



## *Celebrating Seniors!*



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# President's Message



## Soaking in the Season: Gratitude and Golden Moments

Dear Club Members,

As the vibrant colors of autumn settle around us, I find myself feeling full of gratitude for the warmth of family, friends, and my Golden Retrievers.

With the holiday season upon us, now is the perfect time to slow down, embrace the season of rest, and reflect on all the good things we have. I'm so thankful for the wagging tails, wet noses, and happy greetings that my dogs provide. They enrich my life in so many ways.

The holiday season provides an excellent opportunity to express gratitude for the health and happiness of our family, friends and Golden companions. Take a moment to appreciate the simple pleasures of a walk in the crisp autumn air with our dogs or snuggling up on the couch with them. In the midst of the holiday chaos, our dogs serve as steadfast reminders of the importance of love, connection, and the beauty of shared moments.

I wish you all a peaceful and happy holiday season. Enjoy this quiet, reflective time before the busy holidays.

Sincerely,  
Gerri Monohan







BOD Meeting December 9, 2025  
General Meeting/Gift Exchange December 14, 2025 Mimi's, Monrovia  
GRCGLA Concurrent Specialty Jan 2, 2026, Palm Springs CA  
General Meeting/Relax and snack January 3, 2025  
BOD Meeting January 13, 2026  
BOD Meeting February 10, 2026  
BOD Meeting March 10, 2026  
GRCA Western Regional and CCA March 25, 2026, Bakersfield CA  
GRCGLA Specialty March 28, 2026, Bakersfield CA  
GRCA WC/WCX March 29, 2026, Lost Hills CA  
BOD Meeting April 14, 2026  
GRCGLA In-Conjunction Specialty April 17, 2026, Industry Hills Expo Center  
General Meeting after Specialty April 17, 2026, Industry Hills Expo Center  
BOD Meeting May 12, 2026  
BOD Meeting June 9, 2026  
BOD Meeting July 14, 2026

## **2025-2026 GRCGLA Board of Directors**

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Director: Bob Rubin



## **Editors**

Watch for future Newsletter requests from your Editors 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)

# FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

A message from Kathie Knittle:

Good Evening All;

It is with a heavy heart that I share that Apryl Dowse passed Saturday, November 22, 2025. Phillip called to share the news. They had been married for 52 years. Apryl was stricken with dementia a few years back, eventually succumbing to this horrible disease and had been placed in a long term facility 2 months ago. Apryl would have been 73 on December 30th this year. In addition to Phillip, Apryl is survived by 2 daughters Holly and Anna and numerous grandchildren.

A long time golden breeder, Apryl was an active member of GRCGLA showing in conformation and in the field in the 1990's and early 2000's. Phillip shared that due to the holiday season, a celebration of life will be held sometime in January. In the event you would like to send a card Phillip gave me their address.

Phillip Dowse

19485 Crystal Springs Lane

Apple Valley, CA 92308

760-963-1549

*Editor's note: Apryl was a past member who joined our club in 1993. She served on our board of directors for many years and was a willing helper at our Specialties and hunt tests. Her kennel name was Hariel.  
Our hearts go out to her family and friends.*





# CONFORMATION HANDLING WORKSHOP



What will be covered:

Ring Procedure

Breed specific stacking

Gait

Free Stacking

Any other show prep questions 😊



**Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**5-6:30pm**  
**\$25**

Instructor: Lauren Hay-Lavitt  
714-653-2080

Location:  
Splash Premier Pet Resort  
17052 Gothard St.  
Huntington Beach



YOU ARE INVITED TO

# GRCGLA HOLIDAY

*Get Together*

LUNCH \$20/PERSON  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE NOT  
COVERED

GENERAL MEETING AND  
GIFT AUCTION

DECEMBER 14  
4:30 TO 7:30 PM

Please bring a wrapped gift value of \$20.00 or  
higher if you'd like to participate in the auction,  
proceeds from auction will benefit

GRCGLA Rescue

RSVP Gerri by December 8 at  
[gmonohan@aol.com](mailto:gmonohan@aol.com)

MIMI'S CAFE  
500 W HUNTINGTON DR  
MONROVIA 91016





# 2026 GRCGLA SPECIALTY

***JANUARY 2, 2026***

In conjunction with Southern CA  
Sporting Dog Fanciers

***GRCGLA JUDGE: PAT FLANAGAN***

***SCSDF GOLDEN JUDGE: HELEN DORRANCE***

***SCSDF SWEEPS JUDGE: LOUISE BRADY***

GROOMING SPACES FOR THE KENNEL CLUB OF PALM SPRINGS AND THOSE SUPPORTED ENTRY  
CLUBS WILL OPEN UP ON OCTOBER 29 AT

[HTTPS://WWW.KENNELCLUBOFPALMSPRINGS.COM/COPY-OF-SPECIALTY-INFORMATION](https://www.kennelclubofpalmsprings.com/copy-of-specialty-information).  
THOSE WISHING TO BE WITH OTHER GRCGLA MEMBERS INCLUDE IN THE COMMENTS SECTION  
THAT YOU WISH TO BE WITH THE GRCGLA GROUP. NO REFUNDS THIS YEAR. IT WILL BE THE  
INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBILITY TO SELL YOUR SPACE AFTER PURCHASE,

**SUPERINTENDENT: DOGZIBIT**

**GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB**





*~ Celebrating Our Seniors ~  
past and present*



*Rush~10 ~D Zelitzky*



*Brew~8 ~T Chang*



*Tease~11.5 ~S Shilkoff*



*Summit~9  
~S Dochmaschewsky*



*Jessie~9 ~G Monohan*



*Chuck~7 ~D Ramsey*



*Beau~9 ~A Mraz*



*Andy~9 ~D Ramsey*



*Baxter~13.5 ~A Mraz*



## ~Sugar Faces ~



Edge~10 ~T Chang



Violet~13.9 ~J Wolfe



Johnnie ~ Nosework  
~G Monohan



Elton and Cecilia~10.4 ~J Wolfe



Splash Talbott on her 15th birthday, 2023



Molly 2004-2017 ~M Smith



Maggie 1997-2011 ~M Smith





Lucy~8 ~M Smith



Rosie 2016-2024 ~M Smith



Meme 12+ ~J Voss

*Seniors  
Rule!*



Sarah~9 ~D Ramsey



Bacall~12.5 ~D Ramsey



Magic~8 ~A Mraz



Jake~11 / Maxx~9  
~T Beattie



Brady~8 ~D Lee





**Fire Burst's Party Girl, CGCA, FDC  
(Violet)~7 ~Barbara Parker Fox**

## Golden Oldies



**Emilie, BISS GCHB CAN CH PARADIGM  
UNWRITTEN MBISS BPISS. Sept 3rd  
2017 ~D Ramsey**



**Blayze~7 ~A Mraz**



**Baylee~14 ~A Mraz**



**Jill~11.5 ~D Ramsey**



**Graham~10 ~L Feldner**



**Gibson~14 ~R Stevenson  
Trolleycar's a Little Night Music**



# Forever Young



Ryder~15.5 ~T Chang



Rio~12.5 ~T Chang



**Sabine Dochmaschewsky**

December 2, 2021 · 🐾

I have the best volunteer job in the world 🥰. I get to watch the joy that Bruno brings to patients and staff at CHOC. Today Bruno climbed into bed with a teenage patient and his comment was. "Now all my pain is gone, it went down to zero". Those are the moments I live for.



**CHOC** added a new photo.  
November 1, 2022 · 🌐



Bruno~10



# We ❤️ Our Seniors!



"Image", CH Calico's No Photo Shop Here  
CGC ~10.5 ~ M Thompson



Wings & Deli on their 12th birthday back in  
Sept. 2012. ~M Thompson



My beautiful, smart,  
affectionate Kanoe is  
11 years old! She is  
my first obedience  
trained dog who has  
her CD Novice Title  
and loves her Nose-  
Work training.  
~M Chun



Kanoe, SUNBEAM KANOELANI'S  
SURF TO YOU DROP ~11 ~M Chun



This is mother and son. Rogue, 7 and his 11 year old  
mother, V. V will actually be 12 in February! They  
are so sweet together. ~Suzanne Wilson



Alicia ( Stellar's This Girl Is On Fire)  
Morrison ( Stellar's Light My Fire NJP)  
9 yrs 3 months ~Julia Wolfe





**2026 GRCA  
WESTERN REGIONAL  
MARCH 25, 2026**

**GRCA Western Regional Judges:**

**Regular: Debbie Clausen,**

**Sweeps: Debbie Berry,**

**Obedience/Rally: Gina Grissom**

**GRCLA Specialty**

**March 28, 2026**

**GRCLA Specialty Judges:**

**Regular: Col. Jon Chase,**

**Sweeps: Jennifer Foster**

**SUPT: DOGZIBIT**

**KERN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS,**

**BAKERSFIELD, CA**

**VINES AND WINES CIRCUIT 4 DAYS 3/26 TO 3/29/26**

**SUPT: : BRADSHAW**





# GRCA 2026 Western Regional

Come join us and toast our Golden Retrievers



March 25, 2026

Conformation, Obedience and Rally

Kern County Fairgrounds

Bakersfield, CA

Regular Classes Judge: Debbie Clausen

Sweepstakes Judge: Debbie Berry

Obedience, Rally Judge: Gina Grissom

Entries: <https://www.Dogzibit.com>

March 27, 2026

CCA

Kern County Fairgrounds

Bakersfield, CA

Judges: Pluis Davern, Denise Reel, Jennifer Masterson

Chair: Nancy Talbott [belgoldnt@gmail.com](mailto:belgoldnt@gmail.com)

Entries: Mary Dent, opening TBD

March 29, 2026

WC/WCX

Goose Lake Training Grounds

Wasco, CA

WCX Judges: TBA

WC Judges: TBA

Chair: Nancy Talbott [belgoldnt@gmail.com](mailto:belgoldnt@gmail.com)

Entries: Entry Express: <https://www.entryexpress.net>

Opens early January TBD



March 28, 2026

**GRCGLA SPECIALTY**

Kern County Fairgrounds

Bakersfield, CA

Conformation

Regular Classes: Judge Col Jon Chase

Sweepstakes: Jennifer Foster

Entries Dogzibit: <https://www.dogzibit.com>







# Raffle Donations Needed!

- The GRCGLA is hosting a raffle at the 2026 GRCA Western Regional – All donations are welcomed!
- Be creative – Baskets of goodies for 4-legged friends or 2-legged hoomans. bottles of wine. vacation home getaways. gift cards. sporting equipment, or dog show essentials.
- Look for more information in upcoming issues of The Gazette, on the GRCGLA website and in your email.
- Contact Bob Rubin for questions, donation pledges, and information about contributing your raffle items – [bob.rubin@gmail.com](mailto:bob.rubin@gmail.com)

## **GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB**





Stepping  
Stones

# GRCGLA General Meeting 10/19/2025 ~ Canyon RV Park

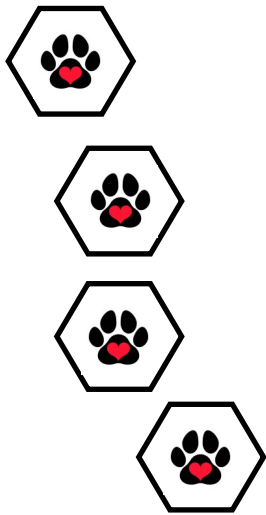


Getting  
creative!





# Fun with stepping stones!





**GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB**



# GRCGLA SPECIALTY

**LOCATION: INDUSTRY HILLS EXPO CENTER  
FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026**

**INCONJUNCTION WITH  
LAKE MATHEWS KC AND  
CONEJO KC**

**JUDGES:  
SWEEPS: KIM JACOBSON  
REGULAR: WENDY HAMILTON-PETKAU**

**SUPT: JACK BRADSHAW**

# Regala Brags ....and Special Moments



**Dandi, Seasons Regalgold Dashing Thru The Show**

Seasons Regalgold Dashing Thru The Show - "Dandi" showed at the South Bay Kennel Club and the Long Beach Kennel Club shows October 30 and 31. This was her first time in a show ring. She earned Reserve Winners with 12 girls competing and the next day she was Winners Bitch. I'm very excited to see what this girl can do. Co owned with Mary Fry, Paula and Bill Rowan and me. BIS BISS GCHG CH SUNKOTA CASEY'S OFF TO DUBLIN (Teague) x CH SEASONS CREATED WITH FLAIR (Jade)

Gerri Monohan

On 11/1/25 Frolic turned 5 months old, and celebrated by winning a 4-6 month Sporting Group 1 at the Antelope Valley Kennel Club Show on 11/2/25! Frolic matches his name as he frolics joyfully with every sport he is learning! Thank-you to Dr Jessica Hagstette DVM and Harmony Leavitt for this fun and fabulous Rona X Rooney boy.

Andrea Mraz



**Frolic, Geaux Dog's Jus' Wanna Have Fun**



**Breezy, GCH CH Esquire's Sweet Days of Summer  
RN NA XF NJP OAP OJP Fit-B CCA NW1 L1C L1I**

Breezy earned his Open JWW Preferred Agility title with a clean run at the CSCOC Agility trial in October 2025. Now on to those Excellent Qs. Go Breezy!

Andrea Mraz



# gala

## *Bragg* ....and Special Moments



**Rush, OTCH Firemark's Free Fall UDX4 OM6 RA**

Rush turned 10 on November 1. He became a certified therapy dog this year and finished his Nose Work Novice title in one weekend last October. We've dabbled a bit in field work as well. He came to me at three years old with no titles or show experience and I have loved every minute of our training and companionship.

David Zelitsky



**Tease, GCH CH Woodland Sunbeam Four Play OA OAJ**

GCH CH Woodland Sunbeam Four Play OA OAJ---11 1/2 yrs and still going strong and will be trying for those last two AXP legs. Mom is taking her time.

Sharon Shilkoff



**Magic, Esquire's Two Believe In Magic NJP RI CD-V TKN CGC CCA**

Magic, who has, lovingly, mentored another puppy, Frolic, celebrated her eighth Birthday on November 20th. Magic loves to play and train and twirl and has mega patience with each addition to our canine family. WOW! She's officially a senior! How time flies!

Love you to pieces, sweet girl! Your joyful spirit is contagious!

Andrea Mraz



# grecia Brags ....and Special Moments



**Summer, CH Woodland Hot Stuff**

Summer, CH Woodland Hot Stuff completed her SWN title October 4 at the Scent Work Club of the San Gabriel Foothills. And father Nick, CH Verdoro's National Treasure completed his SIN at the GRCA National Specialty at Purina Farms in September and at the Scent Work Club of the San Gabriel Foothills completed his SEN!

Sharon Shilkoff



**Drama, Calico's Making A Scene BN RN CGCU TKN VSWB**

Drama is now, Calico's Making A Scene BN RN CGCU TKN VSWB  
Drama, was entered on 11/2, at the Obedience/ Rally trials. We together, as a team, successfully completed her BN & RN titles with placements. This time around, I DID NOT, skip any signs in Rally causing us to fail. Yes, I did that, I always said it would NOT be the dog who fails it would be ME!  
New to Rally since Feb. of this year I am having a blast and loving the bond it creates!

Breeder/owner Mary Thompson



**Demi, Rosecreek's Here We Go Again CGC TKI FTN FDC.**

Demi has been busy having fun and working on back titles. At 9 months, she earned Canine Good Citizen, Trick Dog Intermediate, Fetch Title Novice and Farm Dog Certified. Demi is from the Pop Star litter - BISS GCH Emery's Star Baker OS x GCH Rosecreek's Sweet Emotion BCAT ACT1 ACT1J. So proud of this puppy. Demi- Rosecreek's Here We Go Again CGC TKI FTN FDC.

Lynn Feldner



# grecia Brags ....and Special Moments



**Rain, CH Calico's The Perfect Storm BN RA FDC RATN DJ CGCA CGCU TKA VSWI FITB FTN**

Vicki and I have kept our Rain very busy! She finished her CH 10/30 at the South Bay KC. Next 2 days, Rain was moved up, I got back in the ring to show her at the LBKC & SGVVC where she was Select X 2 for 4 GCH points. On 11/2, Rain, earned her TKA title with Vicki. Rain is now known as: CH Calico's The Perfect Storm BN RA FDC RATN DJ CGCA CGCU TKA VSWI FITB FTN

Breeder/Owner Mary Thompson,  
Co-Owner Vicki McGwire



**Maple Cider**

On November 8 at the VCDFA Trial, Maple Cider earned qualifying scores (Q's) in all four of her searches and took second place in the Novice A Exteriors search.

Diane Scheslinger



**Indie, Zolotas Miss Independence**

Thank You Judge Francis Smith for awarding our girl "INDIE"- Zolotas Miss Independence, Best Of Breed at the Canada del Oro Kennel Club Show in Tucson and than to our surprise yesterday at the second set of Tucson shows Judge Debbie Melgreen awarded her WB/BOW. Gayle Cooley and myself are so proud of her. A Big Thanks To Our Handler Kathy Grayson for making this possible!

Barbie Ellisen



# gala Brags ....and Special Moments



**Monroe, GCH CH Calico's Some Like It Hot  
CGCA CGCU ATT FDC TKN FTN**

Magnificent finish for Grand Championship. So proud of the M Team as they finished in style at the Riverside KC show in October 2025 with back to back Best of Breed wins for a 5 point Major each day. To cap off this dream weekend, they earned Group 4. Tremendous gratitude to Maddie McCue who does a fabulous job of presenting Monroe every time they step into the ring making for a beautiful team. Monroe is owned by Lynn Feldner, Joe Benzoni, and breeder, Mary Thompson, and is out of Shelby-CH Hi-Tide's I Can't Drive 55 x Whisper- GCH Calico's Secrets of the Heart CGC CGCU TKN FTN

Lynn Feldner



**Sanders, Calico's Secret Recipe TKI**

Sanders, earned his first titles, TKN & TKI on 10/8 at the tender age of 4 months, 6 days old with Vicki. He then made his debut in the show ring 10/25 & 26, in the 4-6 B Pup going BOB & Grp 1 both days at Riverside KC. On 10/31, at Long Beach KC, he went BOB, Group 1 & on 11/1 at San Gabriel KC Sanders was BOB, GRP 1 & BEST PUPPY IN SHOW in show with an entry of 54 puppies! 5 POA points earned all by 5 mo. of age. Now known as: Calico's Secret Recipe TKI

Breeder/Owner Mary Thompson,  
Co-Owner Vicki McGwire



**Demi, Rosecreek's Here We Go Again CGC  
TKI FTN FDC**

Bright future ahead for Demi! Since stepping into the ring with Breeder/Co-Owner/Handler, Maddie McCue, this puppy is proving she is ready for the life of a show girl. Appreciate that Maddie makes Demi shine while keeping her puppy tail wagging with joy. Demi earned her first points at 9 months at Riverside KC. Demi also earned RWB at Long Beach KC, RWB at Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore at 9 months and RWB at Moorpark KC at 7 months which was the first time she showed in the classes. Demi is owned by Lynn Feldner, Joe Benzoni, Sharon Wilson and Maddie McCue.

Lynn Feldner