



HVGRC NEWS

A newsletter for members of the Hudson Valley Golden Retriever Club

January – March 2023

President's Letter

I hope everyone had a peaceful and enjoyable holiday season. As 2022 draws to a close, and that time to reflect comes upon us, there are many memories to sift through. Some bring a smile to our face, others, quiet tears.



Our club events were especially successful this year. We produced two fabulous Super Health Clinics, benefiting the community with lower-cost veterinary services as well as those wishing to obtain the important health clearances that we customarily do for our Goldens. We held a Super Specialty Weekend in June with a Rally Trial, 2 Obedience Trials, Sweeps, back-to-back Specialty shows and a Supported Entry show. Our CCA was also held that weekend, completely full. Fall arrived with our second round of back-to-back Specialty shows, both reaching the 100 dog limit. Our treasured Newsletter returned with information and brags to enjoy. New members joined us, making our circle wider and the work lighter. We had many interesting Zoom General Meetings and returned to our traditional in-person Annual Meeting BBQ. It would be hard to top this! The dedication and hard work of the HVGRC members make us shine as a club.

Shining brightly in everything she did during her life, was our dear club member, Lynn Halpern. Her passing is felt deeply by our membership and we now share our personal memories of Lynn in this Newsletter. A founding member of HVGRC, Lynn was our anchor to the past and always looked to the future with optimism and energy.

This year many members have experienced tremendous loss, sadness and personal challenges with family, friends and their beloved Goldens. I wish you all a new year of healing and strength, a year of more smiles and Golden moments!

Best always,
Carol

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HVGRC - CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Thursday, January 19	General meeting 7pm (2023 General Meetings through May, 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm)
June 22-25, 2023	HVGRC Specialty Show Chair, Patty McCoy-Coleman
Thursday, June 22	The Obedience/Rally Trials will be held indoors again on 2023 within the Walkkill KC show Obedience and Rally will only have One Trial for Each (One Judge to do both - to be announced)
Saturday, June 24	Sweeps will be held midday on with Mid-Hudson KA. Judge: Wendy Davis/Steelcreek Goldens Designated Specialty (AM) judge TBA as chosen by Mid-Hudson KA. Breed Judge, Pam Oxenberg/Toasty Goldens, Concurrent Specialty(PM).
Sunday, June 25	CCA (TBD) After the overwhelming positive response at our last General Meeting, we will also be investigating the feasibility of holding the CCA at the show site as we did last year.

DEADLINES FOR NEXT ISSUE

April 1st – Deadline for News

April 15th– Mailing Date

HOW TO SUBMIT NEWS

All news must be submitted in legible, written form received by the editor before the deadline.

Please submit news to Nora Hayes norahayes3@aol.com.



to our new members:

Olga Sergeyeva
Katherine (Katie)Von Culin *
Laura Way

** See p. 8 for more about Katie*

**Report of HVGRC Designated and Concurrent Specialties
November 26, 2022**

Show Chair (and Steward Extraordinaire)

Patty McCoy-Coleman

Both AM and PM shows reached limit of 100 dogs!

Both Judges were wonderful to work with. Stewarding is certainly under-appreciated. It is amazing how many exhibitors had to look in the catalog for their numbers.

Thank you to June Moskovitz, Club Trophy Curator. It was a pleasant surprise meeting her granddaughter ringside.

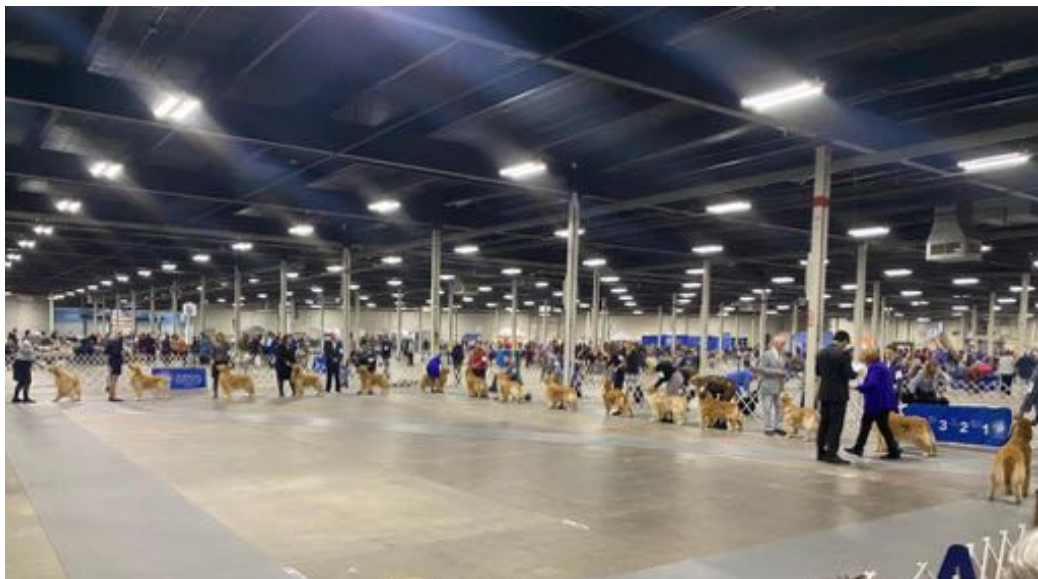
Thank you to Carol Russo for providing our Class Prizes and Thank You gifts for both Judges.

Thank you to Nora Hayes and Emma Fricke for your attendance as members and to non-member, Laurie Maulucci, Event Committee (Host of South Windsor KC). Laurie made sure our Concurrent Judge, Pat Flanagan, was picked up at the airport, and ensured the Golden had a huge ring. (more matting needed for next year). Thanks also to non-member, Deb Romano, Chief Steward (she kept sending people over to check on me) and to non-member Penny Kretchmer, Site Coordinator; who made sure June Mokolitz had a dolly to get our heavy Club Trophies into the building, to the photography podium and returned to her car.

Our 50/50 Raffle was unable to be executed for lack of help to sell tickets. The tickets were there as well as the start up money. We will try again in June 2023.



Photos of the Best of Breed Competition



Therapy Dog Trio - Carol Russo

HVGRC Golden Retrievers brightened the day for students and staff at the Northern Valley Central School in Norwood, NJ. This was the first of what we hope will be regular monthly visits to this PreK-8th Grade school developed to serve the needs of children with autism and related learning difficulties. **VP Patty McCoy-Coleman** and Katie, **Treasurer Karen Frustaci** and Shana and my Luna made lots of new friends, sharing that Golden charm.



Not content to rest on his recent CH laurels, **Carol Russo's** Turner (CH SignetGold Life in the Fast Lane at Tangleloft CGC CCA DN TKN RI ATT) ended the show season with some really exciting wins as a new Special. He is now halfway to his GCH title, taking numerous BOB placements including back-to-back wins at the LIGRC Supported Entry/Westbury KA shows. Huge thanks are due to Diana Mason for her always excellent presentation. As if that were not exciting enough, Turner then joined his co-owner, Sam Keeler in the ring for a lovely BOB/Group3 win in a very competitive Sporting Group at the Ramapo KC show. Turner has certainly made Carol very proud and they look forward to the 2023 season.



Carol Russo's Luna also had a spectacular end to the 2022 show season! Coming out as an 8-10 year old Veteran to our HVGRC Concurrent Specialty in November, Luna won her class, qualifying her to compete in BOB. There, she was honored by breeder judge Pat Flanagan who awarded her BOS in Specialty! It was so gratifying to see her show so beautifully, winning a 5-point Grand Champion Major as a Veteran. Her longtime partner, Diana Mason always brings out her best! Luna is now BOSS GCHB CH Hillock's Sunflower Goodnight Moon CGCA BN DN TKI RA CD THDA MBVISS and plans to request bonus treats at every opportunity.



Kathy Eddy reports her winning ribbons from the SBGRC specialty on Saturday 12/10
Her CH Comstock's Gift Of The Magi JH, TDX, WC, VCX
Best Opposite Sex Veterans sweepstakes
And CH Comstock's Hijo De Tres Madres JH, TD, WC, VC
Best in Gundog sweepstakes

Karen Frustaci's Shana passed her Temperament test with flying colors in July 2022, and earned the ATT title. Karen explained what this test is all about for other club members who might be interested.

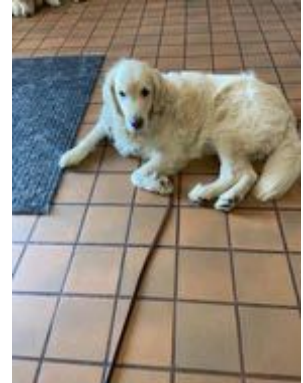
AKC Temperament Test (ATT)

The AKC Temperament Test was developed to bring focus and provide a meaningful evaluation to assess the temperament of our canine companions. The ATT tests how a dog reacts to a variety of stimuli. Desirable traits are that the dog will be emotionally stable, inquisitive, cooperative, appropriately social for its breed, biddable and demonstrates the ability to recover from a startling situation in a reasonable amount of time.

Undesirable traits are fear, shyness, lack of cooperation and an inability to recover from unfamiliar or unexpected situations. Examples of undesirable behaviors include being afraid of friendly strangers or unfamiliar stimuli, obsessive barking, and aggression.

In the ATT, dogs are tested in 6 categories of stimuli that include:

1. Social
2. Auditory
3. Visual
4. Tactile
5. Proprioceptive (motion)
6. Unexpected stimulus



Nancy Strane reports that 2022 was very busy for her Mac (Medea's Yippie Kai Yay Loverboy McLean). He earned his FCAT, CCA (Certificate of Confirmation Assessment), Therapy dog (THDN) title, Canine Good Citizen certificate and passed his AKC temperament test,
And he was in his first match show and won 2nd place!
He looked so handsome thanks to Carol Russo's guidance.



Cathy Winkler is proud to announce that her Teagan (at 11 ½ years young!) competed in a NACSW nosework trial at the Renegades stadium in Fishkill, NY on 12/4/2022. We earned our first NW3 title. I am so proud of how focused and happy Teagan was the entire day. The only error we had in all 4 searches (containers, vehicles, exterior and interior searches) was the last search. I timed us out. That last 30 seconds went fast.

She is now known as Glenbogle Teagan Arabel of Gleneely, TDI, RN, TKA, SWN, CD-C, SWA, ORT, NW1. NW2, CD-CCH, NW3



Editor's Note: Cathy wrote up a description for our members of the value of trying nose work with an older dog.

Nosework With An Older Dog

Cathy Winkler

The older dog in my opinion still needs enrichment. It might be in walks, or short games, -enrichment activities to have them use their brains. Doing nose work they have to learn to problem solve, where is that odor coming from? Is it down low or higher up?

All they need is a nose. Finding hides is walking around a lot for the dog which keeps them moving, so good for older dogs (and for me too). I often use nose work indoors as a game during cold or bad weather. This is a game that they lead, no other training is a requirement. You arrive at a trial and there are all new smells and that switches on their brain, what's here?

It amazes me how engaged and driven Teagan is during our searches. She still loves the game, even training is fun. She can't wait for her turn, so that makes me happy and that happiness transfers down the leash to her. Makes for a wonderful bond to have with your dog.

Nose work is one of the dog sports which allows the dog to "run the show" and we are the dope on a rope. They don't know that they missed a hide it's just a fun game. It also ends with treats; a positive end to a fun game. We all know Golden Retrievers really don't like treats!

Meet A New Member

My name is Katie Von Culin and I'm so excited to be a member of the HVGRC. I live in Middletown CT with my husband Joe, our cat Ginny, and our Golden Retriever Georgia. I got married on June 3rd and Georgia was able to join us! 2022 also brought me the opportunity to explore dog training as a career. I completed a shadow program with a local dog trainer and hope to continue to work with them in the new year. In 2023 we hope to have Georgia pass her AKC Trick Novice and Canine Good Citizen tests. I look forward to getting more involved in the group and getting to know everyone more.



Titles and Trophies 2022

It is that time of year to recognize those who have received new titles and perhaps qualified for one of our HVGRC trophies in 2022. As a benefit of membership, the club provides a plaque and title plates for any member's dog who has achieved an AKC or GRCA title. Title placques will include CGC, CGCA, CCA and all AKC Therapy Dog titles as well as all other AKC and GRCA titles. Please send me your applications for the Club's **Title Recognition Plaques and Challenge/Perpetual Trophies**. These awards will be given out at our June 2023 General Meeting, as is our tradition. My deadline will be **March 1st** for all submissions so that I can produce the Awards booklet.

Please go to our website: hvgrc.org and click on the Awards tab for all the info you will need to submit your Application. This year I will accept all info by email or regular mail to expedite this. You can take a photo of the application or scan it but it must be filled out. You are welcome and ENCOURAGED to send your high resolution images via email and the rest via mail if you prefer. If you are requesting a title plate or plaque, you should be sending me a photo and short paragraph on your dog/your accomplishment/any info or memory you would like to include about your dog.

These awards cover the time period from **Jan 1, 2022-Dec. 31, 2022**. Read the instructions carefully and provide all documentation requested. Title plaques will include CGC, CGCA, CCA and all AKC Therapy Dog titles as well as all other AKC titles and GRCA titles.

If you have a title from a different organization that you would like a plate for, please let me know and we can arrange your payment for those. If you have questions, please email me at: signetm@optonline.net
Congratulations on all of your accomplishments this past year and best wishes for a successful, healthy 2023.

Carol Russo
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Remembering Lynn Halpern

Recently our club lost a cherished and long-term (since 1974) member, Lynn Halpern.

Here are some special memories of Lynn from our members.



Carol Russo:

Looking back at my membership in HVGRC there was never a time when Lynn Halpern was not a big part of everything we did as a club. She and her husband, Jonathan welcomed me warmly as a newcomer, always providing guidance and encouragement. Lynn's easy smile and patience under pressure made our meetings and events go smoothly. Mostly though, I remember Lynn best as an Energizer Bunny with a dog! She was always busy at our shows and trials, helping exhibitors, judges and members. Lynn was always the first to volunteer her time, even agreeing to a position on the Board this past year, despite her health issues. I have had many occasions to speak personally with Lynn, especially these past few years. She always offered her extensive knowledge of our club's history and Golden Retrievers as well as advice without an agenda. Lynn was a classy lady who loved her dogs and her family. She will be missed so very much

Bob Swanson:

When I first met Lynn, so many years ago, she scared me! She spoke her mind, didn't suffer fools and had some very strong opinions. As a founding member of HVGRC, she and Jonathan were a power couple and I was a newbie. Over time, my fears changed to respect, care and enduring friendship. When they approached me about wanting a puppy, I was elated but hesitant. Lynn and Jonathan want an Overlook puppy? What if this doesn't work out? Well, it did and Chaucer was the first of four Overlook dogs that shared their lives.

But, we shared more than Overlook dogs. Both Lynn and Jonathan were invaluable to me as I served as President of HVGRC. But, Lynn was my rock. She was always the voice of reason; would call me to discuss 'hot' issues that she knew were pushing me beyond my sanity level. She looked at issues from every side and was a calming presence on the Board. We didn't always agree, but she supported me in every decision the Board made. Her dedication to HVGRC manifested itself in countless volunteer hours in every venue year after year for decades. She never said "no" when asked to volunteer. Losing Lynn is a truly invaluable loss for HVGRC.

More than her devotion to her dogs, Jonathan and HVGRC she was a friend. When I found out she had a career in advertising, we shared mutual stories of our "Mad Men" days! Talking to Lynn for the first time, I remember thinking she was so smart, worldly and had a great sense of style. Her life wasn't just about dogs; she had traveled, was well educated and had so many interests. Tennis, dogs, Jonathan, Jeffrey...I'm not sure what order she would place these four loves of her life!

Lynn had the greatest sense of humor. She could be wickedly funny with a glint in her eye. When she first told me she had cancer she was so upbeat and positive. She was going to beat this - she had more tennis to play and Alex and William had more titles to earn. I think this was the way she approached everything in her life. I will miss Lynn as I have missed Jonathan. The impact they made on my life these past twenty years is immeasurable.

Lorraine Cuisamano:

Here is my remembrance of Lynn Halpern. The loss of a great lady.

When I think of Lynn Halpern I think of a woman of great intellect, easy humor and a willingness to help in any way she could. I worked on the HVGRC Specialty Raffle for six years and Lynn was always in the tent with me to lend a helping hand. She helped with selling tickets, answering questions, overseeing the silent auction, pulling the winning tickets and being sure the winner received their prize and she was great with the hospitality. My favorite memories of Lynn during those days in the tent were her great stories. She had so many wonderful and interesting stories to tell and she told them with such humor, and of course, with that big smile of hers.

Just a month or two before Lynn's passing I called her to see how she was doing. She was soon to begin her treatments but she was so upbeat and positive. She had plans to make her annual trip to Florida as soon as the treatments were complete. She thought that would be in November. I spent my high school years near where Lynn lived in New Rochelle so we talked at length about places and people that we both knew. Of course, Lynn had many stories to tell so we enjoyed many laughs. It was my last conversation with Lynn and I will always remember it and smile.

Finally, I will always remember Lynn for her love of her boys, William and Alex. She loved her boys. She always brought them to the Specialty and they were in the tent with us. As soon as Lynn sat down in a chair Alex was right there to climb into her lap, as much of him as would fit! Lynn would laugh and she said that she could never sit down without Alex in her lap. So sweet!

HVGRC has lost a great lady. Lynn will be greatly missed but her amazing legacy will live on in everything the club does in the future.



Sandy Deitch:

Over the past 12 years or so, I was fortunate to share some great adventures with Lynn and Jonathan, yet more recently with just Lynn. We enjoyed visits to their Del Ray Fl. home to share a meal while watching our dogs splash together in the pool. Four goldens jumping in and out, resulting in volumes of water on each of us and on the pool deck! One year we visited the Vizcaya Mansion in Miami. It was here that I learned of Lynn's vast encyclopedic knowledge of flowers, in particular, orchids. Typical of Lynn to explore a subject in depth and then enjoy sharing her expertise with others, especially in the dog world. I will always remember our time at Meet The Breeds fondly. RIP my friends Lynn and Jonathan. You both contributed tremendous energy and positivity and LOVE to the world around you.

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Nora Hayes:

I don't remember a time when Lynn was not present at club events. After a while I just took it for granted that she would always be there. Even after she lost Jonathan she remained involved. I sat with her at our specialty in 2019 and she was her usual self, happy to be at a show and hanging onto her Golden boys for dear life. Even after her cancer diagnosis she remained unperturbed and determined to carry on. She remarked that Jonathan would have helped her figure out the best way to afford her treatments. I asked her for a memory of her own to share and she talked about the show many years ago when Mary Tyler Moore attended with her Golden.

I had hoped that we would talk again and she could share more memories from the club's history but that was not to be. Godspeed Lynn I know Jonathan was waiting for you.



Another sad and unexpected recent loss was Patty McCoy-Coleman's husband Jack Coleman.

Remembering Jack Coleman



Thank you to South Windsor KC
for the moment of silence before
their show began November 26th

JOHN "JACK" COLEMAN
December 31, 1956 - November 14, 2022

A Police Officer's Prayer - Justice

*Oh, Almighty God,
When I hear Paul's and Edward
Whispered between the coverage,
When they all breathe and see
the difference in the
officer's eyes.*

*Thank You God for the
Professionalism that they do with
their Police, Fire, and Marine
and Police.*

*Thank You God for the
Police who are the
backbone of our society,
the ones who are the
backbone of our society,
the ones who are the
backbone of our society.*

*Thank You God for the
Police who are the
backbone of our society,
the ones who are the
backbone of our society.*



*Thank you for the bottom
of my broken heart for the
incredible and all for My
Jack.*

*All the stories shared at the
services kept me standing.*

*I would greatly appreciate
anyone who has a story
about My Jack, please email
me at patty.mccoy@hvgrc.com.*

Forever Grateful,
Jack's Pat

*P.S. Appreciate that Jack did a
"hallelujah" for us when he
passed. Please you be
changed to protect the rest of
mankind. (with love)*

Thank you to Stony Point Police Department, Clarkstown Police Department, Rockland County Sheriff's Department, Rockland County Emerald Society, Rockland County FBA, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #188, and retired Police Chief William Franks.

Thank you to Hudson Valley Golden Retriever Club, Rockland County Kennel Club, First Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey

If Tomorrow Never Comes

*Sometimes late at night
I lie awake and watch her sleeping
She's lost in peaceful dreams
So I turn out the lights and lay there in the dark
And the thought creeps my mind
If I never wake in the morning
Would she even doubt the way I feel
About her in my heart*

*If tomorrow never comes
Will she know how much I loved her
Did I try in every way to show her every day
That she's my only one
And if my time on earth were through
And she must face this world without me
Is the love I gave her in the past
 gonna be enough to last
If tomorrow never comes*

*'Cause I've lost love ones in my life
Who never knew how much I loved them
Now I live with the regret
That my true feelings for them never were revealed
So I make a promise to myself
To say each day how much she means to me
And avoid that circumstance
Where there's no second chance to tell her how I feel*

*If tomorrow never comes
Will she know how much I loved her
Did I try in every way to show her every day
That she's my only one
And if my time on earth were through
And she must face this world without me
Is the love I gave her in the past
 gonna be enough to last
If tomorrow never comes*

*So tell that someone that you love
Just what you're thinking of
If tomorrow never comes*



Jack and I just celebrated our
32nd Wedding Anniversary
on 11/11/2022

Enjoyed an early Thanksgiving
with Jack's side of his Family on
11/12/2022 everyone in town...

Started our Sunday with
bacon and eggs, ended with
"Love You" at bedtime
11/13/2022...

Woke Monday morning
to find he was gone...

Grateful for all the out pouring
of prayers and wonderful stories
shared by My Police Family,
Dog Show Family and Neighbors

— Patty McCoy-Coleman

Donations please to Take the Lead
and Tosses to Towers

Although Patty is another long-term club member and very involved in the show world for many years, her husband stayed on the sidelines. It was always clear that she had a very supportive spouse who kept the home fires burning while Patty contributed many hours to ensuring the success of HVGR's shows and specialties. Our hearts go out to her on the loss of Jack. Sending her prayers and hugs.

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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, Carol Russo, who will then transmit it to our new webmaster

HVGRC E-MAIL

Use this address whenever you need to communicate with the full membership:
main@hvgrc.groups.io

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

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**, Cathy Winkler, at cwink448@aol.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 2024 Show, such a letter must reach the Board by April 2023. 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.

