



# **The Potomac Valley News**

## **January – February 2020**

### President's Message

It's December 26<sup>th</sup>, and it's 50 degrees and sunny!! The weather craziness continues, but I will take it when it's 50 degrees in December!! Appropriate for the approaching New Year, I am feeling a bit nostalgic, as this is my last President's message. It is hard for me to remember a time when I wasn't on the Board, or being President, and it feels odd to be saying good-bye. I am leaving the President's position in good hands. Suzanne Miller knows this club well, has sat on the Board, has been club secretary, and has been the Chair of our most recent National. Not only that, she has dipped her toes in most, if not all, of the venues the club participates in. Betsy Harringer is also leaving the Board, and her Vice President's position. Thank you Betsy for all of your hard work, and for always being the positive outlook to match her not-so-full glass President when she needed it most!!! Molly McEvoy is taking Betsy's position, and I feel like we need to give an extra pat on the back to Molly, since she doesn't even have Golden Retrievers!! Molly has been a very active member of PVGRC for the last couple of years, and has been quick to volunteer whenever we needed her to...she has chaired a hunt test, done hospitality for countless events, and worked at WCs, and agility trials every time we have an event. Suzanne and Molly will be a very good pair, and I look for good things to come from them!!! Thank you, ladies, for stepping up!!

I would like to say thank you to PVGRC, and to the club members, for I feel like I received much more than I gave to the club. I have met countless people that I would not have met, and many of those, I consider good friends now. I am much better versed in all the venues in which PVGRC participates. And, I have a greater appreciation for what a great club PVGRC is. There are not many clubs out there that offer as many events, offer as many opportunities for learning through classes, and offer as much expertise through their club members as PVGRC. Please remember to try to lend a hand, whether it is something big or small, so the club can keep on being the great club it is. I feel like I am a broken record, but we need so many people to continue to offer as many of the things that we do.

Keep your eye out for details for our January 19, 2020 meeting where the new Board takes over. And be on the lookout for the details for the Spring Specialty and Awards banquet coming in March...it is the start of the new year, and as always, PVGRC will be rocking and rolling as usual. Have a happy New Year, and everyone have a great 2020!!!!

Beth Sokohl

**NEWSLETTER NEWS.....**

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS – NEXT ISSUE IS March – April 2020.

Your deadline for column submission is February 25.

AND....Please provide DATES for your events so I can fill in the calendar at the end of the newsletter.

MEMBERS please continue to send BRAGS or other items of interest relating to our established COMMITTEES to our Committee Chairs (see last page with contact info). The Committee Chairs will include your brags and other news in their submissions to me.

If you have items to send to me directly, February 25 is your deadline. My hope is to publish by March 10. I look forward to your submissions!

Mary Ann Massie

[slipknotfarm@aol.com](mailto:slipknotfarm@aol.com)



.....hope your holidays were bright!



## **Mark Your Calendar!!!!**

**It's the ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET!!!**

**Sunday, March 15, 2020  
Cattail Creek Country Club  
3600 Cattail Creek Drive  
Glenwood, MD**

**12:30 to 4:00**

**Lunch, Door Prizes, Awards, Rosettes, and a Great Slide Show**

**What More Can You Ask For????**

**Tickets are \$30 per person!**

**Mail your requests for reservations with your check payable to PVGRC to:**

**Beth Sokohl**

**110 McGlaughlin Road**

**Gettysburg, PA 17325**

**Questions: Contact Beth Sokohl at 301-641-8606 or [bethsokohl@gmail.com](mailto:bethsokohl@gmail.com)**

**[Please RSVP by March 10, 2020](#)**

## **Attention PVGRC Members!!!**

**Is it too early to start thinking about your year-end rosette and trophy applications? Probably NOT!!! It is almost time to fill out your applications for rosettes and trophies that will be given at our awards banquet in March!!!**

### **Rosettes:**

**From Kelly Armstrong: All PVGRC members are eligible for these year end rosettes. They are awarded for all AKC and GRCA titles awarded in the 2019 calendar year.**

**\*\*Please remember: Optional titling (for example: barn hunt, dock diving, MH20, etc.,: titles that are awarded through the AKC application must be done before the application for the rosette is submitted!! And you must include proof that the title has been purchased (you can print this from the AKC website).\*\***

**Members are responsible for having their titles in the correct order! They can look up their dog on the AKC website to get proper listing.**

**Please remember to also double check the spelling of the dog's name.**

**Email is REQUIRED. Kelly will email them back with acknowledgment that she has received your email. If you do not receive an acknowledgment with 72 hours, please follow up with Kelly.**

**Trophies: These are for all PVGRC members that have accumulated enough points through volunteering. The descriptions of the trophies and the requirements are on our website...apply if you have qualified, even if you don't think you are going to win!!! You never know!!!**

**If you have any questions, PLEASE ask!!!**

**Trophy Applications Due: January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Rosette Applications Due: January 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Trophies: Joan Donohue, [aquest@erols.com](mailto:aquest@erols.com)**

**Rosettes: Kelly Armstrong, [kellyarmstrong1@gmail.com](mailto:kellyarmstrong1@gmail.com)**

**Thank you...hope to see you at the awards banquet in March!!!**

PVGRC's APPLICATION FOR TROPHY

For Award Year 2019 (to be awarded in 2020)

Name of Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Year became club member \_\_\_\_\_ If during award year, include month \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dog \_\_\_\_\_  
(include AKC and GRCA titles)

Dog's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Please duplicate form if applying for more than one trophy.

List 5 activity points and when earned: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Trophy \_\_\_\_\_

List ALL information necessary for consideration for this award (include date, full name of show, wins, placings, and scores, if applicable):

Show Date	Full Name of Show/Trial	Win/Placement	Score

(If necessary, attach another page)

If you need help obtaining the above information, contact Joan Donohue (aquest@erols.com)

Mail to Joan Donohue, 1588 Bandury Court, Crofton, MD 21114 no later than Jan 15, 2019. Applications can be e-mailed to [aquest@erols.com](mailto:aquest@erols.com). An e-mail confirmation will be sent upon receipt.

**APPLICATION FOR ROSETTE**

For Award Year 2019 (to be awarded in 2020)

Name of Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Normally, only the owner handling the dog to the title is recognized at the banquet and listed in the newsletter. If you wish other owners to be recognized, please list them above.

Year became club member \_\_\_\_\_ If during award year, include month \_\_\_\_\_

**ROSETTE(s):**

Name of Dog \_\_\_\_\_

(include titles)

Title earned \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Dog \_\_\_\_\_

(include titles)

Title earned \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Title earned \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(attach another page if necessary)

The dog(s) named above resides with me for more than 8 months of the year.

**Signature**

All rosette applications must be emailed to Kelly Armstrong at [kellyarmstrong1@gmail.com](mailto:kellyarmstrong1@gmail.com), not later than January 30th, 2019. Kelly will send you a confirmation when she receives your application. If you don't get confirmation from Kelly in a couple of days, please contact her.

NOTE: If you don't plan to attend the banquet, you must make arrangements for someone to pick up your rosette. If you would like your rosette mailed, please send Kelly \$2.75 per rosette via snail mail (make check payable to PVGRC). Do NOT send your application with the check.

Kelly's address is:

505 Barnstable Road  
Carlisle, PA 17015

# SPRING SPECIALTY NEWS.....FRIDAY February 28, 2020

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## Spring Specialty Memorial Page

Each year our Spring Specialty catalog memorializes our members' dogs who have sadly passed away during the year (since the last Specialty catalog). If you had a dog that you would like us to remember in the catalog, please let Cindy Williamson know by Thursday, January 30th. We would like the dog's registered name, call name, date of birth and death, and owner's name(s).

Please email Cindy Williamson [cindy@lycinan.com](mailto:cindy@lycinan.com) or call her at 410-692-9335

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## Spring Specialty Information

Mark your calendars, **our 51th Independent Specialty and 21st Rally Trial is Feb 28, 2020**, at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Registration will open shortly and close at noon, Wednesday, February 12, 2019; the superintendent is Jim Rau Dog Shows, Ltd. In addition, PVGRC is offering a supported entry for both Saturday and Sunday of Maryland Sporting Dog Association (Feb 29 – March 1, 2020).

### Specialty Judges:

- Conformation & 4-6 Month Beginner Puppy Attraction: Ms. Maureen Shaughnessy DVM
- Junior Showmanship: Ms, Natalie Hollinger
- Sweeps: Mrs. Shelley Miller
- Obedience: Mr. William Craig
- Rally: Ms. Diane Stout

Events like these are not possible without club volunteers. Seeking volunteers on the day of to sell catalogs, steward, assist w/ hospitality, judges transportation, sell raffle tickets...if you're willing & able we have a job for you, no experience necessary; training provided. Please contact Cindy Partridge at [CPartridge@geico.com](mailto:CPartridge@geico.com) for more info.

### POCs for Specific Functions Seeking Volunteers:

Raffle/Basket Donations: Belinda Gosnell - [shocker128@comcast.net](mailto:shocker128@comcast.net)

Trophy Sponsorships: Cindy Williamson - [cindy@lycinan.com](mailto:cindy@lycinan.com) or 410-692-9335

Conformation Volunteers: Liz Breyer - [efbreyer@gmail.com](mailto:efbreyer@gmail.com) or 703-356-765

Obedience/Rally Volunteers: Mary Owens - [owensgirltwo@gmail.com](mailto:owensgirltwo@gmail.com) or

Karen Schumaker - [solargold@verizon.net](mailto:solargold@verizon.net)



**PVGRC has received the following applications for membership:**

The club has received a membership application from Courtney Lonchena of Frederick, MD. Courtney is an Associate Director of Clinical Operations. Her membership has been endorsed by Amelia Brown and Grace Brown. Her areas of interest are conformation, agility and therapy dog. Courtney has offered to help with educational seminars and hospitality, as well as other events as needed based on availability.

The club also received a membership application from Julie Pavlin of Bethesda, MD. Julie works in public health. Her membership has been endorsed by Jeff Ackerson and Rory Nansel. Her areas of interest are agility and rally. Julie has offered to help the club with agility trials and the annual banquet.

The club has received a family membership application from Elissa Knoff and Drew Van Denver of Washington, DC. Elissa is an attorney. Their membership has been endorsed by Tina Moran and Betsy Harringer. Elissa is most interested in conformation, tracking and field events. Elissa has offered to help with the spring specialty, field events, tracking and hospitality.

Rita Bumgardner (email 11/12 and 12/17)

**2020 Dues notice:**

The 2020 Membership Renewal Form is now posted on the PVGRC website. The 2020 membership renewal period is now open. Please be sure to renew your membership by the deadline, March 1, 2020.

There are two ways to renew your membership. There is the traditional method via snail mail. Just print the renewal form, fill it out, and send it and your check (made payable to PVGRC for the amount of your membership type) to the PVGRC Treasurer at the address on the form.

The second method allows you to pay electronically. Download the form and fill it out. Scan the form and email it to the Treasurer ([treasurer@pvgrc.org](mailto:treasurer@pvgrc.org)), or send the form to the Treasurer via regular mail. Then go to PayPal and make your electronic payment per the instructions on the form.

Please complete all of the information on page one of the form, as we need to verify correct contact information for our members. We strongly encourage you to check the items that you can help with and participate in, and encourage you to contribute to selection of judges and ideas for Club programs.



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COMMITTEE COLUMNS/UPDATES: The Board encourages ALL PVGRC members to email Committee chairs with news, items of interest, or brags!

**TRACKING COLUMN** (Marge Paulding, mkpgold1@verizon.net)

Happy New Year everyone! Tracking class announcements have been sent out to membership, so hope those of you who are interested have signed up.

I will continue to be the newsletter “point person” for Tracking and also Scentwork. So please share your brags with me.

Thought I would share the history of AKC Tracking with you, as provided on the AKC website.

April 10, 1936 – the first official “Regulations and Standard for Obedience Test Field Trials” was published. The first licensed test held in accordance with these regulations took place on June 13, 1936, and appropriately enough, was held with the North Westchester Kennel Club all-breed show at Mount Kisco, New York.

Tracking was originally part of the Utility class, and a dog had to pass a separate tracking test in order to earn a UD. For roughly the first ten years, tracking received one paragraph of description in the regulations, which set out the barest basics of length and age of the track. On the day of the test, the tracklayers were to walk the tracks, deposit the article, and retrace their steps to remove all but the two starting flags. By 1938, it was added that the tracklayer could not wear rubber-soled shoes, and the dog had to be on a 30-40 foot leash and work without help from the handler. By 1943, the tracklayers were required to follow the track, deposit the article, and walk directly off the course.

In 1947, tracking was made a separate class, and more detail began to appear in the regulations: The tracklayers were required to wear leather-soled shoes until they deposited the article, whereupon they were to put on a pair of rubbers and walk off the course at a right angle. The article was to be a leather glove or wallet. Finally, the dog was permitted one additional chance to take the scent between the starting flags, provided he had not passed the second flag. It is obvious from the changes in the regulations that there must have been considerable discussion of how a track was to be properly laid by the tracklayer. Tracking and advanced tracking regulations were destined eventually to swell, from the original single paragraph of description in 1936, to forty-five pages today.

As early as 1947, and encouraged by Obedience Advisory Committees, the tracking fraternity urged AKC to approve a more advanced type of tracking test that would test a dog’s ability to track a person over a course that had aged for at least three hours and for

about twice the distance required by the Tracking Test. This advanced test, called Tracking Dog Excellent, was approved by the AKC in 1979 and became effective on March 1, 1980. The first TDX dog was a Dachshund, Gretel Von Bupp Murr UD, who passed the Tracking Dog Excellent Test on March 15 of that year. This dog was owned and handled by George Richards of Sun City Center, Florida.

From the beginning of the sport, all tracking tests were held in fields and open spaces. Due to urban pressures, these are fast disappearing in many areas of the country. A new test, called Variable Surface Tracking, was designed to utilize industrial and office parks, college campuses, etc.

In 1995, Merrill Cohen laid the number one track at the first Variable Surface Tracking Test on a beautiful, clear morning in Ellicott City, Maryland. Darlene Ceretto competed on the track laid by Cohen, track one (of six). "The tracks were the epitome of what VST is all about," said Ceretto. "Although none of us actually passed, all the dogs did a remarkable and credible job, working with determination and perseverance."

The following weekend Ceretto became the first exhibitor to put the VST title on a dog, at an event held by the Northwest Obedience Club of Glenview, Illinois. Her female German Shepherd Dog Sealair's Raggedy Ann UD TDX, also became the first CT – Champion Tracker – a designation awarded to dogs with all three tracking titles.

Marge

**FIELD COLUMN** (Beth Sokohl, [bethsokohl@gmail.com](mailto:bethsokohl@gmail.com) )

There is not much to say, since it is winter!!! But there is always something to do. Find a book, or a video that you have not seen yet, order it, and study it while the weather is cold. Do you have a dog that just got his junior? Winter is the perfect time to start the drills to make that junior hunter a senior hunter!!! Have a senior hunter or a master hunter that is bored?? Whip out Carol Cassity's book (or better yet, purchase her new edition), close your eyes, and turn to a page, and take your dog out and do that drill. The dogs are probably ready to get out of the house and do something!!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ann Strathern for years of service as Field Committee Chair. She has put her heart and soul into this, and we owe her more than just gratitude for all the hours she has logged, and all the baby dogs she has helped!!! I will be taking over the Field Committee Chair until we can find someone to take over...if you have any ideas, please send them our way.

We will have our training schedule out soon. Our first hunt test is May 30-May 31. We are already looking for a Gun Captain, and many other volunteers. Please email

[bethsokohl@gmail.com](mailto:bethsokohl@gmail.com) if you would like to help. We have also decided to move the WC/WCX to July. We never have a huge entry in May, and we are hoping that the July date will help that.

Have a great new year...start setting your goals for 2020, and put your plan into action!!!

Brag:

Four Lakes Lil Somethin' Special(Sammy) CD MH12 NA NAJ WCX VC CCA owned by Rita and Randy Bumgardner, got a reserve jam at the Back Bay Knotts Island Retriever Club owner handler qualifying in December.

Four Lakes Livin' the Dream (Rudy) JH owned by Rita and Randy Bumgardner got his WC at the Capitol Region Flat Coated Retriever Club test at Brandywine, MD in November.

Beth

**AGILITY AND FAST CAT COLUMN** (Nick DeCesare, [kiowagold@gmail.com](mailto:kiowagold@gmail.com) )

### **November 2019 Fast CAT**

On November 16 & 17, 2019 members of Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club held our second Fast Coursing Ability Test (Fast CAT) at the Gamber and Community Fire Company in southern Carroll County. This year the weather was nearly perfect for our tests with clouds but no rain and temperatures in the 40s. PVGRC volunteers pitched in and worked together and the tests ran very smoothly with a brief delay on Saturday due to a mechanical malfunction with the lure machine. The Fast CAT team became more efficient over time and on the second day we ran the morning and afternoon tests and were finished and packed up by 2:30. This event was the definition of teamwork with all members performing multiple tasks as the tests were run.

Huge thanks to Alyssia Black, Lyn Cortright, Liz and Gary Neubaum, Laurie Collins, Karen Wahler-Shumaker, Mike Bullinger and Diana Hong, Amy Brown and daughter Grace, Carol Nansel, Gwyn and Rick Brunn. I must also recognize Dawn Buttion and Tricia Dunseith who seemed to be everywhere while keeping the tests running smoothly. And I want to offer a special thank you to Bob Crowley who supplied multiple boxes of tasty little Dunkin' donut holes which disappeared faster than a Golden chasing a lure. And a major "thank you" to my wife Sharon, who remembers all the things I forget. I also want to commend Laurie Collins, Gwyn and Rick Brunn, and Tricia Dunseith who stayed after the tests to assist in packing up the gear and cleaning up the grounds.

Now for some good news! Based on revenues and expenses it appears that PVGRC earned about \$1,913.65 from our second Fast CAT event. This is a little less than last year because the site rental was \$300 more than last year.

And now for some more good news.....

Tricia Dunseith and “Edge” (Rivercity Story in Your Eyes JH WC CGC TKA) earned their BCAT at the PVGRC Fast CAT.

Grace Brown and “Scarlet” earned Scarlet's BCAT title at the PVGRC Fast Cat in November. Scarlet's full name is Scarlet Fly with the Wind Leann to Swim later RA CGC TKN BCAT. Grace also titled Scarlet in Rally Advance this August and Tricks in May.

Way to go Grace and “Scarlet”!!



Nick

**OBEDIENCE & RALLY COLUMN** (Mary Ann Massie, [slipknotfarm@aol.com](mailto:slipknotfarm@aol.com) )

Call for volunteers .... Our Spring Specialty will be here before you know it!!  
The date is FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28!!!

Obedience and Rally classes generate tons of entries and lots of ringside support.  
Our judges are Bill Craig (obedience) and Diane Stout (rally).  
Don't you want to be a part of obedience and rally fun!?!? You can enter AND help – we are able to do that because we generally have a lot of folks willing to pitch in.

Trophy donations are being collected/coordinated by Cindy Williamson  
([cindy@lycinan.com](mailto:cindy@lycinan.com))

**Co-chairs of the obedience and rally shows :**

Karen Wahler Schumaker and Mary Owens  
([solargold@verizon.net](mailto:solargold@verizon.net)) and ([owensgirltwo@gmail.com](mailto:owensgirltwo@gmail.com))

So with eight weeks to go to our Specialty how do you prepare for your obedience and rally classes?? Be thoughtful with your entries ... don't expect a miracle, build on your previous successes and enjoy the class. Have realistic expectations. If you and your partner are burning it up in training and run-thrus then GO FOR IT. If you are struggling ...well maybe it is best not to move up.

Commit to training in new places. You've heard me say "Take it on the road" many times. Well do it! Load up and train in the Lowes parking lot or the laundry mat sidewalk or the elementary school kickball lot. Work 'attention' and slow down – the closer the show gets the more hyped up and less patient and less consistent we tend to be.

Being prepared is THE best feeling in the world. That doesn't mean 'things' don't happen, they do – they are dogs after all and we are only human.

Mary Ann

**CONFORMATION COLUMN** (Cindy Williamson, [cindy@lycinan.com](mailto:cindy@lycinan.com))

Please join us at this year's specialty, Friday, February 28. There will be lots of great dogs to see in Conformation, Obedience and Rally. For those new to the sport, this is a super way to see what's going on and talk to friendly onlookers and exhibitors. Hope to see you there.

Chris Browning reports that BISS GCH Eldorado's Promises D'Best H3x SDHF won the 12+ class at the National this fall. (Co-owned Judy Inman & Chris Browning)

Please send your brags for the next newsletter.

Cindy

# **Calendar of Events 2020**

## **January**

January 19                      Membership meeting                      Westminster, MD

## **February**

February 28                      PVGRC Specialty                      W Friendship MD

## **March**

March 15                      Awards Banquet, Membership Meeting                      Glenwood, MD

## **April**

May 30-31                      **May**  
Hunt Test                      Cheltenham, MD

## **June**

## **July**

## **August**

## **September**

## **October**

## **November**

## **December**

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**The Objectives of the PVGRC:** To encourage and promote the quality breeding of purebred Golden Retrievers, and to do all possible to bring their natural qualifications to perfection; to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the AKC 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; and to conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows, field trials, hunting retriever tests, and obedience trials under the rules of the AKC.