



From the Presidents Desk...

Happy Holidays to all MFGRC members!

Has everyone been staying warm during the recent winter-like weather? I've discovered that a golden retriever makes for a wonderful (but sometimes wiggly) blanket! At least we haven't had any snow in Florida (that I know of). I was in the mountains in western North Carolina during the storm, and got my fill of throwing snowballs!

As I prepare to step aside in favor of our 2011 President Camille Doehring, I'd like to take a moment to express my sincere thanks for the support and ongoing effort given by every member of the Board of Directors. MFGRC has a wonderful reputation, and this is due in no small part to the work done at each of our events by Tom and Joanne Hell, John and Rosa Blair, Ann Rowe, Susan Fulenwider, Judi Volpe, Betty Lambert, Shirl Phillips, and Camille Doehring. You are a wonderful crew to work with, and you've taught me so much about our beloved breed.

We are just beginning to work on the club's schedule for 2011, but we have set the date for our January meeting: we're going to hold a Fun Field Day on January 16th, at Tom and Joanne's in Lakeland. This will get us in a hunting frame of mind, just in time for the Club's Winter Hunt Test, scheduled for February 12th-13th.

It is my sincere hope that each of you is able to enjoy this magical time of year, even though it can be very hectic. I wish each and every one of you a truly blessed and beautiful holiday season.

Merry Christmas!

Debbie Finch
2010 MFGRC President





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From the Editor . . .

Hello fellow Golden Retriever fanciers! Santa has his elves and Leah has a helper now. Leah has done such a great job on the newsletter over the past years but most have no idea how much work is involved. (I know I didn't). We anticipate sitting at our computers and reading about club activities, dog accomplishments, pictures and other things going on in our Golden world that we enjoy so much without thinking how much goes in to putting this news letter together.

Here's where I come in. I have been asked to assist Leah to help take some of the burden off her shoulders and am more than happy to do so. I pastor a church and cannot get to a lot of the activities and meetings as much as I would like, but I can help the club by working on my computer helping Leah provide you with this informational tool we all take advantage of.

Please let me remind you that this is YOUR newsletter. We depend on the member's contributions to make this thing happen. Part of my duties will be chief "nagger". If you don't get your information in on time, I will prod you to do so. Leah and I have discussed some ideas for some new columns that you will see in the future. Any ideas and suggestions will be welcomed. Help me to help Leah.

Bob Dargie – Co-Editor
Golden Tales



November Board Meeting Minutes

The MFGRC Board Meeting was called to order by Debbie Finch at 7:40 pm. on November 11, 2010 at Camille Doehring's home.

Board Members Present: Camille Doehring, Tom Hell, Susan Fulenwider, Judi Volpe, Debbie Finch, Ann Rowe, John Blair, Rosa Blair, Shirl Phillips and Betty Lambert.

Vice President's Report: Shirl Phillips had three applications to read.

Alan and Jillian Miller

Margret Martin

Leslie Cockran

They were voted in unanimously.

Secretary's Report: Judi Volpe did not have anything to report. Betty Lambert moved that the minutes from the last meeting be waived. Susan Fulenwider seconded. Vote was unanimous

Treasurer's Report: In the interest of the Club, income is not published on the internet. Tom reported the raffle took in \$792.00 Rosa Blair made a motion to round out the amount to be donated to the American Cancer Society to \$1000.00. Ann Rowe seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Committee Reports:

WC/WCX: This will be on November 13, 2010. All is going well. Premium is on our web page and all entries will go through Entry Express. Entries close on November 1, 2010.

Christmas Party: This will be on December 12 at Ann and Bob Rowe's

Hunt Test: Susan Fulenwider reported that this will be on February 12 & 13, 2011. This event should be up on Entry Express by the end of October. Everything is ready to go!

2011 Speciality: Our Specialty will be on February 17, 2011. Things are coming long well.

Old Business:

Agility Follow-up: There was a good turn out and many thanks go out to all the helpers! Equipment is almost to where we need. There are a few things that will need to be purchased. There was discussion about going back to the ring gating instead of the strips. John Blair made a motion to pay the Boy Scouts \$350.00 for all their help. Shirl Phillips seconded. Motion was approved.

2011 National: John Blair reported that he is still checking to see if there is any equipment closer that can be used. He is also checking on what we should charge if they do use our equipment. ie mileage, set up, etc.

2011 Agility Trial Dates: Our next Agility Trial will be on October 15 & 16. John Blair has checked to make sure there are no other trials on those dates.

Eric Strickland Seminar: We are still looking at late July or early August 2011. This will be a handling/grooming seminar. We will be putting on this seminar in conjunction with the Everglades Club.

New Business:

January Planning Meeting: This will be held on Sunday January 9, 2011 at 1:00 at Camille Doehring's home.

January General Meeting: forthcoming

2012 Eastern Regional: There was discussion about putting this on in conjunction with Florida Gulf Coast and Everglades.

A motion to adjourn was made by Shirl Phillips. It was seconded by Rosa Blair. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm

NOVEMBER 2010 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Debbie Finch at 12:13 P.M. on November 20, 2010 at the Greater Ocala Dog Club's show.

Present: Connie Adams, Rosa Blair, Theresa Bradley, Deborah Caudill, Janie & Britta Coy, Ted, Cindy, & Julie Crowell, Kathy Cudak, Chris Daher, Robert Dargie, Deborah Farris, Debbie Finch, Diane & Vern Gank, Yale Goldman, Joanne & Tom Hell, Linda & Kim Hitchcock, Karen & John Ippel, Betty Lambert, Sheree Melhuish, Cindi Metcalf, Jerrie Morrison, Lucy & Chatham Napoli, Janet Narushka, Pam Oxenberg, Candi Pearce, Sheilah Platzter, Cynthia & Ron Resare, Ann Rowe, Maura Roxby, Kristin Sipus, Laura & Chris Toppping, Teri Vautrain, Paula Veibl, Betty Whaley, Susan & Gary Wilks, and Deborah Young. **Guests/New Members:** Janice Fitzgerald, Jane Eisenberg, Mary & Bill Coffman, Lorene & Matthew Taylor, & Dorothy Mitchell.

Vice President's Report: Shirl Phillips was not there, so there was no Vice President's report.

Secretary's Report: Judi Volpe was not there, so there was no Secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Hell reported on the CCA and agility trial, both held in October. He also reported the income and expenses for the month of October and the total cash on hand. Tom also announced that membership dues are due by the end of the year, and are \$25.00.

Old Business:

Eric Strickland Seminar: Debbie reported that the Board is looking at a date in August for this grooming/handling seminar. More details will follow as plans are finalized.

WC/WCX: Deb Farris reported that the test was very successful. Nine Goldens passed the WC and one passed the WCX.

Agility Trial: John Blair has agreed to chair this event again next year, and the location will remain the same. This year we were short on Club members volunteering to help work both days. The Boy Scouts did a nice job, and they will be back to help out again next year. The raffle raised \$790 for breast cancer research, and the Board has voted to increase that donation to \$1000.

New Business:

Debbie announced that we are in need of a new webmaster for the Club's web site. Anyone interested should contact any Board member or officer.

Debbie also announced that we are in need of a newsletter editor. Leah's work schedule has made it difficult for her to continue to do the newsletter each month. Diane Gank offered to be considered for this position.

Debbie announced the Slate of Officers and Board Members for 2011. They are President – Camille Doebling; Vice President – Debbie Finch; Secretary - Judi Volpe; Treasurer – Tom Hell; and for Board Members – Shirl Phillips, Susan Fulenwider, Joanne Hell, Betty Lambert, Ann Rowe, John Blair, and Rosa Blair. Debbie opened it up for any nominations from the floor. There were none.

Joanne Hell announced that she needs the full name of any dog who earned an AKC or GRCA title in 2010, and the titles earned, so she can order the title rosettes. The deadline to get her this information is Monday, November 22. The rosettes will be available at the Christmas party.

The Christmas party and December general meeting will be held on December 18 at the home of Ann & Bob Rowe in Sorrento. The installation of officers for 2011 will be held at that meeting. We will also be having our annual Chinese auction style gift exchange. Anyone interested in participating should bring one gift per person, with a suggested value of \$15.00-\$25.00. Members attending should bring a side dish to share, and the Club will provide the ham and turkey.

Jerrie Morrison shared an e-mail that a friend of hers received from their Vet recommending dogs be vaccinated against Leptospirosis. This disease is transmitted by rodents, so it can be picked up by a dog even in its own back yard. Previously it had been recommended only for dogs that train near cattle or in bodies of water, but now Vets are recommending it for all dogs.

Sheree Melhuish asked if the Club is still looking for someone to write articles for the GR News Member Clubs Report section, and said that she is very interested in taking on that position if it is still available.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 P.M. on December 3, 2010 at Camille Doebling's home in Orlando. The next General Meeting will be held on December 18, 2010 in Sorrento.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ron Resare and seconded by Chris Topping. The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 P.M.

IN LOVING MEMORY

LOYD KIERNAN



Loyd J. Kiernan passed away on Oct. 21st at 87

In 1992 I was 13 and showed up at the first night of beginner obedience with my new golden puppy, at the Central Florida Obedience Dog Club, in the sweaty old armory in Eustis. The first person I met was Loyd Kiernan who said, well you have a golden so you must get into field work (obedience is a necessary inconvenience) and you must join the GRCA (he gave me old copies of the GRNews which instantly made me a believer). His wife June said you must humor Loyd. At the time Loyd and June were real old, and they only got older, but it would have been hard to meet a nicer couple. I treasure my memories with them and while it is bittersweet to hear of Loyd's passing, I know he is very happy to be back with June, and his old dogs Lodi, Candy, Meg, Bracer and Bingo.

Loyd was passionate about his retrievers and eager to share his thoughts with anyone willing to listen. He loved field work and was adamant that every golden must be given the opportunity to hunt. When he got into Tollers (pre-AKC) he got pretty vocal against AKC, not sure I remember why but it definitely had something to do with fluffy show goldens not being good at retrieving ducks! (Hopefully he can see me now with Fisher.) He was a champion for rescue and fostered many goldens before GRRMF was an entity, and continued to volunteer, foster and adopt goldens over the years. Loyd was also very active with pet therapy, and visited nursing homes and hospitals on a very frequent basis. He always said, he hoped when he got "that old" that someone would come visit him with a dog.

Two things I remember about Loyd that make me smile. One is he talked me into showing Bracer, his first toller, at an ARBA show behind some hotel in Kissimmee. Well Loyd thought conformation shows were dumb but the breeder would be there and his presence was demanded. Wouldn't you know, the first time in the ring, Bracer and I won Best In Show. We were all thrilled, Loyd with the biggest grin ever! I still have the show photo. Secondly, Loyd was world famous for his pants. If you ever met Loyd you know what I mean. Loyd had the most impressive selection of god-awful plaid pants. He wore plaid pants every single day. One day, June let it slip that she was the one that dressed him in plaid pants. Her reasoning? Well, plaid was by nature somewhat camouflage, because Loyd could get into anything and drop anything on himself and you'd never notice a stain on plaid. Those plaid pants avoided a lot of hassle for everyone involved!

Rest in peace Loyd.

Anney Doucette

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We are so happy you're here!!!!



WHAT TIME IS IT???

It's time to pay your Club Dues!!

**Dues are \$25 per individual or
family membership
and are due by 1/1/2011.**

Send your check to:

**Tom Hell
3920 Water Oak Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810**



MFGRC 2010 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location	Other Info
Jan 16, 2011	Fun Field Day	Tom & Joanne Hell's	
Feb. 12-13, 2011	Winter Hunt Test	Golden Oaks Ranch Montverde, FL	Susan Fulenwider, Chair happygolucky@mpinet.net
Feb. 17, 2011	MFGRC Specialty	Strawberry Cluster, Lakeland, FL	Caroline Roetzer, Chair Ingotgoldens@verizon.net
Feb. 26, 2011	GRRMF Reunion	Lake Parker Park, Lakeland, FL	Grrmf.org
September, 2011	National Specialty	Conyers, GA	www.grca.org





2010 SPECIALTY TROPHY DONATIONS

The Officers and Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank the following members & friends of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club for their generous support.

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MFGRC SPECIALTY TROPHY DONATIONS

Mid Florida Golden Retriever Club Specialty			
February 17, 2011			
Class	Sponsorship Cost	Trophy Description	Donated by
Best of Breed	\$100.00	Kool Koat + Mosaic Golden	Julie Kielts- Questan Golden Retrievers
Best of Opposite	\$75.00	Kool Koat + Beaded Moose	Nancy Sigmon in memory of Dixie Darlin Rise & Shine in the Morning
Best of Winners	\$75.00	Kool Crate Mat	Joanne & Tom Hell – Heavenly Goldens
Winners Dog	\$50.00	Grooming Table Cover	Janet Narushka & Janice Fitzgerald – Shenandoah Goldens
Winners Bitch	\$50.00	Grooming Table Cover	Janet Narushka & Janice Fitzgerald – Shenandoah Goldens
Reserve WD	\$35.00	Ringside Bucket	Laura & Chris Topping
Reserve WB	\$35.00	Ringside Bucket	Ron & Cynthia Resare
Best Junior Handler	\$75.00	Ringside Bucket + Beaded Moose	Haley Whitcomb – Saffire Goldens
Best Veteran	\$75.00	Kool Crate Mat + Crate Caddy	Jeanette & Bob Young – Spungold Retrievers
Best Opp Veteran	\$50.00	Kool Crate Mat	Camille & Don Doebling – Mischief Goldens in loving memory of Mischief Magik Uptown Girl aka Tessa
1 st Place – 6-9 mos. Dog	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place – 9-12 mos. Dog	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place – 12-18 mos. Dog	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place – 6-9 mos. Bitch	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place – 9-12 mos. Bitch	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place – 12-18 mos. Bitch	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place – Novice Dog	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place – Novice Bitch	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place – Bred By Dog	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Jeanette & Bob Young – Spungold



			Retrievers
1 st Place - Bred By Bitch	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Jeanette & Bob Young - Spungold Retrievers
1 st Place - Am Bred Dog	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Jerrie Morrison - Omni Goldens
1 st Place - Am Bred Bitch	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Jerrie Morrison - Omni Goldens
1 st Place - Open Dog	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Jerrie Morrison - Omni Goldens
1 st Place - Open Bitch	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Jerrie Morrison - Omni Goldens
1 st Place - Hunting / Retrv Dog	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Sheree Melhuish - Saffire Goldens in honor of Troy who made wearing Camo fashionable
1 st Place - Hunting / Retrv Bitch	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Deborah Farris - Faragold Goldens in honor of Diva
1 st Place - Veteran Dog 7-10 Yrs	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Camille & Don Doebring - Mischief Goldens
1 st Place - Veteran Dog 10-12 Yrs	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Pat Kopco + Mike Orloff
1 st Place - Veteran Dog 12 Yrs +	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Pat Kopco + Mike Orloff
1 st Place - Veteran Bitch 7-10 Yrs	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Debbie Finch
1 st Place - Veteran Bitch 10-12 Yrs	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place - Veteran Bitch 12 Yrs +	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place - Stud Dog	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place - Brood Bitch	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Deborah Farris - Faragold Goldens
1 st Place - Novice Jr - JH	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place - Novice Sr - JH	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place - Open Jr - JH	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place - Open Sr - JH	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place - Int Jr - JH	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place - Int Sr - JH	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
Obedience			
High in Trial	\$100.00	Kool Koat + Slip lead + Crate Caddy	
High Combined	\$100.00	Kool Crate Mat + Slip lead + Crate Caddy	
1 st Place - Obed. Novice A	\$10.00	Slip Lead	



1 st Place – Obed. Novice A	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place – Obed. Novice B	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Sheilah Platzer in Loving Memory of Charlie Girl & Pilot
1 st Place – Obed. Open A	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place – Obed. Open B	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place – Obed. Utility A	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place – Obed. Utility B	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Connie Adams in Honor of Devlin Adams
1 st Place – Graduate Novice	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place – Graduate Open	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place – Versatility	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place – Veteran Obedience	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Connie Adams in Memory of Becka Adams
Rally			
1 st Place - Rally Novice A	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Debbie Finch in Honor of Katie
1 st Place -Rally Novice B	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place -Rally Advanced A	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Sheila Shreve – Grandbay Goldens
1 st Place -Rally Advanced B	\$10.00	Slip Lead	
1 st Place -Rally Excellent A	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Debbie Finch in Honor of Lefty
1 st Place -Rally Excellent B	\$10.00	Slip Lead	Connie Adams in Honor of Jaymus Adams
Sweepstakes			
Best in Sweeps	\$50.00	Mosaic Golden	Sheree Melhuish – Saffire Goldens in Loving Memory of CH Rivermist Gotta B Haley's UFO CGC BOSS aka Haley's Comet, who was the Perpetual Puppy
Best Opp in Sweeps	\$35.00	Mosaic Golden	
Best Veteran in Sweeps	\$50.00	Mosaic Golden	
Best Opp Veteran in Sweeps	\$35.00	Mosaic Golden	





MFGRC has an IMMEDIATE opening for a WEB MASTER.

Big shoes to fill, as our current webmaster is extraordinary!

If you have the time and the computer skills, please help your club and volunteer for this important position!

Obedience & Rally stewards are needed for our 2011 MFGRC Specialty in Lakeland, FL on Thursday, 2/17/2011. Please volunteer, we really need help!

- You can volunteer for a whole day, half day, or just a few hours.
- If you are entering the specialty, we will work around your schedule.
- No experience is necessary, rookies will be partnered with someone who is experienced, you will learn how to steward.
- If you are new to obedience, or interested in seeing what it is all about, stewarding is one of the best ways to learn.

As a steward you will have a front row seat to easily observe handler techniques and ring procedures.

- If you are experienced in obedience, this is a good opportunity to give back to the sport and encourage newcomers.

Other benefits of Stewarding:

- Stewarding is service to the club and can be used for the volunteering requirement of Puppy Referral or the End-of-Year Dog Awards.
- You will get a free parking pass!

Please feel free to ask any questions.

Deena Strauss,
2011 MFGRC Specialty Obedience Chair
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JUST FOR JUNIORS

Junior News

GROUP 2 for Chatham & Fenway
"CH Pawnee's Baby Ruth"
At Weirsdale



Lucinda finished Fenway's GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP in Brooksville!
"GCH CH Pawnee's Baby Ruth"



I want to thank everyone for allowing me the privilege to work as your Puppy Referral Representative. Puppy Referral is like a 'Welcome Mat' to all that our club has to offer to prospective new members (puppy buyers). It allows us the opportunity to meet and educate the public while assisting in placing quality, healthy puppies into new homes.

Puppy Referral is a **tool** to help you, as a breeder, find good homes. There are no guarantees that the public will choose to buy a puppy from you simply because you list a litter on our club's website. In other words, it is not the club's responsibility to place a breeder's puppies. There have been questions recently regarding the way litters are listed, the length of time a litter is listed, etc. I would like to clear up a couple of those questions.

#1) When people call me I DO NOT send them to a particular breeder or listing. Instead, I refer them to the website so that they can obtain the information for all of the litters listed at the time. If I have new litter information not yet up on the website, I will give that information to them as well.

#2) Our webmaster places the listings as they come in. They are not listed in any particular order (i.e., date of birth, alphabetically, location, etc) Most puppy buyers look for puppies 'closest to home' first; how they are listed is of little importance.

#3) The club has set a listing time limit of four months from date of birth. However, if a litter has been previously listed, a breeder has a puppy returned for any reason, that puppy is put back on referral at no charge. It may appear that the 'litter' has been listed for an extended period of time.

Over the past several months it became very clear that we needed to address some issues concerning the Puppy Referral program. As a result, our board has decided to make the following listing requirements:

**New Puppy Referral Requirements
for
Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club**

- Must be a regular member in good standing during the previous 12 months
- Puppy referral listing will be limited to 4 months after litter whelp date
- Fee Schedule:
 - If member has attended 2 general club meetings and worked at 1 MFGRC sponsored event during the previous 12 months the fee is \$25.00*
 - If member has not attended 2 general club meetings and has not worked at 1 MFGRC sponsored event during the previous 12 months the fee is \$250.00

*It is the responsibility of the club member to notify the club secretary and the event chairperson to receive credit for these requirements.

Examples of MFGRC sponsored events that qualify for puppy referral:

Winter Hunt Test
 Golden Retriever Rescue Grooming Day
 Spring Match
 Heart and Eye Clinic
 Annual Specialty
 Tracking Test
 Fall Hunt Test
 Agility Trial
 CCA
 WC/WCX
 Participation on club sponsored teams (DACOF/DOCOF)

Submitted by: Deb Farris, Puppy Referral Coordinator

The Whelping Box



Offered as a service in conjunction with MFGRC's puppy referral. Health clearances and \$25 must be submitted to the puppy referral coordinator.

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Due 12/23/10



WHAT A TYME WE HAVE HAD IN 2010!



Tyme, owned and very much loved by Ann Rowe and myself, has had quite a year. She earned her Rally Novice title in Ocala in November 2009 in 3 straight trials, and then in January of this year she picked up right where she left off, earning her Rally Advanced title in Brooksville. Then we started training in Obedience. In 3 straight trials in April, May, and June, she earned her CD, placing second twice and earning the beautiful rosettes shown with her in this picture. She also competed on the Club's DOCOF Team in September and did well. In October she also completed the CCA, Certificate of Conformation Assessment. With this CCA title added to her CD, she earned enough points to qualify for the GRCA's Versatility Certificate, since Ann had put WC, WCX, JH, and SH titles on her several years ago. Also in October she successfully passed the Canine Good Citizen test. Then in November in Weirsdale and Ocala, she earned her Rally Excellent title in 3 straight trials, with 2nd, 4th, and 3rd place finishes. Tyme is an awesome girl and a joy to train, compete, and live with. What makes all of this even more special is the fact that on May 28, Tyme celebrated her 10th birthday. The really neat thing about it is that she has absolutely no clue that she is that old. She bounces around the house playing with her toys and can often run circles around the other younger Golden Retrievers in the house. She has such a beautiful happy smile on her face almost all the time. How do we follow the kind of year we've had in 2010? We're still working on that question, but for starters, come cheer for her in the Veteran's class at our Specialty in Lakeland in February. I can't thank my friend Ann enough for sharing this very special girl with me. She is truly a once in a lifetime Golden, and I will treasure each and every day that I am lucky enough to have her in my life. Tyme is now HR Magik's It's About Time CD RE SH WCX CCA CGC VC



Submitted by:
Betty Lambert



Photo courtesy of Pix 'n Pages



MFGRC HUNT TEST

February 12-13, 2011

**Place: Montverde - Gey's Golden Oaks Ranch
Hunting Test for Retrievers, Irish Water Spaniels and
Standard Poodles**

Closing Date: January 27, 2011

This is our Ninth Annual Winter Hunt Test. If you have never watched a Hunt Test, c'mon out and watch our dogs run!!!

Entries will be taken on Entry Express at www.entryexpress.net
The Premium List is on our website under Coming Events/Feb.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: Please contact Susan Fulenwider at happygolucky@mpinet.net.

MFGRC SPECIALTY



THE STRAWBERRY CLUSTER

DATE: FEBRUARY 17, 2011

LOCATION:

THE SUN + FUN PROPERTY

4175 MEDULLA ROAD

LAKELAND, FLORIDA



JUDGES:

**BREED + JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP:
JUNE RUSSELL SMITH**

**SPECIALTY, VETERANS + PUPPY
SWEEPSTAKES:**

SHERRY L. BROTHERS, DVM

**OBEDIENCE + RALLY:
CAROL METT**



GRRMF RESCUE REUNION GROOMING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday, February 26, 2011

Lake Parker Park, Lakeland, Florida

Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida will be holding it's annual reunion on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at Lake Parker Park in Lakeland, Florida. Each year, our Club volunteers to provide some basic grooming to these rescued goldens for a donation to GRRMF. Our Club matches whatever money is donated.

Volunteers are needed to help out with some basic grooming of feet and ears. It is lots of fun and a good way to spend time with other Club members, doing something for a great cause. Come on out any time after 8:30 a.m., and lend us your grooming skills!!



**Lake Parker Park
910 E Granada Street
Lakeland, Florida
(863) 499-2233**

Lake Parker Park is located on Lake Parker. It is 100.5 acres of native Florida vegetation with lake access and hiking trails. The park is accessible from Robson Road and Granada Road off of Lakeland Hills Boulevard. Lake Parker is used by nature enthusiasts for bird watching and families of all ages. For more information, call the number above or visit www.lakelandgov.net/parkrec/parks/LakeParkerPark.html. This is the same location as last year, mid-way between Orlando and Tampa.

FROM TAMPA:

Take I-4 East from Tampa to Lakeland Exit #33 (State Road 33). The exit will be from the right hand lane. Take the off ramp to the stop light/ yield sign. Turn right onto State Road 33. From this yield sign, travel South on State Road 33 (Lakeland Hills Boulevard). Move into the left hand lane, traveling South for 1.5 miles to Robson Street. Turn left onto E. Robson Street. Landmarks for Robson Street: All Children's Specialty Care, Railroad Industrial Federal Credit Union, Lakeland Animal Clinic, bus parking for Bloodnet USA. Proceed to signs marking the entrance to Lake Parker Park on the left. Lake Parker Park Gate #4.

FROM ORLANDO:

Take I-4 West from Orlando to Lakeland Exit #33 (State Road 33). The exit will be from the right hand lane. Take the off ramp to the stop light. This intersection is Socrum Loop Road. Turn left onto Socrum Loop Road. Move into the right hand lane. Travel in the right lane underneath I-4. There will be a yield sign as you merge into traffic on State Road 33. Travel South in the left hand lane for 1.3 miles once you get onto State Road 33. Turn left onto E. Robson Street. Landmarks for Robson Street: All Children's Specialty Care, Lakeland Animal Clinic, Railroad Industrial Federal Credit Union, bus parking for Bloodnet USA. Proceed to signs marking the entrance to Lake Parker Park on the left. Lake Parker Park Gate #4.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Debbie Finch at gaga4goldens@cfl.rr.com



Area Motels: Ramada Inn, 3260 US Hwy. 98 Lakeland, Florida-863-680-8080 Motel 6, 3120 US Hwy 98, Lakeland, Florida-863-682-0643

**AN AKC HUNT TEST RETRIEVER SEMINAR FOR JUDGES
AND HANDLERS
HOSTED BY:**

**Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club
386-775-8985**

**Location: 3910 Water Oak Drive, Lakeland, FL - Next to Tom & Joanne Hell's House
SATURDAY, June 4th, 2011**

The program will be presented utilizing multimedia demonstrations, lecture and group discussions. The seminar will cover subjects such as:

- The purpose of Hunting Tests
- Performance standard for Junior, Senior, and Master
- Hunting Test scoring
- The guidelines for Judges of Hunting Tests
- How to apply and conduct a Hunting Test
- The responsibility of the key personnel involved
- Gun Safety
- How to handle misconduct

SCHEDULE:

Registration	9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Classroom	9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Lunch	12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
Classroom	1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE AND FEE:

Registration is \$25 per person. Lunch \$7 extra. Please enroll by MAY 26TH, 2011 Registration forms and fees should be sent to:

**SUSAN FULENWIDER happygolucky@mpinet.net
795 Briarwood Court, Orange City, FL 32763**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Amt. _____ No. Attending: _____



Harmony's Been a VERY Good Girl This Year!

Submitted by Diane Gank



Looks like Oakley has been a good boy too!

Submitted by Ted and Cindy Crowell

GOLDEN TALES DECEMBER 2010



Levi wants to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!



BRAGS and WAGS

Paula Veibl has some big brags for Sadie, "Lakewood's Southern Sail". After a few months off due to a severe case of "blown coat," Sadie, handled by Morgan Brooks, took Winners/Best of Winners AND BEST OF BREED over specials at the Atlanta shows on October 24th under Judge Rune Fagerstrom from Finland. She then took back to back wins in Miami on December 11 & 12, handled by Vicente Zuniaga. These wins, coupled with the 5 point major she took from the 12-18 month class in Perry earlier put her at 4 wins, 9 points. Sadie is a BUZZ X DIXIE pup (CH Gorca's Magic Lightbug CD RE JH VC x CH Hytree's Just Whistlin Dixie CD RE CCA). Paula also has a brag for Pilot, "Starrise On A Wing And A Prayer", who went WB/BW at the Kankakee River Valley Kennel Club show on December 5th. This was Pilot's first weekend out and she is a Buzz X Soarin pup.

Connie Adams is thrilled to report that MARATHON WE BE JAMMIN AT WINDSOR, CDX, RE, JH, WC, CCA, CGC earned his RE title -- 3 trys, 3 successes with placements -- at the shows held in Ocala in November. He is now working towards his RAE title.

Maura Roxby's Cody- BIS GCH Gemini Fallchase the Butler Did It, went to Long Beach, California on 11-30-10 and showed 4 days which included the AKC Eukanuba National Championship. He won Best of Breed 3 days in a row over 6 of the top 10 goldens in the country. On day 4, Eukanuba he received a Judges Award of Excellence. Owners- Maura Roxby/Cindi Metcalf Breeders- Cindi Metcalf/Barbara Tucker.

Ruff continued his winning ways this past month earning more group placements, finishing his Grand Champion title which catapulted him into being ranked in the top twenty all breed goldens for 2010. Ruff is now known as BIS GCH CH Gemini's Furst Draft SDHF. Precious Ruff is owned by Kathy Cudak and co-owned and bred by Candi and Richard Pearce (Gemini Goldens)

Paula Cauley has two brags: HRCH Merichase Morninglo Whiz Kid, CD,SH,AXJ,MX,CGC,CCA now has 9 MXP legs and hopes to finish that title at the PDFa trial the 2nd weekend of January. He will be 11 years old the March 18, 2011. HR UH Gaylan's Safari Traxx,SH,OA,AXJ,NF,CCA,VC finished his AXJ title the 1st weekend in December at the Five Flags trial with 1st place, 11+ seconds under SCT running 5.5 yards/sec. Trip's AXJ title is the 10th title that he has earned this year. Paula is very proud of him.

From the Nicholas Clan: Coming into this last NADAC trial weekend (12/3-5/10) Camden needed 3 Regular Q's and 1 Chances Q (like gamblers - requiring distance skills) to complete his NATCH (he already had all his Jumpers Q's). Well over the weekend he earned 5 Regular Q's, 2 Chances, 2 Tunnelers and 1 Touch N Go Q's !! He not only earned his NATCH (NADAC Agility Trial Champion title) but Q'd in 10 of his 11 runs and earned his "Outstanding Tunnelers" title also. What a good boy!!! A "NATCH" requires 23 Elite Regular Q's, 13 Elite Jumpers Q's and 13 Elite Chances Q's. Oh and our judge for the weekend was from Canada -- how appropriate is that for the Canadian boy!

Gabby, owned and handled by Ann Rowe, earned her RN and CD in November. She is now Omni Magik's Ready to Chat JH, WC, CD, RN



Sadie



Camden Jumps!



Camden and his NATCH Ribbon

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