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**Welcome
New members!**

ON THE COVER

**Carol Krehel's Murphy, Hero #1351
Golden Retriever Lifetime Study
"At the Rainbow Bridge"**

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The next issue of Golden Tales will be June 2023
Deadline for submission of articles is June 10, 2023

Where to Send It ... For

Golden Tales - Website -Golden Retriever News

All members are encouraged to contribute and submit material.

Send to: Janet Gray:janetgray@highlandfarmskennel.com

ALL brags, all material you'd like to see on our website (www.grccny.org)

Activity and Event Leaders

Awards

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Calendar of Events

2023

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10 **Golden Tales Deadline**

July

August

September

14 **General meeting @7pm in person**

October

9 or 16 **Eye and Heart Clinic****
10 am – 2 pm

10 **Golden Tales Deadline**

12 **General Meeting @ 7pm in person**

November

9 **General meeting @7pm via ZOOM/in person**

December

Awards Dinner (tentative)

Tentative Activities for 2023

Fun Day

Awards Dinner in Decemeber

****NOTE: We will put the forms for all events
and awards on the website**



President's Message

Hello and a happy New Year to all of you!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and got to enjoy some well-deserved rest. It was great to see those of you who were able to make it to our virtual awards ceremony and to celebrate the accomplishments that each of you had with your dog(s). I am excited that we will be able to have our awards banquet in person this year and if any of you would like to help plan it, please let me know.

For those of you that were not able to attend the virtual awards ceremony, we announced the dates for meetings in the 2023 year and they have also been posted on our website. Our first meeting of the year will be held on February 9th at 7 pm via Zoom. I am so happy and thankful to report that we will be going back to in person meetings, with the option of Zoom for those who wish to attend the meetings from home, in April. Once we have a location solidified, that will also be pushed out for those of you who wish to attend in person.

For those of you who can remember what meetings were like before COVID struck, I have notes to help me remember, we had planned to do an activity in April 2020 that involved Julie teaching us how to make tug toys for our dogs. This will be the activity for that meeting, and we will announce other activities once we have solidified them. We will also be bringing the Ask a Vet Panel back for the March meeting, which will be via Zoom. Many of you have said that you enjoyed having speakers come in so we will try to incorporate as many as we can, and we want to hear from you about what topics you would like to have discussed during a meeting.

2023 is shaping up to be a year full of excitement and promise with us being able to see each other face-to-face more. The CCA will occur on April 22nd, and we have a tentative date of June 17th for the fun day that we keep trying to have. Other event dates will be released once they are fully planned out. I look forward to seeing many of you at our events over the next year, as well as at events that are being held through other local clubs.

I hope you all have a great year ahead and I can't wait to see what amazing things you all accomplish!

Kari, Koda, and Hooper





Resources on Animal Health from Morris Animal Foundation

**Catch the most recent episode of the Morris Animal Foundation's Fresh Scoop:
Episode 52: New Ideas on Hemangiosarcoma in Dogs**

January 5, 2022 — Dr. Kelly Diehl discusses hemangiosarcoma in dogs with a team of experts from the University of Minnesota. The group talk about new data regarding this deadly cancer of dogs, the latest research findings and how new ways of approaching the disease could save lives.

<https://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/article/episode-52-new-ideas-on-hemangiosarcoma-in-dogs>

The Golden Zoomies: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLrCRNwka1UgSV8wid9juigzob22frMFd7>

New Partnership Could Shed Light on Cognitive Decline in Dogs (And People)

<https://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/article/new-partnership-could-shed-light-cognitive-decline-dogs-and-people>



Finn Gray Hero #79 recruiting for the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study in 2013 at the Cornell Vet School Open House. This is Finn's 10th year in the study! He is 12 1/2 years.

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Certificate of Conformation-CCA

The GRCCNY is hosting Certificate of Conformation Assessment in Syracuse, NY on Sat 4/22/23. Entries open Feb 1st. Evaluators are Christine Miele, Kay Gosling, Heather Donnelly. Please see the website for the entry form and premium. Hope to see you there! <http://www.grccny.org/important-forms.html>

What is the CCA?

It stands for certificate of conformation assessment. A non-competitive program for Golden Retrievers who are 18 months or older. Each Golden is assessed against the breed standard across 10 different categories on conformation and temperament.

Three GRCA (Golden Retriever Club of America) evaluators score your Golden in each of the various categories and talk with you. It is both fun and very educational.

For further details on CCA events, reference the GRCA website and read “What to expect at a CCA event”.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OPEN POSITIONS

For a reporter - GRNews

**Other opportunities: writing for the newsletter,
eye and heart clinic, leading a committee,
volunteering for the CCA, CU Vet School Open House, Fun Day**

Did you know we are now on Facebook? You can access us from your facebook page (just search for Golden Retriever Club of Central New York) or press the facebook link on our club website: WWW.GRCCNY.ORG. You don't need to have a Facebook account to see our facebook page, but you will need a facebook account if you would want to “like” our page or post a picture of your pooch.



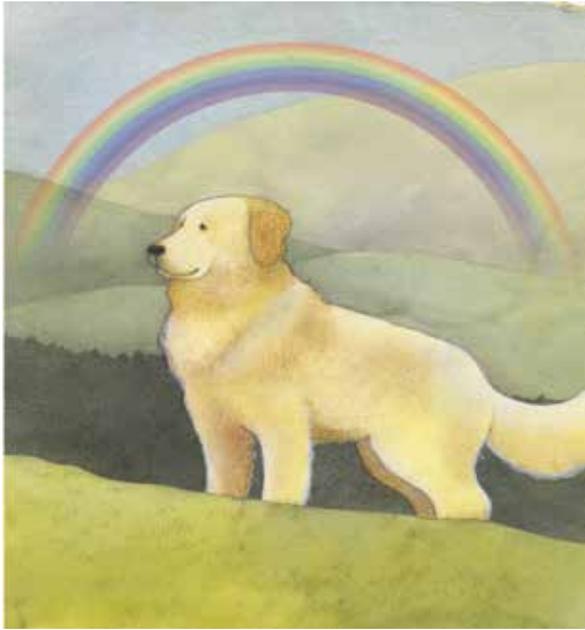


New Puppy!!!

From Kelly Mueller:

Here are photos of my new girl, **Waynewood's Paisley Tapestry**. Her great grandmother was Lyla's mom and JT's aunt. So I still have a piece of both of them. She was born 10/22/22 and her and Levi love each other.





Rainbow Bridge Crossings

Murphy Krehel

Morris Foundation Golden Retriever Lifetime Study Hero #1351

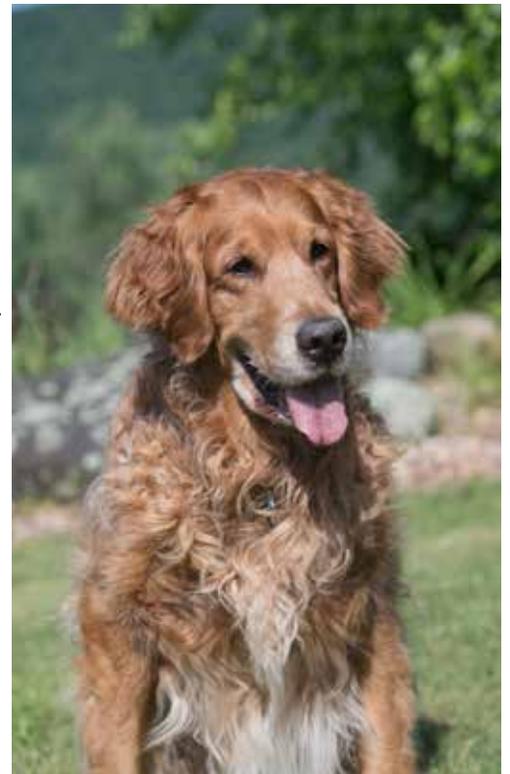
Murphy led a full and happy life, even though it was way too short. He was a very smart and accomplished boy who was incredibly loved and is missed, especially by Duffy and Sierra along with his heartbroken mom.

He started going to work with me as a puppy and quickly decided that he needed to be where the action was. A little Houdini all his life he could always find a way. Side by side we worked together at Valley Physical Therapy. He was often a greeter, comforted and encouraged many patients over the years, loved attention and enjoyed making people laugh and smile. He also did visits to nursing homes, senior housing, schools and most recently to memory care watching over my mother. In addition, to being grandmas best buddy, he also watched over my father sitting with him even until his last day. A true therapy dog at heart, people were his passion and he volunteered well over 1,000 hours.

While he was proficient at many sports, he did not enjoy the ring though he did like visiting and seeing people; getting laughs was his primary goal. Always the entertainer, one time he ran out of a ring, circled through many people then came back in and did a perfect finish. He had a great time and actually impressed the judge. Almost nothing compared with his love of the water; dock diving and hydro dash were especially popular. He also loved scent work and tracking. At home, agility, obedience, and rally were fun as well. And, always riding in the car and being attached to me.

A special place for him was camp. He was my Adirondack boy, loved hiking, swimming, kayaking and also playing and wrestling with Duffy. He was welcomed just about everywhere we went even the bank and post office where they loved to have him stand up at the counter.

I called him my dog of Hope as we participated in the Lifetime Study and it is now a hope that his life and very sudden death will shed light for future Golden Retrievers. All of our Golden Retrievers are special and each one has their own personality and strengths. This one was my heart, taken too soon and will always be missed. A wonderful example of an outstanding Golden boy. We'll see you at the Rainbow Bridge.



Murphy

Golden Retriever Club of Central New York Trophy List

REGULAR CLASSES

- 1) Best of Breed \$50 Sallie Lennox
- 2) Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed \$40 Kelly Mueller
- 3) Best of Winners \$30 Julie DeKing
- 4) Winners Dog \$30 Lee Painting
- 5) Winners Bitch \$30 Kelly Mueller in Memory of Waynewood How Sweet It Is CCA, BN, RI,
RE, SWN, CGC
- 6) Reserve Winners Dog \$25 Odette Fetzner
- 7) Reserve Winners Bitch \$25 Odette Fetzner
- 8) Open Dog \$25 Pam Fuller
- 9) Open Bitch \$25 Kelly Mueller
- 10) American Bred Dog \$15 Pam Fuller
- 11) American Bred Bitch \$15 Beth Greenfield Westbrook Goldens
- 12) Bred by Exhibitor Dog \$15 Beth Greenfield, Westbrook Goldens in memory of Birch Run
Heart of Westbrook CD, RX, CCA
- 13) Bred by Exhibitor Bitch \$15 Beth Greenfield, Westbrook Goldens in memory of Birch Run
Heart of Westbrook CD, RX, CCA
- 14) Best Puppy \$25 Janet and Tom Gray
- 15) 12-18 Month Dog \$10 Pam Fuller
- 16) 12-18 Month Bitch \$10 Beth Greenfield Westbrook Goldens
- 17) 9-12 Month Dog \$10 Lynn Mickinkle
- 18) 9-12 Month Bitch \$10 Sallie Lennox
- 19) 6-9 Month Dog \$10 Kelly Mueller

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- 20) 6-9 Month Bitch \$10 Kelly Mueller
- 21) Best Veteran \$25 Janet and Tom Gray in memory of CH Gold-Rush Spinnaker Wild Card
- 22) Veteran Dog 8-10 years \$10 Sallie Lennox
- 23) Veteran Bitch 8-10 years \$10 Sallie Lennox
- 24) Veteran Dog 10 years and older \$10 Sallie Lennox
- 25) Veteran Bitch 10 years and older \$10 Sallie Lennox
- 26) Amateur Owner/ Handler Dog \$15 Todd Clickner
- 27) Amateur Owner/ Handler Bitch \$15 Todd Clickner

OBEDIENCE

- 28) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Trial \$50 Lisa Mitchell and Rue Chagoll in memory of The Goldens that served at 9/11
- 29) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Novice A \$10 Kelly Mueller in memory of Waynewood's
You've Got A Friend CD, RI, CCA, CGC, TKN
- 30) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Novice B \$10 Kathy McCloskey in memory of Topflight Cameo Rose
- 31) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Open A \$10 Tom and Judy Questel Bonefeathers Retrievers
- 32) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Open B \$10 Kathy McCloskey in memory of Topflight Cameo Rose
- 33) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Utility A \$10 Cindy Berry in Honor of Sunkissed Topaz Triple Tee UD JH CCA RA
- 34) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Utility B \$10 Cindy Berry in Honor of Sunkissed Topaz Triple Tee UD JH CCA RA

RALLY

- 35) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Rally Novice A \$10 Lynn MicKinkle
- 36) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Rally Novice B \$10 Lynn MicKinkle
- 37) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Rally Advanced A \$10 Lynn MicKinkle
- 38) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Rally Advanced B \$10 Tom and Judy Questal Bonefeathers Retrievers
- 39) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Rally Excellent A \$10 Lynn MicKinkle
- 40) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Rally Excellent B \$10 Tom and Judy Questal Bonefeathers Retrievers
- 41) High Scoring Golden Retriever in Master \$10 Peggy Mooney

2022 Golden Retriever Club of Central New York Awards

Bruce and Audrey Coleman:

HRCH Skylight's Repeat Offender and HR Fern Hill's Most Valuable Player both got CDX's

Julie De King's Tanner got a DSX, BCAT, DCAT, and RATCHX

Beth Greenfield:

Westbrooks Snow on Lilacs got a RI and RA

Westbrooks A Note of Worth got a CCA and RN

Carol Krehel:

Storybook Serenity Murphy M got a SBN, SWN, ATT, THDD

Painting-Storybook Serenity Duffy R got a SCN and ATT

Kath McCloskey:

Topmast Rain Dancer received a CDX, T2B, MXB, MJB, MACH, ADHF, VCX, and MXF

Skyefire Prairie Gold received a MJG, RE, VER, MXG, MACH 2, MJP, MXP

Kari Mickinkle

Copperfields Show Me The Way to Go received a TKN

Lynn Mickinkle

Emeline's Fishin For The Big One received a RI

Wynwood's Shining Star received a NAP, NFP, NJP, BCAT, and RI

Peggy Mooney

Five O'Clock Rocks received a MXS

Twin Creek's Fight Song received a NF, BN, CD, MXJ, MX

Kelly Mueller

Waynewood How Sweet It Is received RA, RE, SBN, SWN

The Carol Allen Memorial Golden Member Award was awarded to Julie DeKing. (see nomination below)

The Heart of Gold was awarded to Tanner (owned by Julie DeKing). (see nomination on page 12)

The Versatility Award was awarded to Duffy (owned by Carol Krehel)

Nomination for the Carol Allen Memorial Golden Member Award

GRCCNY is fortunate to have the energy, drive, and true love of our Golden breed that this member has demonstrated over the past six years. This Golden Mom stays on top of all the latest research, always willing to share, and is keenly aware of the importance of education for all Golden and dog owners.

She has been a key player in increasing our involvement at the community level, although being slowed by the pandemic, and has several goals and plans for our future. I have watched her grow and learn as she envelopes herself into each new area and/or activity she discovers.

She and her Golden boy have not only tried but have excelled in performance. Starting with dock diving, they earned a National invitation and then did the same with Barn Hunt, earning a RATCHX not common among Golden Retrievers. They keep leaning and finding new excitement, most recently in Fast Cat.

Julie DeKing is a wonderful example of an exemplary member. She is always ready to step up and help out or take the lead. She has served on our Board, committees and is currently also co-chair of Fun Day. Her enthusiasm and optimism

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have kept us going even in rough waters and she is an asset to our club.

Julie has the ideal membership attributes and love of the breed making her a great choice for the Carol Allen Memorial Golden Member Award.

Thank you. Carol Krehel

Nomination for Heart of Gold Award

I am writing to nominate my dog, Tanner (Gemstar's Lightning Strikes, RN, DCAT, ACT1, CCA, RATCHX, RATI, DMX, DSX, HDN, TKE) for the Heart of Gold Award.

When I went to the breeder to pick up Tanner one of the main goals I had was for a dog who I could certify for pet therapy. I am a physical therapist and imagined my future going into rehabs, nursing homes, and hospitals with my dog to bring smiles on the faces of the patients we were visiting. These were places that I felt comfortable, as I had worked in a hospital for many years. As Tanner got older and remained a complete wild child, I realized that pet therapy was not going to be in our future. So what do I do with this dog now? A dog with endless energy. I quickly realized he needed a job to challenge him. I always had a bit of social anxiety, and didn't have any friends with dogs in the Syracuse area, so I really didn't know where to start.

One hot June day we were alone at my Mom's house swimming in her pool, and I decided on a whim to throw a pool toy into the pool. Tanner then shocked me when he jumped off the side of the pool with a running start and retrieved the toy to me. We did this quite a few more times that day. Later that night I was online looking up dock diving and local clubs. That weekend there was a local competition and I went to watch, dragging along my Mom and her friend because I was too anxious to go alone. I never liked to go new places alone. I wanted to check out the facility and the competition because I was afraid that my loud, barking, crazy dog might not fit in at a dog competition. I was extremely happy when I arrived to find dogs barking and excited to be on the dock. I met and talked to someone who was also new to dock diving that day who encouraged me to call for a lesson. Tanner and I took our first lesson the next week, and then 2 weeks later were entered into our first competition.

The anxiety I had driving up to that first competition, alone, was indescribable. Everyone was so nice that day, including Carol and Bobbie, who I met that first morning, and Tanner jumped well. We were hooked.

Over the summer Tanner and I continued dock diving, meeting new people every competition. This summer with my dog was truly life changing for me. I started to overcome my social anxiety as I was welcomed into the dock diving family. Dock diving ended up being our gateway sport. We soon started Barn Hunt lessons, agility lessons, and I joined the Golden Retriever Club of CNY, meeting new people all along the way. I was going to so many new places in public, alone with my dog. Something I never would have thought I would be doing just the year before. And not only that, I found some great friends along the way. Friends who have supported Tanner and I in all our endeavors, including traveling with us to Florida and Missouri for Dock Diving and Barn Hunt National Championships with our dogs.

Tanner has opened me up to a world I had only seen on TV. The world of dog sports. In the process, he has helped me overcome a large amount of my social anxiety, and has allowed me to make lifelong friends. To be able to put what this has met to me into words is almost impossible. Tanner is my heart. Having this bond with my dog is nothing I had growing up with our family dogs that never belonged to just me. He makes me laugh daily with how funny and goofy he is. He is the class clown at Barn Hunt trials, often getting told his runs are "the most entertaining" of the day, leaving everyone laughing and smiling. He is a 72 pound lap dog who follows me EVERYWHERE (even to the bathroom, every. single. time. lol).

I know that after Tanner passes I will never be without a golden retriever. I have fallen in love with this breed because of him. He has changed my life in multiple ways, and for that I am truly grateful. He might not be the certified therapy dog that I had hoped for, but he has been, and continues to be my therapy everyday.

Thank you, Julie DeKing

A Tale of Two Dog Shows

by Rue Chagoll

The First Show: Initiation

“Look! Over there! In that field!” he exclaimed.

“Golden Retrievers! They’re all Golden Retrievers...dozens of them. We’ve got to stop and get a closer look,” she pleaded.

The couple, out for a weekend drive with their young Golden Retriever had come upon what appeared to be an outdoor dog show with fenced ring and a large canopy tent set on an expansive grassy flat.

Exiting their SUV, the man leashed the pup and petted him enthusiastically saying, “Come on boy, let’s go see what this is all about!”

Cautiously they approached, as there were few spectators, and stood observing from a convenient but respectful distance. They watched as Goldens were paraded, first in a group and then individually. A man, who had to be the judge, directed the traffic and examined each dog. After several minutes of inspection and deliberation, ribbons were awarded. This group exited and another entered the ring where the entire procedure was repeated.

A short while later a clipboard-bearing woman, apparently someone in authority, approached from ringside. She greeted them and inquired, “Are you entered today?”

“Oh no,” he responded. “We were just driving by and wanted a closer look.”

“And who is this,” she wanted to know, bending to greet the dog.

He beamed, introducing the pup and announcing, “He’s our first Golden!” stroking his young dog.

And then, what the woman said next stopped him cold.

“Who’s he out of?” she asked.

Lacking even the slightest clue as to what that meant, he nonetheless wanted not to seem the complete idiot. He tumbled possible responses in his mind in the split second before blurting a best guess:

“He’s out of the Boston Globe!” he chirped, alluding to the classified newspaper ad that had led them to their new best friend.

Instantaneously he realized what he’d hoped to be a correct response was apparently anything but. The woman’s expression changed as if a switch had been flipped.

“Oh,” she smirked icily. “You folks have a nice day,” turning heel and striding purposefully away.

The couple looked quizzically at each other, returned to their vehicle and left the grounds. As they drove, the man’s initial humiliation – at clearly receiving the rude message that they didn’t belong – turned to burning anger.

“So be it,” he thought. “So much for dog shows!”

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Another Dog Show: Information & Inspiration

Entering the large arena, leashed Golden at his side, the man took stock of the frenetic scene before him: people and dogs hurrying to and fro, dogs and handlers working in what looked to be a dozen rings, spectators cheering and clapping, dogs barking.

They headed to spectator seats adjacent to a pair of competition obedience rings. His Golden, a bit nervous in the overwhelming and unfamiliar surroundings, scrunched behind the man's legs but calmed somewhat when the man reached to his pocket and offered a treat.

For what must have been two hours the man sat transfixed in wonderment at the goings-on. He watched dogs and handlers walk, run and turn in perfect unison, with the precision of practiced dance partners. He grinned in appreciation at the jumping and retrieving on display. He gasped in amazement when dogs were able to pick a single item scented by their handler...from a heap scattered twenty feet away! Every few minutes, he looked to his dog and exclaimed, "Did you see that? Did you see THAT?!"

The man was particularly impressed by the stellar performance of a lady and her Golden, and joined enthusiastically in the spectator applause as they exited the ring. As the activities paused for an apparent lunch break, he summoned the courage to follow her to where she placed her Golden teammate in a wire crate, then sat beside on a blanket caressing another and visibly much older Golden.

"I really enjoyed watching you and your Golden," he told her. "My dog and I just finished an introductory pet dog class and my instructor suggested I might enjoy watching the show today. And I certainly haven't been disappointed. I've never seen anything like this."

She thanked him for the compliments and greeted his dog. She introduced him to her two Golden retrievers. He learned that the older guy was retired and here today just to "hold court" and observe the proceedings.

The man told her, "I'd love to learn how to do some of the fantastic things I saw you and your dog perform today!"

"Do you belong to any clubs?" she asked. "That would be a great way to find the expertise and mentoring you'll want. I'm not from around here but I know there's a good Golden club in town. And there's an excellent obedience training club here as well. Matter of fact, they're helping to run this obedience trial today."

He thanked her for the time and advice and said to his Golden, "Whaddayasay partner? I think we can do this! How about it?"

The woman shook his hand and closed with, "If you put your heart into it, I know you can. And I'll hope to see the two of you competing here one day. Good luck!"

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Reflection & Introspection

By now you've correctly surmised "the man" alluded to in these incidents is yours truly. And yes, these things really happened. The first when I lived in the west suburbs of Boston during the eighties and the second in the nineties, then relocated to Kansas City.

I've no idea whose event it was in Massachusetts. I recall a banner hanging in the large tent, but never got close enough to read it, having been so summarily dismissed by the snobbish woman. Most likely it was a match, a small one ring affair in the countryside.

The second event was a three day AKC show cluster at the old American Royal livestock facility in Kansas City. Weeks afterward I learned the nice lady who'd taken time to offer advice and encouragement was Deb Platt, a well known and respected obedience competitor from Nebraska. The retired Golden "holding court" that I'd petted was her Arthur, who I learned was, in prior years, the number one obedience dog in the country.

I often reflect on these incidents, assessing their impact on my life with dogs, and my life in general.

Though I justifiably had cause to be wary of dog people and to shun dog events after what happened in Massachusetts, my Golden Charlie and I were the ones who came up on the short end of that emotion-driven reaction. Though Charlie certainly was a much loved and pampered family companion in the ten years of his life, we never got to forge that incredible bond that evolves with a canine training partner.

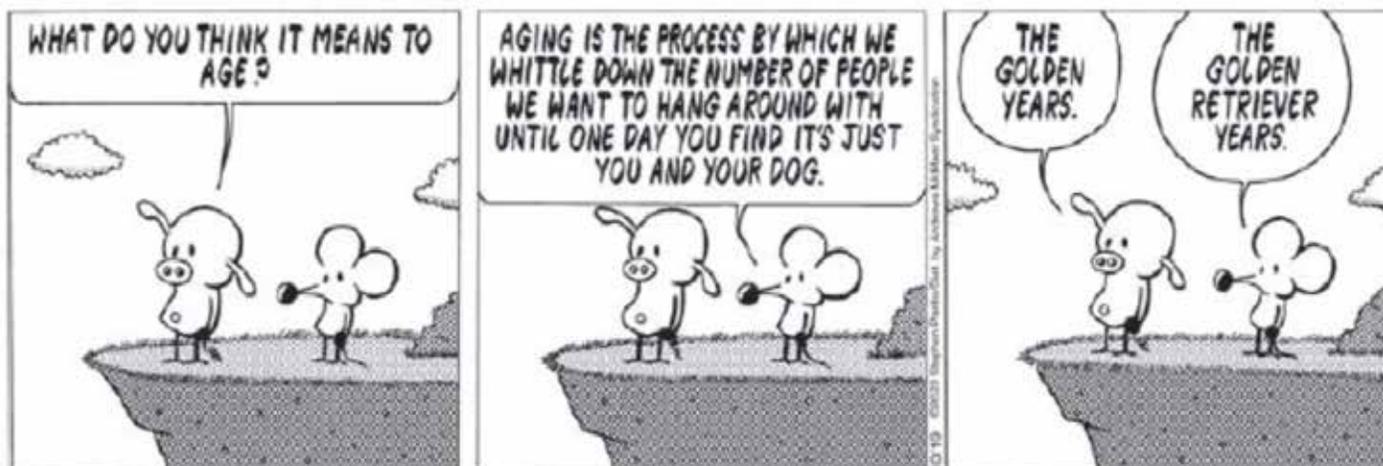
A decade passed before my new Golden Ben and I had the fortunate encounter that inspired me to become involved in the sport. We joined the Kansas City Golden Retriever Club where the education and encouragement abounded. Not much more than a year later Ben and I were on the road, debuting in AKC Novice obedience competition and having an absolute blast. With terrific peer guidance, my Novice A boy finished his title in three consecutive trials (in classes of 40-45 dogs) with an average score of 194½ and placements every time. I was hooked ... for life!

In the thirty years transpiring since, I came to realize life is filled with people who apparently derive some degree of pleasure from discouraging others. Connie Cleveland put it most succinctly – referring to that behavior as stealing another's joy. Long ago I made up my mind to not let anyone steal my joy in dog training or any other endeavor.

When I meet an obvious neophyte in dog sports I try to remember to do my best to fuel, not steal, their joy. Focus on indulging your joy. And spend some real effort in supporting others in their quests. And guess what? There can be enormous joy in that for you too!

Wishing a JOY-ful New Year to all. RC

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE BY STEPHAN PASTIS





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