



From the Presidents Desk...

Hello everyone. I hope you are all getting ready for Spring and spending lots of time outdoors having fun with your dogs while the weather is still cool. Summer is coming quickly and before we know it, it will be too hot for the dogs for most outdoor activities.

We had the agility meeting at Robin and Denny Scott's house on Easter weekend and the Scotts could not have been more accommodating. Denny cooked hotdogs and hamburgers while we ran agility courses, did some retrieving and just sat around and chatted. Oh yeah, we also had a meeting. Thank you Robin and Denny and thank you everyone who brought side dishes and their dogs.

Then the very next weekend we had a meeting/picnic at Wayne Gey's ranch to do some swimming in the big pond and bumper retrieving with our dogs. Unfortunately not too many members came out - in fact almost nobody came out. Maybe it was because the meetings were too close together or maybe it was too far for folks to go, but I have tried very hard to put meetings in areas all around the county so people who lived north (who had requested meetings in their area) or south or east or west would have meetings closer to home. I'm guessing Wayne's was just too far north for most members. Oh well, maybe next time. My thanks to Leah Wright and Joanne and Tom Hell for helping out at Wayne's.

Our next meeting will be in Lakeland on May 4, with a Noseworks Seminar which sounds fascinating – thanks to Joanne Hell for getting us set up with that fun day.

Not much more to say from here however I want to leave a thought in everyone's mind with regard to their contributions to the club, their willingness to volunteer and the comments I get from some people both to me and to others which eventually get to me. I couldn't agree more with Abraham Lincoln who once said, "He has a right to criticize, who has a heart to help." Words to live by if you are a member of dog clubs.

See you all next month at the Nose Works Seminar. Cheers.

Pat Kopco



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From the Editor . . .

We've been having a lot of fun lately doing some basic training for the hunt test (we have till December, but I don't even believe we're close to ready), and just hanging out when we can with our golden buddies in the club. I am so grateful to have this wonderful club to share with Levi.

Our focus has also been readying the pool for swimming, which we sure hope is going to be possible in early May. Levi and I have both missed our morning pool work outs, but walkies are fun as well.

Have you heard of nose work? It's a fun new sport that you can do with your dog. We are having a nose work demo and general meeting in Lakeland on Saturday, May 4, 2013, at Das Hund Haus in Lakeland. I'll be sorry to miss it, but we'll be travelling that weekend.

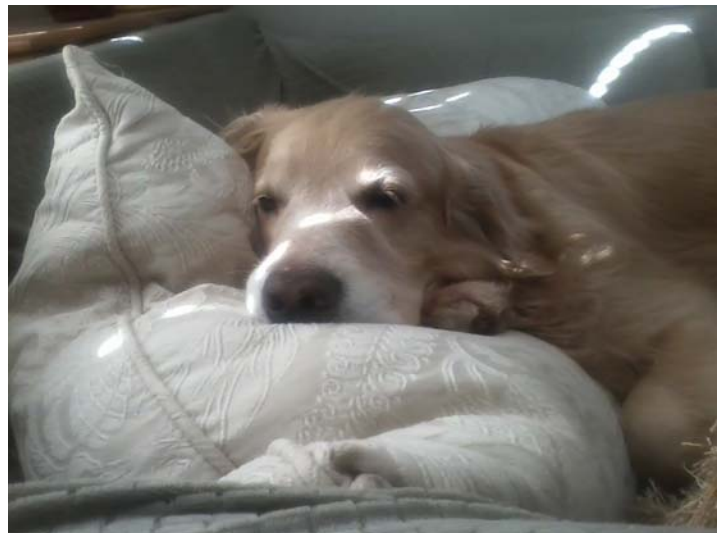
Thank you to Robin and Denny Scott for hosting the Agility Fun Day at their home on March 30, 2013. Real dedication for them to do that the day before Easter! We had a great turn out and the dogs had a blast.

As always, thanks to Wayne Gey for allowing us to use his property for our picnic and general meeting the following weekend. It was a gorgeous day, the dogs had a good time and we got to see some puppies learn about retrieving in the ponds. Good food, too!

Looking forward to seeing you all this summer!

Until next month . . .

Leah Wright
Editor



Hunt Test Photographs

As you know, we had some great photographs in the February issue of Golden Tales taken at our February 9 and 10 spring hunt test. Those photographs were courtesy of Eric Edwards, who I believe is a member of CFHRC. Since there were over 300 pictures, and many of them of people and their dogs who don't belong to MFGRC, we thought we should publish the web site address so that others can access them.

If you know someone who participated in the test, who is not a member of MFGRC, please pass along the link below so that they can view the pictures, too. Mr. Edwards has pictures of Labs, Flatcoats, Poodles, and the Boykin is even in there as well, along with their owners/handlers.

I have pasted the link below, but you can also click on it to go directly to the site. These are public pictures and Mr. Edwards kindly passed the link along to Pat Kopco and gave us permission to use as we like and to pass along to others. So enjoy and spread the word!

If the link doesn't work for you, and if the cut and paste will not work, you can go to Google.com and search for MFGRC-AKCTest. It will come up with a Picasa web site for Eric Edwards, and that's the one you want to click on.

Leah Wright
Editor

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Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club
Board Meeting February 14, 2013

Board Members Present (via telephone): Pat Kopco, Mike Orloff, Tom Hell, Joanne Hell, Debbie Finch, Betty Lambert, Judi Volpe, Shirl Phillips, Leah Wright, Deena Strauss. The meeting was called to order at 9:09 p.m.

President's Report: Pat Kopco thanked everyone for the help and all the work that they have done.

Vice President's Report: Joanne Hell presented a new member application from Ted, Tom, and T.J. Misilo from Palm Bay, Florida, interested in field work. They were sponsored by Tom Young. Upon motion by Mike Orloff, and seconded by Deena Strauss, the vote was unanimous to accept the application for membership.

Secretary's Report: Deena Strauss reported that the AKC is requesting names of members appointed as Legislative Liaison, Standing National Events Chair, Judge's Committee Chairperson, and Judge's Education Coordinator. It was noted that we have no one filling these positions, so Deena will complete the paperwork and submit it to the AKC.

Treasurer's Report: In Ted Crowell's absence, Mike Orloff presented the Treasurer's Report. The club does not publish this information on the internet.

Committee Reports:

TD Test: Debbie Finch reported that the tracking test went well. They did have enough room to do an alternate track for the TD. None of the three TDX tracks were passed. Joyce Swegle has recommended, for future tests, we increase the test for six TD tracks and three TDX tracks since we now have the land to do so. Next year we will be opening the test to golden retriever club members first, then to other breeds. We had two members who were not able to enter this year. Discussion was held regarding storage of the TD equipment.

Hunt Test: Discussion was held regarding the need for club members to help out with clean up after the hunt tests. This year we were required to rely a lot on Wayne Gey and members of CFHRC who helped us load our trailer.

Obedience Trial: Joanne Hell reported on the obedience trial and will prepare the application. The event will be held June 1 and 2, 2013. She has one provisional judge hired and another judge hired for open, utility, versatility and grad open. We will also have the general meeting that date at the trial.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

Adjournment: Joanne Hell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Leah Wright. The meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

The meeting, held during the Strawberry Cluster in Lakeland, Florida, was called to order by Board Member Debbie Finch at 1:30 PM. Members present in addition to Debbie included John & Terry Collett, Tom & Debbie Young, Julie Wand, Candi Pearce, Ann Rowe, Robin Senderowitz, Laura & Chris Topping, Debbie Caudill, Vern Gank, Pat Andrews, Pam Oxenberg, Caroline Roetzer, Kathy Cudak, Jerrie Morrison, and Teri Vautrain, as well as guests Pam Larscheid and Ruth Rivera. Pam Larscheid handed in her application for membership to MFGRC.

Vice President Joanne Hell was occupied as the Strawberry Cluster's Obedience Chair, and was not present. Debbie presented the application from prospective new members TJ Misilo, Tom Misilo, and Ted Misilo; a vote was taken to accept them as the club's newest members.

Secretary Deena Strauss was not present, thus there was no Secretary's report.

Treasurer Ted Crowell was not present. In his absence, Debbie Finch presented a brief Treasurer's report. The club does not publish this information on the internet.

Debbie announced that Joanne Hell is working on setting up an Obedience (only) trial for June 1-2, 2013. It would be held at Das Hund Haus, which is located near Lakeland, and owned by MFGRC member Jill Wallace. This would be an indoor, air conditioned show.

On August 10, 2013, we are planning to hold a Match, also scheduled to be held indoors at Das Hund Haus. More details will be forthcoming.

Report on last weekend's huge Hunt test: the weekend included 137 Master entries, and 46 Junior entries. Consensus was that everything ran well.

Debbie reported on the Tracking test held 2 weeks ago. We had a full test: 5 TD tracks, and 3 TDX tracks. We had more entries than available tracks, so a draw was held. Three of the 5 TD entries passed the test. Nationwide, the pass rate for a TD test is 50%, and for a TDX test it is approximately 5%.

Debbie announced that next weekend is the Golden Retriever Rescue Reunion at Lake Parker Park in Lakeland. We will be asking for a \$10 donation for light grooming of paws, ears and tails, and MFGRC will match whatever we raise. Anyone who is interested in helping to groom, or to help hold dogs, is most welcome to come join us. Lunch, bottled water, and sodas will be provided for all members helping that day.

Debbie also announced that we are looking for Team Captains for DOCOF (Labor Day weekend) and DACOF (late June).

Upcoming meetings include March 30th – Agility Fun Day at Robin Scott's house in Eustis, a picnic on April 6th under the trees at Katie's Landing on Wayne Gey's ranch, and June 1st, at the Obedience trial.

Tom Young announced that Florida Gulf Coast Golden Retriever Club is hosting a WC/WCX at Wayne's on March 23rd.

Debbie asked for Brags. Vern Gank took Reserve on Friday, and WB/BOS on Saturday. Deb Farris took Breed with Toby yesterday.

A general announcement was made that on April 27th the Obedience Club of Daytona will hold an Eye Clinic in New Smyrna Beach. There will be a Heart/Eye clinic in West Palm Beach, no date given.

There being no other business to conduct, Debbie asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deb Young motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:51 PM, and Pat Andrews seconded the motion.

Minutes recorded by Robin Senderowitz, and transcribed by Debbie Finch

Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club
Board Meeting March 18, 2013

Board Members Present: Ted Crowell, Pat Kopco, Mike Orloff, Tom Hell, Joanne Hell, Debbie Finch, Judi Volpe, Leah Wright, and Deena Strauss. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

President's Report: None.

Vice President's Report: Joanne Hell presented two new member applications: The first is from Pam and Michael Larscheid, from Odessa, Florida. They are pet owners interested in conformation. They were sponsored by Laura Topping, and have been to a meeting. Upon motion by Joanne Hell, and seconded by Leah Wright, the vote was unanimous to accept the application for membership. A second application was presented from Chip Carter, but we still need the code of ethics. He lives in Valrico, Florida, and is interested in agility and field work. Upon motion by Joanne Hell, and seconded by Tom Hell, the vote was unanimous to accept the application for membership.

Secretary's Report: Debbie Finch presented some correspondence from the AKC. They have closed out the Eastern Regional and the Spring Hunt Test.

Treasurer's Report: Ted Crowell presented the Treasurer's report. The club does not publish this information on the internet. Ted also reported on membership dues. He has sent emails to 70 people who have not paid their dues for 2013. He will send letters to the few people who do not have email addresses on file. Three members are not going to be renewing.

Committee Reports:

2014 TD Test: Debbie Finch reported that the Luci Seeley will be the test secretary. She has the application to be completed. Ron Seeley and Fran Smith have signed on as judges. They will be using the extra acreage for the test on the other side of Se-moran Boulevard.

DOCOF: Deena Strauss has agreed to be the team captain for DOCOF this year. Discussion was held regarding the deadline confusion, so we will be able to have a team for 2013. She is going to be contacting people who have participated before to see if they want to be on the teams. A mass email will be sent out inviting other members to participate.

Agility Trial: Ted Crowell reported on the agility trial scheduled for October. Ted and Camille Doehring are going to meet at Turkey Lake Park to meet with the park representatives and reserve the grounds. They are also working on getting the break-away tire, which is a new requirement for the test. Jill Roberts is going to be test secretary.

December Hunt Test: Tom Hell reported we are investigating the possibility of a combined test with CFHRC. Tom is going to speak with Wayne Gey about the test, and whether it would be possible to include one master, which would improve our junior and senior entries.

February Hunt Test: Mike Orloff reported he has talked to the bird supplier and we can order the birds now, which would mean we would not be scrambling for birds at the last minute. Mike would like to commit to this supplier now to save money. Discussion was held regarding the number of master flights to offer, and the entry fees to charge for the master tests.

Obedience Trial: Joanne Hell reported the dates have been switched to August 10 and 11, 2013, but Joanne needs to touch base with the judges to be sure they are available.

Fun Match: Joanne Hell reported we are a go for the fun match in Lakeland on June 1, 2013.

Old Business:

Meeting Venues and Events: Discussion was held regarding the meetings that have not been scheduled for May and July. Some possibilities were seminars on nose work, a rally fun day, a tracking fun day, a grooming seminar, or a tour of the University of Florida animal oncology center. Pat Kopco will speak with Joyce Swegle about the status of the air conditioning at the Dog Works facility in Deland.

March Agility Fun Day: Mike Orloff reported that we have 16 people who have RSVP'd for the meeting on March 30, 2013 at Robin Scott's house.

Club Pamphlet/Brochure: Deena Strauss would like to put a help wanted ad in the newsletter for someone to write the pamphlet, or if anyone could suggest someone to approach. Discussion was held regarding getting information from the GRCA website to incorporate into this pamphlet for new members or people who have purchased puppies.

Rescue Reunion: Debbie Finch reported that the grooming raised \$622 and this amount will be matched by the club.

March 18, 2013 MFGRC Board Minutes (continued)

New Business:

GRCA Yearbook: Pat Kopco reported that the person who is taking care of the yearbook data is going to be leaving the position. The GRCA is posting a job description for a yearbook editor, a volunteer job that takes about six hours per week. The GRCA board members were asked to canvass their membership to see if anyone is interested in this position.

GRCA Membership: Pat Kopco reported that John Cotter has written and distributed a letter outlining the value of being a GRCA member and is requesting clubs to publish the letter. Leah Wright confirmed that she has not received the letter. Pat Kopco will forward that to Leah for the next newsletter.

Hunt Test Pictures: Pat Kopco wants to get the information on the website from the gentleman who took the pictures to the other hunt club participants who are not members of the club. In the next newsletter, Leah Wright will print the website address so people can download the pictures.

2017 GRCA National: Pat Kopco reported that GRCA is still looking for a host club for the 2017 GRCA National Specialty. Discussion was held, but no decision was reached.

WC/WCX: Discussion was held regarding the possibility of having a WC/WCX in 2013. The last one we held was at the Eastern Regional, which was chaired by Deb Farris. Pat Kopco will contact Deb Farris to see if she would be willing to chair it again and when she would want to hold it, possibly in September or October of this year.

Adjournment: Joanne Hell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Debbie Finch. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

The minutes were recorded and transcribed by Leah Wright.

MFGRC General Meeting
March 30, 2013

The meeting, held at the home of Robin and Denny Scott and was called to order by club President Pat Kopco at 11:53 a.m. In addition to Pat, members present were Barbara Anderson, Karyn Angel, Carl Migden, Pat Carlile, Ted and Cindy Crowell, Camille Doehring, Debbie Finch, Betty Lambert, Ralph and Maria Orlando, Mike Orloff, Ann Rowe, Robin and Denny Scott, Robin Senderowitz, Joyce Swegle, Dee Thibodeaux, Michelle Throm, Susan and Gary Wilks, and Leah Wright.

President's Report: Pat Kopco thanked Robin and Denny Scott for their hospitality and for the burgers and hot dogs. Pat asked that members please contribute ideas for things to do for meetings. She has asked Joyce Swegle to do a rally day, and the Board has discussed some other things that we can do.

Vice President's Report: In Joanne Hell's absence, Mike Orloff read the membership application of Pam and Michael Larscheid. The vote was unanimous to accept their membership application.

Treasurer's Report: Ted Crowell presented the Treasurer's report. The club does not publish this information on the internet.

Secretary's Report: Deena Strauss was not present, so there was no Secretary's report. Leah Wright reported she is in the process of transcribing the minutes. Debbie Finch moved to waive reading of the minutes and Ted Crowell seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Committee Reports:

TD Test:

Agility Trial: Camille Doehring reported that she and Ted Crowell will be going out to Turkey Lake Park to meet with a park representative. She will get the application in to the AKC in the next few days. Judges will be Karen Couch and Clyde Clausen. The premier event will be Time to Beat instead of Fast. The breakaway tire is being ordered, as it will be mandatory after April 1, 2013. The trial is October 12 and 13, 2013.

DOCOF: Pat Kopco reported that Deena Strauss has offered to be team captain for DOCOF. An invitation has been sent out to club members to join the team if interested. Please contact Deena Strauss.

Fall and Spring Hunt Tests: Mike Orloff asked the members if they knew of judges who might be interested in judging either test. He is going to lock in the dates for the spring test, the second weekend in February, and will speak to Wayne Gey to be sure the property is available. Pat Kopco noted that there will be a combined test again in December with CFHRC with a master leg limited to 60 dogs.

2014 Tracking Test: Debbie Finch reported that judges are hired for the test. Luci Seeley will be filling out the AKC application and will be chairing the test. Ralph Orlando asked about the possibility of goldens being able to participate in the test next year. Debbie stated that the process for the draw is being changed to ensure that club members are given priority for spots in the test. Joyce Swegle stated that it had not been done in the past, as there had not been any golden entries in the prior years.

WC/WCX: Deb Farris has agreed to chair a WC/WCX for the club in 2013. The date will be announced, but possibly in the fall of this year.

Old Business:

April Picnic Day: The picnic will be held at Wayne Gey's property on Saturday, April 6, 2013. We will be using the big pond and hope to have some ducks available to throw, along with bumpers. Anyone who is interested in having their dogs try to retrieve should come out. There will be a pot luck lunch and a general meeting.

New Business:

Match: The match is scheduled for June 1, 2013 at Das Hund Haus in Lakeland. Joanne Hell has information, and Debbie Finch will be working on the premium. A mass email will go out as soon as all the information is gathered.

Obedience Trial: We will be holding an obedience trial August 9 and 10, 2013, at Das Hund Haus in Lakeland. Joanne Hell is chairing the event and members can contact her for information.

2014 Specialty: Pat Kopco stated that the club will need to decide if we are going to hold a specialty in 2014, since there isn't going to be a specialty in 2013. Camille Doehring stated that the club will be required to hold one by December, 2014. The specialty requires conformation, obedience and possibly rally, at minimum. Pat Kopco asked for a chairperson for the specialty, but no decision was made.

Meeting Announcements: Ralph Orlando asked how far in advance we know where and when the general meetings are held. Pat Kopco explained that the Board meets in January to plan out the year, but we are running into difficulty finding events and venues for the hot summer months that can be held indoors. It was noted that the April meeting at Wayne Gey's had to be confirmed with him, but a mass email and flyer had been sent out as soon as it was confirmed. There are some meetings that repeat every year, such as DCOF, Agility Trial, Ocala Show, and the December holiday party. It was also noted that the calendar on the website is being updated regularly, and to please check out the mass emails.

CCA: Ralph Orlando asked if the club is considering putting on a CCA this year. It was noted that we had held one at the Eastern Regional in October. Discussion was held about holding a CCA in conjunction with the Ocala shows in November. Pat Kopco will work on that.

Rally Fun Day: Pat Kopco has asked Joyce Swegle to investigate a venue for a rally fun day, possibly at Dog Works in Deland. Joyce is waiting for the facility owner to contact her about the cost.

Club Dues: Ted Crowell announced that dues are past due. Please send your dues checks to Ted Crowell.

Brags:

Ann Rowe reported that Cooper, owned by Robin Senderowitz, and bred by Ann Rowe and Debbie Finch, was ranked 13th golden retriever in the nation and the number 2 dog in Florida in the month of March.

Mogul, owned by Ann Rowe, was winner's dog in Pensacola, and Marley was winner's bitch and best of breed the same weekend.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Ann Rowe and seconded by Debbie Finch. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by Leah Wright.

The meeting, held at Wayne Gey's property in Montverde, Florida, was called to order by president Pat Kopco at 12:39 p.m. Members present in addition to Pat included Tom and Joanne Hell, John Thibodeaux, Michelle Throm, Susan and Gary Wilks, Ted and Tom Misilo, Jon and Leah Wright, Bob and Jeanette Young.

President's Report: Pat Kopco noted again that we are always looking for volunteers, places to have events, ideas for meetings and fun things to do with our dogs.

Vice President Joanne Hell was present, but had nothing to report.

Secretary Deena Strauss was not present. Leah Wright asked that the reading of the minutes be waived. Motion was made by Joanne Hell and seconded by Susan Wilks.

Treasurer Ted Crowell was not present, so there was no Treasurer's report.

Committee Reports:

Agility Trial: Camille Doebling is purchasing the breakaway tire and will be going to meet a park representative at Turkey Lake Park.

December Hunt Test: Tom Hell reported that the initial date chosen for the December hunt test would be November 30 and December 1st. However, this is Thanksgiving weekend, and CFHRC is not willing to hold the combined test that weekend. He is looking at December 6 and 7, we would just need permission from the AKC to change the dates of the test. We are talking about having one master flight, which would be limited to 60, and junior and senior. Ducks have been ordered. Allen Wilcox is the only judge hired so far. He will judge junior one day and senior the next. Tom asked for any suggestions on judges.

February Hunt Test: Pat Kopco reported that this is on track. Mike Orloff was not at the meeting.

Tracking: Pat Kopco reported that this event is on track for 2014.

Obedience Trial: Joanne Hell reported on the obedience trial scheduled for August 10th and 11th at Das Hund Haus in Lakeland, Florida. Judges for open utility/grad open/versatility is Harold Lavene. The judge for novice/beginner novice and wildcard is Barbara Davis. The premium will be up on the website soon.

Fun Match: The fun match will be held on June 1, 2013, at Das Hund Haus in Lakeland. There will be a meeting after the match. The judges are Bob Young for conformation, Matt Twitty for obedience and rally is Sherry Mathewson. Debbie Finch is working on the premium for that.

Joanne noted that the premiums for both the match and the obedience trial will be on the calendar on our website at mfgrc.org. A mass email will also go out with the premiums.

May Meeting: Joanne Hell reported that there will be a nose work demo at Das Hund Haus in Lakeland, followed by a general meeting, on May 4, 2013. This is a new sport where dogs find scents.

Old Business:

July Meeting: Pat reported that we do not yet have a meeting scheduled for July. Joyce Swegle is looking into doing a Rally fun day in Deland. She is waiting to hear from the new owner. It was noted that a low or no charge venue is preferable, but if anyone has any suggestions the board will consider paying for a facility fee.

December Meeting/Holiday Party: Discussion was held regarding a venue for the holiday party, which is usually the Friday of the Orlando shows (now Eukanuba). Michelle Throm will investigate the possibility of a pavilion at Lake Fairvilla. We also discussed moving the date of the party or having it at the Eukanuba show site or hotel near the show site. Pat Kopco also stated that they could hold the party at their house which is between Lakeland and Tampa.

New Business:

Membership Roster: Michelle Throm requested a copy of the club roster so that she would have access to a phone list and email addresses for other members. She noted this would be helpful to other members. Tom Hell stated that Ted Crowell would have the roster and he will ask Ted to send one to her.

There being no other business to conduct, Joanne Hell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Ted Misilo. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by Leah Wright

Why Join GRCA?

Recently, leaders of several breed clubs were discussing the value their national club provided. I have been pondering a similar question and would like to share my perspective on why the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) is important and why all local golden retriever club members should join.

First, unabashedly, I believe the Golden Retriever Club of America is the best breed club by far. We are the biggest, the best organized, have the most talented members and the best dogs. We have about 5,000 members, many in different countries, one of the best Foundations and our affiliated 100 rescue clubs provide ten to twelve thousand “for-ever homes” each year. If we were a football team, we would be the super bowl champion. People want to be with a winner; you would be joining a winning team.

GRCA is the primary guardian of the Golden Retriever breed. GRCA members determine the breed standard, code of ethics and performance awards. No other organization cares more for the Golden Retriever or tries harder to protect the breed and performance standard across the country. GRCA provides educational information to pet owners to help them obtain healthy dogs from reputable breeders.

GRCA is the link to the American Kennel Club (AKC). We are the largest parent club in AKC and with a committed membership base we can be more influential in policies affecting our interests. For example, GRCA was instrumental in lowering obedience jump heights. GRCA has an excellent reputation within the AKC and with other breed clubs.

GRCA believes education is important and never ending. GRCA members receive the bi-monthly *Golden Retriever News*, a highly informative magazine filled with articles about our history, training tips from experienced experts, news from different clubs, pictures of recent member and dog accomplishments, etc. And, of course, my highly anticipated President’s column.

GRCA members can compete for Club recognition, awards and trophies in many different areas. GRCA, through local host clubs, sponsors a rotating National Specialty each year which brings together top competitors from across the country and beyond our borders. This prestigious event typically includes competition in conformation, obedience, agility, tracking and field events. In addition, educational seminars, welcoming dinners and banquets and the Golden Retriever Foundation’s (GRF) Gala make this a fun filled event.

In 1997 GRCA created the GRF, our tax exempt operation to fund and support veterinary health research, support for Golden Retriever rescue operations and to provide education on responsible dog ownership. To date, more than two million dollars have been dedicated to these goals. The GRF is recognized as one of the largest supporters of the AKC Canine Health Foundation and the Morris Animal Foundation health research programs. And the GRF is actively involved with the Morris Animal Foundation in the ground breaking Golden Retriever Lifetime Health Study.

GRCA has many volunteer opportunities for members to make the organization and our breed better and stronger. The standing committees and task forces are important contributors to GRCA success. For example, the Legal Legislative Committee follows and provides advice on the many anti-dog legislative proposals across the country. The Health and Genetics committee provides guidance on research projects. Our Archives task force is working to identify and preserve our early history. But equally important are the many education committees, technical committees and writers who work to make the organization the best it can be.

We are continually thinking of ways to make membership more valuable. For example, members receive priority entry in the popular CCA at the National Specialty and Regionals. The website, GRCA.org, has a “members only” section which provides additional educational information and also permits on-line renewal. And other ideas are being considered. And one of the best advantages of being a GRCA member is the opportunity to meet other Golden people from different parts of the country and to develop lasting friendships.

The wonderful world of Golden Retrievers would not be what it is today without the establishment and continued evolution of the Golden Retriever Club of America. GRCA is the linchpin that connects the past, manages the present and plans for the future. Whether members actively compete in dog trials or just want a quality dog, GRCA helps provide those opportunities. If you are not currently a member, I invite you to join GRCA. How to join? Simply go to the bottom of GRCA.org and click on JOIN GRCA and follow the process. You, and I, will be glad you did!

And remember to kiss your dog today.

John Cotter
President
Golden Retriever Club of America





MFGRC 2013 Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Other Info</u>
May 4, 2013	Nose Work Demo and General Meeting	Das Hund Haus 3210 Reynolds Road, Lakeland, FL (see flyer for directions)	Joanne Hell tohell@msn.com
June 1, 2013	MFGRC Fun Match and General Meeting	Das Hund Haus 3210 Reynolds Road, Lakeland, FL	Debbie Finch gaga4goldens@cfl.rr.com
August 10 and 11, 2013	MFGRC Obedience Trial and General Meeting	Das Hund Haus 3210 Reynolds Road, Lakeland, FL	Joanne Hell tohell@msn.com

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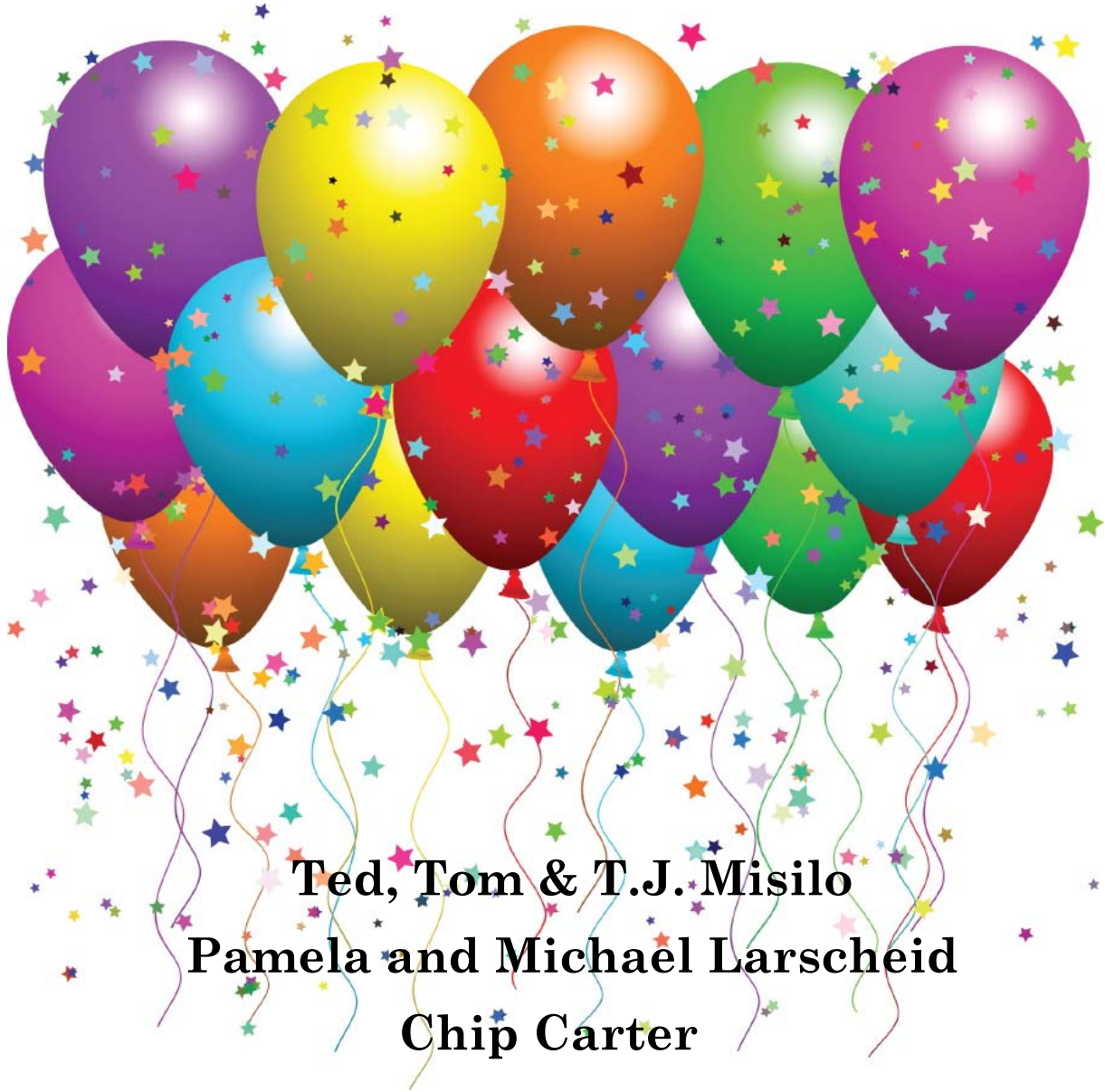
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18 Welcome New Members!



We're so glad you're here!



DOCOF

Dear Members,

I am sorry to announce that MFGRC probably will not have a DOCOF team this year, 2013.

Most of the former members of our DOCOF team have either moved on to other club teams, retired their dogs, or are taking the year off from DOCOF.

We had a few people ask to be on the team but not enough to have a team.

If three or more people and dogs would commit to being on the DOCOF team we could have a team. If you want to be on the team but have not yet told me and received a reply from me, please email me as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Deena Strauss
dsgoldens@gmail.com



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.

DEB FARRIS

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Sheila Shreve, Valdosta, GA 229-244-8836

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Saffire's Blackmail BOSS x Goldruls Brand New Key RN CCA

Born 2/15/13

8 females and 2 males

Females available

Lucinda Seeley
167 NE Jardain Road
Port St. Lucie FL 34983

EVENT NO. 2013430811

Entries close 7:00pm, April 11, 2013 at the Test Secretary's address after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled, or substituted.

THE TRACKING CLUB OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

(Established 1987 and licensed by the American Kennel Club.)



Tracking Dog Match

DATE: Sunday, April 21, 2013
ENTRY LIMIT: 12 TD tracks WORKER OPTIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED!
LOCATION: Lee Vista Center, SR 436 & 528, Orlando, Florida
CERTIFICATION: This will be a tracking match at the TD level. If you pass you will earn a certification to be able to enter a TD test.
ENTRY DRAWING: At 7:30 PM, April 11, 2013, the Test Secretary will conduct a random draw of all entries at the library on Prima Vista Blvd in Port St. Lucie
TEST HOURS: 6:00 AM until the last track is completed.

JUDGES

Robin Scott
23042 Eques Lane
Eustis, FL 32736

Ron Seeley
167 NE Jardain Road
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

DRAW FOR TRACKS: The draw for running order of tracks will be held on Sunday April 21, 2013 at 7:00 AM in the back parking lot of the Denny's Restaurant on State Road 436. The first track will be run following the draw.



AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CERTIFICATION

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

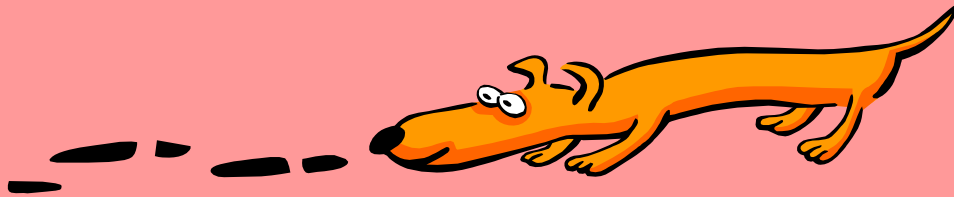
James P. Crowley, Secretary

K9 Nose Work Demo And General Meeting

WHEN: Saturday, May 4, 2013 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Das Hund Haus, 3210 Reynolds Road, Lakeland, Florida 33803

WHAT TO BRING: Chair, crate, water for your dog, and a dish to share. There will be a general meeting and a pot luck lunch.



What is K9 Nose Work[®]?

Dogs have an amazing sense of smell and a natural desire to hunt. The activity and sport of K9 Nose Work[®] is designed to develop your dog's natural scenting abilities by using their desire to hunt and their love of toys, food and exercise. It's a great way for your dog to have fun, build confidence, and burn lots of mental and physical energy.

Directions to Das Hund Haus:

From the east: I-4 to the Polk Parkway, get off at exit 10 US 98, at the bottom of the off ramp turn left go to the first light (Winterlake Rd.) turn left go to the first light (Reynolds Rd.) turn left Das Hund Haus is on the right about a half a mile or less.

From the west: I-4 to the Polk Parkway, get off at exit 10 US 98, at the bottom of the off ramp turn right go to the first light (Winterlake Rd.) turn left go to the first light (Reynolds Rd.) turn left Das Hund Haus is on the right about a half a mile or less.



Milestones & Accomplishments

On March 23, 2013 Kim Hitchcock ran Mojo at the Florida Gulf Coast GRC's WC/WCX test. Mojo was one of 4 dogs out of 12 who passed the WCX test, judged by our own Camille Doehring and Beth Meaney. Mojo is now KaraGold's Got My Mojo Kruz'n SH WCX. Mojo also has 2 Master Hunter passes.

Mojo



Ann Rowe is excited to announce that "Marley", Omni Magik's Going for the Gold" is now a Champion! Marley finished in Alabama with a 4-point major! Ann also had a great day in Pensacola with Marley winning WB and "Mogul", Magik's Ice on the Slopes winning WD on the same day! Marley went on to win BOB over specials! Mogul is well on his way to earning his championship title winning again with WD in Davie, FL.



Robin Senderowitz and Ann Rowe are proud to report that "Cooper", GCH CH Magik's Golden Knight earned his Grand Championship title on February 28th in Ft. Walton Beach. Cooper is ranked 13th in All-Breed Standings for Golden Retrievers and 2nd in the state of Florida for Grand Championship points in February. Great job Cooper!



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