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MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB



From the President's Desk

Perhaps only once or twice in our lifetime, a unique opportunity comes our way that makes a special imprint on our lives ... albeit it is an incredible challenge and a LOT of hard work! And so I share this wonderful news with you – that we have been selected to host the **2020 Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty** which includes 13 (yes – thirteen) days of competition, social events, clinics, seminars, shopping and more!



I am confident that I can count on each and every one of our members to step up and help us in this grand venture in any way you possibly can – no matter how big or small. It will be much appreciated and oh so rewarding!

Ann Rowe



The **Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club** has been named to host the 2020 Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty, which will include 13 days of competition, social events, clinics, seminars, shopping and more.

The National will span **October 16-28**, 2020, with the majority held between Monday, Oct. 19, and Saturday, Oct. 24 at the beautiful new World Equestrian Center in Ocala, Fla. Best of Breed will be on Saturday and close activities in Ocala.

A three-day Hunt Test will kick off the National beginning Friday, Oct. 16, and a three-day Field Trial will conclude on Wednesday, Oct. 28. The Hunt Test and Field Trial will be held at Lazy J Ranch in Williston, Fla., which is only 25 miles from the World Equestrian Center.

Conformation will include Sweepstakes, Junior Showmanship and a CCA and other events will include Agility, Obedience, Rally, Tracking and WC/WCX.

MFGRC members Pat Kopco and Tom Misilo are co-chairs of the National.

The MFGRC will need ALL of its members to step up and help with conducting the 2020 GRCA National. Many have already volunteered for the various committees and jobs that are either already underway or will be needed. Members should watch their email for additional information on volunteering.

Mark your calendars

MFGRC Agility Fun Day and General Meeting

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club will hold an Agility Fun Day and **general meeting** on Saturday, **October 13**, at the [Best Paw Forward](#) training center in Osteen, Fla.

The event will give members and their Golden Retrievers the opportunity to try the sport of Agility in a fun, no-pressure atmosphere. P.J. Lacette, one of the founders of the MFGRC and a lifetime member, will host the event and provide training. Agility training will be from 9-11 a.m. followed by lunch and a club meeting. (Members should bring their own lunch).

So that organizers can properly prepare for the day, please RSVP to MFGRC club secretary Andy Hall at andyhall58@hotmail.com with how many people and how many dogs.

Osteen is located in southwest Volusia County between Sanford and Port Orange. It's an easy drive for members in the Orlando area as well as those in the Space Coast and Mt. Dora/Sorrento areas.

P.J. strongly recommends that club members print out the directions to her facility and follow the directions very closely rather than relying on their GPS devices. Here is a link to the directions:

<https://bestpaw.com/driving-directions>

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club has three important events coming up in October, November and December and club members are needed to step up to help with the conducting of the events. If you can work one day, two days, or half of a day, your help will be greatly appreciated.

Here are the upcoming events:

Agility Trial – Grand Oaks Resort, Lady Lake, FL

Setup day - Thursday, **October 18** – 1 p.m.

Trial - Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 19-21 (all day)

Club members are needed to help with setup on Thursday afternoon. Includes setting up rings, positioning agility equipment, etc. This will take less than three hours if there is a good turnout. On the three days of the trial, club members are needed to work as timers, scribes and gatekeepers. Training will be provided.

Interested volunteers please contact andyhall58@hotmail.com

WC/WCI/WCX – Golden Oaks Ranch, Montverde, FL

Saturday and Sunday, **November 3-4** (all day)

MFGRC is co-hosting this event on Nov. 3 with the Southern Skies Flat-Coated Retriever Club and on Nov. 4 with the Florida Gulf Coast Golden Retriever Club. Volunteers are needed to help in several areas related to staging the competition.

Interested volunteers please contact: tedmisilo@gmail.com

MFGRC

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club, Inc. (MFGRC) was founded in 1984 by a group of Golden Retriever enthusiasts who came together in order to pursue ways of promoting and enjoying their Golden Retrievers. We are currently a member club of both the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) and the American Kennel Club (AKC). MFGRC is licensed by the AKC to hold conformation shows, obedience and rally trials, agility trials, and retriever hunting tests. We also hold Working Certificate / Working Certificate Excellent tests in accordance with the rules of the GRCA, and also offer a breed/obedience match every year. In addition, MFGRC offers an ongoing slate of seminars, clinics and "fun days" to encompass all aspects of the Golden Retriever. We promote the versatile competition golden, the gentleman's hunting retriever, and the consummate family pet.

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Mark your calendars . . .

November General Meeting – November 10 at the Ocala show. Meeting will start after the Golden classes. This will be a pot luck lunch – everyone bring something to share.

Hunt Test – Golden Oaks Ranch, Montverde, FL

Setup day – Thursday, Dec. 6, after noon

Hunt Test – Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7-9 (all day)

Setup day includes unloading and positioning the club's hunt test equipment. On test days, the club needs marshals, assistant marshals, equipment helpers and someone who can pick up and deliver lunches. And anyone who has a 4-wheeler would be welcomed to help as well.

Interested volunteers please contact: kjsipus@aol.com

Year End Dog Awards – Submission deadline is November 29. Contact Betty Lambert or Andy Hall for details.

Specialty Show – December 14 – Orlando

Christmas Party - December 15 at Ann Rowe's home. This is also the club's Annual Meeting. New officers will be voted on at this time.

On the Cover:

Mister Farley

Anna Wight Photography

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At the age of 4, Mister Farley was adopted from **Golden Bond Rescue**, a rescue group in Oregon dedicated to Golden Retrievers. It was love at first sight! Anyone will tell you, Mister Farley was everyone's best friend. Even if he'd never met you, he missed you all his life. Mister Farley had a true best friend in Anna's chocolate lab of the same age, Miss Daisy. After Mister Farley was adopted, there wasn't a day they were apart. Mister Farley was a true blessing with a heart of gold. His photo was even used on greeting cards sold nationally, with proceeds supporting a non-profit agency to raise funds and train Golden Retrievers for people with special needs. April 2000 – May 2012.

How a golden retriever saved the life of an abandoned baby koala

September 27, 2018

A golden retriever has been hailed a hero after saving an abandoned baby koala's life by letting it snuggle in her fur. Proud dog owner Kerry McKinnon, 45, got the shock of her life after discovering the tiny koala joey snuggled up with her five-year-old Golden Retriever Asha on Monday. The mum-of-three, from Strathdownie in Victoria, said the koala likely became separated from its mother during the night and wandered onto her back porch, finding comfort in Asha's warm fur. Temperatures in the area dropped to 5 degrees. Ms. McKinnon said the helpless koala joey "never would have made it through the night" if it hadn't been cuddled up to Asha.

"It was quite early in the morning, and my husband yelled out to me to come have a look at something," she said. "I didn't know what he was talking about at first but then I saw this tiny koala snuggled on top of Asha. Ms. McKinnon said she burst out laughing and her "poor" dog "didn't know what to think" and appeared confused.

"She looked a bit guilty when I came out to see what was going on. Her expression was hilarious," she said. "She kept looking back at the koala but she wasn't trying to get him off her or anything. She was happy to let him snuggle into her."

Ms. McKinnon believes the koala fell out of its mother's pouch and may have wandered over to the family's back porch to where the dogs sleep. "Asha definitely saved the koala's life by keeping him warm," she said. "He would have died out there if left alone all night. The poor thing could have been taken by a fox or something too."

The 45-year-old said it wasn't easy trying to separate the two – with the koala putting up a "huge fuss" when she tried to remove it from Asha's back. She added the little joey is doing well after being checked out by a vet – and is now being looked after by a local koala caretaker until it can be released back into the wild.

Source: Caters



**IN CASE OF
EMERGENCY**

Who would take care of your dog(s) if you were hurt and unable to do so? To make sure vital information regarding your dog is easily accessible to others, take a few moments to fill out this emergency information sheet for each of your dogs.

List two or three people as contacts in case of emergency. Include the contact's name, address, and telephone number. Make sure at least one of the contacts has a set of your house keys.

You may also want your attorney to draft a written statement, which gives immediate custody of your dog(s) to a designated individual with that individual's consent. Notify that individual of his or her responsibility, and put his or her name, address, and phone number on your emergency information sheet.

Attach a recent photo of your dog to the information sheet to help others locate your dog if it should wander off.

Put the information sheet on your refrigerator or other prominent spot in our house. You may also want to keep similar information in your wallet. If you are unable to care for your dog due to an accident or emergency, someone will be able to follow the instructions on the sheet to provide necessary care.

Emergency Pet Information

Pet's Name _____

Sex _____

Date of Birth _____

Veterinarian _____

Vet Address _____

Vet Phone _____

Diet _____

PHOTO

Medication and Instructions _____

Location of food, dishes, biscuits, medications _____

The following people will care for my dog(s) in case of an emergency:

Name and contact info: _____

Name and contact info: _____



The Obedience Corner

Little Changes Make Big Differences . . .

Or – YOU – Indicating that You are the Pack Leader

By Jean Bates

The following alterations to your daily routine are usually employed when raising a puppy. However, it's never too late to try and remold your dominant dog's behavior. You buy his dog food, pay his vet's bill, take him to interesting places and see to his general well-being, so YOU are leader of the pack.

Never forget that dogs are pack animals and in the absence of four legged pack mates, we humans become the substitute pack. It is the most natural thing in the world for the adolescent puppy to try to infiltrate himself as leader. In actual fact he would probably be miserable as leader but instinct tells him to try and take over.

With this thought in mind remember.....alpha goes first. This is implemented at door ways. You will probably have to do it many times before he does it. Let him wear a short leash or some kind of a tab attached to his collar. Sit him couple of feet back from the door. Holding leash in one hand, open door a little way with the other, the minute dog starts towards door slam it shut and tell him "no, sit" in no uncertain terms. Once you have him sitting do it again until you can go through the door without him getting up. Once you are through face him a second or two before inviting him through.

The only time your dog may precede you when entering the house is if you are returning home and suspect there might be a burglar in the house. THEN you let dog in first and watch his behavior.

When going for a walk, if he selects tree to left to lift his leg.....you take him to tree on the right. When crossing roads always make him sit first while YOU look both ways.

When feeding feed in crate. Leave food down 20 to 30 mins. Then pick up.

You win all games. If he likes to retrieve and is tired after 20 throws you stop at 18 and you keep the toy/ball, bumper.

No tug of war until you have him releasing on command.

If you are crossing a room and dog is in the waymake him get up and move.

Do not allow him to get into, or out of, vehicle until you say so.

No treats unless dog earns them by sitting, coming when called, downing, or something. No free hand outs.

Preferably not allowed on furniture but if it is permissible, then only occasionally and at your invitation.

No free feeding. If food not eaten in 20 or 30 mins. then pick it up and store it until next meal time.
The daily walk.....'dog either walks beside you or slightly behind NEVER IN FRONT.

Always be sure your dog has plenty of exercise. Whenever possible take him places. Keep him exercised and mentally stimulated.

If you have a doggie door and free feed you really are not needed for the dog's survival.

When praising your dog for anything use verbal praise. Throw a toy for him. Many dogs don't enjoy hands on praise and having your hands all over them puts you in a submissive light. Think about the dog that goes up to the alpha dog, lowers it's body, and bats at it with a paw wanting to play. Dogs don't sit around in the wild petting each other. Humans pet dogs for their own gratification. An active dog would rather you throw his ball or frisbee 50 times than subject him to being petted.

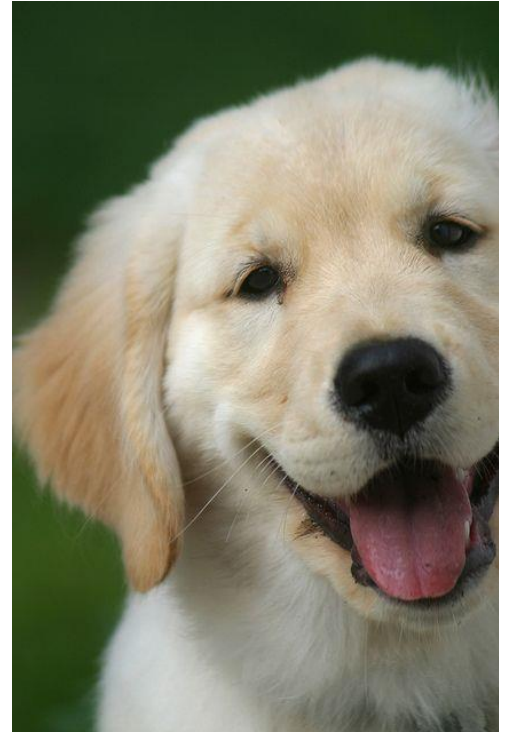
Hugging a dog is a big no no in many cases. You make the dog feel trapped and his instincts scream escape! Many little dogs hate being picked up...humans swoop down and grab them in their talons like a giant condor!

Start thinking about life from Fido's point of view. Be a pack leader. Do not anthropomorphize your dog. Think about what your dog was bred for and try to use those instincts to your advantage as pack leader.

Enjoy life with your dog. Hopefully he will be around for many years.

Puppy Referral

From Michele Thom



How much is that Doggie in the Window?

The surprising economics of purchasing a purebred puppy . . .

By Allen St. John – 2/17/2012 Forbes

Attention breeders: Please let Michele Thom know about your upcoming litters or breeding plans. We are constantly getting inquiries for golden retriever puppies. The following is an article she shares with people for puppy referral – interesting reading.

By Allen St. John – 2/17/2012 Forbes

The song got it right. As much as dog lovers melt over a cute, cuddly puppy, when it comes time to actually buy a dog, price sensitivity enters into it. In a recent, very popular post about the Westminster Dog show, I talked about getting my now-three-year-old golden retriever Tessie. As we shopped for a breeder, I discovered that Golden puppies ranged in price from around \$500 for a dog from a backyard breeder or a pet store to upwards of \$3,000 for a show quality pup from a top breeder.

I'll admit now that price was a very important parameter back then. I will also admit now, that while we made an amazingly great choice, I was also really stupid.

Here's the truth in one sentence: The initial purchase price of a dog is a drop in the bucket compared to the other expenses of dog ownership. Let's do the math. A \$900 dog from a puppy mill costs 21 cents a day over the puppy's 12-year life span. A \$2,000 dog from a quality breeder costs 45 cents a day. The difference is less than a quarter a day. And what does that 24 cents buy for your dog? A small handful of supermarket kibble.

But what are you getting for your money with the more expensive dog? No doubt about it, golden retriever puppies are among the cutest creatures on earth. When I walked Tessie when she was little, and groups of squealing 16-year-old girls flocked over to pet her, I understood how Brad Pitt must feel. And the cheaper puppy is going to be just as adorable as the more expensive one.

A quality breeder does two important things. He (or she) has the potential parents checked for heart problems, eye problems, and hip problems, and if the dogs don't get these clearances, they're not bred. They also breed for temperament, and can tell you if a dog from any given litter is likely to be a drivey hunting dog or laid-back, lick-your-face couch queen. Most importantly, parents with behavioral problems--from biting to skittishness--don't make it to the breeding pool.

And if a \$900 puppy mill dog ends up with hip dysplasia or a heart condition or a thyroid condition, you could easily swallow that \$1,100 difference in a single vet visit, and still have a dog with a shortened life, or a compromised quality of life. And while quality breeders will offer a refund if your puppy has a serious health problem, the far better alternative is not having to use that guarantee. Good breeders aren't cheap or easy to find, but they tend to be cheaper than the best dog hip surgeon, or the best canine behaviorist.

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How much is that Doggie in the window? Continued ...

This isn't theoretical. A member of a golden retriever forum in which I'm a member told this sad tale. She got her puppy from a backyard breeder, a casual breeder who doesn't do the cruel, large-scale, for-profit breeding of a puppy mill that feeds to pet stores, but also doesn't do medical or behavioral clearances on the parents. The owner of the new puppy felt proud at having haggled down the price on her dog from \$550 to \$300. That lovely cute puppy ended up needing double hip surgery at eight months. Needless to say, her vet bill ate up her savings tenfold or more. And even after thousands of dollars of veterinary care, the poor puppy still will never romp that Tessie does.

No, buying from a quality breeder doesn't guarantee your dog will be healthy and well-adjusted, but having four or five generations of checkable health and behavioral clearances has to increase your chances of having a healthy, happy dog. And for a quarter a day, it seems like very cheap insurance.

Having given you the actuarial analysis, let me provide a real-world example of the cost of raising a dog, and how quickly it can outstrip the initial purchase price of the puppy.

We spent \$1,200 for Tessie from a high-quality breeder, a price which is a little on the low side for the New York Metro area.



She's a beautiful, sweet-tempered dog, and at three years of age, she's been completely healthy, with nothing more than routine vet visits (with one exception noted below.)

In the first four months we had Tessie, this is what we spent.

Gating an already fenced-in backyard: \$1,350
Crates and interior gates: \$180
Routine vet visits and vaccines: \$270
Emergency vet visits (she ate a sock): \$1,100
Dog Food (Purina Pro Plan): \$160
Toys, chewies, Bowls, Kongs: \$160
Puppy Kindergarten: \$140
Mileage to buy all this: \$300
Total TOT -1.27%: \$3,660

We spent more than triple the purchase price in only the first four months of having our pup, and we were really did pinch our pennies, buying only what was really necessary.

Tessie's "ate a sock" adventure was the only thing that wasn't "normal" but she didn't have to have surgery, and it's not a particularly unusual expenditure either. And unlike most pups, Tessie didn't chew anything of value—like a Coach COH +0% briefcase, a Manolo Blahnik sling back, or the AC adaptor to a Macbook Pro—which could be added into the equation.

Even if you remove the emergency vet bill, you're at \$2,560, double the purchase price.

It's easy to forget how expensive it can be to own a dog. Even for a healthy, low maintenance young dog like Tessie, we still spend well over \$1,000 a year on food, vet bills, and other sundries, and we bathe and groom her ourselves. In the context of this substantial, ongoing "cost of ownership," the initial purchase price is insignificant. Skimping on the purchase price when there are health and temperament issues at stake strikes me as penny wise and pound foolish.

Or to put it another way. If you're making your decision based on a few hundred dollars of initial purchase price of a puppy, the cold, hard truth is that you probably can't afford the dog at all. ■



2018 Officers and Board Members

Currently The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club is being led in 2018 by an experienced and dedicated group of officers and board members. Here are some brief bios on each one to help club members get to know them better:

OFFICERS

Ann Rowe – President

A member of the MFGRC since the club started in 1984, Ann has previously served two other terms as the club's president as well as holding the position of vice president multiple times and serving as a board member. In addition to her duties as president, Ann also hosts the club's annual "Fun Match" at her home. The owner of Magik Goldens in Sorrento, Fla., she has been breeding and exhibiting Goldens for more than 30 years in both Central Florida and around the country. She has owned or bred many champions in various types of competitions. Her two proudest moments: when her dog Stetson got High in Trial in Obedience at a Specialty in what was their first time competing in the Open class. Also, in November of 2016 at a show in Ocala, Fla., on the same day, three dogs that she bred were Winners Dog, Winners Bitch and Best of Breed.

Michele Throm – Vice President

Michele has been a member of MFGRC since 2012. She served as Club Secretary in 2015 and 2016 and as a board member in 2017. In addition to her duties as vice president, she also is the club's membership chair and administers the club's puppy referral service. She has volunteered at all of the club events at various times over the years and lives in Casselberry, Fla., with her Golden girls Bella and Arya. They have earned titles in Agility, Rally, Obedience, and Dock Diving, as well as earning a WC and CCA. They have also competed in hunt tests and conformation. Michele works as a Sales Manager for a major sports equipment distributor responsible for education sales in the Southeast.

Dee Thibodeaux – Treasurer

An active member of the MFGRC since 1990, Dee has been president twice and also has held the officer positions of vice president and her current position of treasurer, as well as serving as a board member. This year she is again chairing the club's two agility trials and in past years has worked at nearly every type of event the club has staged, including judging hunt tests and WC tests. She has competed in breed, obedience, agility, field and dock diving, currently focusing on agility. Her husband John, who competes as well, also was the recipient of the club's "Above and Beyond" award for his work in support of club activities in 2016. Dee, who lives in Sorrento, Fla., is most proud of her bred-by champions and the Machs she has won. She is retired from a career as a life underwriter.

Andy Hall – Secretary

In his second year as Secretary after having been a member of the board for the first time in 2016, Andy also is chairing the club's obedience trial in August. He's worked as a volunteer at many of the club's other events the past four years and received the Lloyd Kiernan Award for 2016 for service to the club. He and his wife Barbara live in Port Orange, Fla., and became family members of the club in 2014. Barbara has earned Obedience and Rally titles with Mo, their four-year old Golden boy, and Andy has shown their 10-year-old Golden girl Marley in conformation for Veterans. They also have competed in conformation with Mo. Andy has worked in sports and television PR/communications for more than 35 years and is a communications director for ESPN, responsible for Sports Center, motorsports and golf.

BOARD MEMBERS

Robin (Lemieux) Burket –

A new member of the board in 2018, Robin has been breeding Goldens on a limited basis since 2005. An animal lover her entire life, she started at three years old begging her father for horse riding lessons and a dog, checking out every library book she could find and reading about all the dog breeds, their care, training and health. She decided that Goldens are the perfect breed for her and when she started high school, she got her first one. From that point on, she was hooked. She grooms and shows her own dogs, and is always looking to learn and improve. She studied abroad in Europe in 2004 and met several breeders, developing friendships and being mentored by breeders who have been working with Goldens for longer than she's been alive. Her puppies have gone on to be master hunters, therapy dogs, service dogs, obedience dogs as well as family pets. Robin works as a nurse and her husband is a wildlife photographer. They live in Orlando.

Patricia (Pat) Kopco –

A member of the MFGRC since 1994, Pat has served the club as president and as a board member. She also has been active with the Golden Retriever Club of America, serving a four-year stint as Eastern Director for the GRCA Board of Directors. She and husband Mike Orloff have titled dogs in obedience, agility, conformation and field, and she has been an AKC field judge for six years. Pat's proudest titles were for her dog Jagger's Dual Dog Hall of Fame title (CH/MH) in 2011/12 and Ozzy's Reserve Jam in the Qual at the National Specialty field trial in Wichita Falls, Tex., in 2013. She currently has four dogs that all do or will compete in field, obedience and conformation. Pat is a divorce lawyer and former prosecutor and before she went to law school, she worked for NBC News for 15 years based in Miami covering Latin and South America. She lives in Dover, FL.

Betty Lambert –

A member of MFGRC since 2004, Betty has served on the board seven years and was the Club Secretary for three years. She has been the proud owner/co-owner of five dogs from Magik Goldens over the years and has done Rally, Obedience, Tracking, and Conformation with her Goldens. Her most proud moments in the ring came when her boy Kasey, most often along with his brothers Jack and Chippie, helped their awesome dad, Stetson, win the Stud Dog class over the years at specialties and once at the International show in 2007. "I was not an official co-owner of Stetson but I loved him dearly and those were very happy, proud moments when he won that class with Kasey in the ring with him," she said. Betty has worked for the Osceola County Sheriff's Office for 20 years and is a Human Resources Specialist but works primarily in recruiting and background investigations, processing applicants hoping to be hired as sworn law enforcement officers.

Pam Ginn -

Dr. Pam Ginn, who has been associated with the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Florida for more than 25 years, joined the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club in 2017 and became a member of the board in 2018. She competes in Conformation and her Golden boy Rhett (CH Lakewood's Rhett Butler @ Kestrel Farm South CCA) became a new champion in the summer of 2018. She also has helped with the running of several of the club's events including agility trials and hunt tests. Dr. Ginn is Associate Professor of Anatomic Pathology in the Department of Comparative, Diagnostic and Population Medicine and has received numerous honors and awards including: Excellence in Teaching Award presented by the American College of Veterinary Dermatologists for excellence in contribution to the education of future veterinary dermatologists and colleagues; the 2011 Junior Class Teacher of the Year from the UF College of Veterinary Medicine; the 2003 and 2006 Norden Distinguished Teacher of the Year from the UF College of Veterinary Medicine; and the 1983 Phi Zeta Honor Society. She received her undergraduate and DVM degrees from Colorado State University and has her Residency in Anatomic Pathology at the University of Florida.

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Note: Officers for 2019 will be voted on at the Annual Meeting scheduled for December 15.



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

Find us online at: WWW.MFGRC.ORG

Current Officers and Board Members continued ...

Ted Misilo

A familiar face at most MFGRC events, Ted is in his second term as a member of the board after having served as the club's president in 2016. He first joined the club in 2013 and has worked at the club's hunt tests as well as the annual Specialty, the agility and obedience trials and more. His volunteer efforts at club events helped Ted earn the 2014 Nancy McCune Member of the Year award and the 2017 Lloyd Kiernan Award for service to the club. Ted's sons Tom and T.J., who maintain the club's website (mfgrc.org), were named "Members of the Year" for 2016 for their contributions to the club that also included working at numerous club events. Ted, who titled a Golden in Hunt Test earlier this year, and his family have also competed in conformation with their Goldens and in a WC test. Originally from Massachusetts, where he worked as an electrician, Ted is retired and lives in Palm Bay, Fla.

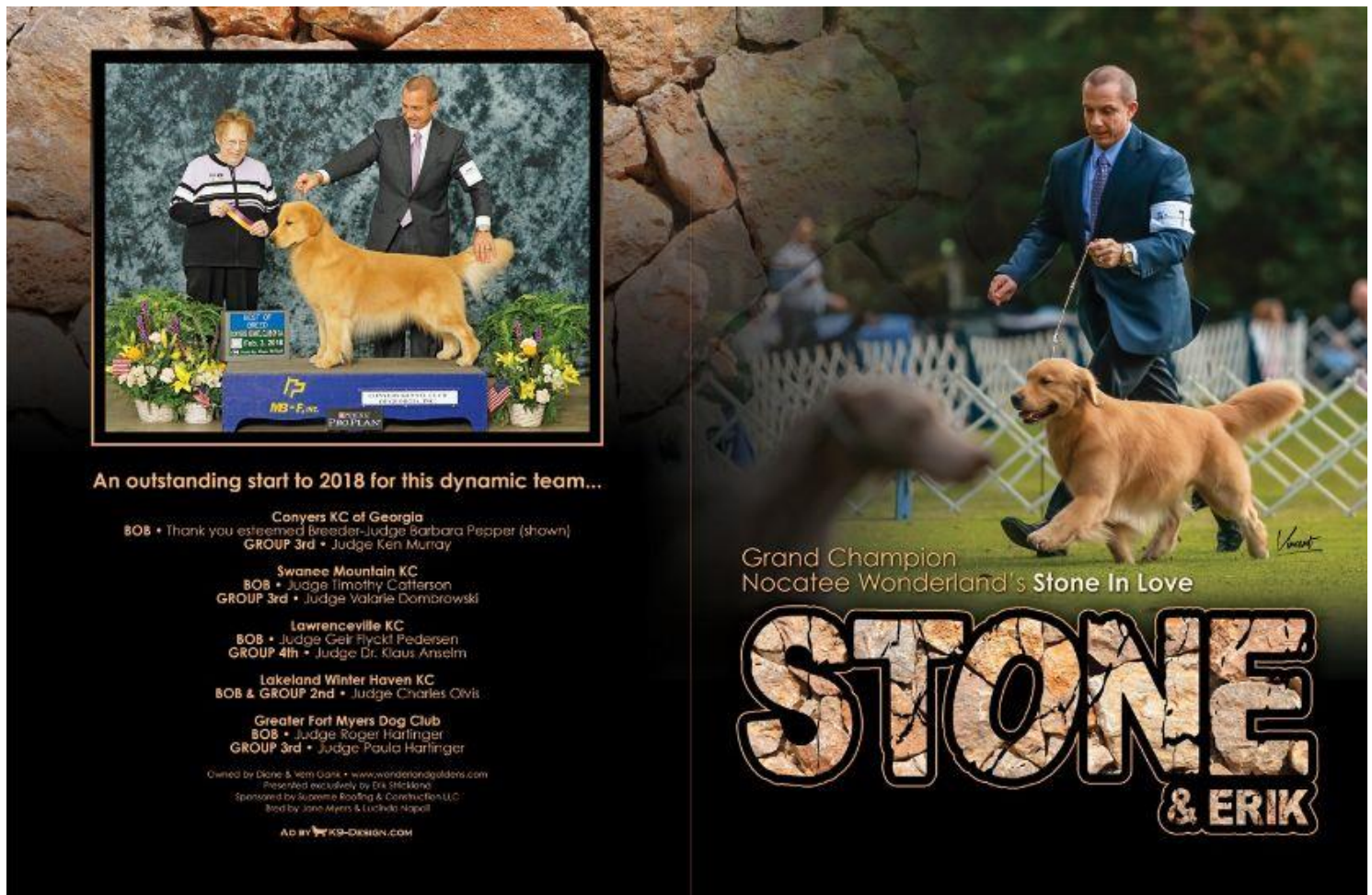
Kristin Sipus

Around Goldens since her parents bought their first one when she was one year old, Kristin Sipus' lifetime association with the breed continues as a member of the board of the MFGRC. She first joined the club in 2006 and has been a board member since 2014. She has been active in helping stage many of the club's events, including serving as head marshal/volunteer coordinator for hunt tests and WC/WCX secretary and has volunteered at most other events. She currently competes in conformation, obedience, hunt test and field trials, and in the past she also has competed in tracking and agility. She has trained and handled two dogs (mother and daughter) that are members of the Dual Dog Hall of Fame (breed championship and Master Hunter) and she is working on her third. Her first to finish her breed championship did so by winning back to back five-point specialty majors (owner handled) at the MFGRC specialty and the eastern regional in 2012 and earned her MH shortly after. Her daughter finished her MH in the spring of 2014 and her CH that same fall. Kristin has a degree in Equine Science and Stable management. She and her husband, who is a retired jockey, own and operate a thoroughbred training center near Ocala, Fla., where they buy, sell and train young race horses.



Accolades . . .

*From Diane and Vern Gank ... so proud of their boy **Stone** and his handler Erik Strickland.*



An outstanding start to 2018 for this dynamic team...

Conyers KC of Georgia
BOB • Thank you esteemed Breeder-Judge Barbara Pepper (shown)
GROUP 3rd • Judge Ken Murray

Swanee Mountain KC
BOB • Judge Timothy Catterson
GROUP 3rd • Judge Valerie Domarowski

Lawrenceville KC
BOB • Judge Gail Ryckl Pedersen
GROUP 4th • Judge Dr. Klaus Anselm

Lakeland Winter Haven KC
BOB & GROUP 2nd • Judge Charles Olvis

Greater Fort Myers Dog Club
BOB • Judge Roger Harlinger
GROUP 3rd • Judge Paula Harlinger

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STONE & ERIK

From Nancy Sigmon
Tarpon Springs FL

My 9 month old **Jackson**,
“Mariah n Questan’s Jacks or Better”,
took a 2nd place finish in Sweepstakes,
3 rd and a 4th place finisher in his breed class
in the Brooksville, FL show January 20th.

This was his very first show
and was expertly handled by
Terry Schulte and Julie Wangelin.



More Accolades . . .

New Titles - Chris Daher and Richwood Run Like the Wind (Kelso) have earned their CD. All legs with placements. Also earned their Rally Excellent Title and qualified for Rally National.

From Leslie Anderson . . . My dog, Puk, (Ch Richwood Sophie's Magic Moment, UDX2, MH, WCX, VCX, DDHF) qualified for the Master Amateur Retriever Club National Invitational held in May in Sedalia, Mo.

GENTLE REMINDER OF MFGRC YEAR-END AWARDS — All club members were emailed an entry form for the club's year-end dog awards. The entry deadline is November 30. Anyone who did not receive an entry form and needs one can contact Andy Hall at andyhall58@hotmail.com.

2018 New Title Rosettes for MFGRC Members

All members of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club who earn new titles for their Golden Retrievers during calendar year 2018 are eligible to receive a new title rosette from the club. The rosettes will be similar to this one from 2017 (club member Lisa Boudreau pictured with her girl, Dion, celebrating their new title with a beautiful rosette):



If your dog has won a new title in 2018, please email the full name of the dog and what the title earned was to MFGRC board member Robin Lemieux. Robin will order the rosettes later this year and make them available for pickup early next year. If you will not be able to attend an event to pick up your rosette, you will need to send a check for \$10 for postage and handling, made out to MFGRC, so that it can be mailed to you. Robin's email address is robin.c.lemieux@gmail.com. The deadline for submissions is December 31, 2018.



New Title Rosettes for 2018 Wins — Robin Burket has sent out information regarding club's policy of providing a rosette to members who earn titles during the year. Start gathering your new title information for her! Below are new title winners from 2017.

SUREFIRE MYARMANI AT JBOO **JH SH WC WCX RN CD** - Marilyn Booher
U-CH TOASTY'S APPLE OF MY EYE ED RN **THDA CGC CCA** - Linda Rappaport
TOPGRASS TRAVELIN' MAN JH **SH CD** - Judy Jennings
HONEYBEE'S HIJINKS **TD** - Vicki Drerup
LIBERTY'S CASSIE MAYD 4 DEVNVIC **BN RN OA AXJ** - Vicki Drerup

ROCKSTARS MICK'S LITTLE GIRL **CGC RN CD GN CDX SH** - Michelle Panetta
NORDIC LIBERTIES UNCLE SAM AT MYDEN CCA THD CD **CDX RN RA RE CGC**
- Dennis Kalodish

GCH MAGIK'S SCRAPPY NEWS - Robin Hughes
MAGIK'S EMERALD BELLE OF THE BALL BN **JH NJP OJP DJ CGC**
- Michelle Throm
MAGIK KING OF THE STORM **CGC** - Christian Moye

GCH MAGIK'S PEACHES AND LIGHT CREAM - Ann Rowe
MAGIK'S TOP OF THE LINE **BN RN CCA** - Ann Rowe
MAGIK'S SWEET DREAMS **CA** - Ann Rowe
MAGIK'S ONE OF A KIND **CA** - Ann Rowe
JAZZIE'S MAGIK'S HOOK 'EM HORNS **CA** - Ann Rowe and Rosa Blair

MACH MORNINGSTAR BURLINGTON BERTIE CDX RN MBX MJS MXF T2B CA
DJ CGCA **TKA** - Coralee Leon
AUTUMN GROVE ROCKSTAR ANY WAY YOU WANT IT **JH** - Mike & Pat Orlof
SHR BLAZINGLAKE ROCKSTAR DISORDER IN THE HOUSE **SH WC**
- Mike & Pat Orlof
MACH2 DEAUQUEST IT'S A HOT UD RN MXB2 MJC MXP OF CA DJ CCA
MBA2 MEP2 MXP3 MBJP CA MBP - Dee Thibodeaux

DEAUQUEST KISS ON THE LIPS CDX AX OAJ CA DS **EXJ DM**
- Dee Thibodeaux
DEAUQUEST LOVE IS BLU DS BN **RN CD CGC** - Anthony Brown
MACH 3 JAVIC ROCKET TRIPP TO ORBIT MJS2 MXC **MJP2 MXPB MXP3**
- Charlotte Leinbach
TAWNEY TYKE BLUE TRACK LIGHT UP THE SKY **CGC** - Jan Casey
CH LORALEI GOLDRUX GET A CLUE - Maura Roxby

MAGIK'S SPIRIT OF THE STORM **CGC** - Sandy & Sam Stokes
LIEBCHENS SUMMER'S SONG OF GRACE - UD RE **AX MXJ MJB THD**
- Maria & Ralph Orlando