



The Potomac Valley News

September-October 2016

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A Message from the President

Well it seems the summer doesn't want to end as we experience more days in the 90s. As we train and compete with our dogs, please be careful and pay attention to signs of heat stress, both for yourself and your dog. Safety should be our first priority, so be careful out there. We did get a nice break in the weather the weekend of Labor Day and many members enjoyed a fun and productive field training day. The weather could not have been better. We were not so lucky a few weeks earlier and had to cancel dock diving due to severe weather. Hopefully there will be a weekend available to reschedule, so keep checking the website for updates. It was another blistering weekend of the club agility trial. Thank goodness for air conditioning! From all the face book posts that I saw, our trial had a lot of MACH and PACHs which is always fun. Many thanks go to Nick DeCesare, his committee and the many volunteers for putting on another great trial.

Early fall not only brings cooler temperatures but our last field training day of the year followed a few weeks later by the club's fall hunt test. Ann Strathern is organizing the field training day and Beth Sokohl is the hunt test chair. Both events will need club members to volunteer and work to help make these events run smoothly. Even if you have no experience there will be members to help train new folks. I hope to see you there. And since we had to cancel the general membership meeting that was scheduled for August, there will be a general membership meeting the last day of the hunt test immediately following the test.

PVGRC is one of the few golden retriever clubs to hold breed, field, obedience, tracking and agility trials, showcasing the wonderful versatility for which our breed is renowned, and allowing our members to compete with their dogs in multiple venues. We often take this for granted and can overlook how fortunate we are. But all of this requires club members to volunteer their time to work one or more of these events. It seems to be a recurring theme but volunteers are always needed. To those members that have already volunteered to chair or work an event, thank you very, very much. And to those members that have yet to step up, consider contacting a committee chair and offer your help. It is a great way to meet and make new friends and give back to your club. We appreciate whatever you can do. It is also a great way to learn more about the versatility of our Golden Retrievers.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT!!!!

I know many of you think we have all forgotten that we are hosting the 2017 GRCA National. Nothing could be further from the truth...A meeting was held last week for all the Chairs and the Steering Committee. Suzanne and Tricia are working on putting the notes together from that meeting, and a National Update will be coming soon!!!!

Also, I know many of you have seen the merchandise for the National, but we have new things in for the Fall!!!! Camo jackets, camo sweatshirts, camo coolers!!! Long sleeved Tees and Zip-up Hoodies!!! Betsy and Ken Harringer have graciously accepted the job of modeling these fine pieces, and this too will be published. We will also have these items available for sale at our hunt test!!! So come out to the hunt test with your credit card in hand!!!

Conformation Column

Joan Donohue

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New Grand Champion

Ch Chanirich's Gold-Rush Rumpelstiltskin CD (Diana Caskin) quickly earned his grand championship. He finished up with a BOS at the Anderson KC.

New Champions

Delmarva's Where the Magic Begins (Belinda Gosnell) spent her summer vacation finishing her championship by picking up a major in Texas and then her second major at the Thursday James River show. Dizzy finished up by winning three shows in row in Kentucky.

Star Crowned Lycinan Superhero (Cindy Williamson) picked up his last point at the Saturday Penn Ridge show.

Golly G's Meet and Greet CD BN RN TDX CGC TDU (Wendy Takacs and Teri Poetker) finished at the Jaxon show.

Special News

Ch. Razzle's s Playing For Keeps (Judith Mitnick & Laurie Doumaux) took the breed at the National Capital show and a BOS at the Upper Marlboro and Catoctin shows.

GCHG Steadmor's Take A Gander (Nancy Sherick & Jacqueline Morasco) took a group 4 at the Northeastern MD

Class News

Pebwin Oro Conbrio A La Carrera JH (Jean Kornblut and Laurie Doumoux) took home the points at the National Capital Show.

Eldorado's Slam Dunk (Mary Dean and Chris Browning) went WD at the Northeastern MD and reserve at the Catoctin shows.

Aquest's Quick Like a Bunny RN (Joan Donohue) went BOS over specials, from the classes, to pick up the points at the Northeastern MD show.

Aquest Beach Bunny (Joan Donohue) went reserve, from the 12-18 month class, at the Catoctin show.

Jazzin's Abbey Lynn Sum Golden Dancer (Ruth Kocian & Collette Jaynes) went BOB, from the classes, at the Monday Tidewater show.

Casey's Summer (Diane Casey) picked up the points at the Sunday Tidewater show.

Golden Dome's Party All The Time (Diane Lenk/Brandon Lenk/Katie Shepard) went BOB for a major at the Sunday Virginia show.

TRACKING NEWS

Marge Paulding

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Well folks, glad that it is September, and fall temps will shortly be a daily occurrence. I for one – have had enough of 90 and above temps with high humidity. Are any of you out there dusting off your tracking gear and getting ready for much friendlier tracking weather? No new brags to share this time, but hopefully next time.

Yes – the 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. I am Test Chair for this event, and Donna Thompson is Secretary. Hopefully, by the time you receive this newsletter – the premium will have been posted to the website. Premium contains info about event closing date, draws, and directions.

Anyone who would like to volunteer and learn more about what tracking with your dog is all about – please contact me. We can always use help. For inexperienced people – hospitality or cross-track layers are easy jobs. For actual tracklayers – we rely on experienced folks. My email is: mkpgold1@verizon.net

Every day is a great tracking day!... ☺

Happy tracking tails... Marge

Obedience News

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It seems that everywhere I go I hear, I used to do obedience but it just isn't fun anymore, and who needs obedience anyway. My answer to those questions are why doesn't your dog enjoy obedience and everyone needs basic obedience training for their dog.

So, what would it take for you and your dog to enjoy and do obedience on a regular basis again? You can help your obedience committee by giving us names of people you would enjoy having for a seminar, suggestions on "help" we could provide, whether it be matches or short courses or reviews on exercises, and giving us names of judges you would like to show to. Obedience can be fun, ask Cher Snyder, Maggie Hayes, Marie Huffman, Leslie Stanley, Marge Paulding and Kelly Armstrong. They not only do obedience, really well I might add, but they can also be found in the agility ring, in the rally rings, out in fields with birds, on the free style dance floor and in the tracking fields. They all know the value of a dog with great obedience skills! So how can we help you? Please let us know by sending an e-mail to me at debrabarrows@hotmail.com or by giving me a call. We want to help!

This month we had several members compete:

Susan Hatch and (Harper) Stonecroft's Chili Wynters Walk, CD, BN, CGC, CCA on his CD

Barbara Clem and (Ellie) Sun bay's the one and Only, CDX, BN, RAE, CCA on her CDX

Kerry Troxel and (Clue) Genesis Did the Butler Do It? BN, WC, CCA earning two legs with a first and 3rd towards her CD and one leg on her Rally Novice title at the recent Oriole Dog Show

Congratulations, keep those titles and legs coming!

Agility Column

Nick DeCesare

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Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club held our third agility trial of 2016 on September 11th & 12th in Frederick, Maryland. This was our first trial in September since 2004 and our first trial to fall on September 11. Accordingly, we held a brief ceremony in remembrance of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 with a minute of silence followed by the playing of our National Anthem. The building was completely quiet for a full 60 seconds. Even the dogs didn't make a sound.

Thanks to all the club members who stepped up to make our trial run smoothly. Jeff Ackerson, Linda Arble, Tina Borden, John Bitner, Clayton Kilrain, Molly McEvoy, Carol and Rory Nansel, Melissa Reed, and Ken Wiedel all contributed to make our trial run efficiently from start to finish. We also received a lot of help from friends of the club and exhibitors who frequently mention how much they enjoy our trials. By the way, I can't verify this but I believe Donna Sims worked every position (timer, scribe, gate, leash and score runner, ring crew, course builder) associated with an agility trial. Every time I looked in the rings, Donna was working. Thank you, Donna.

Special thanks to our chief ring stewards, Pat Kavanagh and Deb White (Aussie friend) on Saturday and Helenmary Cody and Marta Coursey on Sunday. Pat, Deb, Helenmary and Marta kept the rings staffed with workers even though we had a smaller entry and fewer volunteers. And a big thank you to my wife, Sharon, who helps me with all the logistics (packing and un-packing the truck twice), scheduling for the trial, remembering everything and working whenever and wherever there is a job to be done.

Agility trial entries continue to decline across the country with more agility trials and fewer agility competitors. People who once entered two or three dogs now enter just one and only in one or two classes. We see fewer novice dogs being entered and even fewer novice handlers. More people retire their senior dogs sooner and some folks just aren't entering trials anymore. I think the good old days of 10 or 15 years ago with full trials and "wait lists" are over. I don't monitor obedience trials as closely as agility trials but I have noticed obedience entries are also in decline. Maybe it's the economy and jobs? But we are told the economy is great and un-employment is down, right? Maybe people have less discretionary money to spend on agility or obedience because they have to eat? Or maybe.....agility handlers are getting older....??

Field Column

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Summer is over, now if only Mother Nature would agree, and we would see temps in the 70's!!! Both the Beginner Field Class, and the Beginning Handling/Senior class have finished...hopefully there are a bunch of handlers who feel like they learned a lot this summer!!! We have one more training day, and then our fall hunt test. We are always looking for volunteers for that test! Please come out and volunteer if you have a spare fall day!! Test is October 15 and 16. Email bethsokohl@gmail.com if you would like to help out.

NEW *!!!!**

Congratulations to Rodger Armstrong and Beck's Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah TD SH for placing second, and becoming Qualified All Age, at the Central NY Field Trial!!!

Master Hunter Legs

Megan Baker and Adirondac's Weebe Put'N a Hex on You and Topbrass Mischief Maker earned Master legs at the Lab Club of the Potomac and Tidewater. Rita Bumgardner and Honora's Fabulous Lil Deuce Coupe CD RN MH AJP AXP CGC WCX also earned legs at these tests, as did Laurie Falter and Fireside's Quick on the Draw CDX MH OA NAJ WCX.

Megan Baker and In-Transit earned a leg at the Lab Club of the Potomac. Ann Strathern and Happydaugh's Strikes Gold MH WCX*** and Happydaugh's Quantum Singularity also earned a leg at this test.

Megan Baker and Adirondac's One Wild Ride earned a leg at the Tidewater test, as did Pam Turgeon and Wakemap Wild Child CDX RE MH OA OAJ NF WCX**.

Beth Sokohl and Roux's Steamin' Red Hot Blues CDX RE MH50 AX AXJ WCX CCA** and You Have Got To Be Kidding CD RA MH40 NA NAJ WCX*** earned Master legs at Black Creek and Tidewater.

New Senior Hunter!!

Congratulations to Leslie Peszczynski and Lycinan Avonell Winter Migration WCX for earning their Senior Hunter Title at the Lab Club of the Potomac test.

Congratulations also to Colleen Charles and Lynwood's Harvest Moon Riona RN WC who earned to senior legs at the Lab Club of the Potomac.

And, to Brian Foltz and Redwing's Gossip in the Grain JH WC who earned a senior leg at Black Creek Hunt test and another one at the Tidewater test.

New Junior Hunter!!

Congratulations to Rick Brunn and Adirondac Steal My Show who earned their Junior Hunter title at the Lab Club of the Potomac.

Also at the Lab Club test:

Sharon DeCesare and Happydaugh's Pathfinder WC earned their second leg.

Laurie Collins and Happydaugh's Living in the Here N Now earned their second leg.

And, Susan Sheets and Ruffwater Sippin' On Fire CD BN RA CGCA earned their first and second leg!!!

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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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.