

# Golden Tales

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MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

*Holiday Issue!*

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## MFGRC

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club, Inc. (MFGRC) was founded in 1984 by a group of Golden Retriever enthusiasts who came together in order to pursue ways of promoting and enjoying their Goldens. We are currently a member club of both the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) and the American Kennel Club (AKC). MFGRC is licensed by the AKC to hold conformation shows, obedience and rally trials, agility trials, and retriever hunting tests. We also hold Working Certificate / Working Certificate Excellent tests in accordance with the rules of the GRCA, and also offer a breed/obedience match every year. In addition, MFGRC offers an ongoing slate of seminars, clinics and "fun days" to encompass all aspects of the Golden Retriever. We promote the versatile competition golden, the gentleman's hunting retriever, and the consummate family pet.

## From the President's Desk . . .

The Holiday Season is upon us and 2020 is fast approaching!

As with many clubs, it is usually the same folks that do most of the work. The National is coming up and we will need ALL club members to help out. It will take ALL of our efforts to make this function a success. Hopefully, this time next year we will be patting ourselves on the back for putting on the best National ever!

We have had a busy and profitable year with our many events and activities. We are hoping next year for some new and younger faces to take over chairing some of the club events. We are eagerly awaiting your expertise (I know you have it!) and enthusiasm.

It is events like Agility and the Hunt Test that bring in most of our revenue so we can offer other activities. Our last activity of the year is our annual Christmas Party - lots of good food, good friends and a good time. Hope to see you there!

Wishing everyone a Happy and Blessed New Year!

*Ann*

Ann Rowe, MFGRC President





# Welcome New Club Members!

The MFGRC welcomed new members when they were voted in at general meetings held in September, October and November.



Fun Field Day in Ocala was the location for a large group of new members to be voted in, (L-R) Porter and Laurie Strickland, Courtney Roxby, Emily Miedel, Jeff Rushe, Debbie O'Hanlon and her daughter Karli Pixley, Pat Rubrecht, Jenny Ford (associate member) and Bonnie Scherer. Not pictured is Sally Elliot.



Voted in at the September meeting held at the DeLand all-breed show were (L-R) Christine McDaniel, Angelique Burns, Laura Kling and Barbara Page.



The November meeting was held at the Ocala all-breed show and voted in were (L-R) Warren and Sarah Hutchinson, Chatham Napoli (representing the Napoli Family that also includes Lucy Ann Napoli, Anthony Napoli and Lucinda Napoli), and Elizabeth Scherer. Not pictured is associate member Joyce Swegle.



## MFGRC Christmas Party and Annual Meeting

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club will hold its annual Christmas Party and final general meeting of the year on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. at the home of club president Ann Rowe in Sorrento, Fla.

The club will provide baked ham and turkey (with stuffing) but members should bring homemade side dishes and desserts for the dinner. BYOB.

Also, club members can bring a wrapped gift in the \$25 value range for a fun Chinese gift exchange. Gifts can be either dog or people-related. Participation in the gift exchange is optional.

During the meeting, club members will elect board members and officers for 2020. Also, the recipients of the club's year-end awards will be announced.

**DIRECTIONS TO ANN'S HOME** (address is 23840 Oak Valley Lane, Sorrento, FL 32776):

### **From the South:**

Take the Florida Turnpike North past the Turkey Lake Service Plaza. Follow sign for Apopka 429. Stay on 429 and follow the signs to Mount Dora and Kelty Park Road. Right on Kelty Park Road then go left on Plymouth Sorrento until the road ends at Hwy 46. Turn right on Hwy 46 and at the next light go Left Hwy 437. At the next light take a Left onto Wolf Branch Road. Go 4/10 of a mile and take a Right onto Equestrian Trail. The next left is Oak Valley and Ann's driveway is on the Left. You can also pick up the 429 off of I-4 just past Hwy 27.

### **From I-4 North of Orlando:**

Take the exit for the Seminole Mall (#101C) and turn onto Hwy. 46. Take 46 West toward Mt. Dora 15 miles to intersection with 437, at a stoplight. Turn RIGHT onto 437. Go 4/10ths of a mile on 437, and then turn LEFT onto Wolf Branch Rd. (there is no right turn here). Drive 4/10ths of a mile, where you'll see a street sign for Equestrian Trail on the RIGHT-turn in here. Equestrian Trail is a private road, so it's kind of narrow. Take the first LEFT on Equestrian-this is OAK Valley Lane. Ann's property is the first one on the left.

### **From Tampa/Lakeland:**

Drive east on I-4 toward Orlando. You'll want the second exit after you pass the exit for Hwy. 27; this is the 429 toll road. Follow sign for Apopka 429. Stay on 429 and follow the signs to Mount Dora and Kelty Park Road. Right on Kelty Park Road then go left on Plymouth Sorrento until the road ends at Hwy 46. Turn right on Hwy 46 and at the next light go Left Hwy 437. At the next light take a Left onto Wolf Branch Road. Go 4/10 of a mile and take a Right onto Equestrian Trail. The next left is Oak Valley and Ann's driveway is on the Left. You can also pick up the 429 off of I-4 just past Hwy 27.





### **Objectives of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club**

To encourage and promote the purebred Golden Retriever; and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection. To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only Standard of Excellence by which Golden Retrievers shall be judged; and to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials, and field events.

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## Mark your calendars . . .

**MFGRC Specialty** – December 13 – Orlando, FL

**MFGRC Christmas Party and Annual Meeting** –  
December 14 – Sorrento, FL

**General Meeting** – January 20 – Brooksville, FL

**MFGRC Spring Hunt Test** – February 8-9 –  
Montverde, FL

**Dock Diving Fun Day (and general meeting)** –  
February 22 – DeLand, FL

**MFGRC Spring Agility Trial** – April 17-18-19 –  
Weirsdale, FL

**MFGRC Summer Specialty** – June 12 – Tampa, FL

**MFGRC Obedience/Rally Trial** – August 8-9 –  
Daytona Beach, FL

*(more meetings and events will be listed in the next  
Newsletter)*

## Time to Renew Your MFGRC Membership . . .

*It's that time of year again –*

*Time to renew your membership in the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club*

**Returning members please note that the new deadline for renewing your membership is January 30, 2020. If you have not renewed by then, you will have to re-apply for membership.**

People who become club members in October, November and December do not have to renew for 2020; their membership will carry over.

Membership fees for 2020 are \$35 for individual, family or associate memberships. Please indicate your category, make your check payable to MFGRC and mail to:

Robin Burket  
MFGRC Membership Chair  
1113 Juniper Hammock Ct.  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

# Agility Trial **Success!**

## *Thanks to All for Successful Agility Trial*

Our club presented another very successful agility trial Oct. 18-20 at the Grand Oaks Resort in Wiersdale, FL. As trial chair, I would like to thank all of the exhibitors and club members who contributed to the success of the trial.

We had a great turnout of people to help with setting up our agility equipment on Thursday, the day before the trial started, and with all of the hands we were able to finish in just a few hours.

During the three days of the trial, many exhibitors came forward to work as timers, scribes and gatekeepers, and we also had club members help with those jobs.

And when we were finished on Sunday, we again had club members and exhibitors pitch in to help tear down and pack everything into our trailers.

As always, the people at Grand Oaks resort were fantastic to work with, including getting the ring surfaces in great shape every day and thousands of little things.



My special thanks goes to the club members who contributed their time and energy during the event: Ellen Bartkus, Lisa Boudreau, Anthony Brown, Pat Carlile, Jan Casey, Nina DePetrus, Vickie Drerup, Andy Hall, Jackie Hardin, Chris Jeffrey, Pat Kopco, Coralee Leon, Vickie Maloney, Ralph and Maria Orlando, Mike Orloff, Maria Randell, Sam and Sandy Stokes, Michele Throm and my husband John Thibodeaux. It couldn't be done without all of you.

Our two agility trials are very important to the club's bottom line and we all need to contribute to keeping them running successfully and profitably.

We look forward to seeing everyone for our Spring trial in April.

Thank you,  
Dee Thibodeaux - MFGRC Agility Chair





## *Eve's Gift*

### *Reading With Third Graders Rewarding for Robin Burket and Eve*

Once a week on her day off from work, Robin Burket and her Golden Retriever Eve head to Windermere (FL) Preparatory School.

At the school, Robin and Eve visit four different classrooms of third graders. As Robin and Eve sit, a small group of children sits in front of them and reads from books. The children read aloud and silently while also taking turns petting Eve, who sits calmly while the children's hands stroke through her soft fur.

Robin, who is a Neurosurgical Registered Nurse at Advent Health Orlando, spends a lot of time in the hospital with patients as part of her regular job. She's also a board member of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club, with duties including chairing the club's June Specialty, handling membership applications and renewals, working at events and more.

But it's her time with Eve (Halia's Christmas In Killarney CCA CGC TKN THDN) at the school that provides Robin with some of her biggest rewards.

"I've been doing therapy work for almost a year now, and we've been reading with the kids since the beginning of the school year in September," she said.

Robin volunteers through her employer. The school has had the reading program going for more than a year but this year it expanded from just one dog to several and in multiple grade levels.

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### *Eve's Gift continued . . .*

"I take small groups of kids and read with them apart from their classroom, like four kids at a time," she said. "They read a story to Eve and me and they get to pet her and sit with her while they're reading."

"They get excited about reading, they love seeing Eve and petting her, and it calms their anxieties," she said. "Or if they have any nerves about reading in front of the group, they're not really thinking about it because they're so excited about seeing Eve."

Robin and Eve were recently featured in a video posted online by AdventHealth, and the video was shared on the MFGRC Facebook group.

"It's really rewarding," she said. "Ever since I've had Golden Retrievers, particularly Eve, I know that she has a real gift for bringing people into her little world. She's very friendly and very calm and approachable. You see, especially with little kids, she has a really good attitude with them, so it's really great to see that she's doing something that she's really gifted at." ♥



MFGRC member Coralee Leon's boy "**Bertie**" waiting for his driver.

# GRCA National Specialty Honors

*Marilyn Booher and “Mya” have  
Rewarding Trip to GRCA National  
in California*

MFGRC board member Marilyn Booher and her Golden girl Mya (Surefire Myarmani at JBoo CD RN MH WCX CCA QAA \*\*\*) had a rewarding trip to Ontario, Calif., for the Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty in October.

Competing in the Field Trial, Marilyn and Mya won the qualifying stake, earning the Forrest Flashman Memorial Trophy. Mya also was awarded the Peter of Woodend Memorial Trophy for being the high point Golden derby dog for 2018, a rarity for a female Golden.



CONGRATULATIONS . CONGRATULATIONS . CONGRATULATIONS



# Seven for Seven!

*MFGRC Member Nancy Sigmon's Ocala Success*



Winning anything in the highly-competitive world of conformation with Golden Retrievers is an accomplishment. But winning something seven times out of seven tries is a significant accomplishment. That's what happened with MFGRC member Nancy Sigmon and her Golden boy **Jackson** in last month's Ocala cluster of shows.



**Jackson** (Mariah'N Questan's Jacks or Better DJ TKN CGC) competed in seven of the 11 days of the show out of the Open Dog class and took Winners Dog five times, Best of Winners once and Best Opposite once. He also earned one Reserve.

"**Jackson** performed like a real Champ thanks to handler, Janice Granda and team," said Nancy. "I'm so proud and grateful."





## WC/WCX Thank You

*WC/WCX Chair Thanks Members, Others  
Who Helped Stage Event*

I would like to extend my personal thanks to everyone who helped make our club's WC/WCX a success again this year. The event was held Nov. 2-3 at Golden Oaks Ranch in Montverde, Fla., and was co-hosted by the Southern Skies Flat-Coated Retriever Club and the Florida Gulf Coast Golden Retriever Club.

Special thanks to the MFGRC members who pitched in to help conduct the event, including Paula Black, Marilyn Booher, Angel Burns, Kay Johnson, T.J. Misilo, Jeff Rushe, Kristin Sipus and Tom Wiegand. Also thanks to the members of Southern Skies and FGCGRC who worked at the event.

Cheri Browne was again invaluable as trial secretary and photographer, and I would also like to thank Pat Kopco and Mike Orloff for judging all weekend.

Thanks again,

*Ted Misilo*

Event Chair



# MFGRC WC/WCX

*Photos by Cheri Browne*



## WC Qualifiers – November 2

WC qualifiers from the first day of the MFGRC WC/WCX were (L-R) Elsa (Terrapin's Get My Shotgun Elsa) with Ted Misilo; Summer (Bewitched Seminole Summer) with Kay Johnson; Tahani (Malagold Tahani) with Bonnie Schererr," Jurnie (Turbo Joker's Wild Party Girl) with Jeff Rushe; and judges Mike Orloff (left) and Pat Kopco.



## WC Qualifiers – November 3

WC qualifiers from the second day of the MFGRC WC/WCX were (L to R) Tahani (Malagold Tahani) with Bonnie Scherer; Bay (Mead's Sweetheart of Cinnamon Bay) with Jeff Mead; and "Kody" (Star Crowned Kodiak Island) with Elizabeth Scherer and judges Mike Orloff and Pat Kopco.



## WCX Qualifier – November 2

Kay Johnson and her Golden Summer (Bewitched Seminole Summer) were the only WCX qualifiers during the MFGRC WC/WCX weekend. They are pictured with judges Mike Orloff and Pat Kopco.





**MFGRC** members got the opportunity to try field and hunt test activities with their Golden Retrievers at the club's "**Fun Field Day**" on October 12.

Club board member Dr. Pam Ginn hosted the event on her property in Ocala and club members Jean Bates, Marilyn Booher, Brian Parker and Kristin Sipus lent their knowledge and helped members learn about sports opportunities. Club members also held a general meeting after the activities. ■



# Winter Hunt Test



## Big Thanks from Hunt Test Chair Mike Orloff . . .

The MFGRC had its annual Winter Hunt Test the weekend of Nov. 22-24 and I would like to thank everyone who helped make the event a success.

As always, our host, Wayne Gey, was gracious in welcoming us to his property and giving us what we needed to stage the test.

Due to scheduling and availability of Wayne's Golden Oaks Ranch, the test was held a few weeks earlier than normal this year, putting it in conflict with some other tests in the Southeast, and we were concerned that might hurt our entry numbers. But it didn't – we still had a fantastic entry for Master, Senior and Junior. Thanks to the competitors who continue to support our tests.



*Pam Ginn's "Rhett"*

Our friends from the CFHRC were great co-hosts, as always, and our two clubs continue to work well together.

The UCF Outlanders club members were there and did their usual great job with a good attitude, enthusiasm and smiles on their faces.

Special thanks to co-chair Ted Misilo and his son T.J. who were there from Thursday setup until the very last items were

packed away Sunday night. They were their usual hard-working selves being everywhere and doing everything, and it wouldn't have happened without them.

Also thanks to the trial secretary, Macy Swift, and to head marshal/volunteer coordinator Kristin Sipus and at-test volunteer coordinator Marilyn Booher. Their jobs are not easy and what they do is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to the other MFGRC members who helped in some capacity over the four days, including Jean Bates, MJ Douglas, Pam Ginn, Andy Hall, Camille Nasca, Debbie O'Hanlon and her daughter Karli Pixley, Barbara Page, Ann Rowe, Pat Rubrecht, Bonnie Scherer, Elizabeth Scherer, Dee Thibodeaux, Michele Throm and Tom Wiegand.

Hilda and Dave Wood were exceptional as always running the Master stake, and Caroline Davis from the CFHRC was fantastic getting the lunches together and out to everybody. And there were others who pitched in to help in other ways.

And of course thanks to my wife, Pat Kopco, for judging and for helping throughout the weekend.

We'll be back at Golden Oaks Ranch for the MFGRC Spring Hunt Test on Feb. 8-9.

Thank you,  
Mike Orloff  
MFGRC Hunt Test Chair



*Ann Rowe and "Ellie"*

# MFGRC Specialty December 13

## *Record Entry – All Trophy Sponsorships Sold*



The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club's annual Specialty comes to the line on Friday, Dec. 13, with a record entry as well as 100 percent sponsorship for trophies.

The Specialty will be held at the Orange County Convention Center (North/South Building) as part of the AKC Royal Canin National Championship week. Spectators are welcome. With almost 200 Golden Retrievers entered, the Specialty has exceeded its previous record of 177 entries, show chair Caroline Kendrick reported.

Trophy chair Camille Nasca sold the last available trophy sponsorship on November 16 – a complete list of trophies and sponsors is listed below.

*Thanks from Caroline, Camille and the club for the overwhelming support!*

2019 GOLDEN RETRIEVER SPECIALTY TROPHY SPONSORSHIP			
CLASS	DONATION	TROPHY	SPONSOR
BEST OF BREED	\$175.00	LARGE HAND PAINTED CHINA PLATTER	DOT & ALLISON HIVELY-IN MEMORY OF ALL GOLDENS LOVED AND LOST
BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX	\$150.00	SMALL HAND PAINTED CHINA PLATTER	CANDI PEARCE-BARKINGHAM PALACE-GOOD LUCK TO ALL
BEST OF WINNERS	\$125.00	HAND PAINTED CHINA DINNER PLATE	CANDI PEARCE-BARKINGHAM PALACE-GOOD LUCK TO ALL
WINNER'S DOG	\$75.00	HAND PAINTED CHINA SALAD PLATE	NANCY SIGMON - IN MEMORY OF LUCY
WINNER'S BITCH	\$75.00	HAND PAINTED CHINA SALAD PLATE	JULIE WANEGLIN
RESERVE WD	\$50.00	HAND PAINTED CHINA BREAD & BUTTER PLATE	TRACY & GARY MARTIN
RESERVE WB	\$50.00	HAND PAINTED CHINA BREAD & BUTTER PLATE	TRACY & GARY MARTIN
BEST JUNIOR HANDLER	\$50.00	HAND PAINTED CHINA BREAD & BUTTER PLATE	JULIE WANGELIN
BEST VETERAN	\$50.00	HAND PAINTED CHINA BOX	CHARLIE & SUE HICKS IN MEMORY OF GATOR & AJ
BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX VETERAN	\$50.00	HAND PAINTED CHINA BOX	CHARLIE & SUE HICKS IN MEMORY OF GATOR & AJ
BEST PUPPY	\$50.00	HAND PAINTED CHINA BOX	TRACY & GARY MARTIN
BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX PUPPY	\$50.00	HAND PAINTED CHINA BOX	TRACY & GARY MARTIN
1ST PLACE – 6-9 MONTH DOG	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	ANDY & BARBARA HALL IN MEMORY OF COSMO
1ST PLACE – 9-12 MONTH DOG	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	ANDY & BARBARA HALL IN MEMORY OF COSMO
1ST PLACE – 12-15 MONTH DOG	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	ANDY & BARBARA HALL IN MEMORY OF COSMO
1ST PLACE – 15-18 MONTH DOG	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	ANDY & BARBARA HALL IN MEMORY OF COSMO

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1ST PLACE – AMAT/OWN HANDLER	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	JAN & JIM CASEY - IN MEMORY OF BUZZ
1ST PLACE – BRED BY DOG	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	CAMILLE NASCA IN MEMORY OF SPENCER
1ST PLACE – AMERICAN BRED DOG	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	JAN & JIM CASEY - IN MEMORY OF BUZZ
1ST PLACE – OPEN DOG	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	DEBRA FINCH - IN MEMORY OF KASEY
1ST PLACE – 6-9 MONTH BITCH	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	JUDI VOLPE
1ST PLACE – 9-12 MONTH BITCH	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	JUDI VOLPE
1ST PLACE – 12-15 MONTH BITCH	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	JUDI VOLPE
1ST PLACE – 15-18 MONTH BITCH	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	JUDI VOLPE
1ST PLACE – AM/OWN HANDLER	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	ANN ROWE - MAGIK GOLDEN RETRIEVERS
1ST PLACE – BRED BY BITCH	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	CAMILLE NASCA IN MEMORY OF OLIVIA
1ST PLACE – AM BRED BITCH	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	DEBRA FINCH - IN MEMORY OF LEFTY
1ST PLACE – OPEN BITCH	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	ANN ROWE - MAGIK GOLDEN RETRIEVERS
1ST PLACE NOVICE JUNIOR	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	ANN ROWE - MAGIK GOLDEN RETRIEVERS
1ST PLACE NOVICE INTERMEDIATE	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	ANN ROWE - MAGIK GOLDEN RETRIEVERS
1ST PLACE NOVICE SENIOR	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	DIANE & VERN GANK - WONDERLANDs GOLDEN RETRIEVERS
1ST PLACE OPEN JUNIOR	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	CHRISTINE MCDANIEL
1ST PLACE OPEN INTERMEIDATE	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	KRISTEN SIPUS
1ST PLACE OPEN SENIOR	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	THOMAS WIEGAND - IN MEMORY OF ABBIE WIEGAND
1ST PLACE MASTER	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	BARB WHITE
1ST PLACE 7-10 VETERAN DOG	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	CHRIS JEFFREY
1ST PLACE 10-12 VETERAN DOG	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	THOMAS WIEGAND - IN MEMORY OF DUKE WIEGAND
1ST PLACE 12 & OVER VET DOG	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	THOMAS WIEGAND - IN MEMORY OF LEVI WIEGAND
1ST PLACE 7-10 VETERAN BITCH	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	SHARON & BOB WILLIAMS IN LOVING MEMORY OF HOLLY & RILEY
1ST PLACE 10-12 VETERAN BITCH	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	SHARON & BOB WILLIAMS IN LOVING MEMORY OF HOLLY & RILEY
1ST PLACE 12 & OVER VET BITCH	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	SHARON & BOB WILLIAMS IN LOVING MEMORY OF HOLLY & RILEY
1ST PLACE H R DOG	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	RockStar GOLDENS
1ST PLACE H R BITCH	\$15.00	GOLDEN RETRIEVER CAST MEDALLION	RockStar GOLDENS
PLATINUM	OVER \$200	CANDI PEARCE - BARKINGHAM PALACE	\$ 225.00
DIAMOND	\$150-199	JANET NARUSKA	\$ 150.00
GOLD	\$100-149		
SILVER	\$50-99	PATRICIA A. KESSLER	\$ 50.00

# 2020 Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty

*Hosted by Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club*

## Tentative Schedule of Events

### **Friday, October 16, 2020**

Hunt Test (*if entries warrant third day*)

### **Saturday, October 17, 2020**

Hunt Test

Field Welcome Dinner

RV Move-In Day

### **Sunday, October 18, 2020**

Hunt Test

MFGRC Agility Trial

### **Monday, October 19, 2020**

GRCA Agility Trial

Vendor Move-In Day

Welcome Dinner/Parade of Titleholders

### **Tuesday, October 20, 2020**

Tracking . Sweepstakes

Obedience . Rally

### **Wednesday, October 21, 2020**

Conformation

CCA

Obedience

Rally

### **Thursday, October 22, 2020**

Conformation

Gun Dog Sweepstakes

Top 20 Gala

### **Friday, October 23, 2020**

Conformation

Junior Showmanship

Parade of Rescues

### **Saturday, October 24, 2020**

Best of Breed

Parade of Heroes



The GRCA National Specialty will span October 16-28, 2020  
with the majority held between Monday, October 19, and Saturday, October 24 at the beautiful new  
**World Equestrian Center in Ocala FL**  
MFGRC members Pat Kopco and Tom Misilo are co-chairs of the National



# Volunteering . . .

## *Opportunities to Volunteer are Upcoming*

The MFGRC cannot stage its events without help from club members who volunteer their time and volunteers are needed for several upcoming events.

**February 8-9 – Hunt Test at Golden Oaks Ranch** in Montverde, FL. The club could use volunteers both days but could especially use help unloading on Friday, February 7, and packing up after the event on Sunday, February 9.



**April 17-18-19 – Agility Trial at Grand Oaks Resort** in Weirsdale, FL. Volunteers are needed to work as timers, scribes and gatekeepers. In addition, and most importantly, volunteers are needed to help set up for the event on Thursday, April 16, beginning at 1 p.m.

**August 8-9 – Obedience/Rally Trial** in Daytona Beach, FL. Volunteers are needed to work as ring stewards either one day or both days of the trial.

Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to contact MFGRC club secretary Andy Hall at [andyhall58@hotmail.com](mailto:andyhall58@hotmail.com)

## Want to Volunteer for the 2020 GRCA National? Here's how . . .

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club is hosting the 2020 Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty and needs help from all members of the club. Many members have already signed up for various committees and activities related to the 2020 and have already been involved in meetings and planning. But more volunteer positions remain unfilled, both for advance planning and for jobs the week of the event.

Volunteer coordinators Dot and Allison Hively are maintaining an active list of volunteers and jobs. Anyone wishing to volunteer can contact them via email – even if you don't know what area you'd like to help with, they can tell you what is available and sign you up. Dot and Allison can be reached via email at [2020GoldenVolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:2020GoldenVolunteers@gmail.com)

The National Specialty will include 13 days of competition, social events, clinics, seminars, shopping and more. The National will span October 16-28, 2020, with the majority held between Monday, October 19, and Saturday, October 24 at the beautiful new World Equestrian Center in Ocala, FL. Best of Breed will be on Saturday and close activities in Ocala. The Hunt Test and Field Trial events will be held at a nearby location.





## Website Launched for 2020 GRCA National Specialty

The website for the 2020 Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty, hosted by the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club, was recently launched.

The website is a “go-to” site for exhibitors and others planning to attend the National, which will be held October 16-28, 2020, in Ocala, FL. It includes hotel and schedule information, details on venues and more. The website will be constantly updated as new information becomes available.

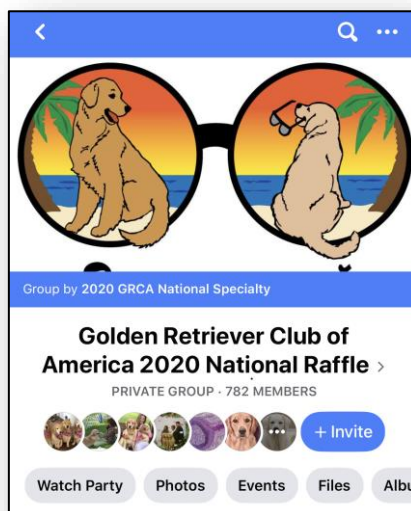
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and Saturday, October 24 at the new World Equestrian Center in Ocala, Fla. Best of Breed will be on Saturday and close activities in Ocala

A three-day Hunt Test will kick off the National beginning Friday, Oct. 16, and a three-day Field Trial will conclude on Wednesday, Oct. 28. The Hunt Test and Field Trial will be held at Lazy J Ranch in Williston, Fla., which is only 25 miles from the World Equestrian Center.

The website can be accessed at this link:

<https://2020.grcanational.com>



The MFGRC also is operating in two places on Facebook for the 2020 GRCA National Specialty.

The main page can be accessed under “**2020 GRCA National Specialty.**”

The other page, which focuses on the raffles associated with the National, can be accessed under “**Golden Retriever Club of America 2020 National Raffle.**”



# MFGRC Raffle Fundraiser Underway for 2020 National Specialty

MFGRC members are needed to help sell tickets for a raffle being held to raise funds to support the club's hosting of the 2020 Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty. The prize is a 7 day/6 night stay in Puerto Rico (see flyer below).

Club members wishing to participate can obtain tickets to sell from the following people:

Kristin Sipus -- [richwoodgoldens@gmail.com](mailto:richwoodgoldens@gmail.com)

Lisa Boudreau -- [lisa@puppytransport.com](mailto:lisa@puppytransport.com)

Robin Bowen -- [robinRbowen@gmail.com](mailto:robinRbowen@gmail.com)



## 2020 GRCA National Specialty benefit Raffle

Win 7 days / 6 nights

### Hidden Paradise Ceiba, Puerto Rico

<https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/16240308>

Drawing February 9, 2020



#### Sleeps 14- 2 separate living areas

Available any dates not already booked in May, September or October 2020. Date exception-Week of Puerto Rico Dog show, up stairs only (sleeps 8 , 1/2 cleaning fee) Dogs welcome!

\$300 cleaning fee

Tickets \$5 each

Purchase tickets at MFGRC events or from members

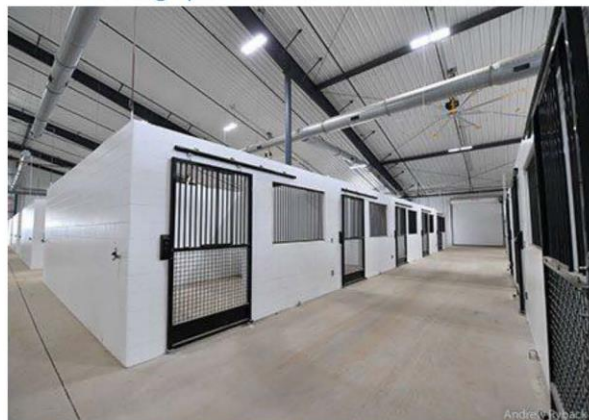
# Another MFGRC Raffle Fundraiser for 2020 National Specialty

## *Grooming Space Raffle*

The MFGRC is holding a fundraising raffle for the 2020 GRCA National Specialty with the grand prize of a free grooming stall. Details in the flyer below.



### Grooming Space for the 2020 GRCA National



*Photo is of WEC Ohio. WEC Ocala is similar in style.*

Grooming areas are 12x14 feet, have power (20A), are lockable and climate controlled. Be the first to say you have a grooming stall for the 2020 GRCA National!

Tickets are \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00! Valued at \$200.00

The drawing will take place February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club's Hunt Test located in Montverde, Florida. Winner need not be present to win.

To purchase tickets, contact Michele Panetta at [croscrk@gmail.com](mailto:croscrk@gmail.com).

Ticket Requests must be made **before** February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Regular Reservations will open February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please check the 2020 GRCA National website ([2020.grcanational.com](https://2020.grcanational.com)) for additional information.

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Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club: <https://mfgrc.org>

*The 2020 GRCA National Specialty main venue will be located at the [World Equestrian Center \(WEC\)](#) in Ocala, Florida and hosted by the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club. All performance and conformation events at the 2020 National (other than field events) will be held in brand new, state-of-the-art, air-conditioned luxury arenas. Events taking place at the main venue include Conformation, Obedience/Rally, Agility, Certificate of Conformation (CCA), Education Seminars, Health Clinics, and more.*



# Accolades . . .



Laura Topping had a good two days in Tucson, AZ, on the way home from the GRCA National Specialty. On the first day, her Golden boy Tommy (Loralei's Runnin Down a Dream MBISS) finished his championship by winning his third major at the Palo Verde Golden Retriever Club Specialty. Tommy won out of the Bred By class and went BOS over a lineup that included many specials. The next day, her Golden girl Campbell (Loralei's American Girl BOSS) finished her championship at the Madera Canyon Kennel Club show from the Bred By class.



Paula Black's young Golden boy Eli (Crescent Goldrox Worth his Wait in Gold) has been on a roll as he works toward finishing - Eli was BOW twice at the Arcadia shows and once at the Ocala shows, and won RWD once in Ocala. He has been handled by Morgan Brooks (pictured), Kellie Dahlberg and Courtney Roxby.



MFGRC vice president Michele Throm and her Golden girl Ary (Ethos Winter is Coming at Cachet BN RN RATN DS) earned their first Obedience title in Beginner Novice at the Orlando Dog Training Club trial. During a period of just over a week, Ary also had two Fast CAT passes and earned her first Junior Hunter pass.



Karyn Angel and her Golden boy Cody had a successful day in the Atlanta Golden Retriever Club agility trial in Pendleton, SC. Cody was a Double Q in Excellent with first Place in both and earned his Exc JWW Title.



Pat Carlile and her Golden girl Singer (MACH6 Knox's Singing My Praises MACH4 Knox's Singing My Praises MXG2 MJC2 MFG TQX T2B7 CA DJ), earned Singer's agility MACH 6 at the Indian River Dog Training Club in Vero Beach, FL.



# More Accolades . . .



Carol Atkinson keeps racking up the ribbons and titles in Scent Work. At the Scent Work Club of Brevard County trial, she earned titles with two of her Golden Retrievers - six-month-old Tigger (Snobird's Eye of the Tiger) earned her SIN scent work interior novice title with all second places. And her multi-titled boy Crash (Snobird's Raise Your Glass, Party Crasher BN RN SWA SINE SCE SIE SEE SHDA DN CGCA TKP NW2) earned his SEE title by scoring the last two exterior excellent legs he needed to finish.



Dalia Ruffatto's Golden girl Luna earned her DSX2 (Dock Senior Excellent 2) title at a trial at Mugu's Pet Resort in St. Marys, Ga. Luna also earned her invitation for the NADD championship in December. She is now Luna The Wagging Tail Wonder CAA DCAT RATN DSX2 CGCA TKA FDC. Dalia's girl Miss Cira earned a CGC, her first title, at Canine Star Training Academy in Cocoa, Fla., to become Jazzie's Showers of Sunshine and Joy CGC.



Ralph Orlando and his Golden boy Smokey (Liebchen's Smokey Bones Mountain Mischief VCD2 UDX BN RE MXP AJP OFF TD SCN SIN SHDN TDU THD CGCA CGCU) earned Smokey's Obedience Versatility title with a first place in the Brevard Dog Training Club Obedience Trial held at the Obedience Club of Daytona. The judge was Rick Cox.



Karyn Angel and her Golden boys Timer and Cody earned new agility titles in the trial held in Elkton, Fla. Timer earned first places in both Novice Fast and Novice Standard and finished his Novice Standard Title. Cody took first place in Excellent Standard and finished his Excellent Standard Title. He also had a third place in Master JWW.



Gettin' it done at the dock! Lisa Boudreau's girl Spice (Sandpiper's Scent From Heaven DS RN TKI CGC) had a 17' 3" jump to earn her Dock Senior title at a trial in Cairo, Ga.

Mr. Rhett (GCH CH Lakewood's Rhett Butler @ Kestrel Farm South JH) earned his Junior Hunter title at the Fall Line Retriever Club hunt test in Lincolnton, Ga. He is owned by MFGRC board member Pam Ginn and trained/handled by Rich Louter.





## 2019 New Title Rosettes for MFGRC Members . . .

Members of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club who earn new titles for their Goldens during calendar year 2019 may be eligible to receive a new title rosette from the club. The rosettes will be similar to this one from 2018 being modeled by Ralph and Maria Orlando's Golden boy Smokey:



This year a stipulation has been added to the process: in order to be eligible to receive a new title rosette from the club, a member must have volunteered to work for at least one club event during the year, or have done equivalent work for the club behind-the-scenes (subject to verification). The stipulation was added to encourage members to help with club events.

If your dog has won a new title in 2019 and you feel you are eligible to receive a rosette, please email the full name of the dog, what the title earned was and what event(s) you worked at to MFGRC board member Robin Burket. Robin will order the rosettes later this year and make them available for pickup early next year. If you will not be able to attend an event to pick up your rosette, you will be asked to send a check for \$10 for postage and handling, made out to MFGRC, so that it can be mailed to you. Robin's email address is [robin.c.lemieux@gmail.com](mailto:robin.c.lemieux@gmail.com). The deadline for submissions is December 31, 2019.

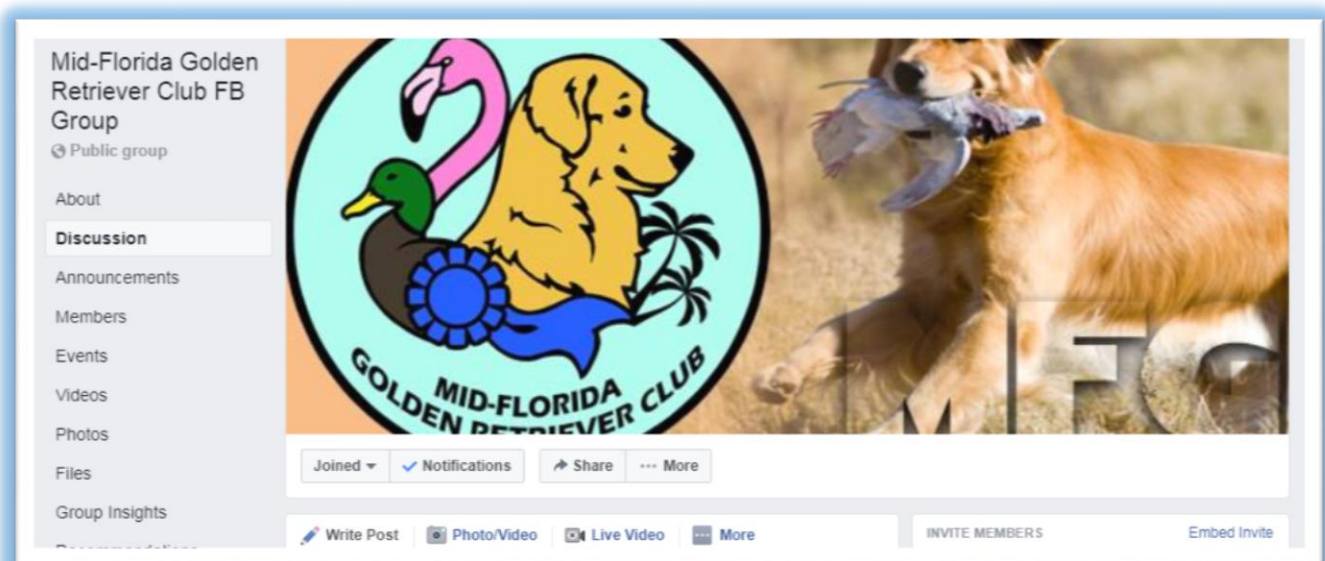
*. . . for all those who compete*

### **Blinding Flash of the Obvious**

- You are not going to win everyday
- You are going to win when you do not expect it
- Winning is more fun than losing
- Saving Grace: the competition likes you better when you lose

*"We should be lifting each other up and cheering each other on, not trying to outshine or one up each other. The sky would be awfully dark with just one star."*

*Stacie Martin*



***Join the MFGRC Facebook group!*** (screenshot above)  
and

Keep up with what's happening with the business of your club by reading minutes of the club's board and general meetings - [www.mfgrc.org/meeting-minutes](http://www.mfgrc.org/meeting-minutes)

## MFGRC Logo Decals Available to Members . . .



All members of the MFGRC are entitled to a club decal for their vehicle - the stickers feature the club logo and attach to the outside of the window of the vehicle, the bumper, etc.

The decals are available from club secretary Andy Hall at all general meetings or he can be reached at [andyhall58@hotmail.com](mailto:andyhall58@hotmail.com)

