



UPCOMING MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, Sept. 30th, 7:00

Brown's: 3608 Lake Tahoe Dr., Arlington

After the meeting, we'll watch video of National. Also bring your own photos to share.

Directions: I-20 to Green Oaks Exit. Go N. on Green Oaks to Pleasant Ridge (1st light). Go left on Pleasant Ridge couple of blocks to Poly Webb. Go right to Shorewood. Left and then right on 1st street (Enchanted Lakes). First street is Lake Tahoe. Turn left and we're in 1st block on the right.

OCTOBER MEETING-SPECIAL GUEST!

Tuesday, October 21st 7:30 P.M.

Kate Thompson's (2703 Coventry Ln., Carrollton, TX).

Don't miss this opportunity to hear (and ask questions) to Dr. Garfield, veterinary dermatologist. He'll discuss allergies and various skin conditions.

TROPHY AND PLAQUE STATISTICS

The deadline for submission of wins and placement(s) for the club's annual trophies is November 15. Title plaque submissions are due by December 31. Please submit documentation including the following:

Trophy or plaque you are applying for

Your name

Dog/Bitch's name

Event name

Event date

Qualification(s): i.e. conformation, obedience, agility, hunt test or field trial; as applicable

Qualifying score(s) if applicable

Placement(s) if applicable

For non AKC events (like GRCA, UKC, NADAC, etc.) evidence of qualification, placement is required (copies of point receipts, scoresheets, WC/WCX certificates etc.) Copies of the AKC awards pages for qualifying events, or a copy of the dogs record via the AKC on-line is helpful, but not required.

To be eligible for a trophy or plaque, you must attend four (4) meetings or attended two (2) meetings and worked two (2) events.

Trophy & Plaque applications should be sent to: Susan Beckmann 601 Mustang Ridge Drive, Murphy TX 75094.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Call Kate if you are interested in serving on the nominating committee for 2004 officers or if you are interested in serving on the board.

BRAGS

AGILITY

Bexar County Kennel Club

Open Standard - Q - Third Place - Cill O'Laoch
Cill Dara (Degan) **Title!!!**

Alamo Dog Obedience Club

Open Jumpers with Weaves - Q - Fourth Place -
Cill O'Laoch Cill Dara (Degan) **Title!!!**

Houston Kennel Club:

Open JWW - Second Place - Q
Open JWW - Q
Cill O'Laoch Cill Dara(Degan)

Tulsa Dog Obedience Club - U.K.C. Agility Event -

Novice Division 3 Class:
Second Place - Q
Third Place - Q
U-AGI Cill O'Laoch Cill Dara - OA, OAJ, CGC
(Degan) **Title!!!**

NADAC Agility - TWANG Aug 30 -31, 2003

Novice Gamblers - Second Place - Q
Novice Standard - Qualifying Score - **Title !!!**
Novice Jumpers - Qualifying Score - **Title !!!**

Cill O'Laoch Cill
Dara - NA, NAJ, OA, OAJ, NAC, NJC (Degan)

OBEDIENCE

Tyler Obed. C. 7/26/2003

Novice B
Schoolhouse x Tempo Rainy Us (Brown)
Handled by Robins

Longview KC 7/27/2003

OA-3rd
UCD SHR Triune's Rollin` on the River JH, CD
(Ingram)

Novice B
Schoolhouse x Tempo Rainy Us (Brown)
Handled by Robins

United River City Kennel Club, Aug. 2-3, at Triple Crown Dog Academy, Hutto Tx

2 UCDX legs , a first, and a second
Cayenne, UCD, SHR Triune's Rollin` on the
River JH,CD(Ingram)

Dallas OTC August 16

OA-2nd
UCD SHR Triune's Rollin` on the River JH, CD
(Ingram)

Dallas OTC August 17

OA
UCD SHR Triune's Rollin` on the River JH, CD
(Ingram) **TITLE!!!**

CONFORMATION

Bexar County KC 7/11/03

BOB
Tempo's Old King Cole (Knapp and Brown)

Bexar County KC 7/12/03

BOS.
CH Goldance I Do C U -(Gulledge)

Houston KC 7/17/2003

Best in Sweeps
Tempo's Easy Rider(Brown)

Houston KC 7/18/2003

RWD
Tempo's Easy Rider(Brown)

BOS
CH Goldance I Do C U "Emma" (Gulledge)

Beaumont K.C. - 7/19/03 -

BOB
CH Goldance I Do C U "Emma" (Gulledge)

2 Longview K.C. - 7/26/03 -

BOB
CH Goldance I Do C U "Emma" (Gulledge)

Field Committee Report by Ann Horton

As time changes and the interest of the club members change, so must the direction of the club. The field committee is trying to look at ways to better benefit the club in general. We believe it is time to make some big changes. With very few members actually entering our hunt tests and the new direction to add agility trials which provide a much higher profit to the club, we would like to prevent further burn out by lightening the load of our tired field committee that has as it's primary members those that have been doing this for many years, some for over 15 years -- twice a year putting on tests -- that's at least 30 tests. Other club members have stepped in to help through the years even though they are not still attending field committee meetings.

We would like to cut back to 1 major event to plan and work a year instead of 2. Hopefully, this will make it easier on a lot of club members, not just the current field committee.

If you have ideas on what you'd like to see the field committee do, please let me know and I will make sure you are invited to the next field committee meeting to help plan the changes. I may be contacted at coralace@ev1.net or 972-843-2078. In the meantime, here are our current thoughts and a little history.

As many of you already know, a year ago, the field committee decided some things had to change due to the extra large entries that we now get in the advanced stakes. Here are the numbers of entries over the last years:

	Junior (Sat)	Junior (Sun)	Senior	Master
1998	52	48	43	48
1999	47		30	40
2000	59	54	41	43
2001	41	39	39	62
2002	40	45	35	74
2003	66	61	50	57

Back in the beginning, around 1987, we set limits of 25 on Master entries as what we thought one set of judges could handle in one day. Because some clubs mis-used the limits, AKC removed the ability to set limits and control the size of our hunt tests. In April of 2002, we had so many entries that even running the test over two days, we couldn't be confident that we could complete the 3 series of tests required in Master, so we split the test into two groups, brought in another set of judges and an additional 10 workers. Now, if you've ever been in charge of trying to line up enough workers for an inside obedience trial or conformation show, you can imagine what it's like to try to find an additional 12 people to judge and work a test in whatever temperatures or weather conditions, get extra equipment needed (can't exactly rent duck decoys, wingers, blinds and guns), etc, all in only 1 week.

Master National requires dogs to pass Master multiple times within the year to qualify for their test. The clubs must pay a fee to Master National in order for passes from their tests to be qualifying passes towards competing in the Master National. Because of that many more dogs are entering Master. Since we can no longer set limits, we tried dropping Master back down to a manageable number by dropping our Master National membership. Although this did reduce our entries, we still ran two very full days to complete Master. Had we had 1 more entry in Seniors, we would have had to split that stake. Had that happened, we would have also had to split Master in order to not have 4 tests running at once instead of 2.

With the interest of the club and many of the field committee members being to have the club begin putting on agility trials and due to the stress of a very tired field committee, we have made the following decisions:

We would like to focus more on getting more people interested in field work and holding the tests that several of the club members are entering. We will be moving this years WC/WCX to be with next years Hunt Test. We will begin holding a Junior/Senior on one day and the WC/WCX on the next day. We will not offer a Master test. This way if Senior Entries get too large, we would only have a maximum of 3 test series going on at one time. We will also move our hunt test date so that we don't conflict with so many local events.

Instead of holding a WC/WCX this Fall, we would like to have a training seminar to try to get more people involved in hunting tests.

Standing Rule #6 for Field says that the field committee is in charge of field related decisions and is to submit these decisions to the board. Standing Rule #2 says the field committee is to hold a WC/WCX each year. This year, we do not have a volunteer that is willing to chair the WC/WCX and feel it would better serve the club to plan a seminar to hopefully benefit members that are not only doing the tremendous amount of work to hold these tests, competing at ad-

vanced levels, but also members that haven't started doing field work.

According to the By-Laws Section 3 on Standing Rules, We will be presenting it to the club for a vote to waive holding the WC/WCX this year at the next meeting. If you vote that you want to hold the WC/WCX this year, please have someone willing to be the chair the test this year as we don't currently have volunteers to handle these positions for this year (or next).

In addition

The Field Committee is planning our next Judges Seminar. In order to judge a hunt test, among other things, you must attend a Judges Seminar at least once every 3 years. Currently, unlike other events, Hunt Test Judges only receive expenses and are not paid. We have at least 9 members that are qualified to judge. In order to reduce our expenses to go to these seminars, we are trying to hold a seminar once every 3 years to keep all these members qualified to judge (as well as several others in our area). We will be requesting permission from AKC to hold our next Seminar in Jan of 2005. If you would like to know more about what it takes to be a hunt test judge besides the willingness to be on the test grounds from sun up to sun down regardless of rain (judged in this), sleet (Janet's judged in this), Snow (Several of us judged in this last winter) or just think you would benefit from knowing more about what the judges are being told, please let us know so we can add you to our contact list about this event. AKC requires a minimum number of people attend. This event has a fee in order to cover the costs so that the club is not out any money for it.

OBEDIENCE SHOW AND GO

Thank you to all the club members who helped at the recent obedience show and go. Workers included Brooke Annis, John and Janet Frick, Rita Robins, Carol Sandusky. A special thanks goes to Joan Jung for the use of her building. We had a big turn out and raised money for our trophies for the upcoming specialty.

Pat Ingram
Obedience Chair

TOP DOG SHOW AND GO'S

Sundays Sept 7th, Sept 14th, Oct 5th, Oct 12th

AKC NEWS

AKC INITIATES EVENT SERVICE FEE

New York, NY – The AKC Board of Directors, at its April 7-8, 2003 meeting, reviewed the cost of the Events Department and the necessity for the users and beneficiaries of AKC services to share in at least a portion of these costs.

Effective for events held on and after January 1, 2004, AKC will collect a \$1.50 AKC Event Service Fee for the first entry of a dog in all AKC licensed and member dog shows, obedience trials, tracking tests, field trials and hunting tests. The current \$.50 recording fee will continue to be collected.

For any performance events with a current \$1.00 recording fee, there will be an additional \$1.00 AKC Event Service Fee collected for events held on and after January 1, 2004.

As there is currently a \$3.00 recording fee for agility, earthdog, lure coursing, and herding events, there will be no AKC Event Service Fee.

It is the intent of the Board to meet future revenue shortfalls in the Events area by attempting to find alternate revenues and by instituting additional cost savings.

RULES CHANGES

Obedience, Agility and Tracking Regulations will be sporting a new look in the near future. There is one minor update to Chapter 1, referring to entries that has been incorporated into the new books. It is not necessary to order a whole new book. This update can be downloaded and printed from the web at the following URL addresses and inserted into the front of your current copy:

Obedience amended to March 10, 2003:

http://www.akc.org/registration/rules/inserts/ro2999_1201.pdf

Agility amended to March 10, 2003:

http://www.akc.org/registration/rules/inserts/reagil_0402.pdf

Tracking amended to March 10, 2003:

http://www.akc.org/registration/rules/inserts/ru9999_0301.pdf

Please pass the word along to fellow exhibitors and thank you for

participating in conserving our natural resources.

<http://www.iwdba.org>

<http://www.akccar.org>

GRCA TRIATHLON AWARD:

In recognition of the versatility of the Golden Retriever, and to encourage owners to showcase that versatility by participating in multiple areas of competition at the National and Regional specialty shows, the Golden Retriever Club of America is instituting a "Triathlon Award" for dogs which meet the following criteria:

The dog/bitch must compete and receive either a placement or qualifying performance in each of the three areas provided for below:

1. Conformation (placement or Judge's Award of Merit in regular, non-regular, or sweepstakes class)
2. Field (pass either the WC or WCX test; pass any level in a hunt test, place or receive a Judge's Award of Merit in any stake in a field trial)
3. Performance (pass a tracking test, obtain a qualifying score in any regular or non-regular obedience or agility trial class)

Additional rules:

1. The required combination of placements, Judge's Award of Merit, or passes must be received on the same individual dog at the same National or Regional specialty event.

2. Neutered or spayed animals are eligible to compete for this award provided they are also eligible for the class or test in which they are entered

3. The owner must complete a Triathlon Award application and submit it to the Triathlon Award Chairperson. The application have attached to it, the documentation that demonstrates that the dog was entered in the required events, and that the dog received the required placements, passes, or qualifying scores.

Upon receipt of the application and confirming documentation, the Triathlon Award Chairperson will send a certificate of recognition to the owner.

4. The owner must be a member of the GRCA.

Dallas Ft.-Worth Metro Golden Retriever Club Minutes of August, 2003 Meeting August 15, 2003

The meeting was held at the home of Beverly Neason, 6534 Sparrow Point, McKinney, Texas on the above date. A meeting attendance list was circulated. Twenty three voting members were present which exceeded the number needed for a quorum (20% of 98 voting members).

The meeting was called to order by President, Kate Thompson.

The membership heard a report from the Field Committee. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to suspend the standing rule for this year requiring the Field Committee to hold a WC/WCX. A proposal to change the structure of the Hunting Test from a Junior/Senior/Master to a Junior/Senior only, with a WC/WCX on the next day was discussed. There were no objections to the proposal.

The membership heard a report from the Bench Committee. Conformation judges for the Specialty were discussed. The Bench Committee made recommendations. There were also nominations from the floor. After a two-tier vote, it was decided to ask Jonathan Chase to judge the regular classes. Rhonda Hovan will be considered as a back-up.

Sweeps judges were considered. The Bench Committee made recommendations. There were also nominations from the floor. Mike Butler will be asked to judge the sweeps. It may be necessary to obtain an additional judge for the Junior class. This will be handled by the Bench Committee. It was noted that it may be possible to borrow a Junior judge through TKC.

The membership heard a report from the Obedience Committee. Floyd Harding will be asked to judge Obedience at the Specialty. Bonnie Baker will be considered as a back-up. No opposition was expressed to this by the membership.

Barbara Brown will act as Secretary for the Specialty. Dawn Morrill will be in charge of the raffle.

Volunteers were requested for the Nominating Committee. Debbie Allen volunteered.

Committee chairs were discussed. Committee chairs will be listed in the September newsletter. Current committee chairs are:

Ann Horton - Field
Shari Degan - Agility
Pat Ingram - Obedience
Debbie Allen - Puppy Referral
Debbie Allen - Constitution
Kate Thompson - Trophy
Susan Beckman - Statistics
Janet and John Frick - Newsletter
Melissa Kato - Membership
A board member has been selected to chair the Nominating Committee

It was voted to consider raising fees for Puppy Referral in order to increase revenue.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by John Frick

**Dallas/Ft. Worth Metro Golden Retriever Club
Board Meeting Minutes - July 24, 2003**

Attendees: Kate Thompson, Barbara Brown, Beverly Neason, Holly Ragan, John Frick

Trophy for Junior Performance was presented by John Frick for Board approval. Considered and approved. Competition begins January 1, 2003.

October Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 16th at Kate Thompson's home with a dermatologist as the guest speaker. Barbara Brown will check with Linda Williams for September meeting at her house.

Christmas Party will be held Saturday or Sunday, December 6th or 7th. Dawn Morrill is considering providing her house for the meeting. The Board will meet prior to the party.

Next Board Meeting will be August 15, prior to the Club meeting.

October 7th at Steak & Shake at 7:00pm
September - no meeting required
November - no meeting required

December - short meeting prior to Christmas Party

August Club Meeting: Request for volunteers for the nominating Committee to compile recommendations for next year's Board slate. One board member is required to participate and guide the group. Richard Woodmansee was suggested, Kate will follow-up to ask him.

Specialty Committee: Minutes from July 22nd meeting read and reviewed and people selected to chair positions. A slate of judges was selected for confirmation, juniors and sweepstakes.

Obedience Committee - has not met or chosen a judge for the Specialty at this time.

The Board reviewed the proposal by Rita Robins to modify the Specialty premium to more closely resemble current Veteran Sweepstakes eligibility requirements. Current requirements for all sweepstakes classes reads: "Dogs shown in Sweepstakes must also be entered in one of the regular classes at the regular entry fee and on the regular entry form. Dogs must be handled by the owner, co-owner, breeder or member of their immediate family. Professional handlers are allowed to handle only their own dogs. Dogs with major points may be entered. Champions of Record may not be entered." The following changes have been recommended and will be voted upon by the membership at the August meeting:

1. Open to all golden retrievers 8 years and older on the day of the show
2. Neutered dogs and spayed bitches may be entered.
3. Dogs need not be entered in any other class in the show.
4. Dogs must be handled by the owner, co-owner, breeder or member of immediate family.
5. Professional handlers are allowed to handle only their own dog.
6. Entrants may be a Champion of Record or be major pointed as closing date.

The Obedience Committee is holding a Fun Match at Joan Jung's training facility on August 9th.
Pat Ingram is chairing the event.

The board discussed at length a proposal by the field committee regarding the club holding a WC/WCX this year. The club by-laws state that this event be held each year. Currently, there are no members of the field committee to chair this event due to the increasing difficulty of accommodating large entries, and the burn-out factor of the current workers. It was therefore recommended that we hold a combined Junior/Senior on a Saturday next April with a WC/WCX on that Sunday, leaving out the Master level test due to the entries and time parameters of getting all the dogs through the test.

At this time, the club has not been able to close the financials for 2002 due to outstanding receipts for the WC/WCX '02 event. Additionally, the all receipts for this year's Hunt Test have yet to be received. This was discussed at length and it was decided that Kate would send out a formal request for these receipts to be submitted by a deadline of August 14th. Regrettably, if not submitted, these monies will be considered a donation to the club.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Ragan

**Dallas Ft.-Worth Metro Golden Retriever Club
Minutes of August, 2003 Board Meeting
August 15, 2003**

The board meeting was held at the home of Beverly Neason, 6534 Sparrow Point, McKinney, Texas on the above date. Attending the meeting were:

Kate Thompson - President
Barbara Brown - Vice President
Melissa Kato representing Shari Degan - Treasurer
Beverly Neason - Corresponding Secretary
John Frick - At Large

The status of the treasury was discussed. MK reported that the current treasury was around \$5,000-\$6,000, and that Puppy Referral was incurring expenditures of around \$80 per month. Half of the amount is for the telephone service and the other half is for the newspaper advertisement. It was noted that current litter listing fees are at \$25.00 per litter. The role of Puppy Referral was discussed. It was concluded that Puppy Referral was intended to be a service to the breed, the members, and the community at large. It was not intended to be a profit center.

JF noted that the newsletter also was incurring expenses of \$80-\$125 per month for printing and postage.

Discussion ensued regarding sources of income for the club. With the decision of the Field Committee to not do a WC/WCX test this fall, there appear to be few sources of income for the remainder of the calendar year. One possibility is the proposed handlers' seminar. Rita Robins indicated that the club could expect to net a "couple of hundred" dollars profit from such an event. The board asked Rita to have the Field Committee provide a written budget for the event.

In related matters, it was noted that the books on the spring Hunting Test, and the 2002 fall WC/WCX have not yet been closed, because a member has not submitted expenses. The decision was made to close the books at the end of the month, with or without the expenses being submitted. John Frick was delegated the task of contacting the member and encouraging the prompt submission of the receipts.

Agility trials were discussed as a potential source of income. Shari Degan has a date of November 6, 2004 booked for a trial.

It was concluded that this may help next year, but will not help this year.

The decision was made to set a budget for the remainder of the year. Shari Degan will be asked to provide a statement of income and expenditures for the year to date. Income and expenditures for the remainder of the year will be estimated.

Items to bring before the membership were discussed. These items were:

1. Suspension of the standing rule requiring the Field Committee to hold a WC/WCX each year. This will be suspended for this year only.
2. Changes proposed by Rita Robins to Veterans Sweeps at the Specialty will be voted. Affirming the changes will bring our rules into conformance with those used by other clubs at their specialties.
3. Selection of conformation and obedience judges for the Specialty.
4. Volunteers for the nominating committee will requested.
5. Change in the Hunting Test structure from a Junior/Senior/Master to a Junior/Senior only, with a WC/WCX on the next day.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by John Frick

MORE BRAGS

Bayou KC, 8/29-Major in dogs
WD, BOW
Goldstorm Along The Border (Neason)-
Bayou KC,

Bayou KC 8/30-
Major in dogs-WD
Tempo's Easy Rider (Brown) **TITLE!!!**

WB, BOW
Scion Got Some Splainin To Do (Cooper)

BOB
Ch. Scion Oughta Be A Law (Cooper)

Vicksburg KC, 9/1
BOB, G. 2
Ch. Scion Oughta Be A Law (Cooper)