



The Potomac Valley News

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT!

It seems that every time I have a big event coming up (I am leaving for a wonderful trip to the Med. with my son), I also have a newsletter article due. Guess it just says that ask a busy person to do something and they do it! So how busy are you? Can I interest you in a job for the club? Our nominating committee will start looking for officers and board members shortly, would you like to serve? Please let any board member know if you would like to serve on the board or on one of our committees. Many hands do make light work and you'll have some input into what your club is doing. So please talk to a board member, volunteer your services, and make our club a vibrant active club where we all do a little and have the opportunity to do so many fun things with our furry kids.

Nick and his team will be busy again with our next agility trial, Sharon Albright and her committee has a WC/WCX and a hunt test coming up as well as a couple more training days, Sandy Selander will be heading up our match in November where we will be having breed, obedience and rally, Marge Paulding will be heading up the tracking committee as they put on our tracking test in November, and Jill Kurtz is working hard on our Christmas Party. So lots of things coming up for our enjoyment! Please be sure to check our web site often for all the details. A special thank you to Janet Kaplan and Laurie Collins for keeping us all updated with our wonderful web site and the special updates on our yahoo lists. Without these two ladies many of us just wouldn't know when and where to be, let alone what to bring. Thanks!

A while back Nick wrote an article on good sportsmanship. Generally speaking we golden people do a pretty good job of this. We train hard, read the rules, etc., but sometimes when things don't go quite the way we thought they should instead of just saying oh well back to the drawing board we try to blame things on the other exhibitors outside the ring, or the judge inside the ring. When people hear us griping about someone's behavior they start to wonder whether what we are doing is fun and then wonder if they should try something with their dog. We should try to encourage everyone to do something with their furry friend! Stand outside the ring and encourage that newbie, clap when someone does well (even when they beat us by a half point), and be ready to give the pep talk that says you can do it when things look a little tense. I guess my point is, remember it is only a dog show, there is another one next week. If today didn't go as planned, smile. You did get to spend some quality time with your best friend and that is all they care about. Titles are fun but if you can't earn one today your dog doesn't care he just wants to be with his happy loving owner. Being a good sport can be hard, but because we are like our Golden Retrievers with their sunny dispositions we can be the best sportsman even on a bad day!

See you at our next event and enjoy your furry kids! Debbie

Newsletter Meeting Highlights

General Membership Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting Highlights Nancy Kulig, Secretary

Board of Directors' Meeting - July 12, 2012

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Debra Barrows at her home in Annandale, VA.

Members Present: Debbie Barrows (President), Marie Huffman (Vice President), Nancy Kulig (Secretary), Clayton Kilrain (Treasurer), Sharon Kilrain (member, Board of Directors), Morgan Francis (member, Board of Directors), Bob Crowley (member, Board of Directors), and Andy Moore (member, Board of Directors).

Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the Board of Directors meetings held on March 29, 2012 and May 12, 2012 were approved. Minutes from the General Membership Meeting held on June 23, 2012 were read and are scheduled to be approved by the membership at the next General Membership Meeting.

Correspondence:

- Correspondence from the AKC included information on new optional obedience titles that will be effective July 1, 2013, changes to "move ups", changes to Beginner Novice B Class eligibility requirements effective August 1, 2012, and a reduced entry fee for junior handlers.
- Correspondence from the AKC asked that clubs consider commenting by August 13, 2012 on United States Department of Agriculture breeder regulations that would categorize many small/hobby breeders as commercial breeders. The determination by the Board of Directors was for PVGRC not to comment as a single entity since opinions could differ among its members, and to send the request for comment to the PVGRC members for individual comment. [Note: Information was distributed to PVGRC members via the PVGRC Yahoo Group.]

Treasurer's Report: Clayton Kilrain discussed the June 2012 Treasurer's Report. The net income as of June is positive for 2012. He reported that the CD which matured in June has been rolled over for 14 months, and that the interest rate is low due to the economy.

Conformation and Obedience Report:

2012 PVGRC Fun Match. Bob Crowley reported that Sandy Selander is in charge of the PVGRC Fun Match to be held November 4, 2012 at the Catoctin Kennel Club Training Facility. The show will include conformation, obedience, and rally.

PVGRC Spring 2013 Conformation and Obedience Specialty. The Specialty Committee is considering several outdoor sites, each with pros and cons. Cindy Williamson will be the Conformation Chairman, and Marie Huffman will be the Obedience Chairman.

Judges List. The Board of Directors reviewed and approved the judges list for conformation and obedience.

New PVGRC "Obedience Only" Show. Debbie Barrows proposed that Leslie Stanley put together a plan for a new obedience-only show. [Note: The show plan was later approved by the Board of Directors and by AKC and will be held February 9-10 at the Catoctin Kennel Club Training Facility, Point of Rocks, MD. It will be open to all breeds.]

Tracking Report: The fall PVGRC tracking test is pending AKC approval. There was a recommendation for a tracking class, possibly divided into beginners and advanced with a certification day. [Note: The potential for a tracking class is being discussed.]

Field Report: Field equipment including umbrellas on stands and radios were approved for purchase. Andy Moore reported that GRCA is considering eliminating the requirement to use upland game birds for the WC/WCX tests so that ducks can be used for both land and water retrieves.

Agility Report: The Board of Directors approved the recommendations by Nick DeCesare concerning the timing and number of rings for Agility shows for the next two years. The purchase of up to 10 new ring gates was approved.

Update on Bylaws Revision: Marie Huffman distributed the PVGRC Constitution and Bylaws Committee's revision for the Board of Directors' review and comment prior to the end of August

2012 GRCA News Field Theme Issue: The Board of Directors approved a PVGRC full-page color ad for the field theme issue of the GRCA News.

AKC Club President's Challenge:

The AKC sent correspondence proposing to raise more than \$1,000,000 for the AKC Political Action Committee and the AKC Canine Legislative Support Fund and asked for 100% club participation. The funds would go to AKC to support particular political candidates, as the AKC chooses, for federal and state public office. The Board of Directors unanimously decided not to contribute PVGRC funds to support either request. This could result in the AKC supporting with PVGRC funds candidates who are in conflict with our members' political preferences. The Board of Directors believes that individual members should contribute independently if they wish to support either fund or if they wish to support particular candidates of their choice.

Nominating Committee: A nominating committee will be appointed for the 2013 Board of Directors election.

PVGRC Shirts: There was discussion concerning whether to design and order PVGRC shirts.

Bathroom Accessibility: There was discussion concerning the need for bathroom facilities at PVGRC training and events.

Next Meeting: The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2012.

Adjournment: The Board of Directors' meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

General Membership Meeting – July 21, 2012

The General Membership Meeting was scheduled to be held in conjunction with the PVGRC's K-9 Olympics event. Unfortunately, the event and meeting had to be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Conformation Column
Joan Donohue
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New Champion

Dromara's Rock On WC (Alaine Hamilton & Robert Hamilton) finished in style at the Harrisburg shows. "Pebbles" was WB at the Friday Penn Ridge show for a major, picked up a major reserve at the Saturday Penn Ridge show and WB at the Harrisburg show for her final major.

Specials News

Ch My Buddy;s Times They are A-Changin (Jeanette Makowskyj and George Makowskyj and Leeah Chew) was Best of Breed at the Upper Marlboro show.

Class News

Hillock N' Tri-J's Venetian BN (Jody & John Culver & Tammy Tomlinson) has been rapidly picking points by going WD both days at Bush Run, Northeastern MD, Nita Nee and Harrisburg shows. "Marco" now had 12 points including three majors.

My Buddy's Un-Belize-Able (Ann Vazquez and Leeah Chew) went reserve at the Friday Southern MD show.

Dauninge Full Sail Tioga CD (Suzanne Miller & Vicki Saporta) went WD at the Saturday Southern MD for his second major. Also, at the Saturday Southern MD show (Pam Simmons) went WB.

Sunkota's Do the Math (Cathy Story) added to his point total by going WD at the Monday Rock Creek show.

Gowrielea's Highland Games (Barbara Koenig & Laurie Doumouax) picked up a major at the Northeastern MD show.

Shortly after finishing his JH, *Firestar's Where the Wild Things Are* JH (Cindy Partridge) picked up a major at the Friday Penn Ridge show.

Steadmor's Take a Gander (Nancy Sherick & Jacqueline Morasco) picked up two majors on at the Sunday Rock Creek and Saturday Penn Ridge shows.

TRACKING NEWS

Marge Paulding

email brags to mkpgold1@verizon.net

Okay everyone that tracks..... Cooler temps are approaching. Time to break out the tracking gear, get the dog who likes to use their nose, and head out to fields, parks, and woods to resume your training. Please remember to share any good news of tracking titles achieved with all of us in PVGRC. We would love to celebrate with you.

Also remember PVGRC's fall TD/TDX on Sunday, November 11, 2012. Plotting of tracks is on Saturday, Nov. 11. We are in need of tracklayers, crosstrack layers, and drivers. Please contact Donna Thompson – this year's Chairperson/Secretary – if you can help. Email Donna at: DBpridejoy@aol.com or phone at: 540-888-4124.

It is a busy fall season with many PVGRC events in Sept., Oct., and the match the first weekend of November. But for those of you experienced in tracklaying, and for those of you who want to find out more about this discipline, this is a great time to give back to tracking and/or learn more about it. Drivers and cross-track layers do not require experience. You can learn "on the job." Food donations are also needed for the tracking luncheon. It would be great if more PVGRC members could help to support this event. Last year, we still owe a BIG round of thanks to Blue Ridge Club's tracking members, as many of them volunteered to help make this a successful PVGRC event. Hope to see you there.

Happy Tracking Tails!

Obedience and Rally Brags

Leslie Stanley

DASH (Golly G's Seeking Super Connections OA, OAJ, NF, BN, RN) and Gary Arbegast earned their Beginner Novice title on August 17th at the York County Dog Training Club obedience trial. The following day at the York County Dog Training Club rally trial, they earned their Rally Novice title with a first place.

Ryser(MACH High Peak's Rising To The Top UDX OM1 RN NF JH WCX VCX CCA ADHF HIT HC) and Sally Henry earned their OM1 on June 16 at Mt. Nittany DTC and their UDX on August 17 at York County DTC.

At the GCOC obedience trials, Cajun, Gatsu's Cajun Country, RA CCA (Suzi Gatipon), earned his Rally Advanced title in style with two First Places!

And lastly, Richwood Shining Moment (Beacon) owned by Leslie Stanley finished his UD title in Chatham VA on Saturday, August 11 and went on to Win utility B on Sunday picking up his first 10 otch points. Also at Oriole Dog Training Club on Saturday, August 25 he earned a 198.5 in Utility for his second Utility win and 20 more OTCh points. Beacon just turned 2 on April 18.

All Star Performance Dog Obedience/Rally Tournament Brags

On August 3 – 5, 2012, All Stars held their bi-annual Obedience and Rally Tournament at the York Fairgrounds, in York, PA. This competition is sponsored by All Star Performance Dog Association. Who are they, you may ask?

.....”All Star Performance Dog Association was founded in 2001 by a group of people with many years of experience in teaching, training, and competing at all levels. We share a strong belief in the importance of continuing to offer a classic tournament-style competition and we are pleased to kick off the eighth All Star Obedience and Rally Championships in 2012!

This premier tournament attracts top dogs and handlers representing over 50 breeds, including mixed breeds, from the U.S., Canada, and Bermuda for two days of intense but friendly competition. All Star Performance Dog Association was established to fill the void for the serious competitor when the Illini group retired in September of 2000, after 20 years of hosting the extremely popular Regional and Classic Championships. Our goal is to continue promoting, energizing, and expanding the sports of dog obedience and rally. Please mark your calendars now and plan to be with us for the All Star Obedience & Rally Championships, August 4th and 5th, 2012 at the York Expo Center in York, Pennsylvania. Visit their website at: www.allstardogs.org to see all the details about everything that is offered, qualifying criteria, 2012 results, and prizes offered.”

In Obedience – teams can compete in Novice, Open, and Utility level competition. There is also a Super Dog category, consisting of OTCH-titled dogs. These teams compete in a total of 5 rounds of competition, with each round consisting of 3 Open and 3 Utility exercises. After three rounds of competition over 2 days, winners are determined by the lowest number of accumulated points deducted in each round. As this is a tournament, no titles are earned.

In Rally, teams could compete in either Novice or Excellent level, with 3 rounds being offered over 2 days. There was also a Super Rally competition, which was for dogs with RAEs. These teams competed in 5 rounds of Rally over 2 days.

There were 6 rings set up, 3 in a row, sharing the common middle gate. Talk about distraction training!.... There were tons of distractions in this type of environment. Obedience classes ran in the morning, and Rally in the afternoon. At least for teams competing in both, the conflicts were minimal.

Rosettes are awarded to the top 10 teams in each level in obedience and rally. The top 4 placements include cash prizes and gift certificates to Max 200 – a major sponsor of the event.

My boy Jackson and I competed in Utility and Super Rally. Talk about a whirlwind two days. But we had fun, and made many new friends. In Utility – Jackson and I finished 9th, so received a great rosette.

In Super Rally, we finished in 2nd place, not only receiving a lovely rosette for our efforts, but \$250 cash prize, and \$250 gift certificate to Max 200. A great reward for our efforts.

It was great fun. I watched many of the top dogs and competitors compete in Super Dog. Mark your calendars for 2014 – and set your sights on some great fun!

Agility Column
Nick DeCesare

Time for a little truth in advertising. This will be short and to the point. The PVGRC October 26-27-28 agility trial opened August 27 and it closes October 6. If you are planning on entering I strongly suggested doing it ASAP. This trial filled last year and some folks didn't get in. We have made a small change and we will be offering FAST classes all three days. Also this trial has been designated by the trial committee as a "snow free" trial.

To run smoothly a trial needs volunteer workers. There are some fairly basic positions that don't involve any heavy lifting, the ability to do higher math or speaking in front of large groups of people. Ring stewards get a close up view of everything and running leashes is good exercise and you generally don't have to run. Maybe we should call it "walking leashes"? Anyway, we always have worker slots that need to be filled, so don't be bashful. We treat our volunteers really well. Our agility trials are major revenue producers for our club, so please consider being part of something that helps all PVGRC members.

I have a small but very important "handlers' tip" that applies to all agility exhibitors. When you enter the ring with your dog on leash and set your dog up to run the course, don't remove the leash until you hear the timer say "GO" or "READY". The sequence of events is the judge checks the course and makes sure the previous dog is on leash and leaving the ring. The judge then signals the timer who then pushes the start button. Electronic timers have a start button that produces a pre-recorded GO or READY voice. Agility trials can be noisy and you may not hear the GO signal. But better to be told twice to start than to have your dog break over the first obstacle before the timer hits the start button. I've seen this happen to experienced handlers. It's like anything else we do with our dogs whether in obedience or field, you have to wait for the judge to say "forward" or call your number. The good thing about agility is if you don't hear the "GO" the timer will hit the start button again, which is nice for those of us who don't hear so well anymore.

So let's move on to some tasty NEW TITLES! GOLLY G'S SEEKING SUPER CONNECTIONS OA, OAJ, NF (Arbegast), completed her Novice Fast and Open Standard titles on June 30, 2012, with 1st places. The next day she completed her Open JWW's title with a 3rd place. Saltaire's It's Meant To Be, BN AX AXJ NF WC, "Kharma" earned her AX at the Weimaraner Club of the Washington DC Area Agility Trial and her AXJ at the PVGRC Agility trial in June.

Field Brags

Beth Sokohl and You Have Got To Be Kidding earned their JH at the Presque Isle Retriever Test in Ohio in August.

And very good results for our club members at the Keystone Retriever Test last weekend:

d'Alex Childers and Alahna Honey Hale earned their JH, and Topbrass Osprey Vega earned her first two JH legs (Sprey was bred by Paige Jones, she is the daughter of Mia, who finished her SH in July, and sister to Jimmy, who finished his JH in July---the family is on a role!!!).

Leslie Darragh and Happydaugh's A Day In May UD WCX earned two JH legs, and Happydaugh's Clearwater Revival earned two JH legs.

Tricia Dunseith and Saltaire's Portside Tack CD RA MX MXJ MXB OF WC earned two JH legs, and Saltaire's It's Meant To Be CD BN AX AXJ NF WC earned two JH legs.

Janet Kaplan and Topbrass Deep Water Break WCX earned their first SH leg.

Beth Sokohl and You Have Got To Be Kidding JH WC earned their first SH leg.

And....Good Luck at the Master National!!!!

Paige Jones and Topbrass Call in The Reserves MH and Laura Weinmann and Raggedy Run's Time Well Wasted MH*** WCX CCA have both qualified this year....Congratulations and Good Luck....bring home the plate!!!!

Calendar of Events 2012

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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
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
November 11 TD/TDX Test Cross Junction, VA

December

December 16 Holiday Party & General Meeting TBD

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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.