

**Hudson Valley
Golden Retriever Club**



**Guidelines and Requirements
for Annual Awards**

PLEASE NOTE

Each MEMBERSHIP UNIT is entitled to a free copy of these GUIDELINES.

Please retain this copy and refer to it each year. There will be a fee charged by the HVGRC for a replacement.

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INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

HVGRC offers two types of Annual Awards to its membership:

- Title Recognition Plaques
- Challenge Trophies

The competition year shall be the previous calendar year beginning January 1 and ending December 31. A more detailed description of these awards as well as their specific eligibility requirements will follow in separate sections.

Recipient Eligibility For All Annual Awards

- 1) The recipient must be a member in good standing with HVGRC and the AKC for the competition year.
- 2) In the case of co-owned dogs, unless otherwise specified in the individual award/trophy description, only one co-owner need be a HVGRC member in good standing to be eligible for HVGRC awards. All co-owners, whether HVGRC members or not, must be in good standing with the AKC. The dog's primary residence must be with the HVGRC member.

Applying For An Annual Award

To be considered for an Annual Award (Title Plaque and/or Challenge Trophy), members must apply in writing to the Annual Awards Chairman. The identity of this person as well as general application instructions/forms will appear in the *HVGRC Newsletter*. The deadline for submitting applications for these awards will be determined by the Awards Chairman and will be published in the *HVGRC Newsletter*. Proof of each dog's eligibility *must* accompany the application. The date of the annual awards presentation meeting will also be published in the *HVGRC Newsletter*.

Documentation information and requirements are as follows:

— For all AKC titles (either of the following):

- Photocopy of the AKC title certificate
- Photocopy of "New Title" listing as published in *AKC Gazette /Awards*
- publication or the Issue and page in which it appears.

— For GRCA titles:

- Photocopy of official GRCA certificate (WC, WCX, VC, VCX)

— For GRCA Awards of Merit:

- Photocopy of official Merit certificate (SDHF, ODHF, FDHF, OS, OD)
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— For Field Challenge Trophy (field trial placements or JAMS):

Along with the dog's and club member's name, supply the following information for each win/placement:

- 1) Name and date of field event
- 2) Win/placement earned
- 3) Confirmation as is printed in the *AKC Gazette/Awards* (Issue # and page #); where applicable.
- 4) Signed and dated form for Club Sanction and/or Gun Dog Events (ie. those events not recorded by the AKC).

— For Obedience and Conformation Challenge Trophies:

Along with the dog's and club member's name, supply the following information for each win/placement:

- 1) Name and date of show/trial
- 2) Win/placement earned (i.e., 3rd place Utility, HIT, BOS, etc.)
- 3) Confirmation as is printed in the *AKC Gazette/Awards* (Issue # and Page #).

Annual Awards Chairman

The Annual Awards Chairman shall receive all proofs of eligibility for Title plaques and Challenge Trophies by mail or FAX. The deadline for the receipt of these materials will be strictly adhered to. It is not the Awards Chairman's responsibility to contact members for the purpose of prompting their participation.

In addition, the Annual Awards Chairman shall:

- Verify the eligibility documentation that has been submitted. This will include contacting the HVGRC Treasurer to ensure the recipient was/is in good standing for the appropriate time period.
- Order the appropriate Title Plaques from an approved Trophy/Awards Shop. Records should be maintained and reflect where past orders have been placed.
- Contact all current year's recipients with instructions to ensure the return of all challenge trophies prior to the HVGRC annual award meeting.
- Attend HVGRC annual awards meeting, unpack, inspect and display the plaques and trophies.
- Coordinate the signing of the Challenge Trophy Recipient Agreements at the conclusion of the annual awards meeting.
- Store any unawarded or unclaimed trophies/plaques. Challenge Trophies will not be mailed to recipients under *any* circumstances. Title Plaques will be mailed as a last resort if other arrangements cannot be made. However, postal charges and mailer costs will be the responsibility of the recipient.
- Keep up-to-date records of all HVGRC award recipients and provide inquirers with Award Guidelines and related information.
- Notify the Editor of the *HVGRC Newsletter* as to the recipients of the Challenge Trophies. Include the name of the trophy and its donor.

New Trophies

Ideas for new trophies may be submitted to the Board of Directors at any time provided they are not duplications of an existing award. Only trophies offered for significant accomplishments should be submitted.

Trophy Ownership

Any trophy donated shall become the property of HVGRC until permanently retired, if so stipulated. If any trophy has not been challenged for five (5) years in succession, the Board of Directors may, where possible with the consent of the donor, change the original stipulations.

TITLE RECOGNITION PLAQUES

All dogs and their owners that have completed the requirements for one or more AKC titles in Breed, Obedience, Field, Tracking, Hunting, or Agility; and/or earned GRCA Title Certificates (WC, WCX, VC, VCX); and/or have been awarded GRCA Awards of Merit (SDHF, ODHF, FDHF, OD, OS), are entitled to receive from HVGRC, an engraved plaque commemorating these achievements.

One plaque will be given yearly for each dog earning one or multiple titles. Newly acquired titles for the competition year will be underlined so as to differentiate them from previously earned accomplishments. Duplicate plaques will be given to each co-owner providing each one meets the eligibility requirements below. (Co-owners that are not HVGRC members are not eligible for plaques.)

Title Plaque Eligibility Requirements

- The recipient must have been a member of HVGRC on the date the dog earned its title(s).
- The recipient must have been a member in good standing during the competition year.
- The recipient must be the "Owner of Record" as it appears on the AKC/ILP Registration Certificate, on the date the dog earned its title(s).

Other Titles/Accomplishments

Although a lot of time and effort goes into acquiring Canine Good Citizen Awards, Foreign titles (Bda, Can, Mex), and/or other Kennel Club titles (United KC), plaques will *not* be given for these accomplishments. However, it is important for the Awards Chairman to be made aware of these distinctions so verbal recognition of these achievements can be made at the annual awards meeting. A photocopy of the award certificate is acceptable proof.

HVGRC CHALLENGE TROPHIES

Description of Trophies

CH GOODTIME'S BEST CASE SCENARIO JH,WC,SDHF,OS TROPHY

Rededicated in 1999 by Lisa Smith and Kathy Smith

This Conformation Challenge trophy will be awarded to the HVGRC member-owned Golden Retriever winning the greatest number of Best of Breed awards during the calendar year.

AM/BDA CH AMBERGLO'S SANDY HILL SPLASH OD TROPHY

Rededicated in 1998 by Karen B. Fennikoh

This Conformation Challenge trophy will be awarded to the HVGRC member-owned Golden Retriever winning the greatest number of Best of Opposite Sex awards during the calendar year.

AM/CAN OTCH U-CD KIOWA'S SILVER SPRINGS SHANA UDX,OA, OBHF TROPHY

Rededicated in 1998 by Helen Sherman

This Obedience Challenge trophy will be awarded to the HVGRC member-owned Golden Retriever amassing the greatest number of points during the calendar year. Points will be computed for obedience trial placements as follows:

High in Trial	10 points each
First Place	4 points each
Second Place	3 points each
Third Place	2 points each
Fourth Place	1 point each

WINDRUSH FIELD TROPHY

Donated in 1995 by Lisa Weinberg and Art Breslau

This Hunting and Field Challenge trophy will be awarded to the HVGRC member-owned Golden Retriever who accumulates the most points in AKC Hunt Tests, Licensed Field Trials, WC/WCX Tests and Gun Dog Stakes during the calendar year. If two dogs have the same number of points, both names will be engraved on the trophy. The Point Scoring system applicable to this trophy follows:

Licensed Field Trials:		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	JAM
Derby, Qualifying, Open	20	15	10	5	2	
Amateur	30	20	15	10	5	

Sanctioned Field Trials:		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	JAM
Derby, Qualifying, Open	10	6	4	2	1	
Senior Puppy		5	3	2	1	1/2
Junior Puppy		3	2	1	1/2	1/4

Licensed AKC Hunt Tests:	for each leg earned toward the title					
Junior		10				
Senior		20				
Master		30				

Sanctioned AKC Hunt Tests:	for each qualifying score					
Junior		5				
Senior		10				
Master		15				

Working Certificate	5 for title
Working Certificate Excellent	10 for title

Gundog (Shoot to Retrieve) Stakes:	for each passing score
Steady	2
Unsteady	1

Challenge Trophy Eligibility Requirements

- The dog must be owned or co-owned by a HVGRC member in good standing *BOTH* during the year the wins are computed AND in the following year when the trophies are actually awarded. THEREFORE, THE CURRENT YEAR'S DUES MUST BE PAID.
- If the dog is co-owned with a non-HVGRC member, the dog must live in the household of, or be shown by, the HVGRC member. The dog can be temporarily boarded with, and/or be shown by, a professional handler.
- Only those titles and wins derived from AKC licensed shows and obedience trials will count toward computation of all Challenge trophies, except where noted for the Windrush Field Trophy.

Additional Challenge Trophy Information

- The Challenge Trophies may be kept by the current winner until the next year, when they must be returned to the club. Trophies must be returned to the Annual Awards Chairman at least 60 days prior to the Annual Awards Meeting. Once awarded, recipients are financially responsible for any damage to a trophy including total replacement if the trophy is destroyed. Any repair/replacement, however, is to be handled by the club, *not* the recipient. Any recipient returning a trophy in damaged condition will continue to be eligible to win future Challenge trophies, but might not be permitted to take possession of the trophy. This will be decided by the Board of Directors.
- A trophy may be retired or rededicated if won three times by the same member, not necessarily with the same dog. If the trophy is to be rededicated, the winning member(s) must submit, in writing, his/their intent to the Board of Directors. If the trophy is to be replaced, it must be done so with one of equal or greater value. Replacement trophies require Board approval.
- Rules governing the winning of existing categories of Challenge trophies, and/or their specifications, even if rededicated or replaced, cannot be changed. The only exception is if a trophy goes unchallenged for a period of five (5) consecutive years. (See "Trophy Ownership.")
- The trophies shall be engraved annually, at the Club's expense, prior to the Annual Awards meeting. The Awards Chairman, or an individual appointed by the Chairman, shall be responsible for the engraving.

Due to the fact that the HVGRC Challenge trophies have significant and historical value which cannot be replaced, each member awarded a Challenge trophy is required to sign a Trophy Recipient Agreement before being allowed to take possession of the trophy. A copy of this agreement follows:

NOTE: The following "Application" pages are provided here as samples. A printed version of these pages may be used for submitting information to the Annual Awards Chairman

**TROPHY RECIPIENTS AGREEMENT
FOR CHALLENGE TROPHIES**

Name of Trophy: _____

Name of Dog: _____

1. The recipient attests that he/she is a member in good standing of the Hudson Valley Golden Retriever Club and the American Kennel Club and meets the eligibility requirements for the awarding of the trophy.
2. The recipient is expected to maintain the trophy in its original condition as received, keeping in mind its unique value.
3. Should the trophy become damaged while in the custody of the recipient, the recipient shall be responsible for notifying the HVGRC Awards Chairman who will guide the recipient in the restoration of the trophy to its original condition at the recipient's expense. Should the trophy be lost or destroyed while in the custody of the recipient, the recipient will be held responsible for obtaining an exact reproduction of the original or if this is not possible, one of equal value as approved by the HVGRC Board of Directors.
4. The recipient shall return the trophy clean and undamaged in its wrappings, or case (if one was provided) as directed by the Awards Chairman 60 days prior to the HVGRC Awards meeting. While every effort will be made to remind the recipient of the trophy's return, it is the sole responsibility of the recipient to see that the trophy is returned on time.
5. Should the recipient move or relocate from the area while in the possession of the trophy, the recipient shall immediately advise the Awards Chairman of the recipient's new address and phone number and shall be guided by the Awards Chairman in the various means of returning the trophy to the Awards Chairman 60 days prior to the HVGRC meeting

I agree to the above conditions:

signature of recipient

date of signature

signature of Awards Chairman

APPLICATION FOR TITLE PLAQUE

Name of Member/Owner _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Name of Dog _____

Title earned _____ Date _____

Title earned _____ Date _____

Title earned _____ Date _____

Name of Dog _____

Title earned _____ Date _____

Title earned _____ Date _____

Title earned _____ Date _____

(Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Do not forget to attach all pertinent proofs of Dog's eligibility.

Mail/Fax to the Annual Awards Chairman by the Deadline date. See the *HVGRC Newsletter* for the specific information.

APPLICATION FOR CHALLENGE TROPHY

Name of Member/Owner _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Name of Trophy _____

List all information necessary for consideration for this trophy. (Include show, date, wins, placings, etc., as described in the HVGRC Annual Awards Guidelines.)

(Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Do not forget to attach all pertinent proofs of Dog's eligibility.

Mail/Fax to the Annual Awards Chairman by the Deadline date. See the *HVGRC Newsletter* for specific information.

**VERIFICATION FOR WINDRUSH TROPHY SANCTIONED EVENTS
(Non-AKC; Non-GRCA)**

To be used as a supplement for the "Application for Challenge Trophy."

Name of Member/Owner: _____

Name of dog: _____

AKC number: _____

Event held at _____
Club Name and Event Location

On _____ stake: _____
date

Dog passed _____ or received _____ placement.

Judge of the above stake, Club Secretary, or Event Chairperson confirms the above.

Please have the judge(s) verify the above event results by completeing the certification below:

Name & Title: _____
Please Print Signature

Address: _____
House #/Street Apt. # City State Zip

Please note: If the dog also has placements in official AKC or GRCA events, you will have to supply that information on the Application for Challenge Trophy.

APPENDIX

Rededication History of the Annual Challenge Trophies

BEST OF BREED CHALLENGE TROPHY

- 1978 First awarded as an HVGRC trophy
1994 Rededicated by Anthony Vitti and Suzanne Birks as the
AM/CAN CH BIRKS SAGE DERBY OF ANKRIST, SDHF TROPHY
1999 Rededicated by Lisa Smith and Kathy Smith as the
CH GOODTIME'S BEST CASE SCENARIO JH,WC, SDHF, OS TROPHY

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX CHALLENGE TROPHY

- 1978 First awarded as an HVGRC trophy
1982 Rededicated by Barbara and Jeffrey Pepper as the
AM/CAN CH RUSSO'S PEPPERHILL POPPY TROPHY
1998 Rededicated by Karen B. Fennikoh as the
AM/BDA AMBERGLO'S SANDY HILL SPLASH, OD TROPHY

OBEDIENCE CHALLENGE TROPHY

- 1985 First awarded as an HVGRC trophy
1993 Rededicated by Barbara Tinker as the
AM/CAN CH AMBERTRAIL'S BARGELLO STITCH AM/CAN UDTX,
WCX, BDA UDTX, TROPHY
1998 Rededicated by Helen Sherman as the
AM/CAN OTCH U-CD KIOWA'S SILVER SPRINGS SHANA, UDX,
OA, OBHF TROPHY

FIELD CHALLENGE TROPHY

- 1996 First awarded as the WINDRUSH TROPHY, donated by Lisa Weinberg
and Art Breslau in 1995