



Michigolden Newsletter

Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club February, 2024

NEXT GENERAL MEETING March 18, 2025

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

7:30pm

Place and Program TBA!

Join the MI Golden Fit Dog Club for a walk around Oxford—Starting and Ending at Pupper Butter Dog Treats, 5 South Glaspie, Oxford. We will join the regular walk group from Pupper Butter at 9:00—long term weather looks good—many options for longer or shorter walks! Join MI Golden Fit Club on Facebook for monthly walk information.

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We have a Facebook Group for FDGRC Members!

go to

FORT DETROIT GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB

Private group

and ask to join!

General Membership Meeting and Annual Banquet

January 25, 2025

The meeting was held at Steak House 22 in Sterling Heights beginning at 12:57 p.m.

Attendance: Board: Tena Sands, Karen Angell, Dianne Baker, Sue Coppens, Chris Curling, Laura Fabbro, Cindy Fisher, Kathy McElroy, Kim Slayers. Members: Linda Grzywacz, Peggy O'Keeffe, Virginia Smith, Diana Vavra, Judi and Larry Weisman. Guests: Jeff Angell, Kelly Baker, Jim Curling, Ken Vavra

Minutes of Last Meeting – Kim Salyers was not in attendance at this time, so minutes were not available.

Treasurer's Report – Sue Coppens a Profit and Loss Report by event for 2024 and provided the checking account balance.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary - Nothing at this time,

Reports of Committees –

July Specialties – Dianne Baker: Everything is on track to hold our specialties again in Monroe. Judges Betsy Horn Humer and Ms Pluis are booked.

September Specialties – Dianne Baker: We will be returning to Goodells for this event. Breed judges are Phil Booth and Gloria Kern. We still need to book the 2 Sweepstakes judges.

The eye clinic has been cancelled and refunds on deposits have been received. There is a clinic at Wilson's Veterinary the same day that our clinic was scheduled.

Rally – Peggy O'Keeffe: Everything is on track for the Feb 8 & 9 Rally trials with the exception of workers. Peggy O'Keeffe passed around a sign-up sheet. Peggy also mentioned the need for FDGRC brochures to five to all golden owners who enter the trials.

Fit Dog – Tena Sands: Great Lakes Crossing hosted the last monthly event. It took 1 ½ hours to walk a mile because of all the people who wanted to meet the dogs!

New Business =

Internet Storage: The club may want to explore the possibility of using Microsoft or Google to store old documents. It is possible that these companies may have a non-profit rate.

Donations: (1) Michigan Agility Group. A motion was made by Laura Fabbro, seconded by Sue Coppens, to donate \$100 to the Michigan Agility Group. The club name will appear on the back of the T-shirts. Motion carried. (2) Chris Curling moved that the club make a donation to the Golden Retriever Foundation in memory of Sylvia Donahew. Peggy O'Keeffe provided the second and the motion passed unanimously.

Trophy Grid: The trophy grid for the 2 specialties was passed around.

Election: A slate consisting of Karen Angell, Dianne Baker, Cindy Fisher and Kathleen McElroy was presented for election to the board. All four candidates were elected unanimously.

New Officers:
President – Tena Sands
Vice President – Dianne Baker
Recording Secretary - Kim Slayers
Corresponding Secretary—Cindy Fisher
Treasurer— Karen Angell
Directors—Laura Fabbro and Kathy McElroy

Meeting adjourned at 1:20.

Peggy C. O'Keeffe. Acting Recording Secretary

SAVE THE DATES!.....

NEW SPECIALTIES DATES

Two Specialties at the Monroe Cluster, July 4, 2025 (conformation and sweepstakes)

Two Specialties at St.Clair KC show at Goodells, September 12, 2025 (conformation, sweepstakes, obedience and rally)

SAVE THE DATES TO ENTER AND VOLUNTEER!

NEW POSITIONS

We are in need of a HOSPITALITY CHAIRPERSON to coordinate food at our shows and trials, not necessarily to do all the work, just make sure things are planned and assigned! Contact Tena to volunteer!

We are also in need of a person to write up our activities for the "LOCAL CLUBS REPORT" section of the GRC News magazine. We are doing so many good things, and it would be great if we could share them. Please consider sharing your writing talents and contact Tena!

Golden Goings-on

Things to do with your Golden Partner

This page will contain Golden and dog related activities that are available in the next couple of months for you and your Golden. Try something new and meet other Golden people and their pets. A list of training facilities will be available on the Websites for classes.

MI Golden Fit Club meets monthly at various locations. February Walk will be in Oxford, 9:00am, starting at PUPPER BUTTER DOG TREATS, 5 S. Glaspie. For more information, join the Facebook group: **MI Golden Fit Club**

Visiting Santa at Partridge Creek in December.....



Walking Great Lakes Crossing Mall And Cabela's in January



Some local retail shops allow dogs—great for walks during the winter weather: Home Depot, Lowe's, JoAnn's, Tractor Supply, and Cabela's/ Bass Pro Shop. Partridge Creek Shopping center is VERY dog friendly, all heated ice-free sidewalks, and many stores that allow canine shopping!

Some Warnings for your dogs.....

Some products (such as peanut butter) are using Xylitol for sweetener in their "sugar free" items. Watch for things in ingredient lists like "sugar alcohol", "wood sugar", "birch sugar" and "birch bark extract" as those are names that are being used for xylitol, which is VERY poisonous to dogs!!!

HAVE FUN WITH YOUR DOG!!!!

BRAGS!



Virginia Smith and BRANCH earned a SINE on November 16 at the Sportsmen's Scentwork Trial and a 9th leg towards an SIAE. So he's now: Clinton Oaks Branch CDX PCDX BN RM2 RAE2 SWE SCM SBM SINE CGC TKN FTI!

Kim Salyers and PIX earned their Rally Novice Title! Pix is spreading her wings to another sport and is doing great!!



Back in Agility, PIX and Haley Morrison took 5th place in the 4 16" division preliminary rounds at the Agility Invitationals, was in the Finals where she placed 5th, and was also Top Golden overall, for her mom, Kim Salyers!

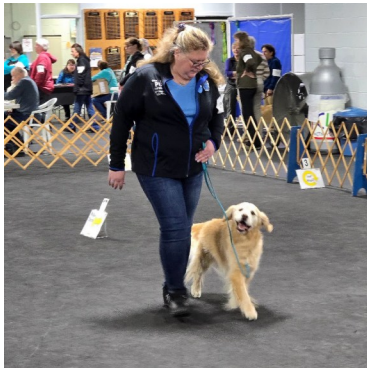
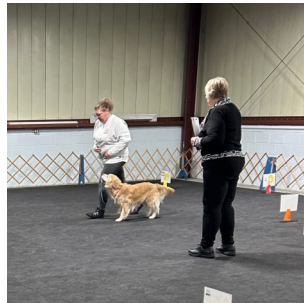
Diana Vavra and REAUX-D were honored for their therapy work at The Oaks with a custom oil portrait painted by artist Don Sayles of Grand Blanc. Reaux-D has completed 450 visits for his AKC Therapy Dog Distinguished title and has 555 visits toward his Therapy Dog Supreme title, which requires 600 hours of therapy visits



FDGRC ALL BREED RALLY TRIAL

February 8-9, 2025

Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club held its first All Breed Rally Trial at Companion Dog Training Club in Flint. Over 100 entries competed for titles and ribbons, and a fun time with their dogs!





Linda Brady and Kim Salyars with SIZZLE earned an Achievement Award for their Agility efforts.



Diana Vavra and REAUX-D won the Micin's Broxden—Go Skyfire's Therapy Dog Trophy



Kim Salyers and Linda Brady with PIX, won the Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club Top Agility Dog Trophy Dedicated to the memory of Carla J. Retell Haupt

Haley Morrison and Tina Morrison with ODIN earned an Achievement Award in Agility.



Diana Vavra and REAUX-D won the Clinton Oaks Heartless Hannah Trophy for Rally



Linda Grzywacz and TRULY won the Scentwork Trophy in Memory

FDGRC Annual Awards Banquet



Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club awarded its first annual Junior Performance Handler Award using the scores compiled by the AKC for their Junior program, and including Handlers in Obedience, Rally, Agility, Scentwork, Field, and Tracking. Junior handlers from Michigan, but with any breed are eligible for this \$250 award. Our first recipient is Evelyn Cunningham, a Scentwork handler of a Bulldog named Guppy, and a Border Collie named Hootie.

President's Letter 2024

Fort Detroit has had a wonderful year in 2024!

We put on 4 Specialty Shows including 2 Sweepstakes, at Monroe County Fairgrounds----two each on consecutive days. Prizes included decorated water buckets and tumblers, crafted by Kim Salyers, and other donations from our members. We held a raffle for a cooler of beverages, and a tower of games as a fundraiser. Both were very popular!

We held two Agility Trials at All Dogs Can in Lapeer. Lots of entries, lots of fun, and lots of agility success!

Our meetings focused on things that Golden Retrievers can do:

This year, MI Golden Fit Club was formed as an AKC club for keeping dogs healthy by walking. The club walked the Paint Creek trail (to a cider mill), the Polly Ann trail (to an ice cream shop), the Metamora village trail, the Clinton River Trail (to another ice cream shop), and in December met at Partridge Creek Mall for pictures with Santa and a walk to Three Dog Bakery for treats!

We had a speaker from the USA Therapy Dog organization and heard from Diana Vavra about therapy dog training and the benefit to people they visit. We also saw the video from GRCA about holding a Certificate of Conformation Assessment, to see if it was something we might be interested in doing (probably not right away!) We visited Dianne Baker and watched judge Pete Stager evaluate her recent litter. We included our dogs again with a visit to Sue Copen's Pumpkin Patch, and we heard about healthy dog treats from Andrea at Pupper Budder Dog Treats in Oxford.

We had donations of three new trophies—one for the sport of Rally, one for Scentwork, and one for Therapy dog work. These will be awarded for the first time today. As our club community outreach, we designated \$250 for an award for the High Scoring AKC Performance Junior Handler in Michigan. This was awarded last weekend to Evie Cunningham, a 10 year old Scentwork handler. (photo on the trophy table).

We also honored our FDGRC performance dogs with a full photo page in the GRCA News.

Many FDGRC dogs have been very successful in many venues this year!!

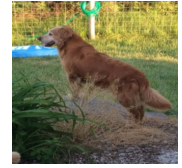
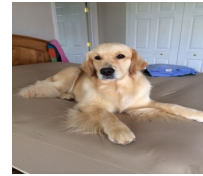
Looking forward to 2025, we have been planning to hold a RALLY Trial at Companion Dog Training Club on February 8-9. We hope many of you will compete, and/or assist and volunteer with this endeavor.

So FDGRC has many things to look back on proudly this year----we had fun with our dogs, made lots of friends, and have momentum going forward to a great 2025.

Thank you all for supporting our Club and the Great Breed it Represents.

Karen Angell

FDGRC President, 2024



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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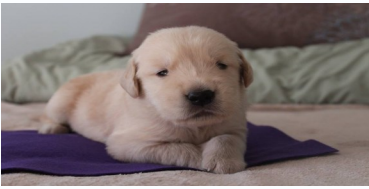
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Entry Express: P.O. Box 743, Charleston, AR 72933 (www.entryexpress.net)
Doctor Paws (TDInc): Terry Seraceno, 248-888-7488, (www.doctorpaws.org)
OFA: 2300 Nifong Blvd., Columbia, MO 65201, (www.offa.org)
also doing eye certifications (ECR)
CERF, Inc: 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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