



**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 woke up to temperatures in the low 30's, haven't seen those numbers for a long time. This only gets my gang more charged up on their daily walks. As the year starts winding down, your board has been planning the coming year's activities. If there is a subject or activity you would want at a general meeting let us know. At our annual picnic I forgot to mention and thank Cathy Williams who also has come off the board. Cathy has served on the board for many years and we all owe her a big thank you for all she has done for our club. Even though she is coming off the board, Cathy is still active behind the scene, currently she is the editor of our monthly news blast. If you have any articles or "Wags and Brags" send them to Cathy.

It was great seeing so many of you at the Golden Retriever Nationals. Let me do a little bragging for some of our members. Mark Mroczenski and PJ won High in Trial, winning the Excellence in Agility Award over more than 200 Goldens who competed. PJ also was 2nd in the weave pole challenge fundraiser with 50 dogs competing. Mark and Kim's dog Marley was 2nd High in Trial for Preferred dogs.

I can happily say that our 4 month old puppy Vinny, made it through the entire week without one accident in the hotel room. I was conned into handling my Vente in 8-10 Veteran Bitches. In spite of having two left feet, Vente showed wonderfully and I managed not to fall flat on my face. Those are the highlights from the Axelrod's.

Hope to see you at the holiday party on Monday, December 7 at the Chicago Canine Club in Burr Ridge.

Sincerely,
Hal Axelrod

GRCI General Meeting

Monday, October 26, 2015 7:30 p.m.

"Cancer in Golden Retrievers" presented by Dr. Pedro Boria, Oncologist at Blue Pearl Specialty and Emergency Care for Pets. Pedro A. Boria, DVM, MS, DACVIM-Oncology, enjoys working with all aspects of internal medicine, especially with oncology cases. He loves making a difference in the lives of pets living with cancer and their caregivers. Dr. Boria believes with all the advances in veterinary oncology, not only can the best therapies be provided, but also an excellent quality of life, for pets and their families.

Q&A session following formal remarks.

The meeting will begin a 1/2 hour later than usual at 7:30. The presentation will be followed by our general meeting.

Location is at Falcon Park District Bldg. at [2195 Hicks Road](#) in Palatine. It is just N of the intersection of 12 (Rand rd) and Hicks rd. (53) on E side of 12. The building is not visible from the street look for signage.

While we love our Goldens, please leave them home for this presentation.

GRCI Tracking Test

Reported by Nancy Einwich

Golden Retriever Club of Illinois TD & TDX Tracking Test 10/11/2015

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THIS TEST A SUCCESS

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December 7
Holiday Party at the Chicago
Canine Club in Burr Ridge IL

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GRCI could not have HELD this test without you - BIG BIG THANK YOU
Judges - Carla Wolter and Eibhlin Glennon
Tracklayers - Lynn Earhart, Donna Bihner, Jan Jones, Angela Walsh, Cathy Greene,
Kent Hildebrand, Janis McKoski.

Cross Tracklayers - Primary - walked all 4 tracks - Howard Bernier
Steve Einwich helping to walk the cross tracks with Howard on Sunday

Food - Michelle Kolb & Donna McGregor

Michelle and Donna did such a great job with the food. Everyone was so complimentary about our beautiful spread of food each day. We had great food for the plotting of tracks on Saturday and the same wonderful spread for everyone on Sunday.

Special thanks to Donna Bihner for helping me behind the scenes with organizing this test. Donna was a blessing and so much help. Donna got our neat track pulls for the test from Anney Doucette. The pulls were magnets with a tracking dog on them for your car

Kaye Dahlquist - driving Cross Tracklayers around on Sunday

The weather was great and it was nice to spend a beautiful fall day with good friends.

I wish the results could have been a little bit better but everyone sure did make a super attempt to pass their test. Everyone started but some turns just proved to be a little confusing to the dogs and they did not complete the track to earn their titles.

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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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Entering the Field - Cathy Greene - Judges Carla Wolter and Eibhlin Glennon

Wags and Brags

WAGS AND BRAGS FROM THE GRCA NATIONALS!

GRCI was well represented at the Nationals in Ohio this year. Here are a few of the highlights and achievements!



Kim Mroczenski's Golden, PJ, handled by her husband Mark, was High in Trial (Excellence in Agility Award) at the GRCA Nationals Agility Trial last month! More than 200 Golden Retrievers competed in the Standard and JWW classes, and PJ qualified in both with the fastest combined time! PJ also placed 2nd in the "Weave for a Cure" weave pole challenge fundraiser, competing against 50 dogs!



Punch
Mroczenski finished her Open JWW title that day!



Marley
Mroczenski got a double Q and came in second place for High In Trial Preferred!



Journey, co-owned by Karin Boullion with Peggy Covey was 2nd in a large Am-bred class at the National. Surprisingly, this class was the same size as the open dog class and just as competitive.

Karin's dog,
Maris, earned her CCA at the National

AND IN OTHER EVENTS:



Maris has earned two qualifying legs towards her Open title in barn hunt. She only needs one more for the RATO.



Mr. Beau Jangles earned his 8th leg toward his RAE title at the Badger Golden Retriever Club Specialty Show Ixonia, Wisconsin on Saturday October 17, 2015. Two more legs to go!!

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.

Golden Notes - from the National Specialty

by Karin Boullion

Another GRCA National is in the books and it was great to see Illinois members and their dogs compete in many of the venues and be very successful! Congratulations to all!

Watching the one judge this year it was evident she was very interested in heads and "expression" as she would try to catch the dog's attention if the handler wasn't able to. Over the years I have had some dogs who would easily "give ears" and others who wouldn't. With the easy ones, I could use almost anything and it would peak their interest. It's the others that really make you work for every little success in the ring, because oftentimes if a judge can't get a good look at their head/expression, they will pass over a nice dog in favor of another.

One thing that will help is keeping the collar up under the chin and snug behind the ears. Don't use a collar that is too long either (as seems to be in fashion with some handlers). This way, when you have the dog stacked, you hold the collar (with a finger or two) upwards and taut; this will help keep the ears a bit more forward as you "bait" the dog to present a nice profile (if the judge is to the side) or get expression (if the judge walks the line looking at heads & fronts).

You are also going to need to find out what your dog really loves - food, a small toy or even a sound - hopefully something small enough to fit into your pocket. This will be used judiciously in the ring as you don't want to over-expose it to wear off the novelty of it. We had a dog who was not food or toy motivated in his younger years and was for that reason difficult to show (and win). As he aged, he developed a very discerning palate and would only take beef strip steak in the ring and spit out or refuse anything else. It became part of our travel routine, to dine at a steakhouse the night before he would be shown, so we could get his bait (and lest you think he would know the difference between cuts of meat, he once turned his nose up to a nice piece of prime rib). I also learned to carry a smorgasbord of tasty morsels, in the off chance he might like a variety. Overall, that worked for us as he did get placements or class wins when out as a veteran. Some have used flat fur covered

squeakers, or a piece of fur, or even a bird wing. Play around with making different sounds with your mouth, too. If that works, then that's one less thing to try to fit into a pocket! Don't over-expose it, or the dog decides to not "co-operate" as he feels he isn't going to be getting the toy, so why bother. Some judges use their own tricks for getting the dog's attention. I recall one or two who used to use a crinkly candy wrapper, since often there is a candy dish on the table by their judging book. Practice tossing and catching (with your right hand) whatever you decide to use. It doesn't have to be too high. The purpose, again, is to just get the dog's attention. Jerking your hand up and down right in front of their nose rarely works and don't EVER toss the bait! A quick flick, or a small toss & catch will do much more than the up and down of your hand. And using a sound as you come into the judge and stop means you don't have to worry about getting that bait. And finally, it helps too if the nerves don't accompany you into the ring, but that is easier said than done, especially at a big event like the National and you are suddenly in contention! Take a deep breath and good luck!
Until next time



Have a Happy and Safe Halloween!!