



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

Happy Spring (almost) Everyone!

While I'm writing to you from Sarasota I've been keeping an eye out on the local weather, and it is in the 50's already! Spring is on its way, thankfully, and we will be traveling north for the summer. Looking forward to seeing everyone but especially being closer to my grandson!



As I mentioned last month several events are coming over the next couple of months. If there is any way you can participate or help out, please let us know. We can always use an extra hand! More information on each of these events can be found on the club web site. A huge thank you to everyone that is organizing and volunteering at these events!

- Health Clinic April 19 Contact Pat Covakpatriciamcovek@gmail.com
- Hunt Test May 2-3 Contact Andi Zellesandreana.zelles@gmail.com

Speaking of lending a hand, we do need members to consider running for a Board position. Normally we have 1 or maybe 2 positions open each year (sometimes none). This year we have 4 positions open. None of us are leaving due to problems with the club, things have just changed in our lives, and we can no longer serve. The Board positions are not a major undertaking of time, but they are vital to the club. We could very much use some help. Please contact me if you have any interest. I promise if you call with questions, I will not pressure you

into volunteering! Open positions are:

- President
- Secretary
- Director Health Clinic and Awards
- Director Agility, Obedience, Scent Work

A full board is vital to the club, and we must fill these positions. Please consider getting involved!

With all the news on the new virus I know questions are coming up regarding dog events as they are a gathering space. I truly hope we do not have to cancel any events or not be able to attend shows. So my parting words are be careful and wash your hands!

Donna Bihner
GRCI President

GRCI Membership Meeting

April 13, 2020 7:00 P.M
Location TBD

Please plan to join us!

For more information, contact Miriam Karate at
sm2mz1@gmail.com.



GRCI Upcoming Events

Pet Expo - March 20-22, Arlington Park Racetrack

While the Pet Expo is still scheduled as of newsletter issue date, the GRCI Board voted to take pass this year to protect the health of our members.

We are so appreciative of those who volunteered for shifts and hope that you are able to help us out with some of our other events.

If you have questions about the Expo, please contact Cheri Mitchneck at
agility12@aol.com.



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 847-526-5089. Please find a link to the form below.

[GRCI Eye, Heart and Microchip Clinic Form](#)



Certificate of Conformation Assessment

As many members may know, we usually host a CCA every OTHER year. We hosted a CCA in March 2019, and we hoped to have another in 2020. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have decided to postpone another CCA until 2021.

We offer apologies to members who may have sent entries and checks.

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



GRCI Hunt Test

May 2 and 3

Des Plaines Wildlife Conservation Area

24621 N River Rd, Wilmington, IL 60481

We need volunteers to prepare lunches for the judges and helpers. The kitchen is open this year for us to use to prepare lunches. Lunches are typically sub sandwiches (or the like), chips, cookies and a drink.

This is a great opportunity to get out and see what hunt tests are all about!

Please contact Beth Gerdes at 309-310-3330 or Andie Zelles at 630-536-4854.



Our Sympathies

On March 4, Rick Larson, a GRCI member, breeder and friend to all Goldens, passed away unexpectedly after recovering from heart surgery.

We extend our sympathy to his husband, Mike Kudsk, his family, and of course his beloved Goldens.

Rick was known for being a sweet man, easy to have a conversation with anyone, and shared his love of Goldens with families and other GRCI members through the puppies and dogs he produced and loved.

Thank you Rick, for your contributions to the breed, and to a life well lived.



GRCI also extends sincere sympathy to long time GRCI member Carolyn Hesse, whose husband Bill Hallenbeck passed away on February 23, 2020.

Our hearts are broken for Life Member Ruth Smith, whose husband Leonard passed away February 29, 2020.

We hope that your families and your Golden Retrievers are providing you support and comfort during this extremely difficult time.

COVID-19 and our Dogs

As you have seen in this newsletter, we have canceled or postponed some spring events out of health concerns related to COVID-19.

Please see the link below to an article by Whole Dog Journal regarding the coronavirus, our dogs and ourselves. We certainly hope everyone stays healthy in this uncertain environment.

[Coronavirus, Your Dog and You by Whole Dog Journal](#)

Wags and Brags

Donna posted that Zee earned his first title in Florida - his first leg of Advanced Rally!



Zee

Kim Mroczenski reports that MACH 2 Spiderweb's Pajama Party aka PJ received her

PACH at the Lhasa Ahpso trial at Manhattan in February. We are so proud of her and she is 12 years old! Such a fun and smart dog.
Mark and I are very proud of her. She also qualified again for the AKC National Agility Championship in Perry, GA in March.



PJ and Mark

Kim also reports that Top Flight's Cocktail Party aka Punch received her MACH at the July GRCI agility trial at McCook.
She also qualified for the AKC National Agility Championship.
She did all of this while also being treated for Lymphoma. Super proud of how smart and brave and wonderful she is and she amazes us daily. She is only 8 and won't be with us much longer but every day is a gift.



MACH Punch

Jane Coen reports her Trevor 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.



Trevor

Cathy Williams thanks GRCI for sending a card of sympathy on her loss of her dear boy, Emmett. Thank you to all my Golden friends - your support and understanding make it possible to manage through these hard times. Rest peacefully, sweet boy. There is never enough time, and I miss you every day.



Emmett

Please share your Goldens accomplishments! Send an email summary and a photo to Cathy Williams at cwilliams0727@gmail.com to be included in the next Golden Moments!

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.

[GRCI Merchandise Store](#)



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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