



## GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF ILLINOIS Golden Moments Newsletter

July/August 2020

### 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.

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### Message from GRCI's President, Donna Bihner

Hello GRCI Members!

We are back in Illinois and happy to be seeing old friends (if even at a distance). Our timing seems to be a good thing as now Florida is a hot spot, and we are secluded at our place out west of Rockford.



As the last few months have passed it seemed like we would never have another event, but GRCI actually has some happening in the very near future! At the end of July and the beginning of September, we have an agility trial and in August we have our annual meeting/picnic and awards presentation. I know the committees for both events are working extra hard to make all of the events safe for all. As the COVID rules have changed constantly, this has been a very difficult task. If you are able to attend any of these upcoming events, please make sure you thank the committee members. The committee for agility is Kim Mroczenski, Betty Smith, Michelle Kolb, Robin Comp-Zelles, Mark Mroczenski, and Andi Zelles. The picnic committee is Cheri Mitchneck, Murray Mitchneck and Kathy Bova. They embody the old saying "The show must go on!" A HUGE thank you from GRCI to all of you!

This is our last newsletter of the club's fiscal year. At our picnic in August our new Board will be introduced. My thanks to each of the current Board Members for the hard work of the past year - many of whom will stay on for the next year. Those that will remain are Cheri & Murray Mitchneck, Meredith Leuck, Miriam Zarate, and Andie Zelles. Outgoing members are Jennifer Rudolph, Kathy Bova, Betty Smith and myself. Each of these members worked hard on so many events that

unfortunately were cancelled after much work had been done. Thank you all for hanging in there, and for everything you have given to GRCI. An extra special thank you to Betty Smith, our Secretary, who has been on the board for 8 years!

I cannot believe this will be my last newsletter article - where did three years go? I guess time flies while you are having fun! It truly has been an action packed few years, as our club is very busy and hosts many events (up until this horrible year). A lot of people tell me I'm crazy to be involved on any Board, but my response is always "if the people work together and are willing to try new things to stay active and vital, then I'm happy to volunteer". GRCI more than meets that criteria. Thank you to all of you for letting me a part of the history of GRCI.

Take care everyone, and I so hope to see you all in the near future.

Donna Bihner  
GRCI President  
Hello Everyone!

**GRCI Annual Picnic and Award Presentation**  
**Sunday, August 9**  
**Noon to 5 p.m.**



# Golden Retriever Club of Illinois

## Picnic and Annual Awards Meeting

Sunday, August 9, 2020

Our Annual Picnic and Awards Meeting has been planned for all GRCI members, **GOLDENS**, and their families. You are invited to join us!

Our Annual Meeting will start at 12:00 pm where we will introduce our new Board

Lunch will be served about 1:00 p.m.

After lunch will be our Annual Awards Presentation

Games for **GOLDENS** will follow.

Please note the location has a huge covered shelter, open green space, lovely a/c restrooms and hiking trails. Due to COVID-19, we must social distance 6' apart as much as possible. Please bring your own chairs and wear masks when 6' or less apart. Lunch will be an individual boxed lunch including utensils and lemonade. Water and soda will also be available. If you have a pop-up tent, please bring it for dogs to be out of sun. We will use the pavilion for members and guests. We would greatly appreciate anyone coming early (11:15am) to help set up!

**Date: Sunday, August 9, 2020 12:00 Noon to Dusk**

**Time: 12:00 noon Meeting, 1:00 pm BBQ Served**

**Location: Seager Park Interpretive Center**

**1163 Plank Road Naperville, Illinois 60540**

**630-848-5000 [www.napervilleparks.org/facilities/seagerparkinterpretivecenter](http://www.napervilleparks.org/facilities/seagerparkinterpretivecenter)**

**RAIN or SHINE**

The menu is: SHARKO'S "The Premium Judge's Plate, ribs, 2 meats, 2 sides, Sassy BBQ sauce, homemade pickles, homemade brownies, tableware and napkins individually bagged. Water and Soda available

The cost is \$10.00 charge to our members. The cost per guest is \$20.00.

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### SUBMIT RESERVATION FORM BY AUGUST 3

Members please mail this form with your check payable to GRCI to:

Cheri Mitchneck, 39 E. Dahlia Lane, Round Lake Beach, IL 60073

Cheri's phone: 847-722-4287, email : [agility12@aol.com](mailto:agility12@aol.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

#of Members(@\$10.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_ # of Guests (@\$20.00 each) \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed check \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Worker compensation coupons can be used toward picnic charge)

## GRCI Upcoming Events

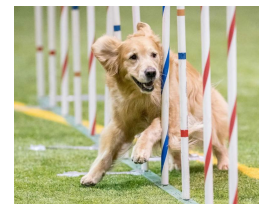
### Agility Trial

**July 24-26, 2020**

**McCook Athletic and Exposition Center**

**McCook, IL**

We are excited to host agility trials next weekend! Our GRCI committee members and volunteers have worked hard to schedule an event that is safe and fun! For more information, please see the [GRCI event website page.](#)



**October 19, 2020, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

## **General Membership Meeting Place and Topic TBD**

**December 7, 2020 7 p.m.  
GRCI Holiday Party  
Biscuits and Bows, Palatine, IL**

GRCI has decided not to participate in the Pet Expo rescheduled for October 16-18, 2020. GRCI will participate in the Pet Expo next Spring, March 19, 20, 21, 2021 at Arlington Raceway, Arlington Heights, IL. The 2021 Pet Expo volunteer sign up sheet will be passed around again at the Holiday Party on December 7, 2020 at Biscuits and Bows, Palatine, IL. Thank you to the members for volunteering for this year, but unfortunately the Pet Expo was cancelled. For the safety of our members, it was decided to wait until next Spring.

Cheri Mitchneck, Director of Public Education

### **A Note of Thanks from Michelle Kolb**

I want to thank Cathy Williams for nominating me and the GRCI members for awarding me the Pete and Cathy Miller Trophy for 2019. It was an honor and privilege to be awarded the trophy, and it will always be a very special memory to me.

I was on the board in 2012 when the idea was suggested and the Pete and Cathy Miller Award was created, and I never thought that someday I would be chosen for the trophy. To have my name engraved alongside of many amazing GRCI members is very special to me.

I have proudly displayed the award on my fireplace for the entire year. My friends and family would ask which dog won the trophy. I proudly answered, "I did".

I hope this award inspires members to volunteer their time to a club we are proud of and to the Golden Retrievers we love.

Thanks Again,  
Michelle Kolb



### **Special Birthday Wishes to Jessie Gerdes!!!**

**Happy 17th Birthday to Jessie!!! Cheers to many more!!!**



Jessie (U-CDX Kuventre's Cowboy In Me CDX MH WCX OD) was born May 31st, 2003. She was one of the smallest in the litter, but definitely one of the mightiest. Jessie was our second master hunter and has blessed us with several of her offspring to help carry on the longevity in her lines. Her mother lived to be 18 years, two months old. Hoping we can get to age 18. We celebrated #17 with good friends and a peanut butter cake for Jessie. - Beth Gerdes



On Behalf of GRCI, we wish Jessie and the Gerdes family many more happy days with Jessie! It is so special to have our Golden babies with us for such a long and beautiful life!

**Happy Birthday!!!**



## Wags and Brags

Kaye Dahlquist's girl, Jayda, successfully completed her 3rd NACSW NW3 title, and as a result, now has her NW3 ELITE title!! Congratulations to Kaye and Jayda!!! On to the Elite trials, where I am sure they will see more success in K9 Nosework!



Jayda - NW3 Elite

Tails are wagging often at Michelle Kolb's pool! Her Goldens - Destiny, Takoda and Pizzazz - cool off frequently with a group swim.



Destiny, Takoda and Pizzazz

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

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

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