



# The Potomac Valley News

## November-December 2014

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### **Holiday Party and General Membership Meeting**

The PVGRC Annual Holiday Party will be held at:

Holiday Inn College Park  
10000 Baltimore Avenue  
College Park, MD

The party includes lunch and dessert  
\$20.00 per person

Dirty Santa Gift Exchange

Please bring a wrapped gift.

RSVP and payment to:

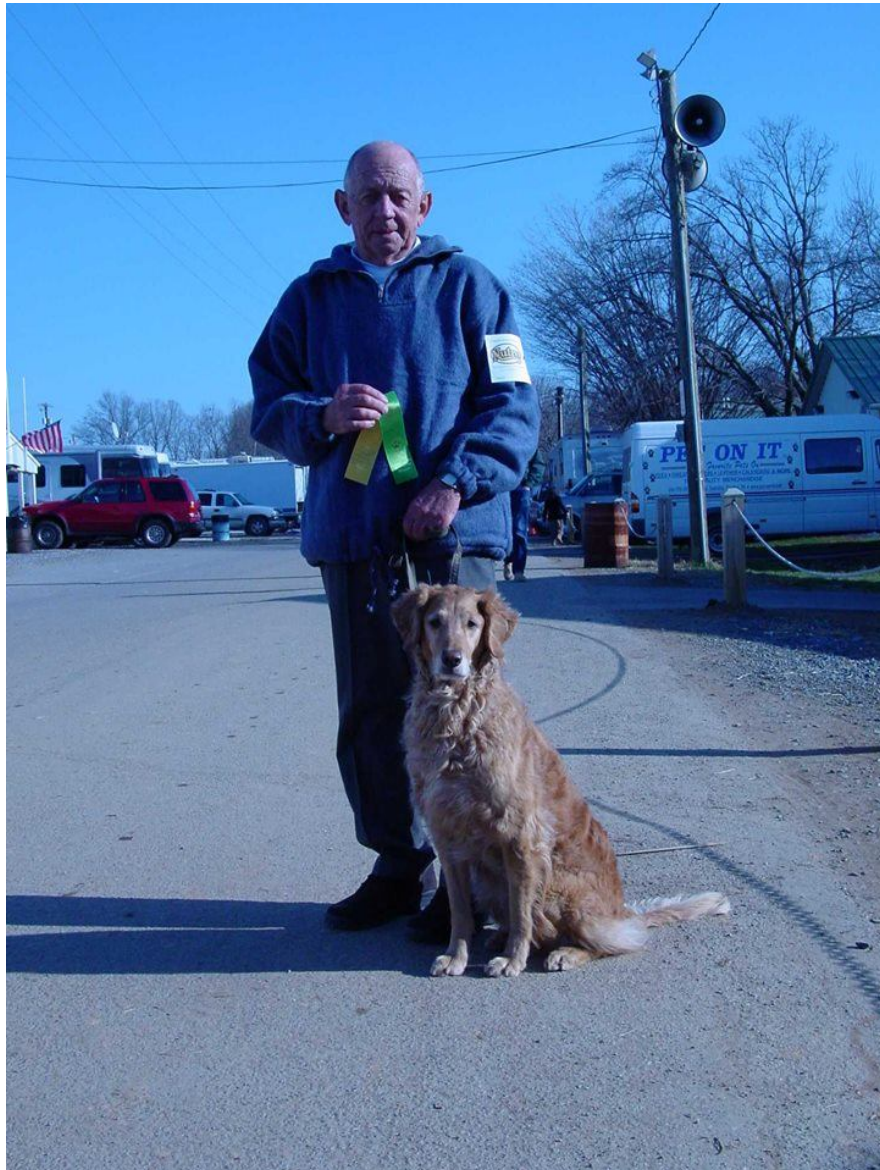
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Registration deadline is Monday,  
December 8<sup>th</sup>!!!

## In Memory of Bill Huffman

We lost a very important member of our club on November 24, 2014. Bill Huffman was a Lifetime Member and the Hap Arnold Award winner (along with wife Marie) in 2012. He participated in all areas of PVGRC, and always was willing to lend a helping hand. Although I did not know him well, I will always remember him smiling and making me feel oh so comfortable when I was trying Open A (in Obedience) for the very first time. He also shared a good laugh when Toby was up to his usual antics and jumped out of the ring, and retrieved a dumbbell in another ring. While I would have normally been mortified, he made me laugh, as it should be...with any dog, any Golden Retriever. Rest in Peace, Bill...you will be missed.

--Beth Sokohl



**As seen in The Frederick News-Post:**

Mr. William (Bill) Huffman, 82, of Mt. Airy, MD passed away Monday, November 24, 2014 at Frederick Memorial Hospital. He was the beloved husband of Marie Huffman.

Born January 9, 1932 in Wheeling, WV, he was the son of the late George E. and Anna Rykowski Huffman.

Mr. Huffman proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. He worked for the Department of Defense prior to his retirement. He was a golfing enthusiast. He was an American Kennel Club Judge for 30 years. He trained his own dogs to many titles. He had been a volunteer with Frederick Memorial Hospital since 1993 contributing over 6000 hours of service.

He will be greatly missed and his absence deeply felt.

In addition to his wife he is survived by his sons Bill, Jr., Paul (and Jenny), Kevin (and Laurie) and Jeff (and Joan). 11 Grandchildren and 7 Great Grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to Frederick Memorial Hospital.

The family will receive friends at the Stauffer Funeral Home, 1621 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick on Sunday, December 14, 2014 from 3-7PM.

Interment will be private.

Expressions of sympathy may be offered to the family at [www.staufferfuneralhome.com](http://www.staufferfuneralhome.com).



**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            |
| <b>Total Income for April</b>                 | <b>\$40,322.25</b> |

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         |
| <b>Total Expenses for April</b>         | <b>\$23,006.86</b> |

**Net for April** \$17,315.39

Year To Date Income \$52,367.22

Year To Date Expense \$41,575.87

**Year to Date Net** \$10,791.35

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

### **Committee reports:**

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

**Agility Committee:** Jeff Ackerson reported that the agility committee si 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     |
| Denise Perego   | Pam Stirling     |
| Lynn Pacenta    | Janet Kaplan     |
| Andy Moore      | Lee Ann Moore    |
| Gina Mac Donald | John Mac Donald  |
| Ann Strathern   | Sharon Ackerson  |
| Jeff Ackerson   | Debra Barrows    |
| Tricia Dunseith | Laurie Collins   |

**Membership meeting, September 21, 2014**

Home of Sandy Selander, Great Falls, Virginia

Sharon Ackerson brought the meeting to order. Sharon and the members in attendance thanked Sandy Selander for chairing and hosting the day's breed/obedience match. Members voted to forego the reading of the last meeting's minutes, as well as the Treasurer's Report.

***President's report:***

Sharon reported that the membership has voted for the club to pursue and submit a bid to the GRCA to host the 2017 National Specialty. The committee charged with this task has been provided the corresponding date calendar. Regarding selection of the location, members in attendance suggested that geographical ease, surrounding infrastructure, and facility costs versus potential revenue generation be important considerations in the decision-making process.

Sharon reported the club's own specialty will move indoors to the "agility" facility in Westminster, Maryland next year; it will be held on the second Friday and Saturday of April, 2015. Sandy Selander will chair this event.

***Membership report:***

New members voted In: Krista Speltz, Alexandria, Virginia; Dorothy and George Elford, Potomac, Maryland

Read: Beth Russell and Bobble Blunt, Alexandria, Virginia

***Old Business:***

Sharon reported that the club's dock diving event in August was a huge success.

Volunteers are needed for the club's Fall agility trials in Frederick, Maryland, on October 24-25-26, 2014.

The club's December holiday party will be held on December 13, 2014, at the Holiday Inn in College Park, Maryland.

The meeting was adjourned.

***Meeting attendees:***

Leslie Peszczynski, Jeff and Sharon Ackerson, Cathy Story, Carol Nansel, Nancy Kulig, Penny Geddes, Joan Donohue, Sandy Selander, Holly Kelley, Nancy St. John, Patty Miller, Lynn Pacentia, Karen Schumaker

# PVGRC Match Results!!!

Held on September 21, 2014 at Sandy Selander's House  
Submitted by Sandy Selander

Best Veteran in Match "Jamison" Media Sonyc Irish Coffee – Holly Kelly

No BOS Veteran entered

Best Adult in Match "Dusty" Easter Lily Celestial Comet – Andrew and Nancy Meyer

BOS Adult In Match "Lottie" Rhapsody Whole Lotta Love – Sharon Ackerson

Best Puppy in Match "Skye" Sunkota's Isle of Skye – Cathy Story and Maureen Allnutt

BOS Puppy In Match "Martin" Edgecombe's Purple Martin – Janice Provenzano

High In Match with a score of 189.5 was Karen Wahler Schumaker with GCH Aquest  
Cottage Garden CD RA

Health Screening Results: 18 eye checks, 12 heart checks

Grill Masters were the best - Joann Blackman and the "Cammo" Apron Man

Weather was sunny and not too hot

Volunteers who took entries, organized parking, helped set up and take down the rings,  
load the trailer and steward for the judges were absolutely wonderful. Thank you all for  
pitching in! You made this day a big success!



## **Conformation Column**

**Joan Donohue**

**Aquest@aquestgoldens.com**

### **NEW CHAMPION**

*Graceken Lycinan Earthshak'NWC* (Cindy Williamson) went WB/BW at the Catonsville show and then next day went WB at the National Capital show for a major to finish. "Shaker" finished with three majors and followed it up the following weekend with finishing her Junior Hunter title.

### **SPECIALS NEWS**

*GCH CH Firestar's Go For Broke AX AXJ OF TD* (Sharon & Clayton Kilrain) went BOB both days Chesapeake Virginia Dog Fanciers Association

***GCH Steadmor's Take A Gander SDHF*** (Nancy M Sherick & Jacqueline Marasco) went BOB at the Old Dominion show.

*Ch Goodtime Perfect Ten* (Lisa Smith and Belinda Gosnell) was BOS at the Friday Catonsville show.

*CH ChaniRich's Gold-Rush Rumpelstiltskin* (Diana M Caskins) picked up grand championship points by going Select Dog at the Delaware Ohio Kennel show.

### **CLASS NEWS**

*Sombra's Smoke N' Hot Firehouse* (Nancy Sherick) added two more points by going WB at the Old Dominion show.

### **GRCA National Specialty**

A number of club members had fun at the national!!!!

***CH Dauninge Full Sail Tioga CD CGC TDI*** (Suzanne Miller) picked up a JAM in Best of Breed. The Best of Breed entry was so large that the judging spanned two days.

*CH Cameo Woodcreek Magic Moment, JH, WC* (Pam Simmons) was 4th in veteran bitches 8-10.

*Sandpiper's Pink Lemonade* (Pam Simmons and Patty Pace) made it through 2 cuts in Bred By.

*Eldorado's Fawnboro Do You Believe in Magic?* (Voytosh/Koones/Browning) made the 9-12 Reg class cut.

*Online Edgcombe Oyster Bay* (Sandy Selander) made the cut in 15-18 bitches

*Klasique's The Dreaming Tree* (Sandy Selander) made the cut in American Bred Bitches.

*CH ChaniRich's Gold-Rush Rumpelstiltskin* (Diana M Caskins) made the cut in BOB.

*CH. Odyssey's Jupiter O Maximus at Sinjin* (Nancy St. John) made the cut in BOB.

*Rocky Edgecombe's Silver Dapple Bay* (Nancy St. John and Janice Provenzano) took a third in puppy Sweepstakes 15 to 18.

*Medea Sonyc Irish Coffee* (Holly Kelley) made the cut in the 8-10 veteran's sweeps

The following PVGRC member's dogs qualified and were invited to the Top 20 help in conjunction with the Golden Retriever Foundation Gala:

***GCH CH Firestar's Go For Broke AX AXJ OF TD*** - Sharon & Clayton Kilrain

***GCH CH Sandpiper's Rock Star*** - Caroline Bruton & Patty Pace

***GCH My Buddy's Times They Are A-Changin*** - Jeanette & George Makowskyj & Anna Golden

***GCH Steadmor's Take A Gander SDHF*** - Nancy M Sherick & Jacqueline Marasco

## **TRACKING NEWS**

Marge Paulding

(email brags to [mkpgold1@verizon.net](mailto:mkpgold1@verizon.net))

### **TRACKING BRAGS:**

Wendy Takacs and Golly G's Meet and Greet, CD BN CGC (Greta) earned her TDX at the PVGRC Tracking test Sunday, November 9. As Wendy tells it: She overcame my fumbling attempts to get her tracking harness on at the start flag and took off down the track. We pretty much zoomed along except at some of the turns, when she cast about a bit to be sure of which way the track went. She sat down when she encountered each of the articles and then took off again down the track once I'd stored it away in my jacket. Before I knew it, she had pounced on the glove at the end. TDX on our first attempt! Many thanks to Teri Poetker for letting me take this wonderful girl home with me.



Congrats!!!!

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

News Alert – 2 new TDs and one new TDX awarded at PVGRC's Annual TD/TDX test on 11/9/14, in Cross Junction, VA.

It was a great tracking weekend – weather was superb to be outside plotting tracks on Saturday. Weather on Sunday was blue sky, puffy white clouds, some wind, temps in mid-50's. Sunday's tracks were drawn as follows:

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

TD #2 – Sheltie – failed, missed the 2nd turn.

TD #3 – Dachshund – failed, was on the last leg, turned around and backtracked beyond the actual last turn.

TD #4 – Westie – passed; got pulled off track by scent pulling in low area, but worked it out, getting back on track to find the glove at the end. New TD!

TDX #1 – Golden Retriever – passed; gallery was able to watch almost all of this dog's track; it was "textbook." Congrats to club member Wendy Takacs and her first tracking dog – Greta! New TDX!

TDX #2 – Doberman – failed; went right at the 1st turn, instead of left; could not recover.

TDX #3 – Dachshund – failed; took first set of crosstracks, and stayed on them.

Alt X4 – Weimaraner – failed; took crosstracks and couldn't recover.

Thanks to the following club members who helped:

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

Sat. Workers/Judges lunch – Joyce Riggs

Sunday Morning Hospitality – Nancy Runion, Nancy Kulig

Sunday Lunch Hospitality – Kerry Troxel, Jeannette Hoover, Debbie Alls-Temples, Teresa Blumberg

TD Tracklayers – John & Cher Snyder, Marge Paulding

TDX Tracklayers – Marsha Dulz, Leslie Peszczyński, Ken Wiedel, Pat Kavanaugh

CrossTrack Layers – Tom Dulz, Sheri McAlevey

.... Marge Paulding, Test Chairperson

Happy tracking tails... Marge

## **Agility Column**

### **Nick DeCesare**

PVGRC held our last agility trial of 2014 on a beautiful autumn weekend on October 24-26 in Frederick, Maryland. Our entries were not as large as last year for a variety of reasons, mostly because the AKC Agility National will be in Nevada next year, but we still had a good entry and the trials ran smoothly. Many thanks to committee members Jeff Ackerson, Gary Arbegast, Helenmary Cody, Sharon DeCesare and new member Donna Sims. Thanks also to Cher and John Snyder worked two days and didn't even have a dog entered, and to Marta Coursey and Helenmary Cody for being chief ring stewards Saturday and Sunday, and to Tim McCain who helped build courses. We also received a huge amount of help from members of the Baltimore Sheltie Club and the Oriole Dog Training Club. I think the word was passed that we had a lot of members away at the GRCA National and many exhibitors stepped forward to help. It reminded me of the way trials were run 15 years ago when everyone pitched in to help. I also received a lot of positive feedback from the exhibitors.

The best compliment came from one of our judges, Chris Dewey, who said: "PVGRC ROCKS !!! Please extend my sincerest thanks to ALL who helped make this trial such a success !! It's SUCH a pleasure to judge for you."

Here's something I haven't done in a while; the agility chairman's tips for the month.

With the weather changing and the days getting shorter, consider storing some of your agility equipment if you can. Winter weather is hard on agility equipment and can shorten its useful life. If you have a tunnel, consider storing it inside for the winter. Tunnels can crack or tear if you try to move them and they are frozen to the ground. Tunnels can crack if you move them when it is really cold even if they aren't frozen to the ground.

If you have metal weave poll bases, pick them up and lean them against a fence or tree when you aren't using them. If you leave them on the ground they will rust and freeze to the ground.

Most jumps are made from PVC which is not affected by cold unless water gets inside. If water gets inside the PVC and freezes, it will crack the PVC. Trust me. I know from experience. If you're not sure if there is water in your PVC jumps just pick them up and shake them. You can hear the water if it is inside the PVC. Remember when you were a child and your father told you to not leave your toys outside? The same rules apply for "agility toys".

At last, we have agility brags!

At the GRCA National Specialty, Sheri McAlevey & Luke (Topmast Jump to Light Speed CGC) earned their NA and NAJ.

Tricia Dunseith and Karma (Saltaire's It's Meant To Be CD BN RN JH MXB MXJ OF WCX) earned a T2B leg and a MX leg at the GRCA National.

Sharon DeCesare and Preacher (Fast-Trak's Don't Hold Back RN TD AX AXJ OF) earned an AXJ title with a first place at the PVGRC trial.

Gary Arbegast and Dash (MACH2 Golly G's Seeking Super Connections CD BN RA MXS MJG MXF TQX T2B) earned her MACH2 at Dauphin DTC on October 18, 2014. Prior to that she got her Time 2 Beat title on October 10, 2014, at York County DTC and Master Gold Jumper title on October 4, 2014 at Williamsport DTC. Gary is so fortunate to have such an amazing agility partner!!

Marta Coursey and Gabe (MACH ADCH ARCHX Fast-Trak I'm A Believer CDX, RAE, MXB, MJS, MXF, T2B, ADHF, CGCA) earned their MACH at the Lancaster KC trial on September 27, 2014 at Palmyra, PA. Gabe also earned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the 20" JWW at the GRCA National. Marta also reports that Colbie (Pine Run FastTrak Brighter Than The Sun NAJ, RL2, RA, CGC) earned her NAJ and placed second in Novice JWW at the GRCA National.

Marge Paulding and Jackson also had a very successful National: On Thursday's GRCA agility, he qualified in JWW and had a 3<sup>rd</sup> in Preferred FAST class. On Friday, he earned a Triple Q, by qualifying in Standard, JWW, and FAST.

**Obedience Brags**  
**Leslie Stanley**

Leslie Stanley reports that Beacon, OTCH Richwood Shining Moment, UDX, OM4, VER, JH, WCX, OBHF won Utility B at the National by winning a runoff with a 199 in a 50 dog utility class.

Leslie Stanley also reports that Dezi, OTCH Wingmaster's Desert Moon, UDX2, OM2, OA, OAJ, OBHF earned a 198, second place (lost a runoff for first) in Veterans Novice at the National.

Marta Coursey reports that Gabe, MACH Fast Trak I'm a Believer, CDX, RE, CGCA, finished his RAE at the National.

Tricia Dunseith reports that Weebe Celtic Legend RN JH WC CGC - Tristin, finished his Rally Novice B title and earned his first Beginner Novice Leg at the National.

Also Saltaire's It's Meant To Be, BN, CD, RN, JH, MXB, MXJ, OF, WCX - Kharma earned her first Rally Advanced B leg at the National.

Theresa Ruppenthal reports that Bob Ruppenthal & "Gus".....Golly G's August Moon BN RAE TD CA CGC..... earned their 4th QQ towards their RAE-2 in Rally at the National.

Sharon Albright reports (I had to drag it out of her) that Reese had a great time at the National taking first place in Versatility as well as turning in a lovely Utility B performance. She also showed in Rally Novice B and won 1st place.

Marge Paulding reports that Jackson had a very busy National in both Obedience and Rally. Jackson won Veteran's Utility, qualified in both versatility and Veteran's Novice. He also earned his 30<sup>th</sup> DQ in AdvB/ExB Rally to complete his RAE3. Very proud of my Veteran Boy!

**Field Brags Galore!!!!**  
**Beth Sokohl**  
[bethsokohl@comcast.net](mailto:bethsokohl@comcast.net)

First and foremost, I would like to thank Bob Kurtz for taking on the project of creating our annual Field Ad that will appear in the next GR News!!! Keep your eyes out for it, it is impressive!!! And we got the following letter from Glenda Brown applauding his efforts:

I have been helping with the proofing for the Field Theme Issue of the GRNews and just had to let you know how much I love your ad! I think everyone is going to be as taken with it as I am. I know it is a cliché, but I truly "choke up" each time I have gone over it as it is what our Golden Retrievers are all about. It really brings a smile to my face and I know it will to many others as well.

Thank you, once again, for the terrific support the PVGRC is giving now and has given to the Field Theme Issue from its inception in 2007. I still get a chuckle out of the "Honorary Master Hunter Cat" that was in your first Club ad. You set the standard.

Please will you let all your members know how appreciative I personally am for everything your Club does and how lucky the breed is to have such a strong and active Club membership behind it.

Glenda Brown  
Field Liaison to the GRNews

And, PVGRC members have been very busy in the field this fall...we have oodles of brags, and these are just the members that have sent something in!!! PVGRC puts in quite a showing at both Field Trials and Hunt Tests!!! Congratulations to everyone who has been out there this fall!!!

**Braggs:**

**From the Field Trials:**

Megan – Dr. Nick's No Da of Maggie Creek, handled by George Fiebelkorn, earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Open at the GRCA National Specialty field trial. A few days earlier she placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Amateur at the Carolina Piedmont field trial also held in Cheraw, SC. Earlier this Spring she also earned a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the Amateur at the Snowbird Spring #2 field trial.



## **New Master Hunters!!!!**

And there are a boatload!!!!

Weebe Adirondac's One Wild Ride SH (Tom Lehr and Megan Baker) earned their Master Title at the Keystone Retriever Club test this spring.

In-Transit SH and Megan Baker earned their Master Title at Pineland's Hunt test this spring.

Happydaugh's A Cut Above \*\*\* WCX and Ann Strathern earned their Master Title at the Maryland RC hunt test in September.

Happydaugh's Strikes Gold\*\*\*WCX and Ann Strathern earned their Master Title at the Mid-Atlantic RC hunt test in September.

Adirondac Yankee Slugger SH and Lorraine McPartland earned their Master Title at the Maryland RC hunt test in September.

Wakemup Wild Child CDX RA SH OA OAJ WCX and Pam Turgeon earned their Master Title and qualified for the Master National at the Rappahanock River RC hunt test this November.

## **New Senior Hunters**

Fireside's Quick On The Draw CD JH NA NAJ WC and Laurie Falter earned their Senior Hunter at the PVGRC hunt test in October.

Deep Run's Here We Go Again JH WC and Debbie Alls-Temple earned their Senior Hunter at the PVGRC hunt test in October.

## **New Junior Hunter**

Aquest Covent Garden RAE, JH, WC (Joan Donohue) earned her Junior Hunter title at PVGRC's hunt test. She was four for four. "Lily" also earned her WC at the PVGRC fall test on her first try. Lily is so happy I finally got around to letting her do field work at age eight.

GraceKen Lycinan Earthshak'n WC and Cindy Williamson earned their Junior Hunter at the PVGRC hunt test in October.

Merry (Weebe Uncorkin' the Meritage WC) and Bob Kurtz finished their JH title at the national.

### **New WCX**

Conor (Topbrass Commander CD BN RE JH CGC WC CCA) was awarded the WCX at the Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club's WC/WCX test on September 20, 2014.

Beacon, OTCH Richwood Shining Moment, UDX, OM4, VER, JH, WCX, OBHF, and Leslie Stanley earned their WCX at the National.

### **New Senior Legs**

Honora's Fabulous Lil Deuce Coupe RN NAP NJP JH WC and Rita Bumgardner got a senior hunter pass at the Talbot Retriever Club hunt test and a senior hunter pass at the Rappahanock River RC hunt test, and Marygold's Jack Frost CDX RE AX AXJ JH WC got two senior hunter passes at the Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac hunt test.

# Calendar of Events 2014

## January

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

## February

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

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| March 19 | Board Meeting                                | Glenwood, MD  |
| March 23 | Annual Awards Banquet/<br>Membership Meeting | Rockville, MD |

## April

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

## May

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

## June

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

## July

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| July 27 | Super Singles | Cheltenham, MD |
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## August

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| 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**

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

## **October**

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

## **November**

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|------------|---------------|--------------------|
| November 9 | Tracking Test | Cross Junction, VA |
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## **December**

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| December 13 | Holiday Party/Membership Meeting | College Park, MD |
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# Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club Officers

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## Board of Directors

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