



The Potomac Valley News

September-October 2020

President's Message

Dear friends —

It has been another long month with little official dog sport activity. Fortunately, a number of people have been very creative and have figured out how to train and practice safely and socially responsibly. Dogs have even been diving!

Please post your brags and training session photos and videos on the PVGRC Facebook page as well as your own, so all our members can see what you have been up to.

As the Fall approaches and the weather cools down enough for dog activities, the Board has been having conversations about how to recommence meetings and events, both virtually and, when safe, in person. If you have any ideas, please share them with Molly McEvoy (Program chair and VP) and Sharon Ackerson (Education chair).

In the meantime, have fun keeping your dogs busy and happy — as they do the same for you.

Suzanne



From July 29 email distribution from the Board:

Dear PVGRC members:

2020 has been an unprecedented year thus far, and shows little signs of returning to normal in the near future. The Board has been struggling with what to do about our upcoming events and has come to a number of conclusions.

The Field Committee, with the Board's full support, has decided to cancel all Field activities for the rest of 2020 — hunt tests, WC/WCX, and training days. The informal training groups will continue to meet.

We will be holding the FAST CAT competition on November 14-15. Watch for further details about that event, plus some details on COVID protections which will be in force.

We will also be holding the Fall Tracking Test on November 8.

The Spring Specialty and Obedience/Rally Trial is so far on the books. We will wait to hear from MD Sporting Dog about any possible limitations but are moving ahead with the planning. And the Field committee will be working on Spring events and planning as time progresses.

We are sorry to have to cancel events that we have all been looking forward to and training for. Let's all be creative about how we can support one another safely and keep safe and healthy.

Fall is coming and so is Turkey Day !! This 'big man' is often captured by our game cameras. Pretty impressive fellow.



M.A. Massie

NEWSLETTER NEWS.....

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS – NEXT ISSUE IS November-December 2020.

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

Mary Ann Massie

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS.....

The club has received a family membership application from Tamalee Kramp and Carston Schroder of Columbia, MD. Their membership has been endorsed by club members Pam Turgeon and Diane Orth. Tamalee is most interested in obedience, rally and field events. Tamalee has offered to help the club with the spring specialty, and field events.

The club has received a membership application from Nancy Hoffman of Coralville, IA. Nancy is anticipating a move to Phoenix, Maryland. Nancy's club membership application has been endorsed by club members Tina Moran and Ann Strathern. Nancy is most interested in obedience and field events. Nancy has offered to help the club with the spring Specialty and field events. She is also willing to help with writing material for the club.

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

{transmitted via email July 8, Aug 22}

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. Anyone out there early morning or late afternoon doing any tracking? Hope so. Keep it short and fun when it is hot and dry. And always carry water for your dog.

As of today, PVGRC is still planning on holding our annual fall TD/TDX test scheduled for Sunday, 11/8/2020. Headquarters will be at Bob Kurtz's house. Premium is currently being updated and will be posted very soon to the website.

If you are willing to volunteer as an experienced tracklayer, cross tracklayer, driver, etc – please contact Bob Kurtz at bobkurtzjr@gmail.com

Miss you all. Happy Tracking Tails!... Marge

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

I recently volunteered to teach a Competition Novice class at my local obedience club. It has been great for me to develop curriculum that I hope will inspire my six students as we navigate a new format for classes that are socially distanced and require housekeeping with all sorts of sprays and wipes, oh and masks!

My class will have two goldens, one saluki, one Norwich terrier, one miniature American shepherd, and a Belgian Tervuren. I look forward to their faces when I kick off the class with BACK CHAINING the novice exercises! I anticipate the following responses....

What about a chain?

Huh?

Why?

Excuse me?

That won't work for MY dog

and one YES, FANTASTIC (that will be from the Terv owner who has been my private instructor for years!)

When you take instruction are YOU open to new approaches or concepts? Sometimes getting outside of our comfort zone is just what your 'team' needs to make progress. If you are reluctant to try a new approach you can always sit on the sidelines during the instruction, quietly weigh the pros and cons of the approach/concept, and draw your own conclusion.

Many times a fresh perspective/approach is the motivation your "team" needs!

BRAGS:

CH Scion Begold All Eyes on Me @ Highlight, "MeMe" Owned by Patrice Loves attained her **RN (Rally Novice)** with the new AKC virtual testing program during the COVID lockdown.

Also as the recent Events began to open MeMe also earned her **DN (Dock Novice)**

Patrice Loves

Highlight Golden Retrievers

Mary Ann Massie

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

Summer is wrapping up. We all have enjoyed the warmth and the fun outdoor sports. With the scarcity of local breed shows, many of us who usually do a lot of conformation are turning to various other types of competition and many of us are taking up venues we either have never tried, or are reaching for higher goals beyond entry levels in these other areas. These dog games should build confidence and often better athletic skill in our conformation dogs. I had always poo pooed Rally until I took a young bitch who was greatly lacking confidence in the conformation ring through her RE. She LOVED the attention and fun of playing Rally. When I finally took her back into the conformation ring, to see if her newfound confidence transferred into the breed ring, I was astounded that the rally training gave her tremendous confidence and also gave me a way to entertain her in the winners and BOB ring. We did downs, stands, around to heels, sit front, etc, getting wags and great expression. Would love to hear from others how non conformation training has helped them in the breed ring.

There have been a few, very large clusters, around the country. The ones closest to us during the past 2 months have been Ohio, South Carolina and Pennsylvania. Most of the New England and Mid Atlantic clubs have cancelled their shows. I don't have info om any wins from club members who have sent their dogs.

PVGRC is going forward with our specialty. Judges have been chosen and invites sent out. The paperwork is being completed and Roger Armstrong is again making more beautiful ducks. Plans are being made for a COVID safe specialty. If you'd like to help or contribute, please contact Cindy Partridge.

Cindy Williamson

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

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| Nov 8 | TDX/TD Tracking test | Lovettsville, VA |
| Nov 14-15 | FAST CAT | Walkersville, MD |

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.