



From the Presidents Desk...

Hello Everyone! I'm very excited to be moving into the role of President of Mid-Florida this year. Mike and I have been members of Mid-Florida for many years while we lived in Miami and while we couldn't attend every meeting and function, we tried to attend as many as we could. I was always amazed at the number of functions Mid-Florida put on and I was always happy to see the commitment of so many members to make sure everything was done right. I loved going to Mid-Florida events because I always felt like the club was family.

Unfortunately in the past few years many clubs have seen membership fall off, new membership is almost non-existent, especially among younger people, and the commitment of volunteers continues to diminish. That is very sad, but I'm afraid that is the way of our new internet world. I don't want to see Mid-Florida join that trend. People join dog clubs to spend time with their dogs doing fun things. For some, that is hunt tests, for some it is tracking or agility or conformation. Some just want to get together with other dog people and let their dogs interact at meetings. Whatever your doggie interest may be, it takes a village to put on an event. Mid-Florida has always pulled together great villages. We continue to have wonderful volunteers who go over and above to make sure things go smoothly, heck without them we wouldn't have any events to worry about going smoothly. But we need that village to be staffed by all members, not just some.

I have had a few people come up to me at events and tell me what they would like to see happen with the club and why they have disappeared over the last couple of years. I would like to fix those things so that meetings are again packed with participants, and so that tests of any sort have all the volunteers needed to pull off successful events without killing the few people who are kind enough to volunteer, most of them over and over again. If you are a member of Mid-Florida, please make a commitment this year to attend meetings and/or help at events. What gain is there from being a member of a club if it doesn't involve friendship, camaraderie and a dedication to making that club the best it can be.

Since the Orlando area is so big, I have made a commitment this year to make sure that meetings are held in all areas of the county - north, south, east and west so that people don't have to travel so far to attend them. I have announced to anyone that will listen that my vision of the club is one of inclusion, not exclusion and that any member who wishes to give of their time will be welcomed with great gratitude and appreciation. This club, like any other, cannot continue to exist if all its members don't get involved and give of their time and expertise. Besides, it's just fun to see everybody. I want this club to thrive and I want its members to be happy. Please join me in making Mid-Florida the best darn dog club in Florida.

Pat Kopco



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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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From the Editor . . .

Levi apparently made a New Year's resolution and forgot to tell me about it. On Saturday, January 19, 2013, at the Fun Field Day held at Tom and Joanne Hell's home in Lakeland, he decided it was time for him to get over his aversion to dead, half frozen ducks and just pick the darn thing up and get it over with.

After attempting this with him more than once, I had given up. He is, after all, 5 years old. Susan Fulenwider couldn't tempt him. Camille Doebling tried at least once. Apparently Ray Caito has the magic duck touch.

I watched Levi do what he usually does, run joyously out into the field to see what it was that landed out there. Was it a tennis ball, or one of his beloved bumpers? I expected him to shoot me that look of utter disgust I've grown accustomed to seeing, shake his head and turn tail and run back to me, sans duck.

I stood up when he put a wing in his mouth. I cheered when he picked it up and actually carried it back, running right past Ray to deliver it to me. Not to hand, mind you. You can't have everything on your first try. There I was, trash talking my dog to all in attendance, and he actually brought back a duck. Five or six times, too, so it wasn't a fluke. Obviously, Levi is a late bloomer, and I need to learn to have a little respect for his latent abilities. Or maybe the turducken dog food I fed him the night before whetted his appetite for water fowl.

Whatever it was, it was a lot of fun for both of us. We had a great lunch of grilled sirloin steak sandwiches, salad, and fruit. Pat Kopco led us through her first general meeting as our club President (she has a lot of experience in that position with other clubs), and a good time was had by all.

If you haven't been to a meeting lately, please consider attending a few this year. We are looking at venues throughout the state, and working on putting together some good seminars and fun times for everyone to enjoy. We miss seeing you!

Until next month . . .

Leah Wright
Editor

Yeah, it's a fuzzy pic, but I promise you, that's a DUCK!



Board members present: Pat Kopco, Tom Hell, Judi Volpe, Ted Crowell, Shirl Phillips, Betty Lambert, Deena Strauss, Leah Wright, Debbie Finch, Mike Orloff and Joanne Hell

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Kopco at 1:50 p.m. at Deena Strauss's home in Windermere, Florida.

President's Report: Pat Kopco opened the meeting by discussing her vision for the club in the coming year. As a Board member for GRCA, Pat stated that her time is somewhat limited, but any help that the Board can give will be very much appreciated. Several members have approached her at different events in the past few months to offer a suggestion that the club general meetings be located throughout the year in different areas of Orlando, so that people felt they could make the meetings. She also stated that several people have indicated they would like to volunteer for events, but felt for various reasons that they were not welcomed to do so. Without the volunteers to help out or chair events, we will not be able to have these events available. It is important to thank our volunteers and make sure they understand how much they are appreciated. Pat stated her main emphasis this year is going to be focusing on ways to make sure that members want to come to meetings and want to volunteer for events.

Discussion was held regarding ways to organize the volunteer efforts prior to the different events so that they are well organized ahead of time, rather than trying to figure out where volunteers are needed the day of the events when things may be quite chaotic. It was noted that many times when volunteers appear the day of an event, the jobs have already been covered. It was agreed that when we send out requests for volunteers in the future, we need to be sure to specify the times they are needed. We will ask volunteers to contact the chair of the event beforehand, so the chair will know how many volunteers will be coming and can then fill the slots that are needed.

Vice President's Report: Vice President Joanne Hell had no new applications to present. Joanne has one application pending, but still needs to receive the Code of Ethics, so it cannot be presented.

Secretary's Report: Deena Strauss reported that she has a form to be filled out for the AKC listing the officers for 2013. She verified the addresses of the current board and officers and will complete the form and send it to the AKC. The November and December Board and general minutes will be published in the December issue of Golden Tales. As outgoing Secretary, Debbie Finch presented letters from the AKC stating they have processed the December hunt test and have closed out that event.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Hell presented the final report as club Treasurer for 2012 (not published on the internet). Tom presented the final report for the Eastern Regional. We have cancelled the contract with the webmaster. The November website billing was \$100, which was a discounted rate from \$170 per month. Tom also reminded everyone that dues are due. They were due on January 1st and are now delinquent. A notice has been sent out via the mass email and a notice will be in the newsletter. The dues now go to Ted Crowell, the new Treasurer. Discussion was held regarding the membership dues. Memberships dues for single and family are \$25 per year. Associate dues are also \$25. Tom and Ted met this morning and are going to meet again on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, to transfer the accounts and signing authorities.

Committee Reports

Spring Hunt Test (February 9 and 10, 2013): Mike Orloff reported on the test. The birds have been ordered and will be coming from Jacksonville. We have the judges for two flights of Master. Mike will ask for a mass email to be sent out asking for volunteers and volunteers will be organized before the test. Marshals are needed for Junior on Saturday; he has two people set up for Junior on Sunday. He has two marshals for Senior Saturday and one for Senior Sunday. There is one Master A marshal and he is looking for another; and he also needs one Master B marshal. If we have to add another flight at Master, of course, we will need more marshals. Judi Volpe volunteered to marshal.

We discussed having the Boy Scouts doing the lunches, but it was agreed that they will be needed in the field. It was agreed that our "lunch ladies", Shirl Phillips, Ann Rowe, Betty Lambert, and Debbie Finch should prepare the lunches for the February test, but Mike will speak to the Scout leader about this further.

Pat reported that there is an apprentice judge who also wants to marshal as part of the requirements needed to become a judge. Discussion was held regarding the rules and regulations for apprenticing as a hunt test judge.

Pat noted that the AKC has passed the resolution to allow clubs to limit the entries for Master tests, but that will not apply for the February test. Mike also reported that AKC fees will be going up July 1st to \$3.50. It is now \$3. As of April 1st, you can limit the test entries for Master.

Discussion was held regarding what else is needed for the test, the judges' dinner, judges' gifts, and gift cards for the shooters. Tom stated that Joanne will need to order a few more rosettes. We have plenty of duck bands. Tom has ordered poppers and will get live shells if we need more. Tom will bring the guns, poppers, and live ammo and make sure they get out to the stakes.

Tracking Test (February 3, 2013): Debbie Finch reported on the tracking test. The premium has been sent out via mass email. Janet Narushka, the chair, is in the process of recruiting track layers for February, 2013. Everything is on schedule.

Heart and Eye Clinic (February 16 and 17, 2013): Judi Volpe is scheduled to head up the eye clinic on Saturday, the 16th. Shirl Phillips will head up the heart clinic on Sunday the 17th. Camille Doehring has the doctors lined up. The doctors will be bringing the necessary forms. Deena Strauss asked if it was possible to add a microchip clinic, but the eye and heart vets will not do that and the schedule won't allow it. It was noted that the forms for the OFA and CERF are different, and some people may have questions about the changes. Joanne will get parking passes for volunteers.

GRRMF Rescue Reunion Grooming (February 23, 2013): GRRMF Rescue Reunion will be at Lake Parker Park in Lakeland. Debbie is lining up grooming volunteers for light grooming of paws and ears. We also do a lot of education for the adoptive families. Most of these dogs have never been on a grooming table and tend to be nervous, so having volunteers there to calm the dogs is helpful. We request \$10 donations and whatever money is raised that day is matched by MFGRC for GRRMF.

Old Business

MFGRC Website: Joanne Hell is our new web master. The cost is \$109 per year. She asked for suggestions and reminders. She will be adding pictures and asked for more.

New Business

Rally/Obedience Trial: Joanne Hell proposed putting on an obedience/rally trial at Jill Wallace's facility in Lakeland, and has put together some cost information. The AKC will charge \$4 per entry. The secretary she would use will charge \$3 per dog, and will not charge for the second entry of the same dog. She is trying to get provisional judges since they don't charge for judging. There would be costs for building rental and food. Discussion was held regarding entry fees. Joanne Hell made a motion to explore dates for a proposed rally/obedience trial sponsored by the club. Judi Volpe seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

MFGRC Brochure: Deena Strauss asked if the club has anything in place we do for new members to the club. Deena is going to ask for volunteers from the Board to greet new members when she cannot attend an event/meeting to be there to greet someone. Discussion was held. Pat Kopco suggested we develop a brochure about the club that we can distribute to vet offices and to new members. Pat suggested that Deena find someone willing to write up a brochure. The club also has some very nice business cards with club information and the club website on them. We will locate the business cards. Ted Crowell suggested handing out t-shirts to new members that have the MFGRC logo on it, one shirt per membership. Joanne suggested using the Eastern Regional t-shirts for the next few months.

Board Meetings: Pat Kopco proposed that the Board attempt to conduct some meetings by phone conference calls. Discussion was held. She will investigate and set this up for the February Board meeting. It was noted that some face-to-face meetings will still be needed. A Yahoo Groups account will also be created for Board emails and voting on some issues. Mike Orloff made a motion that Pat look into setting this up. Judi Volpe seconded and it was unanimously agreed to pursue this.

Holiday Party for 2013: Discussion was held regarding a venue for the 2013 holiday party. Attendance at the last holiday party was very low. We will investigate finding another venue for the party for 2013.

Meet the Breeds 2013: Discussion was held regarding the GRCA Meet the Breeds event for next year.

Software Purchase: Leah Wright stated that she will need to purchase Microsoft Publisher for her new laptop computer. Motion was made by Joanne Hell to approve the purchase and seconded by Debbie Finch. The vote was unanimously in favor to approve this purchase..

Planning Meeting

Joanne presented some ideas for meetings/events for 2013. She noted that if we do DOCOF this year, September, October, November and December meetings are set. The January general meeting will be a fun field day at Tom and Joanne's house on January 19.

February: The general meeting will be held at 12:30 on Saturday, February 16, 2013, at the same building where the eye clinic is being conducted at the Strawberry Cluster in Lakeland.

March: Discussion was held regarding an agility fun day at Robin Scott's. We will contact Robin to see if she has any available dates that we could do this at her house.

April: Pat Kopco suggested a general meeting and picnic/fun day at Wayne Gey's. This could be held at the place where we have headquarters for the hunt tests to avoid wear and tear on the grounds. We will not allow anyone to do any training at the ponds or drive anywhere on the property. Pat will talk to Wayne about this.

May: We will hold the May general meeting in conjunction with the Obedience trial Joanne is proposing to hold at Jill's facility. The proposed dates are May 25 and May 26.

June and July: To be determined.

August: A date of August 10, 2013, was proposed to hold the match at Jill's facility in Lakeland.

September: At DOCOF (if we participate) on Labor Day weekend.

October:

November:

December: Holiday Party and general meeting. To be determined.

Adjournment

Joanne Hell motioned to adjourn the meeting and Judi Volpe seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Leah Wright

Club members present: Pat Kopco, Tom Hell, Joanne Hell, Ted Crowell, Leah Wright, Ray and Carol Caito, Jerrie Morrison, Marilyn Richards, and Michelle Throm.

The meeting was called to order by President Pat Kopco at 1:55 p.m. at the home of Tom and Joanne Hell in Lakeland, Florida.

President's Report: Pat Kopco opened the meeting by discussing her vision for the club in the coming year. She stated she is very happy to be President of such an active club.

Vice President's Report: Vice President Joanne Hell had no new applications to present.

Secretary's Report: In the absence of Secretary Deena Strauss, Leah Wright reported that the January Board and general minutes will be published in the January newsletter. Joanne Hell motioned to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ted Crowell and unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report: Ted Crowell presented the final report for the fall hunt test and also presented the Treasurer's Report for December, 2012 (not published on the internet. Ted also presented an end of year analysis.

Committee Reports

Spring Hunt Test (February 9 and 10, 2013): Pat Kopco reported that the hunt test is on track. We had one judge that had to back out, but Mike Orloff has taken care of that. We are still short a few people to serve as marshals.

Tracking Test (February 3, 2013): Pat Kopco reported that, per an email from Debbie Finch, we have more entries for the test than room for enough tracks, so the Chair will have to choose entries via lottery. They still need tracklayers for February 2 and 3, 2013.

Agility Trial: Ted Crowell reported that the trial will be held at Turkey Lake Park again. Camille Doebling has rounded up judges for this year and for the two years following. Everything is on track for that, but we do still need to hire some Boy Scouts to help out.

Obedience Trial: Joanne Hell reported we will be putting on our first stand alone obedience trail in Lakeland, Florida, May 25th and 26th. The trial has been approved thru AKC. She has a novice judge and is trying to get provisional judges, who will be free, or someone local. As soon as she gets that set she will submit everything to AKC and will need stewards.

MFGRC Match: Our match is scheduled for August 10, 2013, in Lakeland.. All three judges are lined up. Debbie Finch is putting the premium list together and is chairing the match.

DACOF: Discussion was held regarding whether MFGRC will be fielding a DACOF team in June. Ted Crowell will look into this and ask Camille Doebling to help.

DOCOF: Discussion was held regarding whether we will be doing DOCOF this year. Our team leader has retired. Leah Wright is writing a job description to put in the newsletter. Pat Kopco asked that if anyone knows someone who might take this on, to please let her know. DOCOF is always Labor Day weekend.

Fall Hunt Test: Brief discussion was held regarding the fall hunt test and possibly adding a master leg. Pat Kopco stated that we should discuss this as the year goes on. We have not discussed doing the test in conjunction with CFHRC again, but it will be discussed.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

General Meetings: Pat Kopco reported that the Board has tried to find venues to hold meetings all over the state to make it easier for members to come to the meetings. Pat asked if anyone knew of places available and ideas of things we could do, to please let her know. Facilities must be dog friendly.

Some of the things we have in the works at this point are: the general meeting on February 16, 2013, at the Sun 'N Fun facility in conjunction with the Strawberry Cluster. In March, we are attempting to schedule an agility fun day at Robin Scott's and will have a general meeting. In April, we are contemplating a picnic day and meeting at Wayne Gey's. This still needs to be confirmed.

Heart and Eye Clinic (February 16 and 17, 2013): There are very few reservations so far for the heart and eye clinics. If entries do not increase by the end of January, we will cancel the clinics since we do have a minimum guarantee of 40 dogs for the eye clinic vet.

GRRMF Rescue Reunion Grooming (February 23, 2013): GRRMF Rescue Reunion will be at Lake Parker Park in Lakeland. Volunteers are needed for light grooming of paws and ears for rescued golden retrievers.

Adjournment

Joanne Hell motioned to adjourn the meeting and Tom Hell seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Leah Wright



The New Year is 'nigh, with all that it brings
Resolutions and parties and all of those things.
But midst all the fun and the general clamour
It's time to take care of a serious matter.

If you don't want to miss the fun days and **food**,
Your golden club dues must be paid very soon.
So sit down right now and here's the solution
Make your club dues your **FIRST** resolution!

MAIL YOUR CHECKS TO:
Ted Crowell, Treasurer
6028 Linneal Beach Drive
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MFGRC dues were due January 1, 2013. Don't delay!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR END OF YEAR AWARD WINNERS !



PEOPLE AWARDS

Fallchase Owner / Handler Award - Laura Topping
Member of the Year Award - Deb Farris
Loyd Kiernan Award - Leah Wright
Rookie of the Year Award - Nancy Jackfert
Movers and Shakers Award - Laura Topping
Above and Beyond Award - Caroline Roetzer
Outstanding Service - Camille Doehring

DOG AWARDS

Conformation Dog of the Year: GCH CH BOCA GOLDS DIAMONDS R A GURLSZ BEST FRIEND - Michele and Nate Whitney

Versatility Dog of the Year: KNIGHTDRMZ SOFTWIND N MOONLIGHT KISSES, VCD1 RA, AXP, AXJ, XFP, CCA - Joyce Swegle

Agility Dog of the Year: DEAUXQUEST IT'S MY TURN TO SHINE, UD, MX, MXJ, XF, CCA - Robin Scott

Preferred Agility Dog of the Year: KNIGHTDRMZ SOFTWIND N MOONLIGHT KISSES VCD1,RA, AXP, AXJ, XFP, CCA - Joyce Swegle

Field Dog of the Year: BLAZINLAKE ROCKSTAR BARK AT THE MOON, CD, BN, RN, MH, CCA, WCX, VC - Pat Kopco and Mike Orloff

Obedience Dog of the Year: LIEBCHEN'S SMOKEY BONES MOUNTAIN MISCHIEF UD, RE, BN - Maria and Ralph Orlando

Tracking Dog of the Year is SHARED: MIRASOL OFFICER AND A MAGENTAMAN, TD - Dennis Scott AND KNIGHTDRMZ MEMORIES OF MOONLIGHT, VCD2 CDX, AX, OAJ, XF, CCA - Robin Scott

Rally Dog of the Year: KNIGHTDRMZ SOFTWIND N MOONLIGHT KISSES VCD1,RA, AXP, AXJ, XFP, CCA - Joyce Swegle



POSITION: DOCOF Chairperson

As many of you know, Robin Scott has retired from her position as the Chair for our DOCOF team. We have been participating in this event every year for many years. If MFGRC is going to have a team in 2013, we need someone to chair the position and to start recruiting teams for competition.

The DOCOF website and its Yahoo Groups site has a lot of information about what is needed to fill this Chair. The delegate must fill out forms located at docof.org/forms.html and begin team selection as early as this month.

The Yahoo Groups website is where updates are posted. That link is pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/DOCOF/FILES/docof%202012/. It also has a checklist for team captains and gives a good idea of what else is involved.

For MFGRC, this competition has always been about the camaraderie, the food, and having fun. In the past, Robin has done an excellent job making this a fun event for people who do obedience in our club and we would hate to see this fall by the wayside. The Chair does not have to do all the work, it is important to delegate tasks and find people to help out, but someone needs to be the leader!

If you are a member who participates in obedience, this could be a great position for you to fill. Interested parties should send an email to Pat Kopco at baddogs@tampabay.rr.com.

TO: GRCA Member Club Secretaries
FROM: Bev Brown
Golden Retriever Foundation
Publicity Coordinator for the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study

The Golden Retriever Foundation (GRF) and the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) are excited about the new, groundbreaking research project being conducted by the Morris Animal Foundation to identify genetic, nutritional, and environmental risk factors for cancer and other canine diseases. This is the largest and longest study ever undertaken to improve the health of dogs. The project is known as the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study (GRLS) and was announced on the inside front cover of the Nov/Dec 2012 GRNews with links to more information.

GRCA and GRF have developed a special bulletin to breeders and a letter for breeders to provide their puppy buyers to inform and to encourage participation. These will be published in an upcoming issue of the Golden Retriever News and are attached as PDF files to this email message.

NEWSLETTER:

We know that most GRCA Member Clubs' membership includes some breeders and fanciers who aren't GRCA Members and probably won't see the information in the GRNews. Therefore, we ask that you forward this message with the attachments to your newsletter editor so they may consider publishing these two letters in your club's newsletter.

WEBSITE, FACEBOOK, & YAHOO GROUPS:

We also ask that your club post the letters on any of these that you may have: a website, Facebook page, and/or Yahoo Group. If the attachments don't work for you, you can simply post the text of this email. The attached two letters, on GRF and GRCA stationery, are posted on the GRCA website at these two locations:

BREEDER LETTER:

<http://www.grca.org/pdf/health/BreederLetter.pdf>

PUPPY BUYER LETTER:

<http://www.grca.org/pdf/health/PuppyBuyerLetter.pdf>

BROCHURES:

Morris Animal Foundation will be sending you a supply of their color brochures on the project that would be useful for a handout table at your club events (such as club meetings, specialties, PEC booth) and breeders are encouraged to take a supply for their puppy packets.

We would really appreciate your assistance in reaching potential study participants. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,
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Dear Golden Retriever Breeder,

Congratulations on your new or upcoming litter! As a dedicated breeder, you've worked hard to ensure the best possible future for your puppies, and we know you're already excited about what they may accomplish. Now the Golden Retriever Foundation would like to take this opportunity to tell you how your litter can make a bigger impact on our breed than you may have imagined.

Morris Animal Foundation is conducting the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study that is enrolling 3,000 Goldens between 6 months and 2 years of age in the largest and longest study ever conducted to advance veterinary medicine for dogs. While a study of this magnitude has never been done before in dogs, similar studies in humans, such as the Framingham Heart Study and the Nurses' Health Study, have contributed a wealth of information that is improving and extending lives every day. These observational studies have provided invaluable information about human health, and we are incredibly excited that Morris chose our breed for this groundbreaking study in dogs. By gathering non-invasive samples and observational data over the lifetime of enrolled dogs, researchers hope to identify potentially modifiable risk factors for the development of cancer and other diseases that affect Goldens.

As a breeder, you have a special role to play in the success of this study. Because this study will gather genetic, environmental, and nutritional information, it will be valuable to include multiple puppies from the same genetic lines. Although all enrollees are important to the study, data from littermates that experience different environmental factors and diets during their lifetimes may provide unique scientific insights that could make a significant impact on the long-term health of Golden Retrievers.

We invite you to include a Puppy Buyer Letter

<http://www.grca.org/pdf/health/PuppyBuyerLetter.pdf> and study brochure in all of your puppy packets. Brochures are available from Morris Animal Foundation by calling 855.4GR.DOGS (855.447.3647). In addition, you can email a copy of the Puppy Buyer Letter to previous buyers whose dogs are under 2 years of age to encourage them to enroll their dogs in the study.

Finally, we ask you to consider enrolling your own dogs in the study. Please note that it is important for dogs to remain in the study throughout their lives, even if they change ownership. Therefore, if you decide to place an enrolled dog in the future, we request that you ask the new owner to continue the commitment by keeping their new dog in the study.

The Golden Retriever Club of America and the Golden Retriever Foundation are standing together with Morris Animal Foundation to convey to breeders and owners that this is truly an important opportunity for our breed. The success of the study depends on you, and your help to reach potential participants is sincerely appreciated.

Please visit www.CanineLifetimeHealth.org to register and learn more. Thank you so very much for your passion and dedication to improving the future of the breed we love!

Bev Brown
GRF Publicity Coordinator for the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study

Puppy Buyer Letter



*The Golden Retriever Club
of America, Inc.*

Dear Golden Retriever Owner,

Congratulations on the recent addition to your family!

The Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) would like to take a moment to tell you about an opportunity for you and your puppy to make a significant impact on the health of dogs. Morris Animal Foundation is conducting the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study that is enrolling 3,000 Golden Retrievers between 6 months and 2 years of age in the largest and longest study ever conducted to advance veterinary medicine for dogs.

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GRCA stands in strong support of this effort, and would like to invite you and your dog to join the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study. To begin, please visit www.CanineLifetimeHealth.org to register and learn more. Once registered, if your dog meets the study criteria you will receive an email inviting you to apply for the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study.

Your participation will help ensure a brighter future for Golden Retrievers, and we hope that it will be rewarding for you to know that you and your dog made a difference. Thank you so much for considering this request!

Sincerely,

Rhonda Hovan
GRCA Research Facilitator



MFGRC 2013 Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Other Info</u>
February 3, 2013	TD/TDX Test	Lee Vista Center, Orlando, Florida (see premium list for details)	TRACKLAYERS needed for February 2 AND 3, 2013. Contact Janet Narushka at 386-672-8410, or shenandoahs@bellsouth.net
February 9 and 10, 2013	MFGRC Spring Hunt Test	Golden Oaks Ranch, Montverde, Florida (premium at entryexpress.net)	Mike Orloff at baddogs@tampabay.rr.com or Leah Wright at lwright129@cfl.rr.com
February 16, 2013	General Meeting	Strawberry Cluster, Sun and Fun, Lakeland, Florida	We will be holding this meeting after goldens are finished showing. The meeting will be held at the building where we are hosting the Eye Clinic.
February 16 and 17, 2013	MFGRC Eye and Heart Clinic	Strawberry Cluster, Sun and Fun, Lakeland, Florida (see flyer for details)	Eye Clinic February 16, 2013 Heart Clinic February 17, 2013 VOLUNTEERS needed. Contact Camille Doe-hring at mischiefgolden@gmail.com
February 23, 2013	GRRMF Rescue Reunion	Lake Parker Park, Lakeland, Florida (see flyer). Directions to park at grrmf.org	VOLUNTEERS needed for light grooming of paws and ears of rescued goldens. Contact Debbie Finch at gaga4goldens@cfl.rr.com to volunteer

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 co-
ordinator.

DEB FARRIS

faragold@yahoo.com

727-544-9376

No litters listed this month

DIRECTIONS TO THE SITE:

The test site is just north of the intersection of SR 436 (Semoran Blvd.) and SR 528 (Beachline Expressway). Follow directions to Orlando International Airport. From SR 528 (Beachline Hwy.) airport exit, take SR 436 (Semoran Blvd.) north approximately 1/4 mile to the intersection of T.G. Lee Blvd. Denny's Restaurant is on the northeast corner of the intersection of SR 436 and T.G. Lee Blvd.

HOTELS AND MOTELS THAT ACCEPT DOGS

LaQuinta, 7160 N. Frontage Rd., Orlando FL 32812. 407-240-5000 LQ.com

LaQuinta, 7931 Dastwyler Rd., Orlando FL 32812. 407-857-9215 LQ.com

Ameri Suites Orlando Airport NE, 7500 Augusta National Drive, Orlando, FL 32822. 407-240-3939 (\$10 pet fee)

FOR YOUR REFERENCE:

The club will have a first aid kit and cell phone at the test site. Additionally, the following medical facilities are near the test site:

HUMAN:

Florida Hospital/E.Orlando: 407/275-5150, 7727 Lake Underhill Rd.

CANINE:

Veterinary Emergency Clinic (South Orlando office): 407/438-4449, 2080 Principal Row (off S. Orange Blossom Trail, behind Haverly Furniture, 1 blk. North of Sams).

In case of emergency, dial 911.

EVENT Number TR2013445902

EVENT Number TX2013445901

Entries close 3:00 PM, January 24, 2013 at the Test Secretary's home, after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled or substituted.

PREMIUM LIST Combined TD/TDX

Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club

**Tracking Dog and Tracking Dog Excellent Test**

Entry limited to 4 dogs for TD and 3 for TDX

DATE: Sunday, February 3, 2013

LOCATION: Lee Vista Center, SR 436 & 528, Orlando, Florida

ENTRY DRAWING: At 4:00 PM, January 24, 2013, the Test Secretary will conduct a random draw of all entries at the Denny's Restaurant, Williamson Blvd, Ormond Beach, Florida. When the limit of entries has been reached, all remaining entries will comprise the Alternate list. Alternates have the option to accept or decline being placed on the alternate list. Those that decline will have their entry fee and certifications, if applicable, returned. The Test Secretary will notify all entries of the draw by phone and email.

TEST HOURS: 6:00 AM until the last track is completed.

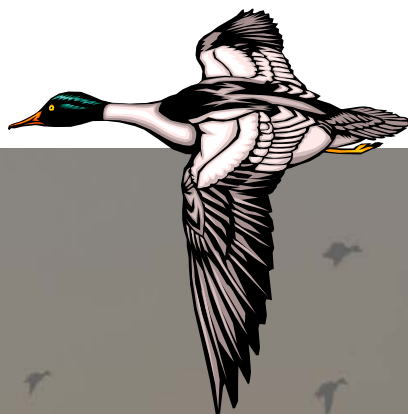
JUDGES

Mrs. S.A. Boyd (4172)
5406 Barnwell Ct.
Leesburg, FL 34748-7889

Mrs. F.E. Smith (6019)
4094 Happiness St.
West Palm Beach, FL 33406-3904

**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CERTIFICATION**

Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for holding this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations. James P. Crowley, Executive Secretary



MFGRC SPRING HUNT TEST

February 9 and 10, 2013

Place: Montverde - Gey's Golden Oaks Ranch

Hunting Test for Retrievers, Irish Water Spaniels and Standard Poodles

If you have never watched a Hunt Test, c'mon out and watch our dogs run!!!

Entries close 1/29/2013. Entries will be taken on Entry Express at www.entryexpress.net

MARSHALS ARE NEEDED: Please contact Betty Whaley at autumngoldens@bellsouth.net.

MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB ALL BREED EYE AND HEART CLINIC

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STRAWBERRY CLUSTER DOG SHOWS

SUN 'N FUN FACILITY
4175 Medulla Rd., Lakeland, Florida 33811

EYE CLINIC - SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2013
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
\$45.00/dog
DR. NOELLE MCNABB

HEART CLINIC - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2013
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
\$45.00/dog
DR. WENDY ARSENAULT

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER

A very limited amount of spaces will be available on day of clinics

Make checks payable to:

MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB (MFGRC)

Mail registration form and payment to:

Camille N. Doehring 3015 Delaney Ave., Orlando, FL 32806

For questions, or to confirm receipt, please email mischiefgolden@gmail.com

Please bring AKC registration forms and permanent ID numbers.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

OF DOGS - EYE _____ # OF DOGS - HEART _____

AMT ENCLOSED:\$ _____



GRRMF RESCUE REUNION

GROOMING BOOTH

WHEN: Saturday,
February 23, 2013
9:00 a.m.



WHERE: Lake
Parker Park
Lakeland, Florida



Grooming Volunteers Needed! MFGRC will match the money raised for GRRMF. Volunteers need only provide light grooming of paws and ears and general education for owners of these rescued goldens. GRRMF will provide lunch for every volunteer.

Please contact Debbie Finch at gaga4goldens@cfl.rr.com for information.



DIRECTIONS to the park can be found at grrmf.org.



Milestones & Accomplishments

Liebchen's Smokey Bones Mountain Mischief "Smokey" and Ralph Orlando continue their winning ways. Smokey earned his UDX LEG #1 at the MADTA Obedience Trial January 19, 2013. Way to go, Smokey Bones!



Smokey and Ralph



Pat Carlile's "*Holly*" (Hillock's Hot Tamale Holly), earned a 2nd place in Excellent 20" JWW class at the January Ocala Dog Club Agility trial, finishing her AXJ title. She really is a hot tamale!!!

Debbie Finch is thrilled to report that in their first-ever hunt test, Debbie and her girl Lefty (Moonlight Magik's No Ducks Left Behind CD RAE CGC) earned two legs toward the Started Hunting Retriever title in the UKC Hunt Test held in Montverde on December 1-2. Lefty did indeed leave no ducks behind!



Lefty and Friend



From Mike Orloff: "This is Ozzy sporting his reserve jam ribbon from the Jacksonville Retriever Club mock field trial last Saturday. He placed fifth out of about fifteen dogs who competed. It was run like a real field trial – judges, 300-yard marks, etc., and Ozzy did a beautiful job."

Ozzy Wearin' the Green

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