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Hunt Test Moved Up to April 24-25, 2010

Our original plan had been to hold the annual hunt test on our usual weekend in August. However, due to OTHER clubs changing their dates, we had to do a quick adjustment and have now changed our date to April 24-25, still held at Bob Pepper Retriever Grounds in Carnation. A few years ago we had a test in April, which some of you may remember as the wettest and muddiest event in the Club's history (easily surpassing the 2009 Specialty.) However, we are hopeful that El Nino may work in our favor and provide us with decent weather.



The date may work to our advantage in a couple other ways, too. The Master National hunt test, which rotates regions just as the GRCA National does, will be in California this year.

This makes it more likely that area trainers with master level dogs will be trying to earn qualifying passes. Being early in the season may make our test a popular one with those with senior and junior dogs who have been diligently training over this nice mild winter and are finding their dogs ready a little earlier than usual.



In addition not conflicting with the Olympic Kennel Club show may entice some conformation, agility, and obedience club members to spend the weekend helping us out a bit. So being in charge of recruiting workers, especially club members I am now inviting my fellow EGRC members to consider helping out our club and have a nice day in the out of doors. There is a lot to be learned by observing our Golden Retrievers at work in the activity they were bred to do. Though of course we are an all breed event and Labradors dominate, we usually have a fair representation of Golden Retrievers and some other breeds as well including Chessies, Flat-Coats, Irish Water Spaniels and now Boykin Spaniels.

While we can always use experienced workers, there are plenty of places for newbies to help and many jobs are easily trained. You can operate a winger and/or popper gun, plant birds, serve as marshal or relief marshal, greet entrants and direct them to the proper area, help fill the lunch bags and deliver to judges and workers, help move equipment when the tests change locations, and as always, help take things down Sunday afternoon. Members of the Rainer Hunt Test Club and Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association are extremely helpful in providing us with workers and equipment, but we can't rely entirely on them and need to show them that our club members support this test.



The judges are as follows:

- Master A - Chuck and Sharon Hilton
- Master B - Julie Stucker/Jim Charboneau
- Senior A - Barb and Don Ironside
- Senior B - Chris Dotson/Ron Perry
- Junior A - Kimberly Dotson/Ron Perry
- Junior B - Barb and Don Ironside

By the time this article sees print, the entries may well be open on EntryExpress.com. Linda Johnson has been hard at work with the many details to be overseen with such a large event. We have had several members, who a couple of years ago had never done any field work at all, catch the bug and marvel at how much their conformation dogs clearly had instincts. It is great to partner up with your dog who is having the time of his life demonstrating that those sleeping genes need only be awakened.

Thank you
Nancy Light
Linda Johnson



Important Announcements

AWARDS BANQUET



Sunday, February 28, 2010



**HUNAN GARDEN
11814 NE 8TH Street
Bellevue, WA 98005
(One block East of 405)
425-451-3595**

5:00 No Host Bar

5:30 General Meeting followed by Dinner and Awards

CHILDREN WELCOME

We hope everyone will come and support our Club member's achievements!!! There may be some Special Awards given, so you might be getting one and wouldn't want to miss out!!

If you can't make the dinner, the awards will start around 7:15.

Have You Renewed Your Membership?

Please go on line and down load an application so you can be a proud member of one the best Golden Retriever Clubs in the world.

Julie Chaykin
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2010 SPECIALTY

EGRC's 2010 Specialty, "All That Glitters Is Gold," will be held at Argus Ranch on June 19 & 20, 2010. This show will be dedicated to the memory of Vince Planich.

The enthusiastic and talented chairs are:

Assistant Show Chair and Chief Ring Steward: Hach Hachtel
Obedience & Rally Chair: Marilyn Gearhart
Trophies: Stacia White & Kim Bullard
Barbeque: Kathy Fisk
Grounds: Frank Pampiks
RV Parking: Rick French
Trophy Donations: Claudia Shaw
Hospitality, Judges' Gifts, Transportaiton, Lodging: Kathy Anderson
Reserved Grooming: Sheila Itturiaga
Announcer: Bev Brown
Raffle: Carole Hachtel
Vendor Chair: Debby French
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Catalog Advertising: Christine Kobler & Sherry Chevalier
Decorations: Carla Jurczyk and Julie Chaykin

And, of course, Marcia MacDonald is chairing a three-day agility event that will take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday!

The logo was designed by Canadian artist Kate McMillan, inspired by the theme suggested by club member Ann McMurray. For her great idea, Ann will receive two tickets to the EGRC Barbecue scheduled for Saturday night. Thank you, Ann.

Judges, merchandise and other details will be announced soon!

Thank you to all the great people who are rallying together to make this show great!

Deborah Blair

All That Glitters



Is Gold

The Rescue Report



It is February and that always means that it is time to assemble and analyze the statistics from the previous year. In addition to looking at total numbers, we also look for trends or issues that require our attention. These will also be reported to GRCA.

In 2009, we took 68 dogs into our program. Of these, 60 were placed into homes, 5 were transferred to other organizations and 2 were hospitalized until it was time to send them to the Bridge. This is a slight increase compared to last year's 64 dogs and an almost 15% increase over 2007's 56 dogs. Additionally, we were contacted on and in some cases spent time working on 31 dogs that ended up not coming into the program for various reasons for a total of 99 dogs. Of these 31 dogs, 6 were declined due to temperament issues specifically aggressive behavior compared to 5 in 2008. I am quite certain that we're not tracking the dogs we turn down as well as we should and we will make an effort to improve that this year. Sadly, one dog was euthanized in 2009 due to serious dog aggression issues. We also assisted the owner in arranging for the euthanasia of a dog that we had placed several years ago after he bit someone at the park.

In addition to the slight increase in total dogs, out of the 68 dogs entering our program, 59 of them were fostered with only 7 being placed directly from their homes. Two dogs were adopted directly from the shelter. The number of dogs coming from shelters was 24 which is more than doubled the 11 last year. The Everett shelter was the leader in that they gave us 7 dogs compared to 4 each from Tacoma Pierce County Humane Society and the King County shelter. We went as far south as Lewis County shelter for 1 dog, east to Wenatchee for 1 dog and north to Whatcom County shelter for 1 dog.



Didi sleeping in her forever home

In the past when we used to get a lot of dogs from the shelter, many of them were healthy but we had to take them because their time was up. Currently, local shelters do not euthanize healthy, adoptable dogs which is wonderful. However, this means that every one of the dogs we took from a shelter had a health or behavior issue – or both. Included in the dogs from the Everett Shelter are the 3 feral, intact bitches who are all doing wonderfully, by the way. They were very labor intensive, however. Additionally, due at least in part to the slow recovery in the economy, we continue to take in many dogs that require significant vet care and/or surgery. Star is a perfect example. We also had 2 females that required ACL reconstruction; Frodo with severe Dry Eye; several dogs that required Entropion surgery; several that underwent surgery to remove large, benign tumors; one that required surgery for bowel obstruction and one that required rear leg amputation. This all adds up to very high veterinary costs even with the discounts provided by our supporting veterinarians.

Rescue Report continued

Fortunately, the trend continues that most dogs come into Rescue are already altered – 75% to be exact. The male-female ratio in 2009 was exactly 50:50 or 34 of each. Average age for males was a shade under 4 years old and for females it was almost 5 years old. Totals for each age bracket are 30 dogs 0-2 years old, 13 dogs 3-5 years old, 19 dogs 6-8 years old, 5 dogs 9-11 years old and 2 dogs 12 years or older.

The number one reason for giving up a dog remains “no time” but we are seeing more cases where financial reasons such as the loss of a job or home is the reason. Networking with other organizations is an option we utilized this year sending 5 dogs to the Prison Pet Partnership Program at the women’s prison in Purdy.



Star In His Forever Home

As you know from last month’s report, we started the year off with a “bang” taking in 10 dogs one Saturday. By way of an update, all puppies have been placed as have 9 month old Abby and 4 year old Didi. The sire, Samson, had some problems post-op with his neuter and Grandma Sadie had to have a growth removed from her eye-lid so they are both still in foster care.

For the past 15+ years, we have been fortunate to have a waiting list of people wanting to adopt a dog. Those days appear to be over. Our waiting list is so short that we have adoptable dogs sitting in foster care waiting for adopters. We have posted dogs on our website and will be doing more of that. Additionally, we have dogs in foster homes recovering from medical issues or surgical procedures. Together, this means fewer foster homes are available and some foster homes are having to double up. We are not alone as many Golden Retriever Rescue groups are facing these same challenges. In an effort to address the foster home issue, a Task Force is being created whose assignment will be to think of new and creative ways to recruit and retain new foster homes. I invite anyone interested in tackling this challenging topic to join this group.

The job continues and with the slow economic recovery, will likely remain a challenge but I know that our volunteers are up to the job. We have no choice – the dogs depend on us.

Nancy Kiesler
President
Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue

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Faith's First 3 Point Major

I am thrilled to announce that Faith (Redgold Take Me As I Am RN WCI) earned her first three points defeating 11 girls on January 31st. She came 3rd on the Friday and Reserve on the Saturday, so all in all it was a successful weekend. Faith is out of AM CH Cyrstal Falls Fortune Hunter and INTL CAN CH Redgold I'm 2 Sexy For My Leash TD WCI JH AM TD). Seven more points to go!!

Christine Kobler



Golden West Brags!!



Here is a picture of my Rhoadie aka New Ch. Shadowland's Get R' Done, CGC She finished at the Puyallup Cluster on Sunday by getting her last 3 points. She has given me quite the ride! She started her championship by winning WB,BOW,BOS at the Spokane GR Specialty, she picked up her 2nd major at our Evergreen GR Specialty. I love those specialties!! I want to thank JoAnna Matthisen for her wonderful presentation of Rhoadie and Kathy Fisk for showing and winning with her, also. Thanks girlfriends!

JoAnne Johnson

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Shadowland's Paws for Applause at TriStar RN "Sydney" - spent the first 2 days at Puyallup being a talented young obedience dog, getting the first 2 legs toward her CD with excellent scores. Monday she had to pass on obedience because it conflicted with the breed ring so we have to wait for her 3rd leg, but this was well worth it since she got her first 3 point major going WB from the 12-18 class.

Valor's Jack of All Trades at TriStar CD "Jackson" - finished his Rally advanced title the first 2 days in Puyallup and then finished his rally excellent in Portland. Now it's back to training for open and field work.

Sharmin Baumann
JoAnne Johnson

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Can, Int Ch Beckwiths Summer Solstice (Summer) owned by Lynn Anderson and Carla Jurczyk went Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex over specials for a 3 point major at Tualatin Kennel Club under judge Mr. Dan P Cline. On January 24th. She is on her way! 7 points with 1 major. She also just came back OFA Excellent!

Lynn Anderson

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Late Breaking Westminster Results

Best of Opposite Sex

43 CH RUSH HILL RUN'N AMUCK AT ABELARD OA OAJ AXP AJP NFP

Breed: Retriever (Golden)

Sex: Dog

AKC: SR 08631501

Date of Birth: April 22, 2003

Breeder: Tonya Struble & Lisa Smith

Sire: Ch Boitano's Band On The Run To Abelard

Dam: Ch Goodtime's Run For The Roses

Owner: Tonya Struble & Deb Muzzin



*If your dog thinks you're the greatest person in the world,
don't seek a second opinion.*

Jim Fiebig



This page is dedicated to our faithful companions that have crossed over to the Rainbow Bridge.



Can, Int.CH. Beckwiths Golden Glori BVISS, BVIS, CGC

We miss our Glori girl very much. She left to go to the Rainbow Bridge just five days before her eleventh birthday. Her favorite hobby was retrieving the tennis ball. She was still able to do this several times on her last day with us. I will miss her barks of joy when Kyle would come home from work each day. We are so very proud of her last years accomplishments. Glori won Best Veteran in Specialty Sweeps at the EGRC Specialty-Sept, 2009. She also took home a JAM from the veterans class! Her shining moment was winning Best Veteran in Sweeps at the Canadian National Specialty-July 2009.

We will always treasure every moment we had with her. Even though we still have five girls at home now, there is a BIG void in our house without her. Glori's legacy still lives on in her daughter Carley, who lives close to us.

Rest in peace my sweet girl. Till we meet again.

Kyle and Lynn Anderson

EGRC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date: February 28, 2010 5:00 PM

Program: EGRC Awards Banquet

Place: Hunan Garden, 11814 NE 8th St. Bellevue, WA 98005

March 25, 2010

Patti Schaefer, DVM, will talk about The Holostic Approach to the Performance Dog.

April 22, 2010

Dr. J. A. Woodfield, cardiologist, will talk about coronary problems.

Eva Ostberg is the new Program Chair. Please send suggestions as to what subjects you would like to have covered. Also send her names of speakers that you might know. You can contact Eva at boandeva@aol.com or 253-639-1100

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| 2010 Hunt Test | Linda Johnson | 425-391-8037 |
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The Objectives of the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club

- a) To preserve the structure, soundness, temperament, natural abilities and personality of the Golden Retriever as described in the breed standard and to do all possible to bring their natural abilities and qualities to perfection.
- b) To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the AKC as the only standard of excellence by which the Golden Retriever shall be judged.
- c) To protect and advance the interest of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike conduct at dog shows, field events, obedience trials and all functions and events where EGRC is being represented.
- d) To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows, field events, obedience trials and tracking under the rules of AKC and
- e) To educate members and the public in all aspects of owning a Golden Retriever.

General Information

General Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Check the calendar on the back page for details or please go to our web site at www.egrc.org. The **Board of Directors** meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month and members wishing to attend must call the President to state their business.

Application for Membership: Prospective members must attend two meetings or functions before application of intent to join is accepted. Application forms may be obtained from Board members, the Membership Chair, or from the web site.

Change of Address. If you have moved, changed your phone number or your e-mail address, please e-mail or call Julie Chaykin, jjhchaykin@aol.com with this change. This is the only way we will be able to keep our membership rosters up to date.

