



The Potomac Valley News

September - October 2014

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

As I take on the remaining term of President of your club, I am interested in finding ways to encourage members to contribute by volunteering in all areas of dog activities. Looking back at old newsletters shows that this is a continuing theme. More volunteers are needed.

During the January meeting, while waiting for our speaker, Debbie Barrows explained what is required by the AKC so a club can hold breed, field, obedience and agility shows. Clubs are required to offer classes, community work, and other tasks such as health clinics, "Meet the Breeds," etc. All of this work requires club members to contribute their time to do it. If the same few people continue to be the ones to do all the work, we run the risk of those members becoming burned out. In order for the majority to continue to enjoy the results of their work, the club may need to institute some form of mandatory membership work criteria.

Next year's obedience trial was in danger of not being held due to the lack of volunteers. Fortunately, someone did step up in time. (Thank you!)

This year several jobs are still open. Volunteers are needed for the WC/WCX. Obedience chair is needed for the spring specialty. People will be needed to help with the health clinics at the September match.

Ok, now that is out of my system I am expecting my email to crash from everyone wanting to volunteer.

I would like for everyone in the club to be able to experience holding an office. I have found it to be enlightening. It is interesting to find out about the devoted few who spend many hours behind the scenes working for you. For example, I knew we had a website, but was surprised how much time is needed to keep all the news and emails etc. coming. There are members who come to work at the agility trials who don't even run dogs. These are great examples of many members working so others can continue to enjoy the activities.

It has actually been fun working toward a goal with someone who is passionate about their job. I know that there are great people working to keep this club running. If you volunteer you will get to meet them!

I've been reading the GRCA booklet about holding a National. (As I am writing this, club voting is still ongoing.) The very first point that GRCA makes is the importance of a large team of volunteers. They recommend a core group of 25+ people to man the vital jobs. Twenty-five! Also, 50-55 additional helpers. Stop and think about that amount of workers.

Checking a box on a piece of paper is easy. Backing that "yes" vote up with hours, even days of volunteering is another story. If you would like to expand your knowledge about the versatility of our Golden Retrievers, volunteer to help with an event outside your comfort zone.



PVGRC Board meeting, 5/14/14

Minutes:

Debbie Barrows was absent, so Sharon Ackerson chaired the meeting. All other members were in attendance.

Minutes of the previous Board meeting were approved unanimously. Motion made by Tricia Dunseith, seconded by Jeff Ackerson.

2017 National Specialty Committee Report:

The PVGRC committee chairs were polled on their opinions vis a vis being the host club for the 2017 National. The Agility committee chair was concerned about decreasing the numbers of participants in the club's trial but needs more information about the proposals. The Education committee was concerned that there are too few club members volunteering now for events.

Attached are all the reports the National committee prepared, including site reports. Beth Sokohl spoke positively for the choice of Salisbury as a potential site, saying that it has the greatest number of venues we would need, plus the support of the Chamber of Commerce and the Visitor's Bureau. Report is attached.

Tricia Dunseith reported that she has a box of all the records from the 2005 National, including all of Sue Armstrong's notes and her very detailed timeline.

Ann Strathern reported that the GRCA has an ongoing National support committee and that much of the work is done by national members from other clubs who do the same jobs each year. There are now committee chairs and staff from around the country who bring experience from one National to the next. The OK club did the entire national with only 10 members – all other volunteers came from other clubs and the GRCA, which is quite different from the 2005 PVGRC experience. We already know that Gunpowder and Chersapeake will work with us.

The National Specialty Advisory Committee, chaired by Joyce Kinghorn, will work closely with the host club chairs and staff and has a handbook with all the processes and procedures outlined; the 2008 handbook is on the GRCA website. The GRCA is also in charge of recording the results of all events and is working with the AKC to develop an app to simplify this process.

The GRCA will also give loans to local clubs for start-up funds, as well as providing budget templates for each event. Purina will be giving \$10,000 and sponsoring bags and handouts and other goodies. Other companies usually make donations as well. The GRCA will also pay for the seminars and has a coordinator who runs them and all the clinics. She provided a report on the profits for the past several years – for example, Texas netted \$72,000, of which 30% goes back to the GRCA. If it should ever happen, GRCA will take responsibility for 30% of the loss.

Not all events have to be held each year. The following events must be held: Conformation (but not sweeps), obedience (not rally), field trial (not hunt tests), tracking (TD, but not TDX).

Jeff Ackerson expressed concern that so many of the jobs will fall to local people. An pointed out that the task lists are kept from year to year and added to with lessons learned from each successive National. Electronic communication has greatly simplified things; e.g. all catalogue sales are handled online now. Jeff also expressed concern about the risk of the club committing to such a project without the support of all members. This led to discussion of the fact that this must be a vote of all the members, not just those at a meeting.

Ann pointed out that the GRCA has the final reports from all the clubs from the previous years and we can learn from the others.

The GRCA needs a commitment 3 years in advance, so PVGRC must make a decision by this year's National in October.

The Board drafted the following resolution:

"The Board requests the National Feasibility Committee to develop a full proposal with timeline and a draft budget – a workplan with deliverables and benchmarks – to be presented to the full Board at the July (now August, ed.) Board meeting. This proposal will include, in addition, staffing proposals, site proposals, cost/ benefit analysis, major risks (financial and legal) and their amelioration.

Should this proposal be accepted by the Board (in August), it will be sent to the entire membership for a vote to be completed by (September 1)."

Unanimously passed.

Vice President's Report (Sharon Ackerson):

Sharon has asked Joan Donahue to update the article on puppies that is on the website.

Programs: Dock diving is scheduled again for August. The price went up from 435 to \$70 to rent the site. Given that club made money on the event last year and it was well-received by the membership, the Board voted to commit to the event despite the increased price.

Treasurer's Report (Clayton Kilrain):

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

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Breed committee report (Trish Dunseith):

The specialty show seemed to go off well thanks to all workers include a great chair, Cindy Williamson, and the good weather we had. Hopefully, the financial report for the specialty will be positive.

Still working on the wording on the Supported Entry guidelines.

Working on a list of possible options for next year's specialty. The Friday/Saturday seems to be less than ideal. If we are going to do back-to-backs again, then we need to look into getting Mason Dixon release us on Sunday which the Boston Terrier folks have been able to do. A board member from PVGRC will need to contact Mason Dixon for a release. From AKC: The American Kennel Club will only enforce any agreements between the clubs if they are in writing and signed by officers of the respective clubs.

Looking for a "volunteer" to chair next year's specialty.

Obedience committee report (Karen Shumaker):

Judy Gladson will be serving as the chair of the Obedience Trial, with Laurie Falter as chief ring steward. The February 7 and 8, 2015, event will be held at the Oriole Dog Training Club building.

Tracking Committee report (Penny Geddes):

No report this month.

Agility Committee report (Jeff Ackerson):

PVGRC Agility Trial Chairman's report for May 2014

The PVGRC Spring 2014 agility trials were held on April 19 & 20 in Frederick, Maryland. The trials ran smoothly with 576 entries for PVGRC and 80 for the American Whippet Club, or a total of 656 entries on Saturday. The following day was Easter Sunday and our entries fell to only 566. This is a typical entry for Easter Sunday.

The American Whippet Club owes us \$573.00 for their share of the trial. Carroll Kennel Club owes us \$931.42 for their share of trial expenses. Both clubs have been sent documentation of the expenses and what they owe.

Our Summer agility trials are now open. As of 5/13/2014 we have 482 entries for Friday (660 runs max) 629 entries for Saturday and 541 entries for Sunday. The trial doesn't close until May 28 so we still have about two weeks to go. A likely reason for the lack of entries on Friday is explained later in this report.

Our Fall agility trials are approved and we have judges under contract. We will offer 660 runs for all classes with Standard, JWW, and Time 2 Beat all three days. The judges for the October trial will be flying in to Dulles on Thursday evening from Florida and Alabama. They have worked together before at our October 2011 trials. I am authorizing them to rent a car for the weekend. This will be much better for the judges and easier than trying to find someone to transport them while they are in town.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION RECOMMENDATION FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER REGARDING FUTURE PVGRC AGILITY TRIALS AT FISC.

Per the terms of our contracts with FISC, it will be necessary to completely clear both rings by 6pm Friday night for other scheduled activities at FISC. We knew this when we signed the contract. What was unknown was how the exhibitors would react to having to remove their crates and chairs. I have negotiated a partial solution with FISC whereby the exhibitors will be able to store their crates overnight in the building. We really won't know the effect the requirement to remove all exhibitor crates will have until the trial closes and we know how many entries we have on Friday. We do not have to clear the rings Saturday night. We are not the only club being asked to clear the rings on Friday. The Weimaraner Club also has to clear the rings.

If our entries on Friday don't reach a certain level (550 runs), our profits will be too small to make holding a Friday trial worthwhile.

The amount of work to clear all the equipment from both rings and then reset the equipment early the following morning coupled with continuing weak support from the membership is taking a toll on the few members who still work the trials. I have lost three key people for the June trial who have other commitments and I don't see this trend reversing.

Accordingly, I am recommending the following course of action regarding future PVGRC agility trials.

I think we need to restructure our trials. As long as FISC requires clearing the rings on Friday after our trials, we should only hold Saturday and Sunday trials beginning in October 2015.

Our April 2015 trial is only a two day event and does not need any changes. In June 2015 I have two very popular judges under contract and I think they will generate entries and make the Friday trial worth doing. October 2015 would be a two day trial.

This will reduce our overall income from agility trials but given the complexity of holding a profitable trial on Friday with the restrictions FISC has imposed, I see no other alternative. We are contractually obligated to FISC and the judges to hold a three day trial in October. If the board approves the recommendation, June 2015 will be our last three day trial, and I will advise my contact at FISC of our changes for 2015. If the requirement to clear both rings on Friday night changes in the future we could always return to a Friday trial, however, at this time this possibility seems remote.

My recommendations are predicated on future entries staying at current levels. As always, fewer entries means less income which results in smaller profits.

The Board voted to support the chair's suggestion to hold only Sat and Sunday trials next year and to possibly explore adding Monday and /or games (T2B and FAST).

Field Committee report (Beth Sokohl):

The question has been raised of how to make the training days more responsive to the needs of the members. Beth and Janet Kaplan will be offering a handling class over the summer.

Education committee report (Sharon Ackerson):

The committee will coordinate eye and heart clinics at the Fall Match.

Old Business:

Policy and Procedures Committee: Jeff Ackerson presented language on membership categories:

Membership policy proposal:

- 1. Lifetime membership is an honor and given in appreciation of the member's significant contribution to the Club. As such, it is "Lifetime" and requires no renewal or notification. The Lifetime Member pays no dues and has all the rights and privileges of an active member.*
- 2. There are two classes of membership: Active and Associate. Active members are eligible to vote and to receive the club's annual awards.*
- 3. Associate members may receive rosettes, but may neither vote nor receive annual awards. In recognition of this, they pay a reduced membership rate of \$15.*

There was discussion on the idea of requiring attendance at meetings for membership. The Board voted to accept the new language, but to wait a year to see if any issues develop before considering requiring attendance.

New Business:

GRCA NEWS: There has been a request to all clubs to do an ad for the Field issue. The Board voted to take out a 2-page ad if the price is under 4600. (SM followed up – the price will be \$275 per page, or \$550 for the two-page spread). The ad is due by October 16, 2014. This is remanded to the Field Committee for follow-up action.

The Next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 6, at the home of Suzanne Miller.

Meeting was adjourned.

Conformation Column
Joan Donohue
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NEW CHAMPIONS

Odyssey's Jupiter O Maximus at Sinjin (Nancy St. John and Rodger Hickey) finished at the Carolina Kennel show. Along the way "Max" picked up a five point, four point, three point, two point and a one point wins.

Goodtime's Perfect Ten (Lisa Smith and Belinda Gosnell) picked up her last major at the Thursday James River show and the following weekend, Penn Ridge and Harrisburg shows, picked up back-to-back wins to finish.

NEW GRAND CHAMPION

Ch Highmark Braveheart (Pat Shields) is now a Grand Champion with a BOB at the Thursday Louisiana Kennel Club show.

SPECIALS

Ch Steadmor's Take A Gander (Nancy Sherick) picked up Group 2s at both shows Mid-Susquehanna Valley.

GCH Firestar's Go For Broke AX, AXJ, OF, TD (Sharon and Clayton Kilrain) went BOB at the Harrisburg show.

CLASS NEWS

Klasique's the Dreaming Tree (Sandy Selander) went WB/BW/BOS at the Saturday Shawnee show.

Rapidly picking up points is *Apollo-Firestar's Puppy Galore* (Cindy Partridge) with wins at the Sunday Shawnee, Sunday Penn Ridge and Sunday Mid-Susquehanna Valley shows.

Also, rapidly picking up points is *Lycinans Mug Full of Cheer* (Holly Kelley) with wins at both Mid-Susquehanna Valley and Chambersburg shows and WD at the Friday Penn Ridge.

Teran's I'LI Take the High Road to Golden Dome (Diane Lenk and Terry Neider) picked up a major, from the 12-18 class, at the Thursday James River show.

Graceken Lycinan Earth Shak'n (Cindy Williamson) WB/BOS, for a major, at the Saturday Roanoke show.

PVGRC Specialty 2015

For the last two years, our specialty has been outside at the beautiful Utica State Park. I, like a number of people, do love to see a golden retriever going around an outside ring on a pretty day. However, the weather, in April, can be not so pretty. Also, our obedience and rally entries seemed to have suffered from the show being held outside. Once Howard County became cost prohibitive, a number of us started searching for alternatives. The problem is finding an indoor place which is reasonable and we don't have to worry about putting down matting. Anyone who has helped put down matting at Howard County knows how labor intensive this process can be. So, for 2015, we are moving back inside and the specialty will be held at the Carroll Indoor Soccer Center in Westminster, MD. Some of you may know the location as PVGRC has held many agility trials there.

We have started looking into possible changes for 2016. One idea is to move our specialty to be the day before an all-breed show or hold it in conjunction with an all-breed show. I know there is so much history in our date which could make us hesitant to give it up. The shows around of us have changed and we are no longer the start of the cherry blossom circuit. Most of the golden specialty shows seem to be moving their locations and/or dates. This year's Garden State specialty will be at their same location but they are a month earlier and on the same day as an all-breed show. I welcome feedback and ideas for future specialties.

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

PVGRC's Annual TD/TDX Test – Sunday, 11/9/14

Mark your calendars! There isn't a better way to enjoy a beautiful fall day then watching dogs use their noses to smell their way through field and woods to find the treasured last article in a Tracking test. PVGRC's annual TD/TDX test will be on Sunday, November 9, 2014. Again, the test site will be in Cross Junction, Virginia. Headquarters is the little red schoolhouse at Donna Thompson's property. More information including directions to the test site can be found in the Test premium posted on the club's website.

For those of you thinking about learning more about tracking, this is the perfect opportunity to learn why those of us that enjoy training our dogs to track, keep coming back for more fun.

If you want to volunteer to help at the test, we can still use some help with hospitality, including food donations. Please contact me, as I am coordinating workers for this test.

If anyone has any tracking brags, please let me know.... Haven't heard from anyone lately...

Happy tracking tails... Marge

Agility Column

Nick DeCesare

This is the last newsletter before our fall agility trial on October 24-26, 2014 in Frederick, Maryland at the Frederick Indoor Sports Center. Our trial last October was the largest trial PVGRC had ever held with over 1900 runs over three beautiful fall days. I hope we can do as well this year. I have had a great response from our members who are not going to the GRCA National but we could always use a few additional members to work and lighten the load on those who have already volunteered. If your plans have changed and you have decided to not attend the National, the agility committee will welcome you with open arms. The Frederick Indoor Sports Center is located at 1845 Brookfield Court just off MD Rt. 355 and south of MD Rt. 26.

Now for an observation from one who does some research on agility trials. I have checked the results from multiple trials held in our region, especially in Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. It appears entries are trending lower at venues which are either outside or are indoors but are not air conditioned. It seems handlers are not happy about exhibiting their dogs as the temperatures rise in the summer. Imagine that? Fortunately PVGRC and other clubs have a venue that has great A/C and isn't afraid to use it. As the real estate people say, it's all about location, location, location.

To close, how about a little stroll down memory lane. Just a few short years ago most agility trials were held outdoors. Dogs were timed with a hand held stopwatch. Contact obstacles had metal frames with painted plywood surfaces. Jumps were either wood or metal. All scoring was done manually. All confirmation letters were send via U.S. Mail. If it was hot, you were baked. If it rained, you got wet. If it rained a lot you got muddy and wet and maybe your car got stuck. If it was windy, your tent might blow away. The rings were never level and often had bare spots which turned slick with just a little dew. The food vendors did the best they could. Wise exhibitors brought their lunch. Sometimes it snowed. A couple of times we ran in a hurricane. Your first entry was \$12 and the second entry was \$8. People drove boxes of entries to the trial secretary's home at midnight so they would get in the trial. Exhibitors marked their entry envelopes with "WORKER" in red ink because it might help their chances of getting in the trial. We stayed over at the Red Roof Inn for \$34.99 a night. Everyone knew the best places to eat and we invaded restaurants in parties of 10 or 15. The trial sites resembled tent cities with easy-ups sprouting like mushrooms and disappearing just as fast when the trial ended. Some exhibitors camped out in their tents at the trial sites. Small pop-up campers were also very popular. It was a good time to be an agility exhibitor. I didn't know it then but I do now.

Field News
Beth Sokohl

The club had another another great Super Singles event. It was held at Cheltenham on July 27th. Thanks go to Sharon Albright, Andy Moore, Tricia Dunseith, and everyone else who helped put this together!!! Big thanks to the judges (Judy Gladson, Denise Ballisades, George Fiebelkorn and Paige Jones) for making sure all the contestants had fun, which is what the event is all about. The WC/WCX and our hunt test are both coming up...Please plan on spending a day in the field and volunteering!!!

NEW MASTER HUNTER!!!

Congratulations to Leslie Darragh and Happydaugh's Clearwater Revival CDX SH WCX (Creedence) on earning their last leg for their Master Hunter at the Maine test this month!!!

Congratulations to Judy Gladson and CH Victory Fair Winds N Following Seas CD RA SH WCX (CC) on earning their Master Hunter!

NEW SENIOR HUNTER

Congratulations to Sally Henry and OTCH MACH2 High Peak's Rising To The Top UDX JH on earning their Senior Hunter at the Keystone Retriever Club August test.

Master National 2014

This year's Master National is in Corning, CA, and begins October 11, 2014. Not only did PVGRC qualify SEVEN Goldens this year, but we can also say that one of our members is going as an elected judge!!! To qualify for the Master National, a dog must pass 6 Master hunt tests held by clubs that are Master National members in the appointed time frame (August 1-July 31). To judge the Master National, not only do you have to be a master judge, but you also have to have walked to the line in a Master National, and then be elected by the Master National clubs in your area....a pretty big deal!!

Congratulations to Megan Baker who is making the trip to California as a judge!!!



And...three of those dogs in that picture have qualified for this year's Master National:

Ctrl Alt Del UD RAE MH37 OA OAJ OF WCX VCX** (Reboot)

Adirondac's Weebe Put'N a Hex On You CDX RA MH22 NA NAJ NF WCX** (Voodoo)

Topbrass Mischief Maker MH

Since Megan is judging these three dogs will be automatically qualified for the Master National in 2015.

Other PVGRC Members who have qualified:



Paige Jones and Topbrass Call in the Reserves MH** (Lewis) have overcome the odds and qualified after a trying year of health problems. This is Lewis' fifth year to qualify.



Congratulations to Martha Cole Glenn and Trifecta's Steeplechase Bet MH*** (Chase). This is Chase's first year qualifying.



Beth Sokohl and Roux's Steamin' Red Hot Blues CDX RE MH20 AX AXJ NF WCX (Jazz) have qualified for the second time.

And, You Have Got To Be Kidding CD RN MH WCX (Joker) have qualified for the first time.

Good Luck to everyone who decides to make the trip to California!!!!

An Overview of Dock Diving

By Nicole DeBernardi and Brian Foltz

If you came out to the PVGRC dock diving fun day and your dog enjoyed his time jumping from the dock, you may want to consider trying out this fun sport. A dock diving event is a great, laid-back way to spend a day or weekend hanging out with friends and your pups.

Locally, there are three organizations that offer dock diving trials and titles in the sport: North American Diving Dogs (NADD for short; offering AKC recognized titles), Ultimate Air Dogs (UAD for short; offering UKC recognized titles), and DockDogs (offering their own, in-house titles). There are multiple disciplines you can compete and title in depending on the organization, and these include things such as:

- a high, vertical jump where you see how high up your dog can jump to grab a bumper hanging above the pool,
- a speed swimming competition, where the dog is timed on how long it takes him or her to swim out and grab the toy,
- an air retrieve, where the dog jumps length-wise (instead of vertical) in order to grab a bumper hanging out over the pool,
- a catching competition, where in order for the dog's jump to count the dog must catch the toy in the air that the owner throws out into the pool while jumping, and
- the long jump, where the owner throws a toy out into the pool and the dog is judged based on how far out into the pool they jump (the distance is judged by where the dog's tail set enters the water).

The most popular event is by far the long jump, and the dock diving organizations typically offer many opportunities during a weekend for teams to compete in this event. For all three of the organizations, you need 5 jumps within a single division to earn your Big Air, or long jump, title. This title can often be earned in one weekend if your dog is consistently jumping in the same division each time. Don't worry if your dog doesn't jump very far – there is a jumping division for everyone! Below is a chart that lists how far your dog would have to jump in order to earn the different titles offered by the three dock diving organizations.

Titling Divisions	NADD (AKC)*	UAD (UKC)	DockDogs
Novice	up to 9'11"	up to 9'11"	up to 9'11"
Junior	10'0" to 14'11"	10'0" to 14'11"	10'0" to 14'11"
Senior	15'0" to 19'11"	15'0" to 17'5"	15'0" to 19'11"
Senior Elite	-----	17'6" to 19'11"	-----

Master	20'0" to 23'11"	20'0" to 22'5"	20'0" to 22'11"
Master Elite	-----	22'6" to 24'0"	-----
Elite	24'0" and above	-----	23'0" to 24'11"
Super Elite	-----	-----	25'0" and above
Ultimate	-----	24'1" and above	-----

*NADD has different titling requirements for each division for dogs under 16" at the withers.

While the most important rule in dock diving is to have fun with your dog, there are some other things to keep in mind. At NADD and UAD events, two handlers are allowed on the dock with the dog. One handler may hold the dog, while the other handler throws the toy. During each dog's turn, the dog jumps once, gets out of the pool, and then immediately takes a second jump. At DockDog events, only one handler is allowed on the dock with the dog. The handler gets 60 seconds on the dock to get the dog to jump. After the dog's first jump, the dog and handler get back in line with their group and have time to rest, then when it is their turn again the team receives another 60 seconds of dock time for the second jump.

If you do not feel like you are ready to compete but would love to spend more time practicing and having your dog learn how to jump off the dock, there are many local practice opportunities. The following facilities have regulation docks set up and you may rent time on the dock:

- Hog Dog Productions in Millersville, MD
- WestWind Kennels in Thomasville, PA
- Shipp's Corner in Virginia Beach, VA

There are also several DockDog affiliate clubs in the area that offer monthly practices and host events throughout the year. The following clubs are great resources for getting your dog some practice time (you do not have to be a member to attend a practice) and to learn more about the sport:

- Chesapeake DockDogs in Keymar, MD
- Delmarva DockDogs in Frederica, DE
- Keystone DockDogs in Harrisburg, PA
- Tidewater DockDogs in Virginia Beach, VA

We look forward to hopefully seeing more Golden Retrievers out on the dock! You may also reach out to us at any time if you have questions about the sport.

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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