



GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF ILLINOIS Golden Moments Newsletter

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GRCI News & Updates

Welcome to 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, Donna Bihner

Hello GRCI Members!

Happy Holidays Everyone!



I cannot believe the end of the year is upon us. I guess the fact that we just had our Holiday party should have made it hit home but somehow it was the emails saying "last call for shipping gifts by Christmas" that made me realize it is almost the end of the year. Hmmm.... Maybe it is guilt because my shopping is not done! Anyway, It I has been a busy year for our club and next year looks like it will be just has much fun. We have such a fabulous group and it is growing at every meeting. It is always a pleasure to welcome new members and we had 3 families join at the Holiday party alone!

As I mentioned we just had our Holiday party and it was a big one! There were people and dogs everywhere. We had pizza and goodies, played games and took pictures with Santa. Santa gave each dog a goodie bag with toys and treats. I know my dogs are in love with the toys they received. Thank you so much Cheri Mitchneck, Kaye Dahlquist, Michelle Kolb and to Santa - Randy Johnson for making it a fun evening.

We also had our final agility trials of the year. Every year our intrepid agility committee says they are tired and then they add more. What a fabulous group of devoted GRCI volunteers. A huge thank you to Kim & Mark Mroczenski, Robin Comp Zelles Michelle Kolb and Andie Zelles. You are a bonded group who work

hard to make sure every trial runs smooth, is inviting to competitors and most of all FUN. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

As busy as 2019 has been 2020 will be as well. We are very lucky to belong to a very active club. I've talked to members of other clubs across the country and they are amazed at all we do. Sometimes I think we forget how special it is to have so many opportunities to do dog activities very close to us. A friend of mine came to visit from Mississippi and I took her to a local training club. Her eyes got very wide and she said we have nothing like this near me. It takes me 2 hands to count how many I know of off the top of my head and she has a big Zero. So take advantage of all our opportunities!

Thank you all for helping us make this a great club and have a fabulous holiday season.

Donna Bihner
GRCI President

PS In your down time over the holidays don't forget to check out the NEW GRCI Website! Password to the Members Only area is GRCI. This password will change after the renewal period is over and active members will be sent a new password.

Membership Renewals Due!

January 1, 2020

It's a busy time of year, but don't forget to send in your GRCI Membership Renewal. Timely return of your membership and dues will ensure you continue to receive the newsletter, announcements and emails, and makes you and your Golden eligible for GRCI Awards at our Awards Banquet. Please mail them to GRCI Treasurer Murray Mitchneck. Thank you!!



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GRCI Membership Meeting

February 24, 7:00 P.M

Via Conference call

We had good participation and feedback from our conference call meeting in October, so our February meeting will be via call as well. This allows people who are unable to travel to a location for a meeting stay connected and hear updates on all the great activities we have going on. Please plan to join us!



For more information, contact Donna Bihner dbihner@gmail.com

GRCI Upcoming Events

Pet Expo - March 20-22, Arlington Park Racetrack

GRCI will need volunteers to help at our booth. We provide public education regarding ownership of a Golden Retriever and also promote the fun activities we organize as a Club. Contact Cheri Mitchneck at agility12@aol.com if you can help!



Heart, Eye and Microchip Clinic April 19, 2020, Dundee Animal Hospital

GRCI will host a clinic for eye and heart exams for OFA clearance by Board certified veterinary ophthalmologist and cardiologist, and microchips for those dogs who need them. ALL BREEDS WELCOME! For more details contact Pat Covek. We will have a sign up form soon!



Certificate of Conformation Assessment April 19, 2020

GRCI is pleased to be hosting a GRCA CCA event on April. 19th. The event will be held at Dash K9 in Geneva IL.

We will be having two groups, AM and PM. You can indicate on your form which you would prefer, and we will do our best to accommodate your request. The entry is a random draw, but GRCI members will be chosen first, so do not delay in getting in your entries!



Remember you do NOT need to show groom your dog for a CCA but they must be clean and in good physical condition. A judge must easily be able to run their hands over your dog so practice if your dog doesn't like strangers putting their hands on their body. Dogs must be over 18 months old to be entered.

For more about the CCA, check the GRCA website CCA Page .

GRCI usually only hosts a CCA event every two years, but we had great location and judges last year, so other members and dogs can take advantage of this opportunity again this year. The same evaluator panel that we had last year is currently scheduled to provide our assessments.

If you have questions, please contact Donna Bihner at dbihner@gmail.com.

Wags and Brags

Donna is happy to say her youngster Zee earned his Rally Novice title!



Donna and Zee

Nancy Pederson's Driver (Sharmik-Forever Green White Checker CDX PCD BN GN RAE TKN CCA) picked up 2 legs towards his Graduate Open title with 2-2nd places in November.



Driver

Sandy Heimburg's Token earned her Novice Trick Title in October at just 9 months old!



Token

Jane Coen is happy to report her Loosey earned her UD title at three consecutive trials on November 24 and 30 and December 1. Loosey placed first in Utility A at all three trials.

Jane also reports her Trevor, Loosey's son, earned his CD title in November with scores of 197 1/2, 197 and 197 1/2. He also earned his Rally Advanced title at the same trials.



Loosey, UD

Kaye Dahlquist and Timer got their first Open Leg, with a First Place Blue Ribbon!



Timer and Kaye

Kaye's dog, Jayda, passed her first 2 AKC Scent Work Detective Class trials at For Your K9. Combined Interior and exterior search areas had 5-10 scented containers which need to be found in an allotted time. This was one interior area, and it opened up into the exterior area. "It was fun time trusting my dog and letting her lead the way. Good girl Jayda!"



Betty Smith reports that Winston was a star at the GRCl agility trials this past weekend. He Qd in 4 of 5 runs, finishing his Open Jumpers title, getting 2 Qs in Open Standard, and a Q in Excellent FAST.



Winston

Misty earned her RAE title and Blue earned his RE title at Northwest Obedience Club Rally trial on December 13, 2019. Judge Loretta Lazarra is awesome as well as the raffles and NOIC members organizing a fun Holiday trial. We had so much fun! Great Christmas present and exciting way to end 2019. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped to make our Holiday party special on December 2, 2019. Thanks Santa Randy Johnson, Donna Bihner for awesome pictures, Michelle Kolb and Kaye Dalquist for games and our great set up and cleanup crew. Thanks Murray Mitchneck for helping me with all the supplies in spite of flat tire on the way to party. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, Cheri.



Shop GRCI Merchandise!

GRCI has a BRAND NEW online merchandise store! 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.

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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 a cards or other forms of "sunshine" to brighten their day.

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