



The Potomac Valley News

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT!

Happy New Year!! As I look back on this year of 2011, I realized just what a great time I have had with my dogs. Those good times were spent with lots of other Golden's and their owners. It is with my sincere thanks to the following that because they volunteered to run an event or program we all had a place to go to enjoy our Golden's and their owners. I sure hope that I don't forget anyone but please forgive me when you see the list if I did:

The first group was our board of directors who without their time and commitment nothing would ever get done: Marie Huffman, Sharon and Clayton Kilrain, Morgan Francis, Laurie Collins, Andy Moore, Bob Crowley and Pam Stirling.

Then we have the standing committee chairs: Leslie Stanley, Marge Paulding, Leslie Peszczynski, Nick DeCesare, Bob Crowley, and all their committee members, they are our club work horses. They choose chairman, find venues, help train, clean up, etc. These people provide all of us a place to learn and show off our accomplishments.

Then we have our communications team without who we would never know what is happening: They are Beth Sokohl, Laurie Collins, Janet Kaplan, Jodi Culver and Suzi Gatipon. They produce our newsletter, run our website, mail newsletters for those who get them by mail, send out our get well/sympathy cards and do our yahoo groups announcements. Thank you ladies!

Also a big thank you to our entire group of chairman who headed all our individual events this year: Cher Snyder, Marie and Bill Huffman, Barbara Clem, Sharon and Jeff Ackerson, Alice Hathaway, Dawn Buttion, Judy Gladson, Bob Kurtz, Andy Moore, Paige Jones, D'Alex Childers, Teresa Blumberg, Jodi Culver, Joanne Prothero, Nick and Sharon DeCesare, Cindy Williamson, Cindy Partridge, Laurie Doumaux, Addie Stocks, Nick and Sharon DeCesare and Donna Thompson.

Then we have our trophy and ribbon department, without them we just wouldn't have all our ribbons and awards at the award banquets and trials, thanks to Joan Donohue, Beth Sokohl, Tina Gilliam, and Kelly Armstrong. We do love ribbons and trophies!

The last but certainly not the least are three people who without their time and talents those of us who do field work, or attempt to do field work, wouldn't have a chance. These three people spend countless hours helping, teaching and organizing classes, mentors, equipment and fields for us. A huge thank you to Sue and Roger Armstrong, and their staff, who had a class of 25 newbie's this summer at their home and who continue to mentor many of us

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through the use of their property, checking in with us occasionally and supporting us with drills when things go wrong. Thanks to Sharon Albright. She arranges our entire field training day program. She arranges for fields, gets mentors for all the groups, ensures that the equipment and birds arrive and keeps track of everyone who is training etc.

Now you say it seems that I have named just about everyone in the club but you. I really haven't, just the chairs of various events, (I sure hope I didn't miss too many) so if your name isn't here perhaps this year you will step up to lead. We need chairman for every event at this point, we have people who will mentor you, so please call me and volunteer. Without chairman we can't have events, no events, no fun with our furry kids. Please volunteer and thanks again for all those that helped this past year!

I'll see you on the 7th when Beth Sokohl and Megan Baker will be providing a wonderful program for us at CTA'S Davidsonsonville site.

Debbie

Christmas Party Report

For those who couldn't make this year's party, you really missed a great time. Forty-four members and guests ate from a sumptuous buffet that featured wonderful crab items, beef to die for, and yummy desserts. The Grinch helped our Super Elf with the dirty Santa game and one of the hottest items was a golden toilet paper holder. You have to see it to believe! Anyway plan on it for next year. The date is already on the calendar. Thanks so much to Joanne Prothero for chairing this event and her committee of tasters Jodi Culver and Teresa Blumberg for finding our lovely venue.

Debbie

Notice Something Different???

The format of the newsletter has changed ever so slightly....Many newsletter readers have requested a change to a one-column format so it is easier to read on the computer. Please let me know if you have other comments about the newsletter!

Beth Sokohl, Editor
bethsokohl@comcast.net

Volunteer, Anyone?

BANQUET CHAIRMAN IS PRESENTLY NEEDED FOR 2012 AWARDS BANQUET.PLEASE CALL DEBRA BARROWS AT 703-503-5184. **No chairman no awards party!!!!**

Meeting Highlights

Penelope Geddes, Secretary Pro Tem

President Debbie Barrows opened the meeting at 1:00 pm at Dutch's Daughter restaurant in Frederick, MD. There were 44 members and guests in attendance.

There were no minutes read from previous meetings.

Treasurer Clayton Kilrain presented the November treasurer's report. The year-to-date total is \$2,938.29.

Membership chair Penny Geddes read the names of three new applicants: Laurie Falter of Burke, VA, Robyn Magee of Wilimington, DE, and Sisi Smith of North East, MD. They will be voted at the next meeting.

Laurie Collins presented the slate of officers to be voted upon in January. New nominees for their positions are Nancy Kulig for secretary, and Beth Sokohl as board member. Returning officers are Debbie Barrows – president, Marie Huffman – vice president, Clayton Kilrain – treasurer, Bob Crowley, Andy Moore, Morgan Francis – board members.

Thanks were expressed to Joanne Prothero and her committee for organizing the party.

Ann Strathern announced the availability of a limited number of GRCA calendars.

The next meeting will be January 7th at the Canine Training Association, Davidsonville facility at 11:30, the February meeting will be at the Catoctin training building. The match will be held in November at Catoctin.

Marie Huffman discussed some communications she has had recently with AKC. The AKC requirement for voting by it's members is a quorum of 20% of the membership to make the vote legal. With PVGRC membership at 281 members, a quorum is never reached. Electronic voting is not allowed. Some clubs have two types of membership, voting and non-voting. Marie is seeking input from the membership regarding our response to this matter. Please contact Marie or any other board member with suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24.

MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Pam Stirling, Secretary

9/1/11 Board Meeting:

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed the July and August Treasurer's Reports. Regarding tax status, paperwork has been sent to the IRS; still waiting for final outcome.

Vice-President's Report: Fun Day is scheduled for Sunday, November 6th at Ruth Chase's facility. Beginning rally, obedience, and breed "classes" will be offered. Alice Hathaway is in charge of the CCA.

Breed Committee: Approved supported entry requests from Salisbury, Maryland Sporting Dog and the Fredericksburg Cluster.

Agility Committee: The October Trial is moving along. Judges are in place; the deposits are done on the building and equipment. 2012 dates are approved; contracts on the buildings are done. There will be a small increase in the rent.

Tracking Committee: The Premium is on the web site – they are looking for volunteers.

Field Committee: Discussed the costs, fixed and variable, for our hunt test. The Yadkin River Club will not be allowed to hold a hunt test on the same weekend as our test after this year.

Old Business:

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Holiday Party is scheduled for 12/18.

Active versus inactive memberships by-law update: a proposed incentive to become active is that a member must be an active member to get Club trophies. Further discussion will occur at future board meetings.

New Business:

A motion was approved to send GRREAT \$300 in support of their annual 3K walk.

9/10/11 General Membership Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at the WC/WCX Test held in Cheltenham, MD. Reading of the minutes and Treasurer's Report were waived. 24 members were present. Debra Barrows reminded everyone of the Holiday Party, scheduled for 12/18/11 at Dutch's Restaurant in Frederick, MD. Marie Huffman discussed all the rally, obedience and conformation events scheduled for the Fun Day on November 6th, including the rescheduling of the CCA.

10/24/11 General Membership Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at the Hunt Test held in Cheltenham, MD. 23 members were present. Debra Barrows reminded everyone of the Fun Day scheduled for November 6 and discussed the Holiday Party, scheduled for December 18th. The previous minutes were read.

Treasurer's Report: Clayton Kilrain presented three months of Treasurer's Reports. They were all approved. In addition, Clayton reported that the club received an official letter from the IRS stating that our tax status has been changed from a 301 (c) (7) to a 301 (c) (4).

Breed Committee: The PVGRC 2012 Spring Specialty will be held at the Fredericksberg Fairgrounds at a huge cost savings.

Membership: Clayton Kilrain gave the membership report: Rick and Gwyn Brunn from Boyds, Maryland and Gretchen Strecker from Greenbelt, Maryland were voted in. Read for the first time were Tracey Fudge from Kensington, Maryland and Kenneth and Betsy Harringer from Silver Spring, Maryland.

11/7/11 General Membership Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at the Fun Day held at Ruth Chase's training center in Maryland. Debra Barrows discussed the Holiday Party, scheduled for Sunday, December 18th. She also thanked Alice Hathaway for coordinating all the work needed to put on a successful CCA. The previous minutes were read; and the Treasurer's Report presented.

New Business: A suggestion was made to give out big ribbons at our Spring Specialty. A discussion ensued about the cost. No decision was made.

Membership: Voted in Kenneth & Betsy Harringer and Tracey Fudge. No applications read that day.

11/10/11 Board Meeting

President's Report: To avoid any payment at event issues, will remind event chairs to either coordinate with Clayton Kilrain to make sure he is present at event or get checks ahead of time. Will also be adopting a new practice of setting 2012 event dates and then seeking chairs for the events rather than the other way around. Noted a suggestion to include a column in the newsletter on dog health issues. Will pursue this – or the idea to have a "guest" column in each newsletter with the newsletter team.

Vice-President's Report: Pursuing suggestion to set up a dog first aid training session.

Treasurer's Report: In the black for October by \$5500; likely to be in the black in November as well. Will submit an amended tax return for 2010 because of the new club tax status.

Field Committee: Sharon Albright has agreed to be the new Field Committee Chair.

Breed Committee: Seeking a volunteer for the 2012 match/obedience event.

Agility Committee: Approved the Committee's request to have the June trial be a three-day event. The committee is also looking into having a seminar.

Tracking Committee: The November tracking test is made up of all goldens.

New Business:

The Club received donations in memory of Mark Maisel. Knowing Mark's love of both field and working with young goldens, the Board agreed to set up a perpetual award to be given out at the Awards Ceremony to a young golden that has achieved significant accomplishments in field. A draft was sent to the Field Committee for their edits.

The Nominating Committee put forward Nancy Kulig as the next Club Secretary and Beth Sokohl for Board Membership. The slate will be announced at the General Membership meeting at the Holiday Party and voted upon at the January meeting.

The Board discussed an issue raised regarding "golden uveitis" or "pigmentary uveitis." The Board will take to the General Membership in 2012 a proposal to edit our Code of Ethics to include language recently adopted by the Golden Retriever Club of America regarding pigmentary uveitis. The specific language can be found on the GRCA website.

2012 STANDING COMMITTEES

FIELD COMMITTEE: SHARON ALBRIGHT, CHAIRMAN

Laurie Collins, Paige Jones, Andy Moore, Bob Kurtz and Megan Baker

BREED COMMITTEE: BOB CROWLEY, CHAIRMAN

Joan Donohue, Joanne Prothero, Jodi Culver, Teresa Blumberg, Cindy Williamson

AGILITY COMMITTEE: NICK DECESARE, CHAIRMAN

Sheri McAlvery, Tricia Dunseith, Kelly Armstrong, Marge Paulding, Pat Kavanagh, Sally Henry, Sharon DeCesare

OBEDIENCE COMMITTEE: LESLIE STANLEY, CHAIRMAN

Judy Overton, Pat Kavanagh, Marie Huffman, Nancy Hoffman

TRACKING COMMITTEE: MARGE PAULDING, CHAIRMAN

Marie Huffman, Donna Thompson, Rodger Armstrong, Cher Snyder

Conformation Column

Joan Donohue

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Specials News

Ch Golly G's Nix the Rumour (Teri Poetker & Bill & Janet Lauderdale) went BOB at Chesapeake Kennel Club Of Maryland and BOS at the National Capital show.

Ch Delmarva's Dew Tell (Sue Rocco) picked up grand championship points at Chesapeake Kennel Club Of Maryland and Upper Marlboro shows.

Class News

At the Thursday Talbot show, *Cane'Doro's Last Minute Reprieve* (Diane Petruso) and took the reserves.

At the PVGRC supported entry at the Saturday MD Saturday show, *Sandpiper's Rock Star* (Caroline Bruton) went Best in Sweeps and *Cane'Doro's Last Minute Reprieve* (Diane Petruso) went reserve. *Dromara's Rock On* (Alaine Hamilton & Robert Hamilton) went WB to add two more points to her total.

At the Mispillion show, *Sunkota's Do The Math* (Cathy Story) picked up his first points in a big way with going WD/BW/BOB for a major. *Dromara's Rock On* (Alaine Hamilton & Robert Hamilton) went WB to add another two more points to her total. *My Bunny's Times They Are A-Changin* (Jeanette Makowskyj & George Makowskyj & Leeah Chew) and *Sandpiper's Rock Star* (Caroline Bruton) were reserve.

At the Penn Treaty show, *Eldorado's Give Me Liberty or...* (Debra Eib and Chris Browning) took the points.

At the Chesapeake GRC specialty held in conjunction with the Northeastern MD show, *Abelard Saturday Night Honky Tonk* (Pam Stirling) went Best of Op in sweeps and *Ch Allseasons Sixth Sense* (Cindy Partridge & Laurie Doumaux) was Best Veteran in Sweeps. *Golly G's Fellow Traveler* (Charene & John Snyder & Teri Poetker) picked up his first major. *Golly G's Meet and Greet* (Wendy Takacs & Teri Poetker) took the major reserve from the Am Owner Handler class. *Sunkota's Do The Math* (Cathy Story) took the major reserve.

At the Chesapeake KC show, *Eldorado's Give Me Liberty or...* (Debra Eib & Chris Browning) took home his first major. *Firestar's Go For Broke TD* (Sharon & Clayton Kilrain) and *Aquest Covent Garden RA* (Joan Donohue) took the major reserves.

At the Upper Marlboro show, *Sunkota's Do The Math* (Cathy Story) picked up two more points. *Dauningefull Sail Tioga CD* (Suzanne Miller & Vicki Saporta) went reserves.

At the National Capital show, *Aquest Cottage Garden* (Karen Schumaker & Joan Donohue) picked up her first point from the 9-12 month class. *My Bunny's Times They Are A-Changin* (Jeanette Makowskyj & George Makowskyj & Leeah Chew) picked up another point.

At the Forsyth show, *Sandpiper's Rock Star* (Caroline Bruton) picked up her first point from the 6-9 class.

New CCA and New VCX

Fast-Trak's Need For Speed VCD2 RA TDX JH AXJ OF WCX (Nick DeCesare) earned his CCA and VCX at the PVGRC CCA.

Agility Column

Nick DeCesare

Happy New Year! What does 2012 hold in store for us? Of course we will just have to wait and see, but here are some things you may want to think about while you're waiting . I was cruising the stacks at our local library and a book caught my eye, "The Beginner's Guide to Dog Agility" by Laurie Leach (T.F.I. Publications, ISBN 0-7938-0546-5). The book has a lot of standard and accepted training ideas and some new ones I had not seen, which just goes to prove you can still learn new things even after you think you know it all. I would like to cite Chapter 21 in Ms. Leach's book which is titled "Minding Your Agility Manners". In this chapter the author offers fifteen "rules for agility handlers". At one time or another I have touched on some of these rules for polite agility trial etiquette, but here are fifteen worth considering. Some of these also translate well to other venues like obedience, conformation and field work.

1. **Set up with consideration for others.** You're at an agility trial, probably indoors. Crate space may be tight; deal with it. If you have to set up a camp site, you brought too much stuff.
2. **Pay attention to parking.** If the signs say "no parking", "handicapped", "reserved for judges" or "trial committee" they are there for a reason.
3. **Supervise dog interactions.** Of course Fluffy is friendly, but Brutus may not be.
4. **Share the practice jump.** It is there for everybody to use. If your dog doesn't have a stay, don't try to teach it two minutes before you go in the ring.
5. **Arrive at your ring promptly.** Six to eight dogs before you go is good; show up late and you will likely miss your run. Judges really don't care for tardiness from exhibitors. Have a "marker" dog.
6. **Limit the use of the "on deck" area.** Hang back until you are called and control your dog when you are in the on deck area.
7. **Pick up after your dog.** No explanation needed. Don't pick up and suffer the consequences.
8. **Use the proper leash for the situation.** Leave the flexi home.
9. **Keep food and toys away from the ring.** Always a good idea. And remove yourself and your dog from the ring area after you have completed your run. If you need to celebrate take it to the crating area.
10. **Be kind to the trial workers.** A smile and a "thank you" is always appreciated.
11. **Never tie your dog.** Crate your dog or ask a trusted friend to hold the leash while you attend to business.
12. **Applaud performances.** It's what good exhibitors do and it shows class.
13. **Volunteer to work.** It's the right thing to do and it shows class.
14. **Don't tell handlers what they did wrong** - unless they ask - and then be very diplomatic.
15. **Limit the details about your run.** Again, a smile and a "thank you" is all you need to say.

There are a few more common sense rules of trial etiquette but I'll save them for another day. Fortunately, **most** agility exhibitors are nice folks who just want to compete and have a good time. Speaking of having a good time, mark your calendar for our Spring 2012 trial which will be held April 21 & 22 in Westminster, MD. This trial will open February 27 and entry method will be "first received".

Now we get to the really good stuff - NEW Agility Titles! FAST-TRAK MIZ KENZIE OF WOODSTOCK, RN, AX, OAJ, OF (Nansel) earned her AXJ and MX. GRREAT JOEY OF WOODSTOCK, MX, AXJ, OF (Nansel) earned his MXJ and XF. CH. TEDDYBEAR SANDPIPER'S FLY BY (Bruton/ Filicko) earned an AX and AXJ. WINTERSET WHOLE LOTTA WOMAN CD, RAE, MX, MXJ, AXP, AJP (Ackerson) earned OAP, OJP, AXP, and AJP titles. TRIFECTA'S WILL HE BET

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ON ME UDX, OM1, VER, RAE, SH, WCX (Sokohl) earned NA, NAJ, NF AND OAJ titles. ROUX'S STEAMIN' RED HOT BLUES CD, RE,SH (Sokohl) earned NA, NAJ, NF and OAJ titles. MACH GOLLY G HOWZ IT GOING RN (Bitner) earned a XF. MACH3 DEUXQUEST HEART OF GOLD VCD1, RA, AXP, AJP (McAlevey) completed the requirements for the GRCA title " Agility Dog Hall of Fame", ADHF.

And for some really awesome news Sally Henry and Ryser - HIGH PEAK'S RISING TO THE TOP UD, RN, NF, JH, WCX, CCA, VCX, ADHF earned their **MACH** on December 11 at the Oriole Dog Training Club agility trial.

In closing I would like to thank all my PVGRC friends for their very thoughtful cards, emails and phone calls while I was having some much needed "renovations" done over the past few months.

In Memory



**Solar Sailin' Shoes UD, JH, RAE, WC, CCA, VC (2/8/2001-10/8/2011)
Loved by Karen Wahler Schumaker**

Sportsmanship

Submitted by Megan Baker

I have been doing some reading lately on the mental aspect of winning. Coaching myself to be a better person for my partner (my dog). What I found has been very interesting. As an Adult I see a lot about Winning!!!! Being on top. Being the best I can be. I don't see that much on Sportsmanship for ADULTS. I have found a whole lot about how to be a good sport for kids. But not as much for Adults. Have we forgotten how to be a good sport?

- Please stop for a minute. Ask yourself – 'Am I a good sport?'
- When was the last time you actually said 'Congratulations' to the winner and meant it!

Are you one of those competitors that says 'Congratulations – I almost beat you!'... If you are, ask yourself, is that being a good sport? Well on that given day, you didn't beat them! Let the winner feel the glory. Let them have their moment in the spot light as they deserve it. You will get another chance.

If you lose, don't freak out, don't be a whiner, don't put the blame on others, don't blame the judge, and, most importantly, don't blame your dog. Just go figure out how to improve for next time, how to train to improve.

Remember sportsmanship also comes into play when training with a group as well. If you ever wonder why people don't ask you to train, ask yourself, am I a good sport and what do I bring to training.

- Here are a couple of GOOD TIPS to remember:
 - Show up on time
 - Be positive – ASK What Can I do?
 - What can I bring to help everyone?
 - Take your turn on helping
- Here are a couple of items that will get you off the list.
 - Don't always be first in line
 - Don't whine about the setup
 - Don't be demanding.
 - Don't let everyone else do all the work.

Sometimes I even get wrapped up in the bad. I have to stop. Remind myself of the POSITIVE in everyone.

That being said – " I am TRULY sorry if I have offended anyone by this article. I will try to improve my writing abilities next time around.

One man practicing good sportsmanship is far better than 50 others preaching it.

— *Knute Rockne, football coach*

TRACKING NEWS

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

Well, another year has come and gone, much more quickly than imaginable!.....Wish that time would slow down just a little. That is on my "to do" list for 2012!

PVGRC's annual fall TD/TDX test was held on Sunday, November 13, in Cross Junction, VA. Someone – not quite sure who – put in a good word for some excellent tracking weather that weekend, because it was a beautiful fall weekend, both on Saturday for plotting the tracks, and on Sunday, test day. No precip, light dew in the morning, no fog, beautiful sunshine, slight breeze, and temps in the upper 50's to low 60's.

All of you PVGRC members out there in "golden land" should applaud the volunteers that helped PVGRC sponsor another great event.

PVGRC members: Tracklayers – Clayton Kilrain, Leslie Pescyzinski, and Marge Paulding. Food donations from Debbie Barrows, Sue Armstrong, Nick DeCesare, Marie Huffman, Bob Crowley. A BIG thank you to Donna Thompson for again hosting this event at the little Red School House plus serving as Trial Chair and Secretary, hostess, and making some of the food.

And we should give a hearty standing ovation to the contingent from the Blue Ridge Dog Club and the tracking community for helping at our test. Without their help, we wouldn't have been able to have as many entries.

Blue Ridge Dog Club: Tracklayers – Richard Johnson, Barbara Zeiger, Bob Cory, Jennie Johnson. Food coordinator: Beth Anderson.

Other non-club members – Marsha and Tom Dulz.

For the TD test, 3 tracks were run by 2 goldens and one Belgian. One of the goldens and the Belgian Sheepdog both passed and can add "TD" to their accomplishments. Congrats to Marie Huffman and her golden, and to James Mowrey-Reise and his Belgian Sheepdog.

For the TDX test, 3 X tracks and one Alternate X track were offered. All 4 tracks were assigned to goldens. Unfortunately, none of the X entries passed.

Tracking Brags

Wow! Saved the best news for last. We have two new TDs to announce. Marie Huffman and Tommy (Golly G She's a Tomboy) passed their TD at PVGRC's November test. John Bitner and Maken (Golly G's Maken Life Super Fun) earned a TD on November 13, 2011, at the Dauphin Dog Training Club Tracking Test, in Carlisle, PA. This was John's first ever TD. Hope you are hooked on the amazing world of tracking. Congrats to both handlers and their young goldens!

Happy New Year! And Happy Tracking Tails!

Obedience Brags
Lesley Stanley

New OTCH!!!!

Pat Kavanagh and Bang (Gaylan's Fire When Ready UDX RN TD JH MX MXJ XF WCX VCX CCA) earned their OTCH in style at the Catoctin Kennel Club show with a 199.5 in the Utility Class, and taking High Combined.

Sally Henry and Ryser (High Peak's Rising To The Top UD RN MX MXJ NF JH WCX VCX ADHF CCA) earned their first utility leg June 25 at Dauphin Dog Training Club, their second leg September 25 at Valley Forge Kennel Club and their final leg December 4 at Catoctin Kennel Club, all with first placements.

Kelly Armstrong and Dibbs (CH Goldseeker's Just For Me VCD2 UD GN RE JH MX MXJ MXF) earned their Utility title at the Catoctin Kennel Club with a first place, and then got a bumper leg the second day

Sally Craver's Flicka (SunRiver's Flickering Starlight, CDX, SH) earned her CDX title at the Charlottesville-Albemarle Co. Kennel Club trials. She earned her first leg at the Dog Owners Training Club of Lynchburg in September and received 1st place on all three legs.

Beth Sokohl and Jazz (Roux's Steamin' Red Hot Blues CDX RE SH NA OAJ NF WC) earned their CDX title at the Salisbury trials in November.

One Lonely Field Brag

But so worth mentioning!!!! Megan Baker and Adirondac's Weebe Put'N a Hex On You CD RN MH (Voodoo) earned her Master Hunter at two and half years young, and came within on pass of qualifying for the Master National....Go Voodoo!!!

Message from the Treasurer!!!

It is renewal time again!! Look for your renewal notices in the mail shortly!!!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!!!

ANNUAL TROPHY RETURN!!!

For those of you with trophies in your possession, please return them to Beth Sokohl by February 1st.

Please return them to 3500 State Route 97, Glenwood, MD. 21738. Beth's phone number is 410-489-5066, and lives approximately 4 miles from the Howard County Fairgrounds.

TROPHIES AND ROSETTES!!!!

It's that time of year to apply for rosettes and trophies to be awarded . The application form is on the next page, and descriptions of the trophies and requirements are on www.pvgrc.org. Click on the Club Info Tab, and then on the Annual Awards Guidelines.

APPLICATION FOR ROSETTE

For Award Year 2011 (to be awarded in 2012)

Name of Owner(s) _____

Normally, only the owner handling the dog to the title is recognized at the banquet and listed in the newsletter. If you wish other owners to be recognized, please list them above.

Year became club member _____ If during award year, include month _____

ROSETTE(s):

Name of Dog _____

(include titles)

Title earned _____ Date _____

Title earned _____ Date _____

Title earned _____ Date _____

Title earned _____ Date _____

Name of Dog _____

(include titles)

Title earned _____ Date _____

Title earned _____ Date _____

Title earned _____ Date _____

Title earned _____ Date _____

(attach another page if necessary)

The dog(s) named above resides with me for more than 8 months of the year.

Signature

Please email to Kelly Armstrong at goldddogs@gmail.com or mail to 205 Conquest Farm Lane, Centreville, MD 21617 not later than January 15th, 2012. Kelly will send you a confirmation when she receives your application.

NOTE: If you don't plan to attend the banquet, you must make arrangements for someone to pick up your rosette. If you would like your rosette mailed, please include \$2.75 per rosette with this application (make check payable to PVGRC).

APPLICATION FOR TROPHY

For Award Year 2011 (to be awarded in 2012)

Name of Owner _____

Year became club member _____ If during award year, include month _____

Name of Dog _____

(include titles)

Dog's Date of Birth _____

Please duplicate form if applying for more than one trophy.

List 5 activity points and when earned: _____

Name of Trophy

List all information necessary for consideration for this award (include date, show, judges, wins, placings, and scores, if applicable):

(attach another page if necessary)

Mail to Joan Donohue, 1588 Bandury Court, Crofton, MD 21114 not later than Jan 7, 2012.

Calendar of Events 2012

	<u>January</u>	
January 7	General Meeting/Field Clinic	Davidsonville, MD
	<u>February</u>	
February 11	General Meeting— Program—K9 First Aid and CPR	Point of Rocks, MD
	<u>March</u>	
March 10	Annual Awards Banquet	TBD
March 31	Field Training Day	Cheltenham, MD
	<u>April</u>	
April 13	Specialty Show/Obedience and Rally Trial	Frederick, MD
April 14	Specialty Show/Obedience and Rally Trial/Membership Meeting	Frederick, MD
April 21	Agility Trial	Westminster, MD
April 22	Agility Trial	Westminster, MD
	<u>May</u>	
May 5	Field Training Day	Cheltenham, MD
May 6	WC/WCX/Puppy Stakes	Cheltenham, MD
May 12	Veterans Day & General Meeting	TBD
	<u>June</u>	
June 16	Field Training Day	Cheltenham, MD
June 22	Agility Trial	Westminster, MD
June 23	Agility Trial & General Meeting	Westminster, MD
June 24	Agility Trial	Westminster, MD

Calendar of Events 2012 (con't)

July

July 21 K9 Olympics & General Meeting Monrovia, MD

August

August 11 Field Training Day Cheltenham, MD

September

September 1 Field Training Day Cheltenham, MD
September 22 WC/WCX/Puppy Stakes
And General Meeting Cheltenham, MD

October

October 13 Field Training Day Cheltenham, MD
October 20 PVGRC Hunt Test
& General Membership Meeting Cheltenham, MD
October 21 PVGRC Hunt Test Cheltenham, MD
October 27 Agility Trial Westminster, MD
October 28 Agility Trial Westminster, MD

November

November 3 Conformation/Obedience/
Rally Match & General Meeting Point of Rocks, MD

December

December 16 Holiday Party & General Meeting TBD

Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club Officers

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The Objectives of the PVGRC: To encourage and promote the quality breeding of purebred Golden Retrievers, and to do all possible to bring their natural qualifications to perfection; to urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the AKC as the only standard of excellence by which Golden Retrievers shall be judged; and to do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows; and to conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows, field trials, hunting retriever tests, and obedience trials under the rules of the AKC.