



**MAY 11, 2003**  
**9:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.**

**VETERANS' DAY**

The Caldwell's  
14644 Collin County Rd 746  
Nevada TX 75173

Games, prizes, and memorabilia for all veteran dogs (7 and older). Younger ones are invited too.

**POTLUCK LUNCH**

Bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to share.



**DFWMGRC CLUB DUES FOR YEAR 2003**

Dues for year 2003 are due February 1, 2003 and are considered delinquent after May 1, 2003. Send all monies to Shari Degan, treasurer. Regular dues are \$20 per family or \$15 per individual.

**Directions:**

**From Richardson:** SH 190 (George Bush FWY) to TX 78; N on TX 78 to SH 205 (12 ml); S 0.4 ml on TX 78 to CR 746 on L: CR 746 to the turn. Behind 8 ft, stockade fence.

**From Dallas and points S/W:** 1-30 to FM 740 (Ridge Rd.), L on Ridge Rd. to SH 205: N on 205 7 ml to CR 746 (just past cement plant and just before miniwarehouses); R on CR 746 to the turn.

**Top Dog Show & Go's**

Sunday  
May 4th  
May 11th  
May 18th  
June 29th

## GRCA TASK FORCE

The GRCA has voted to establish a task force to research the issues involving a proposed GRCA conformation certificate and a GRCA performance certificate, to be called the Conformation/Performance Certificate Task Force.

The task force shall consist of no more than ten and no less than seven GRCA members. At least three of the members shall have owned dogs with that have obtained AKC conformation championships, and a minimum of two of those three members shall have owned dogs that have obtained both conformation championships and some titles in field, obedience and agility above the novice/junior level. At least three members of the task force shall have owned, handled and trained dogs that hold multiple titles in field, agility, obedience or tracking, of which some of these titles must be above the novice/junior level. If at all possible, one of the task force members should either be licensed to judge Golden Retrievers or have golden retriever judging experience at least at the sweepstakes level.

The task force facilitator shall be Terry Thornton, and she will be a non voting participant on the task force.

The task force shall investigate the possibility of offering these two certificates to the GRCA membership, and shall provide its report to the GRCA Board, along with the proposals for any suggested programs for such certificates, no later than September 1, 2003.

Persons interested in serving on this committee should send their resume to Terry Thornton at [tthornton@godwingruber.com](mailto:tthornton@godwingruber.com) no later than May 15, 2003.

## HUNTING TEST JUDGES' SEMINAR

The Bryan-College Station Retriever Club just received word from the AKC that our July 12, 2003 date for a Judges' and Handlers' seminar has been approved! It will be an all day event, and the place is still to be determined. More details will follow, but PLEASE go ahead and e-mail

me back if you want/need to attend!

Dalene Barnes  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Bryan-College Station Retriever Club  
[dalene@txbarnes.com](mailto:dalene@txbarnes.com)

## BRAGS

### CONFORMATION

Claremore KC 3/29  
WD  
Tempo's Come Easy Go Easy  
(Brown)

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Stephenville KC 4/12  
BOW  
Tempo's Easy Rider (Brown)

Stephenville KC 4/13  
BOB  
Tempo's Easy Rider (Brown)

Shreveport KC — 4/18  
4pt. Major RWD  
Tempo's Old King Cole (Knapp & Brown)

Shreveport KC 4/19  
4 pt. major BOW  
Tempo's Old King Cole (Knapp & Brown)

D'Arbonne KC—4/20  
4 pt. major RWD  
Tempo's Come Easy Go Easy (Brown)

D'Arbonne KC — 4/21  
BOB for 4 pts.  
Tempo's Come Easy Go Easy (Brown)

Big Spring KC - 4/26/03 -  
WB/BW - 1 pt.  
Goldance I Do C U ( Gulledge)

Big Spring KC - 4/27/03  
WB/BW/BOS - 1 pt.  
Goldance I Do C U ( Gulledge)

## **BRAGS**

### **FIELD**

Northeast Retriever Club ,March 29-30 2003  
3rd and 4th Started leg  
SHR GlenGowan JusCoz All Spiced Up, JH  
**TITLE!!!**

### **CONFORMATION**

Brazos Valley KC Sunday, Mar 30:  
WD (1 Pt)  
Amigold On A Wing N A Prayer CD SH WCX  
VCX\*\*\*  
Thornton/Ramsey)

San Jacinto KC, Sat Apr 5:  
WD (1 pt)  
Ch. Amigold On A Wing N A Prayer CD SH  
WCX VCX\*\*\*(Thornton/Ramsey) **NEW CHAMPION!!!**

This makes Sabre the first golden Ch \*\*\* since Castle in 1986 (18 years) and the first Ch. All Age pointed golden since Quar in 1979.

Stephenville K.C. Saturday, April 12  
Group Two  
CH Sunny Pointe's King Of Camelot TD, OA,  
OAJ, CGC (King) (This gives **Arthur 23 SDHF points!**)

WB/BOS, 1st in Bred-By  
Kingdom's Once Upon A Time (King)

3/30/03 - Claremore KC, OK -  
Open Bitch 2nd/Reserve  
Goldance I Do C U "Emma" ( Joe/Donna  
Gulledge)

4/12/03 - Bee-Tex KC, TX -  
Open Bitch 1st/Reserve  
Goldance I Do C U "Emma" ( Joe/Donna  
Gulledge)

4/21/03 - D'Arbonne KC, LA -  
Open Bitch 1st/Major Reserve  
Goldance I Do C U "Emma" ( Joe/Donna  
Gulledge)

### **OBEDIENCE**

NTAPBTC, in Decatur Texas. April 12  
NB (UKC)-1st  
SHR Triune`s Rollin` on the River CD JH,  
**TITLE ( U-CD), High Scoring Gun Dog, and High in Trial!!!**

### **AGILITY**

Gulf Coast Vizsla Club March 21-22:  
9th and 10th MXJ legs  
Amigold B-Seventeen Flying Fortress CD JH AX  
MXJ WCX AD NAC NJC VCX (Beckmann)  
**MXJ title!!!**

DOTC April 12:  
1st NAJ 2nd place leg  
Birnam Woods You Quack Me Up JH WCX  
(Thornton)

DOTC April 13:  
7th MX leg and 11th MXJ leg:  
Amigold B-Seventeen Flying Fortress CD JH AX  
MXJ WCX AD NAC NJC VCX (Beckmann)

7th MXJ leg  
Amigold Gingrock Texas Topaz CD SH AX AXJ  
AD OAC OJC WCX\*\* (Thornton/Ramsey)

2nd NAJ leg 1st place  
Birnam Woods You Quack Me Up JH WCX  
(Thornton)

1st NA Leg 1st place  
Birnam Woods You Quack Me Up JH WCX  
(Thornton)

Capitol Dog Training Club of Austin 4-19-03:  
DQ  
Amigold Gingrock Texas Topaz CD SH MX AXJ  
AD OA OJC WCX\*\* (Thornton/Curry)--**NEW MX title and 4th DQ!**

Capitol Dog Training Club of Austin 4-20-03:  
NAJ leg  
Birnam Woods You Quack Me Up NAJ JH WCX  
( Thornton/Ramsey)--**NEW NAJ title!**

GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

April 22, 2003

To: All GRCA Member Clubs, Western Region  
From: Terry Lynn Thornton, Western Region VP

Dear fellow westerners:

Here is my bi-monthly update on what's happening at the National level.

Please share this letter with all your club members, or include it in your club newsletters.

Again I am going to encourage each of you to log onto the new GRCA bulletin board for updates and information on what is happening with your national organization. The address is located on the GRCA website ([www.grca.org](http://www.grca.org) under "announcements"). It keeps you automatically updated on what's happening with the GRCA.

Here are this month's topics for discussion, and your input is requested:

1. We are in dire need of a host for the 2004 Western Regional Speciality show. Time is growing quite short, so if any of you can consider this honor, please contact me immediately. I know there are many clubs out there who have the ability to host a Western, but perhaps have just not thought of the possibility. Please let's not be the only region to not have a regional specialty in 2004!
2. A task force has been formed to research the idea of a "conformation certificate" for certifying dogs that meet some minimum requirements of the GRCA standard, but are not necessarily dogs that are shown in conformation. We would love some ideas on your thoughts, comments and ideas in this matter. If you would like to consider serving on the task force, I will be taking resumes through mid-May.
3. Trophy deadlines to apply for the GRCA annual trophies are coming up soon. Check the GRCA website for details.
4. We are soliciting opinions from the membership with regard to their thoughts on limiting AKC hunt test entries. If we receive enough interest on this, the GRCA may form a committee or task force to research the matter and present ideas to the AKC.
5. The deadline for nominees for the GRCA GEM Award is May 01. The Golden Effort Member Award ("GEM") is to reward club members who have performed exemplary service to either their specialty club, the Golden Retriever breed or the community during the period January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002. Every GRCA member Club can choose one (1) of their club's members each year for this GRCA Honorary Award. This service could have been an outstanding one-time act or a culmination of months of service. Each member club can decide on the recipient for the Golden Effort Member Award based on a majority vote of their membership or by a majority vote of their Board of Directors. To be awarded the Golden Effort Member Award, the member must have been a GRCA member in good standing at the time the outstanding service was performed. A club member can be awarded the Golden Effort Member Award more than one time. The member club's Secretary must notify the Golden Effort Member Chairperson, Denise McDonald, in writing of their club's nomination, on their club's letterhead, by May 1st. Denise's address is P.O. Box 50, Rougemont, N.C. 27572-0050, email, [pauligir@yahoo.com](mailto:pauligir@yahoo.com)

6. Please ensure that your addresses and names on the GRCA website for your clubs are correct. If you don't have an e mail address listed, it would help if you could solicit someone's e mail address to use for this type of information. Saves trees!

7. Don't forget the Western Regional coming up soon\*make your reservations.

Please feel free to contact me, Ginger or Ken with your comments, questions or concerns. It is essential we have regular input from the membership in order to make this organization the best that it can be. I look forward to seeing each of you at either the Western Regional or the National!

Sincerely yours,

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## Ten Ways to Irritate Your Humans

1. After your humans give you a bath, DON\*T LET THEM TOWEL DRY YOU! Instead, run to their bed, jump up and dry yourself off on the sheets. This is especially good if it\*s right before your human\*s bedtime. (and they have just put the white satin sheets on the bed)

2. Act like a convicted criminal. When the humans come home, put your ears back, tail between your legs, chin down and act as if you have done something really bad. Then, watch as the humans frantically search the house for the damage they think you have caused. (Note: This only works when you have done absolutely nothing wrong.)

3. Let the humans teach you a brand new trick. Learn it perfectly. Then the humans try to demonstrate it to someone else, stare blankly back at the humans. Pretend you have no idea what they\*re talking about.

4. Make your humans be patient. When you go outside to go 'pee\*', sniff around the entire yard as your humans wait. Act as if the spot you choose to go pee will ultimately decide the fate of the earth.

5. Draw attention to the human. When out for a walk always pick the busiest, most visible spot to go 'p00\*. Take~ your time and make sure everyone watches. This works particularly well if your humans have forgotten to bring a plastic bag.

6. When out for a walk, alternate between choking and coughing every time a strange human walks by.

Subj: Animal Rights Extremism  
Date: 3/10/2003  
From: rpoa@texas.net

Sent from the Internet

No need for hysteria, but just a little history and a word of warning or caution ...  
Thanks for caring,  
Mary Beth

Having worked our booth at the Alamo City Cluster of Dog Shows this past week, I noticed a lot of dogs in X-pens that were unattended. This was an area always open for the general public to roam through. There were few owners/handlers in sight. This is an open invitation to the fanatical animal rights activists.

There are rumors and over the years I've talked to people who actually attended dog shows where dogs have been released by animal rights activists. I have personally recognized members of our local animal rights groups doing walk-throughs at many area pet shows with no reported incidents at the time. But they are there. You need to know that they are there.

All pet shows are considered to be animal cruelty to the extremists and they consider an animal \*better dead than bred.\* I know it sounds crazy, but these are their words, not mine.

My words to you are all animals entered in any type of animal event should never be left unattended in light of the increased animal rights activism and terrorism all across the country at this time. This should be printed in all show material that is published.

In January of 1997, there was a bomb scare at the Alamo City Cat Club Show in San Antonio.

The animal rights activists in this area knew that Responsible Pet Owners Alliance had a booth at the show. Needless to say, they dislike us intensely. Two members of Alamo City Cat Club sit on our board of directors and the club has always been a major organizer and supporter of RPOA.

The cat fanciers were ordered to evacuate the building and leave their cats. Well, needless to say, most of them brought their cats out with them. But it was mayhem and the police brought in their bomb sniffing dogs to work through all the cars in the parking lot. It delayed the show for hours.

According to Pam Delabar, a Cat Fanciers Association board member, this was the first known bomb threat to a CFA cat show in the US.

There was an unexplained explosion in a nearby open field that was reported on the news the same day. Just a pile of trash. Coincidence? I don't think so. The bomb threat was called in from a downtown pay phone. It was meant to intimidate us but it didn't work!

There should be contingency plans at shows for such happenings. Smoke bombs have recently been set off in office buildings where the animal rights activists opposed an insurance company having a medical research facility as a client.

There have been two Animal Liberation Front training camps held in Texas that we know of in recent years. So we can expect more and more harassment and \*liberation\* of animals at all animal events.

From their own statements, the animal rights activists are becoming increasingly impatient with the slow pace of acceptance of their ideology of no use and ownership of animals.

So take care ... and be aware no matter where you are with your animals. They also equate pet ownership with \*slavery.\*

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*Thanks to Judy Word for sending this on.*

7. Make your own rules. Don't always bring back the stick when playing fetch with the humans. Make them go and chase it once in a while.
8. Hide from your humans. When your humans come home, don't greet them at the door. Instead, hide from them, and make them think something terrible has happened to you. (Don't reappear until one of your humans is panic-stricken and close to tears).
9. When your human calls you to come back in, always take your time. Walk as slowly as possible back to the door.
10. Wake up twenty minutes before the alarm clock is set to go off and make the humans take you out for your morning pee. As soon as you get back inside, fall asleep.. (Humans can rarely fall back asleep after going outside, this will drive them nuts! (Via the Internet)



**CA Fanciers Defeat Proposed Ban on Hunting with Dogs**  
**[Tuesday, April 22, 2003]**

AKC and California fanciers scored a major victory when AB342, which would have prohibited hunting with dogs or training for that purpose, was soundly rejected in committee by a vote of 19-0. The bill was granted reconsideration as a courtesy to the author, meaning it could possibly come before the Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee again before next January. In all likelihood, however, the author would not be able to garner the necessary votes for passage, and AKC will alert fanciers if any additional activity becomes apparent.

As originally written, AB342 would have made it illegal for any dog to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill, or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill any mammal, or to train a dog for such purposes. Many AKC performance events including earthdog, tracking, coonhound, herding, lure coursing, and field trial events could have been prohibited. A companion dog simply chasing a squirrel in the backyard would also have been in violation of the law. An amended version focused more specifically on using dogs to hunt bears and bobcats, but it was widely opposed by AKC and sportsmen's groups who fear the gradual chipping away of hunting/field activities.

Congratulations to the many concerned fanciers who answered AKC's call to action by contacting their representatives and urging them to reject this bill. Your success is a testament to a strong grassroots network!

For more information, contact:  
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