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Welcome New members!

**Billy Lockhart, Leah Granger
Harry, Stephanie and Matthew Baron
Mike and Grace Wing**

ON THE COVER

**Gold-Rush Orianna of Atholl, CGC, CCA, THD
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beloved golden of Janet & Tom Gray**

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The next issue of Golden Tales will be June 2021
Deadline for submission of articles is June 10, 2021

Where to Send It ... For

Golden Tales - Website -Golden Retriever News

All members are encouraged to contribute and submit material.
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ALL brags, all material you'd like to see on our website (www.grccny.org)
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Calendar of Events

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Thursday, February 11 @ 7pm**

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CANCELLED**

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July

**16-18 Suzanne Clothier seminars @SOTC
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September

18 Canine Carnival

October

2 Brief general meeting/elections and FUN DAY

December

**Annual Holiday Banquet
Sunday December 12th at 1:00
Brewster Inn, Cazenovia NY.**

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



President's Message

Hello Golden friends,

I hope this finds you healthy and safe and that you were all able to enjoy the holidays even though we continue to negotiate this pandemic. Thankfully, we are now in 2021 with the hope of a better year.

It has certainly been a challenging year; one that I do not think any of us could have ever imagined. Most events were cancelled, but we still managed to keep going. Of course, it was made easier for each of us because of our wonderful Golden Retrievers. They teach us so much about rolling with the moment and enjoying each and every minute we have. They know things are different but find joy anyway and they also know that we are all anxious to return to a life near normal as are they. We can learn from them.

We have several new members and I want to welcome you. I know there are also new puppies in our group. Our club is here to help you with the challenges of and questions about those energetic, cute Golden puppies. Sadly, some of our members have also suffered the heartbreaking loss of a treasured Golden that is now waiting at the Rainbow Bridge. So impossibly hard to see them go; I always say it is so hard because it is so wonderful when they are here. Our club is here to comfort as well.

The Golden Retriever club of CNY has managed to continue, despite the pandemic, meeting virtually as well as having a safe and successful dock diving event and some field training with our loyal group. Some of us were able to attend some safe, socially distanced events that allowed us to follow the rules and have fun with our dogs. Additionally, we were also able to continue our educational programs with an ask the vet panel.

The board has already been busy and a tentative schedule for 2021 has been established. We are hoping for a good year and to be together again soon. In our ever-changing environment, please watch the website for updates, additions and changes to the calendar and we will also continue to email.

Unfortunately, our first cancellations have already occurred. The Salt City dog show has been cancelled. Everything, including the trophy list, will now carry over to 2022. The July seminar with Suzanne Clothier has also suffered the wrath of COVID, as she has cancelled all travel for 2021. However, we are currently working to provide you with a virtual, interactive event with her so stay tuned. We will have meetings again in person as soon as we can and will lead off with Julie Deking's tug toy activity when we do. Please contact me with any ideas, questions, or suggestions for the new year.

Our first meeting is on February 11th at 7 :00 pm and will be virtual. Luckily, we have Zoom which opens many doors for us; thank you to Kari and to Deanna as well. In the warmer weather, a Fit Dog walk may be planned as well as another dock diving day and our field training. Also consult akc.org for many virtual titles you and your dog can do as well as lots of suggestions and tips. In addition, we also have our GRCA (Golden Retriever Club of America) site at grca.org. Keep up your connections with your wonderful Golden Retrievers and remember how lucky we are to have them, especially in troubling times. They all deserve big hugs!!

So, I wish you all health, happiness and a better 2021! Stay safe and be thankful for our Golden Retrievers and all the friendships they have brought to us!!

Carol

Meet the Member

Greg and Joanne Jamrosz and April Mae

Hi Everyone. We're Greg and Joanne Jamrosz of New Hartford, NY. We just joined the Golden Retriever Club of Central NY in March 2020. A bit about us.

Greg is an associate veterinarian at VCA New Hartford Animal Hospital in Washington Mills, NY. I am a writer for US Figure Skating, but I work from my home, so I am a stay-at-home mom for our beautiful seven-year-old golden retriever. Her name is April Mae, and she is the light of our lives.

April came to us as a puppy (she is my third golden, but the first we had as a married couple). She is from the Bone Feathers golden retrievers in Ogdensburg, NY. She is the most adventuresome and happy little girl and LOVES to travel with her mom and dad. Her favorite place is Lake Placid, NY and while mommy works at the ice rink, she enjoys hiking the many beautiful trails with her dad and long walks around Mirror Lake. She also traveled with us to Vermont a few years ago, rode the gondola up to Mount Mansfield, and had lunch on the outdoor deck at their mountain top restaurant.

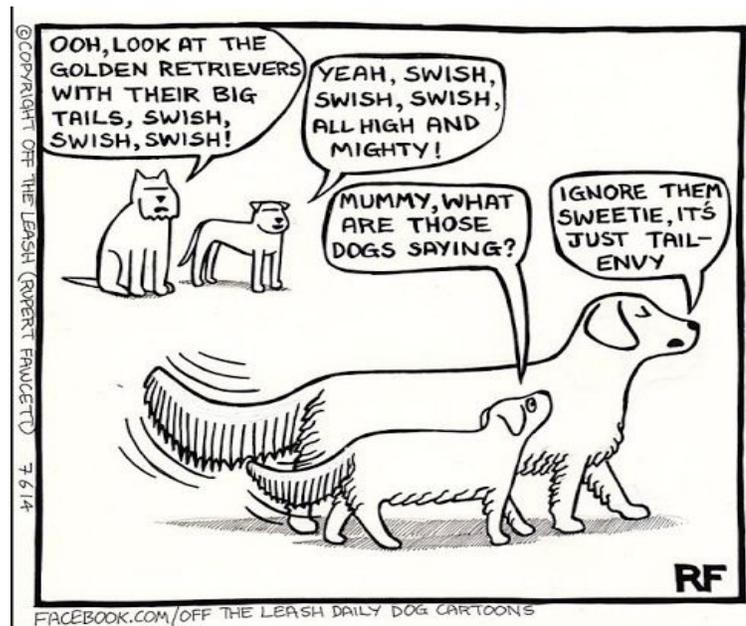
April enjoys meeting new people, loves playing ball with her dad, always snuggles, and enjoys posting and chatting with her friends on Facebook. She is pretty popular among mommy's figure skaters, and in January, she will be a front-row cutout at the US Figure Skating Championships broadcast on NBC. She also makes several videos to cheer the skaters on, especially in this pandemic year when spectators aren't allowed.



Joanne, Greg and April Mae



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Golden Retriever Lifetime Study

Lifetime Study Update

In May 2020, an interesting article was received by the Journal of Veterinary Medicine and accepted in September 2020 focusing on the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study: Assessing factors associated with owner compliance after the first year of enrollment.

The Golden Retriever Lifetime Study is the largest longitudinal cohort study in veterinary medicine. This type of study looks at the relationships between genetic and environmental exposures and disease outcomes in the dog population. The study depends on the owners to be compliant by completing the annual on-line survey, completing an annual visit with their study veterinarian, collecting samples of blood, urine, hair, toenail clippings, and feces for a long term bio-repository. The study veterinarian also completes a survey at the time of the annual visit.

One finding: Of the 3044 enrolled goldens, 192 (6.3%) did not comply with study requirements after being enrolled 1 year. Owners of dogs without a record of vaccination were nearly 4X higher of being non-compliant than owners of vaccinated dogs.

The article is very interesting and I encourage you to read it at:

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1111/jvim.15921?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=3ace35cc-47a8-40d8-90f4-3235499c465b>

Janet Gray



Do you sing to your golden?

You know you do! Do you have a favorite song when you greet your dog, like “You are my sunshine” or “ You’re nothing but a hound dog?”

Write Janet Gray at: janetgray@highlandfarmskennel.com and let me know your favorite song and pictures!! We’ll feature them in the next Golden Tales.

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.



Adventures of Koda

Kari Mickinkle

Many of you have heard me rant and rave about how lucky I am to have Koda in my life. I decided for this addition to skip the crazy Koda stories, even though he gives me plenty every week! I am instead sharing with you a write up that I did for him for the Heart of Gold Award that we received at this year's award banquet. Many of you were not able to attend and frankly I am being partially lazy by inserting it instead of writing a full story, but I know many of you will understand!

Koda is not a registered Golden Retriever and he does not have any ribbons or titles hanging on the walls of our house. I did not have the pleasure of raising him from a puppy and I have no idea what his parents look like. What I do know, is that I will probably never find another dog like Koda and I do not think I would ever want to.

Koda came into my life almost 4 years ago during a tumultuous time in my life and he has been my rock ever since. We have had our ups and downs, he has destroyed numerous items of mine, but through it all we have developed a bond that I have never experienced before. He has been by my side as I experienced heartbreak and loss and he has helped me heal and turned me into a more patient and caring person.

I try to take him to as many places as I can because as much as he has been my support animal, I have been his too. Numerous people have commented on how he watches me and always keeps me in his sights when we go somewhere, and my own mother frequently calls him a spoiled mama's boy. If he stays the night with my mom he frequently sits in the window hoping I will show up or maybe he is just hoping a squirrel will walk by!

Many people will never understand the love and affection that a dog can bring to someone's life, but I know this club understands. I know this club understands what it is like to feel truly loved by a golden and not just because you feed them dinner or give them treats.

This is why I am nominating my golden Koda for the Heart of Gold award; because this club truly understands how one extraordinary animal can make all the difference in our lives.



Koda



Tanner earned his Rally Novice, Agility Course Test 1, and Barn Hunt Master titles

Westbrooks Silence is Golden CCA, BN, CGC, TKP, DS **JERZEE** owned by Bobbie & Peter Vassallo earned his Rally Novice title.

Painting-Storybook Serenity **Duffy** owned by Carol Krehel earned his CD and a leg toward his RE

Orianna, my Golden Girl

by Janet Gray

I just got a call from my veterinary office, Ori's ashes are ready for pick up. That closure we dread, but need.

What was Ori's Dec. 17th veterinary appointment for abdominal distress, developed into a splenectomy the following day at the emergency veterinary hospital. The primary veterinarian did an ultrasound and had discovered a mass on Ori's spleen. Hemangiosarcoma, the word golden owners are terrified to hear. She made it to January 2nd, when she was released from pain and crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

Ori had a miracle beginning. I want to first explain that I am a person of faith. I believe that God answers prayers and sometimes better than we prayed for. I always wanted a Gold-Rush golden since the late 80's, but never had the opportunity. My friend encouraged me to complete Gold-Rush Golden's questionnaire. I soon heard from Ann Johnson from Gold-Rush there was a litter ready to go home in late May. I researched the sire and dam and told Ann I wanted to a female puppy from that litter. I also told her of my aspirations to breed again.

I counted the weeks until we could pick up our puppy. In late May we prepared to pick up our golden girl. As I loaded the crate into the car, I heard a voice, "put in a bigger crate." Odd, but I did. Next, "I heard a voice, put in another leash." Very odd, but I did.

When we got to Gold-Rush Kennels in New Jersey, Ann greeted us and we went to pick out our puppy. After a long conversation and evaluating each puppy, we were ready to make our choice, when Ann said before I made my choice, she had a 3 month puppy she thought I would like. When we saw the puppy, we fell in love with her. That is why we needed a bigger crate! It was Orianna!



Ori's Gotcha Day

While we were there, we met and visited with some of her "boys". Ann placed one particularly handsome gentleman on the grooming table. I ran my fingers through his soft fur and started to brush him. His temperament was as golden as his conformation. "This is CH Gold Rush Spinnaker Wildcard, Ace", Ann said, "and I am looking to retire him. I have a feeling about this, I would like to give him to you and you can breed him one more time." That is why we needed another leash!

We give our goldens celtic names because of their and our ancestry. We chose "Orianna", which means golden and she was that through and through.. Her official name was: Gold-Rush Orianna of Atholl. I am a member of Cornell Companions, an animal-assisted therapy organization. All my goldens have become therapy dogs and we visit hospice, nursing homes, student functions and a juvenile detention center. Ace passed his screening with no problem and joined our other golden in visiting.



Ori and her puppies

When Ori was old enough she passed her CGC, her therapy dog screening, later her CCA and with Ace both received one of the first AKC therapy dog titles, THD.

In 2010, Ori gave birth to her first and only litter sired by Ace. When the pups were three weeks, she developed mastitis and we almost lost her. She was spayed before her next heat. We kept one of her pups, Cayuga Highlands Gold-Rush Finian.

Ori loved her therapy work. When we would visit at an assisted living facility, the residents would be in a wide circle and I would let Ori go and she would say "hello" to each person first and then begin her visit.

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She was a soft and gentle soul.



Ori spreading joy



She also helped with rescue at home visits or as “mom” to rescues that were fostered or attending rescue events.

Orianna would have been 13 this February. She was a Morris Animal Foundation “Golden Oldie” and I wish she could have been with us long. A song kept going through my head the morning we took Ori for her last car ride, “We are made in the image of God”, and though this refers to humans being made in the image of God, God has many attributes which I believe he gave to dogs.

Run Free sweet Orianna!

New Puppy Bruce and Audrey Coleman

Introducing “Fred”, Mioak’s Close Encounters of the Third Time. He is related to some of our other dogs by virtue of our original stud dog, Ditto. His registered name refers to the third generation of dogs we have had with Ditto’s bloodlines. His call name is simply because he reminded Audrey of a song from her teens. As with all of our dogs, he is being trained in both field and obedience.

Blue Ribbon Goldens - Home Of

Ditto Trifectas Repeat Performance ***, MH, UD, OS, CCA, VCX, WCX, CGC, Can CD (At The Bridge)

Arrow Tarat’s Aim For The Stars UD, SH, RAE, WCX, CGC, Can CDX, WCI, CCA (At The Bridge)

Rocket Ambertrail Rocket’s Red Glare **, SH, CD, WCX, OD, CGC, Can WCI (At The Bridge)

Leo OTCH Sunfire Leo The Leg Breaker UDX4, OM1, SH, WCX, CGC, Can CD, WCI (At The Bridge)

Vinny Blue Ribbon’s Vinny The Enforcer ***, MH, UDX, VER, WCX, CGC, VCX, CCA (At The Bridge)

Fanny Blue Ribbon’s Funny Girl UDX3, VER, RN, MH, WCX, CGC
Kate Rippling Run Blue Ribbon’s Kiss Me MH, UD, WCX, CGC, CCA

Pete HRCH Skylight’s Repeat Offender ***, SH, CD, CGC, CCA

Hank Fern Hill’s Most Valuable Player SH, WCX, CGC

Fred Puppy in Training



Bruce and Fred

A Regrettable Rift in Rescue

by Rue Chagoll

A serious and most regrettable rift exists today in the universe of Golden Retriever rescue. As many here have been supporters, my purpose in this essay is to overview the pertinent circumstances and likely implications of this unfortunate situation. As you may know, I've had an interest in Golden rescue for nearly 30 years, am currently a board member of Golden Retriever Rescue of Central NY and most recently was appointed by the Golden Retriever Club of America to a five member national task force to evaluate and offer recommendations to the GRCA Board of Directors.



So, what's "The Rift" and how did we get here? In a nutshell, serious disagreement has been brewing and now erupted into open controversy over the importation of rescued Golden Retrievers from beyond our borders: Asia (China, Taiwan, Korea, Vietnam), Latin America (principally Mexico and Central America) and the Middle/Far East (Turkey, Egypt). Today, a very significant percentage of Golden Retrievers being placed by American Golden retriever rescues are imported. That ratio, in the case of several very large and well-known domestic rescues is approaching 50%.

Why is this happening? Why are Golden Retrievers being imported? Several reasons. Most significantly, the number of domestic intakes has been declining steadily over the past decade or more. For our own local rescue, GRRCCNY, annual placements have dwindled from 30 or 35 dogs annually, to fewer than half a dozen. In light of this, GRRCCNY's board voted earlier this year to dissolve our organization. Our objective at the outset was to one day "work ourselves out of a job," and it seems we achieved that goal. Other rescues have opted to continue operations and look elsewhere for Golden Retrievers to take in. The biggest problems facing rescues historically was, "Where will we find the funds to pay for the care of our intakes? How can we find enough foster homes?" But in a recent conversation among importing rescues the expressed critical issue of the day was "We need dogs!"

Why is importing a problem? Importation has led directly to new canine diseases appearing in the United States. New-to-America strains of canine influenza and leptospirosis (no vaccine here for that yet) and brucellosis (which is zoonotic – meaning transmissible to humans) have all been directly attributed to imported dogs, some of them Golden Retrievers. Would you be surprised to know that right now, in the midst of global pandemic, Golden Retrievers are being imported? A recent group of 99 Golden Retrievers was accumulated at a Chinese agricultural market and flown directly to Chicago O'Hare. Importing rescues claim close veterinary oversight and quarantine procedures. But to me, those assurances ring hollow in the context of a calamitous pandemic, which has thrust in our face the stark reality that we more often than caring to admit, "don't know what we don't know." There's also a glaring lack of regulatory oversight. There is no uniform statutory regulation, and no single agency with blanket authority over importation of dogs (although federal legislation was introduced this past summer which hopefully over the next couple years will evolve into law).

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STOP DIRT AND MUD AT THE DOOR.

Keep a towel and a shallow container of room temperature water by the door to wipe down any muddy paws before your dog comes into the house. Place mats at the inside and outside of doors and train your dog to wait on the mat {which you can cover with a towel if really muddy!} by the door to have their paws wiped down after going for walks.



Good Dog TIPS

GRCA, thanks in no small part to our own Carol Allen, years ago established a National Rescue Committee (NRC) to facilitate the development of Golden Rescue, in alliance with the Golden Retriever Foundation providing financial assistance. Just about a year ago, however, GRCA issued a firm position statement opposing importation, largely for the reasons I've outlined. The response of importing rescues (whose members constitute a large portion of representation on the NRC) adopted a stance of defiance. Importation continued and so exacerbated "The Rift." Local Golden clubs and Golden rescues in many parts of the country are in continuous feud over importation, spending no small effort in disparaging each other. We in Central New York have been somewhat oblivious to such goings-on, largely because the relationship between our local club (GRCCNY) and rescue (GRRCNY) has been nothing but harmonious. Furthermore, our rescue has taken a formal and public stance against importation.

GRCA established the aforementioned Rescue Task Force (of which I'm a member) lending me a front row opportunity to witness the degree to which the NRC-GRCA relationship had deteriorated. Over the course of several months, I personally came to concur with the GRCA Board's attitude that it was likely time to wipe the slate clean and start over. NRC members exhibited nothing short of open disdain and disrespect for GRCA, often pointing out they didn't need the national club's support or the Golden Retriever Foundation's money.

How can rescues afford to import dogs? While years ago we resorted to Golden Retriever Fun Day or sold t-shirts and trinkets to finance the care of our fostered Goldens, the Internet Age has dramatically altered the landscape for all non-profits, including rescues. Social media, including Facebook, Twitter and others plus websites like GoFundMe, have given well-organized and motivated rescues access to resources, human and financial, like never before. Let me give you an example: Earlier this year several rescues banded together to import the 99 Goldens from China as I mentioned earlier. They publicly lamented the cost of a charter flight alone would be in the range of \$270,000. I watched the website in amazement as thousands of donors rocketed the fundraising tally to six figures in just a few days. Personally, I lament such huge expenditure on plane fare (that calculates to about \$2700+ per dog) that might be much better invested in canine veterinary medical research.

So what now? What's likely to happen? The Rescue Task Force has made recommendations that now (late December 2020) sit with the GRCA Board for final approval and enactment. It is nearly a foregone conclusion that the current National Rescue Committee will be disbanded and a new entity created. Also most likely will be the requisite that no rescue engaged in importation will any longer be eligible for affiliation with GRCA (meaning no GRCA website listing nor access to GRF financial assistance among other things). Anticipating this, it's my belief the importing rescues are already taking steps to create their own separate national coalition.

There are still many Golden rescues operating around the U.S. that don't import. They tend to be smaller operations, and many do still need financial help. To them, the Golden Retriever Foundation is still a valuable resource. Going forward, the Golden Retriever Foundation's where my rescue donations will be directed. GRF supports not just rescue, but also helps to fund much invaluable veterinary research that benefits all Goldens, rescued or not.

This "Regrettable Rift" is not good for our breed, and my hope is at some point in the future it will come to some workable resolution. Meanwhile, my firm belief is the interests of my Goldens (rescued and not) and yours are best served by our continued support to the direction taken by the Golden Retriever Club of America. RC

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Old Dog New Tricks by Deanna Rodriguez

It started with a whisper from my husband during last year's Annual Award Ceremony. "Is Bentley going to get a plaque?" he asked. "No. A plaque is for the dogs that have accomplished goals and earned titles," I responded. My husband then said, "Well, next year, Bentley will get a plaque." That is when the journey started.

Bentley is a 10-year old Golden Retriever that spends his days either sleeping on his bed or worrying about life around him. Little noises frighten him. He becomes leash reactive when he sees other dogs. Sometimes he just barks incessantly. How were we going to accomplish this goal? Unless there was a title for "King of the Couch" or "Longest Barker in the World," we knew it was going to be a challenge.

First, my husband and I decided it was time for Bentley to go back to school. He had already been through Beginning and Intermediate Obedience but that was long ago and with time and lack of compliment to training, he had lost all of it. We enrolled him Beginner's Obedience once again. He was the oldest dog in his class (the average age was 2 years). I would run home from work and then exercise him (run him, really) for 2 hours before class so that he would at least be a little tired and less likely to be reactive. Then class would start. For one hour a week, I packed a fanny pack of everything his little snacking heart desired just so we could do well in the class and not bully the other dogs. When we weren't in school, Bentley and I would dedicate 10 to 15 minutes each day to work on his "homework assignments." Bentley started to love these little training sessions and would even remind me if we were late to start. Eventually, he graduated from Beginning Obedience, with significant help from cheddar cheese squares, dog biscuits, salami, chicken breast, pepperoni, roast beef, and his favorite ball.

Once Bentley was in training mode, we started to work on his tricks. It started with a simple "Sit." He was motivated and for the first time in a while, he seemed youthful again. He learned a total of 13 tricks. He earned himself the title of Trick Dog Novice. Now he has a plaque that hangs on my wall. It serves as a reminder to me that all things are possible, and you can always teach an old dog new tricks.



Bentley Class



Graduation Celebration



Goal Accomplished



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