



Michgolden Newsletter

Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club February, 2024

NEXT GENERAL MEETING March 19, 2024

March Membership Meeting
Tuesday, March 19, 2024 7:15
at Leader Dog

PROGRAM: Michigan Golden Fit Club
Virtual Meeting Trial
(all members will get a Zoom link via email)
Join us!

2024 FDGRC SPECIALTY July 5 and 6 (two specialties
each day

Plus 2 sweepstakes

July 7, Marshbanks GRC supported Specialty
All at Monroe County Fairgrounds

Inside this newsletter:

Minutes of January Board Meeting

New Facebook Group—MI Golden Fit Dog Group

New Perpetual Challenge Trophies and requirements

Banquet report and 2023 Trophy Winners

New member proposal—Courtney Hartmann

We have a new Facebook Group for FDGRC Members!
go to

FORT DETROIT GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

Private group
and ask to join!

FORT DETROIT GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB, INC.

BOARD MEETING

February 11, 2024

The meeting was held at Karen Angell's home in Metamora beginning at 11:12 a.m.

Attendance: Karen Angell, Dianne Baker, Sue Coppens, Laura Fabbro, Tena Sands. Members: Peggy O'Keeffe, Diana Vavra

Minutes of Last Meeting - Not received.

Report of the Recording Secretary - Not in attendance

Report of the Corresponding Secretary - Tena Sands has the job description and will begin making contacts and create a book for future corresponding secretaries.

Reports of Committees

☐ **July Specialties** - Dianne Baker: Everything is on track to hold our specialties again in Monroe on Friday. We will be adding 2 shows on Saturday in place of the September Specialties. Judges are booked and contracts have been received from everyone except one sweepstakes judge. There will be a 4-6 month puppy class on both Friday and Saturday. FRGRC will be hosting a raffle and donations for the cooler and tower of games would be appreciated.

Unfinished Business

☐ The board voted to pay Leader Dog \$200 in rent/donations. All six of our general membership meetings will be held at this location.

New Business

☐ Awards Administration Issues - The board discussed issues with the trophies, in particular problems with engraving.

☐ The board also discussed a desire to inventory and photograph trophies for the website.

☐ A letter was sent to Amede Decruydt informing him that there would not be a September show at Goodells. Amede has canceled the judge.

☐ **WC/WCX Trailer** - Peggy O'Keeffe brought up the need to find a new home for the FRGRC trailer and related field equipment. The board voted unanimously to give the trailer and equipment to Marshbanks Golden Retriever Club. Peggy O'Keeffe will contract Marshbanks to see if they are willing to accept this donation.

Virtual Meetings

The board discussed the possibility of holding virtual board meetings as well as providing remote access to general membership meetings. Tena Sands has graciously volunteered to work with the staff at Leader Dog so make this a reality beginning with the March meeting. The use of this technology has the potential to allow more members to attend and bring in wider array of speakers.

Trophies

☐ The board approved the donation of a new scent work trophy by Linda G in memory of her dog, Timber.

☐ The board approved Karen and Jeff Angell's donation of a new Rally Trial trophy in memory of their dog, Clinton Oaks Heartless Hannah RN.

☐ The board approved the criteria for the Junior Performance Award of \$250.

☐ The board approved the donation of a new Therapy Dog trophy donated by Diana Vavra and Peggy O'Keeffe.

☐ The board discussed the possibility of contacting donors of trophies that have not been awarded in several years to see if they would agree to change the criteria for awarding the trophy.

Job Descriptions

Grateful thanks to Dianne Baker for developing job descriptions for the various FDGRC positions. A copy of the Job Descriptions will be added to the end of the By-Laws.

Facebook Rules and Issues

After discussion regarding Social Media, it was determined that this might be a good topic for one of the membership meetings, after which a committee could be formed to bring recommendations back to the board.

Ideas for Meetings/Activities

In addition to the abovementioned Social Media workshop, Diana Vavra agreed to present a session on Therapy Dogs at the April meeting. The possibility of a Grooming Seminar and a presentation on the findings from GRCA sponsored research were discussed.

Considerations to Make the Club Stronger

The board discussed the possible ramifications of changing the requirements for initial membership. Other topics included: giving back to workers at FDGRC events, changing trophy grids and ribbons, mini raffles at meetings.

New Member

Tena Sands made the motion to approve Courtney Hartman's application for membership. Dianne Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Courtney's application will be presented at the March general membership meeting for final approval.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:35 p.m. The motion to adjourn was made by Dianne Baker and seconded by

Sue Coppens. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy C. O'Keeffe

Acting Recording Secretary

3 NEW CHALLENGE TROPHIES DONATED

CHALLENGE PERIOD

September 1, 2023- August 31, 2024

CLINTON OAKS HEARTLESS HANNAH RN MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR RALLY

Awarded annually to the member dog-handler team with the highest point total in Rally competition during the challenge year, according to the point schedule below. Point totals doubled if handler is a JUNIOR. A dog may only win this trophy one time.

1 point	Novice class Qualifying score
2 points	Advanced Qualifying score
3 points	Excellent Qualifying score
4 points	Master or Choice Qualifying score

5 points Triples (M, E, A Q's at one trial)

(Ex: points in addition to class qualifying scores—14 total points)

Bonus of 10 points for High Triple or High Combined award

Bonus points for Titles:

5 points for Novice, Advanced, Excellent

10 points for RAE, Master and Choice

100 points for RACH

Points for Qualifying score are earned in the challenge year. Title Bonus points count in the year title is completed.

When applying for this trophy, an AKC Awards record must be submitted to verify points. (available on AKC website)

Trophy will be a walnut plaque with a photo medallion of Hannah. Plates with winner of trophy will be added each year.



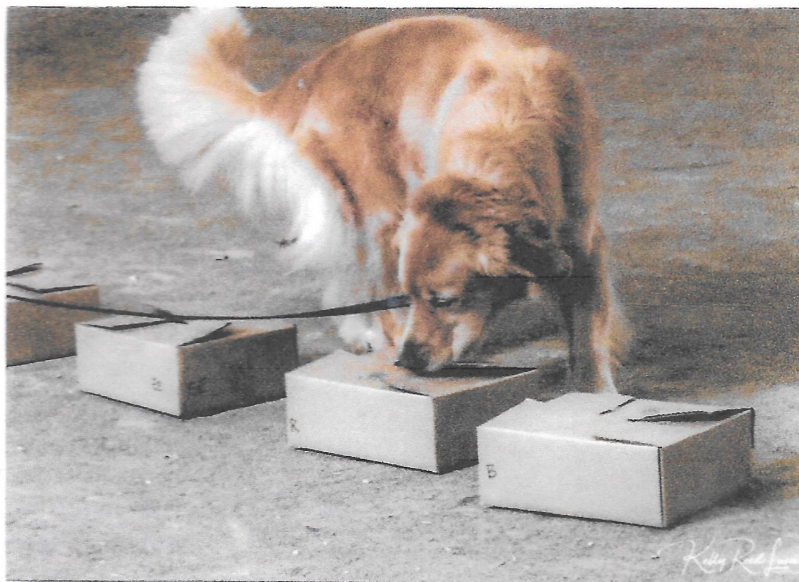
Micin's Broxden - *GO Skye*fire's Therapy Dog Award (Golden Retriever Angels serving our communities with compassion and pride)

- 600 visits to earn the AKC Therapy Dog Supreme (THDS) title. 60 points
- 400 visits to earn the AKC Therapy Dog Distinguished (THDD) title. 40 points
- 200 visits to earn the AKC Therapy Dog Excellent (THDX) title. 20 points
- 100 visits to earn the AKC Therapy Dog Advanced (THDA) title. 10 points
- 50 visits to earn the AKC Therapy Dog (THD) title. 5 points
- 10 visits to earn the AKC Therapy Dog Novice (THDN) title. 1 point

Points will be awarded in the year Title has been achieved. Should there be a tie, the team to achieve their title first will be awarded the trophy. However, in the event of multiple THDD or THDS requiring 200 visits to earn, all dogs will be recognized and Trophy prorated ie; two dogs, the handlers will share the trophy for 6 month each. If there are no qualifiers, the team with the most visits towards their next title will be awarded the trophy in an effort to recognize teams starting out or at lower title levels.'

Trophy will be an etched crystal of a vested therapy dog on a wood base which will hold the engraved winner plates.

Scent Work Trophy
In Memory of Timber
SCH EN NHD Autumn Grove's Spruce Goose SWM SHDN



Awarded annually to the member dog and handler team achieving the highest AKC scent work title in the challenge period. The following AKC scent work titles apply.

SWN, SHDN, SWA, SHDA, SWE, SHDE, SWM, SHDM, SWD, SWNC

If 2 or more teams achieve the same title level, the trophy will be awarded to the team with the most points. Points are determined by placements in the elements during the challenge period.

1st place in any element = 4 points

2nd place in any element = 3 points

3rd place in any element = 2 points

4th place in any element = 1 point

The trophy will be a walnut plaque. An artist, Kim Hundley, will paint the picture of Timber working a scent container trial. Then, a trophy shop will add the brass title and plates.

New Activity and Program for FDGRC

Tena Sands has started an AKC Fit Dog Group. This is a new program in AKC to encourage both dogs and owners to improve their "fitness and fellowship" through dog activities. The program offers titles and also links to other AKC dog sports such as Rally, Agility and Fetch. Tena will be outlining the program and how to join the group, MI Golden Fit Club. First walk was held on February 24 in Metamora. Dogs and their people had a great time!

Just search Facebook groups and find MI Golden Fit Club and join!



Tena will also be doing our first ZOOM meeting from Leader Dog. Everyone on our member roster will be emailed a ZOOM link——just join ZOOM and click the link, and join us on the big screen for our meeting and program! We are hoping this makes our group more accessible to Golden people in the area.

Courtney Hartmann has applied for membership——she will be voted on at the March 2024 general meeting.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET 2024



Fort Detroit GRC held its Annual Awards Banquet at Stony Creek Roadhouse—a wonderful venue and a great time was had by all! The annual meeting was held and three new officers were elected to the Board. Linda Grzywacz presented the Challenge Award trophies to Cindy Fisher, and Kim Salyers and Linda Brady.

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Congratulations Cindy and
Will be filled in when I find out which
trophy she won!!!

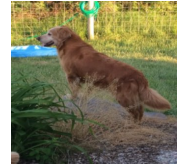
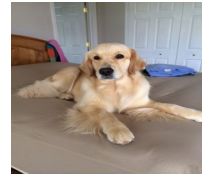


Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club Top
Agility Dog Trophy Dedicated to the
Memory of Carla J. Retell Haupt won by
MACH 4Flickering Fire's Faith Trust'n'
Pixie Dust MCX PAD MJB2 PJD OAP AJP
MFG TQX NFP T2B5 ACT1 CGCA CGCU
TKI ATT

Kim Salyers and "Pix" are a great team!

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MISCELLANEOUS INFO



Notes from the Editor

Deadline For Newsletters Info

The deadline for getting info (articles, brags pictures, etc.) to me is the Friday after the General Meeting. Please email to Karen Angell at

hoofnwooffarm@gmail.com

GRF Updates: GRF Updates list - To join, simply send a blank email to:
GRFUpdates+subscribe@groups.io

For more info about the GRF, please visit us at
NEW website at

<https://goldenretrieverfoundation.org/GRF/>

Sunshine: Please let Dorothy Scarborough (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.

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
www.infodog.com

www.entryexpress.net
www.huronriverlrc.com

Field Trials/Hunt Tests:

Huron River Labrador Retriever Club:

Visit their web site for dates and info.

<http://www.huronriverlrc.com>

****Please verify shows & dates w/AKC *****

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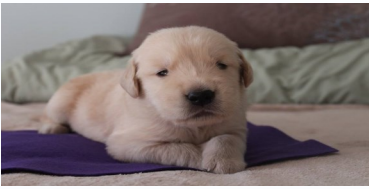
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Jim Rau Dog Shows: 4707 Perklomen, PO Box 4038, Reading, PA 19606, (www.raudogshows.com)
Entry Express: P.O. Box 743, Charleston, AR 72933 (www.entryexpress.net)
Doctor Paws (TDInc): Terry Seraceno, 248-888-7488, (www.doctorpaws.org)
OFA: 2300 Nifong Blvd., Columbia, MO 65201, (www.offa.org)
also doing eye certifications (ECR)
CERF, Inc: South Campus Courts, Bldg A, Purdue Univ., West Lafayette, IN 47907,
(www.vmdb.org)

Websites for additional information on upcoming shows and trials:

AKC: www.akc.org, click on EVENTS, then EVENTS AND AWARDS SEARCH

UKC: www.ukcdogs.com, click on DOG EVENTS, then UPCOMING EVENTS

CKC: 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: \$25.00 per year. Family (2 people): \$30.00. Associate: \$15.00. Obtain forms from Treasurer or Secretary or Membership Chair.

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