



The Potomac Valley News

July - August 2014

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR:

I apologize for the delay with the newsletter. It has been a perfect storm of computer problems, internet problems, lack of power, and the editor's vacation. ☺

Beth Sokohl

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Acting as the interim President, I am submitting an interesting previous column from an old newsletter (which is on the next page). My addition for this newsletter is VOLUNTEER. We may sound like a broken record, but PVGRC is constantly offering new and exciting things to club members, the only way we can continue to do this is to have an ever expanding group of volunteers.

Thanks.

Sharon Ackerson

Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club

By Janice Bengé

Part 1

Almost 40 years ago, a group of Golden Retriever owners gathered together to discuss organizing a club to stimulate the training of Golden Retrievers in field, obedience and conformation. That club eventually became known as the Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club, and as you will see, we've come a long way baby!

The following was written in 1995 shortly after I became Club Secretary:

One of the perks of accepting the position of Club Secretary is the 5-drawer file cabinet that you get to keep during your tenure. I recently picked up this cabinet and its contents from former Secretary Teresa Blumberg and when time permits I read through the files it contains.

For those of you who are new to Potomac Valley Golden Retriever club, and for those who aren't so new, like me, I hope you'll find our history fascinating.

Mr. Elmer B. (Moe) Saffell ran a notice in the Washington, DC newspapers in early 1967 asking Golden Retriever owners interested in forming a club to get in touch with him. He received many calls and with this list as a nucleus, a group of 28 Golden Retriever owners informally met on December 10, 1967 in Bethesda, MD, to discuss organizing a local club to stimulate interest in training their Retrievers in field, obedience, and show. At this informal get-together, an organizational committee was formed to set in motion the founding of a Golden Retriever club.

The first official club meeting was held on March 9, 1968 with 38 persons attending. The organization committee had selected a slate of officers (headed by Moe Saffell as President) to serve for the remainder of the year. The club name became the Mid-Atlantic Golden Retriever Club: bylaws were proposed and adopted, patterned after the AKC bylaws, and annual dues were set at \$5.00 for family memberships, \$3.00 for individual memberships; and \$1.00 for juniors. At this meeting, Dr. Raymond Curry, a veterinarian and well known authority on hip dysplasia, spoke on the subject.

Club meetings were held each month featuring guest speakers and movies. In the summer, family picnics were held at which informal instructions were given in showing dogs in the breed ring, obedience and field. The club also held "practice matches" in breed, obedience and retrieving.

On January 19, 1969, the club held its first annual dinner with 36 members present. Moe Saffell was given a standing ovation for his dedication and hard work in getting the club started and for serving as its first president.

In March of 1969, the membership of the club decided to seek official AKC accreditation. Then, for the next 4 years, club members patiently and diligently followed the dictates of the AKC. This included changing the name of the Mid-Atlantic Golden Retriever Club to the Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club.

The AKC expected all local specialty clubs to bear a name which was both representative and synonymous of its members and the area served. The club was also asked to provide a) a history of the club; b) the first of

many membership lists showing how many AKC licensed shows, field trials and obedience tests each club member had participated in with an AKC registered Golden; c) how many AKC registered Golden Retriever litters had been bred by each club member, and d) how many AKC registered Golden Retrievers were then currently owned by each member. These were requested by the AKC at least three times during the four year effort to become licensed when there was no such thing as a home computer. Wow! Can you imagine all that typing? In addition, PVGRC was required to hold 3 to 4 "B-OB" matches.

The holding of at least two A-OA matches not less than 6 months apart was the last step in the road leading to full accreditation, and, in June 1973, the AKC gave approval for our club to hold licensed events.

Our first licensed specialty show was held in Reston, VA on April 20, 1974, in connection with Old Dominion Kennel Club's all breed and obedience show. Mr George Bragaw judged. There were 115 Golden Retrievers entered in breed competition. Best of Breed that day went to CH Cummings Gold-Rush Charlie. Although there was no separate obedience trial for Golden Retrievers, the catalog indicated 22 Golden Retrievers were entered in obedience. The high scoring Golden was Brooks Lord Cholmondley CDX TC WC owned by Barbara Brooks. This dog also placed first in the Open B class.

PVGRC held its first independent Specialty and Obedience trial on April 12, 1975 at the Montgomery County Agricultural Center in Gaithersburg, MD. There were 185 Golden Retrievers comprising 252 entries at this show.

Next time....what we've done since then.



Membership meeting, June 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Ackerson, VP. Sharon stated that she was acting as President since the resignation of Debra Barrows. The group acknowledged Debbie's service to the Club and thanked her.

The secretary's report was called and a motion was made to forego the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes as they had been posted on the listservs.

Treasurer's report:

April 1 - April 30, 2014

Income

Spring Specialty 2014	\$10,074.50
Agility Trial-April 2014	\$30,209.00
Puppy Referral	\$25.00
Awards Banquet (Postage for Mailing Rosettes)	\$13.75

Total Income for April	\$40,322.25
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Expenses

Field Training Day (Porta Potty)	\$84.80
Liability Insurance	\$1,063.00
Spring Specialty 2014	\$7,805.90
Awards Banquet (Overlooked Rosettes)	\$68.39
Agility Trial April 2014	\$11,576.27
Agility Trial June 2014	\$1,125.00
Tracking Test 2013 (AKC Recording Fees)	\$18.50
Obedience Trial-Spring 2014	\$265.00
WC WCX Spring 2014	\$1,000.00

Total Expenses for April	\$23,006.86
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Net for April	\$17,315.39
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Year To Date Income	\$52,367.22
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Year To Date Expense	\$41,575.87
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Year to Date Net	\$10,791.35
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CASH ON HAND as of April 30, 2014

Checking Account	\$37,353.63
Certificate of Deposit (10/14)	\$7,708.47
Certificate of Deposit (12/16)	\$22,936.01
Certificate of Deposit (1/15)	\$39,660.00

TOTAL	\$107,658.11
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Committee reports:

Conformation committee: Joan Donahue reported that the committee is working on bringing the puppy referral section of the website up to date.

Agility Committee: Jeff Ackerson reported that the agility committee is looking for volunteers for the Fall trial.

Education committee: Sharon Ackerson reported that the committee will be sponsoring a workshop with Bridget McKnight for Master/Excellent level agility participants on Aug. 2 at McKnight's Hanover site. Sharon also reminded everyone of the Aug. 16 dock diving event, which was very well received last year.

Field Committee: Andy Moore reported on the WC/WCX test and thanked Ann Strathern for serving as judge. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming super singles and the Fall WC/WCX test.

Dates to note: Future membership meetings will be on Aug. 16 at the Dock Diving event, Sept. 21 at the Fall match to be held at Sandy Selander's, and Dec. 13 at the Holiday party.

Membership report:

Prospective members read for the first time: Krista Spetz, Julie Crespo, Scott Harbinson, Frank and Linda Pittelli, Roberta and Kevin Primeau, and Heather Werts.

New members unanimously voted in: Bob and Cathy Bunge (former PVGRC members), Ruth Kocian, Nancy Sherick, and Donna Sims.

Old Business:

Listservs/discussion groups: Laurie Collins reminded everyone that there are now two different Yahoo groups, or listservs. The original one (PVGRC Group) is for club announcements and information. The second (PVGRC Discussion Group) has been set up to allow two-way conversation and dialogue among club members to ask questions, share information, learn from and help one another – or just to chat. If you are not a member of either of these listservs or one or the other, and would like to sign up, please contact Laurie for instructions.

Donations: Sue Armstrong brought up the subject of the process the club uses to make donations to other organizations, given that the club has a healthy bank balance. It was noted that there is no transparent process and that donations have fallen off as a result in recent years, to which Pam Stirling agreed. Suzanne Miller suggested forming a small committee to establish guidelines for future donations. Sue Armstrong and Pam Stirling volunteered to serve on such a committee. *NOTE: Committees can only be set up by the President and the Board, so this recommendation will be remanded to the next Board meeting for a vote.*

Website: Janet Kaplan announced that she is revising the website. One of the important revisions will be to enable the Club to keep documents (e.g. Constitution and By-Laws, Policies, Contracts, Committee definitions and descriptions.)

National Feasibility Committee: The Committee to research the feasibility of sponsoring the 2017 National Specialty (members present: Tricia Dunseith, Ann Strathern, and Suzanne Miller) reported that it has been researching several potential sites and will present a full written proposal to the Board for a vote at its Aug. 6 meeting. The proposal will then be circulated to the entire membership for a vote.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Meeting attendees:

Sue Armstrong	Rodger Armstrong
Cher Snyder	John Snyder
Joan Donahue	Barbara Clem
Suzanne Miller	Betsy Harringer
Lisa Bernstein	Joann Blackman
Ken Harringer	Kerry Troxel
Dennis Perego	Pam Stirling
Lynn Pacenta	Janet Kaplan

Andy Moore
Gina Mac Donald
Ann Strathern
Jeff Ackerson
Tricia Dunseith

Lee Ann Moore
John Mac Donald
Sharon Ackerson
Debra Barrows
Laurie Collins

Obedience Brags:

Suzi Gatipon and Karat (Gatsu's Luv That KaratKake RN, CCA, CGC) earned his first and second Rally Advanced legs at the GCOC trials in May with 2 First Places.

Tracking

Marge Paulding (email brags to mkpgold1@verizon.net)

It is never too early to start looking for volunteers to help at this year's tracking test the weekend of November 8 & 9, 2014. Again, the test site will be in Cross Junction, Virginia.

I will be Chairperson of this year's test, and Donna Thompson will once again be the Trial Secretary. We will be in need of tracklayers for both TD and TDX. The job of tracklayers does require experience and familiarity with the components of track laying. But for the jobs of cross-tracklayers, drivers, and hospitality – it is a “quick-study” and you can learn on the job.

For those of you that were participants in the Winter PVGRC tracking class, please mark these dates on your calendar. I will be contacting each of you to see how you can help at this year's tracking test.

For those of you out there tracking, remember to carry lots of water for your tracking teammate. Track early in the day or late in the evening to avoid the worst of the heat.....

Happy tracking tails... Marge

Conformation Column

Joan Donohue

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NEW CHAMPIONS

Teran's Sunkota Positively Paisley (Cathy Story and Kristin Lyons) finished her championship by taking home her third major from the Farmington Valley show. All points were from the puppy classes. Along the road to her championship, "Paisley" was WB/BW for a major at the Sunday Mattaponi show, WB at the Saturday Charlottesville – Albemarle show, WB/BOW/BOS Best Puppy and Puppy Gr 1 at the Saturday Echo Hills Kennel Club of Ohio show, WB/BOS at the Sunday Echo Hills Kennel Club of Ohio show and WB at the Saturday Kettle Moraine shows.

Dustrax Start Me Up CDX, JH, BN, GN, WC (Robert Crowley and Kathy McIntyre) picked up his last point at the Northeastern show. Along the way to his championship, "Junior" picked up a BOB over specials.

SPECIALS NEWS

GCH Sunkota's Do The Math (Cathy Story) took home a Group 4 at the Sunday Kettle Moraine show. "Larry" was also BOB at the Saturday and Sunday Echo Hills shows, BOB at the Hawkeye show and BOS the Sunday Mattaponi show.

CCH My Buddy's Times They Are-A-Changin (Jeanette Makowskyj & George Makowskyj & Anna Golden) group 4 Langley KC sat *Ch Eldorado's Bootscoot'n Boogie* (Chris Browning) picked up a Group 2 at the Friday Southern MD show and BOB at the Saturday Southern MD show.

GCH Firestar's Go For Broke AX, AXJ, OF, TD (Sharon and Clayton Kilrain) took home a Group 4 at the Tidewater Kennel Club Of Virginia show.

GCH Steadmor's Take A Gander (Nancy M Sherick & Jacqueline J Morasco) picked up a BOB Friday Chester Valley show, Group 3 at the Saturday Chester Valley Kennel Club show, a Group 3 Skyline show, a Group 2 at the Virginia show, a Group 3 Tuesday Gloucester Kennel Club Of Virginia show.

GCH Sandpiper's Rock Star (Caroline Bruton and Patty Pace) took the breed at both Mattaponi shows and BOB at the Sunday Charlottesville - Albemarle show.

CLASS NEWS

Teran's I'll Take The High Road To Golden Dome (Diane Lenk & Terry Neider) was WD at the Sunday Charlottesville - Albemarle show, RWD and puppy Group 1 at the Monday Gloucester Kennel Club Of Virginia show and WD at the Saturday Farmington Valley show. All these points are from the puppy classes.

Klasique's The Dreaming Tree (Sandy Selander) went WB at the Charlottesville - Albemarle Sunday show and took a major reserve at the National Capital show.

Graceken Lycinan Earth Shak'n (Cindy Williamson) went reserve at the Mattaponi show.

My Buddy Golden Dome's Wish Granted (Diane Lenk & Mary Riddell) went WD at the Saturday Skyline and both Virginia Kennel Club shows.

Goodtime's Perfect Ten (Lisa Smith and Belinda Gosnell) picked up two more points at the Virginia Kennel Club show.

Lycinan's Mug of Full of Cheer (Holly Kelley) went WD at the Huntingdon Valley KC show and RWD at the Tuesday Gloucester Kennel Club Of Virginia show.

Genesis Coin Toss WC (Teresa Blumberg) went reserve at the Northeastern Maryland show.

Field Brags

(Please email brags to Beth Sokohl: bethsokohl@comcast.net)

NEW MASTER HUNTER!!!

*Topbrass Lad of the Lakes MH WCX***, *Laddie*, *Lindsay Ridgeway's* first Master-level Golden, earned two Master ribbons in 2013 and another three this spring, completing his Master Hunter title.

And...

Congratulations to Joan Donohue and Aquest Covent Garden RE who went to her hunt test the Sunday Flat Coated Retriever Society of America test and picked up a junior hunter leg.

AGILITY COLUMN

Nick DeCesare

The summer 2014 PVGRC agility trial was held in Frederick, Maryland on June 20 - 22 at the Frederick Indoor Sports Center. The weather was beautiful and we had a full trial on Saturday and nearly 600 runs on Sunday. The trials ran efficiently and we were off the parking lot by 4:45 thanks to the hard work of a small but dedicated group of PVGRC members. Many thanks to President Sharon Ackerson and husband, Jeff, Gary Arbegast, Jon Bitner, Helenmary Cody, Tricia Dunseith, Sally Henry, Sharon and Clayton Kilrain, Melissa Landriau, Tim McCain, Carol and Rory Nansel, Marge Paulding, Bev Porter, Cher and John Snyder and Chris Zink. Sharon Ackerson and Bev Porter volunteered to be chief ring stewards on Sunday. Now being a chief ring steward is similar to herding cats or rabbits, but Sharon and Bev hung in there and got the workers in the right spots every time. Some of our volunteers worked two or three days and didn't even have a dog entered.

We had so much fun at the June agility trial that we are going to do it again October 24 - 26, 2014; same trial site and probably a lot of the same players. We have Chris Dewey from sunny Florida and Kim Crenshaw from Alabama coming to judge. The last time Chris and Kim judged for us in 2011 it snowed on October 29 – no, seriously, we had about three inches of wet snow. Only trial chairmen remember trivia like this. Accordingly, I am declaring Frederick, MD a “snow free zone” for the entire weekend of our trial.

Per the terms of our contract with FISC, once again we will have to totally clear both rings after our trial for other events Friday evening. FISC has made a room on the first floor available to us for crate storage overnight Friday night as well as space on the mezzanine level for overnight crate storage. This will apply only to Friday evening. We do not have to clear either ring after the trial on Saturday. Please share this information with all your agility friends. This is a small inconvenience for being able to hold our trials in a great facility like FISC. Chairman's tip of the month: If you set up your crates upstairs on the mezzanine on Friday you won't have to move them Friday after the trial. Then if you arrive early Saturday morning you can 1) stay where you are or 2) move your crates downstairs.

This wouldn't be a complete agility column if I didn't once again ask for volunteers to help at our trials. The only thing sadder than an agility trial with no workers is no agility trial at all. Do you know there are people in China who would love to work a class at an agility trial but they can't because there are no agility trials in China? OK, there may be agility trials in China. I'll have to check on that and get back to you. But we do have agility trials right here in Frederick, MD in the good old USA and we could use a few workers in October. Our trial is just two months before Christmas and you know Santa Claus will be watching to see who volunteers.

I have a nice surprise. There are new titles to report. Gary Arbegast reports that DASH (MACH Golly G's Seeking Super Connections CD BN RA MXS MJS MXF TOX) picked up her Agility Master FAST Excellent, Master Silver Jumper, Master Silver Agility and Triple Q Excellent titles. Gary says “I am so proud to be the partner of this sweet little agility dog.” Well done, Gary and Dash.

Heard rumors about PVGRC hosting the GRCA National? Here's the Scoop!!!!

The 2017 GRCA National Specialty

It's three years away, but the GRCA plans ahead. In 2017, the National Specialty is scheduled to be held in the Eastern Region, and the GRCA has asked PVGRC to consider being the host club. As one of the largest and oldest member clubs, PVGRC certainly has the capacity to host the National Specialty, as it did in 2008 at Gettysburg.

Since then, much has changed, including a greater use of electronic systems for registrations, catalogue and clothing sales, and hotel reservations. Additionally, the GRCA has formed a standing committee to provide continuing oversight of the Specialty from year to year and had codified its processes in a manual for hosting clubs, which is available on the GRCA website.

Fortunately, Tricia Dunseith is in possession of all the materials from the 2008 National Specialty and Suzanne Miller has Sue Armstrong's files from that time as well. Sue served as the Chair of the 2008 National and Tricia and Suzanne have agreed to serve as co-chairs of the 2017 National, should PVGRC be the host club, and Sue will provide invaluable experience and advice.

The Board of PVGRC has formed an Exploratory Committee to develop a proposal for the 2017 National Specialty, including preliminary sites and costs, key volunteer positions, and a workplan for tasks and responsibilities. The members of this committee are three current Board members: Beth Sokohl, Tricia Dunseith, and Suzanne Miller, as well as Cathy Story, Ann Strathern, John Cotter, and Megan Baker.

The Exploratory Committee is in the process of gathering all the material needed for the Board to make an informed decision and will present its proposal at the August 6 Board meeting.

Following that Board meeting, the Exploratory Committee's proposal will be circulated to all members and the opportunity given for everyone to weigh in on the proposal and vote on whether or not we should host the National Specialty.

If you have any questions or thoughts about PVGRC acting as host club for the 2017 GRCA National Specialty, please contact one of the Exploratory Committee members. They are eager to have your input.

DON'T FORGET!!!!!! PVGRC SUPER SINGLES IS COMING SOON!!!!!

ENTRIES ARE DUE ON JULY 23, 2014!!!

COME HAVE FUN IN THE FIELD WITH YOUR DOGS!!!

GO TO PVGRC.ORG FOR DETAILS!!!

Calendar of Events 2014

January

January 4	General Meeting	Davidsonville, MD
January 16	Board Meeting	Arlington, VA

February

February 8-9	All-Breed Obedience Trial	Point of Rocks, MD
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March

March 19	Board Meeting	Glenwood, MD
March 23	Annual Awards Banquet/ Membership Meeting	Rockville, MD

April

April 11-12	Specialty Show/Obedience and Rally Trial	Frederick, MD
April 19-20	Agility Trial	Frederick, MD
April 26	Field Training Day	Cheltenham, MD

May

May 3	WC/WCX/Puppy Stakes	Cheltenham, MD
May 24	Field Training Day	Cheltenham, MD

June

June 14	Field Training Day	Cheltenham, MD
June 20-22	Agility Trial	Frederick, MD

July

July 27	Super Singles	Cheltenham, MD
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August

August 2	Agility Seminar	Hanover, MD
August 6	Board Meeting	Washington, DC
August 9	Field Training Day	Cheltenham, MD
August 16	Dock Diving/Membership Mtg	Millersville, MD

September

September 13	Field Training Day	Cheltenham, MD
September 20	WC/WCX/Puppy Stakes/ Membership Meeting	Cheltenham, MD
September 21	Conformation/Obedience Match/ Membership Mtg	Great Falls, VA

October

October 11	Field Training Day	Cheltenham, MD
October 18-19	PVGRC Hunt Test	Cheltenham, MD
October 24-26	Agility Trial	Frederick, MD

November

November 9	Tracking Test	Cross Junction, VA
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December

December 13	Holiday Party/Membership Meeting	College Park, MD
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Newsletter Advertising: Limited to club members only. Full page ads are \$30, half page \$15, quarter page \$8. Listings (member-owned adults or litters from member-owned bitches) will be for Golden Retrievers only and must be accompanied by copies of the OFA clearances within the last 18 months. All other advertisements for miscellaneous items or services must be dog-related. The PVGRC does not endorse any of the dogs, services, or items advertised in this newsletter.

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.