



## *From the Presidents Desk...*

Dear MFGRC Members -

By now, I hope you've heard the terrific news of how well our DOCOF teams did on Labor Day weekend. It was a fun day, and was topped off by a 14<sup>th</sup> place finish – out of 39 teams! I want to thank everyone on both of MFGRC's teams for their hard work in training and showing their wonderful goldens. I also want to thank all of the MFGRC members who came out that day and cheered for our teams. A special thank you goes to our Team Captain, Robin Scott, for all of her hard work at getting the teams put together, planning the day, and keeping us organized so we didn't miss our turn in the ring. Robin's DOCOF report is included in this issue of *Golden Tales*.

We have BIG NEWS to pass along to the membership! The Board of Directors and Chairperson Caroline Roetzer are in the process of finalizing plans to move our 2011 Specialty to Lakeland to be part of the Strawberry Cluster in February! We have been invited to hold our Specialty at the Sun n Fun complex on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be sending out e-mails to the membership to vote on judges for both Sweepstakes and Conformation classes and because of the short window for planning the Specialty, we are going to ask you for VERY quick responses with your choice of judges. Since our planning time is shorter than usual, the Board and Trophy Chair Sheree Melhuish will also begin soliciting for trophy sponsorships. Please keep an eye out for these club related e-mails – we need your help to make our Specialty a rousing success!

MFGRC's next event will be on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at the DogSense Training Facility in Lakeland. We are holding a Certificate of Conformation Assessment evaluation that day. As of now, there are still several spots available. We have more information about this program in the newsletter, or you can contact Camille Doehring; her e-mail address is on the next page.

Our next meeting will be held around noon, on **Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**, at Turkey Lake Park, during our Agility Trial. Turkey Lake Park is on the southwest side of Orlando, just a few minutes from the Universal Studios complex. We encourage anyone who has an interest in agility to come out and watch this exciting event. We will also be holding our annual raffle to benefit Breast Cancer Research. We hope you'll come out and buy a few tickets to support this important research.

Debbie Finch  
2010 MFGRC President



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# GOLDEN TALES

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## From the Editor:

Your editor is way behind schedule this month! The new job is keeping me pretty busy during the week, and it seems the weekends have been filled with so many things to do too. Some of them were even fun!

Like the Sunday I spent at DOCOF, watching the obedience trials. Robin Scott did a super job as team captain and the team did very well! Thanks for all that you do Robin!

Also fun - going out to watch the Hunt Test on September 18 and 19, and watching some of your wonderful dogs work toward their Junior or Senior hunt titles. Several of our members' dogs earned their titles, or earned legs toward those titles and it was fantastic to watch. Susan Fulenwider did a tremendous job as always. I had a good time being one of Saturday's "lunch ladies" with Deb Finch, Betty Lambert and Shirl Phillips. The Gey's property is beautiful and it was a lovely weekend under the oak trees.

Levi is now a "working dog," as he goes to work with me two to three days a week. He is very happy to greet people when they come into the store and offer his advice on the best treats to buy. If someone is having a rough day, he's been known to do the golden "lean" and offer up his head for a scratch. He comes home completely exhausted, but very pleased with the fact he has spent the day with mom at work.

Thanks to Debbie Finch, we have wonderful photographs of DOCOF and the Hunt Test in this month's issue. Thank you Debbie! In addition to her duties as Club Prez, she is a fantastic photographer and her contributions make the newsletter so much more fun to read!

Until next month . . .

*Leah Wright*  
Editor



## August Board Meeting Minutes

The MFGRC Board Meeting was called to order by Debbie Finch at 7:40 pm. on August 2, 2010 at Camille Doehring's home.

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

**Vice President's Report:** Shirl Phillips had many applications to read.

Mary and Bill Coffman

Kathy Lirette

William and Bonnie Edwards

Patricia Dougherty

Gretta Curry

Ralph and Maria Orlando

All were voted in unanimously.

**Secretary's Report:** Judi Volpe reported receiving a letter asking our club to donate to the Stand Together Challenge. This is a foundation with the GRCA that will go towards, research, rescue and education. The letter was from the Cuyahoga Valley Golden Retriever Club and they will match what is sent. Susan Fulenwider motioned that we donate \$500.00 toward this. Camille Doehring seconded. Vote was unanimous. Susan Fulenwider moved that the minutes from the last meeting be waived. Betty Lambert seconded. Vote was unanimous.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Hell reported for both June and July since he was unable to make the last meeting. The Club does not publish financial information on the Internet.

### Committee Reports:

**DOCOF:** No report. Everything is ready.

**CCA:** Camille Doehring reported that she only has 9 entries at this time but many have said they are sending it in.

**Agility Trial:** John Blair was unable to attend but has reported that the equipment will be done in time and he is finalizing the food vendor.

**WC/WCX:** This will be on November 13, 2010. Camille Doehring and Judi Volpe will be the judges for the Pee Wee stakes. No other updates at this time.

### Old Business:

**2011 Agility Trial:** Because of a conflict with the Golden Retriever National we are looking into switching with another club for another weekend.

**2011 Specialty:** There was a discussion about the planning for this event. Sheree Melhuish has volunteered to do the trophies and is very excited about this. We are not going to do a supported entry on Saturday this year.

**Fall Hunt Test:** Susan Fulenwider reported that all is ready and finalized with the board the people to prepare the lunches for the volunteers.

### New Business:

Heart and Eye clinic will be held once again on February 19 and 20.

Sheree Melhuish has offered to make a raffle basket for the National Specialty in Colorado with the theme being "Florida". Thank you Sheree!

Nominating Committee was appointed for officers and board for next year. This will be Camille Doehring, Kathy Flaherty and Jodie Faist.

The Christmas Party will be held once again at Ann Rowe's home on Dec. 18th.

Camille Doehring is looking for a facility to possibly have Eric Strickland in for a seminar possibly next August.

We are looking for a new Newsletter Editor. Leah Wright has done a wonderful job but would like to take a break.

We are also looking for someone to write our column for the GRCA news.

There is a new date for the Hunt Test. It will be February 12 and 13th.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joanne Hell. It was seconded by Shirl Phillips. The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 pm.

**September Board Meeting Minutes**

Not yet available for publication

## August General Meeting Minutes

The MFGRC Board Meeting was called to order by Debbie Finch at 1:03 P.M. on August 14, 2010 at the Fun Day held at Best Paw Forward.

**Members Present:** Judi Volpe, Karyn Angel, Carl Migden, Ted, Cindy and Julie Crowell, Debra Finch, P. J. and Larry Lacette, Leah Wright, Jim Bryan

**A Big Thank You to P.J. and Larry for inviting us out to their place!**

**Vice President's Report:** Was unable to attend. No report

**Secretary's Report:** No report. P. J. Lacette moved that the minutes from the last meeting be waved. Karen Angel seconded. Vote was unanimous

**Treasurer's Report:** Was unable to attend. Secretary read from the board minutes to give the report.

### Committee Reports:

**DOCOF:** We have two full teams for DOCOF. There will be a Mid Florida Golden Retriever General Meeting held around noon at this event.

**Sept. Hunt Test:** This will be held on Sept. 18 & 19. It is all together and ready.

**CCA:** This will be held on Oct. 10th. There will also be a TDI and CGC test.

**Agility Trial:** This will be held on October 30 and 31 at Bill Fredrick Park at Turkey Lake. The raffle proceeds will be donated to Breast Cancer Research.

**WC/WCX:** This will be on November 13, 2010. No updates at this time.

### Old Business:

Plans are on the way for the 2011 Specialty. Caroline Roetzer will be our Chair.

We are still looking for someone to chair the Hospitality Committee.

Sheree Melhuish has made up a raffle basket for the GRCA National in Colorado with a "Florida" Theme.

We will hold a heart and eye clinic in February at the Lakeland Shows.

A motion to adjourn was made by Karen Angel. It was seconded by P. J. Lacette. The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 P.M.

## September General Meeting Minutes

The MFGRC Board Meeting was called to order by Debbie Finch at 12:30 P.M. on September 5, 2010 at DOCOF.

**Members Present:** Connie Adams, Pat Andrews, Karyn Angel, Janie and Britta Coy, Ted, Cindy and Julie Crowell, Camille Doehring, Debra Finch, Mary Ellen Georoff, Tom and Joanne Hell, Betty Lambert, Jerrie Morrison, Caroline Roetzer, Robin and Denny Scott, Luci and Ron Seeley, Robin Senderowitz, Kristin Sipus, Marge Spayd, Deena Strauss, Judi Volpe, Leah Wright  
**Guests:** Nanette Tschirgi, Amber Schoeller, Mary Coffman

**Vice President's Report:** Was unable to attend. No report

**Secretary's Report:** No report. Betty Lambert moved that the minutes from the last meeting be waved. Deena Strauss seconded. Vote was unanimous

**Treasurer's Report:** The Club does not publish financial information on the Internet.

### Committee Reports:

**Sept. Hunt Test:** This will be held on Sept. 18 & 19. It is all together and ready.

**CCA:** This will be held on Oct. 10th. There will also be a TDI and CGC test. Send applications to Camille Doehring.

**Agility Trial:** This will be held on October 30 and 31 at Bill Fredrick Park at Turkey Lake. The raffle proceeds will be donated to Breast Cancer Research.

**WC/WCX:** This will be on November 13, 2010. No updates at this time.

### Old Business:

Plans are on the way for the 2011 Specialty. Caroline Roetzer will be our Chair.

### New Business:

**Pix and Pages:** There is a change in the photo shoot. It will now be on November 6, 2010 at the Hell's in Lakeland. Contact Joanne Hell if you are interested in doing this with your dogs. They do wonderful pictures and the sitting is free.

**Nominating Committee:** Camille Doehring reported that everyone has agreed to continue in their position but we are looking for a new President. If you are interested, contact Camille.

**November General Meeting:** This will be at the Ocala Show after the goldens show.

**Christmas Party:** This will once again be held at Ann Rowes on December 18.

A motion to adjourn was made by Karen Angel. It was seconded by Tom Hell. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 P.M.



## MFGRC 2010 Calendar of Events

| Date              | Event  | Location                                 | Other Info  |
|-------------------|--|--|---|
| Sunday, Oct. 10th | CCA / CGC  | DogSense Training Ctr.<br>Lakeland, FL   | Camille Doehring<br><a href="mailto:mischiefgolden@juno.com">mischiefgolden@juno.com</a>                                  |
| Oct. 30-31, 2010  | MFGRC Agility Trial & general meeting on Oct. 30th | Turkey Lake Park, Southwest Orlando      | John Blair, Chairperson<br><a href="mailto:jazziesgold@bellsouth.net">jazziesgold@bellsouth.net</a><br>(Entries are open) |
| November 13, 2010 | WC/WCX Test  | Richard Davis farm,<br>Bushnell, Florida | Deborah Farris, Chairperson<br><a href="mailto:faragold@yahoo.com">faragold@yahoo.com</a>                                 |
| November 20, 2010 | General Meeting                                    | Ocala, Florida                           | After goldens show  |
| December 18, 2010 | Christmas Party / General Meeting                  | TBD                                      |   |
| Feb. 12-13, 2011  | Winter Hunt Test                                   | Golden Oaks Ranch<br>Montverde, FL       | Susan Fulenwider, Chair<br><a href="mailto:happygolucky@mpinet.net">happygolucky@mpinet.net</a>                           |
| Feb. 19-20, 2011  | Heart / Eye Clinic                                 | Strawberry Cluster,<br>Lakeland, FL      | Camille Doehring<br><a href="mailto:mischiefgolden@juno.com">mischiefgolden@juno.com</a>                                  |
| September, 2011   | National Specialty                                 | Conyers, GA                              | <a href="http://www.grca.org">www.grca.org</a>  |

# GRRMF NEWS

Did you know that you can generate funds for GRRMF by going to [www.goodshop.com](http://www.goodshop.com) and then shopping with well known internet retailers such as Amazon, Best Buy, Toys r US and others? Just specify Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid Florida as the charity that benefits from your purchase. There is no cost to the shopper and a percentage of each purchase will go to GRRMF to help needy goldens. You can also do internet searches through the Yahoo-Powered [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and GRRMF will receive about a penny from each search.

Every little bit helps GRRMF.

Thanks,

Barbara Durham  
GRRMF President



**MFGRC seeking candidate for the position of Club President.**

**Qualifications: Thick skin. Able to work long hours for absolutely no pay. Must have the organizational skills of Martha Stewart. Must work and play well with others! Diplomatic experience is a plus!!**

**Applicants should apply to:  
Camille Doehring, Nominations Chair  
[mischiefgolden@gmail.com](mailto:mischiefgolden@gmail.com)**



Sept. 26, 2010

To MFGRC Club Members,

Attached to this document are resumes for breed judges for our 2011 Specialty (4 total). They are

**June Smith- Smithaven**

**Jane Jensen-Dalane**

**Wendy Hamilton-Petkau- Auburnmist**

**Connie Gerstner Miller- Malagold**

Please review/research these judges and provide your choice for one breed judge to Susan Fulenwider at [happy-golucky@mpinet.net](mailto:happy-golucky@mpinet.net) no later than 6 pm on October 15, 2010. It is imperative that we receive your responses by 6 pm on October 15, 2010. No responses received after that date and time will be counted. Please remember that each member has one vote if they hold individual membership and 2 votes if they hold a family membership. Also, only full members are allowed to vote; associate members and honorary members may not vote. Members under 18 years of age are ineligible to vote.

The resumes for sweeps judges will follow.

We have decided to move our Specialty from the Orlando Cluster in June to The Lakeland/Winter Haven Strawberry Cluster in February 2011. Our specialty will be held on Thursday February 17, 2011. Further details will be forthcoming. Please be assured that our specialty will be more spectacular than ever before.

If you have any questions about the specialty or the judging process please feel free to contact Caroline Roetzer, show chair, at [ingotgoldens@verizon.net](mailto:ingotgoldens@verizon.net) or any of the MFGRC officers or board members. If you are unable to open any of the attachments please contact Camille at [mischiefgolden@gmail.com](mailto:mischiefgolden@gmail.com).

Thank you for your participation in this very important process.

Caroline Roetzer, Show Chair

The Officers and Board of Directors

Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club

# MFGRC SPECIALTY BREED JUDGES FOR 2011

## Jane Jensen

Since her involvement in our breed for some 25 years, 30 Championship titles including multiple specialty, group and BIS winners have been bred under the kennel prefix "Dalane". Other accomplishments include Best of Winners at the GRCA National Specialty and the number #2 Golden. Several Dalane dogs have attained show dog hall of fame status with GRCA.

Club memberships include over 21 years as an active member in the Golden Retriever Club of Greater Los Angeles where Jane served on the Board of Directors as Secretary, Director, Vice President and President, specialty show chair and health clinic chairperson. All breed club experience as an active club member serving often as show committee chairperson for the San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club.

Jane has served on the GRCA nominating committee and is currently a member of the GRCA Legislative Committee. Her role is to keep members in the Pacific Northwest, where she now resides, informed about current Animal Rights backed legislation which continually challenges our right to own and enjoy our animals.

Jane is passionate about the promotion and preservation of our breed and the goals and objectives of the GRCA. Jane breeds occasionally and has thoroughly enjoyed each of her judging experiences throughout the country, particularly at specialty shows.



## Mrs. Connie Gerstner Miller

Connie Gerstner Miller's fifty years in the sport of dogs began with a German Shepherd she trained through the county 4-H program, which was also the first year they offered the program in her area. Years later, Connie began Malagold Kennels in DeForest, Wisconsin, in 1964, with a breeding program that encompassed both the sporting breed of the Golden Retriever and the spirited working breed of the Alaskan Malamute - hence the formation of the Malagold moniker!

Eventually, concentration on the breeding of quality Golden Retrievers became the primary drive for Connie as she truly felt that she could only do justice to one breed. She has since continued to focus her energies on the Golden Retriever through her current tenure at Malagold, which is home to multiple Best in Show and Best in Specialty Show winners, with highlights that include the winning of the Sporting Group at the AKC Centennial Dog Show (with BIS, BISS CH. Libra Malagold Coriander SDHF, OS), Best of Breed wins at the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club, and three times winning Best of Breed honors at the GRCA National Specialty. Connie and her daughter, Geri Gerstner Hart, have worked together to build Malagold into a highly respected line of Golden Retrievers, with a successful foray into Best in Show winning Schipperkes and English Cocker Spaniels not to be discounted!

In the early 1970's, Connie was approved as a licensed All-Breed Professional Handler. This new venture, in conjunction with her successful grooming and boarding business, allowed her to broaden her participation within the dog show world, bringing Geri into the fold and showcasing her daughter's talents as one of the nation's top Junior Handlers in her own right.

All of this led to Connie's current interest as a licensed AKC judge for the entire Sporting Group and the Best in Show category. Connie had the privilege of judging the Regular Dog Classes at the 2002 Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty show, and most recently has judged at the National Specialty in Canada - high honors and proud moments in a career dedicated to the Golden Retriever.

Connie has been involved in the training and education aspect of the dog show world from the very beginning. Through the years, she has consistently presented dog show handling seminars to specialty and all breed dog clubs throughout the country. Connie is currently active in presenting Breed Education Seminars and Workshops focusing on the Golden Retriever, and has worked tirelessly as an advocate for this beautiful breed.

### **Wendy Hamilton-Petkau**

Wendy purchased her first Golden Retriever bitch, based on American lines in 1978, and subsequent breeding into some English lines in 1982, marked the beginning of her passion for creating the Auburnmist Goldens she has today. To date, Wendy has produced top dogs in Canada, and Best in Specialty winners.

Initially Wendy was only interested in the conformation side of the purebred dog world. After meeting her husband Keith, she changed direction slightly to maintain the intelligence this breed has become known for. They have also produced many High in Trial dogs, with 2 of those attaining the perfect 200 score! They were the first people in the area to attempt agility before it became a passion throughout North America.

In 1995 Wendy and her husband, Keith, opened a Canine Education Centre for obedience and agility, as well as creating a safe boarding environment for dogs. Wendy also teaches all breed show handling classes at her facility.

Wendy has consistently been involved with breed clubs, serving as either an officer or a director. She is presently the President of the Alberta Kennel Club which organizes the "Largest Outdoor Dog Show in Canada", where she promoted the Club to move to their new venue of World renowned Spruce Meadows in 2010!

In 2005 Wendy earned her license to judge the first half the Sporting Group, and in 2010 completed the requirements to be licensed to judge the entire Sporting Group. At this time, Wendy has enjoyed judging 3 Golden Retriever Regional Specialty's across Canada.



### **June Russell Smith**

Many people think, being from Britain, that I had a background of goldens dating back to that time. Not so - I purchased my first golden, along with my first house here, in 1967 – out of the newspaper! I was lucky.....while he was still a youngster, taking him to obedience class my instructor told me a I had 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, and have a provisional license to judge German Short-haired Pointers. My assignments have included judging golden specialties – always so interesting for me to get to see – and have hands on – dogs in other parts of the country.

I attend many of the Nationals (yes, the one that was held in Florida!) and 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.

Sept. 26, 2010

To MFGRC Club Members,

Attached to this document are resumes for sweeps judges for our 2011 Specialty (5 total). They are

**Kathy Lorentzen-Ocoee Goldens**  
**Sherry Brothers, DVM-Stonecrest Kennels**  
**Laura Franchi-Regency Goldens**  
**Deborah Blair-Abelard Goldens**  
**Sherry Anderson-Goldwind Goldens**

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Although we will not be supporting the entry of goldens at the all breed show held on Saturday February 19, 2011 we will still be holding a sweepstakes. So you can choose two judges. The judge with the most number of votes will be judging the Specialty sweepstakes and the judge with the second highest number of votes will be judging sweepstakes on Saturday February 19, 2011

If you have any questions about the specialty or the judging process please feel free to contact Caroline Roetzer, show chair, at [ingotgoldens@verizon.net](mailto:ingotgoldens@verizon.net) or any of the MFGRC officers or board members. If you are unable to open any of the attachments please contact Camille at [mischiefgolden@gmail.com](mailto:mischiefgolden@gmail.com).

Thank you for your participation in this very important process.

Caroline Roetzer, Show Chair  
The Officers and Board of Directors  
Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club

# MFGRC SWEEPSTAKES JUDGES RESUMES 2011

**Sherry L. Brothers, D.V.M.**

Education- 1971 - Cornell University- B.S.  
New York State College of Veterinary Medicine - Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

Upon graduating from the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine in 1981 I went into private practice. I currently own my own veterinary practice that sees 70% dogs and cats. The other 30% of our patients are exotics- birds, reptiles, rabbits, and small rodents.

My 2<sup>nd</sup> conformation Golden, Magnum (CH. VanReel Magnum of Stonecrest CD, OS, SDHF, HIT, BIS, ) was a Christmas gift from his breeders, Gretchen Vanden Berg & Denise C. Reel. Magnum far exceeded my wildest expectations as a great companion and competitive conformation Golden. In 1991, Magnum was the #1 Golden by Goldens defeated and #2 Golden by the All Breed System. He won the 1991 Top Twenty Invitational ( now the GRF Gala). He was shown to perfection by professional handler, Erik Strickland.

My current Goldens are 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> generation descendants of Magnum. In limited breedings, I have been most fortunate to have produced many breed champions with Magnum's incredible temperament, drive, and eagerness to please. Many of the Stonecrest Goldens have excelled in the performance ring, earning obedience, rally, agility, and field titles. Several Stonecrest Goldens have served as certified therapy dogs.

I am indebted to my friends and instructors that have allowed to me appreciate all that our wonderful breed is capable of doing.

My current Goldens are:

- 1.) CH. Stonecrest's For Keeps "Keeper" ( sire of Burke)
- 2.) SR CH. Osprey Stonecrest Premium Blend RN, JH, WC, OA, NAJ, VC "Burke" (sire of Piper)
- 3.) CH. Stonecrest's Super Cruiser RN, JH "Piper"
- 4.) Stonecrest's Water Sprite "Sprite" ( dam of multiple champions and performance titled Goldens)
- 5.) CH. Stonecrest's Sure Shot Annie "Annie" ( co-owned with Norm & Karen Hanami)

The Golden world has brought me cherished friends and great Goldens !!

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## **Deborah Blair**

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.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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.

### Sherry Anderson

I obtained my first show Golden in 1979 from Susan Brown-Leger of Synergold Golden in MA. CAN CH SYNERGOLD GOLDWIND RHIANNON, GRCA & GRCC OD, AKA "Larkin" became an OD on her 2<sup>nd</sup> Litter to CH FREEDOM'S CELEBRATION. She went on to become BEST VETERAN at the 1990 GRCA National Specialty in Frederick, MD over 55 Veteran's. "Larkin" can be found in the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> generation of many pedigrees today.

After that, I became heavily involved in the GRC of WNY and was past President, Treasurer, Secretary and newsletter editor. I also did the Member Clubs Report Column for the GR News for many years. I was show co-chairmen for many WNY Specialties, as well as trophy chairperson.

I have judged many area matches through the years for Buffalo KC, Niagara Falls KC, Tonawanda Valley KC, as well as the GRC of WNY B-OB match.

Having only bred 11 litters in 31 years, I only bred when I wanted to keep something for myself. I have produced American and Canadian Champions, a GRCA SDHF member, a Top 20 Golden, Specialty BOB Winners, Specialty Best in Sweeps winners, Specialty BOS winners, as well as an all breed Best in Show winner. One of the highlights of my years in Golden is owning the RWB winner at the 2003 GRCA National under Ms. Anne Rogers Clark from Am Bred. That bitch is my now 10 year old "Victoria" – CAN CH MEGAWATT GOLDWIND VICTORIA, mother of my home-bred girl, BIS MBISS AM/CAN/INTL CH GOLDWIND DANCING WITH THE STARS, MBOSS, aka "Dakota".

I feel that I have "an eye for a dog", which to me, is so very important when judging. The face on the end of the lead means nothing to me. I look for over-all balance, a nice headpiece, depth of body, and smooth, efficient movement. My "hero" judges have always been Michelle Billings and the late Anne Rogers Clark. You always knew what they were looking for, and knew that the dog was primary when they made their selections, as it should be when judging.

I would be thrilled and honored to judge your Sweepstakes this winter!



### 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, Golden 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 Golden 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 Golden, and in 2006 I judged Golden 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.

## Laura Franchi Resume

### Club Memberships:

Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club - 1988 - 1994 - Held offices and worked on many events including President, Show Chairman, Board of Directors, Seminars, Hunt tests, Catalog ads,

Sportsman Dog Training Club - 1990 - 1994

Norcal Golden Retriever Club - 1995 - present - worked on and chaired many events including Show Chairman, Trophies, Sweepstakes, Parade of Title Holders, Matches, Trophy Donations, Seminars to name a few.

Gavilan Kennel Club (All Breed) - 1994 - Present - Held offices and worked on many events including President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Board of Directors, Assistant Show Chair, Raffle, Hospitality, Newsletter, Obedience Workshop, Matches, Trophies, Annual Awards, Ways and Means, Education, and numerous others.

Thank you for considering me as a potential sweeps judge for your club. My husband Vic and I started our passion for Golden Retrievers in 1986 when we acquired a Golden from the pound. We took time to learn about the breed and had our first litter in 1993. Our dogs are our pets first and show dogs second. Although we have done some obedience and field work with our dogs we mainly compete in the breed ring. Golden Retrievers we have bred or co-owned have done well in the breed ring, obedience, field and agility. Many are specialty winners. We plan to continue our small breeding program keeping health, longevity and temperament high on our priorities as well as breeding beautiful representatives of our breed.

### Dogs I have bred or owned that are titled:

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| Grady CD - 1st Golden and rescue dog         | Can Ch Regency Halltree's In High Gear            |
| JR's Hawaiian Rainbow Dreams Can. CD         | SR, Ch Regency Rumors Flying High RE, JH, WC, VC  |
| Ch Regency Lone Star                         | Am/Can Ch Regency It Takes A Saint                |
| Regency Star Blaze CD                        | Regency Double Take CD                            |
| Ch Regency In Hot Pursuit OD                 | Regency Tell A Tall Tail MX, MJX, OAP, NJP        |
| Regency Turn Up The Heat CD                  | Ch Regency Faire California Roll                  |
| Ch. Regency Stand Back                       | Ch Regency Only Game In Town SDHF                 |
| Ch Regency Back Draft                        | Ch Regency Roll Of The Dice                       |
| Regency Outback Wild CD                      | Regency Let It Roll CDX                           |
| Colourguard Wild Blue Belle CD, RN, OAP, NJP | Ch Regency Rock Shop                              |
| Ch Regencys West Of Seahaven                 | WR, Ch Regency Any Excuse To Shop RA, SH, WCX, VC |
| Regency Western Gold NJP                     | Ch Regency While The Cat's Away                   |
| Ch Regency All Or Nothing OD                 | Ch Regency Turn Back Time                         |
| Regency All My Relations CD                  |   |
| Regency Highly Desirable CD                  |   |



*Since many of our members have donated to the Golden Retriever Foundation, we thought it would be appropriate to include this recent update on research being conducted on heart disease in golden retrievers.*

*Submitted by Debbie Finch*

Subject: Update on the SAS Golden Retriever Research Project the GRF helped sponsor

The Golden Retriever Foundation helped to fund the Morris Animal Foundation/Pfizer SAS study on Golden Retrievers being organized at Washington State University by Josh Stearns, DVM. We recently received an update on this project that is very promising and wanted to share it with the GRCA Member Clubs and anyone else interested. Please share this information with your members. We hope that in time, this study will allow researchers to identify the genetic mutation that causes SAS and we will have a DNA test to determine its presence.

Thanks also to all clubs and individuals who have supported the GRF through donations which allow us to support projects such as this. We hope to continue to share with you the projects that your donations have helped to support.

Here is the update sent to the GRF Board:

Dear Board Members:

As you are a generous study sponsor, we would like to share the most recent update from the principal investigator on the project you sponsored. This condensed update can be shared with donors and members of your organization, and with anyone interested in animal health.

D09CA-909 Identification of a Genetic Marker for Familial Subvalvular Aortic Stenosis in the Golden Retriever

UPDATE: Morris Animal Foundation and Pfizer Animal Health have partnered to create a fellowship training program for new veterinary research scientists.

Joshua A. Stern, DVM, a fellowship recipient from Washington State University, is pursuing a combined PhD in genetics and veterinary cardiology residency program. His research aims to investigate subvalvular aortic stenosis, one of the most common congenital heart diseases in Golden Retrievers. He plans to identify potential genetic mutations using genome-wide analysis of DNA from affected and healthy Golden Retrievers. This project is progressing on schedule: recruitment of Golden Retrievers is complete, and the genome-wide analysis of DNA is under way. Dr. Stern has identified several chromosomal regions of interest for potential mutations and promising genes where these mutations may reside. Identification of genetic mutations will allow for improved breeding practices and will reduce the incidence of this cardiovascular disease in future generations of Golden Retrievers.

Jennifer Krawsczyn, GRF Secretary  
on behalf of the GRF Board:

Dave Kinghorn, President  
Mike Lappin, DVM, Vice-President  
Linda Johnson, Treasurer

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**Sue Wilks** (Deland) 386-738-6562

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CH Magik'Southern Captain jack RN x April Aspenleaf

Born 6/14/10 3m

**Ron and Cynthia Resare** (Misty Ridge) (Inverness) 352-344-3123.

[resarecyn@aol.com](mailto:resarecyn@aol.com)

Am Int CH Pheasant Hill Magiks Ten Tal Hat X Misty Ridge Athina Pelagia

Born 8/16/2010. 1M and 6F

**Julie Kielts** (Safety Harbor) 727-439-5695

[Goldtailswagging@aol.com](mailto:Goldtailswagging@aol.com)

CH Goodtimes a Case of the Good Stuff x CH Pursuit Goldstorm Finer Things

1 year old female (DOB 9/12/09)



# DOCOF

HELLO TEAM MEMBERS ---

First of all - Let me announce HIGH SCORER ON OUR TEAM --- CONNIE ADAMS WITH JAYMUS IN OPEN!!!

Connie and Jaymus scored an impressive 191 -- AND RIGHT ON THEIR HEELS -- WERE ANN ROWE WITH 'RETIRED' STETSON WITH AN ALSO IMPRESSIVE 189. As we all will agree -- retirement agrees with all of us!!!

Team One --

Debbie Finch, Betty Lambert and Judi Volpe -- Novice  
Connie Adams, Tom Hell, Ann Rowe ----- Open  
Anney Doucette and Me ----- Utility

BE PROUD - WALK TALL - TEAM ONE CAME IN 14TH OUT OF 39 TEAMS!!!

Team Two --

Britta Coy, Joanne Hell, and Ann Rowe ----- Novice  
Marge Spayd and Judi Volpe ----- Open  
Kristin Sipus, Deena Strauss and Me ----- Utility

Walk tall and proud also - Team Two came in 31st -- and beat 8 other teams.

I want to thank Deena Strauss, Marge Spayd, Harold Lavine and my Co-Captain -- Betty Lambert - for staying with me until the bitter end to find out scores and make sure everything was cleaned up and put away!!! I want to thank Camille Doehring for hauling out a club table -- and staying the entire day to show support!! Thank you Camille --- You are a great asset! The only thing missing was you in our pink shirts -- so -- what class is Olivia going to be ready for next year?

Britta Coy -- you are the nicest young lady I have met in a long long time. You are lovely and just a joy to have on the team -- so thank you -- for your loyalty to MFGRC each year -- we love having you on our team. I know Journey was happy in the ring and we all loved seeing her there- she is a happy girl and you have done a great job training her.

Judi Volpe - every time I turned around - you were there smiling -- or rushing to get the 'other' golden to do groups -- I personally know how hard you have worked to train both Cate and Journey. You have always been a hard worker -- and I have yet to be involved with any event that you did not do more than your share. Thank you -- for your good mood - your smile and -- showing two goldens.

Tom and Joanne -- I always enjoy your conversation - and the enthusiasm shown -- with both Angel -- and Beaujolais (whew - I finally learned how to spell it) == is a true joy to be around. Thank you also - for getting Marge Spayd on the Team. I have known Marge for many years - -but I feel I got to know her a little better this weekend - what a lovely lady - and fun to have on the team --- and thank her for me -- for having Harold there -- to give us advice and support the entire day. Please tell Marge how thrilled we all were to have her on the team!!

Ann Rowe -- what a lovely addition you have become to the Team -- your cookies have always been a 'show' tradition - and now they are a DOCOF tradition - -and Denny is guarding his piece of carrot cake - and saving it to enjoy later tonight! Gabby was fun to watch and enthusiastic -- she looked great as your partner -- and Stetson - remains - remarkable -- and devoted to you - he saves his best -- for shows!! Thank you for breaking your promise to him -- and bringing him out of retirement for the team! By showing two dogs - you also helped fill a team so we could have a second team.

Kristin and Anney - thank you both for coming -- and supporting the Team - Anney - thanks for showing others that Goldens know how to qualify in Utility - Fisher did a lovely job. And if we can get Kristin to continue training Sophie in Obedience -- almost as much as the field - we will have a strong team again. And yes Kristin -- obedience is not nearly as fun as field - no birds involved -- but -- Sophie looked like she enjoyed herself.

Connie - how's that dumbbell toss training coming? Jaymus was fabulous - a true joy to watch in the ring - you have done a fabulous job with him. Congratulations for being the high scorer on the team!

You know you have done well - when many more than your teammates are clapping and cheering when you finish.

Deena - Bentley loves you beyond all love -- and he may not have done as well you wanted him to - but I am thrilled you agreed to show on MFGRC -- If we could just video tape and show the Judges how well they are trained - but as Luci Seeley says - our goldens did not get up and ask us to take them to a trial - they went with us because we asked them -- You love Bentley - and that shows - that is more important to me - than scores. Great food -great friends - -great times! Thank you again for representing MFGRC at the meeting - that was so great of you! Thank you for making the pull toys for the goody bags -- you are just so thoughtful.

Debbie was the team photographer - trying to capture memories at the rings for us - so thank you for the pictures I am sure we will see a sampling of in the newsletter.

I would also like to thank my Co-Captain -- Betty Lambert -- Betty's support was amazing - and I think she was almost at every ring a team member showed in - not always for the whole performance - but sometimes two of us at a time were in the ring. I know how much Tyme means to you - and I am so happy you agreed to train her in Novice and be on the team with her.

Thank you to Susan, Ann and Bob, Kristin, Anney, Betty and Debbie for coming to dinner - I am sorry I got distracted -- but I really did not know a bottle of wine was in the corner -- Denny and I never saw it and certainly would not have overlooked it had we known. Hope no one left hungry or thirsty - and hope we do it again next year!

THANK YOU TO MARGE SPAYD AND JANIE COY for filling in at the Raffle Table -- without them working for us -- we could have been disqualified -- so these two ladies are a HUGE part of our success!

Robin Scott

Stetson waits for his turn



Robin Scott and Hannah



Betty Lambert and Tyme



Judi Volpe and Cate



Katie Lambert-Finch



Kristin Sipus and Sophie



Joanne Hell and Beaujolais



**TEAM DOCAF 2010**



Ya did it again, Robin--another tremendous job of chairing DOCOF this year for our club. Somehow you always manage to pull the loose ends together, solve the many problems that crop up before hand, put on a great dinner (which one of these days I hope to be able to attend!) and volunteer to run the handlers and their dogs through their paces on Saturday morning. You are also seemingly everywhere at once – making sure the team members are in the right ring and at the right time, cheering everyone on and even running your own dogs. You are a marvelous person and our club is extremely blessed to have you as a member.

On top of all this, you are always there first thing Sunday morning, with your usual smile and our bag of goodies. I think I look forward to these as much as I do the thrill of competing with our fellow club members. This year's goodie bag was every bit as wonderful as all the previous ones we received. Robin when did you get the time or energy to make those beautiful photo frames with our dogs' names on them!! They are AWESOME! Thanks so much. Thanks too to Deena Strauss for the pull toys she made – my guys are having the best time with them. Along with these items were dog biscuits (the homemade kind) and M&M's with our club's name on them. Is that not cool or what!

Thanks again Robin. Looking forward to another great time in 2011.

Connie Adams and Jaymus



Once again, I had the privilege of being on the MFGRC DOCOF team! As always everyone welcomed us with open arms. A special thanks to our team captain: Robin! For three years now, she has led and organized teams, always making each member feel like a vital part of the team(s). She also makes outstanding "goodie bags"!

Thank you again Ms. Robin for going above and beyond as our captain!

~Britta Coy & Journey



# MFGRC HUNT TEST

Deb Farris and MeMe



Tom Hell and Angel



Anney Doucette and Slater



## September 18 and 19, 2010

**Dear CCA Registrants:**

**Do to unforeseen circumstances Howard Falberg will be unable to evaluate for the CCA. Mr. Bruce McLean, of Kingsgold Golden Retrievers, has graciously agreed to join us. I will try to have the schedule to you by Wed. Sept 29.**

**Thank you.**

**Camille N. Doehring**

[mischiefgolden@gmail.com](mailto:mischiefgolden@gmail.com)

## **Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA)**

(Source: [www.GRCA.org](http://www.GRCA.org))

### **What is a CCA?**

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

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

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

### **What are the qualifications for evaluators?**

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

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

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

For more information, see the attached "Frequently Asked Questions". Additional details on the CCA are also available on the GRCA website at [www.GRCA.org](http://www.GRCA.org).

## Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA) FAQ's

### 1) What is the original intent of the CCA?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 6) How many evaluators are there?

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

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

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

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

Qualified Evaluators with breed experience.

In-depth evaluation of the Goldens conformation not biased towards styles or trends and focused on breed purpose.

Open to all registered or ILP Goldens over 18 months of age including those which have been spayed or neutered.

No limit to how many dogs can earn this title in a calendar year. Which means if our breeders are breeding more dogs to the standard there is no penalty because of sheer numbers.

Other entry level titles have unlimited tries and can be trained with limited experience and inherited basic instinct.

Many titles that are awarded a high point value in the Versatility titles have no relation to the standard. They require a trained and talented Golden.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**9) Can you enter under the same Evaluator twice?**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMATION ASSESSMENT**

**DATE:**                   **October 10, 2010**

**LOCATION:**               **Dog Sense**  
**4771 Drane Field Road**  
**Lakeland, FL**

**TIME:**                   **8 am to 4 pm**

**EVALUATORS:**         **Howard Falberg, Cindy Partridge, &**  
**Caroline Roetzer**

This event will be open to 24 golden retrievers (with 3 alternates). Entries are on a first received basis and close on September 25, 2010. Your dog will be measured and photographed prior to the evaluation.

Mail entry form with a check for \$75, made payable to MFGRC, to Camille Doehring, 3015 Delaney Ave., Orlando, FL 32806.

For general details and additional entry forms please go to [www.grca.org](http://www.grca.org), click on Events and CCA. If you have questions specific to our event please contact Camille at [mischiefgolden@gmail.com](mailto:mischiefgolden@gmail.com).

Club Name

Date

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| <input type="checkbox"/> THIS DOG WAS ENTERED IN A PREVIOUS CCA EVENT (There is a limit of 6 Evaluation tries to earn a CCA title or HM, advise the Secretary of any previous Evaluations.)<br>I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the regulations of the GRCA governing this event, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this event, and further agree to be bound by the Agreement printed on the reverse or opposite side of this entry form. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or to other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and agreement. |  |
| Signature of Owner or authorized Agent _____   | Phone Number _____   |
| Email Address: _____   |  |

CCA OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

- I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog evaluated, I (we) agree to hold the GRCA, the host club, their respective members, directors, officers, agents, secretaries, committee members, evaluators, and the owner/lessor of the premises, and any provider of services at the event (and any agents, volunteers or employees of the same) (the "Released Parties"), all harmless from any claim, loss or injury which is alleged to be caused directly or indirectly to any person, dog by the act of this dog, or its owner or agent, while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrances thereto; and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such loss or claim; and I (we) further agree to hold all of the Released Parties from any claim, loss, injury or damage to the dog or its handler, owner or agent.
- I (we) acknowledge that any evaluation, measurement or comment, whether written or oral, made at this event regarding the dog is not binding upon, and does not affect in any manner, the dog's qualifications at licensed dog shows sponsored by AKC or any other entity licensed to offer conformation shows or performance events for dogs.
- I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless all of the Released Parties from any and all loss, cost and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon the Released parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death, sustained by any person or dog, including the undersigned, or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in connection with my (our) participation in this event however such injuries, death or property damage may occur or be caused, and whether or not the same may be caused or may have been alleged to be caused by the negligence of the Released Parties.
- I (we) agree that any cause of action, controversy or claim arising out of or related to the entry, exhibition or attendance at this event between myself (ourselves), the Host Club, or the GRCA, as to the construction, interpretation and effect of this agreement shall be settled by arbitration pursuant to the applicable rules of the American Arbitration Association, provided, however, that all applicable rules and procedures of the GRCA must first be followed as set forth in the bylaws of the GRCA.
- I (we) agree that the results of these evaluations and any official pictures taken at this event will become the property of the GRCA and may be used in any breed-related study deemed appropriate by the CCA Committee of the GRCA.



Hey there fellow MFGRC Members.....

Just a reminder that our 2010 All Breed Agility Trial is just around the corner. The location is the same as last year (Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake). The event will be held on October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, with set up occurring on Friday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Please be thinking about volunteering at this wonderful event as well as providing a raffle basket or item for our awesome raffle that supports breast cancer research. The premium list is now posted on our club website under "Coming Events" for October. We know we can count on you!

MFGRC Officers and Board Members

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Saturday, November 13th, 2010  
 Davis Ranch, Bushnell, FL  
**Working Certificate/Working Certificate Excellent  
 & Puppy Stakes for All Retriever Breeds**

(Non-Golden Retrievers must bring appropriate breed-club paperwork.)

Judges : Carol Cassity & Glenda Manucy  
 Game : Pigeons on Land, Ducks on Water  
 Rosette & Duck Band to All Qualifiers

**PUPPY STAKES** for all puppies under 1 year of age

**BIG AWESOME RAFFLE** - Each entrant gets a ticket!

Volunteer workers are needed!  
 For more information contact  
 Deb Farris (Faragold@yahoo.com) or Sheree Melhuish (SaffireGoldens@aol.com)

View Complete Premium List and Enter Online at  
**[www.EntryExpress.net](http://www.EntryExpress.net)**

**[www.MFGRC.org](http://www.MFGRC.org)**



## **FREE RAFFLE BASKET OFFERED AT THE MFGRC WC/WCX**

**November 13, 2010  
Richard Davis Farm  
Bushnell, Florida**

OK that should have gotten your attention! Yes, we will be offering a FREE chance at winning a wonderful Basket filled with exciting items at our upcoming WC/WCX.

Here's how it works:

Just enter your dog(s) in either the WC or WCX. Once you have checked in with your dog that morning - your dog's # will be automatically placed in the "draw bucket". If you are running one dog- you will receive "one free entry". If you are running more than one - you will receive " a free entry" for every dog entered

Drawing will be on the lunch break and someone will be going home with a GREAT basket and it didn't cost anyone a thing!! So come on out - have fun with your dogs, enjoy the day and actually get something for FREE!!!

We will also be offering a 50/50 cash raffle at lunch break. Money collected from this raffle will go towards the 2011 Trophy Fund for the MFGRC Specialty in February.

Hope to see you there!  
Deborah Farris - WC/WCX Chair  
Sheree Melhuish - WC/WCX Co-Chair

# AM. CH. GOLDENGAEL'S ECLIPSE OVER MT. SURIBACHI, RN

(BIS, BISS, AM. CH ARG. CH., GORCA'S MERLIN, OS, SDHF x AM. CH. GORCA'S GOLDENGAEL DENALI, CGC, RN)

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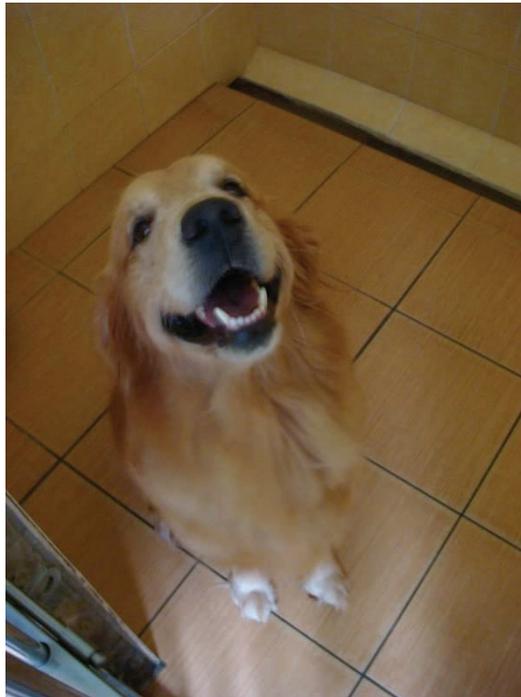
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OFFERED AT STUD TO APPROVED BITCHES

*Ad by Alicia*

# JUST FOR FUN

- ~ Pointer + Setter = Pointsetter, a traditional Christmas pet
- ~ Kerry Blue Terrier + Skye Terrier = Blue Skye, a dog for visionaries
- ~ Great Pyrenees + Dachshund = Pyradachs, a puzzling breed
- ~ Pekinese + Lhasa Apso = Peekasso, an abstract dog
- ~ Irish Water Spaniel + English Springer Spaniel = Irish Springer, a dog fresh and clean as a whistle
- ~ Labrador Retriever + Curly Coated Retriever = Lab Coat Retriever, the choice of research scientists
- ~ Newfoundland + Basset Hound = Newfound Asset Hound, a dog for financial advisors
- ~ Terrier + Bulldog = Terribull, a dog that makes awful mistakes
- ~ Bloodhound + Labrador = Blabrador, a dog that barks incessantly
- ~ Malamute + Pointer = Moot Point, owned by... oh, well, it doesn't matter anyway
- ~ Collie + Malamute = Commute, a dog that travels to work



## BRAGS and WAGS

Connie Adams is pleased to announce that her boy Marathon We Be Jammin At Windsor, CDX, RA, WC, CGC (JAYMUS) can now add a JH to his titles. He finished at the Mid Florida Golden Retriever Club's Hunt Test on Saturday Sept 18. Jaymus also scored a 191 in the Open Class at the annual DOCOF competition held on September 5th! Way to go, "Jaymer"

GoldenGael had a great cluster of shows in Biloxi, Mississippi! Morgan Brooks took WD/BOW each day with GoldenGael's Wild West Gold Rush, "Nugget". Proud owners are Michelle & Todd Stuart. Nugget then repeated WD and BOW in Tennessee! He won the points in his very first 2 weekends out! CH. GoldenGael's Watchin' The River Flow, RN, CGC "Dylan" also took the breed once again while in Biloxi. Morgan and Kasey Brooks of Team Kagan train, condition, and present the GoldenGael pack! Thank you Morgan and Kasey!



Kristin Sipus is proud to announce that "Sophie" Unicoi's Sail Away Angel CDX TD JH (ch ptd) earned her first Sr. Hunter leg at the Mid-FL Golden Retriever Hunt Test.

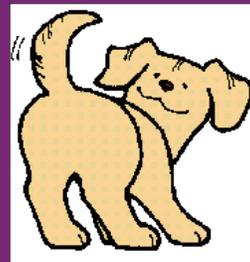
Lots of brags from Wonderland: Gabby, Wonderland's Muttering fool went Winners Bitch in Vicksburg Kennel Club of Mississippi on 9-6-10 under Judge Maxine Beam handled by Team Myers. On September 12, 2010 Gabby was Winners Bitch at the Mobile Kennel Club of Mississippi under Judge Eleanor Lee Brown. And then . . . Gabby won her 2nd MAJOR In Detroit Michigan during a very competitive Specialty Weekend on 9-18-10 Under Judge Eugene Blake, again handled by Team Myers.

"Lizzy" CH Sandpiper's Fun Fun Fun JH WC is a new Grand Champion!!! She earned the title with four 5pt majors. All with competition. Lizzy is owned by Sally Ray and co-owned and bred by Patty Pace and was shown to her Grand Championship by Michele Lemole.

From Kathy Cudak: "Gemini's Furst Draft (Ruff) and his girlfriend Summer are the proud parents of future service dogs. Everest, Catalina and Smokey who will be future service dogs for New Horizon's Service Dogs Inc. Here they are getting their first swimming lesson at 9 weeks."

Becky Nicholas has some brags, "The boys had a busy two weekends in a row. We went down to Arcadia to the Calusa Dog Club's first NADAC trial Aug. 28th/29th - great site (inside - A/C on dirt!!) great trial. Camden earned 3 - Elite Regulars, 1 Elite Touch N Go and 1 Elite Weavers Q's. Then the following weekend we headed up to Ocala to the Baldwins NADAC night trial (Sept 3rd/4th). Friday night - weird - not our night both boys only Q'd 1 out of 4 runs --but then on Sat we were back! Flame Q'd 3 out of 3 and Camden Q'd 4 out of 4 runs PERFECT NIGHT for all three of us! Camden earned 1 Elite Regular, 2 Elite Chances, 1 Elite Tunnelers and 1 Elite Touch n Go. Also just heard that Camden is in the Browntrout full size 2011 Golden calendar for next year (he was also in the 2009)!! AND Camden is a "cookie label boy"!! On the "It's a Dog's Life" Apple Pie flavored all natural biscuits Camden is on the label! In stores near you!!

Sheree Melhuish is bragging. "Dory - Can Ch Saffire's Message In A Bottle, BISS made us proud at the British Columbia Golden Retriever Club Independent Specialty by going Best of Opp under respected Breeder Judge - Ms Barbara Pepper. Congratulations to her owners Louise Long and Ginger Miller of Seattle Washington. TJ - Faragold's Loose Lips Sink Ships, a MeMe daughter out in Denver Co goes Best Golden Pup and Puppy Sporting Group 1 on her first time in any ring! Congratulations to her proud owners Kemah & Ron Plusk."



Kristin & Sophie



Future Service Dogs  
(L-R) Everest, Catalina and Smokey



Camden Nicholas  
is a Star!

**GOLDEN TALES**

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**Next General Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 30, 2010 Around Noon**  
**MFGRC Agility Trial**  
**Bill Frederick Park**  
**On Turkey Lake**

**See you there!**