

From the Presidents Desk...

Dear Members:

May started out on a busy note, as a number of our members were out in the fields near the Orlando airport for our AKC sanctioned Tracking Dog (TD) test on May 1st and 2nd. Our thanks go out to Judges Ron and Luci Seeley, Test Chair/ Secretary Joyce Swegle, and all of the members who spent their weekend making the TD a success. A special thank you goes out to Robin Scott who laid track, and also took the photographs included in this issue of *Golden Tales*.

Coming up on **Thursday, June 24th** is our annual Specialty – it will be here before we know it! Right on the heels of the Specialty is the Supported Entry on Saturday, June 26th. We'll also have our monthly general meeting on Saturday after goldens show in conformation. We are still accepting donations to sponsor trophies for both Thursday and Saturday, as well as contributions to our always superb raffle – see the list of ideas elsewhere in this issue. We've also included an up-to date listing of the trophies that are still available for sponsorship.

I hope you'll take the time to read the short article from the National Canine Cancer Foundation included in this issue. I'd like to thank Coralee Leon for sharing the article with us. We are losing far too many of our precious goldens to this nasty disease; a recent *Wall St. Journal* article indicated that 60 percent of golden retrievers die of cancer. Sadly, in just the last week, MFGRC members have lost two beloved and highly accomplished goldens to cancer. Dream and Dylan, you are missed by many of us.

Our July meeting, on Saturday the 10th, will feature a potluck lunch, and an introduction to basic grooming skills. We'll be indoors, at the property next to Tom and Joanne Hell's house just outside of Lakeland. Bring your dog, your grooming tools, your questions, a dish to share, and a grooming table (if you have one).

We have started to make plans to host the Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA) on Sunday, October 10th. We have reserved the DogSense training facility in Lakeland (same location as last year's CCA). If you have questions about the CCA, please refer to the basic explanation of the CCA program in this edition of the newsletter, or send an e-mail to Camille Doehring (mischiefgolden@juno.com). Keep watch for e-mails and newsletter flyers for further information as our plans begin to take shape. We are also tentatively planning to hold CGC and TDI evaluations that day.

Hope to see you at the Specialty next month!

Debbie Finch 2010 MFGRC President





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From the Editor:

Goodness, you can certainly tell from all the brags and photos received this month



that the Spring shows and other events are being well represented by MFGRC members and their amazing dogs. Thank you to everyone who sent in their news and the photographs to go with them. It really makes Golden Tales a special newsletter.

Lots of changes in the Wright household this Spring too. I have joined the ranks of Americans who are unemployed. Yet I seem to be busier than I was when I was working full time! Between looking for a job, fighting with the Unemployment Compensation website (which doesn't appear to be able to keep up with demand), and other things in my life, it's been a bit of a topsy-turvy time. It's all good though, I know better things are coming my way.

The plus side is the time I have had to "stop and smell the roses" while I haven't been working. The dogs are ecstatic to have mom home. My confederate jasmine is blooming and fragrant and I love sitting near it with my morning coffee. I've had time to clean out closets, "freecycle" some stuff around the house I no longer need, and even keep the house clean and in order! When did I have time to work before?

This past month has also brought some sadness to friends, in that three people I care deeply about have lost their beloved goldens to cancer and I keep hearing from others about their losses. We have included an email from Coralee Leon regarding some new breakthroughs in hemangiosarcoma research, and I hope all of you will take time to read about it, and if you feel able, to donate to this worthy cause.

The Specialty is right around the corner! I can't wait to see all of you there!

Leah Wright Editor



GOLDEN TALES MAY 2010

APRIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The MFGRC Board Meeting was called to order by President Debbie Finch at 7:45 P.M. on April 2, 2010 at Camille Doehring's home.

Board Members Present: Debbie Finch, Judi Volpe, Tom Hell, Joanne Hell, Ann Rowe, Camille Doehring, Susan Fulenwider and Betty Lambert.

Guest: Patty McCabe

Vice President's Report: Two applications were read and vote was unanimous.

Robert C. Marquis Marcia Thompson

Secretary's Report: No report

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

Susan Fulenwider seconded

Vote was unanimous

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

Committee Reports:

MFGRC Specialty: Trophy donations are needed. Julie Kielts will be handling the dinner and Susan Fulenwider is taking care of the judge's gifts.

2010 Agility Trial: John Blair has completed the premium list and has a boy scout troop lined up to help that weekend.

DACOF: There is going to be a big conflict because DACOF will be on the same weekend as our specialty so we will not have a team this year with hopes that next year it will be on a different weekend and we can join them.

DOCOF: Robin has commitments from enough members that we will have two teams this year.

WC/WCX: Deb Farris has set the date for Nov. 13, 2010.

Old Business:

Match: It came to our attention at the match that we need a few new items. The obedience jumps are warped and do not fit together and we need a few ring gates. Robin Scott offered to look for the best price and order these for us.

July & August Meetings: We need an air-conditioned facility and activity for these months. The Hell's offered their facility for July 10th for another grooming day. August is still open. If you have any wonderful ideas, be sure to tell one of the board members.

CCA: There has been a great response to do this once again this year. We are looking at October 10th but this is not set. We need to make sure we have the facility before committing to it. We will possibly have the CGC and TDI once again.

New Business:

Road signs: We try to have these set out at all events so it is easier for the members to find where we are at. We have found that we lose at least one of these each time we use them so we do not have very many anymore. Tom Hell offered to take care of getting the best price and getting more signs. Be on the lookout for the new signs.

Puppy Referral: There was extensive discussion about puppy referral.

Calendar:

April General Meeting at Astatula on April 10, 2010 May Board Meeting at Camille's on April 30, 2010 at 7:00 pm May General Meeting at Tracking Test on May 2, 2010

A motion to adjourn was made by Susan Fulenwider. It was second by Betty Lambert. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30~P.M.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The MFGRC general meeting was called to order by President Debbie Finch at 12:50 p.m. on April 10, 2010 at our Astatula outing.

Members Present: Debbie Finch, Judi Volpe, Camille Doehring, Tom Hell, Karyn Angel, Carl Migden, Patty McCabe, Kathy Flaherty, Kim Gilert, Barbara & Michael Keil, Coralee Leon, Becky Nicholas, Alexis Rothman, Chuck Siegel, Susan Wilks, Leah Wright, Gary Wilks, Ted, Cindy & Julie Crowell

Vice President's Report: Shirl Phillips was unable to attend so there was no report.

Secretary's Report: No report. Karyn Angel motioned we accept the minutes from the last meeting. Camille Doehring seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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

Committee Reports:

Specialty: This will be held on June 24, 2010. Donations are needed for the trophies. We also need donations for the raffle so if you have any items, hang on to them or get them to a board member. We also need volunteers to steward in the obedience and rally rings. If you are interested, again, let a board member know.

Tracking test: This event will be held at TG Lee property, north of the airport. The May General Meeting will be held at this event on May 2.

DACOF: MFGRC will not have a team this year. This event falls on the same weekend as our Specialty.

DOCOF: MFGRC will have two full teams this year. This event takes place the Sunday before Labor Day. The September General Meeting will be held during lunch that day.

Agility Trial: This event will take place on October 30-31. John Blair is our Chair. We have new equipment ordered and the premium list is finished.

WC/WCX: Deb Farris will be the Chair for this event. It will be held on November 13 on the Davis Farm in Bushnell on Highway 301.

New Business:

CCA: We are looking at October 10 but need to make sure the facility is available.

Calendar:

May 2 – Tracking Test at TG Lee Property

June 24 – MFGRC Specialty at the Orlando Fair Grounds

June 26 - MFGRC General Meeting after Goldens show

July 10 - July General Meeting at Tom and Joanne Hell's after the grooming day

A motion to adjourn was made by Camille Doehring. It was seconded by Susan Wilks. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.



MFGRC 2010 Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	Other Info
June 24, 2010 (Thursday) June 26, 2010	MFGRC Specialty General Meeting	Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando Central Florida	Betty Whaley, Chairperson autumngoldens@bellsouth.net After goldens show
(Saturday)		Fairgrounds, Orlando	
July 10, 2010	Intro to Grooming – General Mtg – Potluck lunch	at Tom + Joanne Hell's 3920 Water Oak Drive Lakeland, FL	
Sept. 5, 2010 (Sunday of Labor Day Weekend)	Dog Obedience Clubs of Florida competition (DOCOF) + Gen'l. Mtg.	Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando	Robin Scott, Team Captain Fourdogsr@embarqmail.com
Sept. 18-19, 2010	Fall Hunt Test	Golden Oaks Ranch Montverde, FL	Susan Fulenwider, Chair happygolucky@mpinet.net
Sept. 25 – Oct. 3	National Specialty	Denver, Colorado	www.grca.org
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Sunday, Oct. 10th	CCA / CGC / TDI	Dogsense Training Ctr. Lakeland, FL	Camille Doehring mischiefgolden@juno.com
Oct. 30-31, 2010	MFGRC Agility Trial & general meeting on Oct. 30th	Turkey Lake Park, Southwest Orlando	John Blair, Chairperson jazziesgold@bellsouth.net
November 13, 2010	WC/WCX Test	Richard Davis farm, Bushnell, Florida	Deborah Farris, Chairperson faragold@yahoo.com
November 20, 2010	General Meeting	Ocala, Florida	After goldens show
December 18, 2010	Christmas Party / General Meeting	TBD	





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Born 4/18/10 5m/2f

Vern/Diane Gank (Interlachen, FL)

dv@wonderlandgoldens.com 386-684-6791

Ch Numoon Yukon This Buds for U x Int Ch Ag-Golden Age Alicia In Wonderland

Born 3/21/10 8m/4f

Debbie Young (Pinellas Park)

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Shyan's Take a Long Long Look x HoneyKyst Southern Belle

Born 3/13/10 2m

Karen Brady (Brandon)

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CH Sandpoint Talisman OS ('Joshua') ex KaraGold's Secret Agent ('99')

Born 2-9-10 7m/3f

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Am/Int CH Magik Southerns Captain Jack RN x Omni's Just Doing Time

Born 4/8/10 3m/5f

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CH My Buddy's Boppity-Bop Blue Moon RN WC VC CGC SDHF X Snobird's in Hot Pursuit

Due 6/6/10

MFGRC's Tracking Dog Test

Saturday, May 1, 2010, started out warm and sunny as our judges, Ron and Luci Seeley, met up with their track layers at our usual Denny's down by the trial site. We had lots of offers to help on plotting day, both members and non members alike. Our track layers this year were Robin Scott (Chief Track layer), Susan Fulenwider, Jodie Faist, Paul Reep, Betty Lambert, and newbies, Judi Volpe and Gail Waller. We knew it would be a longish day with an entry of 11 dogs.

The first 4 tracks were laid in the vicinity of the Marriott Hotel where our National was held several years ago. We were blessed this test with beautiful, green grass. That happens rarely at tracking time, but the rain on Friday moistened up the ground and made the land itself really nice for tracking. Around noon or so, we left that site and moved to our regular tracking fields off of Goldenrod. The remaining 7 tracks were plotted in those fields, also unusually green. By the end of the day- close to 4pm, all the tracks were in and all workers were hot, tired, sweaty, and may I say, probably stinky. We were given last minute instructions, times for the next day, meeting places, and answers to "where do we put those leather gloves and start articles?" (in your boots or shoes for the night). We broke up, went home or back to the hotel for the judges (for a night of working on maps) to rest, study our maps, and stress about finding the glove, if the dog didn't on the next busy day.

With the draw for tracks scheduled for 7am, most of us were already down at the Denny's by 6:30. As those entered, drove in, and hit the Denny's bathroom area, the test secretary set up the table with the draw items- metal spring buckets filled with dog cookies- each with a special number on the bottom. At just a few minutes after 7am the draw began, and each entrant pulled the track that they and their dog would be tested on.

We had 3 passes at our test. The dogs that made their way down the tracks to their gloves were Flatcoated Retrievers OAKMEADOW AS TIME GOES BY and OAKMEADOW AND YOU WORE BLUE, both owned and bred by Joe and Mary Ann Hamzy. Mary Ann also handled one of the girls for her TD, and it was her very first time doing so! Our other pass was Golden Retriever PRELUDE MAGICAL MOMENT owned by Andrew and Kathy Gibbons. Andrew, was another of our first time handlers! The rest of those entered did exceptional jobs and all will soon be TDs. Just minor glitches prevented them from earning their TD's this time around. Two of the three TD passes were laid by brand new track layers, Judi, and Gail.

I want to thank our wonderful judges Luci and Ron Seeley. They never tired of answering questions, or offering help, to any of us, and with smiles both days. Also huge thanks to my wonderful track layers, who had to be up at the crack of dawn 2 days in a row and walk around in the hot sun both days. Track layers have extremely difficult jobs and very stressful. And all of my track layers did exceptional jobs. Robin Scott, Chief track layer, kept everyone moving in the right place, at the right time and picking up people through both days. Thank you.

Thanks to all, Joyce Swegle Test Chair/Secretary





Left to Right: Ron Seeley (Judge), Luci Seeley (Judge), Judi Volpe (Tracklayer)

Front Center: Andy Gibbons and new TD Prelude Magical Moment



MFGRC TD PASSES!

Flat Coat Retrievers OAKMEADOW AS TIME GOES BY and OAKMEADOW AND YOU WORE BLUE. Both owned and bred by Joe and Mary Ann Hamzy Golden Retriever PRELUDE MAGICAL MOMENT owned by Andrew and Kathy Gibbons





The Title of Chairperson

When a member volunteers to Chair an event for Mid Florida Golden Retriever Club, normally at the conclusion of the event they write a summary and thank their volunteers. Well - let's start something new - -let's have a volunteer who was at the event working -- write a thank you to the Chair!

On May 1 and May 2, 2010, I volunteered to be a tracklayer at the Tracking Test. I heard that many people volunteered and were not needed this time. Now that is a first, and one I hope becomes a tradition, when we have more volunteers than the event requires.

Joyce Swegle was the Tracking Test Chairperson and also the Test Secretary. In case you ever wondered what exactly a Chairperson does --- they do just about everything. Joyce applies to AKC to get permission to have the test, obtains two judges willing to judge, accepts entries, keeps track of all expenses, and when the test entry closes, notifies all entrants if they have made it into the test. Then even more work is required, preparing catalogs, judging programs, keeping up with AKC requirements, and the list goes on an on until the closeout report and the check is sent to AKC.

The weekend of the Test arrives and the Chair/Test Secretary is at the pre-determined meeting place bright and early Saturday morning - and even earlier Sunday morning.

The day of plotting this time started at 9 AM and did not get over until almost 4:00 PM. Joyce prepared lunch for the Judges and Tracklayers and constantly kept on everyone to drink plenty of water in the heat - and it was hot!

So I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Joyce for all her hard work and dedication to the sport of Tracking. Without her -- there would be no tracklayers or judges or test. This was a great event Joyce - and thank you for Chairing it!

Robin Scott, Tracklayer



April 28, 2010

Mr. Tom Hell Treasurer M.d Florida Colden Retriever Club 3920 Water Oak Drive Lakeland, FL 23810

Dear Tom,

It is with heartfelf thanks that we accept your generous donation from the Mid-Florida Colden Retriever Club to match the grooming proceeds at the reunion. We are so appreciative of your support and the huge part MFGRC plays in making our reunion a success. Your volunteers were especially dedicated to come out on a rainy, dreary day. Thank you so much for coming in spice of the weather!

GRRMF is very lucky to have a breed club that supports rescue. Not every GR rescue group is as lucky as we are. It is very heartwarming that the members of MFGRC are not only interested in promoting the bread but saving it as well – and all goldens not just beautiful show cogs. You all truly have a heart of gold.

Sincerefy,

Sarbara Durham

President, Golden Retrizvor Rescue of Mid-Florida, Inc.

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JUST FOR JUNIORS

BRITTA COY



Cari-Anna and I were invited to do a presentation for Kids and K-9's For Healthy Choices at a local school. I had the opportunity to share my love for Goldens with the children while teaching them dog safety. We also demonstrated some of the many ways the children can interact with their own dogs including Rally, JR. Showmanship, Agility and Obedience. The children all enjoyed meeting Cari-Anna and went home with a "doggy bag" filled with fun and educational items and an official "pawtograph" from Cari. We have been invited back again when the new school year begins.

WANTED



Raffle Donations

Please help us make this year's Raffle on June 24th a success!

Some ideas for donations:

- Bottles of wine or champagne
- Wine glasses
- Bottles of liquor (Tequila, etc.)
- Drink mixers
- Human goodies and snacks (cans of nuts, chips, salsa, fancy cookies)
- Gift cards to restaurants (Chili's, Applebee's, Outback, Olive Garden, etc.)
- Gift cards to stores (Bass Pro, Target, Wal-Mart, PetsMart, etc.)
- Dog treats and cookies
- Dog toys
- Dog collars and leashes
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MFGRC has a tradition of ordering beautiful, two color Titling Rosettes at the end of each year. We currently have a big box of these rosettes that have never been picked up. Unfortunately, the rosettes list only the dog's name, and not the owner's name. Please, read through the list above and if your dog's name is on the list, send me an e-mail at ga-ga4goldens@cfl.rr.com so that I know who these rosettes belong to.

I will bring the box of rosettes to the Specialty on June $24^{\rm th}$; if you plan to be there, come to the Trophy table to pick up your rosette.

Thanks - I'd really like to get this box out of my garage!

Debbie Finch



Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA)

(Source: www.GRCA.org)

What is a CCA?

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

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

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

What are the qualifications for evaluators?

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

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

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

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

Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA) FAQ's

1) What is the original intent of the CCA?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6) How many evaluators are there?

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

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

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

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

Qualified Evaluators with breed experience.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9) Can you enter under the same Evaluator twice?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Hi Members - -The year is rolling past at a very fast speed. It will be summertime before you know it.

DOCOF - Dog Obedience Clubs of Florida's annual competition is Labor Day weekend. Our teams, and I do mean plural -- are filling fast. We have one or two openings and as soon as those are filled - we can start a third team -- for the first time in the history of MFGRC competing.

If you are interested in being on the Team -- and have not already notified me -- please send me an e-mail at fourdogsr@embarqmail.com as soon as possible and let me know what level you and your dog are working at. Please don't think you have to be asked individually - this is your invitation to let me know you want on the team.

Submitted by: Robin Scott



Robin Scott and Frankie

It's time to start thinking about our Specialty in June of this year, and that includes Trophy Donations.

We have four general donation and sponsor levels:

Diamond - Over \$200

Gold - \$100 to \$199

Silver - \$50 to \$99

Bronze - \$25 to \$49

Please send your trophy donations to:

Debbie Finch, 1918 Sir Lancelot Circle, St. Cloud, Florida, 34772

Be sure to indicate (1) which class or classes you want to sponsor, and (2) which day: Thursday or Saturday.



The Officers and Board of Directors of Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club appreciate the support of the members who are able to contribute to the great trophies we present at our Specialty.



The Officers and Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to thank the following members & friends of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club for their generous support.

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MFGRC Specialty Trophies Thursday, June 24, 2010

	Sponsor- ship	111u1suay, 9 une 24, 2010
Class:	Cost	Donated by:
Best of Breed	\$100.00	Florida Gulf Coast Golden Retriever Club
Best of Opposite Sex	\$75.00	Caroline & Chris Roetzer - Ingot Goldens
Best of Winners	\$75.00	Nancy Sigmon
Winners' Dog	\$50.00	Laura & Chris Topping - Loralei Golden Retrievers
Winners' Bitch	\$50.00	Ann Rowe - Magik Goldens
Reserve Winner's Dog	\$35.00	
Reserve Winner's Bitch	\$35.00	
Best Veteran	\$75.00	Pam & Jerry Oxenberg - In memory of "Beezer" CH Toasty's Sting Like a Bee SDHF, OS
Best Opposite Veteran	\$50.00	Susan Fulenwider and Shirl Phillips
Best Junior Show	\$75.00	Janet Narushka - Shenandoah Golden Retrievers
1st 6-9 months Dog	\$10.00	Bob & Susan Dargie - Lealgowden Retrievers
1st 6-9 months Bitch	\$10.00	Jim & Diane Hamblin - Flightline Goldens
1st 9-12 months Dog	\$10.00	Bob & Susan Dargie - Lealgowden Retrievers
1st 9-12 months Bitch	\$10.00	John & Rosa Blair - Jazzies Goldens
1st 12-18 months Dog	\$10.00	Robin Senderowitz
1st 12-18 months Bitch	\$10.00	Bob & Susan Dargie - Lealgowden Retrievers
1st Novice Dog	\$10.00	Bob & Susan Dargie - Lealgowden Retrievers
1st Novice Bitch	\$10.00	Bob & Susan Dargie - Lealgowden Retrievers
1st Bred by Dog	\$10.00	Bob & Jeanette Young - In memory of Spungold's Jericho
1st Bred by Bitch	\$10.00	Bob & Jeanette Young - In memory of Spungold's She's an Adventurer
1st AM Bred Dog	\$10.00	John & Rosa Blair - Jazzies Goldens
1st Am Bred Bitch	\$10.00	Bob & Susan Dargie - Lealgowden Retrievers
1st Open Dog	\$10.00	
1st Open Bitch	\$10.00	
1st Hunting/Retriever Dog	\$10.00	Betty Lambert
1st Hunting/Retriever Bitch	\$10.00	John & Rosa Blair - Jazzies Goldens
1st Vet. 7-10 years Dog	\$10.00	Kasey and Morgan Brooks - Kagan Kennels
1st Vet. 7-10 years Bitch	\$10.00	
1st Vet. 10-12 years Dog	\$10.00	John & Rosa Blair - Jazzies Goldens
1st Vet. 10-12 years Bitch	\$10.00	Susan Fulenwider and Shirl Phillips
1st Vet. 12 yrs and up Dog	\$10.00	Susan Fulenwider and Shirl Phillips
1st Vet. 12 yrs and up Bitch	\$10.00	Karen & Pat Brady - KaraGold Goldens, in memory of "Visa" CH Karagold's All Charged Up

MFGRC Specialty Trophies Thursday, June 24, 2010

	Sponsor- ship	
Class:	Cost	Donated by:
1st Brood	\$10.00	
1st Stud Dog	\$10.00	Betty Lambert
1st Novice Junior JH	\$10.00	Susan Fulenwider - HGL Retrievers
1st Novice Senior JH	\$10.00	Susan Fulenwider - HGL Retrievers
1st Open Junior JH	\$10.00	
1st Open Senior JH	\$10.00	
1st Int. Junior JH	\$10.00	
1st Int. Senior JH	\$10.00	Marilyn Richards
High in Trial (HIT)	\$100.00	
High Combined (HC)	\$100.00	
Obedience:		
1st Novice A	\$10.00	Coralee Leon
1st Novice B	\$10.00	Connie & Bob Adams - Windsor Goldens
1st Open A	\$10.00	Fran Smith
1st Open B	\$10.00	
1st Utility A	\$10.00	Coralee Leon
1st Utility B	\$10.00	Luci Seeley - In memory of Happy - Meadowpond OSO Proud 'n Happy UDX, RN, TDX
1st Grad. Novice	\$10.00	Pat Kopco & Mike Orloff
1st Grad Open	\$10.00	Pat Kopco & Mike Orloff
1st Versatility	\$10.00	Deena Strauss
1st Veterans	\$10.00	
Rally:		
1st Rally Novice A	\$10.00	Debbie Finch
1st Rally Novice B	\$10.00	Connie & Bob Adams - Windsor Goldens
1st Rally Advanced A	\$10.00	Debbie Finch
1st Rally Advanced B	\$10.00	Connie & Bob Adams - Windsor Goldens
1st Rally Excellent A	\$10.00	Debbie Finch
1st Rally Excellent B	\$10.00	John & Rosa Blair - Jazzies Goldens
Sweepstakes:		
BISS	\$35.00	Kasey and Morgan Brooks - Kagan Kennels
BOSS	\$35.00	Karen & Pat Brady - KaraGold Goldens, in memory of Secret - CH KaraGold's Best Kept Secret OD and Piper—KaraGold's Road Best Traveled UDX, SH, MX, MXJ, WCX, RN, TDI
BVSS	\$35.00	Bob & Jeanette Young - Spungold Retrievers
BOVSS	\$35.00	Don & Camille Doehring - Mischief Golden Retrievers - In Memory of Mischief Magik's Uptown Girl NA, NAJ

Supported Entry Trophies Saturday, June 26, 2010

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Class:	Cost	Donated by:
Best of Breed	\$75.00	
Best of Opposite Sex	\$50.00	
Best of Winners	\$50.00	
Winners' Dog	\$40.00	
Winners' Bitch	\$40.00	
Reserve Winner's Dog	\$30.00	Janet Narushka - Shenandoah Golden Retrievers
Reserve Winner's Bitch	\$30.00	Janet Narushka - Shenandoah Golden Retrievers
1st 6-9 months Dog	\$10.00	
1st 6-9 months Bitch	\$10.00	
1st 9-12 months Dog	\$10.00	
1st 9-12 months Bitch	\$10.00	
1st 12-18 months Dog	\$10.00	Robin Senderowitz
1st 12-18 months Bitch	\$10.00	
1st Novice Dog	\$10.00	
1st Novice Bitch	\$10.00	
1st Bred by Dog	\$10.00	Bob & Jeanette Young - Spungold Retrievers
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Help Cure Cancer in Golden Retrievers

Editor's Note: Coralee Leon forwarded this message to us, and it seemed appropriate just now to make sure all MFGRC members were aware of what is going on with this disease in our beloved dogs, and the advances that ARE being made.

This is from Bertie's breeder, Ginnie Pastor, of Morningstar Goldens in Warwick, NY.

It concerns hemangiosarcoma and a search for a cure--a cause close to my heart since it's the disease that took our beautiful Gracie from us a couple of years ago. Turns out an important corner has been turned in the research, and now phase 2 is starting. I'll send my \$10--and probably more. I hope you'll send whatever you can. This is a tax-deductible donation and you can see their IRS status by going to their website.

Thanks very much, Coralee

Hello Everyone,

As most of you know, we normally send out an email asking for donations maybe twice a year. Well we need your help now to fund a very powerful research project on Hemangiosarcoma (HSA). When we funded the first phase of Grant DM06C)-002 (Innovative Molecular Targets for Prevention and Treatment of Canine Hemangiosarcoma), Dr Jamie Modiano discovered that instead of HSA cancer cells spreading on their own throughout the dog's body, the cancer cells actually take over normal cells and force them to spread cancer cancer throughout the body. *And it was money from all of you who helped Dr. Modiano reach this significant find*.

Now we have Phase 2 of this grant, finding out how cancer cells control the normal cells because if we can learn that, then we can learn how to communicate with the normal cells and perhaps control them and turn them against the cancer cells. A great victory for finding new cures and treatments!

We need \$25,000 to fund this Phase 2 of the grant. That may seem like alot but this email is going out to over 2500 supporters of the NCCF. So that is \$10.00 a person. Now, I know many of you have been generously giving to us on a ongoing basis and unfortunately I know that not all people respond to these emails. But I hope this time you all will. And if you can give more than \$10.00 that would be very helpful.

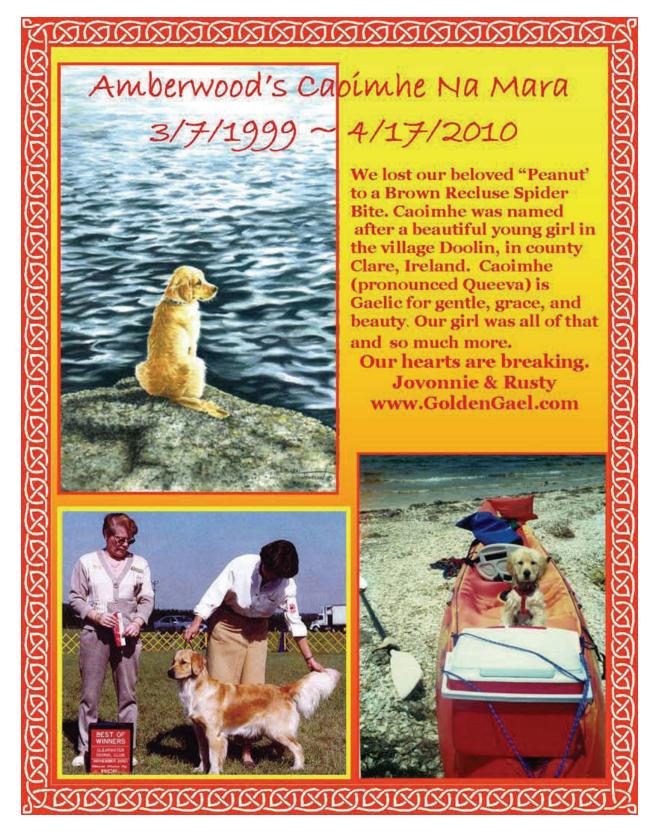
Please help us today. There are several ways you can donate.

- 1. Going to our website at http://www.wearethecure.org/donate-now
- 2. Buying something at our store at http://www.wearethecure.org/our-store (By the way we have redesigned the store so you can see our shirts in all their colors and designs.)
- 3. Send us a check to:
 National Canine Cancer Foundation
 13835 N. Tatum Blvd, Ste 9-448
 Phoenix. AZ 85032

Thank you for taking the time to read this email, and remember *If We All Work Together, We Are The Cure*.

Sincerely,

Gary D. Nice President/CEO National Canine Cancer Foundation, Inc. 1-866-262-0542 NCCF's Website www.wearethecure.org



We hope to bring a smile to your face while you watch Caoimhe diving to the bottom of the pool for her toys. Often times she couldn't be bothered by tennis balls or toys floating on the top, she wanted to dive and loved every minute of it. It brings us joy knowing that the day before she was bitten she spent the entire afternoon in the pool and taking a nap on her favorite chaise lounge.

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Where does one begin to extend gracious gratitude § sincere appreciation to those who have shared my boy, my heart, my Court?

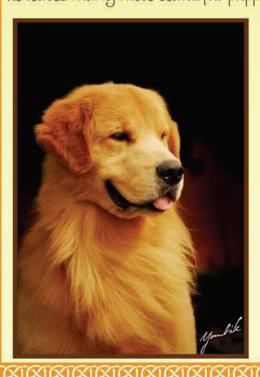
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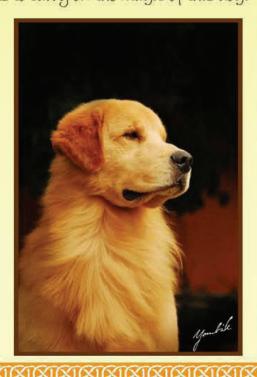
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Kim Trafton for his hunt and field titles.

Marcello Valle, Cleber Farah & Brazílían mega-star handler, Joelson dos Santos, all from the Golden Sunshine Team, the #1 Rated Kennel in Río. Team Golden Sunshine developed a brilliant career and Court finished his Championship which Marcello presented to me framed when he and his family, (wife Giselle and son Kaio) visited Florida in December. What a Christmas gift!

Marcello and Cleber were very instrumental in Court's further South American career and secured a show circuit and adventure in Argentina with the finest handler in the Country, Monica Ferrari. A tremendous and sincere thank you is to be extended to Leonardo Franco for believing in this great dog. Anyone who has met him has met his heart. I received these photos today & tears of joy were shed. He looks so beautiful, happy, and well loved. He will finish his career and breeding obligations in Argentina, then return to Brazil for more breeding obligations with Golden Sunshine before he returns to Golden Gael. His puppies are absolutely beautiful and I am excited for a wonderful dog like Court to share our love and well being of this breed in both Brazil and Argentina. I hope he leaves many more beautiful puppies to carry on the magic of this dog.





Premium List AKC Sanctioned A Match

Florida Gulf Coast Golden Retriever Club, Inc.



Golden Retriever Specialty Sanctioned A Match

Sunday, May 30, 2010
Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg (Indoors)
St. Petersburg, FL

Match judging begins at 10:00 a.m. Match hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. EDT. Day-of-Match entries will be accepted starting at 8:30 a.m. and close at 9:30 a.m. EDT on Sunday, May 30, 2010, after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, or substituted as provided in Chapter II, Section 6, of the Dog Show Rules. Pre-entries accepted as specified in this premium.

Major pointed dogs are eligible for competition. Champions of Record with the AKC may not be shown. Professional handlers may enter provided they own/co-own/bred/co-bred the exhibit.



Sanctioned by the American Kennel Club

Wins at Sanctioned Matches carry no American Kennel Club championship points.

Directions to Show Site

From the East: Take I-4 West to Exit 45A, merge onto I-275 South towards St. Petersburg Take Exit 26 for 54th Ave North Keep Right at the tork, follow signs for US-19/Kenneth City/Lealman and merge onto 54th Ave N
Turn Left at 34th St N Show site will be on your right.

From the South:

Take I-75 North towards Tampa Take Exit 228 and merge onto 1-275 N towards St. Petersburg
Take Exit 17 on Left to merge onto 34th St. S/FL-55/US-19N towards FL-682 W/
Pinellas Bayway/St. Pete Beach
Make a U-Turn at 54th Ave N Show Site will be on your Right.

From the North: Take I-75 South towards Tampa Take a slight right at I-275 South towards Tampa/St. Petersburg Take Exit 26 (54th Ave N) Keep Right at fork, follow signs for US-19/Kenneth City/Lealman and merge onto 54th Ave N Turn Left at 34th Street Show Site is on the Right.

Veterinarian

Emergency Veterinarian care can be found at:

Animal Emergency Clinic 3165 22nd Ave N Saint Petersburg, FL 33713 727-323-1311

Directions: Head south on 34th St N/FL-55 S/US-19 S toward 44th Ave N Turn left at 22nd Ave N Destination will be on the left

Please remember to pick up after your dogs and keep the exercise areas clean.

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Pre-Entries close May 20, 2010. Mailed entries must be post-marked by May 15, 2010, after which no pre-entry may be accepted, substituted or cancelled as provided in Chapter II, Section 6, of the Dog Show Rules.

Mail Pre-Entries to Match Secretary: Theresa Bradley, 438 Carriage Road, Satellite Beach, FL 32937, trisavy@att.net

Day-of-Match Entries: \$10 per entry

Day-of-Match entries will be taken at the Dog Training Club of St.

Petersburg from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. EDT, May 30, 2010 after which no
entries can be accepted, substituted or cancelled.

Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations.

Conformation Classes

Golden Retrievers Only
All dogs must be at least 6 months old.

- Puppies 6-9 months
- Puppies 9-12 months
- Puppies 12-18 months
- American Bred
- Open

Classes divided by sex Winners of all classes will be judged for Best in Match

Rosettes & Prizes

Best of Match — Pink & Green Rosette & Golden Retriever Gift Basket (value \$75)
Best Puppy in Match - Pink & Green Rosette and Dog Bed
First Prize — Rose Rosette and British-Style Slip Lead
Second Prize — Brown Rosette
Third Prize — Light Green Rosette
Fourth Prize — Gray Rosette



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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Florida Gulf Coast Golden Retriever Club Sanctioned A Conformation Match, June 19, 2009

Entry of dog: \$8. Mail entries to Match Secretary: Theresa Bradley, 438 Carriage Road, Satellite Beach, FL, 32937. Pre-entries close May 20, 2010. Mailed entries must be post-marked no later than Sat. May 15, after which no pre-entries will be accepted, cancelled or substituted. Checks to be made payable to FGCGRC. Day-of-Match Entries: \$10. Day-of-match entries accepted from 8:30 A.M., to 9:30 A.M., May 30, 2010

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931 Burghley Court, Newport News, VA 23608

Entry Fees

Pre-Entry Fee: \$8 per entry

Day-of-Match Entry Fee: \$10 per entry

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MFGRC Introduction to Grooming and General Meeting

Saturday, July 10, 2010

Tom and Joann Hell's 3910 Water Oak Drive Lakeland, FL

Pot Luck Lunch and General Meeting at Noon(ish)

WHAT TO BRING: Your grooming table (if you have one), grooming tools, a potluck dish to share, a chair for the meeting, and of course, your golden! We will be inside in the air conditioning at the meeting site.

DIRECTIONS:

From Tampa:

East on I-4 to exit 22 (Park Rd). Left on Park Rd. 1/2 mile to dead end. Right on Sam Allen Rd. 1/2 mile to deadend. Left on Wilder Rd. 2 miles to dead end. Right on Knights-Griffin Rd. 3 miles. Left on Shady Oak Dr. East 1 mile to deadend. Left on Shady Oak Dr. North 3 blocks to Water Oak Dr. Left to end of cul-de-sac. House is at the end.

From Orlando:

West on I-4 to exit 31 (Kathleen Rd.). Right on Kathleen Rd. 1/2 mile to stop light. Left on Knights-Station Rd. 3 miles. Right on Shady Oak Dr. East 1 mile to dead end. Left on Shady Oak Dr. North 3 blocks to Water Oak Dr. Left to end of cul-desac. House is at the end.



Sorry, no one submitted a recipe for this month's issue!

Leah Wright Editor





BRAGS and WAGS

Paula Veibl has some exciting brags about her Buzz (CH Gorca's Magic Lightbug CD RE JH VC) babies! BJ (Buzz X Soarin) earned his 2nd CD leg in Orlando on April I8 with a nice score of 190 1/2. BJ is just 18 months old and is owned and loved by Tammy Farrington and Paula. Sadie (aka Lakewood's Southern Sail), a BUZZ and DIXIE puppy, won a 5 POINT MAJOR at the Valdosta Kennel Club show in Perry, GA from the 12 - 18 month puppy class! As if that weren't enough she went onto BW/BOS! Sadie has only a few weekends of ring experience and we are looking forward to great things with this little girl. Sadie is owned and loved by Kelly Durrett and family and bred and co-owned by Paula Veibl. Paula sends out a HUGE thank you to Rosa Blair for her beautiful grooming of Sadie at the shows!! Ruby, Goldengael Lakewood's Cold Mountain, was also busy in March earning both her RN title (with placements) and her CCA. Ruby is a Merlin X Mac daughter, bred by Jovonnie Androy and owned by Paula and family.

Deena Strauss has a brag, "I am proud to announce that my Golden Retriever, Bentley, U-Ch Deauxquest Lord of the Dance CDX GO RN CCA, and I earned the new AKC GO title in Graduate Open with a SECOND PLACE win at the Orlando Dog Training Club Show on Sunday, April 18, 2010. All legs towards this title were earned with placements. Yay Bentley!!!!" Bentley is 100% owner trained, owner handled, and loved by Deena Strauss.

Margie Sarkin is proud of one of her puppies. Goldruls Merry Days Christmas CooKey, "Sugar" earned her TD title after just turning 6 months old! Sugar is loved and trained by Denise Kohler, by CH Harborview Goldruls Warrior Poet X CH Goldruls Key To Par A Dice TD JH VC. We see a bright future ahead for this team!

From Hilda Wood, "My Brag is on my Golden Boy, Tanbark's Crossfire Hurricane CD RA JH FEMA Disaster Search K9. Call name "Mako". Mako certified as a FEMA Disaster K9 in North Las Vegas, Nevada on April 11, 2010. The Chief evaluator said he was one of the best out of 33 dogs that tested over 3 days. Mako also has three legs of his Senior Hunter. He is going for his first 2 legs of his Rally Excellent, Open & Graduate Novice titles starting at the MOC trial at the end of May. In June he will compete at DACOF in Novice Agility. Busy Boy! Also his roommate, HighRoller Marshall Matt Dillon, obtained 2 legs of his Junior Hunter last month at only 7 months old. He was the youngest dog at the South Carolina hunt test!"

Great news from the Adams Clan: "Mischief's Notorious Windsor, UD, RE, JH, WC, CCA, VC, CGC (DEVLIN) earned his first two legs toward his RAE title at the Orlando Dog Training Club trials held in April. His scores were pretty good for a boy who hasn't been in the ring for awhile. Three out of the four were in the high 90's. Only one day he "slipped" to 84! At the same shows, Marathon We Be Jammin At Windsor, CDX, RA, CGC (JAYMUS) earned his Rally Advance title. His scores were also in the high 90's with the exception of the day that they judge decided that two "woobies" would be a nice touch on the off set figure 8 - NOT! This was just too much for his puppy brain and he also "slipped" to a score of 82."





Sadie



Bentley Strauss



Mako in Nevada

MORE BRAGS and WAGS

Paula Cauley is very pleased to report, "HR UH Gaylan's Safari Traxx, NA, OAJ, SH (AKA Trip) started running hunt tests in March and in 5 weekends ran 4 UKC Seasoned tests, 4 UKC Upland hunter tests and 6 AKC Senior hunter tests for a total of 14 tests. He passed all 14 and earned 3 titles - HR, UH, SH. He is an amazing dog! Now it is back to agility - inside & air conditioned for the summer."

Linda Werner writes us, "It is with a proud heart that I announce a new Champion. Am/Intl Ch Gemini's Furst Responder. He was handled by Rindi Gaudet who finished him in just 8 weekends. Chase was breed by Candi and Richard Pearce and is out of Am/Int CH Gemini's Chants to Xcel SDHF, BISS, "True" and Int'l Ch Fallchase Gemini's High Stakes, "Keno".

One 'brag' from KaraGold via Karen Brady, Kruz'r, Am-Can CH KaraGold's Kruz'n Coast T' Coast OS(Rubba/Brady) took a Group 1 and Group 3 recently, owner/ handled. Kruz'r now has 23 SDHF points in very limited showings. Also, he is sire to 10 Champions and more in the wings close to finishing!

Turbo Retrievers reports: Little 13 month old Sharlie, Turbo Steam'n Twilight Dragon CDX JH got her CDX title at the Heartland Dog Show in Zolfo Springs. Sharlie got her title with two first places and a second place to aunt Tia. Sharlie has been running Seniors and Derby's, and got her first SH leg the day before her first birthday. She is entered with Aunt HayLee in a Double Master soon.

From the Nicholas Household, "On April-24th and 25th, 2010 we headed to the Cool Critters NADAC trial (first trial since Feb). Both boys did very well! Camden earned 2 - Elite Regular Q's, 1 - Elite Chances Q (only 1 of 2 Elite dogs to earn a Q on this course Saturday), 1 - Elite Weavers Q and 1 - Elite Touch N Go Q (which earned him his Elite TnG title AND his Elite Versatility Award!!). Camden also earned his "1,000 lifetime points" award at this trial!! Go blonde dog! "

SHR Mischief's Inherit the Wind JH CD NJP WCX CCA VC (Spencer) at the IRDTC agility trial on May 15 & 16, 2010 earned his Novice Fast title and, as always, had a blast doing it. We wanted to thank IRDTC for putting on such a great trial. "Beautiful venue, nice judges and challenging courses," reports Camille Doehring, who owns and loves Spencer.

CH Gemini Fallchase The Butler Did It, owned by Maura Roxby and Cindi Metcalf, won Best of Breed and Group 4 both days in Vero Beach on May 1st and May 2nd. The previous weekend he won Best of Breed and Sporting group 3 in Zolfo Springs, FL. He is on his way to SDHF title.

Lyle and Macy Swift were honored to have Lyle's photo (Topbrass Gotta Lovett SH RN WC) on the front page of Jackie Mertens' Topbrass website last month. Unfortunately, the photo was not available to us at the time Golden Tales went to "press." The photo was taken at a hunt test this winter by a friend of Macy's.





Sharlie

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