



## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 17, 2007– club meeting



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### APRIL MEETING

APRIL 17, 2007

**Carol Gilbert**

### Goldens in the UK and Crufts

Southlake Central Market  
7:00 Social  
7:30 Program and meeting

Directions:

**Southlake Central Market** is conveniently located just 5 miles west of the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. Take Highway 114 West to the Carroll Avenue exit and take a left on Carroll. The store is at the southeast corner of Carroll Avenue and Southlake Boulevard/FM 1709.



### DFWMGRC CLUB DUES FOR YEAR 2007

Dues for year 2007 are due February 1, 2007 and are considered delinquent after May 1, 2007. Send all monies to the treasurer. Regular dues are \$25 per family or \$20 per individual or \$15 for a Junior.



### GHGRC AKC Hunt Test & WC WCX Test April 7-8, 2007

Please inform your members that the Greater Houston Golden Retriever Club will be hosting a Senior/Junior AKC Hunt Test on April 7, 2007 and a WC/WCX on April 8, 2007 at Hidden Lake in Anderson Texas. Premiums are attached or can be found at [www.entryexpress.net](http://www.entryexpress.net). Deadline for entries is this Wednesday 3/28/07 on Entry Express.

For any questions, please contact Marlene Walden at [MWaldenNNP@aol.com](mailto:MWaldenNNP@aol.com) or 281-356-6353.

## BRAGS

### CONFORMATION

#### Faith City KC - 3/3/07

1st BBE, RWD - Tempo's U've Got What Gets Me (Brown)

#### Faith City KC - 3/4/07

RWD - Tempo's U've Got What Gets Me (Brown)

1st, 6-9 mo. puppy dog - Tempo's Magical Mystery Tour (Knapp, Meddaugh, Brown)

#### Comal County Kennel Club, Inc. San Antonio TX, Thursday, March 8, 2007

Reserve Winners Bitch  
Goldstorm Spirits Shagn Not Stird (Farmer/Todd)

#### GRCA Western Regional 3/23/2007

Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Best Bred-By Exhibitor (5-point major)  
Goldstorm Spirits Shagn Not Stird (Martini) (Farmer/Todd)

Sweepstakes 1st, 6-9 mo. puppy dog  
Tempo's Magical Mystery Tour (Knapp, Meddaugh, Brown)

#### Fort Worth KC 3/24/2007

Reserve Winners Bitch  
Goldstorm Spirits Shagn Not Stird (Martini) (Farmer/Todd)

1st, 6-9 mo. puppy dog - Tempo's G'Day Sunshine At Razzle (Meddaugh, Brown)

2nd, 6-9 mo. puppy dog - Tempo's Magical Mystery Tour (Knapp, Meddaugh, Brown)

3rd, Open Dog - Tempo's Texas State of Mind (Wadsworth, Brown)

#### Fort Worth KC 3/25/2007

Winners Bitch, Best of Winners - 5-point major - Goldstorm Spirits Shagn Not Stird (Martini) (Farmer/Todd) **NEW CHAMPION !!!!**

#### Greater Houston GRC Specialty Sweepstakes - 3/16/07

1st, 6-9 mo. puppy dog, Best In Sweeps - Tempo's G'Day Sunshine At Razzle (Meddaugh, Brown)

2nd, 6-9 mo. puppy dog - Tempo's Magical Mystery Tour (Knapp, Meddaugh, Brown)

#### Greater Houston GRC Specialty - 3/16/07

1st BBE - Tempo's U've Got What Gets Me (Brown)  
2nd Open Dogs - Tempo's Texas State of Mind (Wadsworth, Brown)

#### Greater Houston GRC - 3/17/07

1st, 6-9 mo. puppy dog  
Tempo's G'Day Sunshine (Meddaugh, Brown)

3rd, Open Dogs - Tempo's Texas State of Mind (Wadsworth, Brown)

#### Greater Houston GRC - 3/18/07

1st, 6-9 mo. puppy dog - Tempo's Magical Mystery Tour (Knapp, Meddaugh, Brown)

#### Palo Verde Golden Retriever Club Specialty Tucson AZ March 16, 2007

WB/BW/BOS  
Glengowan's Tinker Taylor

#### Brazoria KC - 3/25/07

1st 6-9 mo. puppy dog - Tempo's Magical Mystery Tour (Knapp, Meddaugh, Brown)

1st BBE - Tempo's U've Got What Gets Me (Brown)

1st Open Dogs, Winner's Dog - Tempo's Texas State Of Mind (Wadsworth, Brown)

## AGILITY

### DAWG March 10

OA-1st

UCH,HR, UCDX Trinity's River of Dreams SH, CDX,WCX,VC, ASCA CD,RE, NA ,NAJ,NJP, NAP, pointed (Ingram) handled by Williams TITLE!!!

Excellent B JWW Preferred: 3rd Place - Q REMUDA'S LUCK OF THE DRAW, CDX,MX, MXJ,AXP,OJP

Excellent A JWW Preferred: 1st Place REMUDA'S ONE MORE LAST CHANCE, AX, AXJ,AXP,AJP (Felix)Felix TITLE !!!

### DAWG Trial - March 11, 2007

Sheridon's Kahlua N Cream  
Open Jumpers with Weaves  
2nd place, 3rd leg - TITLE!!!

Excellent B JWW Preferred: 1st Place - Q Excellent B Standard Preferred: 2nd Place - Double Q  
REMUDA'S ONE MORE LAST CHANCE, AX, AXJ,AXP,AJP( Felix )

### DOTC Agility Trial - February 24th -

- Excellent A Standard leg - 2nd Place  
Sunsplash Ute StartYourEngin, CD, OA, OAJ, RE, NAP - Zing (Sherman)

## FIELD

### GRCA Western Regional WC/WCX Test 3/25/2007

WC

Sheridon's Orig Irish Cream ("Bailey") (Farmer/Todd) -

## OBEDIENCE

### Tri City Obedience Club - March 18 -

Open A - 1st Place

Sunsplash Ute StartYourEngin, CD, OA, OAJ, RE, NAP - Zing (Sherman) -

UDX-Leg

U-CDX Aerojett's Speaker of Tales UD RE NA OAJ SH WCX (Frick)

### DFWMGRC Specialty - March 22

Open A - 1st Place

Sunsplash Ute StartYourEngin, CDX, OA, OAJ, RE, NAP - Zing (Sherman) - - **TITLE!!!!!!**

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7. Opportunities for Provisional Judges (Those judges approved for NO MORE than one group) (May be conducted at events held outside the club territory) AKC encourages clubs to provide new provisional judges with opportunities to judge. For those clubs hiring at least four provisional conformation judges, credit is given for satisfying this eligibility requirement.

As a general guideline, the suggested correlation between entries and number of provisional judges is: (a) for entries of less than 1,000, a minimum of four (4) provisional; (b) for entries of 1,000 to 2,000, a minimum of six (6) provisional; (c) for entries greater than 2,000, a minimum of eight (8) provisional.

8. AKC Show Committee Seminars (May be conducted at events held outside the club territory) Event committee education contributes to a successful and well-run event. Clubs that provide this educational opportunity will be recognized for this activity. Event Operations will document these seminars.

9. Disaster Planning Clubs that have an AKC-approved Disaster Preparedness Plan for natural disasters within their territory will be recognized for this activity. AKC Communications Department will document completion of this activity.

10. Meet the Breeds (May be conducted at events held outside the club territory) Meet the breed exhibits educates the public about the various AKC breeds and aids in creating responsible dog owners. The club must document the exhibit in the show report submitted for the event.

11. Health Clinics (May be conducted at events held outside the club territory) Health clinics sponsored by the show-giving club that are open to offer specific health screening. Examples of acceptable clinics include CERF, Cardiac testing or other health screening examinations not generally offered by general practice veterinarians.

### **Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye: We want to hear your voices!!!**

The Field Education Committee is seeking your input and suggestions for increasing interest in the field from you and your local club. There is an interactive Survey on the main page of the GRCA web site and on the home page of the FEC site. See <http://www.grca.org/fec>, and click on "Take Our Survey: GRCA Field Education Member and Member Club Field Activity Survey." The survey will be up for four months, but don't wait until July--do it now.

It is easy and fun to complete and will help the FEC plan future projects for our members and their hunting companions. The survey will also be printed in the next issue of the GRNews for those that would rather submit by US Postal Service. Please participate, we appreciate your input!

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Ann Strathern, FEC Chair

## GRCA

**BOARD MIDYEAR MEETING.** The GRCA Board of Directors will meet in St. Louis on April 2-3. We are currently preparing the agenda and will post it on the website when it is finalized. If there are issues you would like discussed, please contact a Board member. Any background documentation would be extremely helpful also.

**AKC NEW POLICY ON HARDSHIP AND DNA TESTING**  
AKC's hardship policy reads: "When a breeder (seller) has been charged, placed on referral or suspended, AKC will consider transfer and registration of dogs and litters owned by innocent third parties. Buyers must provide dated documentation (such as a cancelled check or veterinary records) that show the dog(s) was acquired before the breeder (seller) was charged, placed on referral or suspended. The parentage of the dog or litter must not be in question, and all other requirements for registration must be met."

**NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR SHOW-GIVING CLUBS FROM AKC:**

The date of implementation for all breed clubs is January 1, 2008; for specialty clubs it is January 1, 2009.

Every Specialty, Group and All-Breed dog club that does not hold a benched show must meet certain criteria to maintain its eligibility to hold shows.

### I. CATEGORY A ACTIVITIES:

If club holds a show they have to do one (1) of the following 5 items within 10 miles of club's territory. If club doesn't hold a show they have to do two (2) of the 5 listed activities:

1. An Independent AKC Sanctioned Match (Independent is defined as: A stand-alone event not associated with a licensed or member dog show.) with emphasis on attracting and assisting new exhibitors within their territory. Or co-hosting a multi-club match using the AKC Educational Match format to satisfy this requirement. (These large multi-club independent matches may be held outside the club territory)

2. In order to make matches interesting and more of an educational experience, the American Kennel Club has permitted clubs to experiment with types of events that may be used to meet this requirement. Clubs have also been permitted to vary judging procedure, critiques and examinations by multiple judges, or other alternate judging procedures. AKC is willing to consider any reasonable proposal for holding an experimental-type match, but will require a detailed explanation of the event on the match application. NOTE: GRCA intends to apply to have the CCA meet this requirement

3. A AKC Canine Good Citizen® Test

4. An Active Public Education Program – proof must be submitted to AKC Director of PEC For example, Youth programs (4-H, Scouting Groups, or active Canine Ambassador Programs) or Public Education Programs at community functions, civic organizations, public library programs, support of an AKC Veterinary Outreach activity, or other community activities within 10 miles of the club territory.

5. Other Educational or Outreach Programs Other club outreach or educational activities may be used to satisfy this Section A requirement if the club receives advanced approval from AKC Event Operations. In order to have an activity approved, the club must submit a description of the activity, the intended audience, and the location of the activity. Submit the description to: Director of the Event Operations PO Box 37929, Raleigh, NC 27627-7929 (919-816-3579)

### II. CATEGORY B ACTIVITIES:

ALL clubs are required to conduct and document at least two of the following eleven (11) activities in its area within the calendar year to be approved for the next calendar year's show(s). FOUR of these category B activities are required if the club's shows are held beyond 10 miles from the club's territory.

1. Conformation and/or Obedience/Rally, or Agility Training Classes this requirement are those involving obedience, agility, or conformation and are advertised and are open to the public.
2. Breeder Referral Service The key to a meaningful breeder referral lies in making it known to the public that this information is readily available. The club must indicate how it advertises the referral service to the public. (i.e. on a club website, the local Yellow Pages or advertises in local newspapers etc.)
3. Two Educational Programs for Club Members and the Public or Formal Judges Education. Clubs hold regular meetings and some of these meetings should involve educational programs that are of interest to the membership and the public. If the club is fulfilling this requirement, it should specify the dates of its educational meetings and give a summary of the programs for these meetings. Clubs are encouraged to invite the public to these meetings. Specialty clubs can satisfy this requirement by offering breed specific judges education programs including on-line presentations. (i.e. On-line video, Power Point, or similar presentations)
4. Dog Show Tours (May be conducted at events held outside the club territory) A formal educational plan and schedule of tours conducted should be submitted to document this activity.
5. Registered Handler Seminars or Workshops (May be conducted at events held outside the club territory) Clubs that provide AKC Registered exhibitors and/or junior handlers encourage new exhibitors and promote the sport of dogs. Judging operations will document completion of this activity.
6. New Exhibitor Briefing (May be conducted at events held outside the club territory) New exhibitor briefings should help new exhibitors understand the dog show and feel more comfortable with the sport. The briefing must be publicized in the judging program and should include scheduled times. The briefing should explain the duties of the superintendent or show secretary, the AKC Executive Field Staff, the event committee, the ring steward, ring location, exercise areas, and assist with grooming space. An explanation of dog show classes, points computation, and verification of placements (judges book tear sheets). The club must document the briefing in the show report submitted for the event.

# Odd New Cult - BEWARE!

Some of my golden friends have become members of a cult. I have been attending the rites of this cult for a few months - in fact, I was at one last weekend - and I find them strange. Below I describe the activities that occur in these ceremonies so that those of you who find YOUR friends involved in similar activities will be forewarned. I am not sure we need to DO anything, as the cult members seem rather harmless. The situation does bear watching, because I hear that this cult is expanding rapidly. When its membership begins to number in the tens of thousands, or even more, we must be prepared for the event that they try to take over.

The rites usually start with a few acolytes placing the objects of veneration in a large area. This is often on a dirt floor, but it may be on concrete or even outside in good weather. The placing of the objects is at the pleasure of a high priestess (or, less commonly, high priest). As far as I can tell, the locations of the objects are completely random. They vary from ceremony to ceremony. Invariably there are two sites adjacent for the rites. The placements seem to be some sort of preliminary to the actual ceremonies.

The objects are odd indeed. Most are plastic and consist of PVC tubes assembled in a variety of ways. Some are chiefly wood or cloth and are reminiscent of children's playground equipment. There are numbered cones, sometimes two or three, associated with each object.

The rites themselves begin with the cult members worshipping the objects as a group. They all have vacant stares, as if they are concentrating. So far as I know no drugs, other than coffee, are involved despite what the vacant stares might suggest. The cult members pass among the objects for ten or fifteen minutes this way. The veneration is apparently shown by having one's hand out toward each object in sequence. During this period, the high priestess and the acolytes seem not to be much involved. They, well, schmooze. Let us call this Ceremony A.

After a while, Ceremony B starts. This seems to be vaguely like communion in a Christian service, in that each cult member now does it individually. The cult members are wearing name tags, I suppose so they will be known to the high priestess and the acolytes, but their cult names seem to be strings of numbers. Since the first two numbers tend to group (16, 20, and 24 are popular - 20 seems to be the most prevalent) I suspect they identify membership in some sub-cult.

Now get this: what the cult member does individually is pretty much what the cult did en masse in Ceremony A, but now WITH A DOG! The dog is required to make contact with some of the venerated objects, or to jump over or through others. This time the high priestess is actually supervising, making occasional hand motions. Should she make no hand motions, the audience members (mostly the rest of the cult) use THEIR hands and applaud. The acolytes meanwhile usually sit around the ceremonial area looking intent and scribbling on paper. They also return the objects to their proper positions, if the cult member and dog disturb them, for veneration by the next ones.

It seems that the hand motion of the high priestess is a sign that the cult's deities have not been pleased with the cult member and his/her dog; pleasure is denoted by a green ribbon, and extreme pleasure by ribbons of other colors.

Ceremony A and Ceremony B are repeated several times, with the cult members alternating between the two ceremonial areas.

Infrequently, there is a remarkable rite - a cult member and dog, having received no show of hand from the priestess, will take part of one of the objects, a plastic rod, and parade around the ceremonial area with the rod in the dog's mouth! This is so aberrant relative to the rest of the ceremony that it makes a MACH-ery of the religious ritual.

Please, folks, be careful. If you do attend one of these rites, be very aware that the cult members may try to get you to join them. If you do, you will soon find yourself spending evenings, early mornings, and lunch hours practicing the rites. You will spend your entire weekends with this cult. Soon you will find that it dominates your life. You might as well have been hit by a MX Missile.

I asked if there was a confirmation class for prospective cult members, but I was told that it was conFORMATION class, and that that's for an entirely different cult.