



The Potomac Valley News

May – June 2020

President's Message

These are strange and challenging times. For many of us, it is a time of fear, sadness, or loneliness; for others, it's a time of stress, trying to do both our jobs and manage our households in a new environment. The one thing I have noticed, in all my interactions with friends and acquaintances, is that those of us who have dogs in our lives are infinitely better off emotionally and even physically than those who do not.

My (admittedly few) friends who do not have dogs are feeling housebound and forced to create leisure activities. Those of us with dogs are forced outside in all kinds of weather to walk, run, train, and generally entertain and interact with our canine companions. and those of us fortunate enough to have Golden Retrievers are treated regularly to their unbridled joy, goofiness, and love.

Since I am retired, I fortunately don't have to figure out work — or school for kids, for that matter. So I wake up and Tybee sits on my bed, staring at me (actually, usually kissing me) ready for the day's activities to begin. The first of several playing/training sessions begins. Retrieving tennis balls, bumpers, jumping, heeling practice, blinds, swimming, swimming with bumpers, (post-swimming bathing), and more tennis balls. So our days pass, with gardening and cooking and reading scattered in between.

I'm sure it's much the same for many of you. Pat Kavanaugh recently pointed out that there are so many good videos posted now of training techniques and problem-solving and game and conditioning ideas. I see many of them on Facebook, but I know there are so many more.

So here's the challenge. We can't train together — sadly, PVGRC has had to cancel all its events and activities for the foreseeable future, until we know how and when we can all get together again. But we can still share our experiences — what we are learning, what we are doing with our dogs — both for training in all the venues and for fun. Got a great game? Got a fabulous exercise? Reworked an old training technique for a new dog? We'd love to see it!

So share your experiences — video, photos, text, whatever your skill set is. PVGRC has a Facebook page just waiting for you. Post what you've been up to with your dogs. Even just cute photos are a balm to the soul these days. Puppy photos? Even better! Or post the

photos you would have included in the slide show at the Awards Banquet, if you don't have a video.

I know most of you — and I know there are many. many good, informative, helpful videos out there you can share with the Club. And, since they are posted with attribution, new members and members new to a certain venue may comment and ask questions or clarification — thereby helping out our whole community.

So, since we are socially distanced for the certain near future, let's bring our Club together to learn from one another and have fun. I look forward to seeing you all virtually.

Suzanne

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New member news.....

The club has received a membership application from Karen Shipley of Hanover, PA. Her membership has been endorsed by Courtney Lonchena and Amy Alsante. Karen is most interested in conformation, rally and tracking. Karen has offered to help the club with the spring specialty, hospitality, annual banquet and programs..

Should any club member have any comments, please forward them to me within 30 days. After that they will be voted on at the next board or membership meeting.

Rita Bumgardner

NEWSLETTER NEWS.....

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS – NEXT ISSUE IS July - August 2020 .

Your deadline for column submission is June 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, June 26 is your deadline. My hope is to publish by July 10. I look forward to your submissions!

Mary Ann Massie

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JACKSON

3/21/2004 – 3/20/2020



From Marge & Bob Paulding: On 3/20/2020, under a sunny and beautiful blue sky, we helped Jackson to a place where he would be free of pain. Our house is very empty, and most definitely our hearts are broken. He was our best “bud” and my teammate in so many adventures. A cancer survivor of Apocrine Adenoma carcinoma, he surpassed his life expectancy. You were the BEST Jackson boy! Enjoy all those endless snuffles in the grass and snow!

**MACH2 PACH2 U-CH, U-CD, OTCH-C ARCHMX Mirasol's Nose The Way VCD3 UDX
OM1 GO VER RAE4 FDC MXC MJC MXP7 MXPS MJP6 MJPS PAX2 MFB TQX MFP
T2BP SWA SCNE NW2 L1C L1E VT-CCH UD-C CDX-C RL1X2 RL2X3 RL3X2 RLVX2
RATO CGCA TKA NCC, TG-N, O-NJC, O-NAC, O-TN-N, O-WV-N; WC, VCX**

AKC

Conformation: Minor Pointed, 3 pts, all owner handled

.... 2011 GRCA National – 1st place in AOH class

Obedience: VCD3, UDX, OM1, GO, VER (10 OTCH Points)

Tracking: TDX

Rally: RAE4

Agility: MACH2, PACH2, MXC, MJC, MSP7, MXPS, MJP6 MJPS, PAX2, MFB, TQX, MFP, T2BP

.... 2011 Agility Nationals, 20” Reg - #60 w/4 clean rounds out of 400 entries

ScentWork: SWA, SWNE

Trick Dog: TKA

..... CGCA, FDC

..... Achiever Dog 2/3/18

NACSW: NW2, L1C, L1E

CDSP

Obedience: OTCH-C, VT-C, VT-B-HIT, VT-CCH, UD-C, CDX-C, CD-C

... Top 20 National Annual Rankings:

..... 2012 - #20 Novice B; 2013 - #5 Open B,

..... 2014 - #12 Novice C, #7 Open B, #20 Open C, #4 Utility A

..... 2015- #1 Utility B; 2016 -#5 Versatility B; #2 Versatility C

UKC ---Breed: Championship U-CH; Obedience: U-CD

GRCA: Field: WC (Working Certificate); VCX (Versatility Excellent)

World Cynosport:

Rally: ARCHMX, RL1X2, RL2X3, RL3X2, RLVX2, RLV-AOE; multiple Top20 National Rankings

Barnhunt RATO

NADAC Agility: NCC, TG-N, O-NJC, O-NAC, O-TN-N, O-WV-N; Novice Versatility Award

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 staying safe.

Here is an update from AKC about Tracking Certifications, due to Covid 19:

Tracking Certifications

Any tracking certification that expires March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 will be granted an additional one-year extension, e.g., a certification that would expire October 1, 2020 will not expire until October 1, 2021.

Happy Tracking Tails!... Marge

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

June trial canceled.

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

Well these are some crazy times! I continue to try to ‘count my blessings’ and from PVGRC’s standpoint we should feel blessed that we were able to squeeze our Specialty in just before the quarantine hit. That may have been the last time you saw your ‘dog friends’ yes? I know you miss your pals! Training groups and lessons may be on hold but don’t let this time pass you by. Pull out that training book you have been meaning to read, get

fancy and join one of the online classes being offered. Or teach a new trick – Addie is loading dirty clothes in our front load washing machine!



Trick training is fun and all goldens love stinky socks!!

If you are struggling with the rally and obedience exercises – then break the exercises down in to ‘parts’ and approach it the way you would trick training. Laugh and have fun – life is throwing you enough curves, lighten things up! Make your rewards AWESOME. Addie will do just about anything for leftover waffles – with syrup of course!!

I hope to see you soon and I hope we can have another Panel Palooza this fall!

Mary Ann

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

From the April 22 PVGRC webmaster email:

In case you missed the announcement, here is a summary of changes to the upcoming GRCA National Specialties:

- **The 2020 National Specialty has been CANCELLED, but**
- **The 2021 National Specialty will now be hosted by the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club at the same venue in Ocala, FL (World Equestrian Center) as had been planned for 2020. It is scheduled for October, 2021.**
- **The 2022 National Specialty will be hosted by the Cuyahoga Valley Golden Retriever Club, which had been slated to host the 2021 National.**

For more information: <https://2020.grcanational.com/>

FIELD COLUMN (Beth Sokohl, bethsokohl@gmail.com)

COVID 19...Corona Virus...Shelter in Place....No groups larger than 10...Wear your mask...I find myself hearing these things in my sleep...and I would be lying if I said I wasn't a little stressed out about the way the world is now...and our lives have drastically changed...while I miss going to hunt tests, going to dog shows, going to training groups...but I am trying to find the silver lining in it all...and for me, there have been positives...my dogs are all getting trained a lot more...with no weekend breaks in between..they are getting a lot more individual attention...heck, some of them are even trying for the virtual rally novice titles...if you are looking for things to do to try to keep your dogs in the mind set of field work...here are some thoughts....if you have a young puppy...do retrieves in a hallway to ensure they are coming back to you...this builds the love for the retrieve, and hopefully builds a recall along with it...for the slightly older puppies...teach the HOLD command...even if you don't wish to force fetch your dog, the HOLD command can come in handy on the return from a mark...for the junior dogs...teach your dogs a recall into heel position, then teach it with a bumper in their mouth...start the back pile with a look to senior...start throwing hand thrown doubles and triples...this gets your cadence down for when you do multiple marks in a test...it starts to teach them to be steady...and when your dogs need a rest...go to the internet...there are tons of things you can learn from videos on YouTube, Pat Burns has some excellent Facebook live sessions...look at videos from Bill Hillman, Dennis Voight...get Carol Cassity's latest edition of her drill book...and think about the brighter days ahead, where training days will start, and hopefully our WC/WCX will happen (scheduled for July 12)...hunt tests, field trials, training days all will happen again.

Beth

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~~

~~June 19-21 Agility trial~~

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

October

Oct 10-11 Hunt Test Cheltenham, MD

November

Nov 8 TDX/TD Tracking test Lovettsville, VA

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.