

**Tarheel Golden
Retriever Club**
Raleigh, Durham,
Chapel Hill area

www.tarheelgrc.org



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Upcoming Awards Dinner

Saturday, January 29th will mark the Tarheel GRC's 4th annual awards dinner. This year the dinner will be held after the general meeting at the Hargrove's home in Raleigh. The board meeting is scheduled for 4:00 with the general meeting to follow. The dinner will be a pot luck dinner so a side dish or dessert to share will be welcomed.



As we have done the past 2 years, we will also have an auction to raise money for the club to offset the cost of the awards; thank you to our club members who have donated the items. Please be sure to bring your checkbook, we will have lots of items to bid on including gift cards, a Golden Retriever print, a bath & groom for 1 dog, gift baskets, a 1 year club membership and AKC items, just to name a few.

In addition to the auction, awards and special recognition will be given to those who have earned titles and awards during the year, 2010. We hope to see all of our members on the 29th, not only for good food and good company but to talk about upcoming events for 2011.

Upcoming Dog Shows Televised

The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, that was held the weekend of December 4-5, 2010, in Long Beach, CA, will be televised for the first time on a major network, ABC. You can catch it on Jan. 23, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. EST/PST & 1:00 p.m. CST.

The 135th Annual Westminster Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show is February 14-15, 2011, televised live from Madison Square Garden, New York, NY.

Broadcast Schedule:

Monday, Feb. 14, 2011, 8-9 p.m. ET—USA Network (Live)

Monday, Feb. 14, 2011, 9-11 p.m. ET—CNBC (Live)

Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011, 8-11 p.m. ET—USA Network (Live)

Field Fun Day

After the club meeting on Saturday, Dec. 4th, several club members and Golden Retriever enthusiasts drove north of Mebane to the Yadkin River Waterfowl and Retriever Club training field. Although it began to snow, rather hard, that didn't stop the dogs from retrieving everything from bumpers to ducks. Thank you, Jan Berie, who is also a member of Yadkin River, for hosting the event. There is enough interest in field training from our club members that we will schedule another field fun day when the weather gets a little warmer.



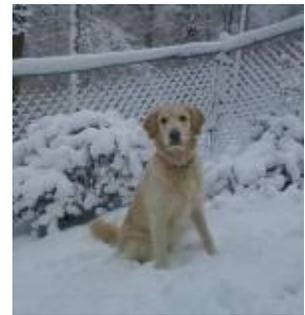
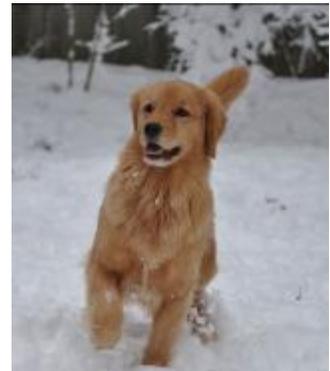


How Our Goldens Spent The Holidays





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From The Ring To The Field—Conformation

Most of us participate and compete in various AKC events with our dogs but may not fully understand how each of those events are run. In each edition of the newsletter I will cover the various AKC events that are available to us with a brief explanation, beginning with Conformation.

How a dog show works:

Dog shows (conformation events) are intended to evaluate breeding stock. The size of these events ranges from large all-breed shows, with over 3,000 dogs entered, to small local specialty club shows, featuring a specific breed. The dog's conformation (overall appearance and structure), an indication of the dog's ability to produce quality puppies, is judged.

Each dog presented to a judge is exhibited ("handled") by its owner, breeder or a hired professional. The role of a handler is similar to that of a jockey who rides a horse around the track and, hopefully, into the winner's circle.

Most dogs in competition at conformation shows are competing for points toward their AKC championships. It takes fifteen points, including two majors (wins of three, four or five points) awarded by at least three different judges, to become an American Kennel Club "Champion of Record."

The number of championship points awarded at a show depends on the number of males ("dogs") and females ("bitches") of the breed actually in competition. The larger the entry, the greater the number of points a male or a female can win. The maximum number of points awarded to a dog at any show is 5 points.

Males and females compete separately within their respective breeds, in seven regular classes. The following classes are offered, and are divided by sex:

Puppy - For dogs between six and twelve months of age, that are not yet champions (optional class).

Twelve-To-Eighteen Months - For dogs twelve to eighteen months of age, that are not yet champions (optional class).

Novice - For dogs six months of age and over, which have not, prior to the date of closing of entries, won three first prizes in the Novice Class, a first prize in Bred-by-Exhibitor, American-bred, or Open Classes, nor one or more points toward their championship (optional class).

Amateur-Owner-Handler – For dogs that are at least six months of age that are not champions. Dogs must be handled in the class by the registered owner of the dog and is limited to exhibitors who have not, at any point in time, been a professional dog handler, AKC approved conformation judge, or employed as an assistant to a professional handler (effective January 1, 2009) (optional class).

Bred By Exhibitor - For dogs that are exhibited by their owner and breeder, that are not yet champions (optional class).

American-Bred - For dogs born in the United States from a mating which took place in the United States, that are not yet champions (mandatory class).

Open - For any dog of the breed, at least 6 months of age (mandatory class).

After these classes are judged, all the dogs that won first place in a class compete again to see who is the best of the winning dogs. Males and females are judged separately. Only the best male (Winners Dog) and the best female (Winners Bitch) receive championship points. The Winners Dog and Winners Bitch then compete with the champions for the Best of Breed award. At the end of the Best of Breed Competition, three awards are usually given:

Best of Breed - the dog judged as the best in its breed category.

Best of Winners - the dog judged as the better of the Winners Dog and Winners Bitch.

Best of Opposite Sex - the best dog that is the opposite sex to the Best of Breed winner.

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The Road to Best in Show

Dog shows are a process of elimination, with one dog being named **Best in Show** at the end of the show.

Only the Best of Breed winners advance to compete in the **Group** competitions. Each AKC-recognized breed falls into one of seven group classifications. The seven groups are Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, Non-Sporting and Herding. Four placements are awarded in each group, but only the first-place winner advances to the Best In Show competition.

(AKC's A Beginner's Guide to Dog Shows)

Brag & Wags

CH Goldstorm First and 4 Most RN CD WC VC (Lacey) - Jan Berie

Conformation:

Danville KC, 8/19, Select

Greater Hickory KC, 8/20, OS

Carolina KC, 8/21, OS

Carolina KC, 8/22, OS

Obedience:

New River Valley KC, 10/23, Novice B, 1st place, 1st leg

New River Valley KC, 10/24, Novice B, 1st place, 2nd leg

Obedience Club of Asheville, 11/13, Novice B, 3rd leg and CD title, High Scoring CH of Record

Field:

Sandlapper GRC, 3/14, WC title

Other:

GRCA VC title, 3/14 (requires points earned in conformation, performance and hunt. Lacey achieved the title when she completed her WC as she already had her CH and RN which were earned in 2009.

CH Gemini Crescent Over the Limit (Pumpkin) - Yvonne Sargent

Conformation:

Greater Okala Dog Club, 11/20, finished champion

Welcome New Members

Alan & Carrie Koontz from Winston-Salem. Interested in education and activities with the dogs.

Sara Fix from Lewisville. Interested in helping provide more opportunities for GR owners in the community.

Dennis & Lori Rimmer from Stokesdale. Interested in getting to know other Golden Retriever fanciers.



Neuse River Golden Retriever Rescue News

www.goldenrescuenc.org

2010 – An Active Year for Neuse River Golden Retriever Rescue

More so than ever in 2010, animal rescue organizations across the country were stretched for precious resources and took in record numbers of homeless animals.

We were no exception. Despite this growing trend, we are very fortunate to have an amazing group of volunteers who give dearly from their hearts to help us rescue growing numbers of magnificent golden retrievers every year.

We can't emphasize enough how grateful we are for the time, energy, financial support, and just plain blood, sweat and tears that are given up from our supporters who are far too numerous to list. From volunteers who man the phones and take the calls, review applications and drive long hours to "rescue" our dogs, to the people who open up their homes to give them a safe and loving place to hang their leashes, and of course, to our wonderful veterinarians. We could not keep the organization running without them.

During the year we accomplished much. We had 130 dogs come into the program, and we had 23 dogs still in program from the prior year. Supporting our rescue activities, we:

Held 24 adoption events;

Threw one gala fundraiser (Grapes for Goldens);

Teed-off at one golf tournament;

Partied at two rescue reunions for our dogs/adopters and fosters; and,

Made appearances in two parades as well as various other community appearances in the Triangle area.

It is unfortunate that we are needed to do this work, but we recognize our accomplishments in 2010 and look forward to helping more golden retriever orphans find their permanent homes in 2011.

Upcoming event:

2011 Grapes For Goldens Gala

Sunday, February 26, 2011 1-3 pm

Daniel's Restaurant

Apex, N.C.

Please join us for NRGRR's most important fund raising event of the season. The Grapes for Goldens Gala is Neuse River Golden Retriever Rescue's most important fund raising event of the year... and you are invited. We have wonderful food, wine and many auction items available at the event this year. Two notable auction items include original, framed, numbered and signed lithographs from California artist Christine J. Head, who is a famous supporter of the breed and of golden rescue. <http://www.mysketches.com/golden.html>. So please buy your tickets and join us at the event. You will have a terrific time and help us help golden retrievers find their permanent homes. <http://www.goldenrescuenc.org/gala.html>

Getting To Know You

Name: Carrie Lewis

Town you currently live in? Raleigh

Originally From where? Michigan (Detroit area and Grand Rapids)

Family? lives in Michigan and SC, still looking for 'the one'

Pets? yes - Abbey (9 months) and 4 cats (ages 16, 11, 3 and 1 1/2)

When did you get your first Golden and what was his/her name? April 2010,

Abbey

Your most memorable dog show? n/a

What got you interested in participating in dog events? my breeder, Julie Cooke

Favorite thing to do with your dogs? hike, learning agility

Favorite way to spend a day off? taking Abbey to the park

Favorite movie? "Somewhere in Time" with Jane Seymour and Chris Reeve, was filmed in Michigan

Favorite type of music? Country

Last book you read? "A Big Little Life" by Dean Koontz - about his Golden, Trixie

Favorite food? potatoes

Favorite time of year and why? spring or fall - nice temps to get outside

Favorite travel or vacation destination? Caribbean

Whom do you most admire and why? the kids I work with that have cancer - they are resilient, despite their disease, they just want to play and be kids

What is a little-known fact about you? I want to do pet therapy w/Abbey and bring her to the pediatric oncology clinic at UNC where I work.

If you had a bucket list, what would be the top three things on it? 1. to have a house with a big yard, on a lake, 2. find "the love of my life" 3. go on more cruises

What's the scariest or most exciting thing you've done? para-sailing on the OBX

What did you want to be when you were little? a nurse

Your greatest accomplishment? getting my Master's degree from Duke



Carrie with Abbey

From The Kitchen

Simple Dog Treats

2 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 cup wheat germ

1/2 cup brewer's yeast (available at health-food stores)

1 teaspoon salt

3 tablespoon vegetable oil (canola is good)

1 cup chicken stock

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Line a sheet pan with parchment paper (or grease the pan). Mix flour, wheat germ, brewer's yeast, and salt together in a medium bowl. In another mixing bowl, combine oil and garlic. Alternately add 1 cup chicken stock and flour mixture in 3 parts; mix until well combined. Turn out onto a floured surface and knead about 2 minutes by hand. The dough will be sticky.

Roll dough out to about 1/2 inch thick. Cut out various shapes and place on prepared baking sheets. Bake 20 - 25 minutes. Turn off oven, leaving oven door closed. Leave pan in oven for 1 1/2 hours or up to overnight to allow the treats to dry.

Store the treats in zip-closure bags in the refrigerator or you can freeze them as well.



ORGANIZATIONS

Tarheel Golden
Retriever Club
www.tarheelgrc.org

Golden Retriever Club
of America
www.grca.org

American Kennel Club
www.akc.org

Neuse River Golden
Retriever Rescue
www.goldenrescuenc.org



From the Editor—Patty McEwen

With permission from the Board, I have volunteered to write the newsletter for the club. My goal is to have the newsletter delivered to the website every 2 months to inform you of upcoming events, stories of the events our members participated in and general information. This newsletter is YOUR newsletter, so your input, stories, experiences with dogs, etc. is very much welcomed, and in fact it's necessary for me to put the newsletter together. The following is a publication schedule so that I can get the newsletter out in a timely matter. Please email me with your stories, accomplishments or any information you feel the club members would enjoy.

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Publication Schedule		
Material Deadline	Issue	Emailing Date
December 15	January/February	January 1
February 15	March/April	March 1
April 15	May/June	May 1
June 15	July/August	July 1
August 15	September/October	September 1
October 15	November/December	November 1

What's Coming Up

Tarheel GRC Events:

Board Meeting

Saturday, January 29, 4:00 at the Hargrove's home

General Club Meeting

Saturday, January 29, 4:30 at the Hargrove's home

Annual Awards Dinner will follow the General Club Meeting. Pot Luck dinner with awards recognition and auction

Area Club Events:

January 21-23—Blue Ridge Agility Club—Fletcher (Agility Trial)

February 5-6—Charlotte Dog Training Club—Charlotte (Obedience Trial)

February 19-20—DOTC of Durham—Durham, DKC Bldg (Obedience Show & Go)

March 4-6—Winston Salem Dog Training Club—Winston-Salem (Obedience Trial)

March 11-13—Charlotte Dog Training Club—Monroe (Agility Trial)

March 19-20—Carolina Dog Training Club—Greensboro (Obedience Trial)

March 19-20—Down East Hunting Retriever Club of NC—Kinston (Hunt Test)

March 23-27—Tarheel Circuit—Raleigh (AB/O/JSHW)

March 25-27—Youngsville Agility Club of North Carolina—Youngsville (Agility Trial)