

From the President's Desk...

I want to start off by thanking one of MFGRC's unsung heroes. Tim Guy has been our web master for the past fourteen years and has recently asked to be relieved of this responsibility. Although we are sorry to see Tim step down from this position, we understand his need to do so. Working behind the scenes, Tim has maintained, updated, improved and taken great care of our page. It is a wonderful representation of all that Mid-Florida is and all that its members have accomplished. So we extend our heartfelt thanks to Tim for his many years of dedication and hard work. We can't begin to tell you how much we appreciate you and your efforts. THANK YOU TIM GUY!!

I would like to welcome Diane Hosenbold of PC Peace of Mind as Mid-Florida's new web master. Diane is a long time golden owner with extensive experience in developing and maintaining web pages so she is very well suited to care for our page. Please take this opportunity to visit the web page at www.mfgrc.org and tell us what you think. Any suggestions you may have to improve the page would be welcome.

There are some guidelines that we need to follow when submitting information for the web page. All photos, articles, etc., must be submitted to Tom Hell at tohell50@hotmail.com. Photos should be no larger than 500 kb per picture. Please make sure that all photos are identified. Name of owner must be included with picture. Dog's name and titles are optional. Web page and email addresses will not be included in the member photo gallery.

By the time you read this we will have hopefully survived our February hunt test and our specialty. We'll revisit those events in my next newsletter.

In my first president's message I sent out a plea for members to step up and take an active role in learning the intricacies of running the club. I want to reiterate that same message. As most of you know, a couple of our board members are facing some challenging health issues which have and will continue to impact how this club functions. Looking to the future it is obvious that we will need new additions to the board of directors. Please take that first step now so that we can all be prepared to move forward into that future. Let's not lose our momentum. Remember, MFGRC exists for its members. The club provides activities, services, information sharing and many, many other functions but without strong leadership the club will cease to exist. Please step forward we are waiting to mentor.

Thank you. Hug your dogs, your friends and your families today. Time passes so quickly.

Camille





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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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IN LOVING MEMORY

SUSAN FULENWIDER CLUB MEMBER, MENTOR AND DEAR FRIEND





Do not stand at my grave and forever weep.

I am not there; I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn's rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush

I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and forever cry.

I am not there. I did not die.

~~Mary Frye~~

Please join us to

CELEBRATE

the life of

SUSAN FULENWIDER

Saturday, March 12, 2011

11:00 a.m.

Ann Rowe's House
23840 Oak Valley Lane
Sorrento, FL

Additional details will be provided via MFGRC email and www.mfgrc.org

GOLDEN TALES

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From the $Editor(s) \dots$

It is Sunday, February 20, 2011. By now, via email or telephone or Facebook, the word has gone out to the MFGRC membership that our club has lost someone truly special.

Susan Fulenwider wore many hats as a member of MFGRC. She was a past President, Vice President, Specialty Chairperson, Hunt Test Chair (for both our fall and winter tests), Board member. The list of roles she played in this Club is long.

You could always find Susan at a fun field day, flinging ducks and bumpers and doing what she did best – teaching us to teach our dogs and have fun doing it. My best memories of her are of her standing in a field, dressed in her waders and camo, hair and makeup perfect. To look at Susan in everyday mode, you would never guess that she had such a love for what is sometimes dirty and smelly field work, but she did have a passion for it. She loved seeing our dogs do "what they were bred to do."

Then there were the things she did that weren't in the public eye, that didn't get a lot of attention. There are many of us out here that she quietly mentored. When I was new to the Club, the new editor of Golden Tales, with a golden retriever puppy I had no idea how to groom, Susan offered her help. She came to my home armed with a suggested list of grooming tools I would need and where I could get them. We spent a wonderful afternoon together talking dogs and life and a bond was stitched between us that will never be broken. Not even now.

Susan was the Club President when I took on Golden Tales and she was a great support and cheerleader for me as I stumbled along. I loved editing her President's Messages and her committee reports. I have never in my life seen anyone use so many exclamation points!!!!!! Those are for you, Susan.

It sounds like a cliché to say that Susan would not want us to be sad. If you knew Susan and loved her as so many of us did, you know it is not just a cliché. She would want us to do just what she would be doing. She would want us out in the fields, in the show ring, on the agility field, in the obedience and rally rings, or just training our dogs to be good canine citizens. She would want us to find someone to mentor, to volunteer and to take part whenever we can in this Club that she so loved.

Susan fought this battle hard. She was defiant and hated being sick. At the beginning, she told us "I am in this for the cure!" We all hoped and prayed that would be the case.

Godspeed, Susan. We love you.

Leah Wright Co-Editor

A Celebration of Susan's life is being planned. Details to follow via club email and www.mfgrc.org.



January Board Meeting Minutes / Year Planning Meeting

The MFGRC Board Meeting was called to order by Camille Doehring at 1:20 pm. on January 9, 2011 at Camille Doehring's home.

Board Members Present: Camille Doehring, Tom Hell, Susan Fulenwider, Judi Volpe, Debbie Finch, Ann Rowe, John Blair, Shirl Phillips and Betty Lambert.

Vice President's Report: Debbie Finch had one application to read: Jane Eisenberg. She was voted in unanimously.

Secretary's Report: Judi Volpe did not have anything to report. Betty Lambert moved that the minutes from the last board meeting be waived. Susan Fulenwider seconded Vote was unanimous

Treasurer's Report: The Club does not publish income information on the Internet. Tom Hell reported we received a thank you letter from the National Breast Cancer Foundation for our donation from the raffle at the Agility Trial. We had many expenses this year with the new Agility Equipment and the new Agility Trailer and some obedience equipment for our Match so we are up to date on all equipment. ****Dues for 2011 are past due! Send them to Tom Hell.

Committee Reports:

2011 Speciality: Our Specialty will be on February 17, 2011. Caroline Roetzer and Joanne Hell were not available for a report.

Hunt Test: Susan Fulenwider reported that this will be on February 12 & 13, 2011. The boy scouts are all set to help us and she is working on a cateriar for the tailgate party.

Tracking Test: This will be on May 1, 2011. The judges are set. Joyce is still in need of 5 people to volunteer to be on the committee that will be able to be there the day of the trial.

Old Business:

January General Meeting/Fun Field Day: This will be held on January 16th at the Hell's at 10:00. Bring a pot luck dish and your dog. Soda and water will be provided.

Match: This will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at Ann Rowe's. Leah Wright will be the test secretary.

New Webmaster: Debbie Finch has been researching this. She reported to the board the two options we are look ing at right now. She is still waiting for a few more items before we can make the decision. Susan Fulenwider said she would be happy to work with them and get them whatever they needed when the decision was made.

Standard Operating Procedures (SOP): Our committee chairs are working on making up notebooks with the papers and information in them to help new committee chairs in knowing what they need to do.

Agility Trial: John Blair reported that the trial is listed for October 15 & 16, 2011. The judges are all set and he is working on getting a photographer. Pix and Pages will not be available that weekend.

2012 Eastern Regional: Camille Doehring will be sending out a formal invitation to Florida Gulf Coast and Everglades inviting them to join us. We need to know if they are going to join us before we send the bid in.

Eric Strickland Seminar: He has been contacted about coming in early August and we are waiting to hear back from him.

2011 National: John Blair is trying one more time to see if any clubs closer to Atlanta would be able to loan out their equipment. This is to help with the cost and the travel up and back with our equipment. He has also looked into renting a U-Haul instead of using our trailers and both his and Tom's trucks to pull them. It would be more cost efficient.

January Board Meeting Minutes / Year Planning Meeting (cont'd)

New Business:

There was no new business besides the 2011 calendar of events so we took a break for Camille's delicious food before working on the calendar.

2011 Calendar of Events

January - 1/9/11 Board Meeting 1/16/11 Fun Field Day at the Hell's

February - 2/4/11 Board Meeting 2/17/11 MFGRC Specialty - General Meeting to follow

March - 3/18/11 Board Meeting 4/2/11 Match at Ann Rowe's - General Meeting to follow

April - 4/15/11 Board Meeting 4/23/11 Agility Fun Day - General Meeting to follow

May - 5/1/11 Tracking Test 5/13/11 Board Meeting 5/21/11 Astatula Fun Day - General Meeting to follow

June - 6/4/11 Hunt Test Seminar 6/10/11 Board Meeting 6/11/11 Learn about Grooming - General Meeting to follow

July - 7/8/11 Board Meeting 7/9/11 Fun Rally and Obedience Day - General Meeting to follow

August - TBA

September - 9/2/11 Board Meeting 9/4/11 DOCOF - General Meeting during lunch 9/17 & 9/18 Hunt Test 9/25 - 10/2 Golden National in Atlanta

October - 10/7/11 Board Meeting 10/15 & 10/16 Agility Trial - General meeting on 10/15 at lunch

November - 11/11/11 Board Meeting 11/19/11 Ocala Show - General Meeting to follow

December - 12/9/11 Board Meeting 12/17/11 Christmas Party - General Meeting to follow

A motion to adjourn was made by Shirl Phillips. It was seconded by John Blair. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

The meeting was called to order by President Camille Doehring at 1:28 P.M. on January 16, 2011 in Lakeland at the Fun Field Day, held on the property of Tom & Joanne Hell.

Present: Bob & Theresa Bradley, Bill & Mary Coffman, Ted, Cindy, & Julie Crowell, John & Sandy Dillon, Camille Doehring, Debbie Finch, Susan Fulenwider, Alex & Mary Ellen Georoff, Joanne & Tom Hell, Betty Lambert, Caroline Roetzer, Ann Rowe, Chris & Laura Topping, Nanette & Angela Tschirgi, Tim & Michelle Whitney, and Jon & Leah Wright. Guests: Mike & Pam Larscheid.

Vice President's Report: Debbie announced the following new members: Jane Eisenberg and John & Sandy Dillon. They were unanimously voted in as new members.

Secretary's Report: Judi was not present so there was no Secretary's report. Camille announced that the minutes from the last meeting have been published in the newsletter, and Susan Fulenwider made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes. Betty Lambert seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: The Club does not post income information on the Internet. Tom Hell also announced that Club dues for 2011 were due January 1, and he is still accepting checks. Dues are \$25.00.

Events:

2011 Specialty: Camille announced that our Specialty will be held in Lakeland on February 17 at the Sun 'N Fun Facility. We are in need of volunteers for that day and anyone willing to help out can contact Camille. We are also in need of raffle items, and these can be brought to the facility table ready on the 17th.

2011 Hunt Test: Susan announced that the Hunt Test will be held in Montverde on February 12 & 13. Volunteers are also needed for this event. Contact Susan if you can help out either day.

Rescue Reunion: Debbie announced that the Golden Retriever Rescue Reunion will be held on February 26 at Lake Parker Park in Lakeland. Volunteers are needed to come out and help groom dogs. We charge a minimum of \$10.00 per dog, with all proceeds going to Rescue.

Match: This will be held on April 2 at Ann Rowe's in Sorrento. Leah Wright has volunteered to be the Match Secretary. We are working on getting judges and John Blair will have the premium available soon.

Tracking Test: Our Tracking Test will be held May 1, with tracklayers needed for April 30 as well. Joyce Swegle is chairing the event, and it will be held at Lee Vista Center in Orlando.

Old Business:

We are still in need of a new webmaster for the Club's website.

Calendar:

The February Board Meeting will be held on Friday, February 4, at Camille's home in Orlando. Camille encouraged members to come to a Board meeting this year, and think about possibly stepping up and volunteering to run for a position on the Board or even an officer for next year. The February General Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 19, at the Strawberry Cluster in Lakeland after Goldens show.

Vickie Maloney has offered the use of her property for an agility fun day and general meeting, possibly sometime in April. As soon as we are able to confirm a definite date, it will be announced.

We are looking at setting up a fun day and general meeting in May, possibly in Astatula. Laura Topping also volunteered her property for a fun day.

We are trying to set up an Eric Strickland seminar for either late July or sometime in August. He is an expert groomer and handler. This will be held at the Fast Friends building in Deland.

We are also trying to set up a seminar about PU - Pigmentary Uveitis - in Goldens.

We are hoping to host the 2012 Eastern Regional in Orlando the end of October. We have invited the Everglades Golden Retriever Club and the Gulf Coast Golden Retriever Club to join us in hosting this, and it would involve 4 days of specialties.

Ann Rowe had a special brag to share. Her girl Marley, Omni Magik's Going For The Gold, won her second major, today in Brooksville. She is being handled by Tigger Hahn.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ann Rowe and seconded by Susan Fulenwider. The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 P.M.



WHAT TIME IS IT???

DUES ARE PAST DUE!!!!!

Dues are \$25 per individual or family membership and WERE DUE BY 1/1/2011.

Send your check to:

Tom Hell 3920 Water Oak Drive Lakeland, FL 33810



MFGRC 2011 Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	Other Info
Thursday, Feb. 17	MFGRC Specialty	Sun n' Fun Air Park, Lakeland, FL	Caroline Roetzer, Chair ingotgoldens@verizon.net
Saturday, Feb. 19	MFGRC General Meeting	Sun n' Fun Air Park, Lakeland, FL	After goldens show
Saturday, Feb. 26	GRRMF Rescue Reunion	Lake Parker Park Lakeland, FL	Debbie Finch <u>Gaga4goldens@cfl.rr.com</u>
Friday, March 18	MFGRC Board Mtg.	TBD	mischiefgolden@gmail.com
Saturday, Apr. 2	MFGRC Match + General Meeting	Ann Rowe's home Sorrento, Florida	Premium list is at www.mfgrc.org
Saturday Apr. 23	Agility Fun Day + General Meeting	Ja-Vic Training Center, Palm Bay, FL	Debbie Finch <u>Gaga4goldens@cfl.rr.com</u>
April 30 – May 1	MFGRC TD Tracking Test	TG Lee property Orlando	Joyce Swegle, Secretary softwindgr@aol.com
Saturday, May 21	Astatula Fun Day + General Meeting	Stanley Pond Tree Farm Astatula (near Zellwood)	
Saturday, June 4	AKC Hunt Test Judging Seminar	3920 Water Oak Drive, Lakeland, FL	Susan Fulenwider, Chair happygolucky@mpinet.net
Saturday, June 11	Grooming tips + General Meeting	At Tom + Joanne Hell's Lakeland, FL	Joanne Hell Tohell@msn.com
Sept. 4	DOCOF	Central FL Fairgrounds, Orlando	Robin Scott, Team Captain fourdogsr@embarqmail.com
Sept. 17-18	Fall Hunt Test	Golden Oaks Ranch Montverde, FL	Susan Fulenwider, Chair happygolucky@mpinet.net
Sept. 25-Oct. 2	National Specialty	Conyers, Georgia	www.grca.org
Oct. 15-16, 2011	MFGRC Agility Trial	Turkey Lake Park, Orlando, Florida	John Blair, Chairperson



Many thanks to Deena Strauss for the excellent job she did in organizing the obedience and rally portion of the MFGRC Specialty. She answered all emails about the specialty quickly, kept the rings running smoothly and was an a pleasure to work with. Always smiling and ready and willing to answer any and all questions. Thanks Deena!!

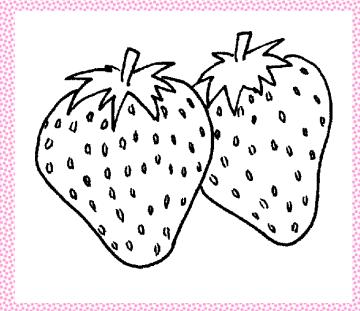
Connie Adams

Thanks to:

Caroline Roetzer for the fabulous job she did as Specialty Chair! We appreciate all of your hard work and it was a great Specialty!

Shirl Phillips for once again setting up and organizing the Raffle and the Raffle-helpers! It was fun and you do a great job!

Tom and Joanne Hell for being instrumental in getting us the great facility and for all of their tireless work. The people who work at The Strawberry Cluster were so helpful and friendly, and we had so much room!!!



Thank you to the 2011 MFGRC Specialty Obedience and Rally Stewards, Helpers and Judge!

Another successful and fun MFGRC Specialty Obedience and Rally trial was held on Thursday Feb 17, 2011 in Lakeland, FL. It was Golden Retrievers only. I just love seeing so many goldens together in the ring!

Golden Retrievers are smart, funny, quirky, obedient, lively, and overall are absolutely wonderful to watch as they do their obedience and rally work in their own unique tail-wagging, upbeat, happy, golden retriever style. If you have never seen a golden retriever heeling with his or her handler you are missing something very special.

I was the obedience trial chair person this year. I would like to thank everyone who helped. I am so thankful to all of you. Some came and helped even though they weren't entered at the show, and some were entered but donated their extra time to help out. The obedience classes ran so smoothly because of your professionalism, hard work, and willingness to step in if someone was busy. I really felt worry-free because of your dedication to the job.

Thank you to all of you who stewarded: Luci Seeley was our table steward who stewarded all day without taking more than a 15 minute lunch break.

Our ring stewards were Lisa Werner, Connie Adams, Macy Swift, Debra Finch, Marilyn Kudlets, Chris Tejcek, Robin Scott, Karyn Angel and Joyce Swegle. They all took precious time out of their day to steward for us. I am very grateful for all of you!

Joanne Hell did not have an official title, but she did so much before, during, and after the show to help. Thank you so much Joanne!

We had Carol Mett as our obedience judge. She is a wonderful judge, always has a smile on her face, has something nice to say to everyone and a great sense of humor. We were very lucky to have her be our judge.

I am sorry I did not get to go see the breed judging or dinner afterwards, I was exhausted and headed straight home after a great day.

Congratulations to all who went to our show.

Deena Strauss 2011 MFGRC Specialty Obedience and Rally show chairperson





"My sincere thanks to all of the members of MFGRC for their cards and well wishes during my recent hospital stay. Hopefully, with continued physical therapy, I'll fully recover and get back to normal and will see you at a MFGRC event."

George Toms

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 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** CCAWC/WCX

Participation on club sponsored teams (DACOF/DOCOF)

Submitted by: Deb Farris, Puppy Referral Coordinator





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:

John/Rosa Blair (Satellite Beach) 321-773-3476 jazziesgold@bellsouth.net CH AG-Golden Age Porto Alegre X Snowshoe Jazzie's Spice of Life 8 males and 2 females, Born 12/28/10

Dee Davis (Melbourne) 321-288-5591

Dee Davissbre@aol.com

SHR Amberlake's Freemark Chardonnay RN JH CD CCA CGC x

AM.INT.CH. Magik Southerns Captain Jack RN

1 male, Born 12/21/10

Debbie Caudill (Ocala) 352 288-0685 <u>rdc21@embarqmail.com</u> MBIS,MBISS,GCH,CH. My Buddy's Boppity Bop Blue Moon RN, WC, VC, CGC, SDHF x Snobird' In Hot Pursuit Due 1/12/11

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

Jerrie Morrison (Sarasota) 941-650-4214 <u>omnigolden@aol.com</u> Am/Int CH Magik Southerns Captain Jack RN x Omni's Jet Set Litter Due 1/24/11

Michelle Whitney (Largo) 727-515-6184 727-596-6426 $\underline{\text{twhit}72069@\text{aol.com}}$ CH AG-Golden Age Porto Alegre x Hillock's All The Way May JC WC "Dazzle" born 7/05/2010 6 mos

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.

MEET THE MEMBERS

Editor's Note: Deb Farris is a long time member of MFGRC and is heavily involved in hunt test and field Goldens. She is also in charge and does an outstanding job with our puppy referrals. For those of you who don't know her, we'd like for you to learn a little more about her.

HOW DID YOU GET STARTED WITH GOLDEN RETRIEVERS? For me, the love affair started with the purchase of my first Golden (Bear) in 1980. My husband is an avid duck hunter, and as soon as my two sons were old enough to safely handle a shot-gun, they followed in their dad's footsteps. We learned quickly that a working waterfowler would be an asset in our home! I purchased field training books, videos and started looking for dogs who had the desire and ability to work.

Our family of Goldens grew over the next few years with the purchase of a boy with field lines and a promising female from a hunter friend. Buddy was our family's first working retriever, trained by my two boys. Nugget proved to be much, much more than just a waterfowler. I had never before encountered a more biddable, intelligent dog. At about this same time I became involved with Southeastern Guide Dogs.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR KENNEL NAME. I never envisioned myself as a breeder, but found a need that I could help fill by providing puppies for their program. Because I had decided to start breeding, I felt it important to come up with a kennel name. I knew no one at that time who could give me ideas except my husband, and he suggested that I play off of our last name. Faragold rolled off of the tongue pretty well, so it was an easy choice.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR BREEDING PROGRAM? I bred my first litter in 1995. Nugget's babies proved to be wonderful guide dogs, easy to train waterfowlers, and great family pets. I was introduced to the conformation world when looking for dogs that could improve structure in my breeding program. Several MFGRC club members became mentors; one trusting me enough to let me use her boy for Nugget's last litter (from which I kept a show hopeful boy) and another by selling me a show potential bitch. This bitch produced my first home-bred Champion, CH Faragold's Touched by An Angel (Tess).

AND WHEN DID YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN HUNT TESTS BEGIN? Soon after that, while attending a club meeting, I was introduced to hunt tests and working certificate tests. Since we had been training and using our dogs as waterfowlers, I was excited to learn that there was a venue for 'testing' them as well. With the help of friends, I located a breeder who had produced some top winning field dogs and I was able to purchase a pup from her. She became my first dog to compete in hunt tests. I started attending and volunteering at hunt tests and one weekend was invited to attend a training day with a field trainer. Soon after, I began meeting this trainer weekly for private training sessions. I also started working together with other club members and various hunt clubs to gain as much knowledge and experience as I could. I still depend on much more experienced trainers to help me in the training process, and I have only personally trained and competed with a dog to the JH and WCX level. A few of those are: SHR Faragold's One for the Money JH WC WCX (Nellie), CH Saffire's It'z All Eh'Bout Me JH WC (MeMe), and (pointed) Faragold My Won 'N Only JH WC (Diva). I am still working on the Senior and, hopefully, beyond level of training and competition and never tire of watching my dogs enjoy doing what they were bred to do.

TELL US YOUR FUTURE GOALS. My goal is to hopefully produce dogs that are not only a good representation of the breed in the conformation ring, but who also have the drive, desire and athleticism needed to work in the field and other venues. I have been blessed to have also produced dogs who are titled in obedience, agility, tracking and some who are working as therapy and service dogs.

HOW CAN OTHERS GET STARTED IN THE HUNT TEST GAME? Our club has been very diligent in introducing various venues of competition to our members and I have been encouraged by so many (several who are long-time conformation breeders) now showing an interest in pursuing field work with their dogs. The easiest way to get 'hooked' is to attend and volunteer at one of our club's hunt tests or WC/WCX tests or by participating in one of our Field Fun Days (where you can introduce your dog(s) to birds, guns, etc.) Or, find out who, in your area, is training and ask if you can join them. I would recommend that you visit the GRCA, AKC or UKC websites where you will find everything from test requirements, training guides, equipment recommendations and much more. If you do not already have a dog who has what it takes to compete, you do not have to go far to find just what you need as several of our club members are producing sound, birdy, trainable dogs.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO CHANGE THE FIELD DOG WORLD? If I had a wish list for something that would make it easier for us to reach our goals in field work, it would be to have a place with adequate fields and safe water that is accessible to all club members at all times. I find the hardest part of field work is the limited places we have at our disposal to train. I live in an area where there is little open land (and no water) and I have to drive, usually great distances, to find places where I am allowed to train. I am encouraged, however, that more and more people are getting involved in training and more training sites are becoming available. Maybe, one day, our club will be blessed with a permanent facility perfect for our training needs!

Deborah Farris

Faragold Golden Retrievers

Pinellas Park, FL

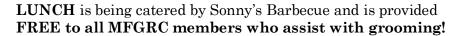
GRANT RESCUE REUNION GROOMING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday, February 26, 2011

Lake Parker Park, Lakeland, Florida

Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida will be holding it's annual reunion on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at Lake Parker Park in Lakeland, Florida. Each year, our Club volunteers to provide some basic grooming to these rescued goldens for a donation to GRRMF. Our Club matches whatever money is donated.

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



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





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

FROM TAMPA:

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

FROM ORLANDO:

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

QUESTIONS?

Contact Debbie Finch at gaga4goldens@cfl.rr.com

Pre-entries close at the match Secretary's home Wednesday March 30th, 2011 Day of Match entries: Obedience & Rally....8:15am - 9:00am Conformation...8:15am - 10:00am

ENTRIES SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ITEM FOR THE RAFFLE TABLE, EITHER DOGGIE OR HUMAN GOODIE:!!!!!

PREMIUM LIST

AKC Sanctioned
Specialty Conformation "B" Match

All -Breed Obedience "B" Match

All-Breed Rally "B" Match



MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

To Be Held at the Home of:
Ann Rowe
23840 Oak Valley Lane
Sorrento, Fl. 32776

Saturday April 2nd, 2011 ALL JUDGING WILL BE OUTDOORS

Match hours - 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Obedience & Rally judging starts promptly at 9:30 am
Conformation judging starts promptly at 11:00 am
PLEASE HELP US KEEP THE SHOW SITE CLEAN
PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOGS
EXERCISE AREAS WILL BE DESIGNATED



Match Committee

Match Chair......Ann Rowe
Obedience & Rally Chair....Ann Rowe
Grounds.......Ted Crowell
Trophies.....Betty Lambert
Hospitality......Robin Senderowitz

Match Secretary

Leah Wright

Judges and Assignments

Conformation......Candi Pearce Jr. Showmanship....Candi Pearce Obedience...... Elizabeth Mound Rally..........Debra J. Finch

Lunches along with soda & water will be available for purchase at the

"Golden Bag Cafe"

Barbeque and a drink-\$5.00

Veterinarian on Call

Veterinary Emergency Clinic of Lake County 33040 Professional Drive Leesburg, Fl. 34788 (352) 728-4440 Dogs must be current on immunization

ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

Ann Rowe & The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever club or it's officers or members assume no responsibility for any loss, damage or injuries sustained by exhibitors or spectators, or to any dogs or property, or to any children.

Wins at Sanctioned Matches carry NO AKC Championship Points.

DON'T FORGET THE RAFFLE RIGHT AFTER

JUDGING!!!! EVERY ENTRY SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ITEM FOR THE RAFFLE TABLE, DOGGIE OR HUMAN GOODIE!!

Entry Fees:Pre-Entry \$7.00 for the first entry of a dog and \$3.50 for each additional entry of the same dog. Day of Match entry is \$10.00 for the first entry of a dog \$5.00 for each additional entry of the same dog. Junior Showmanship FREE.

MAIL ENTRIES WITH CHECKS PAYABLE TO MFGRC: Leah Wright 459 Weathersfield Ave. Altamonte Springs, Fl. 32714

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PRIZES

WINNERS MUST BE PRESENT TO CLAIM TROPHIES NO TROPHIES WILL BE MAILED Rose Ribbon & TrophyRosette & ***Trophy Rosette & **Trophy Light Green Ribbon Rosette & *TrophyRosette & Trophy Rosette & Trophy **Brown Ribbon** Gray Ribbon Best Puppy in Match..... High Scoring Golden in Match..... High Scoring Dog in Match...... Best Junior Puppy..... 2nd Place..... Best Senior Puppy Best Adult..... Best Junior Dog. Best Veteran.... Best in Match. 3rd Place..... 4th Place...

*RUFFLES PERPETUAL TROPHY
Donated by Dr. Robert & Nancy McCune
This trophy will be awarded to Best Puppy in Match
**HGL MAGIK PERPETUAL TROPHY

NOTE: Qualifying score required for Obedience awards in regular classes

Donated by Susan Fulenwider & Ann Rowe
This trophy will be awarded to Best in Match
***JUNE KIERNAN MEMORIAL OBEDIENCE TROPHY

Donated by MFGRC This trophy will be awarded to the Highest Scoring Golden Retriever in Regular & Non-

Regular classes

The above mentioned trophies will be awarded at each Match hosted by Mid-Florida Golden

Retriever Club and will remain the property of MFGRC

CONFORMATION CLASSES
(No Major Pointed Dogs Allowed to Enter Conformation)
Jr. Puppy......3-6 Months

Sr. Puppy.......6-9 & 9-12 Months Jr. Dog......12-18 Months Adult Dogs.....18 Months to 7 years

Veterans......7 years and up OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Regular: Novice A & B, Open A & B, Utility A & B Non-Regular: Pre-Novice, Grad

Novice
Veterans: 7 years and up
RALLY CLASSES

Novice A & B, Advanced A & B, Excellent A & B
You may enter any class for practice only (mark PO). Dogs entered for "PO" are not

eligible for prizes, AKC regulations apply JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Novice Jr., Intermediate Jr., Open Jr., Novice Sr., Intermediate Sr., Open Sr. Jr. Showmanship is divided into Jr. 8-12 & Sr. 13-17

Novices have not yet earned 3 Novice wins at AKC licensed shows.

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Directions to the Match 23840 Oak Valley Lane Sorrento, Fl. 32776

From I-4 North of Orlando:

Take the exit for the Seminole Mall (#101C) and turn onto Hwy. 46. Take 46 West toward Mt. Dora 15 miles to intersection with 437, at a stoplight. Turn RIGHT onto 437. Go 4/10ths of a mile on 437, and then turn LEFT onto Wolf Branch Rd. (there is no right turn here). Drive 4/10ths of a mile, where you'll see a street sign for Equestrian Trail on the road, so it's kind of narrow. Take the first LEFT on Equestrian-this is OAK Valley Lane. Ann's property is the first one on the left.



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From Tampa:

Drive east on I-4 toward Orlando. You'll want the second exit after you pass the exit for Hwy. 27; this is the Sorrento Rd, and turn RIGHT. Go north on Plymouth til it ends at Hwy. 441, near Apopka. Turn LEFT onto 429 toll road. On the 429, you'll bypass all the Disney and Orlando traffic. Take 429 North (a long way), un-Sorrento Rd., crossing Ponkan and Kelly Park Roads, 441. Go about 2 miles to the traffic light at Plymouth trian—this is Oak Valley Lane-Ann's property is the on the RIGHT—turn in here (it's more of a country LEFT onto 437. Go about 1/2 mile on 437 and turn where you will see a street sign for Equestrian Trail about 8 miles to Hwy. 46. Turn RIGHT onto Hwy. LEFT onto Wolf Branch Rd. Go approx. 1/2 mile, until Plymouth Sorrento Rd. ends at Hwy. 46. It's 46, go about 1/2 mile to the traffic light, and turn ane than a road). Take the first LEFT on Equesfirst one on the left



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From the South:

Service Plaza, to exit 267A. This is 429 North. Take 429 Rd. ends at Hwy. 46. It's about 8 miles to Hwy. 46. Turn near Apopka. Turn LEFT onto 441. Go about 2 miles to /2 mile, where you will see a street sign for Equestrian rail on the RIGHT—turn in here (it's more of a coun-Ponkan and Kelly Park Roads, until Plymouth Sorrento Take the Florida Turnpike North, past the Turkey Lake RIGHT. Go north on Plymouth Sorrento Rd., crossing RIGHT onto Hwy. 46, go about 1/2 mile to the traffic 437 and turn LEFT onto Wolf Branch Rd. Go approx. light, and turn LEFT onto 437. Go about 1/2 mile on rian—this is Oak Valley Lane-Ann's property is the North for approx. 10 miles until it ends at Hwy. 441, ry lane than a road). Take the first LEFT on Equesthe traffic light at Plymouth Sorrento Rd, and turn irst one on the left.





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, F1 - Next to Tom & Joanne Hell's House SATURDAY, June 4th, 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

REGISTRATION DEADLINE AND FEE:

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

> Camille Doehring mischiefgolden@gmail.com 3015 Delaney Ave. Orlando, Fl. 32806

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Milestones & Achievements

Diane and Vern Gank have a few Brags from Wonderland's Golden's: "On January 29th and January 30th at Charleston Kennel Club SC, (Crush) Delavega Orange Crush In Wonderland "crushed" the competition by going back to back Winners Dog and BOS Over Specials from the 9-12 Puppy Dog Class. Crush was owner-handled by his proud daddy Vern Gank on Saturday under Judge Joseph Gregory, and Sunday under Judge Jon R Cole. What a wonderful weekend we had in SC!"

Becky Nicholas informs us that on Feb. 5th, Camden earned his 2nd Agility Champion title!!! "We went into the Baldwin NADAC trial in Tampa needing to Qualify in 1-Touch n Go to earn his Versatility NATCH" (which is a Regular NATCH, plus 13 Q's in 3 more special skills classes — in other words: 23 Regular (Standard), 13 Jumpers, 13 Chances (distance like gamblers), 13 Tunnelers, 13 Weavers and 13 Touch n Go). It was the last class to run on Sat - and he did it perfect! We ended up Q'ing in 6 of our 10 runs that weekend! Good boy Camden!!!!"

Here is a report from John Blair: "CH Fallchase Jazzies D'Fining Moment (aka "Palin") earned the Title of "Grand Champion" recently by winning BOS at the Manatee Kennel Club Dog Show in Brooksville. Palin is owned by John & Rosa Blair and Barbara Tucker and was bred by Barbara Tucker. Palin earned her AKC Championship and Grand Championship titles all within 7 months. A big thanks to Team Myers for showing this beautiful girl. Way to go Miss Palin! We are looking forward to a nice breeding with Palin within 4 months."

Jim and Sue Bryan have some news about their Golden girl "HR Topbrass One More Time Around MH**" aka Marlo who earned her master hunter title at the Treasure Coast H.T. on January 29, 2011. Marlo has been completely owner trained and handled.

Congratulations to Jagger (Deauxquest Midknight Rider) who had a great time at the Mid Florida GRC hunt test. He got his first Master pass!!! His kids also did well. Ozzy (Blazinlake RockStar Bark At The Moon) got his first 2 Junior passes in his first 2 tests, and his half-sister Jade.(RockStars Mick's Little Girl) also got 2 Junior passes - her 2nd and 3rd in her first 3 tests. We couldn't be prouder of Jagger and his kids. These RockStars are owned and loved by Mike Orloff and Pat Kopco.

Connie Adams is proud of Marathon We Be Jammin At Windsor, RE, CDX, JH, WC, CCA, CGC - "Jaymus" (Adams) earned his first two RAE legs at the Marion Alachua Dog Training Association shows held in Ocala in January. His scores on Saturday were 96/85 and on Sunday 92/94.

Sheilah Platzer would like to send a brag from our Specialty! Solen got his Beginner Novice Title and 1st place with a 197. He also got 1st place with a 1961/2 in Wild Card Novice. On Saturday, he got 1st place again for an insurance leg with a 198 in Beginner Novice. He is Toasty's Har Kommer Solen RN.



Jagger and The Rock Stars - Ozzy and Jade





Crush and Vern Gank



Camden and Becky Nicholas

GOLDEN TALES c/o Leah Wright, Editor 459 Weathersfield Avenue Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

> Next General Meeting MFGRC Match & General Meeting Saturday, April 2, 2011 Ann Rowe's, Sorrento, FL See you there!

