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**Waynewood's You've Got a Friend BN, CCA, CGC, CD, T1, RN, RI.
April 28, 2008 to Jan 22, 2021**

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Welcome New members!

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beloved golden of Kelly Mueller

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NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of Golden Tales will be October 2021
Deadline for submission of articles is October 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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Calendar of Events

February

**Virtual General meeting –
Thursday, February 11 @ 7pm**

March

**27 Specialty at the Salt City Show – NYS Expo center
CANCELLED**

April

**17 CCA @ SOTC
General meeting TBA**

May

June

10 General meeting

July

**15 Suzanna Clothier @ 7pm
2 hour virtual meeting
Please forward any questions for Suzanne to
Carol Krehel by July 1st**

September

18 Canine Carnival

18 WC/WCX

**Echoewood
3624 State Route 104, Mexico, NY 13114
Maxine Clark, Chairperson**

October

2 Brief general meeting/elections and FUN DAY

10 Deadline for Golden Tales

**10 Eye/Heart Clinic
@ Village Vet**

December

**Annual Holiday Banquet
Sunday December 12th at 1:00 pm
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 that you are all spending some time and having some fun with your wonderful Golden Retrievers. Our field group is off to a good start this year and even held a well-attended beginners session at the start of the season. Thanks to Pam for hosting it and for her instruction. It was great to see some of our new members too!

The dock group will be gearing up again which is great fun for all and especially our dogs. I encourage everyone to come out and try some new things or to enjoy activities that you have done before.

Don't miss an opportunity to hear Suzanne Clothier on July 15th. It should be very informative. She is an international trainer, the founder of relationship centered training (RCT) and an author. We are fortunate to have her joining us through Zoom.

In August, we will begin to prepare the slate for our board and officers for 2022. We need more participation as we elect a new group and also with our committees. There are many talented people in GRCCNY so step up and everyone share your ideas too.

As we negotiate these next few months and begin to readjust, I hope to see many of you again. Our Fun Day is in October and it is sure to be a smash with Julie and Deanna chairing the event. Then as 2021 comes to a close in December, we are looking forward to our Golden Banquet at the beautiful Brewster Inn. It is a nice get together for EVERYONE and lots of fun.

Have a great summer everyone. Stay safe and well and have fun with your dogs.

Carol and Murphy & Duffy



Gus' Joke Corner

A large multinational company puts out an application for a secretary.

A golden retriever applies for the job, passes the written test and is scheduled for an interview. At the interview the interviewer asks, "Can you speak any foreign languages?"

And the golden retriever says, "Meow."

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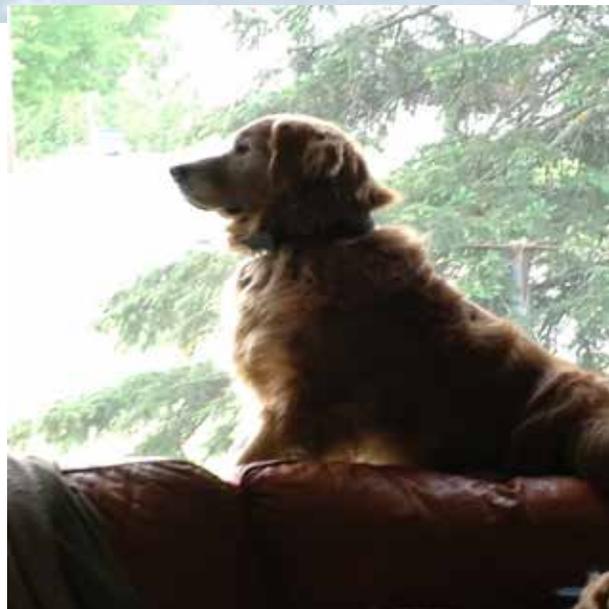
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The Rainbow Bridge

Waynewood's You've Got a Friend BN, CCA, CGC, CD, T1, RN, RI. April 28, 2008 to Jan 22, 2021. You were my best friend, the clown who made me laugh everyday, bull in a China cabinet, a friend to everyone, a ball hog, a food thief, a fish, but most of all my cuddle on the sofa guy. I love and miss you. Kelly and Lyla Mueller





Morris Animal FOUNDATION

Golden Retriever Lifetime Study

Lifetime Study Update

The study is now in its 9th year; time certainly flies by. In February 2021, there had been 171 of the 3,000 plus participants diagnosed with one of four cancers: hemangiosarcoma, lymphoma, high-grade mast cell tumors, osteosarcoma.

286 of the original dogs enrolled have gone to the Rainbow Bridge.

The study has also expanded and is now looking at histiocytic sarcoma because of its prevalence as well as investigating canine cognitive dysfunction and osteoarthritis as the study dogs age.

As new and increasing information is discovered, it will help not only our Goldens, but our other canine friends and it will carry over to help people too. We celebrate the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study and all of the hero dogs (and their owners) who are making the future better.

A recent GRCA resolution announced in cooperation with the Morris Animal Foundation Golden Retriever Lifetime Study, our departed Heroes be recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation to be included in the Memorial Box presented to each participant in the study.



Good Dog TIPS

The best way to keep shedding to a minimum is to brush your golden daily.

This gets the dead fur off of your dog and onto the brush, instead of off of the dog and onto the floor.



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 poach.



Carol Lantiegne reports **Adirondac Tupper Too** WC recently titled in two field venues... She is now HRCH as well as MH. She missed the CCA as she was running hunt tests, but Adirondac Explorer, who DID get his CCA is presently breeding her for summer puppies. He has 2 Master passes so far, so could be titled by the time the pups arrive.

I may have already reported, **Adirondac Altitude With Attitude (Marcy)** has her Junior Hunter.

Carol Krehel **Storybook's Serenity Murphy M** earned his RA title and 2 legs each in scent work containers, interior and exterior

Painting- Storybook Serenity Duffy R and his handler Bobbie Vassallo got an IABCA IntCH

Lisa Mitchell and **Rook** completed their Obedience Trial Championship, one of the very most challenging and prestigious titles offered by the AKC. They did it in style, with a first place finish in Utility B at the Syracuse Obedience Training Club trial on June 12



Lisa Mitchell and Rook

GRCCNY CCA 2021

by Kelly Mueller

On April 17, 2021 Golden Retriever Club of CNY held our Certificate of Conformation Assessment. The wonderful judges were Elizabeth Greenfield, Diane Tyree and Dodi Borsay Horowitz. The judges were so helpful and educational. Thank you so much to the three of you.

The club had sixteen dogs entered and thirteen were tested. All thirteen of the entries passed for the for the CCA. The dogs were what you want in a golden healthy, pretty, loving and sweet. The judges were all very nice and explained the positives of each dog. Lyla was our test dog and scored almost as she did eight years ago.

We had a really patient photographer Mr. Don Crumb and he did get some great shots. The two members who made the CCA work are Lynn Mickinkle and Wendy Richardson you both made the day seamless. THANK YOU SO SO MUCH.

The day was amazing. I hope everyone had as much fun as I did. Here are the names of all that were present and passed:

Group 1:

Adirondac Explorer SH Carol Lantiegne

Golden Haven Tess. Dianne Demson

Group 2:

Twincreek's Flight Song. Peggy Mooney

Fern Hill's Most Valuable Player SH WCX CGC Audrey and Bruce Coleman

Lycinan's Can't Stop The Rayne CD Rebecca Byrns

Group 3:

Golden Haven Fletcher Dianne Demson

Adirondac Hocan Pocas CD MH Carol Lantiegne

Group 4:

Wynwood Turn On The Charm Donna Schmidt

Lycinan's Go With The Flow Cynthia Berry

Group 5:

Adirondac Work Of Art MH Carol Lantiegne

Topmast Rain Dancer Kathy McCloskey

Mtn. View's She Is A Keeper Lexi Conte

GRCNY CCA 2021



Left to right: Golden Haven Tess - Demson; Golden Haven Fletcher - Demson; Fern Hill's Most Valuable Player SH WCX CGC - Coleman; Lycinan's Can't Stop the Rayne CD - Byrns; Twincreek's Fight Song - Mooney; Adirondac Explorer SH - Lantiegne; Adirondac Paint the Town Red MH - Lantiegne



**Left to right: Wynwood Turn on the Charm - Schmidt; Topmast Rain Dancer - McCloskey; Lycinan's Go With the Flow - Berry; Owasco Lake's Little Peanut - Fland; Mtn. View's She is a Keeper - Conte.
Not pictured: Adirondac Work of Art MH - Lantiegne**

GRCCNY CCA 2021



Judges left to right: Diane Tyree; Elizabeth Greenfield; Dodi Borsay Horowitz



New Puppies!!!

Fred, the new puppy of Audrey and Bruce Coleman was introduced in the January 2021 Golden Tales.

Audrey writes us: Fred is 7 months old and quite a handful. Because we were able to go down to SC in March to get a start on field training Fred showed us that he loves swimming. The very first time we threw something in the water for him to retrieve he leaped in to get it.

I hope I can keep up with Fred.



Fred in his baby days

We would like to introduce our new puppy, Agnus Hold My Scotch @ Cayuga Highlands, “**Gus**”.

Gus’ sire is Am Ch Amica L On Wheels @ Arkgold, “Tesla” and dam Arkgold Wanderlust, “Gypsy”. Gus has proven to be a VERY confident and amenable. We haven’t had a puppy in the house in awhile, though we fostered puppies with etopic ureters a few years ago. Eve has proven to be a #1 “mommy surrogate”, playing with Gus, teaching doggy etiquette and discovering the great outdoors. She is very protective of him and comes between Finn and Gus, when Gus starts bothering Finn. Finn has become more tolerant of the “constant wanting to be near him”.

Gus starts AKC Star Puppy class this month and we hope do obedience with him. He does like water and perhaps dock diving might be in his future. Once our animal assisted therapy team, Cornell Companions gets back to visiting, I look forward to him following Finn and Eve into service.

Janet, Tom, Finn and Eve Gray



Gus



Gus after puppy pool party

THEY DO IT WITH PANACHE!

by RUE CHAGOLL
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“C’mon Rue. Give it a try!”

My expression undoubtedly betrayed reluctance. As a newbie member of the Kansas City Golden Retriever Club I’d found lots of help and encouragement as I and my Golden-at-the-time, Ben, pursued competition in obedience. But field training? As a near-city kid from Long Island I’d never been exposed to hunting, and Ben was a soft dog. He’d squirm behind the toilet at the first sound of thunder or fireworks. Didn’t seem we’d be prospects for much success.

But with more cajoling and lots of enjoyment promised for me and my pal, I agreed. That was thirty years ago this summer, yet I can picture as vividly as yesterday the “new” Ben that emerged in the field. As if some unseen switch had flipped, Ben took off on his first bird retrieves, ears and tail a-flying, faster than I’d ever seen him answer a call to supper. Still a lightning and fireworks scaredy-cat, he quickly learned, though, to differentiate and anticipate the good things accompanying the sound of blanks pistols and shotguns. He’d strain at the leash for his turn to retrieve. Witnessing the Golden RETRIEVER emerge in Ben filled me with joy and energized me to continue on. I was hooked.

Thanks to the start I got from KCGRC, Ben went on to earn titles and certificates from AKC, GRCA and NAHRA, as did my next Golden – Baxter.

Fast forward to present: I cannot imagine another Golden club with a field training opportunity superior to ours in GRCCNY. We’ve the grounds, the equipment, the expertise and a sizeable group of enthusiastic participants. Some are accomplished trainers with multiple advanced titles and some are stark newbies. Same goes for the Golden Retrievers. And I, after years of life-circumstance-imposed hiatus, am delighted to be back playing in the field with my rescued Golden partner, Lexi.



Kathy McCloskey

Another highly experienced participant is Joe Martin – who’s also a licensed AKC hunt test judge. I smiled at Joe’s coy avoidance of specificity in answering my survey question as to how many years he’d been engaged in field: “Many years.” Yeah, I don’t like counting them out loud either Joe! He and I sometimes trained together when I first moved to Central New York in the early nineties. Joe sees participation in our group as a step back toward normality. Our dogs have all suffered from isolation imposed by the pandemic: little or no training opportunity and even less chance for

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“The field training group is very friendly and everyone is willing to do their part in the variety of training scenarios,” says Kathy McCloskey who has been working field for over 20 years and whose dogs have earned a multitude of titles. Participation in the GRCCNY field group, she believes, affords her Golden Retrievers – Popcorn and Dancer – more experience with settings and dogs.



Joe Martin

socializing with other people and dogs. His Flatcoat partner Camper, Joe reports, “Needs the exposure...” and is “...gaining experience after a long year with very little training.”



Peggy Mooney

Lisa Mitchell (my life partner for those who may not know) confesses to being a “rank beginner last year.” Of her Golden she says, “Rook LOVES it and I’m finding watching my dog doing what he loves very enjoyable.” Lisa says participation in our group has “given me the confidence that perhaps Rook can earn a field title of some type.”

I can attest to Lisa’s burgeoning knowledge of the sport over the past year. Before last summer if you’d asked her what a “Winger” was she’d probably have guessed it to be some kind of designer cocktail ... and perhaps that “Guns Up” is something bad guys utter just before a bank heist. Now she confidently parks herself in the blind, blows her duck call and fires that Winger gizmo springing a bird or bumper fifty feet in the air. Strongest testament to Lisa’s new found affection for the sport, though, are the feathered creatures now permitted residence in our chest freezer.



Lisa Mitchell

Indeed we are fortunate in this Club. There are four wonderful properties for our use, lots of equipment (both Club-owned and personally shared) and a diverse and affable cadre both willing to teach and eager to learn. Recognition is also due here to the catalyst that brings it all together. Beginning mid-winter recruiting participants, organizing a calendar of venues and dates, and securing birds and other necessities are tasks diligently managed by Pam Fuller. And of course, she trains with her Golden too! This year Pam’s been temporarily sidelined after having a new knee installed, but we look forward to her return real soon.

While my Golden Lexi and I thoroughly enjoy our participation in this group, I think I derive as much pleasure watching other handlers and dogs doing the same. Watching Lisa Mitchell and Rook bond in this new environment I’ve often flashed back to my elation with (first dog) Ben so many years ago. Seeing Golden retrievers working in the field is both fascinating and entertaining. And, by golly, they do it with such PANACHE!

So, if you’ve not tried this with your Golden and want to see what it’s all about, get in touch with one of the group members (their names are listed below). We’d love to have you and your Golden join in. And to fellow field training group members: Who do you

know who might really enjoy this? Well, get on the phone or email and extend an invitation.

And for those who may want to enjoy this sport solely as a spectator: Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 18, our Club's annual WC/WCX tests. You'll be most welcome.

Guns Up! RC

Photo credits: Bruce Coleman, Lisa Mitchell, Rue Chagoll

2021 GRCCNY Field Training Group Participants: Cindy Berry, Bradley Bowman, Becky Byrns, Rue Chagoll, Becky Cizenski, Maxine Clark, Todd Clickner, Audrey Coleman, Odette Fetzer, Pam Fuller, Jill Gardner, Dottie Hamblin, Marcia Martin, Joe Martin, Kathy McCloskey, Lynne Mickinkle, Lisa Mitchell, Peggy Mooney, Lee Painting, Sue Reuss, Tina Reynolds, Kathy Salemi, Donna Schmidt.



Rue Chagoll



Maxine Clark



Donna Schmidt



Audrey Coleman

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Marcia Martin



Cindy Berry



Becky Byrns



Saddle Soars

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Upcoming Events



Looking ahead in 2021

July

15 **Suzanna Clothier @ 7pm**
2 hour virtual meeting

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