



From the President's Desk...

Boy, I'm about messaged out and I bet you're sick of hearing from me. Sorry, gotta write this or Leah will chase me down until I do. (Only kidding!)

On Saturday March 12 many of us said a final farewell to our dear friend Susan Fulenwider. There were many fond memories shared of Susan; some sad, some happy and some comic. Susan touched so many lives and will be missed by all. She would be pleased to know that she meant so much to so many. I only hope that she held that knowledge while she was still alive. Thank you all for joining us on Saturday and helping us to celebrate Susan's life.

On Sunday, I judged my first ever field test. Thanks so much to Southern Skies Flat-Coated Retriever club for inviting me to judge their WC/WCX and for pairing me with Bob Hux. If you get a chance to show to Bob, please don't miss it. Bob is a very fair and pleasant judge and truly enjoys watching the dogs work. After all the hunt tests and all the WC/WCX tests I've been in, I never realized how much goes into planning the actual test. You have to take into consideration the sun-the rising and setting, the wind, the changes in terrain, the cover or lack thereof, the background, how the blinds are placed, the birds used and so much more. The thing that impressed me the most was Bob's concern that we make the tests fair and always keep in mind the level of the dogs we were judging. This was truly a learning experience and Bob was very patient with this rank novice's questions. The really exciting thing was that we had the opportunity to judge flat coats, goldens, labs, curls, poodles and tollers. Everyone has their own tests-some very similar like the goldens and flat coats and some very different like the tollers. It was all fun. The Flat-Coat club put on a great test and the judge's dinner was pretty darn good too. Thanks Claire Koshar for that. I really have to give Susan a special thanks. She was the one that encouraged me to get my judging license, asked me to apprentice (which I did at one of our February hunt tests with Bob Hux and John Kreir) and has made this possible for me and for others interested in judging, by having MFGRC host judge's seminars.

I was very remiss in my specialty report in not thanking our wonderful obedience judge, Carol Mett. I only heard really good things about Carol and hope she'll judge for us again.

At our February general meeting we announced plans to host the 2012 Eastern Regional Specialty. The plan is for MFGR to host the regional and our Independent Specialty, for Everglades to host their Independent Specialty and for FGCGRC to host their specialty. Four days of specialties should be pretty spectacular. Each of the club's will be responsible for their own show-judges, trophies, set up, tear down (of course we'll all be there together and with the shared membership I'm sure there won't be a lack of help for any of the events). I promised a list of volunteers we will need to host these two events so here it is. None of this is written in stone, so if anyone has suggestions, please feel free to let us know.

REGIONAL VOLUNTEERS:

Regional Show Chair – filled
Regional Obedience & Rally chair – open
Regional WC/WCX chair - filled
Regional Trophy Chair – filled
Grooming Chair – filled
Parking Chair– including motor homes
Grounds Chair- including set up
Vendor Chair
Decorations Chair– we should probably share this with the other clubs. The cluster will be around Halloween so that's an option for a theme. The cluster will be outside so this shouldn't be a lot of work.
Hospitality Chair – open
Judge's Hospitality – open
Raffle Chair – filled. I think we'd benefit by having all three clubs join forces for the raffle. Everyone could collect their raffle items, get what they can ready prior to the shows and then get it all set up at the site. Each club could have a person responsible for collecting raffle stuff and getting it put in baskets. We would share in the expenses of the raffle and split the proceeds in thirds
Merchandise Chair - filled
Sales Chair – open
Advertising Chair – catalog and general

INDEPENDENT SPECIALTY VOLUNTEERS:

Specialty Show Chair – open
Obedience & Rally Chair – open
Specialty Trophy Chair – open
Hospitality Chair-this would probably involve the same food vendor

These are the chairs. If you are interested in working on any of these committees, please let me know. I will make sure your name gets forwarded to the appropriate person.



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For Susan

When Susan walked in a room, you knew she was there
From the sound of her voice to her spikey hair!
With Susan you always knew where you stood,
Could be bad . . . Could be good!
She had no problem speaking her mind,
To all of us here she was one of a kind.
She fancied herself a witch you know,
In many ways, I believe it was so . . .
A friend, a mentor, a generous heart,
Always ready to do more than her part.
She loved our Club, she loved her breed,
And we loved her . . . We did indeed.
We weren't prepared to lose our friend,
The legacy she left us will have no end.
We know you're at the Bridge with our goldens in tow,
Throwing bumpers for them and watching them go!
We'll miss your presence, we'll miss your face . . .
When we see you again, you'll be running the place!
Godspeed my friend!

Composed by: Shirl Phillips

SAYING GOODBYE





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From the Editor(s) . . .

February 12 through February 19 were exhausting days for the Club, weren't they? Two days of hunt test on the very cold weekend of February 12 and 13, followed by our Specialty in Lakeland on the 17th! At least Lakeland was warmer!

Honestly, on Sunday, the 13th, I don't think that any of us who arrived at the fields at 7 a.m. were too anxious to get out of our cars. We were all comparing notes on the temperature readings, and I think we decided that it was 30 degrees that last morning. At least the wind had dropped, so by the end of the day the sun felt warm and it was possible to be comfortable in a t-shirt while we cleaned up the test site and handed out the ribbons and duck bands.

In spite of the cold, I enjoyed the camaraderie of the participants, gunners, judges and workers. I also learned a lot!

The Specialty was just great. Tom and Joanne Hell were amazing and seemed to be everywhere! The facility and the staff were wonderful and friendly and so helpful. It was a great experience and Caroline Roetzer did a fabulous job as Show Chair!

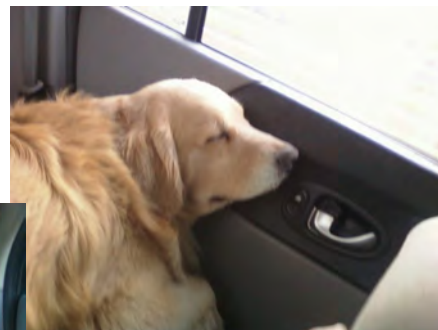
For those who were not able to come to the Celebration of Life for Susan Fulenwider that was held at Ann Rowe's on March 12, we missed you but you were with us in spirit. It was a bittersweet day of tears but there was also a lot of laughter and great memories. The day was beautiful and sunny and we felt her presence smiling down on us.

I also want you to know that I was honored to be asked to take the vacant seat on the Board, though very sad for the reason it was open. I hope that I can do a good job for the Club, and that I will make Susan proud.

I'll be Secretary at the Match on April 2. If you are entering, please be patient with me! It's the first toe I've put in these waters and I'm a bit anxious.

Until next month!

Leah Wright
Co-Editor



After a LONG day at the GRRMF Rescue Reunion!

February Board Meeting Minutes

The MFGRC Board Meeting was called to order by Camille Doebling at 8:10 pm. on February 4, 2011 at Camille Doebling's home.

Board Members Present: Camille Doebling, Tom Hell, Joanne Hell, Judi Volpe, Debbie Finch, Ann Rowe, John Blair, Rosa Blair and Shirl Phillips.

Vice President's Report: Debbie Finch had two applications to read: Terry Cuyler and Michael & Rachelle Rouse. They were voted in unanimously.

Secretary's Report: Judi Volpe did not have anything to report. Debbie Finch moved that the minutes from the last board meeting be waived. Ann Rowe seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Hell reported that dues for 2011 are past due and should be sent to him! In the interest of the Club, we do not publish income information on the Internet.

Old Business:

Match: This will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at Ann Rowe's. Leah Wright will be the test secretary.

New Webmaster: We are very close to getting our new Webmaster and getting the new site up and running.

Agility Trial: John Blair reported that all is going well for the trial on October 15 & 16, 2011.

Golden Retriever Rescue Reunion/Grooming: This will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2011. Contact Debbie Finch if you can help!

Committee Reports:

2011 Speciality: Our Specialty will be on February 17, 2011. The Board spent a great deal of time finalizing the last minute items needed.

Hunt Test: This event is scheduled for February 12 & 13, 2011. The Board spent a great deal of time finalizing the last minute items needed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tom Hell. It was seconded by Shirl Phillips. The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 pm.

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Camille Doebling at 2:00 P.M. on February 19, 2011 in Lakeland at the Sun 'N Fun Facility during our Specialty.

Present: Theresa Bradley, Bill & Mary Coffman, Ted & Ben Crowell, Camille Doebling, Debbie Finch, Caroline Roetzer, Chris & Laura Topping, Leah Wright, Cynthia Resare, Diane Eisenberg, Theresa Bradley, Deb Farris, Jack & Karen Ippel, Victoria & Patricia Dougherty, Kathy Flaherty, Teri Vautrain, Michele Lemole, Robin Scott, Janet Narushka, John & Terry Collett, Diane & Verne Gank, Lucy & Chatham Napoli, Liz Waldschmidt, Kathy Cudak, Shirl Phillips. **Guests:** Mary Hughes, Chris Leedy, Cindi Metcalf, Janice Fitzgerald

Vice President's Report: Debbie announced the following new members Terry Cuyler of Longwood Florida, sponsored by Susan Fulenwider and Jack & Beth Afflebach of Parrish Florida, sponsored by Ann Rowe. They were unanimously voted in as new members.

Secretary's Report: Judi was not present so there was no Secretary's report. Camille announced that the minutes from the last meeting have been published in the newsletter, and Michele Lemole made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. Leah Wright seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Hell was not present, there was no Treasurer's report.

Events:

2011 Specialty: Caroline Roetzer, Chair of the 2011 Specialty, thanked everyone for their support of our Specialty. She stated everyone seemed very pleased with the facility and the parking was great. Everyone seemed pleased with the judges with particular mentioned going to the obedience judge who bent over backwards to be helpful.

2011 Hunt Test: Camille gave a brief recap of our Hunt Test stating we had a small Jr. and Sr., but the Master was huge. The support for the event was over whelming.

Rescue Reunion: Debbie announced that the Golden Retriever Rescue Reunion will be held on February 26 at Lake Parker Park in Lakeland. Volunteers are needed to come out and help groom dogs. We charge a minimum of \$10.00 per dog, with all proceeds going to Rescue.

Match: This will be held on April 2 at Ann Rowe's in Sorrento. Leah Wright has volunteered to be the Match Secretary. Candi Pearce will judge conformation. The premium will be published in our upcoming newsletter.

Tracking Test: Our Tracking Test will be held May 1, with tracklayers needed for April 30 as well. Joyce Swegle is chairing the event, and it will be held at Lee Vista Center in Orlando.

Old Business:

Check out our new web page. Suggestions should be sent to Tom or Camille. Agility Trial will be earlier this year, October 15 and 16th. Eric Strickland Seminar week-end of August 6th and 7th at Fast Friends in Deland Cost TBA

Calendar:

The March Board Meeting will be held on Friday, March 18th, at Camille's home in Orlando. Camille encouraged members to come to a Board meeting this year, and think about possibly stepping up and volunteering to run for a position on the Board or even an officer for next year.

Vickie Maloney has offered the use of her property for an agility fun day and general meeting, on April 23rd in Palm Bay. There will be a flyer with directions sent out prior to the event. We are looking at setting up a fun day and general meeting in May, possibly in Astatula.

We are hoping to host the 2012 Eastern Regional in Orlando the end of October. We have invited the Everglades Golden Retriever Club and the Gulf Coast Golden Retriever Club to join us in hosting this, and it would involve 4 days of specialties. Venue would be Turkey Lake Park. Need volunteers. Deb Farris volunteered to chair the WC/WCX.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Debbie Finch and seconded by Michele Lemole. The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M.



MFGRC 2011 Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Other Info</u>
Friday, March 18	MFGRC Board Mtg.	TBD	mischiefgolden@gmail.com
Saturday, Apr. 2	MFGRC Match + General Meeting	Ann Rowe's home Sorrento, Florida	Premium list is at www.mfgrc.org
Saturday Apr. 23	Agility Fun Day + General Meeting	Ja-Vic Training Center, Palm Bay, FL	Debbie Finch Gaga4goldens@cfl.rr.com
April 30 – May 1	MFGRC TD Tracking Test	TG Lee property Orlando	Joyce Swegle, Secretary softwindgr@aol.com
Saturday, May 21	Astatula Fun Day + General Meeting	Stanley Pond Tree Farm Astatula (near Zellwood)	
Saturday, June 4	AKC Hunt Test Judging Seminar	3920 Water Oak Drive, Lakeland, FL	Camille Doehring, Chair mischiefgolden@gmail.com
Saturday, June 11	Grooming tips + General Meeting	At Tom + Joanne Hell's Lakeland, FL	Joanne Hell Tohell@msn.com
Sept. 4	DOCOF	Central FL Fairgrounds, Orlando	Robin Scott, Team Captain fourdogsr@embarqmail.com
Sept. 17-18	Fall Hunt Test	Golden Oaks Ranch Montverde, FL	Tom Hell, Chair tohell50@hotmail.com
Sept. 25-Oct. 2	National Specialty	Conyers, Georgia	www.grca.org
Oct. 15-16, 2011	MFGRC Agility Trial	Turkey Lake Park, Orlando, Florida	John Blair, Chairperson

I want to thank everyone for allowing me the privilege to work as your Puppy Referral Representative. Puppy Referral is like a 'Welcome Mat' to all that our club has to offer to prospective new members (puppy buyers). It allows us the opportunity to meet and educate the public while assisting in placing quality, healthy puppies into new homes.

Puppy Referral is a **tool** to help you, as a breeder, find good homes. There are no guarantees that the public will choose to buy a puppy from you simply because you list a litter on our club's website. In other words, it is not the club's responsibility to place a breeder's puppies. There have been questions recently regarding the way litters are listed, the length of time a litter is listed, etc. I would like to clear up a couple of those questions.

#1) When people call me I DO NOT send them to a particular breeder or listing. Instead, I refer them to the website so that they can obtain the information for all of the litters listed at the time. If I have new litter information not yet up on the website, I will give that information to them as well.

#2) Our webmaster places the listings as they come in. They are not listed in any particular order (i.e., date of birth, alphabetically, location, etc) Most puppy buyers look for puppies 'closest to home' first; how they are listed is of little importance.

#3) The club has set a listing time limit of four months from date of birth. However, if a litter has been previously listed, a breeder has a puppy returned for any reason, that puppy is put back on referral at no charge. It may appear that the 'litter' has been listed for an extended period of time.

Over the past several months it became very clear that we needed to address some issues concerning the Puppy Referral program. As a result, our board has decided to make the following listing requirements:

**New Puppy Referral Requirements
for
Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club**

- Must be a regular member in good standing during the previous 12 months
- Puppy referral listing will be limited to 4 months after litter whelp date
- Fee Schedule:
 - If member has attended 2 general club meetings and worked at 1 MFGRC sponsored event during the previous 12 months the fee is \$25.00*
 - If member has not attended 2 general club meetings and has not worked at 1 MFGRC sponsored event during the previous 12 months the fee is \$250.00

*It is the responsibility of the club member to notify the club secretary and the event chairperson to receive credit for these requirements.

Examples of MFGRC sponsored events that qualify for puppy referral:

Winter Hunt Test
 Golden Retriever Rescue Grooming Day
 Spring Match
 Heart and Eye Clinic
 Annual Specialty
 Tracking Test
 Fall Hunt Test
 Agility Trial
 CCA
 WC/WCX
 Participation on club sponsored teams (DACOF/DOCOF)

Submitted by: Deb Farris, Puppy Referral Coordinator

The Whelping Box



Offered as a service in conjunction with MFGRC's puppy referral. Health clearances and \$25 must be submitted to the puppy referral coordinator.

DEB FARRIS

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LITTER LISTING:

John/Rosa Blair (Satellite Beach) 321-773-3476

jazziesgold@bellsouth.net

CH AG-Golden Age Porto Alegre X Snowshoe Jazzie's Spice of Life

8 boys and 2 girls, Born 12/28/10

Debbie Caudill (Ocala) 352-288-0685

rdc21@embarqmail.com

MBIS,MBISS,GCH,CH. My Buddy's Boppity Bop Blue Moon RN, WC, VC, CGC, SDHF x Snobird' In Hot Pursuit

Due 1/12/11

Nancy Sigmon (Tarpon Springs) 727-938-4271

longlost22@yahoo.com

Ch. Col. Am. Ch. Ag-Golden Age Porto Alegre and Magiks Golden Goose on the Luce, CGC

Puppy born 1/30/11 **1 male, 1 female**

Jerrie Morrison (Sarasota) 941-650-4214

omnigolden@aol.com

Am/Int CH Magik Southernns Captain Jack RN X Omni's Jet Set

Litter Due 1/24/11

Linda/Kim Hitchcock(Balm, FL) 813-777-6955

lhitchcock@49erGoldenRetrievers.com

(Skye)OTCH Morninglo Fire In The Sky UDX4 MH NA NAJ WVX OS VCX ex (Rio) Goldruls Angelfish On My Shldr JH WC CCA

Born 1/15/11 **7 girls & 2 boys**

Other litters will become available soon. Puppies can go to their new homes after 8 weeks of age. If you have questions regarding purchasing a Golden Retriever, please contact our Puppy Referral Coordinator, Deb Farris at E-Mail: Faragold@yahoo.com.

We encourage you to do research prior to adding a puppy to your family. The Golden Retriever Club of America's online publication "Acquiring a Golden Retriever" is an excellent resource. You can find this information at www.grca.org. If you are interested in obtaining a rescue golden, you can contact the Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida at info@grrmf.org.

MEET THE MEMBERS

Editors note: Robin Scott is a long time member of MFGRC and is very active in the sport of agility. We think you will enjoy getting to know her if you haven't had that privilege yet. Thank you Robin for your participation!

How did you get involved with Golden Retrievers?

I am great about writing about other people - but not so good about myself -- my dogs are the greatest gift and have allowed my life to be complete -- I cannot imagine life without a golden. So thank you Joanna Bedford, Dee and John Thibodeaux -- for allowing me to train the carefully bred dogs you entrusted to me and thereby - made my life complete. I cannot imagine life without a Golden. I have told this story often and it still brings tears to my eyes --- Joanna Bedford of Moonlight Goldens, gave me my very first Golden Retriever -- Moonlight Not Justa Hologram -- who I am thrilled and very hopeful to say --- will be fourteen years young next month. Holly -- was the perfect golden -- never destroyed anything - never had an accident in the house - the epitamy of what a Golden is -- soft, gentle and very loving. I fell in love with the breed because of Holly. We lost Joanna to Breast Cancer and that is why we have the famous Raffle at the Annual Agility Trial in October. Many people enter the MFGRC Agility Trial - because the Raffle is so famous and has been written about in the Clean Run Magazine.

Who or what got you interested in agility?

Again - Holly -- she was so slow in Obedience. I love my Goldens and I want them first and foremost to have fun. If it is not fun for them - it certainly is not fun for me. A friend forwarded me an e-mail about a new class starting to teach agility -- I immediately put my name of the list. Unfortunately getting involved with the wrong kind of trainer -- Holly ran out of the ring in Standard -- after getting her Novice Standard title -- for almost two years. When I found the right trainer that knew how to teach with love and understanding - Holly started speeding up in Obedience -- and then -- started to excel in Agility. It was fun for both of us. But I have to say - jealousy is a wonderful thing. It was the National in 2002 that MFGRC sponsored - that I brought my young Moonlight girl, Salsa out in Novice. Holly saw Salsa having fun - and it overcame her fear of being wrong and running out of the ring. Holly has taught me a lot - -my first Golden and she has taught me so much.

Explain to us how agility works.

Agility is very similar to Rally. There is a course and an allotted time to finish the course. The purpose of AKC agility trials is to afford owners the opportunity to demonstrate a dog's physical ability/soundness and willingness to work with its handler under a variety of conditions. The program begins with basic entry-level agility, and progresses to more complex levels that require dogs to demonstrate higher levels of training and interaction with their handlers. Agility results in a better rounded, conditioned dog, provides good basic training for search and rescue dogs, demonstrates good training and citizenship and has excellent spectator appeal. Agility trials are sporting events and all participants should be guided by the principles of good sportsmanship both in and outside the trial course. To completely understand the rules and regulations I suggest anyone interested obtain the book from AKC. Also, MFGRC is offering a Fun Day in Palm Bay in the next couple of months and a demonstration is the best way to determine if you want to pursue training and competing.

To the uninitiated, all the agility titles seem like alphabet soup. Could you explain what the letters stand for in the various titles?

Agility is separated by class heights --- 4 inch, 8 inch, 12 inch, 16 inch, 20 inch, 24 inch and 26 inch. In order to compete your dog must be measured by two different judges for a permanent height card which allows you to show for the life of the dog without having to get measured at each trial. This permanent height card cannot be applied for prior to the dog being 24 months old. Handlers who prefer not to run at the 'measured' height for their dogs can choose to run in the Preferred Classes which allows the dog to run at one class height lower than what they are measured at and allows them additional time to complete the course. These classes afford an opportunity for a greater variety of dogs, and their handlers to participate in the sport of agility. Owners/handlers have the choice of entering the Preferred classes with its modified standards.

Titles for Agility are - (you must earn three qualifying scores to advance to the next level)

NOVICE AGILITY (NA)	NOVICE AGILITY PREFERRED (NAP)
OPEN AGILITY (OA)	OPEN AGILITY PREFERRED (OAP)
EXCELLENT AGILITY (AX)	EXCELLENT AGILITY PREFERRED (AXP)

In addition = AKC offers a FAST (Fifteen and Send Time) which allows the competitor to pick obstacles to accumulate points but in order to qualify they must complete the 'Send' which is designed by the Judge and a line cannot be crossed by the Handler. The dog must work away from the Handler and do the obstacles in the 'Send'. These titles are

NF - NOVICE FAST	NFP -- NOVICE FAST PREFERRED
OF - OPEN FAST	OFP - OPEN FAST PREFERRED
XF - XF FAST	XFP - EXCELLENT FAST PREFERRED

There are also advanced levels when the above titles are earned which are master titles - MX, MXJ and the oh so difficult MACH (Master Agility Champion).

How would you encourage someone to get started in agility?

Volunteer at the MFGRC October Agility trial - the best way to fall in love with agility is to volunteer and watch the dogs in action. Also -- plan on attending the Agility Fun Day in Palm Bay - check the calendar to see exactly when that is.

Tell us about your dogs and their accomplishments thus far.

Sweet Chocolate Casey - NAJ (never had a lesson but did whatever I asked - my chocolate lab that allowed me to meet and respect - Joanna Bedford)
 Moonlight Not Justa Hologram --UD, NA, AXJ
 Moonlight Hot Chili Pepper -- CDX, OA, AXJ, OF
 Deauxquest Oh What A Knight - CDX, OA, AXJ, OF
 Deauxquest It's My Turn To Shine --UD, AX, AXJ, XF
 KnightDrmz Memories of Moonlight - CDX, OA, OAJ, XF

Each Golden that is a member of our family -- as the five above are for the Scott family, allows us to learn different venues of fun in competing. I believe that each accomplishment is a direct result of careful breeding which produces healthy goldens and enables each handler to pursue the interest of their choice. All of the accomplishments I have achieved are a direct result of careful breeding and encouragement by the breeders -- Joanna Bedford and - Dee and John Thibodeaux, which also provided me the knowledge to continue the line with KnightDrmz Memories of Moonlight.

It Was a BIG Hunt Test!





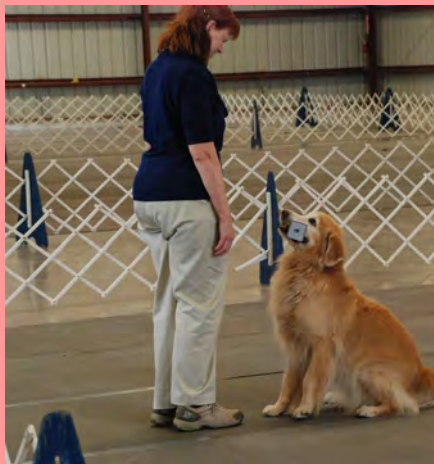
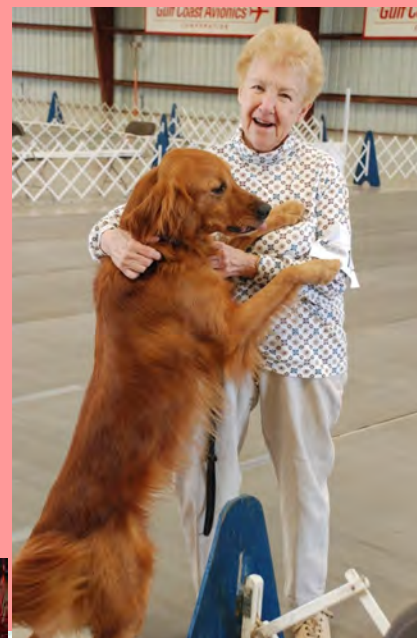




MFGRC SPECIALTY

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Lakeland Strawberry Cluster



GOLDEN TALES MARCH 2011

Photos Courtesy of Debbie Finch







GRRMF RESCUE REUNION

Saturday, February 26, 2011

Lake Parker Park, Lakeland, Florida



Busy Grooming Booth



Debbie Young hard at work



Yes, I am black and white.
Yes, this is my mother and yes, I
am a GRRMF rescue!



2011 Rescue Reunion Grooming Report

Unlike 2010, when the weather was *awful* – windy, rainy, and bitter cold, the 2011 Rescue Reunion Grooming event on February 26th was fortunate to have a beautiful sunny day, with temperatures in the 70s. A small group of wonderful, industrious MFGRC members came out to help raise money for Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida (GRRMF) by spending their day grooming paws, tails, ears, and providing a bit of education about the grooming process. The demand for our services was high – we had a waiting list all day long, and most of us were so busy that we didn’t even have a chance to “go shopping” at the raffle! By mid-afternoon, we had spruced up almost 40 rescued goldens, and raised a total of \$470! MFGRC will match that, and donate the entire amount to GRRMF.

I would like to extend a **HUGE** thank you to the following MFGRC members who gave up their Saturday to help out:

Liz Waldschmidt	and Dave Waldschmidt
Cindy Crowell,	Julie Crowell and Ted Crowell
Deb Young	Betty Lambert
Julie Wand	Edon Copparini
Leah Wright	Chris Haddad

Special thanks to Dave Waldschmidt and Jon Wright for bringing EZ Up tents to help shade us from the sun!

Submitted by: Debbie Finch

Pre-entries close at the match Secretary's home
Wednesday March 30th, 2011

Day of Match entries: Obedience & Rally...8:15am - 9:00am
Conformation...8:15am - 10:00am

**ENTRIES SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ITEM FOR THE RAFFLE
TABLE, EITHER DOGGIE OR HUMAN GOODIE!!!!!!**

PREMIUM LIST

**AKC Sanctioned
Specialty Conformation "B" Match
&**

All -Breed Obedience "B" Match

All-Breed Rally "B" Match



MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

To Be Held at the Home of:

Ann Rowe
23840 Oak Valley Lane
Sorrento, Fl. 32776

**Saturday April 2nd, 2011
ALL JUDGING WILL BE OUTDOORS**

Match hours - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Obedience & Rally judging starts promptly at 9:30 am
Conformation judging starts promptly at 11:00 am
**PLEASE HELP US KEEP THE SHOW SITE CLEAN
PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOGS
EXERCISE AREAS WILL BE DESIGNATED**

Match Committee

Match Chair.....Ann Rowe
 Obedience & Rally Chair.....Ann Rowe
 Grounds.....Ted Crowell
 Trophies.....Betty Lambert
 Hospitality.....Robin Senderowitz

Match Secretary

Leah Wright

Judges and Assignments

Conformation.....Candi Pearce
 Jr. Showmanship.....Candi Pearce
 Obedience.....Elizabeth Mound
 Rally.....Debra J. Finch

Lunches along with soda & water
 will be available for purchase at the

"Golden Bag Cafe"

Barbeque and a drink—\$5.00

Veterinarian on Call

Veterinary Emergency Clinic of Lake County
 33040 Professional Drive
 Leesburg, Fl. 34788
 (352) 728-4440

Dogs must be current on immunization

ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

Ann Rowe & The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever club or it's officers or
 members assume no responsibility for any loss, damage or injuries sustained
 by exhibitors or spectators, or to any dogs or property, or to any children.

Wins at Sanctioned Matches carry NO AKC Championship Points.

**DON'T FORGET THE RAFFLE RIGHT AFTER
 JUDGING!!!
 EVERY ENTRY SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN
 ITEM FOR THE RAFFLE TABLE, DOGGIE OR HUMAN
 GOODIE!!**

Entry Fees:Pre-Entry \$7.00 for the first entry of a dog and \$3.50 for each
 additional entry of the same dog. Day of Match entry is \$10.00 for the first
 entry of a dog \$5.00 for each additional entry of the same dog. Junior
 Showmanship FREE.

MAIL ENTRIES WITH CHECKS PAYABLE TO MFGRC:

Leah Wright 459 Weathersfield Ave. Altamonte Springs, Fl. 32714

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 OWNERS NAME _____ PHONE _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY/STATE/ZIP _____
 I ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MYSELF AND MY DOG AT
 THIS MATCH _____
 DATE _____ SIGNED _____

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PRIZES

WINNERS MUST BE PRESENT TO CLAIM TROPHIES
 NO TROPHIES WILL BE MAILED

1st Place.....Rose Ribbon & Trophy
 2nd Place.....Brown Ribbon
 3rd Place.....Light Green Ribbon
 4th Place.....Gray Ribbon
 Best Junior Puppy.....Rosette & Trophy
 Best Senior Puppy.....Rosette & Trophy
 Best Junior Dog.....Rosette & Trophy
 Best Adult.....Rosette & Trophy
 Best Veteran.....Rosette & Trophy
 Best Puppy in Match.....Rosette & *Trophy
 Best in Match.....Rosette & **Trophy
 High Scoring Golden in Match.....Rosette & ***Trophy
 High Scoring Dog in Match.....Rosette & Trophy

NOTE: Qualifying score required for Obedience awards in regular classes
 *RUFFLES PERPETUAL TROPHY

Donated by Dr. Robert & Nancy McCune

This trophy will be awarded to Best Puppy in Match

**HGL MAGIK PERPETUAL TROPHY

Donated by Susan Fulenwider & Ann Rowe

This trophy will be awarded to Best in Match

***JUNE KIERNAN MEMORIAL OBEDIENCE TROPHY

Donated by MFGRC

This trophy will be awarded to the Highest Scoring Golden Retriever in Regular & Non-

Regular classes

The above mentioned trophies will be awarded at each Match hosted by Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club and will remain the property of MFGRC

CONFORMATION CLASSES

(No Major Pointed Dogs Allowed to Enter Conformation)

Jr. Puppy.....3-6 Months

Sr. Puppy.....6-9 & 9-12 Months

Jr. Dog.....12-18 Months

Adult Dogs.....18 Months to 7 years

Veterans.....7 years and up

OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Regular: Novice A & B, Open A & B, Utility A & B Non-Regular: Pre-Novice, Grad

Novice

Veterans: 7 years and up

RALLY CLASSES

Novice A & B, Advanced A & B, Excellent A & B

You may enter any class for practice only (mark PO). Dogs entered for "PO" are not eligible for prizes, AKC regulations apply.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Novice Jr., Intermediate Jr., Open Jr., Novice Sr., Intermediate Sr., Open Sr.

Jr. Showmanship is divided into Jr. 8-12 & Sr. 13-17

Novices have not yet earned 3 Novice wins at AKC licensed shows.



Directions to the Match

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Sorrento, Fl. 32776

From I-4 North of Orlando:

Take the exit for the Seminole Mall (#101C) and turn onto Hwy. 46. Take 46 West toward Mt. Dora 15 miles to intersection with 437, at a stoplight. Turn **RIGHT** onto 437. Go 4/10ths of a mile on 437, and then turn **LEFT** onto Wolf Branch Rd. (there is no right turn here). Drive 4/10ths of a mile, where you'll see a street sign for Equestrian Trail on the **RIGHT**-turn in here. Equestrian Trail is a private road, so it's kind of narrow. Take the first **LEFT** on Equestrian-this is OAK Valley Lane. Ann's property is the first one on the left.



Directions to the Match

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From Tampa:

Drive east on I-4 toward Orlando. You'll want the **second** exit after you pass the exit for Hwy. 27; this is the 429 toll road. On the 429, you'll bypass all the Disney and Orlando traffic. Take 429 North (a long way), until it ends at Hwy. 441, near Apopka. Turn **LEFT** onto 441. Go about 2 miles to the traffic light at Plymouth Sorrento Rd, and turn **RIGHT**. Go north on Plymouth Sorrento Rd., crossing Ponkan and Kelly Park Roads, until Plymouth Sorrento Rd. ends at Hwy. 46. It's about 8 miles to Hwy. 46. Turn **RIGHT** onto Hwy. 46, go about 1/2 mile to the traffic light, and turn **LEFT** onto 437. Go about 1/2 mile on 437 and turn **LEFT** onto Wolf Branch Rd. Go approx. 1/2 mile, where you will see a street sign for Equestrian Trail on the **RIGHT**—turn in here (it's more of a country lane than a road). Take the first **LEFT** on Equestrian—this is Oak Valley Lane-Ann's property is the first one on the left.



Directions to the Match 23840 Oak Valley Lane Sorrento, Fl. 32776

From the South:

Take the Florida Turnpike North, past the Turkey Lake Service Plaza, to exit **267A**. This is 429 North. Take 429 North for approx. 10 miles until it ends at Hwy. 441, near Apopka. Turn **LEFT** onto 441. Go about 2 miles to the traffic light at Plymouth Sorrento Rd, and turn **RIGHT**. Go north on Plymouth Sorrento Rd., crossing Ponkan and Kelly Park Roads, until Plymouth Sorrento Rd. ends at Hwy. 46. It's about 8 miles to Hwy. 46. Turn **RIGHT** onto Hwy. 46, go about 1/2 mile to the traffic light, and turn **LEFT** onto 437. Go about 1/2 mile on 437 and turn **LEFT** onto Wolf Branch Rd. Go approx. 1/2 mile, where you will see a street sign for Equestrian Trail on the **RIGHT**—turn in here (it's more of a country lane than a road). Take the first **LEFT** on Equestrian—this is Oak Valley Lane-Ann's property is the first one on the left.

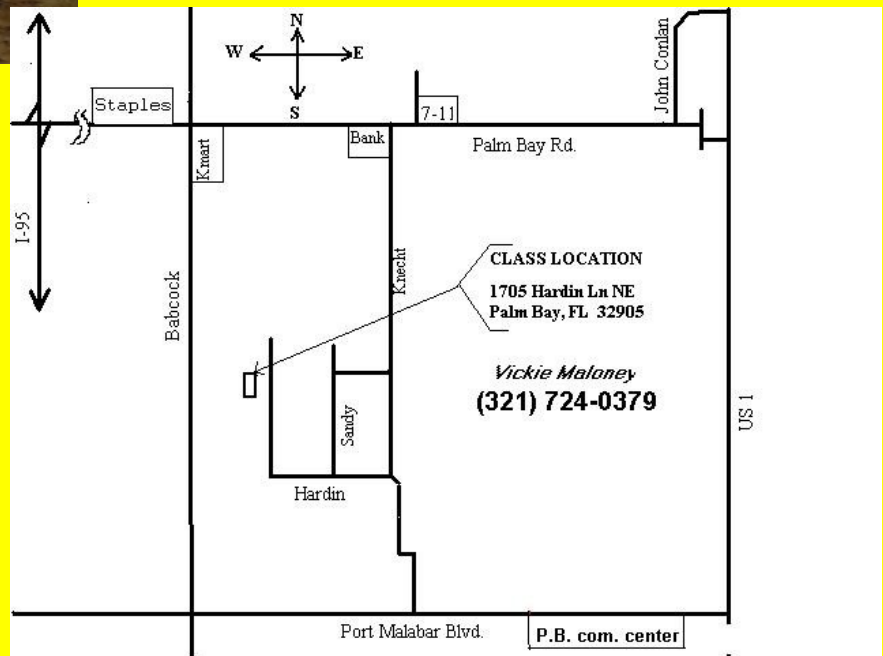




MFGRC AGILITY FUN DAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2011
TIME: TBA
JA-VIC TRAINING CENTER
PALM BAY, FLORIDA

From I-95:

1. Take the Palm Bay Road exit, and turn East (toward the ocean).
2. You'll go through several traffic lights, passing Wal-Mart and BJ's on the left.
3. Look for Applebee's, then Chili's and K-Mart; this is the intersection with Babcock St., and there is a traffic light at here. Go straight through this intersection.
4. Take the first right turn after you cross Babcock; this is Knecht Road (there is a small bank on the corner).
5. Go approx. 0.8 mile on Knecht, and turn right onto Hardin Lane. Hardin turns into a dirt road and makes a big bend to the right at the end. At that point you are on our property.
6. Keep going until you see all the happy goldens running around - parking will be on the right.



**General Meeting and
Pot Luck Lunch**

**Bring your dog, a dish to
share, and a chair and join
us for some learning fun!**





Area Motels: Ramada Inn, 3260 US Hwy. 98 Lakeland, Florida-863-680-8080 Motel 6, 3120 US Hwy 98, Lakeland, Florida-863-682-0643

**AN AKC HUNT TEST RETRIEVER SEMINAR FOR JUDGES
AND HANDLERS
HOSTED BY:**

**Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club
407-859-4571**

**Location: 3910 Water Oak Drive, Lakeland, FL - Next to Tom & Joanne Hell's House
SATURDAY, June 4th, 2011**

The program will be presented utilizing multimedia demonstrations, lecture and group discussions. The seminar will cover subjects such as:

- The purpose of Hunting Tests
- Performance standard for Junior, Senior, and Master
- Hunting Test scoring
- The guidelines for Judges of Hunting Tests
- How to apply and conduct a Hunting Test
- The responsibility of the key personnel involved
- Gun Safety
- How to handle misconduct

SCHEDULE:

Registration	9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Classroom	9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Lunch	12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
Classroom	1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE AND FEE:

Registration is \$25 per person. Lunch \$7 extra. Please enroll by MAY 26TH, 2011 Registration forms and fees should be sent to:

**Camille Doehring mischiefgolden@gmail.com
3015 Delaney Ave. Orlando, FL 32806**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Ant _____ No. Attending: _____

Milestones & Achievements

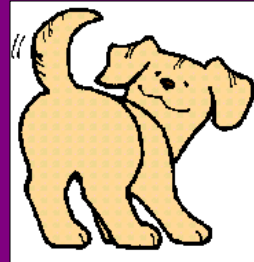


I have a 14.5yr old male Golden named "Molson" his birthday is July 1st! Molson was our family pet and when I graduated from college and was moving away from home my parents asked me what I would like for graduation and I said Molson. I moved from Indiana to Ohio and my family allowed me to take Molson our family dog to start my journey in life. Thanks to Molson my husband Al and I have 4 Golden's now, 3 of them are pets and 1 is a show puppy. It's because of him that our love for Golden's grew. Molson still does a half a mile to a mile a day with us (if he wants to and is feeling up to it) he almost always goes on our morning walks with breakfast as a reward. Molson still has a lot of energy and a lot of living to do. I believe our 5 yr old Worthington, 2 year old Hunter and 9 month old Reese keep him young. He truly is a blessing from God and everyday with him is a gift! ~~Jillian Miller~~



Milestones & Achievements

Here is some great news from Kathy Cudak about BIS GCH Gemini's Furst Draft SDHF, '10 Top 20, 2011 Westminster JAM (Ruff): "Ruff took the FIRST Judges Award of Merit at the prestigious national Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show last month beating out almost every top dog in the country! Ruff follows in his daddy's big pawprints because True won a Jam in 2008. I am so thankful for my dear friends, mentors and breeders, the Pearces. What a last 6 months Rufferoo has had! Ruff is owned by Kathy Cudak and co owned and bred by Candi and Richard Pearce (Gemini Goldens) and was expertly handled by Janince Granda."



Kristin and Gene Sipus of Richwood Golden retrievers send this report: "What a week we have had! At the Mid FL hunt test Sophie, aka Unicoi's Sail Away Angel CDX TD JH VC CCA (ch ptd.) earned her second SH pass. Sophie earned her 3rd SH pass at the Jacksonville Retriever hunt test the following weekend. Daughter Millie aka Richwood Moments Away was Best in Sweeps at the MFGRC Specialty and also won her regular class. Son Dash aka Richwood Moment in Time, owned by Amber Schoeler also won both his sweeps and regular class at the specialty. Son Takoda Richwood-Ralins From this Moment on, owned by Aline Brisendine earned his Rally Novice title with scores of 95,98 &100. We are so proud of Sophie and her kids!"

This is from Joyce Swegle: "Knightdrnz Softwind N Moonlight Kisses (Micah Moo) completed the Novice agility, and Novice Fast titles at the Treasure Coast Agility Trials. The completion of his Standard title also earned him the VCD1 title. A first for Softwind Goldens!" Micah Moo is owned and LOVED by Joyce Swegle.

Nancy Clinchy tells us that they have a New Senior Hunter - Bridgeton's Hearts On Fire OA OAJ SH "Ice".

Diane and Vern Gank have lots of great news from Wonderland's Goldens: "Crush Delavega Orange Crush In Wonderland was 3rd in his very large 12-18 class at our Specialty under Judge June R Smith, Owner Handled by his proud dad Vern Gank. Crush was placed 3rd every day he was shown in Lakeland with a class of 8. Gabby Wonderlands Muttering Fool placed 3rd open bitch at our Specialty under Judge June Smith. Gabby, CH Wonderlands Muttering Fool Gabby completed her Championship her first day back with Team Myers on 3/3/2011 at the Okaloosa Kennel club Under Judge Col. Joe B.Purkhiser. We are thrilled beyond words. On March 5th and 6th in Hilton Head, South Carolina Delavega Orange Crush In Wonderland went back to back Best Of Winners and Winners Dog from the 12-18 class Owner Handled by Vern Gank under Judge Paula Hartinger and Patricia Trotter. Way to go Crush and Vern! 5 points already at 12 months old."

Diane Gank also wants us to know, "I would like to give thanks to Susan Fulenwider who evaluated my litter with Gabby via the Puppy Puzzle. Susan didn't like when you would ask her who the pick is in the litter. She would say, 'there is no pick of litter in the Puzzle, it's which one is structurally sound enough to do both field and confirmation.' So I said ... 'ok Susan, then which one would YOU bring in the show ring?' and without hesitation she handed me Gabby. Susan was always very supportive of Gabby and was a mentor to me. I will miss her dearly. God speed Susan this Championship is for you."

Karyn Angel reports that Zack Angel-Migden got his first leg in Open A Obedience with a 1st place finish and a very respectable score of 191 at the Golden Specialty in Lakeland. "I am so proud of my zany boy who will be 9 years old in April."

The Veibl family is excited to share that Buzz's (CH Gorca's Magic Lightbug CD RE JH VC) kids and grandkids have been busy the past few weekends. "Lily (Starrise's The Secret Life Of Bees) earned her first CH points...a MAJOR... on Saturday, February 19th in Lakeland. Lily, a BUZZ XX Soarin pup, is now owned and loved by the Veibls and was beautifully handled by Morgan Brooks. Sadie (Lakewood's Southern Sail) won the open class and took RWB both Sunday and Monday in Lakeland. Sadie redeemed herself on Saturday, February 26th, in Tallahassee by taking WB/BW/BOS and WB again the following Friday in the Panhandle. Sadie is a BUZZ XX DIXIE pup and needs only her last major to finish. Also on the 26th, not to wanting to be left out, REMI (SHR Lakewood's Gonna B A Rockstar), a KATIE XX Charmer pup, took WB at the Crawfish Cluster in Mississippi for her first AKC points. Remi is owned and loved by Kelly Faynard and bred by/co-owned by Paula Veibl. Remi was OWNER HANDLED to this win by Kelly and it was Kelly's FIRST time in the ring...and we must mention she had all top handlers in with her. ...so a huge congrats to Kelly as well."



**Ruff on the
green carpet at
Westminster!**

A NEW BREED?



Ron and Cynthia Resare asked May, the Puppy Nanny at Misty Ridge Golden Retrievers to send this photo of Gia (head) and Kelly (hind end) trying to look like a hot dog!!

GOLDEN TALES
c/o Leah Wright, Editor
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MFGRC Match & General Meeting

Saturday, April 2, 2011

Ann Rowe's, Sorrento, FL

See you there!