



# The Potomac Valley News

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

You know the old adage that listening or eavesdropping on others conversations never comes out well for you, well it certainly gave me pause for thought this last week. I was having lunch at one of the recent dog shows and sitting by myself trying to rest a little before heading out to judge again when this conversation just wafted my way. Two ladies were discussing the show and the dynamics of putting this one together. The conversation got deeper and deeper about different things when all of a sudden the one lady said to the other lady that she had an awful time with the golden retriever people. She called them pissy to get along with, they weren't patient, expected everyone to bend to their ideas and were horrible gossips. Oh my, was my first thought, then I really got thinking about what is the common belief about people and their dogs having the same traits. So I went to the AKC web site to look at what they say about Golden Retrievers temperaments. Friendly, reliable and trustworthy. Quarrelsomeness or hostility towards other dogs or people in normal situations or an unwarranted show of timidity or nervousness is not in keeping with the Golden character. So then I got the thought---I sure hope my dog is as proud of me as I am of him.

Thanks to Nick and Sharon DeCesare and their committee of super workers for yet another wonderful agility trial. They work so hard and do it three times a year to boot! Thanks also to Sharon Albright and her committee for making our first training day in the fields wonderful. My coaches were Bob Kurtz and Leslie Peszczynski and I know there were other coaches with the other group and I say thank you to them also. As the saying goes it takes a village to raise a child, in this case it will take a whole club to make a field trainer out of me. Then thanks goes to our chairman for Veterans Day, Anne Strathern and Karen Wahler and for K-9 Olympics, Kerry Troxel and Joann Blackman. I know we will all have great days with our Golden's because they volunteered to host these events.

The Armstrong's are once again offering a beginners class in field work. My thanks in advance for their efforts. Their efforts started me and many others in the field. Many of us have come to love it because of the care they showed in teaching the how and why it is done. Please volunteer to help when they ask. Many hands are needed in the field when they are at the line teaching.

Finally, a thank you to Judy Gladson and Laurie Falter for volunteering to be the chairman and chief ring steward for our obedience trial in February. They will need volunteers to sit on their committee. Please call one of them now, put the commitment on your calendar, (7th and 8th of February) and be part of the village.

So, is your dog going to be proud of you? I am going to work hard to be all that I can be, and I just hope I can live up to his standard.

### **BEGINNER FIELD CLASS**

#### **THE CLASS IS LIMITED TO 15 DOGS SO SIGN UP EARLY.**

This is a structured six-session class. Sessions build upon each other so it is VERY important that participants attend the majority of sessions (no more than 2 should be missed- the class is limited so don't take up a spot if you can't attend). Emphasis is placed on dog and handler team work.

This introductory class is for dogs (retrieving breeds only) 7 months of age or older – no upper age limit.

Only one dog per handler.

Due to the limited number, dogs may not repeat the class. Handlers may repeat with another dog.

In order to sign up for the class you must be a member of PVGRC or have submitted an application to join.

One requirement of the class is that you volunteer to work one day at a PVGRC event this Fall. Either the WC/WCX (Sept 20) or the Hunt test (Oct 18 and/or 19).

**Class Dates:** June 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6, 13. All classes are held on Sunday.

**Time:** The first class will start at 9 a.m. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes early to air you dog and sign in. The class sessions last from 2 to 3 hours with an opportunity to remain after class to work with your dog.

**Cost:** \$30 for the 6 sessions. Please bring a check to the first class made out to PVGRC.

**To sign up or for more information contact:** Sue Armstrong [srarms@comcast.net](mailto:srarms@comcast.net)



PVGRC Board meeting: 11/21/13

Minutes:

Minutes were approved unanimously.

*Vice President's Report: (Sharon)*

- The matter of a new trailer has been researched and the conclusion reached that we don't need a new one.
- Tricia Dunsieith will do an inventory of all the Club's equipment with Sue Armstrong.
- Twelve members attended the Trust seminar and found it very worthwhile and informative. The presenter offered to help any member of the Club who wanted further information.
- The Holiday party will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Treasurer's Report:*

All recent income from the Agility Trial has been included.

November 1 - November 30, 2013

Income

October Agility Trial	\$7,607.00
Carol Cassity Seminar-Jacket Sale	\$50.00
Fall WC/WCX-Sale of Birds	\$93.00
Tracking Test	\$495.00
Ways & Means	\$345.00
Puppy Referral	\$25.00

Total Income for November \$8,615.00

Expense

Tracking Test	\$457.39
Hunt Test	\$2,358.79
GRCA Club Membership Dues	\$100.00

Tracking Class	\$240.00
June 2014 Agility Trial-Site Deposit	\$1,450.00
October 2013 Agility Trial	\$883.27
Spring Specialty 2014-Site Deposit	\$1,810.00
Field Training Day-Porta	\$84.80
Potty	
Equipment	\$59.64
GRF Donation	\$750.00
Total Expenses for November	\$8,193.89
Net for November	<input type="text" value="\$421.11"/>

*Breed Committee Report: (Tricia)*

Cindy Williamson, representing the The Breed committee, wants to add two new names to the approved judges list: Collette Janes and Michelle Stansbury-Gawenta. The inclusion of Collette Janes was approved; the nomination of Michelle Stansbury-Gawenta was tabled until the question of her residence (and therefore cost of her travel) could be resolved.

*Field Committee Report: (Andy)*

The case was made for the purchase of three (3) new blinds and two (2) wingers, which will cost a total of approximately \$1500. Motion to purchase was approved unanimously.

*Agility Committee Report: (Morgan)*

PVGRC Agility Trial Chairman's report for November 2013  
Submitted November 11, 2013

## OCTOBER TRIALS

The PVGRC Fall 2013 agility trials were held October 25-27 in Frederick, Maryland, at the Frederick Indoor Sports Center (FISC). This trial weekend was by far the largest in our fifteen year history with a total of 1905 entries over the three days, which is just 75 entries short of the maximum number of 1980.

Positive things from the trials: Having both rings in the same building, about 50 feet apart, made the trials run very smoothly. Crating was not a problem, which is a good thing considering the large entry. We had four exhibitors come in their RV / Motor homes. There was adequate parking. With one exception, the exhibitors did clean up after their dogs. Both judges were very complimentary of the club members who ran the trial. The AKC rep who was present was also happy with the way the trials were conducted. There were no problems with dogs or handlers. The trials finished around 5pm. The staff at FISC were very helpful and always available.

Things that could be improved: Logistically FISC was more challenging because we had to do our setup work Friday morning, which made our first class start at 9:30am instead of 8:00am. We may be able to improve the start time a little. I was hoping that with easier access to the Frederick area via I-270, I-70 and US15 we would see more club members coming out to help at our trials. That didn't happen.

Important facts from our October 2013 trials: Both judges drove to Frederick from the Philadelphia metro area, thus incurring only mileage and toll charges, but obviously no airfare.

One judge stayed with a relative in the area saving us three nights in a motel or about \$250.00. Neither judge wanted to go to dinner after the trial Saturday evening, saving us about \$75-\$80. One judge was provisional and charged a lower judging fee, which saved about \$150. Both judges requested separate checks for judging fees and expenses. I think separate checks for judges will be the rule for future trials.

The Friday, October 25 trial did not fill with only 587 entries but the Saturday and Sunday trials were both essentially full with 660 and 657 entries with waiting lists both days.

Summary: Our October 2013 trial should generate a substantial profit and will be the template for future trials. The amount of profit from future trials will depend, as always, on trial expenses and entries. We have \$790.00 of ribbons and rosettes in our inventory at the end of 2013.

## FUTURE TRIALS

The April 2014 trial application has been submitted and we have judges. On Saturday, April 19, the American Whippet Club will hold a "trial within a trial" at our trial in conjunction with their National Specialty. This is a change in the AKC rules to help breeds with smaller registries hold agility trials that won't lose money. This should help our entries since our trial falls on Easter weekend again. The Carroll Kennel Club will host a trial on Monday, April 21

The June 2014 trial applications have not yet been submitted. We have judges under contract. This will be a three day trial starting on Friday, June 20. This trial will have the same format as our October 2013 trial; Master/Excellent Only on Friday, all levels on Saturday and Sunday.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: There is a major conflict with our October 24, 25, 26, 2014 trial dates. The GRCA National Specialty will begin on the same weekend as our October agility trial. I have polled all the members who make up the core of our agility committee and are also our chief ring stewards, course builders and serve on the trial committee. ALL of them are going to the GRCA National in North Carolina. Simply put, as of today there will be NO PVGRC members with any agility experience available for this trial. I can fill some positions (chief ring stewards, course builders) with exhibitors, but the trial committee must be club members. We need three club members who are not going to the National to volunteer to serve on the trial committee. They do not have to have agility experience. If not, there won't be enough members to have a trial committee. No trial committee, no trial. Members living close to Frederick would be most desirable as committee members given their proximity to the trial location. Any help from the board will be appreciated. Sharon and I have no plans to go to the 2014 National.

I am not recommending suspending the October 2014 trial. It sets a bad precedent and reflects poorly on the club. It is time for some other members to step forward. I have two very popular judges scheduled for this trial and it should have another full entry. Trial committee members don't have to work but they must be present at the trial.

I know the October trial is 11 months away but we can't wait until August when we put the premium together to recruit committee members.

*Tracking Committee Report: (Penny)*

The Tracking test was held on November 10, 2013. There were approximately 16 workers each day. The Chair would like to personally thank everyone who volunteered. The following club members worked:

Donna Thompson, Test Secretary

Sharon Kilrain, TDX Tracklayer

Clayton Kilrain, TDX Tracklayer

Ken Wiedel, TDX Tracklayer

Rita Baumgardner, TDX Cross Tracklayer

Joyce Riggs, TD Tracklayer

Hospitality/Food coordinators: Nancy and Jim Runion, Saturday

Hospitality/Food coordinators: Debbie Barrows, Sunday

Driver for Judges and Tracklayers: Lynn Pacenta, Saturday

Driver for Judges and Tracklayers: Melissa Landriau, Sunday

Many other Club members provided food for our delicious breakfast and lunch.

There were two dogs entered in the TD, a GSD and a Bouvier; both passed the test.

Three dogs entered the TDX, A Golden, a Bouvier, and a GSD; unfortunately, no TDX dog passed.

Submitted by Marie Huffman, Test Chair

Oatlands has been contracted for the next Tracking class, to be held in January and February.

*Trophy Report: (Beth)*

The Trophy shop has moved to Hagerstown, so we'll need to find another vendor.

*Education committee Report: (Suzanne)*

The new education committee consists of Cindy Partridge, Pam Stirling, Leslie Peszcynski, Carol Nansel, and Bets Keen

Activities:

- Packets on PU are being sent to the puppy referral person to share with breeders and interested persons (Stirling)
- A program on dog nutrition is being planned (Peszcynski)
- An agility seminar is being looked into (Keen)

GRCA 2017 National:

Cathy Story gave a presentation on the need for a sponsoring club to host the 2017 National. 2014 will be hosted by Sandlapper; 2015 by Cincinnati; 2016 by Norcal; 2017 will be held in the Eastern Region.

A special committee has been established by GRCA to support local efforts and the National Handbook was updated in 2008; social media and electronic communications have greatly improved the planning. GRCA also offers loans and gives money for trophies. A barebones National would include Conformation (no Sweeps), Tracking, Obedience (no Rally), WCWCX, Field Trial (no hunt test), and an Educational program, which the GRCA coordinates. The GRF does the Top 20 and auction.

A motion was made and approved for Beth to explore the Club members' interest in sponsoring the National and report back at the next Board meeting.

*Nominating Committee:*

- Andy reported that the committee has been working and will present a slate at the Holiday party.

*Listserv proposal: (Suzanne)*

- It was proposed that the Club listserv (Yahoo group) be opened to two-way communication among members. The motion passed with a six-month trial period. Suzanne will work with Laurie Collins to set up a process for this change and will draft a notice to go into the newsletter and go out on the listserv explaining the process.

*Policy Manual: (Suzanne)*

- A committee has been formed to work on this, consisting of Marie Huffman, Jeff Ackerson, Cindy Partridge, and John Cotter. Work will begin after the first of the year.

*Budgets:*

- The Board determined that committee chairs will send a proposed budget to the Board prior to any event.

*Club Donations:*

- Based on Club member requests, the Club will donate \$750 to the Zeke Cancer Research Fund of the GRF. The secretary will send a note to the members who requested the donation, informing them of the action taken.

*Holiday Party Awards:*

- There was consensus to give awards to the new members who have gone “above and beyond” the usual volunteer (Andy’s suggestion). Committee chairs will be asked for their nominees for this award. Each will receive a club hat and the Committee Chairs will receive a Club shirt.

Meeting was then adjourned.

Next Board meeting – the transition to the new Board – will be held at Morgan’s home.



General Membership Meeting Minutes  
January 4, 2014

General Membership Meeting Minutes

CTA Training Building, Davidsonville, MD

Debbie brought the meeting to order and reminded the membership of the following upcoming events:

- Obedience trial in February; Debbie is chairing this event, and head steward Leslie Stanley is looking for volunteers; a minimum of nine stewards is needed for each of the two trial days.
- Awards Banquet in March; submit trophy applications to Joan Donohue; submit title information for rosettes to Kelly Armstrong.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Clayton reported December income of \$10,505.00 (hunt test) and expenses of \$3,394.23 (hunt test) for a net profit of \$7,110.77, YTD profits exceeding \$7,500, and cash-on-hand of \$95,909.97. Motion to accept made, seconded, and approved.

**Membership Report:** The membership voted on and approved the following new members:

- Sherry Siebel, DVM, Westminster, MD (interested in conformation, obedience and field; offered to help with education and field events);
- Jane Williams, Annapolis, MD (interested in conformation, rally and field; offered to help with hospitality)
- Karin Shinego, Fairfax, VA (interested in conformation; offered to help with the specialty and the newsletter).

Penny read the following names for consideration at the next meeting:

- Elizabeth Breyer, McLean, VA, sponsored by Debbie Barrows and Sharon Ackerson (interested in obedience, rally, therapy; offered to help with the specialty and the newsletter);
- Brian Foltz and Nicole Debernardi, Hagerstown, MD, sponsored by Debbie Barrows and Sharon Ackerson (interested in rally, tracking, field, dock-diving, nose work; offered to help with tracking; special talents include photography);
- Molly McEvoy, Woodbine, MD, sponsored by Pam Turgeon and Laurie Falter (interested in agility and field).

## **Nomination of 2014 Officers and New Board Members:**

Andy offered the names of Jeff Ackerson and Karen Wahler (aka Karen Schumaker) to replace outgoing Board members (Andy Moore and Morgan Francis) and to return the current slate of officers of Debbie Barrows as President; Sharon Ackerson as Vice President; Suzanne Miller as Secretary; and Clayton Kilrain as Treasurer. Move to accept, voted on, and approved.

### ***New Business:***

Sharon Kilrain is seeking members to sponsor the conformation and obedience trophies for the Spring specialty.

D'Alex Childers is seeking the name of a veterinarian in the Takoma Park area for one of her puppy buyers; contact D'Alex if you know of anyone.

### ***Old Business:***

Regarding PVGRC potentially hosting the 2017 National, please contact Beth Sokohl with your comments (positive or negative) regarding willingness to explore this venture. All comments will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

On Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at the all-breed show in Fredericksburg, VA, PVGRC will be participating in AKC's Meet the Breeds program; Sharon Ackerson will be there to staff the booth and is looking for others to help with this two-hour assignment.

Sharon Ackerson is seeking members to sponsor small prizes (soaps) for 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> placements in conformation, obedience and rally for the second day of the Spring specialty.

Sharon Ackerson is seeking members interested in chairing PVGRC's 2014 Veteran's Day and Christmas Party.

Cindy Williamson is seeking help with ring decorations for the Spring specialty.

Debbie reminded the membership to contact Jody Culver of the Sunshine Committee if you know of a member who is ill or has lost a family member

(human or canine) and could use some Club Sunshine in the form of a card or flowers. Members suggested the Sunshine Committee information be included on the website or in the membership directory.

Sharon thanked Leslie Peszczyński for recruiting Marcie Baer for today's presentation regarding acupuncture and cold laser therapy for pets.

Sharon also thanked Barbara Clem and her troop of elves Denise Perrego, Wendy and Bill Thomas, Leslie Peszczyński and unnamed others for providing a delicious lunch for the membership and guests.

While the membership was awaiting Marcie Baer's arrival, discussion began regarding various AKC requirements PVGRC must meet in order for the AKC to approve our applications to hold our events. Education (such as today's presentation, the club's tracking class headed by Debbie and Clayton, the club's field class headed by Sue and Rodger), community outreach (such as our participation next week in AKC's Meet the Breeds program, hosting a Canine Good Citizen test, offering the general public a "briefing" of what's going on in the conformation and obedience and rally rings at our specialty), holding a "B" match, quorums at meetings, etc., are all part of what's required so that we and our dogs can compete in the venues we so love. To that end, think of things and DO things that help the Club and all of us toward that end.

Just before Marcie arrived, Debbie advised that Nick DeCesare will be looking for a committee of folks to handle the Fall agility trial that will be held at the same time as GRCA's 2014 National. If you are not going to the National, contact Nick to see how you can help. Otherwise, we may have to pay another club to run our trial.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Presentation:** Marcie arrived and spoke to the membership regarding acupuncture and cold laser therapy. Thanks to "Spy" Huffman and "Ellie" Clem for being such good demo dogs for the presentation.



PVGRC Board meeting: 1/17/14

Minutes:

Minutes of the previous Board meeting were approved unanimously.

*President's Report (Debra Barrows):*

- The AKC's Eligibility Requirements to hold AKC events form has been filled out and submitted to the AKC. (See Addendum).
- Fall Match: after discussion, a motion was made and seconded to accept Sandy Selander's offer to host the Fall Breed and Obedience Match at her home in Great Falls on Sept. 21. Motion was voted on and carried.

*Treasurer's Report (Clayton Kilrain):*

*Breed Committee Report (Tricia Dunseith):*

Note: Joan Donahue is the Breed committee chair.

*Obedience Committee (Penny Geddes):*

- Leslie Stanley does not have enough stewards for the February show.
- We are talking to vendors to try to get to get food provided.

*Field Committee Report (Andy Moore):*

- The committee has decided to hold Super Singles and 6-7 training days this year.
- The WC/WCX will be held on May 3.
- One winger has been bought from Rodger and a second is being sought.

*Agility Committee Report: (Morgan Francis):*

Due to the conflict with the National this Fall, the committee chair needs the names of 5 people who will not be going to the National to serve on the trial committee.

*Tracking Committee Report: (Penny Geddes):*

There is nothing new to report. All previous members of the committee (Rodger Armstrong, Marie Huffman, Cher Snyder, Marge Paulding, chair) have agreed to continue to serve. They are working on choosing judges for the Fall test.

*Trophy Report: (Beth Sokohl):*

All but one trophy have been returned on and are being worked on by Rodger.

*Education committee Report (Suzanne Miller):*

The new education committee consists of Cindy Partridge, Pam Stirling, Leslie Peszcynski, Carol Nansel, and Bets Keen and will be chaired by Sharon Ackerson. Sharon reported that the committee members are very enthusiastic and are planning a series of programs. The first will be an acupuncture seminar in January, followed by a (date TBD) tattoo clinic and health clinic. Additionally, Sharon and Clayton Kilrain and Sharon Ackerson will attend the Meet the Breeds event at Frederick.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Committee budgets:*

Each committee should come up with a budget and compare their events to past years.

*Policy Committee:*

A committee to work on the policy manual has been formed, consisting of Suzanne Miller, Marie Huffman, John Cotter, Jeff Ackerson, and Cindy Partridge. They will begin to go through the constitution and by-laws and identify areas of policy and procedure that have not been addressed by the Board and need definition.

*Listserv/Yahoo list:*

The Board had an electronic vote to form a separate listserv/yahoo group for discussion that would be open to all members.

*Discussion:*

There was discussion of whether the Club should continue to hold Veterans' Day and the K-9 Olympics. There is low attendance although both are fun, non-competitive events. Sharon will check with the Armstrongs about using their property for the events this year.

*General Membership meetings for 2014:*

January, March, May (Veteran's Day), July (Super Singles), September (Match), December (Holiday party).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*2017 National (Beth Sokohl):*

Beth reported that about 60 people have responded to the inquiry on whether or not to host the National in 2017; they were about evenly split between yes and no, with

the majority of no's coming from the people who worked on it that last time PVGRC hosted it in 2005. Beth pointed out that major changes have been made in the organization and support of the National by the GRCA since then. An exploratory committee has been formed and will meet in February to discuss the work that needs to be done to hold the event. The Chesapeake GRC has offered to work with PVGRC to host the event.

New Committee liaisons:

Agility: Jeff Ackerson

Tracking: Penny Geddes

Field: Beth Sokohl

Obedience: Karen Shumaker

The Next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 19, at Beth Sokohl's house. Meeting was adjourned.

KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS A PICK-ME-UP????? Jody Culver is the "SUNSHINE" delegate for our club. Send Jody Culver an email, or give her a call....she will send a card saying how much PVGRC is thinking of them!!! Jody's email is: [tri-jgoldens@comcast.net](mailto:tri-jgoldens@comcast.net) or 301-432-0161.

**Conformation Column**  
**Joan Donohue**  
[Joan@aquestgoldens.com](mailto:Joan@aquestgoldens.com)

## **NEW GRAND CHAMPION**

*CH. Aquest Cottage Garden RA* (Karen Schumaker and Joan Donohue) picked up her last grand championship point by going BOS at the Wilmington Friday show. Now, Daisy is onto adding more titles after her name.

## **NEW CHAMPION**

*Dauninge Full Sail Tioga CD RN CGC* (Suzanne Miller & Vicki Saporta) picked up the last point to finish at the Saturday Shenandoah Valley show. I am sure Tioga will, also, be adding titles to his name.

*Hillside Thriller of Oz* (Barbara Koenig) finished his championship in style by going WD at the Chesapeake GRC Specialty.

## **SPECIALS NEWS**

*GCH Firestar's Go For Broke AX, AXJ, OF, TD* (Sharon and Clayton Kilrain) was BOB at the Saturday Shenandoah Valley and took home a Group 2 at the Wednesday York show.

*GCH Steadmor's Take A Gander* (Nancy M Sherick & Jacqueline J Morasco) was BOB at the Penn Treaty show and then onto a Group 1.

*GCH Sandpiper's Rock Star* (Caroline Bruton & Patty Pace) was BOB at Chesapeake specialty and BOS the Penn Treaty show.

*GCH My Buddy's Times They Are-A-Changin* (Jeanette & George Makowskyj & Anna Golden) was BOS at Chesapeake GRC specialty, BOB at the Sunday Shenandoah Valley show and took home a Group 4 at the Lancaster show.

## **CLASS NEWS**

*Etadoro Banner's Sunshine Glory* (Ruth Ann Kocian & Karin Shinego) was WD at the Sunday Shenandoah Valley Show and *Etadoro's Battle Ensign* (Karin Shinego) took home a Bred by Group 3.

*Apollo Firestar's Puppy Galore* (Cindy Partridge) picked up a major at the Penn Treaty show.

*Goodtime's Perfect Ten* (Lisa Smith & Belinda Gosnell) took home a major reserve, from the 12-18 month class, at the Baltimore show and was Best in Sweeps at the Chesapeake GRC specialty.

*Sandpiper's Pink-A-Boo* (Patty Pace & Caroline Bruton) was WB/BOS at the Baltimore show for a major.

*Sandpiper's Pink Lemonade* (Pam Simmons) picked up a major at the Saturday Maryland Sporting Dog show. At the Sunday show, *Graceken Lycinan Earthshak'n* (Cindy Williamson) took home the major.

*Odysseys Jupiter O Maximus at SinJin* (Nancy St John and Rodger Hickey) went WD, for a major, at the Gunpowder specialty.

*Golly G's Meet and Greet* (Wendy Takacs and Teri Poetker) took home a major reserve, from the bred by class at the Gunpowder specialty.

*Teran's Sunkota Positively Paisley* (Cathy Story) was Best in Sweeps at the Gunpowder specialty show.

*Genesis Coin Toss WC* (Teresa Blumberg) Best of Opposite in sweeps at Chesapeake Specialty show.

**POTOMAC VALLEY GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB** Highlights:

*Teran's Sunkota Positively Paisley* (Cathy Story) – WB

*Genesis Coin Toss WC* (Teresa Blumberg) - RWD

*GCH Firestar's Go For Broke AX, AXJ, OF, TD* (Sharon and Clayton Kilrain)- select

For additional wins, please use the following links to the marked catalog.

<http://www.clantyre.net/secserv/Specialty/PVGRC-2014-Marked-Catalog-FRI.pdf>

<http://www.clantyre.net/secserv/Specialty/PVGRC-2014-Marked-Catalog-SAT.pdf>

**TRACKING NEWS** (from Marge Paulding) (email brags to [mkpgold1@verizon.net](mailto:mkpgold1@verizon.net))

I am so very happy!...not only has spring finally arrived, but I have “tracking brags” to share with everyone..... Yeah !

\*\*\*Chris Zink and Hobby (aka Gaylan's Time Well Wasted TD, NAJ, WC) earned their TD on 11/30/13 at Winston-Salem's tracking test..... here is Chris's tracking tale:

Knowing how hard it can be to get into a tracking test, I entered Hobby at every trial in the late fall of 2013 that was within a day's drive. November 30 (Thanksgiving weekend) saw me in Winston-Salem, NC with perfect weather for our first attempt at the TD, under Allison Platt and Phil Gallagher. My test was held in a field with large hay bales scattered throughout.

We started off well, but at the second turn, Hobby struggled. There was a bunch of large rocks there and three hay bales next to them. After he searched at that turn for what seemed to be an eternity, with me looking around trying to figure out where the heck that track went (impossible task, of course), I decided to just let him work it out, and squint my eyes and concentrate only on what his tail and rear legs look like when he is on the track. So whenever I saw that, I followed him. We kept moving and he kept turning and then suddenly, there he was, with the glove in his mouth. I was so much in the zone I didn't even realize we had gotten to the end of the track! Such a thrill!

The club was phenomenal, and I recommend them to anyone who wants to do a tracking test. Great grounds, great people, great food, and best of all, as a prize for passing, they sent me a gorgeous framed, hand-drawn, color version of my track, which is now posted on my wall.

Finally, thank you to Marie Huffman for certifying Hobby.

\*\*\*Wendy Takacs and Greta (aka Golly G's Meet and Greet) earned their TD at the Burlington Kennel Club (NJ) tracking test March 16, 2014. First try!

Congrats to both of these teams on earning their TDs. Both are now working at TDX, as both teams – human and canine – love the sport of tracking.

Happy tracking tails... Marge

## **Agility Column**

Nick DeCesare

The Spring 2014 PVGRC agility trial was held in Frederick, Maryland on April 19 & 20 at the Frederick Indoor Sports Center. The weather was beautiful and we had a full trial on Saturday and nearly 600 runs on Easter Sunday. This year our attendance was much better than past years when our trial coincided with Easter. The trials ran efficiently and we were off the parking lot by 4:15 thanks to the hard work of a small but dedicated group of PVGRC members.

We had so much fun at the agility trial that we are going to do it again June 20-22, 2014; same trial site and probably a lot of the same players. We have Darryl Warren and Clyde Closson, two judges with Goldens, from Pennsylvania. Because our trial coincides with the Summer solstice, June 21 at 6:51A.M. (EDT), anyone with a dog named Ra, the ancient Egyptian solar deity, will receive a nice prize. Dogs with an RA title do not qualify. But enough levity.

I do have an important announcement regarding our June agility trial. Per the terms of our contract with FISC, we will have to totally clear both rings after our trial for other events Friday evening. FISC has made a room on the first floor available to us for crate storage overnight Friday night as well as space on the mezzanine level for overnight crate storage. This will apply only to Friday evening. We do not have to clear either ring after the trial on Saturday. Please share this information with all your agility friends. This is a small inconvenience for being able to hold our trials in a great facility like FISC.

This wouldn't be a complete agility column if I didn't once again ask for volunteers to help at our trials. FISC is a very nice, climate controlled facility. Compared to some grass fields and horse barns we used to compete in, FISC is positively palatial. Nobody gets sunburned, nobody gets rained on and nobody has muddy shoes at the end of the day.

I really would like to report some new titles, but.....someone forgot to send them.

## **Obedience Brags**

**Lesley Stanley**

Hey! I have never bragged about my dog to PVGRC before, but I am just bubbling over with this one so want to pass it on. Creedence (Happydaugh's Clearwater Revival CD SH WCX) went to his first Open A trial at the Wilmington Kennel Club show last weekend (March 9). We walked into the ring and I could feel the magic happening. He scored 199.5, winning not only his event but High In Trial. Pretty fun stuff from a little field golden that just does this obedience stuff part time. What a good boy! I will have a smile on my face for quite a while after this.

## **Field Brags**

**Beth Sokohl**

(PLEASE!!! Email brags to [bethsokohl@comcast.net](mailto:bethsokohl@comcast.net))

## **MASTER NATIONAL QUALIFIERS!!!!**

By passing the Wiregrass Retriever Club's Master test in February, Martha Cole Glenn's Trifecta's Steeplechase Bet, MH, WCX (Chase) became eligible for the 2014 Master National. He has passed seven straight tests, but one was with a club that is not a member of the Master National.

Also joining the ranks of Master National Qualifiers are Topbrass Mischief Maker MH and Adirondac's Weebe Put'N A Hex On You CDX RA MH NA NAJ NF WCX\*\* both owned by Megan Baker.

Also, taking advantage of the Master Hunter Lifetime Achievement Title:

Topbrass Call In the Reserves MH27\*\* and Paige Jones...congratulations!!!

## **NEW SENIOR HUNTER!!!!**

Congratulations to Pam Turgeon and Wakemup Wild Child CD RN SH WCX who earned their senior hunter title at the Rappahanock Hunt Test!!!! On to Master!!!

**In case you missed the awards banquet, the 2013 Hap Arnold Award was awarded...this is one of the most important awards this club can give, and below is the presentation that was given by Marie and Bill Huffman. Congratulations Andy Moore!!!**

## **The 2013 Hap Arnold Award**

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

Hobart Sloan Arnold, Hap, was among the founding member of PVGRC and a Life 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 many times, and was the official Statistician for the GRCA for more than 20 years. Just months before his death, and in failing health, Hap stepped forward to serve as Chief Conformation Steward for the 1994 Eastern Regional Specialty, when no one else would. A teacher of those new

to dogs, a trusted friend of old-timers, and a man dedicated to the Golden Retriever and the sport of dogs, we are proud to honor his memory.

Bill and I have been members of PVGRC since the first year of its inception. We knew Hap well and it is a pleasure for us to present this award. Some people are members of our club for a long time before they will step forward and get really involved while some others jump right in and get their feet wet. Wet feet both literally and figuratively. Wet feet while working at all of our club field events, from our training days to our working certificate tests and our Hunt tests. Not to say that this is the only place you will see this hard worker. You may have seen this person last April working at our Specialties or again this past February stewarding at our all breed obedience trials. Described as a hard worker who always has a positive can-do attitude and a great sense of humor. A past member of the Board of Directors. An inventor of our duck dryer used at all of our field events, a person who hauls our trailer all around wherever it is needed, loads and unloads the trailer. Donates hand made items to our raffles and makes great judges gifts. By now you must all know that this years recipient is none other than our own Handyman, Andy Moore.

# 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 19	Board Meeting	Glenwood, MD
March 23	Annual Awards Banquet/ Membership Meeting	Rockville, MD

## 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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