



## Golden Retriever Club of Illinois

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## Golden Moments Newsletter

### President's Letter

Hello GRCI Members!

It seems almost every day we use our new COVID expressions. "Let's take it day by day", "Let's plan this COVID willing", "This is the new normal" or "Let's plan it and see what is happening closer to that day". The list could go on and on. Look back at the last year just within the club. We occasionally had a conference call for board meetings if logistics and timing didn't work out. Now we ZOOM our meetings. The Agility Trial committee developed protocols to hold safe trials following CDC guidelines. And now we are going to have our first virtual annual holiday meeting and party.



We have updated the 2021 calendar again. There are three events that have those letters TBD next to them. Unfortunately, they are used because we need to either firm up a date, need a chair-person or are looking for volunteers to help execute the event. It takes our entire membership to step up and volunteer and assist when they can. Every event we do requires many helpers to keep them running smoothly. Even if it is not your comfort zone, members are willing to help make you feel comfortable in what you are doing to assist. I look forward to removing the TBD on these events and offering to our members and others, COVID willing.

I need to thank the agility committee for putting on a very successful trial in October. The club will be hosting two more trials in January and February. The committee for agility is Kim Mroczenski, Betty Smith, Michelle Kolb, Robin Comp-Zelles, Mark Mroczenski, and Andi Zelles. Please thank them for all their hard work.

It was fun to see several of you and our member's dogs' talents on Zoom for our holiday meeting and party - aka. Dog Tricks!

May you, your families and your dogs have a safe and healthy holiday season.  
Hello GRCI Members!

Sincerely,

Hal Axelrod  
President  
GRCI



## Renew Your Membership!!!

Don't forget to send in your membership renewal to Murray Mitchneck. The form can be found on the GRCI website if you need or just click on this link to the [2021 GRCI Membership Application and Renewal](#).

## Get Involved and Have Some Fun!

We need your help!

We still have three events, that if our club is going to sponsor them, we need volunteers for a variety of position - the **CCA test, Scent Work Trial and Tracking Trial**.

While it is difficult to plan events now, these events can be held at a date you find convenient for you and other needed participants/judges. If you have any interest for helping for any of these please contact Hal Axelrod at [harryaxe@comcast.net](mailto:harryaxe@comcast.net).

Please remember that there is always a first time for everything! Co-chair with a friend!

You will be glad you volunteered!



## Wags and Brags



Donna Bihner is excited that Zee finished his CDX in Daytona Beach! Open A is so brutal, he was the only qualifier out of 14. It makes you especially happy when judges compliment your dog on being a good worker, but also tell you what fun he is to watch as it's obvious he's having a good time. On to Utility!  
UKC CH Ruffwater Ready 2 Roll  
Dat Dice VCD1 CDX RE TD TDU  
AXJ OA CGC



Cheri Mitchneck reports that BLUE earned his CDX title in Open A at Car Dun AI Obedience Trial in Huntley, IL on November 8, 2020 with Murray. His score was 190 Second Place. So proud of our FIRSTAR FAST RHYTHM AND BLUES OF RELYEA, CD, CDX, RE, CGCA, CCA! Onward to Utility!



Jacqueline Gray is proud to say that Kayla earned a Virtual Home Manners Title on November 12, 2020. We submitted a home video that met all of the required elements. She did a great job and we were proud of her.





Jayda & Kaye Dahlquist had a fun year doing scentwork/nosework. Jayda earned final legs in AKC ---SWM ( master overall scentwork) also finished AKC--- SWD. ( scentwork detective) and lastly completed NACSW NW3-Elite ! Good girl Jayda!



Jane Coen has a new addition - baby Jeni! Jeni is with her big sisters, Kizzie and Stella, and big brother, Trevor.



Jane Coen reports that her "Kizzie" earned her last two legs for her AKC Master Buried title on November 14 with two first



Sally Banka reports that Rush earned his Novice Preferred Standard Title at the Wag Trial



Sally's girl, Brooke earned her Rally Novice Title and she earned her 1st leg in Novice at the Car-dun-al Trial. She also earned her Agility Novice Standard and Jumpers Title at the Wag Trial.

Please send YOUR Wags and Brags to Cathy Williams at [cwilliams0727@gmail.com](mailto:cwilliams0727@gmail.com) with a summary and picture to share with our

placements, which completed her AKC Master Scent Work title. That same weekend, Jane's Trevor earned his AKC Novice Buried title, with two first and two third placements. Jane would like to thank her mentor, Cathy Williams, for all of her guidance and support.

members. And congratulations to all our Golden Stars!!!

**Happy Holidays from GRCI!!!**



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