



## Golden Retriever Club of Illinois GOLDEN MOMENTS NEWSLETTER

## Announcements

### Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA)

by Robin Comp-Zelles

**News Flash! GRCI's 2015 CCA is History...**

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, saw a dedicated group of volunteers gathering at 7:00 am to set-up for our CCA held at Pawsitively Heaven Pet Resort, Chicago Ridge, IL. This is our second time hosting a CCA at PPHR, and it once again, proved to be an excellent place for its accessibility in so many ways. We always like working with the staff and the room we use is easy to work in. All of our volunteers (identified below) helped to get the room ready with setting up ring gates, tables and hospitality.

As dogs arrived per their scheduled evaluation time, they were capably measured by Kathy Guerra, after expertly calibrating the wicket, and photographed by Hal Axelrod. Kathy and Hal moved through each dog so quickly and smoothly, they didn't even know that they had anything done

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### GRCI Hunt Test

by Joan Wetton

GRCI had a large number of entries for the May 2 and 3 AKC Hunt Test held again at the Des Plaines Wildlife Area in Wilmington, Illinois. 259 dogs: 155 Labradors, 71 Goldens, 10 Flat-Coats, 9 Chessies, 3 Poodles and 11 Other dogs were entered for the weekend. The weather was fantastic, rain free and not too warm, for both dogs and handlers. Junior tests were run on both Saturday and Sunday with 49 and 39 dogs, respectively, entered. Senior was run on Sunday with 30 dogs entered. Three Master groups were

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### Upcoming Events

[GRCI Specialty](#) - June 13  
[GRCI General Meeting](#) - June  
 TBD  
[Agility Trials](#) - July 24, 25m 26

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[grcillinois.org](http://grcillinois.org)

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needed to support the 141 dogs entered.

A special thank you goes out to Beth and Terry Gerdes for once again making this event possible. It is through their many hours of hard work and dedication that GRCI is able to have a well-run, successful hunt test. Thanks also to GRCI members Hal Axelrod and Kathy Guerra who assisted at the test. Their efforts whether in delivering food, marshalling, or just pitching in when help was needed aided in making things run smoothly. It is only through volunteers such as these that GRCI can continue to put on trials.



### GRCI June Specialty

June 13, 2015 is our GRCI Specialty. 2 Conformation Shows, One Rally Trial and One Obedience Trial. Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes are with the Sunday, June 14 Little Fort Kennel Club Show. [Find the Premium Here.](#)

**Silent Auction** - Pat Covek and Laurie Stecker are the Silent Auction Chairs, and they are looking for Golden Retriever or dog related items, as well as other spring or unique donations you may have. Contact Laurie at [aylwyn1@aol.com](mailto:aylwyn1@aol.com) or Pat at [patriciamcovek@gmail.com](mailto:patriciamcovek@gmail.com)

### GRCI Annual Awards

It's Awards Time! You have worked hard with your Golden Retrievers all year, and now it's time to be recognized! We have title award plaques like the one below as well as our perpetual trophies for dogs that have met the criteria. For full details, see our [Awards Detail on the GRCI website](#), along with a [letter from Kaye](#). We will have our Awards presentation at the Annual Picnic in August, so please submit all your [application](#) to Kaye Dahlquist by June 30.

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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](mailto:Aylwyn1@aol.com). She will arrange flowers, cards, and other forms of "sunshine" to brighten their day.

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## GRCI July Agility Trials

It's time to plan for the Agility Trials on July 24, 25 and 26. We need volunteers! The trial is at McCook Athletic & Expo Center, 4750 Vernon Ave. Click [here](#) for more information. [Get the premium.](#) Contact Michelle Kolb with questions at [partyinthepaint1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:partyinthepaint1@sbcglobal.net)

**JUST ADDED! FRIDAY NIGHT Fun Run!!** See details on the premium above.

## GRCA National Needs Volunteers

The GRCA National is in Wilmington OH this year - Sept 26 to Oct 3. If you are planning to go, please [check out this flyer](#) to see where you can help out!

# Wags and Brags

## WAGS AND BRAGS!

After a long and exciting journey of training and showing PJ Mroczenski finally received her MACH at the Lyon's Township Dog Training Club agility trial on May 9th, 2015. She is now MACH Spiderweb's Pajama Party ADHF, XF, CGC

She joins her sister who has a MACH 2. Both dogs were bred by Jamie Brown and her dog the fabulous Spider!

Shown in the picture Judge Annette Narel, PJ, and Mark Mroczenski



### Conformation

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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](mailto:cwilliams0727@gmail.com) or Hal Axelrod at [harryaxe@comcast.net](mailto:harryaxe@comcast.net).

## GRCA Junior Achievement Award

GRCA wants to acknowledge our juniors who are well rounded in many facets of dog ownership. If you know of any juniors who may qualify for this award, please let me know.

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### JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Unlike Junior Showmanship, there are few records kept on those juniors who excel in other facets of being a dog owner. It is up to their friends, instructors, 4-H leaders or clubs to recognize their contributions. If you know of such a junior, nominate them for the Junior Achievement Award.

The Junior Achievement Award is designed to recognize young people, between 10 and 18 years of age for the year being nominated, for their varied interests with dogs, and to encourage well rounded participation in all facets of dog ownership.

Consideration will be given to any dog-related activity with a Golden Retriever, such as, but not limited to:

- Any academic endeavor such as term papers on the history of the Golden Retriever or school assembly speech on dog ownership,
- Community service such as nursing home visits, obedience demonstrations in the community or a "Walk with Fido" for charity,
- Any GRCA WC/WCX event,
- Any AKC event: obedience, tracking, agility, field trials, hunting tests, or conformation.

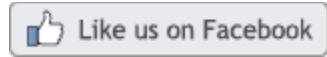
The junior, or his/her sponsor, must submit to the Junior Achievement Chairman (Janet Peacock, 16 Desvio Court, Pacifica, CA 94044-4229 or [jepgr@aol.com](mailto:jepgr@aol.com)) by a written account of the junior's qualifications and accomplishments for the previous calendar year.

Where applicable, copies of titles, certificates, grades, letters of appreciation, etc. should be submitted with the nomination to verify authenticity. Emphasis will be on excellence in a broad spectrum of activities.

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Summer Fun is upon us!



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