



The Potomac Valley News

July-August 2016

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A Message from the President

I know when the outside temperature is above 90 by watching my dogs lying at my feet in the air conditioning and not wanting to budge. The hot weather means getting up extra early (not one of my favorite things to do though both dogs think it's great!) to get some training in before the heat and humidity. So summer is here! Since the last newsletter the club has had a WC/WCX, a CCA, the K9 Olympics and Veterans Day, and the summer agility trial. There are so many members to thank for making these events a success.

First, thanks to Ann Strathern and Beth Russell for chairing the WC/WCX and the many club members that worked the tests and the puppy/veteran stakes. Leslie Darragh was once again the event Secretary so thank you very much! The same day as the WC/WCX we held a successful CCA with all 16 dogs passing! A big thank you to Suzanne Miller for chairing the CCA and having the Chesapeake Golden Retriever Club help with the event.

June was a very busy month for the club. The weekend of June 4th the club held a successful hunt test with both master and senior stakes. We lucked out and had beautiful weather both days and finished the tests by noon Sunday. A big thank you goes out to Megan Baker, Beth Sokohl, and Ann Strathern for organizing and getting workers for the test, Pam Turgeon for hospitality, and the numerous volunteers that kept the tests running smoothly.

The K9 Olympics and Veterans Day was held on June 19 at the Armstrongs in Monrovia, MD. Our veterans were adorned in patriotic bandanas and honored with a veterans parade, a picture of the veterans and their owners, and each went home with a special goody bag. Both the veterans and young dogs had fun playing games and saving the baby! One of the games was a recall through a gauntlet of paper plates with Cheetos. I was totally amazed at the number of dogs that ignored the Cheetos

and raced to their owners! I have to report that my pup stopped and ate every Cheeto and was looking for more. Thank you to

Betsy Harringer and Kelly Armstrong for chairing the event and providing a fun day for everyone. A big thank you to Wayne Kulig who was the grill master extraordinaire. Wayne did such a great job on the hot dogs and hamburgers that he was voted to be the club grill master for life!

The summer agility trial was held the following weekend in Frederick, MD. Nick DeCesare once again did an outstanding job chairing the event. This trial, too, went off without a hitch because of the great team of club members that are part of his committee and the many volunteers that stepped in to help. They are why our club is known for holding great agility trials.

Our next big event this summer is Dock Diving, which will be held on August 21 at the Hog Dog facility in Millersville, MD. Please check the website for details. There will be a general membership meeting in conjunction with the event. Hope to see everyone.

Over the past couple of months I have been approached by several club members that wanted to express their concerns about lack of communication among club members, mainly from the board to the general membership. They feel as if they don't know what is going on in the club, what is being planned. This topic has been discussed at the last board meeting but we have yet to arrive at a solution. Both the board minutes and general membership meeting minutes are published in the newsletters and the listserv, but apparently this isn't enough. We are a large, diverse, and active club that hosts and participates in multiple venues. Even when PVGRC was founded, equal emphasis was placed on field, conformation and obedience. Since then the club has successfully added tracking and agility. I would encourage all members to get in touch with the committee chairs of the sport you are most interested and ask to join the committee. That information can be found in the members only section of the website. There is one committee that is missing and that is the trophy committee and we will get that information added. We should not continue to depend on the committee chairs alone to organize events. Serving on a committee is a great way to become involved and give back to the club and making lasting friendships. This is your club and it will be what you make it. We will continue to look for ways to improve communication to the membership. I welcome any constructive suggestions from the members that I can bring to the board and then to the membership at a general membership meeting. You can send me an email at rbumgardner17@comcast.net.

Rita Bumgardner



POTOMAC VALLEY GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

General Membership Meeting

January 31, 2016

PVGRC Annual Meeting, Election of New Officers—Silver Spring, MD

President's Report:

Thanks to Suzanne Miller for scheduling building.

Upcoming events:

Spring Specialty, March 4, closing date is February 17th. Location is Howard County Fairgrounds, in conjunction with Sporting Dogs Show which is Saturday and Sunday.

Awards Banquet/General Membership Meeting will be March 20th from 12:30-4:30 at Cattail Creek Country Club in Glenwood, MD. Please send checks to Beth Sokohl to sign up...checks must be received by March 14.

We are having a CCA in conjunction with the WC/WCX. Beth Sokohl is chairing the CCA and Suzanne Miller is the Secretary.

Election of officers and Board Members: The new slate is as follows: Rita Bumgardner, President, Betsy Harringer, VP, Addie Stocks, Secretary, Susan Sheets, Treasurer. Suzanne Miller is stepping down from Secretary but will remain on Board. They were voted in unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Breed: Entries close for the Spring Specialty on February 17th. Contact Elizabeth Breyer to volunteer for stewarding in conformation. The deadline for submissions to the Memorial Page of the Specialty Catalog has been extended to February 17th. We will have a Conformation Match but it has not been scheduled yet.

Field: The calendar is set, training days are listed in the back of every newsletter, and on the website calendar. The WC/WCX is scheduled for May 15th, where we are looking to have a CCA in conjunction with it, and a membership meeting. Beth Russell and Ann Strathern are co-chairing the WC. Beth Sokohl is chairing the hunt test.

Agility: All trial dates for 2016 are set and can be found in our newsletter and on our website. The premium for the April agility trial is on the website at this time. We have changed the date of our fall trial to September 10-11 from the October dates.

National Report: Suzanne Miller reminded everyone that the 2017 National Specialty is only 18 months out. The contract is signed for the Civic Center in Salisbury. All budgets need to be done by March 21...venues, decorations, etc. and fundraising. Chairs for committees need stacking committees, timelines and expectations for each committee. We need to talk with GRREAT about the Parade of Rescues. Cabela's may support all our field events.

Webmaster: Any problems that you encounter on the website should be reported to Jeff Ackerson. Jeff coordinates dealing with issues on our website with the professional webmaster who in turn takes care of the issue. Because it is a professional, it usually takes a little longer. Recently some members have had difficulty using the "Members Only" category. If they have forgotten their password, they have had a problem changing their password. This is currently in the process of being resolved.

Old Business: Donated items are needed for the raffle baskets at the Specialty on March 4 (see Newsletter or Yahoo Groups).

There was a question as to how a member gets on Yahoo Groups. Laurie Collins sends out an invitation email to new members with instructions on how to do this...will also go in the newsletter and on our website.

New Business: Donated items are also needed for the Silent Auction for GRREAT at the Annual Awards Banquet on March 20...info will be sent out soon on yahoo groups.

There are "crate holders" for sale at today's meeting...one of our fundraisers for the 2017 National.

The next board meeting will be held on February 10th at the home of Beth Sokohl.

The meeting was adjourned and the following program commenced.

Obedience Demonstrations

--A demonstration of Round the Clock method of teaching Scent Discrimination by Lynn Pacenta.

--The planned presentation by Judge Don Levinson on the changes to the AKC Obedience regulations had to be cancelled due to the date change of our meeting. So a discussion of the new rule changes was led by Marie Huffman.

--Marie also spearheaded a demonstration of the regular classes of obedience (novice, open and utility).



Minutes, Board Meeting, April 13, 2016

Attendees: All Board members were present except Suzanne Miller, with Jeff Ackerson attending via phone.

President's Report:

- Banquet recap: The Annual Awards Banquet at Cattail Creek Country Club was very well attended (67 people). The Board members agreed that it was a great venue with very good food and that Beth should book it there for the same weekend next year.
- Update on the Membership Committee: Penny reported that the committee met briefly at our Specialty. Jeff explained that our website will have 2 new additions in the Members Only section. One page will contain the names of the candidates being considered for membership and the second page will contain the names, once approved, of the new members. There were no names ready to be voted on for membership at this time.
- A number of issues regarding the rosettes, plaques and trophies (and accompanying boxes) earned by members and their dogs have been shared with several Board members. There was considerable discussion about these issues and how to best resolve them. It was decided that Kelly and Beth will draft a letter to the Trophy Committee asking them to address these issues and get back to the Board with their recommendations for Board approval.
- The question as to whether we need to have a Match this year was addressed and discussed. The difficulty with having a Match is that it requires a considerable amount of energy, planning and volunteers in addition to judges and expense with very little return (poorly attended and very little earning potential). Considerations for having the Match are the requirements by AKC to have a Match or other educational events and not just a show/specialty. Suzanne is looking into the specific AKC requirements and whether we meet them. Because we already have a number of club-sponsored educational events (e.g. seminars and classes), the Board voted to drop the Match for this year, depending on what Suzanne finds out.
- Dock Diving: Jeff reported that the facility (Hog Dog), where we usually hold this event, accidentally already booked Sunday, August 14 so he was able to obtain and reset Sunday, August 21 for our Dock Diving event this year.
- New Obedience Chair: Debbie Barrows volunteered to be the new Obedience Chair and she addressed the question as to whether we will have our stand alone all-breed Obedience Trial in February this year. This hinges somewhat on what is decided about when to have our Spring Specialty and whether to have it with Maryland Sporting Dog again in early March (which would be only 2 weeks before our Specialty) or by ourselves in April. It also may depend on whether we lost our priority for that date in February, both with AKC and the facility where we last held our Obedience Trial.
- Website Redevelopment: Jeff reported that that we continue to struggle with some little recurring and annoying problems with our website and there are still some problems with the members-only directory. Although Janet converted to a more modern site last year, there are still lots of things that are difficult with the current website. We can have our website redeveloped using the current content without taking down our website for about \$1000 and it should be ready to go by this June/July. This will give us the ability to take payment for membership dues and for merchandise for the 2017 National as well as helping solve our current problems and developing capabilities to

help manage our membership online. Some of this entails being able to volunteer online, renew membership online, have a prospective and a final new member list, and the capability to search for people's interests. This will also allow us going forward to help manage things for the 2017 National. The online volunteer sign-up will be tested out soon by working with the webmaster to use a tool that allows members to sign up for jobs through our website. The Board voted unanimously to approve the funding for the webmaster to work with Jeff to redevelop our website.

- Suzanne received an email from Mary Ann Bruton asking for our continued support at the November 12, 2016 Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club Dog Show. Rita addressed the question of whether we want to continue to do so. Because we have the 2017 National in Salisbury coming up, it was decided that we need to contact Mary Ann to get what the costs would be to us. Then once we get the costs we will decide and let her know.
- The Board received an email from Suzanne updating progress on the CCA, including a to-do list. Linda Billings of Chesapeake GRC has some equipment available for us to use and some of their club members will help as volunteers. Chesapeake GRC is actively helping us, providing volunteers and doing many of the tasks. They will be taking responsibility for the CCAs at the National and wanted to get some practice, as well as work with all of the PVGRC volunteers.

Secretary's report:

- Addie passed out a printed copy of the December 2015 and the 2015 Annual Treasurer's Reports to the Board members because she had difficulty getting these documents into the minutes from the drop box but will eventually input it into the minutes of the February 10, 2016 Board Meeting document.
- She received AKC "closed out events info" through the mail (not electronic mail) and needed to know where they should go. She was told to give them to Joan Donohue because they were all Specialty-related.
- She discussed several types of secretarial correspondences she has received (e.g., AKC Communicates, commercial announcements and other Dog Club Events/Seminars) for feedback from the Board as to which ones the Board thinks appropriate to send out to all club members through Yahoo Groups.

Treasurer's Report:

INCOME

2016 Banquet		
Trophy Sponsorship	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,613.00
Tickets	\$ 1,583.00	
2016 Specialty		\$ 715.55
Lunch Refund	\$ 60.00	
Catalog Sales	\$ 155.00	
Raffle	\$ 483.00	
Rau Checks	\$ 17.55	
2016 Mbrshp Dues		\$ 665.00

Total Income for March

\$
2,993.55

EXPENSES

2016 Specialty		\$ 3,141.19
Judges	\$ 1,351.71	
MD Sporting Dog	\$ 1,000.00	
Expenses	\$ 539.48	
Workers Lunches	\$ 250.00	
2016 Banquet		\$ 5,510.76
Plaques Engraving	840.05	
Rosettes	\$ 1,329.61	
Facility	\$ 3,011.10	
Zipper Pulls/Pins	\$ 330.00	
GRCA Dues		\$ 100.00
2015 CPA Services		\$ 875.00
Postage		\$ 65.80
Returned Check		\$ 30.00

Total Expenses for March

\$
9,722.75

CASH ON HAND as of 31 Mar 16

Checking Acct	\$ 13,375.37
CD 0.20% 10/16	\$ 7,759.41
CD 0.75% 12/16	\$ 23,325.75
CD 0.65% 1/18	\$ 40,825.90

The total income for March is \$2293.55 and the total expenses for March are \$9722.75. There is no income from Rau yet. Susan is concerned when we have new expenses before we have planning for the budget and

wants to know if we will get info for that. We don't know the income yet from the Specialty and the Agility Trial and wants to make sure we can cover expenses.

Committee Reports:

Breed committee: Specialty recap (Joan emailed to Tricia: I don't have the final accounting for the specialty but I expect we made some money. Our entries were up. Rau per entry fee was a bit higher than Rhonda but Rhonda charged for catalogs. Our breed judge was more than last year but our sweeps judge was about \$500 less than last year. > What I need from the board is if we should start the negotiations of doing the same thing next year. Also, do you know what is going on with the match? Is there any talk of doing another combined event?)

There was considerable discussion among Board members regarding the success of having our Specialty with Maryland Sporting Dog as well as several issues concerned with doing this and whether we should do this with them again. We don't have the money from Rau yet. The issues revolved mostly around the location of the obedience rings. An additional issue is that the Flat Coat club may be interested in sharing this date with them. A possible solution to the obedience issue may be for us to separately rent the smaller building behind the main building and have all our rings there or have all the obedience rings there, including those of Maryland Sporting Dog. Tricia sent an email to Joan asking that she and the Breed Committee decide what they would like to do in relation to these issues. A decision needs to be made about whether we want to have our Specialty with Maryland Sporting Dog again this year or keep our stand-alone Specialty date in April. This first decision is important also so that the decision about having an All-Breed Obedience Trial in February can be made.

Obedience committee: Nothing to report from the Obedience Committee except the existence of the new Chair. We need a new obedience liaison and Susan volunteered to do so.

Tracking committee: (Penny) Nothing to report.

Agility committee: The Board received an email from Kelly: We are ready to go to trial on April 23 (need volunteers for April 23 and 24). Entries are down this year from last year. She also included her analysis as to why the entries are down. The June trial is only two months away and has always had excellent entries over the years.

Field committee: We also need a new obedience liaison and Beth volunteered to do so. The training day scheduled for April 9 was cancelled due to inclement weather so as not to ruin the property. They will give us the property for another date. There are no training days scheduled in July.

Beth suggested the following in an email to the Board: Not sure how much you are all aware of the difficulty in getting into Master hunt tests lately. A local test has just been dropped from the calendar...and several club members have suggested that we add another PVGRC test. The Field Committee listened to this request, and decided it was something we should try to take on. The test would be June 3-5, and have it be a double master and a junior stake. We would limit the Master stakes to 90 dogs for EACH stake. This would give us ample entries so that hopefully our members would be able to enter their dogs. It would also give us ample entries so that we would make a small profit. We are proposing to have it at Neil Selby's place in Remington VA to accommodate the number of master entries. I have attached a very quick budget, which doesn't include what we would get for Junior entries. Please let me know if we have Board approval for this, because we need to act on it rather quickly.

She also suggested that the profits go to the National. Jeff was concerned and thought the profits should go into the PVGRC treasury instead. The Board voted to hold the Hunt test as requested on the weekend of June 3-5. The Board took a separate vote and approved the profits from the Hunt Test to go to the PVGRC treasury.

Education Committee: (Jeff) Hoping to hold a canine CPR but having trouble with the venue and is looking for a new venue.

National Report: The Board received an email from Suzanne updating progress on the National Specialty: We have draft budgets to use as a framework for most of the venues, as well as all of the judges' contracts and site contracts and agreements. Most key volunteer positions have been filled and we plan on having committee meetings by June 21 to review the budgets, volunteer needs, and develop timelines for all aspects of the Specialty. Some key positions need to be filled, and the Steering Committee would appreciate the Board's input. Please contact us if you have any suggestions for members to fill the following positions, before we ask the wider Golden community.

- Hospitality (we have a number of volunteers, but could use a coordinator -- must be a nice person who works well with others)
- Catalogue sales (Advertising is covered -- we need someone to coordinate sales, both before and at the show site)
- Parking and traffic control (a strong-willed person to coordinate volunteers at all sites and take no guff from participants)

Those are our major needs. Please let us know if you think of people to fill them.

Old business:

The combined K9 Olympics/Veterans Day will be co-chaired by Kelly and Betsy and held at the Armstrongs on a date to be determined.

In the past Tricia made the banners for our Specialty and the glue she used is coming apart. She has restitched them and placed them on their cylinder but needs a place to store them. Rita will give to the Armstrongs for storage in the trailer.

New Business:

Betsy has Christmas party dates and will send out to Board for approval. No down payment is needed. The next General Membership meeting will be held on May 15 in conjunction with the WC/WCX and the CCA.

The next Board meeting will be held at the home of Beth Sokohl on Wednesday, June 8th at 6:30 pm.



**General Membership Meeting
May 15, 2016
WC/WCX and Spring CCA—Cheltenham, MD**

Prior to the meeting, ribbons and placements were given out to those qualifying in the WC/WCX and individual pictures were taken, as well as group pictures. There were 16 participants in the Spring CCA and all 16 passed; each participant received a ribbon, a pin and an individual picture. Group pictures were also taken.

Rita Bumgardner called the meeting to order at the completion of the WC/WCX and the CCA. The minutes of the previous meeting on March 20 were accepted as distributed on the listserv.

President's report:

Rita thanked the judges and the chairpersons of the WC/WCX and the Spring CCA. She also thanked the members from Chesapeake GRC who did a great job helping us with the CCA as volunteers and thanked those who volunteered for the WC/WCX. She shared with the members that the new system using our website to volunteer for these events worked well.

This year PVGRC will not have a match. In the last several years we have not had good attendance at the match or good participation from the membership. The Breed and Obedience Committees have been asked to reevaluate how and where we might have a match in the future. Anyone who may have some suggestions about this should get in touch with these Committees. We don't have to have a match to be recognized as an AKC-affiliated club as long as we have enough other club-sponsored educational events (e.g. seminars and classes), and we do.

Treasurer's Report:

We had the April Agility Trial and also received \$3641.42 from Rau for the Specialty so the total income for April was \$23,174.17. The total expenses for April were \$14,649.76 therefore we were in the black for the month. Our overall balance including our checking account and our CDs is currently about \$89 K.

April 1 - 30 April 2016

BEGINNING BALANCE **\$ 9,034.27**

INCOME

Banquet		\$ 52.75
Agility (April Trial)		\$ 19,480.00
Specialty		\$ 3,641.42

Total Income for April **\$ 23,174.17**

EXPENSES

Agility		\$ 14,474.96
Judges / Trial Secretary	\$ 4,675.27	
Eqmt Rental/ Site	\$ 4,925.00	
Ribbons	\$ 497.88	
Workers Lunches	\$ 322.81	
Refunds	\$ 655.00	
AKC Registration Fees	\$ 3,399.00	
Banquet		\$ 15.00
PVGRC Website		\$ 75.00
Field (Training Day 1)		\$ 84.80

Total Expenses for April **\$ 14,649.76**

ENDING BALANCE **\$ 17,558.68**

CASH ON HAND as of 30 April 16

Checking Acct	\$ 17,986.26
CD 0.20% 10/16	\$ 7,763.27
CD 0.75% 12/16	\$ 23,325.75
CD 0.65% 1/18	\$ 40,891.88

Area						
	Income	Expenses	Net	Income	Expenses	Net
Agility	\$ 19,480.00	\$ 14,474.96	\$ 5,005.04	\$ 19,558.00	\$ 14,819.40	\$ 4,738.60
Field		\$ 84.80	\$ (84.80)	\$ 175.00	\$ 2,009.80	\$ (1,834.80)
Specialty	\$ 3,641.42		\$ 3,641.42	\$ 4,656.97	\$ 5,218.54	\$ (561.57)
Tracking			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Membership			\$ -	\$ 1,980.00	\$ 95.80	\$ 1,884.20
Banquet	\$ 52.75	\$ 15.00	\$ 37.75	\$ 1,635.75	\$ 5,435.71	\$ (3,799.96)
IT PVGRC Website		\$ 75.00	\$ (75.00)	\$ -	\$ 450.24	\$ (450.24)
2017 National			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ (20,000.00)
Miscellaneous			\$ -	\$ 232.50	\$ 1,885.58	\$ (1,653.08)
	\$ 23,174.17	\$ 14,649.76	\$ 8,524.41	\$ 28,238.22	\$ 49,915.07	\$ (21,676.85)

Committee Reports:

Breed: We will hold our Specialty next year in conjunction with Maryland Sporting Dogs again. We will address the obedience issue by possibly separately renting the smaller building behind the main building and have all our rings there or have all the obedience rings there, including those of Maryland Sporting Dog. Joan is working on it. There is no date yet for the Specialty.

Obedience: Our new obedience chair Debbie Barrows could not be here today but her main question is whether our club will be having an All-Breed Obedience Trial again next year and when would be the best time to have it. She is getting an obedience committee together and they will present a proposal regarding this matter.

Field: We had a very successful WC/WCX today. A local Hunt Test has just been dropped from the calendar by the Maryland Retriever Club with very short notice. Our club has decided to hold an additional Hunt Test on June 4-5 and have it be a 120 limited master and a senior stake. We would limit the Master flights to 60 dogs for each flight. This would give us ample entries so that hopefully our members would be able to enter their dogs. It will be held at Neil Selby's place in Remington, VA to accommodate the number of master entries. Entries end on May 26. Beth Sokohl will chair this event. We will still have our regular 3 stake Hunt Test in October. The next field training day is June 18 in Cheltenham.

Agility: The AKC All-Breed Agility Trial is June 25-26 in Frederick, MD.

Membership: The following new members were voted in:
Marla & Paul Nedzbala, Frederick, MD
Terry Peace, Mechanicsville, VA
Mike & Martha Skladanek, Towson, MD
Kimberly Wilkins & David Altman, Montpelier Station, VA

National Report: The Field Committee for the 2017 National will meet at the June Hunt Test after the conclusion of the event on Sunday, June 5. The Salisbury Maryland KC may be adding 2 days of Agility on the weekend which will probably draw in more entries for our 2 days. Everyone working on planning the National has been very busy and having meetings, and the National Committee has added more people to the list of volunteers. Soon the heads of the various sub-committees will be posted on our website and the listserv so that members interested in helping will know who to get in touch with to volunteer. Ken Harringer and Suzanne Miller are working with different pieces of the National budget and will soon combine it into one huge budget for the entire project. The Spring CCA held today is one of the first fundraising activities for the National and with the help of Chesapeake GRC was very successful. There were 16 entries and 16 passed.

Old Business: K-9 Olympics/ Veterans Day will be held on June 19 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the Armstrongs in Monrovia, MD. It will be pot luck and something special will be done for the Veterans. Kelly Armstrong and Betsy Harringer are the co-chairs. More information will be posted on our website.

The next general membership meeting will be held in conjunction with K-9 Olympics/ Veterans Day on June 19 in Monrovia, MD. The following general membership meeting will be held in conjunction with Dock Diving on August 21 at the Hog Dog facility in Millersville, MD.

The meeting was adjourned.

Conformation Column
Joan Donohue
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New Show Dog Hall of Fame

GCHG Firestar's Go For Broke TD MX MXF XF (Sharon and Clayton Kilrain)

Not often do we get to announce a club member's dog entrance into the show dog hall of fame but "Chip" entered in style by winning the Group at the Kennel club of Texarkana show. A golden must accumulate 25 points through group placements, independent specialty wins and best in shows to qualify for the SDHF. Congratulations to Team Chip on a wonderful accomplishment.



Specials news

GCHG Steadmoor's Take A Gander (A Nancy M Sherick & Jacqueline J Morasco) took the breed at the Saturday Richmond show.

Class News

Delmarva's Where the Magic Begins (Belinda Gosnell) has started off her conformation career by going WB/BW/BOS at the Saturday Cambridge Minnesota show and RWB at the Anoka County Minnesota show.

Golden Dome's Party all the time (Diane R Lenk & Brandon R Lenk & Katie Shepard) is rapidly picking up points with wins at the Saturday and Sunday Shawnee shows and was WD/BOW/BOB at the Richmond show.

Online's Very Special Agent @ CSK TD (Sharon and Clayton Kilrain) picked up reserves at the Sunday Mattaponi and the Sunday Skyline shows.

Casey's Summer (Diane Casey) was WB at the Saturday Skyline show and *Casey's Be Sharp* (Diane Casey) took home the point at the Sunday Skyline show.

TRACKING NEWS

Marge Paulding

Email brags to mkpgold1@verizon.net

No news from anyone that any PVGRC member has earned a tracking title lately. Any of you out there tracking? Have any questions about Tracking? Here are the members of PVGRC's Standing Tracking Committee:

Donna Thompson (dbpridejoy@aol.com)

Marie Huffman (m.huffman@comcast.net)

Cher Snyder (killiebrae@outlook.com)

Sharon & Clayton Kilrain (csk9gold@earthlink.net)

Marge Paulding, Chairperson (mkpgold1@verizon.net)

If you have any questions or need help problem solving a training problem for tracking, please reach out to any of us.

Fall TD/TDX test is Sunday, 11/13/16. Plotting of tracks on Saturday, 11/12/16. Judges for this year's test will be Sue Ammerman and Tony Hinson. Test location is Cross Junction, Virginia. For those of you who can volunteer to help – please save that weekend to help host another great PVGRC event.

Please remember to let us know of any new tracking titles, so that we can share your good news.

Happy tracking tails... Marge

Obedience News

Debbie Barrows

Email brags to:

One brag from the obedience world:

Diane Caskins reports that CH ChaniRich's Gold-Rush Rumpelstilskin earned his CD at Merrimac Dog Obedience trial on June 19, 2016.

Agility News

Nick DeCesare

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Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club held our second agility trial of 2016 on June 25th & 26th in Frederick, Maryland. Our June trial continues to be our strongest performer. It was our largest trial since our June 2015 trial with 620 entries on Saturday and 650 on Sunday. This trial will go down in history as the "backwards trial" with more entries on Sunday than Saturday. There is a joke about agility trials; the good news is the trial has a full (or near full) entry, the bad news is the trial has a full (or near full) entry. We make a nice profit with a full entry but it requires a maximum effort.

Thanks to all the club members who stepped up to make our trial run smoothly. John Bitner, Tricia Dunseith, Sharon and Clayton Kilrain, Molly McEvoy, Carol and Rory Nansel, Marge Paulding, Melissa Reed, Jim and Nancy Runion, Donna Sims, Ken Wiedel and our president, Rita Bumgardner all contributed to make our trial run efficiently from start to finish. For me the best part was everyone stayed after the trial was over to put the equipment away, clean up, packed up and be on the road by 5:30.

Special thanks to our chief ring stewards, Pat Kavanagh and Sheri McAlevey on Saturday and Helenmary Cody and Marta Coursey on Sunday. Pat, Sheri, Helenmary and Marta kept the rings fully staffed with workers and made it look easy, even though I know it wasn't. The position of chief ring steward is one of the most important jobs at an agility trial and it takes a special person to volunteer to do it trial after trial. Thank you again, ladies.

I also want to offer special recognition to Tricia Dunseith and Molly McEvoy for taking the time to help a new agility exhibitor at our trial. For a new exhibitor just learning the rules and what they must do to even begin to compete in agility is a daunting task. Tricia and Molly took the new exhibitor through the steps to getting their dog measured for a jump height card and answered a lot of questions as an experienced handler and a judge. I just wanted to share this. I think their extra effort to help a new exhibitor reflects well on Tricia and Molly and who we are as a club

And lastly, a brag: Honora's Fabulous Lil Deuce Coupe (Cooper) CD RN MH OA OAJ NAP AJP CGC WCX CCA, owned by Rita and Randy Bumgardner, earned his AXP title at the PVGRC agility trial in Frederick, MD.

Field Column

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Summer is here, and in full swing. The Beginning Handling class has come and gone, the Beginner Field class is nearly complete. Hopefully we have a bunch of club members who have learned a lot this summer.

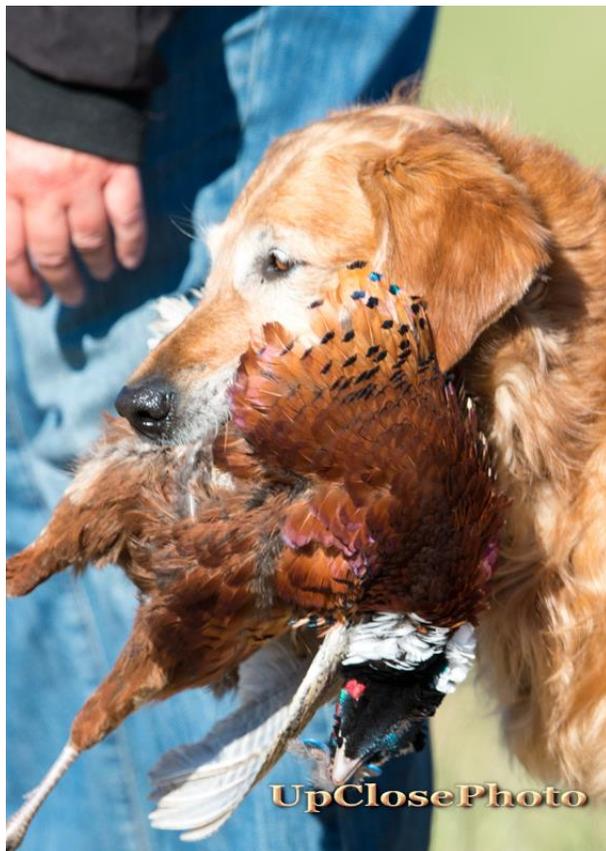
Our last training day was another success. Thank you Ann Strathern for continuing to organize these training days. It was HOT, and we still had over 40 dogs attending!!!

Our Hunt test is fast approaching, and soon, there will be a call for volunteers!!! If you are available the weekend of October 15 and 16, and want to spend time out in the fresh air, please volunteer!!!

And, now for the brags!! Clearly our members have been quite busy for the past couple of months!!!

HUNT TEST HALL OF FAME!!!

Beth Sokohl reports that Jazz, Roux's Steamin' Red Hot Blues CDX RE MH50 AX AXJ OF WCX CCA** earned their 50th Master Pass at our hunt test in June...this puts her into the GRCA Hunt Test Hall of Fame.



New Master Hunter!!!

Take Flight's Otto Know Better, owned by Pete and Claire Godwin, and handled by Beth Sokohl, earned their Master Hunter title at PVGRC's hunt test! He can now happily return to life as a hunting dog, and sidekick and travelling companion to Pete!!!



From Megan Baker:

Rodeo, Rascal, Fed-X, Voodoo, Reboot all Qualified for Master National
Voodoo is also qualified for the MARC (Master Amateur Retriever Club)

Loopy – is now a Senior Hunter, earning legs at Rappahanock Retriever Club, Back Bay Retriever club (two legs, one at the spring test, one at the summer test) and the Flatcoat test.

Bam – has earned a senior leg at the Flat Coat test, and a senior leg at Finger Lakes test.

YodaBug – has earned one senior leg at the Back Bay spring test, and one leg at the Finger Lakes test, and one leg at the Back Bay summer test.

And two senior ribbons went to Andy Moore and Red Hot Firebird JH at the Back Bay summer test...once more to go!!!

From the Field Trial World!!!

Martha Cole Glenn's Labrador Retriever, Opal (Ironweed Polished Black Jem) finished 2nd in the Open at the Midwest Retriever Club field trial. With her first place at the Lab Club Open in Americus, GA in February, Opal has qualified to be in the National Retriever Club Open Championship November 13-19 in Bonham, TX.

Calendar of Events 2016

January

January 24 General Meeting Silver Spring, MD

February

February Board Meeting Glenwood, MD

March

March 4 Spring Specialty, Obedience
Rally W Friendship, MD

March 20 Awards Banquet, Membership
Meeting Glenwood, MD

April

April 9 Field Training Day Cheltenham, MD

April 13 Board Meeting Glenwood, MD

April 23-24 Agility Trial Frederick, MD

May

May 7 Field Training Day Cheltenham, MD

May 15 WC/WCX/Puppy Veteran/
CCA/Membership Mtg Cheltenham, MD

Calendar of Events 2015

June

June 4-5	Hunt Test	Remington, VA
June 8	Board Meeting	Glenwood, MD
June 18	Field Training Day	Cheltenham, MD
June 19	K9 Olympics/Veterans Day	Monrovia, MD
June 25-26	Agility Trial	Frederick, MD

July

August

August 6	Field Training Day (water only)	Cheltenham, MD
August 21	Dock Diving/Membership Mtg	Millersville, MD

September

Sept 3	Field Training Day	Cheltenham, MD
Sept 10-11	Agility Trial	Frederick, MD

October

October 15-16	PVGRC Hunt Test/ Membership Meeting	Cheltenham, MD
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November

November 13	Tracking Test	Cross Junction, VA
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December

TBD	Holiday Party/Membership Meeting	Beltsville, MD
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