



HVGRC NEWS

A newsletter for members of the Hudson Valley Golden Retriever Club

April – June 2017

President's Letter

Welcome to Spring and (hopefully) to the end of a Winter season that seemed to drag on forever! We have a big year ahead of us with several bring-your-dog events, interesting speakers, a Super Speciality and two highly anticipated Agility Trials!

We did start the year with an incredibly successful Health Clinic. Chair Giselle Graham and co-chair Ann Marie Cioffi ran a tight schedule that yielded the greatest profit the club has seen in many years. We are planning on moving to a twice-yearly health clinic due to demand. The details are being worked out now.

By the time you read this, our April Agility Trial will be one for the books. I know it was another perfectly run event by Trial Chair Chris Miele with assistance from hard working club members. Our second Agility Trial that usually occurs in November will be changing to another time and location and will be announced shortly.

I know planning to attend a meeting or an event can be difficult with our crazy lives and schedules. I've made a big attempt to put together a calendar of events for the first half of 2017 to encourage greater participation from our members. This promises to be a fun year! Put these dates in your calendar. All details to follow.

May 13th - General Meeting/Lunch and **Barn Hunt** at Cassio Kennels, Newtown, CT 11:00 - 3:00. This promises to be great fun! Several members have done this new 'sport' and their dogs have loved it! <https://barnhunt.com/index.html>

June 8 - 9 HVGRC **Super Speciality** at Yorktown Fairgrounds. We have a new location for our much loved back-to-back Specialties, Sweepstakes, Rally and Obedience trials. There is a stellar line-up of judges. If you only attend one event this year, a day spent at our Speciality is the one. Every venue showcases our breed at what they do best. Many of the country's top champions will be there and it is a chance to see some incredible dogs in action. And we always need volunteers to make this event a success!

June 10th - **CCA** at Yorktown Fairgrounds. Carol Russo runs an excellent CCA that sells out well in advance. Three highly experienced breeder judges will assess your Golden based on the breed standard. It is a learning experience for even the most knowledgeable Golden Retriever owner.

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June 21st - **Annual Meeting and Awards** at Chris Miele's home, 6:00-9:00. Great barbecue and a chance to honor those members and their dogs who have earned some incredible titles and awards.

July 8th - General Meeting and **Dock Diving** at Ledgwood Kennels, Millerton, NY 11:00 - 3:00 <http://k9aquasportsclub.com/index.htm>. Those of you that participated last year know what fun this day will be for you and your dog! It is a not to be missed meeting!

Other meetings planned for 2017 include a presentation by Ann Marie Cioffi on the Newtown Strong Therapy Dogs: <http://newtownstrongtherapydogs.com/index.asp?ID=3> . Ann Marie has built this group into an incredible force in the schools and hospitals in the Connecticut area. Quite a few of our members and their dogs are a part of this amazing group.

Jean Owen and her brilliant, agility wonder-dog, Smartie Pants, is also a well known trainer and runs Fix My Dog (<https://www.njdogandpuppytraining.com/>). As soon as we can find a perfect date for a meeting, Jean will discuss reward based training versus a balanced approach in cases of behavioral issues and training. I really look forward to that.

There is more in the planning stages. As always, if you have an idea for a meeting, please let us know! The Board is always open to suggestions and ideas and we try to keep the website updated with the details. In June we are electing a Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary and two Board seats. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Committee Chair Joe Chvastek (jchvastek@yahoo.com) or have your name presented at the May meeting. It's your club!

Mark your calendars now for a fun-filled 2017!
Bob

HVGR - CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

May 13	General Meeting/Lunch and Barn Hunt Cassio Kennels, 173 Mount Pleasant Road Newtown, CT 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
June 8-9	2017 Super Specialty Yorktown Fairgrounds 99 Moseman Ave., Yorktown Heights, NY
June 10	CCA Yorktown Fairgrounds (see above)
June 21	Annual Meeting and Awards Chris Miele's House 238 Sarah Wells Trail Campbell Hall, NY 10916
July 8th	General Meeting and Dock Diving Ledgwood Kennels 639 Smithfield Rd. Millerton, NY 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Sept 22-30 2017	GRCA National Specialty hosted by Potomac Valley GRC

☆☆ **Our Stars** ☆☆

Lynn and Jonathan Halpern report that **William** (Overlook's Sutton Downpour, CD, RE, CGC, CCA) just got his third leg for his CDX. He has gotten his Rally and Obedience titles in three trials, some with placements. His third leg for his CDX was a first place. Now it's on to Utility.



It has been a busy few months of 2017 for **Carol Russo** and her Goldens. She is celebrating Beckett's (MBVIS BVISS Picabo's You Are My Sunshine CGCA THDX CCA NW1) new Beginner Novice obedience title and two more Best Veteran in Specialty wins!

Beckett finished his BN title in style, taking a first placement at the First Dog Training Club of Northern NJ Trial in a group of great competitors. His other two legs were completed at our own HVGRC Specialty and the GSGRC Specialty. Beckett joined Luna (GCH Hillock's Sunflower Goodnight Moon CGCA) in the Breed ring at the Long Island GRC Specialty in February where he went Best Veteran in Specialty at both the AM and PM shows as well as being recognized with a JAM among a beautiful group of top winning specials. His enthusiasm makes everyone smile!

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☆☆ **Our Stars** ☆☆

Luna (GCH Hillock's Sunflower Goodnight Moon CGCA), co-owned by Carol and **Paula Strazza** has started the year making her "moms" very proud. In limited showing, Luna finished her Grand Champion title at the Long Island GRC Specialty, receiving a Select major award in each show. Paula and Carol would like to thank Michelle Smith Wolcott for igniting Luna's specials career and Diana Mason for guiding Luna so perfectly to multiple BOB and BOS placements on her path to this honor. Just in time for this publication, Luna has also been awarded her CGCA title! She is a sweet, intelligent and versatile companion who makes it all look easy! She has accomplished so much before her third birthday with more fun on the horizon.





NEW LOCATION!

JUNE 8-10, 2017

**YORKTOWN
FAIRGROUNDS**
99 MOSEMAN AVE.
YORKTOWN HEIGHTS,
NEW YORK

**Back-to-Back
Specialties,
Sweeps
&**

**4-6 Month
Puppy Attraction**

- AM Specialty:
Connie G. Miller
Friday, June 9
- PM Specialty:
Bruce McLean
Friday, June 9
 - Sweeps:
Alison Desmarais
Friday, June 9



**Rally,
Obedience &
CCA**

- Rally:
Phyllis Broderick
Thursday, June 8
- Obedience:
Sue King
Thursday, June 8
- CCA:
Chris Miele
Connie G. Miller
Bruce McLean
Saturday, June 10

**Supported
Entry Show**

- Supported Entry:
Judy Taylor
Taconic Hills Kennel Club
Thursday, June 8

**HVGRC
SUPER
SPECIALTY**

Visit our website  www.hvgrc.org

**JOIN US IN THE BEAUTIFUL
HUDSON VALLEY!**

DESIGN BY CAROL MCGOLM (HSS)

2017 Specialty Raffle

Hi everyone,

Our 2017 Specialty Show and Raffle will be here soon – just a matter of a few weeks!

I have a nice assortment of baskets but they are sitting here empty and are desperately in need of goodies to fill them. No need to wonder or worry about what you can donate because anything and everything is used to make beautiful baskets. Whatever you can think of, find, buy, or imagine will be a terrific addition to the raffle.

If everyone gave me just one item I could make many wonderful baskets. And don't forget gift cards, or people you know who may want to promote their businesses – both great ideas! I recently asked three new businesses to provide us with a basket and/or display and they were so thrilled to be a part of this fun event and have thanked me over and over. All you have to do is ask!



One view of the many items in 2016's raffle.

Please help me make the 2017 Raffle another success for our club. I can't do it alone. I really need your help. Just give me the stuff and I'll gladly do all the work!

I rarely miss a club event or a meeting so please bring your things with you. If you can't attend please send them with someone who is attending. If that doesn't work for you I will arrange for a pick up.

Please let me hear from you!!

Thanks!!

Lorraine

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Previous HVGRC CCA

2017 CCA Entry Info and Volunteers Needed

Hi All,

I will again be Chairing our club's CCA to be held in conjunction with our Super Specialty. Saturday, June 10 is our date for the CCA we look forward to a lovely day at our new Specialty location, Yorktown Fairgrounds: 99 Moseman Ave. Yorktown Heights, NY.

Club members have first priority for time slots and we will be providing a nice luncheon for entrants and judges to enjoy together which was a great social opportunity last year. You can find the entry forms and all info on the grca.org website under the "Events" tab. Please read all requirements carefully so as to be sure your dog can be entered. We will be presenting lovely rosettes and all dogs titling will have their photo printed in the GRNews with their handler. It is a fun and informative day to spend with your Golden. Please pass this on to anyone who may have interest.

As always, I will need some assistance from our members in running this event. You are all critical to running this CCA in a smooth and successful manner. Please volunteer your help, no experience necessary. I will have morning and afternoon entrants so we can work with you on your availability.

Send me an email if you are able to help out: signetm@optonline.net. Thank you!

Best regards,
Carol Russo

**HUDSON VALLEY GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB
2017 SPECIALTY SHOW TROPHY FUND PLEDGE LIST**

Please make checks payable to: HVGRC Send to: Lynn Halpern, 7012 Vivaldi Ln. Delray Beach, FL 33446

Bob Swanson, Overlook Goldens Best Of Breed: \$60.00	Karen B. Fennikoh, Amberglo Goldens Best Of Opposite Sex: \$60.00	Patty McCoy Coleman High In Trial: \$60.00
Karen B. Fennikoh, Amberglo Goldens Winners Dog: \$50.00	Karen B. Fennikoh, Amberglo Goldens Winners Bitch: \$50.00	Joe & Lorraine Cusimano Highest Scoring Golden Retriever \$60.00
Fran Hellman Reserve Winners Dog: \$40.00	Fran Hellman Reserve Winners Bitch: \$40.00	Vincent Savarese Best Of Winners: \$45.00
Patty McCoy Coleman Best Veteran: \$45.00	Best Junior Handler: \$45.00	High Scoring Champ: \$45.00
Open Dog: \$25.00	Open Bitch: \$25.00	Don & June Moskovitz High Combined: \$45.00
Jonathan & Lynn Halpern American Bred Dog: \$25.00	American Bred Bitch: \$25.00	Sue Handelman Utility A: \$25.00
Karen B. Fennikoh, Amberglo Goldens Bred By Dog: \$25.00	Karen B. Fennikoh, Amberglo Goldens Bred By Bitch: \$25.00	Nancy & Rick Ritacco Utility B: \$25.00
Amateur-Owner-Handler Dog: \$25.00	Amateur-Owner-Handler Bitch: \$25.00	Helen Sherman Open A: \$25.00
12-18 Dog: \$25.00	12-18 Bitch: \$25.00	Open B: \$25.00
9-12 Dog: \$25.00	9-12 Bitch: \$25.00	Sue Handelman Novice A: \$25.00
6-9 Dog: \$25.00	6-9 Bitch: \$25.00	Novice B: \$25.00
Stud Dog: \$25.00	Brood Bitch: \$25.00	Beginner Novice A: \$25.00
Carol Russo, In memory of Phyllis Ward and her GCH Campbell Veteran Dog 8-10: \$25.00	Carol Russo, In memory of Phyllis Ward and her GCH Campbell Veteran Bitch 8-10: \$25.00	Beginner Novice B: \$25.00
Denise Ryan Veteran Dog 10 & Over: \$25.00	Veteran Bitch 10 & Over: \$25.00	Graduate Novice: \$25.00
AKC Titled Hunting Retriever Dog: \$25.00	AKC Titled Hunting Retriever Bitch: \$25.00	Graduate Open: \$25.00
Novice Junior (jr. Show): \$25.00	Helen Sherman Veteran Obedience: \$25.00	Versatility: \$25.00
Best 4 – 6 Puppy \$25.00 <u>GENERAL TROPHY FUND</u> (Please state amount of pledge)	<u>Rally O:</u> all \$25.00 Novice A: Novice B: Advanced A: Advanced B: Excellent A: Excellent B:	Novice Senior (Jr. Show): \$25.00 Intermediate Junior (Jr. Show): \$25.00 Intermediate Senior (Jr. Show): \$25.00 Open Junior (Jr. Show): \$25.00 Open Senior (Jr. Show): \$25.00

Pacino's Story

By Lorraine Cusamano

As Corresponding Secretary of the Hudson Valley Golden Retriever Club, I receive many letters via our website from people with various types of requests. Most are looking for a puppy and I forward these to our puppy referral person. However, one day I received a letter of an urgent nature and I knew something needed to be done.

The letter was from Teresa Bonadies. She had received a text from Lisa, the mother of Jeff who had been arrested and was in jail. Jeff had a 3-year old male Golden Retriever named Pacino who was left behind and was now living with Jeff's roommates. The roommates worked very long hours and they did not want the responsibility of taking care of a dog. They were requiring Lisa to find a home for Pacino ASAP. This is when Teresa contacted the HVGRC.

I sent an email to the members of the Hudson Valley Golden Retriever Club and several responded with helpful tips and suggestions. We learned that the process of removing Pacino from his home needed to be done legally and with permission from his owner. Since Jeff was in jail and going through withdrawal from drug use, facing a rehab center and halfway house, he was not able to make any decisions regarding Pacino. Jeff's mom Lisa stated many times that her son was an irresponsible pet owner and used Pacino as an excuse not to get the help he needed. Fortunately, Lisa was recorded as his owner on Pacino's veterinary records. After many emails and phone calls, Teresa finally received vaccination and boarding records from three hospitals/kennels.

At this point, we had three families interested in adopting Pacino. The first one on the list was Alexis. Teresa really liked Alexis because she was very nice, had years of dog experience, had other pets and two children at home and worked every day on a farm of many acres. It sure sounded like a great place for Pacino, a young golden retriever who was spending his long days home alone.

In the meantime, Teresa had also called various rescue groups to hopefully remove Pacino from his current situation as quickly as possible. She learned that the rescue group would have to be the one nearest to where Pacino lived. This turned out to be The Long Island Golden Retriever Rescue (LIGRR).

Teresa contacted LIGRR and told them Pacino's story, as well as the fact that we had a potential adopter. She wanted to know if this could be done through their rescue group. They were extremely helpful and cooperative and said that if Teresa was willing to do the home inspection of Alexis, and Alexis was willing to pay the adoption fee, it was doable.



Teresa had previously made the drive to meet Pacino and said that he was "a beautiful, sweet golden male, very friendly and eager to please." There was no hesitation from either Teresa or Alexis to comply with LIGRR.

Everything seemed to be going smoothly until there was a scary moment when Lisa called Teresa to say that she had spoken with her daughters who thought they should "kennel" Pacino for two years until Jeff was back on his feet. Trying not to panic, Teresa told Lisa that she didn't think any kennel or rescue group would "foster" a dog for two years. She also pointed out that two years of kennel life would not be in Pacino's best interest; it is a life of stress with little human contact. Teresa contacted LIGRR and they backed her up by saying that they didn't know of any rescue group who would agree to such an arrangement. They strongly urged Lisa and her daughters to surrender Pacino to their rescue and do the right thing for him.

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A few days later Teresa received the legal paperwork from Lisa signing over ownership to LIGRR. She said that she realized it was the best for Pacino and everyone involved. Teresa and her husband, Vinny, again made the drive to pick up Pacino and take him to Long Island to the animal hospital where Pacino was surrendered and would be evaluated and given a complete medical exam. He would be staying there until Alexis could come and meet him. Alexis made the trip to meet Pacino bringing along her two children and their two friends and her small dog, Molly. As Alexis told Teresa, "The children and Pacino bonded instantly and Molly has a new brother!" Teresa asked Alexis, "...so can I now exhale and assume he has found his permanent home?" Alexis responded, "Rest assured Pacino is doing amazing and will be loved forever." Pacino now has a wonderful family to love, a home with two children, birds and cats he is fascinated with, as well as farm animals on a farm with acres of land to run and play. He will even be spending his vacations with his new family on Cape Cod and have access to swimming pools!!! This is a wonderful story with a beautiful ending for a young Golden Retriever named Pacino, but none of this would have happened if it weren't for the compassion and perseverance of Teresa Bonadies. Teresa and I conversed by phone and email for many months and she never wavered in her determination to help this golden retriever, despite many obstacles that were thrown her way. She went above and beyond and I know the HVGRC joins me in thanking her for contacting us and for seeing this through to the happy ending for Pacino. THANK YOU TERESA!!!! YOU ARE TRULY THE BEST!!!!



Pacino with his rescuer, Teresa Bonadies

With Heartfelt *Sympathy*

Helen Sherman's Mom passed away in April at the incredible age of 99. Our deepest sympathies go out to Helen and her family.

Hey Everybody,
I cannot thank you enough for lifting my spirits with cheerful flowers and your treasured words of support in the cards you have sent at this most difficult time. Every thought truly means so much to me and I thank you all, especially those who have reached out to me, for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers.
Best to everyone and hope to see you soon.
Paula Strazza



Keeping in Touch

The HVGRC maintains a club e-mail list on Yahoo. Membership in this mailing list is restricted to members of the Hudson Valley Retriever Club. All members of the HVGRC may join the Yahoo Group. In case you are not familiar with Yahoo groups or do not know how to join, the following information, written by Jonathan Halpern, may be helpful: If you need help, contact Jonathan at jon.h@att.net or 914-235-6198.

Once on the list, the member will receive all e-mails sent to the list. Any member of our Yahoo Group may send an e-mail to all other members of the Yahoo Group by addressing an e-mail as shown in the heading above. Please note: **the Yahoo groups address does not accept attachments.**

To join the HVGRC Yahoo Group, an HVGRC member must navigate to the Yahoo web page for the HVGRC group, and left click with the mouse on the box labeled "Join the group". The web address of this page is:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hvgrc>

Follow the instructions to join the group. After this step is completed, Yahoo will send a message to our list administrator asking for approval to join the group. The list administrator will approve the membership in the group and Yahoo will send an e-mail confirming membership.

If a club member changes to a new e-mail address, simply join the group again using the new e-mail address. Notify the HVGRC list administrator if you want the old e-mail address cancelled.

The club also has a private Facebook group. To join the group search for "Hudson Valley Golden Retriever Club" on Facebook. At the top of the page on the Cover Photo click the tab that says "Join Group." You will need to be approved.

DEADLINES FOR NEXT ISSUE

July 1st - Deadline for News

July 15th- Mailing Date

HOW TO SUBMIT NEWS

All news must be submitted in legible, written form received by the editor before the deadline. Until further notice, please submit news to Melissa Fairweather parhelion@hvc.rr.com

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BITS AND PIECES

PUPPY REFERRALS

When listing your puppies with **Binnie Weissleder** (802) 375-9527 or dogzrus1@comcast.net please observe the following:
Call her within a week of the litter's due date to confirm that the litter actually has been whelped and to let her know how many puppies are available.

Don't forget to let her know when all the puppies have been sold. Please also let Binnie know if you have any **older dogs** available.

PLEASE NOTE! HVGRC Puppy Referral Guidelines, in effect since August 1, 1998, require that a signed release form for each litter be completed and returned to Binnie and Mike. If you need a copy of this form, call Binnie.

Breeders Please Note:

HVGRC subscribes to the same **Code of Ethics** as GRCA . Members are advised to keep informed of any changes now being considered.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISEMENTS

Litter Listings or Items for Sale
There is **no charge** for these kinds of advertisements.
The following requirements still apply:
In conformity with HVGRC Puppy Referral Guidelines, ads for puppies must be accompanied by copies of parents' hip, elbow, eye and cardiac clearances.

NOTICE re PUPPY ADVERTISEMENTS:

The Hudson Valley Golden Retriever Club makes no warranties or guarantees as to quality, health or any other matters with respect to either the dogs listed herein or the puppies which have or may be produced as a result of the breedings listed herein. The HVGRC recommends that a fully executed, written purchase agreement setting forth all the terms of purchase be obtained before possession of a puppy is transferred to the purchaser(s).

HVGRC WEBSITE

Visit the HVGRC Website frequently for the latest information: hvgrc.org. **Please note:** Anyone wishing to post news or notice on the website, should send it to our President, Bob Swanson, who will then transmit it to our webmaster.

HVGRC E-MAIL

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In order to qualify for membership in HVGRC you must first attend two club functions. For application form and further details, contact our **Membership Chairperson, Lisa Weinberg**, at (914) 248-8245 (H). Her personal e-mail is WindrushGoldenRetrievers@gmail.com or through the club membership@hvgrc.org.

SPECIAL TROPHIES

Attention: potential donors! Anyone who wishes to donate a Special Trophy for our Annual Specialty Show (in addition to the regular club trophies) needs to plan ahead. It is necessary to submit a descriptive letter to the Board of Directors for their approval by April of the previous year. For example, for our June 2018 Show, such a letter must reach the Board by April 2017. Prizes may be offered "in honor of", "in memory of" etc. Be sure to include a full description of the trophy itself. If something inspires you, write to the Board.

NEWSLETTER DISCLAIMER

Following GRCA guidelines, the HVGRC Board has adopted the following policy for articles submitted by individuals:

"Signed or featured articles express the opinion of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of HVGRC. The responsibility for factual accuracy and documentation belongs solely to the author of the article."

From the Board of Directors:

Attention all chairmen: It is a club policy that all published materials including but not limited to flyers, premium lists, and GR News columns be submitted to the Board of Directors for review prior to being released.

New members please note:

Please refer to the HVGRC web site for [Guidelines and Requirements for Annual Awards](#). This material is no longer included in the new member packet.



That moment when you realize there's no towel in the car.