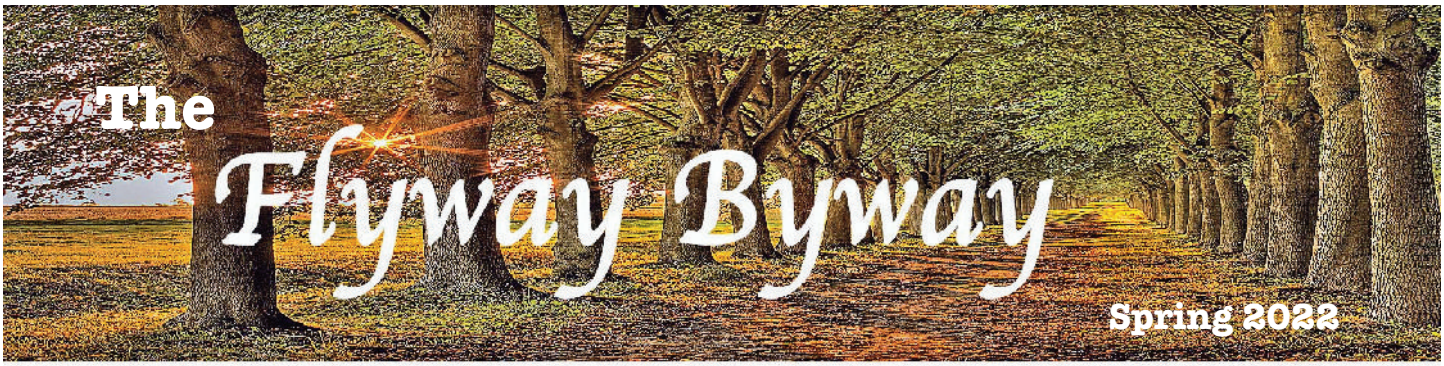


From the Pres

To NFGRC members,
First and foremost I hope all is well with you and your family of canine companions. Our goal as a club is to continue the integrity of the Golden Retriever breed. This is another year to get out and shine with our goldens. Whatever level of training you are sharing with your dog, make it fun! It is about the continuous bonding you share with your dog. If you do get out to compete with your dog it is also about partaking in the continuing bonding with human companions as well.

We are moving forward with our planned club events for 2022. This year it will begin with our Central Regional events April 29th-May 1st. This is the perfect opportunity to compete with your dog. Not competing. No worries. Come enjoy the comoratity of others as competitors or spectators. We can always use your help as a volunteer to make each event we sponsor a success!

I want to thank the committees of our club events. They are the core to the success of the events we host. They organize volunteers to make an event successful and enjoyable for all attendees. Information on upcoming club events are available on our website.

As president of NFGRC I am so impressed with our membership. You are all valued members who continue to make our club a success with a "golden standard."

Thank you Pat Vanden Heuvel for taking on the task as NFGRC Newsletter editor. The Newsletter is another tool to stay connected as club members.

Meteorological spring is sprung so get out and enjoy the fresh warmer weather.

Suze Walker, President

Editors Note

Greetings NFGRC members,
I'm so impressed by the way our members have continued to show and title Goldens through some very trying times. Resiliency and positive attitude abounds in our membership!
We are hosting the GRCA Central regional next month, as well as an independent specialty. Hoping to get lots of support from the membership which has always stepped up to the challenge and made our specialties stand out from regular shows. They're Special thanks to all of you!
Spring is almost here - wishing everyone a wonderful, safe spring and summer.
Pat

2022 NFGRC Calendar of Events

Friday, April 29

GRCA Central Regional WC/WCX Test
Webshire Kennels, Larsen, WI
Judges: Carol Hynes & Dick Andrews
FMI: *Cathi Kanouse at ckanouse10@gmail.com or 920.946.2640*

Friday, April 29

GRCA Central Regional CCA
Webshire Kennels, Larsen, WI
Evaluators: Maureen Shaughnessy, DVM; Heather Donnelly; Ellen Hardin
FMI: Deb Seline at deborah.seline@gmail.com or 920.737.8793

Saturday, April 30

GRCA Central Regional Specialty Show & Obedience/Rally Trial
Sunnyview Expo Grounds, Oshkosh, WI
Breed: Ken Matthews; Sweeps: Berna Hart Welch
Obedience: Sue Mayborne; Rally: Rick Garvin
FMI: Deb Krebsbach at highfieldgoldens@gmail.com or 262.271.8227

Sunday, May 1

NFGRC Specialty Show & Obedience/Rally Trial
Sunnyview Expo Grounds, Oshkosh, WI
Breed: Barbara Pepper; Sweeps: Alison Webb
Obedience: Rick Garvin; Rally: Sue Mayborne
FMI: Deb Krebsbach at highfieldgoldens@gmail.com or 262.271.8227

Fri – Sun, May 13 - 15

All-Breed Agility Trials
Oshkosh Kennel Club; Oshkosh,WI
Judge: Geoffrey Neider
FMI: Sionag Black at golddogs@charter.net or 920.948.8845

Sunday, June 26 *

Fun Field Day/Awards Celebration/General Membership Meeting
AM Program: Shed Hunting Program by Brian Schlomann
PM: Awards Celebration and Field Training
Webshire Kennels; Larsen, WI
FMI: Cathi Kanouse at ckanouse10@gmail.com or 920.946.2640
Deb Seline at deborah.seline@gmail.com or 920.737.8793

Friday, July 1

NFGRC Summer Specialty Show *(as part of the KMKC Star-Spangled Cluster)*
Washington County Fairgrounds, West Bend, WI
Breed: Barbara Burns; Sweeps: Geri Hart
FMI: Deb Krebsbach at highfieldgoldens@gmail.com or 262.271.8227

Fri – Sun, August 26 - 28

"Q for a Cure" Benefit Agility Trials
Oshkosh Kennel Club; Oshkosh, WI
Judge: Terry Elger
FMI: Dana Bourassa at bourassa0253@gmail.com or 920.778.0104

Sunday, October 9

TD/TDX Test
Hartman Creek, Waupaca, WI
Judges: Neida Heusinkvelt & Carla Ogert
FMI: Ellen Hardin at ariell@wi-net.com or 715.498.4618

Wednesday, October 12 *

Pasta and A Program/General Membership Meeting
Program: Tony Church on "Freeing Your Dog from Traps"
Winnegamie Dog Club; Menasha, WI
FMI: Deb Krebsbach at highfieldgoldens@gmail.com or 262.271.8227

Saturday, December 3 *

Annual Meeting and Potluck/Bucket Raffle
Comfort Suites; Appleton, WI
FMI: Suze Walker at suze.walker@yahoo.com or 920.858.2171

**** denotes General Membership Meeting – new members always welcome***

Northern Flyway
GRC
Please join us this spring...
2022 GRCA Central Regional Specialty
WC/WCX Test :: Friday, April 29, 2022 :: Webshire Kennels, Larsen, WI
Judges: Carol Hynes & Dick Andrew
CCA :: Friday, April 29, 2022 :: Webshire Kennels, Larsen, WI
Evaluators: Dr. Maureen Shaughnessy, Ellen Hardin, & Heather Donnelly
GRCA Central Regional :: Saturday, April 30, 2022 :: Sunnyview Expo Grounds, Oshkosh, WI
Ken Matthews: Breed
Berna Hart Welch: Sweeps/Veteran Sweeps
Rick Garvin & Sue Mayborne: Obedience/Rally
NFGRC Independent Specialty :: Sunday, May 1, 2022 :: Sunnyview Expo Grounds, Oshkosh, WI
Barbara Pepper: Breed
Allison Webb: Sweeps/Veteran Sweeps
Rick Garvin & Sue Mayborne: Obedience/Rally
FMI: NFGRC Secretary/Show Chair Deb Krebsbach at highfieldgoldens@gmail.com or 262.271.8227
All Seasons Are Golden

A Dangerous Situation

by Sionag Black

Most veteran dog owners have heard or read of the danger when dogs play with collars on their neck. Dogs play by imitating fight behaviors, such as grabbing the neck, "bitey face," and so on. The danger is one dog's jaw caught in the other's collar. They panic, try to pull away, and typically twist about in their struggles to get apart. Many dogs die, usually of strangulation.

I knew all this. My dogs do not wear collars at home for that reason. But despite being micro chipped, I want a quick means of identification should one or more of my dogs get lost when I am away from home. I don't like tags (can get caught in things like heat vents), so my solution was to have them wear nylon collars with their name and my cell number permanently stitched on the collar when I travel. All good.

But then this happened. I was staying at a friend's house to avoid a hotel stay when I was judging an agility trial. She was not there, but we have traded homes this way several times. And, of course, my dogs had their collars on since was traveling. Early in the morning, without thinking, I let them out into her fenced backyard while I got dressed. Suddenly I hear this ear piercing screaming. I rush out thinking "are they fighting," "did an animal attack one of them?" What I found was my 7 month old puppy Bandit with my 5 year old Cha Cha's collar caught behind his lower canines in the jaw. He was screaming and they both were struggling. I got to them and managed to squat down and hold their two heads close to each other. This took the pressure off a bit so Bandit stopped screaming. Fortunately

the plastic snap buckle on her collar had broken open, but her collar was somehow caught and twisted in her neck fur and I could not seem to free it. The part of the collar caught in his jaw was so taut I could not get any leverage to loosen it. Any time I tried to move to try different solutions, Bandit would start struggling and screaming again. I realized the only possible solution was to cut the collar, but I was out in the yard with nothing to cut with, no phone, and no ability to move.

It was 6 a.m. Despite all the screaming, no one was stirring in neighborhood houses. I finally yelled "is anyone awake?" After a brief silence, up pops a college kid's head behind the privacy fence. He asked "what do you need?" At my request, he grabbed a pair of scissors and came to help. At first I cut part of her collar behind her ears, but the collar would not come free. I tried to take the scissors to try to cut inside Bandit's mouth, but that started the struggling and screaming again. So Joe (the kid) took the scissors as I did my best to hold both dogs still. After a few attempts he cut the collar by going under the very taut collar at the floor of his jaw. He jumped back and the dogs were free! This kid was so brave. Cha Cha was growling at him, Bandit was in a panic, he could have been bit, but he did it. They ran off like nothing happened, apparently unharmed.

I was so lucky!! For one thing, the fact the buckle broke meant Cha Cha was not being strangled. I was afraid Bandit would break or truly harm his jaw, but it didn't even seem to be sore. The only casualty was a swelling on Cha Cha's neck which quickly resolved.

I was a basket case. I was shaking for at least an hour afterwards. I cannot recall ever feeling that scared and helpless. I will be eternally grateful to Joe. (He was not home when I went to his house later that day to thank him, but I left a pretty hefty gift certificate and card in his mailbox). Next time I am at my friend's house, I hope to find him at home so I can truly thank him in person.

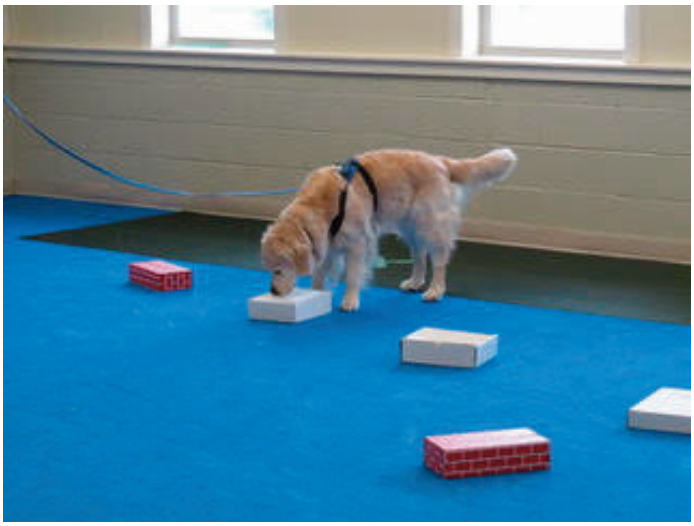
I will never be so careless with collars on the dogs! My plea to anyone with multiple dogs is to learn from my experience. I still shudder when I think about it. The dogs are fine, but either or both could have died. I will still have them wear collars when I am away from home, but only in the car, in their crates, and when I am airing them on the road or am walking one of them. Their collars will come off in hotel rooms and other settings where they can play. And their collars will be much snugger (there are also horror stories of dogs getting their collar caught on crate wires, for example).

So please take heed. It could have ended very badly for either or both dogs!

Scent Work Activities - Involving the Elmer, Hartman & Pace Goldens

by Linda Pace

Throughout this year Elsa, Munro and Clover (owned by Cathy Elmer), Morgan and Luke (owned by Marilyn Hartman), Sienna and Hollywood (owned by Linda Pace) have stayed busy training and competing in Scent Work. These Goldens participate in weekly classes that have been hosted by the Fond du Lac County Kennel Club, and each is working on various levels of AKC Scent Work competition titles. Because each team (handler plus dog) "works" an area solely by themselves, COVID precautions have been safely and comfortably maintained. Although Winter competitions have been sparse, both Spring and Summer hold promise in providing numerous opportunities to earn titles. Until then, everyone will continue to practice. For information on Scent Work regulations and titles "sniff out" the AKC website.



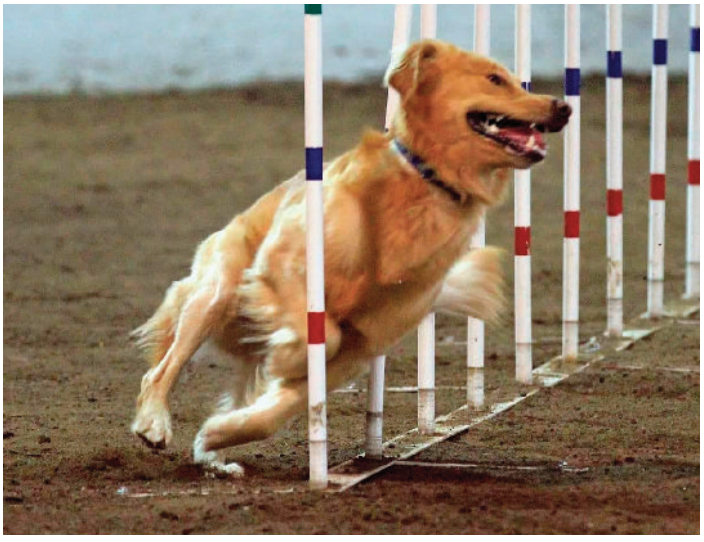
NFGRC Members have been busy training and competing with their Goldens. Congrats to all!

This is Cha Cha, Wildwing She's Got Rhythm, MH, MX, AJX, FX, T2B, WCX. She is 5 years old.

Sionag Black

This is Jive, MACH3 Gaylans Dancing Away With My Heart, CD, MH, MXF, T2B2, WCX, VCX, ADHF, CCA. Recently deceased. He has been my most titled dog. And he did it all by the age of 7!

Sionag Black



Sincere condolences to Sionag on her loss of her special boy Jive. Surely you will see him again one day.

Wins continued...

Deacon earned an OTCH 2, OGM and UDX 5 in 2021. He is now: OTCH2 Wildwings Working On The Weekend UDX5, OGM, SH, WCX. We entered only 10 obedience shows last year and he went high in trial 6 times and high combined 8 times. So very proud of this guy!
The highlight of our year was finishing 5th in the masters competition at the Obedience Classic in Orlando in December.

Karen Smith & Deacon

Murphy earned his UDX, and OM2 last year and his UDX2 and OM3 in Jan. 2022. He is now: Sporting Gold Hopes 'N' Dreams UDX2, OM3, SH, WCX. For our grand finale in 2021, we finished with a 4th place in Utility at the Obedience Classic in FL in Dec. It was a good year!

Nancy Sawdo

Wins continued…

Morgan

Blue Ridge's Home's Where Heart Is BN RM RAE AXP OJP XFP BCAT ACT1 CGCA TKA
Lately Morgan and I have been focusing on AKC Agility and AKC Rally. We learned recently that we have qualified for the AKC Rally National at the Championship level. She will turn 7 years old in May so we are also working on our Alliance of Therapy Dogs test we hope to pass in March. Best of all she is a fun partner who has taught me a lot about myself.

Anne Haberkorn

Magic

Starshines Magic Man RE NJP BCAT CGC TKI
Magic is a fun-loving 3 year-old field golden who is obsessed with playing ball. These skills transfer well into AKC Agility and Fast CAT. He also has been doing well in AKC Rally. Magic challenges me to keep up with him both mentally and physically in the Agility ring!

Anne Haberkorn