

From the Presidents Desk...

Dear MFGRC Members -

A couple of weeks ago we had a Specialty, and what a show it was! I can't say enough about all of the MFGRC members who stepped up to help out. I've heard numerous compliments from people who attended, and it was mainly due to all of the volunteers we had helping out. Thank you so much!

I know Co-Chair Susan Fulenwider has written a report for this issue of the *Golden Tales*, and she has tried very hard to make sure everyone who helped is mentioned, but I have to add my "two cents" – without the pre-show efforts of Joanne Hell and Susan, and the hard work – all day long – put in by Leah Wright, Ted, Cindy, and Julie Crowell at the Raffle, our Specialty just would not have been so special this year. Huge thank you's also go to Kimberly Gilbert and Kristin Sipus for stewarding for <u>all</u> of the Obedience classes – you were both awesome and we can't thank you enough!

We have set **Saturday**, **August 14**th as the date for a Fun Day at the Best Paw Training Center in Osteen for our August meeting. PJ Lacette tells us that we can let our golden kids try a rally course, practice in the obedience ring, work on the agility equipment, or take a swim in her pond. She has a covered area where we can set up crates for the dogs, but make sure you bring lots of water for your golden. We'll get started early to try to beat the heat, and break around noon for a covered dish luncheon and a short Club meeting. Don't forget chairs, crates, towels if your dog is going to swim, and a dish to share.

Our September meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 5**th, during the midday break at the Dog Obedience Clubs of Florida (DOCOF) competition. This statewide team event is always a fun day to be a spectator or a participant. There is no charge to watch, and we would LOVE to have club members there to cheer for us – we'll be the teams in the bright pink shirts (or as the guys call them, raspberry shirts!). DOCOF is held at the Fairgrounds on Hwy. 50 / Colonial Drive in Orlando, the same location as the Specialty. Our Team Captain Robin Scott always does a marvelous job of organizing MFGRC's teams, and making the day fun for all of us. We hope you'll come join in the cheers for MFGRC!

Debbie Finch 2010 MFGRC President



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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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BRAGS, IN MEMORIAM, EVENT LISTINGS

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From the Editor:

I'm writing this on Friday, June 25, 2010, the day after the MFGRC Specialty. I have people to thank, and I'm afraid if I wait until the July issue of Golden Tales is ready to be posted, I will have forgotten some of the things I want to say.

Due to some unfortunate health and personal circumstances, a couple of key members of our Club were not able to make the Specialty. They were very much missed, and I know our hearts were with them. I think they would have been proud of the way so many members stepped up to help out.

First of all, thanks to Judi Volpe and others (who I hate not to mention but have no idea who they are), the Raffle tables were already set up. The Fairgrounds staff allowed this team to go in on Wednesday night and do some preliminary work, which was a huge boon to those of us arriving on Thursday morning.

I want to send out a very big thank you to Ted, Cindy and Julie Crowell who did more than "help out" at the Raffle Table. I arrived a little apprehensive, not sure what I was supposed to do, not sure if I was capable of doing it, and not sure who would be there to help me do it. I found out I need not have been concerned. The Raffle would NOT have been possible without them. Ted moved tables, and kept us going with his humor. Cindy (The Banker) kept me laughing, kept track of the raffle proceeds, sold tickets, and jumped in and did whatever needed to be done. Then there was sweet Julie, who kept me straight and focused, who saw what needed to be done before the rest of us did – then she leapt in and did it – while doing the same things the rest of us were doing. Whenever our tails started to drag, we seemed to be able to prop one another up and they made the day so much fun.

Thanks to Debbie Hamill-Young's mom, vacationing from Ohio, who not only helped out at the Trophy table but helped us out as well, getting certificates into frames and then later with the clean up. (More on that later.) Some vacation, huh????

Someone had the brilliant idea to draw the Raffle tickets and tape them to the prizes, so the ticket holders could walk around the tables to claim their winnings. This worked out so well, so much better than trying to shout and be heard in that echoing building. Again, the Raffle Crew went to work, with assistance from two very special little helpers, Hannah and Alex. What great little helpers you were!

Then we went to work verifying winners. Macy Swift, seeing that we were getting a little overwhelmed with all the winning going on, stepped in to help us verify tickets. We didn't even have to ask – she just did it!!!! Her assistance was so very much appreciated by the Raffle Crew and I'm sure by the people who wanted their prizes! I think she saved me, Cindy, Julie and Debbie Finch several trips up and down the tables.

After a delicious barbecue dinner which revived our bodies and spirits, it was time to go to work on clean up. The area behind the Raffle Table looked like the remains of a Christmas morning when you have no garbage bags in the house. There was stuff EVERYWHERE! We tried to keep things picked up during the day, but toward the end we were moving so fast we were just tossing things behind or shoving them aside.

Let me tell you – if you ever need something picked through, sorted, tossed, packed and boxed away, in a neat and orderly manner – Debbie Hamill-Young is the person you want on your team. She was moving so fast I was afraid one of us who wasn't would end up packed in a box!!! She had all the packing materials, the table decorations, the Raffle supplies, the ticket containers, packed neatly and stacked before I could get a breath. I have NEVER seen anyone clean up that fast. Thank you, Debbie from the bottom of my heart. I was absolutely overwhelmed by the scale of the mess and would probably still be there trying to get things together if you hadn't stepped in.

Finally, a huge thank you to Debbie Finch and Susan Fulenweider, who answered our thousand questions while they were answering a thousand more from others, and did so with patience and good humor. You believed we could do it, so we believed we could do it!

If I've missed you, I'm so sorry. Please know that I saw so many acts of kindness, large and small, directed toward the Raffle Crew and many others, and appreciated every one of them.

Leah Wright Editor

June Board Meeting Minutes

The MFGRC Board Meeting was called to order by Debbie Finch at 7:55 P.M. on June 7, 2010 at Camille Doehring's home.

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

Vice President's Report: Shirl Phillips read a new application for Shannon Goff. She was voted in unanimously.

Secretary's Report: No report

Susan Fullenwider moved that the minutes from the last meeting be waved.

John Blair seconded Vote was unanimous

Treasurer's Report: In the interest of the Club, we do not publish income information.

Committee Reports:

MFGRC Specialty: Trophies are almost all sponsored. There is still a need for more. Susan Fullenwider is still working on getting stewards and items for the raffle are still needed.

DOCOF: We have two full teams for DOCOF and they are getting ready!

Agility Trial: John Blair reported that the premium list has been posted. Everything is going well and the new equipment is coming along. Next year we may need to work with another club on dates because of the GRCA National date.

WC/WCX: This will be on November 13, 2010. All is going well.

CCA: All is going well. Things are not quite finalized but it will be on Oct. 10 at Dog Sense in Lakeland.

Sept. Hunt Test: Take note of the New Test Date Sept. 18 & 19.

Old Business:

August Meeting: We are looking at going out to Best Paw Forward for a Fun Day. The property is on a hill and has a great breeze at all times. Just waiting to hear back from P.J.

July 10th Meeting: This will be a grooming day held at Tom and Joanne Hell's. Joan Cleary is a certified master groomer and has offered to be there to help.

A motion to adjourn was made by Shirl Phillips. It was seconded by Camille Doehring. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

June General Meeting Minutes

The MFGRC Board Meeting was called to order by Debbie Finch at 3:15 P.M. on June 26, 2010 at the Orlando Cluster Show after the Goldens finished showing.

Members Present: Betty Lambert, Susan Fulenwider, Judi Volpe, Camille Doehring, Ellen Bartkus, John Blair, Pat Carlile, Deborah Caudill, Terry Collett, Janie and Britta Coy, Ted and Cindy Crowell, Kathy Cudak, Anney Doucette, Brenda and Roger Drabyk, Deborah Farris, Debbie Finch, Diane and Vern Gank, Yale and Beverly Goldman, Nancy Greenbarg, Karen and John Ippel, Betsy Miller, Heidi Miller, Randi and John Moseler, Chatham and Luci Napoli, Becky Nicholas, Pat Kopco, Mike Orloff, Candi and Dick Pearce, Allison Peck, Cyntha and Ron Resare, Janet Severt, Kristin and Gene Sipus, Deena Strauss, Laura and Chris Topping, Barbara Tucker, Julie Wand, Michelle and Tim Whitney, Nate Whitney, Susan and Gary Wilks, Leah Wright, Tom and Deborah Young, Cindy Metcalf

Guest: Beverly Sutton, Dorothy Mitchell, Amber Schoeller, Mary and Bill Coffman, Maria and Ralph Orlando

Vice President's Report: Was unable to attend. No report

Secretary's Report: No report

Betty Lambert moved that the minutes from the last meeting be waved.

Deena Strauss seconded Vote was unanimous

Treasurer's Report: Was unable to attend. No report

Committee Reports:

DOCOF: We have two full teams for DOCOF. There will be a Mid Florida Golden Retriever General Meeting held around noon at this event.

Sept. Hunt Test: This will be held on Sept. 18 & 19. It is all together and ready.

CCA: Camille reported that this a Certificate of Confirmation Assessment. Dogs must be 18 months of age and they are judged to the standard, not other dogs in the ring. It will be \$75.00 and will be held in Lakeland. If you are interested, contact Camille Doehring. Remember there will be no bitches in season allowed. This is because it is being held in an obedience building and they have asked us to do this.

Agility Trial: John Blair reported that we have been approved by AKC and it will be held at the same location as last year, the Turkey Lake Park. The premium list has been posted. Help is always needed as well as items for the raffle. Remember the money from this raffle goes to Breast Cancer Awareness.

WC/WCX: This will be on November 13, 2010. No updates at this time.

Old Business:

Specialty: Thank you for all the help! It was a big success!!

July 10 Meeting: This will be held at Tom and Joanne Hell's starting at 10:00. Joan Cleary will be there to instruct on grooming and don't forget the pot luck lunch.

August Meeting: We are looking at going out to Best Paw Forward for a Fun Day at Best Paw Forward. Look for more information to come.

New Business:

We are in need of a Chair for next years specialty. If you are interested, contact a board member.

Many, many brags were given so be sure to check them out in the newsletter.

A motion to adjourn was made by Cindy Metcalf. It was seconded by Nancy Greenbarg. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 P.M.



MFGRC 2010 Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	Location	Other Info		
August 14	Fun Day + Potluck lunch + Gen'l Mtg.	Best Paw Training Ctr. Osteen, FL	www.bestpaw.org		
Sept. 5, 2010 (Sunday of Labor Day Weekend)	Dog Obedience Clubs of Florida competition (DOCOF) + Gen'l. Mtg.	Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando	Robin Scott, Team Captain Fourdoosr@embaromail.com		
Sept. 18-19, 2010	Fall Hunt Test	Golden Oaks Ranch Montverde, FL	Susan Fulenwider, Chair happygolucky@mpinet.net		
Sept. 25 2010	Photo Shoot with Pix 'n Pages	at Tom & Joanne Hell's Lakeland, FL	No cost, no obligation portrait session		
Sept. 25 - Oct. 3	National Specialty	Denver, Colorado	www.qrca.orq		
Sunday, Oct. 10th	CCA / CGC	Dogsense Training Ctr. Lakeland, FL	Camille Doehring mischiefgolden@juno.com		
Oct. 30-31, 2010	MFGRC Agility Trial & general meeting on Oct. 30th	Turkey Lake Park, Southwest Orlando	John Blair, Chairperson jazziesgold@bellsouth.net Entries open Aug. 12th		
November 13, 2010	WC/WCX Test	Richard Davis farm, Bushnell, Florida	Deborah Farris, Chairperson faragold@yahoo.com		
November 20, 2010	General Meeting	Ocala, Florida	After goldens show		
December 18, 2010	Christmas Party / General Meeting	TBD	5 L		
Oct. 24-30, 2011	National Specialty	Perry, Georgia	www.grca.org		

Welcome Now Wembers!



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

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 <u>DO NOT</u> 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 <u>and</u> 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 <u>and</u> 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





Offered as a service in conjunction with MFGRC's puppy referral.

Health clearances and \$25 must be submitted to the puppy referral coordinator.

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CH Hytree's Ryd'N Out The Storm SDHF OS x Kara
Gold's Heart Of Sunshine Born $4/30/10\ 3\text{m}/3\text{f}$

Jerrie Morrison (Sarasota) (941) 650-4214

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Am/Int CH Magik Southerns Captain Jack RN x Omni's Just Doing Time Born $4/8/10\ \mathrm{1m}$

Debbie Caudill (Ocklawaha) (352)288-0685

rdc21@embargmail.com debbie@snobirdkennels.com

CH BIS My Buddy's Boppity-Bop Blue Moon RN WC VC CGC SDHF X Snobird's in Hot Pursuit Born $6/11/10\ 3m$

Michelle Whitney (Largo) (727) 515-6184

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CH Ag-Golden Age Porto Alegre x Hillock's All The Way May JH Born 7/6/10 8f/2m

Dee Dee Davis (Melbourne) (321) 288-5591

Deedavissbre@aol.com

CH Gorca's Magic Lightbug CD RE JH VC CGC x Amberlake's All Charged Up CGC Born 5/29/10~4m/4f

Teri Vautrain (Citrus Springs) (352) 465-2087 (352) 697-2521

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Am Int CH Fallchase First Callx Moonstruck on Madison Avenue Born 6/2010 9m/3f

Sue Wilks (Deland) (386)738-6562

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CH Magik'Southern Captain jack RN x April Aspenleaf

Born 6/14/10 6m/1f

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When? Saturday, August 14, 2010

> What will we do? **HAVE SOME FUN**

General Meeting and Pot Luck Lunch around noon

Details to follow on our website and email

See next 2 rections



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Best Paw Forward

1835 Oak Haven Plantation Rd., Osteen, FL 32764-8872 407-321-1006

GPS, Google, Mapquest and other programs are not often helpful for this location. There are also few street signs once you get to the 1 mile of dirt road, so the landmarks listed will help you navigate easily. Bright pink paw prints show up periodically to reassure you that you are headed the right way, and some are angled to help point the way to turns. Please drive slowly once you get to the dirt road to avoid frightening horses and other livestock, as well as local wildlife. We regularly see deer, wild turkeys, bald eagles, hawks and more. Lower speeds also help preserve the road work done so far.

For most coming FROM SEMINOLE etc.: SR417/Greeneway to Lake Mary Blvd. exit FROM SOUTH -

Right on CR427, right on Lake Mary Blvd.; OR take Hwy. 17-92 to CR427

and right/northeast on Lake Mary Blvd.; OR take SR46 to SR415

Lake Mary Blvd. becomes SR415 after you cross over SR46

From the ${\bf south}$, starting at the intersection of Lake Mary Road/SR415, where it intersects with SR46:

5.4 miles North on Lake Mary Road/SR415 towards Daytona Beach/New Smyrna

Over bridge near Marina

Pass Osteen Diner on right, Dollar General and Sunoco on left

where speed limit slows to 45 mph; slow down for turn --just 2 blocks more

Second right - Railroad Avenue

At post office sign, small street, not a major intersection, directly across from Texaco

Immediate first left on New Smyrna Blvd. at feed store

Immediate first right onto Florida Ave/Osteen Maytown Road/ SR4164

SPEED TRAP - 30 mph speed limit till you reach the golf course

5.3 miles to Pell Road; watch for intersection sign on right, after two small bridges. Slow down as soon as you see sign that says Pell intersection is just ahead because it

Left on Pell Road (Towards Wiregrass Prairie Reserve)

3.9 miles to Saddle Creek Farms Road (Watch for Tractor Crossing Sign)

If paving on Pell Road runs out you have gone too far

Right on Saddle Creek Farms Road White fencing on either side of entrance; Saddle

Creek Farms sign on fencing but no street sign at that intersection

mailboxes by fence, turn BEFORE you pass tractor crossing sign

Now 1 mile and several turns to go on dirt road from Pell to our house. Few street signs once

you turn onto the dirt road before you get to the Best Paw homestead.

Left at V in road (left-pointing paw print on pole) to remain on Saddle Creek

Farms Road

Road turns sharply at stop sign; right at Oak View Plantation Road

Immediate (first) left at Oak Haven Plantation Road

To second home on right

Storage building with green roof in back you can see from the previous turn

Agility equipment out front; dog signs on fence and dog yard art

pole barn with chairs in driveway

FROM NORTH/WEST

West/south on I-4 to SR44, east on SR44; or from Deltona/Orange City take Howland or CR4162 east to SR415

South/right on SR415

From Dirksen/Deltona/CR4162, take third left.

From Howland Blvd. or further north

continue about 1 mile south past Wal Mart (at Howland Blvd. and SR415)

Pass CR 4162 and Skip's Boots on your right

Left/east on New Smyrna Blvd.

third left (first left turn lane) after CR 4162; small street, not a major intersection

Immediate left/east on Florida Ave/Osteen Maytown Road

Then follow directions above from intersection of New Smyrna Blvd./Florida Ave./Osteen



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FROM DAYTONA/NEW SMYRNA:

Either SR44 to SR 415

OR

US1 south to Halifax Ave. (flashing traffic signal) in Oak Hill, west/right 17 miles to Pell. Right onto Pell; then follow above directions.

FROM INTERSTATE 95, TRAVELING NORTH FROM SOUTH FLA.:

Take CR-5A exit, Exit 231, toward Oak Hill/Scottsmoor .3 miles; merge onto CR-5A/Stuckway Rd. toward Oak Hill/Scottsmoor 1 mile; Left onto U.S.-1 N/SR5 North 6.9 miles; LEFT onto W HALIFAX AVE/CR-4164. Continue to follow CR-4164, 16.9 miles; right onto Pell Road, then directions above from Pell







Well - the entries have been submitted. The check is in the mail as they say. This is my third year as Captain and I am honored to have that title. Each year I select an individual on the team to be the other Captain of one of the two teams. This year - I am happy to announce that Betty Lambert is my choice. Betty works hard for the club and has been on the team each year that I have been Captain. Betty will assist in making sure each team member, whether on her team or mine, is at the ring they need to be at to show. Betty will help me compile scores so we know where we might end up when the competition is over and just overall help with little behind the scenes details. We are all part of the team and I am very proud that every single person on this team is competing for MFGRC. I want to thank Susan Fulenwider, while she is not showing at DOCOF, she has agreed to step up and help me with set up and work as Steward for the competition. Susan also has again donated one of her gorgeous wood-burned portraits as our Raffle donation.

Each year I receive suggestions and requests, and they are very much appreciated. Please know that if anyone wishes to take over next year as Captain next year, my response is "C'MON DOWN!"

This is my last article before the competition as I am going to be spending my free time training in preparation for DOCOF. The dinner on Saturday night before Sunday's competition is again at my house and I hope the team can make it. I live a bit far out - but we have a fun time and enjoy each other's company. I will be sending out directions to the team later this month or in August. DOCOF does have a banquet at the fairgrounds and if the team prefers to attend the banquet -- we can certainly do that if that is what the majority want.

MFGRC is a great club to be a member of -- truly it is. We can all criticize or suggest improvements - but understand, as with any club, there are many members and sometimes only a hand full of workers.

Good luck to all the golden obedience members whether they chose MFGRC or another team --

ONE MORE TIME - INTRODUCING YOUR MFGRC DOCOF TEAM MEMBERS:

NOVICE - Betty Lambert and Tyme

Judi Volpe and Journey Debbie Finch and Katie Joanne Hell and Beaujolais Britta Coy and Journey Ann Rowe and Gabby

OPEN - Judi Volpe and Cate

Ann Rowe and Stetson Connie Adams and Jaymus Tom Hell and Angel Marge Spayd and Nuisance

UTILITY Connie Adams and Devlin

Anney Doucette and Fisher Robin Scott and Sparkle Kristin Sipus and Sophie Deena Strauss and Bentley Robin Scott and Hanna

SUBMITTED BY: ROBIN SCOTT



Robin Scott and Frankie

Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA)

(Source: www.GRCA.org)

What is a CCA?

A CCA evaluation is a <u>non-competitive</u> area of participation in conformation where golden retrievers are evaluated against the Breed Standard. The owners are given a written assessment of their dog, which provides information not available in the show ring. The CCA tests each individual dog in ten categories on physical conformation and temperament. Three evaluators are used, of which two must be licensed AKC judges and golden retriever breeders, and are chosen because of their experience and background.

The CCA is open to all registered or ILP goldens over 18 months of age, <u>including</u> those dogs which have been spayed or neutered.

In addition, passing the CCA provides one conformation point, which can be used toward the GRCA Versatility titles (VC, VCX).

What are the qualifications for evaluators?

Category I evaluators must be approved AKC or CKC judges in good standing, are Golden breeders and/or have had at least two years of experience in judging Golden Retrievers.

Category II evaluators must be a breeder and owner of Golden Retrievers with ten years experience in Golden Retrievers; has bred at least three Golden Retriever litters; and has owned at least five different Golden Retrievers with any of the following titles: (a) AKC champion; (b) AKC UD or TDX; (c) AKC MH, SH; (d) AKC AX or AXJ.

All evaluators must have an understanding of retrievers and sporting dogs, including the purpose and function of the Golden Retriever. Evaluators must also be familiar with the process of evaluating dogs against the breed standard, rather than simply comparing dogs to each other. Evaluators must also be willing to give a written opinion on each dog.

For more information, see the attached "Frequently Asked Questions". Additional details on the CCA are also available on the GRCA website at www.GRCA.org.

Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA) FAQ's

1) What is the original intent of the CCA?

Twofold: (a) to provide a NON-COMPETITIVE area of participation in conformation where dogs are assessed against the Breed Standard rather than merely against other dogs present and (b) to give owners written reports as to the evaluators' assessments which will provide information not available in the show ring.

2) How does the CCA compare to other basic non-competitive, entry level tests offered to Golden Retrievers?

Both the Hunt Test and WC programs require an average passing score of 7 points in all categories and the number of attempts is not limited.

The CCA program is also on a point scale requiring the dog to score a minimum of 75 or higher out of 100 possible points, broken down into ten categories. A non-competitive CCA event tests the individual dog on the physical conformation and temperament qualities as set forth in the Breed Standard. There is a limit on the number of attempts that can be made. It also has a mandatory pass for temperament and sets a minimum age of 18 months. While the conformation quality of a retriever MAY improve with maturity and conditioning, the basic structure changes very little.

The CCA, WC, and Hunting Test programs are similar in that they all reward very good to excellent representatives of the breed by comparison to an impartial criteria without bias or dog-to-dog competition, and they all test the desired physical and/or mental attributes of a sound hunting companion.

3) Why have a seemingly high percentage of dogs passed so far?

In most cases people are not likely to enter their dogs if they don't have a reasonable expectation of qualifying, so poorer dogs will not often be entered. If the quality of the dogs entered is high enough it is conceivable that all could pass. The success of the program cannot be based on how many pass or fail.

4) Is there any difference between a CCA from three Category 1 evaluators versus a dog that obtains the title from a panel that was not all from Category 1?

No. All evaluators are chosen because of their experience and background and a willingness to give a written opinion and scores. At least two of the qualifying scores must come from Category 1 evaluators in order to obtain the title.

5) Why wouldn't GRCA require all CCA evaluators to have bred, exhibited and had success with Golden Retrievers only?

There are certainly knowledgeable and capable people judging Golden Retrievers for the AKC whose primary breed is not ours, and many who come from other Groups as well. They add their wider experience to the pool of evaluators, and there is a place for varying emphasis within the program, just as there is in the show ring. There are also performance people who have a strong dual knowledge of what is required to produce physically good retrievers.

6) How many evaluators are there?

Approximately 4 dozen presently. We initially invited all breeder-judges of Goldens to apply and more than half of them did. Some people applied through the form posted on the website. A number of versatile breeder-exhibitors are being contacted to expand the Category 2 listing...not all experienced people necessarily want to become AKC judges. In order to make the program viable for hosting clubs a broad geographical listing is desirable.

7) How does the CCA Title add point value to the VC/VCX Program?

Listed below are reasons the CCA adds value and how it could compare to other titles:

Limited tries, a dog can't campaign indefinitely for this title.

Qualified Evaluators with breed experience.

In-depth evaluation of the Goldens conformation not biased towards styles or trends and focused on breed purpose. Open to all registered or ILP Goldens over 18 months of age including those which have been spayed or neutered. No limit to how many dogs can earn this title in a calendar year. Which means if our breeders are breeding more dogs to the standard there is no penalty because of sheer numbers.

Other entry level titles have unlimited tries and can be trained with limited experience and inherited basic instinct. Many titles that are awarded a high point value in the Versatility titles have no relation to the standard. They require a trained and talented Golden.

Many Goldens with good to excellent conformation will not be campaigned in the show circuit due to time, money or interest.

If we only scored the field titles based on competitive dog comparisons then none of the WC programs or Hunt Test Programs could count towards a Versatility title because there is no comparative judgment in those events.

Although this is not an official temperament test it is a component of the CCA title.

Experienced breeders and competitors who are not approved AKC judges may qualify and make a difference by becoming CCA Evaluators.

We have put faith in our evaluators, that they award very-good to excellent representatives of the AKC Golden Retriever Standard with a CCA title.

8) Why does the CCA limit attempts to only six evaluations and why can you see such a difference in scores between some of these evaluations?

The primary objective of the CCA Program is to be very rewarding as an educational experience. The goal of the program is to have everyone walk away with respect, admiration for their Golden and a good understanding of the breed standard. Secondly, we put faith in our qualified Evaluators to be objective, educational and reward (with qualifying scores and honorable mentions) good to excellent representatives of the breed in relation to the standard regardless of styles or trends etc. The scores will always differ to varying degrees since the standard leaves room to be subjective. However, the key to managing these differences is to award a dog that is ABLE to obtain three qualifying scores or honorable mentions from the 3 different Evaluators in a limited amount of tries regardless of individual preference or style. The limit was never meant to weaken chances at a title; it was put in place as part of the requirement to earn a CCA Certificate. The requirement being, the dog must receive a qualifying score or honorable mention at a MINIMUM of 50% of its evaluations without the owner/entrant being able to select the Evaluators individually.

9) Can you enter under the same Evaluator twice?

As a participant you will always have the right to choose the CCA Events you wish to enter but the dog must be entered under all the Evaluators on the premium list. A dog may be entered under the same Evaluator twice but only one qualifying score may count towards a CCA certificate. Entering under the same Evaluator could lessen your chances of earning the CCA title if you already have a qualifying score from that individual. However, if a previous score wasn't qualifying there is always a possibility the dog may receive a better score the second time under the same Evaluator. Dogs can look different on a different day.

10) What do I bring to a second event if my dog has qualifying scores from a previous event?

It is a good idea to bring the paperwork showing previous qualifying scores with you. Make sure the CCA Event Secretary is aware of your prior passes when you arrive at the second event or send a note along with your entry form. Also, we would hope and expect people to honor an entrant's word and everything is verified with the CCA Committee before the actual certificates are mailed out.

11) May the host club limit how many dogs an individual owner can enter?

The CCA Committee does not place any restrictions on host clubs regarding limits except that only 1 entry per dog may be accepted. An example of a host club limitation might be: "No owner may have a second dog chosen unless the first dog of all applicants have been accepted." The host club may also choose NO limits or to limit owners to two or three or four dogs in an effort to be fair to all applicants. It is our hope that many future events will meet demand and host clubs will not have to favor limits.

You can find out more about the CCA Program at this web site:

http://www.grca.org/events/cca/index.html

CERTFICATE OF CONFORMATION ASSESSMENT

DATE: October 10, 2010

LOCATION: Dog Sense

4771 Drane Field Road

Lakeland, FL

TIME: 8 am to 4 pm

EVALUATORS: Howard Falberg, Cindy Partridge, &

Caroline Roetzer

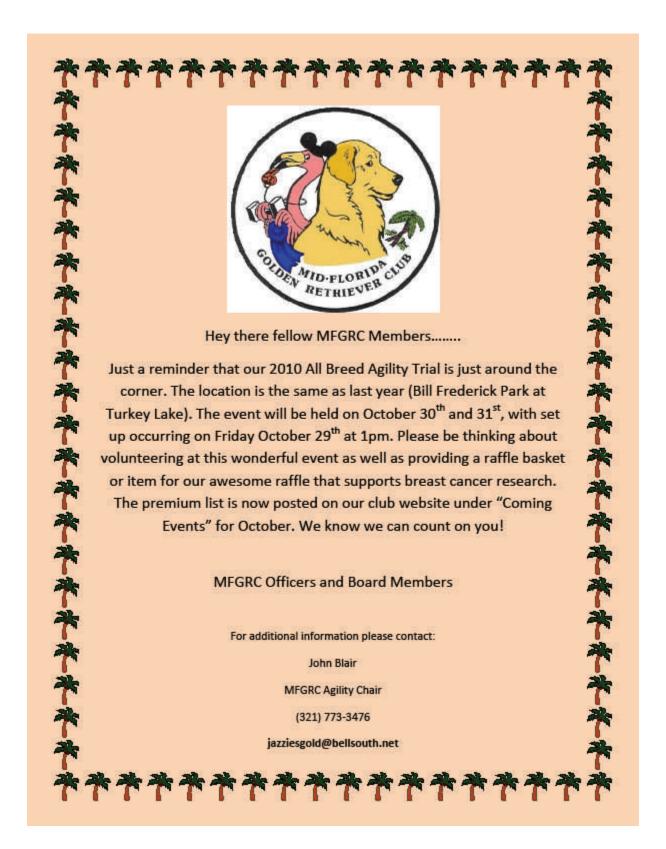
This event will be open to 24 golden retrievers (with 3 alternates). Entries are on a first received basis and close on September 25, 2010. Your dog will be measured and photographed prior to the evaluation.

Mail entry form with a check for \$75, made payable to MFGRC, to Camille Doehring, 3015 Delaney Ave., Orlando, FL 32806.

For general details and additional entry forms please go to www.grca.org, click on Events and CCA. If you have questions specific to our event please contact Camille at mischiefgolden@gmail.com.

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- I (we) acknowledge that any evaluation, measurement or comment, whether written or oral, made at this event regarding the dog is not binding upon, and does not affect in any manner, the dog's qualifications at licensed dog shows sponsored by AKC or any other entity licensed to offer conformation shows or performance events for dogs.
- I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless all of the Released Parties from any and all loss, cost and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon the Released parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death, sustained by any person or dog, including the undersigned, or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in connection with my (our) participation in this event however such injuries, death or property damage may occur or be caused, and whether or not the same may be caused or may have been alleged to be caused by the negligence of the Released Parties.
- I (we) agree that any cause of action, controversy or claim
 arising out of or related to the entry, exhibition or attendance at this
 event between myself (ourselves), the Host Club, or the GRCA, as to
 the construction, interpretation and effect of this agreement shall be
 settled by arbitration pursuant to the applicable rules of the American
 Arbitration Association, provided, however, that all applicable rules
 and procedures of the GRCA must first be followed as set forth in the
 bylaws of the GRCA.
- I (we) agree that the results of these evaluations and any
 official pictures taken at this event will become the property of the
 GRCA and may be used in any breed-related study deemed
 appropriate by the CCA Committee of the GRCA.





MFGRC FALL HUNT TEST

September 18 and 19, 2010

Place: Montverde - Gey's Golden Oaks Ranch Stakes offered: Junior & Senior Hunter Closing Date: September 6, 2010

Our Fall Hunt Test is the smaller of our two Hunt Tests, so it's a great time to learn how to Marshal and see how a Hunt Test works. If you are new to the Club and haven't watched a Test, c'mon out and watch our dogs run!!!

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

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: Please contact Susan Fulenwider at happy-golucky@mpinet.net or John Blair at jazziesgold@bellsouth.net

SPECIALTY 2010 Volunteers Abound!!!!

MFGRC's Specialty was another Club Success due to ALL of the many Volunteers-behind the scenes and helping day of the Specialty!!!

Thanks to the set-up crew, Camille Doehring, Judi Volpe, Betty Lambert, Pat Andrews, Pam Oxenberg, Cathy Kollman, Caroline Roetzer, John Blair, Ann Rowe and Robin Senderowitz, the Trophy Table was able to be set-up the day before the Specialty, as were the Raffle Tables and the tables for our Specialty Banquet!!!

A Big Thanks goes out to our 'Day OF Crew'. They were: Debbie Finch, Terry Pennington (Assistant Ring Steward), Kim Gilbert, Robin Scott, Marilyn Kudlets, Kristin Sipus, Jane Mendleson (not a Club Member), Deb Young and her Mom, Ron and Cynthia Resare (Saturday), Susan Wilks, Anney Doucette, Tammy Hodgkins (Saturday and made the Trophy cards), John Blair, Michele Whitney, Linda Wood, Coralee Leon, Paula Veibl, and DeeDee Davis.

Our Bitter End Crew was Kathy Cudak, Michelle & Nate Whitney, John & Randy Moseler, Michele Panetta, Nancy Greenbarg & Heidi Miller, Cindi Metcalf, Karen Brady, Theresa Bradley, Macy Swift, Ellen Bartkus, Judi Volpe, Camille Doehring, John Blair, Debbie Finch, Mike Orloff & Betty Lambert.

About the Trophies! We had some wonderful trophies this Specialty. Jon Wright, Newsletter Editor Leah Wright's husband, made us beautiful wooden picture boxes of different sizes for the Specialty and fabulous inlaid wooden cutting boards for the Supported Entry!!! For the 1st place Class winners, both at the Specialty and at the Supported Entry, Joanne Hell had wine glasses made with our Specialty Logo on them plus a bottle of homemade wine with the MFGRC Logo label on the bottle!!! Speaking of Joanne.. she also got our Premium List together for the Specialty!

To everyone that sponsored a Trophy and donated to our Trophy Fund - a BIG THANK YOU!!!! It's greatly appreciated!!!!!!!!!!

Judges Corner! Our Judges this year for both the Specialty and Supported Entry were fantastic!!! For the Specialty we had Erik Strickland judging Sweeps and Helen Dorrance judging the Breed and Juniors. Harold Lavene rounded out the team judging both Obedience and Rally. For our Supported Entry we had Marjorie Blake judging Sweeps and for breed the Host Club had hired Doug Johnson. Marjorie and Doug knew one another and had a great time judging together. There were some Great wins for our Club Members throughout the weekend and the Results were posted immediately on the MB-F website, www.infodog.com. They were both our Superintendent and on-site Secretary and did a wonderful job as usual. The Judges and Conformation Steward enjoyed a fabulous Lunch, thanks to the culinary talents of Camille Doehring!!!

The Raffle was another Winner again this year!!!! As I previously mentioned, Club members had to step up, put together baskets, and run the Raffle due to illness of the Raffle Chairs. Thanks Leah Wright, and the Crowells, -Ted, Julie & Cindy - for helping out in a last minute Raffle Extravaganza, being there and working the Raffle from Start to Finish!!!!! I want to THANK all of the folks who donated items to our Raffle. We couldn't have done it without your generous donations!!!!

Speaking of Finishing.....the day was topped off with a tasty Specialty Dinner catered by Char-don after the Raffle was concluded. We also had a nice little Wine Bar with the red wine being donated by Club Member Jan Paddock and white wine which was donated by MFGRC!!! Judi Volpe and Cathy Z. Woods were our wine servers at our very popular 'Wine Spot'. Beer and soft drinks were also available for all!

Last but by no means least, HUGE THANKS go to ALL of you that entered your wonderful Goldens this year. It was our largest entry to date and we couldn't be happier!!!!!

Hope to see you all for next year's Specialty..!

Golden Kudos!!!

Betty Whaley, Specialty Chair 2010 Susan Fulenwider, Assistant Specialty Chair 2010

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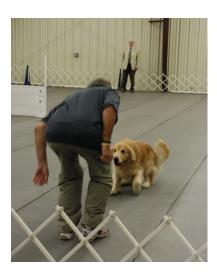
Veterans and Judge Eric Strickland



Robin Scott and Sparkle with Judge Harold Lavene



Deena Strauss and Bentley in the Obedience Ring



Mike Orloff and Zappa



Caroline and Cheddar in Veterans



Novice A 1st and 2nd Place!

MFGRC SPECIALTY



Judge Marjorie Blake looks over Deb Young's Golden



Sweeps on Saturday Morning



Trophy Maker Jon Wright



Trophies!



MFGRC Introduction to Grooming and General Meeting

Saturday, July 10, 2010

We didn't have a huge turnout for the July 10th grooming session at Tom and Joanne's, but we had a very enthusiastic

group, which was led by MFGRC member, and certified Master Groomer, Joan Cleary. Our thanks to her for showing us so many tips and techniques, and also to Kim and Linda Hitchcock for loaning their boy Vinny to be the "demo dog." Midday we took a break for a potluck lunch, which featured a delicious broccoli salad made by new member Mary Coffman, Joanne's sweet n' sour meatballs, brownies and more brownies, and Linda Hitchcock's scrumptious chocolate cake! After a brief general meeting, Joan and several others went back to work grooming their goldens. All in all, a fun and informative morning! Forgot to mention in the report that we also had some puppy owners there to learn some grooming basics. While Mom and Dads were "studying", puppies Oakley and Summer spent some time playing and getting acquainted.



Hanging on every word!



BEFORE . . .



AND AFTER!



Summer and Oakley Silly Pups!

Happy Birthday to Me, Me, Me!!!!!!





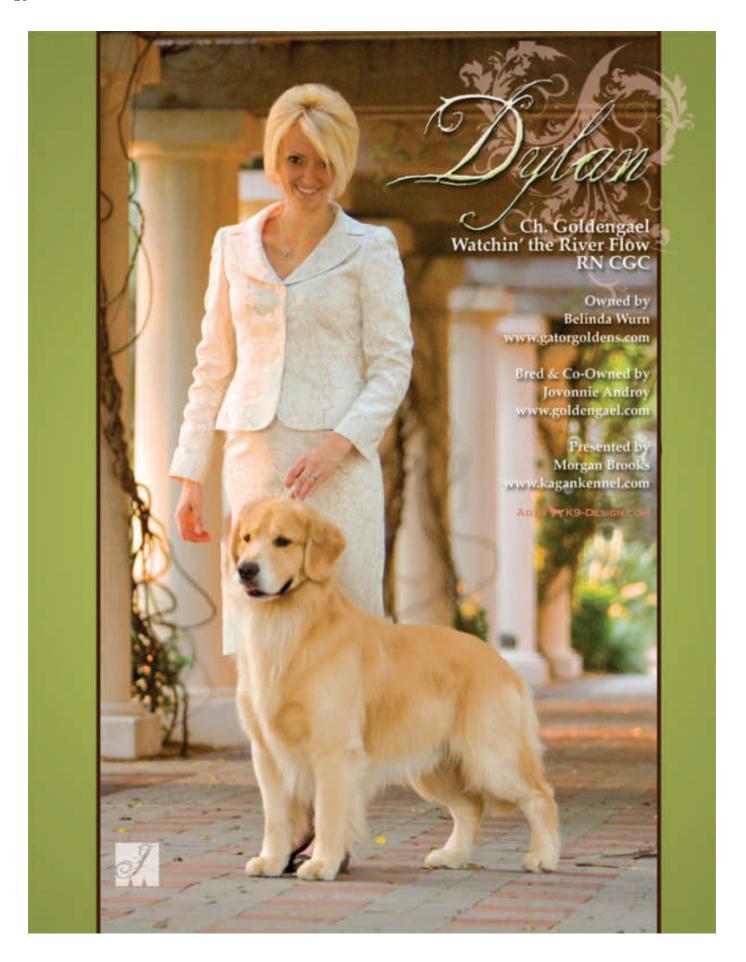


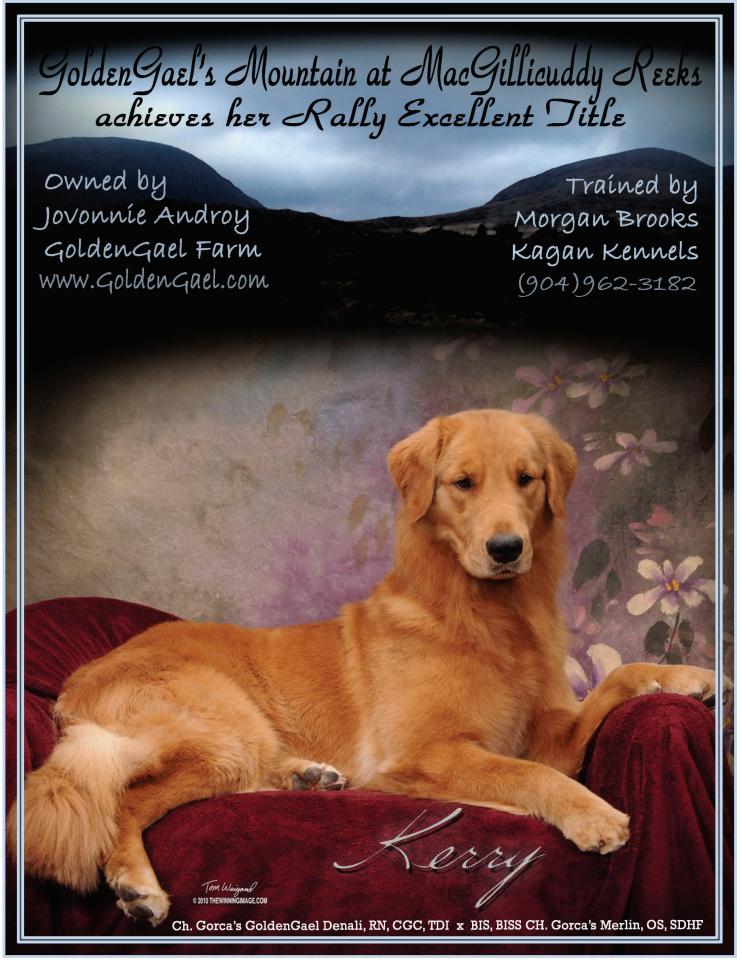




H-R Magik's It's About Time SH WCX CD RA "Tyme" recently turned 10 years old. Ann Rowe and Betty Lambert helped Tyme celebrate by ordering a special doggie cake. Tyme reports that she enjoyed every bite! Ann, Betty and Tyme are happy to report that after the birthday party, Tyme went to our Specialty and finished her CD, earning a second place ribbon in the Novice A Obedience class with Betty on the other end of the leash.

DebbieFinch





BRAGS and WAGS

Some brags from the Ganks: (Gabby) Wonderland's Muttering Fool went WB/BW/OS on June 18th at Rollo MO under Judge Robert Boothe Expertly handled by Jane Myers. It was only Gabby's 2nd weekend out with Team Myers! Gabby then Won 1st place in her huge American bred bitch class of 11 bitches at Mid Florida Golden Retriever Specialty on June 24th under Judge Helan Dorrance. Gabby was Expertly handled by Jane Alston Myers and Erika Bigott. Gabby also went Winners bitch best of Opposite on July 11th at Jupiter Tequesta Dog Club under Judge Carole Beattie expertly handled by Greg Myers.

A very special brag from Robin Scott: "KnightDrmz Searching in the Moonlight - Darby is a three year old therapy dog. Darby spent a week with fourteen children at Good Grief Summer Camp where campers share their experience of the loss or a loved one with other campers as well as counselors from Treasure Coast Hospice. Darby got hugs and rubs from all at the camp and her picture on the front page of the Stl Lucie News Tribune. Robin Scott is very proud of this puppy she bred and thrilled that she is owned by Mrs. Becky Douglas."

Fallchase Jazzies D'Fining Moment (aka Palin) owned by John and Rosa Blair and Barbara Tucker and bred by Barbara Tucker won winners bitch and Best of Opposite Sex recently at the Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay Dog Show for a 5 point major. This was Palin's first pointed win in a show and likely won't be her last. Way to go girl!

GCH Gemini Fallchase The Butler Did It, SDHF, BISS, CGC, "Cody" won BEST IN SHOW in Richmond VA on June 26, 2010 under Judge Keke Kahn. He defeated 1073 dogs that were entered and he is now ranked number 10 in the country All Breed, and in the Top 20 Breed Standings as of June 30, 2010. He is owned by Maura A. Roxby and Cindi Metcalf and bred by Cindi Metcalf (Gemini Goldens) and Barbara Tucker (Fallchase Goldens). He will be available for viewing at the 2010 GRCA National in Greeley, CO.

From Betty Lambert, "Tyme and I finished our CD at our Specialty last month, with a second place finish! This was the first CD I've ever put on a dog, and we've only been training for it since February. I'm very proud of that awesome girl. I can't thank my good friend Ann Rowe enough for giving me the opportunity to work with Tyme. We are having so much fun together, and I'm hoping to put a few more titles on her in the months ahead. I also want to thank another good friend, Robin Scott, for all her training tips and advice, and her encouragement in the last few months. Tyme is now Magik's It's About Time CD RA SH WCX!"

From Paula Cauley: "At the Birmingham agility trial held in June, HRCH Merichase Morninglo Whiz Kid, CGC, CCA, CD, SH, AXJ, MX, AXP earned 2 MXP legs and HR UH Gaylan's Safari Traxx, CGC, CCA, SH, OA, OAJ, VC earned 2 AXJ legs. His second leg run was 28.9 seconds - SCT was 42 - he really likes to run & jump without slowing down or stopping."

Yale Goldman's Slater, Stillwater's May'kn Waves, went best puppy and a puppy group 4 at Vero beach. His next show weekend he went Winners Dog, Best of Opposite sex at the Mid Florida supported entry show for a 5 point major, judge Doug Johnson. Slater was 13 ½ months old. In addition, their 6 month old puppy girl Grace, Lealgowden Amazing Grace, won the competitive 6-9 puppy class at the Thursday Specialty and Omni Magik's Go For the Gold took Reserve Winners bitch on Saturday.

Ann Rowe has a brag: Ch. Southern Magik's Captain Jack RN won the stud dog class and his dad was second, Ch. Pheasant Hill Magik's Ten Gal Hat RE, CDX, SH, WCX, VCX.

Dr. Nancy Greenbarg and Heidi Miller are pleased to announce their new and 1st Champion, CH De La Vega Colorado Rocky Mtn Hi JH aka Rocky . Rocky won Winners Dog and Best of Winners at the Brevard KC show on Fri June 25th finishing him with a 5 pt major. As well that same day their girls from Rocky's litter Cashmere Jade Glade (Jade) and Cashmere Blue Sky Basin JH (Juicy) took 1st in their classes (owner handler)

At the Mid-Florida Speciality Ch.Sandpiper's Fun Fun Fun JH,WC took BOS, and the next day went Select for Grand Champion points. Lizzy is owned by Sally Ray/Patty Pace.

Hoorays for Chris and laura Topping: Loralei Luck of the Draw, "Teebow" won Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes at our Specialty his very first time in the ring! Kailani, BISS CH Gorca's Marsielle won Best Veteran from the 12 yr and older class on Saturday.





Gabby



Betty and Tyme

More BRAGS and WAGS

A Turbo Brag from Ron Rubrecht: "The Turbo girls went to OHIO (go Bucks) for two hunt tests (Cuyahoga Golden Retriever Club & Buckeye Retriever Club). Little Sharlie was the star of the show, and was only 14 months old. Sharlie accomplished her Senior Hunter title and topped that with her first Master pass. Sharlie, Turbo Steam'n Twilight Dragon CDX SH, was entered in MH/SH/JH/JH both weekends and came away with 7 ribbons and only failed the first master test by one sloppy handle on one blind costing us a second master pass. After getting dropped in the second series of the first master test, Sharlie got to be the test dog for the third series and burned it up. HayLee, Turbo Explosive Comet CDX SH CCA CGC WCX TDI, was entered in MH/SH both weekends and brought home all four ribbons with a near flawless performance. Neither Sharlie or HayLee required handling on any of the marks both weekends. I think I counted 26 ducks that Sharlie picked up each weekend and was ready for more. So after only one practice session, we went for a cool event in Tampa, the SunCoast DockDogs Dock Diving Fun Jump on July 10th. Sharlie was again the star of the show winning both qualifier heats (Waves) with a longest jump of 22 feet, beating the next best dog by over 2 feet. She then went on to win the dock diving finals with a jump of 21 feet at the end of a long day. Not sure what's next, maybe cow tipping."

CH Saffire's Itz All Eh'Bout Me WC (Can CH Spiritlodge Whose Sorry Now x CH Saffire's Miss Cod Duck) proudly bred by Sheree Melhuish, Haley and Tara Whitcomb and owned by Deborah Farris and Haley Whitcomb, finished her championship with a BANG at the Central Florida KC in Orlando 6/26/2010! MeMe took WB for a 5pt Major, went BOB over Specials AND completed her day by winning a Sporting Group 4th.

Coralee Leon's 16-month-oldBertie (Morningstar Burlington Bertie, CGC) placed 2nd in RallyNovice B and 4th in Wild Card Novice at the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Specialty—despite about 20 seconds of rapturous rolling at the end of the long down (whew). A couple of weeks later, at the Obedience Club of Daytona's trials, he earned his Rally Novice title and then went on to place 4th in Rally Advanced the next day--after retrieving a purple marker cone twice during his run. Clever boy, Bertie!

Brag for HILLOCK'S TORTUGA GOLD "TG", RN placed first in 12-15mo specialty regular class. She also completed her Rally Novice title at the specialty, handled by owner Janet Narushka.

Marathon We Be Jammin At Windsor, CDX, RA, WC, CGC, (JAYMUS) is now a registered member of Therapy Dogs Incorporated and a R.E.A.D. dog. He and Devlin will now take turns visiting the patients at Monroe Regional Hospital and being the "read to" to the Boys and Girls Club in Citrus Springs and Homosassa. Jaymus and Devlin are owned and loved by Connie Adams.

From Jovonnie Androy: "GoldenGael had a fun time at the well organized Specialty. As always, never a stone left unturned. Kudos to everyone for yet another great event and even higher entries! I saw a lot of people who traveled many miles to attend. Our puppy bitch "Evie" (Lennon grand-daughter) was in the ribbons daily at 7.5 months old with 2 seconds, a third, and a fourth. Evie is Lealgowden-GoldenGael's Garden of Eden, bred by Bob Dargie and Jovonnie Androy. GoldenGael Gorca Sequoia National Park at StarRise, "Sherman", took a Second in his class for his first time in the ring. Sherman is owned by Elaine Kandzari. CH. GoldenGael's Watchin' the River Flow, RN, CGC owned and loved by Belinda & Larry Wurn took Select Champion, not once, but twice. In addition to getting the GoldenGael pack ready for the Specialty, Morgan Brooks also found the time to put a Rally Excellent title on "Kerry" our pride and joy from our Mac and Merlin breeding. We had a lot of fun and a lot to celebrate."

KnightDrmz Big Man In Town RN TD aka Max owned by Ron Seeley took $1^{\rm st}$ place in Wild Card Novice at the Obedience Club of Daytona on July 17 with a $195~\frac{1}{2}$. Lucy says, "A very happy and most surprised Ron to be sure. Many thanks to Robin and Denny Scott for allowing us the joy of such a wonderful guy in our pack! My Ozzie, Meadowpond I Don't Give A Darn RN TD had a $193~\frac{1}{2}$ at the Mid Florida Golden Retriever Club Specialty in Wild Card Novice on June 24 so I was very happy and pleasantly so! We are both on the way to being able to go into Novice B in the fall. Thank you for letting me brag!"

Sheree Melhuish says, "What a weekend! A Specialty weekend to remember. Multi BBE BIS Am Ch Saffire's Miss Cod Duck aka Miss E Cow takes Best Veteran in Sweeps under Mr. Erik Strickland on her 8th birthday. Her nephew - Saffire's BlackMail aka Slick is awarded Reserve Winners Dog at the Specialty under Breeder Judge Ms. Helen Dorrance. Her daughter NEW Ch Saffire's Itz All Eh'Bout Me, WC -aka MeMe finishes in grand style taking BOB from the classes under Breeder Judge Mr. Douglas A Johnson and then onto a Group 4 defeating 366 under Ms. Lee Canalizo. MeMe was the only golden to place in the Groups in Orlando. And last but not least Miss E Cow's grand daughter, a MeMe daughter Saffire's I Ship U Knot aka Zeva takes Best Golden Puppy and Sporting Group 1 at the Purina Breeder's Showcase. It also was a rare pleasure to see MeMe leading the pack in the Winners line up and her 8 month old daughter at the end of the line representing the 6-9 puppy class. And the party continues."





Coralee and Bertie

SUMMERTIME



Finley wishing everyone a Happy 4th and a Happy July!!!



SUMMERTIME



Greetings from Devlin and Jaymus Adams at a rest stop at Lake Chatauqua, N.Y.



GOLDEN TALES

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