



**UPCOMING
EVENTS**



Specialty-3/26/10

4/17/10-Hunting Test

4/18/10- WC/WCX

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DFWMGRC HOLIDAY PARTY

**Sunday, December 20, 2009
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

3612 Lake Tahoe Dr., Arlington Home of Cathy Meddaugh

Bring a side dish, salad, dessert, appetizer, or turkey garnish. The club will supply the meat. Email Kathy Felix at k.felix@tx.rr.com or call her home phone: 817-478-1907 to let her know what you will bring.

Bring a **\$15-\$20** gift for the gift exchange. Rules for the exchange are: Each participating person (18 or older) will draw a number at random for the gift exchange. Then matching numbers will be drawn at random for the order of the exchange. Once the gift is opened it may be stolen up to three times. After which it is considered retired. In other words, once it has been claimed four times it is no longer available. The Club will be providing gift certificates for the juniors, therefore the juniors will not be participating in the gift exchange.

Directions:

- From either I-30 or I-20.
- From I-30 take Eastchase Parkway exit. Go South. Name eventually changes to Green Oaks. Turn right at Pleasant Ridge which is a major intersection. Go several blocks to make right turn right past an elementary school (Poly Webb). Poly Webb deadends at Shorewood. Turn left on Shorewood and turn right at second street which is entrance to Enchanted Lakes Subdivision. Take first left which is Lake Tahoe. We're in first block on the right, 3608.
- From I-20 take the Green Oaks/Little Road exit. Go North on Green Oaks and get in left lane to make left turn at second red light (Pleasant Ridge). Go several blocks to make right turn just past the elementary school (Poly Webb). Poly Webb deadends at Shorewood. Turn left on Shorewood and turn right at 2nd street which is entrance into Enchanted Lakes Subdivision. Take first left which is Lake Tahoe. We're in first block on the right, 36
- Mapsco reference 94

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BRAGS

AGILITY

November 13 DAWG:

Excellent B FAST-Q 3rd Place
Autumn Honey, CDX, RN, MX, MXJ, XF (Clark)

EXB Standard Q
UOCH Aero-Jett's Speaker of Tales UDX RE MXJ
AX OF SH WCX(Frick)

November 14 DAWG:

Excellent B JWW-Q
Excellent B Std-Q (QQ #11)
Autumn Honey, CDX, RN, MX, MXJ, XF (Clark)

EXB Standard Q
EXBJWW-3rd
UOCH Aero-Jett's Speaker of Tales UDX RE MXJ
AX OF SH WCX(Frick) **MX TITLE!!**

EX B JWWP-1st
SHR Sheridan's Orig Irish Cream WC RN JH OAP
AJP NF CD CGC(Todd) run by Degan

November 15 DAWG:

Excellent B Std-Q
Autumn Honey, CDX, RN, MX, MXJ, XF (Clark)

EXB Standard Q -3rd
UOCH Aero-Jett's Speaker of Tales UDX RE MXJ
AX OF SH WCX(Frick)

Excellent Standard B Preferred
Excellent Jumpers B Preferred-1st
Ducat Watermark River Seanan(Deagan)

Novice Standard -Q
Goldstorm Hard to Resist (Chapman)(run by Todd)

Novice Q
Holly (Sandusky)

OBEDIENCE

Cen-Tex Obedience Belton, TX November 22, 2009

Utility A--2nd Place
Autumn Honey, CDX, RN, MX, MXJ, XF (Clark)

FIELD

Tulsa RC Field Trial 10/31

Qualifying-4th
Gingrocks Kokopelli of RCK (Curry)



CONFORMATION

Brazoria Kennel Club Nov.14

Open Bitch -1st
Gracious Glds Lightning Strikes Mohrgold (Degan)

Brazoria Kennel Club Nov.15

Reserve
Gracious Glds Lightning Strikes Mohrgold (Degan)

Norman, OK-UKC Nov 14

One Ash Just N Boots (Long) **CH Title!!!!**

2010 NATIONAL FUNDRAISER

The Mile Hi Golden Retriever Club is selling Duck Soup Cookbook as a fund raiser for the 2010 National. It is a great little cookbook that everyone should add to their collection. It can be ordered by sending \$20 to :

Mile Hi Golden Retriever Club
402 Harvest Point Drive
Erie, Colorado 80516

You Don't Know Jack!"

Mystery in the House (part1)

You are not going to believe what is in my house. Mommy brought it in last night and boy was I surprised. She told me there was one like it here last year, but I was an itty bitty guy then and don't remember much about it. I have always wondered about you humans and the strange things you do, but now I am really puzzled. Have you guessed it yet? Arf, it is a great big TREE!! Why oh why would mommy want a tree right in our living room, and to make matters worse, she put it right in our front window where I like to look out at the birds, neighbors and stuff. I am not sure what mommy is going to do with that tree, but when I find out I will let you know. This mystery will continue.....
Wet kisses,

Jack

So This Is Christmas.....

Greetings!

I am really more confused than ever about the big tree mommy put in our house, but whatever the reason, it has been tremendously fun. After mommy stood the tree in front of "my" window, she started bringing lots of boxes from the place where the crate on wheels sleeps. Oh to my wonder, when mommy opened the boxes, I saw lots of shiny and pretty objects there. It was fun nosing around in the boxes to see what treasure I might find. I was very careful because mommy warned me that some of the treasures might break. Mommy unwrapped each surprise very carefully, and put it right on that tree. When she had finished, I just stared and stared, because it was so sparkly and bright. The best thing about the whole tree thing was what mommy put under the tree. It was a basket with two stuffed Golden Retriever puppies that actually moved their heads just like a real live one would do. At first I was curious as I thought I had gotten two baby brothers, but upon a closer look I figured out that they were just pretend. They look really cute in their basket with a red blanket under them, and to be honest, I was relieved that I don't have to share mommy with two others. Maybe someday I will be ready for a playmate, but for now I am

till "mommy's baby boy". I am proud of mommy for making an ordinary tree look so beautiful in my house. I am told that pretty soon there will be lots of wrapped boxes under that tree and some might even have a surprise for me. I already know about Santa Paws coming to bring me stuff on Christmas Eve, so I have been being a good boy. Tonight mommy spent the evening outside and I watched from my window. Oh, I forgot to tell you, mommy made a path for me to get to my window and I can do it without even bothering the tree at all. Isn't that great? All of our bushes have these bright lights on them and our door is decorated too. We went for a walk tonight, so I could see how our house looks at night. We have a lighted up deer and a lighted up horse in our yard too and a cowboy Santa and a horse cutout that looks like mommy's horse. I can hardly wait to find out what mommy will do next. I think I really like the thing called Christmas.
Happy Holidays,
Ho Ho Jack

Rescue Success Story

Donna Ward, a past member of DFWMGRC had tremendous success recently and I wanted to brag for her. On November 15, 2009 Donna Ward and her rescue golden, Kayla got their 20th double Q and earned the title MACH (Master Agility Champion). What a journey it has been for Donna and Kayla! Donna and Bill Ward adopted Kayla when she was 18 months old and had already been in a couple of foster homes. She didn't walk well on a leash was nervous about anything new or out of the ordinary and wasn't sure if Donna and Bill were going to be her forever family or not. Lots of patience and agility has helped her become a confident, happy dog.
What a great success story for a rescue golden!

**PLAQUE INFORMATION DUE ON DEC. 31,
BUT.....**

Than annual banquet is January 3. If you want to receive your plaque for titles or your title strip, you will need to get the information to Janet Frick asap. The trophy chair will need to have time to get everything engraved. Otherwise you may not have the actual strip or plaque at the banquet and will have to wait until a second order can be put in.

**CLUB TROPHIES NEED TO BE RETURNED
SOON!!!!**

Since the holiday party is late this December and the banquet is early in January, the trophies need to be turned in early to either Dawn Morrill or Donna Todd. Please do so by December 7 if at all possible. They need to be sent out for engraving and be returned before the banquet. Call Donna if this is going to be a problem for you.

**ANNUAL CLUB BANQUET AND
AWARDS**

January 3rd, 2010
6 PM dinner
7 PM meeting and awards (Come now if
you do not want dinner)

Pappasito's 10433 Lombardy Ln.
Dallas, TX 75220
(214) 350-1970

**Austin Canine Central
AKC Obedience and Rally Seminar**

February 6th & 7th.
Obedience Seminar is on Saturday for \$60, including lunch
Rally Seminar is on Sunday for \$60, including lunch
Or - \$110 for both days
All information can be found on the following two websites:
findit@austincaninecentral.com ** or **
fetch@joycemorgan.com

SPECIALTY TROPHIES

**It is time already to start thinking of Sponsoring a
Trophy/Prize for the 2010 Club Specialty.
The cost will still only be \$25.00 per Sponsorship**

2010 Proposed Slate

President - Dick Caldwell
Vice President - Sherri Farmer
Treasurer - Susan Beckmann
Corresponding Secretary - Linda Miller
Recording Secretary - Pam Richcreek
Member at large - David Brown
Member at large - Janet Frick

**Look for the Sign up Sheet at any meeting or you can
email me your information..
Send your check, PAYABLE TO: DFWMGRC
(Mail to: Kathy Felix, 5717 Trails Edge Court, Ar-
lington, TX 76017)**

2009 NATIONAL BRAGS

CONFORMATION

BOB cut -

Ch. Tempo's G'Day Sunshine at Razzle (Meddaugh)

Judges Award of Merit -

BISS Ch. Tempo's U've Got What Gets Me, BISS, SDHF (Meddaugh)

3rd, 8-10, Veteran Bitches in Sweepstakes -

CH Tempo's Rub-A-Dub Dub (Brown)

regular 8-10 veterans class

Ch. Tempo's Old King Cole (Knapp, Brown), made the cut

1st, 15-18 month bitch class ,4th in sweeps:

Quail Run's Ocean's Eleven (out of Player)

3rd, AOH Dog Class:

Honey Bear Got The Play (out of Player)

2nd Novice Bitch Class:

Skymeadow's Money penny (out of Player)

Amateur Owner Handler (Bitch) - 3rd Place

Regatta's 2 Sir With Love (Gulledge)

Amateur Owner Handler (Dog) - 4th Place

Regatta's Hitch UR Wagon 2 A Star (Harrington/Crowley/Gulledge)

3rd, American Bred Bitch:

Mohrgold You're In My Heart (Degan) (Harley daughter)

handled by Chris Keith

6-9 puppy bitch sweeps class.made final cut

"Bliss," owned and shown by Lora Seale (Savannah's puppy)

3rd place Bred By Bitch class

Goldstorm Bravo Most Refreshing (Johnson):handled by Diane Mueller

4 cuts in Best of Breed

Plantanoro TopSpin N Hot Purshoe-T (Johnson) handled by Diane Mueller

BISS Ch. Glengowan's Sugar and Spice OD received the 5th Judges Award of Merit .

"Pepper" will be 9-years-old in December and has had four litters and can still strut her stuff with the best of 'em:))))

Marshal, Seger, Romeo, and Jerry Lee all made respectable showings while making it through cuts

AGILITY

GRCA NATIONAL

Nov JWW-3rd

Camlins Must've Been the Mistletoe (Sandusky)

Excellent B Std-Q (QQ # 10)

Excellent B JWW-Q

Autumn Honey, CDX, RN, MX, MXJ, XF (Clark) Autumn Honey, CDX, RN, MX, MXJ, XF (Clark)

EXA FAST-2nd

EXB JWW-Q's

EXB Standard- Q

U-OCH Aerojett's Speaker of Tales UDX RE MXJ AX OF SH WCX(Frick)

Wheatland

Excellent Jumpers with Weaves first place and Q

Ducat Watermark River Seanan AXP, MJP (Degan)

Excellent B JWW-Q

Autumn Honey, CDX, RN, MX, MXJ, XF (Clark)

EXB JWW-Q

U-OCH Aerojett's Speaker of Tales UDX RE MXJ AX OF SH WCX(Frick)

Open Fast Preferred Q 1ST PLACE

Standard ExB Preferred Q 3RD PLACE

Remuda's One More Last Chance CD,RA,AX,AXJ,MXP,MJP,NFP (FELIX)

OBEDIENCE

Advanced Rally 3rd Q Remuda's One More Last Chance CD,RA,AX,AXJ,MXP,MJP,NFP (FELIX)

TITLE

Rally Novice...and CCA

Denali's Tenacious Tanana (Long)

Team-2nd

U OCHAerojett's Speaker of Tales UDX RE AX MXJ OF SH WCX (Frick)

Misty Marshes Diagon Alley CD JH MX MXJ NF RA WC CCA (Richcreek)

MACH Amigold Gingrock Texas Topaz CD SH MXJP MXP OAP WCX**--(Thornton)

SHR Sheridan's Orig Irish Cream WC RN JH OAP AJP NF CD CCA

(Farmer/Todd)



FIELD TRIAL

Gingrocks Ms Latte(last years top field puppy) at 2 years and 2 months of age, jammed the Qualifying (Anna Curry)

GRCA's Bill Lester Memorial trophy.

This perpetual trophy is awarded to GRCA member whose dog has accumulated the highest points in breed shows and field trials/hunt tests during the calendar year. HRCH, U-CD, CH VanReel's Dreaming of a Threepat CD, RA, MH, WCX, VCX, DDHF. (Robins)

TRIATHALON AWARD

Hyegold John Wayne Lucky TXN JH WC CCA (Burke)
CCA, WC, and Rally Novice

Misty Marshes Diagon Alley CD JH MX MXJ NF RA WC CCA (Richcreek)
Qualified in Obedience, Rally Obedience. WC and CCA
2nd place Team Obedience
Qualified for VC

Sheridon's Kahlua N Cream OA AXJ NJP OF WC CGC CCA
(Farmer/Todd)
WC, CCA , Rally





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Janet Frick made a motion that we donate \$2,000 to Patriot Paws; seconded. After a discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Cathy Meddaugh suggested that we have a separate account for our charities. A discussion followed concerning whether or not to set up a 501(c)(3) corporation to handle donations. It was decided that we need to let the Charity and Donations Committee look into that sort of thing after its formation.

Cathy Meddaugh reported on the Specialty. She said everything has been approved by AKC and the premium has been sent to Onofrio. Luke Allen will be the photographer. All the judges have signed a contract. Sherri Farmer said she is accepting the ads for the catalog. She asked that everyone try to send the info to her early so she's not scrambling at the last minute deadline. The information is on the DFWMGRC website.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Farmer
Acting Recording Secretary

LONE STAR GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER CLUB

PRESENTS A DAY WITH

MYRA SAVANT-HARRIS, RN

Neonatal Intensive Care, Breeder of Cavalier King Charles Spaniels and author of

“Canine Repro and Whelping” and “Puppy Intensive Care”

In her books and her workshops, Myra translates her years of neonatal intensive care experience into dog/puppy terms and teaches you to function and think like an RN so you can assess and care for your bitch and puppies.

Date: JUNE 12, 2010 Time: 9:00 am TO 5:00 pm

Location: Fairfied Inn & Suites, Cascades Event Center,

5909 Stone Creek Dr., The Colony, TX. 75056

(Hwy 121 & Springcreek Pkwy)

Hotel reservations are available at a discounted rate of \$59 plus tax for those traveling. Call 972-370-9008 & reference Lone Star GSP Club Breeder Seminar.

What you will learn?

- Common misconceptions about conception
- How to maximize sperm viability and protect your stud dog's virility
- How to do artificial insemination using chilled or fresh semen from collection to insertion
- How to care for your bitch and ensure her health every step of the way
- Progesterone Testing
- How to get bitches in whelp
- How to deliver healthy puppies
- What you MUST have on hand to make a puppy intensive care nursery
- And plenty of other knowledge that is priceless!!

Myra will have her books and whelping kits available for purchase at the seminar.

Who Should Attend? Every dog breeder, whether you are planning your first litter or the 20th. If you have ever lost, or fear that you might someday lose a puppy or a bitch in whelp or if you have ever had a breeding that did not take, this seminar is a must!!

Seminar Fee (which includes a box lunch and a mid-day snack):

\$50 Club Members ~ Paid & Signed up by 3/31/10

\$65 Non-Club Members ~ Paid & Signed up by 3/31/10

\$75 for all reservations made between 4/1/10 – 6/1/10

Please make checks/money order payable to LSGSPC

Registrations are non-refundable BUT can be transferred by emailing me the information. **Early registration is encouraged, space is limited. Reservations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.**

Reservation Deadlines: Early discounted reservations by March 31, 2010; All other reservations by June 1, 2010

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Confirmation will be emailed to you upon receipt of your registration

No registrations will be accepted without full payment

NOTE: No dogs will be allowed at the seminar

Mail completed registration and payment to:

Holly Faught

3717 County Road 920

Crowley, TX. 76036

onapointhf@yahoo.com

817/297-1668 messages will be returned

DFWMGRC
Minutes of the Membership Meeting
November 17, 2009

(David and Barbara Brown's home)

The meeting was called to order by the president at 7:10 pm. 18 members present – a quorum was established.

Lori Stevens, the founder of Patriot Paws, presented information about her program of training service dogs to place with disabled American veterans. One of the trainers, Rhonda, attended as well, along with Wendy, a dog in their program.

In JJ Allen's absence, Donna Todd read the minutes of the previous meeting.

REPORTS:

Corresponding Secretary: Patti Caldwell had no report.

Treasurer Report: Lesley Pettengill was absent so Donna gave a very brief treasurer report.

Vice-President Report: Kathy Felix reported that Fort Worth Kennel Club is thinking about combining the Responsible Pet Owners' Day with Barktoberfest, which is a very large festival held annually in Fort Worth. Combining with them will put the Responsible Pet Owners' Day in the limelight with a lot more exposure for the event. We have participated in the Responsible Pet Owners' Day for the last two years and we are planning to participate next year as well.

Kathy announced that the Holiday Party will be December 20 at Cathy Meddaugh's house in Arlington. She will start a list to sign up to bring food.

The Annual Banquet will be Sunday, January 3 at Pappasito's on Lombardy Street in Dallas.

Kathy also had the list for trophy donations for the specialty and asked people to sign up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Donna presented the proposed rule changes that were presented in the November newsletter.

Rule change number 1 - Section 5. Members in Good Standing. Changing the date for members to be declared "not in good standing" due to failure to pay dues to February 1.

Terry Thornton made a motion to approve; seconded. After a discussion, motion failed.

Rule change number 2 - Section 1. Club Meetings and Section 2. Special Club Meetings. Changing the quorum necessary to conduct business at a membership meeting to 15% of the membership.

Anna Curry made a motion to approve; seconded. After a discussion, motion carried (15 for; 2 opposed)

Rule change number 3 - Section 2. Officers. Prohibiting officers from holding more than one office at a time and limiting a term in the same office to two years.

Motion to approve was made and seconded. After a discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Donna announced that the Rockwall Retriever Club ("RRC") approached us about holding a joint hunt test in the spring. RRC has not been approved by AKC to hold a hunt test, although they have held two field trials. DFWMGRC will hold the Junior/Senior and RRC will hold the Master test after obtaining approval from AKC. Each club will be responsible for their own portion of the tests and will make their own profits. The dates are April 17 and 18. It is still undecided whether we will hold a WC/WCX on the same weekend. We will be using 3,000 acres in Rockwall owned by the Bakers. RRC has already secured the land.

Donna brought up donating to Patriot Paws. A discussion ensued concerning the club starting regular charitable donations. Linda Miller suggested we set up a Charity and Donations Committee to look into future donations, but we need to decide whether or not to donate to Patriot Paws.

TAZ—MY ENERGIZER BUNNY

My Taz (MACH Amigold Gingrock Texas Topaz CD SH MXJP MXP OAP WCX**—if I could use all her titles in a Scrabble game I'd win with one play)—qualified this past weekend at the DAWG agility trial for the AKC National Agility Preferred Championships in Tulsa, OK, to be held in March of 2010. A dog running in preferred agility classes (one jump height lower than standard classes plus you get 5 extra seconds of time) needs six double qualifications (in both jumpers and standard on the same day) during the year in Excellent B classes to qualify. Taz went six for six in her runs at DAWG this weekend (actually she went eight for eight if you count the two FAST classes)—with 7 first places and 1 second place—to end up with eight DQs for the year.

What's so amazing about it is that Taz turned 12 years old on September 7.

Taz finished her MACH title at age 10 years and 8 months. After that, I moved her to the preferred agility classes and told her she would never have to stay on the start line again (a promise she has taken *very* much to her heart). I thought I would run her in agility for a little longer, until she slowed down or told me she didn't want to do it anymore.

I'm still waiting for that day 18 months later. I'm not sure she hasn't gotten faster on me.

Every day with this delightful girl is a gift. I give her a kiss before every start to remind her of how much I love her, and to remind me that gifts like these are fleeting; that any run could be our last one together.

She also competed in Team Obedience and Veterans Novice AND Rally Novice at the GRCA National, earning ribbons in all events, as well as going 5 of 6 in agility runs there (we missed a contact one day in standard).

It's unfortunate that we probably won't get to attend the 2010 Agility Nationals—she would be almost 13!—but it conflicts with my law firm's annual director's meeting which I can't avoid.

I don't train her much anymore—maybe once a week we'll go practice weaves, contacts, or down on the table (she HATES lying down on the pause table—it puts her out of position to lick your face), and maybe do a little heeling. I try to swim her once a week if the weather is warm, if not, we go for a mile walk. She is on weight management food (Eagle Holistic) to keep her trim—with some additional goodies like steamed veggies and yogurt tossed in at times. She had one litter and has been spayed for six years, and is the epitome of good health—she sees well, hears well (too well at times), and scampers around like a puppy.

One of the primary goals of my breeding program has been longevity. And not just long life, but long and healthy life. Taz has met all my goals and exceeded them. She continues to be a source of inspiration and fun.

Terry Thornton



FINAL REFLECTIONS

Donna Todd

As my term as president of the club comes to an end, I would like to reflect on the accomplishments of the board for the past two years and recognize the folks that have made a positive impact to the success and future of our club. We have been very busy and have accomplished many things. The 2008 and 2009 boards have been very supportive of each other and have worked well together, I couldn't be more proud than to have served with these individuals.

I've put together a recap of club activities over the past two years (going chronologically through the year):

Thanks to Dawn Morrill for taking responsibility for the trophies and making sure all the trophies are updated, polished and displayed at our annual banquet. Dawn has been a joy to work with. She has always kept me up-to-date on the progress of the engraving and has driven all over town in some instances to pick up the trophies and get them to the trophy shop (which is like packing to go on vacation considering the trophy shop is in Rockwall and Dawn lives in Ovilla). Also, thanks for making our raffle at the specialty such a success, gathering donations and working the table. That's a big job and Dawn does this job year after year with a big smile!

Big thanks go to Rhonda and John Knapp, Patti and Dick Caldwell for chairing our 2008 and 2009 specialties, respectively. Planning a specialty is a year-long job, starting with attending the meeting of the Texas Combined Specialty Association. Not only did we have memorable specialties both years, we also put on three health clinics in 2009, which not only made a positive effect on the dog community, but made the club money as well. Debbie Littleton continues to do a phenomenal job organizing the clinics, talking with the doctors and making sure the doctors have all they need to make the clinics a success. Thanks, Debbie, for all your hard work over the years and thanks to Melissa Kato for her work over the many years on the heart clinic.

Our first year of having a silent auction at the specialty was a tremendous success and thanks go out to Cathy Meddaugh for organizing it and being the driving force behind making it successful. And what would we do without the donation of the larger rosettes and the Best of Breed prize from Cathy Meddaugh? I hear people love to come to our specialty in hopes of taking one home. Many thanks to Kathy Felix and Linda Miller for the prizes that were awarded for the specialty. You girls did us proud! I know getting the prizes, transporting judges and organizing the volunteers is a huge job and John, Dick and Patti left no stone unturned. At the end of the day with the specialty, including both raffles and the clinics the club, had a profit of over \$3,800 in 2009. Fantastic job Team Caldwell! Cathy Meddaugh is our show chair for 2010 and I know that she has been working hard to make it another successful event for our club. She always has such innovative ideas to make the specialty better each year.

With the help of Richard Woodmansee and Rita Robins, the club resurrected the junior and senior hunt tests that are held the same weekend as the WC/WCX. Both of these events have been successful and have received positive feedback from the hunt community. The club posted a profit of over \$1,600 in 2009! Way to go guys! And many thanks to Anna Curry for letting us use her land to host our tests. Also thanks to Pat Ingram, Lynda Williams and Carol Sandusky for all your help with the hunt test. A big thanks to Gary Sandusky for pulling the trailer! And, of course, thanks for all the wonderful food; the grilled hamburgers (Terry Thornton and Jim Richardson), the sandwiches (Anna Curry) and our resident gourmet chef Ann Burke for the wonderful cookies.

In 2010 our hunt test will partner with the Rockwall Field Trial Club. Rockwall will host a Master test while DFWMGRC will have the junior and senior tests on Saturday and then host the WC/WCX on Sunday. With this partnership, our junior and senior tests will most assuredly increase in numbers and hopefully increase our entries in the WC/WCX. The tests will be held in Rockwall on over 3,000 acres.

Thanks also go out to Sally Maag for writing our club's column in the Golden Retriever News. Sally doesn't live close to the Metroplex, however she wanted to contribute to DFWMGRC and writing this column is her wonderful contribution. Thanks Sally for stepping up to the plate and doing this for the club!

The agility trial was another successful event for the second year in a row. I know since I have been a member of the club there had always been talk of putting on an agility trial. However it was Sherri Farmer, trial chair, and her agility committee that came together and put on an agility trial that not only made the club money, but made the event something that all agility competitors look forward to each year. Our trial is the first of the season in A/C which is a huge plus for us and the competitors. Thanks go out to Shari Degan, Kathy Felix, Terry Thornton and Jim Richardson, Susan and Gary Beckmann, Debbie Clark, Lynda Williams and Linda Miller for being members of the agility committee and for making this event a huge success. Kathy Felix has done a tremendous job making the general and worker raffles a big success, and she also makes sure the committee has great food and snacks for the entire weekend. Terry and Gary have served as Chief course builders, while Shari and Debbie serve as chief ring stewards. Lynda Williams is the chief ribbon organizer and Susan and Gary always help loading and unloading the trailer. Patti Caldwell, Barbara and David Brown, Rhonda and John Knapp, and Teresa McKenna are always gracious to work the raffle table for us. Over the past two years the agility trial has made over \$19,000 for the club. And in 2010, our agility trial will offer an additional day of competition on Friday by offering excellent-only classes. Nothing but positive ideas are coming from this committee and this event.

Janet Frick continues to put together the newsletter monthly by finding articles that are of interest to the club, collecting all the brags from a huge list of club members that have many accomplishments with their dogs and making sure that all the deadlines for rules and trophies are published in the newsletter. Not only does Janet do the newsletter, she and John serve as head of the Statistics committee. Janet serves as trial secretary for the hunt test and the WC/WCX test, volunteers for the agility trial and is probably the best historian for the club. She has been an asset to me during my tenure as president and a good sounding board for all the "what ifs" questions I seem to come up with in my dreams or nightmares!!

Susan Beckmann has served as head of the Rules and Bylaws Committee and a member of the Statistics committee. Thanks, Susan, for being so attentive to the Rules and Bylaws and for contributing to the statistics meeting so the process went so much quicker than in years past.

Whenever I need something done, I always think of the memorable line from a movie, "Who you gonna call?" My answer is Kathy Felix! I've never seen a person that literally takes the ball and runs with it like Kathy does. She has put together our Responsible Pet Ownership booth for at the last two years, has served as vice-president and has gotten our speakers for the meetings for two years (this isn't an easy job), has organized the raffles for agility, organized the food for the agility committee, worked on the prizes for the specialty, decorated at the specialty, planned the banquet, and been a positive force on the board. Kathy, I know I have probably left something out, however I want you to know that you have made my life better by being my friend and by your positive outlook on life!

Linda Miller, how do I count the ways that you have made a positive influence in this club and this board by serving as treasurer and member at large? You have certainly brought a positive outlook to this board and this club. I would say you have kept us grounded! Thanks for all your work on the specialty and the agility trial. Your promptness and your attention to details is something I will always be forever grateful.

Leslie thanks for bringing the club into the 21st century with the accounting program which can be passed down to the future treasurers with "easy to create reports". Thanks for giving your time this past year and working so hard with the CPA's to file our first income tax return, I know it wasn't an easy job!

JJ, I know that life has thrown you some lemons this past year, however I want you to know that I appreciate all the work you have done for the board. I know you are busy making lemonade right now and I'm sure everything will be better in 2010!

David Brown, my good buddy, you have taught me to be a little bit more laid back over the past two years, I wish I could have more of your attitude! Thanks for all your hard work on the specialty, the clinics and on the board. You and John do a great job with the echo heart clinic volunteers, it wouldn't be a such a success without the both of you!

And we have a new member that has jumped into the fire with a ton of help and advice, Pam Richcreek. Pam operated the wingers for the hunt test and then judged our 2009 agility trial. Thanks, Pam, for your insight, your friendship and most of all your sense of humor. Love ya!

And last, but not least, I can't forget the person that as helped me the most these past two years, Sherri Farmer. In addition to redesigning the webpage and keeping it updated, you are always there to do whatever it takes. You are never shy in telling me your opinions, and I appreciate it. You do a great job on the ads for the specialty catalog, as well as the club's ad for the hunt edition of the GRN. I am so proud that you started the agility trial for the club and that it has been so successful. Above all, you are my friend, huntin' and agility buddy, and you keep me sane in this crazy dog world. There just aren't enough words to thank you for everything you have done!

In 2010, we will have some new events that I hope you will put on your calendar. The first weekend in August, we will be hosting an all-breed obedience fun match and CGC on Saturday and then on Sunday we will host a GRCA CCA. These events will be at Houn' House in Carrollton. I hope this will be a great success and that we will continue to host these events in years to come.

Also, for the first time, our club is donating money to Patriot Paws, a non-profit organization that trains service dogs for our veterans. I'm proud that DFWMGRC will help in the continued success of this organization and the wonderful work they are doing with our veterans.

We also are making a donation to the RPOA (Responsible Pet Ownership Alliance). The RPOA is the leading provider of information and assistance concerning animal welfare and public health issues, taking whatever steps necessary to preserve our historic relationship with animals in Texas.

In closing, I just want every member to remember that being a member of DFWMGRC is more than paying your dues and attending meetings. It's being a volunteer for all or at least some the events we hold each year. If we all pitch in and help at our various events, this club will become more united. "Ask not what DFWMGRC can do for you, ask what you can do for DFWMGRC!" (J. Kennedy - paraphrased)

I am very thankful that we have a great group of people who have stepped up to serve on the board for the coming year.

Good luck and much success to everyone in 2010!

Donna Todd

The 2009 DFWMGRC Board invites you to attend the.....

2010 DFWMGRC Awards Banquet

(January Membership meeting)

When: **January 3rd... 2010 (Sunday)**

6:00pm - 9:30pm

Where: **PAPPASITO'S Cantina**

10433 Lombardy Lane

Dallas 75220

(214) 350-1970

Menu: **Fajita Combination**

(sizzling beef & chicken Fajitas w/ Enchiladas, includes rice and frijoles a la charra, guacamole, pica de gallo, sour cream and fresh flour tortillas)

and for dessert..... **Mexican Vanilla Bean Cheesecake**

Tea, soda and coffee are included

Cost: \$29.00 per person (this includes tax and gratuity)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DFWMGRC

Mail Checks to: Kathy Felix

5717 Trails Edge Court

Arlington, Texas 76017

R.S.V.P. required... By January 1, 2010

Email Kathy at: k.felix@tx.rr.com

Remember to enter the photo Contest...

Bring *Unframed /Non professional* Photos for any of these categories:

Puppies, Humorous, Serious, Children or Rescue...

Prizes for each category winner will be given.