


Golden Tales

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MID-FLORIDA GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB



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FUN FIELD DAY! MFGRC Members Have Opportunity to Try Field Training on April 2

Ever wanted to see your Golden Retrievers doing what they were bred to do? **Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club** members will have the opportunity to introduce their Goldens to field training and hunt tests in a no-pressure, fun environment when the club holds a Fun Field Day on Saturday, **April 2**, at Rushe Retriever Camp in Lecanto, Fla.

At the event, which is free to club members, attendees will get to learn some of the skills needed to compete in events such as hunt tests, field trials and the WC/WCX.

The camp is operated by MFGRC members Anney Doucette and Jeff Rushe. Members should check their email for more details.

COVER STORY

"Breeze" (Magik's Bahama Breeze RN, CGC) is owned by club members Ann Rowe and Chris Jeffrey. Breeze has received her Level 1 and 2 AKC FIT DOG Certificates and currently is a demo dog for AKC FIT DOG classes – Levels 1, 2, and 3 given at the City of Eustis Training Center.

Mark Your Calendars

MFGRC Fun Match and General Meeting –
March 19 – Sorrento, FL
MFGRC Spring Agility Trial – April 22-23-24 –
Weirsdale, FL
MFGRC Summer Specialty –
June 17 – Tampa, FL
MFGRC Obedience/Rally Trial –
August 12-13-14 – Daytona Beach, FL
MFGRC Fall Agility Trial* –
October 21-22-23 – Weirsdale, FL
MFGRC Fall Hunt Test –
November 11-12-13 – Montverde, FL
MFGRC Specialty – December 16 – Orlando, FL
**Tentative*
(general meetings to be announced)



What an honor it is to step into the role of MFGRC President! Coming into this position after 2021 and the wonderful National that our club hosted is a big responsibility, and I want to continue the hard work and great reputation our club has for doing things well.

I'm excited to be starting the year off with a fantastic group of officers and board members around me. It's been a long few years leading up to our National, and especially the past two years have changed all of us as we've learned to adapt and make new traditions when it comes to our dog events, our club meetings, and our social gatherings.

I'm thrilled that we're able to hold our yearly Match again this month at Ann Rowe's beautiful home, where there will be fun competition, delicious food, a raffle with prizes for people and dogs, and a chance to connect with new and existing club members. I also look forward to our Fun Field Day at Anney Doucette and Jeff Rushe's property, and the MFGRC Agility Trial in April.

With record numbers at our general meetings via Zoom, I'm excited to see that carry over into lots of engagement with club members attending and volunteering at events so that we can continue the tradition of being a very active club for generations to come.

On that note, we need volunteers for the April agility trial, for set up and running the event. The trial will be held April 22-24 at Grand Oaks Resort in Weirsdale, FL so please mark your calendars and come help out. I hope to see each and every one of you out there in person this year with your dogs enjoying this wonderful club you've all created.

Robin Burket

From the President's Desk . . .

Welcome New Club Members!

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club welcomed six members during its general meetings held in December, January and February.

Voted in as members at the December meeting were John and Bonnie Corley of Eustis, Fla. (sponsor was Ann Rowe). Voted in as a new members in the January meeting was Stephen Ruffin of Port St. Joe, Fla. (sponsor was Debbie Caudill). And voted in as new members at the February meeting were Anne Lowery, Gainesville, FL (sponsors were Heidi Buck and Anney Doucette) and Norm and Cheryl Brook of Cape Coral, FL (sponsor was Barb Page).



John and Bonnie Corley



Anne Lowry



Stephen Ruffin



Norm Brook



Cheryl Brook

Welcome . . . Welcome . . . Welcome . . . Welcome



MFGRC Fun Match Returns March 19

After a two-year absence, the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club's Fun Match (AKC sanctioned B-Match) is returning on Saturday, March 19, with all-breed obedience and rally and conformation for Goldens.

The Match will be held at the home of MFGRC past president Ann Rowe in Sorrento, Fla., with judging to begin at 9 a.m. Judges will be Ralph Orlando (obedience), Barb Page (rally) and Kristin Sipus (conformation).

The entry premium can be downloaded from the MFGRC website (mfgrc.org). Entries also are accepted on the day of the match.

In addition to the competition, the day will include a BBQ lunch and a raffle. The address is 23840 Oak Valley Lane, Sorrento, Fla., 32776.

MFGRC Confirms 2022 Officers and Board

The leadership of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club for 2022 was confirmed by vote during the club's Annual Meeting held Dec. 18 during the Christmas party.

Confirmed were the following officers and board members, whose terms began immediately upon the vote:

Officers:

President – Robin Burket

Vice President – Christine McDaniel

Secretary - Andy Hall

Treasurer – Robin Bowen

Board:

Kathy Cudak

Pam Ginn

Ted Misilo

Camille Nasca

Jan Paddock

Ann Rowe

Michele Throm

In addition to the above, club member Pat Carlile will continue to assist the 2022 officers and board in the non-voting position of assistant secretary.

VOLUNTEERING . . . *Opportunities to Volunteer are Upcoming*

Spring Agility Trial

The club will be holding a three-day agility trial April 22-23-24 at Grand Oaks Resort in Weirsdale, Fla. (near The Villages) and volunteers are going to be needed to help conduct the trial. Help will be needed on setup day (Thursday, April 21, at 1 p.m.), during all three days of competition and help will be needed for packing up the club's equipment on Sunday afternoon when the trial is finished. Anyone who can help is asked to contact volunteer coordinator Pat Carlile at pat_golden_boy@yahoo.com

Obedience/Rally Trial

A three-day Obedience/Rally Trial will be held Aug. 12-13-14 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.

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.

Meet New MFGRC Board Members for 2022

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club has four “new” board members for 2022, including former club officer Camille Nasca who returned to the board after taking a break for several years. In this edition of Golden Tales, we’ll meet new member Kathy Cudak and re-introduce Camille (in their own words).

Kathy Cudak

I was born in Stony Brook, Long Island, N.Y. My family moved to Florida after I graduated high school, so I guess I am really a Floridian.

I have a BA degree in Theology Education and a MS degree in Computer Science. I started teaching theology in the Catholic schools and then moved to the public schools to teach Computers. I taught for 37 years before retiring in August 2020.

I grew up with Golden Retrievers and Labradors. I got my first well-bred Golden girl from Camille Nasca in 2000. Two years later I got another Golden from Camille, this time a boy who turned out to be my heart dog, Bailey the star. He did dozens and dozens of photoshoots for Oshkosh, Jcrew, Ralph Lauren, Petsmart, and his most famous 10 Petmed commercials with Betty White at her house.

I used to bring Bailey and Maddy to dog shows to see “Grandma Camille.” It was at a show where I met twin sisters Cindi Metcalf and Candi Pearce (Gemini Goldens). The three of us became very close friends. Cindi gave me my first show dog affectionately known as CH True SDHF. I was quickly bitten by the conformation bug with True and his show career skyrocketed quickly finishing his CH, Show Dog Hall of Fame, Westminster Award of Merit and Top 20 all before three years old and all ringside pick up.

Candi Pearce bred CH True to one of her girls, Keno, and gave me the pick male from his first litter. I named him (Ruff) Gemini’s Furst Draft. He surpassed his dad’s accomplishments by finishing his CH and SDHF in the same weekend going Best in Show and three group one placements. He also received the first award of Merit at Westminster and was a Top 20 Golden.

I am now retired and live on 2.5 acres in Deland, Fla., with my five Golden retrievers. I am very active in conformation and now also breed under my kennel name Epic Golden Retrievers. I have a small doggie resort on my Deland property where I have 8 luxury dog suites for people like me who would never board their dogs. I am very blessed.



Camille Nasca

I began this journey in 1987 with Maxi, my first Golden Tetriever, and 35 years later this whirlwind journey of ups and downs continues. Through the years I have titled in conformation, obedience, field and agility. Trying never do anything in half measure, I began breeding in 1994 with a litter of 13. Pretty frightening for this relative newbie.

Shortly after bringing Maxi home I joined the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club and have been an active and integral part of the development of this club. I served two terms as President, multiple terms as Vice President, Treasurer and Board member. In 1997 I, and another club member, spearheaded the process of applying to the AKC for licensing. Upon approval, we proceeded to plan and host the very successful 1998 Eastern Regional of which I was chair. We also hosted our first Independent Specialty the day after the Regional. In 2002 I was the general chair for our first National Specialty. Through the years I have chaired numerous WC/WCX's, been the hunt test secretary for a number of years, chaired supported entries, agility trials and in recent years I have been the trophy chair for our annual specialty held in conjunction with the Royal Canin Show in December. I have coordinated various health and grooming/handling seminars, and several heart and eye clinics. In 2021 I was the trophy chair for the GRCA Golden Retriever Specialty hosted by the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club.

On a national level, in addition to chairing a National Specialty, I spent several years as secretary for the Golden Retriever Foundation; have been a member of two nominating committees and chair of the CCA for the Ohio National.

On a personal level, I have a Master's in Social Work. I am currently retired with future plans to work part time while enjoying activities with my Goldens. In past years I have competed and titled in various “canine” venues including conformation, agility, field, obedience and dock diving. I currently share my home with my two Goldens, Emma and her daughter Misha, and plan to add another to my household in the near future. I breed, very sparingly, under the kennel name Mischief.



MFGRC Announces 2021 Year-End Award Recipients

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club announced its 2021 year-end awards recipients and winners at the club's annual Christmas party on Dec. 18 at the home of club president Ann Rowe in Sorrento, Fla.

The award winners are determined using a point system. To be eligible, entrants must meet certain criteria, including having volunteered and worked at two club events during the awards year (or the equivalent behind-the-scenes work) and have attended one club meeting.

Dog of the Year award winners received custom car magnets from the club that were created by club member Anney Doucette of K9-Design.



Agility Dog of the Year: Peaches -
Nina DePetris
MACH Picabo's Sweet As A Peach
MX MXS MXJ MJS OF



Field Dog of the Year: Mya -
Marilyn Booher
Surefire My Armani at JBoo
QA2 MH CD CDX CCA RN



Versatility Award: Cody -
Karyn Angel
RACH Topbrass Code Of Honor UDX4
PUTD OM3 BN GO VER RM3 RAE4 JH
MXP MJP XFP DS CGC TKP WCX



Hunt Dog of the Year: Boomer -
Ron & Pat Rubrecht
Turbo Supersonic Shock Wave MH22 **



Obedience Dog of the Year: Boom -
Sally Sherman
OTCH4 Hi-Star Stealin' All the
Thunder UDX13 OGM BN GO.



Fallchase Owner-Handler Award:
Laura Bellochi
Legend (GCH Pathfinder's Some
Gave All)
*Received perpetual trophy
donated by Fallchase Kennel*



Rally Dog of the Year: Autumn -
Barbara Page
RACH Mystikal Autumn Joy CDX BN
RM2 RAE2 FDC THDN CGCA CGCU
TKA ATT

Awards continued on next page . . .

Dog of the Year Award Winners continued . . .



Gold Standard Challenge: Elizabeth Scherer

Kody (Am. CH SHR U-CH. IABCA HnrCH/IntCH/NatCH Star Crowned Kodiak Island CD BN RA JH CCA CGC TKN WCX VC)
Perpetual trophy donated by Kristin Sipus In memory of Jagger, Sophie & Fisher, three MFGRC Champion Master Hunters



Show Dog of the Year: Boss - Mustapha El Khorch

MULTI BISS AM GCHB LEONGOLDEN LET'S CELEBRATE BOSS
Also received perpetual Show Dog of the Year trophy donated by Diane and Vern Gank, Wonderland's Golden Retrievers

2021 Year-End Club Member Awards Announced by MFGRC

The MFGRC announced its 2021 year-end club member awards at the club's annual Christmas party on December 18. The award recipients are selected by the MFGRC officers and board.



Mover and Shaker Award
Camille Nasca



Above and Beyond Award
Robin Bowen



Lloyd Kiernan Service Award
Tom Misilo



Nancy McCune Member of the Year Award
Pat Kopco

Special Award of Appreciation

Robin Scott (for stepping in to assist the club with agility trials in October when agility chair Dee Thibodeaux had to have emergency surgery)

Special Award of Appreciation

Chris Jeffrey (Editor of club's "Golden Tales" newsletter)

Three MFGRC Members Step Into Key Volunteer Roles

Tonya Noel, Ann-Marie Poertner and Ashley Lucero have stepped into key volunteer roles with the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club.

Tonya, who lives in Lakeland and joined MFGRC in 2019, is serving the club as Specialty reporter for the Golden Retriever Club of America's magazine *Golden Retriever News*. She began the position last year when she prepared a report for the magazine on the MFGRC Summer Specialty held in Tampa and has most recently prepared a report on the club's Specialty that was held December 17 in Orlando.

Ann-Marie, who lives in High Springs, Fla., became a member in May of 2021 and is taking over as chair of the club's Summer Specialty. She is assuming the position from Robin Burket, who is now club president, and will work with Robin and Michele Panetta as assistant chairs. The event will be held June 17 as part of the Sunshine State Cluster in Tampa.

Ashley, who lives in Boynton Beach, Fla., and also joined the club in 2021, is serving as the club's puppy referral representative. The club has reinstated its puppy referral program after pausing it early last year due to effects of the pandemic. The puppy referral information is contained on the club website mfgrc.org.

"Thanks to Tonya, Ann-Marie and Ashley for stepping up to volunteer for these important behind-the-scenes jobs with the club," said Burket. "Volunteering is what makes the club work and we encourage all members to find a way to contribute."



Tonya Noel



Ann-Marie Poertner



Ashley Lucero



MFGRC Completes Spring Hunt Test

The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club held its annual Spring Hunt Test the weekend of February 11-13 at Wayne Gey's Golden Oaks Ranch in Montverde, Fla. As always, it took many volunteers from the club membership to make the test happen.

Among the club members who contributed to the test:

Brian Parker – Test Chair
 Ted Misilo – Co-Chair & Equipment Manager
 Michele Throm – Volunteer Coordinator
 Kristin Sipus – Head Marshal
 Macy Swift – Test Secretary
 Anney Doucette – Judge
 Beth Meaney -- Judge

Volunteers:
 Karyn Angel
 Jean Bates
 Marilyn Booher
 Walter Kennedy
 Pat Kopco
 T.J. Misilo
 Camille Nasca
 Mike Orloff
 Michele Panetta
 Pat Rubrecht
 Elizabeth Scherer
 Jordyn Vanscoy
 Hilda Wood



WEC Selects Golden Duo

Owned by MFGRC member Paula Black
BISS GCHB Crescent Goldrox Worth His Wait in Gold BISS, and Hander
Chatham Napoli are on the so called “cloud nine”! The World Equestrian
Center chose this pair to represent their canine event venues.

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Paula says “it is indeed an honor to represent WEC. We are thrilled!”

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In Her Own Words: Anney Doucette and Bally Make Golden Retriever History

by Anney Doucette

Editor's Note: MFGRC member Anney Doucette posted the following on January 11 on Facebook after her Golden boy Bally made Golden Retriever history:

Guys, I preface by saying I have zero dog show luck and stuff like this never happens to me. But it did. This is amazing news. After Bally's 3rd place at the Treasure Coast RC qualifier this weekend, I got a phone call Monday morning that there was a snafu with the 2nd place winner and it was determined that that dog had previously received a JAM in an Open stake and was thus ineligible to run Qualifiers.

All Monday we were on the phone with club officials, and by the end of the day it was deemed that the award would be returned from that dog and all lower placements moved up. "Reserve" if you will.

That means Bally officially has received 2nd place in the Qual which makes him QUALIFIED ALL AGE.

This makes him the ONLY GRAND CHAMPION - QUALIFIED ALL AGE GOLDEN RETRIEVER IN HISTORY and only the SECOND CH *** Golden in the past THIRTY-FIVE YEARS. We did it all 100% owner trained and handled.

CH-QAA has been a LIFELONG GOAL of mine in Goldens and certainly the ultimate goal for Bally. To say it has been challenging is an understatement. We have cried many tears, thrown many birds, traveled many miles, met many friends, won many ribbons, sweated, bled, hoped and dreamed and it all has come true.

I have had the unwavering support from many, including people I didn't even know were watching us. I've had a pro trainer tell me that dogs like mine were bred to do "tricks for treats," not fetch birds. I've had a top field trial Labrador breeder watch Bally on water marks and ask how many FC points he had. Somewhere in the middle of these extremes was our day to day, alone running blinds, or with Jeff throwing my boat bumper at the long bird, or walking with Kristin and the girls after training, or on the phone with Shelby hashing out what happened at a trial.

I could write more, but I'll just close in saying, my dream came true, thank you to everyone who helped along the way, and Bally doesn't have to prove himself to anyone any more. His name stands alone.



MFGRC Members Earn New Title Rosettes from Club in 2021

Many members of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club earned new title rosettes from the club for their successes with their Golden Retrievers during 2021. The club offers rosettes for club members who earn titles and perform volunteer work for the club during the year.

Member Name	Dog's Name	New titles in 2021
Bartkus, Ellen and Chuck	RACH Shor'Line Lara of Ambersand Beach CD PCD BN RM3 RAE2 TD FDC CCA DJ CGC TKA	PCD CD RM RAE RAE2 RM2 RM3 RACH
Bellochi, Laura	GCH CH Pathfinder's Some Gave All	CH GCH
Black, Paula	GCH CH BIS Crescent Goldrox Worth His Wait In Gold MBISS	CH GCH
Booher, Marilyn	JBoo's Golden Gift of the Maji WCX	WC WCX
Boudreau, Lisa	Faragold Sandpiper StarLight StarBright RN DJ BCAT TKI CCA CGC	BCAT
Boudreau, Lisa	CH Faragold Sandpiper StarLight StarBright RN NJP NAP DJ BCAT TKI CCA CGC	CH NJP NAP BCAT
Buck, Heidi	SH, HR PAD's In The Thick-Of-It CD JH CGCA CGCU TKA AX AXJ XF WCX	CGC CGCA CGCU TKN TKI TKA CD NF OF XF NA NAJ OA OAJ AX AXJ JH WC WCX SH HR
Burket, Robin	Ivory Blaze Twice As Nice CCA CGC THDN	THDN
Burket, Robin	Halia's Center Stage CCA CGC THDN	CCA THDN
Casey, Jan	Tawnytyke Bluetrack Light Up The Sky NA NAJ OAP OJP NF OFP BCAT DM DSX3 CGC TKI	DSX3 OAP OFP OJP
DePetrus, Nina	Knox's Pip Pip Hooray OA NAJ OF NFP	NA NAJ NF OA OF
DePetrus, Nina	MACH Picabo's Sweet As A Peach MXS MJG OF	MACH MXS MJS MJG
Douglas, MJ	Firemark's Looks Like Fun N Games CD CDX GO DS DM UD	CDX UD
Drerup, Vicki	Honeybee's HiJinks VCD1 BN RA AX AXJ OF TDX DCAT CGC THD TKI	RA AX AXJ OF TDX THDN
Echaves, Monica	Prism's Caribbean Girl Power JH WC	JH WC
Echaves, Monica	CH Lakewood's Caribbean Sea Dog at the Helm CCA	CH CCA
Ford, Jenny	Captivate Gunnar's Rocky Road CGC TKN	TKN
Ford, Jenny	Ford's Golden Range Hoosier Stripes Rock CCA CGC TKN	TKN
Ginn, Pam	Richwood Every Move You Make @ Kestrel Farm WC	WC
Ginn, Pam	GCH CH Lakewood's Rhett Butler @Kestrelfarm JH RN WCX SHR	WCX SHR
Hively, Dot and Allison	CH Cobblestone's Devonshire Cream on Top RN BCAT CA CGC TKI	RN BCAT CA CGC TKI
Hively, Dot and Allison	CH Jazzie's Ca'D'Oro of Sapphire Shores BN RN DCAT DS CCA CGC TKN	BN RN DCAT DS CCA CGC TKN
Huntzinger, Wendy	SHR Turbo Zinger's Gold Rush JH WCX	JH SHR WCX
Misilo, Tom	Cloud9 Princess Belle JH FDC CCA DS DJA CGCA CGCU TKN	TKN
Paddock, Jan	Magik Woodford Perfect Manhattan CGC TKN	CGC TKN
Page, Barbara	RACH Mystikal Autumn Joy CDX RM2 RAE2 FDC THDN CGCA CGCU TKA ATT	RM RM2 RAE RAE2 RACH
Randell, Maria	GCH CH Stonewood's Sheeza Keeper DS FDC CGC	GCH CH CGC
Rodriguez, Lindsey	Rhythm's Making Angels Sing ACT1 ACT1J DS TKN CGC	DS ACT1 ACT1J
Rothman, Cynthia	Magik Amelia Seabreeze CGC NT	CGC NT
Rowe, Ann	Magik's Kelsea Ballarni CGC TKN	CGC TKN
Rowe, Ann	Magik's Gary Player CGC RN RI TKN RA	RA
Rowe, Ann	Magik's Tequila Sunrise CGC TKN	CGC TKN
Rowe, Ann	Goldbrick Magik's Carp-et Ride. RN RI RA BN	RA BN
Ruffatto, Dalia	Luna The Wagging Tail Wonder CD BN RN FDC CAA FCAT RATO DSX4 CGCA TKA	DSX4 RN CD BN
Ruffatto, Dalia	Jazzie's Showers Of Sunshine And Joy RN CA DCAT CGC	RN CA DCAT
Sigmon, Nancy	CH Mariah 'n Questan's Jacks or Better DJ TKN CCG	CH
Throm, Michele	Intl. CH Ethos Winter Is Coming At Cachet CD BN RI JH BCAT ACT2 RATN DS WC CCA	CD RI
Throm, Michele	Intl. BA Cachet's Dare To Dream RN TKN	RN TKN
Thibodeaux, Dee	Deauxquest on the Podium CD CCA	CD CCA
Warfel, Victoria	Tramin Ethnic Style CGC TDN	CGC TDN
White, Barbara	GJCH Omni's at McGuire's Landing DSX2 DJX2 CGC TKN	DSX DJX2

Passing the Torch . .

Outgoing and multi-term MFGRC president Ann Rowe (right) was presented with a special gift of appreciation for her years at the helm of the club from new president Robin Burket at the club's annual Christmas party. The gift was a gold necklace and pendant depicting a Golden Retriever in the show ring.



MFGRC Members Receive Title Recognition . . .

Jan Paddock and her golden boy “Woody” received his 2021 Title Recognition Rosette at a presentation from the Golden Paw Training Group in Sorrento, FL. Other club members who received title recognition awards for their goldens were Ann Rowe, Robin Senderowitz, Cynthia Rothman, and Chris Jeffrey.

The presentation was held at R&K Farms in Sorrento, FL on March 5th. Award rosettes were given, mimosas were served and a fun time was had by all!

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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Karli Pixley - Westminster Eligibility

Karli Pixley, 15, and one of the MFGRC's youngest members, achieved her last qualifying win for Best Junior in Tallahassee to be eligible to go to Westminster in 2023. Karli was showing her Golden boy Guapo.

Four MFGRC Members Ranked in AKC Rally Top 20 for 2021

Four members of the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club who compete in AKC Rally finished 2021 ranked in the Top 20 nationally among Golden Retrievers, per the AKC.

Barb Page – Autumn, 4th place

Ellen Bartkis – Lara, 5th place

Karyn Angel – Cody, 14th place

Joyce Swegle – Phinn, 16th place

Autumn was the MFGRC's Rally Dog of the Year award winner for 2021 while **Cody** was the club's Versatility Dog of the Year for performing strongly in multiple venues.



MEET "MAC"

Here is "Mac" (GJJCH Omni's @ McGuire's Landing DSX2, DJX2, CGC,TKN) proud of the ribbon he got in the Hero Parade at the Golden National. Mac is a dock diver for the last seven years, and is a member of the Morris Animal Foundation's Cancer Study for Golden Retrievers. He is proud to have been in the Parade of Heros at the Golden National Specialty. It was nice to be a part of that event with all of the other heroes.

MAC is owned by Charlie and Barb White.



ACCOLADES

Monica Echaves' Golden girl Bowen (Prism's Caribbean Girl Power) earned her Junior Hunter title in December in Cheraw, S.C., with her trainer Rich Louter. Bowen was just 13 months old at the time.



Mustapha and Carlotta El Khorchi's Golden boy Winston (CH LEONGOLDEN NEVER GIVE UP BY WINSTON) finished his championship in the Brooksville shows in January with a four-point major from Open Dog. Brandi Sanderson is also an owner. He was handled by Aaron Wilkerson (pictured with Carlotta and Mustapha).



Elizabeth Scherer and her Golden boy Kody finished his championship in the Orlando shows in December by going WD for a major. Kody was handled by MFGRC member Chatham Napoli when he took WD but Elizabeth handled him most of the year and won the club's Fallchase Owner-Handler Award. Kody is Am. CH SHR U-CH. IABCA HnrCH/IntCH/NatCH Star Crowned Kodiak Island CD BN RA JH CCA CGC TKN WCX VC.

MORE ACCOLADES . . .



Ralph Orlando's championship Golden boy Smokey was diagnosed with cancer and underwent major surgery in December – but he bounced back to finish his Rally Master title with a perfect score of 100 in Trial 1 and a score of 99 in Trial 2 at the Obedience Club of Daytona trial. Smokey was the 2019 MFGRC Obedience Dog of the Year.



Karyn Angel had a big weekend at the Obedience Club of Daytona Rally and Obedience trial in December. On the first day, her Golden boy Timer finished his Rally Master title. Then moving to Obedience over the next two days, Timer finished his CDX title.



Heidi Buck and her Golden girl Briar earned Briar's Obedience CDX title at the Dog Training Club of Tampa trial. Briar earned 21 new titles during the 2021 MFGRC year.



New MFGRC member Cheryl Brook and her Golden girl Charley finished Charley's Obedience CDX title in the Dog Training Club of Tampa trial.



In February, Karyn Angel's Golden boy Cody finished his Seasoned title in the Central Florida Hunting Retriever Club test in Montverde, Fla.

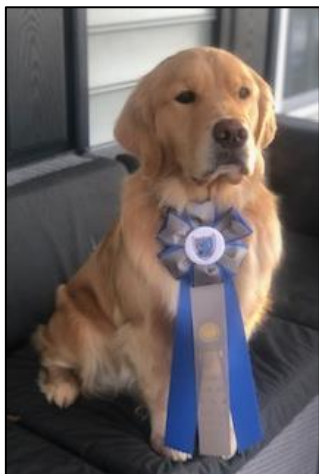


Joyce Swegle (left) and her Golden boy Phineas finished his RACH (Rally Championship) title in the Orlando shows in December.



Sally Sherman's Golden boy Flare finished his Utility Dog title in the Lakeland shows. Flare, who is not quite 2.5 years old, went HIT/HC on the day he clinched the title with a 199.5 in Open B. Sally's Golden girl Boom, Flare's mom, was MFGRC Obedience Dog of the Year for 2021.

MORE ACCOLADES . . .



Dot and Allison Hively's Golden girl Brooke (CH Cobblestone's Devonshire Cream on Top RN DCAT CA CGC TKI) finished her DCAT title in the cold and snow at the Mason & Dixon Kennel Club event in Maryland.



Dalia Ruffatto's Golden girl Cira earned her DCAT title in the Orlando shows to become Jazzie's Showers Of Sunshine And Joy RN CA DCAT CGC.



Kristin Sipus and her Golden girl Cuvée (Richwood Champagne for Everyone JH WC) finished the Junior Hunter title in the Jacksonville Retriever Club hunt test in Williston, Fla. Cuvée is bred by and trained by Kristin.



Pam Ginn's Golden girl Kestrel finished her Junior Hunter title in the Jacksonville Retriever Club hunt test in Williston, Fla. Kestrel is Richwood Every Move You Make @ Kestrel Farm JH WC.



Debbie O'Hanlon's Golden boy Guapo finished his DCAT title in FastCat in Tallahassee.



Elizabeth Scherer has been trying out more dog sports venue and her Goldens Kody and Orion earned their Barn Hunt Instinct Titles (RATI) at the Deland Dog Sports Barn Hunt Trial. Orion is Gazn Journeys of Orion CD RE CGC TKN FDC RATI and Kody is Am. CH SHR U-CH. IABCA HnrCH/IntCH/NatCH Star Crowned Kodiak Island CD BN RA JH CCA CGC TKN WCX VC RATI.

MORE ACCOLADES . . .



Leslie Anderson's Golden boy Quince (CH Aubridge Dates and Quinces JH WC) finished his championship in the Brooksville shows by going WD. He was handled by Luiz Abreu (pictured).



Kim Pederson and Destiny Martel had a great day in the MFGRC Specialty in December. Kim's Golden girl Mina (24k Retrievers Count Your Blessings RN TKN CGC RATI DS), co-owned and bred by Destiny, finished her championship by going WB and BOW for her fourth major. Mia was handled Chatham Napoli (pictured).



Wendy Huntzinger's Golden girl Bristol finished her Senior Hunter title in the MFGRC Hunt Test in Montverde, Fla.



Jordyn Vanscoy's Golden girl Fannie earned her Dock Senior title at the Strawberry Cluster in Lakeland. She jumped consistently in the 15's and then pulled out a personal best of 16'10" to secure her DS title. Fannie is SM Frye Fan Girling at Barnwood CGC DS.

Nina DePetris & Peaches Earn MACH Title



Nina DePetris, whose Golden girl Peaches has been the MFGRC Agility Dog of the Year twice, added another accolade in December when Peaches finished her MACH (Master Agility Championship) title at a trial at MADTA in Ocala. Peaches was Nina's first agility dog and they started in October of 2017 at the MFGRC's annual fall trial. With the new title, Peaches became MACH Picabo's Sweet As A Peach MX MXS MXJ MJS OF. Nina's younger girl Pippa also is moving up the ladder in agility – she earned her Open Jumper title at the Greater Ocala Dog Club agility trial.



TRAINING NOTES . . .

A successful training method works if it helps dogs and others can replicate it. Many people want the method to solve their issues, but sometimes first, the handler's mindset needs to change; the right system with the wrong mindset won't do it.

The mindset that fosters developing a partnership with your dog includes:

- More intuitive communication and less pressure.
- More setting your dog up to succeed and less correction
- More patience and less rushing.
- Letting go of expectations of what you want your dog to become and accepting him for who he is.

As important as your intention is, so too is your communication and your execution. Many trainers work towards the same outcome using different methods. How you train and your mindset, shows in the quality of your work, your dog's attitude and his enthusiasm. Being a good partner to your dog includes a lot of working on the improving of yourself – and it is absolutely worth it!

From the MacRae Way

Perhaps, stop trying to shove a square peg into a round hole. Find the square hole and enjoy it. Who knows, you might someday have smoothed the corners of your square peg and it might even fit in the round hole somewhat, and open up yet another world to explore together . . . but if you keep jamming your square peg in the round hole, you're going to damage your peg.

From Rachel Flatley

