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President's Message

What a year this has been already! How it can be April already is a mystery to me, and yet the IRS and our April 19 Specialty bring the reality! We have an excellent entry for our Specialty, with 4 point majors in both sexes, 3 Veterans, and 14 Specials -- plus 16 Sweepstakes. Thank you to all who entered to make this a great day, and I wish you all the best with your dogs. If you can give a little time at the end of the day to help us assure that our ring and surrounding area is clean and ready for the next day, that would be fabulous.



Note that we will have a General Meeting after Best of Breed at the specialty, location at or near the ring. Check in during the day and we will know more as things progress.

I know that the headlines in national news, international news, and our own dog community news have been rough so far in 2024. Sometimes the realities of life seem overwhelming, and we either want to rant and rage, or curl up with a blanket and shut out the anger and hurt. I encourage everyone to choose a third option: kindness. Words matter, and as our parents reminded us long ago, once they are said or written it is impossible to take them back. Being kind instead is free, and choosing to let something calm, instead of insisting on an argument or being right, can let peace into our world again. When you are on the receiving end of hurtful words, take a deep breath. When you are tempted to hurt others with words, breathe even more deeply. We have the chance to be a cohesive and generous community of Golden people. It is cliche now, but truly -- if we all try to be like our wonderful retrievers, we cannot help but live in a kinder world. Stay strong, stay well, and I will see you on April 19!

--Nancy Talbott

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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)



GRCGLA Nominating Committee Now forming, April 2024

GRCGLA Spring Specialty: April 19, 2024, Industry Hills Expo Center, City of Industry

General Meeting: April 19, 2024, following Specialty

Awards applications due: May 1, 2024

Board of Directors Meeting: May 7, 2024 (note date change)

Challenge trophies to be returned by May 31, 2024

GRCGLA Agility Trial: June 21-23, 2024, Freedom Park-East, Camarillo

Pool Party/Paw Prints Stepping Stones: June 29, 2024, Sharon Shilkoff's home, Woodland Hills

Awards Banquet : July 27, 2024, Mimi's Cafe, Monrovia Club Membership Renewal Dues: due August 1, 2024

Spring Match

After searching for a date that didn't conflict with nearby conformation or obedience shows, we finally settled on March 24th. And then came the rain!!! Mindy and I watched the weather all week long and finally on the Saturday before the Match, it was decided that we would hold the Spring Match!

Many of you volunteered to help with set up, and even those who didn't, pitched in to set up the rings and tables that would be needed for the event. Special thanks to Dave Garges for bringing the trailer and setting up award bags for the winners. Kathie Knittle organized the rosettes, judge's books for both obedience and conformation, and all of the associated paperwork that was needed. She was a great help both before and during the Match. Kathie made enough forms for the next three years!!

Several people used practice times in both the obedience and conformation rings and lots of people helped beginners learn what to do in the ring.

The Order of the Egg was enjoyed by everyone! Our Goldens truly do have "soft" mouths!!!

Obedience had 9 dogs and bitches in various classes. Some dogs entered twice for a total of 11 entries. Gail Budde and her girl Hannah were High in Trial with a score of 191! Congratulations to this dynamic duo!! Huge thanks to Cheryl Malooly for her thoughtful judging!!! And special thanks to Gerri Monahan for finding Cheryl for us.

Ron Morelos did an excellent job judging Conformation!!! Although this was his first time judging Goldens, he studied our breed standards and really did his homework!! There was a total of 6 Goldens entered in conformation at our match, comprised of 2 dogs and 4 bitches. Best of Breed was Terrie Johnson's Tommy. Best Opposite Sex was Mary Thompson's and Vicki McGwire's Rain!! Special thanks to Nancy Talbot for finding Ron for us!



The Match ended at 2:00 pm. It took an entire village of helpers to make the Match happen and to clean everything up!!

Thank you to all who came and participated in this event and special thanks to everyone who came and helped!

Beverley Radloff and Mindy Smith Spring Match Co-Chairs









Match Madness!

















Conformation Judge: Ron Morelos



BOB Terrie Johnson and Tommy



HIGH IN MATCH Gail Budde and Hannah



<u>BOS</u> Mary Thompson, Vicki McGwire and Rain











Obedience Judge: Cheryl Malooly





It Takes a Village!

















JOIN US!

GRCGLA SPECIALTY AND GENERAL MEETING

APRIL 19



Two shows,
one Golden day.
Meeting after Best of
Breed at the
afternoon specialty.
Bring a chair and a
snack to share.

Industry Hills Expo Center Grand Arena

> 16200 Temple Ave City of Industry, CA

Show times posted soon at https://www.jbradshaw.com.

Mindy Smith Director

We always had animals growing up, but it wasn't until 1997 that we got our first Golden Retriever. Our Son was 5 and my Husband Bill agreed, but it had to be a big dog and good with children. So of course we chose a Golden Retriever! I found an ad in the local newspaper and away we went to pick up our girl. Maggie, my heart dog, lost her eyes to GRPU at 7 years but went on to live to 14 and never quit wagging that tail. She taught our family so much about empathy and compassion, she was the best, and always in my heart! Molly came after Maggie went blind, only to find out she had severe hip and elbow dysplasia at her 1-year checkup. She had surgery but could never really run or retrieve, she lived to 13. I still remember Bill saying, "This is why she was sent to us, we will take care of her".

I met a woman who would soon become a dear friend and mentor in my neighborhood, Linda Isaacson, Autumnwind Goldens whom I will forever be grateful for. I was in awe of her dogs and knew we needed a reputable, responsible breeder to avoid all these health issues. We got Rosie (8) and she is our Bark Therapy Dog and we read with young children in elementary schools, libraries, and universities during finals. The following year we got Lucy - GCH CH Autumnwinds Lucy I'm Home, our 1st show dog. We got her on limited registration which quickly became full when Linda saw how she was maturing and asked me to show her at the GRCGLA 2018 Specialty. Of course, she won her 6-9 class of 8 and there we were, hook line and sinker, LOL. What a wonderful journey that was, so many great memories finishing her and a Group1 in her final show!





My first and only breeding was with Lucy in 2021 and we kept her one and only, the pick of the litter so to speak! Paisley – Rose Golds Some Kinda Onederful CGC TKN, is now 2 and we love our quirky girl to pieces, always happy and ready for a good time! We recently started showing her in conformation but I'm not sure if this is the right path for her. We will be focusing on more titles at the end of her name for the time being.

I retired from Moffatt & Nichol Engineers in Long Beach after a 30 plus year Accounting Management career in the Design Engineering field. I share my home with my husband, my 3 Goldens, and Monday, our 80-year-old desert tortoise. My son Cameron and his wife Claire live nearby.

If I were asked what my greatest passion is for our beloved Goldens, hands down their health. I believe we can and must do better in breeder and health education.

Sharon Shilkoff Director

I have been a member of GRCGLA since the late 80's and I am a GRCGLA life member. But let me take you back to how I acquired my first Golden Retriever.

When I first purchased my home, I decided I needed a dog. This goes back to the 80's before the internet and home computers. I landed at the local pet show and purchased a male Golden Retriever. Two years later, once again I wound up at the same local pet shop and purchased Ginger. One rainy night, I returned from a UCLA Basketball game to find Ginger outside having dug a hole with her two newborn puppies. Ginger was maybe 9 months at the time. I hadn't a clue.

I did keep one puppy and placed the other (still didn't have a clue). I thought he was beautiful and attended my first GRCGLA Match to exhibit this outstanding puppy. At the match, I met up with Moya Morin (a long time GRCGLA member) who wound up explaining the errors of my ways. Sigh....but it was a very helpful lesson.

I joined the GRCA and began receiving the GRNews. I looked around for a well-bred litter and through the GRNews I found an ad from a breeder in Whittier--- the Shipmans (longtime GRCGLA members) and I purchased Katie. By this time, the first pet shop dog had been euthanized for biting me three times. I placed the puppy Woody with a wonderful family. And Ginger, well she introduced me to obedience and despite her meager beginnings, wound up with her CDX. She did qualify in open at my very first National in 1989. And 1989 was the year that Katie won her American bred class at the National.

Katie was bred in 1991 which produced my first home bred champion – Ch Woodland's Emerald Isle – Kelly. And Kelly produced Patrick, CH Woodland's Fighting Irish, AX AXJ. Yes, I discovered agility with Patrick. And Joey, Ch Sunjoie Woodland Crown Jewel CD, JH, WCX was a dog I purchased from club member Joyce Davis. Through Joey, I found hunt tests and many more friends!

Currently, I am owned by 5 golden retrievers. With my own Goldens, I have personally put the following titles on my dogs: CD, CDX, JH, WC, WCX, AX, and AXJ. I have produced two Outstanding Dams, numerous conformation champions and had a Golden ranked in the Top 10.

But how did I become involved in GRCGLA? It was around 1989 that club member Miki Shannon asked if I wanted to be membership chairman. Sounded interesting and I said yes. I began attending board meetings and club functions. Many friendships were made along the way. Since that time, I have also served as President, Secretary,



Treasurer, Board Member, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. I have also chaired Hunt Tests, Club Specialties, Matches and Three Western Regionals (1993, 2009, 2013). But being the chairman of the 2019 GRCA National Specialty was a highlight. The participation of the many club members and GRCA members helped make this a National to remember.

Sharon Shilkoff, cont.

From this National, the GRCA asked me to be a part of the National Specialty Committee (NSC) and I said yes. When the Chairman of the NSC resigned, I was asked to chair this committee. Again, I said yes. And in being a part of this committee, it was evident that finding clubs around the country to chair National Specialties was becoming more and more difficult. So it was that in 2022, the last GRCA National Specialty sponsored by a local club was held. It was now up to the National Specialty Committee to anchor the GRCA National Specialties. And in 2023, I again chaired the National Specialty in Albany, Oregon. In 2024, we will be in West Springfield, Massachusetts. To put on these Nationals the committee has had to reach out to members across the Nation to help chair the various events. Currently, we are looking at sites for the 2027 GRCA National (Eastern Region).

In 2022, I was elected to be the GRCA Western Region Director. Being part of the GRCA board has given me much insight into how GRCA operates. And for 2024, I have been recently nominated for a second term.



I am a life member of Valley Hills Obedience Club and member of Los Encinos Kennel Club .

And what did I do in my other life? Currently retired, I have a Bachelor and Master's Degree in Nursing. My professional career started as a Pediatric ICU nurse at the UCLA Medical Center serving as a staff nurse and assistant head nurse. In 1987, I began a career at Kaiser Foundation Hospitals first as a nurse manager of the NICU/Pediatric service and then promoted to Maternal Child Clinical Nursing Director. In 1996, I transferred to the Kaiser in Panorama City where with my team, a new hospital was open.

Beverly Radloff Director

Hi!

My Name is Beverley (Bev) Radloff and I am one of the Directors for the GRCGLA. I retired in 2012 after 40 years in education as a classroom teacher, an Assistant Principal, and Principal. I have been married to a wonderful man for 57 years who is allergic to both cat and dog fur!

In my lifetime I have loved many dogs and cats, and I can still name all of them. In 2003, I had the privilege of adopting "Wendy" (Artistry's Born to Run) from Rebecca Scribner. Wendy was my first Golden. Next came "Hank" (Artistry's Thunder Road). I kept one of Wendy's puppies "Dani" (Artistry's Dancing in the Dark). I trained Hank and Dani as therapy pets, after I retired. Rebecca gave me Jenny (Artistry's For a Good Time Call) just before she stopped breeding. Before she passed away, Rebecca found me my first Champion, Freedom (Questan's Groove in the Land of Hopes and Dreams). Taco, Freedom's 3/4 brother was rehomed to me when he was a little over a year old. He is my therapy pet and we visit nursing homes, schools, and libraries. Spirit (Broadway's Next GenAlRation at Questan) has been the last Golden to join the Radloff household. She is a Grand Champion Bronze.

While Freedom and Spirit have both championed in Conformation, Spirit also has titles in Dock Diving, Barn Hunt and Rally. She loves Fast Cat and I have hopes of titling her in that as well.



I am an avid knitter and can be seen ring side at dog shows knitting. I belong to a knitting group that meets once a week in person and once a week via zoom. I also paint for my own amusement.



This past year when I traveled to Maui, I visited their Animal Shelter and shared pictures with the board. I am happy to say that GRCGLA made a donation to help with the continued care of animals injured in the fire, given up because their owner no longer had a place to live, and other animals that have been surrendered to the Shelter.

My lifelong love of dogs has led me to the best breed ever: Golden Retrievers!

Denise PotvinDirector

I have been a dog lover for as long as I can remember. At age 3, I remember picking up my first dog, a white cockapoo puppy, who was part of my life for an amazing 19 years. In second grade, I visited the Scholastic book fair and purchased The Dell Encyclopedia of Dogs for \$1.58. (I still have the book in my office with price tag intact!) I proceeded to memorize all dog breeds in this book, and at that time I decided that when I grew up, I would have a Golden Retriever.

My entire childhood I thought that I wanted to be a veterinarian. At age 16, I worked at a veterinary clinic for 6 months, where I realized that there were some parts of the job that I loved and others that I would not want to do. So, in college I took a different career route and became a CPA, but my love for dogs and desire to learn everything about their care never faded.

When my husband and I purchased our house in 1994, the first thing we did was fence in the yard and purchase a Golden Retriever puppy, who we named Casey. Little did we know that we had no idea how to raise a puppy. WE needed to be trained! Casey had gotten out of control, as he spent long days alone while my husband and I were working as auditors. We had to learn how to train Casey to make him the wonderful family member that he had the potential to be. We hired a professional dog trainer/behaviorist who came to our home and taught us about dog psychology, what we were doing wrong, what we needed to do going forward, and how to fix the unwanted behaviors of our growing puppy. By the time he was 1 year old, Casey turned into an amazing member of our family. When he was 3 years old, we welcomed our first son and two and a half years later our second son. Our two boys grew up with Casey, who was loving and tolerant of two young children.

Due to my love of Golden Retrievers, I decided to volunteer for GRCGLA Rescue. I started by becoming a foster. My first foster dog was a Golden/Samoyed puppy who came to me straight from the shelter with ticks, fleas, worms, and kennel cough, while my other fosters were purebred Golden Retrievers of varying ages. Fostering was a great education for me, bringing dogs into my home that were a diamond in the rough and seeing the positive change that a loving home, proper care, training, and attention would bring. After 6 months, I stopped fostering since we rescued a 3.5-year-old female Golden Retriever named Sasha, who was a great match for Casey and our young family. At that time, I started doing home visits for Rescue. For many years I provided in-depth information regarding potential adopters to



help dog reps match families to dogs. Later I also became a Placement Assistant, interviewing perspective adopters to determine what type of dog would be a good match for them. Overall, I volunteered for GRCGLA Rescue for about 15 years.

I have owned and loved Golden Retrievers for 30 years now. During this time, I have had five Golden family members: Casey, Sasha, Riley, and two who are still with me...Roxy (10 years old), and Bailey (7 years old). Some of my greatest joys are taking Roxy and Bailey on daily bluff walks with friends, as well as collecting things that relate to Golden Retrievers. Raising Golden Retrievers has brought me so much happiness and an abundance of invaluable knowledge, which I enjoy sharing with others.

Denise Potvin, cont.

I joined GRCGLA in 2019, just prior to the start of COVID, so I did not have the benefit of going to many events and learning much about the Club. I enjoyed meeting new friends at the events that I was able to attend, and I knew that I wanted to be a part of GRCGLA, but I had no idea how to get more involved. Last year, Dana Montague encouraged me to start attending Club meetings via Zoom to learn about the

Club. She mentored me and fielded all the questions I had about what I learned during the meetings. This was so incredibly helpful for me, and it sparked my desire to become more active in the Club. All my Golden Retrievers have been spayed/neutered, so I thought that competing with them was not possible. I was already familiar with AKC Canine Good Citizen (CGC), as Bailey earned his CGC at 7 months old, but Dana made me realize that my dogs are eligible to participate in AKC events such as obedience, agility, rally, and scent work. At this time, Roxy unfortunately has a rare type of skin cancer called epitheliotrophic lymphoma, and she is on chemotherapy. Due to her being immune compromised, I cannot take Roxy or Bailey to any events or training sessions, but in the future, I would like to get my Golden Retrievers involved in scent work. Being a Director for GRCGLA has allowed me to gain more knowledge, meet more Golden-loving friends, and become more active in the Club.



Many Thanks... A Tribute to The Shelburnes

We extend our sincere gratitude to Merry Shelburne for so graciously sharing her kind words of encouragement, her expertise and her formats, as she passed the torch to us to carry on as the GRCGLA newsletter editors. For years Merry generously worked her magic as editor, starting with paper versions, then transitioning to digital, as her husband Dave helped our club in many areas. In this edition we highlight Merry and her husband Dave, as we thank them for their dedication to our club and Goldens! As Merry so sweetly indicated, they are united as one. Please enjoy their story.

- Andrea Mraz and Donna Lee

The Shelburne Story By Merry Shelburne

When the Gazette editors asked Merry to write an article about herself, her first thought was there is no Merry without Dave. So this story is all about Dave & Merry Shelburne.

Merry was in the first class to graduate from Crescenta Valley High in 1963. Dave graduated from Hoover High, also in Glendale, in 1958. Merry went on to UC Santa Barbara, where she spent all her time partying, while Dave was working as a meat cutter.

He decided to go to Glendale Community College, and Merry went there to make up her grades from UCSB. Dave was editor of the GCC school newspaper, and Merry enrolled in a journalism class. It was kismet. They went on to Cal State Los Angeles together and worked on the student newspaper, and they were married in July of 1968.

Dave went to work as a sports writer for the Glendale News Press and then the Los Angeles Daily News. Merry worked in the Public Relations Office at Cal State L.A. and then earned her MA in Mass Communications at CSU Northridge. From there she became the Public Information Officer at Glendale College and taught several journalism classes, including the school newspaper class where she and Dave met.

She also began a "side career" of creating graphic art and photography designs that she can apply to various items to give as gifts.



Glendale Community College, 1965

They went to the 1972 Olympics in Munich, Germany. It was the trip of a lifetime... and the last time Merry ever wanted to get on a plane... although they did go to Maui twice. That was her limit.

The Shelburnes, along with two other couples, bought a used motor home and a used boat for water skiing. All of their subsequent vacations were spent in this endeavor.

Merry wasn't very good at it, but Dave was known as the Water King because he excelled at this and every sport. He also organized, coached, played and was "the Commish" for flag football, softball, and golf...the latter until he was 83.

In the late 1970s they bought a house in La Crescenta, and that is when their love affair with Golden Retrievers began.

It was their favorite breed, but they knew nothing about responsible breeders. So their first few Goldens were not up to the standard. (They also had several memorable cats.) Their last non-wellbred Golden was Fuzzibear, a big destructive, demanding boy who became Merry's heart dog.

Merry decided to try to find better breeders, and her research uncovered the Golden Retriever Club of Greater Los Angeles. She contacted Julia Wolfe, who had a litter coming. They got their first well-bred Golden from her, and so much more. Julia introduced them to agility, show, raw feeding, Dr. Gael Parks, holistic treatment, Megan Bamford DVM, and an animal communicator named Cindy Wood.

Goldie was beautiful, dedicated, and desperately wanted to please. She was a sensational agility dog. Dave did a great job running her and Merry captured every moment with her camera. Unfortunately, Goldie hit her head during a night agility class and that eventually caused seizures. Gael Parks was able to bring her through, but she was never quite the same. Int'l Ch Stellars NY Gold Digger MX MXJ OF CGC lived until she was 13.



Photo by Merry Shelburne

Meanwhile, Merry had gotten together with Cindy Wood, and they decided to write a book. It's called *SILENT WORDS: Animals Speak from the Heart* and is available on Amazon. (Go to Books, then type in Merry Shelburne). Merry and Cindy convened many times in the living room, Cindy telling her animal communication stories and Merry jotting down notes. Frequently they were interrupted by Fuzzibear, who would snatch pieces of paper, pens, an open purse... anything he could grab and chew. He was awful. But it was his way of getting Merry's attention. More on that later.

In preparation for the book, Cindy, Merry and Dave went to Wolf Mountain Sanctuary in the California Desert. It was an unforgettable experience. Cindy was able to communicate with the wolves, while Dave and Merry took photos. One is on the back cover of the book. Merry also authored two public relations textbooks, which are now completely out of date but still, amazingly, available on Amazon.

During this time Merry experienced the most shocking event of her life. She had spent the day painstakingly crafting small Christmas baskets for her girlfriends, and she put all the gifts into a plastic bag. A short time later she was standing in the kitchen, crying and yelling at Fuzzibear because he had just destroyed all her work. And then a male voice clearly said, "I'm sorry." She screamed and jumped and stared at Fuzzibear. He just stood there, not looking at her. She knelt down and put her arms around him and told him it was OK. All these years later, she can still hear that voice.

When Merry told Cindy about it, she was not surprised. And on the day they finally had to let Fuzzibear go, Cindy said he would return to Merry sometime in the future as another dog. And he has. His name is Wells.

When Goldie was about 5, they got DandyLion. Dave flew back East to retrieve him. Dandy had the most amazing temperament, even as a puppy. His daddy had won the national specialty the year before, but Dandy had a bit of a straight front, so Dave concentrated on agility. Greatbrook Dandy-Lion Dancer AX AXJ CCA. He died suddenly at 10, and Merry made a video of him that is somewhere on YouTube. He was a wonderful boy.

The Shelburnes currently have Brooks (Birch Hollow's Fuzzibears Waterfall), who is now 8, and Wells (Woodland Sunbeam S'About Thyme) who is 6. Wells was showing great promise in agility class when COVID hit and everything shut down. And he was an excellent show prospect too. One of his co-breeders was considering showing him herself, but then she passed away. So now Wells is just busy being Fuzzibear, although he hasn't spoken to Merry yet.



Merry, Dave, Dandy and Goldie

The Shelburnes have given up showing dogs, even after handling classes when they were younger. Merry could manage a beautiful stack but couldn't run, and Dave could run but never got the stack quite right. And since 2 handlers are not allowed in the ring...

At some point (she can't remember when) Merry was asked by the GRCGLA president to be the Golden Gazette editor. She did that for years, transitioning the publication from print to online somewhere in the middle. She retired at the end of 2023. Dave has served on the Board twice.

Both were involved helping out during the 2019 National Specialty, Merry with some organizing, and donating one of her art prints for the raffle, and Dave with photography.

They were both regularly involved with the Spring Matches and brought some agility equipment for all the pups to play on.

And now Dave and Merry are retired from all of it except parenting Brooks & Wells. Dave is still playing racquetball 5 days a week and golf weekly. Merry has some physical issues that prevent her from doing many things, except going to birthday parties with her friends and her Rollator. Friends from the class of '63.

<u>Update</u>: About a month after submitting this story, Dave suffered a stroke, and is currently at a skilled nursing facility receiving physical therapy on his left hand, as well as practicing walking. He is improving daily and looking forward to returning to racquetball and golf.





Summer, Woodland Hot Stuff

Woodland Hot Stuff "Summer" (Verdoro's National Treasure ex Woodland The Stuff That Dreams Are Made Of) - garnered a 5 point major at the Lost Dutchman KC from the 9-12 puppy class. Also, at the Sporting Dog Association of Arizona that same weekend she was Reserve Winner's Bitch to a major. With thanks to our handler, Christian Rutten!

-Sharon Shilkoff



Cali, Jazzin's Upland Girl CD BN RN TD JH SHU CGCU ATT TKN WC CCA VC

Cali earned her Tracking Dog (TD) title at the Holly-wood Dog Obedience Club tracking test at Prado Regional on February 4th. She ran her 460 yard track in 3 minutes and 50 seconds which is really fast! I have tried telling her that she will not get extra points for speed, but she doesn't listen!

- Jennifer Darcy



ENZO, 24KT Ferrai Limited Edition BISP

Enzo garnered a spectacular Best in Show puppy at the Silver Bay Kennel Club. Enzo was shown at only 4 months old by his Dad Alan Burrows. Alan's wife Susan and I are very proud to co own this beautiful happy boy! We are all very proud and in love with Enzo!!

-Judi Voss



Paisley, Rose Gold's Some Kinda Onederful

Paisley, Rose Gold's Some Kinda Onederful went Winners Bitch/Best of Winners at the Skyline of San Mateo County Show under Judge Eric Liebes. Her first day in the show ring at 2 years old and out of Ambred. I'm very proud as a 1st time breeder of my one and only!

- Mindy Smith





Paisley, Rose Gold's Some Kinda Onederful

I'm so proud of this girl! Paisley, Rose Gold's Some Kinda Onederful was Winners Bitch at the Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore under Judge Cindy Vogels.

-Mindy Smith



Wyatt, Season's Date Night

We showed Wyatt (Season's Date Night) at the Malibu KC All Breed Shows at Lake Perris March 8th-10th. He placed 1st in the 9-12 month old puppy class all three days.

This is our very first show dog and we are overjoyed with all "the firsts".

This was Wyatt's third show and he's already been awarded 11 AKC Puppy of Achievement Points earning his POA title.

A very special thank you to his breeder, Paula Rowan, and handlers Laurie Jordan-Fenner, Larry Fenner, and Elizabeth Jordan-Nelson!

-Bob and Chris Rubin



Tinkerbell, Shining Star Fairy Dust Dreams

Tinkerbell earned her Therapy Dog Novice title. She has been at CHOC Children's Hospital for two years and loves everyone she meets.

-Sabine Dochmaschewsky



Otis, Shining Star Once Upon A Dream CGC RN

Otis won reserve winners dog at the Malibu Kennel Club Dog Show. He likes showing but he LOVES being a Therapy Dog at CHOC and earned his Therapy Dog title a few month ago.

-Sabine Dochmaschewsky





Whisper, GCH CH Calico's Secrets Of The Heart CGC TKN

Whisper came out of retirement after 2 big litters to earn her GCH.

She started with the Silver Bay KC shows, 2/23-2/25 and completed her title the next weekend 3/1-3/3/24.

What a whirl wind finish in 2 weekends, 6 majors, 2 of which were BOS's at both Valle de Sol Golden Retriever Specialties.

She is now, GCH CH Calico's Secrets Of The Heart CGC TKN

Whisper was bred by Joy Van Wie & Mary Thompson

- Owned and loved by Mary Thompson



Dawn, ?Mystic Zen's Marshalling In the Scarlet Dawn

Kimmie & Paul Easterling are so proud of our little girl MYSTIC ZEN'S MARSHALLING IN THE SCARLET DAWN. She earned her first points by taking a five-point major with Kathy Grayson handling her at the VallAe Del Sol Specialty in Arizona!

- Kimmie and Paul Easterling



Indy, Trilogy's Walking On Sunshine RN FDC CGCA CGCU TKP ATT VHMA VHMP FITG

In 2023 Indy earned his AKC Rally Novice, Community Canine (CGCA), Temperament Test (ATT), and Farm Dog Certified titles.

- Donna Lee