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President's Letter

Hi GTCGRC Members

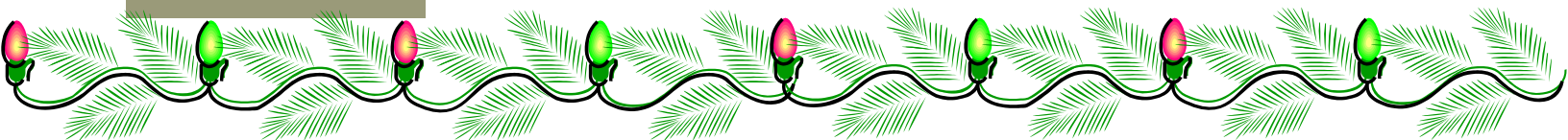
I would like to congratulate all the club members who attend the 2013 National in Texas. Looks like a lot of BIG ribbons were won and a good time was had by all. I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone on your successes in 2013 and wish everyone good luck in your next endeavors for the remaining events this year and into 2014.

The GTCGRC board would like your feedback and hope you will feel free to contact anyone on the board with your suggestion about what members would like to see added for future events.

It is hard to believe that the Holidays are right around the corner. I hope that each of you will enjoy this time of the year even though it can get very hectic

Hope to see you all of you at the next club event and please consider bringing a new member candidate along with you. As always, please remember to check the club web-site for all dates, times and locations for our activities.

Happy Holidays,
LuAnn



Upcoming Events

November 9th, 2013

Holiday Party!

BOD Meeting: 4-6pm

General Meeting: 6:30pm

Location: Helping Paws (639 12th Ave, Hopkins, MN 55343)

The club will be providing the entrees and soft drink beverages.

Please bring a dish to share.

Dog games, door prizes and greate socializing!

January 3rd, 2014

Club Specialty – Conformation and Obedience

Location: River Centre (175 West Kellogg Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55102)

In conjunction with the Land O'Lakes All-Breed Dog Show

Premium will be available at <http://www.onofrio.com>

Closing Date: December 18th, 2013

January 17-19th, 2014

Agility Trial

Novice, Open, Excellent/Master classes are offered all 3 days

Golden entry will be accepted first to be followed by Random Draw. Get your entry in early!

Location: On The Run Canine Center (13835 Aberdeen St NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304)

Premium will be available at <http://agilitysec.weebly.com/>

Opening Date: November 27th, 2013

Random Draw: December 12th, 2013

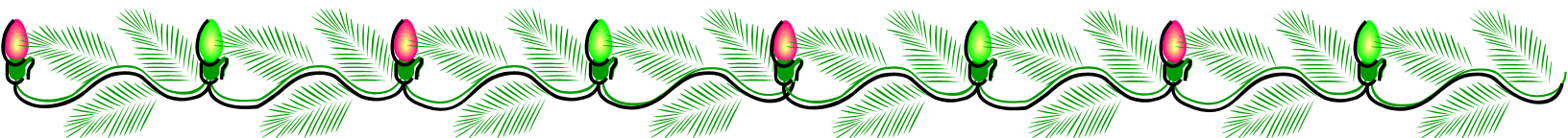
Closing Date: January 2nd, 2014

May 31st – June 1st, 2014

Ward Falkner Competitive Obedience Seminar

Location: Animal Inn (8633 34th St N, Lake, Elmo, MN 55042)

More informaiton can be found on Page 13



August Agility Trial – Qualifying Goldens**Friday, August 16th, 2013****Master Standard 20”**

Dal-Rhe Cut To The Chase AX AXJ

Elmcreek Chantilly Lace MX MXJ MJB CGC

Endeavor's Sweet Melody CDX RAE MX MXJ NAP NJP

Master Standard 24”1st Wildriver's Prairie Blazing Star MX MXB MXJ3rd Razing Kane MX MXJ NF

Blue Skies Windsong CD RAE AX MXJ

Master Preferred Standard 16”1st PACH Westmarch King Of The Wild Frontier UD GN GO VER RN
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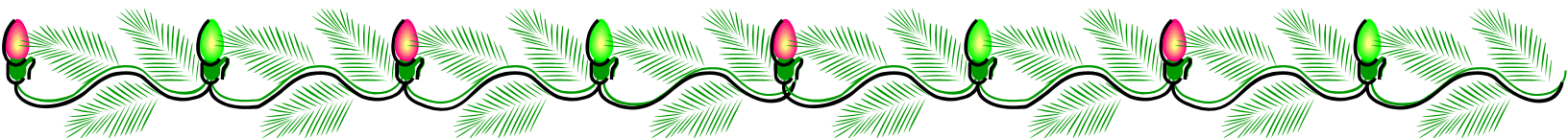
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2nd Harborplace Diamond In The Ruff CD RAE OA OAJ AXP AJP NF
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Time To Beat 20"

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Saturday, August 17th, 2013**Novice A Standard 20"**

1st Docmar's Sister Golden Girl Surprise BN

2nd Reynolds Pepper Jack Cheese

Novice B Standard 24"

1st Heads Up Apenridge 4wheelin J CGC

Excellent Standard 20"

1st Amelia's Miss Weeping Wimbledorff OA OAJ

Master Standard 20"

Argo's Go For Your Dreams AX AXJ

Elmcreek Chantilly Lace MX MXJ MJB CGC

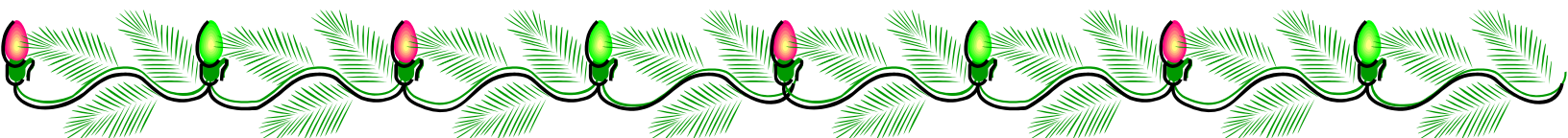
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2nd Reynolds Pepper Jack Cheese

Novice B Jumpers 24"

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Open Jumpers 20"

1st Sunwood's Third Time's a Charm CD RA NA NAJ

Excellent Jumpers 20"

1st Highroller Fast Track Filly CDX RN OA OAJ

Master Jumpers 20"

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Golac's River Of Joy CD RA MX MXJ MJB THD

Master Jumpers 24"

4th Razing Kane MX MXJ NF

Master Preferred Jumpers 16"

1st Prairie Sunflower OA AXJ MXP MJP4 MJPB

Master Preferred Jumpers 20"

1st 49ergold Skyefire Good Vibrations CD BN GN RN NA NAJ MNP2
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2nd Butter Scotch Beauty Of St. Paul OAP AJP

Sunday, August 18th, 2013**Novice A Standard 20"**

1st Docmar's Sister Golden Girl Surprise BN

Novice B Standard 24"

1st Docmar's Fly The Friendly Skies CD RN

Open Standard 20"

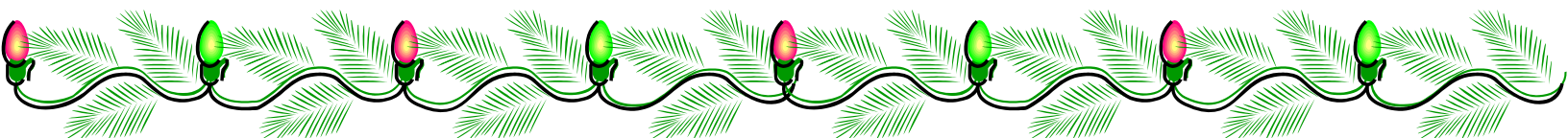
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Master Standard 20"

Tanbarl's On The Move Again AX MXJ

Elmcreek Chantilly Lace MX MXJ MJB CGC

Docmar Talk About Havin' Moxie BN AX AXJ



Cont.**Master Standard 24"**

3rd Wildriver's Prairie Blazing Star MX MXB MXJ
Pemberley's North Country Blues JH AX AXJ
Blue Skies Windsong CD RAE AX MXJ

Master Preferred Standard 16"

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Novice B Jumpers 20"

1st Goldenloch's Quintessential Girl JH

Novice B Jumpers 24"

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1st Sunwood's Third Time's A Charm CD RA NA NAJ
3rd Kanosak Young At Heart OA NAJ NJP

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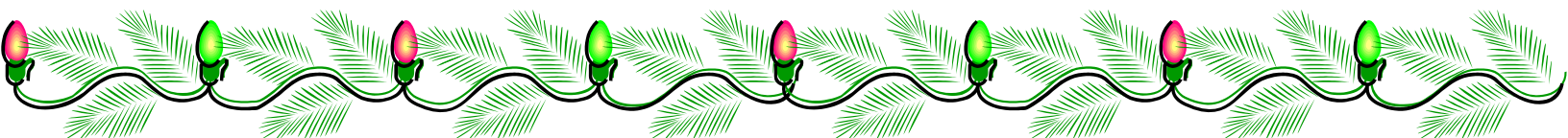
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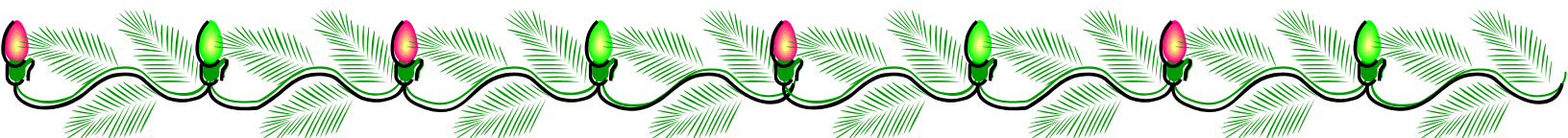
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**What a
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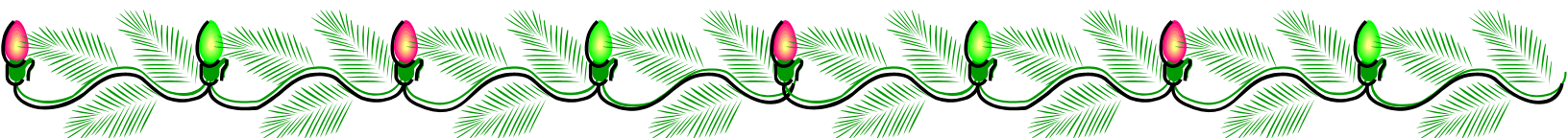
Tracking 101

The American Kennel Club Tracking Regulations state that, “The purpose of a tracking test is to demonstrate the dog’s ability to recognize and follow human scent, a skill that is useful in the service of mankind. Tracking, by nature, is a vigorous, noncompetitive outdoor sport. Tracking tests demonstrate the willingness and enjoyment of the dog in its work, and should always represent the best in sportsmanship and camaraderie by the people involved. Tracking is a team sport in the truest sense. In true team effort, a handler working as a team with his or her dog exhibits a real understanding of the dog’s motivation and commitment to the task at hand. The handler is able to read his or her dog and communicate with it to accomplish their goal.”

How does it work?

AKC tracking tests are officiated by two certified AKC judges. They are usually held early in the morning, regardless of the weather. The judges and tracklayers usually plot the test tracks the day before the test. The judges draw detailed maps of each track, indicating land markers that will allow them to locate that track on test day. Tracking Dog and Tracking Dog Excellent test tracks are plotted with flags marking the start, turns, cross tracks and article drops. Variable Surface Tracking tests are plotted using buildings as landmarks. With the exception of the start flag, all flags and markers are removed when the tracklayers walk the track on the morning of the test.

On test day, the exhibitors gather for a “draw,” which determines the order dogs are to exhibit. After the tracks have aged the required time, the first exhibitor puts the harness on the dog, attached a 20- to 40-foot lead and begins their track. The dog is not allowed off lead at any time. The dog must closely follow the path the tracklayer has walked and find the article(s) dropped along the tracks.



The judges follow the dog and handler to determine if the dog is on or off the track. Judges are solely in charge of the tracking field and their decisions are final in all matters affecting the evaluation and the working of the dogs and their owners. If the dog is off the track and the judges determine the dog cannot return to the track, one judge will blow the whistle, signaling the dog has failed. There is no time limit to completing the track as long as the dog is working. If the dog follows the track, and finds the article(s) placed on the track, he earns the tracking title for the level at which he is exhibiting. If the dog fails the test, the tracklayer helps the owner and dog complete the track.

Tracking Tests

Tracking Dog (TD)

The TD track is from 440- to 500-yds long with three to five turns (or changes in direction) and aged 30 minutes to two hours. A dog must indicate the end article (usually a glove) placed at the end of the track.

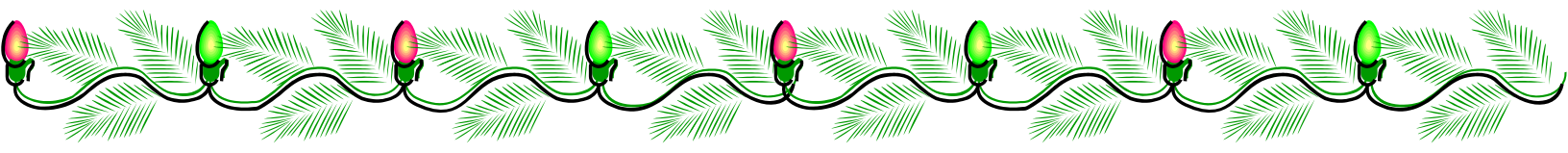
Tracks are plotted in an open field with uniform cover. There are no obstacles such as roads, ditches or woods. The start of the track is marked with a flag. A second flag is placed 30 yds from the start flag to indicate the direction of the first leg of the track. There are no other flags in the field. Dogs must follow the track and indicate the final article to pass the test.

Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX)

The TDX is earned by following an “older” track (three to five hours) that is also longer (800 to 1,000 yds) and has five to seven turns (directional changes). Also included in the test are at least two “obstacles” and the challenge of human cross tracks.

Obstacles can include various types of terrain and cover including gullies, hills and woods. Man-made obstacles such as roads and paths are also sometimes used. Two cross-track layers lay cross tracks at least 1 hour and 15 minutes, but no longer than 1 hour and 45 minutes after the tracklayer has started laying the actual test track. They are laid at a perpendicular angle to the original track.

There are four dissimilar article dropped on the track by the tracklayer at the points indicated by the judges. One article is left at the start and three are on the tracks. Dogs must follow the track and indicate all four articles to pass the test.

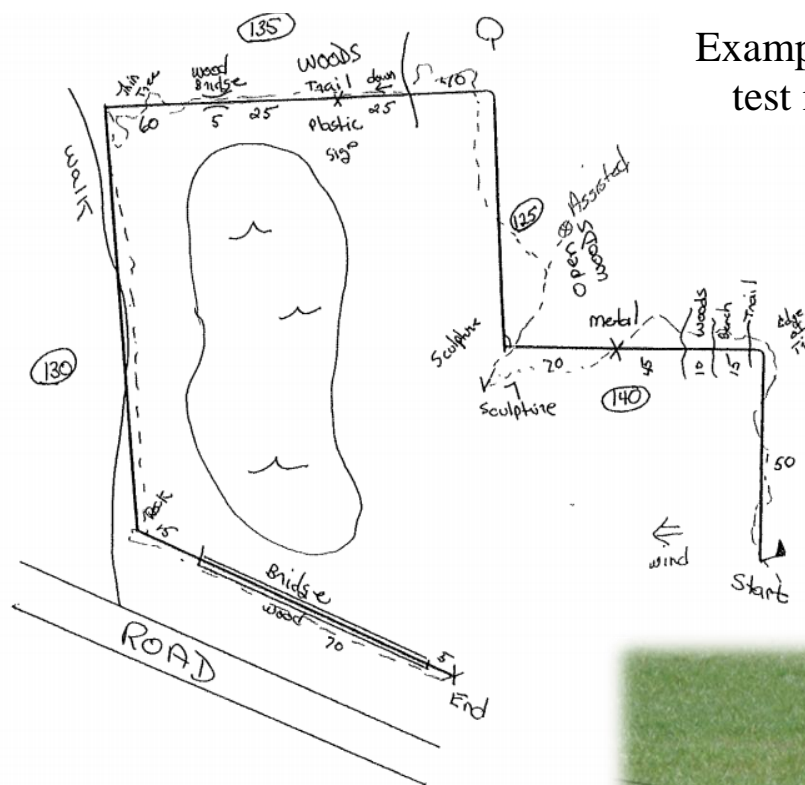


Variable Surface Tracking (VST)

A VST track is from 600- to 800-yds long in an urban setting, with 4- to 8- turns, and aged from 3-to5-hours. The articles must be one each of leather, cloth, plastic and metal. The track has a minimum of three different surfaces, which include vegetation and two areas devoid of vegetation, such as concrete, asphalt, gravel, sand, hard pan, or mulch. The areas devoid of vegetation comprise at least one-third by not more than two-thirds of the total length of the track.

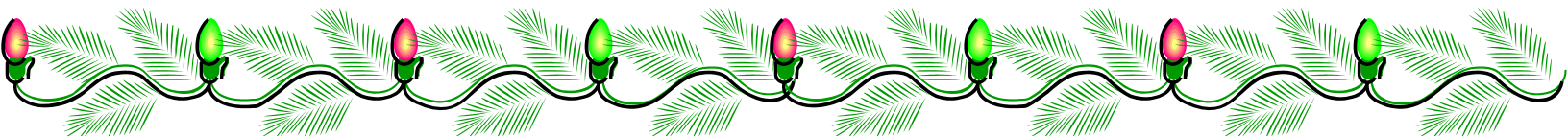
One of the turns is on a non-vegetated surface such as concrete. This test demonstrates the utility of the tracking dog to work in an urban environment.

A **Champion Tracker (CT)** is awarded only to those dogs that have completed all three tracking titles.



Example of a
test map.

All information provided from the
St. Croix Valley Tracking Club
www.cvtclub.org



Notices to club members

The GRCA has announced starting with the March-April 2014 issue of the *GRNews* new titles earned by club members will no longer be accepted in the magazine's member club columns. The change is being made because so many titles are already recognized in regular columns in other parts of the magazine. In addition, it is seen as a duplication of what is published in local club newsletters, the information is out dated by the time it is published in the *GRNews* and social media and other venues better serve this purpose today.

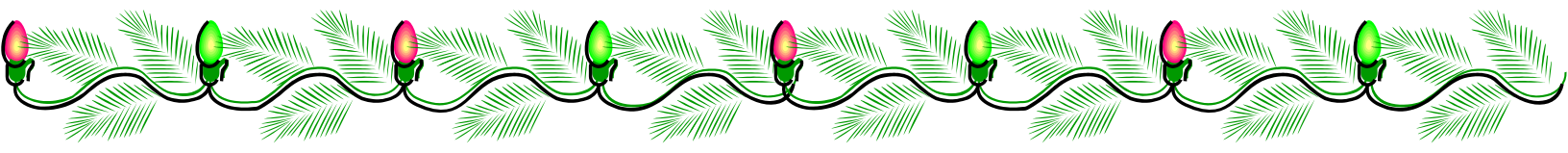
So, for the GR Twin Cities GRC column that I write, club members will see some new titles reported in the last two 2013 issues of the *GRNews*. There are no member club columns in the January-February issue. Then, starting with the March-April 2014 issue, it will just be the member club column, with no new titles reported. However, I can report on annual club trophy winners presented at our spring banquet.

Don't forget you can still send your wins and brags to the club's *Golden Reporter* newsletter.

Susan Kluesner

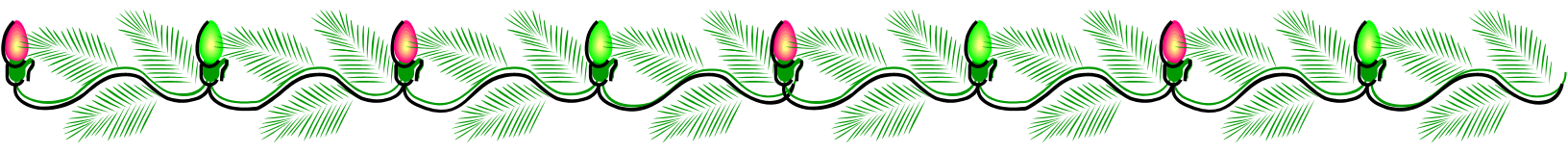
Although it seems like the summer specialty just got over, the winter specialty is coming up soon. To everyone who won a cool basket at the summer raffle, please consider refilling it with something you'd like to win yourself and donating it for the good of the GTCGRC. For everyone else, please donate. Check with your veterinary clinics, dog food stores, wherever, to see if they'll donate services. If you have a special talent, please consider donating services. It takes all of us to make the club work. Thank you!

Mindy Elledge



The 2013 Annual Award Applications are up on the club's website under "Members Only". Applications must be submitted no later than February 1st, 2014 for eligibility. There have been some slight changes to the application. Winners of the trophies will be announced at the Awards Banquet in March 2014. More information will follow .

Submissions for the January/February 2014 Newsletter are due by January 6th, 2014.



The Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club
proudly presents this highly anticipated 2 day seminar!!!

Ward Falkner
Competitive Obedience Seminar
May 31 & June 1, 2014
Animal Inn Training School
Lake Elmo, Minnesota

SEMINAR TOPICS

- ☐ How dogs learn – through associations, consequences, and reinforcement
- ☐ How to apply the learning processes in training for competition obedience
- ☐ Using play training to create a positive attitude in your dog
- ☐ Setting a “want to” rather than a “have to” attitude in your dog
- ☐ Heeling, recalls, scent work, signals, and go outs
- ☐ Techniques to control ring nerves and enhance your total ring experience

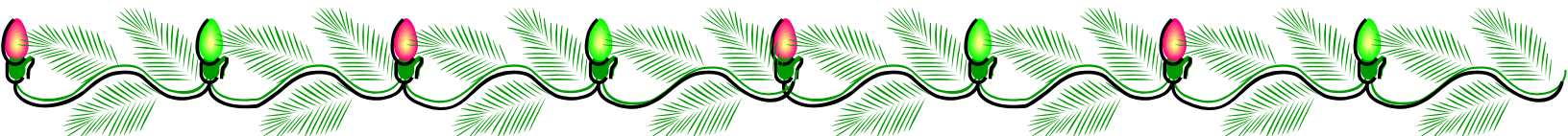
ABOUT WARD AND ZOOM

Ward and GMOTCh Am. OTCH Spirit's Zim Zam Zoom UDX3 have achieved:

- ☐ Winner of 2011 and 2012 National Obedience Invitational
- ☐ Over 300 High inTrials!
- ☐ 59 perfect 200's – most ever recorded in Canadian/US obedience trialing
- ☐ Established a record for 17 perfect 200's in a single year
- ☐ Placed in Canada's Top Ten Obedience Dogs for past six years, including #1

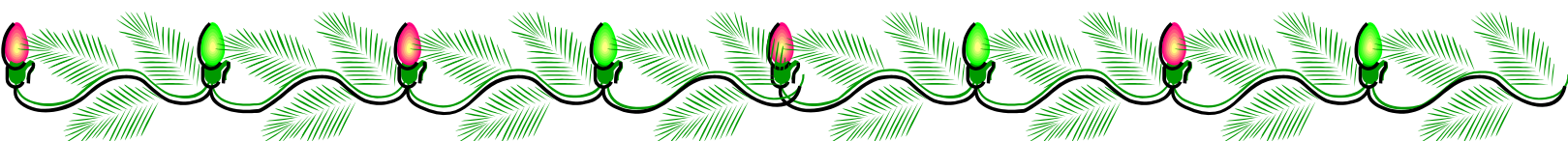
Come spend the weekend with Ward!
2 Day Working Spot - \$250 2 Day Audit Spot - \$150
Working spots limited to 15

For more info contact:
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Thank you Jim Lawson , Joanne Rydel, and Alyssa Taylor for representing the GTCGRC Club at the AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day on September 7th at the Washington County Fairgrounds. Lets not forget Abbey, Kai, and Jackson for representing the Golden Retriever prefectly!



GTCGRC Members at the 2013 GRCA National Specialty



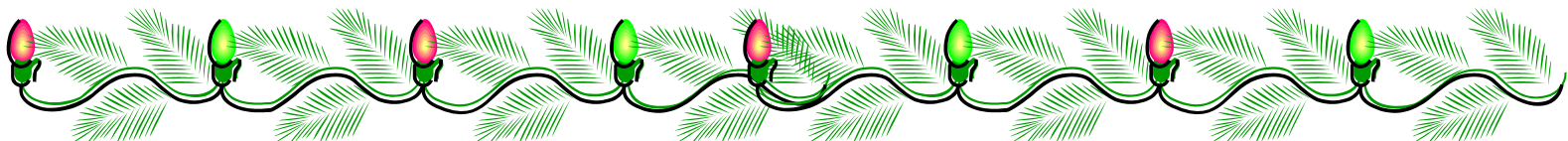
Mighty (Sunfire's Touch of Titan Gold RN CCA) earned his RN title and passed the CCA. ~Michelle Meyer



Titan (OTCH Dal-Rhe's Sunfire Titanium UDX16 OGM RAE NJP VER TD) earned Highest Scoring Dog with a Tracking Title and an UDX leg. ~Michelle Meyer



Jackson (Harborplace Diamond In The Ruff CD OA OAJ AXP MJP NF XFP RAE CCA CGC) earned his Excellent FAST Preferred (XFP) title and a BN leg and a couple more agility legs. ~Alyssa Taylor





We had a wonderful time at the GRCA National in Wichita Falls, TX.

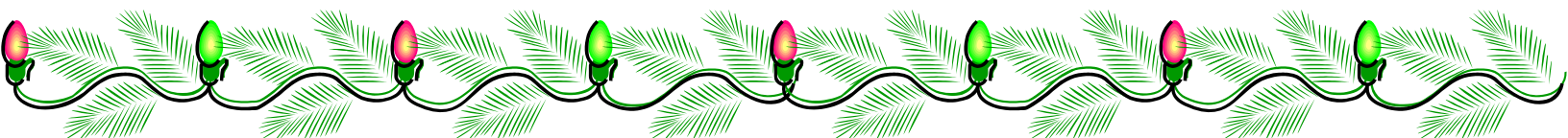
Deni and I participated on an obedience team with Lori Copsey, Larry Cross and Lori's friend Nancy who has Josie's littermate. Luck was with us as we were the only team to nail the drop on recall and we placed first!

Deni also placed 3rd in Gun Dog Sweeps-JH and was Highest Scoring CH with a 197.5 in Open B.

Matthew placed 2nd in Wild Card Open with 196.5 and finished his CDX with a 195 in Open B. He also won his large Gun Dog Sweeps-JH class.

Many of our Minnesota contingent brought home top placements and we all had a ball.

~Judy Super



Wins & Brags

Jacob (Sunlor's Neon Moon JH CDX RA GN THD WC CCA CGC TDIA Can-CD Can-RN ASCA-CD UCD UR01) earned his CCA title on July 28th, WC in September, two legs in UKC Hunt Test in September, CDX in October, and his RA title in November. ~**Kathy Carroll**

Willow (Int'l CH Elmcreek's Strawberry Fields Forever CD RN BN CCA CGC TDI URO1) earned her CCA title on July 28th and her CD title in October. ~**Kathy Carroll**

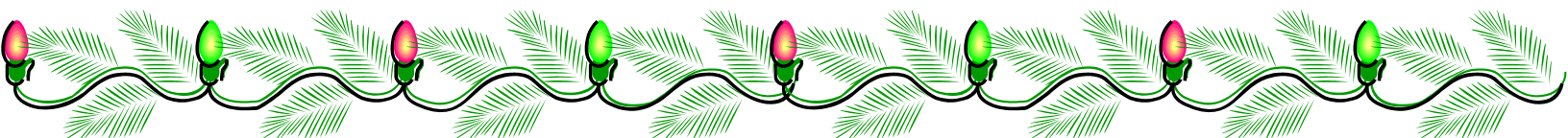
Winston (Dakota's Churchill Bay Beach CCA) took RWD at the Eau Claire show on May 11th and BOW for his first point on May 12th. He then earned his CCA on July 28th. ~**Kathy Carroll**

Matthew (GCH CH SHR Westmarch I Beelieve CD GN JH WC VC) earned his GN title with all 1st places. ~**Judy Super**

Demi (CH OTCH CanCH SHR Docmar Westmarch Denim Jeans UDX3 OM7 VER RE AX AXJ JH WC VCX OBGH OD) was awarded her 22nd HIT at the Marshfield KC. Both of them have completed their SHR hunting titles this summer too. ~**Judy Super**

Wave (Fallchse Batt'N Down The Hatches) went WD for a 4 pt major at the Des Moines KC show on September 7th under Judge Robert Smith. Then on September 14th, he went WD/BOW/BOB under Judge Sarah Brewster-Tjetjen and on to a Group 4 under Judge Kimberly Meredith-Cavanna at the Rochester KC show! ~**Kelly Davis**

Jackson (Harborplace Diamond In The Ruff CD OA OAJ AXP MJP NF OFP RAE CGC CCA) earned his MJP title on October 4th at the Key City Kennel Club agility trial. ~**Alyssa Taylor**



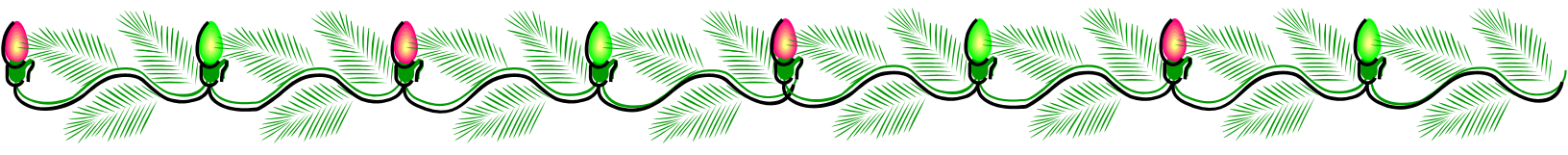
Tara (Int'l CH Docmar's Leapin' To Gnu Heights BN AX AXJ TD WC CCA) earned her TD title on October 20th. She finished her track quickly and easily in the cold rain. ~**Joanne Dalby**



Tilly (Elmcreek Chantilly Lace MX MXJ MXB MJB CGC) received her MXB title in agility on October 19th. ~ **Ava Higginbotham**

Henry (Royal Blue's Renaissance King) went WD on October 6th at the Wright County KC show. Then he went WD/BOW/BOB over Specials on October 26th at the Sioux Empire KC show. Almost there! ~ **Nancy Dahlen**

Coach (SHR Int'l CH Amigold Classic Edition CD JH WCX CCA) received his Int'l CH title on October 26-27 by winning the open dog class each of the four shows! ~**Susan Kluesner**



Pumpkin Dog Treats

Ingredients

- 2 cups oat flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp ground cloves
- 3 eggs
- ¾ cup honey
- ¼ cup canola oil
- 1 – 15oz can pumpkin puree (Note: make sure not to purchase pumpkin pie filling)

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350°F.
- Mix all ingredients together in one bowl.
- Lightly spray muffin cups or line with cupcake papers.
- Spoon mixture into each cup.
- Bake for 15 minutes in a mini muffin pan, or bake for 25 minutes in a regular muffin pan.
- Cool completely on a wire rack.

