

Golden Tales

2021 National Specialty Edition

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MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

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LIGHTS, CAMERAS, ACTION! LIGHTS, CAMERAS, ACTION! LIGHTS, CAMERAS, ACTION!

President's Message . . .

After two years of many ups and downs the National is finally upon us!

It has been nineteen years since our club hosted a National which was then held in a big field near the airport. Now, our National will be held at the prestigious World Equestrian Center - one of the largest equestrian facilities in the world. It is going to be like going to Disney World. It's amazing! And because our wonderful Golden's deserve the very best, the World Equestrian Center promises exhibitors an experience built on three core values: Quality. Class. Distinction. Beautiful venue, shopping, restaurants, toy store, giant topiary garden, candy shop, unique sites, sprawling spaces, and did I say shopping! This is a world-class, multi-indoor and outdoor arena facility. While we are there, the Ocala International Horse Show will be held, for the American Saddlebred, Morgan, Hackney Pony, Arabian, Roadster, Dutch Harness Horse and many performance show horse breeds. So be ready to be impressed even when you are not showing or working at our trial.

There is still time to get involved and be part of the action. We welcome any and all volunteers. If you want to help with hospitality give me a shout and I will sign you up. There will be plenty to do!

Thanks to all who have worked so very hard to put the 2021 National together. See you there!

It's showtime!

Ann Rowe

Welcome New Club Members!

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club welcomed a large amount of new members during the general meetings held in June and August. Both meetings were held virtually via Zoom. After their membership applications were approved by the MFGRC board, the members were eligible to be voted in after attending a general meeting.

Voted in as new members in the June general meeting were:

Walter Kennedy, St. Augustine, FL (sponsor was Susan Howard)

Ashley Lucero, Boynton Beach, FL (sponsor was Robin Bowen)

Julie and Jeff Shealy, Ocala, FL (sponsor was Robin Burket)

Vickie Schroeder, Port Orange, FL (sponsor was D'Nette Musser)

Melissa Kay, Naples, FL (sponsor was Michele Throm)

Kim Pedersen, Haines City, FL (returning previous member)(sponsor was Destiny Martel)

Megan and Chris Cloudman (family), DeLand, FL (returning previous member) (sponsor was Kathy Cudak)

Roy and Cynthia Rothman, Lake Mary, FL (sponsor was Ann Rowe)

Myra Kemp, Jupiter, FL (returning previous member)(sponsor was Caroline Kendrick)

Cathy Hoff, Windermere, FL (sponsor was Ann Rowe)

Voted in as new members in the August general meeting were:

Wendy Huntzinger, Odessa, FL (sponsor was Pat Rubrecht)

Liliane Lesmes, Heathrow, FL (sponsor was Ann Rowe)



Walter Kennedy



Ashley Lucero



Jeff and Julie Shealy



Vickie Schroeder

New Members Continued . . .



Melissa Kay



Kim Pederson



Cloudman Family



Lilly Lesmes



Wendy Huntzinger



Roy and Cynthia Rothman



Myra Kemp

VOLUNTEERING . . .

Opportunities to Volunteer are Upcoming

Agility in October

In October, the club is holding back-to-back agility trials at two different locations and many volunteers will be needed to make the events work successfully. The club's usual Fall Agility Trial will be October 21-22-23 at Grand Oaks Resort in Weirsdale, Fla. (near The Villages). Then, the scene will move to the World Equestrian Center in Ocala for two days of agility held in connection with the GRCA National (Sunday and Monday, October 24-25).

Volunteers are going to be needed in many areas. Help will be needed on setup day at Grand Oaks (Wednesday, October 20, at 1 p.m.) and during all three days of competition (timing, gating, scribing).

The largest amount of help will be needed on Saturday afternoon and evening, October 23. When the trial at Grand Oaks ends, all equipment will need to be packed into the club's two agility trailers, and the more hands pitching in, the faster it will go. Then, volunteers who are able can move to Ocala to help unload and set up the rings and equipment Saturday evening so that the trial can start Sunday morning. Those who can only do one location are welcomed to meet at the World Equestrian Center (Arena 3) to help unload and set up.

Again, volunteers will be needed on Sunday and Monday to help with the trial (scoring, gating, scribing) and then breakdown/packing help will be needed when competition concludes late Monday afternoon when the trial concludes.

Anyone who can help is asked to contact volunteer coordinator Pat Carlile at pat_golden_boy@yahoo.com.

Spring Hunt Test

The MFGRC will hold its annual Spring Hunt Test February 12-13 in Montverde, Fla., and numerous volunteers will be needed to help run the trial and to help set up and pack up. Positions include helping move and set up equipment, working with birds, marshalling, helping prepare meals, etc. Anyone interested can contact volunteer coordinator Michele Throm at michelethrom@yahoo.com.



It's Not too Late! Volunteers Needed for 2021 GRCA National

All MFGRC members are called upon to help the club's hosting of the 2021 Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty next month in Ocala. It's not too late to volunteer!

Many volunteer positions remain either unfilled or underfilled 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 2021goldenvolunteers@gmail.com.

The National Specialty will include more than a week of competition, social events, clinics, seminars, shopping and more. The majority of the event will be held at the beautiful new World Equestrian Center in Ocala, FL.

From the MFGRC Board . . .

Nomination Process Underway for 2022 MFGRC Officers and Board

The process of nominating and selecting the MFGRC's leadership for 2022 is underway.

By October 15, all club members will receive a slate of officers and board members for 2022 from the nominations committee, which is composed of one 2021 board members and up to four other club members who are not officers or board members.

Club members will have the opportunity to nominate additional candidates at the club's November general meeting. Officers and board members are expected to attend board and general club meetings and are expected to help stage the club's events during the year.

Voting to confirm the 2022 officers and board will be conducted during the December meeting.

Mark Your Calendars

MFGRC Fall Agility Trial – October 21-22-23
Weirsdale, FL

MFGRC Agility Trial – October 24
Ocala, FL

GRCA National Specialty Hosted by MFGRC
October 22-30 – Ocala, FL

MFGRC Specialty – December 17
Orlando, FL

MFGRC Spring Hunt Test – February 12-13
Montverde, FL

MFGRC Spring Agility Trial – April 22-23-24
Weirsdale, FL

MFGRC Summer Specialty – June 17
Tampa, FL

(general meetings to be announced)



2021 New Title Rosettes for MFGRC Members



Members of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club who earn new titles for their Goldens during calendar year 2021 may be eligible to receive a new title rosette from the club.

This year, stipulations have returned 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.

Information will be sent to members soon about applying for new title rosettes for 2021 – and members who are not eligible still have time to make themselves eligible by helping the club at either the Fall Agility Trial or during the club's hosting of the 2021 GRCA National Specialty, both to be held in October.

News from AKC . . .

AKC Title Recognition Program

The AKC works with several non-AKC service and sports organizations to recognize the titles that AKC-registered dogs earn in their programs. This includes the AKC Therapy Dog titling program and the AKC Search & Rescue title program. AKC also recognizes titles of the Barn Hunt Association (BHA); North American Diving Dogs (NADD); the North American Flyball Association (NAFA); and now UpDog Challenge disc organization. For more information on how to apply for AKC recognition of these titles, go to: http://www.akc.org/dog_shows_trials/titles/

MFGRC Yearly Awards . . .

Entry Form Out Soon for 2021 MFGRC Year-End Dog Awards

MFGRC members should soon be receiving the entry form for the club's year-end dog awards, which have been reinstated for 2021. The awards were paused in 2020 due to the high number of canceled events related to the pandemic.

With the previous Field Dog of the Year award split into Field and Hunt categories, the MFGRC is offering the following awards for 2021:

Agility Dog of the Year

Field Dog of the Year

Hunt Dog of the Year

Obedience Dog of the Year

Rally Dog of the Year

Show Dog of the Year (Conformation)

Tracking Dog of the Year

Versatility Award (calculated by adding points from at least three separate categories)

Recipients of all awards listed above receive custom car magnets created by K9 Designs and presented by MFGRC. In addition, the recipient of Show Dog of the Year receives a special award of a perpetual trophy donated by Wonderland's Golden Retrievers.

Additional MFGRC year-end dog awards for 2021:

Fallchase Owner-Handler Award – recognizing the club's top owner-handler in conformation with a perpetual award donated by Fallchase Kennels.

Gold Standard Challenge -- awarded to the owner handler accumulating the highest points in breed shows and field events during the awards year, with award donated by MFGRC member Kristin Sipus.

Eligibility requirements:

Dogs **MUST** reside with the person making the application.

To be eligible for any official MFGRC award, 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, subject to approval and verification).

Information must be included on the entry form about meetings attended and club work performed (all subject to verification).

The deadline for entering the awards competition is November 30. Awards will be announced and presented at the MFGRC's annual Christmas party on December 18.

It's Almost Here!

The 2021 GRCA National Specialty Kicks Off October 22

After more than three years of preparation, a postponement and a second rewarding of the date, the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club is set to host the 2021 Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty.

The event will be held Oct. 22-30, with most of the events taking place at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala, Fla. The National will include nine days of competition, social events, raffles, clinics, seminars, shopping and more.

The World Equestrian Center will host agility, conformation, obedience, rally, junior showmanship and CCA. Field events (Hunt Test, Field Trial and WC/WCX) will be held at Lazy J Ranch in Williston, Fla., which is only 25 miles from the World Equestrian Center. Tracking will be held at Grand Oaks Resort in Weirsdale, Fla., located 50 minutes from the WEC.

Social events will include the GRCA Top Twenty Invitational (Thursday, Oct. 28), a fun "Howl-O-Ween" party (Wednesday, Oct. 27) and the Welcome Dinner/Parade of Titleholders (Monday, Oct. 25).

The full schedule of events is listed below – with an updating schedule located on the event website.

On social media:

The official website for the National:


<https://2021.grcanational.com/>

The official Facebook group for the National:

<https://www.facebook.com/2021GRCANationalSpecialty>

The official Facebook group for the National Specialty Raffle:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2299776453633141>



**2021 Golden Retriever Club of America
National Specialty**
Hosted by Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club

Tentative Schedule of Events

<p>Friday, October 22, 2021 Hunt Test</p> <p>Saturday, October 23, 2021 Hunt Test Field Welcome Dinner</p> <p>Sunday, October 24, 2021 MFGRC Agility Trial* WC/WCX Grooming Move-In Day RV Move-In Day</p> <p>Monday, October 25, 2021 GRCA Agility Trial Field Trial Parade of Titleholders Welcome Dinner Vendor Move-On Day Obedience/Rally Move-In Day</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 26, 2021 Sweepstakes Obedience Rally Field Trial Tracking Breeder Education seminar Health Clinic GRCA Board Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday, October 27, 2021 Conformation CCA Obedience Rally Field Trial Field Trial Awards Banquet GRCA Annual Meeting</p>	<p>Thursday, October 28, 2021 Conformation Gun Dog Sweepstakes Health Clinic Top 20 Invitational</p> <p>Friday, October 29, 2021 Conformation Junior Showmanship Judges Education</p> <p>Saturday, October 30, 2021 Best of Breed MAF Parade of Heroes</p> <p><i>*the host Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club will hold a Golden-only agility trial on Sunday, Oct. 24, that is not affiliated with the GRCA National Specialty.</i></p>
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2021 Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty

Hosted by Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club

October 22 – 30, 2021

Field . Hunt . Tracking



Schedule of Events

Friday, October 22, 2021

Hunt Test

Saturday, October 23, 2021

Hunt Test

Field Welcome Dinner

Sunday, October 24, 2021

WC/WCX

Monday, October 25, 2021

Field Trial

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Field Trial

Tracking

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Field Trial

Field Trial Awards Banquet

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Gun Dog Sweepstakes

Locations: Hunt Test - Lazy J Ranch in Williston, Fla is located approximately 30 miles Northwest of the World Equestrian Center.

Tracking - Grand Oaks Resort in Weirsdale, Fla is located approximately 35 miles Southeast of the World Equestrian Center.

WC/WCX - Lazy J Ranch in Williston, Fla is located approximately 30 miles Northwest of the World Equestrian Center.

Field Trials - Lazy J Ranch in Williston, Fla is located approximately 30 miles Northwest of the World Equestrian Center.

2021 Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty

Hosted by Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club

October 22 – 30, 2021

Agility . Obedience . Rally



Location:

The World Equestrian Center Ocala

1390 NW 80th Avenue

Ocala FL 34482

www.worldequestriancenter.com

352-414-7900

Schedule of Events

Sunday, October 24, 2021

MFGRC Agility Trial

Monday, October 25, 2021

GRCA Agility Trial

Obedience/Rally Move-In Day

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Obedience - Rally

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Obedience - Rally

2021 Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty

Hosted by Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club
October 22 – 30, 2021
Conformation . Clinics

Schedule of Events

Monday, October 25, 2021

Parade of Titleholders

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Breeder Education seminar
Health Clinic

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Conformation
CCA

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Conformation
Health Clinic
Top 20 Invitational

Friday, October 29, 2021

Conformation
Junior Showmanship
Judges Education

Saturday, October 30, 2021

Best of Breed
MAF Parade of Heroes



Location:

The World Equestrian Center Ocala

1390 NW 80th Avenue

Ocala FL 34482

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The AKC Rally® Virtual Program has been made a permanent sport feature with AKC

AKC Rally® Virtual Program

The AKC Companion Events Department is excited to announce the AKC Rally Virtual Program has been approved as a permanent sport feature with AKC.

The Rally Novice, Rally Intermediate, Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent classes will be available to participate in virtually permanently. The competitor will set up a pre-designed AKC Rally course, video record the team's performance, and submit it to AKC. In turn, AKC will assign a pre-selected AKC Rally Judge to virtually review and score the team's Rally performance.

Courses and information are published on the menu on the Rally Virtual homepage.

The AKC Rally Virtual program is open to all dogs six months of age and older. Dogs entered in the Rally Advanced class must have earned the Rally Novice (RN) title and may have earned the Rally Intermediate (RI) title according to the owner's records. Qualifying in the Rally Advanced class three times will result in the dog earning the Rally Advanced (RA) title.

Dogs entered in the Rally Excellent class must have earned the Rally Advanced (RA) title according to the owner's records. Qualifying in the Rally Excellent class three times will result in the dog earning the Rally Excellent (RE) title. All qualifying scores will be recorded on the dog's AKC record and applied toward the three required for the Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent titles.

The qualifying scores and titles earned virtually are the same as those earned at in-person events. You may earn a title by qualifying at either or both types of events. The RAE class is not offered in this virtual

program and therefore, virtual classes cannot be used to earn the RAE title where double Qs at the same event are required. Rally Championship (RACH) points will be recorded for dogs after they have earned the Rally Excellent (RE) title, for scores of 91 or better in the Rally Advanced and Rally Excellent classes in the virtual program.

The scores earned virtually will not be eligible to use to qualify for entry into the AKC Rally National Championship events.

There are five pre-designed courses published on the AKC website for the exhibitor to choose from. The exhibitor will setup the course according to the Instructions provided in the **Virtual Rally Guidebook**. They will video the performance, upload the video to their personal YouTube account, set the required YouTube viewing options, and submit the video link with the online entry form and pay the fee electronically to AKC.

We are excited to offer this virtual option to our Rally exhibitors permanently!

For more information go to <https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-virtual-entry/>
For Rally Virtual Guidebook go to <https://www.akc.org/pdf/Rally-Virtual-Guidebook/>
If you have questions after reviewing the information, please write to Rally-VRE@akc.org.
Wishing you lots of fun in your Rally runs!

Sincerely,
AKC Companion Events Team

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RACH TITLE

Ellen Bartkus, Lara Earn Prestigious RACH Title



Longtime MFGRC member Ellen Bartkus and her Golden girl **Lara** continue to excel in the Rally ring.

In one day in August, Ellen and Lara finished the prestigious RACH (Rally Champion) title as well as their Rally Master 3 title. Both happened during the MFGRC's obedience and rally trial in Daytona Beach.

Lara (RACH Shor'line Lara of Ambersand Beach CD PCD BN TD RAE2 RM3 DJ FDC TKA CGC CCA) was the Rally Dog of the Year for the MFGRC in 2019, the last year the award was presented.

The RACH title was established in 2017 and the title requirements were revised in early 2019. The letters RACH may be added preceding a dog's name when it has achieved a minimum of 300 championship points from the Advanced B, Excellent B and Master classes, with a minimum of 150 points from the Master class; and 20 triple qualifying scores obtained from the Advanced B, Excellent B and Master classes.

The Rally Master 3 title signifies that Ellen and Laura have met the Rally Master title requirements three times.

Let us remember . . .



. . . never forget.

"Partners" by Fred Stone



MFGRC's Annual Specialty

***December 17 in Orlando
Save the date!***

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club's annual Specialty will be held on Friday, December 17, at the Orange County Convention Center (North/South Building) in Orlando, Fla.

Held as part of Royal Canin AKC National Championship week, the Specialty annually attracts some 200 of the top Golden Retrievers from Florida and the nation. The event will include Conformation and Junior Showmanship.

The judge for this year's Specialty will be Ms. Pluis Davern from Royal Oaks, Calif., who also will be judging in the AKC National Championship.

Caroline Kendrick, a member of the MFGRC board, will again serve as Specialty Chair while MFGRC member Camille Nasca will again be trophy chair.

MFGRC members and others will soon have the opportunity to sponsor trophies for the event.

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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Meet Brian Parker

MFGRC Hunt Test Chair



Hunt Tests have a long history and tradition with the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club and Brian Parker is ready to carry that tradition into the future.

With a deep resume of involvement in field events, Brian is the club's new Hunt Test chairman and will be at the helm when the MFGRC Spring Hunt Test is held Feb. 12-13 of 2022. The club is not holding its usual Fall Hunt Test this year due to the GRCA National Specialty being so close in dates.

Brian took over the position when longtime MFGRC Hunt Test chair Mike Orloff retired from the post after this year's event in February.

Brian's interest in field sports dates back to his childhood in Osteen, Fla.

"My grandparents had orange groves, cattle and catfish ponds in Osteen," he said. "I spent a great deal of time outdoors and received my first shotgun when I was nine years old. When I was a kid the ducks, doves, quail and rabbits were plentiful. Unlike most everything else that has dwindled in numbers hogs were a plentiful nuisance then as well.

"My favorite thing is and was wing shooting and I've always enjoyed hunting with dogs."

Brian got his first experience with organized tests in the mid-1980's with the Jacksonville Retriever Club.

"I was fortunate enough to be able to help shoot for the club because the gunners were having a hard time hitting the birds," he said. "From that point I was hooked."

Brian moved to DeLand, Fla., in 2000 and met Alan and Sandy Wilcox, who introduced him to the Central Florida Hunting Retriever Club (CFHRC) and the MFGRC.

To help give back to the sport he loves, Brian started judging in 2002. He has judged AKC retriever hunt tests and field trials, UKC retriever hunt tests including the HRC Grand and he has run and judged some SRS events. In addition, he has judged the Boykin National Specialty twice as well as the Toller National.

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Brian Parker continued . . .

For the CFHRC, Brian said he has been a board member, hunt test chairman, training coordinator, cook, and the newsletter editor. He took the modernization step of moving the club's newsletter to email rather than regular mail and he also started a Facebook page for the club.

Brian owns and operates Southern Retrievers, which he established in 2000 to breed and train retrievers. He trains on property located in DeLand and in Ormond Beach, Fla.

His reputation as a trainer led to a unique opportunity.

"In 2007 I was approached about training bomb dogs but had no interest," he said. "However, after several people I knew were injured, I talked to a friend in late 2010 about bomb dog training. I started training green bomb dogs - dogs that could handle and run blinds out to 300 yards.

"I then helped train the Marine dog handlers to handle the dogs," he said. "In 2012, I completed my pre-deployment work up and deployed to Afghanistan in 2013 with the dogs and Marines."

Brian said that several of the bomb dogs he trained and deployed with were awarded medals in the United States Senate.

"I was invited to attend the awards ceremony and was privileged to attend with one of the Marine Dog Handlers I had deployed overseas with. His dog was a vital asset on the battlefield and after the down grade his dog became a TSA asset. It was a privilege to see both of them again."

Brian looks forward to helping MFGRC members and others from around the region have good experiences at the club's Hunt Tests.

"Over the years I've been fortunate to give back to the sport that I enjoy and care deeply about," he said. ■

MFGRC members Jeff Rushe and Anney Doucette made a detour from a morning of field training to pose their Golden Retrievers at the "Bull Gator" statue in front of the University of Florida's football stadium.



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 Golden Retrievers. 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.

MFGRC Obedience and Rally Trial

August 13-14-15 at the Obedience Club of Daytona



Sally Sherman competing in Utility

Thanks to all!

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 Aug. 13-14-15 in Daytona Beach.

I want to start with a big thanks to Ralph and Maria Orlando, longtime MFGRC members who also are very integral members of the Obedience Club of Daytona where the trial was held. They pitched in tirelessly for all four days, starting with getting the building ready on Thursday and then working over the three days of competition while also competing. Maria worked all day on Friday as a steward during the Rally Trial, and Ralph got the building going each morning, kept things running smoothly all day and was there if anything was needed. To put it simply, it would be very hard to do the trial without them and they are greatly appreciated.

MFGRC member Joyce Swegle, who also is a member of OCOD, and OCOD members Linda Hudak, Robin Scott, Nancy Miles and Michelle Lemole also worked hard on Thursday morning getting the building ready for us.

Stewards are some of the most important people during Obedience and Rally Trials and we were fortunate that multiple MFGRC members stepped up to volunteer their time as stewards, some coming from two hours or more away. The judges were very complimentary of how good our stewards were and hearing that is always music to my ears.

Club members who worked as stewards were Ellen Bartkus, Tina Brooke, Vicki Drerup, Debbie Finch, Susan Howard, Chris Jeffrey, Walter Kennedy, Christine McDaniel, D'Nette Musser, Camille Nasca, Maria Orlando, Dalia Ruffatto, Elizabeth Scherer, Vickie Schroeder, Sally Sherman and Tyler Sikora,

It's also greatly appreciated that Camille, D'Nette, Elizabeth and Ellen stayed after the trial ended Sunday to help pack up the MFGRC's equipment and then help clean up and work with the OCOD members to put the building back in its regular configuration.

Thanks to MFGRC president Ann Rowe and treasurer Dee Thibodeaux who stepped in to help steward when needed at various times during the weekend. And thanks to Joan Nagle, who is not a member of MFGRC but graciously volunteered to help steward for Rally during the first trial on Friday.

"We'll be back in Daytona Beach next year - August 12-13-14 - and look forward to it."

In addition, I want to thank OCOD members Kay Bell, Janet Berry, Pat Dean and Susan Handy who worked not only as stewards but in some cases as mentors for our club members who had never stewarded before.

Our trial secretary Adrienne Swanick did a another great job for us and our judges Kathy Griner and Aimee and Ken Kincaid were great to work with and well-received by the exhibitors.

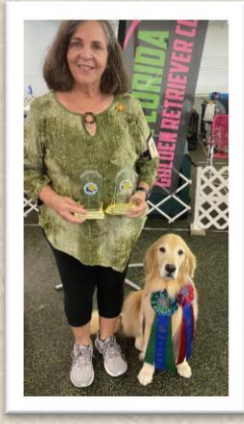
And thanks to my wife, Barbara Hall, for not only helping me during the months leading up to the trial and on that weekend but also for the support she always gives me.

We'll be back in Daytona Beach next year - August 12-13-14 - and look forward to it.

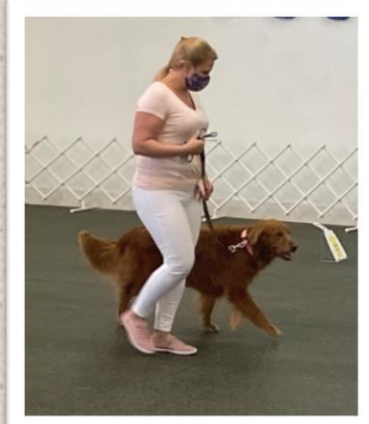
Thanks,
Andy Hall

MFGRC Club Secretary
Obedience/Rally Chair

Candids from the August MFGRC Obedience and Rally Trial



Barbara Page - Rally



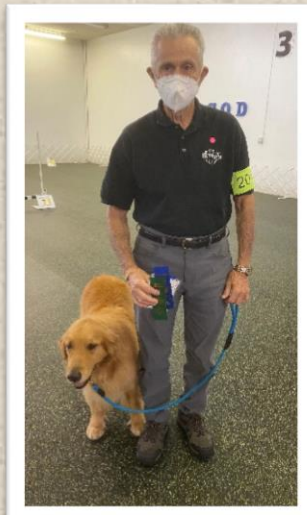
Dalia Ruffatto - Rally



Workers Walter Kennedy and Christine McDaniel



Sally Sherman High in Trial



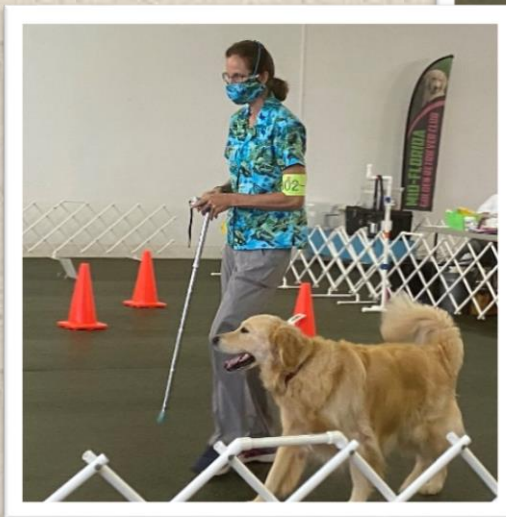
Ralph Orlando Rally Master win



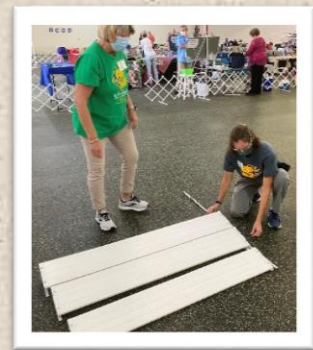
Susan Howard competing in Open



Trial worker Vickie Schroeder



Elizabeth Scherer - Rally



Trial workers Ellen Bartkus and Elizabeth Scherer



MFGRC Members Enjoy Barn Hunt Fun Day

Members of the MFGRC enjoyed fellowship and learning on July 10 when the club staged a Barn Hunt Fun Day at Daus Hund Haus in Lakeland.

Members and their Goldens were introduced to the sport of Barn Hunt in a relaxed, fun atmosphere, with Barn Hunt instructors on hand to teach all about “finding that rat!”

MFGRC board member Michele Throm organized the event.

Members who attended included Randy and Sue Fountain, Cathy Hoff, Caroline Kendrick, Amy Krumenauer, Betty Lambert, Coralee Leon, Julie Manson, Christine McDaniel, Jerrie Morrison, Camille Nasca, Tonya Noel, Debbie O’Hanlon, Karli Pixley, Maria Randell, Barb White and Tom Wiegand.



Versatility Certificate

Elizabeth Scherer and Kody Earn GRCA's Versatility Certificate



Elizabeth Scherer and Kody after Kody's second major win at the Northern Flyway Golden Retriever Club Specialty in Wisconsin.

Elizabeth Scherer and her Golden boy **Kody** (SHR U-CH. IABCA HnrCH/IntCH/NatCH Star Crowned Kodiak Island CD BN RN JH CCA CGC TKN WCX VC) earned the Golden Retriever Club of America's Versatility Certificate (VC) earlier this year.

The Versatility Certificate (VC) and Versatility Excellent Certificate (VCX) are awarded to those Golden Retrievers who exemplify that degree of versatility through a combination of accomplishments in each of the following areas: Conformation, Field and Performance.

Kody's highest awards were for winning a major in Conformation, earning his WCX title in Field and earning his Obedience CD title in Performance.

And it runs in the family. Elizabeth's mother Bonnie, also a member of MFGRC, earned a VC in 2020.

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Jan Paddock 6 1/2-month old Golden boy Woody (Magik Woodford Perfect Manhattan CGC) earned his CGC title, his first title of any kind. Woody participated in a class at the Eustis Recreation Center taught by MFGRC member Chris Jeffrey.



Dalia Ruffatto and her Golden girl Luna finished Luna's Beginner Novice Obedience title and earned one leg toward her Novice title in the Indian River Dog Training Club trial in Melbourne. Luna is Luna The Wagging Tail Wonder FDC CAA FCAT RATO DSX4 CGCA TKA BN,



Susan Howard and her highly-decorated Golden boy Winston added more to his resume in the club's obedience and rally trial in Daytona Beach, earning the points needed to finish Winston's Obedience Master 9 title (OM9), meaning Susan and Winston have earned the OM level of accomplishment nine times. They finished earned High in Trial and High Combined in both trials the final day of the event.



Karli Pixley, one of the MFGRC's youngest members, and her family's Golden boy Guapo finished his FAST CAT title at the Tampa shows in competition staged by the Sarasota Kennel Club. Moving indoors, Karli and Guapo also showed in Conformation and won his AmBred class.



Lindsey Rodriguez and her Golden girl Harper finished Harper's Dock Senior title during the August Tampa shows.



Charlie and Barbara White's Golden boy Mac (GJJCH Omni's) at McGuire's Landing DSX2 DJX2 CGC TKN) continues to excel in Dock Diving. He finished his Senior Excellent 2 title at Courteous Canine Diving Dogs in Tampa and finished Dock Junior Excellent 2 (DJX 2) title at the Sunshine State Cluster in Tampa.



Laura Bellochi's Golden boy Legend finished his Grand Championship in Nashua, NH. Legend is BISS GCH Pathfinder's Some Gave All BPIS

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Boss (BISS AM GCH LEONGOLDEN LET'S CELEBRATE BOSS), owned by Mustapha and Carlotta El Khorchi, has been having a terrific run on the conformation trail around the country. He has won multiple Best of Breeds in shows as well as scoring several BISS wins. Another major win in the Pittsburgh area over the summer gave Boss the last points he needed to finish his Bronze Grand Championship. Boss is one of the nation's top-ranked Golden Retrievers.



Maria Randell's Golden girl Jo (GCH Stonewood's Sheeza Keeper DS FDC) finished her Grand Championship in Greenville, SC, with a Select Bitch in the Sandlapper Golden Retriever Club Specialty. Jo was handled by Kellie Williams (pictured). Jo had two more Selects during the Greenville shows.



In Tennessee, Mustapha and Carlotta El Khorchi's Golden boy Bibis (Leongolden Go With The Wave Bibis CGC TKN) took time out from the conformation ring to finish his CGC and TKN titles. He was handled by Ginny Kincer (pictured).



Dot and Allison Hively's Golden girl Nora finished her championship in the August Tampa shows while being handled by Kristin Lyons (pictured). Nora, who was bred by MFGRC board member John Blair and his wife Rosa, is now CH Jazzie's Ca'D'Oro of Sapphire Shores BN RN DS DCAT CCA CGC TKN



Destiny Martel is owner and breeder of Clip (24K Retrievers Guns and Ammo RATO DN CGC) who finished his championship in August in Atlanta by going WD BOW. Clip's path to the title included three majors, two of which were specialty majors under breeder judges. He was shown by MFGRC member Chatham Napoli (pictured). Destiny's girl Glitz (GCH SHR Rush Hill's Without Consent CD BCAT AJ AN DJX3 DS ATT FDC NAI JH BN RE RATO CA DJA DJ CGC TKI WC VCX) also won big – taking the Open Distance Reserve and Open Novice Air Retrieve championships at the NADD Southeast Regional Championships for dock diving in Perry, Ga.

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MJ Douglas and Golden boy Tag (Firemark's Looks Like Fun N Games CDX GO CCA) finished his Utility Dog title and took first place in the Utility A class in the MFGRC Obedience/Rally Trial in Daytona Beach.



Barb Page and her Golden girl Autumn (Mystikal Autumn Joy CDX BN RM FDC THDN CGCA CGCU TKA ATT) finished her RAE (Rally Advanced Excellent) title in four trials at the Imperial Polk Obedience Club (IPOC) in Lakeland, Fla. Barb and Autumn had four Rally triple Q's, three high triple scores and two high combined scores during the trial. Barb and Autumn also finished Autumn's Rally Master title during the Tampa shows in June.



Joyce Swegle and her Golden boy Phinn (Lycinan Softwind I Believe VCD2 PUDX BN VER RM RAE AXP AJP SCN SIN SHDN TKA) finished his Rally Master 2 title during the club's obedience and rally trial in Daytona Beach.



Vickie Schroeder and her Golden boy Levi finished Levi's Rally Intermediate title in the MFGRC obedience and rally trial held in Daytona Beach.



MFGRC Treasurer Dee Thibodeaux and her Golden girl Metal (Deauxquest On The Podium) competed in Novice B and finished her CD in the club's obedience and rally trial in Daytona Beach.



MFGRC President Ann Rowe and her Golden girl Jasmine earned two titles during the club's obedience and rally trial in Daytona Beach. Jasmine (Goldrox Magik's Carp-Et Ride RA) earned both her Beginner Novice Obedience title and her Rally Advanced title.



Sheilah Platzer's Golden girl Toni earned four placements and her Rally Intermediate title in the IPOC trial in Lakeland in September.

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Free, the young Golden boy belonging to Mustapha and Carlotta El Khorchi, finished his championship in Helena, MT, from the 12-18 class. Free is Leongolden Swin In Your Own Direction Free



D'Nette Musser's Golden boy Tank (24k Retrievers Tango Yankee BISS BOSS) finished his championship in the West Volusia Kennel Club show in Deland, Fla. Tank was bred by MFGRC member Destiny Martel and is co-owned with D'Nette by Destiny and MFGRC member Julie Wangelin.



Lisa Boudreau's Golden girl Star (Faragold Sandpiper StarLight StarBright RN DJ BCAT CCA TKI CGC) earned a FAST Cat title during the Sunshine Cluster at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa.



Karyn Angel's Golden boy Cody earned two agility titles in the Greater Monroe Kennel Club Agility Trial in Concord, N.C., and her Golden boy Timer also brought home some ribbons. Cody earned his Excellent Fast title with a first place and finished his Master JWW title the next day. Timer got first place in Masters Fast and Excellent JWW.



Sheilah Platzer's Golden girl Toni finished her Beginner Novice Obedience title in the Imperial Polk Obedience Club (IPOC) Trials in Lakeland.



Elizabeth Scherer's Golden boy Kody (SHR U-CH. IABCA HnrCH/IntCH/NatCH Star Crowned Kodiak Island CD BN RA JH CCA CGC TKN WCX VC) finished his Rally Advanced title in the MADTA Rally Trial in Ocala.



Heidi Buck's Golden girl Briar (SHR PAD's In The Thick-Of-It JH AX OAJ NF CGCA CGCU TKA WC) has earned multiple new titles this year, including most recently her Novice FAST agility title in the Heartland Dog Club of Florida agility trial in Punta Gorda, Fla., and her CGCU. In addition to other agility titles, Briar also has won her JH, SHR, WC and TKA titles this year, all before her second birthday.