

A.G.R.C. Rug Rag

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- Fun Day A Success
- One More Dog
- Another Great Dog-Friendly Recipe!

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Dr. David Mouser, a certified veterinary acupuncturist, will be our guest speaker at the upcoming meeting!

Please make every effort to be on time for the meeting and discussion! Hope to see everyone there!

Another Successful Spring Fun Day!

Our local weather person could not have ordered any better weather for our annual Spring Fun Field Day!! Kaye and Roger Fuller again graciously hosted this fun event at their beautiful ranch just outside of Austin. Not only was the weather perfect, the setting for the training events, both land and water, was stunning. Large ponds of glistening water, freshly mowed green grass, and gentle

breezes made for a spectacular day. I'm not sure who had more fun, the Golden Retrievers who went running after the ducks and bumpers, or their owners, some who got soaking wet! Thanks to all who threw ducks and bumpers! Our Club provided some wonderful brisket (thanks to Diane and Geoff) and members brought delicious side dishes and yummy desserts. We all

sat out on the Fuller's huge porch and ate our lunch. Needless to say, by late afternoon, when it was time to leave, everyone had participated in some way and all agreed that as usual, it was one of their favorite AGRC events. If you weren't able to attend, we missed you!

Article by: Judi Hollenbeck



Jonas refused to let big brother Blazer (James) have all the fun! Everyone had a great time at the AGRC Spring Fun Day!

MEETING
05/16/07

Brick Oven
10710 Research
Boulevard

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

See you there!

One More Dog (author unknown)

One Dog Is No Trouble And Two Are So Funny - The Third One Is Easy, The Fourth One's A Honey
 The Fifth Is Delightful, The Sixth One's A Breeze - You Find You Can Live With A Houseful With Ease
 So How 'Bout Another? Would You Really Dare? - They're Really Quite Easy, But Oh Lord, The Hair!
 With Dogs On The Sofa And Dogs On The Bed - And Crates In The Kitchen... No Bother, you said!
 They're Really No Trouble, Their Manners Are Great - What's Just One More Dog And One More Little Crate?

The Sofa Is Hairy, The Windows Are Crusty - The Floor Is All Footprints, The Furniture's Dusty
 The Housekeeping Suffers But What Do You Care? - Who Minds A Few Nose prints And A Little More Hair?

So Get a new Dog, You Can Always Find Room - And A Little More Time For The Dust Cloth And Broom

There's Hardly A Limit To The Dogs You Can Add - The Thought Of A Cutback Sure Makes You Feel Sad

Each One Is Special, So Useful, So Funny - The Food Bill Grows Larger, You Owe The Vet Money

Your Folks Never Visit, Few Friends Come To Stay - (Except Other Dog Folks Who Live The Same Way)

Your Lawn Has Now Died And Our Shrubs, Too - Your Weekends Are Busy, You're Off With Your Crew

There's Dog Food And Vitamins, Training And Shots - And Treats, Beds and Toys, Which Cost Lots and Lots
 Is It Worth It, You Wonder? Are You Caught In A Trap? - Then That Favorite Comes Up And Climbs In Your Lap

His Look Says "You're Special", And You Know That You Will - Keep All of The Critters, In Spite Of The Bill

Winter's A Hassle, The Dogs Love It True - They Must Have Their Walks, Tho' You're Numb And You're Blue.

Late Evening Is Awful, You Scream And You Shout - At Dogs On The Sofa Who Refuse To Go Out

The Dogs And The Kids, The Mess, And The Thrills - The Work And The Worry, The Pressure, The Bills

The Whole Thing Seems Worth It, The Dogs Are Your Life - They're Charming And Funny And Offset The Strife

Your Lifestyle Has Changed, Things Just Won't Be The Same

Yes Those Dogs Are Addictive *And So's The Dog Game!*

AGRC is embracing the advances of technology and giving you more and more ways to stay connected through our e-mail mailing list and website!

Make sure to check out **www.austingoldenretrieverclub.com** where you can find updates, calendars, and general club information at your fingertips!

Meeting Notes: March 21, 2007

Attendance:

James Wommack
 Melissa Jones
 Debby Gower
 Lyle Murphey
 Christina Murphey
 Mark Slevin
 Jerry Reitzel
 Linda Reitzel
 Patty Wedding
 Mia Nieman
 DebraKeen
 Judi Hollenbeck
 Linda James
 Helen Dorrance
 Kathie Cool
 Jane Fish
 Sherri Carlson
 Margaret Jewell
 Frank Jewell
 Melissa Jones
 Diane Senterfitt

The meeting was brought to order by Debby Gower.

The 2008 independent specialty was discussed. Howard Falburg has agreed to judge the regular classes on Saturday. A provisional judge will be selected for Sunday as will a breeder-judge for sweepstakes. Obedience will also be offerered. Themes were also tossed out and as of the close of the meeting a "beach" theme was roughly selected.

The Spring Fun Day events were also reviewed, and members were reminded to contact Roger Fuller no later than 2/14 if they would like to request birds. Judi Hollenbeck was set as the point of contact for side dish and dessert sign up. Members were also able to sign up for these items at the meeting.

The Board of Directors (B.O.D.) election was held at this time and the outcome was as follows:
 President – Judi Hollenbeck
 Vice President – Debby Gower
 Treasurer – Linda James
 Secretary – Melissa Jones
 Board Members:
 Mia Nieman
 Diane Senterfitt
 Jane Fish
 James Wommack

New President, Judi Hollenbeck continued the meeting.

Helen spoke briefly about the July agility trial at Triple Crown to be held on July 28th and 29th, with set up on the 27th. This trial will have two judges running two ring simultaneously. She mentioned that the last several trials have been very profitable for the club because of the large amount of members who volunteered to help (therefore we did not have to hire workers). Keep up the good work!

Helen also mentioned that the GRCA Hot Topics Board lists potential GRCA members before their application process is complete. We are I the process of gaining information about any potential members in central Texas so that we can send them an information packet about AGRC and welcome them to the parent club as well as ours.

The board, and specifically vice president Debby Gower is asking for input on upcoming speakers to invite to the meetings. If anyone has a suggestion, or a topic they would like to have lectured on, please contact her at gowergoldens@yahoo.com.

Mia Nieman took a moment to pass

out the 2005 and 2006 trophies, and did all of the leg work to get us all caught up on them! She did a great job both organizing the process and having the trophies and plaques made and presented. Helen Dorrance received the most awards that evening! Mia wanted to mentioned that Joellyn Brelsford had done a beautiful job organizing and preserving the trophies in the past few years. They were given to Mia in wonderful condition. Thanks, Joellyn!

James Wommack suggested, and it was decided by the members present that the club would purchase a banner to display at all events simply stating, "Austin Golden Retriever Club". Diane Senterfitt suggested having the clubs logo on the banner as well, and offered to pay any additional fees to do so.

Debby Gower won the door prize!

Thanks as always to the members for keeping personal (or unrelated) conversations to a minimum once the meeting had begun. It always helps expedite the meetings!

**Thank you! Thank you!
 Thank you!**

The meeting was adjourned.

NOTE

Shortly after the meeting and election, James Wommack had to step down from the Board of Directors to focus on other commitments.

A B.O.D. vote was then taken, and Linda Retizel was elected to be his replacement.

Welcome, Linda!



Member Spotlight: Melissa Jones

I'm not a vain Editor, I'm an overwhelmed one. Because of my lack of time for preparation of this newsletter, I was unable to acquire a better Member Spotlight, so I will have to suffice. Enjoy...

RR: How many years have you been in goldens?

MJ: I have had a golden in my life for the past 14 years, but have only been competing with them for the past six.

RR: What got you started in goldens?

MJ: I had a rescue golden as a child, but actually began competing with a family member's German Wirehaired Pointers. She was kind enough to show me the ropes of the dog show world and several years into it, I began looking for a breed of my own (wirehairs are relatively disloyal dogs, not a good match for me).

RR: Who was your mentor/driving force?

MJ: My cousin was the driving force behind my love of purebred dogs and competing with them but in the golden world particularly, I have been blessed to have many. Barbara Sheffield gave me my first bitch, and an incredible skill as a groomer that I will forever be indebted for. I tell myself some times, "alright you're getting a little "Barbara" about those feet, you need to move on to the rest of the coat" :-). Needless to say, I wouldn't be where I am if it weren't for her. Aside from her I was lucky enough to be welcomed in the AGRC by the open arms of Debby Gower, Helen Dorrance, and Linda James who have taught me so much about this breed and sport. I've settled into my niche and Judi Hollenbeck continues to be my driving force these days, keeping me mentally and emotionally grounded in this crazy dog world, and allowing me to own her dogs and be a part of her breeding program.

RR: What is your most valued accomplishment?

MJ: A long time ago I would have said

finishing my wirehairs, but Boss recently won Best In Match at 5.5 months, that was a wonderful day for James, Judi, and I.

RR: What is your Structural Pet Peeve?

MJ: I can't stand ugly heads. I realize that dogs do not move on their head, however, if I have to look at it for the next 10-15 years, it better be pretty! Admittedly, I am a head hunter. I also appreciate a good front.

RR: What is your most sought after structural quality?

MJ: A good front and nice layback.



Boss LOVES Cherry, but like always, Cherry is still skeptical!

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

MJ: Dallas (De La Vega Don't Mess With Texas, Hollenbeck). It would be easy to choose a famous stud dog, but a phenomenal bitch is harder to find. Dallas is everything a golden retriever should be. She is balanced clean coming and going, could do an honest days work in the field or the show ring and is an absolute joy to be around. She's just an all around great package. On the same note, "Scarlett" (CH Ginge I'm No Angel) was another bitch that you just couldn't take your eyes off of, just perfect in my mind.

RR: What are your current ventures: who's doing field, who's doing conformation, etc?

MJ: We're expecting great things from The Boss (Halo Century Born In the USA), and are anxiously awaiting the return of some semblance of coat in

order to continue showing him selectively as a puppy. Cherry (Sheffield's Cherry Garcia) has almost finished her CD, and would have already done so if it weren't for our chaotic schedule! Suwannee (Halo's Echo River) is the most agile dog I've ever encountered, and will be starting agility with my younger sister in hopes of depleting BOTH of their energy levels!

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

MJ: Haha, I never thought I would have a "breeding program", and still am not sure that I will. I would rather have the stud dog that kills all my shrubs and let Judi take care of breeding, but I'm sure I'll give it a shot at some point; it's just not in my immediate plans. I'd prefer to have a few favorites to lay about the house and soak up air conditioning, do a little conformation and field, and call it a day!

RR: What is the most outrageous/funniest thing one of your goldens has done?

MJ: My fiancé will probably kill me for admitting this, but the first time we took Cherry to do field work, with real birds not just bumpers, she refused to pick up the duck. She looked down and looked up at me as if to say, "excuse me, but that is not a bumper and *I* and not a DOG?" So, in an attempt to get her excited about the birds, James decided to pretend to put the bird in his mouth. I don't think it ever made it quite there because Cherry shot up off the ground and snatched it from his hands (and mouth!). She didn't want it for herself per say but she certainly didn't want HIM to have it! So, see, you don't need to force fetch a dog...you just need to have a really stingy toy-hogging dog, and an owner willing to try more..."unconventional methods!"

Mutts (by creator Patrick McDonnell)



Braggs and Wags....

- “Irie” – Murphey’s (Murphey) completed her WCX at the DFWMGRC Hunt Test on March 25th, 2007
- “Bailey” - Mystic Corvette Post My Bail (Slevin) completed the following titles since the beginning of 2007: NAP, NJP, NAC, O-NAC, NJC, OJC, TN-N, TN-O, PS1, PS2, PJ1, PK1, PK2, PR1, PD1, as well as her CGC at another time. Bailey also received a High In Trial at the NADAC Trial in San Marcos.
- “Mack” – Gower’s Love At First Bite (Gower) finished his championship!! He also received his first two agility titles (NJP & NAP) owner handled by mom, Debby!
- “Julie” – Gower’s Love At First Sight (Gower) also completed her NJP and NAP owner handled!
- “Pete” – Allibeck’s For Petes Sake (Senterfitt/Weisbart) won winners dog at the GRCA’s Western Regional in March. Way to go Pedro!

RECIPE

Healthy Dog Treats

Provided by: Judi Hollenbeck

- 2 c. whole-wheat flour
- ½ c. all-purpose flour
- ¼ c. cornmeal
- ¼ c. sunflower kernels, finely chopped
- 1 t. salt
- ¼ c. molasses
- 2 eggs, beaten
- ¼ c. milk
- 2 T. oil

Mix all ingredients, adding more milk if needed to make dough firm. Roll out onto a floured surface to a ½ inch thickness. Use any shape cookie cutter to cut out biscuits, but bone shapes are fun! Bake on ungreased baking sheets at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until lightly toasted. To make biscuits harder, leave in oven with the heat turned off for an hour or more.

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“Pete”, a.k.a. Pedro
(Senterfitt/Weisbart)
relaxes at home after his
big win at the GRCA's
Western Regional!

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