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Welcome New members!

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ON THE COVER

Kathy McCloskey's
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NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of Golden Tales will be October 2020
Deadline for submission of articles is October 10, 2020

Where to Send It ... For

Golden Tales - Website -Golden Retriever News

All members are encouraged to contribute and submit material.
Send to Kari Mickinkle kmickinkle@gmail.com:
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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1:00pm @ The Brewster Inn**

Looking ahead to 2021

January – Board meeting – TBA

February- General meeting – TBA

March

27 Specialty at the Salt City Show – NYS Expo center

April

**17 CCA @ SOTC
General meeting TBA**

May

June – General meeting TBA

July

16-18 Suzanne Clothier seminars @SOTC

September

18 Canine Carnival

October

**2 Brief general meeting/elections and FUN DAY
December - Annual Dinner TBA**

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



President's Message

Hello Golden friends,

Well, we have really been in the dog days of summer! I hope that you and your dogs have been able to enjoy some quality time together even though we are in frustrating and stressful times with COVID.

Our club is offering you and your Goldens a great chance to have a break, which will be managed in a safe environment, and enjoy learning or practicing some dock diving. Julie DeKing (juliedeking@gmail.com) is leading the event on July 29th. She has sent out info and is taking reservations so that we can be prepared for a smooth running evening.

Our field group is also active once again. Their calendar is available on our website and Pam Fuller (saddlesoarsfarm@gmail.com) is the contact. AKC is also offering some virtual titles with tricks, agility and rally – check it out at akc.org. Whatever you choose, if you want to pursue it, just be safe wearing a mask over your nose and mouth, distancing and having plenty of hand sanitizer as well as water for your Golden.

This is also the time of year to consider stepping up and being more involved in our club. Nominations are now open for officers and Board positions for 2021. We really need people to participate and keep our club going. Kari Mickinkle (kmickinkle@gmail.com) needs to hear from you if you are interested in a position by July 31st.

In addition, I need to hear from you if you are interested in a committee or have ideas for next year (ckrehel@cny-mail.com). I hope that everyone will realize the value of having our wonderful Golden Retriever Club of CNY.

Finally, don't forget to attend our virtual September meeting where we will have an incredible Ask the Vet panel. It should be a great meeting!

Watch our website and refer to our calendar for events, meeting, updates and changes. We could be in a bit of limbo for quite a while.

Take care, stay safe and be healthy!!!

Carol (and Murphy & Duffy too)



Duffy and Murphy

A Quarantined Litter by Beth Greenfield

The surest way to get a bitch into heat is to enter her in an obedience trial. Gracee was entered at the SOTC February trial and she came in right after I mailed the entry. Having gotten all her clearances done and in constant contact with the owner of the stud, Heather Donnelly, the semen sample was fresh chilled and shipped February 6, a day ahead of a Friday snowstorm. The surgical AI was successful, and I was hoping for "Bowie" puppies as he won the Breed at the Long Island specialties right before Westminster. Fast forward to March 6, Dr. Capella and I were discussing canine corona virus while confirming the presence of 3 fetal sacs by ultrasound.

The week of March 6 is when it all got crazy. The entries for Salt City clustered closed on Wednesday the 11th and I was looking to get out entry numbers from Rau. Thursday the 12th I knew the whole cluster was going to be canceled. Several emails to the judges and Carol Krehel were sent to confirm the drastic change of plans.

As the owner of 4 adult goldens and a litter on the way, I had to set priorities. First, I really had to buckle down on quarantine protocol. I could not get sick! Second, I restocked on dog food, just enough for 1 month, not buying out the supplier. And I had to make sure I had enough supplies to whelp the litter on my own.

On April 1st, I dropped Gracee off for a flat x ray to get a fetus count. Via phone, Dr Capella confirmed 5 pups and he emailed the x ray. April 6 Gracee went into the first stage of labor, and on April 8 she went into active labor delivering the first pup at 7:30 am. Pretty routine so far with 5 pups and placentas delivered. At noon I was totally grungy and needed a quick shower before I reset the puppies. I came back and looked in the whelping box 1,2,3,4,5,6 pups, WAIT, WHAT, HAVE I LOST MY MIND 6, 6 PUPPIES!!!! Without showing any signs of labor she delivered the unexpected #6 on her own. Well as I always say, no two litters are the same. It took Gracee 3 days to commit to feeding and cleaning the puppies. At first, she was only doing 5 minutes intervals. The basic down stay command gently spoken got her into a groove, I think she was very sore and tired. The reward was endless vanilla ice cream (calcium, fat, sugar).

At three weeks of age I was making sure that the litter was getting lots of hands on touch, deep group gathers to get them used to me. I also added the usual different textured toys in to the box with the puzzle cube from the Avidog seminar. I had to ban my daughter from visiting due to the quarantine. She is my puppy whisperer. At five weeks I let one local client in for a visit as he is a nursing supervisor at the VA, so he knows the correct quarantine protocol to keep everyone safe. The puppies loved the new human and it told me that goldens just naturally love people and they would be very easy to be with other humans.

All the puppies went at 7 weeks old; most were meeting their owners for the first time. I could have sold 100 puppies since the demand was off the scale. Sallie Lennox was doing overtime receiving puppy inquiries. I had to make sure that the new owners had to come up with a plan/schedule for when they went back to work. Also, I had to give more information in their packet about training. Fortunately, Susan Lynch started a Life with Rune Facebook group. She has delivered great training methods for him. She is the owner of "Manny" Ch.BeauGest Being Ramiroz CDX MH,OS CCA. She has shown Rune in the many stages of his puppyhood and really explained things carefully and in an easy manner.



I pulled through this quarantine so far due to diligence and being very careful and smart. I can wait to continue with Rally legs for Gracee, we are going to try for the virtual rally novice leg. Since dog shows and trials are revamping the rules, we are truly in the same boat.



Morris Animal FOUNDATION

Golden Retriever Lifetime Study

Lifetime Study Update

Hemangiosarcoma is one of the common cancers that can strike Goldens. It arises in areas of the body that have a rich blood supply. It most often occurs in middle-aged to older dogs and slightly more in males than females.

This cancer has a sudden onset, without clear symptoms. It starts “with an uncontrolled growth of the cells lining blood vessels”, most commonly with the tumor in the heart or spleen. Some signs may include intermittent lethargy or fatigue, panting, anorexia, or sudden death. A sudden rupture causes a massive blood loss and sudden collapse. This is a medical emergency and often requires surgery if possible. Unfortunately, the survival rate is not encouraging.

If a tumor is discovered quickly the current stats, according to the Morris Foundation are: Average survival time with surgery alone is 1-3 months; Average survival time with surgery and chemo is 5-7 months; 90% are deceased within one year after diagnosis and nearly 100% mortality by 2 years. The Foundation and Lifetime study are hopeful they can improve the odds by understanding more of the disease, figuring out how to overcome chemo drug resistance and looking for genetic links.

The study retains all of the samples collected in an effort to develop early diagnostic tests and find genetic links and answers. All of the hero dogs are greatly appreciated and pioneers for Goldens today and in the future.



Murphy and **Duffy** (owned by Carol Krehel) enjoyed a socially distanced Splash event in Cato.

Murphy earned his DS (Dock Senior) title and **Duffy** completed his DJ (Dock Junior) title.

Carol Lantiegne's

Adirondac Wildwood Flower (Poppy) has AKC Senior Hunter

Adirondac Tupper Too (Tupper) has AKC Senior Hunter

Adirondac Paint The Town Red (Reddi) has AKC Master Hunter.

Julie DeKing's **Tanner** earned his TKI, TKA, TKP

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.



What's in a Name?

by Kathy McCloskey

I always seem to have difficulty naming my dogs. I have not named any of my new puppies for a few days or up to a week after I've adopted them.

About six years ago, I purchased a female puppy. She had an exceedingly difficult beginning of her life. She almost did not survive but with the loving care of her breeder, she fought hard to live. Her breeder called her "Miss Feisty". I considered that name but instead chose Poppy to symbolize peace and her struggle to live.

However, a few days later I learned that my brother's grand children call him Poppy. So, I had to change the name out of respect for my brother. She was already responding to "Pop" so, I tried to come up with names that began with "Pop". Pop _____. (It was like the old time Match Game).

That's how "Popcorn" got her name. It fit her and her personality. Now I love the name! It's unique, people remember it, kids love it and its fun to say in training and showing.



The Passing – A sequel to “After the Stroke”

by Todd Clickner

There comes a time when our dogs pass from this world and into the next. Ada, my companion of 16 years, was no different. She had largely recovered from a stroke over a year before she passed, and I had treasured each day since, knowing that any one could be her last.

I returned from work on a Friday, and found her in her bed along with some hard, black stool. She made a weak attempt to rise when asked if she wanted to go out. When assisted to her feet, she could not, or would not support herself. I returned her to her resting place, and called the vet to alert them of her condition. Since it was after hours, I left a message, hoping that she would eventually regain her ability to stand. Further attempts to encourage her to rise were met with a loving stare, but no attempt to do so. Her message to me was clear, “My time has arrived”. When she showed no interest in food or water, I had to agree.

That night I slept next to her, her gentle breathing even and relaxed, showing no indication of pain or discomfort. She slept comfortably throughout the night, as she had for many months before. I was the one who was in distress, not she.

The next morning, I told the vet to prepare for her final visit. I had made two previous trips to the clinic thinking I would never return home with her. Both times I did. I knew this time was really was the last. With the help of a neighbor, Ada was lifted on a blanket into the front seat of my truck. She seemed to enjoy the ride, her head up and eyes alert to the passing scenery. I had always transported her in a kennel previously.

The pandemic did not allow me to enter the building. When I arrived, a pad with a blanket and a box of tissues had been prepared on a covered porch isolated from the clinic. I lifted her from the truck and carried her to the pad. She lay comfortably with me as we waited for the vet and technician to arrive. I stepped away while the initial sedative was introduced; after they left I held her head in my lap while it took effect. Her breathing was soft and gentle while we waited for the vet to return.

I stood a short distance away as the vet shaved a small area on her rear leg and administered the second dose. I felt cheated that the pandemic had denied me the right to hold her as she passed. I doubt it mattered to her. She had, after all, told me she was ready.

What Is In A Name?

by Pam Fuller

“Bing”

Lakesyde’s White Christmas JH, TDX, TDU, WCX, RATN

What’s in a name? A lot of hard work for me, as the minute I start thinking about it all creativity seems to leave my brain. But, I am lucky to have a good friend who also happens to co-own both boys and brainstorming together we found the perfect name for each pup – in my opinion anyway!

Many breeders like to assign a theme to their litters and have the new owners create the registered name incorporating the theme. This can make the whole process easier – or harder depending. Then you also need to find the perfect call name that relates to the registered name, fits the dog and entertains everyone when they figure out the connection. SEE WHAT I MEAN!!!

Bing was born on December 25th so, of course, we have a Christmas theme. I struggled with this one because whatever I thought of seemed to be more feminine than masculine, and I couldn’t live with a Rudolph in the house. I looked at Christmas songs, Christmas stories and drove co-owner Amy nuts with phone calls and brainstorming but I finally landed on Lakesyde’s White Christmas with a call name of Bing for the man who made the song famous, Bing Crosby – (get it?)

AKA Bingle Jingle (get it?) or Bing Bing Bing!

The perfect name for this high energy, loving pup that does everything he does fast and hard, whether tracking, retrieving, eating or hugging you as he tucks his head under your chin.

“Trax”

Golden Pine Leav’n DiamondDust Trax, TDX, WC, CGC

Trax’s litter theme was a gem – the name had to include Diamond. OK, not fair, how the heck did they come up with that one? Again everything, in my mind at least, seemed to lend itself to a girl not a boy. Jim (get it? ☐) did not appeal so I kept thinking.

Kathy McIntyre of Dustrax Goldens owned Trax’s dad. She also finished the first Golden and, I think, the 3rd overall Champion Tracker ever. I love tracking; Trax is a beautiful mover with an engaging expression/smile (get it?) now I just need the perfect verb... I landed on leav’n as Trax flew in on a jet plane from breeder Nancy Kelly of Golden Pine Golden Retrievers (also the breeder of Trax’s dad), so now we have it: Golden Pine Leav’n DiamondDust Trax, call name obvious.

AKA Traxie Maxie or Trax Man

The perfect name for this elegant, confident, sweet and loving, natural tracker of a boy.



Bing



Trax

What's In A Name?

by Peggy Mooney

Per your request for some background on how our dogs got their names... of all the dogs I have owned, my newest baby has the most significant name. I had been considering a puppy for a year or so, before getting her, but the time never seemed to be right.

To explain briefly, it's important to know that in the 4-5 years prior to getting her, my family experienced a number of unfortunate events. My older daughter became a single mother when she was 8.5 months pregnant, and she also had a 2 year old. My younger daughter had been diagnosed with a rare form of ovarian cancer 5 years ago, and now it was rearing its ugly head again, with a vengeance. Add to that the typical life events, and I was feeling pretty overwhelmed. I passed on 3 litters in a year, knowing I could never give a puppy the attention it deserved under the current situation. So by now, not only was I overwhelmed, I was mad. I wanted a puppy.

Months later things were slowly improving at home. My daughter and 2 grandchildren had moved in with us and we had settled into a routine. My youngest barely escaped a fatal complication from chemotherapy, and ironically, made a very quick recovery. Then puppy #4, sporting a teal puppy collar, became available. I liked the breeding. Temperament was what I was looking for, and ... teal is the color for ovarian cancer! It was a sign. I didn't want to pass on another opportunity.

So she was ours. Her litter theme was "music". I pondered her name for days. Driving in the car, "Fight Song" by Demi Lovato came on. All I heard was "This is my fight song, my take back my life song". This puppy was going to help me take back my life. So there it was.... "Twincreek's Fight Song". And despite the fact that I know absolutely nothing about Demi Lovato, except that she has had her share of struggles too, this little girl would be called "Demi". Demi is 18 months old now, and has been everything I needed her to be and more.

Calling all Golden Oldies!!

The Golden Retriever Lifetime Study and Morris Animal foundation need help with control subjects in a cancer research project.

They are looking for purebred Goldens over 12 that have never been diagnosed with cancer. The study is looking at genetic changes that may contribute to cancer in Goldens.

To participate you will be asked to complete a short questionnaire. Later the Golden will have blood drawn by your vet for DNA extraction. This DNA will be compared with Goldens in the Lifetime Study who have been diagnosed with cancer to look for clues as to why some dogs get cancer and others don't.

The target launch date is still to be determined.

For further information, you can contact goldenoldies@morrisanimalfoundation.org or fill out the contact form at: <https://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/golden-oldies-contact-form>



GRCCNY
Proudly presents the

Annual Golden Holiday Banquet

Sunday December 13, 2020
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

The Brewster Inn
6 Ledyard Ave
(Route 20 on Cazenovia Lake)
Cazenovia, NY 13035

COST: MEMBER - \$ 30.00
GUEST - \$ 30.00

Awards to follow dinner

OPTIONAL: \$ 10.00 dog related gift exchange

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NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN



Nominations are now open for the 2021 officers and Board. If you are interested in a position, please get in touch with this year's chair, Kari Mickinkle at kmickinkle@gmail.com by Friday, July 31, 2020. We would love to see more of our members participate in these important club positions.

A slate will be announced in August, a final opportunity for floor nominations will take place at our virtual meeting in September and the elections will be held in October.

Dock Diving *by Bobbie Vassallo*

Dock Diving is one of the fastest growing sports for your dog.

The dock is 35 - 40 feet long, 8 feet wide and sits 2 feet above the pool surface. The surface of the dock is covered with carpet, rubber or artificial turf to optimize traction and safety of the dog. The pool is 21x41 and is 4 feet deep. It contains clean clear water which is free of debris. There is also a ramp into the pool so the dog can get out of the pool.

A judge measures the distance of a jump by recording where the base of the dogs tail hits the water.

Distance Jump Division:

Class:

Novice (DN) - 0'-9"11"

Junior (DJ) - 10'.0" - 14'11"

Senior (DS) - 15'.0" - 19'11"

Master (DM) - 20'.0 - 23'11"

Elite (DE) - 24'0 and above

A division title is earned by accumulating (5) qualifying jumps within one class.

Now the fun begins.

Any dog over the age of 6 months may compete in dock diving.

A life jacket may be used. You will need a bumper or dogs favorite toy that floats.

You may also use a 2 person team, 1 to hold dog and 1 to throw.

May not have e-collars, prong collars or bait on the dock.

First step in dock diving, is to teach your dog about the ramp. This is important so the dog knows how to get out of the pool. Once this is accomplished, you will learn how to throw the bumper into the pool and encourage your dog to jump into pool. Don't be disappointed if your dog does not jump into the pool right away. But once they learn, look out!!!

Be prepared to get wet. Bring towels.

For more information contact NADD.



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Into the Conformation Ring What's This Dog Sport All About? *by Pam Fuller*

According to Webster's New World Dictionary, conformation is defined as:

1. A completed or symmetrical formation and arrangement of the parts of a thing.
2. The structure or form of a thing as determined by the arrangement of its parts.

In this instance, the "thing" is your Golden and indeed, your Golden will be judged in the Conformation ring as to how well his or her "parts" fit together and how well they move those parts around a ring! Your Dog (boy) or Bitch (girl) will be evaluated by the judge against the Golden Retriever Breed Standard** not against the other dogs or bitches in the ring. Important in maintaining the breed standard, the sport of Conformation is also a recognition of "form to function" (see ** below) and rewarding to participate in for participants whether you are interested in breeding or not.

Just like competing with your dog in Companion sports and Performance sports, competing with your dog in the sport of Conformation takes time and effort. The reward is the close and fulfilling relationship you develop as you both work towards the goal of achieving a Championship title!

The path to the 15 points you need for a championship is through placing 1st in the class you enter, which then qualifies you to be evaluated in the ring with all the other class winners. Placing 1st there earns you the Winners Dog or Winners Bitch title for that day and 1-5 points, depending on the size of the entry of dogs and bitches that day. The 15 points must include two "Major" wins of 3, 4, or 5 points.

The classes leading to a Championship title are first determined by sex and age. At 18 months, still divided by sex, there are a variety of classes to enter, to best meet your experience level, as you work towards your goal.

According to the American Kennel Club (AKC) 80% of the dogs entered in conformation classes, are handled by their owners! And, while owners may hire amateur and professional handlers to show their dogs, there are many opportunities to learn, grow and achieve your goals in the sport of Conformation. There are training classes for Conformation, Clubs hold "Matches" for you and your dog to practice the art of showing and handling in a less formal setting, Sweepstakes classes to enter and the AKC has an Owner/Handler program that is focused on the dog rather than the dog/handler combination.

Whatever path you take, the enjoyment is trip along the way with your pup!

**General Appearance — a symmetrical, powerful, active dog, sound and well put together, not clumsy nor long in the leg, displaying a kindly expression and possessing a personality that is eager, alert and self-confident. Primarily a hunting dog, he should be shown in hard working condition. Over-all appearance, balance, gait and purpose to be given more emphasis than any of his component parts. Learn more here: <https://grca.org/about-the-breed/akc-breed-standard/>



Garden State



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Oklahoma movement & stack

Jalapeno Popper Potato Salad

by Kari Mickinkle

This recipe is for the humans! This delicious recipe came from the Pioneer Woman herself, Ree Drummond. Hopefully you enjoy this if you try it. We switched a few ingredients out like the gherkins for dill pickles and did not put any scallions on it.

Ingredients:

- 3 pounds russet potatoes (about 5 medium), cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more for the boiling water
- 6 slices bacon
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar (about 8 ounces)
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup chopped pickled jalapenos plus 2 tablespoons brine
- 3 tablespoons yellow mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 4 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
- 4 scallions, thinly sliced, plus more for topping
- 3 sweet gherkins, chopped (about 1/4 cup)



Directions:

1. Put the potatoes in a large pot and add enough water to cover them by an inch. Season with salt. Bring to a boil over high heat and cook until the potatoes are fork-tender, about 15 minutes.
2. Drain the potatoes and return them to the pot, then mash briefly with a potato masher, so that there is a mix of mashed and chunky potatoes.
3. Meanwhile, heat a nonstick skillet over a medium heat until hot, then add the bacon and cook, turning every so often, until crisp, about 8 minutes.
4. Drain the bacon on a paper towel-lined plate, then chop.
5. Tip the potatoes into a large bowl. Add the salt, cheese, mayonnaise, jalapenos and jalapeno brine, mustard, pepper, eggs, scallions and gherkins. Fold everything together.
6. Serve the potato salad warm, or cover and refrigerate until chilled, at least 1 hour or up to overnight.
7. Top with the bacon and more scallions before serving.



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