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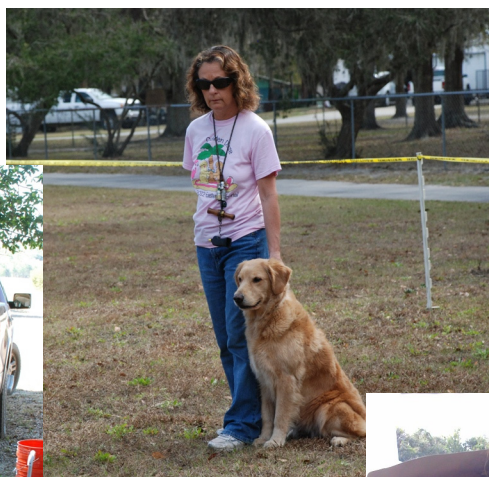
Well it's hard to believe another year has come and gone. I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone on your successes in 2012 and wish everyone good luck in whatever endeavors come your way in 2013.

I've enjoyed working as an officer and board member over the past, oh 27 years and thank everyone for their support throughout that time. It's been, for the most part, a wonderful and rewarding experience. I look forward to a much needed rest from the "nuts and bolts" of running a dog club and hope to see all of you at future dog shows, agility trials and hunt test.

A very special thank you to Joanne Hell, Tom Hell, Debbie Finch, Shirl Phillips, Judi Volpe, Leah Wright, Deena Strauss, Jill Wallace and Ted Crowell You are the BEST. It was so much fun working with you and I am so proud to call you FRIENDS.

Best of luck and much success to the new Officers and Board of Directors. I know 2013 will be an exciting year for all of you.

Camille





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From the Editor . . .

Working on the December issue of Golden Tales when we are three days into January, I have been going through some pictures from previous issues of the past two years and reflecting on how much has happened. We faced a lot of challenges and some sadness, but I found myself smiling quite a bit, too, as the memories came back.

I want to take just a moment to say thank you to our past Club President, Camille Doebling. She took on the job of steering the club at a very difficult point and worked hard at it. She made me laugh more than once when I wanted to scream, or cry, or throw something. Her quiet determination kept us going. I'm going to miss having her around on the board and giving her a bad time. Thanks for all your support, Camille.

Also, special thanks to our tireless Treasurer for the past many years, Tom Hell. What can you say about a guy like Tom? Well, you can say that he's tight. He certainly said no to us plenty of times (the chocolate fountain comes to mind). Other than that, he's one of the sweetest people I know, and has proved his devotion to the club over and over again. Tom has handed over the Treasurer's reins to Ted Crowell, and I'm quite sure he's warned him about the rest of us. Thankfully, he and Joanne are staying on as Board members, so Tom can continue to try and keep an eye on us.

We are looking forward to a very productive new year with MFGRC and our new President, Pat Kopco. We also have one returning Board member, Betty Lambert, and a new member, Mike Orloff. Welcome back and welcome, you two.

Until next month . . .

Leah Wright
Editor



Board Members present: Camille Doebling, Joanne Hell, Tom Hell, Judi Volpe, Jill Wallace, Leah Wright, Ted Crowell, Shirl Phillips, Deena Strauss, Debbie Finch, and guests Pat Kopco and Mike Orloff

The meeting was called to order by President Camille Doebling at 7:53 PM at Camille's home, in Orlando, FL.

Vice President's report: VP Joanne Hell had no new applications to present.

Secretary's report: Minutes have been sent to Leah Wright to be published in the upcoming newsletter, so a motion to waive reading of the minutes was made by Joanne Hell, and seconded by Judi Volpe. We briefly discussed the letter Debbie had received from the Canine Health Foundation seeking a donation for their research program. It was decided that we will not send a donation, in view of the financial results of the recent Eastern Regional Specialty. Debbie also brought up the AKC letter related to the February 2013 Hunt Test judges, and Mike Orloff responded that the judges in question are in the process of taking care of the requirements to be eligible to judge in February.

Treasurer's report: Tom Hell presented the financial results for the month of October 2012 (not reported on the internet). Tom also discussed interim results from the Eastern Regional, since not all expenses have come in as yet, and we have not yet received a check from Everglades GRC for their share of the expenses.

Committee Reports:

Fall Hunt Test (December 1-2, 2012): Tom Hell reported that more entries are expected before the closing date on Monday, since it is common for many people to wait until the last minute to enter. He and Wayne Gey are going to meet on Nov. 26th with the Boy Scout troop from Plant City that is working the test to do some training on how to use the wingers, etc. The Scouts may do lunches (grill burgers) as a fund raiser at this hunt test; Tom expects to hear back soon on this. There will be a judges' dinner on Friday night. Camille discussed who will marshal. Tom is going to check with the Fairfield Inn on getting a discount on rooms since there will be continuous need for rooms with the upcoming hunt tests.

Spring Hunt Test (Feb. 9-10, 2013): Mike Orloff discussed the test. All the judges and shooters are lined up, and 300 ducks have been ordered and will be delivered to Wayne's. Betty Whaley will be head marshal. Mike also discussed whether to do a shot flyer for the Junior part of the test; Pat Kopco said that she has judged a number of tests recently, and prevailing opinion is that a lot of people want the flyers. The Plant City Boy Scout troop will also be working at this test, and are definitely planning to handle worker's lunches, as well as sell lunches to participants.

Tracking Test (February 3, 2013): Debbie discussed the combined TD/TDX on behalf of Test Secretary Janet Narushka, explaining that since we have lost so much land at Lee Vista Center to the Publix construction, we have had to downsize the test to only 4 TD tracks and 3 TDX tracks. The judges are lined up, the premium list is on the website, and we are good to go. We will be asking for club members to volunteer to help lay tracks. Debbie will send the premium list to Leah to be added to the newsletter.

Old Business

Christmas Party (Dec. 14th): Camille said that we can have access to the FOP Lodge around 2PM to decorate. Camille will get a tree, but asked for help in moving it out of the Lodge at the conclusion of the party. Discussion was held on food, and it was decided to do a big dinner as opposed to finger food. We will need to make use of crockpots since there is no kitchen at the Lodge. Camille said the club will buy a ham and turkey, but we need a volunteer to cook them.

EOY member awards: we discussed selections for the awards. Joanne is going to order the plaques.

Member Meet and Greet: Deena is going to handle contacts with new members.

Board positions: Judi has talked to various MFGRC members about joining the Board but all declined. Camille said we will ask for nominations from the floor at the general meeting on Saturday (11/17/2012) in Ocala.

DOCOF 2013: we discussed whether we know of anyone who might be willing to serve as Team Captain in 2013, and are exploring a couple of possibilities.

Agility Trial 2013: Mike Orloff is willing to serve as Chair, but he has multiple conflicts with our October date. We discussed other possible options, but made no decisions at this time. Joanne suggested that we consider combining our agility trial with the February 15th-18th Strawberry Cluster, stating that the Lakeland Winter Haven club would make it very attractive for us – they would love to have an agility trial join the Cluster. We discussed this option, but again need to find a chairperson to take the lead.

New Business:

Eukanuba Meet the Breeds: Camille advised that Nancy Greenburg is looking for volunteers to staff the golden retriever booth at the Eukanuba show in mid-December.

Other Discussion:

Website: We want to find a web liaison to coordinate volunteer "roving reporters" to take pictures and write a brief report at Club functions that can be posted on the website. We will ask Connie Adams if she might serve as the liaison.

Patti Kopco advised that the GRCA Board would like to hold the 2017 National Specialty in Florida.

Camille advised that we are going to host the Heart and Eye Clinic at the Strawberry Cluster in February 2013. Camille has lined up the same specialists who participated last year.

We agreed to send a \$100 donation to Florida Gulf Coast Golden Retriever Club in support of their upcoming Specialty.

Inverness Kennel Club invitation to participate in their May 2013 Specialty: We decided not to plan to hold a specialty (motion from Debbie, second by Judi Volpe), as the Board feels we need to "regroup" after the recent Eastern Regional Specialty.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 10:04PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Judi Volpe, and seconded by Joanne Hell.

Subsequent to adjournment, further discussions were held regarding the open positions on the Board. Betty Lambert and Debbie Finch agreed to serve on the Board, subject to any nominations from the floor at the general meeting in Ocala on November 17th.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Debbie Finch

The meeting, held near Ring 1 at the Ocala Dog Show, was called to order by President Camille Doebling at 3:11 PM.

Members present included Deborah Caudill, Kathy Cudak, Camille Doebling, Deb Farris, Diane Gank, Betty Lambert, Destiny Martel, Bonnie McCollum, Candi Pearce, Ann Rowe, Kristin Sipus, Laura and Chris Topping, Michelle Whitney, Susan Wilks, Leah Wright, Debbie Finch, and guest Megan Cloudman.

Vice President Joanne Hell was absent, so there was no VP report.

In the absence of Treasurer Tom Hell, Debbie Finch provided the Treasurer's report (not reported on the internet). Debbie also announced on Tom's behalf that "Dues are due"; please send your check to Tom Hell, whose address is on the club's website.

The reading of the minutes of the October general meeting was waived because they have been sent to Leah, and will be published in the newsletter. Motion to waive was made by Betty Lambert, and seconded by Candi Pearce.

Camille reported on the Fall Hunt Test, which is scheduled for December 1st-2nd. We are teaming up with the Central Florida Hunting Retriever Club, which is putting on a UKC test on those same dates, at the same location (Wayne Gey's ranch in Montverde). The UKC test will allow day-of entries. Entries close on Monday for the AKC test. Camille also advised that we have decided to discontinue performing "bitch checks" at our hunt test.

The December general meeting, Christmas party, and election of officers will take place on December 14th, at the Fraternal Order of the Police Lodge in south Orlando. The party will start around 5:30-6PM. Camille requested everyone attending bring a dish to share. Ann Rowe volunteered to cook a turkey for the dinner. The club will also provide a ham. Camille advised that the Lodge is close to the Convention Center, about a 20 minute drive.

Debbie Finch reported on the upcoming Tracking test which will be held on February 3, 2013. Debbie announced that Test Secretary Janet Narushka has advised that the premium list is on the website, and we are ready to go, but will need club members to volunteer to lay tracks that weekend. Debbie stated that since construction has begun on the Publix distribution center, we have lost approximately 8 tracks worth of land, so we have had to downsize the test to only 4 TD tracks plus 3 TDX tracks.

Camille reported on the February hunt test, scheduled for February 9-10th, and said that more information will be forthcoming as the date draws near.

Camille announced that the newsletter – a special edition due to the Eastern Regional Specialty – will be posted on the club's website this weekend.

Camille reported the proposed slate of officers and directors for 2013. Officers: Pat Kopco – President, Joanne Hell – Vice President, Ted Crowell – Treasurer, Deena Strauss – Secretary; Directors: Tom Hell, Debbie Finch, Betty Lambert, Mike Orloff, Shirl Phillips, Judi Volpe, Jill Wallace, and Leah Wright. Camille asked for nominations from the floor, and when there were no additional nominations, the slate was closed.

Camille also announced that at the big Eukanuba show in December at the Orlando Convention Center, the AKC will be sponsoring "Meet the Breeds." MFGRC member Nancy Greenburg is heading up the golden retriever booth, so anyone interested in volunteering to staff the booth should contact Nancy (daniadivas@aol.com).

Camille said that MFGRC will be hosting a Heart and Eye Clinic at the Strawberry Cluster in Lakeland in February 2013. We have already lined up the same vets we used in February 2012. More details will be forthcoming, and a flyer is in the newsletter.

Other discussion: Camille reminded everyone to submit their application for the end of year dog awards to Robin Scott (fourdogs@embarqmail.com). All of the information and forms are on the MFGRC website.

Camille asked if anyone had anything else to discuss. There being no other business to conduct, Camille asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deb Farris motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 PM, and Chris Topping seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Finch, MFGRC Secretary

December 7, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members present: Camille Doebling, Joanne Hell, Tom Hell, Judi Volpe, Leah Wright, Ted Crowell, Deena Strauss, Debbie Finch, and guests Pat Kopco, Mike Orloff, and Cindy Crowell.

The meeting was called to order by President Camille Doebling at 7:34 PM at the Brick and Fire restaurant on S. Orange Avenue in Orlando, FL.

Vice President's report: VP Joanne Hell had no new applications to present.

Secretary's report: Minutes from the two November meetings (Board and General) have been sent to Leah Wright to be published in the upcoming newsletter, so a motion to waive reading of the minutes was made by Judi Volpe, and seconded by Ted Crowell. Debbie advised that she has received two letters from the AKC, stating that the Agility trial and the October Specialty have been closed out. Debbie gave the application for the 2013 agility trial to Camille, who plans to co-chair with Ted Crowell.

Treasurer's report: Tom Hell presented the financial results for the month of November 2012 (not reported on the internet). Tom said there is nothing new to report related to the Eastern Regional – expenses and income have not yet been finalized, and Tom is still working with the GRCA. Tom also reminded the Board members that “dues are due.”

Committee Reports:

Fall Hunt Test (December 1-2, 2012): Tom reported that this was a rousing success; Board members said that they heard a lot of positive comments. We do anticipate a profit from the test, but the financials have not yet been finalized. The Plant City Boy Scouts were terrific – again, positive comments from everyone.

Spring Hunt Test (Feb. 9-10, 2013): Mike Orloff discussed the test. We also discussed whether to add a “Shot fliers at all stakes” type comment to the premium list, and decided that we should include an advisory to this effect. Mike has not yet heard back from the final judge that she has taken the required class, so Mike is waiting to publish the premium until he has finalized whether or not this person is actually going to judge the test.

Tracking Test (February 3, 2013): Debbie advised that the premium list has been published and sent out via mass e-mail, and all is ready to go for the test. We will be asking for club members to volunteer to help lay tracks.

Old Business

Christmas Party (Dec. 14th): Camille said that we can have access to the FOP Lodge around 2PM to decorate, and asked anyone who is available to come and help.

EOY member awards: Joanne advised all awards are done.

Member Meet and Greet: We discussed new member outreach, which Deena is going to handle next year.

DOCOF 2013: Pat Kopco is working on finding a Team Captain, but suggested that we send out a mass e-mail and also place a “want ad” in the newsletter seeking a volunteer.

Eukanuba Meet the Breeds: Camille advised that Nancy Greenbarg is still looking for volunteers to staff the golden retriever booth at the Eukanuba show next week.

Other Discussion:

Tom advised that a \$100 donation has been sent to the Florida Gulf Coast Golden Retriever Club in support of their upcoming Specialty.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 9:29PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Judi Volpe, and seconded by Ted Crowell.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Debbie Finch

**General Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Camille at 8PM during the holiday party at the Fraternal Order of the Police Lodge, S. Orange Ave., Orlando.

Members present: Ted and Cindy Crowell, Betty Lambert, Leah Wright, Jerrie Morrison and guest, Shirl Phillips, Camille Doebling, Caroline Roetzer, Ann Rowe, Michelle and Nate Whitney, Luci and Tony Napoli and daughters Chatham and Lucinda, Anney Doucette, Kristin Sipus, Deena and Ted Strauss and guest Barbie Keough, Michelle Throm, Laura and Chris Topping, Allison Peck, Susan and Gary Wilks, Marilyn Booher, Nancy Greenbarg.

Vice President Report: No report; Vice President Joanne Hell was not in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Tom Hell was ill and not in attendance. Data from last week's Board meeting (12/7/2012) was presented (not published on the internet). Camille advised that dues for 2013 are due, and checks should be sent to Tom Hell.

Secretary's Report: Due to the Secretary having been out of town all week, there was no Secretary's report.

Committee Reports:

Fall Hunt Test: (Dec. 1-2, 2012): Camille reported that the Fall Hunt Test was a rousing success.

Spring Hunt Test: (Feb. 9-10, 2013): Mike Orloff reported on the hunt test scheduled for early February, and said that all is going well.

Tracking Test: (Feb. 3, 2013): Debbie Finch reported that the premium list has been put on the club's website and sent out via mass e-mail. We are set to go, and will just need a few club members to assist with laying tracks.

Rescue Reunion: Camille reported the GRRMF rescue reunion is February 23, 2013, at Lake Parker Park, Lakeland. MFGRC has helped GRRMF raise funds by sponsoring a grooming booth for the past couple of years. Anybody interested in volunteering should contact Debbie Finch at ga4goldens@cfl.rr.com.

Upcoming Meetings: None scheduled for 2013 as yet. The Board will hold a planning meeting in early January to work on the 2013 calendar.

New Business: Camille announced the names of the new Officers and Board of Directors for 2013: No nominations from the floor.

President: Pat Kopco

Vice-President: Joanne Hell

Treasurer: Ted Crowell

Secretary: Deena Strauss

Board of Directors: Mike Orloff, Tom Hell, Judi Volpe, Betty Lambert, Jill Wallace, Shirl Phillips, Leah Wright, Debbie Finch

Camille thanked members and board.

Other Discussion: Camille led the presentation of end of year awards, for both dogs and for club members.

People Awards

Fallchase Owner / Handler of the Year: Laura Topping

Member of the Year: Deb Farris

Rookie of the Year: Nancy Jackfert

Loyd Kiernan Award: Leah Wright

Mover and Shaker of the Year: Laura Topping

Above and Beyond Award: Caroline Roetzer

Outstanding Service: Camille Doebling (presented by Shirl Phillips)

Dog Awards

Conformation Dog of the Year: GCH CH BOCA GOLDS DIAMONDS R A GURLSZ BEST FRIEND - Michele and Nate Whitney

Versatility Dog of the Year: KNIGHTDRMZ SOFTWIND N MOONLIGHT KISSES, VCD1 RA, AXP, AXJ, XFP, CCA - Joyce Swegle

Agility Dog of the Year: DEUXQUEST IT'S MY TURN TO SHINE, UD, MX, MXJ, XF, CCA - Robin Scott

Preferred Agility Dog of the Year: KNIGHTDRMZ SOFTWIND N MOONLIGHT KISSES VCD1,RA, AXP, AXJ, XFP, CCA - Joyce Swegle

Field Dog of the Year: BLAZINLAKE ROCKSTAR BARK AT THE MOON, CD, BN, RN, MH, CCA, WCX, VC - Pat Kopco and Mike Orloff

Obedience Dog of the Year: LIEBCHEN'S SMOKEY BONES MOUNTAIN MISCHIEF UD, RE, BN - Maria and Ralph Orlando

Tracking Dog of the Year is SHARED: MIRASOL OFFICER AND A MAGENTAMAN, TD - Dennis Scott AND

KNIGHTDRMZ MEMORIES OF MOONLIGHT, VCD2 CDX, AX, OAJ, XF, CCA - Robin Scott

Rally Dog of the Year: KNIGHTDRMZ SOFTWIND N MOONLIGHT KISSES VCD1,RA, AXP, AXJ, XFP, CCA - Joyce Swegle

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45PM, upon a motion by Shirl Phillips and seconded by Jerrie Morrison,



Urgent!

The New Year is 'nigh, with all that it brings
Resolutions and parties and all of those things.
But midst all the fun and the general clamour
It's time to take care of a serious matter.

If you don't want to miss the fun days and **food**,
Your golden club dues must be paid very soon.
So sit down right now and here's the solution
Make your club dues your **FIRST** resolution!

MAIL YOUR CHECKS TO:
Ted Crowell, Treasurer
6028 Linneal Beach Drive
Apopka, FL 32703

MFGRC dues were due January 1, 2013. Don't delay!



MFGRC 2013 Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Other Info</u>
January 19, 2013	MFGRC General Meeting and Fun Field Day	Tom and Joanne Hell's, Lakeland, Florida (see flyer for details)	Joanne Hell at tohell@msn.com
February 3, 2013	TD/TDX Test	Lee Vista Center, Orlando, Florida (see premium list for details)	TRACKLAYERS needed for February 2, 2013. Contact Janet Narushka at 386-672-8410, or shenandoahs@bellsouth.net
February 9 and 10, 2013	MFGRC Spring Hunt Test	Golden Oaks Ranch, Montverde, Florida (premium at entryexpress.net)	Mike Orloff at baddogs@tampabay.rr.com or Leah Wright at lwright129@cfl.rr.com
February 16 and 17, 2013	MFGRC Eye and Heart Clinic	Strawberry Cluster, Sun and Fun, Lakeland, Florida (see flyer for details)	Eye Clinic February 16, 2013 Heart Clinic February 17, 2013 VOLUNTEERS needed. Contact Camille Doe-hring at mischiefgolden@gmail.com
February 23, 2013	GRRMF Rescue Reunion	Lake Parker Park, Lakeland, Florida (see flyer). Directions to park at grrmf.org	VOLUNTEERS needed for light grooming of paws and ears of rescued goldens. Contact Debbie Finch at gaga4goldens@cfl.rr.com to volunteer

Puppy Referral

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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727-544-9376

No litters listed this month

MFGRC Fall Hunt Test
Wayne Gey's Golden Oaks Ranch, Montverde, Fl.
December 1 & 2, 2012

What a way to spend a weekend, on a beautiful ranch in central Florida surrounded by our dogs doing what they were bred to do. I encourage all of you who have never been to a hunt test to come out and experience what our dogs love to do best, retrieving birds.

First and foremost we need to thank Wayne and Sharon Gey for their graciousness and generosity for inviting us to hold our hunt tests all these years at their beautiful ranch and lovely home. We use their ranch during the day and then have the judge's dinner Friday evening and the tailgate dinner Saturday evening at their home and can't possibly thank them enough for their hospitality.

Our concept was a little different this year, MFGRC put on an AKC Junior Senior hunt test and CFHRC put on a UKC Started, Seasoned and Finished hunt test at the same time and location enabling handlers to enter Junior/Started or Senior/Seasoned or any combination thereof and get passes toward their AKC and UKC titles the same weekend. It was met with enthusiasm and many of the handlers entered both tests and were very positive about the event. We were concerned that some of the handlers would be at a Seasoned stake when we needed them to be at the Senior stake likewise with the Started/Junior stakes but the marshals from both clubs stayed in contact and moved the handlers along, there was very little waiting and I heard no complaints the entire weekend. While we haven't confirmed anything with CFHRC we think the event was a success and we look forward to a repeat performance next year.

The weekend was beautiful with lows in the 60's and highs in the upper 70's to low 80's, couldn't have been nicer for a hunt test. I'd like to thank my wife, Joanne, for helping me get the equipment unloaded from the trailer Friday afternoon for the judge's arrival. Helping move equipment around and setting up stakes all weekend were Mike Orloff and Ray and Carol Caito. Ray and Carol weren't even entered but they came to help all weekend and I would have been in trouble without them. Thanks to Mike, Joanne, Ray and Carol for helping all weekend.

Speaking of judges, Dee and John Thibodeaux, Pat Kopco and Bob Hux were our Junior and Senior judges, this sport couldn't continue without individuals such as yourselves and we thank you for your time and opinions.

Our head marshal was Camille Doehring with Sheree Melhuish standing by at Junior and Senior Marshals were Judi Volpe, Carol Caito and Kristin Sipus. The marshal job was more difficult this year because of the dual tests but they pulled it off without a hiccup.

We had a new hunt test Secretary this year in Leah Wright who also made the running order sheets. There is a lot of behind the scenes work for the Secretary and Leah did a marvelous job.

Our gunners were Tom Young, Xavier, The Hungarians, Edie and Alec and Carlos who as usual did a fabulous job and didn't miss a bird.

I certainly can't forget our wonderful lunch ladies, Shirl Phillips, Debbie Finch, Ann Rowe, Betty Lambert and Deb Farris for preparing lunches. Their job was more difficult this year because they were preparing lunches for both clubs, I think they made over 80 bag lunches for hungry workers and were much appreciated.

We tried out a new boy scout group this year as bird technicians. Boy Scout Troop 5 from Plant City arrived late Friday night in their bus and we delivered them to their respective stakes early Saturday morning and they performed flawlessly. I heard not one complaint from judges, marshals or handlers about the scouts. I think they had a good time and we are most interested in having them back again.

Saturday evening was our combined catered tailgate BBQ which had a huge turnout and we even had entertainment thanks to Chuck Mundy and his crew. Much to our surprise we fed over 150 people. Along with the tailgate CFHRC had their raffle with all of the proceeds going to Cole Fertic who is battling some medical issues and I'm happy to say that I believe about \$9000 was raised. Most fun raffle item was the gallon of honey that started bidding at \$50 and went up and up. Final bidders were Wayne and his son Clark with Clark winning the honey at a final bid of \$5000.

There are some individuals from CFHRC who went out of their way to help us and they need to be thanked. Wayne for his guidance and for getting the birds to their respective stakes each morning before dawn. Steve Zugg for getting us the birds, Caroline Davis for arranging the tailgate party. Alison Schultz for her organizational skills and maps and Clint Beatty for being an efficient Treasurer and working with me to reconcile the combined expenses so quickly.

The bitter end crew consists of individuals who stay to the bitter end and see that every piece of equipment is put away and everything is cleaned up long after everyone else is on their way home. Along with a beer or two and my thanks goes to Ray and Carol Caito, Jill Wallace, Wayne Gey, Mike Orloff, Pat Kopco, Camille Doehring, Leah Wright, Judi Volpe, Joanne Hell, and Shirl Phillips. I couldn't believe it but I even saw Carol and Jill cleaning out the coolers, drying and stacking the left over sodas and waters so I wouldn't have to do it when I got home.

I wish to thank everyone mentioned above and if I forgot anybody I sincerely apologize.

On a personal note I feel so very lucky to have my beautiful wife Joanne of nearly 27 years by my side and the help of so many good friends to pull off an event like this. Those members who help our club should be proud of themselves, I know I am.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Hell

Mid Florida Golden Retriever Club End of the Year Awards 2012

First, I would like to thank my ladies who compile the points for each award. Thank you Connie Adams for taking care of the Versatility Dog of the Year; thank you Debbie Finch for taking care of Rally Dog of the Year; thank you Joyce Swegle for compiling the points for Obedience Dog of the Year; thank you Ann Rowe for taking on the job of both Show Dog of the Year and Field Dog of the Year.

The winners this year with their official names will be listed on the webpage but to sum it up --

Joyce Swegle and Micah - Versatility
 Joyce Swegle and Micah - Rally
 Michele and Nate Whitney and Bling - Show Dog
 Maria and Ralph Orlando and Smokey - Obedience
 Pat Kopco and Mike Orloff and Ozzy - Field
 Robin Scott and Sparkle - Agility
 Joyce Swegle and Micah - Preferred Agility
 Dennis Scott and Augie -- Tracking *and* Robin Scott and Hanna - Tracking

In order to qualify for these awards you need to attend a minimum of two meetings and work for the club in some capacity. Although I do not really think helping out and volunteering at the events our wonderful club sponsors is work, I consider it a privilege.

We as members need to realize it takes many volunteers to accomplish a successful event. Unfortunately, like so many clubs, there seems to be a few of the same people who always volunteer and some who help when another event is not at the same time, which seems to be more and more common but we each try to help when we are not competing elsewhere. And then we are fortunate enough to get some new members who have enthusiasm and want to learn so more come out and support the club.

We all need to realize it takes an army to build a village and an event, whether it is the Annual Match, DOCOF, Tracking Test, Seminar, or just a Fun Day with a meeting, we as members are the army and the event is the village.

I would like to remind each and every member of the club, start now, start keeping track of the pass or Q rate or points you achieve in a trial or test. I will be asking for submissions for the End of Year Awards again next year and I hope that each of you who compete will submit your forms. I hope each of you will make an effort to get to a meeting. There are two major events coming up that you can come out and volunteer for - the Hunt Test is first and the Tracking Test follows that. Each is fascinating to watch and what better way to watch than to show support for 'your' club and come out and work the event.

We did not have that many submissions to choose the recipients of the awards this year and that is sad because I know for a fact many, many, many members compete and are successful. Please make an effort to support your club and attend meetings where your vote will make a difference and come out and volunteer at the wonderful opportunities our club provides throughout the year.

I look forward to having the ladies and myself work harder next year to evaluate the points to determine the winners.

Happy New Year to All -- may your goldens be filled with health and long life!

Submitted by:

Robin Scott

AKC/Eukanuba Meet the Breeds



December 15, 2012



Congratulations to MFGRC for winning the booth prize for the sporting group! Good job!

MFGRC Fun Field Day And General Meeting

Tom & Joanne Hell's, Lakeland, Florida
SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2013

When: Saturday, January 19, 2013, 10:00 a.m.
Where: 3910 Water Oak Drive, Lakeland, FL
Events: Fun Field Day Events

There will be a POT LUCK lunch so bring your favorite dish to share. Bring a chair, bumpers or field equipment and water for your dog(s). The general meeting will be held after lunch.

DIRECTIONS:

From Tampa:

East on I-4 to exit 22 (Park Rd). Left on Park Rd. 1/2 mile to dead end. Right on Sam Allen Rd. 1/2 mile to dead end. Left on Wilder Rd. 2 miles to dead end. Right on Knights-Griffin Rd. 3 miles. Left on Shady Oak Dr. East 1 mile to dead end. Left on Shady Oak Dr. North 3 blocks to Water Oak Dr. Left to end of cul-de-sac. House is at the end.

From Orlando:

West on I-4 to exit 31 (Kathleen Rd.). Right on Kathleen Rd. 1/2 mile to stop light. Left on Knights-Station Rd. 3 miles. Right on Shady Oak Dr. East 1 mile to dead end. Left on Shady Oak Dr. North 3 blocks to Water Oak Dr. Left to end of cul-de-sac. House is at the end.

DIRECTIONS TO THE SITE:

The test site is just north of the intersection of SR 436 (Semoran Blvd.) and SR 528 (Beachline Expressway). Follow directions to Orlando International Airport. From SR 528 (Beachline Hwy.) airport exit, take SR 436 (Semoran Blvd.) north approximately 1/4 mile to the intersection of T.G. Lee Blvd. Denny's Restaurant is on the northeast corner of the intersection of SR 436 and T.G. Lee Blvd.

HOTELS AND MOTELS THAT ACCEPT DOGS

LaQuinta, 7160 N.Frontage Rd., Orlando FL 32812. 407-240-3000 LQ.com

LaQuinta, 7931 Dastwyler Rd., Orlando FL 32812. 407-857-9215 LQ.com

Amari Suites Orlando Airport NE, 7500 Augusta National Drive, Orlando, FL 32822. 407-240-3939 (\$10 pet fee)

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, 2080 Principal Row (off S. Orange Blossom Trail, behind Haverly Furniture, 1 blk. North of Sams).

In case of emergency, dial 911.

EVENT Number TR2013445902

EVENT Number TX2013445901

Entries close 3:00 PM, January 24, 2013 at the Test Secretary's home, after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled or substituted.

PREMIUM LIST Combined TD/TDX

Mid- Florida Golden Retriever Club

**Tracking Dog and Tracking Dog Excellent Test**

Entry limited to 4 dogs for TD and 3 for TDX

DATE: Sunday, February 3, 2013

LOCATION: Lee Vista Center, SR 436 & 528, Orlando, Florida

ENTRY DRAWING: At 4:00 PM, January 24, 2013, the Test Secretary will conduct a random draw of all entries at the Denny's Restaurant, Williamson Blvd, Ormond Beach, Florida. When the limit of entries 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 and certifications, if applicable, returned. The Test Secretary will notify all entries of the draw by phone and email.

TEST HOURS: 6:00 AM until the last track is completed.

JUDGES

Mrs. S.A. Boyd (4172)
5406 Barnwell Ct.
Leesburg, FL 34748-7889

Mrs. F.E. Smith (6019)
4094 Happiness St.
West Palm Beach, FL 33406-3904



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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, Executive Secretary



MFGRC SPRING HUNT TEST

February 9 and 10, 2013

Place: Montverde - Gey's Golden Oaks Ranch

Hunting Test for Retrievers, Irish Water Spaniels and Standard Poodles

If you have never watched a Hunt Test, c'mon out and watch our dogs run!!!

Entries will be taken on Entry Express at
www.entryexpress.net

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: Please contact Mike Orloff at baddogs@tampabay.rr.com

**MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB
ALL BREED EYE AND HEART CLINIC**

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STRAWBERRY CLUSTER DOG SHOWS

SUN 'N FUN FACILITY
4175 Medulla Rd., Lakeland, Florida 33811

EYE CLINIC - SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2013
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
\$45.00/dog
DR. NOELLE MCNABB

HEART CLINIC - SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17, 2013
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
\$45.00/dog
DR. WENDY ARSENAULT

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER

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

Make checks payable to:

MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB (MEGRC)

Mail registration form and payment to:

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

For questions, or to confirm receipt, please email mischiefgolden@gmail.com

Please bring AKC registration forms and permanent ID numbers.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

OF DOGS - EYE _____ # OF DOGS - HEART _____

AMT ENCLOSED:\$ _____



GRRMF RESCUE REUNION GROOMING BOOTH

WHEN: Saturday,
February 23, 2013
9:00 a.m.



WHERE: Lake
Parker Park
Lakeland, Florida



Grooming Volunteers Needed! MFGRC will match the money raised for GRRMF. Volunteers need only provide light grooming of paws and ears and general education for owners of these rescued goldens. GRRMF will provide lunch for every volunteer.

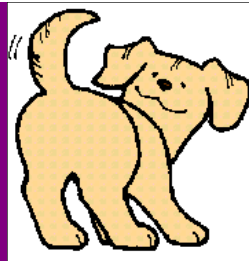
Please contact Debbie Finch at gaga4goldens@cfl.rr.com for information.



DIRECTIONS to the park can be found at grrmf.org.



Milestones & Achievements



Ambersand's Little Bear, BN, RA, NAP, NJP, CCA, CGC was super doggie for Ellen and Chuck Bartkus at the 3 days of Everglades, MFGRC, and Eastern Regional Specialties. He was entered in Novice B obedience, Rally Advanced B and Rally Excellent B all three days. He qualified in all 9 classes in spite of aromatic 60 mph gusts from the food vendor stand and the breed area, falling porta potties, blowing plastic bags, and lots of enticing ground smells. 1st place in Rally Excellent B on Friday and Sunday and 3rd on Saturday (RE TITLE on Saturday), 3rd in Rally Advanced B on Friday. And Saturday and Sunday counted as his first two RAE legs. He also won 3rd in Novice B on Friday for his CD TITLE, 1st on Saturday, 3rd on Sunday.

Nancy Greenbarg wants everyone to know: "Thanks to the following Mid Florida Members we won 1st Place Sporting group at this year's Eukanuba National Championship Meet the Breeds. Thank you Brenda and Roger Drabyk, Jimmy Bryant, Annie Doucette, Karen Angel, Joann Hell, Ron Rubreck, Anne Rowe, Pat Kopco and me Nancy Greenbarg. Our very special guests were Santa, Keelan (our growing young bagpiper) and Rudolf starring Chelsea. Karen Angel wanted us to know that her baby, Cody (5 mo.) is on the far left."

Ann Rowe is happy to report that Gabby (Omni Magik's Resdy To Chat JH, CD, WC, RE) earned her Rally Excellent title at our specialty. Mogul (Magik's Ice on the Slopes) got his first points in Ocala- owner handled by Ann Rowe.

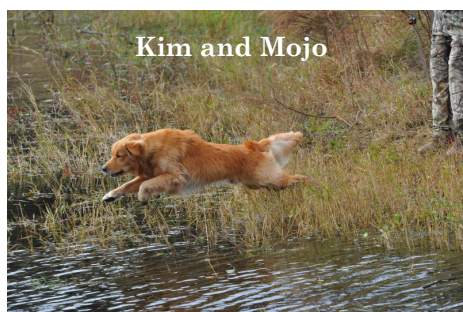
Linda Hitchcock says, "The combined AKC Hunt Test with UKC/HRC Hunt Test December 1st and 2nd was the most fun of all the hunt tests we've entered. The weather was excellent for both humans and dogs, the venue was sublime, the friendship and camaraderie shared was the best. This weekend was an awesome hunt test weekend also for the 49erGold kids. Violet earned her AKC Junior Hunt title to become 49erGold Skye's Little Deuce Coupe JH WC BN CCA Triathlon Award at 22months old. She also earned 2 Started Hunter legs in the HRC Hunt Test. Breeder/owner/trainer/handler Linda Hitchcock could not be more ecstatic with this little girl! Rocky (49erGold Gonna' Be A Rock Star! WC CCA) earned a Started leg in the HRC HT. Mojo (KaraGold's Got My Mojo Kruz'n SH WC) earned 2 Started legs in the HRC HT."



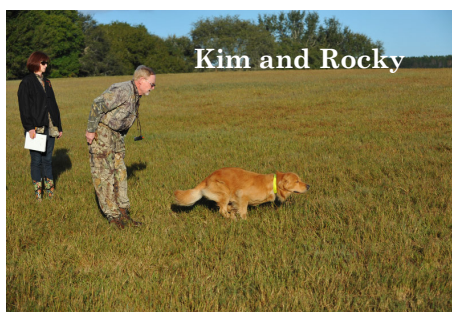
**Meet the Breeds
1st Place
Sporting Group**



Linda and Violet



Kim and Mojo



Kim and Rocky

Liebchen's Summer's Song of Grace UD RE OA AXJ THD 'Summer' and Maria Orlando earned her Utility Dog Title on December 12, 2012, at the Orlando Convention Center/ Orlando Dog Training Club.



Maria and Summer Orlando



Cindy, Ted and Oakley Crowell

Ted and Cindy Crowell are so proud of Oakley's performance at the agility trial in St. Augustine: "We had a great time; Qualified 5 out of 6 runs. Two Titles, 3 First Places including 1 on Sunday, our first attempt at Standard Open. Oh, we also placed 2nd twice!"

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Wishing everyone a prosperous
and
Happy New Year!

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