



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3-5 DFWMGRC Agility Trial
May 26, 2013 – WC/WCX – Cockleburr Acres
October 20 – 30, 2013 – GRCA National Specialty, Wichita Falls TX



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MAY 2013

CLUB MEETING

MAY MEETING – Sunday, May 19

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Dallas Air Dogs

1251 E. Wyatt Rd

Midlothian, TX

Bring your dog(s) and give dock diving a try! Lots of other activities going on at Dallas Air Dogs. Check out their website...

<http://dallasairdogs.com/>

We will be allowed to participate in Dock Diving at no charge as an introduction to the facility and the sport of Dock Diving!

Phone: 972-740-9157

From Dallas and points north:

Head south on US-67. Turn right on Wyatt Rd. (1st right turn (not exit) after US-287.). Follow Wyatt Road, making a right at the T junction. Dallas Air Dogs will be on your left, with a white pipe fence.

From Fort Worth:

Take 287 South towards Waxahachie. Exit onto southbound US-67 in Midlothian. Turn right on Wyatt Road.

WC/WCX

May 26..Copeville TX

You may enter on Entryexpress.net .

Day of entries will be taken.

Tests start at 7:30...when it is cool.



A Note from the 2013 March Specialty Show Chair.....

I would like to say **THANK YOU** to everyone who volunteered at the 2013 March Specialty. Because of each of you the Specialty was a great success. When you have no complaints, no problems and no drama – How much better can it be.. ?

I think putting the “right” team together makes all the difference in the world. I couldn’t have had a better Team – **THANK YOU SO MUCH... !!!!!**

DAVID & BARBARA BROWN – I couldn’t ask for a better pair of mentors. I have learned so much from you both. You make sure I’ve crossed my T’s and dotted my I’s and always there to answer my questions. Thank you for all you have done to make each specialty you are involved in a success.

CATHY MEDDAUGH – Since your involvement and because of your generosity recent Specialties have been major successes. We as well as the Exhibitor’s so appreciate the beautiful Rosettes that are offered and this year (when you learned we would not give toys) you offered to provide toys for all placements. I know the dogs enjoyed those.

DONNA TODD and SHERRI FARMER – Shortly before “show time” and all the way through to the end you guys do an amazing job making sure the ring runs smoothly, making sure we have the Judges Table prepared for each class and also helping to coordinate the Winners for their photographs... and on top of that getting to the show extra early to help set up and staying late to pack up and clean up the ring. I don’t know what I would have done without you both.

And **DONNA**,,, an EXTRA Thank You for picking up all 3 of the Judges Friday morning. I appreciate that more than you know.. And **SHERRI**, thank you for being the Show Secretary and putting all the results together for the report to the **GRN**

LINDA MILLER – With so many Volunteer’s needed to staff the Silent Auction Table, the Raffle Table, the National Merchandise Table, Catalog and National Quilt tables. You took on the Awards Table by yourself. Normally we would have 2 people... You did a great job.

I remember the first time you and I tackled that job together.. We were so stressed..! Not any more.... Everything went smoothly because of you...

ANN BURKE – Because of you this Club has had a Silent Auction at each Specialty since you became a member. The items are always wonderful and just having it adds so much more “fun” to the Specialty. If you have not donated something for the Silent Auction you should think about it,, It is so much fun to put an idea together and run with it. And as we saw this year, groups of people went in together making it even more affordable to donate.

DAWN MORRILL – Girl,,, I don’t know how you do it... but, somehow you always “pull” it off. Again you gave us a Raffle with so many cool things... Don’t make me need to ask for yet another table from the FWKC...!!! I was getting a little embarrassed this year.. HA!
You are the Raffle Queen....

KEVIN and SHARI CURRAN – Thank you very much for all you did to help make the Raffle a big success.. From being there early to help set up, sell tickets, draw for Winners and helping clean everything up.. Thank you for letting us borrow your tables,,, thank you Kevin for all your help going for this and going for that,,, You were our Go To Guy... I do appreciate it.

PATTI CALDWELL - Thank you for selling the Catalogs and for staffing the TCSA catalog distribution table.. And helping to sell tickets for the National Quilt.. And for saying yes to Chairing the 2014 March Specialty...

TERESA MCKENNA – Thank you,, Thank you,, for picking up 2 of our Judges Thursday afternoon...and delivering them to their Hotel.. You had to take off work early to make it happen You did it..!! Pulling together a 2013 National Merchandise order in a short time span.. so, we could have some on hand to sell or even just for people to try on so they could order on-line.. thank you for your efforts...

KIMBERLY SCATTERGOOD – thanks for helping Teresa,, and a HUGE Thank you for taking Marjorie Blake to the Airport Monday morning... I hope you realize how much that helped....

LORA SEALE – I do appreciate your “stepping” in to the role of Obedience Chair at the last minute. Pat Ingram had to pull out of her commitment as the Chair and Lora did not hesitate to take over that role.. Thanks so much... Lora also delivered the Obedience Judge to the Airport after his assignment. Lora had a lot of help making the Obedience Trial a success.. Assisting her were **SHARI DEGAN-SALLY WALKER-JANET FRICK-CAROL SANDUSKY and PAT INGRAM.**

THE HEART CLINIC TEAM – This Clinic would be Nothing without this team of very dedicated people – I can’t say this enough,,, The Club has NO IDEA how much work this team puts in to making the Heart Clinic an AMAZING success.. !!!! They work all day and in to the evening for 2 ½ days—Incredible dedication.... !! Months before, **DEBBIE LITTLETON** starts to work, the premium comes out, then the appointments start coming in.. coordinating Show Schedules to the Appointments can be a nightmare. Somehow she gets it done. **MELISSA KATO and RHONDA KNAPP** working together to keep the Check In table running smoothly,, keeping all the paperwork and payments coordinated.. this can be pretty difficult when you have customers with questions interrupting you throughout the day. It somehow comes together when they wrap it up on Sunday..Thank you also to **NANCY CROWLEY** who went over and helped out this year. I know the girls really appreciated being able to take a break.. **JOHN KNAPP and GEORGE FELIX**... These 2 guys work side by side with Dr. Gordon (or maybe end to end—nose to tail) the entire time,,, lifting dogs on to the examine table and making sure they are steady so Dr. Gordon can do her job. Not all dogs are comfortable with this, so John and George are both at “risk” with this job. They trust each other and Dr. Gordon knows she can trust them too.

THANK YOU TO THE HEART CLINIC TEAM It could not be done without you..

THE EYE CLINIC TEAM – Thank you **DICK CALDWELL** for again organizing and working the Eye Clinic... Helping Dick this year, **TERESA MCKENNA – PATRICK HARDEN KIMBERLEY SCATTERGOOD – BARBARA LARA** and a couple of folks from the Pug World, **CHRIS MOSLEY and BARRY DIEHL.** Thank you to all of you for sacrificing your day to help make the Eye Clinic a BIG success. We appreciate all of you....

THE FORT WORTH KENNEL CLUB – Why would I be thanking them you may be asking.?

Well,, without the FWKC and all their efforts our Specialty would not be as successful as it is.. They do so much for us,,, all I have to do is ask,,, and they will help in any way that they can. It did get a little embarrassing this year as I had to ask for a lot of extra tables due to having the National Merchandise and the Quilt on display. So to the FWKC I say **THANK YOU VERY MUCH** ,, I appreciate it

I hope I haven’t left anyone out,,, If I did I apologize and I promise I did not mean to..

Thank you to all of you – The Specialty is our Premier Event and can only be successful with the help of a Great Team-- **THANK YOU TEAM**

Kathy Felix

Why Join GRCA?

Recently, leaders of several breed clubs were discussing the value their national club provided. I have been pondering a similar question and would like to share my perspective on why the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) is important and why all local golden retriever club members should join.

First, unabashedly, I believe the Golden Retriever Club of America is the best breed club by far. We are the biggest, the best organized, have the most talented members and the best dogs. We have about 5,000 members, many in different countries, one of the best Foundations and our affiliated 100 rescue clubs provide ten to twelve thousand “for-ever homes” each year. If we were a football team, we would be the super bowl champion. People want to be with a winner; you would be joining a winning team.

GRCA is the primary guardian of the Golden Retriever breed. GRCA members determine the breed standard, code of ethics and performance awards. No other organization cares more for the Golden Retriever or tries harder to protect the breed and performance standard across the country. GRCA provides educational information to pet owners to help them obtain healthy dogs from reputable breeders.

GRCA is the link to the American Kennel Club (AKC). We are the largest parent club in AKC and with a committed membership base we can be more influential in policies affecting our interests. For example, GRCA was instrumental in lowering obedience jump heights. GRCA has an excellent reputation within the AKC and with other breed clubs. GRCA believes education is important and never ending. GRCA members receive the bi-monthly Golden Retriever News, a highly informative magazine filled with articles about our history, training tips from experienced experts, news from different clubs, pictures of recent member and dog accomplishments, etc. And, of course, my highly anticipated President’s column.

GRCA members can compete for Club recognition, awards and trophies in many different areas. GRCA, through local host clubs, sponsors a rotating National Specialty each year which brings together top competitors from across the country and beyond our borders. This prestigious event typically includes competition in conformation, obedience, agility, tracking and field events. In addition, educational seminars, welcoming dinners and banquets and the Golden Retriever Foundation’s (GRF) Gala make this a fun filled event.

In 1997 GRCA created the GRF, our tax exempt operation to fund and support veterinary health research, support for Golden Retriever rescue operations and to provide education on responsible dog ownership. To date, more than two million dollars have been dedicated to these goals. The GRF is recognized as one of the largest supporters of the AKC Canine Health Foundation and the Morris Animal Foundation health research programs. And the GRF is actively involved with the Morris Animal Foundation in the ground breaking Golden Retriever Lifetime Health Study.

GRCA has many volunteer opportunities for members to make the organization and our breed better and stronger. The standing committees and task forces are important contributors to GRCA success. For example, the Legal Legislative Committee follows and provides advice on the many anti-dog legislative proposals across the country. The Health and Genetics committee provides guidance on research projects. Our Archives task force is working to identify and preserve our early history. But equally important are the many education committees, technical committees and writers who work to make the organization the best it can be.

We are continually thinking of ways to make membership more valuable. For example, members receive priority entry in the popular CCA at the National Specialty and Regionals. The website, GRCA.org, has a “members only” section which provides additional educational information and also permits on-line renewal. And other ideas are being considered.

And one of the best advantages of being a GRCA member is the opportunity to meet other Golden people from different parts of the country and to develop lasting friendships.

The wonderful world of Golden Retrievers would not be what it is today without the establishment and continued evolution of the Golden Retriever Club of America. GRCA is the linchpin that connects the past, manages the present and plans for the future. Whether members actively compete in dog trials or just want a quality dog, GRCA helps provide those opportunities. If you are not currently a member, I invite you to join GRCA. How to join? Simply go to the bottom of GRCA.org and click on JOIN GRCA and follow the process. You, and I, will be glad you did!

And remember to kiss your dog today.

John Cotter
President
Golden Retriever Club of America

CONFORMATION

03/09/2013 Columbia (MO) Kennel Club, Inc.

BOB

CH Quailwood Royal Maid of Honor (McKenna)

3/10/13 Columbia (MO) Kennel Club

BOB

CH Quailwood Royal Maid of Honor(McKenna)

3/17/13 Heart of American Kennel Club

Select

CH Quailwood Royal Maid of Honor (McKenna)

3/16/13 Heart of America Kennel Club Inc

Select

CH Quailwood Royal Maid of Honor(McKenna)

3/15/13 Leavenworth Kennel Club

Select

CH Quailwood Royal Maid of Honor(McKenna)

Wheatland GRC, Wichita Kansas April 6

WB

BOW

Brio Skye Good Gracious It's Hot (Miller) **NEW CH!!!!!!**

OBEDIENCE/RALLY

MABOC UKC ...April 28

Utility A - 2 Passes

HIT on last pass

UCDX RO1 SHR Bridgeton's Steel Man Working

CDX RE NA OAJ NF SH WCX CCA VC (Frick)

URO2-first,second,fourth and a HIT

URO1 UCD UCH Manor's Morning Comes Too

Early CDX GN RE NA NAJ NF ASCA CD RN

CCA (Ingram) **TITLE!!!!**

FIELD

Big D April 6

Junior Hunter leg

Rio's Chasing Tail Golden Ale (Todd/Farmer/

Loree/Weich)

DFWMGRC Meeting
April 16th, 2013
Cathy Meddaugh's House

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.
A Quorum was present.

A motion was made to approve the minutes as published in the newsletter by Shari Degan and 2nd by Sherri Farmer. All members were in favor.

Linda Miller- Treasurer was not present. Kathy Felix reported that the health clinics and the March specialty did about the same as they had last year.

Shari Degan- Corresponding Secretary reported that we have 26 individual memberships, 24 family memberships, 3 honorary memberships, 4 applicants and 1 family applicant. Total of 74 votes. Robert Fenton, a guest was introduced.

Shari Curran, Recording Secretary had no report.

Sherri Farmer reported that the next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 19th and will involve getting to dock dive with your dog. It will be held at Dallas Air Dogs in Midlothian from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

National Update: Originally, dock diving was going to be offered at the national, however Sherri reported that Wichita Falls is in a Stage 3 drought and 30,000 gallons of water are needed to fill the pool. The club would have to cover the cost of water tanks to ship in water to fill the pool, so it is doubtful that this will occur. They are also currently working on getting the premium put together. Shari Degan added that 1600 room nights have been booked and Connection are now asking more hotels to come under contract for this event. Google documents will be online in the next couple of months for volunteering your time for the national.

Cathy Meddaugh reported that 184 grooming spaces have been reserved however in the past, they can expect a 20% cancellation.

Shari Curran suggested a facebook page could be created for the National where a variety of facts could be provided including when deadlines are approaching, weather, event updates. Shari volunteered to help with coming up with unique ideas to list to maintain interest and Shari Degan volunteered to set it up.

Kathy Felix reported that the March 2014 Specialty plans are going well and there are no problems. Shari Degan has agreed to be the obedience chairman for that show. She is proposing having a morning and afternoon obedience trial to attract more people. Most members thought this was a good idea.

July 2014 Specialty now has a show chairman- Teresa McKenna. Patti Caldwell updated members on Dick Caldwell's conversation with club hosting combined specialty. They have agreed to keep the show the same and not require a late start on Friday. A motion was made to approve the show by Sherri Farmer and seconded by Shari Curran. This motion was passed unanimously.

Agility Trial will be held the 1st weekend in May. Shari Degan asked for volunteers. Please contact her if you are able to help. She reported a big entry in the Agility Trial this year.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Shari Degan and seconded by Cathy Meddaugh. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Shari Curran
Recording Secretary