

Golden Tales

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MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB



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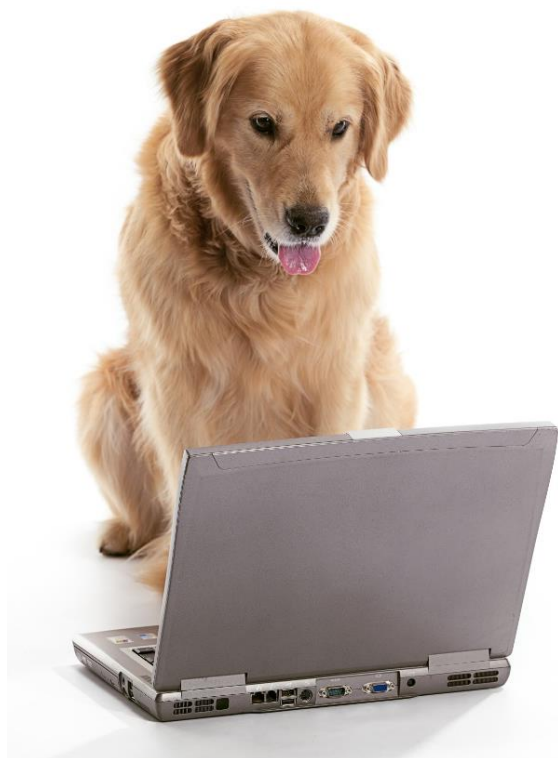
COVER STORY -

This is Autumn (Mystikal Autumn Joy CDX BN RE FDC THDN CGCA CGCU TKI ATT TKA). Autumn, my 6 year old Golden and I had a busy year in 2020, completing ATT (temperament testing), Rally Excellent, Open Obedience (CDX), Trick Dog Intermediate, Urban Canine Good Citizen, and Trick Dog Advanced titles.

I have limited experience with performance sports with my 40+ years of owning goldens. I put a CGC and beginner novice obedience title on one dog in the past. We are still training, reaching for new goals...we finished three legs toward Rally Master and are training for Utility A.

Barbara Page





President's Message

Happy Summer!

With restrictions lifting and masks not required everywhere, summer is looking pretty good!

Our first – in person – meeting at our Dock Diving Event was well attended. I think everyone, especially the dogs, had a great time.

Our club was well represented this year at Westminster. Huge congratulations to all who participated! Well done indeed!

The 2021 National is now less than four months away. (Can you believe it!) Those of you who have never attended a National, get ready to be impressed. Where else can you go and see hundreds of the BEST DOGS EVER competing in numerous events.

What better way to really enjoy the National than to get involved – *volunteer!* You can help with anything from moving agility equipment, to selling merchandise, to manning the coffee machine in the mornings. Our goal is to have the biggest and the best National ever – and it WILL be!!!!

Ann

Welcome New Club Members!

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club welcomed several new members during the general meetings held in March and May. After their membership applications were approved by the MFGRC board, the members were eligible to be voted in after attending a general meeting.

Voted in as new members in March at the general meeting that was held virtually on Zoom were:
Kelly and Richard Knowlen, Winter Garden, Fla. (sponsor was Ann Rowe)
Julie Manson, Bradenton, Fla. (sponsor was Laura Topping)
Jan and Brad Paddock, Eustis, Fla. (returning members) (sponsor was Ann Rowe)



Kelly and Richard Knowlen



Julie Manson



Jan and Brad Paddock

Voted in as new members in May at the in-person general meeting held at Dock Diving Fun Day in DeLand were:
Jordyn Vanscoy and Melissa Owen, Osteen, Fla. (family membership) (sponsor was Dalia Ruffato)
Ann-Marie Poertner, High Springs, Fla. (sponsor was Michele Panetta)
Mustapha and Carlotta El Khorchi, Ormond Beach, Fla. (sponsors were Pat Kopco and Robin Bowen)
Amy and Rick Krumenauer, Englewood, Fla. (sponsor was Maura Roxby)
Deborah Brinkman, Riverview, Fla. (sponsors were Pam Ginn and Dalia Ruffato)
Ellen and Joseph Chiafair, St. Johns, Fla. (sponsor was Debbie Caudill)



Jordyn Vanscoy and Melissa Owen, Ann-Marie Poertner,
and Mustapha and Carlotta El Khorchi



Deborah Brinkman



WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW 2021

THE LYNDHURST ESTATE: A LEGACY IN THE DOG FANCY

The Lyndhurst estate - home to America's
Finest Gothic Revival mansion
was the site of the
145th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show,
presented by Purina Pro Plan, from June 11-13, 2021.

Members of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club
represented the club well.
Their accomplishments follow.

"I'll tell you how the sun rose. A Ribbon at a time."
- Emily Dickinson

WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW 2021

MFGRC Members Represent at Westminster



DOVE

MFGRC members Chatham Napoli and Lucinda Napoli are among the breeders of Dove, the Westminster breed-winning Golden that moved on to compete in the Sporting Group live on national TV. Dove (GCH CH BOCA GOLD'S LIL PEACE OF HEAVEN) is owned by Michele Whitney and Haley Whitcomb and bred by Michele Whitney and Nate Whitney and Chatham and Lucinda.



DITTO and GEODE

MFGRC members Julie Wangelin and Robin Bowen received Awards of Merit in Westminster breed judging. Julie is owner and breeder of Ditto (GCHS CH QUESTAN'S REGENERACESHUN BN RI RATN DM DSX CGC TKI), also bred with Suzann Painter and Nancy Sherick, and Robin was breeder for Geode (GCHS CH PRISM'S ALL ABOUT THAT ROCK, NO PEBBLE), owned by Teri Ford. Ditto, the 2019 MFGRC Show Dog of the Year, was handled by MFGRC member Chatham Napoli.

BOSS and HOLLYWOOD

The MFGRC also was represented in the Westminster breed competition by Boss and Hollywood. Boss (BISS AM GCH Leongolden Let's Celebrate Boss), is owned and bred by MFGRC members Mustapha and Carlotta El Khorch. Hollywood (Am GCHS/Can CH GoldRox Time for a Star SDHF BISS) is owned and bred by MFGRC member Maura Roxby, also owned by Joy Long and David Long.



MFGRC member Laura Wright stepped away from Golden Retrievers for Westminster but it paid off handsomely as she handled her mother-in-law Suzanne Wright's Belgian Laekenois Wicked (CH NAUGHTY & NICE DA CASA MONT'ALVES CM FDC DN CGC TKI) to first place in the breed competition and then competed in the Herding Group live on national TV that night. It was the first time the breed was eligible for Westminster – Laura and Suzanne were interviewed on TV during the breed competition and during the main telecast of the groups.

VOLUNTEERING . . .

Opportunities to Volunteer are Upcoming

Obedience/Rally Trial

A three-day Obedience/Rally Trial will be held Aug. 13-14-15 in Daytona Beach, Fla. Volunteers are needed to work as ring stewards, especially on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 14-15, when there will be two Obedience Trials held each day. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to contact event chair Andy Hall at andyhall58@hotmail.com.

Agility in October

In October, the club is holding back-to-back agility trials at two different locations and many volunteers will be needed to make the events work successfully. The club's usual Fall Agility Trial will be Oct. 21-22-23 at Grand Oaks Resort in Weirsdale, Fla. (near The Villages). Then, the scene will move to the World Equestrian Center in Ocala for two days of agility held in connection with the GRCA National (Sunday and Monday, Oct. 24-25).

Volunteers are going to be needed in many areas. Help will be needed on setup day at Grand Oaks (Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 1 p.m.) and during all three days of competition (timing, gating, scribing).

The largest amount of help will be needed on Saturday afternoon and evening, Oct. 23. When the trial at Grand Oaks ends, all equipment will need to be packed into the club's two agility trailers, and the more hands pitching in, the faster it will go. Then, volunteers who are able can move to Ocala to help unload and set up the rings and equipment Saturday evening so that the trial can start Sunday morning. Those who can only do one location are welcomed to meet at the World Equestrian Center (Arena 3) to help unload and set up.

Again, volunteers will be needed on Sunday and Monday to help with the trial (scoring, gating, scribing) and then breakdown/packing help will be needed when competition concludes late Monday afternoon when the trial concludes

Anyone who can help is asked to contact volunteer coordinator Pat Carlile at pat_golden_boy@yahoo.com.

Mark Your Calendars

Barn Hunt Fun Day – July 10 – Lakeland, FL

MFGRC Obedience/Rally Trial – August 13-14-15 – Daytona Beach, FL

MFGRC Fall Agility Trial – October 21-22-23 – Weirsdale, FL

MFGRC Agility Trial – October 24 – Ocala, FL

GRCA National Specialty Hosted by MFGRC – October 22-30 – Ocala, FL

MFGRC Specialty – December 17 - Orlando, FL

(general meetings to be announced)



Want to volunteer for the 2021 National?

Here's how...

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club is hosting the 2021 Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty in October of 2021 and needs help from all members of the club.

Many members have already signed up for various committees and activities related to the 2021 and have already been involved in meetings and planning. But more volunteer positions remain unfilled, both for advance planning and for jobs the week of the event.

Volunteer coordinators Dot and Allison Hively are maintaining an active list of volunteers and jobs. Anyone wishing to volunteer can contact them via email – even if you don't know what area you'd like to help with, they can tell you what is available and sign you up.

Dot and Allison can be reached via email at 2021goldenvolunteers@gmail.com. The National Specialty will include more than a week of competition, social events, clinics, seminars, shopping and more. The majority of the event will be held at the beautiful new **World Equestrian Center** in Ocala, FL.



2021 Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty

Hosted by Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club

Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday, October 22, 2021

Hunt Test

Saturday, October 23, 2021

Hunt Test

Field Welcome Dinner

Sunday, October 24, 2021

MFGRC Agility Trial*

WC/WCX

Grooming Move-In Day

RV Move-In Day

Monday, October 25, 2021

GRCA Agility Trial

Field Trial

Parade of Titleholders

Welcome Dinner

Vendor Move-On Day

Obedience/Rally Move-In Day

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Sweepstakes

Obedience

Rally

Field Trial

Tracking

Breeder Education seminar

Health Clinic

GRCA Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Conformation

CCA

Obedience

Rally

Field Trial

Field Trial Awards Banquet

GRCA Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Conformation

Gun Dog Sweepstakes

Health Clinic

Top 20 Invitational

Friday, October 29, 2021

Conformation

Junior Showmanship

Judges Education

Saturday, October 30, 2021

Best of Breed

MAF Parade of Heroes

**the host Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club will hold a Goldens-only agility trial on Sunday, Oct. 24, that is not affiliated with the GRCA National Specialty.*

MFGRC Members Test Surface at World Equestrian Center



MFGRC members (L-R) Susan Howard, Sally Sherman and Morgan Brooks conducted tests of the GGT Horse Footing at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala, Fla., on May 24 in advance of the 2021 GRCA National Specialty that the MFGRC is hosting in October. Susan and Sally tested for Obedience and Morgan for Conformation, both of which (along with Rally) will be contested on the hard-packed horse footing. All three of the successful and experienced competitors gave their approval for the surface and are looking forward to the National in October.



Trophy Sponsorships for GRCA National Still Available

Many MFGRC members have stepped up to sponsor trophies for the 2021 GRCA National Specialty that the club is hosting. However, many trophies remain unsponsored, especially in the performance areas (field, obedience, agility, rally).

Some of the trophies are being created by Diane Blasius of Mungo Works, who is shown in the photo. Full details on trophy sponsorships are available on the website for the National at this link:



<https://2021.grcanational.com/sponsorships/trophies/>



Thanks to All for Successful Agility Trial

*Vicki Maloney competing in the trial with her Golden.
Vickie also works as a course builder during the trial weekend.*

Our club presented another very successful agility trial April 23-25 at the Grand Oaks Resort in Weirsdale, Fla., and as trial chair, I would like to thank all of the exhibitors and club members who contributed to the success of the trial.

We had a fantastic turnout of people to help with unloading and setting up our agility equipment on Thursday, the day before the trial started, and with all of the hands we were able to finish in just a few hours.

During the three days of the trial, many exhibitors came forward to work as timers, scribes and gatekeepers, and we also had club members help with those jobs. This was especially important on Friday, the first day of the trial, because we had to operate without the help of the JROTC cadets who help us at these trials. Fortunately we had them back for the weekend.

As always, the people at Grand Oaks resort were fantastic to work with, including getting the ring surfaces in great shape every day and with thousands of little things.

My special thanks go to the club members who contributed their time and energy during the event: Karyn Angel, Lisa Boudreau, Anthony Brown, Heidi Buck, Robin Burket (and her sister Claire), Pat Carlile, Jan and Jim Casey, Nina DePetris, Sally Elliott, Andy Hall, Jackie Hardin, Vickie Maloney, Camille Nasca, Jan and Brad Paddock, Ann Rowe, Pat Rubrecht, Elizabeth Scherer, Janice Smith, Michele Throm, and my husband John Thibodeaux. It couldn't be done without all of you.

Thanks to Ann Rowe for picking up Ross Johnson, one of our judges, at the Orlando airport on Thursday and to Andy Hall for taking him back on Sunday. Due to COVID, there were no rental cars available at the airport, and this saved the club more than \$400, which was the price for the least-expensive car available.

And special thanks to Michele Lemole, Robin Scott, Janet Barber and Joan Taugher who volunteered their time and helped immensely during the trial.

Our two agility trials are very important to the club's bottom line and we all need to contribute to keeping them running successfully and profitably.

This will be my final year as chair of the agility trials – the club is looking for someone to take over the job and anyone interested is asked to come forward. I'll be happy to have a shadow for the trials we have coming up in October – our regular club trial and then the GRCA National trial.

Thank you,

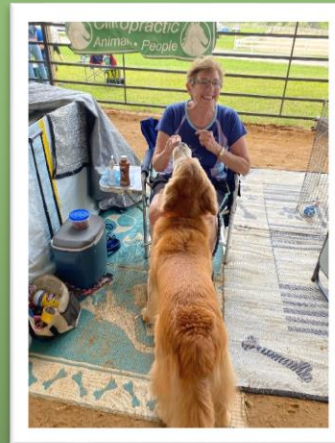
Dee Thibodeaux

MFGRCA Agility Chair

MFGRC Members at the Spring Agility Trial



Janice Smith waits to be called into the ring for an agility run



MFGRC assistant secretary Pat Carlile is a top agility competitor and also works as volunteer coordinator at the club's agility trials.



Jan Paddock runs leashes during competition



Lisa Boudreau (left) helps Karyn Angel with 2021 GRCA National Specialty merchandise



Elizabeth Scherer changes jump heights in the ring



Jan Casey in a quiet moment with her Golden boy BT before their agility run



Pat Rubrecht works the timer during the agility trial

The MFGRC conducted its annual Spring Agility Trial April 23-24-25 at Grand Oaks Resort and many club members attended either as competitors or helping to stage the event.

★ AGILITY ★ AGILITY ★ AGILITY ★

MFGRC Members Earn New Title Rosettes During Pandemic-Challenged Year



Bonnie Scherer and Tahani



Elizabeth Scherer and Orion



Maria and Scott Randell with Jo and Mandi

Despite the pandemic, many MFGRC members earned new titles in 2020 and have received new title rosettes from the club. While many titles were earned in shows and trials, some of the titles were earned virtually as the AKC introduced a new system to encourage people to continue with dog sports while many shows, trials, etc., were paused during the year.

All members are eligible to receive a rosettes from the club for any new titles won by their Golden Retrievers in 2021 (with stipulations including working at an event or the equivalent behind-the-scenes work during the year).

MFGRC members who received new title rosettes included:

Debbie Caudill

Snobird's Wind Beneath My Wings JH CD
JH CD

Virginia McQueeney

Monark's English Salt Water Taffy CGC RATI RATS DJ DS TKN RN
RATI RATS DJ DS TKN RN

Barb Page

Mystikal Autumn Joy CD BN RA FDC THDN CGCA CGCU TKI ATT CDX RE
CDX RE TKA ATT TKI CGCU

Barbara White

GJJCH Omni's at McGuire's Landing DSX DJX CGC TKN
DSX DJX

Robin Burket

Ivory Blaze Twice As Nice CCA CGC
CGC
Halia's Christmas In Killarney CCA THD CGC TKN
THD
Halia's Center Stage CGC
CGC

Jan and Jim Casey

Tawnytyke Bluetrack Light Up The Sky NA NAJ NF BCAT DM DSX2
CGC TKI
NA NAJ NF DSX2

Ann Rowe

MAGIK'S GARY PLAYER RN, RI, CGC, TKN
RN, RI, CGC, TKN
MAGIK'S LETTUCE EAT KALE FDC
FDC
MAGIK'S TOP OF THE LINE CD, BN, RN, RI, CA, TKN, CGC
CGC, TKN
GOLDROX MAGIK'S CARP-ET RIDE RN, RI
RN, RI

Ann Rowe and Chris Jeffrey

MAGIK'S BAHAMA BREEZE RN, FDC, CGC, TKN
FDC, CGC, TKN

Ann Rowe and Karen Childers

MAGIK'S I'M A BELIEVER FDC
FDC
MAGIK'S SANDPIPER TKN
TKN

Ann Rowe and Robin Senderowitz

Magik's Lettuce Surprise You RN RI FDC
RN, RI, FDC

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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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MFGRC members who received new title rosettes - continued:

Ann Rowe, Joan Wagner and Robin Senderowitz

Magik's Drop It Like It's Hot RN BCAT
RN

Elizabeth Scherer

Gazn Journeys of Orion CD RA CGC TKN FDC
TKN, FDC
SHR U-CH. IABCA IntCH Star Crowned Kodiak Island CD BN RN JH
CGC TKN WC CCA
JH, TKN, IABCA IntCH

Dalia Ruffatto

Luna the Wagging Tail Wonder FCAT DSX3, RATO
FCAT DSX3, RATO
Jazzie's Showers of Sunshine and Joy BCAT
BCAT

Tom Misilo

Cloud9 Princess Belle JH FDC CCA DS DJ DJA CGCA CGCU
DJA

Maria and Scott Randell

Lakewood's Debutante Mandi CCA FDC
FDC
Stonewood's Sheeza Keeper DS FDC
DS, FDC

Bonnie Scherer

Malagold Tahani RN CD JH WC CGC TKN CCA VC TD
TKN CD VC

Vicki Drerup

Honeybee's Hijinks CD, BN, RI, TD, NA, NAJ, DCAT, CGC, TKN
NA, NAJ

Victoria Warfel

Tramin Terra Mystica CGC TKN
CGC TKN

Laura Bellochi

GCH HB Tangleloft Pathfinder's Rendezvous With Destiny
GCH

Leslie Anderson

Aubridge Dates and Quinces JH
JH

Pam Ginn

GCH Lakewood's Rhett Butler @ Kestrel Farm South JH CCA RN
RN

Nina DePetris

Picabo's Sweet As A Peach MX MXB MXJ MJB OF
MXB
Knox's Pip Pip Hooray NFP
NFP

Robin Bowen

CH Prism's Neat, No Ice RN
RN
Prism's Sweet As RN SH CCA
RN
Prism's Instant Gratification CD JH
JH

Congratulations to all!

Harper Brings Furry Snuggles and Kisses to Retirees



The residents at Regal Palms, a retirement and assisted living facility in Largo, Fla., were treated to a visit from Harper, a sweet Golden girl belonging to MFGRC member Lindsey Rodriguez, in April.

As Regal Palms reported on its Facebook page:

Harper, a beautiful Golden Retriever therapy dog, came to visit us for furry snuggles and puppy kisses. She also showed us all of her tricks. Since Harper was having a birthday the next day, we treated her to a Frosty Paw, and gave her a stuffed pink unicorn and sang to her. Thank you, Lindsey, for sharing your special dog with us.



The visit was Harper's first since she and Lindsey became affiliated with Alliance of Therapy Dogs in February.

GRCA Outstanding Sire

MFGRC Member Anney Doucette's Bally Qualifies as GRCA Outstanding Sire



Ballyhoo

Anney Doucette recently learned that her outstanding Golden boy Ballyhoo had qualified to be recognized by the Golden Retriever Club of America as a GRCA Outstanding Sire due to the titles earned by his offspring. "Bally" is BISS GCH, Can. CH Richwood Wing-T Workin' Like A Dog CD MH WCX** OS DDHF VCX Can. WCI

(Photo by Sandra Madison, courtesy of Anney Doucette)

MFGRC Resuming Year-End Dog Awards for 2021

After taking a year off due to the high number of canceled events related to the pandemic in 2020, the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club is resuming its year-end dog awards in 2021 with some changes, including splitting a previous category into two separate awards.

With the previous Field Dog of the Year award split into Field and Hunt categories, the MFGRC is offering the following awards for 2021:

Agility Dog of the Year

Field Dog of the Year

Hunt Dog of the Year

Obedience Dog of the Year

Rally Dog of the Year

Show Dog of the Year (Conformation)

Tracking Dog of the Year

Versatility Award (calculated by adding points from at least three separate categories)

Recipients of all awards listed above receive custom car magnets created by K9 Designs and presented by MFGRC. In addition, the recipient of **Show Dog of the Year** receives a special award of a perpetual trophy donated by Wonderland's Golden Retrievers.

Additional MFGRC year-end dog awards for 2021:

Fallchase Owner-Handler Award – recognizing the club's top owner-handler in conformation with a perpetual award donated by Fallchase Kennels.

Gold Standard Challenge -- awarded to the owner handler accumulating the highest points in breed shows and field events during the awards year, with award donated by MFGRC member Kristin Sipus.

Eligibility requirements:

- Dogs MUST reside with the person making the application.
- To be eligible for any official MFGRC award, member MUST have attended one club general meeting and volunteered at two club functions during the awards period (or performed the equivalent work behind-the-scenes, subject to approval and verification).
- Information must be included on the entry form about meetings attended and club work performed (all subject to verification).

The awards competition application will be made available later in the year, with the deadline for applications set for Nov. 30. Awards will be announced and presented at the MFGRC's annual Christmas party on December 18.

A Note About the Future of Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club

As we move forward in 2021, we're expecting a busy year as the club resumes as many of its normal activities as possible and continues preparation for hosting the 2021 GRCA National Specialty in October.

With that, it's time to think about the future of the club after 2021.

It is expected that several board members and event chairs will most likely step down after 2021. Many of the members of our club's leadership have been doing this for a long time and are tired – and the club membership overall is continuing to mature.

This year it's going to be needed for some different club members, including younger members, to step up and start preparing to take leadership roles in 2022 and beyond. The future of the club depends on it.

Positions that may be open after 2021 include but are not limited to:

Agility chair
Obedience/Rally chair
Club Secretary
Club Treasurer
Board positions

The current officers, board members and event chairs are willing to have replacements work with them during 2021 to learn how to do the jobs, and will be available after the transition to answer questions and continue mentoring.

Anyone interested in getting more involved in 2021 is asked to contact club secretary Andy Hall at andyhall58@hotmail.com or speak up during one of the club's general meetings or events.

Thank you.

Big Congrats!

Lucinda Napoli appointed to GRCA Position

One of the MFGRC's youngest members, Lucinda Napoli, was recently appointed to a position on the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) Social Media Committee. Lucinda's parents, Anthony and Lucy and her older sister Chatham, are all MFGRC members. Chatham and Lucinda are successful professional handlers.





MFGRC Dock Diving Fun Day

Fun was had by all at the MFGRC Dock Diving Fun Day and general meeting held May 15 at Central Florida Dog Sports in DeLand



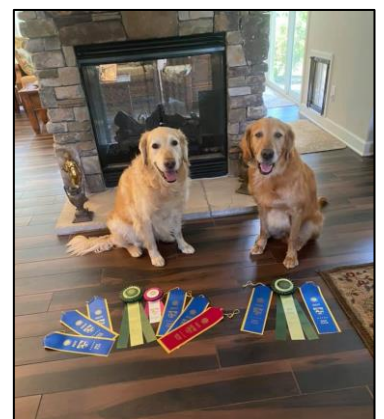


ACCOLADES

Laura Bellocchi's Golden boy Legend (Pathfinder's Some Gave All) finished his championship in an outdoor show in Brooklyn, Conn., with his fourth major.



Two of Destiny Martel's Golden Retrievers earned titles in different venues. Glitz earned her UKC Started Hunting Retriever title and her GRCA Versatility Excellent title. Glitz's SHR title was earned in the Music City Hunting Retriever Club UKC Hunt Test in La Vergne, Tenn. Also, Destiny's Golden girl Glow earned her RATO title (Open Barn Hunt) at the Tallahassee Dog Obedience Club trial with three first places and two High in Classes.



Karyn Angel and her Golden Retrievers Cody and Timer earned new titles in the Blue Ridge Agility Trial in Fletcher, N.C. Cody earned his Master P STD title while Timer earned his Excellent FaST Title.

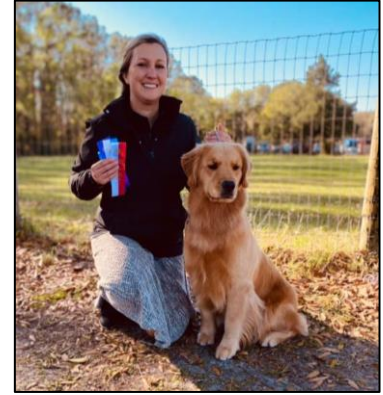
ACCOLADES . . .



Paula Black's Golden boy Eli (GCH Crescent Goldrox Worth His Wait in Gold) finished his GCH in the Perry, Ga., shows while being handled by fellow club member Courtney Roxby (pictured). Eli had finished his championship on Jan. 22 in Brooksville and had been on a roll since then to quickly finish his GCH.



It was a long journey to the Championship for Lisa Boudreau and her Golden girl Spice but the journey ended in triumph in Pinehurst, N.C., when Spice finished while being handled by fellow MFGRC member Chatham Napoli (pictured). Lisa and her husband Chuck made the trip to North Carolina and saw their girl win a major with WB. Spice is Sandpiper's Scent From Heaven NA NAJ DS RN TKI CGC BISS.



Maria Randell's Golden girl Jo (Stonewood's Sheeza Keeper, shown with handler [Kellie Williams](#)) finished her championship in Ft. Myers. Jo's father is MFGRC president Ann Rowe's Mogul.



Nina DePetris and her Golden girl Peaches, the 2019 MFGRC Agility Dog of the Year and a competitor in the 2021 AKC National Agility Championship, finished her Masters Jumper Silver title in the MFGRC Spring Agility Trial, indicative of 50 perfect runs.



MFGRC board member Michele Throm's Golden girl Bella earned her Novice Standard agility title at the MFGRC Spring Agility Trial, finishing second to Michele's girl Ary in the same class in what was Ary's first weekend at a full agility trial. Also, Michele's young girl Mia, at eight months old, earned her Novice Trick Dog title, her first title of any kind, at the Orlando Dog Training Club.



MORE ACCOLADES . . .



Heidi Buck and her Golden girl Briar finished two agility titles in the MFGRC Spring Agility Trial, making Briar SHR PAD's In The Thick-Of-It JH CGC TKA NA NAJ WC. In June, Briar earned her Open Standard title in the Calusa Dog Agility Club trial held at Bratty Paws Dog Plex in Punta Gorda, Fla.



Monica Echaves, MFGRC's only member from Puerto Rico, celebrated when her Golden boy Captain (Lakewood's Caribbean Sea Dog At The Helm) finished his championship in the AKC show held in Puerto Rico. .



Dalia Ruffato's Golden girl Cira earned her Coursing Ability title during the Perry Cluster. Also in Perry, Dalia and her 14-year-old son Tyler Sikora steered their Golden girl Luna to her DSX4 (Dock Senior Excellent, level 4). At the time, Dalia said there were only two other Goldens that have a higher senior dock diving title than her. Tyler also showed Cira in conformation in Perry with runner-up finishes in juniors and in Am-Bred.



Lindsey Rodriguez and her Golden girl Harper earned Harper's Agility ACT1 Jumpers title in the Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg agility trial.



Jan and Jim Casey's Goldens BT and Luke both earned dock diving titles at Ocala Dog Ranch. BT earned his Dock Senior Excellent 3 and received his invitation to Dock Regionals 2021. Rescue boy Luke earned his first ever title - Dock Senior.

MORE ACCOLADES . . .



The honors continue to rack up for Susan Howard and her outstanding Golden boy Winston. In Perry, Ga., Winston finished his OTCH2 (Obedience Trial Champion - Level 2, meaning he's now done what it takes to earn the first OTCH twice). In another trial earlier this year in Perry, Winston earned his OM7 (Obedience Master 7) title. On his sixth birthday weekend, he finished his UDX4 (Utility Dog Excellent, fourth level, meaning Winston has posted 40 qualifying scores) title at the Central Florida Obedience Dog Club Trial in Orlando. Susan's puppy Flyte earned his CGC title in Perry.



Sheilah Platzer and her Golden girl Toni earned Toni's Rally Novice title in the IPOC trial in Lakeland.



Joyce Swegle and her Golden Rys earned a first and second place and finished Rys' Novice Obedience title in the two Orlando Dog Training Club trials held in Orlando.



Ellen Bartkus and her outstanding Rally girl Lara, the 2019 MFGRC Rally Dog of the Year, finished Lara's Rally Master 2 and Rally Excellent 2 titles in the Orlando Dog Training Club trials. Lara is Shor'Line Lara of Ambersand Beach CD PCD BN RAE2 RM2 TD FDC CCA DJ CGC TKA.



Godric, who is Mel Lucas' very accomplished service dog, earned his Versatile Puller Advanced title through UKC weight pull.

MORE ACCOLADES . . .



A great story from the Perry Cluster - Johann Goines and her almost 12-year-old Golden girl Murphy earned two Rally Excellent legs. In addition to being a senior, Murphy also is blind in one eye.



Tom Wiegand's Golden girl Fly (Bridgeton's Fly Away It Ain't Over SH) finished her Senior Hunter title at the Cooper River Retriever Club test in South Carolina. Fly was handled and trained by Nancy Clinchy (pictured).

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 Goldens. 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.



Award Winners from MFGRC Summer Specialty

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club held its "Summer Specialty" event on Friday, June 18, as part of the Sunshine State Cluster at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa.

Judges were Douglas Johnson (regular classes) and Joanne Cava (sweepstakes).

Award Winners included:

BEST OF BREED

GCHS CH Chestnut Then Came You, owned by J Chachas, C Chachas & M.B. Konesky & J Griffith of East Amherst, N.Y.

BEST OF WINNERS

24k Retrievers Count Your Blessings DS DJ, owned by Kim Pedersen and Destiny Martel, Haines City, Fla.

BEST OPPOSITE

Brightwood's As Luck Would Have It, owned by Deborah Waid and Caroline M. Waid, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

SELECT DOG

BISS GCH Crescent GoldRox Worth His Wait In Gold MBIS, owned by Paula Black, Sorrento, Fla.

SELECT BITCH

GCH CH Boca Gold's Little Peace of Heaven, owned by Michele Whitney and Haley Whitcomb, Largo, Fla.

BEST PUPPY

Goldrox Take Em To The Train Station, owned by Paula Black and Courtney Roxby, Sorrento, Fla.

BEST OWNER-HANDLED:

Brightwood's As Luck Would Have It, owned by Deborah Waid and Caroline M. Waid, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

AWARDS OF MERIT

Questan's Path To Enlightenment RN DS CGC, owned by Julie Wangelin, Kirsten Grande, Julie Caruthers, Palm Harbor, Fla.

Magic City's Still On The Road, owned by Freda Philbeck & Judy & Jack Brinson, Highlands, N.C.

Goldrox Take Em To The Train Station, owned by Paula Black and Courtney Roxby, Sorrento, Fla.

WINNERS DOG

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RESERVE

Arum's Double Your Pleasure Double Your Fun, owned by Tonya Noel and Morgan Brooks, Lakeland, Fla.

WINNERS BITCH

24k Retrievers Count Your Blessings DS DJ, owned by Kim Pedersen and Destiny Martel, Haines City, Fla.

RESERVE

Monark's English Salt Water Taffy, owned by Virginia McQueeney and Morgan Brooks, St. Cloud, Fla.

BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES

Goldrox Hold Your Horses, owned by Courtney Roxby, Eustis, Fla.

BEST OPPOSITE IN SWEEPSTAKES

Arum's Double Your Pleasure Double Your Fun, owned by Tonya Noel and Morgan Brooks, Lakeland, Fla.

BEST IN VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

CH Richwood Moments Away MH CD BN, owned by Kristin and Eugene Sipus, Morriston, Fla.

BEST OPPOSITE IN VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

Karagold Faeden Cap.n Jacks Black Pearl, owned by Jennifer Ducharme & Sandy Pepper & Karen Brady, Bradenton, Fla.

Full results will be available on Jack Onofrio Dog Shows website.