby, Pat Alberts, Kathy Bova with puppy, Michelle Kolb, Kaye Dahlquist, Tom Blanchfield with Boomer, Nancy Richards with Callie and pup, Cindy Sloan with Frogg, Lonnie Kelly with Bear, Murray & Cheri Mitchneck with Beau Misty and Blue. We had a great turn out of people petting and loving all our dogs at our booth for all three days!

Cheri Mitchneck, Public Education Director



Lonnie Kelly with Bear and Cheri Mitchneck with Misty Beau and Blue at 2017 Pet Expo!



Bear Kelly with Misty Beau and Blue Mitchneck waiting for treats at Grci booth. People gathered around watching how well behaved our Goldens are!

## GRCI Needs YOU!

March is the month that GRCI's Board of Directors appoints a Nominating Committee to develop a slate of Officers and Directors for the 2017-18 Board. The slate is presented to GRCI's Members for approval at GRCI's June General Meeting, where nominations from the floor can be made, in accordance with GRCI's By-Laws' Article V, Section 3(C).

As GRCI's Vice President, I will be chairing this year's Nominating Committee. **We are looking for two GRCI members to volunteer to serve on the 2017 Nominating Committee with me.** Nominating Committee members will be approved by GRCI's Board.

**Since not all of our current, hard-working GRCI Board Members will be standing for reelection in June, the Nominating Committee will be seeking nominees to join the Board. Some of us current Board Members would be willing to step down to provide other GRCI Members with the opportunity to serve on the Board.** GRCI's Board consists of the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 3-year Director (Hunt Test/Field Training), 2-year Director (Agility/Tracking), 1 year Director (Health Clinics/Awards), 1 year Director (Public Education/Picnic), and 1 year Director (Specialty). It is important to note that Directors do not have to chair the events for which they are responsible for overseeing. They can recruit Club Members to chair the events, and serve as the liaison between the Event Chairs and the Board, ensuring the Event Chairs have the resources and volunteers needed to run successful GRCI events.

GRCI is an active club that relies heavily on its Members to volunteer to work at GRCI-sponsored events and hold key positions within the Club, including Board positions. **Please take the initiative to volunteer to serve on GRCI's Board or Nominating Committee.** Just email me at [warrington26@comcast.net](mailto:warrington26@comcast.net) or call me at 847-236-0138 to let me know of your willingness to serve on this year's Nominating Committee or next year's Board. Be sure to indicate which of the Board positions for which you would like to be considered.

Thanks, in advance, for your willingness to serve. I look forward to working with you!

Best regards,

Jane Coen  
GRCI - Vice President

## Wags and Brags

Carolyn Hesse reports that on November 18, 2016, at the WAG Agility Trial in Libertyville, Dempsey finally earned enough points to get his PACH. He's now PACH Aylwyn's Once In A Lifetime NA, NAJ, MXP9, MXPG, MJP6, MJPS, PAX, NF, OFP, CCA, CGC. Two more double Qs and he'll have his PAX2.



PACH Dempsey and Carolyn





Dempsey in action!

Sandy Heimburg reports that her 3 year old Golden "Treasure" earned some fancy titles the 4th quarter of 2016. She earned her UD all with first placements, her Master Jumpers and her Master Standard titles. She is super proud of her little gem.

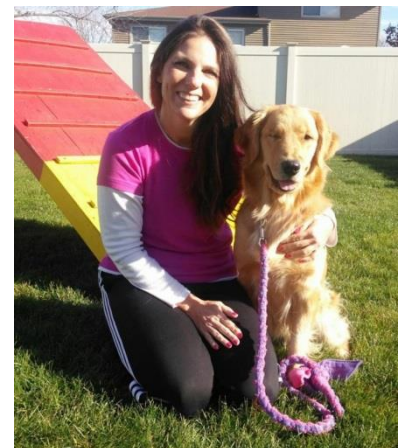
**Argo's Heavenscent Golden Treasure UD BN PCD GN MX MXJ NF "Treasure"**

Sandy also says Treasure's younger sister "Trinket" is starting to enjoy ring time and the fun it brings. She earned her ACT 1 title and 2 Beginner Novice Legs. Trinket will be two in April.

**Molega's SisTeam Hidden in a Trinket ACT1**



Treasure



Sandy and Trinket

Karin and Charlee Bouillon report on Barn Hunt trial success -

We had a barn hunt trial this weekend and Charlee didn't disappoint. She got that final Q giving her the Senior level title. This consists of finding 4 rats, climbing straw bales and navigating a multiple turn tunnel within 3:30. She managed to do this over 2 weekends with times of 2:20, 1:11 and 3:29:57. Yes that last run had everyone holding their breath until I made the final call. Leave it up to Charlee to do it in her own style. Not too shabby though as they were 2 first places and high in class and a 3rd. (Each class level is broken down into dog size)

Next will be Masters, where she will have 1-5 rats and I have to know when she has found the correct number. It will be a fun challenge.



Charlee in the Barn Hunt - "It's a Rat!"



Charlee and Karin

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!



### **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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