

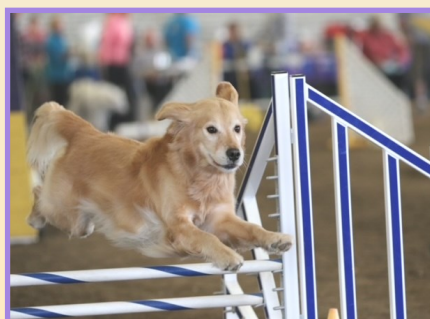
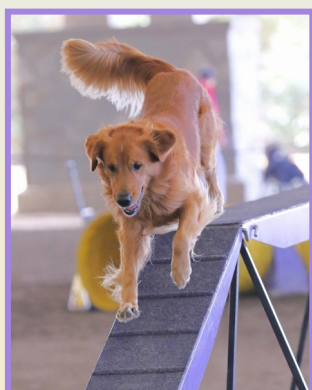
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the GOLDEN GAZETTE

August - September 2024

## Agility!



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# Message From Our President

A short President's message for a very busy summer!

I have experienced many moments since June that have helped me to reflect on what matters in this dog sport. I know that many of you have read those thoughts as I share my ideas on Facebook, so I want to just leave this: life is fragile. It is bold and an adventure, but it is fragile. We remember to be gentle with each other after a tragedy, but only for a moment.

This year, as all election years, has brought anger and fear to our doorsteps. No matter your political choice, we can ALWAYS choose kindness. And we MUST always choose to pause and consider others before our own desires or dreams; that does not mean those desires and dreams are not important, because they are. They are what keep us looking for the best and striving. And yet they are pointless if they leave other humans, much less dogs, damaged as we meet them.

Be kind, cheer for others, and pause before responding to something that makes you angry. Pause. I call it gliding for awhile, like a swan on a lake. You will be surprised by the difference it will make in your interactions and your peace. Just glide. Life is fragile...

And finally, thank you to Julia Wolfe for her dedication to our club's agility program. Our trials each year are tremendously hard work, but they are financially a success and provide an opportunity for our members to love the sport of agility, build relationships with their dogs, and let them do jumpy jumpy, leapy leapy with joy! (Have you watched a dog's face as it flies through an agility course? JOY!) Read more in the newsletter this month about agility, and if you haven't tried it yet – cool weather is coming, and this might just be something you and your dog will love. Have a grand September.

Nancy Talbott





GRCGLA Agility Trial: Aug 30-Sept 1, 2024  
GRCGLA BOD Meeting: Sept 19, 2024 7:00 PM  
Unpaid Membership Renewals removed from roster: Oct 31, 2024  
GRCGLA BOD Meeting: Oct 15, 2024 7:00 PM, (Note: third Tuesday)  
GRCGLA BOD Meeting: Nov 12, 2024 7:00 PM  
GRCGLA BOD Meeting: Dec 10, 2024 7:00 PM  
GRCGLA Specialty Jan 2, 2025 (Dogzibit Supt)  
GRCGLA BOD Meeting: Jan 14, 2025 7:00 PM  
GRCGLA BOD Meeting: Mar 11, 2025 7:00 PM  
GRCGLA Specialty, Bakersfield: Mar 29, 2025 (pending AKC approval)  
GRCGLA BOD Meeting: Apr 15, 2025 7:00 PM (Note: third Tuesday)  
GRCGLA Specialty, City of Industry: Apr 18, 2025  
GRCGLA BOD Meeting: May 13, 2025 7:00 PM  
GRCGLA BOD Meeting: Jun 10, 2025 7:00 PM  
GRCGLA BOD Meeting: JULY 8, 2025 7:00 PM  
GRCGLA Agility Trial Aug 29-Aug 31, 2025

## **2024-2025 GRCGLA Board of Directors**

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## **Editors**

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  
Donna Lee



## From the Editors:

*This month we are highlighting our agility members along with the awesome awards our members received at our annual awards dinner. We invited our agility members to share photos of their dogs in celebration of their dogs enjoying a sport that they love. Please enjoy our agility photo page, along with the highlights of the awards presented to our members for their many accomplishments.*

*The history of our GRCGLA agility trials dates back to the late 1980's when Julia Wolfe gathered a few members of our club to get our trials rolling, and has been a dedicated advocate for the fun and competitive sport of agility since it's beginning. Please enjoy her story of how GRCGLA Agility began.*

*We would like to mention a special achievement by our Lifetime Member, Miki Shannon, who was invited to the **Senior Open World Agility Championships** in Belgium. This is quite the honor and, though this accomplishment was with her border collie Zasu, we wanted to recognize our member, Miki, for this esteemed invitation.*

*Miki would also like to share that her Golden, Trip, is her first dog to achieve her Agility Grand Champion. WhoHoo and many congrats to Miki for her amazing agility accomplishments with her dogs!*



*Congratulations to all of our members for their many accomplishments! Your dedication and hard work in the sports you enjoy, is apparent. Our club welcomes all our members to watch, help and enjoy our agility trials. Watch out, though, you might just get hooked!*

*Please enjoy this edition of our Golden Gazette as we celebrate our agility and annual awards winners members!*

*Golden Gazette Editors  
Andrea and Donna*



## **How GRCGLA Agility Trials Began in 1998 - WOW!**

*Editors' note: As we decided to highlight our GRCGLA Trials, it was suggested we include a brief history of its early beginnings. We were thrilled to have our VP Julia Wolfe provide her perspective, and had no clue GRCGLA agility started so long ago with Julia's special Golden, Belle. Many thanks to Belle, and to Julia, for having the vision and tenacity for initiating GRCGLA agility, for keeping it going all these years and for recruiting the help of members! Kudos to you for your dedication to our agility trials! And now we present **Julia and Belle's story:***

### **MACH Lady Belle Rose MXB2 MJC NAP NJP And The GRCGLA Agility Trials**

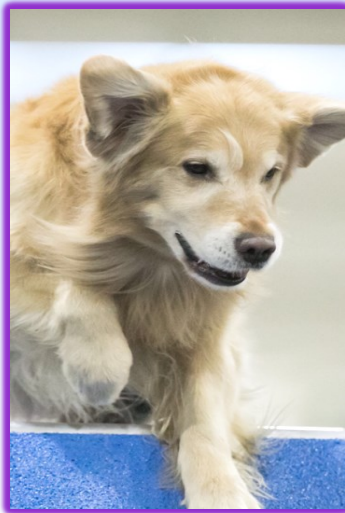
In the summer of 1995, Gael and I welcomed Belle into our lives. We had just lost our first Golden at age ten very unexpectedly. Belle was a handful, incredibly smart and clearly needed a job. Our veterinarian suggested agility. Belle and I found ourselves at Karen Moreaux's first agility class. Karen had just been on the first USA World Team. Belle and I loved it! In this class we met Miki Shannon, who introduced us to Field work and the GRCGLA. With help from Miki and Sharon Shilkoff, and other club members, we held the first GRCGLA Agility trial in 1998. Since then we have hosted our Annual June trial, which falls right around Belle's birthday, with many club members attending and helping out, it is always a fun trial. Later on we added a March and Labor Day weekend trial. Belle earned the second Golden MACH in California, and was the second Golden admitted into the GRCA Agility Dog Hall Of Fame. All of this because she needed a job!

-Julia Wolfe





# *Agility Action! ~ Dogs of GRCGLA*





# Goldens On The Move...



*Weave!*





# *~ Tunnel Fun! ~*







# *Annual Awards Banquet*

*7/27/24*

*Mimi's Café  
Monrovia*



*Lifetime Membership!*



*Puppy of the Year*



*Sunbeam Golden Leash  
Award (Bitch)*



*Sunbeam Golden Leash  
Award (Dog)*



*Best Female (breed level)*



*Best Male (breed level)*



*Best Overall (breed level)*





# *~ 2023 GRCGLA Challenge Awards ~*



*High Scoring Novice Dog*



*High Scoring Open Dog*



*High Scoring Utility Dog*



*High Scoring Obedience Overall*



*High Scoring Novice Agility - 20"*



*High Scoring Novice Agility - 24"*



*High Scoring Novice Agility Jumpers - 20"*



*We're hungry!*



# *~ 2023 GRCGLA Challenge Awards ~*



*High Scoring  
Open Agility Jumpers - 20"*



*High Scoring Agility Overall*



*MACH Lady Belle Rose ADHF*



*DIERDRE'S TC BRANDYBROOK UDT WCX*



*OUTSTANDING BROOD BITCH*



*OUTSTANDING STUD DOG*

## 2023 GRCGLA Challenge awards

### Puppy Of The Year

Donated by George Henderson, Eligible puppies from 6 months to 12 months of age, Points awarded only for WD/WB, RWD/RWB, and BIS/BOSS

CH SEASONS REGALGOLD ALL THAT JAZZ

Gerri Monohan, Mary Fry & Paula Rowan

Dogs defeated 61

### Sunbeam Golden Leash Award (Bitch)

Offered by William and Cathie Turner. Only class bitches in pursuit of the championship are eligible for the award. The bitch has to go WB and earn the points to count the dogs defeated in its sex. If the bitch goes BOW, the dogs defeated in both sexes are counted. If the bitch goes BOB all the specials as dogs defeated are counted. It is for one calendar year.

CH STELLAR'S BUILD BACK BETTER

Julia Wolfe & Gael Parks

Dogs defeated 113

### Sunbeam Golden Leash Award (Dog)

Offered by William and Cathie Turner. Only class dogs in pursuit of the championship are eligible for the award. The dog has to go WD and earn the points to count the dogs defeated in its sex. If the dog goes BOW, the dogs defeated in both sexes are counted. If the dog goes BOB all the specials as dogs defeated are counted. It is for one calendar year.

CH SEASONS REGALGOLD ALL THAT JAZZ

Gerri Monohan, Mary Fry & Paula Rowan

Dogs defeated 140

### Best Female (breed Level)

Points to be individually tabulated and will be equal to the number of actual dogs, male or female defeated at the breed level in the award year. Wins to be considered will be BOW, BOB, BOS and with the highest award on a given day to be used as the point basis.

CH STELLAR'S BUILD BACK BETTER

Julia Wolfe & Gael Parks

Dogs defeated 113

### Best Male (breed Level)

Points to be individually tabulated and will be equal to the number of actual dogs, male or female defeated at the breed level in the award year. Wins to be considered will be BOW, BOB, BOS and with the highest award on a given day to be used as the point basis.

CH SEASONS REGALGOLD ALL THAT JAZZ

Gerri Monohan, Mary Fry & Paula Rowan

Dogs defeated 140

### Best Overall (breed level)

To be awarded to the dog with the highest number of points (dogs defeated) at the breed level overall. Wins will be WB, WD, BOW, BOB & BOS.

BIS RBIS MBISS GCHG CH 24KT-Seasons A Star Is Born

Paula & Bill Rowan

Dogs Defeated 280

Highest Scoring Novice Dog – Timmy Memorial award  
Awarded to the dog earning the three best scores while earning a CD.  
HIGH TIMES PLAYIN' WITH FIRE UD BN GN SH NA OAJ NF  
Laura turner  
Average score of 194

Highest Scoring Open Dog – Casey Memorial Trophy  
Awarded to the dog earning the three best scores while earning a CDX  
HIGH TIMES PLAYIN' WITH FIRE UD BN GN SH NA OAJ NF  
Laura turner  
Average score of 187.7

Highest Scoring Utility Dog  
Awarded to the dog earning the three best scores while earning a UD  
HIGH TIMES PLAYIN' WITH FIRE UD BN GN SH NA OAJ NF  
Laura turner  
Average score of 187.8

Highest Scoring Obedience Dog Overall  
Awarded to the dog earning the five best scores in all regular classes  
HIGH TIMES PLAYIN' WITH FIRE UD BN GN SH NA OAJ NF  
Laura turner  
Average score of 194

High Scoring Novice Agility Dog 20"  
To be awarded to the dog defeating the most dogs while earning an NA (20")  
HIGH TIMES PLAYIN' WITH FIRE UD BN GN SH NA OAJ NF  
Laura turner  
Dogs defeated 5

High Scoring Novice Agility Dog 24"  
To be awarded to the dog defeating the most dogs while earning an NA (24")  
ESQUIRE'S SWEET DAYS OF SUMMER RN NA OF FITB CCA  
Andrea Mraz

High Scoring Novice Agility Jumpers 20"  
To be awarded to the dog defeating the most dogs while earning an NAJ (20")  
TURBO DON'T STOP MUSIC PCD BN JH NAJ NF  
Laura Turner  
Dogs defeated 8



High Scoring Open Agility

To be awarded to the dog defeating the most dogs while earning an OAJ (20")

HIGH TIMES PLAYIN' WITH FIRE UD BN GN SH NA OAJ NF

Laura turner

Dogs defeated 11

High Scoring Agility Dog Over All

To be awarded to the dog competing in Excellent Standard and Excellent Jumpers Classes.

AMMO TLC'S QUEEN OF HEARTS

Teri Chang

972 points

MACH Lady Belle Rose ADHF

An Award donated by Stellar Goldens (Julia Wolfe & Gael Parks) to honor GRCGLA member owned dogs have earned both their MACH and entered the Agility Dog Hall of Fame (ADHF).

This award is in honor of MACH Lady Belle Rose ADHF. Both titles do not need to be awarded the same calendar year.

WYNWOOD TLC'S YOU CAN DO MAGIC

Teri Chang

DIERDRE'S TC BRANDYBROOK UDT, WCX

To be awarded in memory of "Brandy". Donated by Miki Shannon. This award will be presented to the oldest dog that completes a working degree during the Award's year.

SKYRIVER TLC'S DANCES ON THE SAND

Teri Chang

OUTSTANDING BROOD BITCH

To be awarded to the female whose get has earned the highest number of points during the awards year. This trophy is in honor of CH Jolly Stellar Amazing Grace AX MXJ OD and is offered by Julia Wolfe & Gael Parks.

BISS GCHS 24KT SEASONS TREASURE ISLAND SDHF GGC TA

Paula & Bill Rowan

OUTSTANDING STUD DOG

To be awarded to the dog whose get has earned the highest number of points during the awards year. This trophy is in honor of CH Dunglass Luke Skywalker OS and is offered by

Ramsey Fadiman & Scott Jenkins

EMBERAIN TLC'S LIVIN' ON THE EDGE

Teri Chang

# ***Getting To Know You***

## **Kathy Knittle** **Lifetime Member**

The definition of education is “the process of training and developing the knowledge, skill, mind, and character, especially by formal schooling”. I would say that is the process of becoming an owner and breeder of Golden Retrievers. What they don’t say is it can be a bumpy road along the way.

In 1988 I started researching Golden Retrievers for conformation, attitude, and structure. I had grown up with my Uncle Jack showing German Shepherds and quickly realized that Goldens were a far cry from the working dogs I was familiar with. The more I studied and attempted to meet various breeders, I found that occasionally they were not receptive to “newbies”. Through my reading I found a kennel here in So. California that had been mentioned by Anna Katherine Nichols in her “Book of The Golden Retriever”. In speaking with the kennel owner, she apparently recognized a “newbie” and took advantage of the unsuspecting amateur. In 1989 we paid \$1500.00 for a supposed show puppy with Champion parents. So excited were we that you would have thought we were having a human baby. A beautiful fluffy puppy came to us and we registered him as “Great Expectations - Pip would be the call name. The next year was filled with learning how to show and, finally, someone shared with me that they had never seen a Golden with such a big head. As he grew you could drive a truck through his front. Yes, we had been sold a puppy that would never garner even a 1st place ribbon.



However, through this journey we met other awesome Golden breeders and by 1995 we had a beautiful male from Ann Leatherbury, “Leatherbury’s Rok N Rye Kooler”, “Turbo”, that was WD/BOW at Lake Matthews, Shoreline, and took a 4 Pt Major at Pasadena. He impressed Virginia Lyne, Lee Reasin, Walter Shellenbarger, Thomas Feneis, and Thomas Baldwin. One of the things I remember most was the beautiful card from Dr. Sherry Brothers filled with glitter congratulating us on Turbo’s win.

Along the way, I met Suzanne Wilson, President of the Golden Retriever Club of Riverside/San Bernardino. After joining the Club, I jumped in and became a Director. The best way to learn is to dive right into a Club. I learned so much from all the members. Jane Jensen, a member of GRCGLA, and breeder, welcomed me to puppy parties to learn about how to evaluate a puppy for structure at 8 weeks of age. I also spent the next 2 years looking for a beautiful male. (Yes, I love the boys) Cathie Turner stopped me at a 2000 Del Mar show and said, “I have the puppy you are looking for”. My husband was not excited for me to get another dog, but “Rogue” came to live with us and was my California Blond, with unstoppable side gait. Mr. Loran Morgan showed Rogue to perfection and again I learned about grooming, exercise, and how to properly show a dog. Rogue went on to become my heart dog, doing anything I asked. He was also Diane Schlesinger’s Apple’s father.

I joined the GRCGLA in 2000 and became Secretary shortly thereafter and was somewhat lost the first year. Being Secretary is one way to sink or swim. Yes, it takes a year to learn all the ins and outs of a Club. I went on several years later to be President and was bestowed Lifetime Membership in July 2014. Over the years, I have chaired Specialties and Matches, which was again an education.

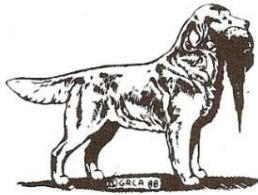


I currently have two Goldens, “Gossip” and “Augie”. Gossip beat 12 specials in the ring her first day as a move up to the breed and went on to take a Group 4. Then came the pandemic. So much for showing our beautiful girl. From her first litter I kept a boy and named him Augie. He finished his Championship last December, after 20 months in limited showing. Augie is currently growing up and will return to the ring for his grand championship next year. During his break he has garnered his trick title, CGC, and is currently working on dock diving. It was a great ride and, definitely, an education.

All of our dogs have stayed with us even if they did not turn out to be show dogs. They were beloved pets. It has taught me to always congratulate the winners even if you don’t agree. Afterall it is a “dog show”. It has taught me to always find something positive to say about a person’s dog regardless of whether it is of show quality or the family pet. Goldens are wonderful ambassadors of the sport of dogs, and we should all strive to be like our beloved Goldens.

-Kathie Knittle





## *The Golden Retriever Club of America, Inc.*

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### **Pigmentary Uveitis Alert** For Breeders, Potential Buyers, and Owners

An eye disease called pigmentary uveitis (also called Golden Retriever uveitis or GRPU) has been an emerging concern in the breed since the early 2000s. While evidence shows that this is an inherited condition, at this time there are no tests that breeders can use to be certain to avoid producing affected puppies. **However, nearly two decades of research supported by the Golden Retriever Foundation, the GRCA, and the AKC Canine Health Foundation has given breeders and owners tools to help reduce the impact of GRPU in our dogs.** Yet many breeders and owners are not using these tools, which unfortunately, is likely to result in producing more affected dogs and worse outcomes for some of those dogs. We can do better!

### **What is Pigmentary Uveitis?**

Early stages of this eye disease are usually very mild, and there may not be any outward signs. As pigmentary uveitis progresses, signs such as redness, tearing, and irritation (rubbing or pawing at the eye) may appear, and over time the disease may progress to glaucoma and blindness. In some dogs, pain from glaucoma may necessitate surgery to remove the affected eye(s).

Too often, pigmentary uveitis is not diagnosed until after the appearance of outward signs, typically in middle-aged or senior Goldens. Unfortunately, about half of those eyes will lose vision in a matter of months. However, yearly screening by a veterinary ophthalmologist may detect the disease years earlier, providing an opportunity to save vision when treatment to delay progression is initiated in the earliest stages. Additionally, such screening may detect early warning risk factors that inform breeders of potentially elevated heritable risk for GRPU.

### **Part I. What Should Breeders Be Doing?**

**1. The GRCA Code of Ethics requests that OFA eye certifications remain current for the lifetime of any dog that has been bred.** That's because GRPU is often a late-onset disease that may not be diagnosed until dogs have become grandparents and great-grandparents. So even as older dogs, findings from eye examinations (normal, uveal cysts, and GRPU) remain highly relevant to subsequent generations that are currently being bred. It's a breeder's responsibility to make sure that information remains available as their dogs age, and **this is at least equally as important as eye exams in younger dogs.**

a. Breeders should adhere to the COE standard of lifetime eye exams not only with their own dogs, but also when selecting other lines to bring into breeding programs. **Expired eye exams on older dogs in the pedigree should be viewed with suspicion,** and hopefully peer pressure from the breeding community will help to improve compliance.

b. In support of this important health initiative, the Golden Retriever Foundation pays the OFA fee for Goldens over the age of 8 years.

**2. A landmark research study<sup>1</sup> has now identified uveal cysts as a significant risk factor for the development for GRPU.** The study noted, “**Eyes with multiple uveal cysts on the first examination had a significantly higher percentage of PU (58%)** [on a second examination] than those with a solitary cyst (10%) or without cysts (1%).” Yet because “multiple uveal cysts” is a “breeder option” diagnosis, many breeders are not taking it as seriously as they should. In fact, some breeders appear to consider multiple uveal cysts as a variation of normal. **It is not!** Prior to 2000, multiple uveal cysts were uncommon and GRPU was uncommon, and it’s not a coincidence that both have become common over the short span of 20 years. It is true that not all dogs with multiple uveal cysts develop GRPU, which is the reason for the “breeder option” designation (and note that uveal cysts are not required for a GRPU diagnosis). However, it’s also true that a finding of **multiple uveal cysts can be an early warning caution flag, and should be weighted heavily in breeding decisions.**

3. Research is also showing that early diagnosis of GRPU prior to the appearance of outward signs provides an opportunity for treatment that may control or delay progression of the disease. Further, according to GRPU expert and primary researcher Dr Wendy Townsend, “**initiating treatment in dogs that do not yet have GRPU, but have multiple uveal cysts (particularly if there is a family history of GRPU) may prevent or delay the onset of GRPU.<sup>2</sup>**” Therefore, it’s important for breeders to advise and assist their puppy owners to begin eye exams by an ophthalmologist in early adulthood (about 2-3 years old). Following up with owners when the pups turn two, and assisting them in locating eye clinics, will help facilitate compliance. **Results from these offspring will also provide important information that is relevant to future breedings of related dogs.**

**4. When GRPU or multiple uveal cysts are diagnosed in a dog that has produced puppies, the owner of that sire or dam should notify the other, and the breeder of the litter should notify the puppy owners.** This is not explicitly stated in the Code of Ethics, but it’s the ethical thing to do because it may save the vision of at-risk offspring by reinforcing that the puppy should be checked regularly, providing the opportunity to initiate early intervention if necessary.

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<sup>1</sup> Golden retriever pigmentary uveitis: Challenges of diagnosis and treatment. Townsend WM, Huey JA, McCool E, King A, Diehl KA.

Vet Ophthalmol. 2020 Sep;23(5):774-784. doi: 10.1111/vop.12796. Epub 2020 Jul 8. PMID: 32639654

<sup>2</sup> Additionally, dogs with multiple uveal cysts should have eye exams more frequently to monitor for development of GRPU, with exams every 6 months instead of yearly.

## Part II. What Should Buyers Look For?

1. An article titled “Health Certifications for the Parents of a Litter” <https://grca.org/about-the-breed/health-research/health-screenings-for-the-parents-of-a-litter/> is a broad overview of health testing that is expected prior to breeding, and OFA eye certification is one of those examinations. However, there are nuances to “normal” results that buyers should take the time to understand and verify at <https://ofa.org/> (Search is easiest using each parent’s AKC registration number.)

a. **Eye exams are valid for only 1 year**, which is important in the context of GRPU because the risk of a dog developing GRPU increases with age. **Expired eye exams should be viewed with suspicion.**

b. Onset of GRPU may not occur until the grandparents’ and even great-grandparents’ generations, so these ancestors contribute valuable information to predicting the risk of GRPU. For that reason, the GRCA Code of Ethics requests that eye exams continue for their lifetime, and these also should be current within one year. **Expired eye exams for these ancestors should also be viewed with suspicion.** Verify ancestors’ current eye certifications using “Combined Health Pedigree” search option on a parent’s OFA page.

c. As noted previously, a landmark research study has now identified uveal cysts as a significant risk factor for the development for GRPU. The study noted, “Eyes with multiple uveal cysts on the first examination had a significantly higher percentage of GRPU (58%) [on a second examination] than those with a solitary cyst (10%) or without cysts (1%).” Yet because dogs with “multiple uveal cysts” can obtain an eye certification, many breeders are not taking this as seriously as they should. As a potential buyer, be aware that **multiple uveal cysts occurring in the parents’ or grandparents’ generations can be an early warning caution flag, and should be weighted heavily in purchasing decisions.**

## Part III. What Can Owners Do for Their Dog?

Too often, GRPU is not diagnosed until after the appearance of outward signs, typically in middle-aged or senior Goldens. Unfortunately, about half of those eyes will lose vision in a matter of months. However, yearly screening by a veterinary ophthalmologist may detect the disease years earlier, providing an opportunity to save vision when treatment to delay or prevent progression is initiated as early as possible. Therefore, **it is recommended to begin yearly screening eye exams at about 2-3 years old.**

These exams are performed by board-certified veterinary ophthalmologists, sometimes in a specialty practice setting; or more commonly, at an “eye clinic,” which is a gathering of many owners and breeders at which screening eye exams are performed at a discounted (group) rate. These clinics are frequently sponsored by dog clubs and held at dog shows, and are widely available in the US throughout the year. Typically, eye clinics are held yearly at approximately the same location and time frame so that owners can get on a regular yearly schedule.



Breeders following the GRCA Code of Ethics should be able to help their puppy owners find convenient local eye clinics, and eye clinics are also listed at <https://ofa.org/health-clinics/> Additionally, veterinary ophthalmologists can be located using the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists website, [www.acvo.com](http://www.acvo.com) and many also participate in some form of “eye clinic.”

It is suggested that owners share the information provided here with their veterinarians, along with copies of the ophthalmologist’s report if there are any abnormal findings.

Finally, please know that while this can be a serious disease for affected dogs, the majority of Golden Retrievers do not develop GRPU. However, when a dog is diagnosed, there are two steps that owners can take to help other Golden Retrievers. First, it’s important to notify the dog’s breeder, so that he/she can make informed breeding decisions going forward. And second, please ask the ophthalmologist to report the diagnosis on an OFA form so that GRCA and researchers have accurate data to guide efforts to reduce the prevalence of GRPU in the future.

*By Rhonda Hovan, GRCA Research Facilitator  
On behalf of the GRCA Health & Genetics Committee*

*Written 2024*

**Editors’ note: Additional information is also available through the following links:**

**Breeder Education Committee webinar:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8I0Uy-dYoQ8&authuser=0>

**AKC Canine Health Foundation:**

<https://www.akcchf.org/educational-resources/library/articles/vision-loss-in-golden.html>

# gRcGLA Brags ....and Special Moments



**Tease, GCh Woodland Sunbeam Four Play, OA OAJ**

At our GRCGLA Agility Trial, Tease--GCh Woodland Sunbeam Four Play, OA, OAJ picked up her first (after many tries) Excellent Preferred leg! Her handicap in the past has been "me"--too slow but on this day we did it! Tease was bred by Cathie Turner and myself.

- Sharon Shilkoff



**Oz, Fire Burst Follow The Yellow Brick Road**

Oz was awarded WD at the Ventura County Dog Fanciers Show for two points in a spectacular lineup. We can't wait to see what the future holds for this young boy.

- Dave & Kathi Garges & Terrie Johnson DVM



**SYDNEY, Ch. 24KT Innocent Until Proven Guilty**

Sydney just recently garnered her championship with her 4th major. Her first time in the ring as a move up she went on to win Best Of Breed over many ranked specials, then winning a Best in Show speciality at the Detroit Golden Retriever Club. In one weekend Sydney is more than halfway complete with her grand championship. Sydney's loving Mom and Dad, Bill and Alexis Heath, and I are very proud of this young girl!

- Judi Voss



**ENZO, 24KT Ferrari Limited Edition**

As a young pup, under the age of 9 months, Enzo has received an AKC Puppy of Achievement Award, several RWD to majors, Best in Sweeps, Best of Opposite Sex in sweeps and Winner's Dog. We are all thrilled with Enzo's success in very limited showing and look forward to his success in the future. Enzo is a happy, easygoing boy with great confidence. Mom and Dad, Alan and Susan Burrows, and I are all so proud of this young boy!

- Judi Voss

# grecula Brags ....and Special Moments



## **Dorris, Paradigm's Dream A Little Dream Of Me At Masters**

AKC Paradigm's Dream A Little Dream Of Me At Masters, owned by Jennifer Jobbins Masterson and Dave & Debbie Ramsey, went back to back WB at the Salty Dog Cluster in Vallejo from the 6-9 puppy class for her 1st points!  
Thank you team BLACK n Gold for presenting Dorris for her 1 st points!

- Debbie Ramsey



## **GCH CH Miraleste-Kate's Gibson's Dream Girl of Trilogy CGC TDI**

The Trilogy Gang had a fun day helping Katy celebrate her 14th Birthday on 5/11/2024. Katy said let's do it again!!! Katy is by BIS BISS CH Birnam Wood's Hoot Gibson OS SDHF and out of CH Kate's Sweet Dreams of Miraleste and is owned and forever loved by Cheryl Johnson. Katy is certainly my Dream Girl!!!

- Cheryl Johnson



## **Breezy, Esquire's Sweet Days of Summer RN NA OF CCA FITB**

My awesome Breezy had a fabulous June 2024! At the SMKC Show he was awarded Best of Winners, then, while enjoying the sights and sounds at Woofstock, he was again awarded BOW at the Yosemite KC Show. Many thanks to Robert Scott for making Breezy shine and to the judges for finding Breezy in a beautiful line up of Golden Retrievers!  
Breezy, your beautiful spirit warms my heart!

- Andrea Mraz



## **Magic, Esquire's Two Believe in Magic RI CD-V TKN CGC CCA**

June was a fabulous month for Magic too! My wonderful Magical girl, earned her CD-V title in June! Magic absolutely loves to train and dance and twirl and heeling is one of her favorite things to do! Luv ya girlie! On to conquer our next challenge!

- Andrea Mraz



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## **Wyatt, CH Season's Date Night**

Wyatt, (CH Season's Date Night) – BIS BISS Am CH Suntory Loveit A Cherrybrook VCD1 CDX JH OA WC OS SDHF (Loveit) X CH Seasons Our Silver Lining (Sylvie) is a New Champion with 29 Puppy of Achievement points to boot!

The first-experience whirlwind accompanied each milestone alongside amazing new friends who offered guidance and support through the roller-coaster ups and downs. The wonderful community of people and incredible animals is beautiful!

We are grateful to our handlers – The Fenner's. Thanks and much love to Paula and Bill Rowan of Seasons Golden. Thank you judge Vicki Seiler-Cushman for the final points.

- Chris and Bob Rubin



## **Hoku, Trilogy's Brilliant Star Hoku'alohi BN, RN**

Hoku is loving his agility practices and class at Wags & Wiggles!

- Mike Chun



SAVE THE DATE!

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# GRCGLA SPECIALTY



**THURSDAY JANUARY 2, 2025**

Indio, California



# 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

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Drop off area to be determined