



## MICHIGOLDEN NEWSLETTER

Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club, Inc.

MAY 2013

**NEXT PROGRAM MEETING - 5/21/2013, 7:30 PM**

**Topic:** "Grooming Help" mini-seminar presented by Judie Weisman. Watch Judie and learn some tips on how to groom your dog for show or to just neaten the stray hairs.

Be sure to come and bring your friends. Location and time: Leader Dogs for the Blind, Avon Rd. (southeast corner of Avon Rd. and Rochester Rd.), Rochester Hills, MI. Program meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

### Calendar of Events

**May 21, 2013**

location: Leader Dogs, Avon Rd., Rochester Hills, MI

6:30pm—Board Meeting

7:30pm—Program Meeting - Grooming mini-seminar presented by Judie Weisman.

**May 1, May 15, June 5, & June 19**

location: 3655 Brauer Rd., Oxford, MI

5:30pm-WC/WCX training days by Peg Burlett and FDGRC. See flyer this issue.

**June 29 & 30, 2013**

location: Canine Sports Recreation Center, Dexter, MI

FDGRC's first two Agility Trials. Premium list available on our website [www.fdgrc.org](http://www.fdgrc.org)

**July 19 - 21, 2013**

location: Omega Farms, Williamston, MI

FDGRC's AKC Hunt Test. Single Master test and double Junior & Senior tests. See [www.entryexpress.net](http://www.entryexpress.net) for details - click on the AKC Hunt Test button and scroll to the date.

### Info on the 2013 GRCA Central Regional hosted by FDGRC

September 12, 2013 Central Regional Specialty, Host: Fort Detroit GRC, Site: Goodells, MI.

Judges: Sandra Dunn, Conformation- Junior Showmanship, Debbie Koopman, Sweepstakes, Sharon Redmer, Obedience-Rally, Agility-TBA (Golden Retrievers only)

Cheri Stager, Show Chair

Supt: MBF-Inc.

WC/WCX on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013 at Hunters Creek Gun Club, Metamora, MI

Judges: Patricia McCabe and Robert Bedford, Cindy Collins -WC/WCX Chair, Peg Burlett - WC/WCX Secretary

Note: FDGRC Specialty Show and Obedience/Rally/All-Breed Agility Trial 9/13 and Back to Back All Breed Shows, Obedience/Rally and Agility Trials 9/14 - 9/15 same location. Premium lists available later this spring.

**There will be a silent auction on 9/12/2013. Any donated items need to be given to Cheri Stager soon, preferably at the May program meeting. Thanks!**

Anybody interested in helping out by stewarding, etc. please contact Cheri Stager at [stonehedge-gold@hotmail.com](mailto:stonehedge-gold@hotmail.com).

**FORT DETROIT GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB**

**CORDIALLY INVITES ALL RETRIEVER BREEDS  
TO FIELD TRAINING SESSIONS  
FOCUSING ON SKILLS FOR  
GRCA WORKING CERTIFICATES AND  
WORKING CERTIFICATES EXCELLENT**

**WEDNESDAYS: MAY 1, MAY 15, JUNE 5, JUNE 19, 2013  
AT 5:30 P.M. AT 3655 BRAUER ROAD, OXFORD, MI**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 AT 9:00 A.M. AT OMEGA FARMS,  
MEET FIRST AT OMEGA SALES BARN LOCATED AT  
4900 N. M-52, WILLIAMSTON, MI, AND BRING YOUR LUNCH AND CHAIR.**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AT 9:00 A.M. AT HUNTERS CREEK CLUB,  
MEET FIRST AT PARKING LOT ON 675 E. SUTTON, METAMORA, MI, AND BRING  
YOUR LUNCH AND CHAIR.**

**COST: FOR PAYING IN ADVANCE FOR ALL 6 SESSIONS IS \$50 PER DOG.  
COST: FOR PAYING PER SESSION IS \$10 FOR EACH OF THE MAY & JUNE  
SESSIONS AND \$25 FOR EACH OF THE AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER SESSIONS,  
PER DOG.**

**COST: SHOT FLYERS MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR 8/4 AND 9/8 AND WILL BE  
MARKET-PRICED, MORE INFO TO COME ON HOW TO RESERVE YOUR BIRDS.**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO *FDGRC*.**

**TRAINING WILL INCLUDE DEAD BIRDS, POPPER GUNS, AND LAND AND WATER  
WORK TYPICAL OF GRCA WC AND WCX TESTS.**

**SEE TEST RULES AND OTHER INFO AT  
<http://www.grca.org/events/field/index.html>**

**WEAR A WHITE OR LIGHT-COLORED SHIRT. BRING WATER AND SHADE FOR  
YOUR DOG. ALSO CONSIDER BRINGING SUNSCREEN, RAIN GEAR, BUG SPRAY,  
WHISTLE, CHAIR, AND WATERPROOF BOOTS. REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR  
LUNCH TO THE TRAINING AT OMEGA FARMS AND HUNTERS CREEK CLUB.  
PLAN TO TAKE YOUR TURN HELPING AT THE BIRD STATIONS, BEFORE YOUR  
DOG RUNS, NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY SINCE WE WILL TRAIN YOU.**

**FORT DETROIT GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB, INC IS HOSTING THE GRCA CENTRAL  
REGIONAL WC AND WCX TESTS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2013 AT HUNTERS  
CREEK CLUB FOR PRE-ENTERED GOLDENS ONLY.  
INFO WILL BE AVAILABLE AT <http://www.fdgrc.org>**

**TO REGISTER FOR TRAINING: CONTACT CINDY COLLINS AT  
[veritygoldens@comcast.net](mailto:veritygoldens@comcast.net) OR 810-919-2306**

**[www.fdgrc.org](http://www.fdgrc.org) and Follow Us on Facebook**

Misc. Info	Other Upcoming Shows/Events
<p><b><u>Specialty Show Trophy donations:</u></b> 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 <a href="mailto:fcgoldens@hotmail.com">fcgoldens@hotmail.com</a> or talk to her at a meeting. A sign-up list is usually passed around at the program meetings. Now taking donations for 2013.</p> <p><b><u>2013 GRCA Central Regional Trophy donations:</u></b> Donations are also needed to sponsor a class at the 2013 GRCA Central Regional hosted by FDGRC on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013. Contact Cherie Stager at <a href="mailto:stonehedgegold@hotmail.com">stonehedgegold@hotmail.com</a>.</p> <p><b><u>Sunshine:</u></b> Please let Dorothy Scarborough (<a href="mailto:dorothys@charter.net">dorothys@charter.net</a>) 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.</p>	<p>Find out details and/or other local shows at <a href="http://www.akc.org/events/search">http://www.akc.org/events/search</a></p> <p><u>Obedience/Rally trials:</u> see AKC website</p> <p><u>Breed shows:</u> also see AKC website or <a href="http://infodog.com">infodog.com</a></p> <p>5/23-27 West MI Apple Blossom Cluster*, Kalamazoo, MI 7/5 Michigan Sporting Dog Association, Monroe, MI <b>Sporting Group show</b>, golden retriever judge is Mrs. Barbara Pepper. 7/6-7 Ann Arbor KC*, Monroe, MI</p> <p>* Obedience/Rally at these shows</p> <p><u>Agility trials:</u> pretty much every weekend in Dexter, Flint, and Lapeer, MI. See AKC's website for details.</p> <p>6/28-29 <b>FDGRC</b>, Dexter, MI</p> <p><u>Field trials/Hunt Tests:</u></p>
Notes from the Editor	<p>7/19-21 <b>FDGRC</b>, hunt test, Williamston, MI</p>
<div data-bbox="295 1272 583 1631" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>FYI, the deadline for getting stuff (articles, brags, pictures, etc.) to me is the last Sunday of the month. Peg Burlett FDGRC Newsletter Editor &amp; Webmaster <a href="mailto:auretrieve@netzero.net">auretrieve@netzero.net</a></p> <p><b>GRF Updates:</b> GRF Updates list - To join, simply send a blank email to: <a href="mailto:grfupdates-subscribe@yahogroups.com">grfupdates-subscribe@yahogroups.com</a> For more information about the GRF, please visit our website at <a href="http://www.goldenretrieverfoundation.org/">http://www.goldenretrieverfoundation.org/</a></p>	<p>***Please note: please verify shows and dates through AKC's website.***</p> <p><b>GRCA info:</b> 2013 GRCA National will be in Wichita Falls, Texas from October 20-30, 2013 and you can get all the latest information by joining this Yahoo group: <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRCANationalSpecialty/join">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRCANationalSpecialty/join</a> or visit their website at <a href="http://www.2013National.com">www.2013National.com</a>.</p> <p><b>FYI:</b> The Huron River Labrador Retriever Club will be holding field training days that are open to non-members. You can get more info at their website at <a href="http://www.huronriverlrc.com/field.html">www.huronriverlrc.com/field.html</a>.</p>

## MISC INFO

**From the MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION:** Scientific discoveries are continuous, and Morris Animal Foundation's quest for better veterinary medicine never ends. Whether the goal is understanding the role of genetic mutations or unmasking the mysteries of a new virus, veterinary advances transpire one step at a time. Every study leads us one step closer to new treatments, better preventions and, ultimately, hope for a brighter world for animals.

**A Golden Opportunity to Make a Difference**

Three thousand—that's the golden number! Application for Morris Animal Foundation's Golden Retriever Lifetime Study is now open, and we're actively recruiting 3,000 Goldens under 2 years of age. If you have loved more than one Golden Retriever, you have also likely experienced the heartbreak of losing one to cancer. This unprecedented study is an opportunity to join a groundbreaking scientific effort to discover how to prevent cancer and other diseases.

To determine if your dog is eligible for participation in the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study, you must first register for the Canine Lifetime Health Project at [www.CanineLifetimeHealth.org](http://www.CanineLifetimeHealth.org). After you sign up for the Canine Lifetime Health Project, you will be notified by email if your dog qualifies for the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study. Join us in the largest and longest observational study ever undertaken to support science that advances veterinary care for dogs.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

***Great Lakes, Great Goldens!***

As you probably know by now, Fort Detroit GRC is the host of the 2013 GRCA Central Regional Specialty in Goodells, the same weekend and venue of the St. Clair Kennel Club all-breed shows. On Thursday, September 12 will be our specialty breed show, puppy sweepstakes, veteran sweepstakes, gun dog sweepstakes, obedience trial, rally trial, agility trial, honors parade, silent auction, and a hospitality and educational event featuring "a taste of Michigan" and an informative presentation by Dr. Lanier. And as if that wasn't enough for that day, we are also providing a blood draw clinic for OFA and Broad Institute DNA banking, as well as for Optigen testing. The WC and WCX tests will be Saturday, September 14 in Metamora. Fort Detroit will host their usual fall specialty and trials on Friday, September 13, plus offer all-breed agility trials Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. As the premium lists are finalized, complete information will be available on [www.fdgrc.org](http://www.fdgrc.org). GRCA members in the Central Region should also expect a mailing of the premium list for Thursday's activities and the working tests.

Whew! We are an active and vital club! All of this activity depends on volunteers to work for the success of the events. The chairpersons and committees are in place, but we can use more workers, even if it's only for part of a day, to volunteer in various capacities. Please let any Board member know of your availability. Help us celebrate "Great Lakes, Great Goldens"!

Cindy Collins

## ANOTHER MESSAGE from Cindy

**GRCA Triathlon Award**

Since the 2013 GRCA Central Regional Specialty is virtually in your own backyard this year, it's convenient to set another goal for yourself and your Golden: the Triathlon Award. To read more, visit <http://www.grca.org/thegrca/triathlon.html>. Basically, the Triathlon Award recognizes success in conformation, performance, and field, and can only be earned by GRCA members at a national or regional specialty. Here is a snip of the rules you'll find on GRCA's website:

- Conformation: must place in a regular, non-regular, sweepstakes, veteran sweepstakes, or gun dog sweepstakes class; or receive a Judges Award of Merit in Best of Breed competition; or obtain passing scores from at least two evaluators at the CCA test. Note: Multiple dog classes such as Stud Dog, Brood Bitch or Brace do not qualify.
- Field: must pass either the WC or WCX test; or pass any level in a hunt test; or place or receive a Judges Award of Merit in any stake in a field trial.
- Performance: must pass a tracking test; or obtain a qualifying score in any individual regular or non-regular obedience, agility or rally class. Note: Multiple dog classes such as Brace or Team do not qualify.

If you're not already a GRCA member, now is the time to join so that your dog can be eligible to earn the Triathlon Award. I know we have versatile dogs owned by Fort Detroit members, let's showcase them!

Cindy Collins

**Misc. Info, continued**

**FDGRC now has a Facebook page.** Check it out and 'Like' it! There is a link to it on our website.

**From AKC:** The AKC Board has approved Labrador Retrievers and the Golden Retrievers as eligible to participate in the Spaniel Hunting Test Program effective July 1, 2013. AKC Performance Events are meant to test the skills for which a breed was originally developed. The history of both the Labrador and Golden Retrievers indicates they were developed to be versatile hunting dogs, proficient in both upland and waterfowl hunting. Their upland heritage is still very much in use today as these breeds are commonly used for upland bird hunting.

Titles earned by Labs and Golden Retrievers will be designated with a "U" (for Upland) to indicate the title was earned in the Spaniel Hunting Test program. Hunting style descriptions for these breeds will be posted on the AKC website - [www.akc.org/events/hunting\\_tests/spaniels/hunting\\_styles/](http://www.akc.org/events/hunting_tests/spaniels/hunting_styles/) - as soon as they are available.

**Information for the Optigen/DNA banking blood draw that FDGRC is hosting on the 2013 Central Regional:**

**September 12, 2013 - GRCA Central Regional 20/20**

The Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club will be hosting a 20/20 sample collection at the GRCA Central Regional Specialty on Thursday, September 12th. In addition to OptiGen sample collection the group will be offering OFA CHIC DNA, & Broad DNA collection. For more information, please contact Cindy. The discount code for Optigen will be in the Central premium list.

**Breed:** Golden Retrievers Only

**Location:** Goodells County Park, Northside, 8345 County Park Drive, Goodells, MI

**Contact:** Cindy Collins

**Email:** [veritygoldens@comcast.net](mailto:veritygoldens@comcast.net)

**Order tests (Golden Retrievers - OptiGen® [prcd-PRA](#) , [GR\\_PRA1](#) & [Ichthyosis](#) tests) at Optigen website - [optigen.com](http://optigen.com). The DNA banking application forms for the Broad Institute and OFA/CHIC will be available on FDGRC's website.**

**Minutes****FDGRC - Board Meeting Minutes - April 16, 2013**

The meeting was held at the Leader Dogs for the Blind Facility, Rochester Hills, MI and called to order @6:52PM

Board Members Present: Cindy Collins, Peg Burlett, Laura Fabbro, Dianne Baker, Central Regional Board Members Present: Kathy McElroy, Cherie Stager, Members Present: Dorothy Scarborough, Peggy O'Keefe

**New Membership**

Christina Romanowski's member application was unanimously accepted. Cindy motioned to be accepted, Laura 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

**2013 GRCA National Specialty in Wichita Falls, TX - October 20-30, 2013**

FDGRC Catalogue Ad for the National was accepted as it was shown.

FDGRC Raffle Contribution - Laura will purchase items and make a basket. Peg has volunteered to transport the basket to the National for us.

**Central Regional Specialty**, September 12, 2013 update was given by Cheri Stager.

GRCA advertising includes a Black & White page, which should appear in the next GRNews.

Silent Auction items are needed. Have a few items, but will welcome whatever we can offer.

Blood Draw Clinic for Thursday, September 12, 2013 update. We will get a PDF form onto our website that can be downloaded in advance of the Specialty. Possibly we can consider using the other building to do the blood draws so that we don't disturb the Conformation Ring during these procedures. Need to plan for tables to allow people to fill out forms, at least a few chairs. Timing still appears to be approximately 2:30 - 5:30 (later if needed).

**Supported Entry - St Clair KC 9/15 & 9/15 2013**

FDGRC will supply trophies and support the St Clair shows and have notified them of such intent.

**Educational Meetings -**

We need a topic and program for September 17 meeting - Laura Fabbro will look into something for us.

October 15 - Meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at Animal Cancer & Imaging, with a presentation by Dr Obradovich.

November 19 - Sam from the Leader Dog has volunteered to provide a program. A topic will be provided at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23. Motioned - Laura, Second - Dianne.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Baker

**FDGRC - General Meeting Minutes - April 16, 2013**

The meeting was held at the Leader Dogs for the Blind Facility, Rochester Hills, MI and called to order @7:32PM

Board Members Present: Cindy Collins, Peg Burlett, Laura Fabbro, Dianne Baker, Central Regional Board Members Present: Kathy McElroy, Cherie Stager

Members: Dorothy Scarborough, Peggy O'Keefe, Lisa Taddiken, Ann Heilbrun, Carla Haupt, Linda Schultz, Carol Ruby, Jerry Catalina, Judy Macauley, Kurt Macauley, Lynn Knapke, Diane Loudon, & Kim Salyers

**Braggs -**

Dianne Baker - "Levi" Micin's Best Fitting Jeans At Gazebo - won Winners Dog and earned two 4-point Majors last weekend, the first at Mid-Michigan GR Specialty, the second at the Saginaw Valley KC. The following weekend Levi won WD, WD/BOW and earned two additional points.

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**Minutes****Treasurer's Report**

Judie Weisman was unable to attend, but in her absence, Cindy gave us the breakdown.

Oakland County KC & Livonia KC have sent our supported entries to us and has just been received, but is not reflected in the balance above.

GRCA Central Regional Balance was mentioned.

**Committee Reports were reviewed-****GRCA Central Regional -**

Silent Auction Donations are needed.

Black & White Ad will be coming out in the next GRNews. The Color ad with complete information will appear in the following GRNews publication

Trophy Grid was passed around during the meeting - please take the time to support one of the trophies

Triathlon Certificate will be offered!!

Conformation - Veteran Classes, Sweeps Classes, General Classes

Performance - Obedience, Agility, Rally

Field

All you need to qualify from the Conformation Class is to have won a 4th to 1st Class placement from your class, and of course, passing from the Performance & Field classes. Note - Group classes do not count. Example - Brace

**FDGRC Specialty Trophy Grid** was also passed around during the meeting - please take the time to support one of our trophies.

**Agility Trials** - June trial has been approved for Dexter. Need volunteers to work. We expect approximately 125 people, 330 dogs.

**Hunt Test** - training sessions prior to September's Central - See Flier for details

Training sessions on Wednesdays, May 1, May 15, June 5, & June 19

Sunday, August 4, 9am at Omega Farms

Sunday, September 8, 9am at Hunters Creek Club

**Puppy Referral** - Need pups

Grooming Seminar for May - Gary Cooper was a guest and asked for input on what skills we would like to learn.

FDGRC next meeting will be held April 16, 2013 at Leader Dog. Board Meeting begins 6:30pm, General Membership Meeting begins 7:30pm, followed by an Educational Program by Gary Cooper, "Grooming Help". Please join us - the program will be held outdoors unless the weather is inclement, and then the program will be held indoors.

Tonight's program, by Kim Salyers & Carla Haupt on "Agility 101" was very informative. Please consider volunteering to help at the Agility show in Dexter on June 29 & 30. We will take your help for half a day, an entire day, the whole weekend if you have the time.

Meeting adjourned, 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Baker

**2013 Golden Retriever National Information!**

WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO HAVE A **FREE NIGHT'S STAY - UP TO SIX NIGHTS - AT THE HOTEL CLOSEST TO THE SHOW SITE?!?**

Everyone needs to go to the Raffle page on the 2013 National website. Scroll down to the bottom and see the raffle for a 6-night room stay at the beautiful **HOLIDAY INN**. The winner for this raffle will be drawn on **August 15**, so don't delay in contacting Kathy Felix to get your raffle tickets. Do it NOW!

While you are on the Raffle page, be sure to look at **all** the beautiful items you can send your tickets in for now. I can't imagine there is a Golden person who won't want to buy tickets for the breathtaking, one-of-a-kind quilt "Return to Guischan" Every time it has been displayed, people are completely in awe of its beauty!

**PREMIUM LISTS**

In case you're wondering, the Premiums will be posted around the 1st of July. The Premiums for the Agility Trials will be posted around the first part of June. We want to make it as simple as possible for everyone, so most of the deadlines are all set for Saturday, September 21. But be sure to check "your" events and everything you put on your itinerary to make sure you know the exact deadline for everything you want to do.

**TROPHY DONATIONS**

If you are planning to sponsor a trophy, make sure you do it soon -- the available classes are filling up fast and you don't want to miss out! This is such a great way to support the National while promoting your kennel - you can even list the trophy in memory of or in honor of a special person or dog. Contact Lesley Pettingill - all information can be found on our website.

Keep checking the website: [www.2013national.com](http://www.2013national.com) as it is being updated regularly with new information!! If you have any questions, please write me at: [branchcaldwell@gmail.com](mailto:branchcaldwell@gmail.com)

Patti Caldwell  
"Answer Gal"

If you're looking at the ad for the 2013 National Specialty in the March-April edition of the Golden Retriever News, you will notice that the RSVP form only has one page. Unfortunately, as luck would have it, the second page of the RSVP form was inadvertently omitted when the magazine went to print. That really isn't a major problem because the complete RSVP form is available on the 2013 National Specialty website. Look for the complete form here....

<http://2013national.com/pdf/2013RSVP.pdf> So, get those merchandise orders in soon!

I am pleased and proud to be this year's Answer Gal! To avoid questions getting overlooked in my personal emails, I have opened a gmail account just for National questions -- please send any questions you may have to: [branchcaldwell@gmail.com](mailto:branchcaldwell@gmail.com). The address can also be found on our website. In addition to checking the website for information, you will want to sign up for the GRCANationalSpecialty yahoo list now! The link is : <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GRCANationalSpecialty/join>. I hope you will all take a moment to go to our website: [www.2013National.com](http://www.2013National.com)

**GOLDEN MOMENTS TO FIGHT CANCER PHOTO CONTEST**

Send in your photos...all profit will be donated to the Zeke Cancer Fund.

This contest is sponsored by Shari and Kevin Curran in memory of her father, Curtis R. Bernard, who taught her to recognize the beauty in everything

For rules and registration form please go to the 2013 GRCA National Specialty website or contact Shari Curran at [nobigwoof@gmail.com](mailto:nobigwoof@gmail.com).



**GRCA Hot Topics**

THE JUNE 1ST DEADLINE IS APPROACHING FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 3 AWARDS LISTED BELOW. These nominations should be sent to the GRCA secretary at [jepgr@aol.com](mailto:jepgr@aol.com).

The Vern Bower Humanitarian Award - recognizes those who have made exemplary contributions to the Golden Retriever, with the prerequisite being a selfless devotion to the breed.

The Rachel Page Elliott Featherquest Lifetime Achievement Award - recognizes an individual or group who has made exemplary contributions using their talents to educate others in such areas as knowledge of structure, health, breeding and training.

The Junior Achievement Award - designed to recognize young people for their varied interest with their dogs and to encourage a well-rounded participation in all facets of dog ownership.

JULY 1 IS THE DEADLINE FOR THE FOLLOWING THREE TROPHIES. Nominations for these trophies should be sent to the GRCA Trophy Curators at [DVCARSON@aol.com](mailto:DVCARSON@aol.com).

The Ginger Gotcher Memorial Trophy - awarded to the breeder-owner-handler of the Golden Retriever earning the greatest number of points in AKC licensed or Member shows, based on BIS, Group, BOB and BOS awards.

The Bill Lester Memorial Trophy - awarded to the member accumulating the highest points in AKC licensed or member breed shows and AKC licensed field trials during the calendar year, according to the established point schedule

The GRCA Junior Handler of the Year Perpetual Trophy - awarded annually to the top Junior Showman in the GRCA.

HERE'S A SPECIAL OFFER FROM PURINA!

For all Platinum Members of Purina's Pro Club Program, Purina is pleased to offer One Free LARGE Bag of dog food per family for your stay in Wichita Falls, TX. for the 2013 GRCA National Specialty. If you are not a Platinum Member but have submitted weight circles for at least 500 lbs of Purina food in the past year, you may order one eight lb. bag without charge.

Please send your name, address with zip code and PPCP membership number to Lynn Heidinger at [Goldenhse@aol.com](mailto:Goldenhse@aol.com), stating the amount and variety of food requested. Your request must be received no later than September 10th. You may pick up your dog food at the Purina booth beginning Wednesday, October 23rd.

The benefits of being a Purina Pro Club Member just keep getting better!

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THIS IS NOT AN ADVERTISEMENT FOR PURINA NOR IS IT AN ENDORSEMENT OF THEIR PRODUCTS . We simply want our supporters to understand this plan IF they do feed Purina. We also want everyone to know that if you are a member of the Pro Club, nothing counts unless you send in those weight circles!

For those of you who may not be familiar with the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program, please let me tell you about the money GRF and GRCA have just received!

The PPCP rewards those folks who feed Purina products and have signed up for the program, designating GRCA as their Parent Club. For each weight circle submitted, in addition to your individual benefits, GRCA and GRF receive monetary credit.

In the spring of each year, the number of members who actually submit weight circles is calculated, along with the number of pounds sent in. For this year, we had 702 members participate and this generated a total of \$15,189.19! Half of this amount - \$7594.59 – is sent to GRCA to be used for education, rescue and/or health research. The other half is sent to the Canine Health Foundation to be applied to the GRF's donor advised fund for health research.

We actually have 3,800 Pro Club members declared for the PPCPP, so just imagine the revenue we could have generated if everyone had submitted their weight circles!! That would fund a lot of rescue, education and research.

GRCA was one of the first Parent Clubs to participate in this program, beginning in 2003. Over the years the total amount our members have generated is \$148,943.

## Concerning the 2013 Nov-Dec GRNews

The seventh annual Field Theme issue, November-December 2013, is starting to take form. Once again, I am writing to all the GRCA Clubs encouraging them to take out an ad in the 2013 issue which supports their members for their involvement in maintaining the original purpose behind our breed, the Golden RETRIEVER.

The past few days I have been going through the previous six Field Theme Issues and what stands out the most is the wonderful ads many of the GRCA Clubs have done over those years. I have received comments and e-mails from many of your members stating how proud they were that their Club honored their dogs for field activities, no matter at what level of field work. The Golden Retriever is a member of the Sporting Group and originated as primarily a hunting dog. Golden is a color, whereas Retriever is a job description of the purpose behind our breed.

With summer approaching, it is the perfect time to get those creative, appealing, beautiful photos of our Golden Retrievers doing what they were bred to do. I am asking every Golden Club as well as individual Golden owners to take out ads in the Nov-Dec, 2013 Field Theme Issue of the Golden Retriever News. These do not have to be big ads, just ads of any size or shape to demonstrate that a Golden Retriever is more, much more, than just a very pretty face. Please would you make it possible for all of your Club members to receive a copy of this request.

If your Club does not wish to do an ad itself, please seek to inspire your members to take out ads of a group of them training together; of the accomplishments of their own individual dogs; of ads showing why form should follow function. Those marvelous athletic Golden Retrievers are at their very best when doing their original job, retrieving.

Every copy of the GRNews goes into the GRCA Archives. As one who has been spending a lot of time recently in those Archives, my mind jumps ahead to someone in my position going through our current issues. What a wonderful opportunity to put into our history, the story of your Club and photos of those members and Golden Retrievers who contributed to keeping the purpose of the Golden Retriever alive.

Thank you for the support you and your Club have given to our breed. I hope you will all join me in honoring the breed we so dearly love with an ad in the 2013 Field Theme Issue.

Glenda Brown

## Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club, Inc.

[www.fdgrc.org](http://www.fdgrc.org)

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Roy Jones Dog Shows:	PO Box 307, Garrett, IN 46738, ( <a href="http://www.royjonesdogshows.com">www.royjonesdogshows.com</a> )
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Dr. Paws (TDInc)	Terry Seraceno, 248-888-7488, ( <a href="http://www.drpaws.org">www.drpaws.org</a> )
Orthopedic Foundation for Animals	2300 Nifong Blvd., Columbia, MO 65201, ( <a href="http://www.offa.org">www.offa.org</a> ) - also doing eye certifications (ECR)
CERF, Inc	South Campus Courts, Bldg A, Purdue Univ., West Lafayette, IN 47907, ( <a href="http://www.vmdb.org">www.vmdb.org</a> )

#### 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.