



White River Golden Retriever Club www.wrgrc.org

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President's Column

What a wonderful Specialty! The weather cooperated, and plenty of volunteers and exhibitors were wandering around with smiles on their faces.

I walked into the North Hall grooming area, and it was like looking at a sea of gold. All the gorgeous goldens standing on their tables in anticipation of their moment in the ring was a breathtaking sight.

Walking from one hall to the next, you see table after table of beautifully designed baskets waiting to be won in our highly anticipated Raffle.

As you enter the South Hall, you see 2 large rings waiting for the exhibitors to enter and strut their stuff. The atmosphere is electric. People are talking with friends and getting introduced to new people. The dogs are having fun, too, as evidenced by their wagging tails (or stumps).

It's 8:00 a.m., and suddenly, you hear the first words of the Pledge of Allegiance. ("I Pledge Allegiance to the flag"), and I get a shiver down my back as I join in. The pledge is over, and the fun begins. The first exhibitors enter their rings to be greeted by judges with smiles on their faces. I know it is going to be a good day. Win or lose, qualify or not, you always take the best dog home.

There were so many people who helped make our show the best show. I know I will miss someone if I try to thank you all individually. But I can thank Debbie Beemer for being such a marvelous Show Chair and a fantastic leader.

It really does take a village to put on a show like this. And when the last mat is rolled up, the last tub of Stuff is in the Trailer to wait for next year. As all the exhausted people with their aching bodies hit the road home, vowing *never again!!* I know that when the time comes to begin the process again, the White River members and friends will rally and put on another Fantastic Show next year.

Thank You, Everyone. You made me Proud

Patricia Strong, President of WRGRC for 2023

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Upcoming Events

Sept. 5 at 7:00 p.m. - Board meeting Holiday Inn Express, 335 N. Mt. Zion Road, Lebanon

Sept. 10 at 10:00 a.m. - Monthly Meeting, location TBD

Sept. 22-24 - Fast CAT Brookville, OH

Oct. 3 at 7:00 p.m. - Board meeting via Zoom

Oct Monthly Meeting - TBD

Nov. 5 - VST Test in Westfield, IN

Nov. 7 at 7:00 p.m. - Board meeting via Zoom

Nov. 12 at 10:00 a.m. - Monthly Meeting Veterans Day, at the home of Lisa Petty in Kokomo

Dec. 5 at 7:00 p.m. - Board meeting via Zoom

December Holiday Party - TBD

BRAGS! BRAGS!



From Rob Bedford: Rhip (Suncoast's Last Surf Before The Storm) won a 3-point major at the WRGRC specialties and was awarded an additional 2 points in Muncie, bringing him up to 7 points all from BBE puppy.

Scoop (Suncoast's Scoop of Maple Walnut) is now a Grand Champion and is now being campaigned by Nikki Ryan, getting an additional few best of breeds in various shows.

Scoop won Best of Breed at the Land O' Lincoln Golden Retriever Club Specialty on Aug. 27.

Retriever Ramblings

We, WRGRC did it again! We pulled off another successful WRGRC State Specialty. Pat yourselves on the back, or head!!

I want to personally thank all the fine folks who donated their “really cool stuff” to the raffle. The figures have yet to be totaled but we always have lots of good compliments about what a great raffle we always have and how much fun stuff we collect!!



Thank you to the wonderful people who donated their good stuff AND their time to help fill and decorate baskets, transport the baskets, set up tables, spread out tablecloths, used their creative talents to decorate or present items to their best advantage, arranged displays, sold tickets, promoted great PR for WRGRC, and much more!!! Please forgive me if I missed your name: Debbie Chaney, Heather Michalke, Rocky and Alinda Edens, Denise Whitfield, Barb Miers, Susan Dluz, Maggie and Lisa Gavin, Carole Mueller, Laurie Beard, Pat Strong, Kris Robinson, Lisa Petti, Pat Flynn, Ryleigh Grant, Pat Ritz, Barb Rollins, Susan Steffey, Debbie Beemer, Ken McCormack and many others!! Thank you so very much, we could not have done it without you!!

The purpose of this little column is to educate, inform, entertain, and have some fun with news and views associated with our furry golden dogs. This month though, I want to share about an experience that Barb Rollins, her daughter Julie and her “grand-dog” Remi went through late in August. Remi came in limping after being in the backyard and his back foot and leg began to swell very fast, and was getting very swollen and seemed very painful.

They took Remi to the emergency clinic and after Remi was sedated, the veterinarian shaved the foot and discovered 4 puncture wounds that seemed to be connecting to each other via openings under the skin. The wounds were treated with a disinfectant and he had a hyperbaric oxygen treatment (helps wounds heal faster). He was given a pain shot, antibiotics, Benadryl, a bandaged foot and the dreaded E-collar. The veterinarian said the tissue will likely become necrotic or slough off, or may need to have some dead tissue removed later on. What caused poor Remi’s pain and suffering? It appears that yellow jackets had nests in the ground in the yard, and probably Remi stepped in the nest. Janet Ripley reported that Chase was stung severely one summer, when bees came out from under the pool cover and stung him and Steve. Chase went into shock and was given Benadryl for the allergic reaction to the stings.

I asked Barb if she had any advice to share for the rest of us, who have back yards, play with our dogs out in fields, and are often away from the house when something like the bee sting emergency could happen. She recommended keeping an emergency kit on hand. Benadryl for sure, and her veterinarian said even 75 mg. every 6-8 hours can’t really overdose a larger dog on Benadryl. If stung around head, muzzle, throat and respiratory tract, the situation can get very serious very fast. Watch for general weakness and trouble breathing. You need to get the dog to the emergency clinic ASAP, and besides Benadryl the dog may need injectable steroids. Be sure to inspect your yard for yellow jackets, hornets, bees, and wasps which are active in the Fall. The Ripley family keeps Benadryl in their house and in the car for such cases as this.

The amount of Benadryl you should give your dog is directly proportional to the dog’s weight; give him 1mg of Benadryl per pound of body weight three times a day until he gets better. If he weighs 25 pounds then one tablet will do as each dose is 25mg. so if you do not know the weight of your dog, then you should measure it before you start it on the treatment.

— Beth McCormack

Nominating Committee Announcement

To all WRGRC members:

It is time to prepare a slate of candidates for election to our Club's Board of Directors for 2024. This duty is assigned to a nominating committee appointed by the Board.

The four officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer), along with the five at-large Board members, are charged with the general management and official operation of our club. All positions are subject to annual election.

The duties of the four Officers are those that you would normally expect with each office. The five at-large Board members meet monthly with the Officers, freely offer input on items that come before the Board, and of course vote in any matters requiring a decision. The Board typically meets the evening of a weekday in the week prior to the general club meeting. The meetings are either online using a web meeting format, or in person at a fairly central location.

Any member may hold office if they have been a member in good standing for a minimum of one (1) year and may be elected to the Board of Directors.

WRGRC has a diverse membership covering many interests in the dog world, such as conformation, obedience, agility, therapy, tracking and other scent work, field, and more. Hopefully, with nine Board members, one or more of the members can represent interest in these areas.

The nominating committee is seeking members in good standing who would like to volunteer to be a club officer or board member. If you are interested in serving the club in this way, please contact the Nominating Committee via Chris Patteson, committee chair, at cpatteson@me.com or c/o Barb Rollins, Club Secretary, at rol-linsbl@gmail.com.

The committee would like to assess vacancies and possible candidates by early October, so we would love to hear from interested people by Sept. 30 if possible. However, the final slate won't be complete until the end of October, so you will have until October 15 to inform the committee of your interest in any position.

Thank you for your consideration!

The WRGRC Nominating Committee

FAST CAT Sept. 22-24 Canine Splash Zone, Brookville, OH

This is one of the most money makers for our club, so please volunteer and support WRGRC. We need volunteers for the Fast Cat on September 22, 23 and 24th at K9 Splashzone in Brookville, Ohio. We must have 6 people on hand for various simple positions. If you can help for a few hours or for a day from 8-3pm Eastern contact Sammy Coons, 317-590-5330



Save the date: VST Test Nov. 4-5

Where: Westfield School System

Plotting will be Nov. 4th, VST Test will be Nov. 5th

Contact: Steve Ripley or Beth McCormack



Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped at the health clinic:

Lisa Givan

Pat Flynn

Laurie Beard

Michael Blink

2023 WRGRC Specialty Notes from Debbie, the Chair

Thank You! thank you thank you

Another successful Specialty is in the books!

It truly does take a village to put this show on and I want to thank everyone for supporting this Club and working so hard to make it a success!

THANK YOU to all of our Chairmen:

Ron Bedford & Patty McCabe and Janice Bilby for our wonderful stewards.

Laurie Beard for our Rent A Ring

Beth McCormack for our FABULOUS Raffle

Carole Mueller for Hospitality & the decorations for the photographers set up

Sammy Coons for the Health Clinics

Steve Ripley for taking care of the RV's

Lisa Petty was not a Chairperson, but **Thank You** for updating all of the "Cancer Boards" that we display on Saturday. And, for making the new ones. It is sad that we had to add so many. This is why we do a donation instead of Trophies on Saturday...hoping to find the cause & cure for cancer in our beloved dogs.

A **HUGE** thank you to **everyone** that donated their time during this long week-end to help make this show a success.

There are so many of you, that I am afraid I will leave someone out if I try to list all the names.

But **Thank You.....**

for stewarding, picking up Judges at the airport or hotel, picking up food, delivering Judges gift baskets to the hotel, assembling raffle baskets & transporting them to the show site, setting up tables & chairs, singing the National Anthem, setting up grooming and crating areas, setting up the Judges Only area, hanging up the trash bags over all of the windows, the NASTY job of the poop buckets & their clean up, assembling the booster baths in the dog bath area and laying down the safety rugs, helping the Doctors at the Clinics, opening and closing the building every day, tearing down the show and placing items in the totes to be stored in the trailer, doing inventory of things going back in the trailer so we know what we have left, and on & on & on. There are so many details and jobs that happen every day of this show.

Again, it takes a Village to put this large show on and you truly stepped up and worked very hard. I can't thank you all enough !!!

We had so many exhibitors that told us what a nice show this is, and that they will be back.

I had a Judge, Cindy Collins, send me a very nice Thank You note to let us know what a wonderful show we put on and even said thank you for asking her to Judge this lovely event.

All of our Judges told me what a wonderful job our Hospitality Chairman did. They loved their Gift Baskets and said she made them all feel very welcome & well taken care of. **Thank you Carole Mueller !**

I know at one point we were very worried that in Conformation, that we were not going to pull the Majors that everyone expects at a Specialty. We heard thru the grapevine, that our usual Professional Handlers that come, were not coming. They went to All Breed Shows. They can bring anywhere from 5-15 dogs each ! A lot of people do not show their own dogs anymore, they hire Handlers.

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We were afraid without the Handlers that we would not have enough dogs to make the Majors. Surprise , we held our Majors.....barely.....but we did have Majors ☐. Hopefully this will continue. I think owner handlers enjoy going to a show where they are not competing against the “Handlers” and their dogs are getting a good look from the judge.

There were so many “ issues “ that we encountered this year, but we worked as a well- oiled machine and solved the problems. **Go Team White River !**

If you didn't know about the problems.....then we really did solve the problem without it being an issue for all to see.

We are working on the Specialty report and soon will have a report for the Club. We will use this report in looking forward to the 2024 Specialty. What do we need to change/improve our Show? How can we make a better profit /or at least break even? Please let me or a Board member know! Your thoughts and input count !

Here are some of the issues you may or may not have known that went on:

1. Many issues with our Superintendent/Show Secretary, Executive Dog Shows. Especially getting the Premium List created. Even though we approved it, we have found since then, that there were still mistakes.
2. The workers Nina promised didn't show up or were VERY late. She did step up & was laying mats down herself but.....
3. We lost our original photographer and had to replace Teddy Lei 60 days before the show. He said he didn't have us down.
4. Our replacement photographer, Kelly Easter, at the last minute decided she had a “ required minimum order” of \$650 per day....all 3 days! We did hit her minimum order requirement, but it could have been the “Food Truck” thing all over. Plus, we found out later, that she was not taking a picture of a Major Win.... unless they paid. She was told up front that Major Win pictures needed to be taken for us to turn into the National Club's magazine, GRNews. We are still working on this!
5. The temperature on the Obedience side of the building was “better” this year, but it is still an issue.
6. We lost one of our Conformation Judges, Linda Willard (our Saturday am judge), due to an injury to one of her eyes only 3 days before she was to judge. I think we only lost one entry due to that Judge change. But, we did have to refund 3 dogs worth of entries each show for our replacement Judge, because he was entered for 3 different shows that weekend.
7. Dr. Hogan arrived an hour late on Sunday morning for the Heart Clinic.
8. We had to call 911 on Sunday, for an exhibitor who experienced a nose bleed that would NOT stop. The Lebanon First Responders did transport her to the hospital for treatment. She was released later that day and did make it home safely to Michigan with her dogs. **A special Thank You to Lisa Givan, RN for taking care of this exhibitor, until the 911 team showed up. I don't know the names, but also a big Thank You to the people that drove her car to the hospital so she had it when she was released from the Hospital and for taking care of her dogs.** My very worst fear is to be out of town at a dog show, and I have a medical emergency. How do I take care of myself, my dogs and get home. You truly helped this person out and eased her fear!
9. The workers that were supposed to show up for clean up/load up were late on Sunday and then only 1 worker showed up. There was such a delay that we had Club members that needed to go eat and then they came back to finish the trailer lock up before they left for homeat almost 8 pm!!! **Again, a special thank you to Laurie Beard, Pat Flynn, Rocky & Alinda Eden, and Pat Strong for doing this and staying until the very end to get this done!**
10. Our Judges hotel reservations got screwed up. The Hotel tried to charge Carol's credit card. Then they changed it to the WRGRC credit card but then didn't have any rooms under the Judges name when our judges tried to check in. Then they were charging the Judges' cards as well as WRGRC. **Thank You to Carole Mueller & Jim Peterson for getting this mess cleared up!**

So many of you helped in so many ways! You have no idea how much you and the hard work you did is appreciated !! Hopefully WRGRC can count on you and your expertise again next year !!

Again, **THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU !!**

Debbie Beemer, 2023 Show Chair

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2023 WC/WCX Chair - Beth McCormack
2023 Tracking Test Chairman - Beth McCormack and Steve Ripley
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White River GRC is a Member Club of GRCA and approved by AKC to hold licensed shows. Our Specialty Show & Obedience Trial is in August.

GRCA - THE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF AMERICA, INC. This is our parent organization. We would like to encourage White River members to join the GRCA. The GR NEWS, published bi-monthly by GRCA will keep you abreast of all that is happening in the Golden World. For more information or an application please contact our GRCA Delegate.

Meetings are held monthly and membership is open to any person interested in the objectives of the club, i.e. to encourage and promote the care of purebred Golden Retrievers and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection. Meetings consist of good fun, fellowship and include field training sessions, obedience and conformation work. If, after attending at least two meetings you are interested in joining the club, we invite you to submit an application form. Ask any officer for an application.

MEMBERSHIP - Each person's name submitted as a prospective member receives an introductory letter which outlines the activities and objectives of WRGRC and extends an invitation for them to attend our monthly meetings. A copy of the most current, newsletter is also enclosed. It is also possible to only receive the newsletter. Persons interested in White River Membership. Please contact Deb Abbott at abbotteast@yahoo.com

WHITE RIVER MEMBERSHIP DUES - Single \$25.00.
Family Membership - \$40.00.

BREEDER REFERRAL - Kimberley Scattergood, indyscattergood@gmail.com

WHITE RIVER AWARDS - Forms must be filled out and turned in to the current awards chairman by December 31st each year. We urge you to complete and turn in completed forms after each show to make record-keeping easier for all. Obtain forms from current chairman. To be eligible for all competitive awards you must achieve 15 points. Point schedule is posted on our website.

OFA HIP DYSPLASIA REGISTRY - Before having a dog x-rayed send for information, application and mailing envelope. Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, 2300 Nifong Blvd., Columbia, MO 86201.

EYE CERTIFICATION - Dr. Deb Stephan 317-841-3606. Located in the Castleton area (NE Indianapolis). VCA in Fishers also has an ophthalmologist.

SHOW SUPERINTENDENTS - If you are not receiving premium lists, you should write to:

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September Monthly Meeting

Where: Hancock County Fairgrounds

When: Sunday, September 10th

Gathering at 10 am. The meeting starts at 10:30

Meeting topic: Search & Rescue

Presenter: Kelly McPherson



**Kelly will talk about her adventures in
Search & Rescue & Man Trailing, with her
Bloodhounds**

If your Dog wants to learn how to be a search dog, bring your Dog, a long line, a harness (if you have one), and a bunch of treats. Kelly will show you how to start.

Bring your chair, drinks, eating utensils, and a dish to share.

Questions? Contact Pat Strong, p.a.kelly@comcast.net, (317) 840-7591

