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President's letter, by Karen Ander

Hi, everyone,

Bye, bye GTCGRC year 2016! You were a good year! 2017 is off and running and the weather is going in the right direction. The banquet on March 11 marked the end of 2016 for our club. Congratulations to everyone on their accomplishments. Thank you to all who worked so hard and participated in the club's many successful events and again, welcome to our new members. Congratulations and thank you all for a great 2016!



2017 marks our club's 50th anniversary, we will be celebrating it at our annual August specialty. Information is starting to roll in, so be sure to come to monthly meetings, read the minutes, watch the website and Facebook for information on this epic event! The 50th anniversary committee is looking for a lot of volunteers to help make this happen. Please contact Laurie Hanson and step up.

The board will have had its annual planning meeting on April 23, so stay tuned for meeting times, places, and topics to be published very soon. As usual, we will need membership participation to keep fun events happening within our club. Thank you to those of you are already signed up for an event and those of you who have offered your help. It's takes a village, that is for sure!

In the meantime, enjoy the nice weather! I know we are all trying to spend as much time outside with our Goldens as possible. Don't forget tick protection! Sincerely, Karen

Deb Rahm is the club's hard-working and efficient membership chair. This is the welcome letter she sends to new club members. When you meet a new member, please make him or her feel welcome. Many are loving pet owners who aren't involved in shows, trials, or other dog sports, but just want to do fun things with their dogs and how to care for them. They can feel intimidated. We all started somewhere.

Be friendly, be supportive, be Golden kind.

Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club

Welcome GTCGRC Members to the 2017 Club Year

As we look forward to the rest of the year with our Golden Retrievers, let us not forget the significance of our club, the Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club. It is one of more than fifty clubs nationwide with the sole purpose of the recognition and advancement of the purebred Golden Retriever. As members, we attempt to protect and promote responsible dog ownership and choose to participate in a variety of club events that showcase this special breed. But above all, the Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club believes strongly in this breed as a sound and gentle companion willing to be at our sides in all aspects of our lives.

The club officers are:

President-	Karen Ander
Vice President-	Jaci Carufel
Secretary-	Mindy Elledge
Treasurer-	Sarah Gaalswyk

Web Access: Club information is available at: www.GTCGRC.org

Your club membership allows you to access the "members only" link on the website with the following:

Username: GTCGRC

Password: SOLIDGOLD2017(all caps)

In closing, I would like to thank you for your membership in the GTCGRC and look forward to meeting you and your golden friends over the next year. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me.

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Please advise me of any phone, email or address changes you may have.

GTCGRC Open Obedience Trial

Thanks to efforts of chairs Ed and Mary Pfeifer, and board member Bonnie Oian, and their mighty troop of volunteers, the Greater Twin Cities Golden Retriever Club put on another successful all-breed obedience trial March 25 and 26 at Total Recall in Hugo. There were 63 entries.

Exhibitors had a lot of compliments for the well-run trial, including from Total Recall's owners, Sue and Glen Kothe, who said the club is the one they can trust to leave the place spotless. Despite working long days, GTCGRC's volunteers stayed to clean, sweep, and vacuum, saving the club \$150 in cleaning fees. Bonnie and Sharon Sullivan made and served delicious home-cooked food to exhibitors.

Judges were Phil Rustad, Cynthia Rustad, and JoAnna Yund.

Two GTCGRC members, Joanne Dalby and Paula Ellis, had the trial's high-scoring Golden Retrievers:

Joanne's Tara, MACH Docmar's Leapin to Gnu Heights VCD2 UD OM1 BN GN RN MXS MJS CGC, had the highest combined score (specialty) in Open B and Utility and Utility B.

Paula's Phreddie, Mirasol Westmarch Beeyond This Moment CD BN GN RE CGC, had the highest score (specialty) in regular classes.

Golden Retriever winners:

Open A: Paula Ellis and Phreddie, Mirasol Westmarch Beeyond This Moment CD BN GN RE CGC, with scores of 197.5, 1st on Saturday and 198, 2d on Sunday, 1st Saturday and Sunday, Golden Retriever.

Open B: Joanne Dalby and Tara, MACH Docmar's Leapin to Gnu Heights VCD2 UD OM1 BN GN RN MXS MJS CGC, with a score of 192.5, 4th on Saturday, 2d Golden Retriever, and 197.5, 2d, on Sunday, 1st Golden Retriever.

Ellen Hardin and Moses, MACH Ariell's Burning Bush BN UD MX MXJ, with score of 198, 3d, on Sunday, 1st Golden Retriever.

Preferred Utility Class: Joanne Dalby and Tara, MACH Docmar's Leapin to Gnu Heights VCD2 UD OM1 BN GN RN MXS MJS CGC, with scores of 194 on Saturday, 1st Golden Retriever, and 196.5 on Sunday.

Utility B: Mary Leonard and Bristol, Elmcreek's Forever In My Heart UD OM1 RAE BN GN GO CA PCDX, with a score of 197, 2d, on Saturday, 1st Golden Retriever.

Joanne Dalby and Tara, MACH Docmar's Leapin to Gnu Heights VCD2 UD OM1 BN GN RN MXS MJS CGC, with a score of 192.5, 4th, on Saturday, 2d Golden Retriever, and 197.5, 2d, on Sunday, 1st Golden Retriever.

Ellen Hardin and Moses, MACH Ariell's Burning Bush BN UD MX MXJ, with a score of 190, 3d Golden Retriever, on Saturday.

Beginner Novice B: Susan Kluesner and Trip, Emeline's A Trip to Remember, with scores of 199, 1st, on Saturday, 1st Golden Retriever, and 197.5, 1st, on Sunday, 1st Golden Retriever.

Preferred Novice: Judy Super and Dinah, Lakota Westmarch All Ashore RN, BN, with scores of 198, 1st on Saturday, 1st Golden Retriever, and 198.5, 1st on Sunday, 1st Golden Retriever.

Rally Novice A: Thunderstruck's From the Ashes JH WC, Erron and Melissa Balfanz, with scores of 99, 1st on Saturday, 1st Golden Retriever, and 96, 1st, on Sunday, 1st Golden Retriever.

Tessa, Sunlor's Bright Moon Rising CGC, Eugenia Danner, with scores of 90, 4th on Saturday, 2d Golden Retrievers, and 93, 3d on Sunday, 2d Golden Retrievers.

Rally Advanced B: Wildfire's Will He Or Won't He HE MH UD TD RE MX AXJ, Marie Christianson, with a score of 99, 2d, on Saturday, 1st Golden Retriever.

Kathy Godiewski and Mia, Sunwood's Here We Go Again BN RE OJP NFP NFP CGC, with a score of 97 (4th) on Sunday (1st Golden Retriever)

Rally Excellent B: Wildfire's Will He Or Won't He HE MH UD TD RE MX AXJ, Marie Christianson, with a score of 96, 3d, on Saturday, 1st Golden Retriever.

Kathy Godiewski and Mia, Sunwood's Here We Go Again BN RE OJP NFP NFP CGC, with a score of 93 on Sunday, 1st Golden Retriever,

Congratulations to all winners, qualifiers, and to all those who had fun with their dogs, and many thanks to volunteers who made the day a good one for everyone..



Above, Paula Ellis and Phreddie. Phreddie is a new mama, too!



Joanne Dalby and Tara.



Mary Leonard and Bristol.



Ellen Hardin and Moses.



Judge Phil Rustad addresses winners, with event chair Ed Pheifer awarding prizes.

Competitors getting ready to leave their dogs.



Brags!



Judy Super and Dinah scored and amazing 199.5 for HIT, and completion of her second novice obedience leg.at the Paper Cities Kennel Club show.

Joanne Dalby's Tara has a new title: UDX! She finished April 2 in Grand Forks. In limited showing, she completed all 10 UDX legs, picking up a half-dozen wins and a handful of HCs, HIT, and OM1 and OM2. She is now officially MACH Int'l CH DocMar's Leapin' to Gnu Heights VCD2 UDX BN GN RN MXS MJS WC VC CGC.

Carol Everetts's dogs have done well, lately. Dickens, POWDERHORN ADDICTED TO LOVE, completed BN and RA titles at the Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club. He scored 100 in Rally Advanced for first place.

Davy, PACH2 Westmarch King of the Wild Frontier, completed his Preferred Utility Dog title and earned two PUDX legs, at the same trial, his first since cancer surgery on January 10.





Charney and Joe Petroske's Finley, Maple's Fair-Haired Warrior CGC, was winner's dog and best of winners at the Paper Cities Kennel Club show on April 8, under Judge Mrs. Wendy G. Willhauck.

Ann Reynold's Nike, Sunfire's Furry Race to Victory, got the first leg toward a novice obedience title at the GTCGRC's March trial.



**Congratulations to all Golden winners,
and to all those who strive!**



Susan and the amazing Ticket, sire of many hard working and talented Goldens.

GTCGRC's Susan Kluesner to retire in December as longest running columnist for Golden Retriever News

After more than a quarter of a century of writing columns for the Golden Retriever News, Susan Kluesner is stepping down. Her last column will be in the November-December issue. The GR News is the official publication of the Golden Retriever Club of America.

Susan got her degree in communications and public relations, and worked in communications, retiring after 22 years with the Red Cross. She took over the column from Judy Super.

"Why the column was interesting to me was that it combined two things I love, writing and Golden Retrievers," she says. Coming up with fresh topics never has been a problem. "There are endless things to write about. You get together with your Golden friends and talk, whether it's training or health or food."

Susan got grew up with a "mutt-dog," in Minnetonka. When that dog, Brandy, died, she read a book about dog breeds, saw a picture of a Golden Retriever, and told herself, "I want one of those!"

Like many Golden Retriever fanciers, she bought her first dog out of the newspaper for \$100. Kelly (Can OTCH Kelly of Queen Island UDT WCX) did not disappoint. She was a Canadian obedience champion, titled in tracking, and had her working certificate excellent in hunting.

Since then, Susan has trained a number of talented Goldens, including the well known Ticket (OTCH Int/UKC CH U-UD Raggedy Run Just The Ticket UDX4 MH TD RN WCX CCA VCX OS, who sired outstanding hunting and

performance dogs, including Coach, Int/UKC CH SHR U-CD Amigold Classic Edition CD JH WCX CCA, and one of her current dogs, Pilot, HR U-CD Goldenloch Licensed To Fly UD MH TD WCX CCA VCX.

The extent of Susan's work with her dogs is evident from their long lists of titles. Other dogs include Spinner, Can OTCh U-CDX Wynwood Dream Spinner UDT JH WC, and Chaser, WR Wynwood High Speed Chase UDT SH NA NAJ WCX VCD1.

Pilot is retired from competition, but Susan's Trip, SHR Emeline's A Trip to Remember WC, is making a name in competition, too. On April 28, Trip finished his novice obedience title with a score of 199.5.

Susan teaches dog obedience at Tails Up in Bloomington and Animal Inn in Lake Elmo, and teaches private obedience courses.

Please congratulate Susan for 25 years of GRCA columns. Any takers for the next 25?



Susan
with Pilot
and
Ticket,
both
multi-
titled
Goldens.



*Golden Day
at the State Fair*
Wednesday,
August 30.
Contact Corrine
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Fun and games entertain crowds at Minnesota's Great Get Together. From top left, Sharon Sullivan, Linda Furst, Ed Pheifer.

GTCGRC Events

All Breed Health Clinic

1 to 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 6
Inver Grove Animal Hospital
7131 Cahill Ave.
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076
(all appointments filled)

Monthly Meeting

Board: 4:45 p.m.
General meeting: 6:30 p.m.
All-Breed Obedience
2357 Ventura Drive
Suite 102
Woodbury, MN 55125

Field Training Seminar with Tim Springer

Kelly Farms
11425 155th St. North
Marine On St. Croix, MN 55047
(all training slots filled)

All-Breed Agility Trial

August 18, 19, 20
Soccer Blast
3601 West 145h St.
Burnsville, MN 55306
Judges Jack Cadalso and Pamela Nettles
Open: June 28
Draw: July 13
Close: August 2

Summer Specialty

August 25
Washington County Fairgrounds
123000 North 40th St.
Lake Elmo, MN 55082

Close: August 9
Conformation judges:
Patricia Darke (regular) Michael Pickard (sweepstakes)
Obedience judge: Susan Emerson

WC/WCX
September 17
Kelly Farms
11425 155th St. North
Marine On St. Croix, MN 55047

All-Breed Agility Trial
October 12, 13, 14
Fusion Pet Retreat
14901 Minnetonka Industrial Blvd.
Minnetonka, MN 55345
Judge: Sandy Moony
Open: August 31
Draw: September 7
Close: September 27

Winter Specialty
January 5, 2018
Close: December 2017
Judges: To be determined

All-Breed Obedience Trial
March 24, 25, 2018
Total Recall, Hugo

All-Breed Agility Trial
January 19, 20, 21, 2018
On the Run Canine Center
13835 Aberdeen St. NE
Ham Lake, MN 55304
Judge: Michael The

All-Breed Agility Trial
August 17, 18, 19, 2018
Soccer Blast
3601 West 145h St.
Burnsville, MN 55306

Tentative Schedule for GTCGRC Board and General Meetings
4:45 p.m./6:30 p.m.

[check website for any changes]

May 6, 2017	Town hall
July 22, 2017	Picnic, tricks (Water's Edge)
September 9, 2017	To be determined
October 28, 2017	Halloween party (Helping Paws)
December 2, 2017	Christmas party (Helping Paws)
February 3, 2018	To be determined, but on Golden Retriever Health
March 10, 2018	Banquet at location to be determined.
April 22, 2018	New board planning meeting

A note about GTCGRC events:

Fun events don't plan or run themselves, and they're not cheap, even if they're "just regular meetings." The club's vice president arranges locations for meetings. Most of the time, the club pays a rental fee. The club offers \$50 gift cards to speakers, many of whom choose to donate the money to charities such as the Morris Animal Foundation. Every venue—conformation, obedience, agility, field, and so forth—has its own set of needs, from ribbons, prizes, rental and secretary (e.g. Onofrio) fees, to birds and ammunition.

Most importantly, every event needs volunteer chairs. Previous chairs are willing to mentor new ones, and the club needs new volunteers to keep the club, and its events, vibrant and successful. Event chairs need volunteers, and a lot of them. The club cannot exist without these valuable people.

Please thank all those who do step up, and make it a point to step up, too. It's fun and rewarding, and it's the right thing to do.