

A.G.R.C. Rug Rag

July, 2005

Special Interest Articles:

- Member Spotlight: Judi Hollenbeck
- Lots of excitement surrounding our first agility trial.
- As always, we have lots of dogs worth bragging about!

MEETING DATE CHANGE!!!

This month's meeting will be July 27th.
Mark Your Calendars!

A.G.R.C Is No Shrinking Violet

The recent board meeting is proof that the Austin Golden Retriever Club is no shrinking violet in the dog world, and we better hold on, things are stacking up to be an exciting year! The meeting, held at Debby Gower's on July 15, 2005, as attended by most of the board, and after much smooching of some adorable new puppies the meeting got underway with Debby's normal hospitality.

The board discussed the G.R.C.A.'s discussion of changes to the various titles such as OS and OD and others, the board decided that if members were interested, they should respond on an individual basis, no deadlines for response were found in the materials, but there was an email address of OSComments@grca.com If interested club members are encouraged to consult the GR News.

The board also discussed

that there would now be a \$50 fee required to be a part of puppy referral through the club. This fee would be charged only to help with any ads that were placed by the club as well as long distance phone calls.

Also, it was decided that the 2003 and 2004 awards presentation will be held at the September meeting to get us back on track with the awards.

The board also approved a donation of \$120 to be made to the Red Dog Challenge in the name of the Zeke Fund.

Also discussed was the need for club members to help out where possible at the agility trial and with the raffle items that need to be donated.

If you haven't already signed up to help at the agility trial (7/30-31), please see Helen Dorrance to get your

name on her list of those willing to help out.

Also, we need donations for the raffle that will be held at the agility trial (see page 5 for a list of possible donation items). If you have something you'd like to donate, feel free to bring it to the club meeting on 7/27/05. We will also be having a "Raffle Basket Assembly Party" at Source Menagerie the following day, and need as many people to help with that as possible. The more folks we have, the quicker it goes, so please make plans to attend! Every little bit helps!

Finally, a reminder that Cathy Nairn from Century Animal hospital will be speaking at the upcoming club meeting, so please make plans to attend this as well!

MEETING
7/27/05

Brick Oven
10710 Research
Boulevard

Meetings start
at 7pm, please
arrive at 6:30 if
you wish to
order dinner!

See you there!

If I Knew Then What I Know Now.....



Diane Senterfitt's new baby boy out of her bitch "Stella".

In an attempt to find new article topics, and to help others learn from those in the club that have so much to offer, from time to time there will be a section called, "If I Knew Then What I Know Now". Look for upcoming emails where you will be asked this question in regards to many different topics!

Topic: Preparation for Conformation

"I think the most important thing would be to know if your dog has potential or not before you spend lots of money for nothing. Don't send your dog out if it isn't in great condition and coat. Many people are so anxious to play and they send their dogs out when they are not ready. I've been there and done that. It's a lot more fun to wait until they are the best they can be and then go for it!"

-Debby Gower

Braggs and Wags.....

- * CH SALYRAN TAKE IT TO THE LIMIT CDX, AX, AXJ, OS, SDHF has added a UD, MX, and MXJ to his list of titles! (Cavness/Fish/Stroh)
- * GOWER'S SCENT OF A WOMAN (Gower) has now earned her WC.

New Conformation Champions

- * GOWER'S LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT (Gower)
- * SONOMA METROPOLITAN DREAM (Anderson)

Congratulations members, on all of your wonderful accomplishments!



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Responsible Dog Owners Day

The AKC Communications Department is pleased to be celebrating the third annual "AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day" (AKC RDO Day) this September 17, 2005. We invite and encourage all dog clubs and pet-related organizations to take part by holding a community event that publicly promotes responsible dog ownership anytime during the month of September. As the corresponding secretary for an AKC affiliated club, we hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to garner public attention and utilize AKC resources for the betterment of your club and community.

All clubs and organizations wishing to hold an AKC RDO Day event are asked to fill out the online response form by August 1, 2005. Those who confirm the details of their event with us by that date will receive a resource-filled packet- including posters, brochures, sample press releases and many more materials that will assist you in putting together a top-notch event. We plan to distribute 500 packets on a first-come, first-serve basis.

We will only ship packets and list events on our web site to those clubs with event details finalized - including date, time, location and planned activities - by the August 1 deadline. Starting July 1, as we have done each year, we will create a central page on our website where the public can search for events by state, to find AKC RDO Day events in their area.

Canine Quote:

"Dog. A kind of additional or subsidiary Deity designed to catch the overflow and surplus of the world's worship."

Some suggestions of activities to commemorate AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day include:

- *ID clinic (offer micro-chipping, etc)
- *Rescue information booth
- *Health clinic/health screen testing/First Aid for dogs
- *Meet the breeds/Find the right dog for you
- *Obedience/Agility/Rally/Performance demonstrations
- *Therapy/SAR Dog or Police K9 Unit demonstrations
- *"AKC Safety Around Dogs" for kids presentations (in-school or for children's groups)
- *A kids contest with awards for best drawings, photos or essays about dogs
- *Seek sponsorships or donated items from local businesses to be raffled or for contest prizes
- *Raise money to donate/dedicate needed items to local dog park/runs (pooper scoopers, bulletin boards, water fountains, etc.)
- *Fundraising events for AKC Canine Health Foundation
- *AKC Canine Good Citizen test (requires additional kit purchase)
- *Write a letter to the editor of your local newspapers
- *Obtain a proclamation from your Governor, Mayor etc. Find links to more info at <http://www.akc.org/clubs/rdod/index.cfm>

The AKC will be hosting our own events in New York City on Saturday, September 17 and Raleigh, NC on Saturday, September 10, 2005. These flagship events will highlight the AKC programs and services that support responsible dog ownership and publicize to news media and the dog loving community that events are being held across the country.

Last year, more than 400 clubs and organizations hosted events reaching millions of dog lovers and potential pet owners through extensive media coverage. We hope that you will join us by taking part in this year's AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day. Your participation will help ensure the program's success, which will hopefully continue to gain momentum each year, benefiting dogs and dog owners everywhere!

Information Provided By: AKC Communication Department



Kaye Fuller's "KC's Season Ticket MH" going for a blind retrieve during a training session on 6/14/05. This picture was provided by his proud dad, Roger Fuller.

Member Spotlight: Judi Hollenbeck

This woman should definitely win rookie of the year! Since she's come onto the competitive Golden scene Judi has been a staple in most of our lives! She's always around to lend a helping hand to those in need, and much like the dogs she so loves, she has a heart of gold! Judi has been nice enough to answer a few questions for the Rug Rag, and they will be left in question/answer format.

RR: How many years have you been in Golden's?

JH: "Well, 15 years ago, we purchased our first pet Golden from the newspaper, but I have been involved in showing Golden's for the last couple of years."

RR: What got you started in Golden's?

JH: "When my son was in junior high school, he ask for a "big yellow dog that would play ball" and we got our first Golden. Buddy was beautiful, huge, and LOVED going to the lake, and playing ball. He was my son's best friend for many years! When I retired two years ago, I decided to get involved in showing Golden's."

RR: Who was your mentor/driving force?

JH: "I feel truly blessed with friendships I have made since joining the AGRC two years ago. There are really too many to name, but Helen Dorrance was kind enough to give me lots of help and encouragement when I first started and she continues to always be there with her patience and knowledge. Barbara Sheffield has been instrumental in helping me get quality Golden's and helping me learn conformation, showing, and grooming. Mia, Melissa, and Debby are always "there" for this "Old Newbie."

RR: What is your most valued accomplishment?

JH: "Owning and loving my Golden's! They bring me so much joy and pleasure. O course, I have hopes and dreams for each of them!"



"Dallas" (front) spending some time in sunny South Florida with her sister "Georgia"!



"Strider" takes care of Mike during a bad case of the flu!

I am interested in conformation and I just started taking agility classes, plus I will be involved in Pet Pals starting in July."

RR: What is your Structural Pet Peeve?

JH: "Not so pretty heads."

RR: What is your most sought after structural quality?

JH: "There is so much to learn about structure!! Yikes, I guess I could just spend the rest of my life trying to learn it all, but I do believe the head is such an important part of the breed and I love a head with pleasing expression, correct eye type and dark pigment."

RR: Who is your Favorite dog, not owned or bred by you, and why?

JH: "CH SHEFFIELD-DUCAT'S SPELLBOUND ("Strider"). I just love everything about this loveable boy - looks and temperament! Strider stayed with us during the Christmas holidays one year and my husband was sick in bed with the flu. Strider jumped up on the bed, laid his head on the pillow with Mike, and just seemed to know that his nursing skills were needed. What a sweetheart!!"

RR: Current ventures: who's doing what around your house?

JH: "Dallas" (21 mo.) DelaVega Don't Mess with Texas in on the road trying to get points. Dallas will also be working in agility when she returns home. "Lissi" (15 mo.) Justmoor Jean Harlow is involved in conformation with Melissa and will also be joining Pet Pal Therapy in July. "Jenny" will be involved in Pet Pals later in the summer and "Shimmy" (10mo.) is just hanging out and being her playful puppy self for now. We do have hopes for her in the conformation ring when she grows up!

RR: Where do you hope your dogs/breeding program will be in 10 years?

JH: Hey, at my age, I just hope to be ALIVE in ten years!!!

Club Meeting Notes: May 18th 2005

Notes Provided By: Marsha Spreeuwers

May 18th, 2005

General Club Meeting

AGRC

Place: Brick Oven, Jollyville Rd.

All Members Present:

Judi Hollenbeck

Mia Nieman

Melissa Jones

Mike & Pat Simpson

Bob & Linda James

Helen Dorrance

Debby Gower

Fred & Marsha Spreeuwers

Diane Senterfitt

Jeff Weisbart

Roger & Kaye Fuller

Clay Chase

Sherri Careson

Lindsey Careson

Guests:

Stacey Robinson

Terri Post

Peter Forsling

Meeting was called to order by Debby Gower, President. Debby made a motion that the club vote to approve new member Terri Post and the motion was passed. Welcome, Terri!

Linda James, Treasurer, provided the Treasurer's report to members. She stated that the bank balance is at a ½ year low and that our last fund raiser was in 2002.

This sparked some brainstorming on how to raise money for the club. Some ideas mentioned were:

- Hold raffle at agility trial on 7/30/05-7/31/05 (we need to donate items and baskets, as well as hold another "basket assembly party" sometime in July)
- Club members are asked to volunteer their time at the agility trial so the club does not have to pay workers
- Roger Fuller mentioned that the AGRC could sell its hunting equipment currently being stored in his barn to area hunt clubs.
- Hold a tattoo clinic at the Travis County show in October
- Hold a Golden Retriever Benefit at an area park

Linda J. has also asked that any members that have not paid their 2005 dues do so as soon as possible.

Debby G. mentioned that the club needs to decide on a judge for the upcoming specialty show. The club decided that Steve Keating was the 1st choice, with Rodger Hartinger being the 2nd choice.

Diane S. and Judy H. requested that members submit brags for the GR newsletter, major wins only, please.

Kudos to Melissa J. on the new newsletter!!

Debby G. motioned that the 2003 & 2004 trophy award presentations be combined on the same trophy since it's half-way into 2005 already. The motion was passed, and Debby G. requested that members notify JoEllyn of any 2004 win.

Post-Meeting Program: Helen D. presented a slide show of conformation judging standards.

A.G.R.C. Wants YOU!

We need donations for the baskets that will be raffled off at the agility trial. All dog items seem to do well but some examples are: treats, toys bowls, dog related home décor items, gift certificates, dog food, stationary, dog beds, and coffee mugs. We also could use large baskets, and stuffing supplies.

Please make plans to attend the Raffle Basket Assembly Party on Thursday July 28th at 6:30PM. We will be meeting at Source Menagerie (8015 Shoal Creek Blvd.), and working until the baskets are finished.

If you are unable to make it to source menagerie, please see Melissa Jones at the club meeting to drop off your donated items! Every little bit helps!

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