

Golden Tales



MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

Holiday Issue!

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President's Message . .

December 2020

Season Greetings All!

Well here it is December and it's going to be a COVID Christmas! Who would have thought we would still be wearing masks and social distancing. ZOOM meetings are all the rage now but I would really like to see everyone IN PERSON!

My favorite event, the club Christmas Party (held at my house for the past 20 years) was cancelled. Did not want to be accused of having a covid party. The club did hold our Specialty at the Orlando Convention Center under strict covid guidelines and was very successful. Thanks to Caroline and Camille for all their hard work. Sadly, no spectators were allowed.

This certainly has been a rough year for all dog competitors, however, AKC did come up with some virtual events. Even I was able to put rally titles on two of my dogs via the virtual model (which will be extended through 2021). Was also able to finish Farm Dog Titles – these were held outside with plenty of social distancing. Just some fun things to do with our dogs and stay safe.

Wishing everyone a safe, happy and healthy Holiday. Hoping 2021 will allow us to meet again “in person” soon!

Ann Rowe

MFGRC President



Merry Christmas to all. . . and to all a good night!

MFGRC Confirms Officers and Board for 2021

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club held its annual election for officers and board members via email (due to the pandemic), with voting ending on December 10.

The club's Nominating Committee had put forth a slate for the positions in October and no additional members came forward for nominations at the November general meeting. With all candidates running unopposed, per the club's by-laws, the election was held to confirm the positions.

The 2021 officers and board are as follows:

Officers:

President – Ann Rowe

Vice President – Robin Burket

Secretary – Andy Hall

Treasurer – Dee Thibodeaux

Returning board members:

Marilyn Booher

Pam Ginn

Ted Misilo

Michele Throm

New board members for 2021:

John Blair

Caroline Kendrick

Laura Topping

The new slate officers and board members became effective immediately after the election concluded.



Tyler Sikora with his family's two Goldens
Cira (left) and Luna

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.

Welcome New Club Members!

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club welcomed new members to its ranks during the “virtual” general meetings held in September and November.

The new members were:

Monica Echaves, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

(co-sponsors were Robin Bowen and Julie Wangelin)

Nancy Cameron, Longwood, FL (sponsor was Anney Doucette)

D’Nette Musser, Orange City, FL (sponsor was Julie Wangelin)

Lorna Kenna, Cocoa Beach, FL (sponsor was Ann Rowe)



Nancy Cameron



Monica Echaves



D’Nette Musser



Lorna & J.B. Kenna

REMINDER: Renewals Not Required for 2021

Members of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club are reminded that they do not have to renew their memberships for 2021 – memberships will automatically renew at no charge.

Because the club has not been able to hold its normal robust schedule of activities this year due to the pandemic, the club's board of directors decided it wouldn't be fair to charge members to renew for 2021.

Members don't have to do anything – the club's membership department will take care of everything.



HARPER – Owned by Lindsey Rodriguez, Ph.D.

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. ESTABLISHED 1984
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Mark Your Calendars

MFGRC Spring Hunt Test – February 13-14 – Montverde, FL

MFGRC Spring Agility Trial – April 23-24-25 – Weirsdale, FL

MFGRC Summer Specialty – June 18 – Tampa, FL

MFGRC Obedience/Rally Trial – August 14-15 – Daytona Beach, FL

MFGRC Fall Agility Trial – October 21-22-23 – Weirsdale, FL

MFGRC Agility Trial – October 24 – Ocala, FL

GRCA National Specialty Hosted by MFGRC – October 22-30 – Ocala, FL

MFGRC Winter Hunt Test – Nov. 19-20-21 – Montverde, FL

(general meetings to be announced)



MFGRC Has Successful Fall Agility Trial with COVID Safety Precautions

The MFGRC conducted a successful Fall Agility Trial October 9-10-11 at the Grand Oaks Resort in Weirsdale, Fla., only the second event the club had been able to stage in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Operating under strict COVID-19 safety protocols, the trial went off without a hitch. Though entries were down some 40 percent due to the trial not being held on its usual weekend and having to compete with two other trials in the state, the event was still profitable for the club and many club members pitched in to help.

Event chair Dee Thibodeaux and her husband John again had help from club members Pat Carlile as volunteer coordinator and Vickie Maloney and Jackie Hardin as course builders.

A large contingent of club members and exhibitors showed up at Grand Oaks on Thursday, the day before the trial, to work unloading the club's two trailers and setting up the rings and equipment. They included Marilyn Booher, Ellen Bartkus, Ann Rowe, Chris Jeffrey, Robin Senderowitz, Anthony Brown, Pat Kopco, Mike Orloff, Nina DePetris, Jan Casey, Paula Black and Gretchen Carlson (with her daughter and a friend).

Lisa Boudreau, Elizabeth Scherer, Lindsay Rodriguez and Heidi Buck joined many of the club members listed above in working during the three days of the trial.

The club also once again had the help of JROTC students who have been so invaluable in staging the trials the past few years and as always, the staff of Grand Oaks was great in preparing the ring surfaces and taking care of little details.

"I truly appreciate all of the help from everyone," Dee said.

The MFGRC Spring Agility Trial will be April 23-24-25, 2021, at Grand Oaks.

VOLUNTEERING . . .

Opportunities to Volunteer are Upcoming

Spring Hunt Test

Many volunteers are needed to help conduct the club's Spring Hunt Test Feb. 13-14 at Golden Oaks Ranch in Montverde, Fla. Volunteer positions include marshaling, working with birds, helping set up and move equipment and preparing/distributing meals. Interested members can contact volunteer coordinator Michele Throm at michelethrom@yahoo.com.

Spring Agility Trial

The club will be holding a three-day agility trial April 23-24-25 at Grand Oaks Resort in Weirsdale, Fla. (near The Villages) and volunteers are going to be needed to help conduct the trial. Help will be needed on setup day (Thursday, April 22, at 1 p.m.), during all three days of competition and help will be needed for packing up the club's equipment on Sunday afternoon when the trial is finished. Safety precautions will be in place for the trial. Anyone who can help is asked to contact volunteer coordinator Pat Carlile at pat_golden_boy@yahoo.com.

Obedience/Rally Trial

A two-day Obedience/Rally Trial will be held Aug. 14-15 in Daytona Beach, Fla. 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 event chair Andy Hall at andyhall58@hotmail.com.



Want to volunteer for the 2021 National?

Here's how . . .

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club is hosting the 2021 Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty in October of 2021 and needs help from all members of the club.

Many members have already signed up for various committees and activities related to the 2021 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 2021goldenvolunteers@gmail.com.

The National Specialty will include more than a week of competition, social events, clinics, seminars, shopping and more. The majority of the event will be held at the beautiful new World Equestrian Center in Ocala, Fla.

Lisa Boudreau's Golden girls Star (left) and Spice on the water in St. Petersburg



Longtime MFGRC Member Dr. Terry Collett Selected To Do Artwork for Golden Retriever Foundation Christmas Ornament

Dr. Terry Collett had to give up her career as a physician after multiple back surgeries left her unable to practice medicine.

Only 43 at the time, Terry was depressed about all that she had lost and, at the urging of a friend, started watercolor classes.

Now, years later, Terry was honored to have her artwork chosen by the Golden Retriever Foundation for its 2020 Christmas ornament. The ornament is a portrait of her former service dog, Brody.

Terry and her husband, Dr. John Collett, live in Pinellas Park, Fla. where they relocated from Michigan in 2002, and have been members of the MFGRC since 2005.

When she started her art classes, she quickly became serious as she had discovered a new passion.

"I studied with several teachers in Michigan, did many workshops and also travelled to Ireland for a three- week painting workshop with the Chicago Art Institute," she said. "When we moved to Florida, my top priority was finding watercolor classes here.

"I found Mary Henderson, a wonderful art

teacher and friend. I started doing dog portraits while studying with her."

Terry said that her favorite use of her art time is doing head studies of dogs. "I do realism to the point a lot of people think that my portraits are photographs," she said.

Brody, the subject of the Christmas ornament portrait, had a very meaningful impact on the Colletts.

"I was so blessed when Brody came into our lives," she said. "I had struggled after so many back surgeries and training Brody to become certified by Delta Society as my Service Dog changed my life in profound ways.

"At six months he walked beautifully beside the wheelchair," she said. "My husband also took Brody on every transportation there was at Disney, so when he flew with me he was never afraid of any sound or vibration. He was an all-around good guy.

"My husband with the encouragement of the PhD animal behaviorist assured us Brody could also train in other areas. We joined the DTCSP (Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg) in 2004 and made great friends and enjoyed training there so much.



"I eventually taught Puppy Kindergarten classes and Pet Therapy classes, and my husband started teaching Basic Obedience and then Advanced Obedience," she said. "He trained and then competed with Brody in Obedience, Rally, Conformation and Agility."

"We love our Golden Retriever breed so very much. We have had five of our own and each of our two sons have had Goldens for their family dogs."

While it was a tremendous honor for Terry to be selected for the ornament, she admits that it was bittersweet.

"While gathering materials and photographs of Brody brought me great joy, I shed many tears feeling that exquisite love, joy and pain that only those who have deeply loved a dog feel when they leave us," she said. "He was a wonderful dog in every way and lived to be 15 years of age, staying active and still going for daily walks until the last week of his life."

"He was bred by Tim and Michelle Whitney and we will forever be grateful to them."

"I hope all who love our breed will support the GRF and purchase an ornament for you or someone you love. The foundation does research into diseases of our breed and the scientific studies often benefit all breeds."

The ornament can be purchased online at goldenretrieverfoundation.org (donations, annual GRF ornament).

The ornaments are produced by Barlow Designs, a small American company with worldwide recognition. Beautifully packaged, each two-inch round ornament is backed with gold-plated brass and engraved with the artist's name, year of issue and edition number. ■

MFGRC President Featured in **STYLE** Magazine



Ann Rowe and her Magik Goldens – were featured in the October 2020 Issue of the Lake & Sumter STYLE Magazine. To preview the complete article go to <https://www.lakeandsumterstyle.com> and search under back issues.



Thanks to Members From MFGRC Specialty Chairs *Annual Specialty Review*



MFGRC member Elizabeth Scherer's Kody (SHR U-CH. IABCA IntCH Star Crowned Kodiak Island CD BN RN JH CGC TKN WC CCA) won first place in the Hunting Retriever Dog category in the MFGRC Specialty and a Judges Award of Merit (JAM).

The MFGRC held its annual Specialty on December 11 as part of Royal Canin AKC National Championship week in Orlando – despite the pandemic, the event still attracted 145 entries as the National Championship week went on with pandemic rules in place that prohibited spectators from attending.

Caroline Kendrick, who has chaired the Specialty every year since it began, again steered the event, which was held at the Orange County Convention Center. And thanks to the work of Camille Nasca, trophy chair, all available trophy sponsorships for the Specialty sold out in advance of the event.

With no spectators permitted, which meant no additional club members could attend to work the event, Caroline and Camille managed everything themselves on the day of the Specialty, including bringing in the awards and materials, setting up and then working during the hours-long event.

"Those who supported our Specialty by donating a trophy deserve a 'specialty' thank you," said Caroline.

"I want to thank Camille for her time and talent in selecting the trophies, putting them together and transporting them to the show. Also thanks to Joanne Hell for designing and ordering the rosettes and making sure they arrive on time.

"Also Dee Thibodeaux, our treasurer, for making sure the bills and reimbursements are taken care of in a timely fashion.

"Additional thanks to Dot Hively for stepping up to take on doing the Specialty report for Golden Retriever News, and to Andy Hall for showcasing our event. It's a team effort and we have a great team."

Camille added her thanks as well.

"Each year, when the request goes out for trophy sponsorship, our members always come forward with their very generous sponsorships," said Camille. "The continued support, especially in this very difficult year, is appreciated more than we can express. Our members, in large part, are responsible for the success of this ever popular Specialty. Thank you."

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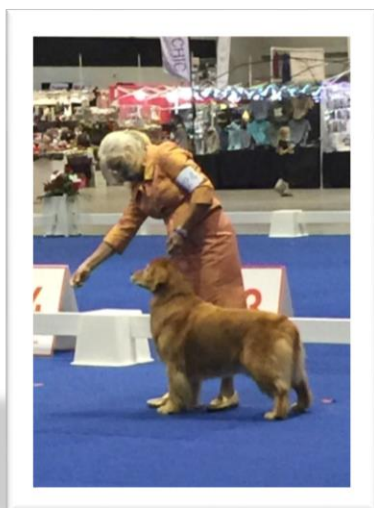
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Trophies at Specialty -- MFRGC Specialty chair Caroline Kendrick (right) and trophy chair Camille Nasca pose with some of the awards distributed during the event.

Award sponsors included:

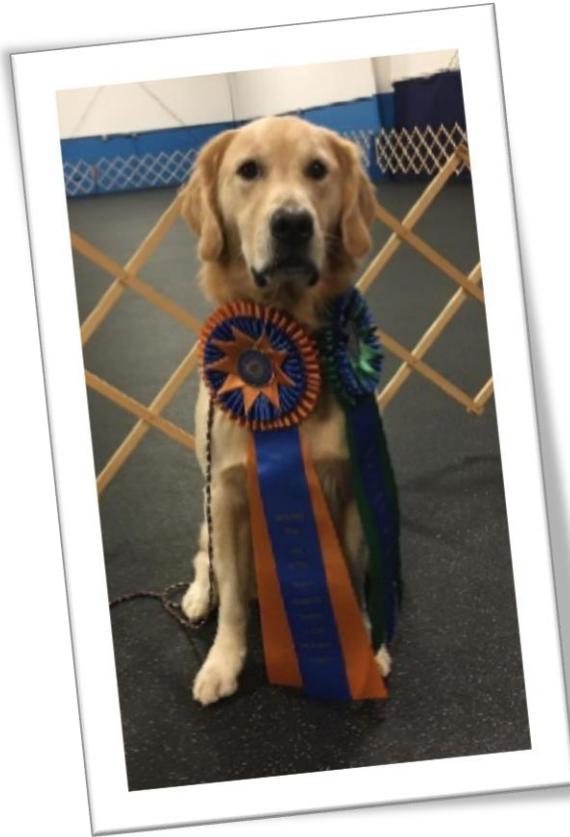
1. Select Dog & Select Bitch - Tracy & Gary Martin
2. Best Veteran - John & Rosa Blair & Best Puppy - Jupiter Golden Jubilee (Pam Storrar) Best Puppy was won by MFRGC member Laura Topping.
3. Class Placements - Andy & Barbara Hall, Julie Wangelin, Kristin Sipus, Jan & Jim Casey, Camille Nasca, Barb & Charlie White, Heidi Buck, Tom Wiegand, Michele Panetta, Julie Wand.
4. Winners Dog & Winners Bitch - Dot and Allison Hively. Winners Dog (Best of Winners) was won by Maestro, owned by club members Tracy & Gary Martin. This finished his championship.
5. Reserve Winners Dog & Reserve Winners Bitch - Nancy Sigmon; Sharon Williams & Laura Topping
6. Best Junior Handler - Janet Narushka. Junior Class Placements - Janet Narushka and Jupiter Golden Jubilee (Pam Storrar)
7. Best of Winners - John & Rosa Blair
8. Best of Opposite Sex - Caroline Kendrick
9. Best Of Breed - Julie Wangelin.



MFRGC board member Laura Topping won the 7-10 Veteran Bitch class in the MFRGC Specialty with her Golden girl Gretchen (GCH Lorelei's Here For The Party CD JH RN WC VC CCA OD). Laura also won Best Puppy in the Specialty.



Best of Breed in the MFRGC Specialty went to "Caroline" (CH Loretta Live Like Line), with breeder-owner-handler Juan Carbonell of Huntington, NY.



WINSTON

Once in a lifetime dog!

Susan Howard's Golden boy **Winston** has been one of the all-star dogs of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club in 2020.

But that's nothing new for Winston, who has been earning titles with Susan since he was seven months old. In 2020, he has expanded his name with Obedience and Field titles and as of this writing is OTCH RATCH HRCH Electralon Snows No Boundaries UDX3 OM5 PUTD VER SH CAA TKA FDC CGC VC CAA OBHF TT NW3Elite

Going on six years of age, Winston has accomplished all of this, with more ahead, despite being permanently injured when he was attacked by another dog at a young age. In addition to the trauma, Winston was left with damage to his back, left hind leg and throat nerves, all of which have to be carefully managed by Susan and which may well result in early retirement for him from Obedience as the precision work is the hardest on him.

"Winston has a gentle temperament and is a biddable dog – a loyal companion with exceptional work ethic and heart," said Susan, who lives in Amelia Island, Fla., and joined the MFGRC in 2019. "He is extremely smart and intelligent – very much a thinker and problem solver. He is a joy to train.

"He is a confident, bold, focused and thoughtful dog but also a sweet, goofy, fun-loving boy who is a perfect gentleman around other dogs, puppies and people.

"He is an active, athletic dog who is ready to work all day long," she said. "He is a good marker in the field, has good memory and is a strong swimmer. And he is a lovely heeling dog and accurate obedience dog, maintaining high scores."



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In recent weeks, Winston has earned his UDX3 (Utility Dog Excellent 3) and his OM5 (Obedience Master 5) titles at a trial in Lake Park, FL, and then, in an entirely different discipline on a separate weekend, earned his UKC HRC Hunting Retriever Champion title at a hunt test in Sylvania, Ga.

This year, Winston and Susan received invitations to both the Westminster Masters Obedience Competition, and the AKC Obedience National Championship.

Winston came from a small kennel in Cape Cod, Mass. "He was the pick boy from nine boys chosen for me by my friends Celeste Meade Maurer and Dave Maurer (noted AKC judges), who owned Winston's sire and grandsire, both of whom I knew and loved. I drove up to New Hampshire and picked Winston up at 10 weeks old."

Of course, Winston wouldn't be as accomplished as he is without training, and Susan has worked hard with her special boy over the years.

Susan, originally from just outside of Windsor, England (where the Queen of England has her castle), had Golden Retrievers in England but lived and worked globally for almost two decades before setting in Florida in 2008. That's when she started dog sports.

"My training, of whatever venue, is normally just short flash sessions fitted in with my daily life," she said.

"I am a member of K9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville, and Winston and I trained competition obedience with Kim Hicks up in Georgia when he was younger.

"I have a few friends that I train field with most weeks, and belong to the Northeast Florida Hunting Retriever Club for weekend training days."



It's not all work and glory for Winston, though – at home, he's a typical Golden.

"Around the house he is always right by my side," she said. "Inside he always carries toys and shoes, and (when) outside, sticks and bumpers. At the end of the day, he will settle easily and snuggle up for the night."

Among Winston's long list of accomplishments in competition:

- National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) – passed all three ORT's (Birch, Anise, Clove) in one day at 6.5 months of age. Went on to pass his NW1, NW2 and NW3 on his first attempts and attained his NW3 Elite title at 2.5 years of age. Susan will eventually be going back to nosework to try and earn Winston's Elite Champion title.
- Barn Hunt – entered his first trial at seven months and earned his Instinct Test and Novice titles (RATN). He finished his RATCH title in four months, at 11 months of age.
- Hunt Tests -- competes in both AKC and HRC hunt tests – earning his SHR, JH, HR and SH in straight passes. He has his HRCH title and Master is next.
- GRCA WC/WCX – Winston earned his WC and WCX titles on the same day and he and Susan were awarded a prize as the best working team of the day.

Obedience is where Winston has racked up the most awards – an abbreviated summary:

- First place in Novice with 199 out of 65 dogs in DOCOF 2018.
- High in Trial (HIT) in DOCOF 2018 out of 175 dogs in only his second weekend ever in trials.
- AKC Obedience Classic 2018 – three-way runoff for Novice first place, coming in second overall, as well as a runoff for top Golden.
- Qualified for GRCA's Obedience Hall of Fame when earning his Utility Dog title.
- Has his OTCH title (Obedience Trial Champion) title and working toward his OGM (Obedience Grand Master).
- As of this writing, Winston has earned High in Trial 30 times, High Combined 18 times, two perfect scores of 200 and 161 OTCH points, including 22 Open wins and 11 Utility wins.

Susan said she would love to try agility and tracking with Winston if she had more time, and she also is currently training Winston's son, Flyte (SHR Maywood's Midsomer Wyndsong TKN), who is only 10 months old and earned his Started Hunting Retriever title at nine months. "I'm hoping he will be as good as Winston," she said.

"Winston is truly a versatile and talented Golden," she said. ***"He is a once in a lifetime dog."***



MFGRC Members Earn Titles During Pandemic with AKC's Virtual Titling Programs

While the pandemic forced the cancellation of many dog shows and trials for a large part of 2020, and some people are still reluctant to compete in the events being held, members of the MFGRC have been earning titles on their dogs this year with a new system put in place for the pandemic: the AKC Virtual Title program.

Available for multiple AKC venues, the Virtual Title program allows people and dogs to earn titles virtually, by video, without having to be in a trial environment.

In addition to the titling opportunities themselves, AKC has many resources to help owners train for them with the resources available on AKC.org.

RALLY . RALLY . RALLY . RALLY

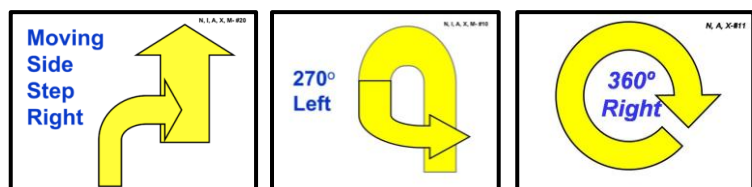
Robin Senderowitz, a longtime MFGRC member, has put Rally Novice and Rally Intermediate titles on her Golden boy Zane (Intl CH Magik's Lettuce Surprise You RI FDC, which she co-owns with MFGRC president Ann Rowe) with the AKC Rally Novice and Intermediate Virtual program.

The program lets Rally competitors set up a pre-designed AKC Rally course in an appropriate place of their choosing, record the performance, and submit it to AKC. AKC will then assign a pre-selected AKC Rally Judge to virtually review and score the team's performance.

There are pre-designed Rally courses, five each for Novice and Intermediate levels, to choose from on the AKC website. Just as with in-person trials, teams must earn three qualifying scores with three different courses.

Robin worked with club member Chris Jeffrey, who teaches Rally classes and organized virtual titling sessions in Eustis, Fla., and earned her titles on different weekends. Ann Rowe and MFGRC treasurer Dee Thibodeaux also put Rally titles on multiple dogs with the virtual system with Chris' help.

"Being able to compete with my dog in Rally Novice and Rally Intermediate virtually has been a great way to earn titles during this pandemic," said Robin. "Training and Rally are activities that I can do safely and I have worked hard and enjoyed putting titles on my boy in 2020. I really love that the AKC gave us this opportunity to continue training and competing instead of not being able to show this year at all."





TRICK DOG . TRICK DOG . TRICK DOG . TRICK DOG

MFGRC member Julie Wand earned three virtual Trick Dog titles with her Kona (Loralei's Living on Island Time).

Julie was encouraged by a friend to try the Novice Trick Dog category, and then she quickly earned Intermediate and Advanced titles.

"After years of diligent obedience training, the 2020 pandemic, coupled with my immunocompromised system brought all of the in-class training and pursuing titles to a halt," Julie said. "Or so I thought.

"My friend and longtime trainer and evaluator, Sandy Wagner suggested that I freshen up on our obedience training and go for any of the titles that AKC is now offering virtually," she said. "As suggested, we took a day to brush up on training and went for and passed three trick dog titles in one weekend.

"I'm not sure who enjoyed getting back in the saddle more; me or my dog, Kona," she said. "It has now motivated me to continue in-home training and working towards the next title. It's nice that AKC is now offering an alternative in pursuing a select number of titles in light of the current situations we are facing."

All five AKC Trick Dog titles, Novice through Elite Performer, can be earned virtually and are judged by AKC Canine Good Citizen evaluators.

The AKC also has virtual programs for agility, conformation and fitness.





PUK

CH UUD Richwood Sophie's Magic Moment, UDX3, MH23, OM3, WCX, VCX, DDHF

This Christmas my husband, Larry Dodd, and I would like to offer appreciation and thanks for nearly eleven years with our veteran Golden, Puk. He has been and still is such a special dog. He is my first advanced field dog, my first advanced obedience dog and our first breed Champion.

We have been so lucky to have him in our lives. We have always known Puk was special but that became even more clear to us this past summer as we watched Puk fight his way back from a nearly fatal bout of inflammatory bowel disease. His strength and courage were incredible and here he still is, proud and happy. A special thank you to Kristin and Eugene Sipus, Puk's breeders, and to all the members of the Mid Florida Golden Retriever Club and the Mile Hi Golden Retriever Club, our two special clubs, and to so many others, for all the support you have given us over the years in all our endeavors. Thank you and may you all have such a brave and special dog in your lives. *Leslie Anderson*

♥ Owners: Leslie Anderson and Larry Dodd ♥

ACCOLADES



Brooke, owned by MFGRC board member Dot Hively and her spouse Allison Hively, finished her championship in Montgomery, Ala., while being handled by Kristin Lyons (pictured). Brooke (Cobblestone's Devonshire Cream on Top) is 19 months old and went WB and BOW on successive days in Montgomery to complete her run. This was Dot and Allison's first Golden to finish - they had previously won titles with Vizslas.



Tonya Noel's Golden boy Stryker (CH Monark's Don't Tread On Me RN CA DN CGC TKN) finished his conformation championship during the Tampa shows while being shown by his breeder (and MFGRC member) Morgan Brooks.



Laura Bellochi's Golden girl Echo (AmCH Tangleloft Pathfinder's Rendezvous with Destiny) finished her GCH in West Springfield, Mass., by going Select Bitch in the Yankee Golden Retriever Club Specialty, her fifth major.

Tracy Martin's Golden boy Maestro finished his CH in the MFGRC Specialty in Orlando by going Best of Winners for a five-pint major. He is now CH Toasty's Maestro.



Karyn Angel's Golden boys Cody and Timer earned their Junior Hunter titles in the Carolina Retriever Association test at H Cooper Black Memorial Park in Cheraw, S.C., adding to their already-impressive resumes. Cody also earned his Rally Master 2 title at the Dog Obedience Club of Greenville Rally trials at Happy Dogs Training Center in Wellford, S.C. Timer earned his Rally Advanced title in the Obedience Club of Daytona trial in December. Cody is Topbrass Code Of Honor UDX4 PUTD OM3 BN GO VER RM2 RAE2 AXP AJP OFF DS CGC TKP. Timer is Topbrass Time For Honor CD PCD BN RI NA NAJ NF DMA CGC TKI.

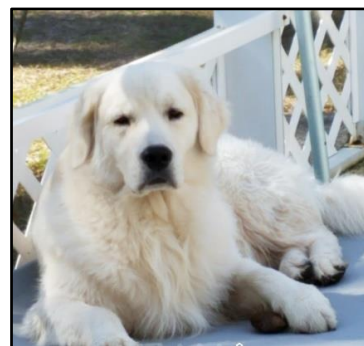
More Accolades . . .



MFGRC board member Michele Throm's young girl Mia (Cachet's Dare to Dream) earned her International Puppy title, including BOB puppy and BBX puppy, at the International Dog Show in Brooksville, FL. Her mother Ary (IntCH Ethos Winter Is Coming At Cachet BN RN JH BCAT RATN DS) earned her International Champion title the same weekend.



Bonnie Scherer's accomplished Golden girl Tahani ((Malagold Tahani CD RN JH WC CGC. CCA TD)) received her Versatility certificate from the GRCA.



Susie Rezy's Golden boy Badger finished his Advanced Exterior title in the Scent Work Club of Ocala's Trial with a third place. He also placed first in Trial No. 3 in the Excellent Containers category.



Carol Atkinson and her Golden boy Crash, an accomplished team in scent work competition, earned his NW3-E element title in a NACSW (National Association of Canine Scent Work) trial held in Tampa. The next weekend, he earned his NW3-V element title at a trial in Jacksonville.



Robin Sernderowitz' Golden boy Zane (Int CH Magik's Lettuce Surprise You RN RI FDC) has earned his Rally Novice and Rally Intermediate titles using the AKC's video judging system put in place for the pandemic. Zane also earned his Farm Dog Certification at My Mystic Oaks Farm in Citra, FL, and his International title in the International show in Brooksville, FL. Zane is co-owned by Ann Rowe.

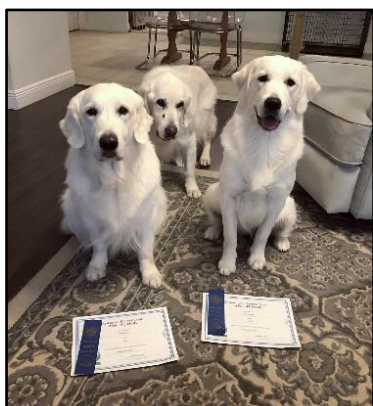


MFGRC president Ann Rowe titled several of her Goldens using the AKC's virtual titling system put in place for the pandemic. In addition, Ann's dogs Faith (Magik's I'm a Believer) and Kale (Lettuce Eat Kale) earned Farm Dog Certification (FDC) at My Mystic Oaks Farm in Citra, FL.



Chris Jeffrey's Breeze (Magik's Bahama Breeze) earned the Farm Dog Certification (FDC) at My Mystic Oaks Farm in Citra, FL. Chris co-owns Breeze with MFGRC president Ann Rowe.

More Accolades . . .



MFGRC Vice President Robin Burket's Golden girls Anni and Sascha passed their tests to earn AKC Canine Good Citizen titles and Fit Dog Certificates. Robin's senior girl Liesje wanted to be in the photo too! Her Golden girl Eve completed her 50th therapy dog visit to earn her AKC Therapy Dog title. Robin, a nurse for AdventHealth, and Eve have been featured in various articles and videos while doing volunteer therapy work. They also shot a video message for patients and nurses during the COVID-19 shutdowns. Eve is Halia's Christmas In Killarney CCA THD CGC TKN.



Bean



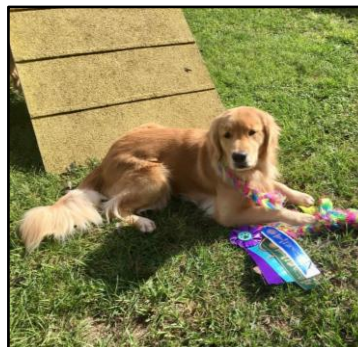
Glitz



Carlos

Three of Destiny Martel's Goldens earned titles in the Ochlockonee River Kennel Club trials in Monticello, FL. Bean (Gemini's and 24k Retrievers Extra Cup of Joe HDS RN FDC BCAT CGC TKN DSA) earned her AKC ATT (Temperament) title as did Glitz (GCH Rush Hill's Without Consent FDC NAJ JH BN RE RATO CA DJA DJ CGC TKI WC VC) while Carlos (Prism-24K's White Feather Sniper AN DJX CD BN RE JH CAA BCAT DJ CGC TKI) earned his DCAT (500pts) FastCAT title. On a different weekend, Glitz earned her Obedience CD title in Ocala and qualified for her VCX title. Glitz also earned her BCAT title during the week of the Orlando shows in December.

Julie Wand, who is immune compromised and can't travel to compete, and her Golden Kona (Loralei's Living on Island Time) earned three AKC virtual trick dog titles. She was encouraged by friend Sandy Wagner to try Novice and then Julie and Kona went on the pass Intermediate and Advanced.



Nina DePetris' young Golden girl Pippa (Knox's Pip Pip Hooray) earned her agility Novice Fast Preferred title at a trial held in Fort Pierce, FL.

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In UKC competition in the Middle Georgia Kennel Club show over Labor Day weekend, Melissa "Mel" Lucas and her Golden boy Godric, who also is her service dog, earned eight best of breeds, three best in shows, four group 1's, two group 2's and 2 group 3's. He also received two high in trials in rally with perfect scores of 100. Mel and Godric also competed in the International dog show in Brooksville and Godric won Best in Show for Companions twice. He is UKC MULTI BIS || COMCH ALCH UWPCH copperfield's Golden snitch CGCA CGCU TKE BN RE DS JH RO1 AP VPN.



Elizabeth Scherer's Golden service dog Orion (Gazn Journeys of Orion CD RA CGC TKN) earned his Farm Dog title (FDC) in Fort Pierce. Her Golden boy Kody competed in the International show in Brooksville and was awarded Best of Breed three times out of four for the regular shows, a Group 3 under the International judge, and his International Championship.

Joyce Swegle and her Golden boy Phinn had a wonderful weekend at the Orlando Dog Training Club Rally trials – in addition to earning his Rally Novice title in 12 times in the ring, he had four Triple Qs, multiple placements and ended up with High Combined and a Triple HC.



Sally Sherman's young Golden boy Flare earned his first title, Rally Novice, in the Lake Eustis Kennel Club trial held in Ocala.



Leslie Anderson's Golden boy Quince (Aubridge Dates and Quinces) earned his Junior Hunter title at the Fall Line Retriever Club hunt test in Lincolnton, Ga., with four consecutive passes.



MFGRC Treasurer Dee Thibodeaux and her Golden girls Smooch, Hurri (Deauxquest Hurri Cane BN RN CGC CGCA TKN), Solo (Deauxquest Oh Solo Mia BN RN CGC CGCA) and Medal (Deauxquest On The Podium BN RN CGC CGCA) all earned their Rally Intermediate titles.