



The Potomac Valley News

March – April 2020

Trophies & Prizes from the Feb 28 SPRING SPECIALTY

The Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club offered the following trophies and prizes through the courtesy and generosity of members and friends.

The Board regrets the list of donors did not appear in the show catalog. The Board is grateful to each donor for their support.

Conformation

Best of Breed, Large Wooden Duck Decoy Offered by Della Micah in honor of Laurie Doumaux

Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, Large Wooden Duck Decoy offered by Holly Kelley

Best of Winners, Engraved Crystalline Trophy, offered by Suzanne Miller in loving memory of CH Dauninge Full Sail Tioga CD RA CGC TDI

Winners Dog, Medium Wooden Duck Decoy offered by Cindy Williamson/Lycinan Goldens

Winners Bitch, Medium Wooden Duck Decoy offered by Pet Acupuncture and Wellness Service

Reserve Winners Dog, Small Wooden Duck Decoy offered by Pet Acupuncture and Wellness Service

Reserve Winners Bitch, Small Wooden Duck Decoy offered by Belinda Gosnell in memory of Sydney, Goodtime's All Things Considered

Best Puppy, Small Wooden Duck Decoy offered by Chris Browning/Eldorado Goldens

Best Veteran, Small Wooden Duck Decoy offered by Sharon and Clayton Kilrain, in memory of Archer, CH Bonacres Firstar Enterprise TD RE BN WC

First through Fourth in all Regular and Non-Regular Classes, Dog related item.

Junior Showmanship

Best Junior Handler, Small Wooden Duck Decoy offered by Eta D'oro Goldens

First through Fourth in all Regular and Non-Regular Classes, Dog related item.

Obedience & Rally

Highest Scoring Dog from Regular Classes, Large Wooden Duck Decoy offered by John and Cher Snyder

Highest Scoring Combined Open B & Utility Classes, Medium Wooden Duck Decoy offered by John and Cher Snyder

Highest Scoring AKC Champion of Record, Small Wooden Duck Decoy offered by Chris Browning, in Loving Memory of Karen Stovener & Karing Goldens

Highest Scoring Dog with an AKC Field Trial or Hunting Title or GRCA WC or WCX, Small Wooden Duck Decoy offered by Andy and LeeAnn Moore

Highest Scoring Dog with an AKC Tracking Title, Small Wooden Duck Decoy In loving memory of Tor - Fast-Trak's Need For Speed VCD2 CDX RA TDX JH OA AXJ XF WCX VCX CCA. Owned by Nick and Sharon DeCesar

Highest Scoring Dog with an AKC Agility Title, Small Wooden Duck Decoy offered in honor of Sun Bay Edgehill's Tickle Pink BN CD RE AXP OJP CGC CCA, Owned and Loved by Jimmy & Nancy Runion

Highest Scoring Veteran from Regular, Optional Titling or Non-Regular classes, Small Wooden Duck Decoy offered by Sharon and Clayton Kilrain

Highest Combined Rally Advanced B & Excellent B, Medium Wooden Duck Decoy offered by Marge Paulding, in honor of Summer - my first RAE dog (aka...Evergreen's Summer in the Mountains VCD3 UD TDX AX AXJ RAE JH WCX VCX)

Highest Combined Rally Triple Qualifying Score in Advanced B, Excellent B & Master, Medium Wooden Duck Decoy offered by Karen Schumaker, in celebration of all the dog-and-handler teams having fun in the Rally ring!

First through Fourth in all Regular and Non-Regular Classes, Dog related item.

General Prize Fund

Karen Schumaker, Alaine Hamilton/Dromara Goldens, Pet Acupuncture and Wellness Service

Trophy table at Feb 28 SPRING SPECIALTY!!



President's Message

Spring is around the corner! By the time you read this, the ducks and geese will be well on the way to their summer grounds, daffodils will be blooming, the water will be warm enough for our dogs to dive in, and the annual debate over flea and tick preventatives will be well underway.

Our Spring Specialty was a resounding success — a time for those of us who hibernated to emerge from our dens and greet old friends, meet new ones, love on the new puppies, and cheer for the sugar-faced veterans. Such a multi-venue endeavor could not have been possible without the time, energy, and experience of our talented volunteers and the enthusiasm of newcomers learning the ropes from those with the institutional knowledge of how to get things done. It was so good to see old friends, without whom this Cub would not exist, and new faces, ready to take new levels of responsibility.

First, on behalf of the Board and the membership, I'd like say a deep and profound Thank You to Beth Sokohl and Betsy Harringer, without whose hard work as President and Vice President, we would not have had so many venues, activities, and events last year to learn at and enjoy with our dogs. We have so many very knowledgeable and accomplished members, and Beth and Betsy made sure we had ample opportunity to visit, practice, and learn from each other. Plus, who knew so many of our members could bake so well!! I see more pot luck lunches down the road!

One challenge facing the new Board this year is to better show our appreciation for our hard-working volunteers. As a club, we do sponsor many events, which takes a small army to pull off. And that small army needs support, love, and help. It takes a lot of time and effort to put on any event, from a major show to a training day to a fun afternoon of games. And we, as a Club, need to do two things well (we already put on stellar events): 1. e need to show those who put in so many hours for the benefit of all that we appreciate and value them, and 2. we need to bring along new members, teach them the ropes, and make them feel just as valued and welcome.

This may be the most difficult task of this Club — and we need your help. If you have ideas, if you know ways that other clubs (not just dog clubs!) manage this issues of volunteer appreciation and recruitment, if you know what would get you more involved, please feel free to talk to any Board member about your concerns and ideas. We have formed an ad hoc committee to come up with proposals, with Gary Neuman, Betsy Harringer, and Laurie Collins. Talk to them or any Board member you feel comfortable approaching. Those of us who have been involved in this group for a long time, know how supportive and inclusive it can be — and we want everyone else to feel the same way. Dog people are just the best people.

So, happy Spring and happy training!!!

Suzanne

PVGRC ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Mark Your Calendar!!!!

It's the ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET!!!

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Cattail Creek Country Club

3600 Cattail Creek Drive

Glenwood, MD

12:30 to 4:00

Lunch, Door Prizes, Awards, Rosettes, and a Great Slide Show

What More Can You Ask For????

Tickets are \$30 per person!

Mail your requests for reservations with your check payable to PVGRC to:

Beth Sokohl

110 McGlaughlin Road

Gettysburg, PA 17325

Questions: Contact Beth Sokohl at 301-641-8606 or bethsokohl@gmail.com

Please RSVP by Tuesday March 10, 2020



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NEWSLETTER NEWS.....

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS – NEXT ISSUE IS May – June 2020.

Your deadline for column submission is April 26.

AND....Please provide DATES for your events so I can fill in the calendar at the end of the newsletter.

MEMBERS please continue to send BRAGS or other items of interest relating to our established COMMITTEES to our Committee Chairs (see last page with contact info). The Committee Chairs will include your brags and other news in their submissions to me.

If you have items to send to me directly, April 26 is your deadline. My hope is to publish by May 10. I look forward to your submissions!

Mary Ann Massie

slipknotfarm@aol.com



WELCOME SPRING!!

COMMITTEE COLUMNS/UPDATES: The Board encourages ALL PVGRC members to email Committee chairs with news, items of interest, or brags!

TRACKING COLUMN (Marge Paulding, mkpgold1@verizon.net)

Hope everyone is enjoying the mild winter we have had so far. PVGRC's Tracking class participants and instructors are probably very thankful they have not had to deal with lots of snow on the ground.

Have your calendars handy? Please make note of PVGRC's fall TD/TDX test is Sunday November 8, 2020, in Lovettsville VA, with headquarters at the home of Jill & Bob Kurtz.

Don't forget to share your news of Tracking titles earned. There has been a "drought" in this area, so hope this is the year for some new TDs.

Happy Tracking Tails!... Marge

AGILITY AND FAST CAT COLUMN (Nick DeCesare, kiowagold@gmail.com)

Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club will hold our first agility trial of the year on April 18 & 19, 2020 at the Carroll Indoor Sports Center in Westminster, MD. This is the same site we used to hold our trials from 2003 until 2013. The Carroll Kennel Club will hold an agility trial at the same location on Friday, April 17, 2020. The judge for all the trials this weekend will be Diane Fyfe from Florida and all three trials are open now and will offer 350 runs all three days.

The Carroll Indoor Sports Center is now under new management and a new ring surface has been installed along with other site improvements. Carroll Indoor offers a large 100' x 100' ring, lots of crating space, more than enough parking, room for vendors, a moderately priced food vendor that will be open all day and we will be the only event being held at the site that weekend.

We will return to Westminster again for our June 19, 20, 21, 2020 summer agility trial. This three day event will offer an Excellent / Master Only trial on Friday and all classes on Saturday and Sunday. Our judge for the weekend will be Ben Gibbs from Kingsport, Tennessee.

Due to AKC regulations regarding distances between clubs holding agility trials our September 5 & 6, 2020 will be held at the Frederick Indoor Sports Center. These will be 350 run trials and our judge will be Sandy Moody from Georgetown, Delaware.

Nick

OBEDIENCE & RALLY COLUMN (Mary Ann Massie, slipknotfarm@aol.com)

PVGRC's 2020 Obedience and Rally Trials started bright and early Friday morning, February 28th, with Obedience Judge Bill Craig of Cheshire, Massachusetts, and Rally Judge Diane Stout of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, welcoming ready-to-go Golden Retrievers and handlers to their rings. Many earned legs, some earned new titles, and all left the ring with their best friends. Chief Ring Steward Pat Kavanagh once again assembled a most excellent team of volunteers to expertly steward those rings. We extend HUGE THANKS to Pat, Amy Brown, Lyn Cortright, Nick DeCesare, Patricia Dunseith, Cindy Harbaugh, Betsy Harringer, Elissa Knoff, Lorraine McPartland, Tina Moran, Marge Paulding, Marla Stoner and any unnamed others for helping to make a great day for everyone involved. All of you made PVGRC shine! You ladies and gentlemen are the best!

Ever grateful,

Mary Owens and Karen Schumaker

Obedience and Rally Co-chairs

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TROPHY WINNERS!

Obedience:

Highest Scoring Dog from Regular Classes - Pine Run's Next Stop Everywhere UDX4 OM7 JH AX AXJ and Maggie Lamb

High Combined Open B & Utility Classes - Pine Run's Next Stop Everywhere UDX4 OM7 JH AX AXJ and Maggie Lamb

Highest Scoring AKC Champion of Record - GCHB Charms Causin' Commotion TKN RN BN CGC THDN and Amy Alsante

Highest Scoring Dog with an AKC Field Trial or Hunting Title or GRCA WC or WCX - Pine Run's Next Stop Everywhere UDX4 OM7 JH AX AXJ and Maggie Lamb

Highest Scoring Dog with an AKC Tracking Title - unclaimed

Highest Scoring Dog with an AKC Agility Title - Pine Run's Next Stop Everywhere UDX4 OM7 JH AX AXJ and Maggie Lamb

Highest Scoring Veteran from Regular, Optional Titling or Non-Regular Classes - Sun Bay's Flash This Just In CDX BN RAE CGC CCA - Barbara Clem

Rally:

Highest Combined Rally Advanced B & Excellent B - PACH RACH Goldenshores Stellar Storm UD BN RM2 RAE - Maggie Lamb

Highest Combined Rally Triple Qualifying Score in Advanced B, Excellent B & Master - PACH RACH Goldenshores Stellar Storm UD BN RM2 RAE - Maggie Lamb

BRAGS...

"Shenan", Gatsu's Daughter of the Stars and Moon RE CGC, has been invited to attend the 2020 AKC Rally National Championship.

Sharon Ackerson

CONFORMATION COLUMN (Cindy Williamson, cindy@lycinan.com)

Our Spring Specialty, held on Feb 28, at the Howard County Fairgrounds, was a great success. This was due to all who helped, in any capacity – and there are lots of you. We seemed to have had more volunteers than usual, which really made the show run smoothly. There were plenty of complements and minimal complaints. Special thanks to Show Chair-Cindy Partridge, Obedience Co-Chairs-Mary Owens and Karen Schumaker, Trophy Craftsman- Roger Armstrong and Raffle Basket Designer- Belinda Gosnell. Thanks to all the stewards, hospitality hostess, yummy baker (Barbara Koenig), clean up and set up people, catalog and raffle salespeople.

The conformation committee asks for suggestions for judges for our next specialty, both regular classes and sweeps. Judges are normally hired in the spring. Please send suggestions to cindy@lycinan.com

Brag:

Aquest Solar Savoy Truffle ("Savvy") won the Best 4-6 Month Puppy in Show class at our PVGRC Specialty; owners Karen Schumaker and Joan Donohue are proud as punch!

Brag are only published if the owner sends them to me... ;-)

Cindy

Calendar of Events 2020

January

Membership meeting TBBA

February

February 28 PVGRC Specialty W Friendship MD

March

March 15 Awards Banquet/Membership Mtg Glenwood, MD
Mar 28 Field training Cheltenham, MD

April

Apr 25 Field training Cheltenham, MD

May

May 30-31 Hunt Test Cheltenham, MD

June

June 13 Field training (live flyers) Cheltenham, MD

July

July 12 WC/WCX test Cheltenham, MD

August

Aug 2 Field training (water only) Cheltenham, MD

September

Sept 13	Field training (live flyers)	Cheltenham, MD
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October

Oct 10-11	Hunt Test	Cheltenham, MD
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November

Nov 8	TDX/TD Tracking test	Lovettsville, VA
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December

Potomac Valley Golden Retriever Club Officers

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