Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club July/August 2014

Beginning in September, 2014, the Sandlapper Golden Retriever Club will be posting weekly updates to its website devoted to the GRCA National Specialty to be held in Asheville, North Carolina. If you're on Facebook, they also have a Facebook page devoted to the National.

They have recently added the Parade of Titleholders Entry Form, the Vendor Page, and many others.

For all things National, and for some great ideas of things to do in Asheville when you aren't visiting the show, go to their website at http://2014national.com/index.html,

or visit their Facebook page at

https://www.facebook.com/pages/2014-GRCA-National-Specialty/1384975405077435

64 DAYS AND COUNTING!!!!!!

October 24 - November 1, 2014

MFGRC

2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

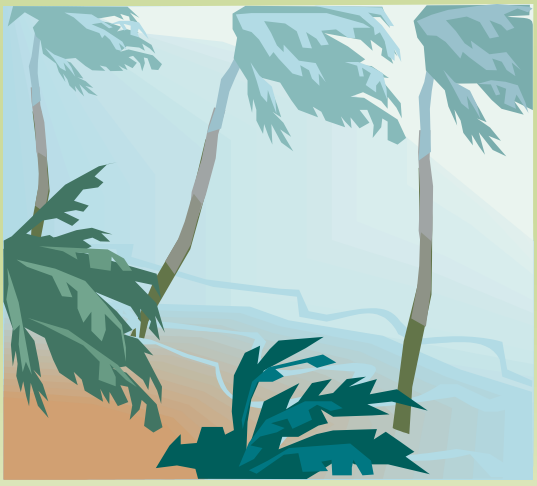
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
September 27, 2014	WC/WCX and General Meeting	Wayne Gey's Property Montverde, Florida	Deb Farris (faragold@yahoo.com)
October 11, 2014	Agility Trial and General Meeting	Bill Frederick Turkey Lake Park Orlando, FL	Camille Doehring (mischiefgolden@gmail.com)
November 22, 2014	Ocala Dog Show and General Meeting	Ocala Dog Show Grounds Ocala, FL	Meeting will be held after goldens show at the golden ring. Time will be announced later.
December 6 and 7, 2014	MFGRC Fall Hunt Test	Wayne Gey's Property Montverde, Florida	
December 13, 2014	End of Year Meeting and Holiday Party	Home of Dee and John Thibodeaux	TBA

The Mean Season

Predictions this year are for a mild hurricane season. However, as we learned 10 years ago, it never hurts to be prepared. Hurricane season begins June 1st, but August is generally when things start to heat up in the tropics, and as we all know this season doesn't officially end until November 30th.

Pet Needs

7-day supply of non-perishable pet food and water
Cage or pet carrier and leash
Pet medications and pet first-aid kit
Current photo in case you are separated
Cat litter and box
Pet bed and toys



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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.

Established 1984

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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.

NOTE: For all advertisements placed in Golden Tales, advertisers MUST send payment in with the ad to the Newsletter Editor at the time of submission. If submission of the advertisement is done via email the ad cannot be placed in Golden Tales without payment. Please send payment to Leah Wright, 459 Weathersfield Avenue, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714. Make all checks payable to MFGRC. It is the Advertisers responsibility to confirm with the Newsletter Editor that she has receive your advertisement and your payment.

LITTER ANNOUNCEMENTS: Offered as a service in conjunction with MFGRC's puppy referral He. 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 . . .

Many thanks to Joanne Hell for heading up our obedience trial August 9 and 10, 2014, and to club member Jill Wallace for hosting us at her facility in Lakeland, Das Hund Haus! It was a successful event and everyone was having a doggone good time! Thanks also to everyone who volunteered.

During our general meeting President Pat Kopco made several announcements about the club's needs for next year. Dee Thibodeaux has agreed to stand as President and Ann Rowe as VP. Debbie Finch will return as Treasurer. I will be stepping down as Secretary, so this position is going to be vacant, and it is possible that one or more board positions will be as well. Please consider offering your services to the club in some capacity, and contact Tom Young if you are interested in being on the MFGRC board.

Effective January 1, 2015, I will be stepping down as newsletter editor. It's been six years and the creative well is nearly dry. If you are interested in taking over please contact Pat Kopco or me to discuss it.

The club will also be needing a mass email coordinator in the coming year. This volunteer position does not require a great deal of time. The email addresses are all on a gmail account and it's a simple process to send out the emails. There are times when the club is very active and there are a lot of them to be sent, but other times such as the summer months when there's not much going on.

The newsletter has been a great learning experience for me, and I have enjoyed the creative outlet it allowed me. I know there's a budding journalist out there in our midst who can take it to the next level!

Until next time . . .

Leah Wright
Editor

Watchin' mama work on the newsletter

Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club
Board Meeting July 1, 2014

Board Members Present: Pat Kopco, Mike Orloff, Deena Strauss, Leah Wright, Dee Thibodeaux, Tom Young. The meeting was held via telephone conference call and called to order at 7:00 p.m.

President's Report: Pat Kopco had nothing to report.

Vice President's Report: Dee Thibodeaux reported that she has no new applications to present.

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Mike Orloff to waive reading of the minutes and seconded by Dee Thibodeaux. The motion was carried. Leah reported that the AKC has sent out approvals for the agility trial via email.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Finch was not present, however, she sent an email to the Board with the treasury information. The club does not publish club financial information on the internet.

Committee Report:

Hunt Tests: Judges are set, and Mike Orloff can answer any questions about who the judges will be. Mike is also getting the judges for the December hunt test for Tom Hell, and is working on that now. He would appreciate suggestions for master, junior, and senior. We currently need 2 more junior/senior judges and two more master judges. Discussion was held regarding travel expenses for the judges.

WC/WCX: Deb Farris was not present, but Pat reported that she assumes the WC/WCX is on track. Discussion was held regarding allowing curly-coated retrievers into the test if the judges do not object, even though they won't get a title.

Tracking: Pat is going to email the member who offered to take over as secretary of the tracking test to confirm her interest in doing so and to get an update on the land issues. Discussion was held regarding land that might be available in Dade City for the test.

Obedience Trial: Pat reported that she is assuming all is on track for the obedience trial August 9 and 10, 2014.

Match: Pat reported that she will not be able to be at the match July 6, 2014. We did not schedule a general meeting for that date due to the lack of board members who will be able to go since it is a holiday weekend and board members have other commitments.

Agility Trailer Day Clean Out Day: Pat reported when she returns from Canada she will talk to Camille about the trailer clean out day. The June dates did not work out for several reasons.

Agility Trial: Pat will request that Camille attend an upcoming board meeting to discuss equipment and volunteer needs.

Holiday Party: Pat reported that Caroline Roetzer has been in contact with the representative for the Eukanuba to get an update on the cost of having a holiday party and meeting after our specialty on December 12, 2014, at Eukanuba.

New Business:

There was no new business to discuss.

Old Business:.

Nominating Committee: Tom Young reported that he has two other volunteers working with him on the nominating committee, and has talked to one club member about joining the board next year. Tom asked the current board members to email him letting him know if they will be returning next year.

DACOF/DOCOF Teams: Pat asked Leah Wright to place an advertisement in the newsletter to see if anyone in the club is interested in captaining a DOCOF or DACOF team.

Next Meeting:

The next board meeting will be via telephone conference on Tuesday evening, August 5, 2014.

Adjournment: Dee Thibodeaux made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Tom Young seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Leah Wright, Secretary

Editor's Note: As the club did not hold a July general meeting, there are no minutes to be published.

We are already thinking ahead to 2015, and there are several vacant positions on the MFGRC Board. If you are interested in becoming a board member, please contact Tom Young at rtb62ty@aol.com.

In addition, we are seeking someone to serve as Secretary to the Board for 2015. The person in this position will be responsible for managing club correspondence and attending monthly general and board meetings to record the club's minutes. We need to fill this position!

Thank you!

MFGRC END OF THE YEAR AWARDS FOR OUR GOLDENS

The end of the year is fast approaching. I hope everyone has had a happy, healthy, successful year so far. Some of our members have suffered losses of special dogs and I hope that serves us all to remember life is too short. Be happy and do fun things with our goldens.

Each year, at the end of the year, MFGRC recognizes dogs who have accomplished the most in a particular area. The areas are: Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Preferred Agility, Field, Tracking and Versatility.

For the Versatility Award: Your dog must have competed successfully and qualified in three of the listed areas. Please note: Agility is one area whether you compete in Preferred or Regular.

In order to qualify to earn the prestigious recognition as Dog of the Year, in any area listed you must have attended two meetings and worked for the club during the year. The year is from December 3rd, 2013 until December 2, 2014.

Don't sit back and think someone will always win a particular area, submit and see if you can win.

This year has been a challenging year for many: hard to get to meetings, gas is expensive, etc., but the areas of events have been spread out and if you volunteer to help it is more rewarding that actually competing.

The forms for submission will be posted on the website soon, probably in September some time. Submission for Show Dog of the Year will go to Ann Rowe. Submission for Field Dog of the Year will also go to Ann Rowe. Tracking, Obedience and Agility submissions are to be submitted to Robin Scott. Rally Submissions are to be submitted to Joyce Swegle and Versatility submissions will go to Connie Adams. Thank you Ann, Joyce and Connie for helping to tabulate the submissions to determine a winner.

Submitted by: Robin Scott

ARE YOU READY?

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WC / WCX MFGRC - September 27, 2014
FGCGRC - September 28, 2014

EVENT JUDGES: John Thibodeaux & Dee Thibodeaux

Entries made through ENTRY EXPRESS www.entryexpress.net

[Entries close September 15, 2014 - Limited Day-of entries Sunday only with preference given to those entered September 27, 2014]

For Information Contact:
MFGRC Deborah Farris: *Faragold@yahoo.com*
FGCGRC Sheree Melhuish: *SaffireGoldens@aol.com*

EVENT WILL BE AT:
GOLDEN OAK RANCH
MONTVERDE, FL

CLICK HERE to be directed to the premium on our website

ENTRIES OPEN: Thursday, July 24, 2014 at 8AM
ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday, September 26, 2014 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# 2014445907 and 2014445908

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

NOTE: New Reduced Entry Fees

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 11th & 12th, 2014

Standard & JWW both days, FAST Sat., and T2B Sun.

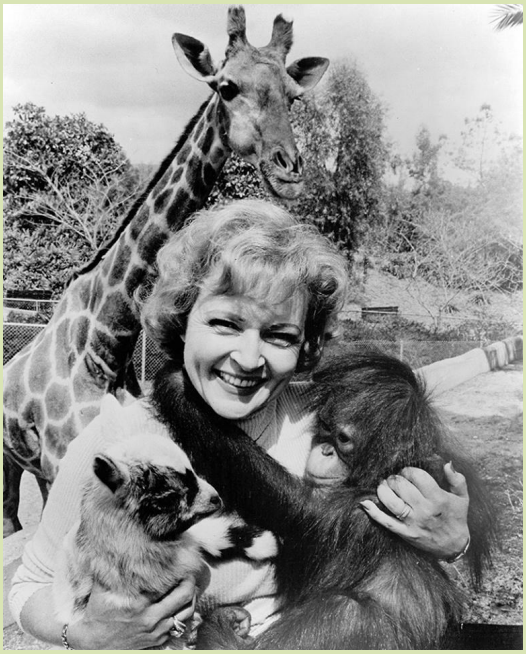
Judge:
Robert Jeffers, Odessa, FL

Entry Limited to 330 runs Sat & Sun
SHOW HOURS: 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
OUTDOORS ON GRASS – 2 RINGS OF 100' X 100'
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.

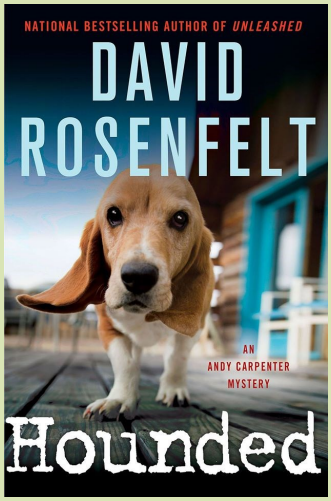
AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

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



“Hounded” Released July 22, 2014

David Rosenfelt doesn’t take himself too seriously. He is a novelist, animal rescuer (with 27 dogs!), fundraiser, and a man with an amusing outlook on life. Both his Facebook page and his website display the self-deprecating humor that he carries into his works of fiction.



His latest book, “Hounded”, is another in the series of Andy Carpenter novels which was released on July 22, 2014. Andy is a lawyer with a beloved golden retriever named Tara and a rather complicated life to say the least.

Mr. Rosenfelt visited Stetson University’s Gulfport campus on April 14, 2014, hosted by Stetson University’s Student Animal Legal Defense Fund and Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida.

It’s Not Only About the Dogs

While most of us are familiar with the Morris Animal Foundation because of the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study, some might be surprised that the foundation has invested in over 2,000 studies that have improved the health and quality of life for wildlife globally.

Recently, on their website they posted information about saving the Javan rhinoceros from extinction. This is perhaps one of the most critically endangered large mammals. Estimates are there are only 35 to 50 of these magnificent animals left in the wild.

Through education of the indigenous people, research in infectious diseases affecting the rhino population, habitat conservation, and development of a vaccine program, the first steps have been taken to safeguard the Javan rhinoceros from extinction.

To read more about what the Morris Animal Foundation is doing for domestic and wild animals, you can visit their website here:

http://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/about-maf/our-work/

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:

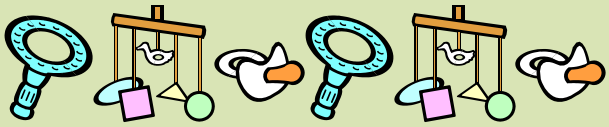
Winter Hunt Test
Golden Retriever Rescue Grooming Day
Spring Match
Heart and Eye Clinic
Annual Specialty
Tracking Test
Fall Hunt Test
Agility Trial
CCA
WC/WCX
Participation on club sponsored teams (DACOF/DOCOF)

Submitted by: Deb Farris, Puppy Referral Coordinator

The Whelping Box

Available Litters

Please check back for available litters



Can you take 15 minutes to watch a great video about what the Morris Animal Foundation Golden Retriever Lifetime Study is all about? If so, click on me and I'll take you there!

POOL PAR-TAY!!!

Coralee Leon tells us that surf's up! Goldens Renegade, Bertie, Ember, and Tripp enjoyed an after-class pool party with their BC pals Ali, JJ, and Ty.

Milestones & Accomplishments

A brag for us: This comment was posted on MFGRC's Facebook page and is about our Obedience Trial recently chaired by Joanne Hell: "The MFGRC show at Lakeland was great. They are all so nice to work with and judges were great too."

Here's some good news about 'Ella', "Snobird's Rhythm and Blues went to the Mid Florida Golden Retriever FUN Match in Lakeland for fun and training. What a surprise to come home with 2 beautiful Trophies for Best In Match and Best Puppy in Match at the young age of 4 1/2 months. Thank you Morgan Brooks!!! Ella is out of CH. Castlerock Let It Be (Brit) X CH. Ridgeview 'N Snobird Dreams Take Flight (Summer). Ella was bred by myself and is owned by Deborah Caudill and Carol Atkinson."

Ella

Sheilah Platzer reports that her boy Solen got a new title at the MFGRC Obedience Trial on Saturday, August 9, 2014, and 1st place. She is very proud of him. He is "U-CH U-CDX U-RO2 TOASTY'S HAR KOMMER SOLEN CDX BN GN GO VER RAE".

Joyce and Alex

Congratulations Club Member Joyce Swegle and Alex for earning a 3rd place finish in Utility B at the MFGRC Obedience Trial!

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Next General Meeting

WC/WCX

September 27, 2014

(Meeting during the lunch break)