

Golden Tales

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A golden retriever named Mac is captured mid-jump in front of a black banner. The banner features the 'DOOG' logo in large white letters, with 'DISC UNTIL OUTDOOR GO' written below it. Other text on the banner includes 'WALK • PLAY • LOVE' and 'www.DOOGUSA.CU'. There are also colorful graphics on the banner, including a rainbow and a red and blue design. The dog is looking towards the camera with its front paws extended.

*Senior Advanced
Title for "Mac"*

MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

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Tom Misilo and Belle



Objectives of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club

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

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Mark your calendars . . .

Fun Field Day and General Meeting - October 12 - Ocala, FL

Fall Agility Trial – October 18-19-20 – Wiersdale, FL

WC/WCX – November 2-3 – Montverde, FL

MFGRC Pot Luck Picnic and general meeting – November 16 – Ocala, FL

Winter Hunt Test – November 22-24 – Montverde, FL

MFGRC Specialty – December 13 – Orlando, FL

MFGRC Christmas Party and Annual Meeting – December 14 – Sorrento, FL

On the cover . . .

“Mac” (GJJCH Omni’s at McGuire’s Landing DSA, DJA, CGC, TKN) owned by Charles and Barbara White, received his Senior Advanced Title at the Sunshine Cluster in Tampa on June 12.

Photo by Kim Langevin

MFGRC

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club, Inc. (MFGRC) was founded in 1984 by a group of Golden Retriever enthusiasts who came together in order to pursue ways of promoting and enjoying their Goldens. We are currently a member club of both the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) and the American Kennel Club (AKC). MFGRC is licensed by the AKC to hold conformation shows, obedience and rally trials, agility trials, and retriever hunting tests. We also hold Working Certificate / Working Certificate Excellent tests in accordance with the rules of the GRCA, and also offer a breed/obedience match every year. In addition, MFGRC offers an ongoing slate of seminars, clinics and "fun days" to encompass all aspects of the Golden Retriever. We promote the versatile competition golden, the gentleman's hunting retriever, and the consummate family pet.



From the President's Desk . . .

Fall is officially here!!
That is what the calendar says
... just doesn't feel like it!

I know a lot of you were looking forward to our Dock Diving Fun Day. Unfortunately – mother nature interrupted our plans. However, we will reschedule the event at a later time. Stay tuned!



Welcome to our new members who were voted in at the Deland Show. We look forward to getting to know and working with you!

Several events are coming up. Bring your dog, chair, and lunch, and come to Dr. Pam Ginn's house for a Fun Field Day on October 12th. This is a great opportunity for you and your dog to learn about Hunt Test. There will be instruction on how to get started in this fun event. A general club meeting will follow.

One of our biggest events, the Fall Agility Trial, starts October 18. We will need lots of volunteers to help with set up (October 17) and pack up (October 20). If you have any time to spare, please come and help on these critical days.

The WC/WCX is in November. If you have never attended a hunting event come out and see the dogs doing what they were bred to do. This will be a great learning experience for you. Any help with this event would be most appreciated.

And let's not forget that Christmas is less than 90 days away (oh my!) And that means our 2020 National Specialty, which we are hosting, is only about a year away! There is lots of work being done but we need many many more hands to help out (I repeat, many more hands) ... so please sign up and volunteer to help with this awesome event. Contact Dot and Allison Hively at dnahively@gmail.com to add your name to the 2020 National volunteer list.

If you haven't noticed, there is a recurring theme in my message to you this month ... *"we need your help"*! We have an awesome team of people in our club with a myriad of talents and expertise. We need you to share your talents and willingness to help us put on the best events possible. ***We can do it!***

Ann Rowe

SIMPLY SUPER!



Andy Hall
Trial Chairman

Trial Success!

MFGRC Annual Obedience and Rally Trial

As chairman of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club's annual Obedience and Rally Trial, I would like to thank the club members and others who played roles in the success of the event that was held August 10-11 in Daytona Beach.

Ralph and Maria Orlando are longtime members of the MFGRC but also are the heart and soul of the Obedience Club of Daytona where the trial was held. They were everywhere all weekend, from setup day on Friday through cleanup after the trial on Sunday, and during the course of the weekend they took care of hundreds of things that pop up during a trial. Maria also contributed dozens of photos from the trial to our Facebook page. Thanks to them and to OCOD member Joyce Swegle who also helped with setup and numerous other things during the weekend, including getting the Rally ring ready on Sunday morning when we found ourselves short a steward. Joyce is re-joining the MFGRC after an absence of several years and we welcome her back.

MFGRC Treasurer Dee Thibodeaux was a great "utility" during the weekend – she stewarded when needed on Saturday, helped with hospitality for the judges and pitched in with many other things including cleanup when the trial was over.

Many club members volunteered their time to work as stewards and we could not run the trial without their help. It always makes me happy when I hear good things about our stewards from the

judges and exhibitors and that happened a lot this year. Debbie Finch, Charlie and Susan Hicks, Chris Jeffrey and Sally Sherman worked as table stewards and ring/gate stewards were Vicki Drerup, Johann Goines, Chris Huppert, Coralee Leon, Dalia Ruffato, Sally Sherman, Tyler Sikora, Carolee Stewart, Cheryl Taylor and as mentioned previously Dee Thibodeaux. Also thanks to Christine McDaniel, who wasn't an official club member at the time, but still helped as a steward.

In addition, I want to thank Jeannie Adams, who is not a member of our club but graciously volunteered to help Chris Jeffrey in the Rally ring on Saturday. Also thanks to OCOD members Janet Berry, Pat Dean, Susan Handy, Claire Israelson and Jean Vanhorn who worked not only as stewards but also as mentors for our club members who had never stewarded before.

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2019 New Title Rosettes for MFGRC Members

Members of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club who earn new titles for their Golden Retrievers during calendar year 2019 may be eligible to receive a new title rosette from the club. The rosettes will be similar to this one from 2018 being modeled by Ralph and Maria Orlando's Golden boy Smokey:



This year a stipulation has been added to the process: in order to be eligible to receive a new title rosette from the club, a member must have volunteered to work for at least one club event during the year, or have done equivalent work for the club behind-the-scenes (subject to verification). The stipulation was added to encourage members to help with club events.

If your dog has won a new title in 2019 and you feel you are eligible to receive a rosette, please email the full name of the dog, what the title earned was and what event(s) you worked at to MFGRC board member Robin Burket. Robin will order the rosettes later this year and make them available for pickup early next year. If you will not be able to attend an event to pick up your rosette, you will be asked to send a check for \$10 for postage and handling, made out to MFGRC, so that it can be mailed to you. Robin's email address is robin.c.lemieux@gmail.com. The deadline for submissions is December 31, 2019.

(Annual Trial continued . . .)

You can't have a successful trial if no one knows about it so thanks to club members Connie Adams, Johann Goines and Michele Panetta for their help in promoting the trial in their respective areas of the state. Their efforts paid off as our entry numbers grew year-after-year and we had exhibitors from many parts of Florida as well as other states.



Our trial secretary Adrienne Swanick did a another great job for us and our judges Ted McCall, Carol Mett and Nancy Watson were great to work with and well-received by the exhibitors.

And of course my wife Barbara Hall was again a huge help to me during the months leading up to the trial and on that weekend. Thanks to her and to everyone.

We look forward to doing it again next year – August 8-9 in Daytona Beach.

Thanks again,
Andy Hall
MFGRC Club Secretary
Obedience/Rally Chair

MFGRC Show Dog of the Year

New perpetual trophy donated



The reward for winning the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club's "**Show Dog of the Year**" is going to be even bigger this year and in the future thanks to a donation from two club members.

Diane and Vern Gank of Wonderland's Golden Retrievers have donated a new perpetual trophy that they will present to the winning owner of the MFGRC Show Dog of the Year. The special award will be in addition to the club's award of a custom car magnet to the winner.

All of the club's year-end awards will be presented at the club's Christmas party and annual meeting, which this year will be December 14 at the home of club president Ann Rowe in Sorrento, FL.

In addition to Show Dog of the Year, the MFGRC presents year-end awards to the Agility Dog of the Year, Field Dog of the Year, Obedience Dog of the Year, Rally Dog of the Year and Tracking Dog of the Year. The club also presents the Versatility Award and the Fallchase Owner-Handler Award.

To be eligible for any of the club's year-end awards, a club member must have attended one club general meeting and volunteered at two club functions during the awards period (or performed the equivalent work behind-the-scenes).

The awards are determined by a point system that varies amongst the different categories. Club members are responsible for filling out and submitting their own entry forms by the entry deadline.

The entry form for the year-end awards will be sent to club members in October.

2020 Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty

Hosted by Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club

Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday, October 16, 2020

Hunt Test (*if entries warrant third day*)

Saturday, October 17, 2020

Hunt Test

Field Welcome Dinner

RV Move-In Day

Sunday, October 18, 2020

Hunt Test

MFGRC Agility Trial

Monday, October 19, 2020

GRCA Agility Trial

Vendor Move-In Day

Welcome Dinner/Parade of Titleholders

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Tracking . Sweepstakes

Obedience . Rally

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Conformation

CCA

Obedience

Rally

Thursday, October 22, 2020

Conformation

Gun Dog Sweepstakes

Top 20 Gala

Friday, October 23, 2020

Conformation

Junior Showmanship

Parade of Rescues

Saturday, October 24, 2020

Best of Breed

Parade of Heroes



The GRCA National Specialty will span October 16-28, 2020
with the majority held between Monday, October 19, and Saturday, October 24 at the beautiful new

World Equestrian Center in Ocala FL

MFGRC members Pat Kopco and Tom Misilo are co-chairs of the National

Save these dates!

Fun Field Day – October 12

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club has added another new event for members to its calendar for 2019 – a “Fun Field Day” and general meeting on Saturday, October 12, on the property of MFGRC board member Dr. Pam Ginn in Ocala, FL.

Club members and their Golden Retrievers will get the opportunity to learn about and try the techniques used in hunt tests and field trials in a no-pressure, fun environment.

Flyer with details included later in the newsletter.

Attention Field and Hunt Competitors

If you're a member of the MFGRC and earn a title in 2019 in Field or Hunt competition, the club would like to honor you in an ad in the Field edition of Golden Retriever News later this year.

The club will place an ad in the GRCA's magazine to recognize members who have earned titles.

If you meet the qualifications, please send in information about your title (including your dog's full name) as well as a good, high-resolution photo of your dog with your title ribbon. If you don't have a good photo from when you won the title, please stage one. The information and the photos will be compiled for the ad by MFGRC board member Marilyn Booher – you can email the materials to her at jboo2525@gmail.com.



MFGRC Pot Luck Picnic and General Meeting – November 16

The MFGRC will hold its annual pot luck picnic and meeting on Saturday, November 16, at the Ocala all-breed show. The meeting will be held after Golden Retrievers show (time to be announced the week of the event).

All members should bring chairs and something to contribute to the pot luck picnic. Potential items include:

- Warm and cold dishes
- Chips
- Lunch meat
- Bread for sandwiches
- Deserts
- Soda bottles
- Plastic cups
- Paper plates
- Plastic utensils

As an important part of the meeting, the list of nominations for officers and board members for 2020 will be read. After the list is read, any member may make additional nominations. If the proposed candidate is not present at this meeting, the person nominating must provide a written statement from the nominated individual stating acceptance of the nomination. If this occurs, the nominated individual then is considered a candidate.

The Ocala show grounds are located at 10205 NW Gainesville Rd, Ocala, FL 34482.



MFGRC CCA and Health Clinic Successful, Appreciated

The MFGRC held a CCA and heart/eye clinic on July 20 in Ocala and by all accounts it was both highly successful and appreciated.

Co-organizers Robin Bowen and Kristin Sipus would like to thank the MFGRC members who help stage the event, including those who helped clean up the building rented from the MADTA group in Ocala.

The CCA evaluators were Cat 1, (AKC judges) Connie Miller and Vonnie Peterson and Cat. 2 Anney Doucette. There were 21 participants with 21 titles earned. Susie Rezy was the official photographer for the CCA. Vern Gank and Michelle Throm helped with measuring the dogs and stacking for photos. Connie Adams, Ann and Christian Moye and MJ Douglas worked at the health clinic check-in, dropping eyes and keeping the clinic running smoothly. Others who assisted with the CCA and health clinic were Ellen Bartkus, Reggie Correll, Tonya Noel, Christine McDaniel, Morgan Brooks, Robin Burket, Lisa Boudreau, Tricia Kesler, Camille Nasca, Melissa Vaughan, Marilyn Booher, Linda Rappaport and Debbie Caudill.

The health clinic was open to all breeds. Dr Ralph Hamor was the ophthalmologist again this year and did 72 exams. He is donating his entire payment to the University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine's Small Animal Clinical Sciences Fund.

Dr. Darcy Brittain Adin was the cardiologist this year and did 25 auscultations and 22 echocardiograms. Her appointments ran from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. and she never even stopped for lunch.

Judge Miller offered to stay after the event and present a mini seminar on Golden breeding. Approximately 40 people attended but organizers were astonished that there were more than 5,000 views of a stream of the seminar on Facebook.

Robin and Kristin are already discussing plans for next year's event.

Accolades . . .



Lisa Boudreau and her Golden girl Spice earned Spice's Rally Novice title in the Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg trial. Spice became Sandpiper's Scent From Heaven RN TKI CGC. Also, Lisa's Golden girl Star (Faragold Sandpiper StarLight StarBright CCA RN DJ TKN CGC) earned her CCA in the MFGRC's event held in Ocala.

Dot and Allison Denise Hively's Golden girl Nora earned her Obedience Beginner Novice title over two weekends in trials at the Sarasota Obedience Training Club and the Dog Training Club of St. Pete. She became Jazzie's Ca'D'Oro of Sapphire Shores BN BCAT DS TKN CCA CGC.



Debbie Caudill earned three titles with two different dogs. Her Golden girl Windy (Snobird's Wind Beneath My Wings JH CD) earned her Junior Hunter title at the Penobscot Hunting Retriever Club Hunt Test in Dixmont, Maine, and her Obedience CD title in Atlanta at age 21 months while being handled by Nancy Clinchy. With Nancy at the reigns, her Golden boy Felix (CH Snobird's Yule Unger For More CGC CCA) earned Felix' Obedience Beginner Novice A title in the Obedience Club of Daytona Trial in Daytona Beach.

More Accolades . . .



MFGRC president Ann Rowe earned Rally Intermediate titles with two different Golden Retrievers in the club's Obedience and Rally Trial in Daytona Beach. Her Golden girl Lexus (Magik's Top of the Line CD BN CA) and Golden boy Austin (Jazzie's Magik's Hook 'Em Horns RN JH WC CA) earned their title rosettes under judge Carol Mett.



Paula Black and her Golden girl Lulu earned Lulu's Rally Advanced title in the MFGRC Obedience and Rally Trial in Daytona Beach. Lulu is Misty Ridge Lillie Santa Lucia RN RI TKN CGC CGCA.



Anney Doucette and her Golden boy Slater (Morninglo Wing-T Your Bird Can Sing CDX MH NA) earned Slater's Obedience Utility title in the MFGRC Obedience and Rally Trial in Daytona Beach. The judge was Ted McCall.



Connie Adams and her Golden girl Stonypoint's Nitetym Serenade PCD RI TKN CGC earned a Rally Advanced title in the MFGRC Obedience and Rally Trial on Saturday under judge Nancy Watson.



MFGRC President Ann Rowe and her Golden boy Austin (Jazzie's Magik's Hook 'Em Horns RN JH CA WC) earned Austin's Beginner Obedience Novice title in (under judge Aimee Kincaid) in the Obedience Club of Daytona trial in July.



MFGRC vice president Michele Throm and her Golden girl Ary earned Ary's Senior Dock Diving title in June during the Tampa cluster. It was Ary's first dock diving event and she went straight to senior. Ary also earned some ribbons in the conformation ring that weekend. Ary is Ethos Winter is Coming at Cachet RN RATN DS.

More Accolades . . .



Jan and Jim Casey's Golden boy BT earned his Dock Senior Excellent title at the Sunshine Cluster in Tampa in June. BT also earned his invitation to the National in Orlando in December.



Barb and Charles White's Golden boy Mac (GJJCH Omni's at McGuire's Landing DS ADJ CGC TKN) got his Advanced Diving Senior (ADS) title at the Sunshine State Cluster in Tampa in June.



Nina DePetris and her Golden girl Peaches continued their strong run in agility competition by earning Peaches' Masters Excellent Jumpers title in the Obedience Training Club of Palm Beach County Trial. She is Picabo's Sweet As A Peach MX MXJ OF.



More ribbons and titles for Carol Atkinson and her Golden boy Crash, who continues to crush it in Scent Work trials. In the Obedience Club of Daytona trial, Crash earned Excellent Interior and Container titles both with first places. He also earned his novice interior Elite title.



Ralph Orlando and Smokey earned Smokey's Advanced Containers Title in the Obedience Club of Daytona Scent Work trial. They also earned Smokey's title in Advanced Interior and a **High in Trial** honor.

Johnnann Goines' 10-year-old Golden girl Murphy earned her Trick Novice & Trick Intermediate titles despite being blind in her left eye. She became Lakewood's Murphy Brown Bama Clown CD BN RA FDC CAX DCAT THDN RATN DN TKI CGCA



More Accolades . . .



Bonnie Scherer and Tahani earned their CCA title at the MFGRC CCA event in Ocala in July.



Maria Wiggins Randell and her Golden girl Mandi qualified for Mandi's CCA title in the club's CCA held in Ocala in July.



Melissa Vaughan was one of many MFGRC members who earned CCA titles for their Golden in the club's CCA event in July in Ocala. Cookie (Mischief's Change of Fortune) did her stuff in the CCA ring to qualify for the title.



MFGRC board member Robin Burket and two of her Golden girls earned their CCA titles at the club's event in Ocala. Halia's Christmas In Killarney CCA, CGC, TKN, THDN (Eve) and Ivory Blaze Twice As Nice CCA (Anni) added suffixes to their names.



MFGRC webmaster Tom Misilo and his Golden girl Belle (Cloud9 Princess Belle JH CGCA CGCU CCA) finished her Junior Hunter title at the Missouri Valley Hunt Club in Waterloo, NE. In addition, Belle earned her Junior Dock Diving title in a competition held in Broken Arrow, OK.



Tonya Noel's Golden girl Cali (CH Monark's Most Beautiful One) finished in the Tampa cluster in June while being shown by co-owner Morgan Brooks.

and one more . . .



Dalia Ruffato's Golden girl **Luna** earned her DSX2 (Dock Senior Excellent 2) title at a trial in St. Marys, GA. Luna also earned her invitation for the NADD championship in December. She is now Luna The Wagging Tail Wonder CAA DCAT RATN DSX2 CGCA TKI FDC

During hurricane season . . . Create an indoor potty place

During active hurricanes it may be unsafe to let the dogs outside for a potty break. Inclement weather could last for more than 24-48 hours. Be prepared with an indoor potty place.

Create your indoor potty place with trays of grass plugs or a few pieces of sod which you can get from a local nursery or at the garden supply department at Lowes or Home Depot. Just place grass on top of a tarp or put grass in a kiddie pool. Locate your dog's potty place in the garage or covered porch.



Volunteering . . .

Opportunities to Volunteer are Upcoming

The MFGRC cannot stage its events without help from club members who volunteer their time and volunteers are needed for several events being held in October and November.

October 18-19-20 – Agility Trial at Grand Oaks Resort in Wiersdale, FL. Volunteers are needed to work as timers, scribes and gatekeepers. In addition, and most importantly, volunteers are needed to help set up for the event on Thursday, October 17 beginning at 1 p.m.

November 2-3 – WC/WCX at Golden Oaks Ranch in Montverde, FL. The club could use volunteers both days but could especially use help unloading on Friday, November 1, and packing up after the event on Sunday, November 3.

November 22-24 – Hunt Test at Golden Oaks Ranch in Montverde, FL. The club could use volunteers both days but could especially use help unloading on Thursday, November 21, and packing up after the event on Sunday, November 24.

Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to contact MFGRC club secretary Andy Hall at andyhall58@hotmail.com

Want to volunteer for the 2020 GRCA National? Here's how . . .

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club is hosting the 2020 Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty and needs help from all members of the club. Many members have already signed up for various committees and activities related to the 2020 and have already been involved in meetings and planning. But more volunteer positions remain unfilled, both for advance planning and for jobs the week of the event.

Volunteer coordinators Dot and Allison Hively are maintaining an active list of volunteers and jobs. Anyone wishing to volunteer can contact them via email – even if you don't know what area you'd like to help with, they can tell you what is available and sign you up. Dot and Allison can be reached via email at dnahively@gmail.com

The National Specialty will include 13 days of competition, social events, clinics, seminars, shopping and more. The National will span October 16-28, 2020, with the majority held between Monday, October 19, and Saturday, October 24 at the beautiful new World Equestrian Center in Ocala, FL. Best of Breed will be on Saturday and close activities in Ocala. The Hunt Test and Field Trial events will be held at a nearby location.



MFGRC

INTRO TO FIELD TRAINING

Fun field day and general meeting

October 12, 2019 @ 9AM



Bring: your dog, water & your lunch. General meeting at noon.

Please RSVP to: richwoodgoldens@gmail.com (Include experience level)

Where: 9680NW 80th Ave. Ocala, FL 34482

Direction: from intersection of I-75 (exit358) hwy 326. Go west about 5 miles, Turn right (north) on NW 80th Ave. Go 1.5 miles to gate on the left. Gate will be marked with club banner. Follow gate all the way to back on the left.

If lost text: Pam 352-843-7542

Questions text Pam 352-842-7542 or Kristin 352-229-1575