



## *From the President's Desk...*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Betty Lambert for her years of service to MFGRC. Betty has served as board member and secretary over the past few years. This month Betty made the decision to take some time off as a board member. I am sure we will continue to enjoy Betty's company at many of our future events. So thank you Betty and we hope that you will decide to re-join the board in the future.

I would also like to welcome Tammy Hodgkins to the board. Tammy has been active in the club for a few years now, but except for marshaling at our hunt tests, most of her activities have been behind the scenes. Many of the flyers, cards...you have seen in the past have been Tammy's work. Most of all, Tammy holds a dear place in all of our hearts for the care and love she gave Susan during her illness. Tammy was there for Susan during her treatments and was there when Susan left us. With the additions of Tammy and Leah Wright we hope to bring new ideas and new energy to the board. Welcome to both Tammy and Leah and thank you both for agreeing to join us.

Well, once again the wonderful members of MFGRC have come through. With just one mass email, some additional emails and phone calls we have filled nearly every position for the 2012 Eastern Regional. Every committee has a chair and now we are looking for members to fill those committees. Thank you. The following is the most current list.

### REGIONAL SPECIALTY:

**Regional Show Chair – Shirl Philips**  
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**Regional Trophy Chair – Sheree Melhuish**  
**Grooming Chair – Michele LaMole**  
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**Sales Chair – Rosa Blair, Lucy Napoli, Leah Wright**

### INDEPENDENT SPECIALTY:

**Specialty Trophy Chair – Sheree Melhuish**  
**Obedience & Rally Chair – Deena Strauss**  
**Specialty Show Chair – OPEN**

Hope to see everyone at the Agility Fun Day on Saturday April 23 and the Tracking test on May 1. Details in this newsletter.

**Camille**



## GOLDEN TALES IS A PUBLICATION OF THE MID-FL GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

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

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The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club is preparing an ad to be placed in the Golden Retriever News to honor Susan Fulenwider for her many contributions to our Club. We have said goodbye, but her legacy will live on.

If you would like to contribute to the cost of this ad, please send your donations to: MFGRC, c/o Tom Hell, Treasurer, 3920 Water Oak Drive, Lakeland, FL 33810

**DONOR NAMES WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE AD, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.** Please let Tom know how you want your name listed, or if you do not want it to appear in the ad. Thank you!



Any funds raised over the cost of the ad will be donated to the Zeke Memorial Cancer Fund of the Golden Retriever Foundation



# GOLDEN TALES

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Golden Tales is the official publication of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club. It is published monthly online and distributed to all MFGRC members and newsletter subscribers.

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## LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offered as a service in conjunction with MFGRC's puppy referral. Health clearances and \$25 must be submitted to a puppy referral coordinator (see previous page) prior to publication of the announcements.

## BRAGS, IN MEMORIAM, EVENT LISTINGS

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## From the Editor(s) . . .

Around my house, Levi and I are singing - it's POOL TIME, it's POOL TIME! Once we get all the pollen pods and leaves out of the pool anyway. Sheesh.

There is lots going on in the Club for the months of April and May. We have our Agility Fun Day on April 23, 2011, followed by our Tracking Test and general meeting on Sunday, May 1, 2011. That's right, the meeting is on SUNDAY. Then it's time for our Fun Day at Astatula on May 21, probably Levi's favorite day of the year.

There were so many puppies at the Club's Fun Match on April 2! It was great being Secretary that day because I got to see all of them when they came to register or sign in! Everyone was very patient with me, too, which was appreciated as it was my first time doing anything like that. Thanks to Tania Russakov and our newest Board member Tammy Hodgkins for their assistance and moral support, too. Congratulations to our big winners of the day, Joanne Hell and Mary Coffman, and to everyone else who competed. You all did great!!

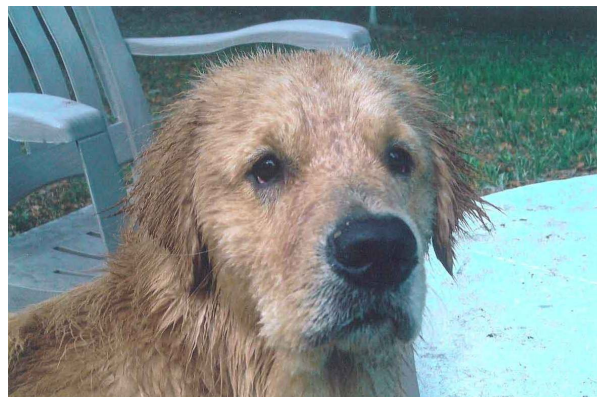
Next month, my co-editor will be out of the country, so I will be collecting the Milestones & Achievements. I will send out a mass email at that time reminding everyone to send them in to me at **lwright129@cfl.rr.com**. Since Bob will be in Israel until after May 12, if they don't come to me they might not make the May edition of Golden Tales, but if we miss one we can always run it in the June issue.

The Club needs your support for our Agility Trial in October, and we are asking anyone who can to please volunteer to help out. Also, please contact Mary Coffman, our Raffle Queen, about any donations you wish to make to the raffle. As you know, ALL proceeds go to Breast Cancer research, and this is a very emotional and important event in our Club.

Okay, time to clean the pool filter, again!

Until next month . . .

*Leah Wright*  
Co-Editor





## March Board Meeting Minutes

The MFGRC Board Meeting was called to order by Camille Doebling at 8:02 pm. on March 18, 2011 at Camille Doebling's home.

**Board Members Present:** Camille Doebling, Tom Hell, Joanne Hell, Judi Volpe, Debbie Finch, John Blair, Rosa Blair, Shirl Phillips and Leah Wright.

**Vice President's Report:** Debbie Finch had one application to read: Jack and Beth Afflebach. They were voted in unanimously.

**Secretary's Report:** Judi Volpe did not have anything to report. Debbie Finch moved that the minutes from the last board meeting be waived. Joanne Hell seconded. Vote was unanimous

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom Hell reported on income and expenses for the Specialty and the February Hunt Test. In the interest of the Club, we do not publish income on the Internet. Tom Hell also reported that dues are past due. The members will be dropped at the end of March if they have not paid.

Debbie Finch made a motion that the club reimburse the Hells for the replacement of their mailbox that was hit at the fun field day by a club member. This was seconded by Shirl Phillips. The vote was unanimous.

### Committee Reports:

**Match:** This will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at Ann Rowe's. Leah Wright reported that at this time she had 2 entered. Another mass email will go out reminding the membership about this event.

**Agility Fun Day:** This will be held on April 23, 2011. Debbie Finch will be sending out a flyer about the event so be sure to watch for it and mark the date.

**Tracking Test:** Everything is set and entries are coming in. This event is set for April 30 for setting up and May 1st for the actual test. If you come out to watch, be sure you watch so you don't mess up anyone's track.

**Agility Trial:** John Blair reported that everything is going well. He is still looking for a food vendor. We need volunteers! Even though we get the boy scout troop to work the rings we are always in need of volunteers. The trial is set for October 15th and 16th so mark your calendars to come out for a few hours to help!

### Old Business:

**Golden Retriever Rescue Reunion Grooming:** The volunteers groomed 36 dogs and made \$470.00. MFGRC always matches the amount and sends them a check. Debbie Finch motioned that we round the amount off to \$500.00 so we can send them a check of \$1000.00. Joanne Hell seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

**Hunt Test Judges Seminar:** This seminar is scheduled for June 4, 2011. We need a minimum of 25 people entered. If you are interested, contact Camille Doebling.

**Eric Strickland Seminar:** There was discussion about this seminar. There will be 25 participation slots at a cost of \$150.00 and 35 audit slots costing \$100.00.

### New Business:

**Health Seminar:** There was discussion about offering a seminar about PU which is an eye problem in our dogs. This is fairly new so we are looking into finding a veterinarian that is knowledgeable in this area that may be interested in coming and speaking to our membership.

**Astatula Fun Day:** This will be on May 21, 2011. There will be a new way to get into the property to take note of this and watch for the signs.

**Fall Hunt Test:** Tom Hell has offered to be the chairman for this event. It will be held on September 17 & 18, 2011. Judi Volpe offered to be the Test Secretary again.

A motion to adjourn was made by Leah Wright. It was seconded by Shirl Phillips. The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 pm.

## March 2011 General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Debbie Finch at 1:57 P.M. on April 2, 2011 at the Fun Match held at Bob and Ann Rowe's.

Present: Karyn Angel, Carl Migden, Rosa Blair, Bill & Mary Coffman, Dee Dee Davis, Patricia, Victoria & Joey Dougherty, Debbie Finch, Tom & Joanne Hell, Tammy Hodgkins, Betty Lambert, Ralph & Maria Orlando, Candi Pearce, Shirl Phillips, Ann Rowe, Joyce Swegle, Teri Vautrain, Judi Volpe, Leah Wright

Guests: Jack & Beth Afflebach, Coeky & Donna Williams, Jane & Scott Ashwell, Dan & Norma Levenson, Randy & Evan Bennett, Cynthia & Roy Rothman, Chris Leedy

Vice President's Report: Debbie Finch read two applications -

Scott & Jane Ashwell

Jack & Beth Afflebach

They were voted in unanimously.

Secretary's Report: Judi Volpe had nothing to report. She read the lovely note sent by Jeanette Young thanking MFGRC for their thoughts and prayers during her illness. Joanne Hell moved to accept the minutes from the February general meeting. Rosa Blair seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Hell reported on income and expenses for the Specialty and the February Hunt Test. In the interest of the Club, we do not publish income on the Internet. Tom Hell also reported that dues are past due. The members will be dropped at the end of March if they have not paid.

Committee Reports:

Fun Match: All went well. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Agility Fun Day: On April 23, 2011 there will be an fun day in Palm Bay. This will be a time you can see how agility works and how fun it is for both you and your dog. We will have our April General Meeting during lunch. This will begin around 10:00 and will be a pot luck. Watch for further information.

Tracking Test: Joyce Swegle reported that everything is lined up for the test. We will be holding our May General meeting on Sunday May 1st after all the dogs have run their tracks. There will be more information forthcoming but if you plan to come watch or come to the meeting, do not bring your dog because they can not be on the property where the dogs will be tracking and it will be too hot to leave them in the car but come watch this activity you may want to get involved in.

Old Business:

Hunt Test Seminar: This will be on June 4, 2011. It will be held at Tom and Joanne Hell's. It is put on by an AKC rep and they teach you many things about the tests that will help you when you are showing in the tests. The cost is \$25.00. If you are interested, contact Camille Doehring.

Agility Trial: The agility trial will be held on October 15 & 16. We will need as many volunteers as we can get. There is always something that needs to be done and it is a great way to help the club so mark your calendars now.

Mary Coffman will be chairing the raffle. This is the raffle where we donate all the proceeds to Breast Cancer. We would like someone in each area to be in charge of contacting others in their area to help with donations. If you want to help, contact Shirl Phillips, Mary Coffman or Rosa Blair. If you would like to just give a monetary donation, make your check out to MFGRC marking it for the raffle.

Eastern Regional: We are still looking at dates but it will be in September or October 2012 and we will be doing this with the Gulf Coast Golden Retriever Club as well as the Everglades Golden Retriever Club. We are in need of many volunteers so if you would like to help, contact any board member.

Eric Strickland Seminar: This event will be in early August will be a 2 day seminar from beginning handling and grooming to experienced. Eric is a master Groomer/Handler and has many ideas to offer not only new groomers but those of you that have done this for a long time. Working spots will be \$150.00 and Audit spots will be \$100.00. This will be held in Deland at Fast Friends Training facility.

New Business:

There was some concern about the ring gates in the obedience ring. It is difficult for the dogs in this event because they do need to see the ring and without gates they can not. There was a suggestion to look into getting enough gates so the whole ring could have gates around it.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Karyn Angel and seconded by Shirl Phillips. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 P.M.



## MFGRC 2011 Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Other Info</u>
Saturday Apr. 23	Agility Fun Day + General Meeting	Ja-Vic Training Center, Palm Bay, FL	Debbie Finch <a href="mailto:Gaga4goldens@cfl.rr.com">Gaga4goldens@cfl.rr.com</a>
April 30 – May 1	MFGRC TD Tracking Test General Meeting on SUNDAY May 1	TG Lee property Orlando	Joyce Swegle, Secretary <a href="mailto:softwindgr@aol.com">softwindgr@aol.com</a>
Saturday, May 21	Astatula Fun Day	Stanley Pond Tree Farm Astatula (near Zellwood)	
Saturday, June 4	AKC Hunt Test Judging Seminar	3920 Water Oak Drive, Lakeland, FL	Camille Doehring, Chair <a href="mailto:mischiefgolden@gmail.com">mischiefgolden@gmail.com</a>
Sept. 4	DOCOF	Central FL Fairgrounds, Orlando	Robin Scott, Team Captain <a href="mailto:fourdogsr@embarqmail.com">fourdogsr@embarqmail.com</a>
Sept. 17-18	Fall Hunt Test	Golden Oaks Ranch Montverde, FL	Tom Hell, Chair <a href="mailto:tohell50@hotmail.com">tohell50@hotmail.com</a>
Sept. 25-Oct. 2	National Specialty	Conyers, Georgia	<a href="http://www.grca.org">www.grca.org</a>
Oct. 15-16, 2011	MFGRC Agility Trial	Turkey Lake Park, Orlando, Florida	John Blair, Chairperson



# JOIN THE FIGHT



***Date: October 15 and 16, 2011***

***Location: Bill Frederick Park  
at Turkey Lake, Orlando, FL***



**Our Raffle Chairperson is  
Mary Coffman. Please  
email her at  
[iambirding@verizon.net](mailto:iambirding@verizon.net)  
regarding your donations!**

Each year at our  
Agility Trial in  
October, MFGRC  
conducts a raffle, with  
all proceeds going  
to Breast Cancer  
Research.

## JOIN THE FIGHT!

The Club is grateful to  
accept all donations for  
this Raffle, which has  
been dear to the heart  
of our Club for many  
years. We need your  
help in order to con-  
tinue to contribute to  
the fight against  
breast cancer.

## ***\*GOLDEN RETRIEVER FOUNDATION PAYS FOR SENIOR CERFS!\****

### **\*March 2011 GRF Updates\***

The Golden Retriever Foundation (GRF) is very excited to announce that plans have been finalized to pay for CERF registrations for Golden Retrievers 8 years and older!

CERF, as most of you know, stands for Canine Eye Registration Foundation. We are very fortunate to have an online database via CERF and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) to research health issues in our dogs as well as their ancestors. The GRF will pay for CERF registrations for any Golden 8 years and older to be added to these online registries.

With the designation of Pigmentary Uveitis (PU) as a very serious hereditary disorder in Golden Retrievers about a decade ago and the realization that most dogs with this serious condition will not present with the disease until after many are no longer being bred, the newest recommendation is now to check dogs annually for life. Because the average age of onset for PU is 8 years old, the new recommendation, from GRCA's Health & Genetics Committee, is that all Golden Retrievers that have been used in a breeding

program have their eyes checked and registered for their lifetime with CERF. It used to be common practice to only clear dogs' eyes that were being used for breeding so most were no longer being checked when the disease normally expresses. Additionally, many people never sent the form into CERF for the online database at all.

To assist Golden breeders in making informed breeding decisions, the recommendation is to permanently register these results in a public forum such as CERF. Then breeders can research pedigrees to make more informed breeding decisions in a factual manner even if the owners are no longer able to be contacted. CERF shares results with OFA so the information is recorded there as well. We also want people to know that any eye (or heart) failure can be sent in to OFA and listed for free.

Realizing this recommendation is now asking owners to register dogs that were often not even being checked, much less registered, the GRF decided to pursue helping out with the dogs who have traditionally been least likely to be checked but are most at risk of having PU due to age. Additionally, since Pigmentary Uveitis is such a serious disease leading to pain and often glaucoma and/or removal of the eyes if not caught early and treated, we also want to encourage everyone with older dogs to get them checked even if they have never been used in a breeding program. Paying for the registration is our way to encourage and support this effort.

The program involves printing out a simple voucher to be included with the CERF form you send in for registration in the database. It is understood that all dogs will be included in the public database so the owner must agree to results being published. We encourage everyone to share the information about the voucher with all Golden owners. If your club is holding a health clinic, please print some of these vouchers to have on hand as well. The voucher will soon be available on both the GRCA and GRF websites but you can get a copy now by going to the following link:

**<http://www.goldenretrieverfoundation.org/>**

Let's all work together to help reduce the occurrence of this painful eye disease.

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

Puppy Referral is a **tool** to help you, as a breeder, find good homes. There are no guarantees that the public will choose to buy a puppy from you simply because you list a litter on our club's website. In other words, it is not the club's responsibility to place a breeder's puppies. There have been questions recently regarding the way litters are listed, the length of time a litter is listed, etc. I would like to clear up a couple of those questions.

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

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

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

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

**New Puppy Referral Requirements  
for  
Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club**

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

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

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

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

Submitted by: Deb Farris, Puppy Referral Coordinator



# The Whelping Box



Offered as a service in conjunction with MFGRC's puppy referral. Health clearances and \$25 must be submitted to the puppy referral coordinator.

DEB FARRIS

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## LITTER LISTING:

**Caroline/Chris Roetzer** (Clearwater) 727-724-3664 [Ingotgoldens@verzion.net](mailto:Ingotgoldens@verzion.net)  
CH Magik' Southern's Captain Jack RN x Ingot's Double Trouble  
**Born 9/12/09 1 Female**

**Debbie Caudill** (Ocala) 352 288-0685 [rdc21@embarqmail.com](mailto:rdc21@embarqmail.com)  
MBIS,MBISS,GCH,CH. My Buddy's Boppity Bop Blue Moon RN, WC, VC, CGC, SDHF x Snobird' In Hot Pursuit  
**Born 1/12/11 1 male, 1 female**

**Linda/Kim Hitchcock** (Balm, FL) 813-777-6955 [lhitchcock@49erGoldenRetrievers.com](mailto:lhitchcock@49erGoldenRetrievers.com)  
(Skye)OTCH Morninglo Fire In The Sky UDX4 MH NA NAJ WVX OS VCX x (Rio) Goldruls Angelfish On My Shldr JH WC CCA  
**Born 1/15/11 7 females , 2 males**

**Jerrie Morrison** (Sarasota) 941-650-4214 [omnigolden@aol.com](mailto:omnigolden@aol.com)  
Am/Int CH Magik Southern's Captain Jack RN X Omni's Jet Set  
**Born 1/24/11, 3 males**

**Nancy Sigmon** (Tarpon Springs) 727 938-4271 [longlost22@yahoo.com](mailto:longlost22@yahoo.com)  
Ch. Col. Am. Ch. Ag-Golden Age Porto Alegre and Magiks Golden Goose on the Luce, CGC  
**Born 1/30/11 1 male, 1 female**

**Cyntha Resare** (Inverness) 352-344-3123 [resarecyn@aol.com](mailto:resarecyn@aol.com)  
Moonstruck Kelly of Misty Ridge x CH Fall Chase First Call  
**Born 3/10/11 3 males , 3 females**

**Michelle Whitney** (Largo) 727-596-6426 home 727-515-6184 cell [twhit72069@aol.com](mailto:twhit72069@aol.com)  
GCH CH. Hillock HoneyBear's Purple Pizzazz X Hillock's All The Way May JH,WC  
**Born April 1, 2011 5 males, 4 females**

**Tom/Debbie Young** (Pinellas Park) 727-742-8562 [wedlv95@aol.com](mailto:wedlv95@aol.com)  
CH De La Vega Heir Apparent x CH Boca Gold Shooting Start  
**Born 4/8/11 3 males, 2 females**

**Paula Veibl** (Melbourne) 321) 480-4442 [Pveibl@cfl.rr.com](mailto:Pveibl@cfl.rr.com)  
CH Gemini's Furst Responder CD RN X Lakewood's Kiss My Irish Lass CD RN JH WCX CCA  
**Born 4/11/11, 5 males, 7 females**

Other litters will become available soon. Puppies can go to their new homes after 8 weeks of age. If you have questions regarding purchasing a Golden Retriever, please contact our Puppy Referral Coordinator, Deb Farris at E-Mail: [Faragold@yahoo.com](mailto:Faragold@yahoo.com).

We encourage you to do research prior to adding a puppy to your family. The Golden Retriever Club of America's online publication "Acquiring a Golden Retriever" is an excellent resource. You can find this information at [www.grca.org](http://www.grca.org). If you are interested in obtaining a rescue golden, you can contact the Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida at [info@grmf.org](mailto:info@grmf.org).

# MEET THE MEMBERS

**Editors note:** Joyce Swegle is a long time member of MFGRC and is very active in obedience, agility and tracking. We think you will enjoy getting to know her if you haven't had that privilege yet. Thank you Joyce for agreeing to talk with us this month!

**How did you get involved with goldens?** I grew up with dogs, and showed German Shepherds in breed, JS, and obedience. The first CD I ever earned was on Brix, my GSD. Unfortunately, he developed hip dysplasia, and had to be retired. My late husband actually picked Goldens. Brix didn't want to share, and had to live with my parents after I married. I wanted a dog, so at the Ft. Lauderdale all breed club show, Dennis pointed out a golden. Our first Golden, Enoch, developed hip dysplasia, was undershot, oversized (too tall), monorchid and had seizures. We moved to the Orlando area in 1979. I showed our second Golden in breed, put 5 points on him, and then had to quit due to family life, kids, etc. In the early '90s, with more time on my hands, I came back to obedience. Tyler didn't work out in breed, but loved obedience, and earned his CDX. Turner was next, and he earned his Championship, his/our first UD, and with the help of Susan Fulenwider and Ann Rowe, he also earned his WC. Garrett, earned our first UDX and was our first foray into agility and took lots of Rally titles. Dylan, the joy of my life, my heart dog, earned his OTCH, his UDX 4, his GRCA Obedience Hall of Fame, and his RE (Rally Excellent). He was nationally ranked in Rally after only a few months of showing in it. He was also learning to track. They are all at the Bridge now.

**What or who got you interested in Tracking?** Because I was interested in obedience with Brix, I read everything I could get on dogs. I still have some of those real old training books by Winifred Strickland and Blanche Saunders. Way back when, tracking was a part of utility. In 2004 the Daytona Obedience Club held a tracking seminar with Diane and Dutch Schultz. That did it! I took Ziggy (who was a puppy) and he just seemed to really enjoy it. We started to train, took lessons, and I loved watching how quickly puppies can pick it up.

**Explain how tracking works, and what the titles mean.** In tracking, a human scent is laid (just by a track layer walking), left to age a bit, and then the dog (hopefully!) follows the exact pathway to the glove which is left at the end of the track. The day before an actual test, the 2 judges plot the actual tracks, and flag the start, the turns, and the end. The track layer follows, and prepares their own map to follow the next day, in case the dog makes a mistake and loses the track. That way the track layer can help the dog find it. On the day of the test, the track layer walks the track again, and leaves the first 2 flags BUT picks up the remaining flags, and drops the leather glove at the end. The track is left to age while the draw is held. Each entrant draws the track they will ultimately run. Each track is at least 440 yards long, with 3 to 5 turns, and has aged 30 minutes to 2 hours. The dog follows the scent of the track layer to the glove. The team that makes this has earned their TD - Tracking Dog title. The TD test is what we will be offering on May 1. After the dog has earned the TD, they may go onto to either the TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent) or the VST (Variable Surface Tracking). The dog that earns each of these is deemed a CT or Champion Tracker. The TDX is much more difficult for the team. It is 800 to 1000 yards long, is aged 3 to 5 hours, has 5 to 7 direction changes, has human "cross tracks", and obstacles like ditches or woods. A VST is also 3 to 5 hours old, but goes across roads, sidewalks, around buildings, etc.

**How would you encourage someone to get started in Tracking?** Find someone with a like interest to train with. You can do it yourself, but it's more fun to train with friends. I either train alone or go out with some friends. We help each other out, when we have the time. You have to be motivated, as it's hot and time consuming. But it's an incredible feeling watching the dogs track, and even more so, when you start a puppy and then watch them grow into it.

**Tell us about your dogs and their accomplishments.** I have 4 dogs now, and they all have their TDs. Ziggy was our first TD, he hates showing in obedience but loves training in it - except for stays. He loves agility. He has his RE, TD, AXP, OJP, OFP. Henry is Ziggy's half brother. He has his UD, RE, TD, is doing some field work, and some agility, but we are still working mainly in obedience. Micah, has earned his VCD1 (CD, NAP, NJP, TD) and his RN and NFP. A few weekends ago, he earned his OJP. Hopefully this summer will work on his CDX. We are also training TDX work. Alexander has earned his TD (first time out at 13 months), his BN (Beginners Novice) and RN. He is training mostly in obedience and tracking, (VST), with some agility thrown in.



Alexander after earning his TD



# DOCOF 2011

I can hardly believe it, DOCOF is less than six months away and MFGRC is well on their way to have two strong teams --- again. DOCOF is Labor Day weekend every year and teams from all over the state get together to compete to see who the top scoring teams are.

A tradition was started years ago, when Susan Fulenwider was Captain of our teams, to always ask people from the previous year if they wanted to return. This year a few have either not responded or chosen not to be on the team again. But the good news is, we have had new people e-mail and ask if they could be on our team.

As a Specialty Club, we all train in various facilities so I totally understand people wanting to be on the teams that they train with. I am truly appreciative (and always will be) for those who remain with us -- and to the new people who choose to compete and have fun with us.

The food is the best and the comraderie unbeatable. We are in this competition to show team support, cheer each other on and hopefully move up in the standings. Moving up is not our priority -- team support -- and of course the food -- those are important!

So members - here is my request -- if you want to be on the team -- please e-mail me and let me know what level your golden is available for. I look forward to hearing from every interested member.

Submitted by:

Robin Scott  
fourdogsr@embarqmail.com



**2010 DOCOF TEAM**



# MFGRC FUN MATCH

**Saturday, April 2, 2011**

Just wanted to thank everyone that helped make the match the biggest and best yet.

The p.j. crew, Betty, Debbie, Shirl and Tammy, that stayed up late and got up early so we could have things ready for the first folks coming through the gate before 8 a.m.

The Friday set up crew: Robin and Denny, John Thibodeaux (yes he is back to stay), Betty, Debbie, Robin Senderwitz and Tania Ladic.

The judges: Liz and Debbie did a great job. There were 18 obedience entries and a few rally entries. As with conformation, some folks didn't have a clue. However, it was a good learning experience because of our judges teaching and encouraging them as they did the course.

Candi did an awesome job judging conformation. Rosa, thanks for getting her here. There were at least 22 entries. Most of the folks showing didn't even know what a show lead was. I was passing them out to my puppy people. Candi was Very Patient and gave pointers on what to do and said nice things about the dogs and encouraging words to the handlers.

Leah for taking on the job of secretary which is always a nightmare the morning of because of everyone wanting to sign in at the same time. Don't think anyone has ever done that job two years in a row.

There were several folks that came just to help out and attend the meeting. The rings were down and the trailer loaded in record time. There was no shortage of help.

We took in: Raffle---\$181; Food---\$148; Entries--\$367.50

Thanks to everyone that helped make this years match a success!

Submitted by:

Ann Rowe  
Match Chairperson







It's a MATCH !



**What a  
GOLDEN  
grin!**







Let's GO!







**Struttin'  
Our  
Stuff  
Or  
Just  
Hangin'  
Out!**





# It's ALL About The GOLD!







**Line 'em up!**



## Just Watchin'





# TROPHIES & RIBBONS!



Photos courtesy of Debbie Finch and Diane Hosenbold

GOLDEN TALES APRIL 2011

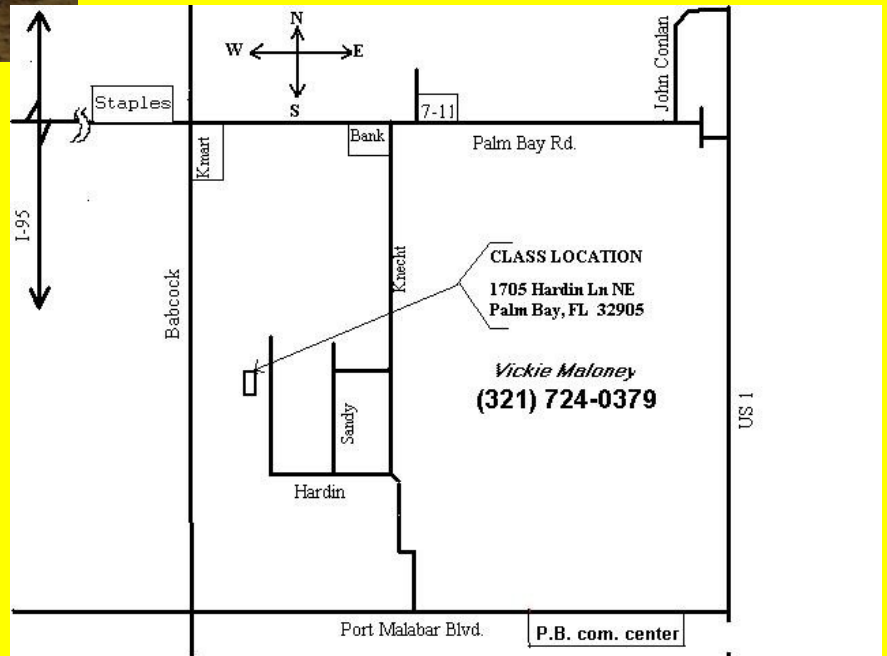




**MFGRC AGILITY FUN DAY**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2011**  
**TIME: 10:00 A.M.**  
**JA-VIC TRAINING CENTER**  
**PALM BAY, FLORIDA**

**From I-95:**

1. Take the Palm Bay Road exit, and turn East (toward the ocean).
2. You'll go through several traffic lights, passing Wal-Mart and BJ's on the left.
3. Look for Applebee's, then Chili's and K-Mart; this is the intersection with Babcock St., and there is a traffic light at here. Go straight through this intersection.
4. Take the first right turn after you cross Babcock; this is Knecht Road (there is a small bank on the corner).
5. Go approx. 0.8 mile on Knecht, and turn right onto Hardin Lane. Hardin turns into a dirt road and makes a big bend to the right at the end. At that point you are on our property.
6. Keep going until you see all the happy goldens running around - parking will be on the right.



**General Meeting and  
Pot Luck Lunch**

**Bring your dog, a dish to  
share, and a chair and join  
us for some learning fun!**

**The fun starts at 10 a.m.**





# MFGRC Tracking Dog Test And General Meeting Sunday, May 1, 2011

**Our AKC Tracking Test is May 1, 2011. Come on out and watch the dogs as they strive to earn their tracking titles.**

**We will have a general meeting on Sunday, May 1, 2011, time to be announced once we see where we are on entries. A mass email will be sent out when we know the time and where to have everyone meet.**

**There will be a pot luck lunch and a general meeting, so bring a chair and your favorite dish.**

**PLEASE NOTE: DOGS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE TRACKING TEST SITE. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO LEAVE YOUR DOGS AT HOME FOR THIS MEETING.**

**Directions to the site are in the Premium Listing on page 24. If you have any questions regarding the Tracking Dog Test, please contact Joyce Swegle at [softwindGR@aol.com](mailto:softwindGR@aol.com).**



Entries close 7:30 pm, April 21, 2011 at the Test Secretary's home, after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled or substituted.

**PREMIUM LIST**  
**Mid Florida Golden Retriever Club**

(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)



This Test is dedicated in memory of Susan Fulenwider.

**Tracking Dog Test**  
(Entry limited to 12 dogs plus alternates.)

DATE: Sunday, May 1, 2011  
 LOCATION: Lee Vista Center, SR 436 & 528, Orlando, Florida  
 CERTIFICATION: Only entries that are accompanied by a tracking certification statement signed by a licensed AKC judge and dated within 12 months prior to the date of the test will be accepted.  
 ENTRY DRAWING: At 8pm, April 21, 2011, the Test Secretary will conduct a random draw of all entries at Publix Lk. Forest, Hwy 46, Sanford, Fl.  
 TEST HOURS: 6:00 AM until the last track is completed.

**JUDGES**

Mr. Ron Seeley (18975)  
 167 NE Jardain Rd.  
 Port St. Lucie, Fl. 34983

Mrs. Lucinda Seeley (90148)  
 167 NE Jardain Rd.  
 Port St. Lucie, Fl 34983

DRAW FOR TRACKS: The draw for running order of tracks will be held on, Sunday May 1, 2011 at 7:00 AM in the back parking lot of the Denny's Restaurant on State Road 436. The first track will be run following the draw. In the event an accepted entry is absent, the first attending alternate by the drawing will participate, and so on.



**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CERTIFICATION**

Permission has been granted by the American Kennel Club for holding this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

James P. Crowley, Secretary

**Mid Florida Golden Retriever Club**

**OFFICERS**

President Camille Doebling  
Vice President Debbie Finch  
Treasurer Tom Hell  
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5621 Mead Ct  
Orlando, FL 32810

**DIRECTORS**

Ann Rowe, Betty Lambert, John Blair  
Rosa Blair, Joanne Hell, Shirl Phillips  
  
**TRACKING TEST COMMITTEE**  
Judi Volpe, Jodie Faist, Debbie Finch, Camille Doebling,  
Chair and Secretary Joyce Swegle  
1730 Cedar Stone Ct. Lk. Mary, FL 32746-4615  
407-333-2375 Cell 407-461-4076 softwindgr@aol.com

**ENTRY LIMIT:** 12 dogs plus alternates.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$60.00 per entry

(Includes recording fee in accordance with AKC rules, Chapter 11,  
Section 2 of Dog Show Rules)

Make checks payable to: **MFGRC**

(No cash please and no credit cards. No faxed or e-mailed entries can be accepted.) Exhibitors will be notified via email when entry is received.

**ENTRIES:**

Entries must be on official AKC entry forms or photocopy of same including the reverse side with agreements and rules. Entry form must be signed. **THIS TEST IS OPEN TO ALL BREEDS.**

**MAIL ENTRIES TO:**

Joyce Swegle 1730 Cedar Stone Ct, Lk. Mary, FL 32746

When the limit of 12 dogs has been reached, all remaining entries will comprise the alternate list. Alternates have the option to accept or decline being placed on the alternate list. Those that decline will

have their entry fee returned. The Test Secretary will notify all entrants of the results of the draw by email and or phone. In the event an accepted entry is absent the day of the test, the first attending alternate will participate, and so on.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Only dogs that have passed a tracking certification under a licensed AKC judge within 12 months prior to the date of the test are eligible to be entered in a Tracking Dog test. A statement of certification must accompany each entry.

**BITCHES IN SEASON MAY PARTICIPATE:**

Entrants must notify the Test Secretary and Judges that their bitch is in season prior to the drawing for tracks. Bitches in season will participate only after all other dogs have been tested.

**AWARDS:**

Those handlers and dogs marked "Failed" by the judges will be issued a certificate by the AKC and will be given the last article on their track, a leather glove, signed by the judges and a copy of the map of their track.

**CONDITIONS AT THE TEST SITE:**

Lee Vista is an office/industrial park.

**\*\*ATTENTION EXHIBITORS AND SPECTATORS\*\***

Due to the change in nature of the fields being used by clubs for tracking tests and the increased population at these sites by the general public, dogs shall be "on lead" at all times on any areas of the tracking site. A dog that is allowed to run free and off lead, at any time before the test, during the test, after failing or after the completion of its' track, shall be failed and excused. If this occurs before the test, the dog shall be excused and not allowed to run in the test.

**DIRECTIONS TO THE SITE:**

The test site is just north of the intersection of SR 436 (Semoran Blvd.) and SR 528 (Beeline Expressway). Follow directions to Orlando International Airport. From SR 528 (Beeline Hwy.) /airport exit, take SR 436 (Semoran Blvd.) north approximately ¼ mile to the intersection of Lee Vista Blvd. Denny's Restaurant is on the northeast corner of the intersection of SR 436 at T.G. Lee Blvd.

**FOR YOUR REFERENCE:**

The club will have a first aid kit and cell phone at the test site. Additionally, the following medical facilities are near the test site:

**HUMAN:**

Florida Hospital/E.Orlando:407/275-5150, 7727 Lake Underhill Rd.

**CANINE:**

Veterinary Emergency Clinic (South Orlando office):407/438-4449, 9500 Satellite Blvd. (near Sams in Cypress Park off Taft Vineland Rd.).

**In case of emergency, dial 911.**

**Hotels that will accept dogs**

LaQuinta Orlando North  
7160 N Frontage Rd Orlando, FL  
407-240-5000

LaQuinta Orlando Airport West  
7931 Daerwyler Rd Orlando, FL  
407-857-9215



## OFFICIAL AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ENTRY FORM



MID FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB  
TRACKING DOG TEST, EVENT # 2011445903  
Sunday, May 1, 2011

Held at Lee Vista Center, State Roads 436 & 528, Orlando, FL  
Entries will close 7:30 PM Thursday, April 21, 2011 at the Secretary's address. The entry fee for each dog is \$60.00.  
Make checks payable to the MFGRC. Mail checks and entries to the Test Secretary: Joyce Siegle  
1730 Cedar Stone Ct, Lk. Mary, FL 32746 (407) 333-2375 softwing@aol.com

Notice: PLEASE PUT BREED & NAME OF TEST ON CHECKS. I ENCLOSE \$\_\_\_\_\_ for entry fees.  
IMPORTANT - Read carefully instruction on before filling out. Numbers in the boxes indicate sections of the instructions relevant to the information needed in that box. PLEASE PRINT. FILL OUT FORM COMPLETELY.

BREED		VARIETY (1)		SEX	
DOG SHOW CLASS	Tracking Dog Test		CLASS DIVISION		
ADDITIONAL CLASSES	OBEDIENCE	TRIAL CLASS	JR SHOWMANSHIP CLASS		
FULL NAME OF DOG					
ENTER NUMBER HERE		DATE OF BIRTH:			
AKO REG NO.		PLACE OF BIRTH			
AKO LITTER NO.		U.S.A. CANADA FOREIGN			
JLP NO.					
FOREIGN REG. NO. & COUNTRY					
BREEDER					
SIRE					
DAM					
ACTUAL OWNER(S) (2) Please print					
OWNERS ADDRESS					
CITY STATE ZIP					
HANDLER (if other than owner)					

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 the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and to pay any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this event, further agree to be bound by the "Agreement" printed on the reverse side of this entry form. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and agreement. I (we) agree to conduct myself (ourselves) in accordance with all such Rules and Regulations (including all provisions applying to disciplines) and to abide by any decisions made in accord with them.

SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR AGENT DULY AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THIS ENTRY

(Must be signed here)

TELEPHONE

E-Mail address

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Web site, [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

## AGREEMENT

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 judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-organizing club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessee of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold the event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of the dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim, and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog.

Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other persons. I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR 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. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. (Variety) If you are entering a dog of a breed in which there are varieties for show purposes, please designate the particular variety you are entering (e.g., Chesapeake Bay Retriever (Red Coat), English Cocker Spaniel (Red), over 13 in. tall not exceeding 15 in. (Basset Hound), English Bulldog (English Bulldog), Bull Terrier (Smooth White), Manchester Terrier (Black), Toy Chihuahua (smooth coat, long coat), English Toy Spaniel (King Charles and Ruby, Blenheim and Prince Charles), Poodle (toy, miniature, standard), Collie (rough, smooth).

2. The following categories of dogs may be entered and shown in that of breed competition: Dogs that are Champions of Record and dogs which, according to their owner's records, have completed the requirements for a championship, but whose championships are unconfirmed. The showing of unconfirmed Champions in that of breed competition is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of the show where the dog completed the requirements for a championship.

3. (Event Class) Consult the classification in the premium list. If the event class in which you are entering your dog is divided, then, in addition to designating the class, specify the particular division of the class in which you are entering your dog, i.e., age division, color division, weight division.

4. A dog must be entered in the name of the person who actually owned it at the time entries for a trial closed. If a registered dog has been acquired by a new owner, it must be entered in the name of its new owner in any trial for which entries closed after the date of acquisition, regardless of whether the new owner has received the registration certificate indicating that the dog is recorded in his/her name. State on entry form whether transfer application has been mailed to AKC. (For complete rules refer to Chapter 11, Section 3).

If this entry is for Junior Showmanship, please give the following information:  
JR'S DATE OF BIRTH

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

AKC JUNIOR HANDLER NUMBER

The number above MUST be included. Should you not have your Junior Handler number, this may be obtained from the American Kennel Club. Phone (919) 816-3814.

By signing this entry form I (we) certify that the Junior Showman does not race, and will not at any time, act as an agent/handler for pay while continuing to compete in Junior Showmanship.

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

If Junior Handler is not the owner of the dog identified on the face of this form, what is the relationship of the Junior Handler to the Owner

# MFGRC Fun Day

## Bob Dennis' Stanley Pond Tree Farm in Astatula FL

**When:** Saturday, May 21, 2011, 9:00 a.m.  
**Where:** Stanley Pond Tree Farm, Astatula, FL  
**Events:** Doggie Swim and Play

There will be a POT LUCK lunch so bring your favorite dish to share. Bring a chair, your dog'(s) favorite water toy(s), water for your dog(s) and sun screen.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Entry to the field has changed!!!

**PLEASE LOOK FOR THE MFGRC SIGNS TO TELL YOU HOW TO ACCESS THE AREA!!!!**



**DIRECTIONS: FROM Ocala:** Take I-75 South to Florida Turnpike. Stay on the turnpike until you get to exit #289 - this is Route 27. Follow Route 27 south approximately 4 miles then make a left on State Road 19N. Go for about 2.5 miles and then turn right on Route #455. Go for about 2 miles then make a left onto Route #561. Continue on this route until you see the sign for Route 48 (about 3.8 miles) and make a right. Stanley Tree Farm is approximately 2.4 miles on your right.

**FROM THE NORTH:** Take 441 south, passing through Eustis and the turn to Mt. Dora. Go past Vincent's restaurant, and turn **RIGHT** onto **Sadler Road**; there is a Citgo type gas station and convenience store on the corner. You'll go through the Lake Jem area of nice houses on Sadler Road. Where Sadler Road ends, turn **LEFT** onto 448A. Go two miles on 448A and turn **RIGHT** onto 48 West. The Tree Farm is on this road, down about 1 ½ miles, on the left. You'll see the pond just before the driveway.

**FROM THE WEST COAST:** Take I-4 East to US 27- Haines City Clermont Exit. Take US 27 North towards Clermont for approx. 28 miles to CR 561. Turn Right on CR 561 & go approx. 7 miles to CR 48. Turn Right on CR 48 for approx 2 miles- Stanley Pond Tree Farm will be on your Right.

**FROM THE EAST COAST:** Take I-4 West to SR 436 Altamonte Springs. Go West on 436 approx 7 miles to HWY 441 in Apopka. Go North on HWY 441 to Jones Ave & follow Directions 'From Orlando.

**FROM THE SOUTH:** Take the Florida Turnpike to the exit for Toll Road 429. Take the 429 to the end, and turn left onto 441. Stay on 441 into Zellwood. Look for Duda Road, Route 48 (marked with a blue and yellow sign). Turn Left onto Duda Rd., and take it to the end. Turn left onto 448A. Drive approx. ½ mile on 448A, and turn right onto 48 West. The Tree Farm is down this road about 1 ½ miles, on the left. You'll see the pond just before the driveway.





**Area Motels: Ramada Inn, 3260 US Hwy. 98 Lakeland, Florida-863-680-8080 Motel 6, 3120 US Hwy 98, Lakeland, Florida-863-682-0643**

**AN AKC HUNT TEST RETRIEVER SEMINAR FOR JUDGES  
AND HANDLERS  
HOSTED BY:**

**Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club  
407-859-4571**

**Location: 3910 Water Oak Drive, Lakeland, FL - Next to Tom & Joanne Hell's House  
SATURDAY, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The program will be presented utilizing multimedia demonstrations, lecture and group discussions. The seminar will cover subjects such as:

- The purpose of Hunting Tests
- Performance standard for Junior, Senior, and Master
- Hunting Test scoring
- The guidelines for Judges of Hunting Tests
- How to apply and conduct a Hunting Test
- The responsibility of the key personnel involved
- Gun Safety
- How to handle misconduct

**SCHEDULE:**

Registration	9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Classroom	9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Lunch	12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
Classroom	1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE AND FEE:**

Registration is \$25 per person. Lunch \$7 extra. Please enroll by MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2011 Registration forms and fees should be sent to:

**Camille Doehring [mischiefgolden@gmail.com](mailto:mischiefgolden@gmail.com)  
3015 Delaney Ave. Orlando, FL 32806**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Ant: \_\_\_\_\_ No. Attending: \_\_\_\_\_



# CH TOP HAT'S FIRST TOUR OF DUTY WC Blade

Thank you to all of our friends  
for your support during Blade's show career,  
and thank you to Blade's breeder & owner  
for entrusting me with this beautiful dog!  
He has been a joy to co-own and show.  
Blade needs just one JH pass and  
will return home in April.

lucky  
yellow  
jacket

Owned & Bred by  
Denise Werner, Top Hat Goldens  
Enon, Ohio  
[www.tophatgoldens.com](http://www.tophatgoldens.com)

Co-Owned & Handled by  
Anney Doucette  
[JPGRigold@aol.com](mailto:JPGRigold@aol.com)



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## BLADE – THE BREEDER JUDGES' CHOICE!

WD/BOW/BOB Lakeland Winter Haven KC Judge Ainsley Mills  
WD Everglades Golden Retriever Club (major) Judge Suzanne Hemminger  
WD Augusta Kennel Club (major) Judge Jon Chase  
WD Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club (major) Judge June Smith



# FISHER

**CH Deauxquest Hard Day's Knight**  
**UDT VER RAE SH WCX CCA VCX (1 MH pass)**

CH OTCH CT Highmark Mirasol Once A Knight UDX2 JH MX MXJ WC VCX OS SDHF OBHF  
 ex Deauxquest Mavica Pic UD JH AX AXJ WCX OD  
 OFA Excellent, Elbows/Heart/CERF Clear

*Sire of...*

Four HIT winners, three with a 200 score  
 Best of Breed winner from the classes

The breed's youngest MACH titlist  
 A Top Ten sire for HRC titled goldens

*For your consideration...*

**A new litter of Fisher puppies born April 3rd (5 M/4 F)**

Incredible performance potential, sound temperament, intense trainability and beautiful breed type.

Actively seeking competition homes.

**The dam is MERICHASE'S LIFE IN THE FAST LANE OA OAJ OF "Lanie"**

OTCH Morninglo Fire In The Sky UDX4 MH NA NAJ WCX VCX OS (CH. ptd.) ex Merichase High Caliber Lady CDX JH AX AXJ OF OD  
 OFA Good, Elbows/Heart/CERF Clear

For more information please contact

**Carole Beth Davis, Merichase Goldens – Palm Bay, FL – [cbdjmac@aol.com](mailto:cbdjmac@aol.com) – 321-213-4410**

or Anney Doucette – [JPGRigold@aol.com](mailto:JPGRigold@aol.com) – 352-262-1874

**[www.Go-Fisher.com](http://www.Go-Fisher.com)**

# MAKING AN IMPACT





Life is not measured by the breaths we take...  
but by the moments that take our breath away



## BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES

# *Richwood Moments Away*

Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club  
Best in Puppy Sweepstakes  
Thank you Judge Sherri Brothers



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Also congratulations to Millie's brother  
"Dash" (Richwood's Moment In Time),  
shown left, owned by Amber Schoeller,  
who also won his regular  
and sweeps classes at the specialty.

CH Happy HR Highmark Bad News Bears CDX SH NA NAJ OS SDHF VXC  
ex Unicoi's Sail Away Angel CDX TD SH CCA VC

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Unicoi's Sail Away Angel  
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Fall breeding planned to "Fisher"

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# Milestones & Achievements

Here is an amusing story from Pete Fitzgerald:

The short version of the story is that Susan and I have been in the U.K. since last summer while I am on a sabbatical (researching a book on "International Issues in Animal Law"). Although we lost both of our older dogs, "Hamish" and "Ceilidh," shortly before we left Florida, we brought "Duncan" with us. We then adopted "Dora" last November. She's a 2 1/2 year old that was bred in Edinburgh by an old friend who let us know that Dora needed to be re-homed when her owners suddenly became seriously ill. As they were "show people" who had worked hard to qualify Dora for Crufts, we offered to bring her to the show in Birmingham last month so they could show "Kailzie Cawdor at Arkathia" one last time.

And that's how we - a couple of rescue folks - wound up at the world's largest dog show with 490 other Golden Retrievers and more than 21,000 other dogs! Dora was handled by one of her former owners and her granddaughter, as owner-handlers are the norm in the U.K. and she actually did quite well - being shortlisted in her "graduate" class. Dora's a classic old line "British" Golden, and all the other dogs that were selected by the Swedish judge were much lighter cream colored dogs. Incidentally, Duncan caused quite a bit of comment himself, as the red line of Golden Retrievers are virtually unknown and unrecognizable here, and we usually found it easier to simply describe him as an "American Red". At least we did until one woman stopped us as we were leaving the hotel with both dogs and after complimenting Dora and asking how she had done in the show, turned to Duncan and asked "what's that?" When we said he's an American Red, she then demanded "An American Red what???"

We'll be here thru July and then are looking forward to introducing Dora to life in Florida next fall. We'll see you all then....



**Duncan and Dora**



**Dora at Crufts**

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Janet Narushka tells us that Hillock's Tortuga Gold RN picked up her third 3 point major in West Palm on March 12 under judge Marion Lyons, and handled by Janet.

Betty Lambert says, "I am very proud of my girl Tyme, who will be 11 years old in May. She has just earned her 14th title overall. In 3 straight trials in January, February, and March of this year, she earned her Beginners Novice title, finishing in Eustis on March 19. Tyme is co-owned and very much loved by myself and Ann Rowe, and she is now HR Magik's It's About Time BN CD RE SH WCX CCA CGC VC."



**Sweet Tyme**

Becky Nicholas told us that during the weekend of April 2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> she and the boys attended a NADAC trial in Ocala. Camden had a great weekend Q'ing in 8 of his 12 runs! He earned Q's in 4 Regular, 2 Weavers, 1 Jumpers and 1 Chances (like Gamblers -big distance!) and he also came home with a new title! GOOD BOY CAMDEN!



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