

# Golden Tales

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MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB



KESTREL – Owner: Kristin Sipus

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## Mark Your Calendars

### **MFGRC Summer Specialty**

June 17 – Tampa, FL

### **MFGRC CCA and Eye Clinic**

July 16 – Ocala, FL

### **MFGRC Obedience/Rally Trial –**

August 12-13-14 – Daytona Beach, FL

### **MFGRC Fall Hunt Test –**

November 18-19-20 – Montverde, FL

### **MFGRC Specialty**

December 16 – Orlando, FL

(general meetings to be announced)



*It's good to be a golden!*



## From the President's Desk . . .

Welcome to summer in Florida! As we transition to indoor shows, early morning training sessions while the heat is still manageable, and daily afternoon thunderstorms, I hope you all still have the opportunity to get out there and be involved in events with your dogs. And don't forget to keep yourselves and your dogs cool and well-hydrated during any outdoor activities! Coming up this summer, MFGRC has some exciting plans: our Specialty in Tampa will be June 17th, we're hosting a CCA on July 16th, and our annual Obedience and Rally Trial will be held August 12th-14th.

The CCA (Certificate of Conformation Assessment) is a wonderful way for those who are newer to showing or might be interested in doing more with their dog to learn about conformation and evaluate their dog's strengths and weaknesses. It provides a learning experience in a non-competitive environment, so it's always a lot of fun. Even if you don't have a dog entered this time, club members will be welcomed as spectators to watch and learn from outside the ring.

We continue to have record numbers of attendees to our general meetings on Zoom, so I'm thrilled to be able to put faces to all the names that I see on our roster. There are plenty of opportunities for club members to volunteer at our upcoming events, and I want to thank you again to all of our club members who continually show up and make these events happen. I'm so grateful for all that you do for our club!

*Robin Burket*



# Welcome New Club Members

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club welcomed many new members during its general meetings held in March, April and May.

Voted in as members in the March meeting were:  
Owen Kelley and Charles Lopez of Lake Mary, Fla., (sponsor was Ann Rowe)  
Cindy Patz of Windermere, Fla., (sponsor was Kristin Sipus)  
Christine Steel of Winter Park, Fla. (sponsor was Ann Rowe).

Voted in as new members in the April meeting were:  
Sabrina, Christopher and Kinsley Dina of Valrico, Fla., (sponsor was Pam Ginn)  
Shannon, Troy and Skyler Keim-Jones of Lake Mary, Fla., (sponsor was Destiny Martel)  
Donna Hogan of Orange City, Fla., (sponsor was Andy Hall)  
Renee Killam of Orlando, Fla., (sponsor was Andy Hall)  
Micheline Laberge and Trinity Lonsdale of Sarasota, Fla., (sponsor was Morgan Brooks)  
Runay Valentine of Brooksville, Fla., (sponsor was Robin Burket)  
Jacqueline and Constantine Wolski of Orlando, Fla., (sponsor was Ann Rowe)  
Jill and Bill Baker of Temple Terrace, Fla., (confirming membership from 2018)  
Edgar Perez and Jesus Guadalupe of Ocala, Fla., (sponsor was Robin Bowen).

And voted in as a new member during the May meeting was Marilynn Guard of Winter Park, Fla. (sponsor was Jordyn Vanscoy).



New members (L-R) Owen Kelley and Charles Lopez, Cindy Patz and Christine Steel.



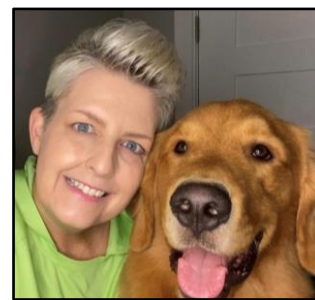
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SABRINA,  
CHRISTOPHER AND  
KINSLEY DINA

## Welcome New Club Members

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JACQUELINE AND CONSTANTINE  
WOLSKI



EDGAR PEREZ AND JESUS GUADALUPE

## Sally Sherman's "Boom" Recognized in Golden Retriever News

**Boom**, the outstanding Golden girl owned, trained and loved by MFGRC member Sally Sherman, was recognized in the latest edition of *Golden Retriever News*, the official magazine of the Golden Retriever Club of America, for her superb year in the Obedience ring in 2021.

In the listing for Obedience end of the year statistics for 2021, **Boom** was No. 1 in the category of "Toby-Trigger" points (which are points earned through placements) with 297 points, more than 50 points ahead of the runner-up dog. She and Boom also were first in High Combines with 23 and second in High in Trials with 23, only one short of first place. Boom's picture appeared at the top of the page (see below).

**Boom**, the 2021 MFGRC Obedience Dog of the Year, is OTCH4 Hi-Star Stealin' All the Thunder UDX14 OGM BN GO.

Another MFGRC member, Susan Howard, and her Golden boy **Winston** placed in the top four in three categories in 2021 – High Combines (2<sup>nd</sup> place with 21); High in Trials (4<sup>th</sup> with 20); and Toby-Trigger points (3<sup>rd</sup> with 226).

*Year End*  
**2021 Obedience Statistics**

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**2021 Toby-Trigger High scores: OTCH4 Hi-Star Stealin' All the Thunder UDX14 OGM BN GO**

**Sorted by Toby-Trigger points earned:**

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# VOLUNTEERING . . .

## *Opportunities to Volunteer are Upcoming*

Members of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club are encouraged to help at events that the club stages. Listed below are three upcoming opportunities.

In order to be eligible for year-end awards offered by the club, members must have worked as a volunteer during the year.

### **CCA/Eye Clinic**

The MFGRC is hosting a CCA and eye clinic on Saturday, July 16, at the MADTA Building in Ocala, Fla., and volunteers are going to be needed to help both run smoothly. For the CCA, needed positions include a dog measurer, someone who can run paperwork, someone who can move dogs for exhibitors unable to do so and someone to handle getting lunch for workers. For the eye clinic, several volunteers will be needed to help with registration and with the dispensing of eye drops. CCA volunteers can contact [robinrbowen@gmail.com](mailto:robinrbowen@gmail.com) and eye clinic volunteers can contact Camille Nasca at [mischiefgolden@gmail.com](mailto:mischiefgolden@gmail.com).

### **Obedience/Rally Trial**

A three-day Obedience/Rally Trial will be held Aug. 12-13-14 in Daytona Beach, Fla. Volunteers are needed to work as ring stewards, especially on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 14-15, when there will be two Obedience Trials held each day. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to contact event chair Andy Hall at [andyhall58@hotmail.com](mailto:andyhall58@hotmail.com).

### **Fall Hunt Test**

The club will hold a three-day Hunt Test Nov. 18-19-20 at Golden Oaks Ranch in Montverde, Fla. Volunteers are needed to unload and set up equipment on Thursday, Nov. 17, and to help pack up equipment after completion of the test on Sunday, Nov. 20. Volunteers also will be needed to be marshals, to prepare and deliver lunches, move equipment and other jobs. If able to help, please contact volunteer coordinator Michele Throm at [michelethrom@yahoo.com](mailto:michelethrom@yahoo.com).

## **MFGRC**

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club, Inc. (MFGRC) was founded in 1984 by a group of Golden Retriever enthusiasts who came together in order to pursue ways of promoting and enjoying their Goldens. We are currently a member club of both the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) and the American Kennel Club (AKC). MFGRC is licensed by the AKC to hold conformation shows, obedience and rally trials, agility trials, and retriever hunting tests. We also hold Working Certificate / Working Certificate Excellent tests in accordance with the rules of the GRCA, and also offer a breed/obedience match every year.

In addition, MFGRC offers an ongoing slate of seminars, clinics and "fun days" to encompass all aspects of the Golden Retriever. We promote the versatile competition golden, the gentleman's hunting retriever, and the consummate family pet.





**A big thanks** to everyone who helped make the MFGRC Spring Agility Trial a huge success the weekend of April 22-23-24 at Grand Oaks Resort in Weirsdale, Fla.

We had a great turnout of MFGRC members on Thursday for setup day and we also had many entered exhibitors pitching in. And then there were members and exhibitors who helped run all three days of the trial by staffing the gate, timer and scribe positions.

Some people to mention: Our longtime agility chair Dee Thibodeaux did tons of work in advance of the trial including securing judges, making arrangements with Grand Oaks, setting up the trial with the AKC and handling so many little details that come under the trial chair job description. Dee has had some health issues and had to resign as trial chair, but she also had the foresight to ask Cindy Deak to come in and bring the trial across the finish line as chair. Cindy is a longtime agility judge and lives only a few miles from Grand Oaks - her help leading up to and during the trial was greatly appreciated. And it was great to see Dee commenting on pictures from the trial posted on the club's Facebook page.

MFGRC board member Jan Paddock's husband Brad was invaluable on setup day as he moved the club's two agility equipment trailers from storage into position and then he helped unload and assemble things. Brad returned on Sunday and moved the trailers back into place and then worked with the JROTC group to pack the trailers. And Jan helped a lot with timing on Saturday and Sunday and with packing up after the trial.

Pat Carlile was the volunteer coordinator again and she did a great job with that as always as well as pitching in with whatever else needed doing.

Jan Casey helped all four days - one day of setup and three days of competition (she's great on the Gate job), and her husband Jim helped with setup day.

Even with a fractured elbow, Lisa Boudreau helped scribe and time on Saturday and Sunday as she always does, and Mike Orloff and Pat Kopco were huge helps with timing and scribing Friday and Saturday as well as on setup day.

Club members Jackie Hardin and Jill Baker (filling in for Vickie Maloney, who was on hand but dealing with a foot injury) worked as course builders and club president Robin Burket helped with setup day, packing day and with timing. Robin Scott, recovering from knee surgery, scribed all day on Sunday.

Other club members who helped during the course of the event included Jeff Shealy, Ann Rowe, Janice Smith, Sandy and Sam Stokes, Michele Throm, Karyn Angel, Heidi Buck, Robin Bowen and Nina DePetrus. Thanks to all.

As always, the staff at the Grand Oaks Resort did a fantastic job hosting the event as did our trial secretary Jill Roberts. And our AKC judges Linda Syner and Pam Johnson were great to work with.

While this was MFGRC's last agility trial for now, you never know what the future may hold.

Thanks,

*Andy Hall*

MFGRC Club Secretary

# Meet New MFGRC Board Members for 2022

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club has five “new” board members for 2022, including two in officer positions. In the March edition of *Golden Tales*, we had profiles of new members Kathy Cudak and Camille Nasca. In this issue, in their own words, we’ll introduce vice president Christine McDaniel, treasurer Robin Bowen and board member Jan Paddock.



## Robin Bowen Treasurer

I grew up in Williston, Fla., a tiny little town in those days and we had the town’s drug store. Lots of things came home with my father - we enjoyed government cheese, particularly, in trade for medicine - but the best thing that ever came home with him was my first purebred dog - a Collie who’d been given to my father as payment for insulin (which in those days was \$6 best I recall- what a bargain we got!).

By that time I had gotten a taste of competition with animals, via my rabbits, and I was eager to start with dogs since my barrel racing career on June Lady was quite short.

I got my first Golden in the early 70’s and did UKC obedience with him. The first dog I did AKC conformation with was my 1981-born Gordon Setter, Flash, who went BOB at the Blennerhasset KC show his first time in the ring, ruining me forever, naturally. By this time, I was living in Georgia and we travelled a good deal and took our dogs (a Golden and a Gordon) with us most everywhere. I had a good time planning routes that incorporated dog shows on the way to wherever we were going. I actually miss the old “Events” magazine, it was so much more fun to use than Infodog, though entries were more difficult since they had to be mailed. While I’m on reading materials- the old “Golden Retriever Reflections” and “Golden Retriever Review”- those too were eagerly looked forward to!

I have a B.S. in Biology (minor Chemistry) and have done a bazillion certificate classes in many random things that just interest me - Waldorf Education, Genetics, Daylily Propagation, Crinoid Stem Taxonomy to name a few. I dipped my toes into ARBA (American Rabbit Breeders Association) judging, have always enjoyed collecting fabric and stones, led a Girl Scout troop for over 10 years and am a life member Girl Scout.

I have two children: a son, Nash who is an attorney (he showed a dog exactly one time at about 7 years old) and a daughter, Maxie, who is an ECC veterinarian (she ranked in the top 10 with a breed in 5 of the 7 AKC Groups as a Junior and was my best dog-show-buddy for many years).

Maxie and I have an AKC registered kennel name, Prism. I bred my first litter in the late 70’s, and my goal for my own dogs is always a versatility certificate (VC), which is a GRCA accomplishment. I was on the GRCA CCA Committee from 2003 until 2020, holding both Coordinator and Chair positions, have Chaired numerous National CCA events and served on two National show committees.

I am happy to serve MFGRC membership as Treasurer, as I enjoy working for any group I belong to. I try to work a day for every event the club holds in some capacity, which lets me see our wonderful dogs do so many things in such a stellar way! Thank you for letting me serve you and hats off to Dee Thibodeaux who did this very time consuming job for so many years. ■





## Meet New MFGRC Board Members for 2022 - continued

### Christine McDaniel Vice President

I have owned and loved dogs since my earliest memory, but it was not until my mid-20's, when I bought my first Golden, that I fell in love with the breed. My first Golden puppy (Sandy) was born on a farm in Georgia, had no AKC papers, and was full of fleas. Before long, she was flea-free and the love of my life! 13+ years later, after her passing, I knew my next Golden had to be well-bred and AKC registered.

I wanted to get involved in dog sports and hoped one day to own a female Golden worthy of breeding. At that time, I lived in California (1999). I researched the breed, joined the NorCal GRC, and started the journey toward my goals. My new puppy (Roxy) was game for anything, so I tried it all. Conformation was immediately intimidating. After one show, I gave up and channeled my energies toward obedience training, dabbled with hunt training, and jumped with both feet into Pet Therapy. Within a year, I assumed the role of Pet Therapy Program Leader.

Through the PT program and the NCGRC club, I connected with a wonderful, seasoned breeder, Jocelyn Lewis (Shalimar Golden Retrievers), who befriended me, taught me how to groom, and mentored me through my first breeding, whelping, puppy raising, and selection of my first conformation candidate - Coral. Jocelyn took me to conformation classes and together we braved the shows. I was not terribly successful with Coral in AKC shows, but I was out there, showing her myself, and learning the ins and outs of the conformation game.

Coral was bred a few years later (again with Jocelyn's help) and produced my first AKC Champion -- Carly -- what a thrill that was! I owe so much to my mentor, Jocelyn. Whenever the opportunity arises, I make a special effort to be as helpful as I can to others who are less experienced.

That first litter was whelped in 2003 under my kennel name "Aria Golden Retrievers." Since then, I have bred sparingly -- five generations, seven litters over 18 years. I am proud to say that I have bred two finished AKC Champions (Carly and her daughter Selena), have achieved multiple Obedience and Rally titles, and recently grabbed a couple of dock diving titles (mostly because my dogs like to jump in pools after bumpers). As far as hunting ... well, my girls are all excellent retrievers, but at a point, I resigned myself to the fact that I prefer to play retrieving games with bumpers and balls versus ducks.



On a personal note, I am married, and live in Palm Coast (between St. Augustine and Daytona) with my husband and three generations of Golden girls -- Selena (9 yrs), her daughter Ariana (5 yrs), and her daughter Charlie (our 5 month old puppy). We moved from California (the SF Bay Area) to Florida in 2018, but my roots have always been in Florida. I was raised in the Miami area -- Key Biscayne and Coral Gables. Professionally, I am a database specialist / database programmer. In May of 2022, I retired from my 25-year relationship with the Global Law Firm "Orrick."

As a new retiree, I am looking forward to spending more time on my dog activities and hope to meet as many of our members as possible at dog shows, trials, and other MFGRC events! ■



### Jan Paddock Board Member

I fell in love with Goldens when I was 32'ish and met Big Kahuna at a sand volleyball tournament in Aspen. He was the coolest dog that I had ever met and I vowed that I would have a Golden one day.

Well, many years passed and after a bad break up, I decided to give up on men and finally get a Golden. I did all the research on the breed, went to dog shows and talked to multiple breeders and planned how my puppy would be cared for when I was at work. Ironically, I brought my first puppy, Cognac, home on July 3, 1996 and met Brad 2 days later on July 5<sup>th</sup>. I spent a lot of time at Best Paw Forward training Cognac. He was the jump start to the best years of my life.

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## Jan Paddock - Board Member *continued*

Cognac walked me down the aisle at our wedding at 10 months old and went on to earn multiple titles. No one remembers much about our small wedding except for Cognac. He walked with me carrying a heart basket with rings and on command, he took the basket and ran, ears flapping, to Brad. Cognac sat in front of Brad, Brad took the basket, they shook hand and paw and with a simple hand signal, Cognac went into his decorated crate to wait for the ceremony. He was part of everything in our lives. He got all of the serious training and went on to earn CGC, CD, CDX, NA, NAJ. He was my heart dog and always will be.

Goldens have been a huge part of our family from the start. We have had up to 4 "Children" at one time and are now enjoying our sixth born, Woody. He is extra special to me as **he saved me** after a very unexpected loss of Magnum at only 9 years old. He is a Rescue Dog, but not in the typical sense. **HE rescued me.**

### **Excited about the future**

We were super involved in MFGRC back in the Cognac days. The 2002 National Specialty still has great memories. Unfortunately, as career requirements took up so much time with meetings and travel, we were not able to keep up with the club.

We retired August 2020 and with all of the Covid craziness, we pretty much kept to ourselves.

The big change happened when we unexpectedly lost Magnum on December 6, 2020. I was devastated as this boy was so special to me. Ann Rowe had a litter on the ground but they were all spoken for. Woody's litter was born December 15, 2020 and there was another litter born on December 31, 2020. I was lucky enough to help take care of the puppies when Ann needed a break. It was the best therapy for a broken heart! Puppy breath is the best!! It cures all.



As I watched the Ellie-Player litter, the Left Hip Boy just amazed me. He was by far the biggest boy and he protected the littlest girl and helped her get to the food bowl. We called her Little Bit, but she is now known as Mia and she is in our Saturday Rally Class. I honestly believe that they still know each other. Woody and Mia get totally goofy around each other.

We are excited to be back in MFGRC and looking forward to learning more about the Hunt Tests and tracking. We are working hard on Obedience, Rally and just started Agility Fundamentals. We are happy to help out at events and enjoy being part of the team. The joy of retirement is that you can make your own schedule and fill it with things that you enjoy. We look forward to participating at more events. ■

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

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

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## Member Spotlight . . .

### *Elizabeth Scherer*

Over the past several years, Elizabeth Scherer has been a frequent sight at a wide variety of dog sports events across Florida and in other states. An Illinois native who moved to Florida with her parents at a young age, Elizabeth took the very common path of following her parents into dog activities but her personal background is definitely uncommon.

A West Point graduate, Elizabeth was an officer in both the U.S. Army and the U.S. Coast Guard. She also has two Masters degrees earned during her time in the service: a Master of Environmental Policy and Management and a Master of Science of Strategic Intelligence.

Elizabeth currently has two Golden boys – Orion, her service dog (Gazn Journeys of Orion CD RE CGC TKN FDC RATI) and Kody (Am. CH SHR U-CH. IABCA HnrCH/IntCH/NatCH Star Crowned Kodiak Island CD BN RE JH CCA CGC TKN WCX VC RATI).

Her love of Golden Retrievers started at a very young age because of her parents, MFGRC members Bonnie and Walter Scherer who live in Palm City. Her dad started Marscher Kennels before Elizabeth was born when he bought Elizabeth's grandmother a little puppy named Misty, who became Am. CH. Celloyd Golden Mist CD\*\*. Misty is behind some of the pedigrees today through the lines of her daughter Marscher Fancy Feathers, who is a grandmother of Am. CH Libra Lady Carioca CD OD

"My parents mostly participated in and judged field trials when I was a young kid, though both showed their respective Golden Retrievers in conformation before my time," Elizabeth said. "I was the designated pigeon thrower for the field work. My siblings and I were also very good puppy raisers. When I was in high school, I would participate in therapy dog work with the family golden, Kyrie Q Centaurus CGC (Tory)."

And while she grew up with Golden Retrievers in her life, it was a while before she actually had her own..

"The first dog that I could call my very own was Kyrie By Air Colonel CGC (Colonel), my Kody's great uncle," she said. "Colonel was a surprise waiting for me when I came home as a First Lieutenant from South Korea, my first Army assignment. Colonel was with me through all of my Army and Coast Guard duty stations except for my two Korea tours. We were part of a special group of therapy dogs that visited soldiers recovering at Walter Reed Army hospital when I was stationed in D.C."

Elizabeth graduated from West Point in 1999 and separated from the Army in 2005. She was then selected for one of the Coast Guard's Direct Commission Officer programs in 2005 and served at several different units throughout her military service, which ended in 2016 when she permanently medically retired from the Coast Guard.



Elizabeth became a member of MFGRC in November of 2019 while she was in the process of returning to Florida. Kody and Orion were the first dogs she ever competed in dog sports with.

"I have always been pretty good at teaching puppies their basic obedience skills, but I have to credit Orion's service dog trainer for encouraging me to try performance sports and conformation," she said. "We were already participating in field work because it was something that I could do with my parents. We have had some wonderful instructors throughout the past few years in their various sports."

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# Member Spotlight . . .

## Elizabeth Scherer (continued)

"My first ever dog sports title, other than the Canine Good Citizen title, was Kody and Orion's respective Rally Novice titles in 2018," she said. "They now both have their Rally Excellent titles, Companion Dog, and Barn Hunt Instinct Titles. Kody is my first Champion and also has three field titles."

MFGRC members have seen Elizabeth in competition using a walking aid – sometimes necessary for her to use due to the health issues that led to her medical retirement from the Coast Guard.

"I am thrilled to be able to compete in dog sports, even though I have some mobility challenges and other health issues," she said. "My Orion has been a great practice dog to help me work through the various challenges that come up with Kody's sports."

"Field work is my favorite," she said. "Conformation is definitely the most challenging because of my physical challenges."

"I have done my best to learn some adaptive strategies, though I know my dogs would probably shine even better with a healthy person," she said. "I know there are some things that I just cannot do like compete in Agility and in Rally Master. I have competed enough to know which conformation venues are more mobility-friendly than others as well as how many events I can handle in a weekend. I have had trouble at rally, field events, and conformation events alike. I am grateful for all of those who have encouraged and helped me in our endeavors along the way."

Last year, Elizabeth and Kody won the MFGRC's Gold Standard Challenge, awarded to the owner-handler accumulating the highest points in breed shows and field events during the awards year.

"My proudest moment was competing in the Junior Hunter class of Gun Dog Sweepstakes at the National Specialty last year," she said. "It was so neat to be in that event because we had worked so hard together to earn his Junior Hunter Title the year prior. We watched Gun Dog Sweeps together on the computer when Kody was a puppy, and that is what I wanted to do with him one day."

"I would have to say the proudest moment that I wish I had seen was when Chatham Napoli handled Kody to Winner's Dog at one of last December's Orlando shows to finish his championship," she said. "I had to hide. So thrilling!"

Elizabeth recently moved from Palm Coast, Fla., to Vero Beach, Fla., where she hopes to be able to apply some of her education. "I completed a graduate certificate in Geographic Information Systems post-retirement with the hopes of breaking into the environmental field," she said. "At least as a volunteer someday."

In the meantime, Kody and Orion have her full attention.

"I learned to practice at least five minutes a day in something, and my Goldens hold me to it," she said. "Except when I was briefly working before my move to Florida, we try to go to a park every day at least for a walk or else just do some training in the yard. I realized I neither had the resources nor the knowledge to take Kody to the next level of his retriever training myself, so he is now working with a pro for a few months."



"A breeder-friend told me to do what you and your Golden boys like to do together," she said. "We will keep doing what we are doing as long as my Golden boys still smile while doing it. I suppose the ultimate goal is for Kody to obtain his Senior Hunter someday. I am grateful to my Golden boys' breeders for entrusting me with them." ■

## MFGRC, NorAust K9 Agility Club of Mid Florida Reach Agreement on Agility Equipment, Trial Dates

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club and NorAust K9 Agility Club of Mid Florida reached an agreement for NorAust to purchase MFGRC's agility equipment and take over the club's two annual dates for AKC agility trials.

AKC approved the transfer of MFGRC's traditional October and April dates to NorAust.

NorAust has taken possession of MFGRC's equipment, which included two trailers as well as all equipment needed for operating a two-ring agility trial.

Cindy Deak, president of NorAust, signed the agreement with MFGRC president Robin Burket and treasurer Robin Bowen. NorAust will hold a three-day AKC all-breed trial Oct. 21-22-23 at Grand Oaks Resort in Weirsdale, Fla.







Karyn Angel's boy Cody flies off the dock

# Dock Diving Fun Day!

MFGRC members enjoyed a day of dock diving with their Goldens at Central Florida Dog Sports in DeLand, Fla., on May 14. The day also included a general meeting. The club will hold a second Dock Diving Fun Day on October 1 at Ocala Dog Ranch.



Cathy Hoff and Donna Hogan



Ann Rowe on the dock



Christine McDaniel, Ann-Marie Poertner,  
Renee Killam and Jan Paddock



# *My Miracle Dog*

By Barbara Anderson

I have had several goldens in my life by now and all of them have been special and dearly loved by me. I am aware of how each of them, in their own way, have impacted and influenced my life. But now let me share with you this true story about my beloved twelve and a half year old Morgan.

Morgan came to me as a "retiree" at age six and had belonged to Ann Rowe of Magik Golden Retrievers. At the time, having lost one of my other goldens "Chloe" and missing a companion to my "Emma", I was lucky enough to be offered "Morgan" who had several litters and was no longer going to be bred. I knew Morgan from helping with a couple of her litters and loved her gentle nature and calm manner, both qualities in contrast to the many other virtues of my Emma. Morgan has fit perfectly in our two humans/two goldens family.

Morgan's calm and affectionate disposition made her a natural to become a therapy dog - a role she has enjoyed serving as a Be An Angel Ministry dog. Together, over the last 4 years we have visited memory care centers, senior homes, children's libraries and other sites which welcomed pet therapists and their handlers.

Little did I know that Morgan might one day possibly, *literally*, save my life. Let me explain - One of Morgan's favorite times of day is the evening when she is allowed to come up on our bed for cuddles (yes, she is spoiled and worth it). Recently though, while cuddled up next to me, Morgan started nuzzling and sniffing my chest to the point it became annoying (mainly because she would block my view of the TV). However, something clicked in my mind, having

read about dogs' ability to detect illnesses in their humans. After an internal dialog with myself about whether to even involve my doctor who might for sure think I was crazy, I decided to have things checked out. *It was the right decision.*

The doctor listened to me, did a thorough examination, and discovered a lump in my right breast. After further studies I was diagnosed with a malignant invasive lobular carcinoma, which resulted in a lumpectomy about a month ago. I had my regular yearly mammogram in November 2021, so would not have even thought about a return visit until later this fall.

I still have treatments to look forward to, but have no doubt that by performing the authentic "PET scan", Morgan may have saved my life. She is my *miracle dog*. Emma is not without her virtues though, as she provides the needed comic relief to help me in my recovery. *I am so lucky to have them both.*





# MFGRC Members Enjoy Fun Field Day



Janice Smith, Laura Topping and Lisa Boudreau

Rushe Retriever Camp in Lecanto, Fla., hosted members of the MFGRC on April 3 for a "Fun Field Day." The day was designed to give members and their Golden Retrievers an introduction to field training and the types of techniques used in Hunt Tests, Field Trials and the WC/WCX. MFGRC members Anney Doucette and Jeff Rushe, who co-own the facility, led the instruction.



Tonya Noel



Karyn Angel and Jeff Rushe



The Camino Tacos truck was a big hit



Jeff Rushe and Anney Doucette demonstrate field training techniques



# ELI

## A TOP 10 GOLDEN RETRIEVER



## SILVER GRAND CHAMPION

MBISS GCHS Crescent Goldrox Worth His Weight In Gold CGC TKN POA MBISS

MFGRC member Paula Black and her Golden boy Eli (MBISS GCHS Crescent Goldrox Worth His Wait in Gold CGC TKN POA MBISS) capped a spectacular three months on the road in the early part of 2022 when Eli finished his Silver Grand Championship in early May.

Eli is handled by MFGC member Chatham Napoli.



8 BEST OF BREED WINS ★ 11 SELECT WINS ★ 1 BISS ★ 1 GROUP 2 PLACEMENT  
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FINISHED SILVER GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP IN MAY ★ SHOWN IN FLORIDA, GEORGIA,  
NORTH CAROLINA, TENNESSEE



# FUN MATCH RESULTS

## 2022 MFGRC Fun Match

After a two-year absence, the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club's Fun Match (AKC-sanctioned "B" Match) returned on Saturday, March 19, with Obedience and Rally for all breeds and Conformation for Golden Retrievers. The event, which also included a general meeting for club members, was held at the home of MFGRC board member Ann Rowe in Sorrento, Fla.



**BEST IN MATCH**  
Magiks Rising Star  
John & Bonnie Corley, owners



**BEST PUPPY IN MATCH**  
Lorlei's The Heart of the Matter  
Laura Topping, owner



**HIGH GOLDEN IN OBEDIENCE**  
Goldrox Magik's Carpet Ride  
Ann Rowe, owner



**HIGH GOLDEN IN RALLY**  
Zaniri Star Shines Bright  
Sandy Saloun, owner

### CONFORMATION

(Judge – Kristin Sipus)

#### DOGS

##### 3-6 Month Baby Puppy

- 1 – Ruger Casey Aim High @ Goldrox, Golden Retriever (owners Linda Nickels and Maura Roxby, Longwood, Fla.).
- 2 – 24k Retrievers Red White and Moo, Golden Retriever (owners Shannon Keim and Destiny Martel, Lake Mary, Fla.).

##### 6-9 Month Junior Puppy

- 1 – Lorlei's The Heart of the Matter, Golden Retriever (owners Chris and Laura Topping, Parrish, Fla.).
- 2 – Asher's Full Moon Rhysen Wynter Dream, Golden Retriever (owner Renee Killam, Orlando, Fla.).

##### 9-12 Month Senior Puppy No entries

##### 12-18 Month Junior Dog

- 1 – Magik's Rising Star, Golden Retriever (owners John and Bonnie Corley, Eustis, Fla.).
- 2 – Magik's Garth Brooks, Golden Retriever (owner Lily Lesmes, Heathrow, Fla.).
- 3 -- Magik Woodford Perfect Manhattan CGC TKN, Golden Retriever (owners Jan and Brad Paddock, Eustis, Fla.).

#### Adult

Magik's Drop It Like It's Hot RN BCAT (owners Joan Wagner, Robin Senderowitz and Ann Rowe, Altamonte Springs, Fla.)

#### Veteran No entries

### BITCHES

#### 3-6 Month Baby Puppy

- 1 – Southern Gold Roc Starz November Rain, Golden Retriever (owner Michele Panetta, Crystal River, Fla.).

#### 6-9 Month Junior Puppy

- 1 – Lorlei's A Paige of My Heart, Golden Retriever (owners Chris and Laura Topping, Parrish, Fla.).
- 2 – StormyPoint Wonderland's Thunder Struck, Golden Retriever (owners Diane and Vern Gank, Hawthorne, Fla.).
- 3 – Magik's Up To No Gouda, Golden Retriever (owner Jacqueline Wolski, Orlando, Fla.).
- 4 – Halia's Muineira, Golden Retriever (owners Robin Burket and Debbie Hoyle, Winter Garden, Fla.).

#### 9-12 Month Senior Puppy No entries

#### 12-18 Month Junior Bitches

- 1 – Magik's Amelia Seabreeze, Golden Retriever (owners Cynthia and Roy Rothman, Lake Mary, Fla.).

#### Adult Bitches

- 1 – Halia's Center Stage, Golden Retriever (owner Robin Burket, Winter Garden, Fla.).
- 2 -- RACH Shor'Line Lara of Ambersand Beach CD PCD BN RM3 RAE2 TD FDC CCA DJ CGC TKA, Golden Retriever (owners Ellen and Chuck Bartkus, Vero Beach, Fla.).
- 3 -- Halia's Christmas In Killarney, Golden Retriever (owner Robin Burket, Winter Garden, Fla.).

#### Veteran No entries

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# 2022 MFGRC Fun Match Results . . .

## Best Puppy In Match

(Ruffles Perpetual Trophy donated by Dr. Robert and Nancy McCune)  
Lorlei's The Heart of the Matter, Golden Retriever (owners Chris and Laura Topping, Parrish, Fla.).

## Best In Match

(HGL Magik Perpetual Trophy donated by Susan Fulenwilder and Ann Rowe)  
Magik's Rising Star, Golden Retriever (owners John and Bonnie Corley, Eustis, Fla.).

## OBEDIENCE

(Judge – Ralph Orlando)

### High Golden Retriever in Obedience

(June Kiernan Memorial Obedience Trophy):  
Int. CH Goldrox Magik's Carpet Ride BN RN, Golden Retriever (owner Ann Rowe, Sorrento, Fla.), 192.

### Utility A

No entries

### Utility B

No entries

### Open A

1 – River Ridges Absolutely Bank on Hank, Rat Terrier (owner Susan Handy, Apopka, Fla.), 184.

### Open B

No entries

### Novice A

No qualifiers

### Novice B

1 – Int. CH Goldrox Magik's Carpet Ride BN RN, Golden Retriever (owner Ann Rowe, Sorrento, Fla.), 192.  
2 – Schroeder's Levi CGC RA, Golden Retriever (owner Vickie Schroeder, Port Orange, Fla.), 174.

### Beginner Novice A

1 – Sheridan's Java Jive, Labrador Retriever (owner Joan Nagle, Umatilla, Fla.), 193.

### Beginner Novice B

1 – CH Star Crowned Kodiak Island CD BN RA JH CCA CGC TKN WCX VC, Golden Retriever (owner Elizabeth Scherer, Palm Coast, Fla.); 188.  
2 – CH 24k Retrievers Tango Yankee BISS BOSS RN RATI CGC, Golden Retriever, (owner D'Nette Musser, Orange City, FL); 186.  
3 – Sunshine Prince of Darkness, Shiloh Shepherd (owner D'Nette Musser, Orange City, FL); 182.

## RALLY

(Judge – Barbara Page)

### High Golden Retriever in Rally

Zaniri Star Shines Bright, Golden Retriever (owner Sandy Saloun, Ocoee, Fla.).

### Master

1 – Sheridan's Java Jive, Labrador Retriever (owner Joan Nagle, Umatilla, Fla.), 77.  
2 – H.H. Trapper CGC RAE BN RAT1, Rat Terrier (owner Carol Hunter, Pierson, Fla.), 73.  
3 – RACH Shor'Line Lara of Ambersand Beach CD PCD BN RM3 RAE2 TD FDC CCA DJ CGC TKA, Golden Retriever (owners Ellen and Chuck Bartkus, Vero Beach, Fla.), 70.

### Excellent A

No entries

### Excellent B

1 – Zaniri Star Shines Bright, Golden Retriever (owner Sandy Saloun, Ocoee, Fla.), 100.  
2 -- H.H. Trapper CGC RAE BN RAT1, Rat Terrier (owner Carol Hunter, Pierson, Fla.), 95.  
3 -- Schroeder's Levi CGC RA, Golden Retriever (owner Vickie Schroeder, Port Orange, Fla.), 84.  
4 -- GAZN Journeys of Orion CD RE CGC TKN FD, Golden Retriever (owner Elizabeth Scherer, Palm Coast, Fla.), 83.

### Advanced A

No entries

### Advanced B

1 – H.H. Trapper CGC RAE BN RAT1, Rat Terrier (owner Carol Hunter, Pierson, Fla.), 90.  
2 – GAZN Journeys of Orion CD RE CGC TKN FD, Golden Retriever (owner Elizabeth Scherer, Palm Coast, Fla.), 84.

### Intermediate

1 – Jeffrey's Whytmatters, All-American Dog (owner Christine Jeffrey, Sorrento, Fla.), 86.  
2 – CH 24k Retrievers Tango Yankee BISS BOSS RN RATI CGC, Golden Retriever, (owner D'Nette Musser, Orange City, Fla.); 83.  
3 – Magik's Bahama Breeze, Golden Retriever (owners Ann Rowe and Christine Jeffrey, Sorrento, Fla.), 81.  
4 – Magik's Spirit of the Storm, Golden Retriever (owners Sam and Sandy Stokes, Orlando, Fla.), 70.

### Novice A

1 – Magik Works Like A Charm, Golden Retriever (owners Sam and Sandy Stokes, Orlando, Fla.), 96.  
2 – Murphy Berman, Golden Retriever (owner Marlee Berman, Sanford, Fla.) 95.  
3 – Alpine's Warby Einstein, All-American Dog, (owner Robin Jones, Orlando, Fla.), 88.  
4 – Magik Woodford Perfect Manhattan CGC TKN, Golden Retriever (owners Jan and Brad Paddock, Eustis, Fla.). 82.

### Novice B

1 – Sunshine Prince of Darkness, Shiloh Shepherd (owner D'Nette Musser, Orange City, Fla.), 86.  
2 – Alpine Island Girl, Golden Retriever (owner Michele Panetta, Crystal River, Fla.), 73.

# FUN MATCH RESULTS





# ACCOLADES

Karyn Angel's Golden boys Cody and Timer earned new AKC agility titles at the MFGRC Spring Agility Trial at Grand Oaks Resort. A Q for Cody finished his Master Preferred JWW BRONZE title. Timer finished his Excellent Standard title with a first-place run. Cody also completed his UDX5 Obedience title (50 UDA legs) in the K9 Obedience Club of Jacksonville Obedience/Rally Trial held in Daytona Beach.



MFGRC board member Michele Throm's Golden girl Ary finished her Novice Jumpers agility title at the MFGRC Spring Agility Trial at Grand Oaks Resort.



Nina DePetris and her Golden girl Peaches, a two-time MFGRC Agility Dog of the Year award winner, finished Peaches' PAX (Preferred Agility Excellent) title in the MFGRC trial held in April at Grand Oaks Resort. At the same trial, Nina's girl Pippa finished her Excellent Fast and Excellent Standard agility titles.



In their first Barn Hunt Trial, Debbie O'Hanlon and her family's Golden boy Guapo earned Guapo's Instinct and Novice Barn Hunt titles at G2 Barn Hunt in Morriston, Fla.



## MORE ACCOLADES . . .



Charlie and Barb White's Golden boy Mac (Omni's at McGuire's Landing DJX2,DSX2,CGC,TKN) received his DJX3 title at Bratty Paws in Punta Gorda, Fla.



Elizabeth Scherer's Golden boy Kody (Am. CH SHR U-CH. IABCA HnrCH/IntCH/NatCH Star Crowned Kodiak Island CD BN RE JH CCA CGC TKN WCX VC RATI) finished his Rally Excellent title in the Dog Training Club of Tampa's Rally trial. Also, Elizabeth handled her mother Bonnie Scherer's girl Tahani to her Rally Advanced title at the Greater Orange Park Dog Club Rally Trials held in Elkton, Fla. Tahani is Malagold Tahani CD RA TD JH TKN CGC CCA WC VC.



Sally Sherman and her Golden boy Flare - at the age of two years and seven months, Flare finished his UDX (Utility Dog Excellent) title in the Perry Cluster by going High in Trial and High Combined.



Susan Howard and her outstanding Golden boy Winston took more than five months off after the GRCA National but they returned and hadn't lost a step – with multiple High in Trials and High Combineds, they finished Winston's UDX7 title (Utility Dog Excellent X7) in Elkton and then finished his OTCH4 (Obedience Trial Champion x4) at the Orlando Dog Training Club trial.





## MORE ACCOLADES . . .



Shannon Keim and her boy Golden "Dash" completed the U.S. Canine Biathlon in Gadsden, Ala. It is a weekend of ultimate canine bonding including a highly challenging trail race with obstacles for both the human and canine, including both man-made and natural terrain obstacles. Dash also earned his DJ (Dock Junior) title at the NADD 24K Retrievers Splash Pawty in Georgia. He is Dahling Dare To Dream at Lookout CGC TKN TKI RATI DJ. Also, her Golden boy Pie (co-owned by MFGRC member Destiny Martel) earned his Novice Trick Title at 4 months old. He is 24K Retrievers Red White and Moo TKN.



Heidi Buck and her Golden girl Briar earned some additional agility titles – Master Agility Jumpers in the Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg agility trial and Master Standard in the Tampa Bay Agility Club's trial.



Connie Adams' Golden girl Katie had a successful time at the American Belgian Malinois Club National Specialty Scent Work trial, earning her Novice Buried title. She then finished her Novice Exterior title with two placements, completing her Scent Work Novice title.



Dalia Ruffatto's Golden girl Cira earned her RATN title in a Barn Hunt trial held in Deland, Fla. Cira is Jazzie's Showers Of Sunshine and Joy DCAT RN CA CGC RATN.



Destiny Martel (left) and Paula Black and their Golden Retrievers (Destiny and Eli) took a break from conformation to have some fun and earn their CGC and TKN titles at the Lawrenceville, Ga., shows.

## MORE ACCOLADES . . .



Destiny Martel's Golden girl Glow (24k Retrievers You Glow Girl DN DJ RATO FDC ATT CGC TKN) finished her championship in North Carolina at the GRCA Eastern Regional while being handled by fellow club member Chatham Napoli. Glow finished by going WB/BOW in a 5-point major supported entry.



Dot and Allison Hively's Golden girl Nora earned her FCAT title (and a **huge** rosette) in a downpour in Walkersville, Md., in a trial hosted by the Carroll Kennel Club. Nora is CH Jazzie's Ca'D'Oro of Sapphire Shores BN RN FCAT CA DS CCA CGC TKN. Nora also earned her CA (Coursing Ability) title in White Post, Va. At the same event, the Hively's Golden girl Brooke earned her CAA (Coursing Ability Advanced) title. Brooke is CH Cobblestone's Devonshire Cream on Top RN CAA DCAT CGC TKI.

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