



From the Presidents Desk...

Hello MFGRC members – Happy New Year!

I hope by now that everyone has thawed out from the recent frigid weather Florida experienced. As most of you know, the weather was so bad that it forced us to cancel the January meeting and Fun Day at Vickie Maloney and Jackie Hardin's Agility training site. Vickie said the high temperature there that day was 37 degrees! We were really excited about having an agility fun day, so we will try to reschedule this before the weather gets too warm.

The Board of Directors has been working on the Club's 2010 calendar, and already have plans scheduled for virtually every month this year. Coming up on February 6th-7th is our annual Winter Hunt Test, ably chaired by Susan Fulenwider. The Hunt Test will be held at Wayne Gey's beautiful Golden Oaks Ranch in Montverde. We hope you will come out and watch our goldens chase after the ducks – it's a beautiful sight to see these wonderful dogs do what they were bred for!

We are really looking forward to the February meeting, which will be held on Saturday, February 13th. PJ Lacette, owner of Best Paw Forward, has graciously offered to host a meeting and fun day at Best Paw's property in Osteen Florida. PJ is working on plans for the day, so keep an eye on your Inbox for an upcoming e-mail message that will include all the details. We have a flyer in this issue of the newsletter with the directions to Best Paw.

Later on in February, on Saturday the 27th, the Golden Retriever Rescue Reunion will be held at Lake Parker Park in Lakeland. If you can spare a few hours that day, we sure would love to have you join us in volunteering to do light grooming of the rescued goldens – paws, ears, and tails. If you don't know how to groom, but can spare an hour or two to help sweet talk and cuddle these dogs, we'll be happy to start showing you the basics. A lot of what we do that day is educating the owners on what equipment to obtain and how to use it. We ask for a \$10 donation; whatever we raise that day is matched by MFGRC, and the entire amount is donated to Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid Florida (GRRMF). If you are planning to join us, please let me know by sending an e-mail to gaga4goldens@netzero.com. We need to have a head count so that we can order lunch for the MFGRC members who are volunteering that day. In addition, the Rescue folks always have a terrific fund-raising raffle – last year, several of went home with some neat golden stuff. Please come join us!

The Board would also like to request members' feedback as to whether you are interested in having another Certificate of Conformation Assessment evaluation this year. Last September, we held a CCA in conjunction with Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and Therapy Dog International (TDI) testing. The entire day was a great success. If you would be interested and willing to enter the CCA this year, please e-mail me at the address above so that we can gauge the level of interest among MFGRC members. It's rather expensive to rent an air conditioned facility, and to bring in three CCA evaluators from out of town, so we want to make sure there is enough interest before we start to line up evaluators and reserve a facility.

Finally, I am very pleased to report that MFGRC member Ron Seeley and his golden Gus, passed their VST Tracking test last weekend in South Florida in cold, blustery weather. **Gus** is now the newest **Champion Tracker** in Florida; congratulations to Ron and Gus!

Hope to see you at some of our upcoming events, and I hope all of you will have a terrific year in 2010!

Debbie Finch, 2010 MFGRC President





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From the Editor . . .

The old year is gone and here we are in 2010. Hope you rang in the new year safely and had a good time.

Our dogs had lots of kids around on Christmas Day, so they were quite happy. I'd forgotten how much fun it is to have little tots around at Christmas, with their sense of wonder and joy. Yes, it was a bit chaotic, but we all had fun.

In my family, it's bad luck to take down the Christmas tree or decorations until New Years Day. It's kind of nice having the holiday season hang around for an extra week. On New Year's Day, I wrap up my tree ornaments, repack my other decorations and cook a good luck feast, Southern style. Ham, black-eye peas and rice (Hoppin' John), collards and cornbread. My husband, being from the north, wants no part of the collards or the black-eye peas.

For the coming year, I wish all of you joy and prosperity. It's going to be a fun year, full of challenges and lots of great things to do with our wonderful dogs.

A very happy new year to all of you . . .

Leah Wright
Newsletter Editor



DECEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The MFGRC Board Meeting was called to order by President Debbie Finch at 7:53 P.M. on December 4, 2009 at the home of Camille Doe-hring in Orlando.

Board Members Present: Debbie Finch, Camille Doe-hring, John Blair, Rosa Blair, Judi Volpe, Tom Hell, Joanne Hell, Shirl Phillips, Ann Rowe, and Betty Lambert.

Vice President's Report: Shirl Phillips had no new membership applications to read.

Secretary's Report: Betty Lambert related that the minutes from the last Board Meeting have been forwarded to Leah and will be published in the newsletter. Joanne Hell made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes, and Judi Volpe seconded the motion. Betty shared a letter from the GRCA 2010 Nominating Committee. They need several positions filled for next year, and the letter was asking for clubs to encourage their members to consider applying for these open positions. Job descriptions for the positions can be obtained by contacting Leslie Blythe, Nominating Committee Chairman, at info@mariahgoldens.com. Betty also announced the receipt of an e-mail from the St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association. They are having an AKC Sanctioned B Match on Saturday, January 2, 2010 in Largo. If anyone is interested in entering, or wants more information about the Match, they can contact Sarah Kelly, Match Chair, at MoxieSkype@aol.com.

Treasurer's Report: In the interest of the Club, we do not publish income information on the Internet. Tom Hell announced that membership dues are now due, and will be delinquent January 1, 2010. There will be reminders published about this in the newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Christmas Party: This will be held at the home of Ann and Bob Rowe in Sorrento next Saturday, and Tom provided Ann with copies of the insurance rider to cover their property. Ann reported that she will need coolers and ice, and reminded everyone that members need to bring homemade side dishes to go along with the turkey and ham.

January General Meeting: We discussed whether or not to try and have a fun field day in January or an agility fun day, since Vickie Maloney & Jackie Hardin have offered the use of their property in Palm Bay for an agility fun day that month. Debbie will follow up with Vickie as to possible dates in January, and will then report back to the Board.

2010 Match: This will be held on Ann Rowe's property also, on March 20, 2010. Joanne Hell reported that she has contacted Matthew Twitty, and he has agreed to be our Obedience judge. We are still working on finding judges for Conformation and Rally.

2010 Specialty: Betty Whaley will be contacting several judges provided by the Judges Selection Committee to see if they are available and interested in judging our Specialty. Trophies were discussed. We would very much like to have Leah and Jon make the picture boxes for the major prizes, but need to come up with other ideas for all of the first place finishers. A few suggestions were made, and Board members will be contacting certain individuals to see if they could make items for us in the \$10.00 price range per item.

Old Business:

There was a lot of discussion about the WC/WCX. Due to the fact that only one Golden passed the WCX, there was discussion about whether or not the Test Committee should have intervened and spoken to the judges about possibly changing the set-up of the test. This will be something that next year's committee members need to be more aware of. A suggestion was made about possibly limiting the entry next year to only Golden Retrievers, Flatcoats, and Labs. However, it was recommended that some research be done as to the specific test requirements for all of the different breeds before making any decision about only allowing certain breeds to enter the test.

There was more discussion about the Heart & Eye Clinics at the Strawberry Cluster next February. Camille has offered to put it all together and get everything set up, but she said that due to her work schedule it is more than likely that she will not be available to be there that weekend. Judi stepped up and said that she can be there both Saturday and Sunday to make sure everything runs smoothly. We will need Club members to volunteer to help out both days, and more information about that will be coming out closer to the Cluster. The dates for the Clinics will be February 20 & 21, 2010.

There was discussion about the end of the year awards. Apparently there is a question about the wording of the requirements for Field Dog of the Year, where it says limit 4 legs. The Board members discussed this in length, and stand by the intent of the requirements when written to mean that the "limit 4 legs" means 4 legs earned towards the title, and not additional legs earned after the title. Ann Rowe made a motion that the "limit 4 legs" requirement only applies to those 4 legs earned towards the title, and not any legs earned after the title. Shirl Phillips seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Board will be reviewing all award requirements with the intent to prevent any further confusion.

New Business:

There was discussion about the possibility of the Club holding an obedience trial in Astatula. There are now two structures on the property with a total of 10,000 sq. feet under roof cover. There would be enough space to set up 2 rings. One structure has an asphalt floor and the other has a dirt floor. The pros and cons of this location were discussed, but no decision was made one way or the other at this time.

The next General Meeting will be held at the Christmas party on Saturday, December 12, 2009, at the home of Ann & Bob Rowe in Sorrento. The next Board Meeting will be held on Friday, January 1, 2010 at the home of John & Rosa Blair in Satellite Beach.

A motion to adjourn was made by Judi Volpe. The motion was seconded by Tom Hell. The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Debbie Finch at 8:00 P.M. on December 12, 2009 at the home of Ann & Bob Rowe in Sorrento.

Present: Ted & Cindy Crowell, Leeanna & Morgan Dallaportas, Camille Doehring, Anney Doucette, Debbie Finch, Kathy Flaherty, Susan Fulenwider, Joanne & Tom Hell, Kim & Linda Hitchcock, Bruce & Georgia Jacobson, Pat Kopco, P.J. Lacette, Betty Lambert, Michele Lemole, Jerrie Morrison, John & Randi Moseler, Allison Peck, Shirl Phillips, Sally Ray, Ann Rowe, Tania Russakov, Robin & Denny Scott, Roger Shorey, Kristin Sipus, Ted & Deena Strauss, Joyce Swegle, Judi Volpe, Nate Whitney, Susan & Gary Wilks, Leah Wright, and Deborah Young. **Guests:** Deanna & Mike Davis and Jon Wright.

Vice President's Report: Shirl Phillips read a new membership application for Deanna "Dee Dee" Davis from Melbourne and sponsored by Ann Rowe & Paula Veibl. She was voted in unanimously as a new member.

Secretary's Report: Betty Lambert announced that the minutes from the last meeting have been published in the newsletter, so Camille Doehring made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. Shirl Phillips seconded the motion. Betty had nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report: In the interest of the Club, we do not publish income information on the Internet. Tom Hell announced that membership dues are due by the end of the year, and he is accepting checks now. Dues are \$25.00.

Standing Committees:

2009 Hunt Test: Susan announced that the Hunt Test is on Entry Express. The dates for the Test will be February 6 & 7, 2010 in Montverde. Susan needs volunteers to help out.

Tracking Test: Joyce Swegle announced that our Club's Tracking Test will be held May 2, 2010, with tracklayers needed for May 1 as well. The Test will be held at Lee Vista Center in Orlando. Joyce said that we need tracklayers and 5 individuals that will be in attendance both days to serve on the Committee. If anyone is interested in helping out please contact Joyce.

Old Business:

Joanne Hell announced that titling rosettes are now available for anyone who requested them for their dog that earned a title in 2009. She has them at the party tonight so anyone who has not picked theirs up yet needs to do so.

New Business:

Shirl Phillips read the following slate of officers and board members for next year:

President: Debbie Finch
Vice President: Shirl Phillips
Secretary: Judi Volpe
Treasurer: Tom Hell

Board Members: Camille Doehring, Susan Fulenwider, Betty Lambert, Ann Rowe, Joanne Hell, Rosa Blair, and John Blair.

Debbie announced that the next Board meeting will be the planning meeting for 2010. It will be held on January 1, 2010 at the home of John & Rosa Blair. We are planning an Agility Fun Day at Vickie Maloney & Jackie Hardin's in Palm Bay on January 9, 2010.

Debbie asked if anyone had any brags to report on their dogs. Ann Rowe reported that her Marley was Winner's Bitch at the show in Orlando today for her first major. Anney Doucette also reported that one of her Fisher's offspring, Jiffy, earned a High in Trial from the Novice B class in Jackson, MS, with a perfect score of 200.

P.J. Lacette announced that Best Paw will be offering free run-thru's in conformation, rally, and obedience at their Osteen location on December 27, 2009 for anyone interested. There will be more information about this coming out soon via e-mail.

Debbie announced and presented the following End of the Year Awards:

Member of the Year: Deena Strauss

Mentor of the Year: Deb Farris

Loyd Kiernan Service Award: Roger Shorey

Mover & Shaker: Bob Young

Rookie of the Year: Tammy Hodgkins

Above & Beyond Service Award: Tom & Joanne Hell

Debbie also presented Camille Doehring will a gift of appreciation for hosting almost all of the Board meetings this past year at her home.

Debbie and Joanne also announced and presented the following Dog End of the Year Awards:

Versatility Dog of the Year: CH Deauxquest Midnight Rambler CDX RAE3 SH OA NAP NAJ NJP NF NFP WCX VCX; "Jagger" owned by Pat Kopco & Mike Orloff

Show Dog of the Year: CH Mirasol Nose No Blarney RA JH NA OAJ NF WC CCA VCX; "Brogan" owned by Kathy Flaherty

Agility Dog of the Year: Deauxquest Ziggy Stardust TD RE OAP OJP NFP NAC; "Ziggy" owned by Joyce Swegle

Field Dog of the Year: CH Deauxquest Hard Day's Knight UD TD RAE SH WCX CCA VCX; "Fisher" owned by Anney Doucette

Tracking Dog of the Year: Knightdrnz Big Man In Town TD; "Max" owned by Ron & Luci Seeley

Obedience Dog of the Year: Deauxquest Softwind Smooth Moves UD RE TD CCA; "Henry" owned by Joyce Swegle

Rally Dog of the Year: Moonlight Magiks No Ducks Lft Behind CD RAE CCA; "Lefty" owned by Debbie Finch & Ann Rowe

Fallchase Owner Handler of the Year Award: Chatham Napoli

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the winners!

Judi Volpe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shirl Phillips seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

NOTE: A few days after this meeting, it was decided by the officers and Board members to change the date of the January Board meeting from January 1 to January 3, 2010. It will still be held at the home of John & Rosa Blair.

Congratulations!

We are proud to announce the recipients of the End-of-Year awards that recognize the accomplishments of MFGRC member-owned dogs in 2009. To be eligible, the dog must be owned and reside with the MFGRC member, and that member must have attended at least two club meetings and volunteered for a club function during the year. Points for the awards were calculated only on AKC and GRCA titles earned.

MEMBER AWARDS for 2009

Member of the Year
Loyd Kiernan Service Award
Mentor of The Year
Rookie of The Year
Above & Beyond

Deena Strauss
Roger Shorey
Deb Farris
Tammy Hodgkins
Tom & Joanne Hell



END OF YEAR DOG AWARDS for 2009

AGILITY DOG of the YEAR - Ziggy

Deauxquest Ziggy Stardust RE, TD, OAP, OJP, NFP, has done an outstanding job this year in agility. He started his career in January at the Daytona trials. And he pretty much breezed through his Novice titles, and then his Open. Most of his legs were won with First places, and well under course time. He is a fun dog to work with in this venue. Just wish I could keep up with him! Owned by Joyce Swegle



OBEDIENCE DOG of the YEAR - Henry

Deauxquest Softwind Smooth Moves UD, RE, TD (otch pointed) is a wonderful, sweet dog. He loves to train in everything we try. This year, we have mainly worked in Obedience. He earned his UD, and moved on to working toward his UDX. He has earned several nice placements and OTCH points. Hopefully, we will continue training and working toward the UDX in the next year. Owned by Joyce Swegle



TRACKING DOG of the YEAR - Max

KnightDrnz Big Man In Town, TD was awarded the MFGRC Tracking Dog Award for 2009 and I was very honored to receive this prestigious award. Max was sired by CH Lycinan's Big Bang CDX, JH & Deauxquest Oh What A Knight VCD1, CDX, AXJ, NF Bred by: Robin Scott of Eustis FL. Max was born on March 18, 2008., and earned his TD on April 26, 2009 at MFGRC First TD Test. Owner's: Ron & Luci Seeley of Port St. Lucie, FL. Max is currently working toward his TDX and VST titles and we are also training him in Utility before we start showing him in obedience. Thank you, Ron Seeley



END OF YEAR DOG AWARDS for 2009 (cont'd)

FIELD DOG of the YEAR - Fisher

CH Deauxquest Hard Day's Knight UDT VER RAE SH WCX CCA VCX passed 5 of his first 6 Senior Hunter tests to quickly earn his SH this fall. He also passed both HRC Seasoned tests we tried. He is a good marking dog, handles well on blinds, and field is just one more endeavor that we have trained for ourselves and succeeded. Thank you to our guru Glenda Manucy, and training partners Kristin Sipus and Bob Connelly for all of their help. Fisher is six years old. Starting when he was two, he has won a "Dog of the Year" award for MFGRC every year: Tracking Dog, Obedience Dog twice, Versatility Dog and now Field Dog. Thank you MFGRC for recognizing an outstanding golden who can do it all. Owned, trained & handled by Anney Doucette, Gainesville



SHOW DOG of the YEAR - Brogan

CH SHR Mirasol Nose No Blarney RA JH NA OAJ NF WC VCX CCA (UKC & Int'l CH, SDHF ptd.)

Winning Show Dog Of The Year was a pleasant and unexpected surprise. After earning his Championship, Brogan and I returned to our performance roots where we had a wonderful time playing in agility and rally throughout the past year. We showed sparingly as a Special and Brogan did extremely well, garnering yet another Group Placement along the way. Brogan has fulfilled so many hopes and dreams and I feel truly blessed with this beautiful and talented boy. We are honored to have won this award. Owned and loved by Kathy Flaherty



VERSATILITY DOG of the YEAR

CH Deauxquest Midnight Rambler CDX RAE3 SH OA NAP NAJ NJP NF NFP WCX VCX; Jagger owned by Pat Kopco and Mike Orloff

RALLY DOG of the YEAR

Moonlight Magiks No Ducks Lft Behind CD RAE CCA; □Lefty□ owned by Debbie Finch and Ann Rowe

I first met Lefty at the conclusion of the 2006 National Specialty in Kansas City, when she was almost six months old (I am left handed, so I liked her name right off the bat!). Ann Rowe had made arrangements with the Moonlight folks for Betty Lambert and me to transport Lefty back to Florida after the National Specialty. At one point Betty had to leave the hotel room, and told me to "keep an eye" on Lefty, so I sat down next to her, and put my arm around Lefty's shoulders. I looked into Lefty's eyes, and at that moment, she claimed me as hers. When Betty and I returned to Florida, we delivered Lefty to Ann, but each time I visited Ann's kennel, I'd go looking for Lefty. She would get really excited when she saw me; I'd work with Lefty for a few minutes, and quickly realized that she had a lot of potential for rally and obedience competitions (thank you, Patty McCabe for laying the groundwork with Lefty!) Eventually, Betty and I asked Ann if we could "borrow" Lefty for a while so I could work with her on a daily basis; the 110 mile roundtrip drive from our house to Ann's was just too long a commute to do frequently. I started taking Lefty to classes with my trainer. About the same time, Ann generously offered to allow me to co-own Lefty. Within a couple of months, I entered Lefty in our first Rally competition. Lefty was glued to my side that day, and we scored a 99 in our first Novice class - we were on our way! I am thrilled that we finished Lefty's RAE at the MFGRC Specialty, under Judge Deb Neufeld, in June 2009, a week after I got her back from "maternity leave." Lefty is a very special girl!



FALLCHASE OWNER HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Chatham Napoli



Congratulations to one and all!



WANTED: TRACKLAYERS



WHAT WE NEED: A few good members willing to be on the Tracking committee and to lay tracks on May 1 and 2, 2010.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO DO:

- ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ Show up for most of the Saturday of May 1, 2010, and the morning of Sunday, May 2, 2010.
- ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ Be prepared to plot and lay a track on Saturday with the judges, and then again on Sunday all by yourself.

WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE:

- ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ An astounding amount of knowledge while walking with the judges, on how tracks are planned, and laid;
- ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ A wonderful feeling of having helped, and hopefully, laying, one of the tracks on which a team earns their TD;
- ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ ❀ The club provides small snacks for breakfast each day, and also lunch each day.

You will be both helping out the club - and also learning about Tracking!
This will count for volunteering at a club function for the End of Year Awards.
You will be tired after the test on Sunday, but it will be a "good" tired.

IF you DON'T have a dog that will be ready in May - we can really use your help!

Please respond to Joyce Swegle:

softwindgr@aol.com



WHAT TIME



IS IT???

It's time to pay your Club Dues!!
Dues are \$25 per individual or family membership and are due by 1/1/2010.
Send your check to:

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 Born 12/3/09 4m/4f

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 Born 11/21/09 2m

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MFGRC 2010 Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Other Info</u>
Feb. 6-7, 2010	MFGRC Hunt Test	Golden Oaks Ranch Montverde, FL	Susan Fulenwider, Chair happygolucky@mpinet.net
February 13, 2010	Fun Day + general Meeting	Best Paw Forward, Osteen, Florida	www.bestpaw.com
February 27, 2010	GRRMF Rescue Reunion - Grooming	Lake Parker Park, Lakeland, FL	Debbie Finch Gaga4goldens@netzero.net
March 6, 2010	Match + general meeting	23840 Oak Valley Lane, Sorrento, FL	Ann Rowe, Chair Magikgldn1@aol.com
April 10, 2010	Fun Day + general meeting	Stanley Pond Tree Farm Astatula	
May 2, 2010	TD Tracking Test	TG Lee property Southeast Orlando	Joyce Swegle, Secretary softwindgr@aol.com
May 8, 2010	General Meeting	@ Tom + Joanne Hell's	
June 24, 2010 (Thursday)	MFGRC Specialty	Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando	Betty Whaley, Chairperson autumngoldens@bellsouth.net
June 26, 2010 (Saturday)	General Meeting	Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando	After goldens show
July 3-4, 2010	Dog Agility Clubs of Florida (DACOF) competition + gen- eral meeting on July 3rd	Osceola Heritage Park Hwy. 192 Kissimmee, FL	Chris Daher goldroyal@aol.com Directions: www.ohpark.com
Sept. 5, 2010 (Labor Day Weekend)	Dog Obedience Clubs of Flor- ida competition (DOCOF) + Gen'l. Mtg.	Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando	Robin Scott, Team Captain Fourdogsr@embarrqmail.com
Sept. 11-12, 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
Oct. 30-31, 2010	MFGRC Agility Trial + gen- eral meeting on Oct. 30th	Turkey Lake Park, Southwest Orlando	John Blair, Chairperson jazziesgold@bellsouth.net
November 20, 2010	General Meeting	Ocala, Florida	After goldens show
Nov. or Dec. 2010	WC/WCX Test	TBD	Deborah Farris, Chair faragold@yahoo.com
December 18, 2010	Christmas Party / Mtg.	TBD	

JUST FOR JUNIORS

Chatham Napoli



In Savannah (Nov 2009)

Dylan (BISS Am/Int. Ch. Gemini's X-Static BISS, CGC) went BOB



Nate Whitney (former winner) presenting Chatham with the Fallchase Owner-Handler Award – a really wonderful surprise!

JUST FOR JUNIORS

Lucinda Napoli



Practicing a “stack” at home – work with what you’ve got!

JUST FOR JUNIORS

Britta Coy



In December at Barnes & Noble bookstore, Cari-Anna and I read stories about gingerbread men to the kids during one of our "Tails To Read" sessions. We had gingerbread cookies for the children to decorate and eat while they waited their turn to read to Cari. It was a delicious way to end the year!

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Handler:
 Joelson dos Santos
 Brasil



Owner: Marcello Valle
 Jovonnie Androy &
 Cleber Farah
 Breeder: Jovonnie Androy



2010 is Looking Bright for GOLDENGAEEL

Golden Retrievers



*GoldenGael Golden Treble
"Fly" is owned by
Jovonnio Androy*



*Black & Gold Gaea's
Daisy Dink to GoldenGael
"Colt" is owned by Jovonnio Androy
& Jeanny Candamo*



*GoldenGael Medallion to Andromeda's Pinks R/L
"Koral" is owned by
Jovonnio Androy*



*GoldenGael's Pinks to Mt. Olympia R/L
"Olympia" is owned by
Dr. Lance & Michelle West*

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Watchin' the River Flow
RN CGC*

Multiple Best of Breed winner.


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ex. Ch. Snowshoe All U Need Is Love



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MFGRC HUNT TEST

February 6-7, 2010

**Place: Montverde - Gey's Golden Oaks Ranch
Hunting Test for Retrievers, Irish Water Spaniels and
Standard Poodles**

Closing Date: January 21, 2010

This is our Eighth Annual Winter Hunt Test. If you have never watched a Hunt Test, c'mon out and watch our dogs run!!!

Entries will be taken on Entry Express at www.entryexpress.net
The Premium List is on our website under Coming Events/Feb.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: Please contact Susan Fulenwider at happygolucky@mpinet.net.

MEGRC FUN FIELD DAY

**Where?
Best Paw Forward**

**When?
Saturday, February 13, 2010**

**What will we do?
HAVE SOME FUN
General Meeting and Pot Luck Lunch around noon**

Details to follow on our website and email

See next 2 pages for directions



Let's all have some fun!!!

DIRECTIONS:

Best Paw Forward

1835 Oak Haven Plantation Rd., Osteen, FL 32764-8872
407-321-1006

GPS, Google, Mapquest and other programs are not often helpful for this location. There are also few street signs once you get to the 1 mile of dirt road, so the landmarks listed will help you navigate easily. Bright pink paw prints show up periodically to reassure you that you are headed the right way, and some are angled to help point the way to turns. Please drive slowly once you get to the dirt road to avoid frightening horses and other livestock, as well as local wildlife. We regularly see deer, wild turkeys, bald eagles, hawks and more. Lower speeds also help preserve the road work done so far.

For most coming FROM SEMINOLE etc.: SR417/Greenway to Lake Mary Blvd. exit FROM SOUTH -

Right on CR427, right on Lake Mary Blvd.; OR take Hwy. 17-92 to CR427 and right/northeast on Lake Mary Blvd.; OR take SR46 to SR415

Lake Mary Blvd. becomes SR415 after you cross over SR46

From the **south**, starting at the intersection of Lake Mary Road/SR415, where it intersects with SR46:

5.4 miles North on Lake Mary Road/SR415 towards Daytona Beach/New Smyrna
Over bridge near Marina

Pass Osteen Diner on right, Dollar General and Sunoco on left
where speed limit slows to 45 mph; slow down for turn --just 2 blocks more

Second **right - Railroad Avenue**

At post office sign, small street, not a major intersection, directly across from Texaco

Immediate first left on New Smyrna Blvd. at feed store

Immediate first right onto Florida Ave/Osteen Maytown Road/ SR4164

SPEED TRAP – 30 mph speed limit till you reach the golf course

5.3 miles to Pell Road; watch for intersection sign on right, after two small bridges.

Slow down as soon as you see sign that says Pell intersection is just ahead because it comes up fast!

Left on Pell Road (Towards Wiregrass Prairie Reserve)

3.9 miles to Saddle Creek Farms Road (Watch for Tractor Crossing Sign)

If paving on Pell Road runs out you have gone too far

Right on Saddle Creek Farms Road White fencing on either side of entrance; Saddle

Creek Farms sign on fencing but no street sign at that intersection

mailboxes by fence, turn BEFORE you pass tractor crossing sign

Now 1 mile and several turns to go on dirt road from Pell to our house. Few street signs once you turn onto the dirt road before you get to the Best Paw homestead.

Left at V in road (left-pointing paw print on pole) to remain on Saddle Creek Farms Road

Road turns sharply at stop sign; **right at Oak View Plantation Road**

Immediate (first) left at Oak Haven Plantation Road

To second home on right

Storage building with green roof in back you can see from the previous turn

Agility equipment out front; dog signs on fence and dog yard art

pole barn with chairs in driveway

FROM NORTH/WEST

West/south on I-4 to SR44, east on SR44; or from Deltona/Orange City take Howland or CR4162 east to SR415

South/right on SR415

From Dirksen/Deltona/CR4162, take third left.

From Howland Blvd. or further north

continue about 1 mile south past Wal Mart (at Howland Blvd. and SR415)

Pass CR 4162 and Skip's Boots on your right

Left/east on New Smyrna Blvd.

third left (first left turn lane) after CR 4162; small street, not a major intersection

Immediate left/east on Florida Ave/Osteen Maytown Road

Then follow directions above from intersection of New Smyrna Blvd./Florida Ave./Osteen

Best Paw Forward

1835 Oak Haven Plantation Rd., Osteen, FL 32764-8872
407-321-1006

FROM DAYTONA/NEW SMYRNA:

Either SR44 to SR 415

OR

US1 south to Halifax Ave. (flashing traffic signal) in Oak Hill, west/right 17 miles to Pell. Right onto Pell;
then follow above directions.

FROM INTERSTATE 95, TRAVELING NORTH FROM SOUTH FLA.:

Take CR-5A exit, Exit 231, toward Oak Hill/Scottsmoor .3 miles; merge onto CR-5A/Stuckway Rd. toward
Oak Hill/Scottsmoor 1 mile; Left onto U.S.-1 N/SR5 North 6.9 miles; LEFT onto W HALIFAX AVE/CR-4164.
Continue to follow CR-4164, 16.9 miles; right onto Pell Road, then directions above from Pell



Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club

ALL-BREED HEART AND EYE CLINIC

IN CONJUNCTION WITH

THE STRAWBERRY CLUSTER DOG SHOWS

Sponsored by Sara Bay Kennel Club, Inc,

Lakeland-Winter Haven Kennel Club. Inc.

& Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club



EYE CLINIC:

WHEN: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2010

TIME: 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

COST: \$35.00 PER DOG

HEART CLINIC:

WHEN: SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21.2f.10

TIME: 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

COST: \$45.00 PER DOG

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER

A very limited amount of spaces will be available on day of clinics.

Please make checks payable to

Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club

Mail registration form and payment to:

Camille N. Doebling, 3015 Delaney Ave., Orlando, FL 32806

For questions, please E-mail: mischiefgolden@juno.com or call (407) 859-4571 between 7:00 - 8:00 P.M. Mondays only. Please bring AKC registration forms and permanent ID numbers.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

The Strawberry Cluster - February 19 - 22, 2010

GRRMF RESCUE REUNION GROOMING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Saturday, February 27, 2010
Lake Parker Park, Lakeland, Florida**

Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida will be holding it's annual reunion on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at Lake Parker Park in Lakeland, Florida. Each year, our Club volunteers to provide some basic grooming to these rescued goldens for a donation to GRRMF. Our Club matches whatever money is donated.

Volunteers are needed to help out with some basic grooming of feet and ears. It is lots of fun and a good way to spend time with other Club members, doing something for a great cause. Come on out any time after 8:30 a.m., and lend us your grooming skills!!



**Lake Parker Park
910 E Granada Street
Lakeland, Florida
(863) 499-2233**

Lake Parker Park is located on Lake Parker. It is 100.5 acres of native Florida vegetation with lake access and hiking trails. The park is accessible from Robson Road and Granada Road off of Lakeland Hills Boulevard. Lake Parker is used by nature enthusiasts for bird watching and families of all ages. For more information, call the number above or visit www.lakelandgov.net/parkrec/parks/LakeParkerPark.html. This is the same location as last year, mid-way between Orlando and Tampa.

FROM TAMPA:

Take I-4 East from Tampa to Lakeland Exit #33 (State Road 33). The exit will be from the right hand lane. Take the off ramp to the stop light/ yield sign. Turn right onto State Road 33. From this yield sign, travel South on State Road 33 (Lakeland Hills Boulevard). Move into the left hand lane, traveling South for 1.5 miles to Robson Street. Turn left onto E. Robson Street. Landmarks for Robson Street: All Children's Specialty Care, Railroad Industrial Federal Credit Union, Lakeland Animal Clinic, bus parking for Bloodnet USA. Proceed to signs marking the entrance to Lake Parker Park on the left. Lake Parker Park Gate #4.

FROM ORLANDO:

Take I-4 West from Orlando to Lakeland Exit #33 (State Road 33). The exit will be from the right hand lane. Take the off ramp to the stop light. This intersection is Socrum Loop Road. Turn left onto Socrum Loop Road. Move into the right hand lane. Travel in the right lane underneath I-4. There will be a yield sign as you merge into traffic on State Road 33. Travel South in the left hand lane for 1.3 miles once you get onto State Road 33. Turn left onto E. Robson Street. Landmarks for Robson Street: All Children's Specialty Care, Lakeland Animal Clinic, Railroad Industrial Federal Credit Union, bus parking for Bloodnet USA. Proceed to signs marking the entrance to Lake Parker Park on the left. Lake Parker Park Gate #4.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Debbie Finch at gaga4goldens@netzero.net

January 12, 2010

Dear Members,

You should have received via our mass email system, the names and resumes of the Specialty Breed judges recommended by the selection committee for our 2010 Independent Specialty. The resumes for the sweepstakes judges were emailed separately.

There are four names to choose from. We will need one judge for Thursday only. **Only vote for one person.**

We are also including the resumes in this month's Golden Tales.

Some guidelines to follow:

Each person listed in the club roster as having an individual membership will have one vote. Those persons listed as having a family membership will have 2 votes. Lifetime members have one vote. You must be 18 years old to vote. Associate members are not eligible to vote. Honorary members are not eligible to vote unless they have paid their dues.

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All votes must be submitted to Susan Fulenwider at happygolucky@mpinet.net or 795 Briarwood Ct. Orange City, FL 32763

No votes will be accepted after February 1, 2010 at 7 pm.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a member of the judge's selection committee. Those members are: Camille Doehring (mischiefgolden@juno.com, 407.859.4571), Debbie Finch (gaga4goldens@netzero.com, 407.957.1530), Ann Rowe (magikgldn1@aol.com, 352.735.3565, and Specialty Chair Betty Whaley (autumngoldens@bellsouth.net, 352.796.6269).

The 2010 Specialty Judge's Selection Committee

Specialty Breed Judges

Barbara Pepper

I bought my first golden in 1968, and began showing in matches and point shows in the early 1970's. I have breed and finished numerous champions, including National Specialty, Independent Specialty, Group and Best in Show winners. I personally handled one of the first Golden Retriever Bitches to achieve GRCA Show Dog Hall of Fame status (Am. Can. CH. Russo's Pepperhill Poppy). Dogs I have bred were not only successful in the breed ring, but did well for their owners in performance events and in the field with active hunters. I have been judging Golden Retrievers since 1991 and am presently approved to judge Goldens, Labs, Cavaliers and the Hound Group. I am currently a member of the GRCA Judges Education Committee, a Level 1 CCA Evaluator, and an approved mentor.

Maureen Shaughnessy, D.V.M.

I obtained my first golden retriever in 1979, rescued from the Veterinary Technician program I was attending. He was trained through his CDX but did not title as I was admitted to veterinary school and lost all leisure time for four years.

I obtained my first show puppy in 1987. I finished his championship novice owner handled in 1990. He went on to become Ch Krishna's Eddington of Sabra, CDX, JH, WC, and VC, all owner trained and handled. He has become an outstanding sire and is the basis for my breeding program.

I brought my first show bitch home in 1989. She was championship pointed, Amberac's Mystical Charm, CDX, JH, WC, VC and OD titles and was the dam of my first two homebred champions. My first litter was whelped in 1994, I use Kamaglo as my kennel name. My first champion was born in my first litter, Ch Kamaglo's Premiere Issue, CD, WC, VC, breeder-owner-handled. The second was from my second litter, Ch Kamaglo's Brann MacEddington, JH, CDX, RAE, WC, VC.

I have produced eight champions to date, most of whom are performance titled as well. I have also finished multiple dogs obtained as stud puppies owner-handled.

I decided to judge because I had grown so weary of people who do not judge dogs but point at handlers. I am judging because it is the right thing to do for the breed, it's about the dogs.

June R. Smith

Many people think , being from Britain, that I had a background of goldens dating back to that time. Not so. When I purchased my first house here, in 1967, I purchased my first golden – out of the newspaper! I was lucky. While he was still a youngster, taking him to obedience class, my instructor told me I had a promising dog – and did I think to show.....A year later I had handled him to a championship. And that's how I got interested in 'everything golden'!

Since that time I have produced, under my kennel name, Smithaven, many champions , performance dogs – and just plain great companions, with a heavy emphasis on healthy backgrounds and good temperament.. I personally get involved with training my own dogs for show, obedience and field.

I gained my license to judge Goldens in the early 1990's. My assignments have included judging quite a few golden Specialties – always so interesting for me to get to see – and have hands on – dogs in other parts of the country.

I have served on the Board of GRCA for the Western Region and also our local golden club, Norcal. I am also a member of Contra Costa County KC, my local all breed club.

Helen Dorrance

Helen Dorrance has been showing dogs in conformation for 31 years and has been a Golden Retriever breeder for 27 years. She has owned and/or bred over 40 Golden Retriever champions under the Ducat prefix. Helen's first breed is Golden Retrievers, but she also owns and has shown American Eskimos and just finished her first Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever.

Helen has been an AKC conformation judge for 7 years. She has competed in obedience since 1977 but once AKC endorsed agility trials, obedience trials went by the wayside.

Helen has been an AKC agility judge for 4 years and has actively competed in agility for the last 13 years. She has trained, shown and titled 5 goldens at the Excellent level.

She also trained and owned the first MACH American Eskimo.

Helen is also extremely active in several breed and all-breed clubs:

- Austin Golden Retriever Club
- Golden Retriever Club of America
- American Eskimo Dog Club of America
- Lone Star American Eskimo Dog Club
- Capitol Dog Training Club of Austin
- Travis County Kennel Club

Helen has served on the boards of all of these clubs, and is currently the Western Vice President for the Golden Retriever Club of America and is Vice President of Travis County Kennel Club and the Lone Star American Eskimo Dog Club. Helen has chaired or been trial secretary for numerous conformation shows and obedience and agility trials.

January 12, 2010

Dear Members,

You should have received, via our mass email system, the names and resumes of the sweepstakes judges recommended by the selection committee for our 2010 Independent Specialty. The resumes for the Specialty Breed Judges were emailed separately.

There are seven names to choose from. We will need one judge for Thursday (our Specialty) and one judge for Saturday (the supported entry). The judge with the most votes will judge our specialty and the judge with the most votes after that will judge the supported entry. **Only vote for one person.**

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Thank you for your prompt response to this email.

The 2010 Specialty Judge's Selection Committee

Sweeps Stakes Judges

Kim Sheehan

Memberships and Club involvement

CKC membership # 0421503 (member since 1988)
 Golden Retriever Club of America (member since 1990)
 GRCA CCA Evaluator
 Golden Retriever Club of Canada (member since 1990)
 Awards Chair since 1994
 Ontario Director since 2007

Previous Assignments

Golden Retriever Club of Greater Toronto – Sweepstakes
 Golden Retriever Club of Western New York – Sweepstakes
 Barrie Kennel & Obedience Club – Sweepstakes (Group 1,2, 4 and Best Jr and Sr)
 Havanese Owners & Lovers Assn – All Breed Match (Group 1,2,4 and Best in Match)

Seminars/Education

Golden Retriever Club of America – Judges Education Seminar
 Canadian Kennel Club – Introduction to Conformation Judging Seminar
 Southwestern Ontario Judges Study Group – monthly seminars

Breeding

Very Small and selective breeding program
 I have bred and or owned dogs titled in AKC/CKC Conformation, Obedience, Field and Hunt tests.

Deborah Blair

The Beginning

Dogs have been a major part of my life since I could walk. A good friend took me to a show when I was about 18 years old, and I was wowed! I knew that someday I would be a part of that world.

My first Golden, Rocky, joined me around the same time of my second son, and I credit him with saving my son's life (my story about that incident was published in *The Ultimate Dog Lover* in 2008). I've never been without a Golden again and hope I never will be.

As A Breeder

Abelard Golden Retrievers was started nearly 20 years ago, and after a few false starts I obtained the dogs who would change my life forever. CH. Boitano's Band On The Run To Abelard, OS, went Best In Sweeps at my first National Specialty, and Am-Can CH. Balmoral's Hot Legs At Abelard, OD, went 2nd in the 12-18 class. Since then I've produced over a dozen champions and am particularly proud of the achievements that the casual hunter or weekend obedience trainer boast to me of – I think it speaks to great temperaments and the best the breed has to offer.

As A Judge

Although I have been asked several times to judge sweeps and supported entries, I have felt that I was too busy with my own showing and breeding program to participate much. I did judge the Golden Retriever Club of British Columbia's Sweepstakes in 2001, and the Supported Entry of the Norcal Golden Retriever Club in 2007. I am now very interested in pursuing Sweepstakes Judging assignments and look forward to this new phase of my life-long involvement with this wonderful breed.

Sweeps Stakes Judges

Marjorie Blake

QUAILWOOD RETRIEVERS

Thank you for considering me to judge your 2010 MFGR Specialty Sweepstakes June 24-26. You asked me to send you a resume and I hope the following will assist you and your Board in coming to a final decision.

I came to the United States from England in 1978 and my husband and I purchased our first Golden in October of that year. We named her "Katie" and I must confess her beauty definitely came from within, not without, but she personified all the characteristics of the breed I have loved and through my breeding practices have tried to nurture and protect.

My first Show Golden came from Pamela Bewley, Beaulieu Goldens and Field Labradors, in 1984. Ch. Beaulieu's Autumn Fantasy finished her championship very quickly and it was then I got the bug to show myself. To date with help now and then from wonderful professional handlers and others who generously guided me I have bred and shown and had clients who have shown my dogs a total of 34 Champions.

So many wonderful friendships, so many wonderful memories including a JAM from Mrs Constance Barton at Westminster in 2005 (owner/handled) with Ch. Goldrun Rhythm and Blues when the entry was the largest single entry at 53 Golden and then going Best Bred By in Show at the 2008 Kern Kennel Club AKC Show with Ch. Quailwood Morning Breeze under Judge Ms Karen Wilson.

I have enjoyed judging Sweepstakes at three Golden Retriever Specialties –
 Golden Retriever Club of Greater Los Angeles - December 2005
 Rio Grande Valley Golden Retriever Club, Albuquerque – May 2009
 Evergreen Golden Retriever Club, Auburn, WA. –September 2009
 Also The Weimaraner Specialty in Ventura – July 2008

Respectfully submitted

Marjorie R.L. Blake

Mary Schulz
CedarGoldens

Objective	To become a AKC judge
Awards received	Obedience and Championship Titles on my dogs, Winner of the Central Regional Speciality
Interests and activities	Showing in conformation, obedience, some field work and tracking
Work experience	Ring Steward - Winnegamie Dog Club -, Oshkosh Kennel Club and Green Bay Kennel club
Volunteer experience	See above
References	Gloria Kerr, Connie G Miller, Ken Mathews, Michael Faulkner

Summary of qualifications

I have been active showing in obedience and conformation for 30 years and completed Championship Titles on my Golden as well as obedience titles

Professional memberships

Golden Retriever Club of America,, Northern Flyway Golden Retriever Club,
Winnegamie Dog Club (lifetime member)

Sweeps Stakes Judges

Kathy Lorentzen

When I was twelve years old, I acquired my first Golden Retriever, Smocks Gayhaven Bonnie. She and I earned her CDX degree and she became the dam of my first homebred, owner handled Champion, who was born in 1968 and completed his title in 1971. For nearly forty-five years, Goldens and Golden Retriever people have been a constant in my life, and I remain dedicated to the protection and preservation of the breed as a sane, sensible, moderate dog capable of being used in a wide variety of endeavors. My mentors in the breed were Betty Gay and Marcia Schlehr.

My mother, Ellen Reiss, and I actively bred and exhibited Goldens on a very small scale for about 20 years, finishing a number of owner-handled Champions, including Ch. Ocoee Sure Thing CD WC OS, and Ch. Landican's Ocoee Opportunity CD TDI SDHF, who at the time became the youngest Golden to earn her SDHF status, at 16 months of age. I was a member of the GRCA for approximately 40 years and was an approved breed mentor, program presenter and CC evaluator. I also created the Power Point program that is currently in use by the GRCA as its primary judge's education tool. I also was a member of the Fort Detroit GRC for many, many years and held many positions in that club over time. In 1999 I received my AKC judging approval for my first three breeds, one of which was Goldens, and in 2006 I judged Goldens at Westminster KC, where my BB dog went on to win the Sporting Group.

In 2005 I began to do consulting work for the United Kennel Club in the area of judge's education. I have created and managed an entire JE program for UKC and give educational seminars several times a year around the country. I have also written and directed a 30 minute movie on judging movement, and additionally have created Power Point programs for judge's education on approximately 25 breeds. In 2010 I will be creating a conformation judges website for UKC that will be filled with learning opportunities for judges.

Due to my consulting work with UKC, I no longer am approved to judge for AKC due to their conflict of interest policy. I now judge all over the country for UKC (all breeds) and recently judged an all breed dog show in the Philippines.

Tom Shultz

CedarGoldens

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Sweeps Stakes Judges

Erik Strickland

I have finished hundreds of dogs (of ALL breeds and out of all of the groups) over the years, but specialized in Golden Retrievers. I have won 39 Best in Shows on 9 different Goldens (all owned by clients). I've also won the Top Twenty at the GRCA Gala three times on three different dogs. I've gone BOS, Winners Dog and had numerous JAMS at GRCA Nationals.

At the end of 2006, while handling the #1 Golden Retriever in the US (Ch. Laurell's Mingi), I decided to retire. In 2007, I started my business with my wife, Jenn, called Strickland Sensations. We not only sell high-end grooming products (including scissors, hair care line & grooming DVDs), but most importantly, provide educational seminars to both kennel clubs and private groups/individuals on both handling and grooming.

I am just beginning a specials career with my wife's and my English Setter, Ch. Oakley's B'Dazzled ("Dazzle"). She just recently received a Best in Show, which was by far the most memorable show in my history because she was MY OWN DOG and I wasn't just the handler. She ended 2009 as the #7 English Setter with limited showing.

As for club participation and involvement, my wife and I are currently members of the Mile Hi Golden Retriever Club, the GRCA and the ESSA (English Setter Association of America).

Some (not all) of my past judging assignments include:

- GRCA Central Regional - Sweeps & Vet: entry of 96
- Norcal Golden Retriever Club - Sweeps & Vet: entry 84
- Golden Retriever Club of America Specialty - Sweeps Dogs and Veteran Dogs (80+, I think)
- LA Golden Retriever Club - Sweeps & Veterans: entry of 70+

Special Note: At the time, the Central Regional, Norcal & the LA Clubs ALL received the largest sweeps entries they had ever received when I judged.

!!! VACATION !!!



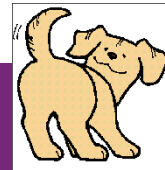
Ren and Bertie Leon took a vacation last year and wanted to share pictures of their play time in the San Juan River in Colorado.

Gimme that!



Bertie says vacations are very hard work

BRAGS and WAGS



Richard and Debbie Caudill and their Snobird kids want to wish everyone Happy Holidays, and are starting the new year off with some big brags:

"At the Ocala shows in November, 'Roxy' won her last Major, winning WB, BOS. She is now Am/Can. Ch. Snobird's Apple of Mum's Eye. (Cruiser X Prey) Roxy was shown to 12 points including a major, breeder/owner/ handled. The other major and single was put on by Amy Booth. Personally, it was a thrill to show and finish one of my Golden Retrievers. I would like to thank my friends for cheering us on ring-side. I heard you all and it really touched my heart to know how many of you truly cared. Thank you all including my biggest supporter, my husband, Richard. "

"Oscar' Snobird's Academy Award (Summit X Abby) was shown by Jr. Brittany Coy all four days in Ocala. She not only won her class 3 out of 4 days but also won Reserve Winners Dog to a major one of the 3 days. Thanks Brittany!! You were awesome in the ring. Brittany showed 'Malibu' as well. Snobird's At-Ten-Tion Get Her (Ripley X Lola) and made placements with her most days.

"At the Miami shows Oscar took another Reserve under Michele Billings. I believe he now has 4 and two of them are to majors. Oscar is 14 months old. Our girl Malibu won her class 3 out of 4 days in Miami."

Kathy Cudak has some great news: "Ruff took WD 2 out of 4 days at the Miami shows. He now has 4 pts in 2 straight weekends. Ruff is out of my boy True and Barbara Tuckers girl Kenos. Ruff aka Gemini's Furst Draft is owned by Kathy Cudak and Co-owned by Barbara Tucker. He was bred by Candi and Richard Pearce. Courtney Roxby (a junior handler and also a member of MFGRC) handled Ruff to his 2 wins in Miami."

Hilda Wood is proud to brag on her "natural born retriever," High Roller's Marshall Matt Dillon, born 9/9/2009 in Northern Indiana.

Hilda and Mako are gearing up for this year's Hunt, Agility, Rally and Obedience trials, in addition to Mako's FEMA Disaster Search dog test in Washington state in October. Says Hilda, "I better get busy!! "

Ann Rowe has a big brag. Omni Magik's Going For The Gold (Marley) took a Major win at the Orlando shows in December for her first points. Way to go Marley!!! Marley is owned by Ann Rowe.

A few brags from the KaraGold 'camp': "Bumper", is a **new CH!** KaraGold's Bump In The Night (Simpson/Brady) finished with three 4 Pt Majors/BOW in less than one week at the very competitive Long Beach/Eukanuba shows in CA. Bumper just turned 20 months old. She is the 51st Champion produced by KaraGold.

"Kara" KaraGold's What Golds Round Comes Round (Brady/Moots/Dahlberg) took a **3 Pt Major/BOS** at the Brooksville shows in November. Breeder/Owner Handled, Kara now has 5 Pts/1 Major in very limited showing.

"Ripley," CH KaraGold's Keep Believin' UDX, RN, SH, **AX, AXJ**, WCX, VCX (Noreault/Brady) sports two new titles, AX & AXJ. Owner handled by Martha, Ripley will be here in Florida for the Jan agility trials.

Karen also tells us, "On a personal note, at '09 National in OK I was elected to the GRCA Board of Directors Eastern Region. I look forward to my new position and serving the GRCA membership. Please know you may contact me anytime if you have any questions/ concerns relative to the GRCA and Golden Retrievers."

Coralee Leon's 11-month-old Bertie is now a Canine Good Citizen. Good dog, Bertie!



Roxy



Ruff



Marshall
Matt Dillon



Hilda and Mako

Editor's Note: Computer issues are NEVER a good thing, and I've had my share this past month. If you sent in a brag and it isn't here, please send it again and I'll include it next month. I truly apologize if your brag was left out of this month's newsletter and am working on getting things back in order! Thank you for your understanding.

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