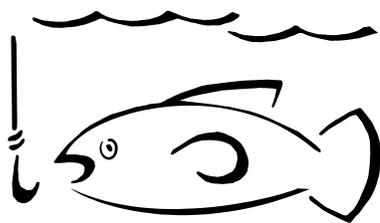




## President's Message



Gone Fishin'



**Editor's Note:** Pat's taking a break. She'll be back soon!





# MFGRC

## 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
June 14, 2014	General Meeting	Tampa Dog Show (we will meet after goldens finish showing)	TBA
August 9, 2014	Obedience Trial and General Meeting	Das Hund Haus Lakeland, FL	Joanne Hell (tohell@email.msn.com)

### You know you are owned by a dog when...

1. You have a mental list of people you would like to spay or neuter.
2. Running out of paper towels is a household crisis.
3. You stick fake reindeer antlers on the dog and photograph him for your Christmas Cards.
4. Not only do family and friends think you go overboard with doggie holiday decorations, they have never seen the holy family depicted by dogs.
5. Your checks show a dog.
6. You pray they will someday manufacture Teflon furniture.
7. You absentmindedly pat people on the head or scratch them behind their ears.
8. You not only allow dogs on the couch, guests have to sit on the floor because the dog has "territorial issues."
9. You and your vet are on a first name basis.
10. You tell your children to "heel!" in a grocery store.
11. You know all the characteristics of a good "stool".





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## From the Editor . . .

I'm very glad to be back up and running after a computer crash in mid-April, which explains why this issue of Golden Tales is going to be so late! Amazing how much you depend on a computer these days. I remember doing newsletters on a typewriter back in the "olden days."

I don't know anyone who has as many computer problems as I do. I have no idea why, unless it's just that they get battered and abused between work stuff, the club stuff, and all the other stuff that seems to take up so much of my time.

I've found a great way to unkink my muscles after a day spent staring at a computer screen, and have been doing some gardening again. I had forgotten how much I enjoy being outside puttering around with plants. I've spent every morning the past few weeks on the patio enjoying the colors and the smell of the potting soil. I've only had one run in with a snake, and after a very brief discussion we agreed he should just go on his way and I'd find something else to do until he did so.

Since we're heading into the summer months, we don't have much planned for the club until our August obedience trial in Lakeland at Das Hund Haus. I think Joanne Hell may still be looking for volunteers, so if you can spend some time helping out please get in touch with her.

Until next time . . .

Leah Wright  
Editor

Smelling the geraniums



**Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club  
Board Meeting March 4, 2014**

**Board Members Present:** Pat Kopco, Mike Orloff, Dee Thibodeaux, Tom Young, Laura Topping, Debbie Finch, Leah Wright, Deena Strauss, and Kristin Sipus. The meeting was held via telephone conference call and called to order at 7:01 p.m. Camille Doehring attended as a guest.

**President's Report:**

**Vice President's Report:** Dee Thibodeaux reported that she has sent out the membership application to the Board for Randy and Susan Dale. The board vote was unanimous to approve their associate membership.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion was made by Mike Orloff to waive reading of the minutes and seconded by Dee Thibodeaux. The motion was carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Debbie Finch emailed club members who have not paid their dues. She reports that the club has recouped most of the losses from the past few years.

**Committee Reports:**

Agility Trial: Camille Doehring was present for a lengthy discussion regarding the agility trial. Camille has agreed to serve as the chair as long as she has someone who can co-chair with her. Set up help is needed for the Friday before the test. Discussion was held regarding volunteers, judges, trial secretary expenses, judge and other expenses, trial budgets, and possible venues other than Turkey Lake Park in Orlando. Discussion was also held regarding moving the trial for 2014 to a covered and air conditioned venue, and Camille will look into those facilities. Discussion was also held regarding trial secretary fees and whether we should obtain bids from other contractors.

February Hunt Test: No report.

TD/TDX: Pat Kopco discussed the recent complaints regarding the Board decision to eliminate the TDX in favor of the TDU test. Further discussion was held regarding how much land is needed for a TDX, and whether the Lee Vista property will accommodate enough tracks. Pat read an email from a member who has volunteered to chair future tracking events. After discussion, Pat announced she will speak to Luci Seeley and will discuss this with the board when she gets more information.

Obedience Trial: No report.

December Hunt Test: No report.

WC/WCX: This is tentatively scheduled for September 27 and 28 in conjunction with FGCGRC. MFGRC will hold its WC/WCX on Saturday, and FGCGRC will hold theirs on Sunday at Wayne Gey's property in Clermont.

Specialty: No report.

**New Business:**

**Trailer Clean Out Days:** The hunt test and agility trailers need to be cleaned out and reorganized. The Board will pick a date in July or August to clean out the agility trailer before the agility trial in October. A date in October will be picked to clean out the hunt test trailer.

**Rally Fun Day:** Discussion was held regarding the possibility of a Rally Fun Day to be held at Robin Scott's on Sunday, April 13. Joyce Swegle has volunteered to set this up. Motion was made by Debbie Finch to hold this general meeting and fun day and seconded by Mike Orloff. The motion was carried.

**Old Business:**

**Fun Field Day:** Tom Young stated he has received several RSVPs for the meeting and fun day, so we will go forward with it. Pat asked Leah to send out a reminder to the membership of the Fun Field Day to be held at KiddyUp Ranch in New Port Richey on March 22, 2014.

**Volunteer Incentives:** Discussion was held regarding various incentives which we could use to encourage people to volunteer to work events. Pat asked Tom Young to put together the committee's recommendations in writing and send them out to the Board via email so that we could discuss it at the next Board meeting.

**NSF Check:** Deb Finch reported she has sent multiple emails to the man who bounced the check for his agility trial entries. He has promised several times to pay and has not done so. Pat will speak to the AKC to see what recourse we have. Pat will also write a letter to this person stating that the club will pursue legal action if he doesn't reimburse the club for the entry fees.

**Holiday Party:** Pat reported that we still have no venue to hold the holiday party. Deena Strauss reported she has phoned some restaurants in the area of the Convention Center and they are all too expensive. Pat will speak to Caroline Roetzer and ask her to talk to the Convention Center about doing the dinner after the specialty and to obtain the costs for food and beverages.

**Next Meeting:**

The next board meeting will be via telephone conference on Tuesday evening, April 3rd, 2014.

**Adjournment:** Mike Orloff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Tom Young seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Leah Wright  
Secretary

MFGRC General Meeting  
March 22, 2014

The meeting, held at KiddyUp Ranch in New Port Richey was called to order by vice president Dee Thibodeaux at 12:45 p.m. Members present: Pat Carlile, Debbie Finch, Kim and Linda Hitchcock, Betty Lambert, Pat Kopco, Mike Orloff, Ann Rowe, Nancy Sigmon, Dee Thibodeaux, John Thibodeaux, Michelle Whitney, Jon and Leah Wright, Tom and Debbie Young, Susan and Randy Dale. Guests: Suzanne Preston, Peter and Cheryl Browne, Miles and Jennifer Callahan, Jerry and Joan Knox, Deb Farris.

Dee thanked Tom Young and Deb Farris and her family for setting up the fun day on the beautiful property.

President's Report: No report.

Vice President's Report: Dee presented the membership application of Susan and Randy Dale, who are attending their second meeting. Motion was made by Tom Young to accept the application and seconded by Pat Carlisle. The membership application was approved by unanimous vote of the membership.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Finch presented the Treasurer's report. We do not publish income information on the internet. Debbie has the reports if anyone wishes to see them.

Secretary's Report: Leah Wright reported that the February minutes had been published in the newsletter and requested a motion to waive reading of the minutes. The motion was made by Tom Young and seconded by Pat Carlile.

Committee Reports:

WC/WCX: Deb Farris reported that the club will be holding a WC/WCX in conjunction with the Florida Gold Coast club on September 27 and 28, 2014. Volunteers will be needed. Final details will be announced as soon as the AKC approvals are received.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

National Specialty: Deb Finch reported that she received an email from the National Specialty Committee asking clubs to sponsor breakfasts during the week of the specialty. Deb has run the numbers, and at a minimum if we provided Danish, muffins, coffee and orange juice it would cost us approximately \$900 for 200 people and almost \$1,100 for 300 people. The Board has discussed this and feels that we do not want to participate due to the cost and many of the members present agreed.

DACOF: A member asked if the club would be having a DACOF team. Deb Finch reported that no one has offered to captain a team and Dee Thibodeaux reported that the entry time has already closed.

Rally Fun Day: The club will hold a Rally Fun Day at Robin Scott's on April 13, 2014. Joyce Swegle has volunteered to set up the fun day for those members interested in learning about rally. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Members are asked to bring a dish to share and there will be a meeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Ann Rowe and seconded by Debbie Farris. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by Leah Wright.

## MFGRC DOCOF AND/OR DACOF TEAM?

If anyone is interested in captaining or participating in a DOCOF or DACOF team please contact Pat Kopco at [bad-dogs@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bad-dogs@tampabay.rr.com). We haven't had a DOCOF team in a few years, but the option is there if someone will step up to take charge and captain a team.

MFGRC Members:

Below is the current application for field dog of the year.

There is no mention of points earned in the field trial venue. Since many of our members also compete in field trials, we are asking for suggestions (if any) of how to best recognize field trial accomplishments in the year-end awards.

If you are interested in updating this, please send any comments or suggestions (how many points for which placement, jam, etc in which stake) to Mike Orloff at [baddogs@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:baddogs@tampabay.rr.com).

Thank you.

## **FIELD**

Please list hunt test name and date, for any title or leg earned. (Attach additional sheets if needed) Passes for WC, JH or SH earned **AFTER** a title has been achieved **DO NOT COUNT**. Only additional MH legsa and WCX passes are counted after the MH or WCX title has been earned.

Junior Hunter (limit 4 legs) # \_\_\_\_\_ x 4 Pts = \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Hunter (limit 5 legs) # \_\_\_\_\_ x 10 Pts = \_\_\_\_\_

Master Hunter (limit 6 legs) # \_\_\_\_\_ x 25 Pts = \_\_\_\_\_

WC (limit 1 Pass) = 3 Pts \_\_\_\_\_

WCX (limit 1 Pass) = 5 Pts \_\_\_\_\_

***TOTAL FIELD VERSATILITY POINTS*** \_\_\_\_\_

# MFGRC RALLY FUN DAY





April 13, 2014

# Free Webinar Offered by Morris Animal Foundation: Mast Cell Tumors

Most of us with goldens go through the same routine every week, or every time we groom, bathe, or even when we're just spending time with our dogs offering belly rubs or back scratches. We feel for lumps, bumps, anything out of the ordinary. Is it a fatty lipoma, or is it something else?

Morris Animal Foundation is offering a free [webinar](#) that discusses the warning signs for the most common tumors our dogs might develop, the mast cell tumors. The webinar will be held on May 14, 2014, 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Mountain time. Dr. Kelly Diehl will present information on the research being done at Morris Animal Foundation on these types of tumors. And it isn't just for dogs, because these tumors are the second most common type found in cats.

As with all health threatening disease, early detection is key, and knowing what to look for. The webinar will also discuss treatment options and other information that we all hope we never need, but too often do.

By [registering](#) to take part in the webinar, you will spend only forty-five minutes for a little peace of mind. Let's educate ourselves on taking care of our beloved goldens.



# A Golden Opportunity to Help Your Dog

As a Golden Retriever lover, you probably agree that some of our most important life lessons can be learned from these faithful canine companions. They have the uncanny ability to teach us to live in the present, express concern and empathy for others, and remember that forgiveness is a virtue.

Now is your opportunity to help our breed by enrolling your Golden(s) into the most exciting study in veterinary medicine to date. Morris Animal Foundation's will expand on the everyday life lessons learned from our canine companions by identifying genetic, nutritional and environmental risk factors for cancer and other major diseases that affect all dogs.

Each year, study participants complete a detailed online questionnaire and then take their dog to its regular veterinarian. In collaboration with the dogs' owners and veterinarians, Morris Animal Foundation will gather and analyze the resulting health data and biological samples, such as blood, urine, feces, hair and toenail clippings, annually throughout the lifetime of each dog. The study is purely observational in nature and will not ask you to change how you and your veterinarian care for your Golden.) Results of comprehensive laboratory panels are shared with participants through their veterinarians.

Eligible Golden Retrievers must be healthy, have a verifiable three-generation pedigree, be younger than 2 years of age and reside in the contiguous United States. While the results of this study will benefit all dogs, the research focuses on Golden Retrievers because of their high incidence of cancer. As a supporter of the Golden Retriever Rescue of the Rockies, you might even know from firsthand experience that this horrible disease has become far too prevalent, especially in the sunny, loving Golden Retriever.

More than 1,000 Golden Retrievers under the age of 2 are already participating in this landmark study, but Morris Animal Foundation needs your help! Our goal is to enroll 3,000 Golden Retrievers in this groundbreaking initiative to improve the health of dogs everywhere.

You, too, can help Morris Animal Foundation eliminate cancer! Join today to help change the future of veterinary medicine. Register at our website <http://www.caninelifetimehealth.org/> or call 855-4GR-DOGS (855-447-3647).

And if you are on Facebook, there is a Facebook group page that provides a forum for study participants and supporters. [Click here](#) to join and share your stories and pictures of your dog(s).



YOGI turns 1 in March. He is participating in the study in honor of his "angel brother", Rocky, who died from hemangiosarcoma at the young age of 7. Yogi is owned and loved by Rich and Linda Walter.

This is a great YouTube video that shows that  
dogs just wanna have fun

Because they're HAPPY!



(apparently cats like to have fun, too)

# Puppy Referral

I want to thank everyone for allowing me the privilege to work as your Puppy Referral Representative. Puppy Referral is like a 'Welcome Mat' to all that our club has to offer to prospective new members (puppy buyers). It allows us the opportunity to meet and educate the public while assisting in placing quality, healthy puppies into new homes.

Puppy Referral is a **tool** to help you, as a breeder, find good homes. There are no guarantees that the public will choose to buy a puppy from you simply because you list a litter on our club's website. In other words, it is not the club's responsibility to place a breeder's puppies. Here are a few FAQs about the puppy referral process:

#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:

## **Puppy Referral Requirements Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club**

- Must be a regular member in good standing during the previous 12 months
- Puppy referral listing will be limited to 4 months after litter whelp date
- Fee Schedule:
  - If member has attended 2 general club meetings and worked at 1 MFGRC sponsored event during the previous 12 months the fee is \$25.00\*
  - If member has not attended 2 general club meetings and has not worked at 1 MFGRC sponsored event during the previous 12 months the fee is \$250.00

\*It is the responsibility of the club member to notify the club secretary and the event chairperson to receive credit for these requirements.

### **Examples of MFGRC sponsored events that qualify for puppy referral:**

Winter Hunt Test  
Golden Retriever Rescue Grooming Day  
Spring Match  
Heart and Eye Clinic  
Annual Specialty  
Tracking Test  
Fall Hunt Test  
Agility Trial  
CCA  
WC/WCX  
Participation on club sponsored teams (DACOF/DOCOF)

Submitted by: Deb Farris, Puppy Referral Coordinator

# The Whelping Box

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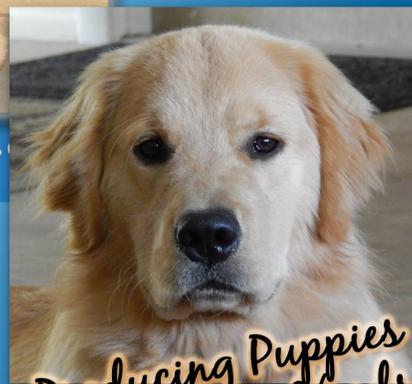
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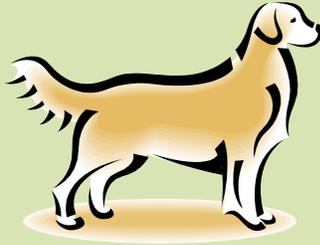
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# Milestones & Accom-



Pat and Bruce Carlile report that at the Palm Bay Agility trial on April 3-6 and the Perry Agility trial held April 9-12, 2014, "Holly" (Hillock's Hot Tamale Holly) earned her MX and MXJ, 57 MACH points and 2 double Q's. At the same two trials, "Singer", (Knox's Singing My Praises) earned her Novice Fast, Novice Standard, & Novice Jumpers with Weaves titles in addition to a leg towards her Open JWW and Open Fast titles. She also got her first Time 2 Beat leg, earning 7 points. All of this accomplished at the tender, young, age of 19 months. And just for good measure, she also earned her Coursing Ability title.

Connie Adams' boy Ragtym's Theodore The Lionhearted, BN, CGC--TEDDY earned his AKC Rally Novice B title on April 5 at the Orlando Dog Training Club, Inc. trials under Judge Jeffrey Kern and can now add RN to his growing list of titles. He was also entered in the Australian Shepherd Club of Southern Florida trials on April 24, 25 & 26 in Rally Novice B and earned their RN title. He had placements of 2nd, 3rd and 2nd respectively. Both is AKC and ASCSFL titles were earned in three straight shows. Teddy then completed his requirements to become a member of the Pet Therapy Program at Munroe Regional Hospital in Ocala, Florida. He can now join his "brothers" Devlin and Jaymus in bringing joy to the patients there. All this and he turns 14 months on April 4th!!

Ann Rowe of Magik Goldens has this news: Sugar, (Magik's Sweet Dreams) was Winners Bitch both days in Elkton.

Here's some news from Diane Gank: "Haven't bragged in a while so have a few. We are happy to report that our new puppy " Stone" Nocatee Wonderlands Stone In Love won 1st place in his 6-9 pd class and won Best Puppy Sporting Group 3rd under Judge Stephen Dainard at Everglades Golden Retriever Club supported entry his first weekend in the ring.



Stone also went Reserve Winners Dog from the 6-9 Puppy class under Judge Dana Cline in Elkton Orange Park Dog Club and just won another Best Puppy and Puppy Sporting group 1st at Vero Beach Treasure Coast Kennel Club under judge Gloria Geringer. All completely owner handled by Vern Gank. Bee Bee Ch Wonderlands Sweeter Than Honey BOSS went OS at EGRC supported entry WPB under Judge Stephen Dainard. Bee Bee has 21 Grand Champion points after 2 months of showing, completely owner handled by Vern. Thanks for letting me brag!"

Lots to brag about from Team Turbo: "Team Turbo South traveled north to meet up with Team Turbo North at the Ohio Valley Retriever Club Hunt Test in beautiful Coshoc-ton, Ohio. Sharlie made it through 3 series of the OH/Q field trial while Jim Bryan and Marlo, along with Ron Rubrecht's JoJo, Molly & Bella Marie, and Devin Rodriguez with Cali, all went out in the first round. So the field trial was a bust, and we moved on to the double master hunt test on the Woodbury Wildlife Preserve in eastern Ohio. Bella passed both master tests to get her first and second master passes. Ron Rubrecht and JoJo, Turbo Twilight Explosion CD SH \*\* WCX passed on master hunt test and broke in the third series of the other, now with 3 master passes. Ron Rubrecht and Molly, HR Topbrass Turbo Don't Ask Why CD \*\* WCX passed both of the master hunt tests to reach four master passes with a double master coming in S.C. in another week hoping for a title. Ron Rubrecht and Sharlie, HRCH Turbo Steam'n Twilight Dragon CDX MH17 \*\* WCX CCA VCX OD passes both master hunt tests to reach MH17 status. Jim Bryan and Cage, Turbo Break My Rusty Cage And Run SH, passed one master test for his first master pass. So Team Turbo South met up with Team Turbo North. The judges and club members could not believe that we had such a gathering and support group coming from Florida. So All In All, the ride home was sweetened by a rack full of ribbons in the truck: Team Turbo South took home 8 master ribbons and Ron Rubrecht received 7 ribbons of the 8 master tests they ran. Go Goldens and Go TEAM TURBO!"



“We should consider every day lost on which we have not danced at least once.” — Friedrich Nietzsche

## Ralph Orlando and Smokey



Photo courtesy of Maria Orlando

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***Next General Meeting***

***Tampa Dog Show***

***June 14, 2014***

***(Meeting after Goldens show)***