



The Potomac Valley News

January – February 2014

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT!

I hope that everyone has had a happy and healthy holiday season. We missed a whole lot of you at the Christmas Party in December. Those of us that did make it enjoyed ourselves over a lovely lunch and capped the afternoon with a pretty dirty game of dirty santa. Thanks to the Ackerson's and the Kurtz's for arranging everything for a delightful afternoon party.

Changes are a coming- with our new by-laws there will only be half as many meetings but not necessarily events. Keep a watch on the club calendar on the web site. Not every event will be a sign in for points towards awards so be sure to keep track of club meeting dates.

Sharon Ackerson has been busy scouting out locations for events for this coming year. If you have any educational ideas of something you think the club members would benefit from please let her know. She will follow up with the education committee until they have a new chairman. We have also talked about combining some of our events as well so if you are interested in chairing an event please let her know or give me a call. We will be looking for chairpersons shortly.

Our obedience show is fast approaching, February is just around the corner, and Leslie Stanley is looking for stewards. We have two full days of obedience and she will need a minimum of nine stewards a day. We will also need help with set up and clean up. This is a perfect opportunity to help for those who don't have a dog in obedience. The judges will educate you on what they want done and Leslie has selected a wonderful slate of judges so you will have fun as you learn. If you have a dog entered we can also work around your schedule giving you plenty of time to warm up your dog. Stewards get lunch and a super smile of thanks. Please consider coming out and helping. Send Leslie an e-mail or give her a call.

Our breed and obedience show in April will also require help from members. Please call Cindy Williamson to offer to help. I will be planning a huge picnic for everyone on both days this year. That will mean that we will be asking club members to donate food. The plan is to stop judging and all have lunch together. I will be asking for donations at the end of March. The club will provide a meat or main course and we will ask you to donate your favorite salad or desert on

one day. There will be no food vender so we will picnic like in the "old days". I think this should be super fun. We can catch up with old friends and maybe make a few new ones. Look for the yahoo announcement in March.

Speaking of yahoo. Laurie Collins will be launching our second yahoo list. The board had voted on changing our yahoo list to an open status but after a large number of members opinions about that we reviewed the decision and have decided on having two yahoo lists instead. The original yahoo list will be for club announcements only. Laurie Collins and Janet Kaplan will be the ones to post on this list and it will be a closed announcement only list. The second list will be an open list with Laurie Collins and Tricia Dunseith monitoring it for content. It will become a discussion or chat list. The two yahoo lists should be up and operating soon and you will receive instructions on how to enroll yourself on the second list shortly.

We have two new members on our breed committee as two of our members have retired from that committee. Thank you to Jody Culver and Joanne Prothero for serving for many years on the committee. We also want to thank Sharon Kilrain and Belinda Gosnell for stepping up and agreeing to serve on the committee. A new chairman for the breed committee and the education committee will be announced shortly.

Clubs are only as good as their members. We are one of the biggest clubs in the GRCA and we have a reputation of doing things correctly, going out of our way to be inclusive, and always being hospitable . You get the picture--this can only happen when our club works together well. So please look at your schedule, offer to help, chair an event, lead a committee etc. we can be great if we all work together for the good of all. Be a giver and not just a taker!

See you around at our trials, matches, field days, agility trials, tracking and field classes as well as the tests, seminars and at our meetings and parties. Come out and learn, play, make new friends and catch up with some of your old friends that you haven't seen in awhile.

Debbie

CAN A SISTA GET SOME HELP....REALLY!!!!

Our second annual PVGRC All Breed Obedience Trial is coming up on February 8 and 9 at Catoctin Kennel Club in Point of Rocks, MD and we need stewards and since I have volunteered to be the Chief Ring Steward, this is my plea.

Please folks. I have spent a ton of time in the field over the past 5 months throwing ducks, throwing bumpers, quacking, yelling, blowing whistles, picking off ticks, swatting bugs, falling in the water, falling over decoys, tripping over loaded wingers (resulting in ducks sailing into the air when they shouldn't have), falling down in the weeds, kicking wingers, shooting, sweating and getting rained on. Had tons of fun and learned so much, not to mention earned a WC and my very first JH! Can a sista get a little bit of help for the obedience trial in February?

Seriously, we are in need of stewards for both Saturday and Sunday and on the job training and lunch will be provided. I could use a minimum of 9 stewards for each day, but would be nice if we had more because then nobody would have to work the entire day.

Come watch our beautiful Goldens do what they were bred to do. Wait, that's what the field folks say. Sorry, wrong sport. Come anyway. We have some seriously good obedience dogs within our breed.

Please email me at stanleyL3@verizon.net if you can spare a day or a half day so our obedience trial this year can be just as successful as it was last year.

Leslie Stanley



General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2013

Meeting was called to order at noon.

Present: Rita Baumgardner, Bob Crowley, Bernie and Donna Thompson, Ken Wiedel, Bill and Marie Huffman, Clayton and Sharon Kilrain, Joyce and Foster Riggs, Debbie Barrows.

No minutes were read.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

October 1 - October 31, 2013

Income

October Agility Trial \$29,178.00

Total Income for October \$29,178.00

Expense

Tracking Test-Judges Gifts \$150.00

Hunt Test \$658.10

GR News- Page in Field Issue \$275.00

Treasurer's Expenses \$108.55

February 2014 Agility Trial-Ribbons \$328.17

October 2013 Agility Trial \$18,787.12

Total Expenses for October \$20,306.94

Net for October

\$8,871.06

There were two new membership applications read and one new member was voted in.

President Debbie Barrows thanked the Tracking Trial Chair Marie Huffman and the Secretary Donna Thompson and all the track layers for a beautiful test. There were two TDs pass and no TDXs.

Debbie reminded people about the trust seminar on November 16th and to contact Sharon Ackerson about it. She also reminded everyone of the holiday party in December.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

What Did You Miss At The Holiday Party?????

The annual Holiday party was a great success with 6 door prizes plus many free entry fees offered from the club.

If you notice someone gaining weight – Kerry - maybe the tower of chocolate has something to do with it.

Also I am looking for the photo of Andy in his apron.

New members Ken Harringer and Ken Wiedel were honored for their extra volunteering efforts this year in field. Andy was recognized for his service as a board member, and his tireless help with the field events. Thank you all for your great help with club events...we could not do it without you!!!!

Thanks Jill and Bob Kurtz for the help again this year.

Members raised \$135 from the remembrance tree for the GRF rescue fund.

Did You Know????

PVGRC and its members make substantial contributions to charitable organizations every year. Here are the donations made by the club in 2013.

The board approved a \$750.00 donation to the GRF designating it to the ZEKE Cancer Fund. A donation of \$155.00 from a supported entry from the Salisbury Kennel Club show was also sent to the GRF.

The members who attended a dock diving demo raised \$280.00 to donate to GRF. Also the Holiday party remembrance tree raised \$123.00 for the rescue fund of the GRF. A \$100.00 donation sent to Southern Maryland Golden Rescue from the winner of the "nominate your favorite charity" contest. GRREAT received \$800.00 to support their run this year. Every year the club donates time, merchandise and space to GRREAT for an auction during the yearly banquet.

Dr. Townsend's eye study also received a small donation to help with the eye clinic held for her study.

Conformation Column
Joan Donohue
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Specials News

GCH Hillock's Sea Wynde (Lisa & Jim Cohen and Tammy Tomlinson) BOS at Tidewater KC Friday and Saturday and Virginia Beach Sunday. At the Virginia beach show, "Winnie" took home an owner handler group 3.

Ch Aquest Cottage Garden RA (Karen Schumaker and Joan Donohue) was BOS at the Thursday Talbot and the Upper Marlboro shows. "Daisy" is one point away from her Grand Championship.

GCH Sandpiper's Rock Star (Caroline Bruton & Patty Pace) was BOB at the Saturday Salisbury show and BOS Salisbury Friday and the Chesapeake KC of MD shows.

GCH Firestar's Go For Broke OA OAJ OF TD (Sharon & Clayton Kilrain) BOB at the Chesapeake KC of MD and select at the Upper Marlboro shows.

Class News

Raking up points is *Hillside Thriller of Oz* (Barbara Koenig) who has now has 9 points including a major with wins at Mispillion, all three Cumberland and Devon shows.

Emery's Pick Up Line (Madeline Aroney & Ann Vazquez & Adam Peterson & Brianna Bischoff) went WB/BOS at the Sunday Virginia Beach show and WB at the Saturday Tidewater show. Both wins were from ambred.

Adding more points to her total was *Sandpiper's Pink Lemonade* (Pam Simmons & Patty Pace) by going WB at the Mispillion show. "Chilly" was RWB at the Friday Tidewater and Saturday Salisbury shows.

Hillock's Glitter and Confetti (Lisa & Jim Cohen and Tammy Tomlinson) went WB from 9-12 class at the Friday Tidewater show.

At the Thursday Talbot show, *Goodtime's Perfect Ten* (Lisa Smith and Belinda Gosnell) got a Puppy Group 1.

At the Upper Marlboro show, *Genesis Coin Toss* (Teresa Blumberg) went RWD from 6-9.

Sandpiper's Pop Sizzle Fizz (Patty Pace & Michele Lemole & Caroline Bruton) was reserve and Best Bred By Exhibitor in show.

Chesapeake Golden Retriever club specialty in conjunction with Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club show.

Sandpiper Laughing Matters (Elaine Kandzari & Caroline Bruton & Patty Pace) 1st 6-9 sweeps and reg

Firestar's One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish (Cindy L Partridge) 1st sweeps 15-18 sweeps

Sandpiper's From A Distance (Mary Ann Bruton & Caroline Bruton & Patty Pace) 1st 6-9 sweeps and reg

Goodtime's Perfect Ten (Lisa Smith & Belinda Gosnell) Best in Sweeps

Ch Allseasons Six Sense (Cindy Partridge and Laurie Doumaux) 1st 11+ veterans sweeps and reg

Winterset Whole Lotta Woman CDX, RAE, MX, MXB, MXJ, MXP, MJP2, NFP (Sharon Ackerson & Jeff Ackerson) Best op veteran in sweeps

Hillside Thriller of Oz (Barbara Koenig) RWD

Golly G's Meet and Greet (Wendy Takacs & Teri Poetker) 1st bred-by

GCH My Buddy's Times They are A-Changin (Jeanette & George Makowskyj & Anna Golden) BOB

GCH Sandpiper's Rock Star (Caroline Bruton & Patty Pace) select

Reminder

I do search the "local" shows which generally include MD, VA, DE, PA, NJ, WV, NY, NC, OH and sometimes SC and GA for club members wins. Although, I spend a fair amount of time doing my searching, I can miss some wins especially sweeps where the results are not published online and match wins. To ensure your dog gets their well-deserved recognition, please send me the wins.

Agility Column
Nick DeCesare

The winter solstice has come and gone, Christmas is over and the New Year is here. Have you noticed the days are getting longer? By now everyone should have their new calendars, date books or those funny "app" things for your iPhone or Android cell phones with the blue tooth and the 4G LTE. That being said, I will open my \$6.99 Mead monthly planner and mark the following dates with my trusty Faber Castell Velvet #3557 No. 2 graphite pencil, the one without a USB connector.

Our Spring 2014 agility trial will be held at the Frederick Indoor Sports Center April 19 and 20. On Saturday, April 19 we will welcome the American Whippet Club who will be holding their National Specialty agility trial "within" our trial. This is a recent change in the AKC rules regarding trials and it is meant to help breeds with smaller registrations hold agility trials at their national specialties. So let's all extend a warm welcome to the American Whippet Club. This trial opens February 19 and closes April 2. Our judges for the April trial will be Susan Bankauf from New Jersey and Abbie Hanson from South Carolina. And don't forget, the Carroll Kennel Club will be holding their trial on Monday, April 21. So take a vacation day and joins us on Monday, too!

Our Summer 2014 agility trials will be held in Frederick on June 20, 21, 22. This year our trials land squarely on the summer solstice which means these will be the longest days of the year with almost 15 hours of daylight according to the Old Farmer's Almanac. Our June judges will be two "Golden guys", Clyde Closson and Darryl Warren from Pennsylvania. The June trial opens April 23 and closes May 28.

Then we take a four month break. Our Fall 2014 agility trials will also be held in Frederick on October 24, 25, 26. Our judges for the Fall trial will be Christin Dewey from Florida and Kim Crenshaw from Alabama. The October trial opens August 27 and closes October 1. Our Fall trial coincides with a new moon, which means it will be very dark after the sun sets.

So there you have it. Dates, judges, location, astronomical info, moon phases and other interesting trivia for all our 2014 agility trials. Please join us if you can. We always have openings for volunteer workers.

Link into PVGRC with your computer!!!!

Are you confused with the Yahoo Lists? Do you want a way to chat with PVGRC members about upcoming trials, field training days, general questions about our beloved Golden Retrievers, and don't know where to start? Laurie Collins has graciously explained our TWO Yahoo lists, for those (like me) who have to be spoon-fed computer instructions!!!

Yahoo Lists!

Club Announcements Only

Don't forget we have a Yahoo list set up if you want to get club announcements in a timely manner! That list can be found at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pvgrc/> (PVGRC) and you can join either by hitting the "Join This Group" button on the top right of that page or sending an email to pvgrc-subscribe@yahogroups.com. Your membership will have to be approved, which we will do as quickly as possible.

This list is very low volume. There are only a handful of club members with authority to post. Posts are mostly limited to info on club events, as well as occasional posts in reference to local health clinics, the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA), the Golden Retriever Foundation (GRF) and other posts we think the membership may find of interest.

PVGRC Discussion List

If you would like to interact more with other club members via email, we are setting up a PVGRC-Discussion list. As of this writing, that list is still in the process of being set up. (Yahoo has been having glitches for awhile!) As soon as the list is ready to go, we will send out an announcement on the Announcement list so people can join if they would like. Hopefully all will be ready to go by the time this newsletter is completed!

The list will be named PVGRC-Discussion, and you can find it at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PVGRC-Discussion/> (PVGRC hyphen discussion). Again, you can join either by hitting the "Join This Group" button on the top right of that page or sending an email to PVGRC-Discussion-subscribe@yahogroups.com. Memberships again will have to be approved, and any requests that come in before the list is ready to go will be approved as soon as the list is up and running.

Anyone who is a member of the Discussion list will be able to post about pretty much anything. Training questions or tips? Carpool requests? Brags? Tips on good bait to use in the show ring? Ideas for club programs? Offers to volunteer? Requests or offers for mentoring new club members? Etc., etc. Posts will not be moderated, but we will keep an eye on things to make sure all is kept civil and appropriate.

*** No litter listings will be allowed (you still need to go through our puppy referral for that). ***

What is the Best Way to Get Your Posts?

Because the Announcement list is so low volume, and because occasionally we do need to send last-minute requests/notices due to volunteer need, weather impact, whatever, you may want to receive your PVGRC list via Individual Email.

We expect the PVGRC-Discussion list to be higher volume, and if you'd rather not get many emails a day from that list, you have the option of setting your receipt of the Discussion list to either Daily Digest or No Email (Web Only).

How to Set Email Delivery

If you go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/mygroups>, all the groups you belong to will appear.

Go to "Edit My Groups" and each group will appear in a list.

If you go all the way to the right, you will see "Message Delivery". You can set each list up for different types of message delivery.

Individual Emails means each email comes into your in box as soon as it's sent.

Daily Digest means you'll get a number of messages consolidated into one email, generally delivered once per day.

No Email means you'll receive nothing in your in box at all, but you'll be able to read all messages on the web at your convenience by going to the actual group site (groups.yahoo.com/group/PVGRC or groups.yahoo.com/group/PVGRC-Discussion) to read the emails.

If you have any questions, you can always send a message to the list owner(s) at PVGRC-Discussion-owner@yahogroups.com or PVGRC-owner@yahogroups.com and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

A PVGRC Member is going to the NOI!!!

The NOI is the National Obedience Invitational...which is the ultimate in obedience competition. Only the TOP performers in obedience are invited. This year it will be held at the end of March in Harrisburg, PA. PVGRC is proud that we have a member that not only has been invited, but has been invited because they are one of the top 25 teams in the country in obedience. That takes countless hours of practice, and I don't know how many fronts and finishes!!!! Congratulations and Good Luck to Leslie Stanley and Beacon (OTCH Richwood Shining Moment, UDX, OM3, JH, WC, OBHF)!!!!



Sporting Dog First Aid

Thank you Sharon Albright for this great information!!!

Cooler temperatures mean hunting season for many dogs on the East Coast. Or maybe you and your pup simply prefer cold weather hiking and exploring. Whenever you venture outside with your dogs, a little planning and preparation can help keep everyone safe. Hopefully you have a first aid kit at your house. Do you have another one in your vehicle? There are many excellent kits available for purchase. However, if you and your dog enjoy outdoor sports such as hunting, hiking, or fishing, here are some additional first aid tips that can help minimize injury.

- Eye problems – Running through the fields and woods and swimming in natural waters all pose risks to your dog's eyes. Plant seeds can get stuck underneath the dog's third eyelid causing significant pain and damage. Sticks and debris can scratch the cornea or surface of the eye. Bacteria can infect the tissues surrounding the eye, known as conjunctivitis. Make sure your first aid kit contains a **large bottle of sterile saline**. You can purchase saline in the contact section of your drug or grocery store. It can be squirted directly onto the eyeball to flush away dirt, plant material and bacteria. Eyes are sensitive and merit immediate attention! Severe ulcers and punctures can result in blindness. Please have your dog evaluated by your regular or emergency veterinarian immediately if you notice squinting, redness, cloudiness, or discharge from your dog's eye(s).
- Wounds – Active dogs are at risk for cuts and wounds from sticks, logs, debris, & equipment such as boat trailers or ATV's. The worst case scenario is impalement, where a foreign object penetrates through the skin and body wall and into the abdominal and/or chest cavity. This can cause life threatening infection and damage to internal organs. Make sure you supplement your purchased first aid kit with **extra bandage material**. Superficial wounds and scrapes can be covered until you return home. Even superficial wounds may benefit from clipping away the fur and treatment with topical and oral antibiotics. So please follow up with your veterinarian once you return home. Have an **unopened package of white t-shirts** in your first aid kit. In the case of a gaping wound or impalement, you can place a clean cotton shirt onto/into the wound to stop bleeding and then bandage in place until you get to an emergency facility.
- Fish hooks – Even if you are not fishing with your dog, if you play near water there is a risk for impalement with a fish hook. This is a painful, but easily treated problem. If your dog is very painful or reactive, he/she may need to be sedated to remove the hook. However, many companions will allow you to remove the hook on-site. Add **bolt cutters and pliers** to your hunting dog first aid kit. Since fish hooks are barbed at the tip – you will have to push the tip of the hook through the skin (if not already exposed). Shield your eyes and those of your dog while you cut off the barbed tip with bolt cutters. Then use the pliers to remove the hook completely. Antibiotics are also helpful for these dirty wounds. So again, please follow up with

your veterinarian once home, or immediately if the hook is near a vital structure such as the tongue or eyes.

- Snake bites – Maryland is home to 2 poisonous snakes: copperheads and timber rattlesnakes. Familiarize yourself with the appearance of these snakes. Most dogs will yelp and jump when bitten, alerting their owners to the bite. While skin wounds may not be apparent, a snake bite merits emergency treatment for your canine. Your primary care veterinarian may not keep antivenin in stock. You should know ahead of time if your veterinarian has antivenin and is comfortable treating snake bites. Otherwise, educate yourself on the nearest emergency hospitals and inquire if they are comfortable treating snake bites.

(For more information on Maryland's poisonous snakes, visit http://www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/Plants_Wildlife/vsnakes.asp)

- Miscellaneous – Pack plenty of **clean towels, nylon dog boots, an orange vest for your dog, and plenty of clean water** in your vehicle or pack when venturing out with your dog. Make sure your primary care veterinarian and emergency facility phone numbers are in your cell phone contacts. If traveling out of your usual neighborhood, research the location of the closest emergency facility ahead of time and put that number in your phone as well. With planning and preparation, you can safely enjoy the great outdoors with your canine companion. Enjoy!

Field Brags

Beth Sokohl (bethsokohl@comcast.net)

The field events are largely over...but there are still a few die-hards that are travelling South for the last few hunt tests of the year!!!

New Junior Hunter!!!

Wendy Thomas reports that she and Riley (SunBay's Life of Riley BN RE) earned their JH at the Palmetto hunt test in Cheraw, SC. Congrats!!!

Master Legs!!!

Megan Baker and Ctrl Alt Del UD RAE MH OA OXJ OF WCX CCA** earned two more master legs at the Cooper River Hunt Test, and have officially qualified for the 2014 Master National.

Megan Baker and Weebe Put'N A Hex On You CDX RA MH NA NF WCX** earned a master leg at the Cooper River Hunt Test.

Beth Sokohl and Roux's Steamin' Red Hot Blues CDX RE MH OA AXJ NF WCX earned two master legs at the Cooper River Hunt Test, and have officially qualified for the 2014 Master National.

Calendar of Events 2014

January

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

February

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

March 23	Annual Awards Banquet/ Membership Meeting	Rockville, MD
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April

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

May

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

June

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

July

July 27	Super Singles	Cheltenham, MD
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August

August 9	Field Training Day	Cheltenham, MD
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September

September 13	Field Training Day	Cheltenham, MD
September 20	WC/WCX/Puppy Stakes/ Membership Meeting	Cheltenham, MD

October

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

November

November 9	Tracking Test	Cross Junction, VA
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December

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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.