



# Golden Tales

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**Kathy McCloskey receives the 2013 Versatility Award in acknowledgement of the accomplishments**



**Ray Blaskiewicz receives the 2013 Golden Member Award from Kathy McCloskey .**

# From Our President!

Hi Folks-

I hope everyone had a happy Holiday Season! I know my dogs certainly enjoyed all the family and extra attention they received.

I am hoping for a successful upcoming year. We have a new Golden Tales editor, Janet Gray with lots of help from Carol Allen. Please join me in thanking both of them for taking this job on! We have not been able to hold meetings at Gander Mountain for several months.

Janis and Dave Tyler have been gracious enough to allow us to use their “doggy daycare” in Cicero for our first 2014 meeting. Details are in the newsletter.

Our Board will have met by the time you receive this newsletter. We have two new Board members this year. Please welcome Cindy Berry and Kelly Mueller. We look forward to their ideas and thoughts! I would like to thank the two board members that have stepped down, Sallie Lennox and Ray Blaskiewicz. They have been valuable Board members and I thank them for their service!

Stay warm folks and I look forward to seeing everyone this year!

Suzi



photo by Tom O'Connell

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### Where to Send It ... For

Golden Tales - Website -Golden Retriever News

All members are encouraged to contribute and submit material. Photos will be returned on request.

Send to Lynn Mickinkle, [lmickinkle@gmail.com](mailto:lmickinkle@gmail.com), or 200 Cobb Drive, Laconia, NY 13083:

ALL brags, all material you'd like to see on our website ([www.grccny.org](http://www.grccny.org))

and articles for the Golden Retriever News Member Club Columns.

Send Carol Allen, [carosal@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:carosal@twcnny.rr.com), or PO Box 388, Jamesville, NY 13078:

all material for Golden Tales (except brags).

## Welcome New members!

Linda LeBlanc and  
Charlie McLaughlin  
Clay, New York  
Household members

Dianne Duerr  
Syracuse, New York  
Associate member

## Activity and Event Leaders

### Puppy Referral

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### Title Awards:

Marcia Martin & Dave Tyler

### Golden Retriever News Correspondent

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## IN MEMORIAM

Ruby Moran (GRRRCNY #06-19)  
John and Liz Moran

Keystone (GRRRCNY #08-17)  
Carol Allen and Sallie Lennox

## Calendar of Events

### Meetings:

April 3, 7PM, Storybook Wags N' Whiskers  
8226 Brewerton Road, Cicero, NY  
315 699-4149

(Just south of Route 31;  
will be on the left going south)  
Please bring your own chair.

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Further details later in the year.



Bruce and Audrey Coleman

Blue Ribbons's Vinny The Enforces ("Vinny") CD, GN, MH, WCX, CGC, CCA.  
Added CDX, Leatherstocking Circuit, Syracuse. Earned 1st Utility Lag  
at Valley Forge in December.

Blue Ribbon's Funny Girl ("Fanny") UD MH WCX, CGC. Earned 7th UDX leg,  
Leatherstocking, Syracuse. She earned an Obedience Trial Champion  
itle (OTCH) at the Schenectady Dog Training Club Trial

Rippling Run Blue Ribbon's Kiss Me, ("Kate") MH WCX CGC CCA. Added the  
Master Hunter title, Yankee Waterfowlers AKC Hunt Test, in August.

Beth Greenfield.

Westbrook's Heart of Bramisocce ("Brees") CCA. Added RN, WNYGRC

Suzanne MacDonald

Adirondac Cedar Chest of Gold ("Cedar") RN CD JH . Added WCX, GRCCNY event.

Bob Richardson

Storybook Shores of Tripoli ("Tripp"). Winners Dog, Bet of Winners and Best of  
Breed, Brockville, Ontario and Best of Breed, Belleville, Ontario

Donna Schmidt

MACH 5 Wildwood's Ain't She Sweet ("Jordan")UD MXG2 MJS2 XF T2B CCA  
ADHF

MACH Topmast Purple Jade ("Jordan") MXB MJB NF T2B ADHF



Specialty Chair Beth Greenfield reminds us that the date of the Specialty is March 29, 2014  
at the State Fairgrounds, Syracuse.

### **SPECIALTY TROPHY PLEDGES COMPLETED**

Many thanks to our members who have pledged to sponsor "Class Winner Acknowledgements" for our 2014 Golden Retriever Specialty. Money pledged is not due until spring and Trophy Chair Carol Allen will email you a reminder notice at that time.

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## NEWS FROM THE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF AMERICA (GRCA)

The 2013 National Specialty was held in October in Wichita Falls, Texas with a full dose of that famed Texan hospitality. GRCCNY members Carol Allen and Sallie Lennox attended.

At the Specialty, a new GRCA President was seated. Jonathan Chase is now the President. Likely many local club members know Jon as a breeder (using the Mariner prefix), and as a very active field person who handles his own dogs in both performance and conformation. In Jon's first message in GR News as President he said " Must understand that the Golden Retriever is primarily a hunting dog and as such, is to be faulted if not shown in hard working condition"

Jon, together with his wife Kathy, in the last few years founded the Nicholas County Animal Welfare Society in the Lexington, Kentucky region. Consistent with his founding of the Animal Welfare Society in Tennessee, Jon also states in GR News that "My commitment absolutely extends and includes those Golden Retrievers who for whatever reason find themselves in a rescue or shelter situation".



Also at the National Specialty, Carol Allen of our club was appointed Chair of the GRCA's National Rescue Committee for the 12th year. Carol will work closely with Jon Chase as he has assumed the role of liaison from the Board of Directors to this committee. Rescue activities for the Golden Retriever has enjoyed the support of the Board of Directors since its inception in 2002.

For those who belong to GRCA and receive Golden Retriever News, the Field Issue (Nov/Dec) is out and it contains a new feature: Total Goldens! Highlighted here are Goldens meeting the breed standard (via show ring or CCA) AND have demonstrated exceptional field talent. Goldens owned and trained by GRCCNY members Audrey and Bruce Coleman, Joan and Ken Kogut , and Carol Lantiegne are included. Take a look.

Visit [www.2014national.com](http://www.2014national.com) for updates on the October National Specialty in North Carolina. The scenery alone is worth the trip, either in reality or virtually.



### **CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMATION ASSSSMENT**

It has been decided that the next CCA this club arranges will be held in April 2015. Autumn Valley Golden Retriever Club is planning one for spring, 2014, and the two clubs have agreed to alternate years.

### **EYE CLINIC HELD**

The 25th Annual Eye Clinic sponsored by your club was held on October 20, 2013. Thanks to Chair Patti Gambier and the members who volunteered: Sally Baritell, Dave Gambier, Kelly Mueller, Gail Puzon, Judi Questel and Anne Wood. Dr. Kern examined 57 dogs.

## AWARDS DINNER HELD AND AWARDS PRESENTED

Our Club's Awards Dinner was held on December 8 at the Spinning Wheel in North Syracuse. Thanks to Bobbie Vassalo and Janis Tyler for the arrangements.

The GOLDEN MEMBER Award was presented to Ray Blaskiewicz. The nomination read as follows: Ray has served on this Club's Board of Directors for several years, offering as needed alternative perspectives and lending balance to the discussions. When our Club decided to pursue a relationship with the IRS, Ray stepped up and did the necessary accumulation of data and forms. This saved this Club a great deal of money as other Clubs found it necessary to hire accountants for this purpose. When it comes to field events, Ray is our "Bird Man", a job no one else wanted. He works all day dispatching birds and keeping the events rolling. One year he even raised the chukkers and ducks for our WC/WCX. Ray's attitude has always been "What do you need and I will do whatever you need". Congratulations and thanks, Ray.

The VERSATILITY Award was presented to Kathy McCloskey's "Cameo". Topflight Cameo Rose, UD, RE, JH, MX, MXB, MXJ, MJB, XF, T2B2, CCA, WCX, VCX. Congratulations Cameo and Kathy. Well done!!!

TITLE AWARDS were presented as follows:

Sally Baritell. For Rivermate's Push-N-Pull. CCA  
Cindy Berry. For Keeper. RN  
Becky Byrns. For Trucker. UD  
Beth Greenfield, For Westbrook's Heart of Bramisole. RN  
Suzanne MacDonald. For Cedar. WCX  
Kathy McCloskey. For Cameo. T2B, MX, MJB, MXB, T2B2  
Lynn Mickinkle. For Star. AX  
For Skye. NA, NAJ, NF, OA, OAJ, AXJ, VC,  
Gail Puzon. For Devon. Can. CDX, CCA, UD  
Judi Questel. For Moya. AJP, OJP  
For Sidra. OAJ  
Bob Richardson. For Storybook Shores of Tripoli. Can. Ch., CCA



### DUES FOR 2014

Renewal notices were sent out in mid-December. While many members have renewed, a few have not.

If you have not, please do so today. Send to GRCCNY, PO Box 388, Jamesville, NY 13078.

Membership dues for Individual and Household members must be received by March 1 to avoid needing to go through the entire "voting into membership" process.

If you have questions about the amount of the dues or whether or not you have already paid, please contact Carol Allen, Treasurer, [carosal@twcny.rr.com](mailto:carosal@twcny.rr.com) or 315 469-7926



### ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS HELD

At the Annual Meeting held in November, 2013, the Officers for 2014 remained as they were for 2013. After many years of service, Directors Ray Blaskiewicz and Sallie Lennox chose not to continue and are thanked for their service. We welcome Cindy Berry and Kelly Mueller to the Board.



### The Awardees



The Ottawa Valley Golden Retriever Club  
presents:

## Advanced Transformational Dog Breeding: Creating Dogs that Enrich People's Lives

a seminar with  
Gayle Watkins, Ph.D., of Avidog International, LLC and Gaylan's Golden Retrievers

March 1-2, 2014  
University of Guelph, Kemptville Campus, Kemptville, ON

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Dr. Gayle Watkins of Gaylan's Golden Retrievers has actively shown and bred multi-purpose golden retrievers since 1979. Over the past thirty years, she has produced, owned and/or shown over 50 American and Canadian conformation, obedience, agility and tracking champions, as well as Master Hunters and Qualified All-Age field trial goldens. Her breeding program has also produced over a dozen GRCA Outstanding Dams and Sires.

The keys to Gaylan's success are the techniques Gayle has developed to rear litters, evaluate puppies, and match them to homes based on measurable traits. The Gaylan's puppy rearing system is carefully designed, from conception to placement, to bring out the best in every puppy. It mixes science, nature and experience in a balanced blend of mental, physical, and social developmental opportunities with nutritional support. Furthermore, before pups are placed, they are thoroughly assessed on conformation (structure, type and athleticism), temperament, and working ability using a comprehensive evaluation process that seeks to give every owner the ideal puppy for them and provide them a training plan for their individual puppy.

In recent years, Gayle has applied these methods elsewhere by working with breeders of field and show Golden retrievers, German shepherds, Labrador retrievers, Irish setters and more.

### Seminar Details:

This is an advanced seminar that will focus on transformational dog breeding. Topics covered will include:

- ❖ **Applied Epigenetics.** With the recent explosion in epigenetics research and findings, we are learning more and more about how the environment changes DNA that is then passed on to future generations. Although a very young science, these findings should play a role in how dog breeders and owners select, raise and breed dogs for future breedings. In this session, Gayle will share her understanding of epigenetics from the perspective of a dog breeder rather than a geneticist and how this understanding has changed her breeding methods.
- ❖ **Breeding Strategy.** During this session, Gayle and participants will discuss and consider strategies for breeding programs to help breeders think through their goals, determine how to measure them, and evaluate how individual breedings help them progress toward them. More than simple breeding methods, this session focuses on using a broad, holistic approach to breeding strategy that is applicable for seasoned, novice and one-time breeders.
- ❖ **Breeding Stock Selection.** Once breeders have established their goals, we will then tackle breeding stock selection. Sires and dams contribute differently and play different roles in a breeding's success but each plays a critical role in their puppies' future.
- ❖ **APET Litter Testing.** The Avidog Puppy Evaluation Test (APET) provides breeders with a valuable tool in matching puppies to new owners, analyzing each litter and providing new owners with guidance and insights regarding their puppy. During this session, Gayle will discuss how breeders can maximize this critical process, with an emphasis on matching puppies to owners and the development of training plans.

If time allows, other topics discussed will be a review of puppy brain development, incorporating the latest research information, and more detailed discussions on nutrition and vaccines (nomographs, titers).



**Who Should Attend:**

The seminar has something to offer any serious dog person but will have particular appeal to present and future breeders of performance, conformation and pet dogs who are seeking to produce stable, confident canine competitors and companions. Dog owners involved in performance sports and working dogs, as well as those who test and evaluate litters, will also benefit from this seminar.

**OPEN TO BREEDERS of ANY BREED**

**NOTE: Participants will be able to get ongoing support from the Avidog Team and you will be able to access password protected parts of the Avidog site where you can continue the discussions started at the seminar.**

**Registration Details:**

Spots are limited so register early! Registration closes February 14, 2014 or when spaces are filled.

Full payment must be mailed with the registration to hold your spot. No refunds after the closing date.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday and Sunday - \$140
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Only - \$90
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Only - \$90

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog Breed (s) of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I will not hold Gayle Watkins, the OVGRC, or their members liable for any loss, damage or injury to myself or my dog, or my property while attending this event.

Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_

**Acknowledgment and seminar details will be sent upon receipt of registration.**

Please mail registration form and payment (payable to OVGRC) to Pamela Martin, 1735 Development Road, Mountain, ON K0E 1S0.

For more information, please contact Pam at 613-989-6163 (evening) or [hiscoke@magma.ca](mailto:hiscoke@magma.ca).

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