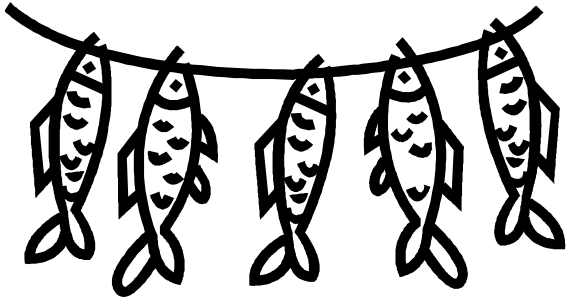


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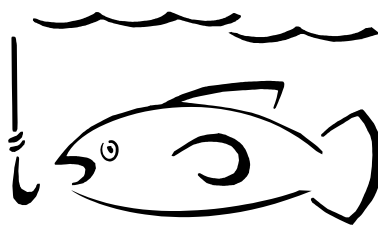
Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club

May 2014

## President's Message



Gone Fishin'



**Editor's Note:** Pat's taking a break. She'll be back soon!





# MFGRC

## 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
August 9, 2014	Obedience Trial and General Meeting	Das Hund Haus Lakeland, FL	Joanne Hell (tohell@email.msn.com)
September 27, 2014	WC/WCX and General Meeting	Wayne Gey's Property Montverde, Florida	Deb Farris (faragold@yahoo.com)
October 11, 2014	Agility Trial and General Meeting	Bill Frederick Turkey Lake Park Orlando, FL	Camille Doebling (mischiefgolden@gmail.com)
November 22, 2014	Ocala Dog Show and General Meeting	Ocala Fairgrounds Ocala, FL	Meeting will be held after gold- ens show at the golden ring. Time will be announced later.
December	End of Year Meeting and Holiday Party	To be determined	

### A Human's Prayer To A Dog

1. Thank you for your bark
2. Thank you for welcoming me home with a smile and wagging tail
3. Thank you for kisses and paws without asking
4. Thank you for your silly antics
5. Thank you for lying next to me
6. Thank you for a cold wet nose
7. Thank you for accepting me
8. Thank you for adopting me
9. Thank you for your patience
10. Thank you for letting me be part of your life

Love FOREVER, Your Human





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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 . . .

Hug your dog. I've heard Pat and others say that a lot lately, and it's never been more in my mind than over the last eight weeks. So many friends have lost their dear companions recently. So many candles lit and tears and even laughter when we remember something they did. It's what we sign on for when we take them into our lives and the good memories are what keep us doing it. So I've been hugging my dogs even more of late and holding them closer to me.

On a happier note, congratulations to all the winners at the MFGRC Match held on July 6th at Das Hund Haus in Lakeland. Thanks to Robin Bowen for organizing and acting as secretary for the event, and to Joanne Hell for mentoring her and helping her out. I missed it due to family commitments on that week-end.

Our next big event is the Obedience Trial chaired by Joanne Hell on August 9, 2014, at Das Hund Haus. This was a great event for the club last year, and it was well attended. As always, we will need volunteers for both days, and you can contact Joanne Hell at [tohell@email.msn.com](mailto:tohell@email.msn.com).

And there are other volunteer opportunities out there for the rest of the year, and you'll be seeing emails from the club asking you to give some of your time to these events. Hope to see many of you there.

Until next time . . .

Leah Wright  
Editor

July 4,  
2014



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**AGILITY TRAILER ORGANIZATION DAY**

AUG. 2, 2014  
BEGINNING @ 8 AM

CAMILLE DOEHRING'S HOME  
3015 DELANEY AVE.  
ORLANDO, FL 32806

**NO AGILITY EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

JUST A WILLINGNESS TO LEND A HAND  
FOR AN HOUR OR TWO

LUNCH AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CLUB

PLEASE, PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US.

**WE CAN REALLY USE THE HELP**

**RESPONSE REQUESTED TO CAMILLE**

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ANNUAL CLUB AGILITY TRIAL  
OCTOBER 11 & 12  
BILL FREDERICK PARK AT TURKEY LAKE  
HIAWASSEE ROAD  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA





# Anyone Interested?

MFGRC has not had teams for DO-COF (Dog Obedience Clubs of Florida) or DACOF (Dog Agility Clubs of Florida) for a few years due to not having captains for either team.

If any of our members are interested in being captains for one or both events, please contact Pat Kopco at [bad-dogs@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bad-dogs@tampabay.rr.com) to volunteer.

Information on what is involved can be found on the following websites:

DACOF:  
<http://www.floridaagility.com/dacof.html>

DOCOF:  
<http://docof.org/>



**Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club  
Board Meeting May 6, 2014**

**Board Members Present:** Pat Kopco, Mike Orloff, Deena Strauss, Leah Wright, Dee Thibodeaux, Deb Farris, Debbie Finch, Kristin Sipus, Laura Topping, Tom Young, Caroline Roetzer, and Sheree Melhuish. The meeting was held via telephone conference call and called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**President's Report:** Pat Kopco had nothing to report.

**Vice President's Report:** Dee Thibodeaux reported that she has one new member application for Erin Machek, but it does not list a sponsor. She has attempted to contact her, and Kristin Sipus has attempted to contact her as well.

Mike Orloff reported that he has changed the club membership application to reflect Dee's name and address because the ones on the website still have Joanne Hell's name on them. He will get in touch with Joanne to get the new application loaded on the website.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion was made by Mike Orloff to waive reading of the minutes and seconded by Deb Farris. The motion was carried.

Deena Strauss volunteered to send in the report to the AKC with the current officers and directors for the club.

**Treasurer's Report:** Debbie Finch gave the Treasurer's report. We do not publish this information on the internet.

**Committee Reports:**

**Specialty:** Caroline Roetzer reported she has hired two judges pending AKC approval. Discussion was held regarding judge expenses, the need to purchase trophies, and to get sponsors for the expenses. She has also hired Donofrio as the superintendent.

**February Hunt Test:** Mike Orloff reported that he is attempting to hire judges and would be glad for suggestions. He will be sending the application to the AKC this week. The dates for the test are February 7 and 8, 2014.

**December Hunt Test:** Mike Orloff will send Tom Hell an email asking for a status on the December hunt test.

**WC/WCX:** Deb Farris reported that the judges and event have been approved for our WC/WCX to be held September 27 and 28, 2014 in conjunction with the Florida Gold Coast club. It may be necessary to order ribbons. Mike Orloff has ordered the ducks.

**Obedience Trial:** No report. Deena Strauss reported that the AKC has sent approval letters for the trial. Mike Orloff will contact Joanne Hell for a status report.

**December Hunt Test:** No report.

**TD/TDX:** No report. Debbie Finch reported that there is a sign on the Lee Vista property that it is going to be developed in the near future, which will affect our TDX test. Discussion was held regarding land options. Tom Young reported that the property he had in mind will not be available.

**Agility Trial:** Pat Kopco reported that a club member had approached her last month about doing a dual agility trial with a local club. She also reported that another member from MFGRC spoke to the board of the other club and discouraged them about working with us on this, so their board has backed off the request. At this point we will not be moving forward with this.

Pat Kopco also reported that we have not signed a contract for a covered facility in south Florida because there was an issue with the one judge we had hired being able to judge there because he was already judging another trial in that area. Therefore, we will be returning to the Bill Frederick Turkey Lake Park for the agility trial in October and will continue to pursue other options for following years.

Camille Doehring has requested a volunteer day to clean out the agility trailer. Pat will ask Camille to coordinate this effort and to get volunteers and schedule the date.

### **New Business:**

**DOCOF/DACOF:** Pat Kopco asked Leah Wright to send out an email to the membership asking if they are interested in captaining or participating in a DOCOF or DACOF team.

**Nominating Committee:** Discussion was held about the need to begin approaching members to serve on the nominating committee for 2015. Tom Young volunteered to head up the nominating committee and to recruit two other members to assist him. It was noted that the Nominating Committee will need to be in place in September, and must present a slate of officers to the Board at the October Board meeting. The slate of officers must be published to the membership by October 15, 2014.

**Bylaw Amendments:** Discussion was held regarding some proposed bylaw amendments. Pat Kopco will draft a set of recommended bylaw changes to present to the Board and then to present to the membership.

### **Old Business:**

**Fun Match:** Discussion was held regarding holding a fun match in 2014. Tom Young had volunteered to co-chair the match, and we had another member who was also considering volunteering. However, she has decided that she cannot do so if the match is held in Lakeland. Extensive discussion was held regarding what kind of match we want to hold and what our goals are for the fun match. Further discussion was held about the possibility of holding a fun match in November in conjunction with a general meeting.

**General Meetings:** Discussion was held regarding the next general meeting. We do not have anything planned for May or July. The June meeting will be held at the Tampa dog show on June 14, 2014. Our August meeting will be held August 9 at the obedience trial. The September meeting will be held at the WC/WCX on September 27, 2014 rather than at DOCOF. The October meeting will be held at the agility trial. The November meeting is usually held at the Ocala dog show grounds, but if we have a match in November we may hold the meeting there instead.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next board meeting will be via telephone conference on Tuesday evening, June 3rd, 2014.

**Adjournment:** Sheree Melhuish made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Deb Farris seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Leah Wright  
Secretary





## Lymphoma Webinar

One of the best ways to protect your pet from cancer is to stay educated. Lymphoma is a common pet cancer that every pet owner should know more about. Sign up for our [FREE Lymphoma webinar](#) to better understand this potentially dangerous disease.

## Golden Retriever Lifetime Study Celebrates Milestone

June 18, 2014

The Morris Animal Foundation recently celebrated a milestone for its [Golden Retriever Lifetime Study](#) when Brooks, a playful pup was enrolled as the 1,500th participant.

Brooks' owner, Amy, had never owned a golden before, but felt motivated to enroll Brooks in the study: "Knowing that cancer is the leading cause of death in the breed, my husband I wanted to register Brooks as soon as he came home. This is such an amazing and impressive study, and we know it will help improve the lives of so many dogs."

Congratulations to Brooks and to Morris Animal Foundation on this milestone!

At the time of our newsletter's publication, the Foundation has enrolled 1,651 dogs.

Catch up with the Trenton Thunder's adorable father-son bat dog team [here](#)



**What's better than baseball? Baseball and golden retrievers!**

# Puppy Referral

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. Here are a few FAQs about the puppy referral process:

#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:

## **Puppy Referral Requirements 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

## Available Litters

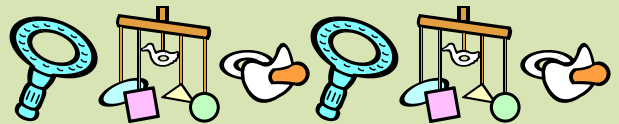
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Ch Faragold Wanna Talk About Me  
JH x Mischief's Law & Order SVU JH  
WC

Puppies due 6/6/14



Can you take 15 minutes to watch a great video about what the Morris Animal Foundation Golden Retriever Lifetime Study is all about? If so, click on me and I'll take you there!

It's so bittersweet. Sunday, July 6, MFGRC had their annual AKC Sanctioned B Match. Zack won the June Kiernan Memorial Trophy which is awarded to the highest scoring Golden in the match. He was in the Veterans Obedience class. It was a thrill!

On Wednesday July 9, only 3 days later, we assisted Zack to the Rainbow Bridge and buried him overlooking a pond at a dog training friends property. He started to limp on Tuesday morning and couldn't put weight on his front left paw. We took him to a holistic vet who did acupuncture and laser treatment. He seemed to get worse as the day progressed.

Wednesday morning we took him to our regular Vet who took X-rays and found that cancer was destroying his ulna bone in his forearm and was in danger of a fracture.

We made the only decision we could, which was to put him out of his pain. He was known to steal bait bags and bumpers and hold 3 tennis balls in his mouth. He believed that all toys were his. As long time MFGRC member Sandy Guy said "A light has gone out in this world, but the next one just got a firework!". He was so loved and will be terribly missed. My first Golden and first dog I have owned as an adult.

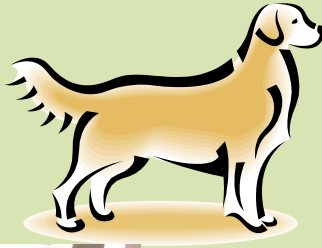
Zack Angel-Migden  
DSA, CGC, RA, GN, CDX  
4/24/02 - 7/09/14

Karyn Angel





# Milestones & Accom-



Teddy

Connie Adams' "TEDDY" - Ragtym's Theodore The Liohearted, BN, RN, Rally Novice GR 14-2 (Australian Shepherd Club of America, Inc.) CGC, was entered in MADTA's first ever stand alone Rally Trials on June 14th and 15th in Ocala, Florida and earned his Rally Advance B title (92/89/97) and his first Rally Excellent B leg with a score of 96. Connie says, "I'm really pleased with this 15 month old dog and his ability to 'hold it together' even though the offset figure 8, in both Advanced and Excellent, had two bowls of toys as distractions! "

Sheilah Platzer reports that Solen got his RAE Title this weekend at the Lakeland trial. He is Toasty's Har Kommer Solen CDX BN GN GO RAE.

Heavenly Chateauf du Papa (Nigel) owned by Chris Daher finished his CD this weekend with a 3rd place on Sun. at IPOC's trial.

Handled by Ms. Morgan Brooks and owned by Nancy Sigmon/Julie Kielts, Questan N Highcountry's Ice Love Lucy aka Desi finished 1st place (American Bred) in all 4 shows(19 - 24 months) and Reserve Winner's dog on June 14 at the Tampa All Breed Dog Show 6/12-6/15 at the Tampa Fairgrounds.



Desi

On May 11 at 15 months of age "BALLY" was Winners Dog & Best of Winners for a FIVE POINT MAJOR at the White River GRC Specialty in Indianapolis. The judge was golden breeder Ken Matthews.



Bally

These were Bally's first CH points after getting numerous Reserves from 6-9, 9-12 and 12-18, a specialty major Reserve at Everglades GRC, two Best in Sweepstakes wins (Florida Gulf-Coast GRC and Atlanta GRC) and one Best Opp in Sweeps. He is owned and handled by Anney Doucette. Bally's official name is RICHWOOD WING-T WORKIN' LIKE A DOG. Go Ballyhooooooooo!

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