

FUN FUN FUN IN THE FIELD

This past weekend was the Carol Cassity seminar and then the training day. I cannot tell you how unbelievably informative the seminar was!!! Carol is a school teacher by trade and you could tell this in her teaching. Very methodical and very fluid in moving from one thing to another. I was amazed to see her work with dogs that their owners thought they could not do this or do that and within minutes they were a changed dog!! It was truly amazing! Carol is so knowledgeable and I saw several people that have been doing this for quite a while learn something new. I thought it was really interesting at the end when she asked each of us "what did you learn?" to hear what each person took away from this seminar. I know I learned more than I ever thought I would! Can you believe the demonstrations by Carol's dogs?

I wish I could have stayed Saturday night for the fabulous meal that Jayne Cassella organized. Did anyone eat any of Jayne's pumpkin spice muffins? They were SOOOO GOOD! I vote for Jayne to be our official food coordinator for our future events!!!!!!

On Sunday we had a great turnout for our training day. A very BIG "THANK YOU" to Ron Bell and Terry May for their help/assistance with training. Also to Nancy Leddy and Sally Bunker May for their help with the puppy stakes. Can you believe how awesome the young dogs did? We had a large percentage of dogs that had never been exposed to birds. Many of them walked away retrieving and making their owners proud—including ME! We look forward to more training events!

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MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT ON CLUB MEMBER

By Terri Everline

I have owned and loved Golden Retrievers since 1994 when my husband and I purchased our first dog together. People say that they broke the Golden mold when they made our Cody, who was bossy and demanding, but we loved him with abandon and he shared the gift of himself with us and others. I am so grateful to him for introducing me to the dog world, to obedience, therapy work, agility, fly-ball and more. Since Cody, we have owned and loved three other Golden Retrievers, Bailey, Tag and Tru. Cody and I competed in obedience up through his CDX but we both found agility to our liking and so have all the rest of our dogs. Agility became my obsession and my husband and I trial as often as we can with the dogs. I have been lucky enough to have put championships on two of our Golden Retrievers and have taken them both to

National Championships in AKC. I currently compete in agility with Tag and Tru, but am planning on giving field training a try this fall. Tag seems to really love the birds. I am looking forward to the seminar this fall. Paul and I moved from Chicago a couple of years ago where I designed and ran the training program for Meyers Kennel. While there, I organized several seminars, demonstration events for the agility program and the very first Agility Instructors Camp. All these events have taught me how to manage and run large functions, how to budget and organize and keep several balls in the air at once. Currently I run my own agility training business and teach three nights a week at our home. - - continued on page 3 -

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BRAGS! Another month FULL of BRAGS!!!

My girl Lamb Chop (Pendery N' Goodtime's Ewe'R Kidding) was WB her first weekend out with her handler in Wilmington NC for her first 2 points!! Then the next weekend she picked up 2 more points at the MD shows. She is now at 8 points in just one month.

Lamb Chop is co-owned by Kathy Smith. Mari Magmer's boy Ajan's Reason to Believe, "Canon", went Best of Breed at the Marietta show. Sandra McCurry's girl Belle (Legends Belle Of The Ball) was WB/BOS on Sunday at the Marietta show. She is now at 7 points! Carole Amos' girl Niki has been picking up some wins across the country. She has picked up several wins and well on her way to a title on the front of her name!

NATIONAL BRAGS:

Maria Franklin racked up on ribbons at the National! Her boy Ben was 1st in Veteran Dog sweeps and 3rd place in Veteran Dogs regular class. Maria's girl Topsy was 2nd in Veteran Bitches sweeps and 4th place in Veteran Bitch class at 12 years young!! THEN Maria's boy Bandit was 4th place in a very large Open Dog class!!!! Maria, HUGE CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

Collette Jaynes tried to top her in the ribbon department. Her girl Abby was 4th in 12-15 Puppy Bitch sweeps. Her boy Avery was 4th place in Veteran Dogs regular class. Her boy Alex was 2nd place in Am Bred dog class!! Kathy Smith's girl Sugar was 2nd place in a very large Open Bitch class.

In the Obedience rings, Elinor Posey's boy Micah was 3rd in Veteran's Utility and 4th in Veterans Open class.

In the Rally ring Jacque and Ray Sperbaum's Riley got another leg towards his 3rd RAE by getting a 3rd place with a very large rally entry!!!

AGILITY / OBEDIENCE / RALLY

Elizabeth Downey's boy Smithwick earned his Novice Jumpers w/ Weaves and is now in the open class for both Standard and Jumpers! Elizabeth's boy Murphy, who is 11 1/2 earned 2 Novice rally legs. Mari Magmer and Lola earned their Novice Jumpers w/ Weaves title. Lola has only shown in the class 3 times and has two 100's and 3 first place finishes!!! George and Pat Hair's girl Pixie a total of 5 titles on both dogs in less than two months (since 9/11).

Pixie is only 1 leg away from title #6, but we're taking the rest of the season off to work on some weak areas. So Pixie has earned her NA, NAJ, and OJ (with 1 leg short of OA), and Russell earned his NA and NAJ. Most of the title legs were in the ribbons with Pixie earning mostly 1st places. Pixie will be 2 yrs old the end of November.

Terri and Paul Everline's girl earned both her Novice Agility Standard title and her Novice Jumpers With Weaves while running with Paul – Coppertop Blew By U NA, NAJ. Denise McDonald's girl Beck earned her AKC Novice title recently!! She is now One Ash Come Beck To Carolina RN NA.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERY-ONE ON THEIR WINS! !!



CHRISTMAS PARTY and ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 10th at 7pm to attend! It will be at the Norcross Station Café in Old Historic Norcross.

We will have our gift exchange again this year.

Please RSVP to Mari Magmer by 12/1/09 at riannx2@windstream.net or call 404-217-8746.

PUPPY STAKE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following owners / dogs for their wins in the Puppy Stakes on Sunday:

1 YEAR AND YOUNGER:

1st PLACE: Oakley (Amate' Annie Get Your Gun) owned by Sandy Vandergriff
2nd PLACE: Rindi (Wingold's Swan Song) owned by Julie Bell. Handler: Hannah Jurses.

1 YEAR AND OLDER:

1st PLACE: Jackson (Pendery's Plan Of Action) owned by Penny and Eddie Lites
2nd PLACE: A poodle owned by Jordan Leddy. Sorry— I don't remember the poodles' name.

MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT ON CLUB MEMBER....continued

The Golden Retriever community is so strong down here and I knew that I wanted to get involved. Since joining the AGRC I have served as committee chair for agility and we have recently completed our Sanction A Match and become licensed to host trials. All this was done in a very short amount of time and in preparation for hosting the Nationals in 2011. My committee is now working to plan our first agility trial. I have also begun planning a seminar on Caring for the Canine Athlete for the club. I am hoping this seminar will come together this winter and will provide information on keeping your dog in shape and recognizing injuries.

I am excited for the work to be done this next year as we progress towards hosting GRCA Nationals in 2011. It is an overwhelming task that will require all of us to come together to make it a success. I also look forward to assisting the board in creating events for club members to enjoy and provide educational opportunities for all of us to learn more about this wonderful breed. I believe that the more we get to know one another the stronger we will be when we head down to Perry in a couple of years to welcome Golden Retrievers and their owners to the south.

Message from the President

Last month I attended my 3rd National and had such a great time I thought I would let those of you that have never been know what it is all about.

So many people months ahead of time look at the panel of judges in conformation and you will hear them say “oh, this is a terrible panel of judges” or “this judge won’t like my dog Fifi” etc. Sometimes it isn’t just about how you do in a particular class, it is about being a part of a huge experience like the National. It is about seeing people that you know their names, but have no idea what they look like. It is about watching some of the most beautiful goldens you have ever seen in the ring. There is something so powerful about the day of Best of Breed when so many goldens parade

around the ring—young and old. It takes your breath away!

There are some of the best vendors at the nationals. You will find items that you haven’t seen at the regular dog shows. It is perfect timing with the holidays just around the corner to find something special for your friends or even yourself (as I am so guilty of).

What I realized at this year’s National is that we are just two years away from having this unbelievable event in our own back yard! We have the most amazing venue for a National and I implore you to plan on attending as much as possible when we have it in Perry, GA. When I attended my first National at Kansas City, MO in 2006 I was told that the prior year National in Gettysburg

was one of the best and continue to hear that when I go—people remember the one in Gettysburg. I am confident that our event will be the one that people will talk about for years to come. In order to achieve this, we will need the assistance of each and every one of you—there is never a job too small to be had at a show of this magnitude and I’m sure Collette will have a list of assignments of all sizes when the time comes and I hope each and every one of our club members take pride in the fact that we, the Atlanta Golden Retriever Club, are the HOST club!

Penny Lites

PICTURES FROM OUR FIELD DAY



Auggie
Wildrose Augustine's Tidepool
Owned by: Michael and Lynne Flater



Rudy
Owned by: Jim and Jayne Cassella



Chance
Winsom's Good Fortune JH, WC, SHR
Owned/Bred by Julie McDaniel Bell



Will
Pendery's Will Power
Owned/Bred by Penny and Eddie Lites



PUPPY STAKE WINNERS
From left to right:
Penny Lites and Jackson
1st place in 1 year and older
Hannah Jurges and Rindi
2nd place in 1 year and under
Sandy Vandergriff and Oakley
1st place in 1 year and under
Jordan Leddy and "Poodle"
2nd place in 1 year and older