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# Golden Tales

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**Topflite Skyes Still on Fire (Blaze)**

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**Welcome  
New members!**

Lynne and Dick Meili

**ON THE COVER**

**Topflite Skyes Still on Fire (Blaze)**

owned by Ray Blaskiewicz and Lynn Mickinkle  
at the WC/WCX held on September 15 at Echoewood

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**NEXT ISSUE**

The next issue of Golden Tales will be January 2019.  
Deadline for submission of articles is January 10, 2019

**Where to Send It ... For  
Golden Tales - Website -Golden Retriever News**

All members are encouraged to contribute and submit material.

Send to Lynn Mickinkle, lmickinkle@gmail.com, or 200 Cobb Drive, Lacona, 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.

GRCA deadline: the 1st of every uneven month

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## Calendar of Events

### October

**18 – General meeting and elections**

**Storybrook Wags n Whiskers**

Speaker topic: Behavior Modification

Activity topic: Agility

**28 - Eye Clinic @ Village Vet**

10am - 2pm

### November

**1- Deadline for Title applications**

**and Award nominations**

**to Marcia Martin**

### December

**9 – Annual Awards dinner**

& brief general meeting – Barbagallos 1:00 pm

### 2018 Field Training schedule

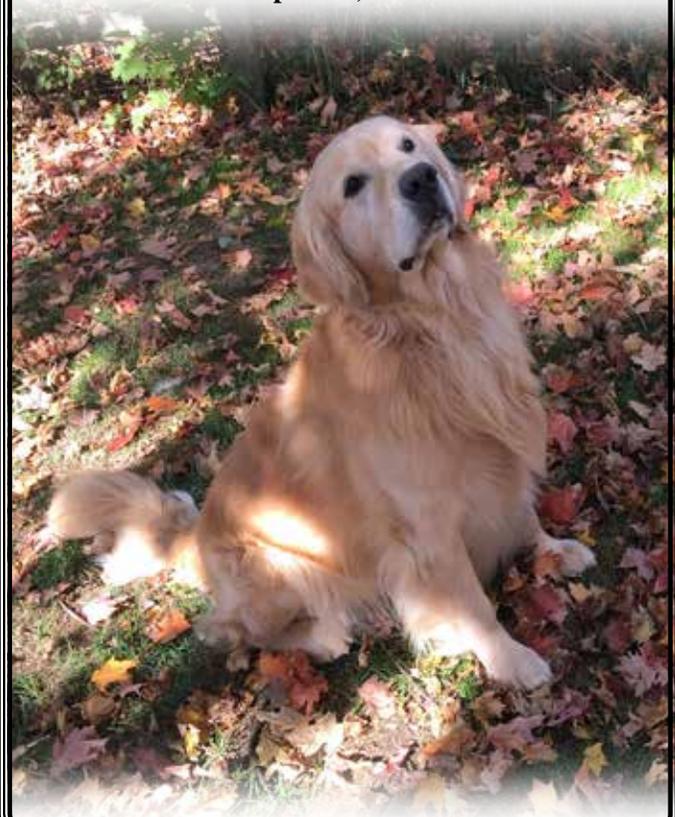
Contact Pam Fuller at saddlesoarsfarm@gmail.com

if you are interested in Field Training days.

Dates will be posted on the website

**CCA - 2019**

**April 13, 2019**





# President's Message

Hello Golden Friends,

We had a couple of wonderful meetings over the summer. I just wish that more of you would attend and learn along with us. In August, we were joined by Dr. Eric Davis who really gave us all an education on dental health for our dogs. He did a fantastic job and kept us riveted as he spoke.

In September, we had a terrific vet panel with Drs. Paul Bookbinder, Frank Capella and our own Deanna Rodriguez. It was a very interesting discussion and all topics were available to be covered. This month should be a real treat as we are joined by Dr. Andrea Lee with a talk and demo on behavior modification. I am pretty sure we can all use some of this at various times.

I want to really encourage as many members as possible to attend our October meeting. This is our election month so come out and vote in your leaders. As this year comes to an end, I would also like to encourage our Associate members to consider becoming individual or household members.

We need you to keep our club strong and you will also be given the opportunity to vote, hold positions and help mold our future. In addition, you might like to think ahead and have the opportunity to receive one of our beautiful title awards, designed and handmade by our own David Tyler. In fact I hope that many of you will attend our wonderful annual awards dinner at its new 1:00 pm time at Barbagalos in December. It is a nice banquet and a great time to socialize and get to know other members whether you are receiving an award or not.

We also need everyone's ideas and feedback for a productive and informative 2019. And, I need some PR help. Is anyone good with this? Please get involved and volunteer even if it is just for a day or one task –WE NEED YOU!

Finally, I want to thank all of you who have supported me as your President. I also want to thank those of you who have encouraged and helped me following my hiking accident. I am hoping to be in an air cast by our next meeting and walking at our dinner.

Have a wonderful Fall and take some time to enjoy the season and the beautiful colors with your Golden.

Hope to see you in October and December.

Best to all,  
Carol (and the boys)



**Duffy and Murphy**



## Ask a Vet Panel

On Thursday, September 13 we hosted a Q & A panel with Dr. Paul Bookbinder, Dr. Frank Capella and Dr. Deanna Rodriguez. This gave attendees the opportunity to ask general questions and to learn more about common problems that are affecting our Golden Retrievers.

There were three major points that the panel discussed with the first topic being about hypothyroidism. The vets agreed that it is a problem that can mostly be genetic but can also be caused by a dog not having the proper diet. Feeding dogs a grain free diet was the second topic of discussion and showed us that while some dogs may require a grain free diet because their system cannot handle certain foods, there is no science to back up the theory that grain free is better or worse for an animal to eat. However, having a grain free diet can cause deficiencies in a dog; one of which could be a taurine deficiency.

Fatty tumors was the last major topic that was discussed. Some people may choose not to have a fatty tumor checked but it does not hurt to have a vet check it anyways. A typical fatty tumor will be slow-growing and squishy. The important thing to keep in mind is that if the tumor is in an awkward area such as an armpit or the groin, it is important to have it removed as soon as possible.

For more information on taurine deficiencies there is a Facebook page called Taurine Deficiency in Golden Retrievers. It is a closed membership page so you will have to send a request to be added.

## The GRCA 79th National Specialty

*by Beth Greenfield*

The theme was a Golden Legacy celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Golden Retriever Breed. Agility, Rally Obedience, CCA and breeder's education, health clinics and Confirmation were held at the Purina Event Center at Gray Summit MO. The WC/WCX hunt test and field trial was held at the August Busch Memorial Conservation Area in St. Charles MO, and the tracking test was held at Sullivan Fairgrounds. I believe these venues were close to Purina Farms.



The Purina event center host dog events throughout the year and has enough space indoors and out to accommodate many different events. For agility, they roll out grass matting. The arena has flooring that is ideal for working dogs and judging which helped since I was standing all day. I did get to see some rally and obedience with the total entry amount being over 400. I also saw Rue Chagoll, who was celebrating a first place win in rally, and Cindy Williams.

The CCA on Tuesday was full with 48 dogs between two sets of evaluators, I had some really nice dogs to evaluate, two that were a challenge. I also had two judge applicants that sat while I did my evaluation and we went over my scores. They were retriever people so we knew the same people.

Before I flew out Wednesday, I also gave out armbands the Barb Pepper way. The whole event was strong on volunteers since that is the only way it could be successful. I also did ringside mentoring with a judge education panel. It meant a lot to be able to sit with Marcia Schlerr and learn from her vast amount of wisdom.

# FALLing into Tick Season

by Dr. Deanna Rodriguez

Did you know that...

- A female tick can lay up to 3,000 eggs in a season?
- Reptile blood has natural factors that kill the bacteria that causes Lyme disease?
- Female ticks can secrete a toxin in the saliva that can paralyze dogs and cats within days?

Tick season has arrived! These pesky parasites are in full bloom and are waiting to wreck havoc on our furry friends. Thousands of dogs are infected annually with tick-transmitted diseases. In 2017 alone, 38,266 dogs tested positive for Lyme disease in New York State so let's learn about ticks and the diseases they can transmit!

There are several species of ticks. The most common in the Northeast are the American dog tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*), Black-legged tick (*Ixodes scapularis*) and the Brown dog tick (*Rhipicephalus sanguineus*). These ticks use motion, warm body temperatures, and even the carbon dioxide exhaled by mammals to find their hosts. Once attached, the feeding tick regurgitates enzymes to prevent their host's blood from clotting, and it is during this regurgitation that infectious agents carried by the tick are transmitted to our pets.

Some of the major diseases carried by ticks in the Northeast include Ehrlichiosis, Anaplasmosis, and Lyme. While the vast majority of pets will never exhibit clinical signs, it is essential to learn what to look out for. Ehrlichiosis, carried by the brown dog tick, can cause fever, lethargy, appetite loss, and in advanced cases, abnormal bleeding and swollen limbs. Anaplasmosis, transmitted by the black-legged tick, can lead to stiff joints, fever, lethargy, vomiting, and diarrhea. In severe cases, it can lead to seizures. Lyme disease, caused by the black-legged tick, can present as intermittent lameness and fever and if left untreated, can progress to kidney disease or kidney failure. Unlike people, dogs do not develop the classic bull's eye rash.

The key to keeping your pet safe from these diseases is tick prevention, early detection, and treatment. There are several tick prevention products available over the counter and from your veterinarian. However, no medication is 100% effective; therefore, try to keep your pet away from high-tick population areas and check their haircoat daily. A blood test can be performed by your veterinarian for exposure to these parasites. Results are available within minutes. If your pet has been infected and is exhibiting clinical signs, he or she will be placed on a course of antibiotic (Doxycycline, Minocycline, or Amoxicillin) for two to four weeks.

Ticks are hardy. They are always looking for a ride and a meal, but these uninvited guests can cause our pets some unwanted illness. If your pet has been exposed to a tick and is not feeling well, please contact your veterinarian. Don't let these hitchhikers affect your pet's health.



## Special thanks to the following door prize sponsors:

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## Team Competition Winners

On Saturday, September 1st, three of our members and their dogs took first place in the team competition at the Malamute agility trial held at Syracuse Obedience Training Club. The team named, “All that Glitters is Gold”, consisted of **Popcorn** (Kathy McCloskey), **Wilson** (Peg Mooney), and **Jade** (Donna Schmidt). To win the competition, all three placed in Excellent/Master Standard and two placed in their respective division. Each of the three participants won a monkey which they proudly hold in this photo.



### Lifetime Study Update

A noteworthy, current topic and area of concern is the link between grain-free diets and heart disease in Golden Retrievers. The FDA has also issued a warning about these diets and states that “the current warning includes foods containing peas, lentils, other legumes and potatoes”.

This tip has been disseminated by the Morris Animal Foundation. “Owners are encouraged to speak with their veterinarian if their pet has been eating a grain-free diet regarding alternate diets and to determine if further testing for heart disease is warranted”.

Dr. Joshua Stern, a veterinary cardiologist from the University of California – Davis will be taking blood samples for taurine measurement at the 2018 GRCA Specialty in St. Louis, as noted in a recent Lifetime Study update.



**Westbrook's Snow on Lilacs (Gracee)** owned by Beth Greenfield earned the CCA at the GRCA Eastern Regional in New Jersey.

**Gemstar's Lightning Strikes (Tanner)** owned by Julie DeKing earned DS and qualified for Dock Diving National Championship.

**Painting's Morning Sunshine (Sunshine)** owned by Lynne Meili earned the RN, TKP, CGCA, and THD (100 visits) titles.

**Westbrook's Silence is Golden (Jerzee)** owned by Bobbie and Peter Vassallo earned a Dock Senior title at a Splash held in Cato, NY.

**Lakesyde's White Christmas JH, WC, RATN, TDX, TDU "Bing"** earned his TDU (tracking dog urban) title on June 10, 2018 in Edinboro, PA. The test was sponsored by the Admiral Perry Obedience Training Club.

**Storybook's Serenity Murphy M** (owned by Carol Krehel) DJ (dock diving junior)  
**Painting-Storybook Serenity Duffy R** (owned by Carol Krehel) DS (dock senior)

**Golden Pine Leav'n DiamondDust Trax CGC, TDX "Trax"** earned his TDX (tracking dog excellent) title on April 29, 2018 in Durham, NH. The test was sponsored by the Yankee Golden Retriever Club.

## 2018-2019 Election Ballot

President-Carol Krehel  
Vice President- Kathy Mccloskey  
Secretary- Lynn Mickinkle  
Treasurer- Sallie Lennox

There are 5 Board member positions open with the following nominations:

Maxine Clark  
Beth Greenfield  
Lynne Meili  
Kelly Mueller  
Deanna Rodriguez  
Bobbie Vassallo

**Did you know we are now on Facebook? You can access us from your facebook page (just search for Golden Retriever Club of Central New York) or press the facebook link on our club website: [WWW.GRCCNY.ORG](http://WWW.GRCCNY.ORG). You don't need to have a Facebook account to see our facebook page, but you will need a facebook account if you would want to "like" our page or post a picture of your pooch.**



# WC/WCX Test

## Golden Retriever Club of Central New York

Echoewood  
Mexico, New York

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Report submitted by Kathy McCloskey  
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Photos taken by Tom O'Connell and Kevin Crinklaw



WC: 12 starters, 8 qualifiers

Fern Hill's Most Valuable Player, owners Bruce & Audrey Coleman

MACH6 Topmast Purple Jade UD JH TQX ADHF CCA VCX, owner Donna Schmidt

CH Lakesyde's Rain Rain Go Away at Rustic CDX BN RAE AXP, owner Beth A. Durand

Judge Diane Sanfilipo

Adirondac Long Pond Captain, owner Roxanne Lyndaker

Judge Ken Kogut

Adirondac Amber of Oakridge, Owners Carol Lantiegne & Angela Price

Duso's Quest Over the Rainbow, owners Sandra & William Morris

*Missing from photo:*

Adirondac Wizard of Kings SH, owner Ranee McGarry

FCR CH Alidar Funny Cide RE JH



WCX 15 starters, 9 qualifers

Adirondac Miss Scarlett, owner Carol Lantiegne

Adirondac Work of Art SH, owner Carol Lantiegne

Adirondac High Speed Chase SH, owner Carol Lantiegne

Judge Diane Sanfilippo

Goldencol's Ready Aim Flyer CDX WC AXJ AX MF, owner Deb Brunner-Walker

Rio's Spring Fling, owners Pamela Martin & Barb Loree

Judge Ken Kogut

Audeo's Roadrunner CD AXJ OA NF TD RE WC VCX, owner Sue Reuss

Fourth Coast Northern Exposure, owner Kevin Crinklaw

*Missing from photo:*

FCR CH Huntlane Notes from the Serengeti CD JH WC, owners Marcia & John Martin & Jennifer Andrews

FCR CH Wingmaster Splendid Prince Hairy JH, owners Joelle Prince, Elyse & Brynn

Moores

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## **2018 Annual Awards Banquet**

Sunday, December 9th

Barbagallo's Restaurant

6344 East Molloy Road, East Syracuse, NY

Room: Ivory Left

Social Hour with cash bar: 1 – 2 PM followed by dinner: 2PM

Reservations Required – Deadline November 30th

Cost of \$30 per person includes dinner buffet, dessert, coffee and tea  
Annual Awards presented after dinner.

Optional \$10 gift exchange

### Annual Banquet Reservation

Deadline is November 30, 2018  
Mail with check payable to GRCCNY to:

Lynn Mickinkle  
200 Cobb Drive  
Laconia, NY 13033

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## Life with a Golden

*By Kari Mickinkle*

My whole life I have grown up with dogs but it was not until I was in high school that my parents brought home our first Golden Retriever. Golden Retrievers are a lot like chips in the sense that you can't just have one! In the past 14 years my parents have brought four different personalities home.

Throughout those 14 years, I became extremely biased and always pictured myself owning a Golden Retriever one day. In February of 2017, my vision came true when I came in contact with a year and a half old Golden named Koda. I hadn't been looking for a Golden very long before I got in touch with the people that owned Koda. They were looking for a good home for him because they felt that they could no longer give him the time and attention that he deserved. I didn't know it at the time but I was about to become the luckiest person alive.

When I went to pick up Koda, he came up to me and immediately rolled over onto his back which he seems to do with every new person that he meets. From that moment on I learned what it was really like to own a Golden Retriever. I learned that love knows no bounds. I learned that sometimes all you really need in life is a tennis ball. I learned that Koda is like an introvert that once you get to know him, his personality shines and he will make you laugh every single day. I have also learned patience through Koda. His brother Otto tends to get in trouble a lot and Koda plays the peace maker by trying to disengage and distract me.

Koda has also helped to fill a void that was created when I transitioned out of the military and he has become an amazing hiking companion. He's always up for an adventure and his latest one is conquering the Adirondack 46'ers. My greatest wish as I continue through this life is that everyone could understand the love and joy that owning a Golden brings because it is one of the greatest things I have experienced thus far.



**Koda and his naughty brother Otto**



**Koda on his first 46'er, Cascade Mt.**



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## Upcoming Events



### **October 18th, General meeting and election 7 pm**

Storybook Wags n Whiskers, Cicero  
Speaker topic: Behavior Modification

### **October 28th Eye clinic**

10am - 2pm  
Village Vet, Canastota  
(chair: Patti Gambier)

### **December 9th, Annual Awards Dinner**

Barbagallo's Restaurant  
6344 East Molloy Road, Rm: Ivory Left  
East Syracuse, NY  
Social Hour 1 – 2 PM, Dinner – 2PM

**Reminder: Title awards and nominations due November 1st  
see website for details**