



## GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF ILLINOIS Golden Moments Newsletter

June 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 Everyone!

I don't know about you, but I miss all of our dog activities. I miss training and trials and seeing my friends every week. This is the strangest time, and one that we can only hope ends soon. During this downtime I've tried hard to keep going by taking obedience and agility classes on-line. I've attended grooming seminars and done some private grooming using video. I think I am FINALLY getting it! Knowing there was no chance for a show in the near future I was more willing to experiment and learn as any mistakes would grow out before anyone saw my poor dogs! I also earned a new trick title on all three of my dogs. Ellie even came out of retirement (she is 10) and got her novice title. She was actually thrilled to be in on the action. All of these activities helped, but it just makes me miss you all more! I hope you have all found ways to stay engaged. Take advantage of the titles that can be earned via video. All of the trick titles and Rally novice can all be earned by submitting videos. It's nice to have somethings we can work on.



Right now all of the GRCI activities have been cancelled through June. We are waiting to see what happens over the next couple of weeks to see if we can hold our July agility trials. AKC has come out with some guidelines that frankly work (in my opinion) better with a two ring trial like ours. We will just have to see what the state allows. Cross your fingers everyone!

We are also hoping that our annual picnic will happen in August. Maybe it will be our coming out party! Thinking of the picnic makes me think of our awards. Have you sent in your forms yet?? (see the website if you need forms). The Board changed the requirements this year to make it easier to qualify for awards since so many of our activities had to be cancelled. All you need to do is attend a membership meeting (in person or on the phone) or work on one event or committee. We have changed the award program a lot this year, and we offer some very nice personalized awards. Make sure if check it out!

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

Donna Bihner  
GRCI President

## **GRCI Membership Meeting**

**June 22, 2020 7:00 P.M**  
**Via ?Video Conference?**

Please plan to join us via video conference or phone to get the latest updates!

June is an important participation month. We need a quorum to vote on our 2020-2021 Board Member slate of candidates. It will also be nice to see and catch up with our Golden friends.



The Slate of Board Member Nominees for 2020-2021 are:

- President: Hal Axelrod
- Vice President: Miriam Zarate
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- Director (Public Education, Annual Picnic): Cheri Mitchneck
- Director (Health Clinics/Awards): Sally Banka
- Director (Specialties): Meredith Leuck

For more information, contact Miriam Zarate at [sm2mz1@gmail.com](mailto:sm2mz1@gmail.com).

## **GRCI Upcoming Events**

**All GRCI Events are Canceled through June 2020.**

We will send communication about the possibility of July agility trials as we get clarification.



## **Awards! Awards! Bravo! Bravo!**

While we may not have had a chance to complete all our goals and the levels of competition as we may have planned or anticipated, we still have A LOT to celebrate!

Have you seen the exciting new options for our achievements? Four levels of awards are available, and if your dog earned any AKC title, you are eligible for at least a Level 1 recognition gift from GRCI. Lots of fun items to choose from to commemorate your work!

Please take a look at the wonderful options at this [link](#).

The levels are outlined on the [Application for Awards](#).

We hope to be able to gather for the picnic and presentation of these and the Perpetual Trophies in August. See the [guidelines for the Perpetual Trophies and eligibility for all awards](#) on our website.

Also, please consider nominating a member for the Pete & Cathy Miller Award, which has been given each year since it was created by the Board. Previous awardees are: Beth and Terry Gerdes; Robin Comp-Zelles; Barbara Gron-Grosse; Jane Coen; Cathy Williams; Hal Axelrod; Murray Mitchneck; and Michelle Kolb.

These are due MAY 30, 2020 to Kathy Bova!

If you have questions, please contact Kathy Bova at [kwaybova@hotmail.com](mailto:kwaybova@hotmail.com).



**Stay At Home and Earn Titles!**

Did you know it is possible to earn AKC Titles while we stay safer at home?? Turn your free time into training time! Here are a couple possibilities for you.

### AKC TRICK DOG TITLES

There are 5 different levels of trick dog titles, and if your dog has a CGC, then you are already half way to the Novice title! There is even a virtual competition. Just have a video ready to record and send to an evaluator. See details on the [AKC Trick Dog](#) website pages.

### ARE YOU READY TO RALLY?

AKC is also piloting a virtual Rally Novice title through the end of 2020. There are 5 courses to set up, record your video, and send in for evaluation and scoring. You can find more about the virtual [Rally Novice Title](#) on the AKC webpage.

## Wags, Brags and Babies!

Donna reports from Florida that Zee & Parker earned their Intermediate Trick titles and Ellie came out of retirement and earned her Novice Trick title.



Zee, Ellie and Parker

Kim Mroczenski's young dog, Wink, wanted to play with her mom's mask, and also got to try it on. Stay safe everyone! ;o)



Wink

Sandy Hamburg has been keeping up on training, earning Trick dog titles with Token and Trinket, who BOTH earned their AKC Intermediate Trick Dog titles!



Token and Trinket

### **Introducing the Future Stars.....**

Many people have new pups in their lives as we "Stay at Home", and GRCI members are among them!

Helen Borosak added baby Karlie to her life, and to older sister's Sammie's life!

Karlie: "Dichi Stuff That Dreams Are Made Of"

Born February 1, 2020.

She's an absolutely perfect Golden Girlie! We are in love!!

Sammie is also very happy to have a new baby sister.

She's kept busy with puppy and is also doing well. We hope to finish her chemo for lymphoma in early July. In the meantime we're enjoying each day.

Hope to see everyone at some point! Stay well.

Helen, Sammie and Karlie



Sammie and Karlie



Karlie

Jennifer Rudolph and family are delighted to welcome Cassidy to their pack this spring! Jennifer says - Cassidy (Kanosak's Let 'em Talk) is out of Ronnie Bizer's Boon x Gypsy litter. She is getting along great with Leah and Gambit! Cassidy is an energetic little girl who really likes to work and has done several small field trips to town and busy parking lots to work on focus during distractions. I don't know what venue is going to be her favorite, but so far she has been game for everything we have presented to her. She is an enthusiastic retriever, almost too brave with agility equipment, and super-eager with her heeling. Pandemic puppy raising has been a little bit of a challenge, but I'm so glad to have her as a bright light during this time of the unknown.



Cassidy



Cathy Williams also added a baby boy to her crew. Shaymus was born March 5, 2020. His registered name is TBD - he is out of GChB. Summit's Fireline Medal of Honor (Merit) x Ch. Summits Game of Thrones (Denary). He is keeping everyone on their toes! Happy to report he sleeps through the night! We will also be happy when his puppy teeth fall out!



Shaymus

Please share your Golden's 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!

## 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](mailto:Aylwyn1@aol.com). She will arrange a cards or other forms of "sunshine" to brighten their day.

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