

GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF GREATER LOS ANGELES

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the **GOLDEN GAZETTE**
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

As we gear up for the holidays and look forward to the new year, I am overwhelmed by the amount of members who devote their resources and energies to our Club during the year.

This holiday season, as you spend time with your family and friends, please know how thankful I am for all of you. Without you and your families we could not continue with the successful events we have every year.

Please know that each of you and your support are deeply appreciated.

Have a happy and safe holiday season.

- Gerri Monohan

POT LUCK IN THE DESERT!

Come join us for some fun and relaxation on January 4, one hour after judging concludes at our Specialty. We will be having a Pot Luck at the motorhome of Dave & Kathi Garges. They are supplying Tri Tip! Please bring a side dish, dessert, or salad, as well as your own drinks and chair. Members and friends invited!

RSVP to Kathi at Dgarges494@aol.com



For those going to the GRCGLA Independent Specialty in Indio Jan 4-7, 2018, there will be a Chili Cook Off with proceeds going to the 2019 National. The cook off will be held on Friday Jan. 5 following the Sporting Dog Specialty. We still have a couple spaces open. Fantastic prize for best chili (3 unbiased judges) and people's choice chili! If interested, email grcgla1@gmail.com



Holiday Get Together	Sat. Dec. 9	Shoreline show, Costa Mesa
Board Meeting	Tue. Dec. 12	TBA
Deadline to vote via email (see pg 3-4)	Fri. Dec. 15	
Winter Independent Specialty	Jan. 4-7	Indio
Pot Luck after the Specialty	Thur. Jan. 4	Indio
Chili Cook Off after Sporting Dog Specialty	Fri. Jan. 5	Indio
Board Meeting	Tue. Jan. 9	TBA
Board Meeting	Tue. Feb. 13	TBA

Club Financial Report Update

(Please read and email your vote. Instructions at the end)

Over the past year, as reported at several Club meetings, the board has been sorting out our financial reporting, payment of invoices, deposits and record keeping. As of the beginning of November 2017, I have received the accounting records for the past 2 1/2 years from our last treasurer and the 3 prior years from the treasurer before her.

As reported July 2014, the bank account was at \$32,587.

Reported January 2017, the bank account statement was \$17,801.

Questions were raised from the membership as to how our bank account was \$14,500 less in 2 1/2 years.

Over the past 3 weeks, our new treasurer Dave Garges and I have audited the records we received for the past 2 1/2 years to get a handle on some of the issues causing this decrease.

After many hours spent reviewing, and advice from outside accounting companies and personnel, here are the results.

Financial year ending, per bank statement:

8/2014 \$32,587

8/2015 \$26,143

8/2016 \$15,972

3/2017 \$17,801 when checkbook was turned over to board

Quicken reports from past treasurer:

8/2014 \$32,346

8/2015 \$29,933

8/2016 \$25,348

From bank statement, as records are not available:

3/2017 \$17,801

Major breakdowns of expenditures:

2015-2016

- \$300 health clinic
- \$600 insurance
- \$200 sponsor Junior
- \$500 holiday dinner
- \$100 gift cards
- \$281 general meeting dinner
- \$94 website fee
- \$378 awards
- \$468 awards dinner
- \$325 GRCA Ad
- \$289 membership roster
- \$801 general meeting dinner

Total \$4,336

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2016-2017

- \$600 insurance
- \$3875 new trailer
- \$135 website/ domain
- \$200 gift cards
- \$67 flowers
- \$2000 Assistance Dog group donation
- \$721 meeting dinner
- \$100 GRF donation
- \$1058 awards
- \$175 office and raffle supplies for treasurer
- \$100 GRCA Ad
- \$758 general meeting dinner
- \$1000 Purdue donation
- \$700 grooming space at Palm Springs (lost reimbursement checks)

Total \$11,489

The two years above account for a loss of \$15,825.

These are expenses from which we receive no income, in contrast to some events where we charge an entry fee to break even or have a profit.

Note: During the last 2 years shown above, many membership dues checks were not cashed, there are lost checks from grooming spaces, lost checks for other items, and other cash items were not noted on deposits.

Since February 2017, bills we have paid:

- \$1200 CPA filing late taxes fee (2 years)
- \$3400 IRS penalty for late taxes
- \$600 insurance
- \$600 CPA fee for filing current year taxes
- \$99 website fee

Total \$5899

Current balance \$21,450 as of Nov 14, 2017.

Question for the entire membership to decide:

1. Do we want to have an outside audit of the past 3 years of financial records? Cost to the club would be (after re-searching companies that do this type of work) between \$3000 and \$5000. Roughly \$1500 to \$2000 per year.

OR

2. Do we want to have an internal audit of the past 3 years by the current treasurer and a current club member?

Please email me at gmonohan@aol.com with your preference of an outside audit or an internal audit no later than December 15, 2017.

*In accordance with our bylaws an audit is to take place each year. If interested in helping with this audit, contact me at gmonohan@aol.com.

All records are available to review by appointment at my Home.

Sincerely,

Gerri Monohan
GRCGLA President

 12/1/17



Come join us for the
GRCGLA Holiday Get Together
Sat. DECEMBER 9 * 12 NOON
Shoreline Dog Fancier Show

Orange County Fair & Event Center
88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa

at

Motorhome of
Dave & Kathi Garges
Club is providing the Turkey

Please bring an appetizer, dessert or salad

RSVP by Dec. 7 to
gmonohan@aol.com

**The Golden Retriever Club of Greater Los Angeles
proudly presents our Winter Independent Specialty
in the spectacular California desert on Jan. 4, 2018**

**Join us for 4 days of majors, including our NOHS show!
Our entry fees just \$28 for regular, \$10 for 4-6 puppy & AOH**

**Thursday Judges: (NOHS) regular, 4-6 puppies - Mrs. Ainslie Mills; Sweeps Mrs. Kathy Whipple;
Juniors Ms. Lauren Texter; Obedience Mr. Earl B. Vaughan**

**Friday Judges: Regular, Mrs. Ann D. Hearn;
Sweeps, Mrs. Janice L. McClary**

Saturday Judge: Mr. Jamie Hubbard

Sunday Judge: Mr. Charles L. Olvis



THE DESERT WINTER CLUSTER

**Jan. 4: WINTER INDEPENDENT SPECIALTY
by the GRC of Greater Los Angeles**

Jan. 5: So California Sporting Dog Fanciers, Inc.

Jan. 6/7: Kennel Club of Palm Springs

Superintendent: www.jbradshaw.com

Entries due Noon on Dec. 20



HUNT TEST

GRCGLA held our annual hunt test at Prado in November. Once again the weather cooperated with only a little drizzle. Several club members entered. 77 Qualifying ribbons were earned with an initial pool of 167 entries. Congratulations go to Miki Shannon whose Poppins and Esther qualified in Junior both days. Poppins earned her JH. And to Laura Turner and Flirt for their 2 Senior passes and new SH title. Major thanks goes to Sharon Shilkoff for chairing the event; getting all the judges, gunners, and volunteers; entertaining those from out of town; organizing all the talent, and making all the executive decisions. We could not hold a hunt test without all the volunteers. Thanks to Ginny Grandon, Miki Shannon, Roxanne Stevenson, Jim Stevens, Donna Lee, and Gerri Monohan for working in the fields and getting dogs to the line. Special thanks to Kathie Knittle, Joanne Sato, and Theresa Douglas for keeping us fed and happy and transporting judges as necessary. The days are long (7 am to 6:30 pm) so we are grateful for every volunteer. The lab club loaned us their equipment and several members of the Flat Coat club helped out. — Laura Turner, Test Secretary

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FLIRT

Flirt earned her Senior Hunter title at our Golden Hunt Test. She went on to pass at the next 3 hunt tests. In addition, we started competing in Novice Obedience. At the HVOC Trial she earned 2 firsts in Novice. And to round out her talents, she qualified for the 2018 Agility Nationals. She is now High Times Playin' the Field PCDX BN GN RN SH MXB MJB XF T2B2 WC.

– Laura Turner



MANDIE

Int'l Ch Glencooley Fourtunate One CGC, TKN-, "MANDIE" went WB handled beautifully by Lauren Hay-Lavitt at The Antelope Kennel Club Show Nov 5th under Judge - Michael Faulkner. Bred by Gayle & Jud Cooley. Owned By Barbie Ellisen & Carol Fukunga.

-Barbie Ellisen



KYMIN

Kymin excelled at our GRCGLA Agility Trial. Not only did she earn her MACH6 but she went on to q 8 out of 8 rings and got the ribbon for High Master Golden. At the HVOC Obedience Trial she earned another UDX leg and several ribbons. What a girl.

– Laura Turner

GRCGLA INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

GRCGLA strongly recommends that all parties interested in purchasing a Golden Retriever puppy should check for the recommended clearances on the sire and dam and make sure that both parents are at least 2 years of age at the time of the breeding. Clearances include OFA hips, OFA elbows, clearance from a board-certified cardiologist regarding the heart, and a current (within 12 to 18 months) eye clearance from a board-certified ophthalmologist.

GRCGLA encourages all breeders to follow the recommended guidelines from GRCA regarding the breeding of Golden Retrievers for health and temperament. GRCGLA encourages all puppy buyers to become familiar with the breed's standards and recommended health clearances and appropriate age for breeding.

Please be aware of who you are buying a puppy from. People who run puppy mills know the right things to say to convince you that it's not important to have current hip, eye and heart clearances on both parents. Don't be fooled! Insist on seeing the papers or don't buy! A reputable breeder will always give you a copy of all health clearances on both parents. If they don't — walk away!

For more information, contact Theresa Douglas at olivero88@gmail.com

Two sources of helpful information are available on our website at www.grcgl.org:

A handy one-page guide to finding a reputable breeder: **Finding a Golden Retriever Puppy from a Responsible Breeder**

An entertaining and informative 2-minute video: **What Responsible Breeders Really Do**

Disclaimer:

The GRCGLA does not guarantee the quality or health of any puppy sold by members of the Club. While we encourage each member to uphold our code of ethics, this is too difficult to enforce, and, therefore, we are not responsible for the actions of the members of the Club. We encourage any complaints that you may have be forwarded to Theresa Douglas at olivero88@gmail.com

Contact Diane Waller for the following:

- 1) General questions about Golden Retrievers
- 2) Questions about qualified breeders and breeding practices
- 3) Questions about health issues and information about clearances
- 4) Availability of Golden Retriever litters

CHANGE TO BREEDERS DIRECTORY

At the August 2015 Board Meeting, the Board of Directors changed one of the requirements for listing a litter. Breeders who have been approved to be on the directory will notify the Chairperson of the Breeders Directory at the time they wish to list their litter. At that time, clearances on both parents will be submitted to Theresa Douglas. If you wish not to list a litter, clearances do not need to be submitted. You no longer need to notify Theresa at the time you confirm a breeding.

ABOUT GRCGLA...

The GRCGLA is a member of the GRCA and is approved by AKC to hold licensed Shows, Obedience Trials, Rally, Hunt Tests, and Agility Trials. The GRCGLA holds a Specialty Show and Obedience Trial twice per year. Licensed Hunt Tests, Agility Trials & WX/WCX once per year. Meetings are held 6 times per year within the greater Los Angeles area. Notice of all meetings is published in the Golden Gazette. Membership is attained by attending at least two GRCGLA events (one meeting is required), having a member sponsor and being approved by the Board and General Membership.

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DUES

A single membership is \$32 per year, with a one time \$5 new member fee. Paid membership dues include the Golden Gazette. Joint membership (2 members at the same address) is \$42 and the one-time \$5 new member fee. The fiscal year of the GRCGLA is from August 1 through July 31.

GRCGLA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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INFORMATION & EDUCATION DIRECTORY

Information and education regarding availability of Golden Retrievers is offered to the general public. Please contact Theresa Douglas at olivero88@gmail.com.

For additional directory information, such as current members and applications, contact Theresa Douglas at olivero88@gmail.com.

THE GOLDEN GAZETTE

GRCA policies regarding articles or letters submitted to the newsletter are as follows: Articles printed will be such that they are of an informative or educational nature of general interest.

Letters to the Editor will be published that do not criticize any member of the local or national club, his or her dogs or kennel, or the judging of any dog, but are of general interest to the members. Letters must indicate the author.

Please send your Obedience, Show, Tracking, Agility, and Field results to the Editor when the Editor calls for brags on the GRCGLA Yahoo Group list. Any and all pertinent articles, educational material, book reviews, and creative writing are welcome.

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