

# The Golden West

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**The May meeting will be Wednesday,  
May 22nd at 7:00 pm, via Zoom.**

## Rachel's Rescue

### Rescue Update: Sadie Finds Her Forever Home

This sweet girl came to us after her family sadly had to flee domestic abuse. Despite her past, Sadie is a total sweetheart! She's a bit hard of hearing, but she walks well on a leash and absolutely loves cuddling with her plush toys. We're thrilled to share that Sadie found her forever home in March and is now living her golden years in luxury with a couple of other golden retrievers.



### We're Here to Help

Our mission is to ensure that every golden retriever finds a loving home. If you're considering adopting a golden, or if you know of a golden in need, please don't hesitate to reach out. We're always happy to help club members connect with adoptable goldens or provide support to those who may need to rehome their beloved pets. We are accepting donations to help with basic care, (dog food, minor vet care). Alice Brown will be contacting members or you can contact her directly if interesting in donating.

You can contact me at my rescue email:  
[agoldensecondchance@gmail.com](mailto:agoldensecondchance@gmail.com)

Together, we can give golden retrievers the second chances they deserve.

Rachelle Mahoney

**EGRC & PSESSA 2024 Specialties!  
NEW DATES! SAME LOCATION!**



The Evergreen Golden Retriever Club and Puget Sound English Springer Spaniel Association invite you to join us for a blast of a weekend!

**Saturday & Sunday, June 29 & 30, 2024**

**Skagit County Fairgrounds  
501 Taylor St, Mount Vernon, WA**

- National Owner Handler Series both days
- Canine Good Citizenship
- Novice & Intermediate Trick Dog
- EGRC Supported Entry @ All-Breed Obedience & Rally Trial
- RV Parking with electrical hook-ups available
- Premier reserved grooming with drive-up service
- Bathroom and showers available
- Easy access to freeway, hotels, and plenty of parking
- Friendly "Best of the Best" competitions with the Springers will be held Sunday after the shows, with all Best of Breed, Best Puppy, Best Bred-By and Best Junior Handlers being eligible to compete
- Celebratory Dinner Saturday Night After the Show

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**Visit our website** [www.egrc.org](http://www.egrc.org)

**DogZibit, Show Secretary**

<http://www.dogzibit.com>

**Golden Retriever Judges**

**Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Breed & Junior Showmanship:**

**Collette Jaynes**

**Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes:**

**Amy Rosling**

**4-6 Month Beginner Puppy:**

**Collette Jaynes**

**Obedience:**

**Mary Jane Shervasis,**

**Ronnie Sue Leith &**

**Laurie Rubin**

**Rally - TBD**

**Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Breed & Junior Showmanship:**

**Denise Reel**

**Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes:**

**Debbie Berry**

**4-6 Month Beginner Puppy:**

**Denise Reel**

**Obedience:**

**Mary Jane Shervasis,**

**Ronnie Sue Leith**

**Rally - TBD**

**Shari Phillips, EGRC Show Chair**

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**Kim Bullard, PSESSA Show Chair**

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# EGRC Specialty Update

By Shari Phillips

We are just over a month away. Don't forget to get those RV, Grooming and Saturday night's BBQ reservations in. The sign-up forms are on the last two pages of our Premium. Go to [2024 JUN 29&30 EGRC PSESSA MT VERNON, WA | Dogzibit](#) Also don't forget to get those entries in as well. The show closes at noon June 12th, 2024. I wouldn't want you to miss out on all the fun.



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We need your help! In order to hold the new Fetch, CGC and Trick Dog Tests we need several volunteers that can be flexible in helping in the ring to move light trick equipment around, pretend to be a crowd walking around and hold a dog while handlers step away for the CGC. With these volunteers this allows for better time efficiency so we can start the next test. Unfortunately, last year there was a lot of time wasted looking for volunteers when it came to the CGC test. We would be happy to provide lunch for those that help all day in the ring starting at 9am. Please call or email Jennifer Kisker [jenniferkisker@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferkisker@gmail.com) or Shari Phillips [sPhill7@comcast.net](mailto:sPhill7@comcast.net)

Please help us out by bringing a raffle item to the show. If you could drop your raffle item off first thing Saturday morning at the raffle table with it already packaged together in a basket, we'd really appreciate it. You **do not** need to wrap the baskets in cellophane. We would also love items we can use for the silent auction. If you are unable to buy something, think about reaching out to businesses for donated auction items or if you have a service, you'd like to donate those are welcome as well. Your help is appreciated. For Raffle questions please contact Susan Babich at 425-334-5134 or email her [goldtales7@comcast.net](mailto:goldtales7@comcast.net)



Just one last note. As much as I've loved being the show chair the past two years, I am not able to do it in 2025. Please help save the 2025 Specialty and step up to be the show chair. I am a phone call away and can help guide you. I also have so many amazing volunteers that have helped me put this together and I'm sure they will be there to help you as well. Thank you.



Below please find a link to all the hotels that partner with the Skagit County Fairgrounds. They offer a discount to people who are using the Fairgrounds for events. Just click on the blue words that say, Skagit County Lodging, and pick which hotel you'd like to stay at for the EGRC Specialty. Also, the Premium has been posted and entries opened on Wednesday May 1st at noon.

# Bragging Time

**From Sunburst Goldens:**

Mariah, A/C CH Sunburst They Call the Wind Mariah TKN ORT NW3 obtained her last NW3 title and can now display NW3 Elite after her name. She is following in the footsteps of her mother, Dazzle, who finished 2 weeks prior. Interestingly, they both finished with a 3rd place overall.



*Can everyone please remember to make a contribution for the raffle on Saturday for the Speciality in June. I'm happy to arrange pick up if needed ( within a reasonable distance ) or even better if people could bring their "basket" to the show on Saturday. I will probaly be there Friday afternoon so that would be great too. Let me know if you have any questions at all.*

*Thanks so much in advance.  
Susan Babich*

## **Prospective Member**

Debbie Seames  
Sponsors: Nancy Light and Susan Bell

*I have owned many Golden Retrievers throughout my life. I currently have 7. I started off with Obedience and the last 7-8 years have been involved with Hunt Tests. I am a member with Cascade Hunting Retriever Club and Whistling Wings. Three of my dogs have earned WC. Two are working on Senior passes, and four have earned Junior Titles. I breed two litters a year. I have retired from nursing as of last July and am enjoying time spending with my dogs.*



Evergreen Golden Retriever Club  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Date: Wednesday April 24, 2024  
Place: Via Zoom Conference Call

- I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Nancy Light, President.  
**Present:** Nancy Light, Marian Tillman, Susan Bell, Kelli Armstrong, Peter Gortner, Amy Rosling, Gene Daspit, Mavourneen Daspit, Deb Pampiks, Frank Pampiks, Dana Fare, Mike Lovlie, Lynn Anderson, Ron Colyer, Sheila Colyer, Kerry Miller, Hach Hachtel, Carole Hachtel, Trish Hughes, Heather Downing, Lisa Witte, Shari Phillips.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:**  
**Motion** was made to approve the minutes of the March 2024 GM meeting which were published in the March GW. **APPROVED.**
- III. **Report of the President:**
- Welcome members and guests:
    - Deb Seanes
    - Mary Chadwick
  - Kelli will be moving to Idaho next month but she will continue as Treasurer for the duration of her term. Files from U.S. Bank and our checkbook were given to Susan.
  - Lee Redd, the accountant who filed our taxes can no longer do so. Keli was able to file our taxes for 2023 (more from Kelli under Treasurer's report)
  - We are requesting that anyone with an accounting background and QuickBooks experience consider taking on the Treasurer's position on next year's Board.
- IV. **Report of the Board (Nancy)**
- The Board approved the Club's budget for 2024.
  - \$2250 was allotted for donations. See further information under "Donations Committee."
- V. **Report of Corresponding Secretary (Susan) -**
- **AKC**
    - Application and judges have been approved for the Hunt Test
    - Application and judges for the Agility Trial has been received and not yet approved.
- VI. **Report of Treasurer (Kelli)**
- Bank balances for checking and savings were reported.
  - Taxes for 2023 were filed using Form 990N. This is a very short form for entities with less than \$50,000 in receipts.
  - Susan reported that she will contact our insurance company to find out if our current liability insurance also covers event committees should there be an injury during an event.
- VII. **Report of Committees:**
- Events:
1. Agility (Nancy) August 30-31 September 1, 2024 –
    - Received notification from AKC that our application has not been received.
    - Lori subsequently sent it in and the judges, but still shows as "pending."

2. Specialty (Shari) June 29, 30 2024
  - Entries open Wed May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Trophy donation statements were sent out through PayPal.
  - Thank you to Heather for doing a great job in getting donations.
  - Marj sent out information on the “Fetch Novice” information. There is a link to AKC guidelines and rules. Dana and Jennifer will be the judges.
  - Shari created a QR Code so that people can scan and pay with their credit card at the show.
  - Looking for someone for the silent auction who can secure donations.
  - Need Friday June 28<sup>th</sup> workers.
  - There will be an email from the Fairgrounds listing hotels in the area who are offering discounts.
  - Need someone who can purchase some items and set up the photo area up.
  - Springers indicated they will return in 2025.
  - Shari indicated that she will not be Chair for 2025.
  - Discussion regarding inventory at Run Wild (Argus) – see details under “Property.”
3. Judges Selection Committee (Trish) – Voting has ended, and list is being finalized. Will send Hach the list so he can call the judges. The problem is that we cannot confirm judges or get contracts since we do not have a 2025 Chair for the Specialty.
4. Hunt Test (Nancy/Susan) June 22-23, 2024
  - Budget being finalized.
  - All the judges on our list have completed their eligibility requirements.
  - AKC has approved our application and judges.
  - We have more than the necessary 5 people to be on the Committee.
  - Several items need to be addressed regarding payments for AED and burlap bags. This will be discussed under “New Business.”
5. Tracking (TD/TDX) There is interest in tracking, but we need a Chair.
6. WC/WCX (Susan & Nancy)
  - Date has been changed to October 13, 2024.
  - We have the judges and location.
  - GRCA application will be sent within the next few weeks.
7. Holiday Party – no report
8. Health Clinic – no report
9. CCA (Caroline) – Date not yet set but will most likely be in the Fall.

**FINANCES:**

1. Budget Committee (Susan/Kelli/Rachelle/Trish) – 2024 budget sent to membership.

2. Donations Committee (Sandy, Stacia, Kathy) – Looking for input from membership as to where they would like to see donations go. Must be a 501(c)3 entity and be dog related. Send suggestions to Kathy Fisk.

**CLUB AFFAIRS:**

1. Membership (Marian) 67 members (40 voting/27 non-voting)
2. Golden West (Nancy) Deadline May 15, Publishing May 18.
3. Website –
  - It seems that Network Solutions (who hosts our website) claims we are in arrears. Susan believes we paid for two years' coverage. She will call them and sort it out.
4. Puppy referral (Claudia) no report
5. Rescue (Alice/Rachelle) – no report
6. Meetings:
  - Board Meeting May 13, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
  - General Membership Meeting May 22, 7 p.m. via Zoom
7. Awards (Pat) – no report
8. Awards Banquet (Nancy) no report
9. Property (Deb)
  - Deb and others went to Run Wild on Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> and did an inventory.
  - It was quite messy, and they tossed some very old items, cleaned out the stall and there is now better access to make it easier to retrieve items.
  - We now have an inventory list and will email it to Nancy.
  - Some of the items that remain are: canopies (for the show site); easels; walkie-talkies; pvc pipes; post to measure dogs; tracking flags; 26 white plastic chairs; 2 blinds; three 4x6 shelves and pipes (we can use if we get a trailer), which lead to the discussion of purchasing a trailer:
    - Shari is in favor of the Club purchasing a trailer (14' minimum; 16' preferred) now, before the Specialty so that we could get everything out of the stall at Run Wild.
    - Ron confirmed that the trailer can 'reside" at his property.
    - Shari will get quotes from two vendors she knows.
    - As soon as she confirms the price, she will notify the board and we will move forward with the purchase.
10. Sunshine Committee – Card was sent to Bernice Giles' roommate (Bernice was a former EGRC member who recently passed).
11. Social Media (Marj, Kathy, Marian, Kelli, Kerry) – no report.
12. Election of new Member: none

**VIII. Unfinished Business – none**

**IX. New Business –**

- 1. Burlap bags for Hunt Test** – these bags are used to transport birds. The Club’s share is \$98.05. The cost will appear in the Hunt Test Budget. The bags will last us for several years.

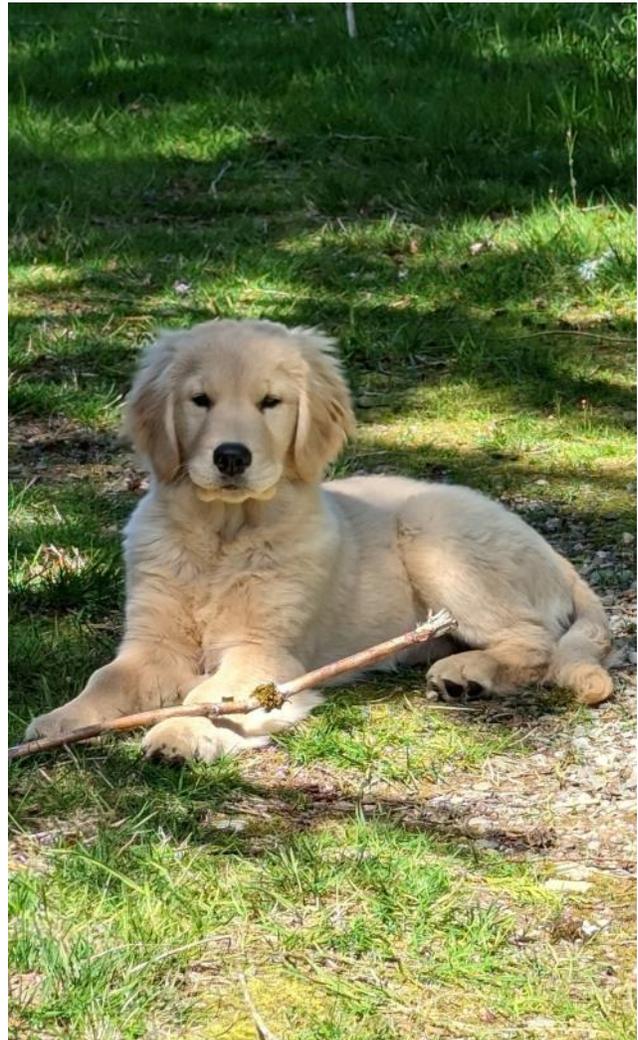
**MOTION:** To reimburse Liz Gibson the sum of \$98.05 for EGRC’s share of burlap bags. **APPROVED.**

- 2. AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for Hunt Test** – Last year Betsy Reali, as test chair for PSLRA, paid for the rental of an AED but neglected to ask for reimbursement until recently. We were unaware that there was an AED at the event. The question of whether we should have one at our Hunt Test this year was brought up. There were strong feelings that we should have one at the Hunt Test and that the logistics of getting it to the person who might need it could easily be dealt with. After much discussion, it was agreed that the Hunt Test would have an AED at the event. The cost to reimburse Betsy for EGRC’s portion of the rental is \$79.42. The cost for this year’s rental would be \$84.97.

**MOTION:** To approve payment of \$164.39 to cover the 2023 and 2024 rental cost of a AED for the Hunt Test. **APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marian Tillman, Recording Secretary





Evergreen Golden Retriever Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Date: Monday May 13, 2024

- I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Nancy Light, President.  
Present: Nancy, Marian, Susan, Pat, Alice, Amy  
Absent: Peter, Kelli
  
- II. **Approval of Minutes:**  
**Motion** was made to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2024 Board meeting which were published in the April GW. **APPROVED.**
  
- III. **Report of the President – discussion for tonight:**
  - Approval of the Hunt Test budget
  - New CDC rules relating to transportation of dogs across the border from Canada and back.
  - Two critical positions needed for 2025: Specialty Chair (which we need if we expect to have the 2025 Specialty) and Club Treasurer.
  - Consider a proposal from Alice and Rachelle regarding Rescue.
  - Insurance for Event Committees.
  
- IV. **Report of Corresponding Secretary (Susan)**

**Received from AKC:**

- Approval of Agility Trial Aug/Sept 2024 and judges.
- V. **Report of Treasurer (Kelli) –** Bank balances for checking and savings were sent to the board by Kelli.
    - a. Insurance issues will be discussed under “Unfinished Business.”

**VI. Report of Committees:**

Events:

- 1. Agility (Nancy) August 30-31, September 1, 2024 –
  - Trials now approved by AKC
  - Run Wild sent new rules regarding distance vendors can be to the building. They will need to be on the grass and not directly at the entrance to the bldg..
  - Will have the budget by the next Board meeting.
  
- 2. Specialty (Nancy) June 29-30, 2024 – no updates
  
- 3. Judges Selection Committee (Amy)
  - Have the judges but cannot ask them until we have a Chair for the Specialty.
  
- 4. Hunt Test (Nancy/Susan) June 22-23, 2024
  - Budget had been sent to the Board. Susan mentioned that there might be a slight increase in the transportation cost for one of the judges.
  - Having some trouble recruiting folks for some key positions as some usual people will not be attending (taking a break after Master Amateur or going to HRC test the same weekend).

**MOTION:** To approve the Hunt Test Budget as presented. **APPROVED**

5. Tracking (TD/TDX) no report
6. WC/WCX (Nancy) October 13, 2024 (Nancy) We usually get a considerable number of Canadian entrants to this event, but the new CDC guidelines may affect that.
7. Holiday Party December 2024 – no report
8. Health Clinic –no report

**FINANCES:**

1. Budget Committee (Susan/Kelli) –
2. Donations Committee – (Nancy) – The committee has several recommendations that will be presented at the General Membership meeting. Five recipients have been identified with a suggested donation of \$450 each.

**CLUB AFFAIRS:**

1. Membership (Marian) 67 members (40 voting/ 27 non-voting). We have one applicant for membership: Debbie Seames. Susan and Nancy are Sponsors. Will send info to Marj for publication in the May GW and vote will be at the GM meeting May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
2. Golden West (Nancy) Deadline May 15. Publishing May 18.
3. Website – (Marian) – Susan has sorted out the issue with Network Solutions and we are all paid up.
4. Puppy referral (Amy) no report
5. Rescue (Alice)
  - Request for help from Lisa Seeb in re-homing two Golden (one 4 yr old male and one 2 yr old female) from a divorce situation passed on to Rachelle; however, they did get placed.
  - Discussion on how to reimburse Rachelle for moneys incurred when trying to re-home a Golden (i.e. mileage; food for the dog; first aide and possible veterinarian expenses).
  - Suggestion was to have a Rescue/Re-homing section in the GW each month featuring dogs (with photos) that need re-homing as well as dogs that were successfully placed with a story about the dog(s). Also seek donations from members that could support Rachelle with her expenses. Perhaps we can have a line-item in the budget for next year for these types of expenses.
  - Another suggestion was to contact Inland Empire and see if she can possibly work with their Rescue operation and pool expenses. Long-term goal would be for EGRC to have its own 501(c) 3 Rescue.
6. Meetings:
  - General Membership Meeting May 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
  - Board Meeting June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
  - General Membership Meeting June 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
7. Awards (Pat) – no report

- 8. Awards Banquet (Marian) No report
- 9. Property (Nancy) Shari was looking into prices for trailers. Awaiting to hear from her. Appears our plan is to go ahead when we can get good price and size information.
- 10. CCA (Nancy) no report
- 11. Sunshine Committee (Nancy) no report
- 12. Social media (Kelli) – no report
- 13. GRCA Delegate (Amy) – no report
- 14. GRCA News Columnist (Alice) – Alice reported that Rachelle has two articles in the works.
- 15. Nominating Committee – This committee is appointed in July. Current Board members should be thinking about their plans for next year.

**VII. Unfinished Business** – Susan received some information on liability insurance for Event committees which was not made very clear by the broker. Susan will get further clarification.

**VIII. New Business -**

- a. Treasurer (upcoming vacancy) – Possible suggestions for the nominating committee
- b. Specialty Chair for 2025 – there was discussion for a possible Chair which we hope to resolve by General Membership meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Tillman  
Recording Secretary



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**Special Events**

2024 Agility	Nancy Light	425-354-3609
2024 Hunt Test	Nancy Light	425-354-3609
2024 Specialty	Shari Phillips	206-366-5596
2024 Awards	Pat Lindquist	253-888-9733
2024 Holiday Party	Deb, Frank Pampiks	425-881-0867
WCWCX	Susan Bell Nancy Light	425-318-9754 425-354-3609

**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 usually held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Check the calendar on the web site at [www.egrc.org](http://www.egrc.org). The **Board of Directors** usually meets once a month. Contact a Board member for upcoming meeting dates. Members wishing to attend must call the President to state their business.

**Application for Membership:** Prospective members must attend either one or 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 Chair, Marian Tillman, [marian@ridesoft.com](mailto:marian@ridesoft.com), with this change. This is the only way we will be able to keep our membership rosters up to date.

