

Our Versatile Goldens

Athletic



Energetic



Intelligent



Beautiful

Instinctive



Trustworthy

Loving



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Message From Our President

Welcome to (finally) Autumn! It was a long, hot summer, and one marked by both human and pet losses for many of us. Grief is a heavy weight when it begins, seemingly unbearable. When my mother passed away in late September my world collapsed inward for a time. Even my lungs hurt (how can grief make your lungs hurt...?).

When a beloved dog moves on, the pain can be nearly as intense. Over time (yes, that cliché), though the person or dog is not physically next to us, we can hear them in a crowd or on a breeze from a distance. We turn, expecting what we know we can't have, and if we are lucky we smile. That's what memories do. They keep the one we have loved and lost alive.

In the animated movie Coco (a worthwhile download if you haven't seen it), the premise is that nothing leaves this world until the last person forgets. Holding onto memories takes on a new context with that thought, and allowing ourselves to grieve allows us to find the most precious memories to save. I can hear my Mom's laugh, remember a key phrase of hers (one that annoyed me, in most cases, but makes me smile now). I can feel a wet nose nudging under my arm to spill my coffee, smell the fresh baked bread scent that was oddly right on the top of one dog's head when I was kissing her. And those make it possible to walk with head high and feet forward.

LOVE CAME FIRST

You don't move on after loss, but you must move with it.

You must shake hands with grief, welcome her in, for she lives with you now. Pull her a chair at the table and offer her comfort. She is not the monster you first thought her to be. She is love. And she will walk with you now, stay with you now, peacefully. If you let her. And on the days when your anger is high, remember why she came, remember who she represents. Remember.

Grief came to you, my friend, because love came first.

Love came first.

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I didn't write that. I found it when a friend had suddenly lost her 12 year old dog and was in despair. And I read it often. For all of us who have lost, they are wise words. Love came first.

I wish you all peace in your hearts and music in your souls as we embrace the cooler days and darker evenings. The holidays are approaching, as well as our specialty on Jan. 2 - mark your calendars. (Premium list is at dogzibit.com.) Love your dogs more than ribbons, and tell the precious ones in your life that you love them. Often.

- Nancy Talbott



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General Zoom Meeting: Dec 9, 2024 7:00 PM
GRCGLA BOD Meeting: Dec 10, 2024 7:00 PM
GRCGLA Specialty Jan 2, 2025 (Dogzibit Supt)
GRCGLA General Meeting Jan 2, 2025 (following Specialty)
GRCGLA BOD Meeting: Jan 14, 2025 7:00 PM
GRCGLA BOD Meeting: Mar 11, 2025 7:00 PM
*** Note NEW***GRCGLA Specialty, Bakersfield: Mar 29, 2025
GRCGLA BOD Meeting: Apr 15, 2025 7:00 PM (Note: third Tuesday)
GRCGLA Specialty, City of Industry: Apr 18, 2025
GRCGLA Ice Cream Social May 2025 TBD
GRCGLA BOD Meeting: May 13, 2025 7:00 PM
GRCGLA BOD Meeting: Jun 10, 2025 7:00 PM
GRCGLA BOD Meeting: JLY 8, 2025 7:00 PM
GRCGLA Agility Trial Aug 29-Aug 31, 2025



2024-2025 GRCGLA Board of Directors

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Watch for future Newsletter requests from your Corresponding Secretary/Editor for submission of brags, bios, fun photos, articles and items of interest. Please submit those directly to Andrea Mraz. Thank you!

Andrea Mraz, (Brags, bios, articles, and requests)
Donna Lee(Technical questions)

~A Loving Tribute~



Rosie, Manions American Beauty Rose
4/2/16 - 9/23/24

It is with a heavy heart that we share that our beloved Rosie has passed suddenly from Hemangiosarcoma. As it goes, there were no warning signs and we weren't prepared to lose her to this horrid cancer affecting our Golden.

She was the best girl, big sister, dog show cheerleader, therapy dog, and always the instigator! We weren't ready to say goodbye.

We are deeply heartbroken 💔. But the grief of loss is the price we pay for the gift of love. It is worth every tear and we will miss her every single day.

Rest in peace our sweet girl, forever in our hearts ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

-Mindy Smith

Save the Date!

Join us on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at the Empire Polo Grounds
in Indio, California, for the GRCGLA Winter Specialty!
Come for four sets of majors and an unrivaled venue.

Judges:

Thursday GRCGLA Specialty: Deb Hubbard

Sweepstakes: Lauren Texter

Friday Southern California Sporting Dog specialty: Wayne Cavanaugh

Sweepstakes: Kelly Shuffelbottom

Saturday All-Breed: Kathy Lorentzen

Sunday All-Breed: Manolo Queijeiro

Show Secretary GRCGLA and SCSDP: Dogzibit.com

Superintendent KCPS all-breed: Jack Bradshaw

GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB



GRCGLA Specialty Raffle

January 2, 2025

Raffle Prize Donations Needed!

What do we need?

Creative gift baskets with fun gifts, wine, gift cards
New dog related items, beds, toys, dog dryer, crate, etc

Donations of goods and services from
employers or venders

Vacation rentals

Purpose

Money raised will support charitable donations, club
events and activities

Questions?

Contact Bob Rubin

Bob.Rubin@gmail.com

***Please advise Bob of the items you plan to donate

Getting To Know You

David Zelitzky **New Member**

To make a very long story shorter: I started with a Weimaraner in obedience competition in the nineties that I acquired from my Mom at 16 months. Crazy and out of control, I learned in a group class that there was this thing called obedience competition. That was my start! I then moved on to Border Collies and dabbled in herding (Herding Excellent titled), some conformation, obedience (UDXs) and agility over the years.

But the reason I'm here today: Golden Retrievers. I had always loved Golden Retrievers but never really knew any personally. So it was an eye opener many years ago when I sat next to long-time club member Gerri Monohan at a show when she was showing her beautiful OTCH Lyric UDX10. I had never considered that such an accomplished dog would also be so sweet and sociable. I was completely charmed. That definitely put the Golden bug to work.

I got on a waiting list, but after waiting over two years for a puppy from a 'famous breeder' back east, I was eventually told there wouldn't be a dog for me in the litter. Very disappointing but as I was still working full time maybe it was for the best. Then six years ago I saw a Facebook post from a trainer in Georgia who was looking to place her three-year old field bred Golden because she was not interested in training or competing in obedience anymore and had switched to Border Collies and herding. Funny that I was switching the other way around!

Rush had done some heeling and retrieving but never saw a show ring and I knew I would have to start from scratch with him. I contacted Melanie Foster from Firemark Golden Retrievers who bred Rush and she was incredibly helpful and encouraging. After telling me about his lineage and what to expect she said that if it didn't work out she would always be willing to take him. That gave me all the confidence I needed, so off I flew to bring Rush home. And let me tell you, it was definitely love at first sight. This was the dog for me – and after a few years of training Rush really came out of his shell. He's my first OTCH and UDX4 OM6. He's in the Golden Retriever Hall of Fame for having at least 5 all breed High in Trials and has been a joy to show and live with since the day we came home. We've also done some therapy work which he's amazing at and has also been training in agility.



A couple of years ago he was diagnosed with testicular cancer, but after a major neuter his checkups have come back all clear. What a scare! He's nine now and we are slowing down our show days but I treasure every moment with him and I'm so happy to have had a 'heart dog' that I've heard people talk about so often. I definitely treasure every moment with him.

David Zelitzky, cont.

I did finally get my first Golden puppy a couple years ago! I flew back to Chicago and picked up Neo from Tanbark Goldens in Wisconsin. What a switch! Neo is a wild child and so challenging to train but happily for me he has that wonderful Golden temperament: he loves everyone and is sweet and appropriate with all the dogs he meets, and is so easy to travel with to all our shows. At two years old he seems to be getting his hormonal brain together so there's actually some hope for us moving forward. His scent work is amazing so we'll start competing in that and he already has a couple of the new Fetch titles as well.

I retired last year from legal administration work so now I have more time to train, give some obedience competition lessons, and work on my second career as a budding screenwriter!



Everyone in the club has been very welcoming and I appreciate all the knowledge and experience I'm gaining with our wonderful breed.

Getting To Know You

Bob Rubin **Director/New Member**

At age 12, my mom and dad brought home a basset hound mix puppy whose “ex-pen” was an old refrigerator box! Like most 50 years ago, I knew nothing about raising Rusty. He was a slobbery, smelly, table scrap eating, overweight, untrained mess and we loved him.

Rusty’s ten-year life spanned through my busy high school years and through the 4 years at Annapolis. The wild tail-whipping, wiggly-butt 6-month reunion is forever burned in my memory! My dad bonded with Rusty and wouldn’t leave his side for the remainder of my dear pup’s life.

Duty station San Diego after a young life spent on the East Coast was a pleasant surprise. I never wanted to leave sunny California and never did! As a Naval Officer, I spent six years at sea, met Chris, my wonderful wife to be and we were married in 1986. We raised two great boys and 4 cats (all of which thought they were dogs). Chris would roll her eyes each time at, “Someday, we’ll have a real dog!” – she knew that all of the burden would fall on her, especially with my busy post-navy consulting career.

My dog yearnings intensified after retirement. I had to have a goofy, active, handsome buddy and it had to be a Golden Retriever. I buried myself into researching every aspect of owning, obtaining, and raising a Golden. A dog with a healthy pedigree from an ethical breeder became an imperative.

My neighbor with a beautiful Golden female connected us with Paula and Bill Rowan. I was lavished with love from Paula and Bill’s dear Sylvie who would be bred 4 months later.

Sylvie gave birth to 5 beautiful pups – 3 girls and 2 boys, I got to cuddle with them at just a few days old and fell hard in love with the those warm bundles of fluffy cuteness!

Paula knew that the black-collared, red Golden pick of the litter would become our Wyatt. In her loving, yet insistent way, she “highly encouraged” us to consider showing him.

As a total ‘noob’, I experienced the show at Bates Nut Farm, met the incredibly friendly people involved, and we agreed to give conformation a try.

As expected, the new pup experience came as a total shock but that shock was short-lived. Because of Paula’s fantastic puppy raising skills and plenty of her guidance, Chris’s wisdom, and Wyatt’s prowess at training me, it became easier each day.

At 8 months old, Wyatt entered the show ring. We were right back into the excitement of our kids’ school sports! Along the way, we have gained life-long friends and have become completely hooked.

Wyatt (CH Seasons Date Night) earned his Champion title in five short months. We owe a sincere debt of gratitude to our handlers, Team Fenner, and to Grandma Paula, along with all who offered their friendship, support and guidance.



Bob Rubin, cont.

Wyatt is a complete joy. I look forward to our walks, our wrestling matches in the living room, and playtime with doggo friends at the park. Everyone within 2 miles knows Wyatt and around the neighborhood I'm known as "Dog Show Bob"! We're planning on getting him back in the ring when he's matured and in the meantime we're heading toward competition obedience and therapy dog training.

Wyatt has enhanced every aspect of our lives. We're hooked on Golden Retrievers and planning on another Season's golden puppy in the near future. We cannot imagine life without a Golden in it!

Chris Rubin New Member

I grew up in rural Tulare County California on a farm with a lot of animals, including dogs. Our dogs were outdoor, working dogs. Living in suburbia I learned of a whole new world of indoor family pets.

After retirement, Bob had his heart set on a Golden Retriever. His research and focus was every bit that of any applied mathematician. I followed his lead, and the universe sent us Wyatt.

While Wyatt is daddy's dog, Wyatt also loves his mommy. He pulls our heart strings differently and knows how to get what he wants.

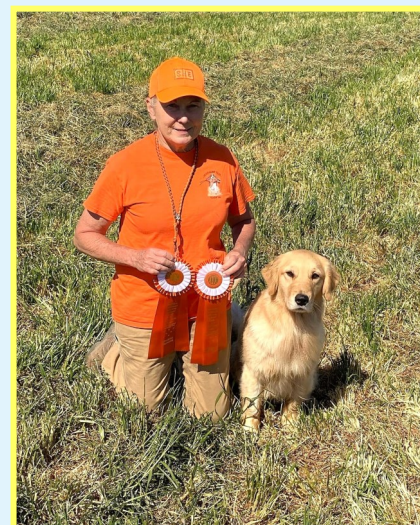
We are fortunate to have found him, as well as our new Golden Retriever extended family!



Our Versatile Goldens



*Ready for
anything!*



Ready for Action...



and Teamwork!



Ready to give comfort...



...and support



to those in need

*Ready, willing, and able...
to humor us,*



tolerate us,



make us laugh...



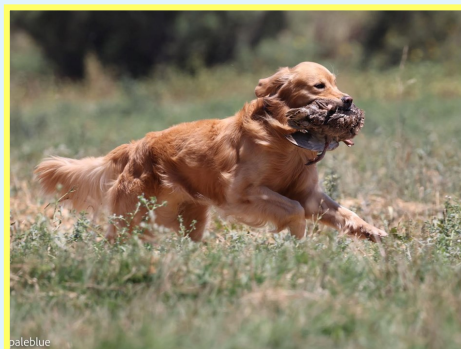
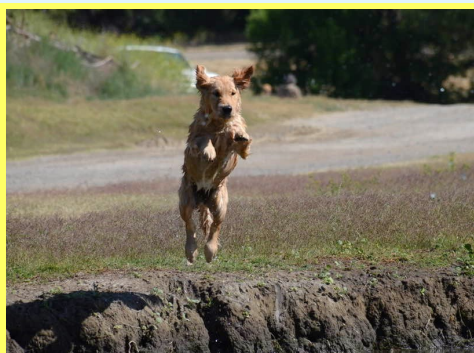
and bring home the ribbons!

Our Versatile Goldens

*~Active
~Powerful*



*~Eager
~Alert*



“Primarily a hunting dog”.... but ready for anything!





WANTED!

***Spring
Show n Go
Chair***

***No experience required. We
will mentor.***

***Please contact Nancy Talbott
if you'd like to volunteer to get
our Spring Show N Go fun
match rolling***



Do you enjoy Writing?

We are looking for a member to share our club news, events, activities and interests with the GRCA community in the GRCA magazine breed club column.

INTERESTED? Contact Nancy Talbott for details

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Drama, Calico's Making A Scene

Drama, Calico's Making A Scene came out to play at 8.5 months old at the SAVKC Match. She aced her CGC, TKN titles and went on to take a Sporting Group 1 in a lovely line up of sporting dogs.

Being a singleton, she is full of herself and eager to please. I am looking forward to this young girl's career in the ring.

She is by CH Shelby X Keyster CGC TKN

-Mary Thompson



**Breezy, CH Esquire's Sweet Days of Summer
RN NA XF FitB CCA**

On 9/21/2024, at the SCCC Agility trial in Camarillo, Breezy earned his Excellent FAST Agility title, completing more than the required score in 23.10 seconds, with a first place. Thank you Breezy for your focus in staying on course despite your Mom handler's limitations. What fun we are having as we gel as a team in our new sport of agility!

I am looking forward to a fun and fabulous future with my Breezy boy!

-Andrea Mraz



**Breezy, CH Esquire's Sweet Days of Summer RN
NA XF FitB CCA**

Sometimes journeys takes an unexpected path, as was the case with my wonderfully focused, sometimes goofball, Breezy boy. Although my joys are in the performance venues, my athletic boy, with his confident spirit and lovely structure, deserved to be a CH and so we started our CH quest, intermingled with the various sports we enjoy. On 9/6/2024, with the guidance, and expert handling of many, Breezy was awarded CH status. Many thanks to this fabulous village, Jennifer Darcy, Robert Scott and KayCee Klang and to our awesome Breezy fans! Thank-you Dana and Theresa Douglas for entrusting me with Breezy! We did it! -Andrea Mraz



Summer, Woodland Hot Stuff

Summer, Woodland Hot Stuff (Verdoro's National Treasure ex Woodland The Stuff That Dreams Are Made Of) has been traveling the country, picking up points toward her championship.

At the Fulton County Ohio KC, Summer was WB/BOW and at the Wenatchee KC in Washington she was also WB/BOW. Summer also had time to visit the Golden National in West Springfield, MA, where in an American Bred Class of 33 bitches, she garnered a fourth. Many thanks to Christian Rutten and Megan Honari for their handling expertise! Summer is owned/bred by Sharon Shilkoff. -Sharon Shilkoff

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**Cali, Jazzin's Upland Girl CDX BN RN
TD JH MHU CGCU TKN ATT**

Cali was Winners Bitch at the Friday Nor Cal Golden Retriever Club specialty in Santa Rosa and Reserve Winners Bitch at the Saturday specialty. She was beautifully handled by Janice Hayes. Cali now has 11 points and a major!! I am so grateful to her breeder Collette Jaynes for this very versatile girl!

-Jennifer Darcy



Image, CH Calico's No Photo Shop Here CGC

Celebrating a teenager in the house was fun and exciting; it has been several years since I have had one.

Image, CH Calico's No Photo Shop Here CGC, celebrated her 13th birthday on the 17th of October in style. She shared treats and toys with her golden family and then a special cake just for her from an admirer from my work.

-Mary Thompson



**Satch, CH Seasons Regalgold All That Jazz
RN CGCA TKI**

Satch, CH Seasons Regalgold All That Jazz CGCA, TKI can add RN to his name. Satch earned two 1st places at the Tri Valley Working Dog Trials yesterday (2 trials in 1 day), and his third leg today at the Riverside Kennel Club Trial with 100 points and second place. Having never participated in Rally before, I'm very proud of Satch and how he worked even with me almost going off course on his 3rd leg.

-Gerri Monohan



Alibi, BISS AM GCH CAN CH Dalane Blame It On Texas

On October 13, 2024, "Alibi" was BOS at the GRCA National in Springfield, MA. Thank you to Breeder Judge Rich Anton for this honor and to Caroline Clegg her flawless presentation. Alibi earned a JAM at two previous national specialties

He was a singleton and it has been my pleasure to share him with Julie Schultz (his sire's owner) and Jane Christy (his sires breeder).

BISS AM GCH CAN CH Dalane Blame It On Texas
Bred by Jane & Dale Jensen

Owned by Jane Jensen, Julie Schultz, Jane Christy

-Jane Jensen

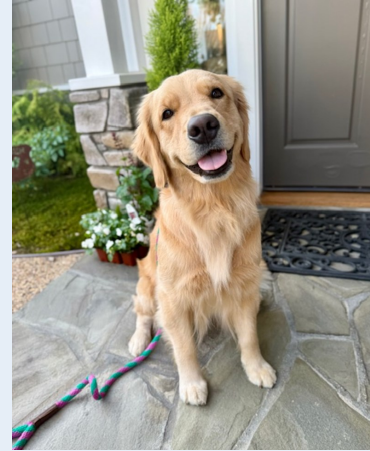
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Adele, Stellar's Amazing Skyfall

Our Adele, Stellar's Amazing Skyfall earned her first point at SAVKC on September 28 under esteemed Judge, Honey Glendinning. Adele was beautifully shown by Maddie McCue and I was proud to show her to BOW / BOS. We are very excited for her future.

-Julia Wolfe



Paisley, Rose Golds Some Kinda Onederful

It's official, Miss Paisley is now a Bark Therapy Dog! Following in her Auntie Rosie's paw steps with lots of kids waiting to read to her. 🐾❤️🐾 We are so proud of our little girl and can't wait to get started ❤️ !!!

-Mindy Smith



Oliver, Copper Creek 's Grand Slam Slugger

Oliver, Copper Creek 's Grand Slam Slugger, was BOW at the Kennel Club of Riverside. Thank you to the Judge, Mr. Robert Robinson, for selecting Oliver out of a lovely line up of Golden's. Special thank you to handler extraordinaire Maddie McCue ...You always manage to make him shine!!

-Leah Thompson



Otis, CH Shining Star Once Upon A Dream CGC RN THD

TEAM OTIS did it! Otis is now CH Shining Star Once Upon A Dream CGC, RN, THD. Four years ago I had a dream of owning an AKC Champion. In September that dream came true! Thank-you Teena, Breanna and Olivia for letting me breed to your amazing Fenway. Thank-you Benjie Marcus for putting the first point on Otis at nine months old and to KayCee Klang for her outstanding handling, that put a Championship on Otis! Thank-you to the judges for recognizing him and to all my friends who cheered for Team Otis and kept us going!

-Sabine Dochmaschewsky



2025

NEW SPRING SPECIALTY

MARCH 29, 2025

SOMETHING NEW IS BLOOMING!
AN ADDITIONAL GRCGLA SPECIALTY!

Plan to join us Saturday 3/29/25 in
Bakersfield for 5 Shows!

OBEDIENCE/RALLY SUPPORTED ENTRY!

CONFORMATION JUDGE REGULAR CLASSES

LAURA REEVES

SWEEPS JUDGE JAN RICHARDS

OBEDIENCE/RALLY JUDGE TBD