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**“BEST MEMORY EVER AND THRILL OF A LIFETIME” at 2014 National Specialty
Pam Fuller’s McIntyre (CH Gingerrun Saquish Golden Pine Mac TDX)
with handler Tanner Congleton**

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**Welcome
New members!**

RESCUE HONORARY

Dawn Schwind, Walworth, NY

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of Golden Tales will be published in the Spring

Deadline for submission of materials is May 8, 2015.

Feature reports from our Specialty and CCA



In Memoriam

Genny Miss Behavin'
Jon and Karen Fukes

Adirondac Duchess Daphne JH WC CGC THDX
Tom and Linda O'Connell

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will be on the left going south)
Please bring your own chair.

March 19, June 11, August 6,
September 10, October 22

Field Events:

Clinics and WC/WCX To be determined

Speciality

March 28, 2015

State Fair Grounds, Syracuse

Certificate of Conformation Assessment

April 4, 2015

**SOTC Building, Deere Road
Syracuse
(see page 8)**

Eye Clinic: October 18, 2015

Village Veterinary Hospital, Canastota

Awards Dinner: December 6 or 13, 2015

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DUES NOTICE

2015 Club dues are now due.
Questions about amounts, etc:
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President's Message



Dear Friends,

I hope that each of you had a wonderful Holiday and that 2015 is as Golden as can be. Now let's get to work!!! The Club's President has the opportunity through this message to express his/her opinion but that privilege isn't reserved for one person. We'll print in Golden Tales any member's opinions and views.... so fire away. So here's mine for this time.....

When I stopped writing this column in 2009 after doing so for 10 years, I didn't expect to be writing it again, but when you care about what an organization is intended to do and no other member steps up, then what is the alternative?

Why members aren't eager to accept nominations for Officer and Board members is a mystery to me. It is not rocket science and not very demanding of time or talent. The real work of this club is done by those who lead and those who also work hard at our events, those who work on the newsletter and by Officers with specific responsibilities....Treasurer, Secretary, etc.

Sassy and Carol

The schedules of what and when tasks specific to the office of President are well detailed in writing. Support for the position can come from a few members who have had the role in the past. Attention to detail is the major characteristic required.

So what's the big deal? Any "Individual" or "Household" member is eligible to become an Officer or Director. We say we believe in what our club is intended to do – how, then, can one not step up?

Hoping that next summer when the Nominating Committee does its work that they have plenty of choices. It is risky for a Club to have arguably its oldest member as President.

Carol Allen



EYE CLINIC HELD ON OCTOBER 19th.

Our Club's 27th annual Eye Clinic was held at Village Veterinary Hospital, Canastota, with Dr. Tom Kern examining 59 dogs. Patti Gambier was, once again, the event chair, assisted by Club members Sally Baritell, Beth Greenfield, Sallie Lennox, Gail Puzon, Tom and Judi Questel and Anne Wood. Erica Klotz contributed a great deal as "chef" and all-purpose helper. We appreciate the graciousness with which Village Veterinary Hospital lets us use their facility for this Clinic.

GRCCNY's DINNER AND AWARDS PESENTATIONS

Our Club's Award Dinner was held on Sunday, December 7 at the Spinning Wheel restaurant in North Syracuse. Thanks to Kelly Mueller for overseeing reservations and plans. As usual, a very brief meeting was held so that all possible time could be given to the Title Awards our members so diligently worked for with their Golden Retrievers, as well as three Club Awards for outstanding accomplishments and service. Again this year, we thank Marcia Martin and Dave Tyler for their coordination of the Title Awards

TITLE AWARDS were presented as follows:

To:	Title:	Earned by:
Maxine Clark	WC	Topflite Bye Bye Birdie
	CDX	Topflite Gone With The Wind
	WC	Topflite Million Dollar Baby
Todd Clickner	JH, WC	Rippling Run Torch of Red
Beth Greenfield	RN	Westbrook's Tecumseh's March
	BN	Westbrook's Heart of Bramisole
Sallie Lennox	BN	Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds
Kathy McCloskey	MACH, MJS	Topflite Cameo Rose
Lynn Mickinkle	VCX, CDX, OF, AX, MXJ	Topflite's Skye's Still on Fire
	MX, MXJ	Topflite Shooting Star



The Golden Retriever Club presents each year three special awards.

The **GOLDEN MEMBER AWARD** is to recognize a member or members annually who consistently and ably contribute to the success of the Club's activities and events. This year recipients are David and Janis Tyler and the nomination of Dave and Janis is shared below.

NOMINATION OF DAVID AND JANIS TYLER FOR GOLDEN MEMBER AWARD

Dave and Janis have been members of our Club for twenty-five years, serving in several capacities.

In our early years, Dave and Janis were very active in the development of our WC/WCX evens and were co-chairs of some of our first field activities including WC/WCX. They contributed in our efforts to become sanctioned for Conformation and Obedience which led to or Club being licensed by the AKC for these venues. Dave has prepared our Club's title awards since 2001, using his talent and equipment to ensure that our awards are nicely designed and presented. He has conducted grooming seminars and demonstrations many times. Janis served as our Secretary from 1999 to 2009 and Specialty Recorder from 2001 and remains in that role today. Dave and Janis graciously make their business establishment available to the Club for its meetings.



Janis and Dave Tyler accept the award



Lynn Mickinkle accepts the award

The **VERSATILITY AWARD** is presented to acknowledge the versatility of a Golden owned by a Club member with the most distinguished record of title achievement in multiple area of endeavor. The award was presented to Lynn Mickinkle and Topflite Skye's Still on Fire MJX, CDX, VCX, AX, OF, JH, WC, RN, CCA ("Blaze").



The **HEART OF GOLD AWARD** is presented to acknowledge the close bond between Golden and humans by recognizing one Golden for distinguished contributions to the individual or family with whom the Golden resides. Kathy McCloskey's much bellowed "Finn" (SR Adirondac Mountain Eire VCD2, UD, RAE, VER, SH, TD, AX, AXJ, OF, VCX, WCX, CCA). Finn's nomination is presented on the next page:

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Finn McCloskey enjoying the award



Kathy McCloskey accepts the award

NOMINATION OF KATHY MCCLOSKEY'S FINN FOR THE HEART OF GOLD AWARD. (Prepared by Maxine Clark)

His face is white, his eyes are cloudy, his hearing diminished and he can no longer get in and out of the car unassisted. But his heart is still a bright shiny gold and he starts each day with his tail wagging and the attitude of a 2 year old asking "what will we do today?" Finn is now 14`1/2 years and has always enjoyed whatever the day had in store.

It is said that the Golden Retriever is a very versatile, cheerful dog that enjoys participating in many activities and events. Finn is a perfect example of that. He has earned 26 titles in obedience, agility, field and tracking. And he has done it with great style, a true joy to watch. The bond between Kathy and Finn is very apparent whatever the venue of the day. I know that watching Finn inspired many of us to be better trainers and spend more time doing things with our dogs for he made it look so much fun! He was certainly a great performance dog.

But the Finn I know is more than that. His sweet way of standing by the side of the bed, while Kathy crawls in, and waits for her to invite him up – his searching my car for ducks wherever it is parked – his patience with Peep who has to kiss him whenever she sees him (even though she is annoying!) – his willingness to share his home when the next pup arrives and his great love of life. He has made us all laugh at field training days. For 3 years I have thrown him birds and sent him to retrieve to have him bring the duck back and search for Kathy to deliver it to her. Finally this year he gave me the honor of bringing me the duck – but only once or twice.

For years Finn visited an assisted care facility with his pet sitter. Loving people and making friends wherever he goes and he was a great hit with the residents there. He has also entertained many kids by dressing up on Halloween to give out candy. And this gentle dog is the dog of choice to greet Kathy's small nieces and nephews who are not that brave around the dogs. He sits quietly showing them they have nothing to fear and of course he is rewarded with a treat or light touch. In his 14 ½ years, his contribution to his family, his community and all his training groups, both human and canine, have certainly been Golden. He's made us laugh, he's made us want to be better trainers and has showed us what a Golden could and should be. Finn has touched many hearts including mine. So although he is not my dog, he is my buddy and my choice for the Heart of Gold Award because he truly has a heart of gold.



Todd Clickner's **Rippling Run Torch of Red ("Torch")** received three awards from the Western New York Retriever Club: Rookie of the Year, High Point Junior Dog and The Joe Mercer Award for top pointed Golden Retriever.

Tom and Linda O'Connell's **Daphne (Adirondac Duchess Daphne JH WC, CGC, THDX)** has achieved the AKC title of Therapy Dog Excellent, a title earned by the number of visits that Daphne has made. She, now 14, has slowed down just a little, is enjoying more time at home, and a little less time visiting. Daphne and Tom have been associated with Sunshine Friends, Inc. and now PAWS of Central NY for her entire career. It is with great sadness that we learn of Daphne's passing on January 10th.



Daphne and her THDX title

Sallie Lennox and **Lucy in the Sky** with Diamonds earned Rally Novice Title at the January SOTC Trial.
 Becky Byrns and Sunkissed Ruby Reflections earned a WC at the October GRCCNY WC/WCX.
 Cindy Berry and **Keeper (Lyn-Ds He's A Keeper)** earned a WC at the October GRCCNY WC/WCX.
 Audrey Coleman and **Ambertrail Rocket's Red Glare** earned a WC at the October GRCCNY WC/WCX
 Audrey Coleman and **Blue Ribbons Funny Girl** earned a WC at the October GRCCNY WC/WCX



GRCCNY TO OFFER CCA (CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMATION ASSESSMENT) ON APRIL 4

Our club will offer GRCA's Noncompetitive Conformation Assessment on April 4 at the SOTC Building, Deere Road, Syracuse. But not all of our members know what it is.

The purpose of the CCA program is to provide, in a noncompetitive event, a means of evaluating and scoring the conformation qualities of a Golden Retriever, using the breed standard as opposed to the "dog-to-dog" comparison as in a dog show competition. It provides an informative assessment by knowledgeable evaluators and a written record of that evaluation. Any Golden over the age of 18 months that is registered with the AKC or CKC or has the AKC PAL number may participate. Owners need not be a member of this club or GRCA and are encouraged to present their own dogs as this program is intended for educational purposes. Females in season must be presented only after all male dogs entered in the event have been presented. When the flyer becomes available it will be sent to our Club's membership electronically.

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GRC-CNY Members Attend Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty

(Compiled by Carol Allen)

This Specialty was an event of superlatives...the largest national breed club, largest national specialty, largest obedience trial in AKC history in one of the most beautiful and hospitable regions of this country and with and for the very best of breeds!!!! Club members Carol Allen, Bruce and Audrey Coleman, Connie Craig, Pam Fuller, Beth Greenfield, Sallie Lennox, Beth and Lee Painting traveled to Asheville, North Carolina in late October – think amazing fall colors in the Great Smokey Mountains. “Breathtakingly beautiful” is how several of our members described it.

The Specialty was actually a 3-state event. Conformation, obedience, rally, agility, CCA, meetings, parades, dinners, gala, vendors were at the Western North Carolina Agricultural Center in Fletcher, NC (10 miles for Asheville); The Hunt test was in Bristol, Tennessee; the Field Trial was in Cheraw, South Carolina, and Tracking was held in the Asheville area. This gave even more opportunity for travel in this amazing area.

Best of Breed, to the great delight of so many of us who favor the seniors, was CH Goodtime’s Johnny Bee Good, owned and handled by Courtney Corral. “Johnny”, age 9, came out of the Veteran Class. What a marvelous dog!! Another surprise, only because of its rarity, was Best of Winners – Ventess Sophia of Goldensglen, a European-style Golden. And we cheered on “Robin”, CH Nitro’s Boy Wonder and Mary McQueen in Veterans 12+, only to be saddened within a couple of weeks by news of the passing of Robin. Our condolences to Mary who is known to many of our members and is a member of our neighbor club, GRC-Western NY.

From Bruce and Audrey Coleman: It was a 9-day trip with 6 straight days of events. Saturday and Sunday found us at the field events in Bristol, Tennessee, where Fanny passed the Senior Hunter Test and then Fanny, Kate and Rocket (at age 13) passed the WC test. Monday found us in Fletcher and we applauded James, a son of our Ditto, as he earned his CCA. Tuesday and Wednesday was the largest Obedience Trial in AKC history. There were 321 dogs entered in Obedience with a total of 520 entries and 204 dogs entered in Rally with a total of 248 entries. It took 2 days to complete one trial. Tuesday was primarily for the non-regular classes. Our Vinny qualified in Veteran’s Novice Obedience and we fielded a team for the team competition with 11 teams entered in matching clothing/costumes and each team having 4 dogs and their handlers. We were the “Damn Yankees”: Bruce with Vinny, Audrey with Fanny and Kathy Wager and Diane Blackman with their Golden. When the judge asked if we were ready, we responded in unison “Batter Up”. Audrey says she enjoyed the Team Obedience the most for its “roll on the floor” fun and it is non-stressful for the participants. Also, the judges in the field events went out of their way to make people feel comfortable with the tests and they stressed the “fun” aspects of working with our dogs. Something we noticed: how few vendors there were.

Then on to Conformation. Bruce and Audrey’s Vinny, handled by friend Beth Durand, took a first in the Sweepstakes Gun Dog ***Field Class



“Vinny” Blue Ribbons Vinny The Enforcer UD,GN, MH, WCX, CGS, VCX, CCA

“Fanny” Blue Ribbon’s Funny Girl UDX, MH, WCX, CGC

“Kate” Rippling Run Blue Ribbon’s Kiss Me MH, WCX, CGS, CCA

“Rocket” Ambertrail Rocket’s Red Glare SH, CD, WCX, OD, CGC, Can WCI

“Vinny” posing after winning the Sweepstakes Gun Dog***

and the current research – likely there will be soon a DNA test for SAS. The entire week was a great experience – to see all

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the dogs is a joy in itself and to see friends you see only once a year. The drive through the mountains was amazingly beautiful. The Halloween Party was GReat fun...so many dogs and people in costumes.

Pam Fuller had a busy week. Highlights were:

- Meeting tracking enthusiasts from all over the country and the Tracking Dinner in Hendersonville (such a beautiful town), good tracking discussions and educational opportunity presented by Ray and Allison Desmarais and Jack Sappenfield.
- Catching up with Golden friends from all over the US and Canada and meeting some new folks from South America.
- GREAT sightseeing.
- "BEST MEMORY EVER AND THRILL OF A LIFETIME"....."I entered my McIntyre (CH Gingerrun Saquish Golden Pine Mac TDX) in Veteran 8-10, both Sweeps and regular Classes. Although he has been retired from Conformation since the age of 2, we were there anyway, so why not? Mac placed 4th in the regular class, Veterans 8-10, and made the cut in Veteran Sweeps, handled by "Aunt" Nancy Kelly. And his buddy, Johnny, went on to win the Regular Veteran 8-10 class, move up to Best of Breed and WIN Best of Breed, becoming only the 4th Veteran ever to go Best of Breed!!!) What an awesome week!"



"Mac" discussing strategy with Tanner Congleton



Pam Fuller's Mac with handler Tanner Congleton, showing in Veterans 8-10 and placing 4th.



"Mac" on the right with his good buddy, CH Goodtime's Johnny Bee Good. Mac and handler Tanner Congleton are giving Johnny pointers on how to win BEST OF BREED. Good advice for Johnny did just that in about an hour.

From Beth Greenfield: “This monumental show includes all that Golden do. My first event was as an Evaluator at the CCA. The entries were 140 dogs with only 2 flights of 21 dogs each. I evaluated with Marcia Schlehr and Laurie Doumaux (both very well known in the Golden “world”) and I felt like I was taking a master class with them. I was trying to make sure I was using the correct canine terminology on my score sheets and, at the same time, teaching the elements but, at the end my scores were right in line with theirs. Whew! We had a wonderful mix of dogs from those entered in conformation, field, obedience, and rally all week. I also evaluated a nice male that was in training as a service dog for a young teen. On Tuesday and Wednesday I entered my three Golden Retrievers in Obedience and Rally. The building held 5 rings including the largest Rally ring I have ever worked in. The Chairperson for this (Susan Young) was superb. Everything ran so smoothly. There was plenty of room for crates and the local dog training club provided ring stewards. Every possible accommodation was made for conflicts and all exhibitors were very supportive of each other. Then off to the Judges’ Education Seminar where I was one of a group of 5 judges mentoring judging applicants. Thursday I mentored ringside in the Judges’ education area. Later “Brees” and I did a quick stint in Senior handling showing off some of her rally moves. Then off to the formal Golden Retriever Foundation Gala with the customary Top Twenty Parade, noting that some of the dogs shown were past winners of the GRCCNY Specialty. But, all said, the best part of the trip was the drive through some spectacular mountains and meeting people I don’t see often, and some on my Facebook page.”

Carol Allen thought, as did so many others, “that the area itself was a highlight of the week. And the hospitality shown by Sandlapper GR Club and the Specialty Co-chairs, Barbara Pepper and Collette Jaynes. We took no dogs, leaving us time (and energy) to volunteer and socialize. Sallie and I volunteered by covering the Welcome Table for about a day and a half and this is an ideal place to meet people as this is where catalogs are picked up – you see just about everyone sooner or later. Sallie also volunteered in the VIP area ringside. I had a very productive meeting with the GRCA President who has chosen to be the Board liaison to Rescue, and then assisted at the Rescue Parade, and conducted the Annual Rescue Meeting. I attended the GRF Gala/Top Twenty and was happy to see there Beth, Greenfield, Connie Craig and Beth and Lee Painting. Everyone looked like a million dollars in their more formal wear. At the Annual GRCA Meeting I presented the Starfish Award and later at the GRCA Board Meeting I was reappointed for the 13th year as National Rescue Chair. The Halloween Party will always stand out as much fun - so many (dogs and people) in costumes and so many GR Clubs having tables with free-flowing drinks and food. One of the best was that of our neighbor, Autumn Valley GR Club and Connie Craig was a delightful server.”

And now on to Wilmington, Ohio for the 2015 National Specialty, September 25 to October 5, 2015, hosted by the Greater Cincinnati Golden Retriever Club.



WC/WCX, and a little history (by Maxine Clark)

We all know that the Golden Retriever originated in Scotland in the late 1800’s and started appearing in the United States some years before their official recognition by the AKC in 1932. In 1938 The Golden Retriever Club of America was incorporated stating the object of the club being that the Golden Retriever was a gun dog but it took 26 years before a club field title was established. The first WC was held at the National Specialty in 1964 with an entry of 8 dogs, and 4 passed. In 1978, 14 years later, the first WCX was held hosted by Long Island GRC. Of the 11 dogs entered 6 passed. And so began the holding of WC/WCX tests.

In 1981 our local club, GRCCNY, was established. It is not known when members became interested in field events but an article in GRCA news written by Janet Dupree in 1988 mentions a field training day with Mary Fowler of Grace Farms lending her expertise on field training.

And so in 1990, with Ted Greenfield as Chairman and Marcia Martin as Secretary, GRCCNY held their first WC/WCX, with an entry of 9 WC dogs and only 1 passing (Ted Greenfield’s Westbrooks Momentary Lapse). Five WCX dogs ran with 3 passing (Mary Hildebrandt’s Comstock Sunfire Tin Emeline and 2 of Les Freer’s dogs). And so began the quest for the WC/WCX title with our members.

Ted Greenfield chaired 1990 thru 1994 and then Dave Tyler took over for 1995 thru 1997. Joe Martin chaired 1998 thru

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2000. Marcia Martin held the Secretary position from 1900 thru 2000. And Sallie Lennox has been the Marshall every year but one since 1900. In 2001 Kathy McCloskey and I took over the duties of Chair and Secretary and have remained since.

Entries have increased over the years and so has club interest and participation. With more training days every year the dog work has also seen great improvement.

We had a full entry this year on October 5th at Echoewood in Mexico, NY. Eleven club members ran dogs and with an entry of 12 in WC we gave out ribbons to 10 member/dog teams. The WCX passed 5 member/dog teams. Look at all the smiling faces in the pictures! Judges Joe and Marcia Martin always put on nice tests and are a lot of fun and fun was had by all. A big Thank you to all of you who worked to help make this such a success.

Next year will be our 25th WC/WCX so let's plan something special! Hope to see all of you there.

Thanks to Beth Greenfield and Marcia Martin for being packrats and supplying some of the history.



WC Qualifiers: Front Row: Carol Lantiegne, Audrey Coleman, Cindy Berry, Kathy Salemi, Pam Fuller, Gary Fischer. Back Row: Maxine Clark, Becky Byrns, Judge Joe Martin, Judge Marcia Martin, Todd Clickner, Ann Lynn.



WCX Qualifiers: Audrey Coleman, Ann Lynn, Judge Joe Martin, Judge Marcia Martin, Carol Lantiegne, Diane Hunter





Ask the Barquer

by Carol Allen



Q: When I adopted Benny from GRRCNY, it was recommended that we enroll together in an Obedience Class. I haven't yet done so because it seems to me that classes won't help what problems I have with him. I'm not interested in Obedience competition and titles. Am I wrong?

A: In answering your question, I first phoned you to learn what problems you are having with Benny and was pleased – and relieved to hear that the problems are not serious but rather annoying.

- jumping on guests when they first come in.
- sometimes taking things off tables and counters and running off with them.
- some pulling on lead on your walks.

We often recommend obedience training, and sometimes include formal obedience classes as an Adoption Contract item. We do this for two significant reasons:

- 1) the dog-human bond is enhanced by Obedience training because of the quality time spent together in class and in practice. It requires you both learn to focus just on each other. It also helps to clarify who the pack leader really is and the earlier in the relationship this can be established, the better.
- 2) You learn from your instructor and your experience just how dogs learn. They learn
 - because of your **CONSISTENCY**. Same response from you each time; same response from others in your household helps, too.
 - By **REPETITION** – over and over again. You show him many times what you want many, many times and rewarding him by praise, food rewards or a combination of the two.
 - By your **POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT** of the desired behavior and by rewarding only when he demonstrates the behavior you want. Further, by you never giving a command and then ignoring his failure to comply. Better to ignore him in the first place then to tolerate his ignoring of your command.

While SIT, STAY, COME, DOWN, HEEL, and STAND are all expected for the AKC Companion Dog title, not everyone is interested in training with a title as a goal. But most dog owners are interested in training with the goal of a better mannered companion. For your dog to perform these several actions on your command will eliminate many dog behavior problems. Its really simple: a dog can't do something wrong and something right at the same time. A "SIT" with a reliable "Stay" will eliminate your dog's ability to jump on Aunt Susan. And why not ask Aunt Susan to offer Benny a treat before the "Sit/Stay" is released?

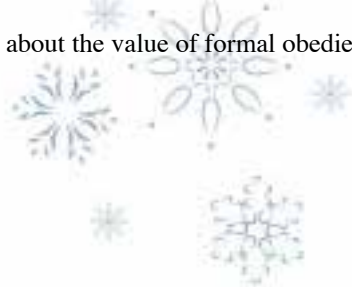
As Dog Trainer Pat Miller recently wrote in YOUR DOG (The Tufts Univ. School of Veterinary Medicine Magazine):

A good positive training class can help in resolving behavior problems by helping you and your dog learn to communicate more clearly with each other. The better you understand how his mind works and the better he understands what it is you expect of him, the stronger the relationship between you. In the end, it's the strength of this relationship that will carry you through the challenges of dog care taking and allow you to experience the joys and rewards of sharing your life with a canine companion.



I hope your question about the value of formal obedience classes has been answered.

CJA





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