



The Potomac Valley News

November-December 2015

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A Message from the President

The calendar says November, leaves are falling from my trees, mocking me, since I picked them up yesterday, and you can't tell. And, our club calendar is winding down. We have had a busy busy fall as a club. The list is long of club volunteers who have ensured that each one of these events goes off without a hitch.

Way back in September, the club held our WC/WCX (with Puppy and Veteran stakes). It was a great event, and a great prep for those going and competing at the GRCA National just two weeks later. Thanks go to Nicole DeBernardi Foltz who chaired the event, Tricia Dunseith for being Secretary, and Wayne Kulig for being Gun Captain.

Our club calendar for October boasted a club field training day, the Hunt Test, and the last agility trial for the year. Thanks goes to Ann Strathern for not only taking over field chairman duties, but for also running the training days, since long time member, and field chairman (for years and years) Sharon Albright moved to snowier climes (don't people do the opposite, Sharon?) in Denver, CO. Thanks also to Laurie Falter (chair), Rita Bumgardner (secretary), Colleen Charles, Judy Gladson, Wayne Kulig and Andy Moore for running our hunt test, and Nick DeCesare for spearheading our agility trial. Nick runs our agility trials with such ease that people forget how much work running an agility trial really is!

November brought our tracking test, which could not have happened without the efforts of Marge Paulding and Sharon Kilrain, and of course, Donna Thompson. I know I speak for the club when I say we were all very sorry to hear about

Bernie Thompson's passing just a couple of weeks earlier, and doubly appreciate Donna being so hospitable and helpful.

These are just A FEW of the people who helped this fall...there are countless others who chipped in at one, or many of these events. That is what makes this club great. I was only at the GRCA National in Ohio for a couple of days this year, but more often than not, people came to me (and other members) to tell them how happy they are that we are hosting the 2017 GRCA National, and how excited they are to be coming to the Eastern Shore in 2017. It makes me proud to be a member of this club. If you read through the list of names that I have mentioned above, there a quite a few "new" members who have taken on pretty major volunteer roles this fall. I think we can remember back to doing our first major volunteer project for this club, or for another, and realize how difficult it is...make sure you thank them, and tell them they are doing a great job...there will be glitches along the way, but they all work out in the end...and we need "new blood" all the time...we want these volunteers to want to do this again!!!

So the last thing on our calendar for the year is our annual holiday party. This is being chaired by another "new" member, Betsy Harringer. It is a holiday party for not only our members, but those Golden Retrievers that have brought all together in the first place. See the flyer further down in the newsletter...but if you have ever been around Ken and Betsy Harringer, you know...this is guaranteed to be a lot of fun...and I am sure the "reindeer games" they are cooking up for us will be fun for both human and canine!!!

On a personal note...I spend a lot of time thinking about my dogs and their training. I also compare it to what I do with my horses...the training, the goals, the fitness and health, the competition schedule. I run into a lot of "horse" people in the dog world, and we often compare the similarities and differences. So, I was thinking about this the other day....my dogs have had a tough year of training...I had some lofty goals, and they (and I) worked really hard. Not only did they work hard physically, but they spent lots of time in the car...both traveling to many hunt tests, but also spending those days in the car at the hunt test...that has to take a physical and mental toll on them. This is true of all the competition areas we enjoy with our dogs...so as the horse parallel...my horse just got back from California in his last competition of the year...horse people don't even think about it...what do we do? He gets a vacation until January....it made me think...I am tired from my year of training and competitions...my dogs must be tired too...I have one more hunt test this year...then...they are going on vacay until January...whether it kills me or not. ☺

Have a great holiday season...Thanksgiving is right around the corner...my favorite holiday...I am giving thanks for a lot...one of those things is the my dogs, and the friends they have brought me.

Happy Holidays.

Beth Sokohl



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
Saturday, December 19,
2015
1:00 - 5 p.m.



Our Annual Holiday Party will be held at Canine Training Association

\$20.00 TO ALL PVGRC MEMBERS AND GUESTS, OLD AND NEW

AND....bring your dog!!! We will be playing reindeer games with our favorite furry friends!!!

CTA
6826 Distribution Drive
Beltsville, MD 20705

Food and Fun All Afternoon!!!

Lunch and Dessert Provided

Please bring a wrapped gift for the Dirty Santa game (worth \$25 or less)



Please send checks (made payable to PVGRC) to:

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Conformation Column

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New Champion

CH Lycinans Mug Full of Cheer, WC (Holly Kelley) picked up his last major at the Newman show. The first champion is always so special. So, I asked Holly for a little write up. See below:

From Holly: *CH Lycinans Mug Full of Cheer, WC* - Toby and I had a great September and October! He earned his CH and his WC within weeks of each other. The CH came from the great handling of Katie Shepard and the support of Cindy Williamson, Gloria Miller and a bunch of others rooting us on. I really appreciate the support of our great club members in both conformation and in the field. It truly is a group effort. This is my first champion and first field title. I could not be happier!



Special News

GCH Goodtime's Perfect Ten (Belinda Gosnell and Lisa Smith) picked up Best of Breeds at Back Mountain and Mispillion shows.

GCH Firestar's Go For Broke MX, MXJ, OF, TD (Sharon & Clayton Kilrain) picked up a BOB, BOS and two selects at the Salisbury shows.

Ch Sombra's Smoke N' Hot Firehouse (Nancy Sherick) was BOS at the Chesapeake Virginia Dog Fanciers Association and Select at the Saturday show.

Ch Questan's Greased Lightnin' (Vasoula Harrison & Julie Kielts & Jacqueline Morasco) took home a Group 3 at the Saturday Chesapeake Virginia DFA show

GCH Steadmor's Take a Gander (Nancy M Sherick & Jacqueline J Morasco) BOB Friday and Saturday and a Group 3 on Saturday

Class News

Steadmor's No Farm No Fowl RN CGC (Wesley Pease & Jacqueline) was WB at the Sunday Chesapeake Virginia DFA show.

Golden Dome's Party All the Time (Diane & Brandon Lenk & Katie Sherpard) took reserve, from the 12-18 month class, at the Saturday Chesapeake Virginia DFA show.

Casey's Skipper (Diane Casey) was reserve at the Saturday Chesapeake Virginia DFA show RWB

Star Crowned Lycinan Superhero (Cindy Williamson) picked up another point at the Friday Catonsville show.

Charms Causin' Commotion (Amy Alsante & Jennifer Boyle-Grant) was WB at the Friday Catonsville show and picked up a major at the Mispillion Show.

Online's Very Specail Agent @ CSK (Sharon Kilrain & Clayton Kilrain) was RWD at the Saturday Catonsville show.

At the National Capital show, *Easter Lily's Celestial Comet* (Andrew and Nancy Meyer) and *Hillock's Something Special* (Lisa Cohen & Jim Cohen and Tammy Tomlinson) picked up majors.

GRCA National

CH Genesis May-Hem – 3rd 8-10 veteran bitches regular

Medea Sonyc Irish Coffee (Holly Kelley and Kathy Carbone) - 3rd 10-12 veteran dog sweeps and 2nd 10-12 veteran dog regular

Honora's Fabulous Lil Deuce Coupe CD RN SH OA OAJ WCX (Randy and Rita Bumgardner) 3rd in Senior Hunter class in Gun Dog Sweeps

TRACKING NEWS

Marge Paulding

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PVGRC's Annual TD/TDX Test – Sunday, 11/8/15

News Alert – 1 new TD and one new TDX awarded at PVGRC's Annual TD/TDX test on 11/8/15, in Cross Junction, VA.

It was a great tracking weekend – weather was overcast and cool to be outside plotting tracks on Saturday. Weather on Sunday was a clear blue sky, some wind, temps in high 50's. Judges were Sue Ammerman and Tony Hinson. There were 3 TD entries and 7 TDX entries. Sunday's tracks were drawn as follows:

TD #1 – Great Pyrenees – passed, had little trouble from start to finish. New TD!

TD #2 – golden retriever, failed, had trouble at last turn and was off track on last leg.

Third TD entry was absent.

TDX #1 – Golden Retriever – passed; Congrats to club member Chris Zink and Hobby.

TDX #2 – Cavalier King Charles Spaniel – failed; missed an article on 3rd leg; after two attempts to backtrack to the article, handler let the dog go and found the article. Dog then went left at next turn instead of right.

TDX #3 – Cocker Spaniel – failed; Missed the 1st turn.

TDX Alt 1 – Flat-Coated Retriever – failed; took 1st set of crosstracks.

Thanks to the following club members who helped:

Donna Thompson – Chairperson/Secretary, finding fields, use of little red schoolhouse as headquarters

TD Tracklayers – Mary Ann Massie, Wendy Tackas, Sharon Hinson (Judge's wife)

TDX Tracklayers – Clayton Kilrain, Leslie Peszczyński, Marge Paulding, Tom Anderson (BlueRidge Mbr)

CrossTrack Layers – Tom & Marsha Dulz (friends of Tracking), John Snyder

Drivers: Cher Snyder, Marsha Dulz

Chief Tracklayer (worker coordinator) – Sharon Kilrain

Hospitality: Sharon Kilrain, Cher Snyder, Marsha Dulz

Happy tracking tails... Marge

Congratulations to Chris Zink and Hobby for earning their TDX at the PVGRC Tracking Test!!!



And Russell Morton and his Great Pyrenees, who earned their TD!!!



Agility Column
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Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club held its last agility trial of the year on October 24 & 25, 2015. We had a better than average entry with about 1200 runs for the two days. The success of the trial was largely due to the participation of club members Jeff Ackerson, Gary Arbegast, Kelly Armstrong, John Bitner, Helenmary Cody, Nicole DeBernardi, Bets Keen, Clayton and Sharon Kilrain, Molly McEvoy, Carol and Rory Nansel, Marge Paulding, Melissa Reed, Nancy and Jimmy Runion and Donna Sims. (Apologies to anyone I have omitted)

I also have to offer a huge thank you to our chief ring stewards, Marta Coursey, Pat Kavanagh and Sheri McAlevey and our chief worker scheduler, Sharon DeCesare. The trials started on time, ran efficiently and everything was cleaned up, packed up and we were out of the building well before 5PM.

The day after the trials I received the following unsolicited email from an exhibitor, Marcie Smith:

Thank you, your trial committee and your club SO much for the great agility trial! It was fun and well run and I was so glad to get to compete!

This is the kind of customer feedback that makes all the effort of holding an agility trial worthwhile. Watching so many handlers and dogs having a really good time is also very rewarding. And the very best part is we will get to do it all over again in 2016!

Other things that are very rewarding are NEW TITLES! Everybody likes a NEW TITLE! Nicole DeBernardi and Brian Foltz report that "Mosby" (FIRESIDE'S HUNTING FOR YOUR MOTHER) earned his NA title.

Helenmary Cody and "Piper" (VICTORY'S FOLLOW THE LEADER CDX RE JH MXB MJS XF T2B WCX HOF*) earned their Master Agility Champion title at the October 24th PVGRC trial.

On 10/11/15, Marge Paulding and Jackson (aka MACH2 PACH2 ARCHMX U-CH U-CD Mirasol's Nose The Way VCD3 UDX OM1 GO VER RAE3 MXC MJC MXP6 MXPS MJP6 MJPS PAX2 MXF MFB TQX) earned his PACH2 at the York County DTC trial. Still enjoying the game of agility as a Veteran. Way to go Jackson!

Note: Any member sending in a new agility title notification will be guaranteed to have that new agility title published in the agility section of the next issue of the Potomac Valley News.

Field Column

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Busy, busy, busy...that is the adjective that best describes PVGRC field members. Not only are they busy training, they are busy at hunt tests and field trials, and they are busy hold events for like minded dog handlers!!!

First of all, forgive me for repeating myself, but you may have skipped the President's column!!! Ann Strathern became the Field Chair, and quickly became overwhelmingly busy!!! The club held their last training day of the year on October 10th...we have had some huge turnouts at training days this year. It is great to see so many club members showing interest in field training.

Again, thanks to Nicole DeBernardi Foltz, Tricia Dunseith, Laurie Falter, Rita Bumgardner, Colleen Charles, Judy Gladson, Andy Moore, and countless others...we have so many members who come and volunteer at our events, and their names are not new to the sheets of this newsletter...Leslie Peszczynski, Laurie Collins, Ken Weidel, d'Alex Childers, Diana Caskins, Bob Kurtz, Wayne Kulig, Nancy Kulig, Betsy and Ken Harringer, Leslie Stanley, Linda Reynolds, Lynn Pacenta, Carolyn Rice, Susan Sheets, Lorraine McPartland...the list goes on and on, and apologies to those I have forgotten.

Now for the brags!!! I know there are more of you out there!! I see your names in catalogs!! Please email me when you get a ribbon!!!

New Master Hunter!!!

John Cotter and Mirasol's A Berry Elegant Lady UDX OM1 MH WCX OBHF earned their Master Hunter title at the PVGRC hunt test in October.

Chris LeBel and CH Flatcastle's Blissful Blue Ocean CD RA SH WCX earned their Master Hunter title at the PVGRC hunt test in October.

New Master Legs

Honora's Fabulous Lil Deuce Coupe CD RN SH OA OAJ WCX (Bumgardner) got his first master pass at the GRCA National Specialty in Wilmington, Ohio, and then his second leg at the Back Bay Knott's Island test in November.

Laurie Falter and Fireside's Quick On The Draw CDX SH OA earned their second leg at the PVGRC test.

Linda Reynolds and CH Allegro Rock Me On The Water SH WCX earned their third leg at the PVGRC test.

Take Flight's Otto Know Better CD JH CGC, owned by Pete and Claire Godwin, and handled by Beth Sokohl, earned their first leg at the Susquehanna Retriever Club test in November.

Brian Foltz and Watermark's Mission Bell SH CGC earned their first two Master legs this fall, one at the PVGRC test and one at Susquehanna test.

Ann Strathern and Quantum Singularity SH WCX earned their first leg at the Back Bay Knott's Island test in November.

Leslie Stanley and OTCH Richwood Shining Moment UDX2 OM4 VER SH WCX CCA VC OBHF earned their first leg at the Back Bay Knott's Island test in November.

New Senior Legs

Nicole DeBernardi and Brian Foltz report that "Mosby" (FIRESIDE'S HUNTING FOR YOUR MOTHER) earned his first two senior legs this fall at the Susquehanna test and the Back Bay Knott's Island test.

New Junior Hunter

Four Lakes Hot Potato, owned by Beth Russell, earned his final two junior hunter legs at the Tidewater Retriever Club tests in September.

New Junior Legs

Carolyn Rice and Garrett Briggs and Ruffwater Fire In The Night RN earned their first two Junior legs at the Back Bay Knott's Island test.

Field Trial News

Beth Sokohl and Roux's Steamin' Red Hot Blues CDX RE MH40 AX AXJ NF WCX** got a third place at the Back Bay Knott's Island Field Trial.

Beth Sokohl and You Have Got To Be Kidding CD RN MH30 NAJ WCX*** earned a JAM at the Back Bay Knott's Island Field trial.

Master National Qualifier!!!!

Congratulations to Beth Sokohl and You Have Got To Be Kidding CD RN MH30 NAJ WCX***, who completed the Master National in Cheraw, South Carolina and earned their pewter plate!!



Calendar of Events 2015

January

January 17 General Meeting Point of Rocks, MD

February

February 4 Board Meeting Washington, DC
February 7-8 All-Breed Obedience Trial Halethorpe, MD

March

March 9 Board Meeting Glenwood, MD
March 22 Annual Awards Banquet/
Membership Meeting Rockville, MD

April

April 4 Field Training Day Cheltenham, MD
April 10-11 Specialty Show/Obedience and
Rally Trial Westminster, MD
April 18-19 Agility Trial Frederick, MD

May

May 2 Field Training Day Cheltenham, MD
May 17 WC/WCX Puppy Stakes Cheltenham, MD

June

June 6 K-9 Olympics/Veteran's Day Monrovia, MD
June 13 Field Training Day Cheltenham, MD
June 20-21 Agility Trial Frederick, MD

July

August

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| August 1 | Field Training Day (water only) | Cheltenham, MD |
| TBD | Dock Diving/Membership Mtg | Millersville, MD |
| August 29 | Field Training Day | Cheltenham, MD |

September

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| Sept 13 | WC/WCX/Puppy Stakes | Cheltenham, MD |
| Sept 26 | Beginning of GRCA National | Ohio |

October

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| October 7 | Board Meeting | Washington, DC |
| October 10 | Field Training Day | Cheltenham, MD |
| October 17-18 | PVGRC Hunt Test | Cheltenham, MD |
| October 24-25 | Agility Trial | Frederick, MD |

November

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| November 8 | Tracking Test | Cross Junction, VA |
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December

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| December 2 | Board Meeting | Glenwood, MD |
| December 19 | Holiday Party/Membership Meeting | Beltsville, MD |

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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.