



# GOLDEN TALES

Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club

January, 2014

## President's Message

MFGRC MEMBERS: First, I'd like to welcome the new officers and board members for 2014. Thank you all for agreeing to serve on the board, as we look forward to another great year for our club. The names of the officers and directors, along with contact phone numbers and email addresses is now on our website at [mfgrc.org](http://mfgrc.org), and also appears in the club newsletter, Golden Tales.

Our first general meeting will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2014, at the Brooksville show site. Sorry for the late notice, but it seemed like the best solution since so many of our members will already be at the site for the show. Please bring a chair and meet us at the golden ring at 11:30. We will start the meeting as soon as goldens are finished showing.

One of the most time consuming tasks facing every MFGRC board is the January planning meeting. We have scheduled this for January 23, 2014. Tom and Joanne Hell have graciously offered their home for us as a meeting place, and we do appreciate it. This is the meeting where the board looks at the coming year in order to schedule our events and general meetings. It also involves looking at dog show schedules, agility trials, obedience trials, hunt tests, and other dog events in the Central Florida area that might conflict with those plans.

After the planning meeting, we will be publishing a list of the general meeting dates and event dates for 2014 on the website, and via the mass email system. During the coming year, the website and the mass email system will be the main sources of information about what is going on in the club. Things do happen, and sometimes things need to be changed, and any changes will be communicated to you via the mass emails. The newsletter will be published as often as necessary, but the most up to date information will be on our website.

We have selected the date of February 22, 2014, for the next general meeting. This will also be the meeting where we hand out the dog and member awards for 2013. The meeting site will be announced after the January 23 planning meeting, in plenty of time for everyone to make plans to attend.

I'm looking forward to a year full of the great events that our club has sponsored in the past.

Cheers!

Pat Kopco  
MFGRC President





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**OBJECTIVES OF THE MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB**

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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Individual: \$25

Family: \$25

Associate (non-voting): \$25

Membership rosters are available to MFGRC members, but are not intended for business, non-profit or personal solicitation in any manner whatsoever.

**CLUB CORRESPONDENCE:** Should be sent to Deena Strauss, 12602 Butler Bay Court, Windermere, FL 34786, or dsgoldens@gmail.com.

### ADVERTISING RATES:

Full page (with photo):	\$25*
½ page (with photo):	\$15*
Commercial full page:	\$50
Commercial ½ page:	\$30
Business card:	\$50/yr

\*Ads for litters must be accompanied by copies of all health clearances to the puppy referral coordinator.

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**LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Offered as a service in conjunction with MFGRC's puppy referral. Health clearances and \$25 must be submitted to the puppy referral coordinator (see previous page) prior to publication of the announcement.

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## From the Editor . . .

First of all, sorry for the long delay between newsletters. The last two months of 2013 took a bit of a wrong turn at our house and there were some health issues in our family that needed attending to. All is well, or will be very soon.

I've decided with the new year to make one or two small changes to the layout of the newsletter, and may try out some different themes throughout the year. As always, photos and articles of interest are welcome, but be aware that I make it a rule not to publish photographs or articles from other publications without written permission. Please feel free to submit photos you've taken or if you have something you'd like to write and share, don't hesitate to pass it along!

We have a great slate of Board members and officers this year, many new faces with new ideas and fresh outlooks. It should be an exciting year to be a member of MFGRC.

Speaking of which, don't forget that dues are due – or were due on January 1st, 2014. We don't want to lose you, so please get your checks sent in to our fantastic new Treasurer, Deb Finch. Deb will do a wonderful job in this very important role and we're glad to have her.

I hope all of you had happy holidays and that the coming year will bring you peace, prosperity and all that you desire!

Until next time . . .

Leah Wright  
Editor



One last nap in 2013



# MFGRC

## 2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
February 2, 2014	MFGRC TD/TDX	Lee Vista Center, SR 436 and 528, Orlando, FL	Luci Seeley 772-971-4152 ljseeley73@yahoo.com <a href="#">Click here for premium</a>
February 8 and 9, 2014	MFGRC Spring Hunt Test	Wayne Gey's Golden Oaks Ranch, Montverde, FL	Mike Orloff baddogs@tampabay.rr.com Entries CLOSE 1/27/14 Enter at <a href="#">entryexpress.net</a>
February 22, 2014	MFGRC General Meeting	To be announced	Pat Kopco baddogs@tampabay.rr.com



### TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

It's that time of year again! Your MFGRC dues are due as of January 1, 2014.

Please send your check (\$25 individual or \$25 family membership) to:

Debbie Finch, Treasurer  
1918 Sir Lancelot Circle  
St. Cloud, FL 34772

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MFGRC**



# Morris Animal Foundation Launches New Website Dedicated to Golden Retriever Lifetime Study

The Morris Animal Foundation has redesigned its website dedicated to its cancer study in golden retrievers. You can register on the site, or donate to the study if you don't have a dog qualified to participate. As they say, it's "A golden opportunity to fight canine cancer."

The Morris Animal Foundation also has a Facebook page that contains lots of good, general information as well as great photographs.

Take a moment and check them out!

## MFGRC WC/WCX

November 9, 2013

This year's WC/WCX was a GREAT success! The weather was perfect, the dogs were awesome, and the hard work and camaraderie of club members, judges (and some very much appreciated non-members) made for a perfect day of testing! I want to personally thank EVERYONE who had a part in helping to make this such a wonderful event.

There were 10 starting WC dogs with 6 qualifying (4 Goldens). They are: Ch Scion's 4Play (Cudak), Turbo Smoke'n Khaotic Explosion JH (Rubrecht/Rodriguez), Topbrass Augustus Cesar (Brittingham), Suthern Sandspur True Grit's (Jaecksch), Ch Tulipgrove One In A Million (FCR - Mound), and Whitland Barley Mow (FCR - Smith).

There were 13 starting WCX dogs with 9 qualifying (8 Goldens). They are: Ch Saffire's Itz All Eh'Bout Me JH WC (Farris/Whitcomb), Boca Gold Jokers Wild Rowdy JH WC (Lehnert), Turbo Twilight Explosion CD SH WC (Rubrecht), Turbo Smoke'n Khaotic Explosion JH (Rubrecht/Rodriguez), Faragold My Won 'N Only JH WC (Farris) Topbrass Turbo Don't Ask Why CD WCX \*\* (Rubrecht), Turbo Steam'n Twilight Dragon CDX MH \*\* (Rubrecht), Ch Wingold's Swan Song RN JH WC (McDaniel), GCh Whitland Nothing to Declare SH (FCR - Smith).

Congratulations to all qualifiers! And a special congratulations to Ron Rubrecht and Molly (Topbrass Turbo Don't Ask Why CD WCX \*\*) for being awarded the Faye Simpson Award for the dog and handler team best representing the Golden Retriever in the field.

Again, thank you to our judges, committee and all volunteers who had a part in a wonderful day. I look forward to 2014!

Respectfully,  
Deb Farris, WC/WCX Chair



[Click on us to learn about the Golden Retriever Cancer Study!](#)



## You Ate WHAT?

From the case histories of national pet insurance company Pet Partners Inc. this is a list of household items scarfed down by dogs, and what it cost to remove them:

Doll's head	\$1,014
Glove	\$1,138



Lobster tail	\$1,309
Corn cob	\$1,915
Threaded needle	\$2,328
Dental floss	\$3,589
Kitchen towel	\$3,738



FOLLOW ME TO THE 2014 GRRMF REUNION

## The 2014 GRRMF REUNION

Join GRRMF Saturday, February 22, 2014, at their annual picnic.

When: Saturday, February 22, 2014

Where: Lake Parker Park, 910 E Granada Street, Lakeland, FL 33801

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Who: GRRMF Adoptive families, members and supporters

Events: Program is being finalized and a schedule and will posted soon.

**MFGRC will be hosting a grooming booth again to help raise money for rescue. If you can donate your services to help groom dogs, or even to help hold or comfort them while they are being groomed, please contact Deb Finch at [gaga4goldens@cfl.rr.com](mailto:gaga4goldens@cfl.rr.com).**

**Most of these rescued dogs have never been on a grooming table or had the experience of being groomed, so having volunteers there to talk to them and offer treats is helpful to the groomers and to the dogs!**

# 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

### **Pat Carlile (Jacksonville)**

pat\_golden\_boy@yahoo.com

GCH Hillock Honeybear's Purple Pizzazz SDHF OS x  
Hillock's Hot Tamale Holly AX AXJ XF

Litter born 12/29/13

5 males available



EVENT Number TR2014445902

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Entries close 3:00 PM, January 23, 2014 at the Test Secretary's home, after which time entries cannot be accepted, cancelled or substituted.

## PREMIUM LIST Combined TD/TDX

Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club



## Tracking Dog and Tracking Dog Excellent Test

Entry limited to 4 dogs for TD and 3 for TDX

**DATE:** Sunday, February 2, 2014

**LOCATION:** Lee Vista Center, SR 436 & 528, Orlando, Florida

**ENTRY DRAWING:** At 8:00 PM, January 23, 2014, the Test Secretary will conduct a random draw of all entries at 167 NE Jardain Road, Port St Lucie, FL. When the limit of entries has been reached, all remaining entries will comprise the Alternate list. Alternates have the option to accept or decline being placed on the alternate list. Those that decline will have their entry fee and certifications, if applicable, returned. The Test Secretary will notify all entries of the draw by phone and email.

**TEST HOURS:** 6:00 AM until the last track is completed.

### JUDGES

Mr. Ronald E Seeley (18975) Mrs. F.E. Smith (6019)  
167 NE Jardain Road 4094 Happiness St.  
Port St Lucie, FL 34983-1726 West Palm Beach, FL 33406-3904



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### 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, Executive Secretary



# **MFGRC HUNT TEST**

**February 8-9, 2014**

**Place: Montverde - Gey's Golden Oaks Ranch  
Hunting Test for Retrievers, Irish Water Spaniels  
and Standard Poodles**

**Closing Date: January 27, 2014**

**Come out and see what these  
breeds can do in the field!**

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

The Premium List is on our website at [mfgrc.org](http://mfgrc.org)

Bertie Leon REALLY wanted to watch his mom Coralee make the Thanksgiving pumpkin pie, so he pulled up a chair. As you can see, he was paying CLOSE attention. Coralee says Bertie was such a good boy she let him lick the bowl later!





The Leon boys are so excited because Santa came to town!



# Milestones + Accomplishments



ROCKY aka CH De La Vega Colorado Rocky Mtn Hi SH loved by Dr. Nancy Greenberg obtained his Senior Hunter title. "He was cheered on and applauded by the entire gallery. He thought he was in the show ring."

Robin Senderowitz and Ann Rowe are proud to report that Cooper "GCH Magik's Golden Knight" participated in the 2013 GRF Top Twenty Competition at the National in Wichita Falls, Texas. Cooper was expertly handled by Jane Myers and looked wonderful going around the ring and participating with the other Top 20 dogs that were invited! We are also very excited that Cooper made the cut in the Breed ring on Saturday! It was a great trip – one that we will remember forever!



RIDGEVIEW and SNOBIRD GOLDENS is proud to announce: "Our beautiful girl 'Summer' is now a New Champion. CH Ridgeview 'N Snobird Dreams Take Flight. BRED BY Melissa Simpson, Marjorie Blake and Les Simpson. Owned and loved by Debbie and Richard Caudill. Summer and I also went to practice at International shows here in Ocala a few weeks ago. She won Breed 2 out of 4 shows. A sporting group 1 both days and also Best In Show on Sat. at the International shows. She finished her AKC American Championship on the Thurs of the Nov. Ocala shows so I had the opportunity to show her in Breed for the next 3 days. Summer won Best of Opposite Sex all three days and now has 5 Grand Champion points. She is taking a well deserved 'time out' now to hopefully have puppies. 'Crash' Snobird's Raised Your Glass Party Crasher completed his Rally Novice title and at the Lake Eustis Shows got his first 2 legs towards his Beginner Novice title. Carol is working very hard with this young boy and I am proud of them both. I saved the BEST for last!!! My darling Girl PREY turned 15 years young October 23rd. As you all know she is SNOBIRD GOLDENS foundation bitch. Her eyes cleared last March 2012. No breeder options. She is the love of our lives and I know many of you have met her at our Specialties and Nationals!!! Thank you for indulging me."

Connie Adams is pleased to report that her puppy RAGTYM'S THEODORE THE LIONHEARTED--TEDDY--can now add a BN to his name. He earned his first two legs (at 7 months of age) at the Lake Eustis Kennel Club shows on November 2 & 3 with a first placement and a third placement respectively. His title (at 8 months of age) was earned at the Seminole Dog Fanciers Asso., Inc. on November 16 with a first placement. Way to go Teddy-Bear!



Nancy Clinchy reports that Bridgeton's Hearts On Fire MH MX MXJ WCX VCX added an Excellent Fast title last weekend while in whelp!



Ch Scion's 4Play WC (Teaser) earned his WC title at the MFGRC WC/WCX test this month. He was expertly trained and handled by Lee Smith and owned and loved by Kathy Cudak.



MARATHON'S WE BE JAMMIN AT WINDSOR, UD,RAE,JH,WC,ThD,VC,CGC -- JAYMUS --earned his Title at the Central Florida Obedience Dog Club on November 1, 2013 with a First Placement with scores of 99 in Excellent B and 88 in Advanced B (super handler error!) On Friday, November 15th Jaymus got a Second Placement in Utility B at the Seminole Dog Fanciers Asso., Inc. held in Ocala, FL and his first OTCH points (not a lot, but hey OTCH points are OTCH

points!) He then got a Third Placement in Utility B on November 17 at the Greater Ocala Dog Club Show also held in Ocala, FL. You go "little Red Dog"!

Kristin Sipus of Richwood Golden Retrievers tells us that they had a fantastic time at the National Specialty!!! Her girls won a ribbon in every event they were entered. "Millie was 2nd in AOH and won her SH gun dog sweeps class over some very stiff competition. Sophie won Hunting bitch for the third year in a row and made it to the final cut in Best of Breed. Best of all she earned a JAM at the field trial qualifying stake. And is now the 6th CH MH \*\* in breed history. All I can say is WOW!"



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