



# The Potomac Valley News

May - June 2012

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT!

Once again I am asking for people to volunteer. Although we are a huge club only a few people step up to help, and they are always the same ones that help at any and all events. If you are new to the club please step up, call the chairman, ask to help and someone will tell you just what to do. I promise!

Our specialty is now an event in the past. We changed venues with a hope that we could save some money and still have a very special weekend. What we found was a very hard venue to work with and little or no savings so we are out looking for something else. If you have **positive** suggestions, a place you would like to see the committee check out, or other ideas that you think would help make our specialty a bit better next year please contact the breed or obedience committee with your ideas. They will soon be having a meeting to work out a few things. They will also be looking for people to act as chairman for the breed and for the obedience portion of the show. No chairman, no show, simple as that! I will be stepping away from the show chair position this coming year but would be glad to help our new chairs by answering questions. I have done this for many years and feel it is time for others to learn how. The chairman can't show but it is only one show out of many available all year. If you are interested in either the obedience chairman or the show chairman position please let me know. **No chairman, no show, so please step up.**

Looking forward to May we will be having our WC/WCX trial. Hope to see everyone there!

Then in the month of May we have Veterans Day. This is the day we honor our seniors. All dogs and all members and guests are welcome no matter the age. This is a fun day and we hope you and your young dogs will join us also as we honor our seniors. The games etc. are designed for our seniors but young dogs are welcome and encouraged to come as well. Last year we had a great time even though it rained. I can't remember the last time I had with so many laughs and grins, not only by humans but by the dogs as well. Don't miss this super event. This event is probably my favorite of all the PVGRC activities. Laurie Collins is our chair so please send her an e-mail to volunteer to help.

Lastly, we want to know who actually reads our newsletter. Many members have said that they no longer read the newsletter even though we tell you it is ready and on line. So I am taking an informal count. If you read the newsletter when Janet notifies you that it is ready and on line please send me an e-mail. This will give the board some actual numbers of how our system is currently working. See you around and remember to volunteer!

**General Membership Meeting/Board Meeting Highlights**  
**Nancy Kulig, Secretary**

**Highlights: General Membership Meeting 3/11/12**

The General Membership Meeting was held in conjunction with the PVGRC Annual Awards Banquet at "That's Amore Italian Restaurant" with 57 members and 5 guests present.

Membership: Penny Geddes, Membership Chairman, read for the first time an application for membership from Melissa Duvall, Centreville, MD.

PVGRC Agility Trial: Members were reminded about the upcoming PVGRC agility trials to be held April 21 and 22 and June 22, 23, and 24.

PVGRC WC/WCX Tests: Members were reminded that the PVGRC WC/WCX tests will be held on May 6.

PVGRC K-9 Olympics: Kerry Troxel and Jeanette Hoover will chair the K-9 Olympics to be held Saturday, July 21.

PVGRC Veterans' Day: Laurie Collins has volunteered to chair Veteran's Day to be held Saturday, May 12.

Ruth Chase Memorial: Members were reminded that a memorial contribution can be made to Golden Retriever Rescue Education and Training (GRREAT) to honor the memory of our PVGRC member, Ruth Chase.

Lifetime Membership: The recommendation was made and unanimously approved to award Joanne Prothero a PVGRC Lifetime Membership in appreciation for the significant contributions she has made to PVGRC over many years.

**Highlights: Board of Directors Meeting 3/29/12**

Members Present: Eight members were present, and one member was absent.

PVGRC Holiday Party Chair: Jill Kurtz has volunteered to be the Holiday Party chair.

Rewrite of Bylaws: Marie Huffman stated that a committee will be established to rewrite the PVGRC Bylaws and address issues related to the types of membership and the definition of what constitutes a quorum.

Treasurer's Report: Clayton Kilrain reported that there were no large expense items in February. Income was recognized in February from membership dues.

Conformation and Obedience Report: Entries for the Spring Specialty were down considerably from past events, particularly for the conformation event on Saturday. There was discussion that we need to examine the Spring Specialty format and related cost and perhaps make revisions that would draw participants as well as reduce the cost of the show. Options discussed were (1) not having an independent specialty and join with another group to have a joint specialty, (2) link our specialty to a group of shows since high levels of entries are typically linked to circuits, (3) have a "bare bones" specialty with few amenities, (4) open obedience to other breeds with Golden Retrievers shown first, (5) hold conformation on one day and obedience on a second day to reduce the cost of mats and gates, and (6) hold the show at a training facility that already has mats and gates.

Field: It was reported that the Master Hunt Test judges still needed to be determined. It was noted that there is a regional bird availability problem.

Newsletter: There was discussion concerning mailing paper copies of the PVGRC newsletter. It was recognized that some members prefer hard-copies and will read the newsletter when it comes in the mail, while they will not always access the PVGRC website to read it. The question was raised whether members would be more likely to read the PVGRC newsletter if it were an email attachment. Another comment was made that perhaps we should have members specifically ask for the newsletter each year rather than automatically printing and mailing it. It was noted that joining the YAHOO list might be a problem for some members. It was recommended that we poll those members receiving the newsletter to better understand why members request a hardcopy newsletter so that we can make changes if needed.

Judges Lists: It was reported that the Judges List has been updated.

Trophies: There was discussion that five PVGRC trophies have run out of space, including the Hap Arnold trophy, and others are close to running out of space. Engraving is now transitioning to laser which will have a different appearance. A committee will be formed to recommend a strategy prior to September 2012.

Event expenses: There was discussion concerning event expense payments and the need for cash flow flexibility so that expenses can be paid timely. Options will be researched and evaluated.

#### **Highlights: General Membership Meeting 4/13/12**

The regular General Membership Meeting was held in conjunction with the PVGRC Specialty and Obedience Show following the Best of Breed competition with 37 members and no guests present.

Membership: Penny Geddes, Membership Chairman, asked that the application from Melissa Duvall, Centreville, MD, be approved; the application was approved unanimously. A new membership application from Shirley Ferguson of Kensington, MD was read for the first time.

Presentation: Joanne Prothero was awarded a PVGRC Lifetime Membership and presented with an accompanying plaque in appreciation of her significant contributions to PVGRC.

#### **Obedience Brags** **Lesley Stanley**

##### **Jody Culver reports:**

Hillock N' Tri-J's Venetian AKA "Marco" has earned two new titles, Rally Novice (RN) and Beginner Novice (BN). In rally, at the National Capitol Kennel Club, he earned a 100 and 2<sup>nd</sup> place, at the Catoctin Kennel Club, a 90 (where mom blew a sign ☹), and Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club, with a 98 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place.

In Beginner Novice, two second places with a 194 and 196 respectively at the Mason/Dixon Kennel Club, and at the PVGRC specialty, two 1<sup>st</sup> places with a 197 and 198.5 respectively.

##### **Karen Wahler reports:**

Larkin (Sunkota's Flight of Fancy, CD, GN, RE, CCA) earned third legs for her titles in Graduate Novice and Rally Excellent at the Friday PVGRC show.

Carol Nansel and Fast-Trak Miz Kenzie of Woodstock, RA, MX, AXJ, OF completed their RE during the Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club trial and completed their BN and CD during the PVGRC specialty.!

##### **Sharon Ackerson reports:**

Rhapsody Whole Lotta Love ("Lottie") earned her Rally Excellent title with a First Place at the Catoctin Kennel Club January show. Lottie then earned her Beginning Novice Obedience title at the Maryland Sporting Dog show in March.

**Cindy Williamson reports:**

CH Lycinan's Bling Bling CDX JH WC earned CDX legs at both PVGRC shows and Gunpowder River GRC.

Lycinan's Cutie Pie CD earned CD legs at the Sat PVGRC specialty, the Gunpowder River GRC specialty, and the Cactoctin KC trial.

and lastly:

**Leslie Stanley reports:**

Richwood Shining Moment (Beacon) earned his CDX title in three straight shows in March.

**TRACKING NEWS**

**Marge Paulding**

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

Wow!... We have certainly had a great April! Those lovely balmy spring days in mid-60s to low 70s, crystal clear blue skies, no humidity. Hope you are out there enjoying some great spring tracking weather. Even those days where there is a light drizzle is perfect for aging tracks and working your dogs. May will come and go much too quickly, so enjoy daytime tracking weather while you can. Sometimes June can get mighty hot, so best training times are either early morning or late evening.

**Tracking Brags**

Yes folks! We have some tracking brags to share this time.

New Tracking Dog Title: Rodger Armstrong and Zip (Beck's Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah ) passed her TD test at the York County Dog Training Club Tracking test held in Gettysburg on 3/25/12. Six of the ten dogs entered passed. Congrats to both of you.

New Tracking Dog Excellent Title: Pat Kavanaugh reports that Bang (OTCH Gaylan's Fire When Ready VCD3 UDX2 OM3 GO VER RN JH MX MXJ XF WCX ODHF CCA ) earned his TDX on 4/15/12 at the Blue Ridge tracking test. Originally drawn as alternate #2, they bumped up to Alt #1 when that team withdrew and was informed that there would be an alternate track. The day was somewhat warm, but overcast. Bang did a good job, tracking carefully but steadily. He did check out a few places, a sharp downhill before the last turn. The last leg went directly into the woods, and he checked both to the left and right before entering the woods. He then found the last article, that very coveted glove! Blue Ridge ran a great test as always! Yippee Yaahooooeeey!.. Bang is the first dog that Pat has trained beyond the TD level. Congrats on successfully pursuing a TDX title.

**AKC Versatility News**

Pat Kavanaugh's Bang is now a VCD3, after earning his TDX title at the Blue Ridge April test! You two are a great versatile team!

Happy Tracking Tails!

## Conformation Column

Joan Donohue

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### NEW CHAMPION

*Ch My Buddy's Times They are a Changin* (Jeanette & George Makowskyj and Leeah Chew) took back to back majors at the Saturday York and Delaware County shows to finish. "Dylan" took breed at the Friday Wilmington show.

### SPECIALS NEWS

GCH Golly G's Nix The Rumour (Teri Poetker/ Bill & Janet Lauderdale) took the breed at the Catocin show.

### CLASS NEWS

*PVGRC members cleaned at the Maryland Sporting dog shows. Golly G's Fellow Traveler RN* (Charenne & John Snyder and Teri Poetker) was WD and *Woodcreek Cameo Do Ya Luv Me* (Pamela Simmons) was WB at the Saturday Maryland Sporting dog show. *Genesis Rise and Shine* (Jeanette Hoover & Teresa Blumberg) went WD at the Sunday show. *Sandpiper's Rock Star* (Caroline Bruton) took Best Puppy in Group and reserve at the Saturday show and Best golden puppy and reserve at the Sunday show.

*Dauninge Full Sail Tioga CD* (Suzanne Miller & Vivki Saporta) picked up his first major at the Baltimore Count show. "Tioga" was reserve at the Saturday Maryland Sporting dog show.

*Genesis Rise and Shine* (Jeanette Hoover & Teresa Blumberg) took home a major from the Old Dominion show and was WD at the Magic Valley show.

*Genesis May-Hem* (Teresa Blumberg) picked up her first major at the Thursday York show. "Chaos" picked up another major at the Old Dominion show.

At the Shenandoah Valley shows, *Eldorado's Bootsoot'N Boogie* (Chris Browning) went WD on Saturday and RWD on Sunday. *Delmarva's Eye Candy* (Sue Rocco) went reserve at the Saturday show and *Odysseys Remember the Titan* (Yolanda Stephens) went WD at the Sunday show.

*Woodcreek Cameo Do Ya Luv Me* (Pamela Simmons) went WB at the Penn Treaty show.

### Potomac Valley Golden Retriever club - Friday

*Sandpiper's Rock Star* (Caroline Bruton) - 1<sup>st</sup> 12-15 sweeps/1<sup>st</sup> 12-18  
*MACH2 Mirasol's Nose The Way* (Marge & Bob Paulding) - 1<sup>st</sup> 7-9 sweeps/1<sup>st</sup> am owner  
*Ch Bonacres Firstar Enterprise BN RE TE* (Clayton and Sharon Kilrain) - 1<sup>st</sup> 9+ sweeps  
*Ch Goodtime At Moulin Rouge CD, RN, RE* (Michael & Belinda Gosnell) - 1<sup>st</sup> 9+ sweeps/2<sup>nd</sup> 9+  
*Ch Gi-Ki's Runnin Wild at Genesis* (Teresa Blumberg) - 2<sup>nd</sup> 9+ sweeps/1<sup>st</sup> 9+  
*Golly G's Fellow Traveler RN* (Charenne & John Snyder and Teri Poetker) - 3<sup>rd</sup> open  
*Sun Bay's Life of Riley RE* (Wendy and William Thomas) - 2<sup>nd</sup> open  
*Aquest Cottage Garden* (Karen Schumaker and Joan Donohue) - 2<sup>nd</sup> 12-18  
*Eldorado's Casino Royale* (Chris Browning) - 1<sup>st</sup> Am-bred  
*Sunkota's Natural Selection* (Maureen Allnutt & Cathy Story) - RWB 1<sup>st</sup> open  
*Sun Bay's Flash This Just In RN CCA* (Alice Hathaway) - 2<sup>nd</sup> open  
*Ch Gootime's Tokyo Joe BN RN JH* (Michael and Belinda Gosnell) - 1<sup>st</sup> hunting dog  
*Deauxquest Cracklin' Rosie VCD2 RE AX AXJ* (Barbara Clem) - 1<sup>st</sup> 7-9

### Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club - Saturday

*Sandpiper's Rock Star* (Caroline Bruton) - 1<sup>st</sup> 12-15 sweeps/1<sup>st</sup> 12-18  
*MACH2 Mirasol's Nose The Way* (Marge & Bob Paulding) - 1<sup>st</sup> 7-9 sweeps/1<sup>st</sup> am owner  
*Ch Bonacres Firstar Enterprise BN RE TD* (Clayton and Sharon Kilrain) - 1<sup>st</sup> 9+ sweeps/reg  
*Ch Honeybear's This One's 4 U* (Kelly Shuffelbottom) - 1<sup>st</sup> 7-9 sweeps/1<sup>st</sup> reg  
*Ch Goodtime At Moulin Rouge CD, RN, RE* (Michael & Belinda Gosnell) - 1<sup>st</sup> 9+ sweeps/2<sup>nd</sup> 9+  
*Ch Gi-Ki's Runnin Wild at Genesis* (Teresa Blumberg) - 2<sup>nd</sup> 9+ sweeps/1<sup>st</sup> 9+  
*Sun Bay's Life of Riley RE* (Wendy and William Thomas) - 2<sup>nd</sup> open

*Sunkota's Do The Math* (Cathy Story) - 3<sup>rd</sup> open  
*Aquest Cottage Garden* (Karen Schumaker and Joan Donohue) - 2<sup>nd</sup> 12-15/3<sup>rd</sup> 12-18  
*Eldorado's Casino Royale* (Chris Browning) - 2<sup>nd</sup> Am-bred  
*Ch Goodtime's Tokyo Joe BN RN JH* (Michael and Belinda Gosnell) - 1<sup>st</sup> hunting dog

#### **Gunpowder Golden Retriever Club specialty**

*Aquest Cottage Garden* (Karen Schumaker & Joan Donohue) - 1<sup>st</sup> 12-15 sweeps/4<sup>th</sup> reg  
*Sandpiper's Rock Star* (Caroline Bruton) - 2<sup>nd</sup> 12-15 sweeps/3<sup>rd</sup> reg  
*Medea Sonyc Irish Coffee* (Kathy Carbone and Holly Kelley) - 3<sup>rd</sup> 7-10 sweeps  
*MACH2 Mirasol's Nose The Way VCD3 RAE GO VER MXF* (Marge and Bob Paulding) - 2<sup>nd</sup> 7-10 seeps  
*Ch Bonacres Firstar Enterprise BN RE TD* (Sharon and Clayton Kilrain) - Best Veteran in Sweeps  
*Ch Goodtime At Moulin Rouge CD BN RE* (Belinda and Michael Gosnell) - Best of op in sweeps  
*Golly G's Maken Life Super Fun* (John and Amy Bitner & Teri Poetker) - 1<sup>st</sup> bred by  
*Genesis Rise and Shine* (Jeanette Hoover & Teresa Blumberg) - WD  
*Genesis May-Hem* (Teresa Blumberg) - WB  
*Delmarva's Eye Candy* (Sue Rocco) - RWB  
*Ch Goodtime's Tokyo Joe JH BN RN* (Belinda and Michael Gosnell) - AOM  
*Ch My Buddy's Times They are a Changin* (Jeanette Makowskyj and George Makowskyj and Leeah Chew) - AOM  
*GCH Golly G's Nix The Rumour* (Teri Poetker/ Bill & Janet Lauderdale) - select

#### **Chesapeake Golden Retriever Club Specialty**

*Odysseys Jupiter O Maximus At Sinjin* (Nancy St John) - 2<sup>nd</sup> 12-18  
*Goodtime Peyton Place* (Sandy Selander)- 2<sup>nd</sup> 9-12  
*Sandpiper's Rock Star* (Caroline Bruton) - 1<sup>st</sup> 12-18  
*Aquest Cottage Garden* (Karen Schumaker & Joan Donohue) - 4<sup>th</sup> 12-18  
*Genesis Little Miss Sunshine* (Teresa Blumberg) - RWB  
*Gowrielea's Highland Games* (Laurie Doumaux) - WB  
*Sun Bay's Flash This Just In RN* (Alice Hathaway) - 2<sup>nd</sup> open  
*Delmarva's Eye Candy* (Sue Rocco) - 3<sup>rd</sup> open

#### **Beginner Field Class!!!!!!!**

We will be having a six (plus one) week beginner field class again this year starting Sunday, June 17 and running consecutive Sunday's through July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The cost is \$30 for the six sessions. Dogs must be at least 7 months old.

New this year: We have added an additional day of training for handlers. If you sign up for this class you must also volunteer to work at PVGRC's hunt test or WC/WCX test. Volunteering at these events is critical to the future of the sport as well as a valuable learning experience. During the first six weeks we will teach you everything you need to know about your volunteer position.

For more information or to sign up for the class call or e-mail

Sue Armstrong 301-865-3940.

**Agility Column**  
**Nick DeCesare**

As you may know by now the PVGRC Spring agility trial was held the weekend after the PVGRC Specialty. I attended both events and it was really nice to see some friends I had not seen in a while. The one thing both events had in common was the number of PVGRC members who turned out to work and didn't have a dog entered in either event. This concept is best known as supporting the club, and it seems to be alive and well even in these times of four dollar a gallon gasoline.

With regard to the agility trial, we had a beautiful, sunny Saturday and a cold, rainy Sunday, but we didn't care because.....we were indoors! Does anyone remember when most agility trials were held outside on grass? And the "timer" actually operated a hand-held digital stopwatch? And most of the equipment was "custom made" by some good soul who had a welder and a table saw. I was talking with a friend who started in agility years before I did. She joked that when she started in agility the A-frame was made of stone. Well so much for my little stroll down memory lane.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Our June agility trial is now open! If you want to get in I strongly suggest sending your entries in ASAP. Last year this trial filled both days. This year we are doing three days which may tend to increase entries. Don't get left out.

I have two NEW TITLES to report. Marta Coursey and Gabe (Fast-Trak I'm A Believer CD RE MX MXJ XF CGC) earned an MXF title. And my own little goober man, Tor, (Fast-Trak's Need For Speed VCD2 CDX RA TDX JH OA AXJ OF WCX VCX CCA) earned an XF title.

OK, time for a brief quiz! (This is what happens when members don't send in their new title brags.)

1. What year did PVGRC hold our first AKC agility trial?  
A) 1997 B) 1998 C) 1999 D) 2000
2. What year did we hold our first independent (not part of a cluster) agility trial?  
A) 2001 B) 2002 C) 2003 D) 2004
3. How many total agility trials have we held? (Hint: each day is a separate AKC event)  
A) 22 B) 32 C) 42 D) 48
4. How many total entries for all independent PVGRC trials have there been?  
A) 21,094 B) 23, 731 C) 25, 076 D) 15 trillion+/-
5. Where did PVGRC hold our very first AKC agility trial?  
A) Twin Ponds B) Rectortown C) Gettysburg D) Cheltenham
6. How many feet of snow fence does it take to enclose a 100' by 100' agility ring?  
A) 100 feet B) 200 feet C) 121.92 meters D) 133.33 yards E) 400 feet

ANSWERS: 1-C, 2-C, 3-D, 4-C, 5-B, 6-E (C & D are also correct but the question asks for feet, not yards or meters)

**And from our spies in the field:**

**From Megan Baker:**

Toby - **Trifectas Will He Bet On Me? UDX OM1 VER RAE SH OA AXJ OF CCA WCX VCX** and Beth Sokohl worked together the weekend of 4/14-4/15 to get their first Master Leg. As many of you know Toby is Beth's first competition dog. She has many fun stories to tell a long way from Novice A to where they are now. What a great team they make. Congratulations to Beth and Toby!!!!

**And from Beth Sokohl:**

Reboot – **Ctrl Alt Del UD RE MH OA OAJ OF WCX VCX CCA** and Megan Baker earned a JAM at the Shrewsbury River Retriever Club....and two Master legs this spring (Editor's Note: Way to Go Reboot!!!!, and I am still waiting for the day that the secretary pronounces your name correctly when you are collecting all those ribbons.)

Pete – TealOak's Weebe A Pistol CD RE MH WCX VC CCA OS and Megan Baker earned a Master leg at the Rappahannock River Retriever Club.

Voodoo – Adirondac's Weebe Put'N A Hex On You CDX RN MH WCX and Megan Baker earned a Master leg at the Lab Club of Potomac hunt test.

Fed-X – In Transit and Megan earned their first Junior leg at the Lab Club of Potomac hunt test.

Lewis –Topbrass Call in the Reserves MH\*\* and Paige Jones have earned three Master legs this spring, and I believe that qualifies them again for the Master National. Way to Go Lewis and Paige!!!!

**Tidbits from the Awards Banquet:**

**The Awards** banquet was held on Sunday, March 11 at That's Amore in Rockville, MD. Just a few items from the banquet:

Joanne Prothero was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award (which was actually given at the PVGRC specialty), and she writes:

"To the PVGRC Board, Life Members, and the Membership, Thank you all for such an honor! I cannot express how much this has meant to me!!!--Joanne"

**And this from Marge Paulding who awarded the Hap Arnold Award to Cher and John Snyder:**

**THE HAP ARNOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS for 2011**

Each year at the PVGRC Annual Awards Banquet, the Hap Arnold Good Sportsmanship Award is presented to a member (or sometimes a dynamic duo) that exemplifies good Sportsmanship. The recipients of the three prior award years are assigned the task of selecting the winner for the most current year. The 2011 winners of this award are Cher & John Snyder. Please join me in congratulating and thanking them for all they have done in contributing to the success of PVGRC-sponsored events. Below is the presentation that was read at the March banquet:



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 founders of PVGRC and a Lifetime Member of the Club. He passed away in August 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 countless times, and was the official Statistician for the GRCA for over 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 the game, 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.

What is “good sportsmanship”, you ask? As Wikipedia defines it: .....”**Sportsmanship** is an aspiration that a sport or activity will be enjoyed for its own sake, with proper consideration for fairness, ethics, respect, and a sense of fellowship with one's competitors. ....a **good sport** means being a "good winner" as well as being a "good loser" .....

The 2011 recipient exhibits all those characteristics, and much more.

If I took the time to list all the PVGRC events, classes, jobs, and activities that the 2011 recipient has helped with over the years, we would be here for quite some time.

Just as the versatile goldens trained and shown over the years by this recipient have participated in Field, Tracking, Obedience, Agility, and Conformation – so has this versatile member willingly volunteered to set up and tear down at club events, throw bumpers and birds or be a gunner at field events, judge the PeeWee Puppy Stakes, set a jump bar at agility, be an obedience or rally steward, laid TD and TDX tracks, helped with teaching tracking and field classes, served as Chairperson and Chief Ring Steward for the Obedience portion of our Spring Specialty, and been an encouraging supporter of many members as they pursue a goal of training and attaining a new title in a given discipline. Whether their dog is entered or not, this year’s recipient can be counted on to pitch in and lend a helping hand at events for the sole purpose of just helping PVGRC sponsor another event.

Wow! You might say..... This member has done much to support the club and its members. But wait..... the 2011 recipient, yes there are 2 of them..... usually volunteer at events together. Although I don’t think he has ever trained or shown a dog, he has volunteered to help at many events, supporting the club and its members ..... from stewarding in obedience, to throwing birds and bumpers, shooting a popper gun, working at an agility trial, and laying cross tracks or being a driver at Tracking Tests. For the Gettysburg National, he was the man counting all the dollars, paying all the bills, and balancing the National budget. And we are all very happy that he did.

It is my honor and great pleasure to present the 2011 Hap Arnold Award to **Cher & John Snyder**.

Here is the list of all of the recipients of the Hap Arnold Award:

2011 – Cher & John Snyder

2010 – Marge Paulding

2009 – Laurie Collins

2008 – Bob Kurtz

2007 – Sharon Albright

2006 – Sue Armstrong

2005 – Rodger Armstrong

2004 – Janice Bengé

2003 – Nick DeCesare

2002 – Dan & Carol Lewis

2001 – Leslie Peszczyński

2000 – Joann Rice

1999 – Robert Bunge

1998 – Sharon & Clayton Kilrain

1997 – Bob Crowley

**And, last but not least, the winners of the trophies that were awarded at the banquet:**

**Perpetual Trophy Winners**

**2011**

**Glory J's Memorial Obedience Trophy**

MACH High Peak's Rising To The Top UD RN JH NF WCX CCA ADHF  
Sally Henry

**2011**

**Ch Glory J's Torch Of Sun Dance UDT Trophy**

MACH Mirasol's Nose The Way VCD3 GO VER RE MXF WC VCX  
Marge and Bob Paulding

**2011**

**The Golda Potemken Memorial Novice Obedience Trophy**

Sunkota's Flight of Fancy CD RA CCA  
Karen Wahler Schumaker

**2011**

**The Can. Ch. Dannebrog Distance Runner,  
UD, JH, WCX; Can. UD, WCI Trophy**

MACH Mirasol's Nose The Way VCD3 GO VER RE MXF WC VCX  
Marge and Bob Paulding

**2011**

**Golly G's Golden Futures Trophy**

Firestar's Go For Broke TD  
Sharon and Clayton Kilrain

**2011**

**CH Waterford Tri-J Rory O'Rye UD JH WCX VCX Veteran Trophy**

CH Goodtime At Moulin Rouge CD BN RE  
Belinda and Michael Gosnell

**2011**

**Golden Pine Memorial Trophy**

CH Dromara Au-Fern's Connecticut Yankee WC  
Pam Stirling

**2011**

**The Silk and The Wind Trophy**

CH Goodtime's Tokyo Joe JH BN  
Belinda and Michael Gosnell

**2011**

**The Winterset Trophy**

Golly G's Fellow Traveler  
Charene and John Snyder

2011

**Ch. Betaberk's Rockcrest Apache \*\*\* Trophy**

Amanda's Pick of Maggie Creek MH\*\*\*  
George Fiebelkorn and Patricia Reslock

2011

**Meadowpond Claim to Fame UDTX, JH, WCX Memorial Trophy**

MACH2 Kiowa's Killian Red CDX RA SH NAP NJP NFP  
Sharon DeCesare

2011

**The Goldseeker Agility Trophy**

MACH High Peak's Rising To The Top UD RN JH NF WCX CCA ADHF  
Sally Henry

2011

**Hobart "Hap" Arnold**

Cher and John Snyder

2011

**Henry E. "Ed" Magnuson, Jr. Memorial Trophy**

Fireside's Weebe Gunnin For You JH  
Skip Manley

**Annual Trophy Winners**

2011

**Novice B and Annual Novice Obedience Trophy**

Sunkota's Flight of Fancy CD RA CCA  
Karen Wahler Schumaker

2011

**Open A Obedience Trophy**

Roux's Steamin' Red Hot Blues CDX RE SH OA AXJ NF WC  
Beth Sokohl

2011

**Utility A Obedience Trophy**

MACH High Peak's Rising To The Top UD RN JH NF WCX CCA ADHF  
Sally Henry

2011

**Utility Dog Excellent Trophy**

OTCH Gaylan's Fire When Ready VCD2 UDX OM2 GO VER RN JH MX MXJ XF CCA VCX ODHF  
Pat Kavanagh

2011

**Annual Open Obedience Trophy**

MACH High Peak's Rising To The Top UD RN JH NF WCX CCA ADHF  
Sally Henry

**Annual Utility Obedience Trophy**

OTCH Gaylan's Fire When Ready VCD2 UDX OM2 GO VER RN JH MX MXJ XF CCA VCX ODHF  
Pat Kavanagh

**2011**

**Novice B Agility Trophy**

Hillock's There's No Limit RN TD NA NAJ  
Sharon and Clayton Kilrain

**2011**

**Open Agility Trophy**

Golly G Southwinds Outshine CDX GN RAE OA OAJ OJP NF NFP  
Penny Geddes

**2011**

**Open Agility Jumpers With Weaves Trophy**

Sun Bay's Mightaswell Enjoy It CD RE OA AXJ  
Barbara Clem

**2011**

**Novice A Agility Jumpers With Weaves Trophy**

Hillock's There's No Limit RN TD NA NAJ  
Sharon and Clayton Kilrain

**2011**

**Novice B Agility Jumpers With Weaves Trophy**

Roux's Steamin' Red Hot Blues CDX RE SH OA AXJ NF WC  
Beth Sokohl

**2011**

**Agility Excellent Trophy**

Quinleighblu's Golly G Keegan CD RA AX AXJ  
Bev Porter

**2011**

**Master Agility Excellent Trophy**

OTCH Gaylan's Fire When Ready VCD2 UDX OM2 GO VER RN JH MX MXJ XF CCA VCX ODHF  
Pat Kavanagh

**2011**

**Agility Excellent Jumpers With Weaves Trophy**

Gaylan's Irish Ceili Dancer RN JH AX AXJ MXF  
Sandy Ziemski

**2011**

**Agility Excellent Jumpers With Weaves Trophy**

Quinleighblu's Golly G Keegan CD RA AX AXJ  
Bev Porter

**2011**

**Master Agility Excellent Jumpers with Weaves Trophy**

OTCH Gaylan's Fire When Ready VCD2 UDX OM2 GO VER RN JH MX MXJ XF CCA VCX ODHF  
Pat Kavanagh

**2011**

**Open Agility Preferred Jumpers with Weaves Trophy**

Golly G Southwinds Outshine CDX GN RAE OA OAJ OJP NF NFP  
Penny Geddes

**2011**

**Open Preferred Agility Trophy**

Golly G Southwinds Outshine CDX GN RAE OA OAJ OJP NF NFP  
Penny Geddes

**2011**

**Agility Excellent Preferred Trophy**

Winterset Whole Lotta Woman CDX RAE MX MXJ AXP AJP  
Sharon and Jeff Ackerson

**2011**

**Agility Excellent Jumpers with Weaves Preferred Trophy**

Winterset Whole Lotta Woman CDX RAE MX MXJ AXP AJP  
Sharon and Jeff Ackerson

**2011**

**Top Winning Qualifying Field Trial Golden Retriever**

Amanda's Pick of Maggie Creek MH\*\*\*  
George Fiebelkorn and Patricia Reslock

**2011**

**Top Winning Derby Field Trial Golden Retriever**

Dr Nick's No 'Do of Maggie Creek  
George Fiebelkorn and Patricia Reslock

**2011**

**Rally Novice B Trophy**

Sun Bay's Flash This Just In RN  
Alice Hathaway

**2011**

**Rally Advanced A Trophy**

Aquest Covent Garden RA  
Joan Donohue

**2011**

**Rally Advanced Excellent Trophy**

Winterset Whole Lotta Woman CDX RAE MX MXJ AXP AJP  
Sharon and Jeff Ackerson

**2011**

**Veteran Achievement Award**

Ch Aquest's Sky's Harbor BN RAE WC VC  
Joan Donohue

**2011**

**Veteran Achievement Award**

Tri-J's Intrepid Jack Frost VCD1 CDX RE WC  
Debra Barrows

**2011**

**Veteran Achievement Award**

Ch Bonacre's Firstar Enterprise RE TD WC  
Sharon and Clayton Kilrain

**2011**

**Veteran Achievement Award**

Winterset Whole Lotta Woman CDX RAE MX MXJ AXP AJP  
Jeff and Sharon Ackerson

**2011**

**Veteran Achievement Award**

Ch Goodtime At Moulin Rouge CD BN RE  
Belinda and Michael Gosnell

**2011**

**Veteran Achievement Award**

Sunkota's Flight of Fancy CD RA CCA  
Karen Wahler Shumaker

**2011**

**Veteran Achievement Award**

NAC MACH2 PACH Argo's Turn The Page UD RE JH MXP3 MJP3 PAX OF XFP WCX ADHF VC CCA  
Kelly Armstrong

**2011**

**Veteran Achievement Award**

Weebe A Pistol CD RE MH CCA VC OS  
Tom Lehr and Megan Baker

**2011**

**Veteran Achievement Award**

MACH3 Deauxquest Heart Of Gold VCD1 RA AXP AJP  
Sheri McAlevey

# Calendar of Events 2012

	<b><u>January</u></b>	
January 7	General Meeting/Field Clinic	Davidsonville, MD
	<b><u>February</u></b>	
February 11	General Meeting— Program—K9 First Aid and CPR	Point of Rocks, MD
	<b><u>March</u></b>	
March 10	Annual Awards Banquet	TBD
March 31	Field Training Day	Cheltenham, MD
	<b><u>April</u></b>	
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
April 28	Field Training Day	Cheltenham, MD
	<b><u>May</u></b>	
May 5	Flat Coat WC/WCX	Cheltenham, MD
May 6	WC/WCX/Puppy Stakes	Cheltenham, MD
May 12	Veterans Day & General Meeting	TBD
	<b><u>June</u></b>	
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



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### 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 Cheltenham, MD  
And General Meeting

### October

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

### November

November 3 Conformation/Obedience/ Point of Rocks, MD  
Rally Match & General Meeting  
November 11 TD/TDX Test Cross Junction, VA

### December

December 16 Holiday Party & General Meeting TBD

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