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# Golden Tales

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## Welcome New members!

Jason Valvo

## ON THE COVER

**Koda is owned by Kari Mickinkle  
and Burley is owned by Lynn Mickinkle.**

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

**On Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/GRCCNY/>**

## NEXT ISSUE

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

### 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](http://www.grccny.org))  
and articles for the Golden Retriever News Member Club Columns.

GRCA deadline: the 1st of every uneven month

## Activity and Event Leaders

### Awards

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## Calendar of Events

November

**1- Deadline for Title applications and Award nominations**

December

**13 – Annual Club banquet & brief general meeting  
1:00pm @ The Brewster Inn**

### *Looking ahead to 2021*

January

**Board meeting – TBA  
10 - Golden Tales deadline**

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,

I hope you are all well. Although this has been a challenging year, our club has still managed to stay active. We started out the year in person and then adapted to the times virtually. Sadly we had to cancel several events though we were able to hold our Vet Panel online last month.

Many of us have also found trials and tests to attend safely as well as participating in AKC virtual programs. Field had a nice training season and thanks to Julie we had a wonderful club dock diving event that was well attended and a lot of fun. So even being restricted and limited this year and with the majority of things being cancelled, we still found a way. But then, we are dog people!

As we look ahead to next year, I am always hopeful that more of you will get involved and participate in our club. We are looking forward to meeting again in person and holding our Specialty, seminars, eye/heart clinic and WC/WCX. Fun Day has already been rescheduled to October 2021 and promises to be a good time at Central Bark. Watch the website calendar for updates!

Your new Board will be meeting prior to our Annual Dinner in December (still on at this point) so let us know what you would like in 2021.

Finally, as this is our final newsletter of 2020, I want to wish each of you and your Golden's a happy, healthy and safe holiday season and all the best in 2021!!!

Carol and the boys



## Good Dog TIPS

The consensus of our Vet Panel as the number one tip is Pay attention to your Golden's weight!

Keeping your dog active, healthy and at an ideal weight is the best thing you can do for him/her and his/her life.



# Meet the Member

## Tom and Janet Gray

We have been members of GRCCNY since the early 2000's and have owned goldens for over 39 years. We first became acquainted with the club through rescue (which we joined in 1999). We currently have three goldens, Orianna (12 3/4yr) , her son Finn (10 yr) and Eve (6yr).

Many goldens have passed through our doors, from fosters, adoptions, acquiring and puppies that never left. A lot of events happened in 1999, we joined GRCCNY, became a member of Cornell Companions, an animal assisted therapy organization and opened our dog boarding kennel Highland Farms Boarding Kennel and Store.

We had the privilege to have many mentors along the way; Sally Lennox, Rue Chagoll , Janice Brown and especially Carol Allen. I (Janet) have had many roles in GRCCNY including webmaster, communications, newsletter editor/layout, merchandise, membership, community relations, vice president and president.

Therapy work is unfortunately on hold because of COVID, though we were able to get a few ZOOM meetings in with residents of the assisted living facility we visit. The goldens have visited at hospice, nursing homes, university students as well as a secure facility for youth who were felons. The goldens also went with us on home visits for rescue, represented rescue at events, welcome foster goldens into our home, parades and fun days. I also enjoy being a part of the Golden Tales newsletter team.

Golden Retriever health issues has been foremost though and we actively participate in the Morris Animal Foundation Golden Retriever Lifetime Study, where Finn is Hero #79 and Eve is Hero #2625. Mama Orianna participates in the Oldie Golden study through Morris. Finn also participates in the Shine On project for hemangiosarcoma detection. They all participate in the Cornell DNA bank and previously the Broad Institute's research on JRD.

With the dissolving of the rescue by the end of the year, there is still a lot of work to close the doors.

The zoom meetings have been a welcome, as nighttime travel in the fall and winter is difficult from Ithaca, especially with a kennel business to run. I am so happy to see all the events and activities and excited to see the new year ahead!

Paws Up!

Janet and Tom Gray



**Eve, Orianna and Finian**



# Morris Animal FOUNDATION

Golden Retriever Lifetime Study

## Lifetime Study Update

Pigmentary uveitis was first noticed in Goldens in the Northeast in the late 1990's. It most often occurs in middle and older age dogs and can cause vision loss, discomfort and even blindness.

Early diagnosis and treatment can slow the progression and is very important in this disease. "Pigmentary uveitis is comprised of several eye abnormalities that build over time". Cysts, mainly behind the pupil, can be an early sign. Thin walled, as opposed to thick walled, cysts are the ones of particular concern. They are usually "translucent, big and floppy" followed by inflammation and vision loss. About 50% of affected dogs will also develop glaucoma. If untreated, expect blindness to occur, but with treatment the progression can be slowed.

"Pigmentary uveitis can take years to develop". Be aware of some of the signs such as red, uncomfortable eyes, dry eyes, conjunctivitis, environmental irritants or injuries or ulcers of the cornea. Dr. Lynne Sandmeyer of the Morris Foundation advises, "owners of golden retrievers should err on the side of caution and these dogs should be seen by a veterinarian". It is important to have routine evaluations and especially if your Golden is part of a breeding program, in which case you should have annual eye exams.

There is still much to learn about this disease and since most dogs don't develop it until later in life, it will take time. Breeders need to pay close attention to their lines. Genetic testing may be possible in the future, although this is unsure right now. The Morris Foundation and the Golden Retriever Lifetime Study are collecting data for additional and future research.



**Murphy and Duffy** (owned and loved by Carol Krehel) earned a DS (dock senior), RATN (barn hunt novice) and RATO (barn hunt open) and Duffy a DM (dock master), 2 legs of Rally Advanced, and FDC (Farm Dog).

**Tanner** (owned by Julie DeKing) earned his TKE(Trick Dog Performer Elite), RATS( Barn Hunt Senior), and DMA (Dock Master Advanced) titles. He also ended the Dock Diving season ranked 32nd out of 290 ranked Golden Retrievers nationwide!

Westbrook's Silence is Golden CCA, CGC, DS, TKP, BN (**Jerzee**) owned by Bobbie and Peter Vassallo, bred by Beth Greenfield has earned his Rally Novice title!

**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 Kari Mickinkle

I decided to write an article for my mom's dog Amity as I was the main reason she received her name. Her full name is Emeline's Fishin for the Big One "Amity". As a kid my two main movie obsessions were Jaws and The Wizard of Oz. I've seen both movies hundreds of times and both movies make up a lot of décor in my house.



**Amity**

When I was in college I actually had a bunny that I named Brody, after Chief Brody in Jaws. I always wanted to get a dog and name it Bruce as this was the name given to the animatronic shark in Jaws. Strangely enough, my parents would never let this happen. I even tried to convince them that our dog Blaze, should have been named Jaws which would have been fitting as she would always grab my wrist with her mouth in excitement.

My mom finally conceded a little when Amity's litter was born. Their breeder Mary wanted the theme for her litter to be fishing so my mom finally came up with the idea that her name could be Amity to represent Amity Island in Jaws. We have a running joke that sometimes she acts like her name would be better represented by Amityville Horror.

by Julie DeKing

Gemstar's Lightning Strikes CCA RATS RATI DMA DSA TKE, aka "**Tanner**"

Since the age of four I have known the sport of ice hockey. My family had just moved into our new house and there were 3 boys that lived next door, the youngest (who was 7 at the time) was a hockey player. That family became a second family to me and my siblings, so naturally we watched a lot of hockey, which doubled when my brother also started playing at a young age. After college I moved a few times for my job before moving home to Syracuse in 2004. In 2009 my Dad passed away. That fall my Mom and I agreed that we needed to find something fun to keep us busy, so we bought season tickets for Syracuse Crunch Hockey. Well, not only were we happy to be out of our houses having fun, but we were hooked and completely obsessed! It was our therapy at a time that we really needed it!

I had been planning on getting a dog for years, and even had a list of dog names that I liked. Then along came this feisty, young hockey player named Tanner who quickly became my favorite Crunch player. After my research into dog breeds led me to the golden retriever, I decided that I wanted a male, I knew his name would be Tanner. I also knew that his registered name had to be hockey related as well. For those who don't know hockey, the Syracuse Crunch are the AHL team affiliated with the NHL's Tampa Bay Lightning. So "Lightning Strikes" it was.



**Tanner**

by Deanna Rodriguez

My boy **Bentley**! He was one of a litter of 14 born on July 29, 2010. What was the inspiration for his name? Cars! The whole litter was named after vehicles. He was the most well-mannered refined puppy that as he matured slowly revealed his unique, powerful, wild side. Appropriately named.



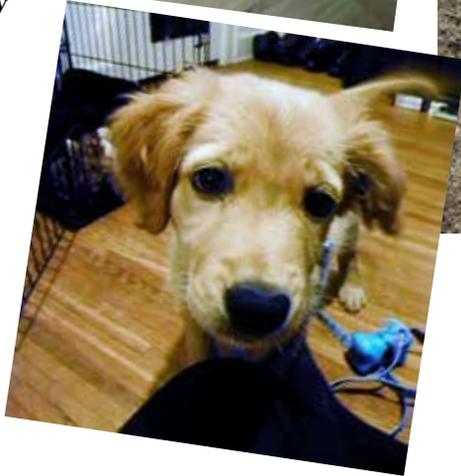
**Elvis Bentley**



**Sitting Bentley**



**Floppy Bentley**



**Puppy Bentley**

## **Making "human grade" training treats**

*Courtesy of Jeanette Levensohn*

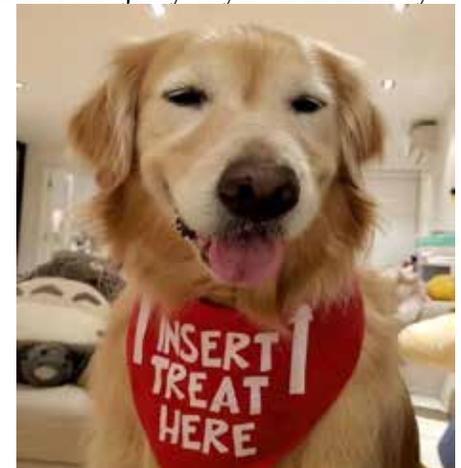
I find that the best training treats are human grade meat because then I can put them into my mouth as an easy place to keep several at a time while training. Human grade meats can be hot dogs (beef, chicken, turkey, whatever), turkey ham, ham, deli chunk turkey or chicken.

I cut them into strips or small chunks, put them onto a paper towel lined plate, cover with another paper towel so the grease doesn't splatter and microwave them at half power for about 15-20 min...the time depends on the power of the microwave and how much you are making at a time...you'll need to play with that. They come out kind-of "jerky" style...a bit leathery and not greasy...can be kept in your pocket without making a mess. Actually, Kosher all beef low-fat hot dogs are the best.

To make chicken jerky from human grade chicken breast: preheat oven 200 degrees, lightly grease a cookie sheet. Slice raw, boneless chicken with the grain into thin slices (1/8-1/4 "thick) and bake for 2-2 1/2 hours. Cool and cut up into chunks if you want. Can be refrigerated for 3 weeks or frozen up to 8 months.

These can be stored in the freezer for long periods of time and taken out as needed. It's good to have several different kinds of treats with you so that when you are working on some difficult exercise, or working in a very distracting place, you can "jack pot" the new learned behavior.

Beef, turkey, venison jerky also works really well as does string cheese because it is clean, quick to access, and most dogs love them. If you are watching your dog's weight, use the low fat cheese. You can also get cheddar sticks which dogs absolutely can't resist...a tiny piece goes a long way.





AKC (American Kennel Club) has an AKC College with offerings such as breeding, conformation and breed education. Go to [akc.org](http://akc.org) for more information and several free classes.

GRCA (Golden Retriever Club of America) has a website filled with information. You can also visit the store's book section to find details of the breed standard and detailed descriptions of every aspect of the Golden's structure and function.

THANK YOU to the Golden Retriever Rescue of CNY for their very generous donation of many Golden items to our club. We received a car load of items for future community events, club gatherings etc. We will miss you GRRCNY!

One of the many services offered by GRRCNY was the guidance offered to Golden owners in answering questions and/or assisting with concerns and referral sources. GRCCNY has agreed to be a part of this continued tradition and we hope to welcome many more members from GRRCNY as well as the general public.

## **Adventures of Koda**

*by Kari Mickinkle*

Where to even begin! Koda and I had a mostly uneventful summer filled with swimming in the pool and fetching balls. Our biggest adventure began at the end of August when we finally closed on our first house. Apartment living was not our thing so it was so exciting when we were finally able to find a home to call our own. Since then, Koda has become a great neighborhood watch dog. He makes sure to bark at anybody who walks by our house so that they know he means business! One of his favorite things to do in



**Koda in his new backyard**

his new digs is to stalk the squirrels. Several times I have caught him trying to climb a tree to chase the squirrels in our backyard. However, his absolute favorite activity involves our next door neighbor who has ducks... The ducks seem to be fearless so Koda has found a spot where his nose can fit under the fence and he'll just sit there hoping that the ducks will come play with him. Maybe one of these days they will goose him on the nose and he'll learn his lesson but probably not!

# 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

  
MASKS ARE REQUIRED.



**DUE TO COVID: BUFFET WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.  
ALL MEALS WILL BE ORDERED A LA CARTE &  
EACH MEMBER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN BILL.**

**Go to: [www.thebrewsterinn.com](http://www.thebrewsterinn.com)**

**To view the brunch menu**

**Awards to follow dinner**

**OPTIONAL: \$ 10.00 dog related gift exchange  
RESERVATIONS BY NOVEMBER 30, 2020**

**Send to: Bobbie Vassallo  
4266 Amblewood Lane  
Clay, NY 13041**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_**



### *Good Dog TIPS*

All that running has a serious impact on the dogs' joints. Fortunately, there are some dog-care products — such as nutritional supplements — that your vet will prescribe to ensure maximum mobility.

Canines can experience stiff joints as a result of everyday activities, obesity, age, accidents, and trauma. Certain breeds, however, such as Labs, German Shepherds, and Golden Retrievers are usually more prone to developing arthritis than others.

## Dock Diving Event

*by Julie Deking*

Club members participated in a great night of dock diving at Splash-O- Rama in Cato, NY back in July. We had a great turnout, and everyone wore masks to keep everyone safe. There were both experienced dock dogs, and also many dogs who were trying it for the first time.

Staff from the dock were there to help the new dogs learn the basics of dock diving, which actually starts with how to get out of the pool! Everyone had a blast, especially the dogs!! Some dogs took their first jump off the dock that night, and then went on to compete and earn titles this year. Congrats to those dogs and handlers!



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## **A Golden Goal**

*by Bobbie Vassallo and Carol Krehel*

When Carol Krehel became President of GRCCNY she had an idea about exposing everyone to various activities to do with your dog. She also made a commitment to try anything presented. A different activity was highlighted at each meeting. One activity that came up was Dock Diving and she learned that a member, Bobbie Vassallo had been doing this with her dog Jerzee. A hesitant Bobbie agreed to present it and then Carol went to a practice as promised. And so began a friendship. Now Duffy has a Dock Master (DM) and Murphy has earned his DS (Dock Senior).

Later Bob Richardson did a talk on conformation that ended with an invitation to a handling class. I had a puppy, Duffy that I took to the class. Bob took him around the ring and then I took the first class, not knowing a thing. We worked on stacking (what was that?) and gaiting (that one I knew). Stacking is standing the dog squarely in preparation for the judge to “go over him” - what?? OK, I was learning- conformation is looking at each dog and comparing that dog’s structure and function to the breed standard. Movement is a very important factor that I enjoy watching as the Golden trot in the ring.

Bobbie came up to me and asked if she could take Duffy in. I knew her from the dock practice, that she was Bob’s friend and that I had seen her at meetings and said yes, somewhat relieved because I didn’t know what I was doing. She and Duffy went in and had a great time. I also enjoyed watching him move. Later she approached me asking if I would let her take him in to a show and I learned that she had a dream and a goal of showing a Golden and earning a championship. The two of them connected, I loved her desire and before you knew it team Duffy was born and Bob was our first cheerleader.

Now came the learning and there is a lot to learn stacking, free stacking, gaiting, baiting, bathing, conditioning, grooming conditioning and managing lots of detail. Bobbie and Duffy began handling classes and Carol became the Golden “soccer mom”. We asked lots of questions, gathered tons of info, consulted videos etc. I was overwhelmed and clueless; Bobbie was excited and Duffy was loving it. Over the next year we developed a system and a flow of show selections, prep, packing, set up, run ups, showtime and breakdown and reviews. We also developed a wonderful friendship filled with hours of laughter and made lots of new friends from around the country that have become great supporters and mentors for Team Duffy. This is no “beauty show”; it is a detailed sport and the foundation of breeding.

We entered our first show (by the way show actually means breed or conformation as distinguished from a trial). Right off the bat Carol was confused by all of the categories on the entry form and with no clear answers and lots of conflicting opinions, we settled on AmBred (American Bred). Still unsure of exactly how all of this worked we jumped in.

The first show was exciting, overwhelming and at times intimidating with many pro handlers. It was hard to know who was doing what and what all the classes were. We kept hearing about points, although no one could really explain the system which sounded complicated and confusing. Carol now had an additional task of figuring out the puzzle. The grooming and prepping was time consuming and at times nerve wracking; it is very precise.

We did 6 shows in the US and 2 or 3 in Canada, in addition to a large UKC event. The US and Canada are pretty much the same, except for the point system. UKC is more laid back, entirely different and does not allow pros so it is a great learning experience. We earned points in the US and Canada and a championship with the UKC.

Throughout the year Team Duffy learned and improved and nearly always placed which was great. The only downside was that the majority of the handlers are pro and with that comes some politics that is disheartening. We even had a couple of experiences of hearing about the winners before we had shown. However, we were determined to move forward with the goal and the dream. Late in the summer, Duffy won Best of Breed! We were overjoyed and Carol totally entertained the superintendent when we didn’t know what to do. It was so rewarding because we had put in a lot of time and work and it was all Bobbie and Duffy truly earning their way with every placement and point.

This year was a bust as far as shows due first to Bobbie’s horrible accident resulting in a total shoulder replacement and second COVID, but Duffy is still working. He is becoming even more well rounded with many activities including dock diving, rally, obedience, the CGC series, barn hunt, tricks, and agility.

*A golden Goal continued on page 13*

Solving the conformation puzzle: It is actually quite simple; it starts with classes and brackets. So there are two categories champions and non-champions; in addition each class is also split into male (dog) and female (bitch). Each non champion sex begins in one of the following classes:  
Bred by exhibitor, American Bred, Open, 6-9 month puppy, 9-12 month and 12-18 month  
The males go first, then the females.  
The winner of each class then competes for Winners Dog and Winners Bitch. Then those two move on for Best of Winners. Now, that winner enters into a new competition with the champions.  
From that group, the judge awards Best of Breed and that dog/bitch moves on to the Group class (in the case of Golden Retrievers – sporting). The winner of group then moves on to the judging for Best in Show; there are 7 group categories represented in Best in Show.

As an aside, a best of opposite is also chosen in Breed, but does not move on. So if the best in breed was male, the judge would select the best female for the Best of Opposite spot.

In addition, the champions are also awarded select dog and bitch and earn points. These points are separate from the points non championships earn toward a championship. Each champion has CH before their name and with more points can earn a grand championship, bronze, silver, gold and platinum. Now that you have an overview, hope you will get out and enjoy a show.

Our goal is to “finish” Duffy, which means a championship. To attain that goal he must earn 15 points and 2 majors and is well on his way. Points are awarded only for Winners Dog/Bitch and Best of Winners and they are dependent upon how many dogs are shown that day. Further the number of dogs needed for each point category varies by region in the US and can be found in most show programs as well as through the AKC website. A major is a show that awards 3-5 points. {In Canada, a dog needs 10 points and 2 majors and their point system is national}. The dream is now within reach and very exciting! !



**Painting-Storybook Serenity Duffy R, CH-UKC, CCA, CGCA, TKP, RI, DM, RATO, FDC**



**Good Dog TIPS**

Dogs' paws go through a lot of wear and tear. Pups can get a lot of dirt stuck in their paws, and it's your job to keep them clean. Wash the paws with a gentle pet-friendly soap or get them a pair of booties if you see signs of dryness or irritation



## **Apply / Nominate Now for All Club Annual Awards**

Golden Member Award

Heart of Gold Award

Versatility Award

Title Awards

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All Nominations and Applications Must Be Received **PRIOR** to November 1, 2020

### **Carol Allen Memorial Member Award—Heart of Gold Award—Versatility Award**

Nominations Must Be Received Prior to November 1, 2020

Submit to: Marcia Martin

221 Wetmore Road, Tully, NY 13159

Questions? 315-696-8889

#### **Procedure and Policy Applying to the Golden Member, Carol Allen Heart of Gold and Versatility Awards**

- Nominations will be received no later than the published date and a Selection Committee will review all nominations and select the winners for each of the three awards annually.
- A commemorative award will be presented for each, to be owned permanently by the winner.
- Nominations for the Golden Member award may be submitted by any member in good standing on behalf of any other member in good standing.
- Nominations for the Versatility and Heart of Gold awards may be made by the owner or co-owner of the dog being nominated.
- Nominations for these three awards are to be submitted in letter format. Please include dog name (including titles), owner's name, nominator's name, phone, and email.

## **CAROL ALLEN MEMORIAL MEMBER AWARD -*To a Club Member***

Purpose: To recognize one member annually who consistently and ably contributes to the success of Club activities and events.

Selection Criteria:

- Consideration will be favored toward members not currently serving in elected positions.
- Number of activities and level of involvement.
- Years of service.
- Manner of participation in activities; respect for the Club, its members and the Breed.

## **VERSATILITY AWARD-*To a Golden, owned or co-owned by a Club Member***

Purpose: To acknowledge the versatility of Golden Retrievers owned by Club members, by recognizing one dog annually with a distinguished record of title achievement in multiple areas of endeavor, through either the American or Canadian Kennel Clubs, or Golden Retriever Club of America.

Selection Criteria:

- An individual dog may win this award only once.
- A dog may not be nominated posthumously.
- All titles earned through a dog's lifetime, completed prior to the current year deadline, will be considered.
- A dog must have earned titles from a minimum of two areas of competition (Breed, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Tracking, Field). Consideration will be favored toward dogs having earned a Breed (conformation) title, along with one or more performance titles, followed by dogs having earned performance titles in multiple areas of competition.

Selection will be on a point system modeled after GRCA's VC/VCX program.

- Qualifying Breed (conformation) titles: AKC Champion, CKC Champion, GRCA CCA. Also GRCA OS and OD titles.
- Qualifying Performance titles: (Obedience) GN, GO, OM, OGM, CD, CDX, UD, UDX, VER, NOC, OTCH; (Rally) RN, RA, RE, RAE, RM, RACH; (Agility) NA, NAJ, NAP, NJP, OA, OAJ, OAP, OJP, AX, AXJ, AXP, AJP, MX, MXJ, MXP, MJP, MACH, NF, NFP, OF, OFP, XF, XFP, FTC, FTCP, MXF, MFP, PAX, NAC; (Tracking) TD, TDX, VST, CT; (Field) WC, WCI, WCX, JH, SH, MH, AFC, FC, FC, NAFC,  
\*\*\* (QAA); (Versatility) VCD, VC, VCX; (Multiple championships) DC, TC, VCCH

## **HEART OF GOLD AWARD - *To a Golden, owned or co-owned by a Club Member***

Purpose: To acknowledge the close bond between Golden Retrievers and humans by recognizing one dog annually for distinguished but unspecified contributions to the individual or family with which it resides.

Selection Criteria:

- An individual dog may win this award only once.
- A dog may not be nominated posthumously.
- Specific points for nomination are left for determination by the nominator, with only the suggestion the nomination should seek to describe how a dog is valued

# Application for Title Awards – 2020

Use this form to apply for Title awards only and submit prior to November 1, 2020

Send to Marcia Martin, 221 Wetmore Road, Tully, NY 13159

Questions? 315-696-8889

GRCCNY encourages its members to compete in activities enabling them to place titles on their dogs. The Club will annually recognize every title achievement with a customized decorative plaque. Each member's dog (or dogs) qualifying for the first time will receive a master plaque emblazoned with the club logo and your dog's name. Titles will be added to the each year and once it is full an attachment to hang below the plaque will be added honoring each additional title earned. Awards are presented at the Club's Annual Banquet each December.

- Members, qualified in accordance with GRCCNY Title Awards Policy, having titled dog(s) during the period November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2020 are eligible to receive Club awards. Any previous titles or special requests will be at the expense of the owner. Co-owned dogs are eligible for only one plaque; any additional plaque must be purchased separately.

- Recognition will be bestowed for a title awarded by the sanctioning body of the AKC and/or GRCA. Qualifying titles may be in any field of endeavor, such as breed competition, obedience, rally, field, agility, tracking, tricks, CGC, etc.

- To apply for your award(s), you must complete all required information on this form and return it to be received **no later than November 1, 2020**. Copy this form if additional space is required. Members whose applications are not received by this date will not have an award available at the banquet.

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Member Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I/We attended \_\_\_\_\_ Club meetings during the period 11/19 – 10/20 (minimum requirement 2 meetings).

I/We volunteered at the following Club activities during the period 11/19 – 10/20 (minimum requirement – 1 Club-sponsored activity):

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Examples of work that typically would require a commitment of four hours (or in some cases, 8 hours) would include Field Clinic leadership, meetings with other programs and agencies regarding Club business, Eye/Heart Clinic, Specialty or CCA, volunteering with assigned tasks, WC/WCX bird care and transport, bird throwing for one series, demonstrations and/or assistance at events, CGC or trick testing at Club events. Any task taking more or less than four hours to be credited accordingly. For example, Golden Tales submissions would qualify for 1-2 hours depending on the submission. Holding office, including the Board of Directors, would be considered qualifying, as would chair of most events.

**\*\*\*Members with current plaques should turn them in at the October meeting.\*\*\***

**DOG #1**

I  DO  DO NOT Already Have a GRCCNY Master Plaque for This Dog. *Please check one.*

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(Dog Name as To Appear On Master Plaque – Include All Titles Earned Prior To This Award Period)

New Titles Earned 11/1/19– 10/31/20 Sanctioning Body Date Earned

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**DOG #2**

I  DO  DO NOT Already Have a GRCCNY Master Plaque for This Dog. *Please check one.*

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(Dog Name as To Appear On Master Plaque – Include All Titles Earned Prior To This Award Period)

New Titles Earned 11/1/19 – 10/31/20 Sanctioning Body Date Earned

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## Upcoming Events



### November

**1- Deadline for Title applications and Award nominations**

### December

**13 – Annual Club banquet & brief general meeting  
1:00pm @ The Brewster Inn**

### *Looking ahead to 2021*

**January – Board meeting – TBA  
10- Golden Tales deadline**

**February- General meeting – TBA**

### March

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