



# MICHIGOLDEN NEWSLETTER

Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club, Inc.

SUMMER 2011

**NEXT PROGRAM MEETING - 9/20/11, 7:30 PM**

**Topic:** Susan Lavery of the Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan (GRRoM) will speak about the local golden retriever rescue program. Learn how GRRoM functions and how all of us can help.

This should be a very interesting program - please be sure to come and bring your friends. Location and time: Leader Dogs for the Blind, Avon Rd. (southeast corner of Avon Rd. and Rochester Rd.), Rochester Hills, MI. Program meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

## Calendar of Events

### September 16, 2011

FDGRC Specialty Show, Obedience Trial, & Rally Trial—See premium list at [www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com)

### September 20, 2011

location: Leader Dogs, Avon Rd., Rochester Hills

6:30pm—Board Meeting

7:30pm—Program Meeting—Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan, presented by Susan Lavery of GRRoM. Learn more about how Rescue functions and how we can help.

### October 18, 2011

location: Canine Sports Recreation Center, Dexter, MI

6:30pm—Board Meeting

7:30pm—Program Meeting—Mandy Moller (<http://www.caninesportsrec.com>) will speak on how to put on an agility trial.

### November 15, 2011

location: Leader Dogs, Avon Rd., Rochester Hills

6:30pm—Board Meeting

7:30pm—Program Meeting - TBA

January 2012 - FDGRC's Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet. Location, date, and time TBA.

**BRAGS**From Dianne Baker:

Gazebo's Little Miss Sure Shot (Annie), achieved her UKC Grand Championship in 'Grand' Style with three wins in a row, including two Best of Breeds and a Group One.

-and-

BACK TO BACK BEST IN SHOWS - PLUS!!! Micin's Best Fitting Jeans At Gazebo (Levi) was awarded Best In Show on April 17th, followed with another Best In Show on May 8th. An additional class following the BIS on May 8th had all of the BIS and RBIS winners from the entire weekend, which was a total of four shows. This class was called BEST OF THE BEST IN SHOW. Due to Levi's BIS award, he was able to compete in the final show, and was the recipient of the BEST OF THE BEST IN SHOW!!! We could not be any prouder of our boy!

From Peg Burlett:

Z's Kiskadee WC (Dee) earned her JH title in four straight tests. Her last leg was earned at FDGRC's Hunt Test on July 24th.

**Notes from the Editor**

Just having a summer issue for June/July/August 2011.  
Next regular issue will be in September.

FYI, the deadline for getting stuff (articles, brags, pictures, etc.) to me is the last Sunday of the month.

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**Other Upcoming Shows/Events**

September 17-18, 2011

St. Clair KC, Goodells County Park, Goodells, MI  
FDGRC is supporting the Golden entry

September 25 - October 1, 2011

GRCA National Specialty hosted by the Atlanta GRC. Events will be held in Conyers and Madison, GA.

## Notes from the 3 summer events

## 2011 WC and WCX Tests

Our spring field training sessions wrapped up with our GRCA Working Certificate and Working Certificate Excellent Tests this June at Omega Farms in Williamston. The sun was brilliant and the weather was dry as many members and others came together for a good time. I love watching Golden work in the field, and many dogs earned their titles at our event. I hope you'll consider joining us in the future.

Events like this don't happen without the work of many people. Our capable judges were **Peg Burlett** and John Cotter. Peg brings so much knowledge and experience to us, and we're lucky to have her in the club. John Cotter flew in from Delaware at his expense, and is the president of the Golden Retriever Club of America. He seemed to enjoy his Michigan visit and meeting the participants. Thanks go to both of them and to **Pat Thebo** who performed the role of Test Secretary and official photographer, and who supplied Journey for the WCX test dog. Many thanks also go to the other test committee members that attended: **Ann Heilbrun** and **Ralph Chapman**. They and several others took their turns working the stations, and **Judy Macauley** also provided Tulip for the WC test dog. We'll likely be organizing more field training sessions in the future, so please watch the newsletter for details. It's a good way to get your feet wet! Dogs too!

**Cindy Collins**, Chairperson

*A SPECIAL THANK YOU!!*

*On Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, FDGRC participated in the Judges Seminar at Hunter's Creek in Metamora, MI. Peter Stager was the mentor for Ft Detroit and did an outstanding job, not only in his presentation in educating the potential future judges, but in the actual set-up of tents, lining up dogs to be examined, and an overall display of professionalism.*

*Several Club members and friends participated and special thanks go to Dianne Baker, Laura Fabbro, Diane Loudon, Judy Macauley and Cheri Stager. All of you deserve a well deserved thank you in general and a warm, heartfelt thank you from me. Special thanks also to Peter's friends who participated, several from out of state. Kathy Wiecha has done a remarkable job in putting this all together and if anyone should see Kathy in the near future, please give her a big thanks.*

*For those who are unaware of this seminar - it is one of the best tools we have to educate future judges to understand our breed. Every Sporting Breed was represented, with several clubs bringing in examples from across the country. Demos were presented during the lunch break to include the various field aspects of all the Sporting Dogs. Unfortunately, time did not permit for a Golden to be part of the demo. FDGRC is one of the largest breed clubs in Michigan and next year, Peter has some exciting ideas that we as a club should consider on how to capitalize on this educational betterment of our breed - more to follow at a later date. Thank you once again to all who helped and participated.*

*Christina Curling*

## 2011 Hunt Test

Another AKC Hunt Test hosted by FDGRC is in the books. Whew! We had a manageable amount of entries this year, but the hot weather and some unexpected complications made things more difficult. But you can be proud that your club provided a respectable field event at which many entrants voiced their appreciation.

We in turn appreciate the work performed by club members **Peg Burlett**, **Pat Thebo**, **Ann Heilbrun**, **Ralph Chapman**, **Cheri Stager**, **Tom Thebo**, and **Nancy Chapman**. As much work as they did, this event would never be possible without the efforts of friends, family, and colleagues, many of whom are members of other area clubs, who pitched in to help run stations, provide test dogs, manage stakes, and lend equipment. A willing workforce of about 40 people per day was needed. Thank you everyone!

**Cindy Collins** and **Amede DeCruydt**, Co-Chairmen

## 5/17/2011 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FDGRC - Board of Directors Meeting - May 17, 2011

The meeting was held at the Leader Dogs for the Blind Facility, Rochester Hills, MI and called to order @6:35PM

Members Present: Cindy Collins, Nancy Chapman, Peg Burlett, Laura Fabbro. Absent: Christina Curling, Amede Decruydt

Membership Application discussed and accepted (Cindy Collins motioned, Peggy Burlett seconded) for Christina Romanowski & Michael Romanowski Jr. **March 2, 2012 Specialty** - Cindy Collins is acting Chairperson, however if another member would like to take on this position, Cindy would personally help them through the process. Entry fees were discussed, and determined to keep them at a lower rate - \$27 first entry, \$19 second entry and non-regular class entry. Rules for JAM's (GRCA award) and Select Dog/Bitch (AKC award) were discussed; we will make our Judges aware of what may be awarded, dependent upon the entry numbers. Regular Classes will be divided for the 12-18 dog/bitch into 12-15 & 15-18 classes, Veteran Classes will be 8-10 and 10+, and we will not offer Novice, or Hunting Classes. Rosettes will be offered for BOB, BOS, BOW, WD, WB, RWD, RWB, and First Place class wins, also Sweepstakes Best In Sweeps, and BOSS, BVIS; flat ribbons will be awarded for remaining wins. Exhibitor & Vendor Catalogue Ads discussed and we will offer. Catalogues will be offered as pre-order. Trophies will be awarded in the form of a Donation card to GRF for BOB, BOS, WD, WB, RWD, RWB. Supported Entry for DKC will be offered (5 trophies per day - 10 total).

**Agility Update** - Need a Chairperson and set up first meeting date. Results of interest poll was good; there were people who were interested, some who wanted more info. October 18, 2011 meeting will be at Mandy's to see and talk about agility. **Judge's Seminar June 25, 2011** - Need dogs and EZ Up Tents. **Banking Issues** - need additional signature on account as safety measure in case Treasurer may not be available at all times. Also consider another bank in the future to avoid new charges. **Future Considerations** - November FDGRC meeting - we need suggestions. Nominating Committee - Need to be in place by September. Summer Board Meeting - August meeting was decided upon. GRCA National Specialty Catalog Ad & Raffle Basket - Cindy has an ad, and Cherie Stager has volunteered to do basket.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Baker

## Pictures from FDGRC's WC/WCX on June 5, 2011



**5/17/2011 GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

FDGRC - General Membership Meeting Minutes - May 17, 2011

The meeting was held at the Leader Dogs for the Blind Facility, Rochester Hills, MI and called to order at 7:40 PM

May Attendance: Board: Cindy Collins, Nancy Chapman, Peg Burlett, Laura Fabbro. Members:

Members and guests were welcomed.

Cindy Collins announced two new member applications were accepted - Christina Romanowski and Michael Romanowski Jr.

Braggs - Judy Macauley was excited to advise that her "GARMIN", Loonsong The Territory Ahead NA NAJ WC CGC, had earned a score of "100" in Open Jumpers!!! Dianne Baker shared that her "ANNIE" Gazebo's Little Miss Sure Shot, had earned her U-GR CH and also shared that her "LEVI", Micin's Best Fitting Jeans At Gazebo, has been awarded back-to-back U-Best In Shows, including a Best Of The Best In Show.

Sunshine - Dorothy needs to have her contact info published in the newsletter.

Minutes: Minutes from the previous month were published in the Newsletter and accepted/approved as printed.

Nancy Chapman gave the membership the Treasurer's monthly report.

Cheri Stager advised there are no puppies in the FDGRC puppy referral system, and she is still receiving calls weekly.

Reminders given regarding future Club Events: - Sporting Breeds Judges Education Seminar June 25, 2011 - Need additional dogs and EZ Up Tents. A few more dogs were volunteered along with a couple of tents. Anyone who may also be able to bring dogs or tents, please contact Chris Curling ASAP. Hunt Test - July 23-24, 2011 at Omega Farms - we still need workers. Fall Specialty September 16, 2011 - Ring Stewards needed - Cheri Stager volunteered. March 2, 2012 Specialty - Cindy Collins will chair this event unless someone will volunteer for this position, in which case Cindy will help if needed. Entry Fees were decided to be lower to entice more entries, at \$27 first entry, \$19 second entry & non-regular. Classes were agreed to change 12-18 dog/bitch to 12-15 & 15-18, Veterans will be 8-10 & 10+, and there will not be a Novice or Hunting class offered. Concern was raised over using Arden Show, rather than MBF, as people will not be able to enter on the last day of entry as they can with MBF. Rosettes will be given as usual, with the exception of flat ribbons for 2-4 placements. Exhibitor Ads will be accepted from all breeds, and Catalogues will be pre-order. We will also support DKC for the remaining two days with 5 trophies each day.

Annual Awards - Challenge year ends August 31, 2011. Descriptions of trophy requirements can be seen at [www.fdgrc.org](http://www.fdgrc.org) Please submit all applications to Linda Grzywacz NO LATER than November 1, 2011. Also for those who have current trophies, they may be returned to Cheri Stager at the November FDGRC Meeting.

Agility - The survey response was good - many were interested, many wanted more information. Our October 18, 2011 FDGRC meeting will be held at Canine Sports Recreation Center, 7275 Joy Road, Dexter, MI 48130 where we will be able to see Agility class and ask/answer questions.

Refreshments - we want to thank Laura Fabbro.

New Business - FDGRC Newsletter - Dorothy Scarborough wanted to thank Peg Burlett for the wonderful job she is doing with the newsletter and the website we now have for FDGRC. This statement got a round of applause from the audience!!! Thank you Peg!!!

## GRF UPDATES

## June 2011 GRF Updates

**Golf Fore Gold to support the GRF at the 2011 National Specialty**

To all clubs, breeders, golden fanciers and vendors... Make Golf Fore Gold a success to support the GRF. You can support the GRF by playing in the tournament, being a T Sponsor, and/or attending the dinner afterwards. Don't miss your chance to advertise yourselves while giving to a great cause that is also tax deductible by being a T Sponsor. The GRF would like to publicly thank Bill and Patty Pace for organizing this! What a great contribution to our breed, not to mention a LOT of hard work, but obviously a labor of love. Please read Patty's message below concerning the tournament and the 'T Sponsor' support option also.

FROM PATTY PACE:

First let me say that the game of golf is so involved with charity and raising dollars. We really hope we can make this a great success. It is a great chance to be social, have fun, and raise money for our Golden Retriever Foundation.

We have set this tournament up as a 4 person scramble; as we have done in many of our 'dog daze' get together golf tournaments. This gives most everybody a chance to participate. You have a 'A' player (better more experienced player based on handicap) who will choose a 'B' player ( just a step down from 'A') and then a 'C' player ( still really good) and then those of us that fit into that 'D' player statis. This means you can make contact with the ball...can putt...and know how to have a GOOD time!!!! It is a team effort and nobody will come out a loser or not having had a GREAT time. SUPER chance to meet new people. Golf is just GREAT!!

Now to explain our 'Tee Sponsors' . I have had a number of people ask that are 'non golfy' for me to explain this. In a golf round there are 18 holes. Every hole starts with players hitting their first shots off a tee box. Our Tee sponsors will have a sign promoting them as a breeder, vendor, handler or club on a sign similar to what you would see in front of a house for sale. BUT NOT ONLY will these signs be displayed at the golf tournament but we are going to exhibit them all week ringside at the national. So your exposure will be tremendous.

We have also had a lot of interest for those; that are non golfers; that would like to participate and join up with us for the dinner. That will be great. I am just waiting for the club to get back with me for that fee.

All forms for tee sponsor and to sign up for the tournament or just for dinner are found in your March/April News or at the Atlanta national website.

Don't miss out on a great chance to have a VERY FUN time. Don't miss out on a great way to promote yourself as a breeder, handler, business, or club that is TOTALLY tax deductible and HELPING our breed.

You do not need to put together a team to sign up for the tournament. You will sign up individually and the teams will be pick the day of play. To enter you can go to the Atlanta Golden Retriever web site and download an entry form. <http://atlantagoldens.org/National/Forms/2011%20Golf%20Fore%20Gold%20Classic.pdf>

If you have any questions please email either Bill or myself.

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**Senior CERF Project**

The Senior CERF project is continuing to grow! This is the program where the GRF is paying for CERF submissions on any Golden 8 years and older if you send in one of our vouchers with your CERF examination form. The voucher is available to print out on our website. Each month we have more and more submissions. Thanks to everyone who is participating. You can read more about this in past UPDATES. <http://www.goldenretrieverfoundation.org/>

**GRCA Info****2011 NATIONAL SPECIALTY**

The Atlanta Golden Retriever Club is hard at work for the National Specialty. Go to <http://atlantagoldens.org/National> for details. Premium list is now available at this website.

**GRCA Hot Topics, July 2011**

Volunteer Job Openings: GRCA Committee Job Description - Title: Club Banner Chair. Go to [www.grca.org](http://www.grca.org) for details on this and other volunteer opportunities.

## GRF UPDATES

**\*July 2011 GRF Updates\*****\*Senior CERF Project\***

The Senior CERF project is continuing to grow! There have been 113 total vouchers submitted through June 2011 with 64 of those from June alone. This is the program where the GRF is paying for CERF submissions on any Golden 8 years and older if you send in one of our vouchers with your CERF examination form. The voucher is available to print out on our website. Each month we have more and more submissions. Thanks to everyone who is participating. You can read more about this in past UPDATES. <http://www.goldenretrieverfoundation.org/>

**\*GRCA National Events and Seminars\***

The National is coming up fast and it is time to get those reservations in for the National Events. There are so many seminars and events to enjoy this year but I'd like to mention three related to the GRF.

The GRF Gala and Top 20 Competition will be held on Thursday September 29<sup>th</sup> under the excellent organization of the Gala committee consisting of Ellen Wilson Schultz, Deb Donnell Hubbard, Diane Cooper and Judy Word. The art auction will be coordinated by Judy Word and Janet Lauderdale, the latter of whom will be taking this over in the future. Please visit the link below to make reservations and if you have seating requests, please contact Judy Word at [BRAVOGR@aol.com](mailto:BRAVOGR@aol.com).

I'd also like to share a reminder from Patty Pace to 'GET OFF THE PORCH AND PLAY WITH THE BIG BOYS'. The Golf For Gold tournament will be held on Monday September 26<sup>th</sup>. They need to get our 'tee sponsorships' sent in. This is a great way to advertise while supporting our GRF. It is time to get your golf entry sent in...don't miss out on a FUN event for a great cause. Everyone who plans to come for just dinner that evening at 7:15pm please send in the golf entry with 'dinner only' marked with your \$25.00 check. SOCIAL EVENT SIGN UP LINK: <http://atlantagoldens.org/National/Social.htm>

The GRF is also very pleased to fund a seminar on PIGMENTARY UVEITIS given by the principle researcher on this disease, Wendy Townsend. This seminar will be held from 5:00-7:00 PM in the Legacy Room at the horse park on Monday September 26<sup>th</sup> which is right before the Golf For Gold dinner. This is a FREE seminar but pre-registration is requested. For seminar registrations, please go to:

<http://atlantagoldens.org/National/Seminars.htm>.

**\*Morris Animal Foundation Annual Meeting\***

In late June, Dave Kinghorn and Nancy Talbott attended the The Morris Animal Foundation annual meeting. Both Dave and Nancy spoke very highly of the meeting. Below are some of the thoughts Nancy shared with the GRF Board.

FROM NANCY: I cannot recall when I have been in a room with as many highly intelligent and unfailingly compassionate individuals before. The discussions and commitment of that group to supporting animal health research was wonderful.

One important person who spent a great deal of time with us is Susan Kohut, who is Development Manager for MAF as well as the liaison to GRCA and GRF. She was very valuable in clarifying some information for Dave and me, as well as agreeing to take some of our questions to the right people.

I also was able to meet Dr. David Haworth, the new CEO of MAF (what a rock star vet this guy is -- part politician, part brainiac, part committed doctor); Paul Raybould, Exec VP for Marketing; Stacie Kelly, Director of Planned Giving and Arlene Klein, Trustee (who gave me some fabulous ideas about donor relations, with such simple but important items as handwritten thank yous and continued contact); Dr. Bette Morris, Trustee and senior member of the Morris Family Trust; and several other trustees, whose names I can't recall offhand.

Except for one. Betty White Ludden. I was not able to see the tribute given to her on Friday night, but the PowerPoint to the tune of "Thank You For Being A Friend" was played again just before lunch on Saturday. I am a confessed sap, and was in tears for most of it, partly from watching Betty react to the presentation with her hands clasped over her heart and tears in her eyes. No acting here -- she is one of the most genuine people I have ever met, with true devotion to animals of all kinds. I introduced myself

shamelessly at lunch, as a kindred lover of Golden Retrievers (her boy Pontiac is her heart dog), and she was gracious and enthusiastic in her praise of the GRF and the work that we are doing in conjunction with MAF. I am honored to have shared a table with this amazing woman, who has been a MAF trustee for 40 years....

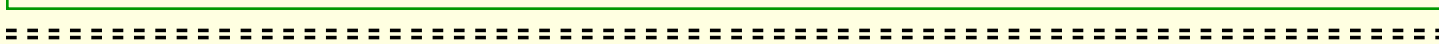
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CERF, Inc	South Campus Courts, Bldg A, Purdue Univ., West Lafayette, IN 47907, ( <a href="http://www.vmdb.org">www.vmdb.org</a> )

#### Websites for additional information on upcoming shows and trials:

**AKC:** [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org), click on EVENTS, then EVENTS AND AWARDS SEARCH

**UKC:** [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com), click on DOG EVENTS, then UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Club Policy

Membership in the Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Club is open to any person actively interested in promoting the aims of the Club, i.e., careful and restrictive breeding of genetically sound, instinctive and temperamentally balanced Golden Retrievers. The Club meets monthly for Golden Retriever related activities such as field training sessions, informal and AKC sanctioned matches, obedience and conformation work, specialty point events, working certificate tests, tracking tests and educational presentations. The key word in the above outline is **ACTIVE**. We are not just a social club, although there is much sociability. Persons who wish to become active members are invited to subscribe to our Club Newsletter, which has information about our activities. Anyone is welcome. If after attending at least three of our meetings within twelve months you find yourself in accord with our aims, we invite you to submit an application form to the Board of Directors. Please include on the back of your application form, the activities you have attended, and be sure that you sign the attendance roster any time you attend a meeting.

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES:** \$10.00 per year - Open to everyone - This is **NOT** membership. Please make checks payable to FDGRC and send to the Newsletter Editor.

**MEMBERSHIP RATES:** Individual: \$20.00 per year. Family (2 people): \$25.00. Associate: \$15.00.

Obtain forms from Treasurer or Secretary or Membership Chair.

**ADVERTISING POLICY:** Open to members only. All advertising must be in "Classified Ad" style. Minimum cost is \$2.00 for 4 lines, maximum of 6 lines for \$3.00. For Golden Retrievers only. Member owned adults or litters from member owned bitches, dog related services and items excepting stud service.