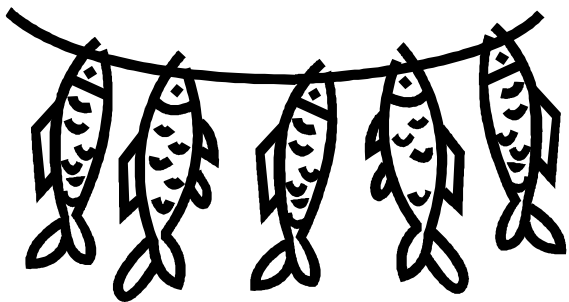


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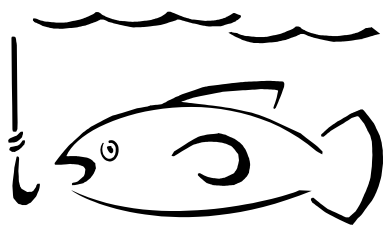
Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club

May 2014

## President's Message



Gone Fishin'



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





# MFGRC

## 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
June 14, 2014	General Meeting	Tampa Dog Show (after goldens show)	Pat Kopco at bad-dogs@tampabay.rr.com
July, 2014	General Meeting	TBD	
August 9, 2014	Obedience Trial and General Meeting	Das Hund Haus Lakeland, FL	Joanne Hell (tohell@email.msn.com)

### Life Lessons Learned From a Dog

1. If you stare at someone long enough, eventually you'll get what you want.
2. Don't go out without ID.
3. Be direct with people; let them know exactly how you feel by peeing on their shoes.
4. Be aware of when to hold your tongue, and when to use it.
5. Leave room in your schedule for a good nap.
6. Always give people a friendly greeting. A cold nose in the crotch is most effective.
7. When you do something wrong, always take responsibility (as soon as you're dragged shamefully out from under the bed).
8. If it's not wet and sloppy, it's not a real kiss.





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

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## From the Editor . . .

I won't deny it. I have cabin fever and not even a few days at Flagler Beach really cured it. I'm having the most difficult time staying in and forcing myself to work when what I really want to do is load the dogs in the car and just . . . go. Every picture I see calls to me. Every time I talk to one of my far-flung friends on Facebook I just want to put the tires on the road. It happens every year, right about this time.

I've been doing a lot of genealogical research lately, too, which hasn't helped my wanderlust. Fortunately, my mother's family came to Bunnell, Florida in 1919, and I've been able to at least get over there and putter around in some old records and satisfy my curiosity. It's not really a road trip, but I'm taking what I can get right now!

If any of you are taking road trips and want to share some pictures for the summer editions of Golden Tales, please send them to me. Having your golden(s) in the pictures doesn't hurt, but isn't a requirement. My favorite issues are the ones that have lots of pictures, so I'd love to include them. And I can live vicariously through your travels since my own will be restricted this year.

In the meantime, I'll be here working and Levi will be sitting on the couch waiting for me to finish work so that he can go to the pool.

Until next time . . .

Leah Wright  
Editor



**BORED!!!!**

**Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club  
Board Meeting April 1, 2014**

**Board Members Present:** Pat Kopco, Mike Orloff, Dee Thibodeaux, Sheree Melhuish, Caroline Roetzer, Leah Wright, Tom Young, Debbie Finch, Laura Topping, and Deena Strauss. The meeting was held via telephone conference call and called to order at 7:01 p.m

**President's Report:** Pat Kopco reported that she was encouraged to see the volunteer responses for someone to chair the match. If Tom Young gets on the conference call we will discuss it further.

**Vice President's Report:** Dee Thibodeaux reported she has no new applications to read. She has sent emails to several of our new associate members reminding them they must attend two meetings before they are brought in as voting members.

**Secretary's Report:** Deena Strauss reported that she has received a number of letters from the AKC regarding applications that are needed for the obedience trial in August. Mike Orloff reported that he filled out the applications several weeks ago. The results from the February hunt test were processed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Debbie Finch presented the Treasurer's report. The club does not publish this information on the internet.

**Committee Reports:**

**Agility Trial:** Pat Kopco reported that a club member has approached her about doing a dual agility trial with another club. There are many details to be worked out and Pat is speaking to people and investigating these options. It probably will not work out for this year, but may work for next year. Camille Doebling has forwarded a report to the board about the covered facility she has found in the southern area of the state. There will be one judge for the trial.

**February Hunt Test:** Mike Orloff discussed the judges he will be contacting. He will also confirm the dates with the AKC.

**TD/TDX:** Pat Kopco confirmed that she spoke with Luci Seeley at the Everglades specialty. Pat also confirmed that Linda Hitchcock will be secretary of the tracking tests in February. Luci has offered her assistance to Linda if needed. Tom Young reported that he spoke to someone about using land on the west coast for the tracking test. He has not received an answer. If we cannot use that land we will have to go back to Lee Vista. Having enough land to run the TDX is still an issue, but we will try to run at least one TDX track and two if we are able.

**Obedience Trial:** No report.

**December Hunt Test:** No report.

**WC/WCX:** Sheree Melhuish reported that Deb Farris will chair the MFGRC test September 27, 2014. The Florida Gulf Coast club will hold their WC/WCX on September 28, 2014, chaired by Sheree. The tests will be held at Wayne Gey's property in Clermont. Deb and Sheree will work together on hospitality and other committees and hope to report back at the next meeting.

**Specialty:** Caroline Roetzer is working on judges for the specialty. We will probably have to bring judges in from out of state. Sheree Melhuish made a motion that members of the Board come up with ideas for breed judges for the specialty before the next meeting.

**New Business:**

**National Specialty Breakfast Sponsorship:** Pat Kopco canvassed the Board about perhaps sponsoring the breakfasts with other clubs in the area. Discussion was held about the possibility of revisiting this issue. Pat Kopco will approach the Yankee golden club and the Everglades club to see if they are interested in joining in with us to sponsor these breakfasts. Sheree Melhuish will approach the Florida Gulf Coast club to see if they would be interested as well.

**Old Business:**

**Rally Fun Day:** Mike Orloff reported that we have not received very many RSVPs for the Rally Fun Day scheduled for April 13, 2014 at Robin Scott's.

**Fun Field Day:** We had a great turn out for the Fun Field Day at the home of Deb Farris's son in New Port Richey. Debbie Finch reported that the club has sent a thank you card and a donation to the KiddyUp Ranch to thank them for allowing us the use of the ranch for the day. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of teaming up with KiddyUp once a year for a raffle and fundraiser. Tom Young volunteered to chair raffles for one of our events.

**Holiday Party:** Caroline Roetzer has sent an email requesting information about holding the party after the specialty. Discussion was held regarding what we have spent in the past for the holiday party at Ann Rowe's and for the dinners we provided after our specialties. It was noted that if the club is going to hold this party every year, that we may incur higher expenses to do so.

**Fun Match:** Pat Kopco reported she received several responses to our request for a volunteer to chair a fun match for 2014. Pat forwarded those emails to Joanne Hell, who has offered to mentor the new chair. Two of the volunteers are not club members, so they are not eligible to chair a MFGRC match. Tom Young is willing to serve as a co-chair. After much discussion it was determined that we do not have the information we need to make this decision at this time. We will revisit this at a later date this year.

**Next Meeting:**

The next board meeting will be via telephone conference on Tuesday evening, May 6, 2014.

**Adjournment:** Mike Orloff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Tom Young seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Leah Wright  
Secretary

MFGRC General Meeting  
April 22, 2014

The meeting, held at the home of Robin and Denny Scott in Eustis, Florida, was called to order by Vice President Dee Thibodeaux at 12:44 PM, after we had a presentation on Rally. Members present in addition to Dee, Robin and Denny, included Joyce Swegle, Ralph & Maria Orlando, Ann Rowe, Robin & Tom Hughes, Debbie Finch, Mary Ellen Georoff, Susan and Gary Wilks, Kim and Linda Hitchcock, Michelle Throm, new members Barbara and Andy Hall, as well as guest Betty Lambert. In addition, Johnann Goines submitted her application for membership.

Dee opened the meeting by thanking Robin and Denny for hosting the meeting today, and Joyce and Maria for leading the seminar on Rally and serving as coaches while we practiced on the course they had set up. Dee then turned the floor to Debbie Finch, who presented Ralph and Mario with the Movers and Shakers Award for their service to the club in 2013.

Secretary Leah Wright was not present, thus there was no Secretary's report.

Debbie Finch presented the Treasurer's report. Club income is not published on the internet.

Debbie announced that Joanne Hell has set up the Obedience trial for August 9-10th, 2014, and passed out copies of the premium list, which is also available online. The trial will be held at Das Hund Haus, which is located near Lakeland, and owned by MFGRC member Jill Wallace. This will be an indoor, air conditioned show. Judges are hired – Ken and Aimee Kincaid. Dee said she has suggested to President Pat Kopco that we pay the \$100 cleaning fee instead of keeping people late to clean up the facility.

The 2014 WC/WCX is scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. Deb Farris will Chair. Our event will be held in conjunction with the Florida Gulf Coast Golden Retriever Club's WC/WCX that weekend (our test will be held Saturday, and FGCGRC's test will be on Sunday). Location will be Wayne Gey's Golden Oaks Ranch in Montverde.

The MFGRC Agility trial is scheduled for October 11-12<sup>th</sup>; Camille Doehring is the Chair. We plan to move the location to a covered facility, since we have received unfavorable comments about the trial being held outdoors in the sun at Turkey Lake Park. We have decreased the entry fee from last year. Joyce expressed her opinion that having only one judge will decrease entries because the trial will last very late into the day.

Dee announced that we are still looking for a suitable location to hold the Christmas party and annual meeting. Ideally, we would like to have it near the Eukanuba show site which will be at the Orange County Convention Center in southwest Orlando.

Discussion was held about alternate locations for meetings and club events; Robin Scott suggested that the club should have more meetings in the area north of Orlando. We could have a potluck, with or without the dogs, which was done in years past. One suggestion was to rent the 22,000 square foot Obedience Club of Daytona's new training facility (\$350 per day), which is plenty large enough for a Match or Obedience Trial (it was a grocery store in its former life). Robin also suggested that a state park might be suitable for a meeting.

There being no other business to conduct, Dee requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ann Rowe motioned to adjourn at 1:12 PM, and Susan Wilks seconded the motion.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Debbie Finch.

# Top Five Fun Facts About the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study

May 23rd, 2014

1. There is something to be said about the home-team advantage—or in this case the home state advantage. Colorado, Morris Animal Foundation's home, is leading the way with 140 enrolled dogs. California is close on our tails with 135 enrolled dogs.
2. Although Colorado might be the No. 1 state, the South is the regional winner, with more than 26 percent of the enrolled dogs calling it home. The states within this region include: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Oklahoma, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.
3. In the study's "battle of the sexes," spayed females are in the lead at a total of 368 dogs.
4. We could certainly make a lot of blonde jokes with our study participating dogs. Just how blond are they? Well, 21 percent are blonde, 74 percent range from dark to medium to light gold, and only 5 percent are redheads.
5. What's in a name? Apparently a lot if name popularity comes into play. These are the most popular names of golden retrievers in our study: Cooper (12 dogs), Lucy (9) and Bailey (8).



## Green Eggs and Ham Dog Training?



Taking a tip from Dr. Seuss is a fun & easy way to liven up your training.

For most dog owners, Dr. Seuss's classic tale *Green Eggs & Ham* seems an odd place to look for inspiration. But as a Greek mathematician soaking in his tub found out centuries ago, inspiration can be found in the most unlikely places.

Trying to make it perfectly clear that he absolutely hates green eggs and ham, Sam I Am's friend describes where and how he still would refuse to taste this dish:

- \* in a house
- \* with a mouse
- \* in a box
- \* with a fox
- \* with a goat
- \* on a boat and so on. . .

Looked at from a slightly different viewpoint, *Green Eggs & Ham* might also be an accurate reflection of how many dogs view responding to a command. Here's a little spoof on what a dog might say:

I do not always heed commands  
My dear but often silly man  
I might not sit if near a goat  
How could I lay down on a boat?  
Perhaps I'd lay down in the house  
But not if I have seen a mouse  
Don't tell me "heel" when I've smelled fox  
Or found the biscuits in the box  
I'd find it odd to hear words said  
If you were standing on your head  
And wonder if "stay" means "do come here"  
If you said it to me from a chair  
I cannot always just obey  
Whatever silly words you say  
'Cause if I'm staring at the cat  
I will not hear you - that is that!

It is easy to forget that we, just like our dogs, are creatures of habit. And while this is sometimes a good and helpful thing, it can also backfire - especially in a training situation. If we are using our bodies and/or voices in certain habitual ways while giving a command, the dog may depend upon ALL of those clues, even if we are not aware of them.

One simple and fun approach to improve your dog's response to your commands - no matter what's going on around him! - is to borrow ideas from *Green Eggs & Ham*. Ask your dog to sit here and there or everywhere! While you're in a chair, while you do your hair, at the store or on the shore. For each skill your dog has, try to find new and interesting ways and places for him to practice. Be patient - this may be news to him! Step back as needed to helping and rewarding, and take note of how much your dog may be leaning on in the cues you've provided unawares.

Very often, when we think a dog 'knows' something, we forget that this knowledge may be very contextual - he only knows it at home or in familiar settings, or when you're standing in a certain way. Take the time to lay down on some grass, stare up at the clouds, and put your dog through his paces. It's an eye opener to realize how patterned we are - and thus how patterned our dogs can become.

# Puppy Referral

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

Puppy Referral is a **tool** to help you, as a breeder, find good homes. There are no guarantees that the public will choose to buy a puppy from you simply because you list a litter on our club's website. In other words, it is not the club's responsibility to place a breeder's puppies. Here are a few FAQs about the puppy referral process:

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

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

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

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

## **Puppy Referral Requirements Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club**

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

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

### **Examples of MFGRC sponsored events that qualify for puppy referral:**

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

Submitted by: Deb Farris, Puppy Referral Coordinator

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## Available Litters

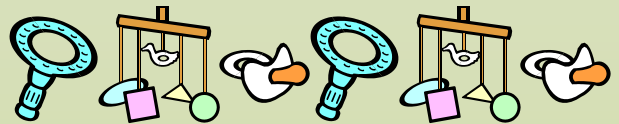
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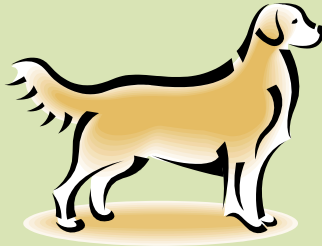
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JH x Mischief's Law & Order SVU JH  
WC

Puppies due 6/6/14



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

# Milestones & Accom-



Here's some news from Pat Carlile. At the Dog Training Club of Tampa agility trial held on May 24 - 26, "Singer", (Knox's Singing My Praises) earned her Open Jumpers with Weaves title and an Open Standard leg, both with a 2nd place ribbon.



Kristin Sipus reports, "New Master Hunter! Richwood Moments Away MH WCX BISS "Millie". Owned, trained and handled by Kristin Sipus. Millie finished her title at the Cooper Black Retriever club double master."



Some brags from Wonderland Goldens: "Our Puppy " Stone" Nocatee Wonderlands Stone in Love owner handled by Vern was Reserve winners dog under Roger

Bob and Macy Swift are proud to report on Lyle - aka Topbrass Gotta Lovett. "2014 has been good for us with a 4th in the Q at the Jacksonville Retriever Club field trial and a 3rd in the Q at Blue Ridge RC field trial. Lyle also picked up 3 master passes at Treasure Coast, MFGRC and Jacksonville to complete his qualification for the 2014 Master National."

Harteringer at Fort Walton Beach from the 6-9 class. The following day Stone won Winners Dog Best Of Winners and owner handler Sporting group 1st . The BW judge was Carol Beattie and the Sporting Judge was Roger Hartinger. Stone is on a roll he also won Winners Dog and Best Of Winners at Biloxi Under judge Bonnie Lindell Clark from the 6-9 Puppy dog class handled by his Daddy Vern. Ch Wonderlands Sweeter Than Honey BOSS " Bee Bee' and Vern won Select Bitch under Judge Bonnie Lindell Clark and Best Owner Handler Sporting Group 3rd . Stone now has 3 points from the 6-9 puppy class."

From Michelle Panetta: "Jade" Rock Stars Mick's Little Girl BN RN CD JH earned two CDX legs at the Miami Obedience Club trial on May 25 with a first place and third place. She was the only one who qualified while earning her first leg and the third of three who qualified at the second trial. Jade is owned by Michele Panetta and Mike Orloff.

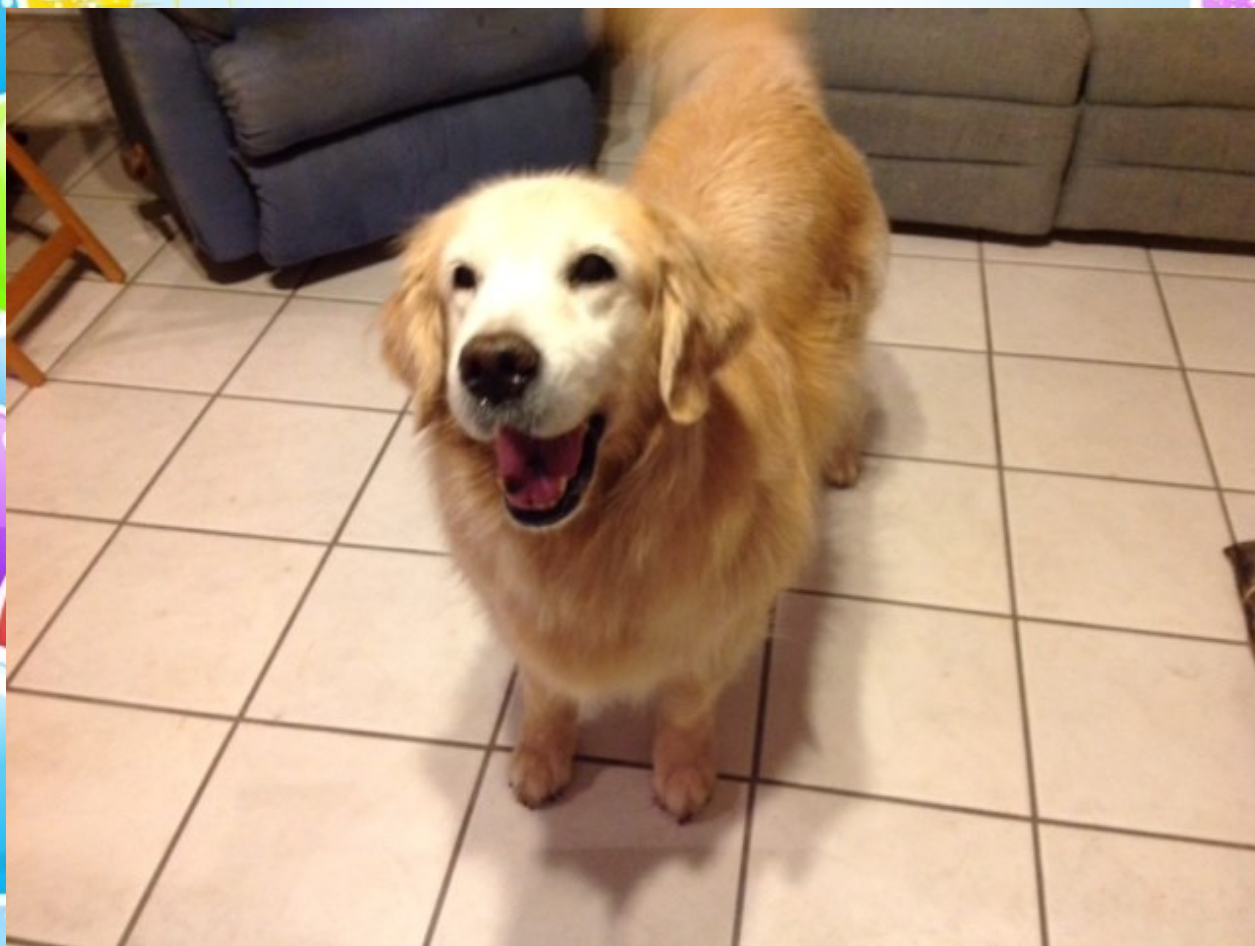
# Welcome!



This adorable baby is one of our new club members, Mo (Magik Top of the Cosmic Mountain). Mo owns and loves Barbara and Andy Hall in Port Orange, Florida

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## I made it! I'm 14!



Ann Rowe, Betty Lambert, and Debbie Finch are thrilled to announce that their beloved girl Tyme (HR Magik's It's About Time BN CD RE SH WCX CCA CGC VC) turned 14 on May 28th, and is still bouncing around, looking for her next cookie.

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