



# The Golden West

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## A Golden Fun Day

An On-Leash Event - Bring Your Goldens!

*Fun, Games and Food!*

Date: July 25, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: 9623 210th St SE, Snohomish, WA

*Don't forget to RSVP*

The club will buy Subway sandwiches, water and sodas and members either bring their favorite Salad or Dessert. We need to know how many people will come to know how many sandwiches to buy, so RSVP is required as soon as possible to: [marian@ridesoft.com](mailto:marian@ridesoft.com) or [lmv@yahoo.com](mailto:lmv@yahoo.com)

*Please bring:*

Lots of great high value dog treats, water for your dog, your own chair and if needed a crate of exercise pen.

**Hope to see many of you there**

*Evergreen Golden Retriever Club  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
June 27, 2019 at 7:00 pm  
Kirkland Library*

**Call to order @ 7:15 pm**

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the April general meeting were printed in the May GW. **MOTION** to approve: APPROVED

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT** (Nancy): Nancy welcomed members and guests. Guests present were Jean Whitehead (previous member applying for membership) and Anne Caron.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD** (Nancy): The Board approved the ad submission for the 2019 Golden National.

**REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** (Deb) – No report

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER:** (Linda) Report sent to Bobbi for the website. Tax return for 2018 has been submitted and payment made to the CPA for his fees.

**Report of Committees:**

**Events**

**AGILITY TRIALS:** (Ane) Aug 30, 31, Sept 1, and 2, 2019 – This is a 4 day trial. It's moving ahead. Still looking for volunteers for raffle as well as 5 club members each day.

**SPECIALTY 2019:** (Sheila) August 16, 2019.

There will be electricity for grooming in the horse barn, contrary to BaRay's information that there would not be electricity.

Premium is in place

RV parking is all set

Supported entries are in the Premium

Received feedback on judge Debbie Claussen – she pulls good entries

Royal Canin is sponsoring the OKC show and providing special trophies.

Entries open the end of this week.

**JUDGES SELECTION COMMITTEE-** (Sheila) –

We received a small number of recommendations, so we will be looking back at past judges and send a list to Bobbi for Survey Monkey.

Still working with Springers & Weims for 2021. First weekend in August after Sequim and before Nisqually.

Need show chair for 2021

**HUNT TEST:** (Linda) – [June 29-30 2019](#)

Thanks to Nancy for all her help.

We have 60 dogs (the limit) in Masters. Junior on Saturday, Senior on Sunday, so only two tests running at a time.

Trailers and port-a-potties are there

Sno Valley had not mowed and grass very tall. Bill Hart will mow

Need vehicles to haul things around (i.e. Wingers)

**TRACKING:** - no report

**WC/WCX** (Amy) no report

**HOLIDAY PARTY:** (Connie Carroll) Dec 7, 2019

**SEATTLE KENNEL CLUB BOOTH** March 2020 – no report

**HEALTH** - no report

**Finances**

**BUDGET** (Linda, Alice, Kathy) no report

**DONATIONS** (Sandy, Stacia, Kathy): Recommendations to be presented at July board meeting.

Club Affairs

MEMBERSHIP: (Marian) we have 73 members – 38 voting and 35 non-voting. Quorum is 8

GOLDEN WEST: (Deborah)

The Board discussed not having a GW but just sending emails out to members with meeting reminders or important announcements. Or perhaps having a quarterly newsletter.

Bobbi suggested we look at Microsoft Teams which can be set up so that members have access to a variety of information and Board and Committee members have access to their own “teams” and information that is only available to those teams,

Bobbi will have a demo for the Board and Sheila will see what price break we can get from Microsoft for Office 365 for 100 licenses,

WEBSITE: (Bobbi) All has been updated-

Members’ area has changed. Browsing into the web site folders is no longer supported. Documents for the current year will be linked. Suggests that we move to Microsoft “Teams.”

Breeders list has been updated.

PUPPY REFERRAL (Stacia) no report

RESCUE – no report

PROGRAMS/MEETINGS:

July 8 Board Meeting – Claudia treats’

July 25<sup>th</sup> Fun Day (games) at Laila’s family property in Maltby 9623 210<sup>th</sup> St. SE, Snohomish

August 5 Board meeting – treats Linda

No GM in August

AWARDS BANQUET Laila) no report

AWARDS (Lynn and Kathy) no report

PROPERTY (Deb) – no report

GR NEWS COLUMN (Amy) thanks for continuing to supply some wonderful, interesting columns for the News.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - none**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A vote was held to amend **By-Laws Article III, Section 1. Board of Directors** by eliminating the requirement of 5-year term limits. There were eight voting members in attendance at the meeting. All Eight (8) voting members voted in favor of the amendment. There are a total of 38 voting members and 35 non-voting members.

Adjournment @ 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Tillman

Recording Secretary

## Important Specialty Notes

- ◆ The 48th EGRC Independent Specialty is being held August 16, 2019 in conjunction with the Rainier Sporting Dog Specialties and Olympic KC All Breed shows. Entries are OPEN, and the premium list is available at [www.barayevents.com](http://www.barayevents.com).
- ◆ Don't forget that our beautiful Specialty Logo is available on merchandise <https://www.zazzle.com/store/egrcstore>
- ◆ If you would like to volunteer to help set up the day of the Specialty, please contact Show Chair Sheila Colyer at [sheilacolyer@live.com](mailto:sheilacolyer@live.com)
- ◆ **Please** support the Club by bringing finished baskets to the raffle table the morning of the Specialty
- ◆ If you can contact businesses or individuals who are willing to contribute goods or services to our Silent Auction, please contact Julie Matney first to make sure the donations are not repeats. Julie's e-mail address is [juliematney@gmail.com](mailto:juliematney@gmail.com)
- ◆ Even if you aren't able to help the day of the Specialty, we'd love for you to join us to the after-party. Bring a chair, a drink and a dish to share if you can.



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## Application for Membership

Former EGRC member Jean Whitehead has applied for Membership. We plan to vote on her application at the July 25 Fun Day event.

Jean writes:

*I have had a Golden since 1984. Currently surrounded by three. I have been away from the club and dog activities for a few years. I am looking forward to being involved again.*

Jean is sponsored by Sheila & Ron Colyer.

*Thanks to Amy for sending her GRNews Column this month!*

## **SAS IN GOLDENS: IS AUSCULTATION ENOUGH?**

By Amy Raby

For decades, I've done OFA heart checks on my dogs. I thought I knew everything I needed to know about SAS. But there's new information out there, and some of it suggests we should change the way we do these clearances. Dr. Mikaela Mueller, a board-certified veterinary cardiologist, spoke to EGRC in April about heart disease in Golden Retrievers. In my last column, I shared what she had to say about DCM. This month I'm covering what she said about SAS. I'm also looking into a study she cited and Dr. Josh Stern's comments on that study.

SAS is a narrowing of the aortic valve, caused by the presence of an abnormal fibrous band of tissue. It leads to thickening of the heart muscle and sometimes mitral valve problems. It's genetic and suspected to be caused by a dominant gene with incomplete penetrance—but we don't really know the mode of inheritance yet. Dr. Mueller said that based on a recent study, the incidence could be as high as 43% (!) in goldens. I'll come back to that study and that percentage.

SAS can vary a lot in severity. Most cases are mild. Goldens with mild SAS may lead a normal life, though they should have prophylactic antibiotics if injured or undergoing surgery. But severe SAS is another matter. Severely affected dogs can be treated with beta blockers and should be restricted to moderate activity; no sprinting or ball chasing. Even so, they are at risk of dying suddenly between the ages of one and three. The symptoms of SAS are exercise intolerance or a loss of interest in activities, progressive coughing or breathing difficulty, fainting, and sudden death.

There is currently no surgical treatment for SAS. While in human children, the abnormal band of tissue can be surgically removed, no studies have demonstrated that this procedure extends lifespan in dogs.

The best treatment for SAS is prevention: screening parents and breeding only dogs that are free of SAS. Let's return now to that 43% number. The study in question is "Familial subvalvular aortic stenosis in golden retrievers; inheritance and echocardiographic findings," by J.A. Stern, K.M. Meurs, O.L. Nelson, S.M. Lahmers, and L.B. Lehmkuhl, and you can read it yourself online; just google that title. In this study, 73 goldens were evaluated by auscultation, echocardiography, and doppler. 32 dogs (43%) were found to be affected with SAS, and given how thorough their examinations were, we can be pretty confident that they were correctly diagnosed. However, the sample was not unbiased, as dogs were recruited from dog shows and cardiologists' offices, a group that could have a larger-than-usual incidence of SAS. The study was not epidemiological and was instead an effort to determine the method of inheritance.

So what is the real incidence in goldens? We don't have a number, but Dr. Stern had this to say about his study: "SAS is incredibly common in Goldens. When this study was performed, echo was not all that common for routine clearances, so there was a sample bias (people who produced frequent SAS were the ones most interested in advanced clearances). This has changed in the breed due to our major efforts to tell people about the issue. We didn't use a simple flow velocity and the diagnosis is undeniable in these groups... Echo clearance should be the breed standard... We have screened hundreds and hundreds of Goldens for SAS as per of our genetic study and I must say that it is quite clear that auscultation alone is not sufficient for GR heart clearance. The genetics of this disease will be sorted out on the Golden soon."

As for the likely incidence, he says, “I have yet to participate in a GR cardiac clinic where < 10% failed clearance and in some regions and some lineages the incidence is higher.” So the incidence appears to be 10% or higher.

I hope he’s right about the genetics being sorted out, but in the meantime, he’s saying that our current standard for the OFA heart clearance, auscultation, is not sufficient and is missing SAS cases. That means some dogs with OFA heart clearances have SAS and are likely to pass it on to their offspring. If you want to truly screen your dogs for SAS, you must do an echo.

I’ve taken his words to heart (sorry). I recently brought both of my dogs into the cardiologist’s office for echos. Given the current DCM scare, this served two purposes as I could screen for both diseases with the same procedure. It wasn’t cheap; I paid \$250 for each echo, plus the exam fee. But it’s quick, non-invasive, and requires no sedation. One of my dogs had a slight murmur, but since we did the echo, the vet could say definitively that the murmur was due to excitement, as she found no evidence of SAS in the echo. Perhaps we should consider changing our standard for heart clearances?

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# Braggin' Time!



We had fun at Puyallup. Thorin looked great and is really starting to get the feel for showing. We had a lot of fun playing in the ring!

Then in Breed, Willow took BOBOH on Saturday and Select on Sunday.

~Kelli Mayo



Tiki earned the final 10 points she needed for her PACH at the WSOTC agility trials. The next day she got a double Q with 17 more points from Standard, one of her best runs. That is Jack Cadalso on the left and the judge that Tiki finished under. Lori Sage is on the right. Great judges and courses. All in all a nice trial weekend for WSOTC. And Tiki is now: OTCH MACH PACH UH HRCH URO3 U-UD **ADIRONDAC'S KOURA TIKI** UDX3 PUDX OM4 BN GN GO VER RE TDX MH MHU MXS MJB MXP3 MJP3 MXPB MJPB PAX XF TKA WCX VCX CCA OBHF NAC NWI Can UD TDX WCX MH.

Jury's best day was Sunday, where he was three for three, legs in FAST Standard and JWW, all with placements. My friend Holly Schmidt was running him in Standard and JWW, but I ran in Fast. Hope to be running him more myself later, but she does better with him.



~Nancy Light

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**Special Events**

2019 Agility	Ane Brusendorff	425-788-8029
2019 Hunt Test	Linda Johnson	425-241-2471
2019 Specialty	Sheila Colyer	206-850-0359
2019 Awards	Lynn Anderson	206-351-5020
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2019 Tracking	VACANT	
SKC Booth	Sandy Scudder	425-337-4503
	Gloria Kaczmariski	
	Susan Babich	
Holiday Party	Connie Carroll	206-369-5477
Awards Banquet	Laila Vafaezadeh	425-877-6560
WC/WCX	Amy Raby	425-883-1083

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Check the calendar on the web site at [www.egrc.org](http://www.egrc.org). The **Board of Directors** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 our Membership Char, Marian Tillman, marian@ridesoft.com with this change. This is the only way we will



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