

It's been a very, very hectic February for our club. I'm looking forward to a restful and relaxing March (I hope). I started a new/old job at the end of January and it's been non-stop since then.

Special thanks go out to Ray and Carol Caito, Tom & Joanne Hell and John Blair for taking time out from their busy schedules to clean out the hunt test trailer. Carol your organizational skills are awesome. The trailer looked better than it has in ages. Our reward for a hard days work was being able to train our dogs at Wayne's in preparation for the hunt test season.

The following weekend was our tracking test. Thanks to Joyce Swegle for the terrific job she did chairing the test. Also, our heartfelt appreciation to Ron & Luci Seeley for judging and to all of the tracklayers for giving up an entire weekend to lay tracks for the test. We had a full test this year and, with entries being down in every venue throughout the country, this is a big accomplishment.

The next weekend was our very successful spring hunt test. I know Mike will give a full report, but I just wanted to make a couple of comments. We had over 300 entries, our biggest ever, which necessitated the addition of a third Master flight. AKC only allows 60 dogs per flight and on closing day we were just 9 dogs short of adding a fourth flight. Mike had arranged to have another set of judges in the wings "just in case", so that was taken care of. The real panic set in when we realized we needed many, many more birds. Ducks are becoming extremely difficult to find at a reasonable price and with so many of our old suppliers leaving the business it was a huge scramble to find the additional ducks. As always, Tom Hell came through for us and accomplished this seemingly insurmountable task.

I've been to nearly every hunt test that MFGRC has hosted and I can honestly say that this was one of the most organized and efficiently run tests we have had. The success of this hunt test was, in no small part, due to the efforts of Mike Orloff, Tom & Joanne Hell, and Wayne Guy. Every time something needed to be done they were there getting it done. We are so lucky to have Wayne and Sharon Gey as part of the MFGRC family. They not only welcome us to their land, open the doors of their home to everyone at the test, but they work tirelessly to help in our success. Our Spring Hunt Test is dedicated to the memory of Susan Fulenwider who worked so hard to bring this event to us every year. I know she is proud of the efforts put forth by so many to make this one of our best tests. We could have used Susan's "weather witch" abilities though. It was really, really cold for two legged participants but the dogs said it was perfect hunt test weather.

The last and final event of the month was our "sort of" annual eye and heart clinic. These clinics have always been important to me so this year's success is very rewarding. We saw more dogs in both the eye and heart clinic then we've seen in the past. We have been doing these clinics now since the early 1990's and I hope we will continue to have the support of the veterinary specialists and the members of our club. Thanks to Dr. Noelle McNabb and Dr. Wendy Arsenault for being a part of the clinic. They are both very interested in participating again next year. Thanks also to the club members who came out to help. Laura Topping, Judi Volpi, Leah Wright, Mary Coffman, Debbie Caudill, Nanette Tschigri, Candi Pearce, Cindi Metcalf, and Kathy Cudak. The clinics ran so well because of your help.

Mark your calendars. Saturday, March 24 is our annual match held at the Rowe's home in Sorrento. Look for the premium list in this newsletter and on our web page. Please note, the date of closing has been extended to March 21, 2012. Remember, each entry requires a donation to the raffle.

Speaking of raffles. Don't forget the raffle we will be hosting during the Eastern Regional weekend. Start bringing your donations to the events. If Mary Coffman isn't around you can leave them with one of the board members. The raffle is a relatively easy, low cost way to raise money to offset the huge expense of hosting the Eastern, so please clean out that spare room, approach the local businesses. It doesn't have to be doggy related we can use it.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone for their caring support during this most difficult time for Don and I. Losing Spencer was a shock to us and the grief we are both experiencing just doesn't seem to go away. Knowing there are people who care, and who loved Spencer too has helped us to face his loss. He will always be my once in a lifetime dog and it eases the pain to know that others saw how special he truly was. Thank you!

Camille



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From the Editor(s) . . .

Many, many apologies for this very late and combined edition of Golden Tales. The pressures of work really caught up with me in February and into the beginning of March, and I am behind on everything. Going forward, there may be more of these bi-monthly editions, but I will try to keep this as a monthly publication.

I am very excited to announce that MFGRC now has a Facebook page, and I am working on a separate page for the Eastern Regional. I hope there will be a Facebook link on our website soon as well. If you are a member of Facebook, please check it out. All you have to do is type in Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club in the search box, and you should then be able to like our page and add your comments.

As always, February was a busy month for our club, beginning with the Tracking Test on February 5th. Joyce Swegle did her usual wonderful job as chair/organizer/chieftain of this trial. You can read Joyce's report on the event in this issue.

What a hunt test, huh? It was huge. Mike Orloff did a fantastic job organizing and coordinating and he was everywhere. This was Mike's first time chairing this event, and I think we can safely say it was a success on many levels. We had a huge number of entries. Mike's report is also included in this issue.

As luck would have it, after a very warm February, it was also the coldest and windiest weekend of the month. That didn't stop the volunteers from showing up, though. We had the volunteers needed to staff the test. We even had extras

We also had a couple of busy days at the Strawberry Cluster in Lakeland on February 18th and 19th, when we sponsored the Eye Clinic on Saturday and the Heart Clinic on Sunday. I had a good time volunteering at the eye clinic and catching up with people I don't get to see too often.

MFGRC is springing forward to our annual match at Ann Rowe's on March 24, 2012! I hope to see you there!

Until next month . . .

Leah Wright
Editor



JANUARY BOARD MINUTES

Not available at the time of publication

JANUARY GENERAL MINUTES
Not available at the time of publication



MFGRC 2012 Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Other Info</u>
March 9, 2012	Everglades GRC Specialty	West Palm Beach, FL	Barb Silverman at barb-silver222@gmail.com
March 24, 2012	MFRC Match and General meeting	Ann Rowe's	Ann Rowe at Magikgldn1@aol.com
Sunday, April 22	Agility Fun Day & General Meeting	Robin and Denny Scott's	Robin Scott at four-dogsr@embarqmail.com

2012 Eastern Regional & Specialty Extravaganza

Hosted by:

**The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club &
The Everglades Golden Retriever Club**

Lee Vista Center – Orlando, Florida
Home of the 2002 GRCA National Specialty
(Outdoor Venue)

WC/WCX

October 24, 2012

Golden Oaks Ranch, Montverde, FL

(Home of the 2002 National Field Trial)

Judges:

WC – Ellen Bartkus and Jimmy Bryan
WCX – Glenda Manucy and Patti McCabe

CCA

October 25, 2012

Lee Vista Center, Orlando, FL

Judges:

Connie Miller, Kay Gosling,
and Collette Jaynes

Independent Specialty

October 26, 2012

Everglades Golden Retriever Club

Judges:

Kathy Lorentzen – Dogs, Bitches, Intersex,
Junior Showmanship
Collette Jaynes – Sweepstakes
Carol Ann Klein – Obedience
Robert Withers – Rally

Independent Specialty

October 27, 2012

Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club

Judges:

Jane Jensen – Dogs, Intersex
Ellen Hardin – Bitches, Junior Showmanship
Sue Schwarz – Sweepstakes
Celeste Meade – Obedience
David Maurer – Rally

Eastern Regional Specialty

October 28, 2012

Golden Retriever Club of America

Judges:

Col. Jonathan Chase – Dogs, Intersex
Ken Matthews – Bitches, Junior Showmanship
Marjorie Blake – Sweepstakes
Wayne Miller – Gun Dog Sweepstakes
David Maurer – Obedience
Celeste Meade – Rally

2012 GRCA Eastern Regional

Host Hotel: Sheraton Suites – Orlando Airport
(407) 240-5555 (800) 325-3535
(Reference: GRCA Eastern Regional/MFGRC Rate)



HOST HOTEL

Sheraton Suites - Orlando Airport

RESERVATIONS:

Attendee

Mid Florida Golden Retrievers Club (OR copy and paste the following link into a web browser)

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Exhibitor

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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:

**Tom Hell, Treasurer
3920 Water Oak Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810**

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

MFGRC dues were due January 1, 2012. Don't delay!



Did you know?

MFGRC is now on Facebook



Click on me to get there!

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 co-
ordinator.

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BORN:

Tom/Debbie Young (Pinellas Park) 727-742-8562

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Boca Gold's Peking Duck x Honeykyst Southern BellePuppies

Born 1/3/12 3 males 1 female

John and Rosa Blair (Satellite Beach, Fl.) 321-773-3476

Jazziesgold@bellsouth.net

CH Gemini's Lucky Charm x GHC Int'l CH Fallchase Jazzies D'Finning Moment

Born 02/1/12 5 males 2 females

DeeDee Davis (Melbourne) 321-288-5591

deedavissbre@aol.com

CH Gemini's Lucky Charm x SHR Amberlake's Freemark Chardonnay CD RN JH CCA CGC

Born 02/2/12 4 males 4 females

Gary/Susan Wilks (Deland) 386-738-6562

aspnleafgoldens@yahoo.com

Snobirds' Academy Award x Lady Natasha of Aspenleaf

Born 2/23/12 4 males 2 females

Debbie Caudill (Ocala) 352-288-0685

rdc21@embarqmail.com

Snobird's Academy Award x Snobird's in Hot Pursuit

Born 3/1/12 4 males 9 females

DUE:

Ron & Pat Rubrecht (Land O' Lakes) 813-601-7100

ron@turbinedoctor.com

Topbrass Rugby's Redtail x MH x Turbo Bloom'n Wildflower JH CD CCA WC

Due April 9, 2012

Memorial to Diane Maria Makinney

Sept. 20, 1953-Jan. 23, 2012

By *Donna Potocki*



(Cousin Donna, left, and Diane)

Shortly after Diane died, a dear friend emailed me a set of pictures. As I ran through the list, I found myself totally absorbed in one particular scene. It was of an exquisite gushing mountain waterfall plunging through a lush expanse of greenery into a mirror-like crystal clear lake below. We have all seen such falls, some tumultuous, some lacy, some trickling. Always it is riveting. A giant river is born of melting winter snows, converging streams, and spring rains. The sources seek and find each other to create new and bigger waterways never knowing where they will go next, but gaining the power to forge ahead with each overlap.

It occurred to me that life is exactly like that photograph. We are born an empty slate and must begin to write on that slate immediately. Like the river, we move through life learning, gaining skills, wisdom, meeting challenges, getting a bit murky at times, but learning from the experiences how to approach life's next choice. We laugh as a bubbling brook and drop tears in time of strife, only to pour our efforts, new-found wisdom and talents into life's next pool of opportunities.

Diane was born in Chicago when I was ten years old. She began writing on *her* slate as a child in the Windy City. There were visits to our farm in Indiana where she was first exposed to the loving licks and loyal friendship of our dogs—gentle, bright standard collies. Some years later, Christmas brought her a black poodle which she named Noel. As an adult, in Florida, she fell in love with a very mischievous red golden retriever—Attila the Honey. We all know what a giant whitewater river that relationship created! There were obedience classes, dog show interests, more goldens, educating herself and others on dog issues.

She joined Patti Strand's National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA) to combat inappropriate regulations on animal ownership. She drew from her previously developed Bell South and Mathis Group research and public relations roots. This time those skills were driven by her personal love of animals as she focused her analysis on legislative matters, public education for animal ownership and care, and the rights and responsibilities of individuals to own and care for their own pets. That work, Honey, Sampson, Tanner, and her foster dog Dixie drew her more and more into organizations such as the Golden Retriever Club of America and the Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida and an adviser to the American Kennel Club. Her pool was now a *sea* of national and sometimes international dimensions. Newsletters were created and websites supported.

Because of her legislative interests, research skills, and cherished values Diane's next passionate plunge was into her nation's recovery on the liberty and economic fronts. She carefully studied the Ron Paul Revolution and took on-line classes in history and economics at the famous Mises Institute. Her legislative talents grew even more as she set foot into that stream, contacting and supporting or contradicting candidates, U.S. congressmen and senators. Again she joined with more people to learn and prod beyond her previous shores.

Diane's most recent leap forward and joy were accomplished in the past year with the guidance of her close friend of three decades. Kathy Rahla, a devout master gardener, and Diane studied, designed, and created a garden plan for her Beaumont home. It was to provide organic nourishment for the table, healthy exercise through planting, sunshine, and a display of beauty for all to enjoy. The two drove miles to find just the right seeds, plants, and ideas. She placed a Florida holly tree in the ground only days before she left us. Friends and neighbors have already dubbed that her memorial plant, as it was her favorite addition to the yard! Diane was ecstatic as they drove hither and yon in their pursuit of just the right sizes, shapes, colors, and attributes to realize the plan that lay in her mind's eye! There was enough passion in both their hearts to accomplish their ever growing task and Diane took great pleasure in walking friends through the healthy young greens.

In her final hours Diane was last seen watering her new gathering of green beauties. Life was flowing into the world as Diane was saying her good bye. My hope is that our time celebrating Diane today will give a larger view of the exquisite life stream she brought to each of us and that we, in turn, will keep the waters flowing!

MFGRC TD/TDX

The MFGRC combined TD/TDX Test was held on February 5th, 2012. This year, for the first time, we offered a combined Tracking Dog test and a Tracking Dog Excellent test. We allowed for four TD tracks and three TDX tracks. We did get one TDX entrant, and eight TD dogs and one alternate. Our judges were Ron and Luci Seeley. Our track layers were Judi Volpe, Betty Lambert, Debbie Finch, Jodie Faist, Paul Reep and Ron Pagano.

Sunday morning dawned with very dense fog. As it cleared over Orlando, it seemed to settle into the tracking fields. This caused the tracks to go in later than usual, and set back when the dogs could actually get onto their tracks. You could tell that some of the exhibitors were getting antsy! We finally got the call that we could head to the fields, and we started to roll.

I won't go into all of the tracks, and what happened on each one, but having walked several of them the day before, I can honestly say that they were all lovely tracks. And the TDX track was awesome. We had two out of state exhibitors. The TDX dog came from Indiana, and two TD dogs were from the West Chicago area. Unfortunately, these dogs didn't find the elusive glove, but they both enjoyed the test, and the Chicagoan remarked how great the fields were, how nice the club was- and that she hopes to come back next year!

We had two passes, way back in the high grasses, and later in the day when it was warmer! Go figure! Labrador Retriever, Shenandoahs Runway on the Hudson (Sully), owned and bred by club member Janet Narushka, Janice Fitzgerald, and Andrew Gibbons, was our first pass of the day. Sully, literally ran the track. And then Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Redstarr's Jenuine First Class Act CDX,RE,NA,NAJ, owned by Terri Bell, also rapidly made her way to the glove, earning her TD. This TD also earned her the VCD1 and she is only the second of her breed to do so. Watching these two dogs track, was just incredible.

Thanks to our judges, Luci and Ron. The tracks were just wonderful! Thank you to our track layers, and to the committee members, who all gave of their time to support tracking. Two of our track layers are not even club members, but were willing to give up two days to help us out! Thanks so much Paul and Ron!

I would like to just give our members some background info on the fields we use. They are all owned by the Lee family, who generously, allows us use them for our tests. I met "Joe" this year, who grew up on the fields, manages them today, and who filled me in on their past uses. The front end of the fields were used by grazing cattle, and the back end of the fields we use (closest to the airport runways) were corn fields. Thanks to the Lee family, and Joe for the use of, and care of, the fields.

Submitted by: Joyce Swegle





Sully earns his TD!



A Toller earns his too!



Hi Joyce,

First of all I would like to say a big THANK YOU to you, Mid-Fla GR Club, the tracklayers and judges! As president of our obedience club I KNOW how much work goes into putting on a trial of any kind and appreciate the dedication of those involved. I had a great time and especially enjoyed the lunch following the test. That was a very nice surprise.

My hopes were high the morning of the test. It was damp & foggy - great weather for tracking. But my hopes fell as I drew track #8 knowing full well that the fog would be long gone by that time. Then it was sad to watch as even the early trackers had a lot of difficulty. Finally it was our turn and spirits were higher as the dog before us had a great pass. I took Jenni to the start flag and off she went with no hesitation. From there on it was just a very nice quick walk through some very tall grass. Eight minutes later she stopped and there was the glove!!! It was a wonderful pass - not only did she earn her TD but also a VCD1, possibly making her just one of two Tollers in the county with a VCD1. I am sending a picture of her tracking since no one could actually see her in that tall grass!!

Thanks for everything!

Terri Bell
Fort Myers



Redstarr's Jenuine First Class Act CDX,RE,NA,NAJ

SUSAN FULENWIDER



SPRING HUNT TEST

This Hunt Test is dedicated to the memory of our dear friend, Susan Fulenwider. Long standing member of MFGRC, Susan was the “Champion” of our Hunt Test. Susan loved her dogs, loved the competition and always went above and beyond. We really miss her, but know she is walking the field, watching over everything...and cheering on our dogs as they go for that bird.

Susan...you are truly missed by all. You will always be a presence at our Hunt Test...



MFGRC SPRING HUNT TEST

What a great hunt test weekend. The forecast called for rain, but that only happened as the front moved through Friday night – fortunately after setup – however that cleared the way for the rest of the weekend to be cold. I mean really cold. But better cold than hot so all was well. It turned out to be a gorgeous weekend, and was cold enough to make the dogs and (most) handlers and judges happy.

We had a HUGE turnout - 310 dogs – about a third more than last year – a testament to the great job all the volunteers do in putting on this test. And this caused quite a panic in your new chairman trying to find about a hundred fifty more birds on a week's notice.

We are so lucky to have Wayne and Sharon Gey who open their ranch and home to us to make the tests possible, and who also work so hard to make our events a success. Sharon did her usual fantastic job catering the judges' dinner, ribs and all the fixins' Friday night, and they also hosted our tailgate party Saturday night. And Wayne was everywhere all weekend. He spent all day Friday digging a giant hole and using the clay to grade the roads to make them passable, and all weekend when the marshals would call for help moving a stake to its next series, by the time one of us mere mortals could get there, we would be met with "Oh, Wayne was already here and took care of it." The Geys also supplied enough grandkids to staff Master B with bird technicians.

The setup crew arrived early Friday – followed by the judges. The test sites were assigned and the tests set up. As usual, Tom and Joanne Hell worked tirelessly – arriving long before everyone else, moving the trailers and pulling out all the equipment assisted by Ray and Carol Caito. John Blair left a sick Rosa home with a new litter of puppies to help with the setup.

Betty Whaley was Head Marshal, and took care of overseeing all the assignments – Glenda Manucy and Kay Johnson at Master A, Alison Shultz, Kristin Sipus and Anney Doucette at Master B, Hilda Wood and Betsy Reiney at Master C, Terry Cuyler and Tammy Hodgkins at Senior, and as usual, Kim and Linda Hitchcock at Junior. Tammy also did a great job pulling together the contact sheets and the running orders for all stakes – including numerous scratches and last-minute changes. She was also the first one on the scene at headquarters each day, arriving around 6 am. Thank you all for organizing the stakes and for keeping them moving so we could finish Sunday.

Speaking of changes – thanks also to Judi Volpe who had her hands full as Test Secretary (and fill in bitch checker). She dealt with all the changes and scratches without complaint and then did a fantastic job posting all the results.

Boy Scout troop 599 from Deland worked hard all weekend smoothly and efficiently staffing all the stakes except the one Wayne's family took care of.

The gunners came from far and wide and did an excellent job. Thanks to Chuck Masters and friends Ed & Richard; John Gerbino & Dana Smith; Alex & Ede (the Hungarians!); and Ray Caito & Jim Bryan. We wouldn't have birds to retrieve without them.

And the lunch makers Shirl Phillips, Debbie Finch, Ann Rowe, Camille Doehring, Joanne Hell and Carol Caito – who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure all the workers and judges were fed. I was running around at various stakes all weekend, and never heard anyone call for lunches – they just magically appeared – at just the right time. The test cannot run if all the workers and judges are not fed (and aired) in such a timely fashion.

And last but not least – the bitter end crew – Ray & Carol, Tom & Joanne, Camille, Judi, Debbie, Wayne, Stephen Rosasco, Jill & Mike Wallace and Leah Wright who stayed until all the equipment was put away, all the birds were sold or otherwise accounted for and everything was cleaned up. We could not have these tests without all you who stay to make sure all the loose ends are tied up (and put away).

I hope I haven't left anyone out – my sincerest apologies if I did and my thanks for all everyone did. I was so busy running around trying to make sure everything was done and everybody was doing all that needed to be done, that much of the weekend was and still is a blur. Except, of course, for little Ozzy's first Master pass in his First Master test – thanks Mid-Florida GRC and Bear and Sam!!!

All I can say is – it was a hell of an experience – it makes chairing agility trials seem like child's play. It was also a huge learning experience. Special thanks go to Tom Hell, who while no longer the official chairman, worked tirelessly to advise me about what I had to do, and make sure everything got done properly. Hopefully next year, I can do more on my own, and not have to impose on him so much. And thanks to Joanne for being there with him every step of the way.

Susan would have been very proud of this test!!!

Submitted by: Mike Orloff

DOCOF!

Hi Members --

The Annual Dog Obedience Clubs of Florida annual competition is less than six months away. It appears that we have more than enough Open dogs for two teams this year -- but we need Utility and Novice dogs, and we are close to having enough to start a third team for the first time ever.

If you would like to be on the team - and have not already added your name to our list -- please let me know.

Thanks

Robin Scott

fourdogsr@embarqmail.com



Please note: The pre-entry date has been extended to March 21, 2012!!!!

Pre-entries close at the match Secretary's home
Wednesday February 29th, 2012

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 March 24th, 2012
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.....Mrs. Caroline Roetzer
 Jr. Showmanship...Mrs. Caroline Roetzer
 Obedience.....Mrs. Lucy Seeley
 Rally.....Mr. Bob Millar

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
 CUT**

BREED _____
 CONFORMATION CLASS _____
 OBEDIENCE CLASS _____
 RALLY CLASS _____
 JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP _____
 NAME OF JR. HANDLER _____
 FULL NAME OF DOG _____ SEX M F
 AKC/LITTER NUMBER _____ DOB _____
 OWNERS NAME _____ PHONE _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY/STATE/ZIP _____
 I ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MYSELF AND MY DOG AT
 THIS MATCH
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From the South:

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

WHO IS IT?



Can you identify this person?

This shady character was seen at the hunt test. If you can identify this person, please notify Judi Volpe or Leah Wright. We're pretty sure the Unibomber is still behind bars, but if you do know who this is, there may be a reward in it for you. We're still trying to decide what that should be!

Milestones & Achievements



Robin Senderowitz is happy to say that "Cooper", Magik's Golden Knight, had a fantastic showing in Brooksville! "Cooper won his first Major, winning WD, and his second Major two days later winning WD and Best of Winners. He also won two Major Reserves in Brooksville. Cooper is handled by Jane and Greg Myers and was bred by Ann Rowe. Many thanks to Ann for all of her advice and continued support of Cooper - we wouldn't be in the ring without you!"

Yale Goldman and the dogs from Rockledge Kennels had a phenomenal four weeks. In 7 shows, 1-7-12 thru 2-4-12 Slater got 2 majors including a best of winners in Deland under Judge Polly Smith. In addition Slater, Stillwater's May'kn Waves, got 4 reserve winners and needs 1 point to finish. Not to be out done, little brother Gabe, Gemini's Stairway to Heaven, in 8 shows went first in the 12-18 class 7 out of 8 shows. He also received 2 points and Best of Winners under judge Doug Johnson at the Atlanta cluster. He also garnered 2 major reserves, 1 Best of Opposite in Sweeps at the FGCGRC specialty under judge Pam Oxenberg and Best in Sweeps at the Atlanta Specialty under judge Dr. Shereen Farber.

Connie Adams of Windsor Goldens reports: "It finally happened! Jaymus earned his first UD leg with a second placement at the MADTA show in January. We thought we might finally be on a roll, but, alas, Jaymus has other ideas (sigh!). We will try again in March. Devlin continues his winning ways in the Rally Ring. He has nine RAE legs needing only one more for his title. It is sometimes very hard to curb his enthusiasm in the ring, but that's Devlin!"

Here's some news from Becky Nicholas. On the weekend of February 4th/5th we attended at NADAC agility trial in Zephyrhills. The boys had a great weekend! Camden Q'd in 6 of his 8 runs! And on Sat. in Elite Chances he was the ONLY dog to qualify in all jump heights. Baby dog Declan at his 2nd trial Q'd in 4 of his 7 runs!!

Chuck and Ellen Bartkus helped Ambersand's NY Ranger RE JH celebrate her 16th birthday on January 11. Still happy and silly. Her grandkids had a good weekend at the Indian River Dog Training Club Agility Trials 2/11 and 2/12. On 2/11 Ambersand's Little Bear RN NAP finished his Novice Jumpers Preferred title in style with a 1st place. He also won his Open Standard Preferred class. Sunday was sister Ambersand's Heaven Sent CD RAE OAP NJP's turn with 1st place in Open Jumpers Preferred.

Announcing Ingot Golden's latest Champion, Ingot's K9 Connection. Phoenix finished his championship with 3 majors by going Best of Winners at the Atlanta Golden Retriever Club Specialty on February 4th. He is the 4th generation bred and owned by Chris and Caroline Roetzer of Clearwater. Special thanks go to his handler Janice Granda for the great care and handling of our special boy.

Maria Orlando is proud to announce that Liebchen's Smokey Bones Mountain Mischief, RE CD BN, earned his Companion Dog title in Lakeland on February 18, 2012, with a third place finish! Way to go Smokey!



Cooper!



Slater



Gabe



Smokey

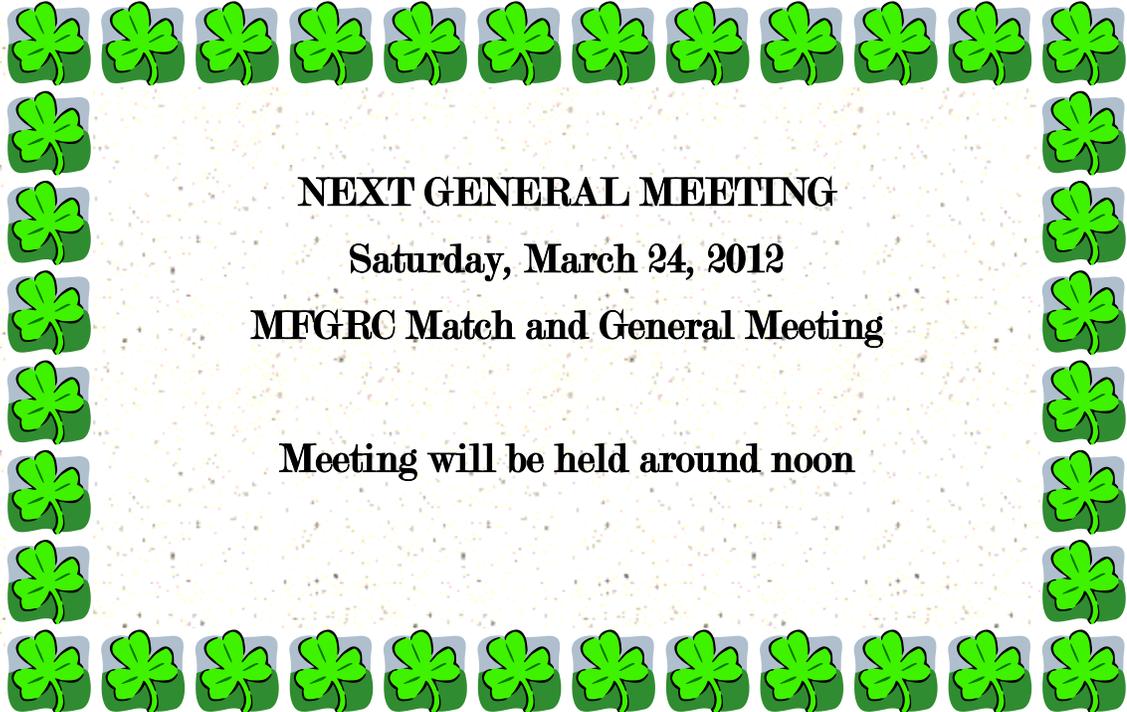
**Who wouldn't LOVE to get flowers
from this gorgeous dude?**

**Thanks to Maria Orlando and Smokey
for the
Valentine's Day wishes!**



**Happy Valentines Day
Smokey**

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING
Saturday, March 24, 2012
MFGRC Match and General Meeting
Meeting will be held around noon