



## 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. It feels like fall is in the air today. I know it is just a tease as I look to next week's forecast. It is a welcomed cool down all the same. I hope my 3 month old puppy is up to the challenge of picking up all the leaves in the yard this fall. It seems to be his favorite sport right now. Congratulations to all the dogs and their owners that were recognized for their achievements at our annual picnic. At the picnic we also recognized Barb Gron-Grosse for all her hard work over the last 4 years while serving on the board as Public Education Director. While her time on the board comes to a close for now, I'm sure we'll continue to see a lot of Barb.

Taking over for Barb will be Cheri Mitchneck. We welcome her to the board and look forward to working with Cheri. The board is still looking for a Director who has the Specialty as their main responsibility. The board is close to announcing the Specialty Chair for 2016. This director would be working with a seasoned committee. If you are interested or have questions about serving please contact Jane Coen or myself. Your club is not done for the year. We have the Golden Retriever Nationals at the end of the month, and I know I'll see many of you there. Then we have our Tracking test October 11<sup>th</sup>.

At our last board of directors meeting and general meeting, we discussed the need for more of our membership to be involved in our club. Many of us bring new members to our club through groups we train with or families who make homes for our puppies. However, it is not the number of members we have but the involvement of the membership that makes our chapter thrive.

Hope to see you around.

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.

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### Upcoming Events

[Board Meeting](#) - October 5, 2015

[GRCA National](#) - September 26, 2015

[Tracking Test](#) - October 10, 2015

[GRCI General Meeting](#), October 26

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

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

## GRCI Annual Picnic and Awards Celebration

At our Aug 16th annual picnic we celebrated this year's award recipients.

We had 46 brass plates awarded for the categories of Agility, Obedience, Rally, Tracking, Conformation, Hunting, and Therapy. These brass plates attach to a lovely wood plaque where the dog's 5" x 7" photo is to be mounted. Each AKC title is eligible for an additional plate. So the dog's continuing accomplishments can be sequenced by chaining each 4" x 1 1/4" plate to the one above.

What a wonderful way to recognize your team's achievements. Since you are not charged for any awards, so why not go for it and submit information on each earned title. You can honor your dog and have a very nice wall mounted record of your accomplishments showing your dog's name along with completion dates and titles.

We had 11 framed certificates awarded for Therapy work as well as a UKC title. Medallions were also given for therapy visits.

We had 4 Perpetual trophies awarded!! These are large coffee table trophies with the outstanding dog's name and year awarded engraved onto the trophy. These winners get to keep the trophy for a year ( Just like the Blackhawks get to show off the Stanley cup! ), and then trade it back for a small keeper trophy. (We hope to award all 8 next year!)

We also gave out a plaque for the Dog of the Year as well as an award for our retiring board member.

The deadline for earning titles is the last day of May. Check for complete info and requirements on our web site. (In addition we ask you to be an active GRCI member attend several general meetings and help out at an event.)

So time to get busy training. This is the year to go for it; bring out the best in your dog, and we hope you are preparing for some awards next year.

See this [link to all the Award Winners and Recipients](#).

My Best, Kaye



## Report from the July Agility Trials

By Andie Zelles  
Oh what a day!

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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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This year at the July 2015 GRCI agility trial we offered a Sanctioned Match after judging was complete. After promoting the event over Facebook, in the Premium, and by word of mouth, we FILLED all thirty spots for both Jumpers and Standard levels.

So many people were thrilled to have the opportunity to train their dogs on show grounds after the trial. Everyone who participated enjoyed the courses and loved being able to work their dogs in two runs. Many people commented on how their dogs improved the next day at the trial after participating in the match.

The money we raised was around \$300 and was donated to the GRF Zeke Cancer Fund. I can't say enough about the fun times we had at the match and the positive feedback from participants.

I believe that if we offer a fun match next trial many people will be even MORE excited to join in the fun!

### Many Thanks from Michelle Kolb

**Hip Hip Hooray! Our July 2015 Agility Trials are History!**

**Many GRCI members deserve a standing ovation: Robin Comp-Zelles, Kim Mroczenski, Andie Zelles, Betty Smith, Barb Gron-Grosse, Carolyn Hesse, Murray Mitchneck, and Dana Nelson.**

**Robin Comp-Zelles** was behind the scenes leading me every step of the way, with all of the logistics of the trial... Robin and Kim were our personal shoppers, from Entry Gifts (Mesh Bags with the GRCI Logo), Worker Gifts (Plastic Salad Bowls with our Logo), and Glass Tumblers with the GRCI Logo for all the Golden Retrievers entered in our trial. GRCI is known for the Awesome Gifts we give, and ordering and labeling all of the gifts for everyone is a lot of work. Thanks to Robin and Kim.

From the time Robin arrived on Thursday p.m. until the end of Sunday p.m. when the Trailer was completely packed, I did not see her sit down once. Thursday on set up day Robin had a vision on how we needed to lay out the tape on the floor for the crating and ring dimensions. Friday when I told her to go get lunch, she went to the lunch room and got her lunch and came back and stood to eat, making sure everything continued to run smoothly. I heard on Saturday and Sunday that Robin did sit for a few minutes in lunch room to eat but I did not see it. **When I think of GRCI Agility Trials I think of Robin Comp-Zelles.**

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## Wags and Brags

### WAGS AND BRAGS!

Cathy Williams reports that Kaila, Ch. Forever Miss Hawaiian Tropic, earned her first K9 Nosework title, NW1, on September 6 in Hudson, WI, and placed 2nd out of 45 dogs in the Vehicle Search.



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).

## The Obedience Corner

by Jane Coen

### "The Time to Teach Precision"

When you and your dog enter an American Kennel Club (AKC) obedience trial, you enter the ring with a perfect score of 200. Every time you or your dog makes an error, the judge deducts one half or more points off of your score. To receive a qualifying score, you and your dog must earn a score of at least 170 points, while earning at least 50% of the points for each exercise applicable to your level of competition, i.e., Novice, Open or Utility.

Points can be lost for "crooked" or out of position sits at the Heel position or when the dog comes into the front position on a Recall, Retrieve or Jumping exercise. Points can also be lost for any other nonconforming performance, based on the standards reflected in AKC's *Obedience Regulations*. Obedience trial judges maintain a mental picture of the perfect performance (as defined by the *Obedience Regulations*) as they judge the dog and handler teams that enter their rings. When team performances fall short of that "perfect performance" mental picture, points are deducted from the teams' scores.

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Good Luck to everyone going to the Nationals! Goldens Rule!!!