



## MICHIGOLDEN NEWSLETTER

Fort Detroit  
Golden Retriever Club, Inc.

December 2017

**NEXT PROGRAM MEETING - March 2018, 7:30 PM**

March 2018 location: TBD

6:30 pm - Board Meeting

7:30 pm - Program Meeting - Be sure to come and bring your friends! The Program content for the 2018 meeting will be announced soon.

### Calendar of Events

**January 1, 2018** - Club dues and renewal forms are due. Please mail form and dues, prior to this date, to Treasurer, Judie Weisman

**January 5, 2018** - Deadline for Awards Banquet reservations. (Banquet Flyer on page 4)

**January 13, 2018** - Annual Awards Banquet, Annual Meeting and Election of New Board Members.

Time: 11 am—3 pm

Location: Kruse and Muer on Main in Downtown Rochester

327 Main Street, Rochester MI 248-652-9400

(Board Member Resumes can be found on page 3 of this newsletter)

**February 2018** - No Meeting

**March 20, 2018** - Meeting location: Leader Dogs, Avon Rd., Rochester Hills

6:30pm - Board Meeting

7:30pm - Program Meeting - To be announced.

**April 6, 2018** - FDGRC Double Specialty in Birch Run, MI

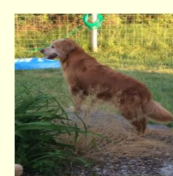
**April 17, 2018** - Meeting location: Leader Dogs, Avon Rd., Rochester Hills

6:30pm - Board Meeting

7:30pm - Program Meeting - To be announced.

### New Members

Welcome "Betsy Bernock" as the newest member of the  
Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club



## Misc. Info

**Specialty Show Trophy donations:** If you are interested in donating money to sponsor a class (i.e. 6-9 puppy dog, BOW, Utility B, etc.) at our specialty shows please contact Lynn Knapke at [fcgoldens@hotmail.com](mailto:fcgoldens@hotmail.com) or talk to her at a meeting. A sign-up list is usually passed around at the program meetings. Now taking donations for 2018.

**Sunshine:** Please let Dorothy Scarborough ([dorothys@charter.net](mailto:dorothys@charter.net)) know of anybody (human or canine) that is in need of a sympathy/get well/ sunshine card from FDGRC and she will send one out.

## Notes from the Editor



### Deadline For Newsletters Info

The deadline for getting info (articles, brags pictures, etc.) to me is the last Sunday of the month. Please send via email to [echsuehome@aol.com](mailto:echsuehome@aol.com).

**Susan Coppens (Editor)**

**GRF Updates:** GRF Updates list - To join, simply send a blank email to: [grfupdates-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:grfupdates-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

For more info about the GRF, please visit us at <http://www.goldenretrieverfoundation.org/>

## Other Upcoming Shows/Events

**For details about other local Shows, Obedience/Rally/Agility Trials and Field/Hunt Tests please visit:**

[www.akc.org/events/search](http://www.akc.org/events/search)

[www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)

[www.entryexpress.net](http://www.entryexpress.net)

[www.huronriverlrc.com](http://www.huronriverlrc.com)

**Michigan Upcoming Breed Shows:**

1/18-21/18 All Breed, Novi MI

**4/6/18 FDGRC DBL Specialty, Birch Run MI**

4/7-9/18 All Breed, Birch Run MI

**Obedience/Rally:**

1/13-14/2018 CGTCF Flint, MI (Rally)

1/18-21/18 All Breed, Novi MI

2/23-25 Sportmen's, Warren, MI (Obed.)

**Agility Trials:**

Many Dec/Jan weekends in Lapeer, Midland

1/18-21/18 All Breed, Novi MI

**Field Trials/Hunt Tests:**

Huron River Labrador Retriever Club:

Visit there web site for dates and info.

**New Board Member Resumes****Kathy McElroy**

It has been an honor to serve on our club Board for this past term. I have been a member of Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club and GRCA since 2008. I've shared in the responsibilities of hospitality, ring stewarding and working in the field for our club's activities. The best part of joining FDGRC has been meeting and working with our knowledgeable, golden hearted members.

Larry and I moved into our first home in November of 1978. Then in February '79, we bought our first Golden. We looked in the paper, found 3 breeders, did no research and shopped by price. I just shudder when I think about it! I did not like what I saw with two of the breeders in regards to conditions and temperament and went on to the third. I knew this home was where I would find our Puppy. We will be forever grateful to Cherie Berger for our first joyful Golden experience! We have had a Golden in our home ever since and cannot imagine living without them. In fact, after having one dog at a time for years, we now have three to love.

I would consider it a privilege to serve on the Board once again. I will do whatever I can to help FDGRC and our beautiful, versatile Breed. Thank you for your consideration.

**Dianne Baker**

I've been a member of FDGRC for approximately 20 years and have been a member of the Board a few times as Recording Secretary, and most recently, honored to serve as President. I've shared responsibilities of the trophy grid and trophies, hospitality and decorations for a number of years for our FDGRC Specialty (as far back as when we used to hold our Specialty at the Detroit Fair Grounds) and the Regional Specialty we held a number of years ago in Kalamazoo.

This past year I was thrilled to get my third AKC Champion, and look forward to a few more with my upcoming dogs. Also, a Grand Championship may be near with my girl Sam.

I love my Golden retrievers dearly, and enjoy helping out when needed. If you believe these attributes would enhance a position on the board, then I would appreciate your vote of confidence.

**Christina Curling**

I have been involved with Golden Retrievers for 42 years and they still remain as one of my passions in life. I have trained and taught obedience classes, saw daylight in the swamp in WC/X pursuits, did some conformation and tried my old(er) body in agility. I have trained 3 of our Golden retrievers in therapy work and currently spend my retirement volunteering with 2 of them in the assisted living and memory care centers. I am not as active as I'd like to be in certain aspects, but try to keep current in and with the Golden world.

I have been a member of FDGRC for about 35 years, serving as past president, newsletter editor, vice president and other numerous functions. I am also a member of the GRCA and member of Southern Michigan Obedience Training Club.

I feel honored to serve on the board of FDGRC, and hope my previous experience can lend some positive contributions to the membership.

## Awards Banquet Flyer

**FDGRC AWARDS BANQUET****DATE – JANUARY 13, 2018****TIME – 11AM – 3:30PM****KRUSE AND MUER**  
*On Main*

IN DOWNTOWN ROCHESTER

327 MAIN ST, ROCHESTER, MI

248 652 9400

**NEW AND IMPROVED!!** Our awards banquet will be held during the day this year. There will be Cheese/Cracker Tray and Fruit Tray (sponsored by FDGRC), an Open Bar, even a Gluten-free menu can be available, too.

There will be a printed menu for you to choose your meals from when we arrive at the restaurant. The price of your meal, including Cheese cake, gratuity and tax is only \$22.00!!!

Please make your checks payable to FDGRC and send to Laura Fabbro at 695 Lakes Edge Drive, Oxford, MI 48371.

**Deadline for reservations is January 5, 2018.**

Let's make this a fun-filled, new, enjoyable event! Be prepared for a surprise. Please make the time to celebrate those who have earned awards, and join us at our banquet!!!



## Brags, Brags and More Brags!!!

### More Great Accomplishments by Fellow Club Members!!



**Peggy O'Keeffe's** girls "Gabby" (U-CH MiCin's Broxden Talk of the Town) and "Gypsy" (GO Skyefire's Let Me Entertain You), received the Best In Show – Brace award at a UKC show in September.



**Peg & Ron Burlett's** dog "Jay" MBISS GCHS Rhapsody Yet Another One RN JH AX AXJ WCX VCX SDHF Won the Highly Coveted People's Choice Award at the 2017 GRF Gala and Won 2017 GRCA National Select Dog. Congratulations Peg, Ron, & Jay!!



**Terry Seraceno's** dog "Kobe" Can GCH Sarabay's Where's The Beef is the #1 Golden Retriever Puppy in Canada, and the #5 Sporting Puppy in Canada

Congratulations Terry & Kobe!!

**Congratulations  
Cherie  
&  
Spruce!**

**Cherie Berger's** dog "Spruce" (OTCH Meadowpond Spruce UDX3 OM5 CGC VER RE GRCA OBHF) finished his Obedience Trial Championship the weekend of the FDGRC Specialty. He did it in fine style, winning 1st place in Utility at all five trials, plus 3 High in Trials. Cherie is especially proud that she also finished the OTCH titles on his sire and his dam, so 3 generations in a row have achieved the OTCH title.

Congratulations Cherie and Spruce!



**Cindy Fisher's** dog "Riese" earned his Platinum Rank. Introducing Multi BIS BISS GCHP MiCin's Broxden Riesling To The Occasion SDHF – CD. Riese is the #1 Golden in both Breed and All Breed rankings according to the Canine Chronicle System. Cindy Fisher and Team Riese were awarded two trophies at the GRCA National this Year :



*THE ROCKHAVEN  
SPEEDWELL PLUTO  
CHALLENGE CUP. 1938.*  
Awarded by the Board of Directors to the GRCA member whose Golden Retriever achieves highest honors in AKC Licensed or Member dog shows.



*THE CH SENECA'S  
RIPARIAN CHIEF CD  
TD\* TROPHY. 1980.*  
Awarded to the GRCA member who is the breeder of the dog, winning the Rockhaven Speedwell Pluto Trophy

## Board Meeting Minutes

FORT DETROIT GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB, INC.

BOARD MEETING November 21, 2017

The board meeting was held at Leader Dog in Rochester beginning at 6:47.

Attendance: Board: Dianne Baker, Sue Coppens, Laura Fabbro, Cindy Fisher, Peggy O'Keeffe, Judie Weisman. Members: Cindy Collins, Dorothy Scarborough, Larry Weisman.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was not given because the treasurer did not have access to the check book prior to the meeting.

Committees –

- Agility – Jennifer DuRocher, Chair: Not given.
- Puppy Referral – Cheri Stager: Not given.
- April 6, 2018 Specialties – Cindy Collins, Chair: AKC has approved the judging panel. ◦ Pot Luck – Cheri Stager: No update.
- Raffle – Chris Curling & Dianne Baker: No update.
- 2018 Trophy Signup – Lynn Knapke & Laura Fabbro: Members need to signup for trophies as quickly as possible as the deadline to submit the premium list is rapidly approaching.
- Nominating Committee – The nominating committee presented a slate comprised of Dianne Baker, Kathy McElroy & Chris Curling. These individuals need to submit resumes to Sue Coppens for inclusion in the December newsletter.

Unfinished Business –

- Banquet Room for January: Laura Fabbro is working with Kruse & Muir on Main in Rochester. After discussion, it was decided that the date for the annual banquet will be Saturday, January 13, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
- Betsy Bernock membership application: Sue Coppens moved that Betsy Bernock's application for associate membership be approved. The motion was seconded by Judie Weisman and approved unanimously.
- Trophy – Names, Point System, New Trophies, Retired Trophies: This topic will be deleted.
- FDGRC Clothing: While efforts to procure a source for items embellished with the club logo, this topic will be deleted for future meetings.

New Business –

- March, April & May Educational Programs: Sue Coppens would like to see the club host an off-site painting party, perhaps next fall if we cannot use the Leader Dog site in October. Peggy O'Keeffe recommended using a meeting to develop a one-page brochure highlighting the benefits of FDGRC membership that could be used in new puppy packets and distributed at canine events.
- Grooming Seminar: Went well.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18.

**General Membership Meeting Minutes**

The General Membership Meeting was held at Leader Dog in Rochester beginning at 7:37.

Attendance: Board: Dianne Baker, Sue Coppens, Laura Fabbro, Cindy Fisher, Peggy O'Keeffe, Judie Weisman. Members: Cindy Collins, Linda Grzywac, Lynn Knapke, Dorothy Scarborough, Theresa Seracino, Cheri Stager, Larry Weisman.

Announcements, Brags, Sunshine:

- Cindy Fisher's Riese earned his platinum rank. Introducing MiCin's Broxden Riesling To The Occasion SDHF – CD. Riese is the #1 Golden in both Breed and All Breed rankings according to the Canine Chronicle System.
- Congratulations to Cherie Berger's dog "Spruce" (OTCH Meadowpond Spruce UDX3 OM5 CGC VER RE GRCA OBHF) finished his Obedience Trial Championship the weekend of the FDGRC Specialty. He did it in fine style, winning 1st place in Utility at all five trials, plus 3 High in Trials. Cherie is especially proud that she also finished the OTCH titles on his sire and his dam, so 3 generations in a row have achieved the OTCH title.
- Peggy O'Keeffe's girls, Gabby (U-CH MiCin's Broxden Talk of the Town) and Gypsy (GO Skyefire's Let Me Entertain You), received the Best In Show – Brace award at a UKC show in September.
- At the GRCA National, Cindy Fisher was awarded two trophies, Breeder of the Year and
- Terry Seracino has the #1 puppy in Canada.
- Dorothy Scarborough sent a sympathy card to Dianne Baker on the recent passing of her brother.

Treasurer's Financial Report: The Treasurer's report was not given because the treasurer did not have access to the check book prior to the meeting.

Committees -

- Agility – Jennifer DuRocher, Chair: Jennifer was not here to present the report.
- Puppy Referral – Cheri Stager: Dianne Baker has a litter of puppies. People seem to want spring puppies.
- April 6, 2018 Specialties – Cindy Collins, Chair: AKC has approved the judging panel. ◦ Pot Luck – Cheri Stager: The club needs to decide if we want to provide different food for the judges than the hot dogs we will provide for the potluck.
- Raffle – Chris Curling & Dianne Baker: No update.
- 2018 Trophy Signup – Lynn Knapke & Laura Fabbro: Members need to sign up for trophies as quickly as possible as the deadline to submit the premium list is rapidly approaching.
- Nominating Committee – The nominating committee presented a slate comprised of Dianne Baker, Kathy McElroy & Chris Curling. No additional nominations were received from the floor.

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- Betsy Bernock membership application: The board unanimously approved Betsy's application for associate membership earlier this evening.
- Trophy – Names, Point System, New Trophies, Retired Trophies: This topic will be deleted.
- FDGRC Clothing: While efforts to procure a source for items embellished with the club logo, this topic will be deleted for future meetings.
- Scent Work: Cindy Collins will submit the necessary paperwork to AKC so that the club can host scent work competitions. According to Cindy, Betsy Bernock has suggested that we host our first even in conjunction with another club that has experience with this type of competition.

### New Business –

- March, April & May Educational Programs: Sue Coppens would like to see the club host an off-site painting party. Peggy O'Keeffe recommended using a meeting to develop a one-page brochure highlighting the benefits of FDGRC membership that could be used in new puppy packets and distributed at canine events. It was also suggested that we look into going to a site where people could "play" at agility. Peggy O'Keeffe will talk with the people at All Dogs Can in Lapeer. Sue Coppens volunteered to check into a site for Dock Diving.
- Retirement: Sam from Leader Dog is retiring.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.



**Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club, Inc.****[www.fdgrc.org](http://www.fdgrc.org)****Officers and Board of Directors**

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**Information Chairpersons**

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| General Info/Puppy Referral     | Carol Ruby          | <a href="mailto:carolr2u@comcast.net">carolr2u@comcast.net</a>   |
| Puppy Referral                  | Cheri Stager        | <a href="mailto:stonehedgegold@hotmail.com">stonehedgegold@hotmail.com</a>   |
| New Member                      | Diane Loudon        | <a href="mailto:dunrushin@charter.net">dunrushin@charter.net</a>   |
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## For Your Information

MB-F, Inc.: Edward Ave., PO Box 9999, Madison Heights, MI 48071, ([www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com))  
Roy Jones Dog Shows: PO Box 307, Garrett, IN 46738, ([www.royjonesdogshows.com](http://www.royjonesdogshows.com))  
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([www.vmdb.org](http://www.vmdb.org))

### Websites for additional information on upcoming shows and trials:

**AKC:** [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org), click on EVENTS, then EVENTS AND AWARDS SEARCH  
**UKC:** [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com), click on DOG EVENTS, then UPCOMING EVENTS  
**CKC:** [www.ckc.ca](http://www.ckc.ca), click on CKC SERVICES, then choose CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Club Policy

Membership in the Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club is open to any person actively interested in promoting the aims of the Club, i.e., careful and restrictive breeding of genetically sound, instinctive and temperamentally balanced Golden Retrievers. The Club meets monthly for Golden Retriever related activities such as field training sessions, informal and AKC sanctioned matches, obedience and conformation work, specialty point events, working certificate tests, tracking tests and educational presentations. The key word in the above outline is **ACTIVE**. We are not just a social club, although there is much sociability. Persons who wish to become active members are invited to subscribe to our Club Newsletter, which has information about our activities. Anyone is welcome. If after attending at least three of our meetings within twelve months you find yourself in accord with our aims, we invite you to submit an application form to the Board of Directors. Please include on the back of your application form, the activities you have attended, and be sure that you sign the attendance roster any time you attend a meeting.

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES:** \$10.00 per year - Open to everyone - This is **NOT** membership. Please make checks payable to FDGRC and send to the Newsletter Editor.

**MEMBERSHIP RATES:** Individual: \$20.00 per year. Family (2 people): \$25.00. Associate: \$15.00. Obtain forms from Treasurer or Secretary or Membership Chair.

**ADVERTISING POLICY:** Open to members only. All advertising must be in "Classified Ad" style. Minimum cost is \$2.00 for 4 lines, maximum of 6 lines for \$3.00. For Golden Retrievers only. Member owned adults or litters from member owned bitches, dog related services and items excepting stud service.