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## 2010 in the Field

by Maxine Clark

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Photo courtesy of Tom O'Connell

Laker (Adirondac Great Laker), owned by Carol Lantiegne, shows off her retrieving style at the GRCCNY WC/WCX tests.

GRCCNY is now officially a Golden RETRIEVER club. This year the club held five training days, a WC/WCX, had our first licensed AKC hunt test and ended the field season with our Super Singles event.

We started out our field year on April 17 with our first training day and were so surprised at the large turnout we had. It seems that the interest in field has grown and we were happy to see many new faces. Training days were very productive not only teaching our dogs but teaching new handlers to throw birds, shoot guns, operate tossers and practice being Marshalls.

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**President's Message**

Most of you know that I lost my dog McKenzie since our last newsletter. She was the first dog that I took into competition and she taught me so much but... that's not why I'm writing about this. Over the last month, I've grown in my appreciation for the seemingly less significant accomplishments of our dogs. By that I mean those accomplishments that don't necessarily result in a title but still show the bond between handler and dog. Some recent examples of this are Cindy Berry, Becky Byrns, Beth Greenfield and Pam Cox whose dogs all worked beyond their expectations at Super Singles. Another is Kevin Crinklaw who adopted Rigby and worked through difficult challenges to earn his senior hunter. Then there's Tom O'Connell who searched and found a puppy for his wife that had a similar pedigree to their former dog. Going back a little further I think of Carol Allen and rescued Sassy who went into the show ring in her "twilight" years. There's more, I'm sure, so please don't be offended if I didn't include you and your dog. These accomplishments don't earn letters



before or after the dog's name, but they are just as meaningful and valuable as any title.

That being said, I urge you all to cherish every moment with your dogs. It's so easy to put off that walk or training session until tomorrow. For those of you, like me, who are working toward titles, it's the journey and the bonding with your dog(s), rather than the title that should be most important. I know you don't need to hear me go on about this but we all need those reminders now and then before it's too late. Give your dogs a hug for me.

On a different note, I'd like to give special thanks to Maxine Clark for her endless hours working with Suzanne McDonald on our first hunt test as well as running our training days and Super Singles. Her knowledge, persistence and many hours of work are invaluable to our club.

Kathy

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All members are encouraged to contribute. To save time and avoid confusion, all submissions are to be directed to Beth Shelmidine. Material will be published, as appropriate, to *Golden Tales*, the Web Site, and/or *Golden Retriever News*. Send via U.S. Mail or Email. Photos returned on request.

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**Membership Information**

GRCCNY invites as new members, anyone with an interest in Golden Retrievers! Applications are available from the Club secretary, or at [www.grccny.org/memb\\_app.pdf](http://www.grccny.org/memb_app.pdf).

Membership Options:  
 Individual - \$25, Household - \$30, Associate (non-voting) - \$25.

We encourage membership in the Golden Retriever Club of America. Applications and further information may be obtained from Deborah Ascher, P.O. Box 69, Berthoud, CO 80513-0069, (970) 532-3124 or from the GRCA website at [www.grca.org/grca-app.htm](http://www.grca.org/grca-app.htm).

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***From Your Best Friend***

Please don't mourn for me today  
My love was strong, but I couldn't stay  
The Rainbow Bridge, they call this place  
And God has blessed it with his grace  
In His hands I am safe and sound  
And you won't believe who all I've found  
If some days seem too much to bear  
Just close your eyes - You'll find me there

*By Permission from Sandy Rolling  
Iowa City Golden Retriever Club*



**Goldens  
Remembered**

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**"Casey"**  
Shelby Chelsea's Casey Rose  
*Karen Anne Fukes*

**"McKenzie"**  
Adirondac Lass McKenzie VCD2 UD RAE JH AX  
SR WCX VCX CCA  
*Kathy McKloskey*

**"Lucky"**  
GRRCNY #09-06  
*Carol Allen and Sallie Lennox*

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**New Members**

**Steve Cavuto and Madeline Legg**, Cicero  
*Rescue Honorary*  
**Joe and Nancy Cowan**, Ithaca  
*Rescue Honorary*  
**David and Terry Colella**, Auburn  
*Rescue Honorary*  
**James Carey**, Tully  
*Rescue Honorary*

\* Election Required for Individual or Household Applicants

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**ELECTRONICALLY**  
via e-mail. Have you  
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Judi Questel at  
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today to sign up!

**Back Issues of Golden Tales are on the Web at  
<http://www.grccny.org/Newsletter.htm>**

## More Club News & Events

### Meeting Highlights

- The Following Is An Unofficial Summary -

## GRCCNY meeting 9/16/10

Submitted by Beth Shelmidine

**Minutes** from August meeting read and approved as read.

**Braggs** were submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carol Allen gave balances for three accounts. She also indicated there had been a profit from the hunt test but not all accounting was complete.

**Correspondence:** Beth Greenfield addressed a letter received from AKC requesting a complete mailing list of our club's entire membership, a requested change from AKC to our proposal for hosting the spring 2011 Specialty. Discussion followed regarding club response. AKC had made a similar request in the past to which we refused, providing only club officers and Board. It is feared AKC is only soliciting for the purpose of building an advertising base for their publications, and that they may share these with other dog related organizations and companies for their own use. Motion made, seconded and passed to continue providing only officers and Board to AKC.

#### Reports:

**Specialty:** Trophy donation pledge sheet is complete.

**Website:** Kathy reports there has been no forward progress. Suggestions welcome.

**Golden Tales:** Judi is requesting submissions ASAP.

**Hunt Test:** Many thanks extended to all who made the hunt test weekend a success, with extra special recognition of the work done by Suzi and Maxine.

**Super Singles:** Maxine noted there were many jobs that needed to be filled by volunteers to make the day possible. Many volunteered to help.

**OKA:** October 13 meeting will focus on legislation, info is on their website for any interested in attending.

**Eye Clinic:** All set, volunteer slots are filled.

**National:** Carol and Sallie will deliver the raffle basket full of NYS goodies.

**Book Recommendation:** Carol Allen discussed a book she will review for Golden Tales titled "Speaking for Spot" by Dr. Nancy Kay.

**Awards Dinner:** Discussion of changing location to Borio's, which will allow more seating. Motion made, seconded and passed.

**Nominating Committee:** Last month the committee proposed no changes to the current slate of officers. President McCloskey requested nominations from the floor, of which there were none. Consequently the Secretary will cast one ballot for 2011 club officers at the October meeting.

**New Business:** Carol Allen is taking orders for the 2011 GRCA calendars.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:10 PM. Next meeting October 21 at Gander Mountain.



## Trophy Sponsorship Complete!!

by Carol Allen, Trophy Chair

What generous and thoughtful members this Club has!! Well ahead of schedule, the trophy sponsorships for our April 2, 2011 Specialty are fully subscribed and the Trophy List can be submitted to the Host Kennel Club and the Show Superintendent.

At a recent Club meeting it was the wish of the voting members in attendance that trophy donations go to

the Rescue Fund, and particularly for the transportation of senior Golden Retrievers from areas where adoptions are not occurring in sufficient number.

After the first of the year and before the April Specialty I will send to each member covering a class a reminder of the pledge. There is no need for money to be sent at this time.

## Member Forum

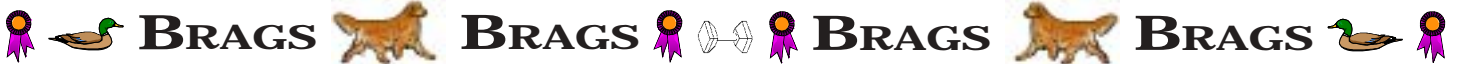


GRCCNY Working Certificate Qualifiers (L to R): Carol Lantiegne with Adirondac Trick or Treat JH, Ray Blaskiewicz with Topflite Skye's Still on Fire RN, judge Art Bresleau, Suzanne McDonald with Shor'Line Kickin' Back in the Islands, judge Lisa Wienberg, Audrey Coleman with Blue Ribbons Funny Girl SH CGC.



Photos courtesy of Tom O'Connell

GRCCNY Working Certificate Excellent Qualifiers (L to R): Judge Art Bresleau, Carol Lantiegne with Calamity Jane of Adirondac and Adirondac Great Laker CD SH CCA, judge Lisa Wienberg.



Suzanne McDonald reports that Malibu (Shor'line Kickin Back in the Islands CGC) earned a WC at the GRCCNY tests in August.

Pamela Cox and Sasha (Rivermate's Ice Dancer RN MX MXJ OF CGC) have been busy in the agility rings, adding Master Agility, Master Agility Jumpers and Open FAST titles at the SOTC and Central NY Sheltie Club trials.

Ray Blaskiewicz and Lynn Mickinkle report that their youngster, Blaze (Topflite Skye's Still on Fire RN WC CGC) earned his WC at the GRCCNY tests in August.

Lynn Mackinkle has also been busy with Comet (Topflite Shooting Star CD RE NA NAJ NF SH VC WCX CCA CGC), who added a Novice Agility title at the Sheltie Club trials in August.

Congratulations to Beth Greenfield, who has now been granted provisional judging status by AKC for Labrador Retrievers. Beth has also been busy on the home front with Ada (Birch Run Heart of Westbrook) and a litter of two pups born in early August, one male and one female.

Carol Lantiegne reports a number of her dogs have been active in field venues recently. Trixie (Adirondac Trick or Treat) has earned her JH and WC, Laker (Adirondac Great Laker) has earned her WCX as well as Master Hunter leg #1, Jane (Calamity Jane of

Adirondac) also achieved her WCX. Midas (Adirondac Midas Touch CD SH WCX CCA VC) completed his MH at the end of September in Ohio at the American Chesapeake Club hunt test. Not to be outdone, Echoe (Adirondac Tea Party) earned her JH title at the Chesapeake Club test as well – at a little over eight months of age!

Carol Lantiegne is also proud to announce not one, but two new Outstanding Dams – Juneau (Adirondac Reddog Juneau) and Foxy (Adirondac Foxfire). Congrats!

Bruce and Audrey Coleman are pleased to announce that Fanny (Blue Ribbon's Funny Girl SH WCX CGC) has been charging her way through field events this summer with the addition of WC, WCX and Senior Hunter titles.



Photo courtesy of Audrey Coleman

Fanny Coleman with her Senior Hunter qualifying ribbons.

## 2010 WC/WCX Candids



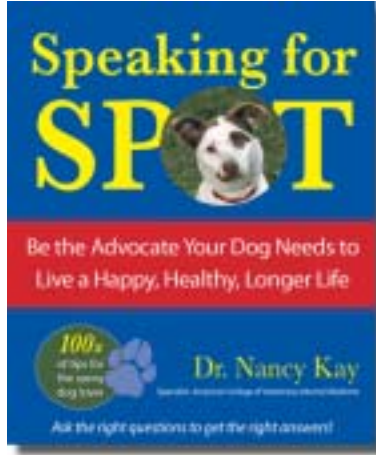
**Photos from the WC/WCX: Top Left:** Blaze, owned by Ray Blaskiewicz and Lynn Mackinkle. **Top Right:** Sally Baritell with Caper. **Left:** Malibu, owned by Suzanne McDonald. **Bottom Left:** Audrey Coleman with Fanny. **Bottom Right:** Sasha, owned by Pamela Cox. Photos courtesy of Tom O'Connell.



# Be Your Dog's Best Advocate

by Carol Allen

Dr. Nancy Kay sent me a copy of her book "Speaking for Spot" a year ago and since receiving it I have turned to it many, many times as well as recommending it often. Her book is written with the everyday dog owner in mind - no long words or concepts that require a degree in veterinary medicine to understand. It is written for you and I and our dogs. She makes no attempt to replace your relationship with your veterinarian but rather to increase the quality of your participation in that relationship by helping you to be a more informed partner in your dog's care team. As the cover says, "Ask the right questions to get the right answers."



Now when you order your copy the author will donate \$4 to Golden Retriever Rescue of Central New York. The cost of the book is \$19.93 plus \$3 shipping.

Two ways to order:

- 1) I can send you as an email attachment an order form and you can order my mail and check (GRCCNY is already designated on the form), or
- 2) On line at <http://www.speakingforspot.com/purchase.html> Be sure to designate Golden Retriever Rescue of Central New York when asked to select.

Dr. Kay practices now in northern California but has a local connection as a graduate of Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine. She is a specialist in the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine.

I think it would make a lovely "shower gift" for a friend who just got a puppy or for anyone who cares to be informed. Note to Breeders: why not include an order blank in each puppy packet?

## Holiday and Awards Banquet SUNDAY, December 12

**Borio's Restaurant**  
8891 McConnells Parkway, Cicero  
Cash Bar - 4PM Buffet Dinner - 5PM

Reservations Required - Deadline Dec 1  
Clip, complete and mail coupon at right.

### Grab-Bag Gift Exchange

Each attendee is invited to contribute a gift to be randomly swapped for that of another contributor. Gifts should be wrapped, "doggie related" and not exceeding \$10 in value.

### Dinner Cost

Cost of \$23 per person includes Dinner Buffet and Dessert.

### Annual Awards

Presented after dinner. See pg. 11 for information.

### Directions

From Rt. 81 - Exit at Cicero, go east on Rt. 31. Turn left onto South Bay Road. In 1.9 miles, take slight right onto Lakeshore Road. Go 0.4 miles and then turn left onto McConnells Parkway. (OR follow Lakeshore Road as it meets Rt. 31 in Village of Cicero.)

From East - Follow Rt. 31 West into Cicero area. Take right onto South Bay Road. Follow directions above.

## Holiday and Awards Banquet Reservation

Reservation Deadline is December 1

Mail this coupon & check  
payable to GRCCNY to:

**Lisa Andrews**  
GRCCNY Banquet Chairperson  
PO Box 421  
Mattydale, NY 13211

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Your Party \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose \$23 per person. Total enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

# Chewed Out

Understand your dog's need to gnaw, then fix it.

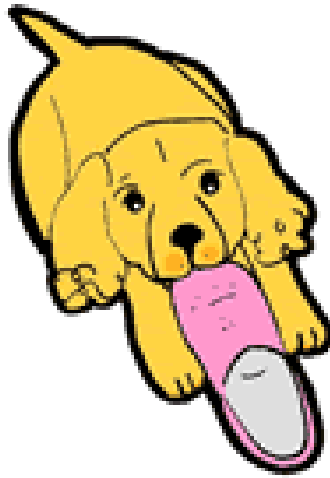
by Debbie Swanson

When Denise Watson of Westford, MA returned from an errand, she didn't expect to find a pile of chewed-up black bits in the middle of her living room. After all, her Collie Max had been sound asleep when she left barely 30 minutes before.

On closer inspection, she realized Max had chewed his way into a CD case, breaking many of the discs. After a slew of phone calls to the vet and the task of piecing the broken CDs together, she determined not much had been swallowed. Marring her relief was a nagging question: At almost 2 years old, shouldn't Max be past the chewing stage?

Destructive chewing can be a dog owner's biggest headache. The frustration and expense of destroyed items, the strain on your relationship with your dog, and

the danger to your pet are important reasons to control chewing from the start.



## Pinpoint the Cause

Although a puppy's chewing may be mainly caused by teething, an adult dog's chewing typically indicates other issues.

Start by examining your dog's activity level. A dog who is often alone or inactive may chew out of boredom. Behaviorist Terry Marie Curtis, DVM, with the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, encourages exercise and stimulation throughout the day. "In addition to regular walks, give him things to look forward to – a backyard agility course, classes, interactive puzzles, Kong toys," she says.

Separation anxiety is another common trigger. A dog anxious about being alone may chew to comfort himself, just as humans resort to habits in times of stress. "It's important to realize that the dog is not chewing to be spiteful, but is reacting to panic felt at being alone," Curtis says.

If your dog mostly chews while alone, Curtis suggests setting up a

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## Your Dog Swallowed Something

Karl Jandry, DVM, a specialist in veterinary emergency and critical care at the University of California, Davis, offers these tips:

- Call your vet immediately to assess the problem. Describe the object's size, shape, and material. Your dog's size matters, too – a Chihuahua who swallows a small Lego will have a harder time processing it than a Saint Bernard.
- Consider an X-ray, which may pinpoint where the object is and how likely it is to pass.
- Don't change his diet. If your veterinarian recommends waiting for the object to pass, stick to your dog's normal diet. A change can trigger symptoms which can be confused with a blockage.
- Watch for problems. If your dog acts ill or lethargic, vomits, refuses food or water, or has diarrhea, contact your vet.
- Seek immediate attention if your dog swallows one of these highly dangerous items: batteries, string or stick-shaped items, polyurethane glues, sharp edged items such as broken objects, or coins – problems can arise if stomach acid breaks down the metal, particularly with older pennies.





## **Rescue Reporter** - By Carol Allen

*Your Club endorses and promotes the work of Golden Retriever Rescue of Central NY and encourages your individual support through membership, donations and volunteered assistance. For more information contact Carol Allen at 315-469-7926.*

In the July issue of Golden Tales I began to tell you of the very timid 2-year-old Golden who, while transferring her from my car to the foster home, “rocketed” through our waiting arms, down a long driveway and into very thick woods and undergrowth. I left the rest of the story for this time.

Well, after an hour of my running through underbrush and driving where I could, I had no choice but to phone the surrendering owner. Why I assumed even for a minute that this very frightened dog would come to me is beyond my understanding now. Sometimes common sense is in short supply. So reluctantly I dialed the phone and explained. “She’ll not come to you but she will come to my boyfriend and her mother. They’ll be right there.”

Within a few minutes, man and dog arrived. Dog sniffed my car where her daughter had been and off they went in a direction I had no need to suggest. The dog was leading the way the entire time they were within our sight, nose to the ground. In the meantime, the foster mom to be and I paced and shed a tear or two over our stupidity. How could this happen? Both of us thought we were so experienced. Only a couple hours earlier I had assured the surrendering owner of how careful and thorough we are.

Nearly an hour passed. All of a sudden we look down this long driveway – coming toward us was a man

and two Golden. He was using his belt as a leash – we had forgotten to equip him properly.

He tells the story. “We went deep into the woods. I said to Cricket, ‘go find Carly.’ There was silence in the woods for about 30 minutes. All of a sudden I hear barking and two Golden appeared.” All were very tired, very muddy, and very full of burrs.

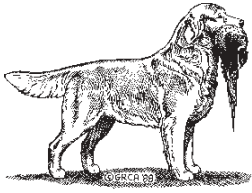
Update on Carly: After almost three months in the foster home she is finally feeling more comfortable and is now beginning to approach humans she knows well for affection and attention. She’ll not be the typical “aren’t I just the most wonderful dog?” Golden. Her preference will likely always be animals and not humans. We’re suggesting that there be another dog in her forever home, no small children and very secure fencing and entries to the home. She accepts the crate and often chooses to enter one to rest, but when it’s time to leave the crate, she still “rockets” out. We’re still scratching our heads as to what that is all about. Watching Carly grow is and will be fascinating.

Carly’s mom is missing a “career opportunity” as a wilderness Search and Rescue Dog. I think of her often as I ponder how much untapped potential is within each Golden Retriever and how often we do not provide for them the opportunity to be all that they can be.

## **Super Singles**



Comet (left), owned by Ray Blaskiewicz and Lynn Mackinkle, and Cash (right), owned by Mark and Beth Shelmidine, show off their retrieving skills and enthusiasm at the Super Singles event in September. Photos courtesy of Tom O’Connell.



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## Our Club's Column in *Golden Retriever News*

By Carol Lantiegne, Club Correspondent

*Carol's submissions to Golden Retriever Club of America for publication*

*in Golden Retriever News appear here for the benefit of members who have not yet joined GRCA.*

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### A Trip Back In Time

by Carol Lantiegne from notes compiled by Carol Allen

The first recorded minutes of our club were from a meeting held in November 1981. They contain references to prior meetings but no documentation of those earlier meetings can be found. I was living in Dryden at the time and had been invited to participate in the formation of the club, but declined, knowing we were leaving the area in 1982. Participating in this and other organizational meetings were: Claudia Bennett, Dale DeMauro, who functioned as President, Beth and Ted Greenfield, Judy Locke, Patricia Lyon, Marcia Martin, John Stawiarz, Betty Thomas, Linda Walters, Stephanie Walters and Bonnie Wink. Of those original members, only Marcia Martin and Beth Greenfield remain active today.

For reasons not clear from any existing minutes, actual Incorporation as a Not for Profit in the State of New York did not occur until early in 1984. ("The Corporation is a Type A Corporation which will achieve a social purpose"). Dale DeMauro was the initial President; Ted Greenfield became President in 1982 and held that office again in 1994. Records show that in 1984 (and possibly 1985) Patricia Lyons was the President. Bonnie Wink presided in 1986. Marcia Martin held that office in 1987 and 1988. Bill Blasé led the charge in 1989. From 1995 to 1997 Rue Chagoll was the President. Scott Wilson held that position for 1998 and 1999. For the next ten years (1999-2009) Carol Allen presided. In late 2009, Kathy McCloskey became our current President.

During the years when Rue Chagoll was most active, he came up with the idea of a Golden Retriever Fun Day, as a means to educate the public about our wonderful breed. And "FUN" is an understatement! We had games, races, parades, grooming and field demos, raffles, promo items from dog supply/food companies and awards for just about anything golden. I'll never forget the thrill when my "Rondeau" won a giant dog bed from LLBean for being the oldest golden in attendance. The event grew in popularity and we held a total of 11 Fun Days before GR Rescue took over.

Our award winning newsletter, "Golden Tales" was also part of Rue Chagoll's legacy to the club, and it

continue today, edited by Judi Questel, to be one of the most factual and educational publications of any dog club I know.

The GRCCNY first became approved to run sanctioned matches by the AKC in January 1988, but did not hold its first Licensed Specialty until 2001. Our first sanctioned AKC hunt test was held in 2009 and we became approved to hold Licensed hunt tests following that event. When precisely this Club held its first WC/WCX is unclear. I have photo documentation that two of my dogs passed a GRCCNY WC test in August of 1990. A house fire that year destroyed the records, but I remember running "Okie" in (and failing) the WCX test in 1988.

Eye clinics are spoken of in a 1994 Newsletter as occurring over the last several years but no actual data is available. Again, one can assume they began in the late 1980's. The host veterinary clinic and the participating ophthalmologist (both with great continuity) agree that the late 1980's is correct.

There were 26 members in 1993. Today there are 122. Numbers began to increase in 1995 when this Club formed a Rescue Committee that for the next three years administered Golden Retriever Rescue of Central New York, who broke off from us in 1998 to incorporate separately. A decision was made early to offer each new adopter a one-year Honorary Club Membership. A number of these members renew in other categories of membership once the year of honorary membership is up. It has served our Club well to be a Club for the "pet golden owner" as well as for the more traditional breed club member.

By-Laws initially written in 1983-84 were amended in 2001 to comply with AKC mandates for Licensing of Clubs. We may need to amend again to reflect the change that GRCA has made for their By-Laws ("to encourage and assist rescue operations that involve the Golden Retriever").

Many thanks to Carol Alen for preserving our history. We've come a long way, Baby!



# Apply / Nominate Now for All Club Annual Awards

- Golden Member Award
- Heart of Gold Award
- Versatility Award
- Title Awards

All Nominations and Applications Must Be Received Prior to November 6

## Golden Member – Heart of Gold – Versatility

Nominations Must Be Received Prior to November 6

Submit to: **Kathy McCloskey, 406 Bradford Pkwy, Syracuse, NY 13224**

Questions? **315-233-9571 or [kmcclosk@twcny.rr.com](mailto:kmcclosk@twcny.rr.com)**

### Procedure and Policy Applying to Golden Member, Heart of Gold and Versatility Awards

- The Board will invite, receive and review nominations for all, and will determine one winner for each annually.
- A commemorative award will be presented for each, to be owned permanently by the winner.
- A deadline for receipt of nominations will be published annually.
- Nominations for the Golden Member award may be submitted by any member in good standing on behalf of any other member in good standing. Nominations for the Versatility and Heart of Gold awards may be made by the owner or co-owner of the dog being nominated.
- Nominations for these three awards are to be submitted in letter format.

### **GOLDENMEMBER Award**

To a Club Member

#### Purpose:

To recognize one member annually who consistently and ably contributes to the success of Club activities and events.

#### Selection Criteria:

- Consideration will be favored toward members not currently serving in elected (officer, board of directors) positions.
- Number of activities and level of involvement.
- Years of service.
- Manner of participation in activities; respect for the Club, its members and the Breed.

### **VERSATILITY Award**

To a Golden, owned or co-owned by a Club Member

#### Purpose:

To acknowledge the versatility of Goldens owned by Club members, by recognizing one dog annually with a distinguished record of title achievement in multiple areas of endeavor, through either the American or Canadian Kennel Clubs, or Golden Retriever Club of America.

#### Selection Criteria:

- An individual dog may win this award only once.
- A dog may not be nominated posthumously.
- All titles earned through a dog's lifetime, completed prior to the current year deadline, will be considered.
- A dog must have earned titles from a minimum of two areas of competition (Breed, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Tracking, Field). Consideration will be favored toward dogs having

earned a Breed (conformation) title, along with one or more performance titles, followed by dogs having earned performance titles in multiple areas of competition.

- Selection will be on a point system modeled after GRCA's VC/VCX program.
- Qualifying Breed (conformation) titles: AKC Champion, CKC Champion, GRCA CCA. Also GRCA OS and OD titles.
- Qualifying Performance titles: (Obedience) GN, GO, OM, OGM, CD, CDX, UD, UDX, VER, NOC, OTCH; (Rally) RN, RA, RE, RAE; (Agility) NA, NAJ, NAP, NJP, OA, OAJ, OAP, OJP, AX, AXJ, AXP, AJP, MX, MXJ, MXP, MJP, MACH, NF, NFP, OF, OFP, XF, XFP, FTC, FTCP, MXF, MFP, PAX, NAC; (Tracking) TD, TDX, VST, CT; (Field) WC, WCI, WCX, JH, SH, MH, AFC, FC, NFC, NAFC, \*\*\* (QAA); (Versatility) VCD, VC, VCX; (Multiple championships) DC, TC, VCCH.

### **HEART OF GOLD Award**

To a Golden, owned or co-owned by a Club Member

#### Purpose:

To acknowledge the close bond between Goldens and humans by recognizing one dog annually for distinguished but unspecified contributions to the individual or family with which it resides.

#### Selection Criteria:

- An individual dog may win this award only once.
- A dog may not be nominated posthumously.
- Specific points for nomination are left for determination by the nominator, with only the suggestion the nomination should seek to describe how and why the dog is valued.

# Application for Title Awards – 2010

Use this form to apply for Title awards only and submit prior to November 5  
Send to Marcia Martin, 518 Babcock Rd., Tully, NY 13159  
Questions? 315-696-8889

GRCCNY strongly encourages its members to compete in activities enabling them to place titles on their dogs. The Club will annually recognize every title achievement with a customized decorative plaque. Each member's dog (or dogs) qualifying for the first time will receive a master plaque emblazoned with the club logo and your dog's name; also, there will be an attachment to hang below the plaque honoring each title earned in the past year. In future years, additional attachments will be awarded for each additional title. Awards are presented at the Club's annual Holiday & Awards Banquet each December.

- Members, qualified in accordance with GRCCNY Title Awards Policy, having titled dog(s) during the period November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2010 are eligible to receive Club awards.
- Recognition will be bestowed for a title awarded by any recognized sanctioning body, such as AKC, CKC, UKC, NAHRA, USDAA, CARO, APDT and GRCA. Qualifying titles may be in any field of endeavor, such as breed competition, obedience, rally, field, agility, tracking, etc. Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certification is not a title and therefore ineligible for recognition.
- To apply for your award(s), you must complete all required information on this form and return to be received not later than Friday, November 5, 2010. Copy this form if additional space required. Members whose applications are not received by this date will not have an award available at the banquet. Send to: Marcia Martin, 518 Babcock Rd., Tully, NY 13159.

Member Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

I/We attended \_\_\_\_\_ Club meetings during the period 11/09 – 10/10 (minimum requirement 2 meetings).

I/We worked at the following Club activities during the period 11/09 – 10/10 (minimum requirement – working a minimum of eight (8) hours at Club-sponsored activities):

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Examples of work that typically would require a commitment of four hours would include Field Clinic leadership, DEC meeting attendance, Eye Clinic eye droppers, WC/WCX bird care and transport, bird throwing for one series, Golden Reunion (grounds, CGC testing, grooming clinic, demonstrations, other event leadership). Any task taking more or less than four hours to be credited accordingly.

Master Plaque Wood Finish Preference  LIGHT  DARK

Dog #1   DO   DO NOT Already Have a GRCCNY Master Plaque For This Dog

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(Dog Name As To Appear On Master Plaque – Include All Titles Earned Prior To This Award Period)

New Titles Earned 11/1/09 – 10/31/10

Sanctioning Body

Date Earned

Dog #2   DO   DO NOT Already Have a GRCCNY Master Plaque For This Dog

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(Dog Name As To Appear On Master Plaque – Include All Titles Earned Prior To This Award Period)

New Titles Earned 11/1/09 – 10/31/10

Sanctioning Body

Date Earned

## ⇒ Field (Cont from Pg. 1)

On August 1 we held our annual WC/WCX on the beautiful Echoewood grounds. Once again Kathy McCloskey was test Secretary, doing the premium, taking entries and doing the catalog. Sallie Lennox was on hand to Marshall and Ray Blaskiewicz will forever be known as our "bird man." Beth Shelmidine and Bruce Coleman spent the day in the field throwing and George Wilson and a friend, our gunners, never missed a bird. Lisa Weinberg and Art Bresleau drove six hours to be our judges. Entries were a little smaller than previous years but we had just as much fun and it meant more WC/WCX cookies (baked by Lynn Mackinkle) for us to enjoy. The qualifiers were all club members!!!! In the WC, Q's were earned by Suzanne McDonald and Malibu, Audrey Coleman and Fanny, Carol Lantiegne and Trixie, and Ray Blaskiewicz and Blaze. In the WCX, Carol Lantiegne Q'd with Laker and Jane.

Our first AKC licensed hunt test was held on September 12 at Three Rivers WMA. This test was put on with the help of Finger Lakes Retriever Club. The weekend started with the judges' dinner on Friday night, cooked by our own Suzanne McDonald with a few additions from me. On Saturday, FLRC ran their tests and Saturday night was party night at the puppy pond for judges and workers. We invaded the camping area of Joe and Marcia Martin and Beth and Mark Shelmidine to enjoy pizza, beer and lots of laughs. On Sunday we ran 19 Senior dogs and 14 Juniors. Club members worked as Marshalls, blind planters, bird boys, etc. At the Senior stake, Kathy McCloskey shared marshalling duties with Ann Lynn while Beth Greenfield planted the blind. At Junior we had Pam Fuller lining up the dogs, Becky Byrns bagging birds for the judges, and Todd Clickner running a bird station. Behind the scenes were Ray "The Bird Man" Blaskiewicz who delivered birds to the stake, and Lynn Mackinkle who organized the workers, help pack lunches and stayed for cleanup. Russell Sturtz was the lunch person delivering lunches to the stakes. Members Beth Shelmidine and Cindy Berry ran the Junior Stake on Saturday. If you have ever been to a hunt test you know that Joe and Marcia Martin are always there to help, starting with showing the grounds to the judges on Friday and not stopping until the test is put away on Sunday. Did I tell you that Suzanne McDonald was our hunt test Secretary???? She did all the AKC paperwork, organized the Marshalls paperwork, cooked dinner,

made lodging arrangements for judges, ordered our judges gifts, baked cookies for our worker lunches, gave out nine Senior ribbons and 13 Junior, and posted all the results on Entry Express... oh, I forgot working the running order and a hundred other things. I sure hope next year she can do a little better!! Club members taking home ribbons were Ann Lynn and Kira at Senior; and Ray Blaskiewicz and Blaze, Sally Baritell and Caper, Carol Lantiegne and Echoe, and Maxine Clark and Peep at Junior. Many of the handlers running our test complimented us on running such a great test and most of the dogs loved the dog cookie given to their handler by the stake Marshall when they checked in. And they all said they would be back next year.

Our last event of the year was our Super Singles held on September 26 at Echoewood. For many this is the favorite of the year. Bring your dog and your chair, and sit back and watch the dogs have a wonderful time. It's a very social event and also very rewarding to see the improvement made by each dog/handler team. This year we had 33 dogs entered and ready to run the eight marks set up for that day. We start with two very easy marks and each set of two gets more difficult with the addition of hills, heavy cover, distance, slots, crossing roads and ditches and combinations of. This year's #8 mark was run from the top of a hill, down, up a small knoll, crossing a road, through a field of cover mowed in strips, and a distance of 200+ yards. Lunch is free to all handlers. Kelly Mueller, Gail Puzon and Russell Sturtz cooked Hoffman hot dogs, Lynn Mackinkle and Suzi McDonald made cookies, and the club provided chips and drinks. Kari Mackinkle worked sign-up and marshalling, and bird boy duties were shared among members. Terry and Rachel Countryman make this a family event every year, Megan and Ryan work all day. They put birds in the tossers, re-bird stations, and never seem to tire and are always smiling. These are our future Golden handlers of tomorrow and what a great pair they will be. Thank you Megan and Ryan, very soon you will be in charge of this event. Dogs and handlers had a wonderful day, with many dogs exceeding the expectations of their handlers. So when we got to the last mark, not to be outdone by the Labs.... four Golden completed all eight marks without assistance. They were Dandelion with Maxine Clark, Comet with Lynn Mackinkle, Flyer with Martha Sturtz, and Finn with Kathy McCloskey. Kudos to

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## ⇒ Chewed Out (Cont from Pg. 8)

video camera to record him after you leave. “If he paces, pants, etc., after being left, and there’s a clear panic to his behavior, consult your veterinarian,” Curtis says.

Laura Nathan of Buffalo, NY found this to be the case with her Beagle Jasper.

“Once, when we left him to get lunch, Jasper tore up and ate part of the carpet,” Nathan says. “He did this again a few months later when left alone, and again when he was left briefly at relatives’ houses.”

Scent is another chewing culprit. Dogs typically go after items with strong scents, such as shoes or laundry. A dog who chews children’s toys might simply enjoy the remnants of juice or cookie crumbs.

Diann Tongco of Temecula, CA realized that her Curly-Coated Retriever Mara was reacting to scent when she had an unexpected chewing incident after raising a litter of puppies.

“We had just sold the last of the pups,” Tongco says. “I washed the towels from the whelping box and hung them to dry. They must have still smelled like her pups, and Mara pulled the towels from the line and ate them.”

Curtis suggests keeping a log to identify what’s causing your dog’s chewing. Record the day, weather, and family routine. Then look for patterns. You may discover you dog chews on Tuesdays, the day the trash collector comes, or only on days when your family gets home late.

“Often owners don’t realize that there’s a predictable trigger until they start to keep track,” Curtis says.

### **Teach What’s Right and Wrong**

Yoiung or old, chewing is a basic behavior that all dogs need to exercise. Your best defense against destructive chewing is to teach your dog what he should chew.

Traci A. Shreyer, an applied animal behaviorist with Ohio State University’s College of Veterinary Medicine, suggests finding your dog’s chewing preference. “Offer a variety of dog-safe toys – try hard, soft, and squishy,” Shreyer says. “Supervise your dog with anything new to make sure it stands up to his

chewing.”

Don’t confuse your dog by giving him discarded human items, such as an old sock. “Your dog can’t tell the difference between old and new,” Shreyer says. “If you give him a shoe, you’re telling him it’s OK to chew shoes.”

When your dog chews something off-limits, calmly take it away. Use a Leave It command if your dog knows it. Replace the forbidden item with his chew toy, and offer plenty of praise when he takes it. If your dog hasn’t learned Leave It, you may want to teach it to him.

If your dog habitually chews specific items – pens or a table leg – consider reinforcing your training with a dog-safe, bitter-tasting spray from a pet supplier, carefully following the package instructions.

“Spray the object when your dog is not around,” Shreyer says. “If he’s after your remote control, find an old remote and spray it. Do this daily for at least 30 days. At the same time, keep his chew toys visible.”

### **After the Fact**

Unfortunately, there’s little you can do after the damage is done. Your dog won’t associate an afternoon scolding with his morning crime of chewing your slippers. Instead, what he perceives as a random punishment could turn him into a nervous, fearful, or aggressive dog.

Even if you catch your dog red-handed, punishment may do little toward correcting the problem. “Often a punishment teaches, ‘don’t chew in front of my owner,’ rather than ‘don’t chew this item,’” Shreyer says.

Whether you catch him in the act or after the fact, it’s best to calmly remind your dog what’s acceptable to chew.

### **Living With A Chewer**

Despite their owners’ best efforts, some dogs take longer to train. Breed or disposition can be a factor. “Some dogs have been bred to mouth or retrieve things,” Shreyer says. “Others mature later.” Their

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# Views from the Doghouse

By Judi Questel, Editor

*Opinions expressed here are not necessarily those of "management."  
This column is the price y'all have to pay for stickin' me with this job.*

## The Earning Jar

As some of you know, my husband Tom had spinal fusion surgery in early August. Consequently we have been pretty scarce at club events this summer as he has not been able to travel, and I am needed at home to take care of things.

We have found there is a very willing and attentive helper among us. Sidra has designated herself as Tom's assistance dog, a job she takes to readily and with very little coaxing. Pick up a dropped pen? No problem. Hand you your socks and sneakers? Got it. Need me to carry something? Just hand it over. All she asks for in return is a treat from "the earning jar" - a container of (usually) Charlee Bears that sits on the kitchen counter. A satellite container now resides in the living room for instant rewards there as well.

Amazing what develops when you initially reward a dog for bringing things they want to parade around with. Now she looks for opportunities to get something from the earning jar. Wake up in the morning to Sidra sitting on the bed, dangling your slipper over you. Ask for the other one and she is happy to oblige. I can't count the number of times I have Tom's socks delivered, and we are even working on having her pick up dog toys and put them in the basket.

Recently we watched a program on how service dogs are trained and one thing that struck a chord with us was the fact the dog almost always received a small treat for performing a task, even after they were placed with a person in need. Exactly the same method we had been using around here for years with our own dogs in an effort to let them feel they had a job to do - but with Sidra the desire to be a service dog has gone above and beyond just shuttling things between Tom and I. The fact that her littermate brother, Woodrow, actually is in advanced service dog training and has done exceptionally well from the time he was a small pup is not lost on us, either.

Our Golden Retrievers are truly remarkable animals, aren't they? We just need to give them a chance to shine.



I would like to take this opportunity to once again remind all club members that this newsletter is YOUR newsletter - I basically compile the information submitted to me and put it into a single source for the membership. Please help me out by sending material, whether it be brags, event coverage, interesting items you have come across... whatever. Thanks, your efforts will be appreciated by more than just me!

### ⇒ Field (Cont from Pg. 13)

Cindy Berry and Barnaby who with just a "little" help completed all eight - quite an accomplishment for a new team. Prizes were given out and tired, happy dogs and handlers went home to dream of next year.

Of note, at all of our events Tom O'Connell was present taking photos - a huge thank you to Tom for all his efforts and fantastic pictures.

Thank you to all of you who have worked so hard this year to make our field program such a huge success.

### ⇒ Chewed Out (Cont from Pg. 14)

bodies may be full size, but their minds are still working like a puppy's.

If you live with a repeat offender, take steps to minimize damage while you continue training. Provide ample exercise. When you need to leave your dog alone, crate him or use child gates to restrict him to a safe area.

"Help your dog," urges Karl Jandrey, DVM, of the University of California, Davis, Department of Surgical and Radiological Sciences. "After a dog comes in having ingested an object, we urge owners to pick up more and keep things out of reach to avoid another incident."

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### Meetings

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All meetings at Gander Mountain's Community Room, 5864 Carmenica Drive, Cicero unless otherwise indicated. Exit #30 from I-81 (next to Cracker Barrel Restaurant).

**October 21 (Thurs)**  
7:00<sup>PM</sup> General Meeting

### Activities

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**Awards Dinner - Dec 12**  
*Borio's Restaurant, Cicero*  
4 PM Cash Bar, 5 PM Buffet Dinner

**In case of inclement weather**, information regarding meeting or event cancellations may be obtained by calling Kathy McCloskey - 315-233-9571