



# The Potomac Valley News

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## **A Message from the President**

Spring is here!!! I think our Goldens are as happy as we are to be getting out of the house, seeing their friends, and doing what they love to do...whatever that is!!! Our Goldens, and their owners, are so versatile, we have club members everywhere!!! I was at the Gunpowder Specialty, and saw club members competing in conformation, obedience, and rally. The next day I was at our Agility trial, and found a whole slew of club members competing in agility...the next week at the Back Bay Knotts Island hunt test, there were even more members competing in a hunt test!!!

The club is in full swing, too!!! We have had many events since the last newsletter. The Annual Awards Banquet was held in March. I would like to thank all the members who help put this together, year after year. Joan Donohue starts the whole ball rolling with the computation of all the awards...D'Alex Childers puts the finishing touches on the awards by getting the trophies ready, and to the banquet. Kelly Armstrong does the whole process for all the year-end rosettes. Laurie Collins organizes the silent auction for GRREAT, which brought in over \$2200 this year. Thank you all for your efforts!!! You can see all the trophy winners, and rosette recipients on our website a few pages down in this newsletter.

Following just a few weeks after was our Spring Specialty. Again, a HUGE thank you goes to Joan Donohue, who chaired the event. She did not do this without a tremendous amount of help from a whole slew of club members, please read the Specialty report to see just what kind of village it takes to run a Specialty. Turn to the Conformation section of this newsletter to read a full recap of the specialty.

Then a week later, our club hosted the first of three Agility trials for the year. Nick DeCesare chaired the event, and he too, had help from a great group of members. This trial, too, went off without a hitch because of the great team of club members that are part of his committee.

Without sounding like a broken record...thank you to all the club members who repeatedly volunteer for our club events. No matter where you go in the country, there are Golden owners who have run one or more of our events, and they all have the same impression...we, Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club, put on a good show...whether it conformation, obedience, agility, field...it is a great feeling to hear that. ☺

We have many more events coming up. Our WC/WCX is May 17<sup>th</sup> at Rover's Content in Brandywine, MD. And, we are having our K9 Olympics and Veterans Day combined in Monrovia, MD on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Dock Diving is soon to follow, so keep an eye on our website for any updates.

Also, the National Steering Committee is hard at work. Keep an eye on our website for any updates. We have all of our chairs named, there will be a chart in our next National update. Please feel free to look at that chart, and volunteer for any committee that interests you!!!

Remember...if you run into a "stranger" at one of our events...introduce yourself...they may be a new member, a prospective member...make them feel like they are part of the family!!!

Hope to see you out and about!!

Beth Sokohl

## **Board and Meeting Minutes**

**Suzanne Miller, Secretary**

### **Minutes, Board Meeting, February 4, 2015**

Attendees: All Board members were present, with Kelly Armstrong attending via phone.

#### ***President's Report:***

The membership policy takes much too long. We need to shorten the process, and make people feel more welcome. Applications need to be read one month and voted on the next month. 30 days should be the maximum wait time. We could adopt GRCA's process and post the names to the listserv, asking if anyone has any objections. Hearing none, the applicants can be considered voted in. Applicants can also be encouraged to participate in Club activities while they are waiting for a final vote.

Beth agreed to draft a motion which can be accepted by the Board to make the membership application process simpler and expeditious. The motion will be that when the application is received, it will be posted to the membership electronically (on the listserv) for a 30-day review period. At the next general membership or Board meeting, whichever comes first after the 30-day period, the applicant will be voted on. Information to be posted will be the applicant's name, city/state, interests, and names of referrals.

Membership applications will come to both Penny and Clayton as the Membership Committee. A membership letter will be sent to all new members by Penny and Beth will contact the committee chairs to ensure that they do outreach to the new members who are interested in getting involved in their areas. Laurie Collins will be given the new member's contact information to send each an invitation to join the listserv (both announcement and discussion).

Clayton will work with Janet to ensure that a database on members' interests will be built and accessible on the members-only part of the website. Jeff will also work with Janet to get this database built.

The Policy Committee (Jeff Ackerson, Marie Huffman, et al.) are asked to look at the membership categories including family and associate and come up with recommendations for new, more accurate definitions and policies.

Charitable contributions. The Contribution committee (Tricia, Pam Stirling, Sue Armstrong) are asked to come up with guidelines for annual contributions. It was suggested and accepted that we make no further contributions until we see what we might be spending on the 2017 National.

The Awards Banquet will be held on March 22 from 3-5:30 at That's Amore, Gaithersburg.

**Secretary's minutes/correspondence:**

Suzanne noted that we receive all correspondence from the AKC in both electronic and paper format. She forwards the electronic form to the appropriate committee chair.

She has also sent the names of all new officers and Board members to the AKC and GRCA.



### **Committee Reports:**

**Breed committee:** Tricia reported that things are falling in to place for the specialty. Rhonda is putting the finishing touches on the premium and it should be up shortly. After that, it will be time to start working on the match.

**Obedience committee:** Karen reported that all details were finally worked out for the February trial.

**Tracking committee:** Penny reported that there is nothing new from the Tracking Committee.

**Agility committee:** (Jeff) Kelly Armstrong will be the new Board liaison for the Agility Committee.

**Field committee:** Sharon Albright is stepping down as Chair, but will continue to coordinate the training days. Megan Baker is taking over as chair. Training days will start again in April and the Spring WC/WCX will be held on May 17.

**Education Committee:** (Jeff)

### **Old business:**

Tricia reintroduced the idea of purchasing a Keurig for our events. She has priced them at \$149-199. Motion to buy a machine was passed unanimously.

### **New Business:**

The 2017 National Steering Committee has requested that we as a club loan the National committee money to open a bank account. Penny moved that the Board loan the Committee \$1000 to open a bank account. Unanimously passed.

Suzanne and Tricia reported on the activities of the Steering Committee and the new Committee Chairs for the National. Most of the key positions have been filled.

After discussion, it was decided that all Club events and updates regarding the National should be posted on the website, put in the newsletter, and posted to the listserv.

Jeff proposed that we allow Board members to attend meetings electronically. As a pilot, we will allow one member per meeting to attend electronically, but each member must attend a majority of the meetings per year and all meetings must still have a quorum in order to carry out club business. As a compromise, the Board unanimously agreed that we will allow voting electronically on timely issues between meetings, but that Board members will have to respond within a stated deadline.

Additionally, a motion was passed that all reports from Committees and the financial report will be circulated to all members at least one week before the Board meeting so everyone

has a chance to read the reports prior to the meeting. Action items will then be brought to the meeting for discussion and a vote.

**The next meeting will be held at the home of Beth Sokohl on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

**Minutes, Board Meeting, March 18, 2015**

Attendees: All Board members were present.

**President's Report:** The President once again addressed the issue of new members and making the application process as streamlines as possible, as well as making new members feel welcome. It was determined that new member application will be circulated to the membership on the PVGRC listserv, as they are with the GRCA membership applicants. If there are no objections made, the applications will be voted on at the next general membership or Board meeting, whichever comes first, and ratified at the following meeting (Board or membership). Members will have all the rights of membership (except voting) as soon as their applications are accepted. Suzanne Miller so moved, Jeff Ackerson seconded, passed unanimously.

New membership policy recommendations will be presented to the Board and the Board will vote electronically.

For the Banquet this year, we will have the full restaurant, not the basement, due to a scheduling snafu. 50 people will attend.

**Secretary's minutes/correspondence:**

Suzanne noted once again that we receive all correspondence from the AKC in both electronic and paper format. She forwards the electronic form to the appropriate committee chair. There was no other correspondence.

**Treasurer's Report:** Clayton Kilrain. Clayton also has the 2014 annual report. Ten – 15 members have not renewed; Clayton sent them all email renewal reminders. He is trying to construct a list of Life Members. Jeff will research the list and our policies regarding Life Membership.

28, 2015	February 1 - February	
	<i>Income</i>	
	Total Income for February	\$0.00
	<i>Expenses</i>	

Agility Trial April 2015 (Judge's Lodging)	\$1,000.00
Agility Trial June 2015	\$200.00
Agility Trial October 2015	\$2,782.00
Obedience Trial 2015 (Balance on Site; Prizes)	\$2,573.72
Hunt Test 2015 (Cheltenham)	\$500.00
WC WCX Spring 2015 (Cheltenham)	\$225.00
WC WCX Fall 2015	\$225.00
Field Training Days (Cheltenham for 2015)	\$1,200.00
Spring Specialty (Decoy Prizes)	\$743.10
Tax Preparation (2013)	\$875.00
Equipment (Keurig Coffee Maker)	\$137.79
Meetings and Banquet (Pizza for January Meeting)	\$115.47
Total Expenses for February	\$10,577.08
<b>Net for December</b>	-10,577.08
Year To Date Income	\$880.00
Year To Date Expense	\$11,980.08
<b>Year to Date Net</b>	-11,100.08
CASH ON HAND as of February 28, 2015	
Checking Account	\$18,278.99
Certificate of Deposit (0.20%; 10/15)	\$7,740.01
Certificate of Deposit (0.75%; 12/16)	\$22,936.01
Certificate of Deposit (0.65%; 1/18)	40,561.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$89,516.63


## Committee Reports:

**Breed committee:** (Joan Donahue to Tricia Dunseith). A motion was made to dedicate the HIT trophy to Bill Huffman. Passed unanimously.

1. There was discussion as to using Rau vs. Rhonda. The Board unanimously supported continuing with Rhonda.
2. There was a question raised about the Specialty and the Obedience/Rally trial. Options were to open the trial to other breeds and join the Specialty to a cluster or the MD Sporting Dog. It was suggested that Joan talk to Laurie about joining Sporting Dog.

Joan also suggested doing the match in conjunction with dock diving in August, rather than stand-alone in September.

**Obedience committee:** (Leslie Stanley to Karen Shumaker) Nothing to report.

**Tracking committee:** Marge Paulding to Penny Geddes) Nothing to report

**Agility committee:** (Nick DeCesare, given by Kelly Armstrong)

April trial on schedule.

June trial approved by AKC.

Nick will be filing the applications for October trial next week (last week)

**Field committee:** (Sharon Albright to Beth Sokohl) Nothing to report.

**Education Committee:** (Sharon Ackerson to Jeff Ackerson) Nothing to report this meeting. Rita Bumgardner noted that Veterans' Day will be held either May 16 or 23, and that we need a chair.

**Old business:** The 2017 National Specialty Committee has been very busy and most of the Volunteer positions are already filled.

Jeff Ackerson provided a draft set of policies regarding membership and requested the Board members review it and provide comments and edits back to him so that the policies can be finalized

**New Business:** Beth Sokohl reported that Janet Kaplan will be moving, so PVGRC will need a new webperson. Suzanne Miller pointed out that CDTC has an outside, professional webperson and does not rely on a member volunteer.

**The next meeting will be held at the home of Beth Sokohl on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

### **Membership meeting, March 22, 2015**

Beth Sokohl called the meeting to order at the Annual Awards Banquet. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as distributed on the listserv.

**President's report:** Beth thanked Joan Donohue and d'Alex Childers for their efforts doing the trophies, Kelly Armstrong for the ribbons, and Laurie Collins for spearheading the auction.

### ***Committee Reports:***

***Breed committee:*** The specialty is in the final stages of planning and organizing. There was a site visit last week. Addie is in charge of the stewards for the breed ring and Rita for the Obedience rings. Please talk to them if you can volunteer.

***Obedience committee:*** The February trial was well attended and well received. Thanks to Judy Gladson for chairing the event, Laurie Falter for being the volunteer coordinator, and Tricia Dunseith for being the Hospitality chair, and Leslie Stanley for her behind-the-scenes work.

***Field committee:*** The WCWCX is May 17. Colleen Charles has agreed to chair and Leslie Darragh is going to be the secretary. They are looking for volunteers, so please contact Colleen if you would like to help.

***Agility committee:*** The first Agility trial of the year is April 18-19.

### ***Membership report:***

Four prospective members' applications were read:

Sally Craver, Roanoke, VA

Claire and Pete Godwin, Laytonsville, MD

Bobby Jo Payne, New Bedford, PA

Diane Petruso, Montpelier, VA

Four new members were voted in:

Elaine Maker, Germany, then Gaithersburg, MD

Gary and Liz Neubaum, Germantown, MD

Susan Sheets, Andrews AFB, MD

**The next general membership meeting will be held at a summer event.**



## **Conformation Column**

**Joan Donohue**

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### **New champion**

*Carova's Handkiwork of Oberon* (Sharon Kitchens & Nancy Cronce) finished by going WD at the Old Dominion show for a FIVE point major.

### **Specials News**

*Ch. Goodtime's Perfect Ten* (Belinda Gosnell) picked up more grand championship points with a BOB at the Penn Treaty show.

*GCH. Steadmor's Take A Gander* (Nancy M Sherick & Jacqueline J Morasco) took the breed at the Wednesday York and the Gunpowder specialty show.

*GCH Highmark Braveheart* (Pat Shields) took the breed at the Old Dominion show.

CH *Gracekin Lycinan Earthshak'N JH WC* (Cindy Williamson) was BOS at the Gunpowder Specialty.

### **Class News**

At the Saturday Delaware county show, *Genesis Coin Toss* (Teresa Blumberg) took home a major reserve.

*Teran's What Lola Wants Lola Gets* (Terry Nieder) went WB at the Wednesday York show and reserve at the Lancaster and Sunday Delaware County shows.

From the 9-12 month class, *Huntleigh's C You On The Field* (Jeanette & George Makowskyj) picked up a major at the Catoctin show.

*Lycinan's Mango Salsa* (Cindy Williamson) was Best of Op in Sweeps at the Gunpowder Specialty.

*Edgecombe's Wysiwyg Chaos Bound for Botany Bay* (Sandy Selander) took a major reserve at the Old Dominion show.

## PVGRC's 2015 Spring Specialty

Wow, wow, wow...check out this awards table!!!



Another PVGRC is in the records books. For the most part, the specialty received good feedback especially for the rally and obedience folks. Some of the conformation folks were not happy with no grooming inside. Although, grooming inside is preferable, not hearing the dryers was peaceful.

I want to thank everyone who volunteered their time to make the specialty happen. I would like to list everyone who worked on the specialty but that would take up a good portion of the newsletter since we had over 45 folks helping out. So I will just highlight a few key folks. First, I want to thank Nick DeCesare, Bob Crowley and Sharon Ackerson for all the work in securing the facility for us. I know I was happy to be inside with the nasty weather on Friday. Thanks to Rodger Armstrong for doing a great job once again on the ducks. Folks get so excited about winning a PVGRC duck. Pat Kavanagh and Tricia Dunseith for volunteering to be the obedience chairs. Last year's show chair suggested having someone handle judge's hospitality. Having Tricia Dunseith handled everything concerning the judges which freed me up to do other tasks like handling catalog sales. Rita Bumgardner, Karen Schumaker and Addie Stocks for getting all the stewards. Andy Moore for bringing the trailer. Belinda Gosnell for stepping up to be assistant chair. Maureen Allnut for doing a fantastic job with the raffle. Sharon Ackerson with help from Jeff Ackerson and Karen Schumaker for doing a great job with the decorations. We had a great turn out for Friday morning set-up and everything done in about an hour. Thanks again to the 45+ folks who came out to help.

Now it is time to work on next year's specialty. If you want to volunteer or have suggestions, please contact me at [joan@questgoldens.com](mailto:joan@questgoldens.com).

Joan Donohue

## **TRACKING NEWS**

Marge Paulding

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

Spring has sprung!.... Yes, great time of year for being in the great outdoors and getting some good exercise by tracking with your favorite golden retriever! Hope those of you that enjoy this sport, have been taking advantage of this weather, as it has been wonderful.

Mark your calendars now. PVGRC's fall TD/TDX test will be Sunday, November 8, 2015, in Cross Junction, Virginia.

Please remember to send any new Tracking Title Brags to me so your good news can be shared.

Happy tracking tails... Marge

## **Obedience Brags**

Leslie Stanley

Nancy and Wayne Kulig report that Topbrass Commander CDX BN GN RE JH CGC WCX VC CCA (Conor) was awarded his Graduate Novice (GN) title at the Maryland Sporting Dog Association obedience trial on February 28 with a first place score, and he won a silver water pail and a field bumper for having the highest obedience score of any dog with a Golden Retriever Club of America field title at that trial. Conor was also awarded his Versatility Certificate (VC) by the Golden Retriever Club of America for achieving his Companion Dog Excellent (CDX), Working Certificate Excellent (WCX), and Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA) titles.

Megan Baker reports that Reboot completed his Versatility title at the PVGRC obedience trial in February.

Beth Sokohl and Take Flight's Otto Know Better finished their CD with a second place at the Gunpowder Specialty, and Beth and You Have Got To Be Kidding CD RN MH NAJ WCX\*\*\* got their first Open leg with a first place at the same specialty.

## New Obedience Regulations

**OBEDIENCE RULE CHANGES! EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2015 THERE WILL BE SOME SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO OBEDIENCE.**

### **Obedience Rule Changes!**

#### **Obedience Advisory Committee Recommendations**

The Board VOTED to approve 75 changes/additions to the Obedience Regulations, effective December

1, 2015. These recommendations originated from an Obedience Advisory Committee (OAC), and were

reviewed with the Companion Events Delegate Committee.

A summary of the amendments follows:

#### **JUDGES GUIDELINES, GENERAL, PERFORMANCE AND JUDGING**

##### **JUDGES GUIDELINES**

1. Move relevant judges guidelines to the sections of the Regulations in which they apply.
2. Revise Exhibiting to: Judges (including provisional) may not handle dogs that are not owned or co-owned by themselves or a family member at obedience and or rally trials.

##### **CLASS BRIEFINGS & START TIMES**

3. For classes with briefings, the briefing times will be listed and the class time will be stated "class to follow".

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4. Shorten briefing/walkthrough time to "up to 10 minutes" (instead of 15 minutes).
5. List classes starting after noon as "After Noon" rather than "to follow."
6. If the judge and ring are available to start earlier than the stated time and all exhibitors have checked-in and agree, allow the judging to start earlier. (May not start a 2nd trial on the same day before the published start time.)

##### **CLUBS**

7. Clarify transfer verbiage to make it clear that clubs have the flexibility of accepting transfers prior to the day of a trial (but must be completed at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each trial as it is currently worded).
8. Require clubs to publish, in the premium list, if two trials in one day will be held concurrently or consecutively.
9. Modify the emergency judge policy to allow clubs greater flexibility in finding a replacement judge when a previously approved judge cancels within 72 hours or less; allowing a judge with an event conflict to accept the emergency judge assignment without impacting future assignments.
10. No judge will be assigned to judge for more than eight hours in one day.

11. **EVENT SCHEDULING:** It is strongly recommended that classes with like ring set-ups are grouped together. Put in book which classes are classes with "like set-ups."

##### **EXHIBITING**

12. Allow exhibitors to steward, other than table stewarding, in the same ring under the

same judge they will be showing under.

13. Clearly state that a dog may be brought into and taken out of the ring on a leash that

slips through the dogs collar in classes in which all the exercise are off leash.

14. Clearly state that leashes must be snapped to the collar when dogs are brought in for

classes requiring on leash exercises, group exercises and awards.

15. The judge will call the qualifying handlers back into the ring without requiring the dogs to be brought back in for awards.

16. State exhibitors may leave the ring at any time by politely informing the judge they

are doing so. Judges book to be marked "Handler left ring" and carry down an "NQ."

17. Remove "The judge must report to the AKC any dog that is not brought back for the

group exercises."

#### **NOVICE**

18. Dogs which have qualified during the individual exercise will have the option of returning for the group exercise.

19. Require exhibitors to check in for group exercises immediately after completion of

the individual exercises.

20. Require leashes to be left on the dogs during the group exercise.

21. Allow judges the option of deciding if the group exercise will be conducted after "X"

number of dogs in the class or if all the group exercises will be conducted after the last individual team is judged.

#### **OPEN**

22. Dogs which have qualified during the individual exercise will have the option of returning for the group exercise.

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23. Require exhibitors to check in for group exercises immediately after completion of

the individual exercises.

24. Allow judges the option of deciding if the group exercise will be conducted after "X"

number of dogs in the class or if there are more dogs than can be judged in one group, all of the group exercises will be conducted after the last individual team is judged.

#### **UTILITY**

25. Scent Discrimination - Allow handlers the option of supplying two different types of

sets of articles from three different allowable types of articles: leather, metal or wood.

26. Scent Discrimination - State that it is the handler's decision if they have the dog watch the articles being put out; it is not required.

27. Scent Discrimination - State when the handler may take an article to scent it.

28. Scent Discrimination – State that the dog will be sitting to begin this exercise.

29. Scent Discrimination - The scoring of this exercise will not begin until the judge gives

the order "Choose an article."



**30. Directed Retrieve - Substantial penalty (currently NQ) for the direction not given simultaneously or immediately following.**

**31. Directed Retrieve – Substantial penalty for lack of directness.**

**32. Directed Retrieve – Non-qualifying if the dog brings back an incorrect glove.**

**33. Moving Stand for Exam – Provide specific examination language to judges on how to**

**perform the exam. (Exam verbiage adopted will be similar for Open and Utility.)**

**34. Post the Glove # 30-45 minutes prior to the start of the class.**

#### **REGULAR CLASSES – OTCH**

**35. A dog that leaves the place where it was left during the first group exercise must be**

**released from the remaining group exercise and should count as a dog defeated.**

#### **BEGINNER NOVICE**

**36. Revise - Dogs with a CD, PCD or less will be eligible for this class.**

**37. Reduce walk through time from “15 minutes” to “up to 10 minutes.”**

**38. Sit Stay – State one command to stay, additional command to stay substantial penalty.**

**39. Revise Recall scoring to clearly state how many commands/signals are they allowed and when.**

**40. Revise the wording about hands on the recall - not to be used as an aid.**

**41. State what exhibitors should do with the leash for the recall.**

**42. Run-Off Procedure – In case of a tie in the Beginner Novice class, the dog and handler will perform the Heel on Leash the same as it is performed in the Beginner Novice Heel on Leash exercise.**

**43. A dog without any AKC obedience title which was mistakenly entered in a Novice obedience class may have the entry transferred to the Beginner Novice class provided the host club allows transfers and the class and judge are available.**

#### **GRADUATE NOVICE**

**44. Add scoring section for each exercise (instead of referring them to other chapters).**

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**45. Add the dumbbell to the Recall over High Jump exercise. This exercise will be performed in the same manner as the Dumbbell Recall except that the dog must clear the high jump.**

**46. Change the heeling exercise “Heel on Leash” to “Heel off Leash”**

**47. Group Stay – Sit or Down, Judge’s option, posted before starting the class, 3 minutes.**

#### **GRADUATE OPEN**

**48. Add scoring section for each exercise.**

**49. Signal Exercise – Revise to state minimum distance of 10’, which will allow handlers**

**to go further away from the dog.**

**50. Scent Discrimination – State the handler may choose which type of article is retrieved.**

**51. Go Out - State the handler must stand no closer than the center of the ring.**

**52. Change the order of the exercises to:**

**1. Signal Exercise**

**2. Scent Discrimination**

**3. Go Out**

4. Directed Jumping
5. Moving Stand and Exam
6. Directed Retrieve

#### **PRE-CLASSES**

53. Change the name for all “Pre” classes to “Preferred” classes.

Pre-Novice Preferred Novice

Pre-Open Preferred Open

Pre-Utility Preferred Utility

#### **PREFERRED OPEN & PREFERRED UTILITY**

54. Preferred Open - Add scoring section for each exercise.

55. Preferred Open - Clarify the Broad Jump is to be set to cover a distance to twice the

height of the Pre-Open High Jump.

56. A dog must have a PCD, CD title or higher title from the Regular classes to enter Preferred Open and Preferred Utility.

57. Add a High in Trial (HIT) and High Combined (HC) award at the club’s option for the

Preferred title track.

58. Preferred Open – Use the same 6 orders of exercises that are used in the Regular Class without a group exercise.

59. Preferred Utility – Use the same six orders of exercises that are used in the Regular

Class.

60. Preferred Utility Signal Exercise – REMOVE exception that allows the handler to use

a verbal command during the signal portion.

61. Preferred Utility – Directed Retrieve. Post the Glove # 30-45 minutes prior to the start

of the class.

62. Preferred Utility - Add scoring section for each exercise.

63. Preferred Utility - Scent Discrimination: Revise to 10 articles (not 8).

64. Preferred Utility - Directed Retrieve: State it is the same exercise as in Utility.

65. Change the Preferred Open and Preferred Utility classes to include the same 6 mixed order of exercises allowed in Regular Classes with the same exercises,

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except no group exercises; and jumps are set to ½ the height of the dog at the withers.

#### **PREFERRED UTILITY: NEW PUDX TITLE**

66. PUDX – PUDX scores will be recorded only for dogs that have earned the PUTD title. The dog must receive qualifying scores in both Preferred Open and Preferred Utility at 10 separate licensed or member obedience trials. The AKC will issue a Preferred Utility Dog Excellent certificate and will permit the use of the letters PUDX following the name of each dog that meets these requirements.

67. If the PUDX title is approved revise the Signal Exercise to all signals without the permitted verbal command.

68. Previously earned scores and points for the PUDX and POC titles will be grandfathered to 07/01/13.

#### **NEW PREFERRED OBEDIENCE CHAMPION (POC)**

69. Non-competitive champion title; points earned based on scores of 190 or better. To



earn the Preferred Obedience Champion title, dogs must earn qualifying scores in both Preferred Open and Preferred Utility at 20 separate licensed or member obedience trials & 750 points (see Point Schedule table below).

70. POC Point Schedule (see table)

Dog's

Score

Points

Awarded

Dog's

Score

Points

190 6 195.5 Awarded 12

190.5 6 196 12

191 6 196.5 12

191.5 6 197 15

192 9 197.5 15

192.5 9 198 15

193 9 198.5 15

193.5 9 199 15

194 9 199.5 15

194.5 9 200 15

195 12

71. POC – Recognized Achievement – POC multiples (POC, POC2, POC3, etc.)

**NON-REGULAR CLASSES** – Removal of these classes does not preclude a club from offering

non-regular classes not described in the regulations. These may be approved by AKC by

submitting a description of the class with the event application.

72. Remove the Sub-Novice class.

73. Remove the International class.

74. Remove the Advanced Teamwork class.

75. Allow Rally Judges to judge Non-Regular Classes – Wild Card, Brace, Team, Veterans.

## Agility Column Nick DeCesare

The first PVGRC agility trial of 2015 was held in Frederick, Maryland on April 18 & 19 at the Frederick Indoor Sports Center. While our entries were smaller than last year our exhibitors were motivated, the trials ran efficiently and we were finished and packed up by 4:15. Many thanks to the hard work of a small but dedicated group of PVGRC members like Jeff Ackerson, Cher and John Snyder, James and Nancy Runion, Roberta Primeau, Ann Strathern, Bob Crowley, Bets Keen, Kelly Armstrong, John Bitner, Molly McEvoy, Donna Sims and Gary Arbegast. Special thanks to the members who kept the trial running smoothly; Marta Coursey, Pat Kavanagh, Sheri McAlevey, Sally Henry, who served as our chief ring stewards and Sharon DeCesare who coordinated the worker schedules.

We had so much fun at the April agility trial that we are going to do it again June 20 & 21, 2015; same trial site and probably a lot of the same players. We have judges Laura English and Mary Mullen, both from Evansville, Indiana. Once again, this year our trials fall on the summer solstice, (June 21 @ 12:38PM) and Father's Day. So this year we are encouraging our members to join our "Bring your father to an agility trial for Father's Day" and show your father (or grandfather) a great day at our trial.

Today is May 1 and it seems we won't be getting any snow for a while, which means it is time to get the agility equipment out of storage and get back to training our Golden retrievers outdoors on God's green grass. Practicing contacts and weaves, working on tunnel discrimination, perfecting your front crosses and back side jump moves. So much to do and so little time. Save those course maps from the trials and set up sequences to practice. Use the courses that offer the most challenges. Train with other handlers; it will give you and your dog time to rest. Keep the water bowl handy and full. Don't practice when it is too hot; it's not good for your dog and he's doing all of the work. Take frequent breaks, catch your breath and tell some stories about that great run you had at the trial last week. Agility is all about having fun with your dog. Qualifying is great but if you don't qualify, try your best to look good and be entertaining.

We have some NEW Titles to report. Megan Baker reports that "Voodoo" ADIRONDAC'S WEEBE PUT'N A HEX ON YOU CDX RA mH22 \*\* has earned three titles this year, OA, OAJ and OF. Way to go Megan and Voodoo!

Beth Sokohl reports that "Joker", You Have Got To Be Kidding CD RN MH has earned his NAJ.

### **Field Brags**

**Beth Sokohl**

(email brags to [bethsokohl@gmail.com](mailto:bethsokohl@gmail.com))

### **NEW \*\*\*!!!!!!**

Beth Sokohl and Joker, You Have Got To Be Kidding CD RN MH NAJ WCX placed second at the Talbot Retriever Club Qualifying to become Qualified All Age.

### **NEW \*\*!!!!**

Pam Turgeon and Gibbs, Wakemup Wild Child CDX RA MH OA OAJ NF WCX\*\* earned a JAM at the Talbot Retriever Club Qualifying.

Lindsay Ridgeway and Laddie, Topbrass Lad of the Lakes MH WCX \*\*, received a JAM at the Talbot Retriever Club Qualifying.

### **New Senior Hunter**

Rita Bumgardner and Cooper, Honora's Fabulous Lil Deuce Coupe (Cooper) CD RN JH NA NAJ NAP NJP CGC WC, earned his Senior Hunter title at the Tidewater Retriever Hunt Test held in Remington, VA in March.

### **Junior Hunter Legs**

Heather Werts and Take Flight's Marsh Mello Fluff earned two Junior Hunter legs at the Back Bay Knotts Island Hunt Test, and earned their third Junior leg at the DelBay hunt test.

## **Banquet Report**

The Annual Awards Banquet was held in March at That's Amore in Gaithersburg, MD. Thanks again to Joan Donohue, D'Alex Childers and Kelly Armstrong for putting together the plethora of awards that our club members and their dogs receive each year. Thanks to Laurie Collins and GRREAT for putting on a GREAT auction where over \$2000 was made to benefit GRREAT.

The awards and rosettes that were earned are listed below, but first, the most important award (in this editor's opinion) that is awarded each year is the Hap Arnold Trophy. The presentation, given by Andy Moore, is as follows:

### The 2014 HAP ARNOLD AWARD

The Hap Arnold Good Sportsmanship Award recognizes a member who has contributed unselfishly to the Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club and to the advancement of the sport of dogs without regard to personal honor. For those of you who did not have the pleasure of knowing him, a little about HAP ARNOLD.

Hobart Sloan Arnold, Hap, was among the founding members of PVGRC and a Life Member of the club. He passed away in August of 1994. Hap finished his first Golden Champion, Rebel, about 50 years ago. Over the years, Hap served as Club President, Specialty Secretary, and Specialty Show Announcer. He gave his service as Conformation Ring Steward many times and was the official Statistician for the GRCA for more than 20 years. Just months before his death, and in failing health, Hap stepped forward to serve as Chief Conformation Steward for the 1994 Eastern Regional Specialty, when no one else would. A teacher of those new to dogs, a trusted friend of old timers, and a man dedicated to the Golden Retriever and the sport of dogs, we are proud to honor his memory.

And honor his memory we shall.... As we also honor once more those who have received the HAP Arnold award in the past, along with this year's recipient..... Before I announce the recipient of this year's HAP Arnold award, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge our past recipients and if any of you are present please stand and be recognized.

1997 Robert Crowley  
1998 Sharon & Clayton Kilrain  
1999 Robert Bunge  
2000 Joann Rice  
2001 Leslie Peszczyński  
2002 Dan & Carol Lewis  
2003 Nick DeCesare  
2004 Janice Bengé  
2005 Roger Armstrong  
2006 Sue Armstrong  
2007 Sharon Albright  
2008 Bob Kurtz  
2009 Laurie Collins

2010 Marge Paulding  
2011 Cher & John Snyder  
2012 Bill & Marie Huffman  
2013 Yours Truly

Thanks again to all of you for your dedication and service to the Potomac Valley Retriever Club.

Now..... On to what everyone's waiting for.

There's not enough words to express the pleasure I have to stand up here today and present this award to this member.....

If you were to picture our club as one giant wheel, this member would be our hub and the rest of us would be the many spokes radiating from that hub. For the past 4 or 5 years this member has been an integral part of every facet of this club's operation. She's been President; she's chaired just about every event we hold at least once and in some cases many times over. When she's not chairing an event, it's not unusual to see her amongst the volunteers helping. She's always answered the call to action when needed. Recently she's established a Tracking class for beginning dogs.

I'd like to share personal story about this member, if I may?

A couple of seasons ago I was chairing a WCWCX, I think it was the one that we held jointly with the Flat Coats, anyway, the day before the event we had everything all in place to unfold when suddenly my hospitality chair had a medical emergency.... Well.... This member contacted me that night and said that she would fill in and at the last minute got the supplies and stayed up till late that night making I believe some 50 sandwiches and lunch bags for our judges and workers. She even showed up 7:00 the next morning with coffee and donuts, while never complaining one bit.

By now, I'm sure everyone in this room knows who I'm talking about..... This year's recipient of the HAP Arnold award is Debbie Barrows!

Debbie the past 5 years I've worked with you , I've worked for you ,we've picked up trash together ,we've mopped floors together , we've competed together and as I said in the beginning it's an honor for me to pass this award onto you ! .....  
Congratulations!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Andy Moore



The PVGRC Awards Banquet (was) held in March 2015 to honor and celebrate a great year for our Golden Retrievers in competition.

The following trophies (and rosettes) were awarded at that banquet.

### **CHALLENGE TROPHIES WINNERS**

#### **GLORY J'S MEMORIAL OBEDIENCE TROPHY**

This trophy is offered to members of the PVGRC to the Golden Retriever dog or bitch, owner-handled, making the highest average score in attaining a Companion Dog, Companion Dog Excellent, or Utility Dog title during the calendar year; the average score to be based on the first three (3) qualifying scores.

**The winner is:** Rita And Randy Bumgardner  
**Marygold's Jack Frost** CDX RE JH AX AXJ NAP NJP CGC WC  
CCA

### **PERPETUAL TROPHIES**

#### **THE GOLDA POTEKIN MEMORIAL NOVICE OBEDIENCE TROPHY**

This trophy is to be awarded annually by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club (PVGRC) to the member whose owner-handled Golden Retriever has the three (3) highest average qualifying scores in either Novice A and/or Novice B which qualified him for the Companion Dog Title, regardless of the length of time taken to accomplish this, and with the third score having been obtained in the year that the trophy is awarded.

**The winner is:** Karen Schumaker and Joan Donohue  
GCH CH **Aquest Cottage Garden** CD, RE

#### **GOLDEN PINE MEMORIAL TROPHY**

This trophy is to be awarded annually to the owner of the top winning Golden Retriever, of either sex, in member and licensed shows.

**The winner is:** Sharon and Clayton Kilrain  
GCH CH **Firestar's Go For Broke** TD AX AXJ OF

## THE SILK AND THE WIND TROPHY

This trophy is presented annually to the Best of Opposite Sex to the winner of the Golden Pines Memorial Trophy.

**The winner is:** Cathy Story  
Ch **Teran's Sunkota Positively Paisley**

## THE WINTERSET TROPHY

This trophy is to be awarded annually to the **owner/handler** of the top winning Golden Retriever, of either sex, in member and licensed shows. Only wins completed by the owner as the handler will be counted.

**The winner is:** Cynthia Williamson  
CH **GraceKen Lycinan Earthshak'n** JH WC

## THE CAN CH DANNEBROG DISTANCE RUNNER, UD, JH, WCX; CAN UD, WCI TROPHY

The primary purpose of this award is to recognize a dog's versatility; a secondary purpose is to give credit for more advanced titles in each area of endeavor.

**The winner is:** Pat Kavanagh  
OTCH **Gaylan's Fire When Ready** VCD3 UDX5 OM7 GO VER RN JH  
MX MXB MXJ MJS MXF T2B CCA WCX VCX ODHF

## MEADOWPOND CLAIM TO FAME, UDTX, JH, WCX MEMORIAL TROPHY

This trophy is to be awarded to the oldest dog earning either an AKC or GRCA performance title in the preceding year. The dog must be at least eight (8) years of age at the time the title was completed/earned. The trophy may be won by the same dog only once.

**The winner is:** Sharon and Jeff Ackerson  
**Winterset Whole Lotta Woman** CDX RAE MX MXB MXJ MXP2  
MJP2 MJPB OFP CCA

## GOLLY G's GOLDEN FUTURES TROPHY

This trophy is to be awarded to the top junior dog or bitch for outstanding achievements in at least two areas of endeavor and to encourage well-rounded participation in multiple



areas of activity. This award is designed to recognize young, talented, multipurpose dogs, but not to push them beyond their growth and physical development.

**The winner is:** Teresa Blumberg  
**Genesis Coin Toss** WC

### **THE GOLDSEEKER AGILITY TROPHY**

This trophy is to be awarded annually to the Golden Retriever who earns the highest number of MACH points during the competition year.

**The winner is:** John Bitner  
MACH **Golly G's Maken Life Super Fun** TD MX MXS MXJ MJB

### **HENRY E. "ED" MAGNUSON, JR. MEMORIAL TROPHY**

This trophy is to be offered annually to honor Ed and his dog "Brooke, Sunfire's Free Spirit CD MH WCX, and will be awarded to the oldest combined ages of a PVGRC member and his or her dog who earns an AKC Hunt Test Title or a GRCA WC or WCX title during the competition year.

**The winner is:** Betsy Keen  
OTCH MACH **Goldseeker's Wishes Come True** VCD2 UDX2 OM4  
VER RE JH MXS MJS XF WC

### **THE MARK MAISEL TROPHY**

The purpose of this trophy is to recognize the top junior dog or bitch for outstanding achievements in field areas of endeavor.

**The winner is:** Sharon DeCesare  
**Kiowa's Linc To the Past** WC

### **ANNUAL TROPHIES – OBEDIENCE**

**The annual trophies for obedience are awarded to the dog at each level with the highest average score earned which qualified him/her for the specific title. The highest average score will be derived from the highest scores earned during the competition year.**

### **NOVICE A TROPHY**

**The winner is:** Wendy Takacs  
**Golly G's Meet And Greet** CD BN TDX CGC

### **NOVICE B TROPHY**

**The winner is:** Karen Schumaker and Joan Donohue  
GCH CH **Aquest Cottage Garden** CD, RE

### **OPEN A TROPHY**

**The winner is:** Rita And Randy Bumgardner  
**Marygold's Jack Frost** CDX RE JH AX AXJ NAP NJP CGC WC  
CCA

### **OPEN B TROPHY**

**The winner is:** Charene Snyder  
Ch **Golly G's Fellow Traveler** CDX BN GN RN JH OA OAJ WC  
VCX

### **UTILITY B TROPHY**

**The winner is:** Pat Kavanagh  
OTCH **Gaylan's Fire When Ready** VCD3 UDX5 OM7 GO VER RN JH  
MX MXB MXJ MJS MXF T2B CCA WCX VCX ODFH

### **UTILITY DOG EXCELLENT TROPHY**

**The winner is:** Kelly Armstrong & Bets Keen  
CH MACH **Goldseeker's Just For Me** VCD2 UDX OM2 GN VER RE  
JH MXB MJB MJP MXF WCX ADHF

**The following three trophies are the Annual Novice, Open and Utility trophy to be awarded to the dog with the highest average scores in the A and B classes.**

### **ANNUAL NOVICE OBEDIENCE TROPHY**

**The winner is:** Karen Schumaker and Joan Donohue  
GCH CH **Aquest Cottage Garden** CD, RE

### **ANNUAL OPEN OBEDIENCE TROPHY**

**The winner is:** Charene Snyder  
Ch **Golly G's Fellow Traveler** CDX BN GN RN JH OA OAJ WC  
VCX

### **ANNUAL UTILITY OBEDIENCE TROPHY**

**The winner is:** Pat Kavanagh  
OTCH **Gaylan's Fire When Ready** VCD3 UDX5 OM7 GO VER RN JH  
MX MXB MXJ MJS MXF T2B CCA WCX VCX ODFH

## **ANNUAL TROPHIES - RALLY TROPHIES**

The annual trophies for Rally are awarded to the dog with the highest average score earned at each level which qualified her/him for the specific title.

### **RALLY NOVICE B TROPHY**

**The winner is:** Penny Geddes  
**Lycinan Laird of the Wing** BN RN

### **RALLY ADVANCED A TROPHY**

**The winner is:** James and Nancy Runion  
**Sun Bay Edgehill's Bazinga!** RA BN

### **RALLY ADVANCED B TROPHY**

**The winner is:** Gary Arbegast and Elizabeth Keen  
MACH2 **Golly G's Seeking Super Connections** CD BN RA MXG  
MJG MXF TQX T2B

### **RALLY EXCELLENT A TROPHY**

**The winner is:** Denise Buscemi Perrego and Michael Perrego  
**Sun Bay's Ready for Sunshine** RE, CGC

### **RALLY ADVANCED EXCELLENT TROPHY**

**The winner is:** Joan Donohue  
**Aquest Covent Garden** RAE, JH, WC

## **ANNUAL TROPHIES - AGILITY TROPHIES**

The annual trophies for agility will be awarded to the dog at each level with the highest average score earned at that level which qualified him for the specific title.

### **NOVICE B AGILITY TROPHY**

**The winner is:** Kelly Armstrong & Sandy Foster  
**Argo's Journey In The Fast Lane** BN RN OA AXJ NF WC

### **OPEN AGILITY TROPHY**

**The winner is:** Charene Snyder  
Ch **Golly G's Fellow Traveler** CDX BN GN RN JH OA OAJ WC  
VCX

### **AGILITY EXCELLENT TROPHY**

**The winner is:** Bets Keen  
**Morninglo's Seeking the Ribbons** BN RN JH AX AXF NF WC

### **MASTER AGILITY EXCELLENT TROPHY**

**The winner is:** Kelly Armstrong & Bets Keen  
CH MACH **Goldseeker's Just For Me** VCD2 UDX OM2 GN VER RE  
JH MXB MJB MJP MXF WCX ADHF

### **NOVICE B JUMPERS With WEAVES AGILITY TROPHY**

**The winner is:** Pam Turgeon  
**Wakemup Wild Child** CDX RA MH OA OAJ NF WCX

### **OPEN JUMPERS With WEAVES AGILITY TROPHY**

**The winner is:** Betsy Keen  
**Morninglo's Seeking The Ribbons** BN RN JH AX AXF NF WC

### **AGILITY EXCELLENT JUMPERS With WEAVES TROPHY**

**The winner is:** Kelly Armstrong & Sandy Foster  
**Argo's Journey In The Fast Lane** BN RN OA AXJ NF WC

### **NOVICE PREFERRED JUMPERS With WEAVES AGILITY TROPHY**

**The winner is:** James and Nancy Runion  
**Sun Bay Edgehill's Tickle Pink** RE NAP NJP CGC

### **AGILITY EXCELLENT JUMPERS With WEAVES PREFERRED TROPHY**

**The winner is:** Sharon DeCesare

**Fast-Trak's Don't Hold Back RN TD AX AXJ OF**

**VETERAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

**Veteran Achievements are awarded to dogs over eight years of age who earned at least one title in the calendar year.**

**The winners are:**

Roy and Carol Nansel  
MACH **GRREAT Joey of Woodstock** MXS MJS XF XF CGC

Marge and Bob Paulding  
MACH2 PACH **Mirasol's Nose The Way** VCD3 UDX OM1 GO VER RAE3 MXC MJC  
MXP5 MXPS MJP5 MJPS PAX2 MXF MFB TQX XFP WC VCX

Joan Donohue  
**Aquest Covent Garden** RAE, JH, WC

Penny Geddes  
**Golly G Southwinds Outshine** CDX, GN, RAE, OA, OAJ, AXP AJP NF OFF CCA WC

Betsy Keen  
OTCH MACH **Goldseeker's Wishes Come True** VCD2 UDX2 OM4 VER RE JH MXS MJS  
XF WC

**PVGRC TITLES EARNED IN 2014**

**ONE TITLE:**

AQUEST'S QUICK LIKE A BUNNY **RN** – Joan Donohue

BECK'S ZIP-A-DEE-DOO-DAH TD **SH** WCX – Rodger Armstrong

DEAUXQUEST CRACKLIN' ROSIE VCD2 **BN** AX AXJ – Barbara Clem

FAST-TRAK'S DON'T HOLD BACK RN TD AX **AXJ** OF – Sharon DeCesare

FAST-TRAK MIZ KENZIE OF WOODSTOCK CD BN RE MX MXB MXJ OF **DS** – Carol Nansel

GENESIS LEAP OF FAITH **WC** – Laurie Collins & Theresa Blumberg

**CH** GENESIS RISE AND SHINE – Jeanette Hoover & Theresa Blumberg

GOLLY G'S AUGUST MOON BN RAE TD CA CGC – Theresa Ruppenthal

GOLLY G SHE'S A TOMBOY CDX TD – Marie Huffman & Teri Poetker

GOLLY G SOUTHWINDS OUTSHINE CDX GN RAE OA OAJ AXP AJP NF OFP CCA WC – Penny Geddes

KIOWA'S LINC TO THE PAST WC – Sharon DeCesare

LYCINAN'S EMISSARY WC – Cindy Williamson

MYSTIC GRAND PRIX GUIDING WIND CD BN CGC CCA – Lois Maiman

CH ODYSSEY'S JUPITER O' MAXIMUS AT SINJIN – Nancy St. John & Rodger Hickey

CH SANDPIPER'S PINK LEMONADE – Pamela Simmons & Patty Pace

SIRIUSLY COSMIC COLLISION BN – Sharon & Jeff Ackerson

SOLAR'S BIG AUGUST SPLASH CDX RAE CGC – Mary Owens

CH SPICEWOOD'S FORCE OF DESTINY JH WCX BISS OS – Carolyn Durway

SUNBAY EDGEHILL'S TICKLE PINK RE NAP NJP CGC – James & Nancy Runion

TOPBRASS COMMANDER CD BN RE JH CGC WCX CCA – Nancy & Wayne Kulig

XCELERATE'S TALK DIRTY TO ME RN TD – Clayton & Sharon Kilrain

**TWO TITLES:**

ARGO'S AIDING N' ABETTING CD BN – Bev Porter

SILVER GCH CH FIRESTAR'S GO FOR BROKE TD AX AXJ OF – Clayton & Sharon Kilrain

GAYLAN'S HIGH VOLTAGE JH WC – Sandy Ziemski

GOLD-RUSH ALAHNA HONEY HALE RN JH WC CCA – D'Alex Childers

LYCINAN'S ESCAPEDE CD BN JH CGC - Lynn Pacenta

LYCINAN LAIRD OF THE WING BN RN – Penny Geddes

LYCINAN'S MORNING JOLT UD OA AXJ – Lynn Pacenta

LYCINAN ROWDY RASCAL CDX TD WCX CCA VC – Ken & Vicki Wiedel

QUINLEIGHBLU'S GOLLY G KEEGAN CDX MXB MXJ MJB – Bev Porter

ROSELAKE'S STARDATA OF WOODSTOCK NA DM – Rory Nansel

SALTAIRE'S IT'S MEANT TO BE CD BN RN JH MX MXB MXJ OF WCX – Tricia & Michael Dunseith

SUNBAY EDGEHILL'S BAZINGA! BN RA – James & Nancy Runion

SUN BAY'S FLASH THIS JUST IN CD BN RE CGC CCA – Alice Hathaway

SUN BAY'S THE ONE AND ONLY RA CCA – Barbara Clem

WEEBE UNCORKIN' THE MERITAGE JH WC – Bob Kurtz

**THREE TITLES:**

GCH CH AQUEST COTTAGE GARDEN CD RE – Karen Schumaker

AQUEST COVENT GARDEN RAE JH WC – Joan Donohue

GAYLAN'S TIME WELL WASTED TD JH NA OA NAJ WC – Chris Zink & Samra Zelman

CH MACH GOLDSEEKER'S JUST FOR ME VCD2 UDX OM2 GN VER RE JH MXB MJB MJP  
MXF WCX – Kelly Armstrong & Bets Keen

MACH GOLLY G'S MAKEN LIFE SUPER FUN TD MXS MJB – Amy & John Bitner & Teri Poetker

CH GRACEKEN LYCINAN EARTHSHAK'N JH WC – Cindy Williamson

MACH GRREAT JOEY OF WOODSTOCK MXS MJS XF CGC – Rory Nansel

OTCH MACH2 HIGH PEAK'S RISING TO THE TOP UDX OM2 RE SH MXC MJG OF WCX  
VCX CCA ADHF – Sally Henry

HONORA'S FABULOUS LIL DEUCE COUPE RN JH NA NAP NJP CGC WC – Rita Bumgardner

MOLEGA'S FLASH ON THE GREEN NA NAJ NF – Melissa Duvall

SUN BAY'S READY FOR SUNSHINE RA RE CGC – Denise & Michael Perrego

TOPMAST JUMP TO LIGHT SPEED NA NAJ CGC – Sheri McAlevey

WATERMARK'S MISSION BELL RATN DS CGC - Brian Foltz & Nicole DeBernardi

WINTERSET WHOLE LOTTA WOMAN CDX RAE MX MXB MXJ MXP2 MJP2 MJPB OFP  
CCA – Sharon & Jeff Ackerson

**FOUR TITLES:**

FIRESIDE'S HUNTING FOR YOUR MOTHER **JH RATN DM CGC** – Brian Foltz & Nicole DeBernardi

GAYLAN'S CLEAR EYES FULL HEART BN RN **NA OA NAJ OAJ** CGC – Melissa Reed

OTCH MACH GOLDSEEKER'S WISHES COME TRUE VCD2 UDX2 OM4 **VER** RE **JH MXS MJS** XF – Bets Keen

RHAPSODY WHOLE LOTTA LOVE CD BN RE **NA NAJ OAJ NF** – Sharon & Jeff Ackerson

WEEBE CELTIC LEGEND **RN JH WC CGC** – Tricia Dunseith & Megan Baker

**FIVE TITLES:**

CH GOLLY G'S FELLOW TRAVELER **CDX** BN **GN** RN JH **OA OAJ** WC **VCX** – Cher Snyder

GOLLY G'S MEET AND GREET **CD BN TD TDX CGC** – Wendy Takacs & Teri Poetker

MARYGOLD'S JACK FROST **CDX** RE JH **AX OAJ AXJ** NAP NJP CGC WC **VC** CCA – Rita Bumgardner

**EIGHT TITLES:**

ARGO'S JOURNEY IN THE FAST LANE **BN RN NA OA NAJ OAJ AXJ NF** WC – Kelly Armstrong & Sandy Foster

**NINE TITLES:**

**MACH2** GOLLY G'S SEEKING SUPER CONNECTIONS CD BN **RA MXS MXG MJS MJG MXF TOX T2B** – Gary Arbegast & Bets Keen

WAKEMUP WILD CHILD **CDX** RA **SH MH NA OA NAJ OAJ NF WCX** – Pam Turgeon

**TEN TITLES:**



MACH2 PACH MIRASOL'S NOSE THE WAY VCD3 UDX OM1 GO VER RAE3 MXC MJC  
MXP3 MXP4 MXP5 MXPS MJP4 MJP5 MJPS PAX2 MXF MFB TQX XFP WC VCX –  
Marge & Bob Paulding

**ELEVEN TITLES:**

CANVASBACK KONA MERIDIAN DELIGHT RA RE AX MX AXJ MXJ MJB NF OF XF  
T2B – Roberta Primeau

MORNINGLO'S SEEKING THE RIBBONS BN RN JH NA OA AX NAJ OAJ AXJ NF WC –  
Bets Keen

**TITLES EARNED 2014**

**Conformation**

GCH 1  
CH 4  
CCA 2  
Silver GCH 1

**Obedience**

BN 8  
CD 5  
GN 1  
CDX 6  
VER 1  
UD 1  
UDX 1  
OM2 1

**Rally**

RN 6  
RA 5  
RE 3  
RAE 2  
RAE3 1

**Tracking**

TD 2  
TDX 1

**Field**

JH 9  
SH 3  
MH 1  
WC 9  
WCX 4

**Agility**

MACH 1  
PAX2 1  
NA 10  
NAJ 8  
NAP 1  
NJP 2  
NF 6  
OA 7  
OAJ 7  
OF 1  
OFP 1  
AX 4  
AXJ 5  
AJP 1  
XF 1  
XFP 1  
MX 1  
MXJ 1  
MJP 1  
MXF 1  
MXB 2  
MJB 1  
MJB 1  
MJPB 1  
MXS 4  
MXPS 1  
MJS 3  
MJPS 1  
MXG 1  
MJG 1  
MXC 1



## July

## August

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

## September

Sept 12	WC/WCX/Puppy Stakes	Cheltenham, MD
TBD	Conformation/Obedience Match/ Membership Mtg	TBD
Sept 26	Beginning of GRCA National	Ohio

## October

October 10	Field Training Day	Cheltenham, MD
October 17-18	PVGRC Hunt Test	Cheltenham, MD
October 24-25	Agility Trial	Frederick, MD

## November

November 7	Tracking Test	Cross Junction, VA
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## December

TBD	Holiday Party/Membership Meeting	TBD
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