



# The Potomac Valley News

## Sept-Oct 2017

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer is winding down and in just a few short weeks the GRCA 2017 National Specialty will be here!! PVGRC members have been busy putting the final touches on the National so we are ready to welcome the golden retriever community to the eastern shore of Maryland from September 22 through October 1, 2017. A lot of work by club members has gone on behind the scene the past few years that many in our club aren't aware. To those members that have taken on a major role on the Steering and Show Committees, thank you! These members have donated a significant amount of their time in writing proposals and venue contracts, judge's contracts, making multiple site visits, arranging lodging, buying and selling national merchandise, getting volunteers to work at venues, making decorations, hospitality, fundraising, getting sponsors and donations, selecting and purchasing ribbons and trophies, etc. Their dedication and hard work is commendable and so appreciated. And to every club member that has volunteered, no matter how small the task, thank you. I find that our lives are enriched by giving back to the pursuits and activities that we love, and I hope you all feel the same. Many of you have donated wonderful items for the raffle and sponsored trophies. Thank you all. There are also many non-club members dedicating their time to volunteer in every venue at this national. A special thank you to the Chesapeake Golden Retriever Club for taking on the job of organizing and running the CCA and to the Capital Region Flat-coated Retriever Club for organizing and providing their equipment and workers for the WC/WCX. It truly takes a village to host the National!

I know for me the excitement for the National is building and I hope club members are excited too. A week spent competing and having fun with our dogs, seeing old friends and making new friends is truly something to look forward to. What a great way to honor and celebrate this wonderful breed.

Hope to see you at the National!! Safe travels!

Rita Bumgardner

# 14!!!!!!

**To quote Sue Armstrong (Chair of the 2005 National, and Lifetime member):**

**”They are coming, and nobody can stop them!!!”**

**Have you volunteered to help??? We will find a job for you...**

**Go to the National website for everything you want to know: [www.2017grcanational.com](http://www.2017grcanational.com).**

**This will give you details about the locations of events...schedule of events...ANYTHING you want to know.**



## General Membership Meeting

June 18, 2017

K-9 Olympics/Veterans Day—Monrovia, MD

Rita Bumgardner called a brief meeting to order prior to the commencement of the games and festivities at the K-9 Olympics/Veterans Day held at the Armstrongs' Twin Ponds.

### President's report:

- The June Hunt Test on June 3 and 4 had big entries for the Masters, Seniors and Juniors. It went well and we received lots of compliments for a very successful event. Rita thanked all who helped and contributed to its success.
- Our AKC All-Breed Agility Trial is on June 24-25 in Frederick, MD. Nick was not expecting as many entries as usual, but he was surprised and got very good entries.
- The Field Committee has started purchasing the new field equipment that was on the approved list. They got to use the new shot guns for the first time at the June Hunt Test. It was nice to have good working equipment there.
- We have been parking one of the club's trailers at the Armstrongs for a very long time. They have so generous over the years to take the responsibility of storing the club's equipment. The main equipment that is kept in the trailer is mostly for obedience and conformation for our Spring Specialty. There are especially a lot of ring gates which we may have very little need for in the future because we will probably not hold an independent specialty again. The Armstrongs and the club would like to have this trailer removed from their property. We will go thru the items in the trailer and determine what we need to keep. Anything we may not need will be offered for sale to club members and once the trailer is empty, we will attempt to sell it.
- The Board has approved that we look into renting a small storage facility to store the remaining items currently kept in the trailer and in the Armstrongs' attic that we decide to keep and not to sell.
- Ellan Thorson has served many years as the Puppy Referral person for PVGRC but is unable to continue to do so. We sent her a gift card and a nice certificate thanking her for her many years of service to the club in this capacity.
- Nicole DeBernardi has agreed to serve as our new Puppy Referral contact. The link on our website has been changed to go directly to her.

### Secretary's Report:

As reported at our last membership meeting, the Agility and Hunt Test AKC BYES we have requested because we are hosting the 2017 GRCA National Specialty have been

approved in writing. And now we have received approval for the TD/TDX Tests BYE in writing.

Show handling classes will be offered on Tuesdays at 7:30 pm beginning June 27 in Alexandria, VA. Deadline to sign up is June 24. Anyone interested and needing more information should email Addie and she will send you additional information.

AKC sent an update on the Canine Influenza Virus stating that as of the end of May the most recent outbreaks are in Florida, Georgia and North Carolina.

After corrections were made in the spelling of and adding locations of some of the prospective new members in the previous meeting minutes (May 14), the minutes of the previous meeting as distributed on the listserv, along with these changes, were accepted by unanimous vote.

#### Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer was unable to attend today so there is no Treasurer's report at this time.

#### Committee Reports:

Breed: No report today.

Obedience: The Connie Cleveland Obedience Seminar is scheduled for January 6 and 7, 2018. All the working slots are filled but there are plenty of auditing slots available. Contact Debbie Barrows if you are interested.

Field: Nothing to report other than what was covered about the June Hunt Test in the President's Report in today's minutes.

Agility: We need volunteers for our upcoming All-Breed Trial next weekend, June 24-25 at Frederick Indoor Sports Center

Education: Sharon is still working on trying to get a CPR and First Aid for dogs seminar together. She has the person and the place lined up but is having difficulty coordinating it all with an available date. She will wait to try to schedule something after the National. She is looking for suggestions for other educational events. A suggestion was made to have a seminar on canine massage. It was also suggested that because the Fun Match we had in February was such a good event that we should try to do it again sometime.

Tracking: No report today.

Membership: The following new members were voted in:

Lorri-Anne Burke, Laurel, MD

Linda Reinhardt, West Friendship, MD

Jennifer Holmquist, Wyoming, MN

Clifford Williams, McDaniel, MD

Lauren Weidner, Turbotville, PA

Marcie Baer, Gambrills, MD

Vern & Darlene Martin, Shippensburg, PA  
Gwyn Jones, Washington, DC  
Steven & Robin Heinecke, Queenstown, MD  
Sue Rocco, Freeland, MD  
Denise Parisi and Shelly Wiechelt, Severna Park, MD  
Melissa Deak, Alexandria, VA

Three prospective new members were read:

Elizabeth & Eric Van Velzen, Chesapeake, VA  
Karen Hutcheson, Mineral, VA  
Amy Wells, Leesburg, VA

National Report: There is a sale on the National website until the end of June: if you spend \$50, you get a free water bottle with the National logo on it. If the merchandise you are interested in is out of stock on the website, wait and try again. New merchandise will be coming in. RSVP form is up on the website. Shortly you will be able to order dinner on the website for all 3 banquets but not for the Gala Banquet, which must be ordered on GRCA National Website directly. Premiums will be posted on Entry Express.

The meeting was adjourned and the festivities for K-9 Olympics and Veterans Day commenced.

***The next General Membership Meeting will be held in conjunction with Dock Diving on Sunday, August 20 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Hog Dog Productions in Millersville, MD.***

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

### **New champion**

*Eldorado's Slam Dunk, JH, WCX* (Mary Dean/Chris Browning) finished at the Mattaponi show.

*Pebwin Oro Conbrio A LA Carrera SH* (Jean Kornblut & Laurie Doumaux) picked up the last point by going WB at the Saturday Carolina show.

Nice to see both new champions have a field title.

### **Specials News**

*Ch Stormy Point's Emerald (Jan Grasso)* went BOS at Saturday Upper Marlboro show.

*CH Huntleigh's C You on the Field* (Jeanette & George Makowskyj) went BOB at the James River and Roanoke shows.

*CH Eldorado's Hawaii Five-O* (Leslie A Gordon & Chris Browning) picked up 12 (all majors) GCH points during the Salem, VA Circuit.

### **Class News**

*Aquest's Beach Bunny (Joan Donohue)* was WB/BOS at the St. Clairsville Ohio show.

*Stormy Point's Center of the West (Jan Grasso)* took home the points at the Thursday Catoctin show.

*Goodtime's All Things Consydered* (Belinda Gosnell & Lisa Smith) was reserve at the Northeastern MD show.

*Stormy Point's Old Fashioned* (Jan Grasso) took home the Puppy Group 1 at the National Capital show.

Picking up his first point, from Am bred, at the Sunday Nita Nee show was *LCM's Pick up the Pieces* (Holly Kelley).

## **Obedience Column**

**Debbie Barrows**

Well here it is almost September, the National fast approaching and let the excitement begin! That said I hope all who are entered in obedience and rally have a good time with their best bud no matter what happens! Do let me know ASAP, even from the show site when you have something to report.

I have been working on setting up training dates for some weekend practice sessions for our membership. We have new rally rules and signs so it is time to dig in and see what our great kids can do in spite of us. Mary Owens and Karen Schumacher will be helping me with that. I am looking for someone to also help with an Attention Drill Day, and a Front and Finish Day. So if you are interested in helping and or would like to join the obedience committee please let me know.

Of course we are still looking for the obedience chair and chief ring steward for our specialty on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Remember no chair no go! Not a threat just a necessity required by AKC when we file our paper work which will have to go in soon. So think about it, Marie and I can let you know what to do, we just aren't available to do the job as we have in the past.

Now some brags: **Roberta** and her gang have been very busy, you can see from all she is doing. I have all her brags for lots of things here, obedience, dock diving, tricks, rally, star puppy and her barn hunt title. So, she is to be congratulated on many things

**Cozette (Heartride Meridian's HI Voila RA TKA DS CGC AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy), at just 6 months of age, earned her CGC on April 12th and her Rally Novice (RN) title on April 13th at the LRCP Potomac Specialty! We ran in rally all four days, her first time to work in a ring, and she qualified and placed in all four runs. She earned her AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy certificate when she was 4 months old. Cozette continued to show and earned her AKC Novice Trick Dog and Intermediate Trick dog titles on June 18 at the Potomac Valley Standard Schnauzer Club's show; AKC Advance Trick Dog title on July 19 with Mountain View Dog Training; Dock Senior title on July 16 with North American Diving Dogs; and her Rally Advance title on August 6 at Blue Ridge Dog Training Club's trial in Winchester.< /div>**

**Sophie (UACH Canvasback LTD Ed Prm Meridian CD RE AX AXJ DJ WC CGC TN-N TG-N RS-N JS-N GS-N JV-O GV-N RNX RATO) earned her Open Barn Hunt (RATO) title on February 19 at TnT Canines!She also earned her Dock Junior title with North American Diving Dogs on July 2nd in Richmond.**

Thank you,  
Roberta R. Primeau  
UAGI UAGII Dovehill Driving Miss Gracie RAE MX AXJ CGC TDI OAC NCC TN-E TG-E O-WV-N "Gracie" (forever in my heart)

**The Runions** have also been busy with their baby EtaDoro's Chasin ZZZZ Dream, he has earned two AKC trick titles this month and his second BN leg with a195 and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. They are hoping for the title at our National. You go guys!

Good luck at the specialty and see you around the rings soon.  
Debbie

## TRAINING DAYS THIS WINTER FOR OBEDIENCE AND TRACKING

### OBEDIENCE DAYS

At the recent board meeting the board approved 3 training days for obedience/rally this fall and winter. They will be held at the Davidsonville Family Recreation Building (look up Canine Training Association in Davidsonville for good address and directions/don't go by your GPS!) for October 28<sup>th</sup>, November 11<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The cost is \$15.00 per day. We will have rally from 10 to noon and obedience starting at noon until everyone has had a turn at whatever help they need. Please contact Debra Barrows at [debrabarrows@hotmail.com](mailto:debrabarrows@hotmail.com) to register. We need to know you are coming and what you want to work on. Karen and Mary will be helping Debbie with rally where we will work on the new signs as well as some of the old ones. We are still looking for people to help with obedience, so if you've put a UD on a dog and can help a newbie please let me know.

### TRACKING CLASS

We will once again have a tracking class for those interested in tracking with their dogs. This requires a time commitment! There will be 8 sessions in all. The first will be a classroom type of class with a demonstration, talk about proper equipment, map drawing etc. This will be held at the home of Debra Barrows on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 1.p.m. The other seven classes will be held at Camp Highroads in Leesburg VA starting at 9 a.m. on the following dates. January 14<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. The class is \$100.00 which will cover the cost of the field rental and a commitment to help at our test in November of 2018 or a test that the Blue Ridge Kennel Club will give in 2018. In tracking, just like field events everyone has to work! This class will have homework drills etc. that you will have to do weekly so that your dog can progress and to progress you will need to attend every class.

If you are interested please contact Debra Barrows at [debrabarrows@hotmail.com](mailto:debrabarrows@hotmail.com). We will only take 10 teams as the fields can only hold 10. It doesn't matter which breed your dog is as long as you are a club member or have submitted an application and are waiting for the club to approve your membership.

### CONNIE CLEVELAND SEMINAR JANUARY 6 & 7, 2018

Don't forget we are hosting a Connie Cleveland Seminar at CTA in Beltsville on the above dates. While all the working slots are presently filled, we do have a wait list if you'd like, we also have a number of audit slots available. An audit slot is \$150.00 for the two day seminar and Lunch is included. Don't miss Connie! Contact Debbie Barrows at [debrabarrows@hotmail.com](mailto:debrabarrows@hotmail.com) or 703-517-8094 for questions or to register. Don't wait, you don't want to miss out!



## **Field Column**

**Beth Sokohl**

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Well...summer flew by!!! Sweatshirts are out, fall hunt tests are on the calendar. What have our members been doing in the field??? I think it is safe to say most have been preparing for the National. It is a huge undertaking for our club, and I think our members have stepped up. We are having a hunt test (Sept 22-23), a WC/WCX (Sept 24), and a field trial (Sept 25-27). That is a lot of volunteers, equipment, man hours!!! If you would like to help, please contact Megan Baker ([megan@weebegoldens.com](mailto:megan@weebegoldens.com)). We have got lots of options and lots of hours to fill!!! Thank you to Megan Baker for chairing the whole damn thing!! Thanks to Pam Turgeon for being the co-chair for the hunt test...Ann Strathern and Tom Lehr for chairing the Field Trial, Judy Gladson and Rita Bumgardner for chairing the WC/WCX....and thank you to Wayne Kulig for being Gun Captain, Kelly Shuffelbottom and Martha Cole Glenn for running the auctions at the hunt test and field trial, and Molly McEvoy and Lorraine McPartland for the running the dinners.

Our new trailer is up and running!!! Not only do we have room to stand up straight, but everything is super organized and we have a bunch of new equipment!!! The debut is at the National!!!

Don't forget to take care of your dogs during the field events...remember it is a long day for them too. Get them out to stretch their legs, make sure they have plenty of water...you know the drill...don't forget it in the excitement of the National!!!!

See you in the field!!!

# Calendar of Events 2017

## January

January 25 Board Meeting (tentative) Glenwood, MD

## February

February 18 Obedience Fun Match/  
Membership Meeting Beltsville, MD

## March

March 3 Spring Specialty, Obedience  
Rally W Friendship, MD

March 15 Board Meeting

March 19 Awards Banquet, Membership  
Meeting Glenwood, MD

## April

April 8 Field Training Day Cheltenham, MD

April 22-23 Agility Trial Frederick, MD

## May

May 6 Field Training Day Cheltenham, MD

May 14 WC/WCX/Puppy Veteran/  
Membership Mtg Cheltenham, MD

May 17 Board Meeting Glenwood, MD

## June

June 3-4 Hunt Test Remington, VA

June 17 Field Training Day Cheltenham, MD

June 18 K9 Olympics/Veterans Day Monrovia, MD

June 24-25 Agility Trial Frederick, MD

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## July

July TBD	Board Meeting	Glenwood, MD
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## August

August 5	Field Training Day (water only)	Cheltenham, MD
August 20	Dock Diving/Membership Mtg	Millersville, MD

## September

Sept 6	Board Meeting	Glenwood, MD
Sept 22-30	GRCA National Specialty	Salisbury, MD

## October

REST FROM A BUSY NATIONAL SPECIALTY!!!!!!

## November

November 15	Board Meeting	Glenwood, MD
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## December

December 2	Holiday Party/Membership Meeting	Beltsville, MD
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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.