



**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 have some good news. The disaster relief trailer was finally unveiled in September. It will be housed in Will County, but can be used in any county in the area when there is a need. Our logo is proudly displayed on the trailer along with other breed clubs in the area. While there are just over 50 trailers in the United States, this is the first one in Illinois. Our club made a donation to the AKC for this trailer over a year ago. The stipulation is that when breed clubs raised \$12,000 in donations the AKC matched that amount and purchased and stocked the trailer. This is something we hope is never used, but just in case it is good to know it can handle 75 animals in a time of need.

By the time you read this the Nationals will be over. Best of luck to those club members who have the opportunity showing their dogs at Nationals. My boys will be competing in conformation without us cheering them on. In the mean time Vente is getting much needed rest with them away. Thank you to Jenn Hoffmann for transporting the GRCI's raffle basket out to California.

We also just hosted our fall Agility trials and Tracking Test. Thanks in advance to Michelle Kolb and her committee led by Andie Zelles for all your hard work putting on the Agility Trial. Also thanks to Nancy Einwich and Donna Bihner for organizing the tracking Test that is the same weekend.

The next two general meetings are not to be missed. On October 24th Robin Comp-Zelles will be continuing her Fundamental seminar, but this time dogs are invited to participate. This will be held at Bow Wow Playground in Villa Park. Then to celebrate the holidays early, we'll have our annual holiday dinner party with a visit from you know who, at Chicago Canine Club in Burr Ridge on December 5.

If you have any articles or "Wags and Brags" send them to Cathy Williams.

Sincerely,
Hal Axelrod

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Upcoming Events

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 October 24, 2016
 Bow-Wow Playground, Villa Park, IL

[GRCI General Meeting](#)
 December 5
 Chicago Canine Club

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GRCI President Hal Axelrod, his wife, Hollis, and Vente and Vespa visited the new emergency trailer.



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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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As a sponsor of the trailer, GRCI's logo is displayed on the side.

GRCI General Meeting

Monday, October 24, 7:00 P.M. at [Bow-Wow Playground, 400 W. St Charles Rd., Villa Park, IL 60181](#)

Join us for a follow up to our April meeting, when Robin and Andie Zelles taught us training FUNdamentals. This time, bring your Golden for some hands on tips! We will also have a short business meeting and recap of recent activities and upcoming events! See you there!

GRCI Tracking Test Results, Hampshire IL

Well, another GRCI Tracking Test is in the record books. The weather could not have been any better. We were truly blessed with a beautiful weekend. We had 3 TD entries with 2 passes. We also had 3 TDX entries with one alternate TDX test. The alternate test was able to be run which truly made our first Alt very happy We had 3 TDX passes. The two dogs that did

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not pass this year did very well and were so close to passing. These two dogs will certainly pass the next test they are in.

The food was delicious and a big THANK YOU goes out to Michelle Kolb for cooking everything and helping us out with the food on Sunday. A big THANK YOU also goes out to Kaye Dahlquist for helping with the food on Saturday.

We gave each participant a track pull ball, a picnic bowl, crate pad and GRCI tote bag. The participants were very pleased with the extra gifts and I have received some really nice emails back saying what a great job we did with the test.

Thanks to our wonderful judges Sandra McMillan and Carla Wolter. They put in well thought out tracks.

Our tracklayers, Connie Hillquist, Penny Kurz, Michelle Cullen, Deb Daleiden and her Grandson Kyle, Jan Jones, Kent Hildebrand and Amy Voss did a great job and gave up an entire weekend to help us. We could not do our test if it wasn't for these great tracklayers. Each tracklayer also received the GRCI gifts mentioned above.

A great job was done by Donna Bihner as our Test Secretary this year. Donna did all the paperwork and secured our track pulls. It is not easy doing all the catalogs, judging programs etc etc. Thanks Donna !! This was Donna's second year helping GRCI put on a successful test.

Michelle - thanks again for all your help. You were my sounding board for so many decisions and just someone to call and talk to as we were organizing the test, Thanks Michelle.

Nancy Einwich
Test Chairman



TDX Results

We had three GOLDEN TDX PASSES

Darcy and Pat with Grieger with Jetoca Counting Stars Over Silent Seas

Cheryl Clark & Randy Capsel with Arista's Ben Up to No Good

Steven & Suzanne Loucks with Showshoes Liv N The Lazy Life

So happy for everyone both the TD and TDX's passes. We had a

wonderful weekend - beautiful weather, good food and lots of friends having a nice time doing what they love - TRACKING!



GRCI October Agility Trials - October 7, 8 and 9

We just finished a full weekend of Agility trials - more on the event in the next newsletter!

GRCA 2016 National



Please send your wags and brags or stories from your trip to California to Cathy Williams cwilliams0727@gmail.com. Hope everyone had a fun and safe time!

Wags and Brags

WAGS AND BRAGS

Cathy Williams reports that she and Emmett were busy with K9 Nosework and earned a NW2 title and a Level 1 Interiors title in back-to-back weekends!



Cathy and Emmett after a successful trial day.

Karin Boullion reports from the National that Journey not only earned his CD title in Novice B, but also took 4th Place in the Amateur Owner-Handler class! Congratulations, Karin and Journey. Glad it was worth the trip!



Journey getting ready to show at the National

Sandy Foster reports that her girl, Dyna, got a "Double Q and Double Blue" at the GRCI Agility Trial. Way to go girls!



Dyna

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.

Meaningful Accomplishments

By Cathy Williams

Nosework has been a fun and gratifying training opportunity for me and my dogs. I am currently training and competing with 3 of my dogs - Arlington, who has her Elite 1 title, Kaila, who has been trialing in NW3, and Emmett, who just started Nosework a year ago and is having success beyond my expectations.

Emmett earned his NW1, NW2 and LV1I, all on our first attempts. While that is great for any dog and Nosework team, it is an especially meaningful achievement for Emmett and me. Emmett is not like my other two Nosework dogs, who can ignore new sights and sounds and get to work. He can be intimidated by the environment - loud barking dogs, strange people and other smells can affect the way he works. In addition, because he is sometimes affected by other dogs in a training environment, the majority of our training was at home and on our own.

At our NW1 trial, I could see that he was worried about some of the other dogs and noises, and when our turn came, and it was time for the warm up boxes, he was not interested in working at all - too many people, dogs and moving parts for comfort. My nerves were in a bundle for sure! Our vehicle search was first, and while it took some time to get him focused, he worked out the scent on a blustery day and sourced it when most other dogs had trouble. I had some similar tentative behaviors for our interior and container search, but we used our time wisely and found the source! By the time the exterior came around, he confidence was greater, and he worked that search out pretty quickly. I was SO overwhelmed that he could overcome these hurdles, I was in tears with our success and the fact that we titled that day.

I wasn't sure we were ready for our NW2, but the September trial was too close to pass, so I entered. We got a coveted spot! I put together an at-home training schedule for the next 4 or 5 weeks and prepared the best we could. The week of the trial, I thought it would be good for him to go to class - an unfamiliar environment - like a trial. We had a very hard time that night - little interest in the search and highly distracted by the environment. With this, I did not have great expectations for the trial in 3 days.

Trial day came, and the parking lot was crammed full of cars and dogs. I was worried, and I am sure Emmett was too. The vehicle search was first - 2 hides - he nailed them! And I heard later that he was one of the first to be successful. The day continued well, and we titled! Not only that, but we placed 6th overall, and only 8 out of 38 dogs passed all the searches that day!

While I take great pride in all the accomplishments of my dogs, these made me extra proud. Having success is even more meaningful when you have challenges and hurdles like Emmett's to overcome. I am so grateful for the sport of K9 Nosework and my trainer, Margaret Simek's training methods to enable me to spend great quality time with my dogs and allow for dogs like Emmett to have successful outings.

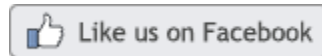
Happy Sniffing!



Emmett's NW2 container search



A Golden Halloween Classic! Treats for Tricks!!



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