



President's Message

I am a very happy camper. After a shaky start last year with too many things on my plate, I have been blessed with a Board full of fresh ideas and happy faces. We also ran a very successful tracking test, hunt test and grooming party at the rescue reunion so far this year. Despite cutting my finger wickedly on a pair of scissors clipping feet bottoms at the reunion, I was still smiling because all around me were people enjoying their dogs and that's a sight I always love to see. My gratitude to all the volunteers who came out to all the events and gave of their time to help the club.

I would like to thank Leah Wright for very graciously agreeing to be our club secretary. Yet again she has come through when I needed her most. The Board has eagerly jumped in to offer ideas and support and I expect big things and necessary changes to come to the club this year.

Speaking of the Board, I cannot think of a nicer and more reasonable group of people than the members who offered to sit on the Board this year. So it is disappointing to find a decision of that Board criticized on social media for action we took based on the best information we had at the time. My simple message is that no decision of the Board can't be revisited if a member of the club feels strongly that a decision made by the Board isn't correct.

I can't think of twelve people more accessible and willing to listen than the people sitting on the MFGRC Board. Everyone's email is listed on the website and most of our phone numbers are too. An open email to the Board is always welcome if any member has a concern or a question. We don't know how people feel unless they tell us. Please, if you are unhappy with something the Board has done, or if you are unhappy with any members of the Board, please provide us the courtesy of addressing us with the concern before we read about your feelings online. We really do want what's best for this club and if any decision turns out not to further the best interests of the club, then those decisions can always be readdressed. That's what good Boards do.

So here's to a great year for MFGRC with lots of support from members and lots of events to volunteer for and have a good time with our dogs and our friends.

Cheers,

Pat Kopco
MFGRC President

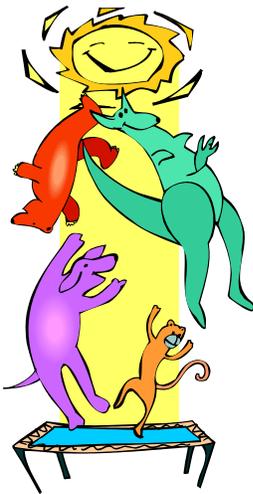




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2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
March 22, 2014	MFGRC Fun Day and General Meeting	KiddyUp Ranch 10740 Brian Lane New Port Richey, FL (Just South of SR 52 between Little Road and Moon Lake Road	PLEASE RSVP TO: Tom Young rtb62ty@aol.com Click here for flyer
April 13, 2014	MFGRC Rally Fun Day and General Meeting	Robin and Denny Scott's	Information and directions will be posted soon.



Chair Person URGENTLY Needed 2014 MFGRC Fun Match

MFGRC puts on a yearly fun match that includes obedience, rally, and conformation. This year we need someone to chair the event, or it will not happen! Mentoring is available, so you won't be "going it alone." It's a great event for members and their dogs, and it's all for fun!

HELP WANTED

For more information or to volunteer,
please contact Pat Kopco at
baddogs@tampabay.rr.com





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To encourage and promote the purebred Golden Retriever; and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection. To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only Standard of Excellence by which Golden Retrievers shall be judged; and to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, obedience trials and field events.

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From the Editor . . .

It occurred to me the other day when I started formatting the February issue of Golden Tales that this year is the 30th anniversary for our club. That's quite a milestone.

I thought about how much this club must have changed over the past 30 years, and that it might be very difficult for long time members to see and accept those changes. I know change is difficult for me.

But change is indeed inevitable. Nothing in our world is the same as it was back in 1984. And whether you think that's a good thing or a bad thing, I guess it all comes down to perspective. Change also means evolving, learning new things, letting other things go that we no longer need. It needn't mean we throw everything that was good away, but we might have to figure out different ways to use what we have.

The means of communication within the club has changed dramatically. The newsletter is no longer a paper publication. MFGRC has a website, an electronic newsletter, a system for mass emailing the membership, and a Facebook page, all changes that have come about because of the digital age. And they are all great communication tools. But when a question comes up, or a concern, nothing really beats getting in touch with someone and talking out a problem. And the irony is not lost on me that most often that takes the form of an email or a cell phone call!

All this to say, if you have questions, concerns, or want to discuss the direction of the club, a decision of the Board, or if you just want to make a suggestion you can always contact one of the officers or Board members to do so, in whatever method you choose. We make the best decisions we can with the information we have at the time, but that doesn't mean we close ourselves off to input from anyone. And we do listen.

Change can come about in a lot of ways, and a little kindness, understanding, and willingness to listen never hurts.

Until next time . . .

Leah Wright
Editor



My funny Valentine

**Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club
Board Meeting January 23, 2014**

Board Members Present: Pat Kopco, Mike Orloff, Sheree Melhuish, Dee Thibodeaux, Deb Farris, Tom Young, Laura Topping, Caroline Roetzer, Debbie Finch, and Kristin Sipus. Guests were Tom and Joanne Hell and Leah Wright. The meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m.

Vice President's Report: Dee Thibodeaux read the membership application of Barbara Hall, sponsored by Ann Rowe. The vote was unanimous to accept Barbara Hall for membership.

Secretary's Report: Deena Strauss was not present. Motion was made by Deb Farris to waive the reading of the minutes, and seconded by Mike Orloff. Pat noted that the club still needs a secretary, and a new member has expressed interest in the position. Leah will email her tomorrow (the 24th), to gauge her interest and will report back to Pat, so this discussion was tabled for now.

Treasurer's Report: In the interest of the club, income is not published on the internet.

Committee Reports:

Agility Trial: Discussion was held. The board will meet via conference call once Debbie has distributed the financial information from the 2013 trial to discuss the trial and the expenses for the 2014 trial.

Hunt Tests: Pat reported she has met with Tom Hell and Mike Orloff to review hunt test expenses.

Fun Match: Discussion was held. A mass email will be sent to the membership asking for someone to chair this event. If no one volunteers, then we will not be holding the match.

WC/WCX: Deb Farris volunteered to chair a WC/WCX for 2014, date to be determined.

Specialty: Caroline Roetzer has agreed to chair the specialty this year at Eukanuba.

Hunt Test Judges Seminar: Kristin Sipus has agreed to host a hunt test judge's seminar this year.

TD/TDX: The TD/TDX is next weekend (2/1 and 2/2/14). There will have to be a draw. Discussion was held regarding Luci Seeley's suggestion that the club drop the TDX in 2015, due to the amount of land needed to conduct it. There is a new title, Tracking Dog Urban, and it was suggested we replace the TDX with the TDU. Sheree made a motion that the club replace the TDX test with a TDU test next year, and seconded by Deb Farris. Vote was unanimous in favor.

New Business:

Livescribe Recording Pen: Discussion was held regarding recording the minutes of the general meeting in a way that one person does not have to go to every meeting. Sheree Melhuish made a motion that the club purchase a second Livescribe pen to be held by the president. The motion was seconded by Kristin Sipus. Vote was unanimous in favor. Joanne will order the pen and have it shipped to Pat.

General Meetings: Discussion was held regarding amending the club's bylaws to provide for "at least six meetings per year," rather than the current one meeting per month due to the very low meeting attendance in 2013, and how this would be accomplished through the AKC or GRCA. The board agreed that we would schedule as many meetings as possible around events in the area, but the reality is there may not be a meeting each month this year.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment: Pat is investigating amending the club's bylaws to reduce the number of board members needed to five (currently seven). Discussion was held.

Volunteers: Discussion was held regarding compensating volunteers by offering money toward entries to club events as an incentive to get more members to volunteer.

2014 Meeting Planning:

January: The January meeting was held on January 19th in Brooksville, Florida.

February: The meeting will be held February 22, 2014, at Lake Parker Park in Lakeland after the GRRMF rescue reunion, at 4:30 to 5:00. End of year awards will be presented and the titling rosettes will be available. Leah will send out a mass email to the membership.

March: Tom Young has volunteered to chair a fun field day at a property owned by Deb Farris's son in Trinity, Florida. The meeting will be held on March 22, 2014.

April: No meeting scheduled.

May: No meeting scheduled.

June: The meeting will be held Saturday, June 14, 2014, after goldens show at the Tampa dog show.

July: No meeting scheduled.

August: The meeting will be held Saturday, August 9, 2014, at the Obedience trial which will be held at Das Hund Haus in Lakeland. Joanne Hell will chair.

September: The meeting will be held Sunday, August 31, 2014, at DOCOF, even if the club does not have a DOCOF team.

October: The meeting will be held Saturday, August 11, 2014, at the agility trial at Turkey Lake Park in Orlando.

November: The meeting will be held on November 22, 2014, at the Ocala show grounds after goldens show.

December: The meeting will be held after the specialty on December 12, 2014. Caroline Roetzer is going to contact Maggiano's near the show site to investigate prices. We will do the gift exchange, end of year awards, titling rosettes, and installation of the officers at that meeting.

Old Business:

End of Year Awards: The people awards for 2013 were discussed and decided. Deb Farris made a motion to accept the recommendations of the board for the awards, and Deb Finch seconded. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be via telephone. Pat suggested the board set a standing meeting of the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The February meeting will be held on February 4th, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. and should be a very short meeting. Leah can set up the meeting conference calls if Deena is unable to do so.

Adjournment: Mike Orloff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Tom Young seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by Leah Wright.

MFGRC General Meeting
January 19, 2014

The meeting, held at the Brooksville show site, was called to order by president Pat Kopco at 11:22 a.m. Members present in addition to Pat: Anney Doucette, Debbie Finch, Nancy Greenberg, Gabrielle Hangartner, Kim and Linda Hitchcock, Cindi Metcalf, Lucy, Tony, Chatham and Lucinda Napoli, Allison Peck, Caroline Roetzer, Kristin Sipus, Laura and Chris Topping, Betty Whaley, Sharon and Bob Williams, Leah Wright. Guest/new member present: Vicki Drerup. Grace Glavin was present as a guest.

President's Report: Pat Kopco reported that the way club does meetings in the future may change. Many of our meetings are not well attended. The Board will have a planning meeting on January 23, 2014, and will plan the meeting dates for 2014 at that time. Meetings may or may not be tied to events during the year. Pat asked if anyone can host a meeting in 2014, or if they know of a venue to hold a meeting, to let her know by the 23rd.

Vice President's Report: Dee Thibodeaux was not present, so Debbie Finch presented applications for Robin Hughes and Vicki Drerup to be voted on for membership. The vote of the members present was unanimous to approve them for membership. The membership applications for Chris and Jennifer Huppert, sponsored by the Napolis, and Donna Giansiracusa, sponsored by the Hells, were also read.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Finch presented the Treasurer's report. In the interest of the club, income is not published on the internet.

Secretary's Report: The club does not currently have a secretary. No report.

Committee Reports:

TD/TDX: Debbie Finch reported our tracking test will be February 2, 2014. The secretary is Luci Seeley. Volunteers are needed to lay tracks on Saturday, February 1, 2014. We have so many entries that Luci will have to do a draw the day before the test on Saturday.

February Hunt Test: This will be February 8 and 9, 2014, at Wayne Gey's property in Montverde. We have two master flights limited to 60 each. Debbie Finch reported that lunch volunteers are needed for February 8, 2014.

December Hunt Test: The club holds a hunt test every December which is a joint test hosted by the UKC and AKC.

Agility Trial: This trial is usually held in October.

Obedience: We will possibly do another obedience trial if Tom and Joanne Hell will chair it. Last year it was at Das Hund Haus in Lakeland, Florida. Volunteers will be needed.

Specialty 2014: Caroline Roetzer has volunteered to chair the 2014 specialty in conjunction with the Eukanuba Classic. We believe the date will be December 12, 2014. Local judges will be sought to hold down expenses.

Old Business: There was no old business to be discussed.

New Business:

2013 End of Year Awards: Pat reported that we will be holding the next general meeting on February 22, 2014, and will be handing out the end of year dog and member awards and have the titling rosettes available that date. The meeting place will be announced once the Board has finalized the arrangements. This is the same date as the GRRMF Rescue Reunion in Lakeland. We can hold the meeting in Orlando or in Lakeland. After discussion it was decided that Lakeland will be the best choice as some members will already be at the reunion. Each member will be responsible for their own meal expenses for this meeting. A mass email will go out tonight to the membership giving them the date of the meeting, place to be announced.

Holiday Party 2014: Pat reported that we will be having a holiday party in December this year. The Board will discuss this at the January 23rd planning meeting. Some options that were discussed were Maggiano's near the convention center, and holding the party after our specialty at the Eukanuba Classic.

Volunteers: Pat discussed the difficulties of getting volunteers to assist clubs on a national level and for the local clubs.

GRRMF Rescue Reunion 2014: Debbie Finch reported the club will again be participating in the GRRMF rescue reunion again on February 22, 2014. **Volunteers will be needed** to do some basic grooming of ears and feet and to hold and comfort dogs on the grooming tables. Donations are \$10, but often people donate more. Any money raised will be matched by the club and donated to GRRMF. GRRMF is a sister club to MFGRC.

Brag: Pat Kopco reported that club member and board member Kristin Sipus's dog Sophie has won a GRCA award which has not been won since 2004, and will be featured in a coming GRCA news article. This is the Champion Tonkahof Bang Three Star Trophy award for the highest placing golden in a field trial. There are only a few dogs in the history of the breed who have won this award.

Dues: Debbie Finch reminded everyone that the club dues were due January 1, 2014.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Kim Hitchcock and seconded by Cindi Metcalf. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Minutes recorded and transcribed by Leah Wright.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



2013 Dog Awards



SHOW DOG OF THE YEAR

BISS GCH BOCA GOLD'S PEKING DUCK SDHF JH WCX
MICHELE AND NATE WHITNEY

OBEDIENCE DOG OF THE YEAR

LIEBCHEN'S SMOKEY BONES VCD1 UD BN RE TD OAP THD CGCA
RALPH AND MARIA ORLANDO

TRACKING DOG OF THE YEAR

LIEBCHEN'S SMOKEY BONES VCD1 UD BN RE TD OAP THD CGCA
RALPH AND MARIA ORLANDO

AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR

KNIGHTDRMZ FRANKS FOR THE MEMORIES CD MX MXJ XF
ROBIN SCOTT

PREFERRED AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR

KNIGHTDRMZ SOFTWIND N MOONLIGHT KISSES VCD2 CDX TD RA AXP AJP XFP
JOYCE SWEGLE

RALLY DOG OF THE YEAR

SHR AUTUMN GROVE APPETITE FOR DESTRUCTION JH WC
PAT KOPCO AND MIKE ORLOFF

FIELD DOG OF THE YEAR

HRCH BLAZINGLAKE ROCKSTAR BARK AT THE MOON CD BN RN MH WCX ** CCA VC
PAT KOPCO AND MIKE ORLOFF

VERSATILITY DOG OF THE YEAR

RICHWOOD MOMENTS AWAY SH WCS BISS
KRISTIN AND EUGENE SIPUS

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

2013 Member Awards

MEMBERS OF THE YEAR

TOM AND JOANNE HELL

MOVERS AND SHAKERS AWARD

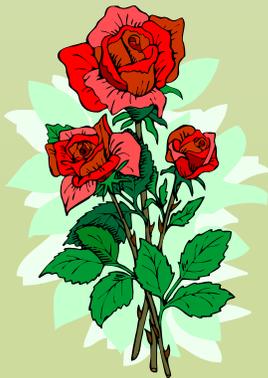
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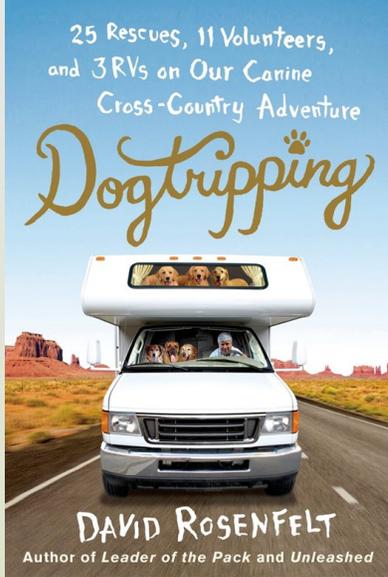
LOYD KIERNAN AWARD

LEAH WRIGHT

FALLCHASE OWNER/HANDLER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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Stetson University Hosts Best-Selling Mystery Author and Animal Rescue Advocate David Rosenfelt

February 18, 2014

GULFPORT, Fla.— [Stetson University College of Law's Student Animal Legal Defense Fund](#) and the Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida present a talk and book-signing by best-selling mystery author and animal rescue advocate David Rosenfelt on April 14 on Stetson's Gulfport campus. The event is free and open to the public.

WHEN: Rosenfelt's presentation will begin at 12 p.m., followed by a book-signing with the author. Rosenfelt's books will be available for purchase during the event.

WHERE: The presentation will take place in the Mann Lounge on Stetson's Gulfport campus, 1401 61st St. S.

WHO: Rosenfelt is the Edgar and Shamus Award-nominated author of 16 books, including the Andy Carpenter mystery series featuring a litigator who directs a dog rescue organization. An avid animal lover himself, Rosenfelt created the Tara Foundation, a charitable organization which has rescued more than 4,000 dogs. His most recent book, "Dogtripping," tells the story of the author's adventures moving across the country from California to Maine, while accompanied by 25 rescue dogs in three RVs. To learn more about the author, visit www.davidrosenfelt.com or www.facebook.com/davidrosenfelt.

WHAT: Stetson is one of only a handful of law schools in the U.S. with courses in both Animal Law and International Animal Law as well as an established therapy dog program for its students during exam-time. The coordinator for this event is Stetson professor Peter Fitzgerald, an expert in international trade and animal law who is an advocate for Golden Retriever rescue and dog therapy.

Stetson's trial advocacy program, ranked number one in the nation, has consistently ranked at or near the top since U.S. News & World Report began the rankings in 1995.

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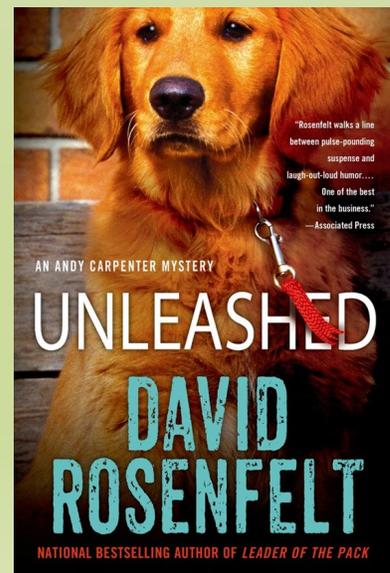
Stetson University College of Law, Florida's first law school, has prepared lawyers and leaders since 1900. Today, Stetson leads the nation in blending legal doctrine with practical training, evidenced by its top-ranked programs in advocacy and legal writing. Through our academically rigorous curriculum and commitment to social responsibility, Stetson lawyers are ethical advocates ready to succeed in the legal profession.

Andy Carpenter is a top criminal law litigator, and an animal lover. Carpenter's exploits saving both humans and dogs from death row, while accompanied by his beloved Golden Retriever "Tara", are detailed in a dozen novels by Edgar and Shamus Award-nominated and best-selling author David Rosenfelt.

Now Andy, or rather his creator David Rosenfelt, is coming to the number one school for advocacy training in the country, the Stetson University College of Law, for a talk and book signing to benefit Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida on Monday April 14, 2014. The talk and book signing will be held from noon until 1pm in the Mann Lounge at the College of Law; 1401 61st Street South; Gulfport, Florida 33707. (Directions to Stetson's Gulfport Campus are available at <http://www.stetson.edu/law/about/home/directions.php#GulfportCampusDirections>.)

Rosenfelt is the former marketing president for Tri-Star Pictures who, like his character Andy Carpenter, is an unabashed animal lover. Rosenfelt and his wife created the Tara Foundation, shortly after the real Tara died, which has since rescued more than 4,000 dogs. Additionally, Rosenfelt says "when a dog is too old or sick to be wanted by others, they come to our home to live out their years." "At any one time we have close to 35, occupying every piece of carpet and furniture in the house" – something which Rosenfelt acknowledges might "give new meaning to the word 'eccentric'." So, in addition to talking about his Andy Carpenter mystery series, Rosenfelt will share his hilarious adventures moving from California to Maine while accompanied by 25 rescue dogs of his own, in three RVs, which was the subject of his best-selling book "Dogtripping".

Stetson's Student Animal Legal Defense Fund Chapter is pleased to host David Rosenfelt for this event. As one of only a handful of law schools with courses both in Animal Law and in International Animal Law, and an established therapy dog program for its students during exams, Stetson is proud to be part of the development of this emerging new field of legal study – and to help highlight local groups such as Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida.



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6. Who needs a big home entertainment system? A bone or an old shoe can entertain you for hours.
7. You can spend hours just smelling stuff.
8. No one ever expects you to pay for lunch or dinner. You never have to worry about table manners, and if you gain weight, it's someone else's fault.
9. It doesn't take much to make you happy. You're always excited to see the same old people. All they have to do is leave the room for five minutes and come back.
10. Every garbage can looks like a cold buffet to you.



Do You Know Parker?

ParkerPup.com

Parker is a golden with an impressive resume. He's a professional dog model, actor, registered therapy dog, and a cancer advocate. Oh, he's also an agility competitor, too. As you can see from the photo above, he's also a popular guy with celebrities like Betty White. Not that he lets any of that go to his head.

Parker says, "My most important job in life, other than being part of a loving family, is to be a therapy dog. I work with cancer patients and also with children learning to read. I also work to raise funds and awareness for cancer prevention, treatment and hopefully a cure. I raise funds for Morris Animal Foundation, The American Cancer Society, and various other non-profits."

Parker is one very connected pup, with a website, a Facebook page, and a Twitter account. He also has his own YouTube channel and a board on Pinterest. He uses all of those outlets to tirelessly promote the Morris Animal Foundation and advocate for cancer awareness in people and their pets. Hardly a day goes by when you don't see a status update from Parker about the Morris Animal Foundation and the work it is doing to find a cure for cancer in our dogs. He is active in urging golden puppy owners to enroll in the Lifetime Study.

Parker lost his best friend and golden sister, Daisy, to cancer last year. This has only made him work harder, and now he has a little golden brother, Reser, to help him out. If you don't know Parker, you should.

Official Website:

Facebook:

YouTube:

Twitter:

Pinterest: <https://pinterest.com/parkerpup/>

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

Available Litters

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MFGRC FUN DAY!!

Date: March 22, 2014

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00

**PLEASE RSVP TO TOM YOUNG:
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**KiddyUp Ranch
10740 Brian Lane
New Port Richey, FL**

(Just South of SR 52 between Little Road and Moon Lake Road)

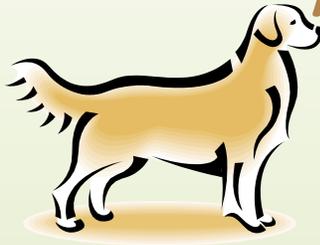


Fun day and MFGRC general meeting. Bumpers, birds, food, and fun! Bring a dish to pass, a chair, and water for your dog(s). Tom will be making his world famous Sloppy Joe's as a main dish.

We will be able to do retrieving from entry puppy level to advanced. There is lots of land, a big beautiful SAFE pond, and plenty of shade. So let's all get out, meet and greet, and have some nose rubbing, tail sniffing fun!

Photographs courtesy of Becky Nicholas

Milestones + Accomplishments



Ragtym's Theodore The Lionhearted, BN (Teddy) earned his Canine Good Citizen title at the Gainesville Dog Show held in Ocala on Sunday, January 26 at the age of 10 months. It was a "what the heck" moment for Connie Adams when she saw the set up and decided to give Teddy a whirl. It paid off!!



JUICY" Cashmere Blue Sky Basin SH CGC won Winners Bitch from the Bred By Exhibitor Class at this year's Westminster Kennel Club handled by Breeder Owner Handler Dr. Nancy Greenbarg.

Turbo Retrievers had a very successful weekend at the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Hunt test with three Sharlie/Boomer pups (22 months) getting Senior Hunter titles. Getting Senior Titles are:

- Turbo Smoke'n Khaotic Explosion SH WCX (Service Dog)
- Turbo Supersonic Shock Wave SH
- Turbo Break My Rusty Cage And Run SH



These accomplishments and the previous accomplishments of other siblings has now provided an Outstanding Dam status for Sharlie, HRCH Turbo Steam'n Twilight Dragon CDX MH15 ** WCX3 CCA VCX OD. Sharlie has also recently received the Lifetime Achievement Award for multiple master hunter passes and is now a MH15. Sharlie is not yet 5 years old and expecting her second litter.



Nancy Sigmon has a brag: Questan N High Country Ice Love Lucy - Desi (17 months) finished first place in the American Bred class at the Ocala Dog Show January 23-26, 2014. This was Desi's first dog show. His handler was Morgan Brooks.

Ann Rowe is proud to announce Magik Golden Retrievers' newest champion! "Mogul," Magik's Ice on the Slopes became a champion on February 15th under Judge Jon. R. Cole with a major in Lakeland. Ann wants to give special thanks to Janice Granada and Aaron Wilkerson for their expert handling. Way to go Mogul!



Another report from Magik Goldens. Robin Senderowitz and Ann Rowe had a wonderful (and cold) trip taking Cooper "GCH Magik's Golden Knight" to New York for his first time at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show! It was also his first time in the snow which he took to immediately!

Cooper was one of 68 entries and showed beautifully handled by Janice Granada.



Marilynn Booher's Jazzmine (JBoo's Miss Jazzmine Booher-WC, WCX, CD, JH, CGC, CCA, SH) finished her senior hunt title in Williston at the JRC Hunt Test 2/15. Yeah!!!

Fran Smith says, "Just wanted to share that my Golden Bounce, (Goldruls Wild Ride, now TDX), finally passed her TDX in Port St. Lucie this Sunday. She negotiated a lot of challenges on her track including a ditch, standing water, some unexpected crosstracks and a handler that was slow to believe her when she was correct. But after 30 some minutes she found a lovely glove. Ron and Luci were the judges and they laid some great tracks."



Sheilah Platzer wants us all to know, "I'm very proud of my boy Solen today he got his Open A Title and 1st > place with a 195. He is now Toasty's Har Kommer Solen CDX BN GN GO RE."



Kathy Cudak is proud to announce, "I am soo proud of my boy Teaser Beezer (aka Ch Scion's 4Play WC, JH who completed his JH title at the MFGRC Spring Hunt Test. I want to thank his wonderful handler Lee Smith for the incredible job he has done with my boy. Now onto Senior Hunter!"

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, March 22, 2014

KiddyUp Ranch
See Flyer for Details!