



# Golden Tales

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Wilson and Demi

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## Welcome New members!

## ON THE COVER

**Peggy Mooney's Wilson and Demi at the  
GRCA National**

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[www.grccny.org](http://www.grccny.org)

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<https://www.facebook.com/GRCCNY/>

## NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of Golden Tales will be January 2023  
Deadline for submission of articles is January 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](http://www.grccny.org))

## Activity and Event Leaders

### Awards

Peter and Bobbi Vassallo

### CCA 2023

Bobbie Vassallo/Carol Krehel

### Community awareness and Facebook

Julie Deking

### Eye and heart clinic

Kari Mickinke/Lynn Mickinkle

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Deanna Rodriguez

## Calendar of Events

### 2022

#### January

10 **Golden Tales Deadline**

#### February

10 **General meeting @7pm**

#### March

20 **OKA Match**

*SOTC Building - Deere Rd Syracuse*

#### April

4 **Salt City Specialty**  
*NYS Exposition Center*

14 **General meeting @7pm**

#### May

#### June

9 **General meeting @7pm**

10 **Golden Tales Deadline**

#### July

#### August

11 **General meeting @7pm**

#### September

2-14 **GRCA National Specialty in Michigan**

11 **National WC/WCX in Michigan**

15 **General meeting @7pm**

17 **Canine Carnival**

#### October

9 **Eye and Heart Clinic**

10 am – 2 pm

*Village Veterinary Hospital, Rt. 5 Canastota, NY*

10 **Golden Tales Deadline**

13 **General Meeting @ 7pm**

#### December

**Annual Holiday Banquet & Meeting**  
**NO BANQUET- See info on Awards in Newsletter**

### 2023

**CCA April 22, 2023**

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



## President's Message

The Heart and Eye clinic is in the books. We had a nice amount of dogs getting exams under Dr. Kern and Dr. Syndey Moise. The GRCCNY was nicely represented at the GRCA National in Monroe, MI Labor Day week. It is a very busy event spread out over a fairgrounds with the field events being about an hours drive. Thanks to Rue Chagoll for getting pictures of all of us doing our events. Next year the event will be in Albany, Oregon and in 2024 will move to The Big E in Springfield, Mass.

Beth Greenfeld Acting President



### Reminder - Field Competitors

Send me the passing/qualifying scores your dog earns this calendar year if you are interested in consideration for the Joe Mercer Award. The winning dog will honored with an engraved plaque attached to the trophy base, and you will get to keep it for one year.

You may e-mail them to Todd Clickner at [tclickner@hotmail.com](mailto:tclickner@hotmail.com) or snail mail them to: 55 Weider St. Rochester, NY 14620. The winning dog will be named at the Annual Meeting, and the owner need not be present to win.

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# Morris Animal FOUNDATION

Golden Retriever Lifetime Study

**Lifetime Study Update**  
*from Janet Gray*

UPDATE:

The GRLS is now a LIFETIME study

"The Study was originally intended to end when we obtained 500 confirmed diagnoses of the four primary endpoints. We are expected to reach this number in the next year. While this is a significant step in the Study, we have decided not to officially end the Study until we have reached the full lifetime of each dog."

MAF 10/3/22

The Lifetime Study is in it's 10th Year! Watch this video celebrating this golden milestone:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zhzeib1Kn8>



**Tanner**, owned by Julie DeKing, earned his DCAT title (500 Fast Cat points). He also earned his Barn Hunt Master Champion (RATCHX) title. He is only the 28th Golden Retriever in the country to earn this title!!



**Julie and Tanner**



**GRCCNY's New Officers and Board**

**President: Kari Mickinkle**

**Vice President: Julie DeKing**

**Treasurer: Bobbie Vassallo**

**Secretary: Deanna Rodriguez**

**Board Members: Carol Krehel, Peter Vassallo,  
Lynne Mickinkle, Janet Gray, and Billy Lockhart**

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**REMINDER:**

**Title and Annual Club Awards applications and nominations are due by October 31, 2022.  
For details and forms consult the website (GRCCNY.org).**

**Drop off of plaques can be done Saturday October 29, 2022  
@ SOTC parking lot by the garage from 9:00am – 10:00am.**

**The Awards form is found on the website:**

**<http://www.grccny.org/uploads/1/2/3/8/123881371/revised2022awardsformgrccny.pdf>**

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**There are still lots of spots still available for sponsoring awards for the  
2023 Golden Retriever Speciality.  
Contact Kelly Mueller. The deadline is 12/1/22**

# Eye and Heart Clinic

Kari Mickinkle

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, we hosted an eye and heart clinic at Village Vet in Canastota. We had a great turn out with 67 dogs total. All 67 dogs had their eyes checked by Dr. Kern who helped us out again this year. Dr. Moise also returned to check hearts, and she saw 35 of those 67 dogs.

While we did take a little bit of a hit and did not make money off of the clinic, we learned a lot in terms of how to continue to make the clinic better for our club, along with those who attend it. The day was as chaotic as can be expected when you're moving a large number of dogs in and out of rooms in a 4 turned 5-hour span, but there was a great group of volunteers to help out and make the whole thing seem effortless.



Village Vet

Thank you to Lynn Mickinkle for co-chairing this event with me, along with being a major driving force behind keeping the day going. I would also like to thank our amazing group of volunteers Bobbie Vassallo, Carol Krehel, Julie DeKing, Pam Fuller, Peggy Mooney, and Sally Baritell who were all extremely helpful in having the day run smoothly. Last but not least, a huge thanks to the amazing Deanna Rodriguez who was there in spirit as she donated a microchip scanner to the club. Thank you all again and we will see you next year!



## 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 speciality, volunteering for the WC/WCX, Canine Carnival.**

**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](http://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.**



# GRCA National Specialty 2022

by Rue Chagoll

*Photos contributed by Rue Chagoll, Peggy Mooney,  
Kathy McCloskey, Sue Reuss*

*GRCA's 82nd Annual National Specialty was held in  
Monroe, Williamston and Fenwick Michigan Sept. 2 – 12, 2022*

GREAT LAKES – GREAT GOLDENS was the logo tag line for last month's GRCA National Specialty, this year hosted by Cuyahoga Valley GRC in Monroe, Michigan. I'm pretty sure every attendee would agree a couple more "Greats" would be very much in order: GREAT FUN and GREAT FELLOWSHIP.



GRCCNY members Beth Greenfield, Kathy McCloskey, Lisa Mitchell, Peggy Mooney, Sue Reuss, Donna Schmidt and yours truly all attended and participated in field events, agility, obedience, rally obedience, CCA and health clinics. When I asked everyone what was most enjoyable, almost unanimously the primary response on the order of was "renewing old friendships and making new ones."

Naturally, there was opportunity for great Golden merchandise shopping, local sightseeing and (a great favorite of mine) interesting places to dine out.

And most absolutely we all had a blast with our dogs, cheering our own and those of our friends too. There were many successes and some near misses. But regardless, with or without ribbons, the "Great Takeaway" from this national specialty was GREAT MEMORIES.



**A spacious livestock arena at the Monroe County Fairgrounds was the venue for agility, obedience and rally obedience competition – over a span of four days.**



As at every GRCA National, breed judging was conducted over several days due to the very large entry. It's always exhilarating to witness so many fine specimens of our breed in a single venue. Pictured here is judging of Bred by Exhibitor Dogs. Surrounding two spacious breed rings was the impressive collection of banners from every member club in GRCA, including our own.



Peggy Mooney and Demi roaring down the home stretch in agility.



Lisa Mitchell with Rook and Peggy Mooney with Demi discuss strategy as they wait their turns in the agility ring.



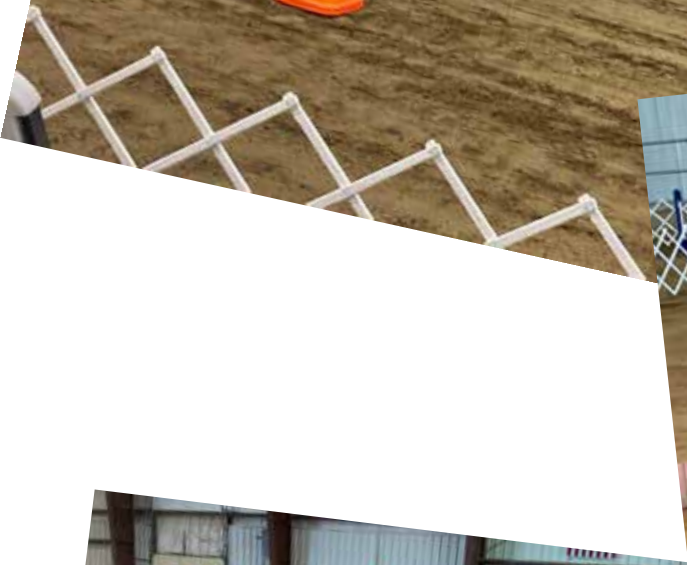
**Our own Beth Greenfield was one of four AKC licensed breed judges who conducted a very busy day of CCA (Certificate of Conformation Assessment) evaluations in a building dedicated to that purpose.**



**Kathy McCloskey's Dancer and Popcorn pose proudly with their qualifying rosettes.**

**Donna Schmidt and Kathy McCloskey enjoyed a reunion with former GRCCNY member Megan Ash.**





**Lisa Mitchell and Rook had a busy national. They were a bit rusty in agility and had no qualifications, but improved the next day – qualifying in both Open B and Utility B for a UDX leg. And the third day they won it all in rally: High Combined and High Triple. Pictured with the huge rosettes is all the loot they were awarded: two custom painted director chairs and two custom painted folding cloth crates.**



**Checking into the AirBnb after a 500+ mile drive to Michigan, it was relaxation time for Lisa Mitchell, Rook, Dewey and Lexi. But where's poor Dad to sit?**



**On a day off between events, Lisa exercised the Goldens with a tennis ball at a beautiful city park near our AirBnb in Ypsilanti, MI. Later that day she indulged Rue's interest in military aviation history with a visit to the Yankee Air Museum on the former grounds of a Ford Motor plant that built 8,000 B24 bombers during WWII and where the moniker "Rosie the Riveter" was born.**



**Sue Reuss and Wile E had fun competing in agility and obedience.**



**Sue Reuss' Wile E and Beep pose after competing in hunt tests at Jorgensen's Farm in Williamston, MI.**



**No idea who they were, but Rue was instantly charmed by these two upright-napping ladies in their immaculate pink crates.**



**Somebody must have said "cookies" or "ice cream" to Peggy Mooney's Wilson and Demi to elicit lip-licking in unison!**



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## Upcoming Events

Looking ahead in 2022

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