



## *From the Presidents Desk...*

Well, I'm afraid I do not have good news to convey to the membership this month. We're having great difficulty filling the Board positions for the club. We are having even more difficulty getting members to come to meetings. The future of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club is in the members hands and so far, very few have stepped up to help. Likewise, I see no other alternative but to change the format and the number of meetings the club has each year. That will necessitate the changing of the club's bylaws and the criteria for members who are eligible to earn awards from the club.

We will hold general meetings at large events like DOCOF and the Cluster, but the monthly meetings that we try to incorporate with fun events for our dogs will probably be going away. We had almost no member volunteers for our Obedience trial and only three people attended the meeting that month. We had no more than ten attend the field day at Wayne's. The number was somewhat the same at DOCOF.

When I agreed to become President of the club I asked people what it would take to turn the club around. I was advised that it was hard for people to attend meetings that were far away so I made sure that meetings this year were in different parts of the state so everyone could attend two meetings without having to travel so far. Still, almost no one came to any meetings except the usual Board members no matter where they were held. We begged members who complained about the distance to meetings to offer a place near them or their homes to have a meeting and not one person other than our usual sponsors offered.

I too have a very busy life. I am on the Board for GRCA which consumes enormous amounts of my time, I take care of my 90 year old mother and I work. I have still found the time to give to this club because I have always believed it was one of the best Golden Retriever clubs in the country. Our hunt tests, specialties, obedience, tracking and agility trials are some of the best in the country. Lots of people like to come, but few like to volunteer to help. To the members who do repeatedly come through to help marshal our hunt tests and make lunches at events I will always be eternally grateful – you all know who you are. Unfortunately, when the chairmen who have agreed to run these events decide they have had enough, these events too will disappear.

It's easy to sit back and send a check every year and it's easy to assume that there will always be events to take your dogs to compete, but I am afraid when the current group of members chairing and helping at these events hang up their leashes, the club too will fade away. I am discouraged and disheartened at the complete lack of support for this club and I encourage anyone who believes they can help in any way, including taking over the reins, to step up and do what is right as a member of this club. I have run out of ideas to bring people back to the club – there is much that has gone on in this club, both good and bad, before I came on board and I cannot fix or change the past. I can only be inspired by all the good things this club has done for as many years as I have been a member, and hope that someday everyone will come together again to make this club something to be proud of and something people again give their time too. I'm open to all suggestions to make that happen.

Cheers.

***Pat Kopco***



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## From the Editor . . .

A wonderful summer is coming to a close, and here at the Wright household we're looking forward to a busy, busy fall with so much going on in the club and a vacation to Virginia in the works.

Levi and his littermates celebrated their 6th birthday on September 8 and Levi spent it as he does most Sundays, swimming, napping, and playing with his sister. There was also ice cream involved.

Our family enjoyed five wonderful days at Jekyll Island, Georgia in August and even had some family come with their dogs from Atlanta and Savannah to spend part of it with us. Levi and Smudgie got quite used to long morning and evening walks on the beach off leash, and playing with their cousin Dean, the sweetest chocolate lab EVER. We all can't wait to go again.

I hope to see many of you at the agility trial. If you're not running your dog(s), do please come for the meeting and to help out if you can. Don't forget our raffle for breast cancer research, too. Donations are needed, and if you can't bring them yourself, please talk to one of the board members and we'll make arrangements to get it there for you. Donations don't have to be dog related. You can donate restaurant gift cards or gift baskets. All proceeds go towards breast cancer research.

Guess that's it for now. Until next time . . .

*Leah Wright*  
Editor



GOLDEN TALES AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2013





## MFGRC 2013 Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Other Info</u>
October 12 and 13, 2013	MFGRC All Breed Agility Trial and General Meeting on 10/12/13	Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake, Orlando, FL	Please contact Camille Doebling at mischiefgolden@gmail.com
November 16, 2013	MFGRC General Meeting	Ocala Fairgrounds	Meeting will be held after goldens are finished showing
December 7 and 8, 2013	MFGRC Fall Hunt Test	Wayne Gey's Golden Oaks Ranch	tohell50@hotmail.com
December 13, 2013	MFGRC Specialty	Orange County Convention Center	ingotgoldens@verizon.net

### ***MFGRC AGILITY TRIAL RAFFLE TO BENEFIT BREAST CANCER RESEARCH***

As you know, MFGRC holds a raffle each October at our Agility Trial to benefit breast cancer research. We are in need of items for the raffle, which can be human or dog related.

If you would like to donate items for the raffle, please contact Judi Volpe at [dolphreek58@yahoo.com](mailto:dolphreek58@yahoo.com). You can bring them to a meeting, or give them to any of the Board members you see when you are out training or at another event.

A few of our members have battled this disease, and MFGRC is proud to sponsor this raffle to help find a cure. Thank you!



It is that time of year again - time to start thinking about the Mid Florida Golden Retriever Club End of Year Awards for 2013.

The forms should be on the Website and if you have any trouble downloading - please contact Robin Scott at [fourdogsr@embarqmail.com](mailto:fourdogsr@embarqmail.com) and she will be most happy to send you a scanned copy.

The dates for the awards run from December 1, 2012 through December 1, 2013. ALL information must be received by December 3rd, 2013. No submission will be accepted after that date.



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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Saffire's BlackMail BOSS x Heavenly's Beaujolais Nouveau CD, RN, CGC, TDI

Due to be born Beginning of October

**CFHRC Mock Hunt Test Saturday October 5, 2013  
at Wayne Gey's Golden Oaks Ranch Montverde, FL  
GPS Coordinates to Katie's Landing Pasture N28 36.639' W81 42.107'  
Katies Landing Lane & CR 455 Clermont, FL 34715**

**RSVP –**

**Number of dogs your running at Started/Seasoned/Finished (specify level)**

RSVP's are not required but just help us in planning.

Send to [cfhrcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:cfhrcsecretary@gmail.com)

**Set up 8-9:30**

**Tests Start at 9:30 (or when set up is complete)**

In addition to the normal information given at the handlers meeting the judges will discuss the factors that have been set up to influence the marks and blinds and what the judges expect to see. We welcome and encourage handlers to practice judging. Extra judges sheets will be available.

The "Judge" will be at the line to assist any handlers wishing to get advice or help.

You will be allowed to train, use collars etc at the set ups. Your welcome to run UKC rules or AKC rules or any way you wish.

Separate Land and Water set ups for all levels.

No championship points.

The club will hire bird boys to throw. We may use wingers at Finished (and possibly at other levels) if we don't have enough birdboys

**\*\*\*Get Tickets to run at the Katies Landing Check in table\*\*\***

\$5 per Ticket/run for CFHRC members \$10 for non members  
(so you would pay \$5 to run Land - and pay \$5 to run Water for CFHRC members  
\$10 to run land and \$10 to run water for Non Members)

Re runs will be allowed after everyone waiting has run the test once. You will need a ticket for each re run.

**Bitches in heat are welcome to run (towards the end of each series).**

**\*\*\*Bring your own Lunch and beverages.**



# The complete premium can be found on our website at [mfgrc.org](http://mfgrc.org)

Jill C. Roberts  
Howling Hounds Trial Services  
P.O. Box 650417  
Vero Beach, FL 32965

ENTRIES OPEN: Thursday, July 25, 2013 at 8AM  
ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday, September 27, 2013 at 5PM  
Entry Method: First Received. At the home of the Trial Secretary, or when entry limits are reached, after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Dog Show rules.

## PREMIUM LIST

### AKC All Breed Agility Trials

Event# 2013445905 and 2013445907

***This Event is Accepting Entries for Dogs Enrolled in the  
AKC Canine Partners Program.***



**AKC Canine Partners<sup>SM</sup>**  
AKC program for Mixed Breeds.

### MID FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB (LICENSED BY THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB)



Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake  
3401 S Hiawassee Rd., Orlando, FL 32835

### SATURDAY & SUNDAY OCTOBER 12th & 13th, 2013

Standard, JWW, and T2B (T2B will be the 1st class of the day both days).

#### Judges:

Karen Couch, Dallas, TX  
Clyde Closson, Schnecksville, PA

#### Entry Limited to 660 runs Sat & Sun

SHOW HOURS: 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

OUTDOORS ON GRASS - 2 RINGS OF 100' X 110'

JUDGING WILL COMMENCE AT 8 AM on Saturday & Sunday

**RUBBERIZED CONTACTS WILL BE USED**

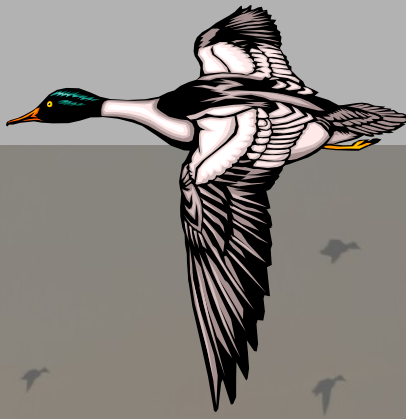
This club does not agree to arbitrate claims as set forth on the  
Official AKC entry form for this event.  
Trials Licensed by the American Kennel Club.



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#### CERTIFICATION

Permission has been granted by the American  
Kennel Club for the holding of these events under  
the American Kennel Club rules and regulations.  
James P Crowley, Sec



# **MFGRC FALL HUNT TEST**

**December 7 and 8, 2013**

**Place: Montverde - Gey's Golden Oaks Ranch**

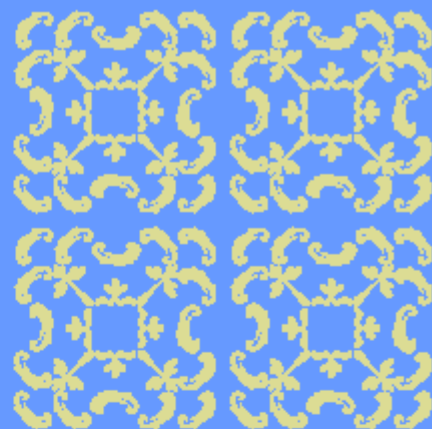
**Hunting Test for Retrievers, Irish Water Spaniels and Standard Poodles**

Entries will be taken on Entry Express at  
[www.entryexpress.net](http://www.entryexpress.net)

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: Please contact Tom Hell  
at [tohell50@hotmail.com](mailto:tohell50@hotmail.com)**

# *A Holiday Specialty to be Remembered*

*Friday, December 13, 2013*



*Orange County Convention Center  
Orlando, Florida  
North/South Building*

*Entries Close: Noon November 20, 2013*

## *Judges:*

*Cheryl Shaw  
Janet Narushka  
Maura Phelan*

*All Conformation Classes  
Jr. Showmanship  
Sweepstakes & Veteran Sweepstakes*

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# Attention Lady Handlers

Lady Handlers Retreat and Seminar

Directed by Glenda Mitchell, Janet Kimbrough, and Denice Gordy

Hosted by Regions 4 & 4A

January 3rd-5th, 2014

Cost: \$210

(includes seminars, meals, lodging)

Mossy Pond Outfitters

3099 Mayberry Road

Patterson, GA 31577

HRC clubs in Regions 4 & 4A are excited to announce a Lady Handlers Retreat! Join us for a weekend of seminars directed by Glenda Mitchell, Janet Kimbrough, and Denice Gordy. This retreat will offer one-on-one and group training at all levels. It is designed to help you walk to the line with more confidence! You and your retriever will become a better team in the field. With this step by step learning system, you will be able to advance your dog from Started to Seasoned to Finished. Learn how to anticipate your dogs handling performance in wind, terrain, water or suction. Understand when to blow the whistle or to let your dog hunt. Learn where to receive your dog on the line to minimize memory loss on marks. Most importantly, it will teach gun safety so you can handle a shotgun with confidence and expertise. This is a handler/dog seminar. We encourage you to bring your own dog. We will have dogs at all levels on the grounds for you to run if you so desire. Attire should be comfortable for working in the field or hunting situations. Camo is preferred, but not required. Real birds will be used at all levels.

The retreat will be held at Mossy Pond Outfitters located in Patterson, Georgia. Lodging is included in the cost of the retreat. There are RV hook ups on site for those who wish to bring their campers. Please let us know ahead of time if you plan to do so. There are accommodations on site as well as at a local hotel. All lodging is double-occupancy. All meals are provided and please let us know if you have any dietary needs. Each lady handler will receive a handler bag with a t-shirt and other goodies. The retreat will kick off Friday evening with a "Get Acquainted" dinner and handler gift exchange (\$20 limit).

This retreat will be a great opportunity for ladies to learn and train with other ladies. **There are only 50 slots available.** We are excited to see HRC clubs in Regions 4 & 4A unite to host such an event. If you have any questions or would like to know how you can become more involved please contact one of the following people:

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Thank you for your support and we hope to see you there!

Old South Retriever Club

Cherokee Foothills Retriever Club

Southwest Georgia Retriever Club (SOWEGA)

Treasure Coast Retriever Club

Carolina Boykin Spaniel Retriever Club

Charleston Retriever Club

Midlands Retriever Club

Northeast Florida Retriever Club

Central Florida Retriever Club

North Georgia Retriever Club

**Deadline to Register is December 15th, 2013**



# Milestones & Accomplishments

Here's some news from MJ Booher. Rockwillow Magnolia J Booher at JBoo got her WCX at the Sandlapper GRC test in South Carolina this past June.

Patty and Ben Roberts announce that FALLCHASE WHEEL SMART, "HARLEY" BN, RA, CGC took Third Place at the IRDTC show in Melbourne, FL on August 3, 2013, with a 196 ½ and earned his new AKC title of Beginner Novice. In the second show Harley took Second Place with a 194.



**Sophie**

Kristin and Gene Sipus are thrilled to report that Sophie has become the newest member of the Dual Dog Hall of fame. She finished her master hunter title at the Michigan Flyway Retriever club in Williamston Michigan on August 17. She is now CH Unicoi's Sail Away Angel CDX TD MH WCX CCA OD DDHF. I think it is pretty amazing in the land of gators that we have 3 MFGRC member dogs in the DDHF! Not wanting to be out done by her mother Millie also earned two master passes at the Flyway double master.



**Harley**



Laura and Chris Topping report that Tebow, CH Lorelei's Luck of the Draw finished his Championship under Judge Linda L Kelly, expertly handled by Janice Granda, going WD and Best of Winners for 5 Pts at the Hendersonville Kennel Club Show on July 26th, 2013 in Greenville, SC. The very next day, he took BOS for 5 Pts towards his Grand Championship!



**Tebow**



**Clover**

And finally, Paula Veibl announced that the Lakewood Goldens gang is pleased to share that CLOVER, Lakewood Gemini's Rolling In Clover, earned her first CH points with back to back wins at the Boca Raton Dog Shows on June 8/9. Clover added a little excitement on Saturday by not only taking Winner's but also Best of Breed over specials, and a Group 3! What a way start! A Charmer and Katie daughter (CH Gemini's Lucky Charm XXX Lakewood's Kiss My Irish Lass CD RN JH WCX CCA), Clover is owned by Candi Pearce.



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