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Badger Golden Retriever Club



The Badger Golden Retriever Club Newsletter is published bi-monthly throughout the year.

For current information about the club, club events and membership, visit the BGRC website at www.bgrc-wi.org

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General Membership Meeting and Fun Field Day May 11th – 10:00 AM

This is a great way to introduce your Golden & yourself to field events

No matter your experience please join us for a day of fun

Here is your opportunity to work your dog on both land and water drills. Learn how to compete in Hunt Tests and the WC/WCX and use the equipment.

Follow up with a hot sandwich lunch. Please bring a dish/salad or dessert to pass.

RSVP: Susan Scherber

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This event will be held at the Glenn M Kania, N 7121 Ski Slide Rd, Oconomowoc, WI 53066 Take I 94 East to County Road F in Concord. Take Exit 275 from I 94. Follow County Rd F and Allen Rd to Ski Slide Rd

Message from the President

Plans are continuing for our 2019 events! I hope to see many of you at the Fun Field Day on May 11. It's a day for your Golden to do what it was bred to do... retrieve. If you've never watched a Golden marking and retrieving, you have missed something amazing. So, please come with your dog, experienced or not, it doesn't matter.

Our second membership meeting of 2019 was held on one of the most snowy/wet days of March, but thanks to Michele Miller and Sarah Knickelbein, we were all warmed with the excitement of water sports for our Golden! Who ever knew there were so many titles and venues to participate in. Michele and Sarah gave a very informative presentation, with lots of handouts for follow-up. So, thank you, thank you to them!

Each year the BGRC board hopes to encourage you to participate in various ways with your Golden by offering a variety of programs. Let us know if we can answer any questions, or if you have any suggestions for future programs for membership meetings.

Sandy Flaaten, President

Club Purpose

The objectives of the Badger Golden Retriever Club are to:

- Encourage members to perfect, by selective breeding, sound Golden Retrievers and to do all possible to develop and promote their natural abilities and quality, while still maintaining their exceptionally good dispositions;
- Urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club, as the only standard of excellence by which golden retrievers shall be judged;
- Do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, field trials, obedience trials and tracking tests;
- Conduct sanctioned and licenses specialty shows, field trials, and tracking tests under the rules of the American Kennel Club and WC/WCX tests under the rules of the GRCA;
- Support and further the interests of the Golden Retriever Club of America.

Golden Rescue Groups

Golden Retriever Rescue of Wisconsin, Inc. - GRROW

Surrender Hotline: 888-655-4753
Website: www.grow.org

Wisconsin Adopt A Golden Retriever, Inc. - WAAGR

Surrender Hotline: 414-517-7725
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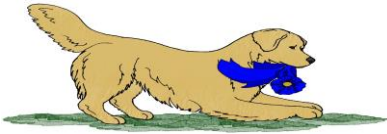
Membership Information:

BGRC invites all prospective members to their events and meetings. If you are interested in joining our club, please contact the membership chairperson. Meetings are held bi-monthly, with the program and location announced in our newsletter.

Annual Dues:

Family Voting Membership \$25
Single Voting Membership \$20
Associate (non-voting) \$15
Newsletter Subscription Only \$10

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Golden Nuggets

Julie Strey Johnson & Clover

UCH Cloverton's New Kid on the Block RE TKI CGC
Earned 3/3/19 @ the DFW Fundraiser:

- Canine Good Citizen (CGC)
- Trick Dog Novice (TKN)
- Trick Dog Intermediate (TKI)

Earned 3/10/19 @ K9 OTC
- Rally Excellent (RE)

Julie Strey Johnson & Froggy

SHR UCH Cloverton's Making a Splash Entrance JH WC TKN CGC
Earned 3/3/19 @ the DFW Fundraiser:

- Canine Good Citizen (CGC)
- Trick Dog Novice (TKN)

Sandy Flaaten & Chance

(Topbrass Takin a Chance CDX) "200" score out of Open B in Lubbock, Texas on February 23!!



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General Membership Meeting Minutes

BADGER GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB –

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – MARCH 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Sandy Flaaten at 5:35 p.m. at Maxiums Restaurant in Oconomowoc, WI. The program will be Michele Miller & Sarah Klinkelbein on Dock Diving.

Minutes of Previous meeting – The minutes were approved for the January 28th meeting as printed.

Secretary's Report – Anne Millane is still gone so no report available.
Treasurer's Report – Joan reported the balance in the checkbook and all bills paid including insurance.

Reports of Committees –

Newsletter – Susie Loucks will continue as newsletter editor. Next deadline is March 15th. Discussion is continuing on putting the newsletter on line instead of mailing it unless e-mail is not available.

Specialty Committee – Kim Hanna reported things are moving along. She and Anne Millane have been in touch. All judges have been approved. Julie Strey Johnson has put together an advertising flyer which she plans on putting on Facebook and possible ads in NFGRC and GRCI Catalogs. It was released to Facebook today.

Obedience/Rally Trials – Barb Weber is the chief ring steward, Anne Millane is the chairperson. It is an all breed and golden retriever specialty trials

Field Committee – Susan Scherber reported she has the judges and working on details for WC/WCX which will be held at Bone Recreational Area in Kansasville. Fun Field Days is scheduled for May 11 at Glenn Kania's property. Details to be in the newsletter.

Membership – Sandy Stoller introduced guests at our meeting Jim and Becky Coppersmith. Voting took place for Pam Sutchiffe, Holly Sutcliffe & Chelsie Schaack to become members. They were voted in.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Sandy reported discussion on changes to the awards program is still pending.

NEW BUSINESS – Sandy reported the dates for 2019. **May 11 – Fun Field Day – 10:00 a.m.** at Glenn Kania's, N7121 Ski Slide Rd, Oconomowoc, WI. Susan Scherber is chairing. **September 8th** General membership meeting at WWCDTC. "Trick Title" evaluation will be the program, **November (date TBD)** – possible program on health problems in the dogs.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Kaml, Acting Secretary

“Health News” for Golden Retrievers and their fans

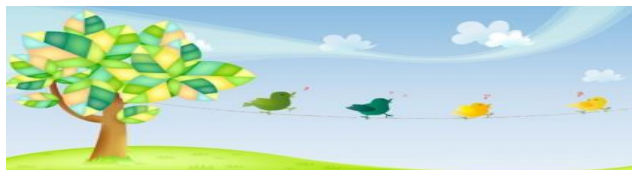
As many of you are aware, there has been two recent health concerns for our beloved Golden Retrievers.

The first issue which surfaced officially with the FDA alert¹ on July 12, 2018 was increased reports of canine dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) in dogs eating pet foods containing high levels of peas, lentils & other legume seeds, or potatoes as main ingredients. This outbreak of preventable cardiac disease has been widely publicized.

DCM is a disease of the heart muscle which results in an enlarged heart. As it becomes harder for the heart to pump, fluids build up in the chest and abdomen often resulting in congestive heart failure and death if untreated. DCM can have a genetic component. Large and Giant breeds are more frequently affected (Great Danes, Boxers, Newfoundlands, Irish Wolfhounds, Saint Bernards, Doberman Pinchers) although American and English Cocker Spaniels also have increased frequency of “genetic” DCM. Cases of atypical DCM reported to the FDA included Golden and Labrador Retrievers, Whippets, Shih Tzu, Bulldogs and Miniature Schnauzers, as well as mixed breeds eating “BEG” diets – boutique companies, exotic ingredients, or grain-free diets. Some of the dogs showed signs of heart disease, including decreased energy, cough, difficulty breathing and episodes of collapse. Some dogs showing cardiac symptoms had low whole blood levels of taurine, an amino acid documented in the rash of feline DCM in the 1980's which led to taurine supplementation in cat food. CAUTION: Most dogs being diagnosed with DCM DO NOT have low taurine (this is the majority of atypical DCM cases). We don't understand why some dogs on the suspect diets are affected and others are not. Research continues.

The good news is that the cardiac symptoms may become less severe with diet change and taurine supplementation but this must be monitored by a veterinarian. A good source of current information is UC Davis², Tufts³ or the Taurine-Deficient Dilated Cardiomyopathy Facebook group (you can see current data on diets, breeds, and outcomes there).

The second issue has the potential to be more devastating for the Golden community. Late this fall, a K9 data group member bravely announced that his dogs were carriers for a devastating autosomal recessive gene which resulted in an untreatable neural condition in homozygous pups. Working with the University of Missouri, the pups from the affected litter and close relatives were tested and the CLN5 mutation identified. This mutation is different than the forms identified in other breeds⁴. The GR neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis (NCL) disease variant does not become apparent in Golden Retrievers until about one year of age. At that time the perfectly healthy dog begins to show signs of physical degeneration because of a buildup of waste products in nerve cells. There is no treatment for the disease and affected animals deteriorate rapidly. It is unclear how widespread the defective gene is in the Golden population.



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Affected individuals have been identified as early as 2002 (stored DNA) and reported in a scientific paper in 2015 (Gilliam et al.). The Gilliam paper reported 8 out of 1062 archived GR samples were carriers (0.75%) and 1 individual was affected. It may be that other affected golden retrievers in the population have been mis-diagnosed with epilepsy or seizures. As of January 22, 2019, the University of Missouri had tested 105 Golden Retrievers: 74% clear, 21% carriers, and 5% affected. These are very early results and may not be representative of the Golden population.

As responsible breeders and Golden lovers, we must approach this new disease with logic and not emotion. We cannot simply refuse to breed carriers or we will further limit our gene pool and lose valuable qualities. (This argument holds true for all the genetic diseases to date) I applaud the breeders who have posted their dogs' status on the K9 data site. Sharing their data, good and bad, will only strengthen the breed. Do we breed CLN5 carriers to CLN5 carriers? NO, not unless we are willing to test all pups in the litter and destroy affected individuals before they go to forever homes (on average 25% will be affected; 50% carriers; 25% clear). Can we live with carriers? We already do (roughly 40% of American Golden Retrievers are carriers for Ichthyosis – 50% of European Golden Retrievers). We must remember that our dogs (like us) are all potential carriers of devastating diseases AND valuable traits, even if we have yet to identify them. Doing the genetic testing for CLN5 is just one more piece of the puzzle we are trying to put together to produce healthy, beautiful, talented, sane Golden Retrievers.

¹ <https://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/NewsEvents/CVMUpdates/ucm613305.htm>

² <https://www.ucdavis.edu/news/dogs-fed-some-popular-diets-could-be-risk-heart-disease?fbclid=IwAR2NiBdBefAThAunrJPx9Fqa6vE8e-2e1Xp3tiHoyE44FQwfjO9Uf1nN7T8>

³ <http://vetnutrition.tufts.edu/2018/11/dcm-update/?fbclid=IwAR3rgV8g1HhxpSQEyJCA2Nyn1MwWGC6Ole0ee0ghsVSaMQtKB6PK7FJkQ7E>

⁴ <https://www.pawprintgenetics.com/blog/2013/06/12/canine-neuronal-ceroid-lipofuscinosis-or-batten-disease/>

Gilliam, D., Kolicheski, A., Johnson, GS, Mhlanga-Mutangadura, T., Taylor, JF., Schnabel RD, Katz ML. (2015) Golden Retriever dogs with neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis have a two-base-pair deletion and frameshift in CLN5. *Mol Genet Metab.* 115(2-3):101-9. doi: 10.1016/j.ymgme.2015.04.001. Epub 2015 Apr 23.

Respectfully submitted by Joan Parrish

**“Dancer” (OTCH Sunshine The Beat Goes On UDX OM3)
And Sandy Flaaten**

National Obedience Championships in Tulsa, OK on the weekend of March 16 and 17
A “Top 20” dog!!

Dancer made the “top 50” cut, then the “top 20” cut with clean performances and very little errors until the very end!! Dogs from all across the country are invited to participate in this event based on OTCH (Obedience Trial Championship) points accumulated throughout the year. These dogs have their Novice, Open, and Utility Dog Obedience titles, and have then continued competing. The 125 teams were amazing to watch; it is truly a showcase of obedience with a multitude of breeds.

Congrats to our club members and their amazing goldens!

A Note from Michele Miller

"At our membership meeting held at Maxim's Depot in Oconomowoc on Saturday, March 9th, Michele Miller and Sarah Knickelbein gave a presentation on dock diving, which included how to get started, where the different training facilities are located, what upcoming local events to attend, the various titles you can earn, and the rules and regulations involved in the fun sport. Pier Pups, LLC and Three Hounds Training Ground donated gift certificates and dock diving bumpers which were awarded as door prizes to lucky winners, Julie Strey-Johnson and Susan Scherber's great niece, Harper. The presentation was both fun and informative!"



New Member Corner

Rebecca Ellis
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Rebecca recently moved from Florida to Wisconsin. She is interested in meeting other golden owners for the social events as well as promoting the breed. She wants her dog mainly to be a family pet and training her to be a therapy dog.. She enjoys gardening, quilting, sewing and walking. She owns 1 golden, (Gypsy Rose). She has titled other dogs to Therapy Titles. She has not attended any meetings as of yet. She will be joining as a single voting member.

Please welcome Rebecca to Badger Golden Retriever Club!

Denise Nolden
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She presently owns one golden. She is joining BGRC because she loves goldens and is interested in training and education for her puppy, and also volunteer opportunities. She likes sewing, kayaking and photography.

Please welcome Denise to BGRC!



Help Wanted!!



We Need YOU!

Membership Chairperson

You will take applications for membership and present those individuals at a membership meeting. You also send out year-end dues renewal notices. So, if you enjoy representing our Club and the Golden Retriever, plus enjoy record keeping, then this is the job for you. Much of this is done on your own schedule. Our current membership chairperson has a file with all of the members' names, their addresses, and phone numbers listed, so you have a good place to start. Everything is up-to-date, so it's a matter of taking over the job. You will automatically be eligible for any BGRC awards, as this will take care of your volunteer hours.

Person to redesign the BGRC brochure

We currently have a tri-fold brochure that just needs updating. Most of the information is current. So, if you have a talent for graphic design, this is the position for you! Again, you will automatically be eligible for any BGRC awards, as this will take care of your volunteer hours.

Please consider volunteering for these VIP positions! Our Club needs you! Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please let me know via e-mail (PawsTalk@wi.rr.com) or phone (262-251-0805), if you have any questions or are interested in one of these. Sandy Flaaten

2019 BGRC Calendar of Events Membership Meetings

May 11 (Saturday), 10:00 a.m.

Fun Field Day

at Glenn Kania's property
N7121 Ski Slide Road, Oconomowoc, WI
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September 8 (Sunday)

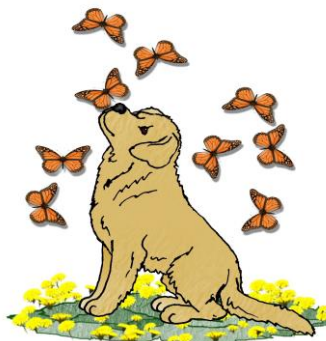
Trick Evaluation Day

@ WWCDTC

November (date TBD)

Health problems

in our Goldens



A HUGE THANKS!

Thank you to Sandy Stoller, who is retiring from "active duty" as Membership Chairperson!! Another amazing member of BGRC who has given so much for the betterment of this Club. Sandy has been so active with her Goldens in both Obedience and Field and has shown all of us a great example of volunteering for her "breed"!



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Upcoming Meetings & Events

May 11th
Fun Field Day
Glen Kania Property

August 18
WC/WCX
Bong Rec Area

September 14 & 15
Conformation Specialty
WWCDTC

October 19 & 20
All Breed Obedience Trial
WWCDTC

Run Thru Calendar

Obedience

1st Fridays
Oshkosh Kennel Club
Greater Racine Kennel Club

2nd Fridays
Cudahy Kennel Club
Badger Kennel Club –Except
July & August

3rd Fridays
K-9 Obedience Training Club

4th Fridays
Western Waukesha Dog Training Club

5th Fridays
K-9 Obedience Club

Rally

1st Fridays
WWCDTC
February, April,
May, June

Mondays - weekly
Cudahy KC

Agility

4th Fridays
Greater Racine KC