



# The Golden West

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## APRIL AND MAY MEETINGS FOCUS ON YOUR DOG'S HEALTH

**April 30 - 7:30 p.m. - Houghton Fire Station, Kirkland**

*Golden Retrievers - Common Diseases, From the Vet Clinic to Pathology*

Barry H. Rickman, VMD, PhD, Diplomate ACVP

Veterinary Pathologist

Barry Rickman, VMD, PhD, DACVP will be discussing common diseases of Golden Retrievers. He will give an overview about how a veterinary pathologist works with your veterinarians, veterinary specialists, and you when it comes to diagnosing diseases. Dr. Rickman will also discuss how certain tests in a veterinary laboratory can be performed to distinguish one cancer from another.

Dr. Rickman also provides at home euthanasia services and can answer questions about that.

**May 28 - 7:30 p.m. - Houghton Fire Station, Kirkland**

*Canine Rehab Medicine*

Dr. Alycia Lamb

The meeting will be May 28 at the Houghton Fire Station. The speaker will be Dr. Alycia Lamb who will be speaking on and what can be done for our dogs who get hurt. I will provide you with more details for the next month's newsletter, but wanted to get the word out since I think it will be a great talk. People with other breeds are also welcome to attend!



# Announcements

The EGRC Hunt Test will be June 28-29 at Pepper's Retriever Grounds. I will be contacting members involved in field to help, but there is much you can help with even if you haven't done field work with your dogs. We'll find a spot for you and give you the chance to watch Golden Retrievers do the work they were created to do. We need help with hospitality, field marshaling, helping haul stuff around from one test to another, greeting exhibitors and sending them to the right location. One job that does involve skill and experience is that of the gunners. So if you know how to use a shotgun and would like to be part of the gunners team, let me know and I'll put you in touch with our Gun Captain, Jim Olson.

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*This year's Pigmentary Uveitis Clinic will be held on Saturday May 9th from 8:00 – 12:00 at the Animal Eye Clinic with Dr. Sullivan. This is only by pre-scheduled appointments and pre-paid by check or money order. To make the appointment please ONLY contact Rachel at the clinic at (206) 524-8822. Rachel handles all of the scheduling and payments for this clinic. If they do not receive payment prior to the clinic your appointment will be cancelled. The address for The Animal Eye Clinic is 5339 Roosevelt Way NE Seattle, WA 98105*

*This clinic is a screening for Pigmentary Uveitis and NOT for yearly Cerf's. Please let your puppy buyers and friends with Golden Retrievers know about this clinic and encourage them to sign up any golden that is 4 years old and up. The fee is \$22.00 per dog. Dogs that have been diagnosed are not eligible for this clinic as the re-check for affected dogs is another type of exam.*

*We need to keep the appointments available for the people that don't normally get eye Cerf's. Hopefully this will get them in the routine of doing this yearly. As we all know if this disease is caught early the progression can be slowed and possibly never develop into glaucoma.*

*Contact BJ Modrell with any questions at (425) 844-9037 or [bjs.goldens@frontier.com](mailto:bjs.goldens@frontier.com)*



A Reproduction & Puppy Care Seminar for ALL BREEDS With Cynthia Smith, DVM and Myra Savant-Harris, RN  
October 10 –11, 2015 at Elks Club, Lodge 2  
388 6313 75th St W Lakewood, WA 98499-8369

Saturday– Dr. Cynthia Smith Preserving the Family Jewels: Dealing with Male Infertility Factors that contribute to fertility issues in the stud dog and supplementation. !!!NEW!!! Infertility in the Bitch: Improving litter size and puppy health How to optimize fertility in your bitch. Different methods of semen timing

Sunday– Myra Savant-Harris Pregnancy, Whelping & Puppy Care Topics to include whelping care, disease during pregnancy, post whelping problems, intensive puppy care and visual examples.  
Payment must be received to reserve your spot. Upon receiving your Registration Form with payment, you will receive confirmation by email of the Seminar.

Registration Form Reproduction Seminar with Dr. Cindy Smith and Myra Savant-Harris October 10—11, 2015 Register Early! Space is limited! Registration Is On A First Come Basis. Deadline for Registration is Sept 1, 2015 Payment must be received to reserve your spot. Registration fees are non-refundable after registration deadline.

Name of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Select One of the Following:

One DAY \$60 \_\_\_\_\_ Specify (Circle One) Dr. Cindy Smith Myra Savant-Harris  
Two DAY \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

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I (We) agree that PAPS holding this event has the right to refuse this registration for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this registration form and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog attend this event, I (we) agree to hold PAPS, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and the seminar presenter at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog. Additionally; I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting there from, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, However such injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other persons

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or guardian if participant is under 18: \_\_\_\_\_

Return Registration Form with your check payable to PAPS to:  
Amy Reagan, PAPS Seminar Chair PO BOX 881039 Steilacoom, WA 98388 Questions—contact Amy Reagan at Islandlady303



# Braggin' Time!



Had a great weekend at the Pacific Rim Specialty in Albany!! Sonic--**Limelite Fly'n At The Speed Of Sound**, was Winner's Dog for a 4 pt. major! Thanks to Frank Pam-piks for showing him beautifully!

Then on Sunday of the same weekend, not to be outdone, Sonic's mother, Mia--**GCh Limelite's Color Me Beautiful, SH, RN, THD, VC, WCX, HR** was Select Bitch, to give her the 4 points she needed to finish her Grand Championship! Thanks to Deb Pampiks for doing a great job showing the wild little redhead!



~Claudia Shaw

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*This is the Member Club Column written for the March/April issue of the GRNews.*

## THE DEATH OF DOG SHOWS

by Deborah Blair

I attended my first dog show over 40 years ago, but didn't enter the ring for another 15 years. In the first year that I competed, I met an amazing and generous bunch of people. I had my breeder show me grooming basics. I attended classes taught by a professional handler who was supportive and informative, ready to propel me to the next level. I was one of those people who came to my first class with a buckle collar and a 6-foot leather lead. I had a group of PacRim people grab me at a show and rather forcefully help me learn a better way to trim feet. I was *such* a noob. Yet there were mentors everywhere, and I felt welcomed and excited. This core group that I became friends with in those first few years are the reason I stayed involved, and still do, even though I sometimes wonder about the validity and meaning of what dog shows are today.

Fast forward 25 years. A new person comes to a Golden Specialty with her dog. She purchased him several years earlier and started work in the field. She earned an SHR and a MH and started looking at conformation, realizing that structure and soundness would improve performance. At the Specialty, she approached some club members selling raffle tickets and catalogs and asked if there was someone who could help her understand the breed ring. She was told that it was not a good time because everyone was so busy. She stayed about an hour, couldn't figure out what was going on and left. She now has no use for the club. She is pursuing conformation and has a new puppy, but you have to wonder how long she will remain interested if there is no one there to encourage and support her. And please don't say it's the breeder's responsibility. It is the community's job. One person alone cannot be held accountable for a new exhibitor's success.

If you haven't read Bobby Christiansen's article, you should take a look at [www.infodog.com/surveys/justthefacts.htm](http://www.infodog.com/surveys/justthefacts.htm). I'm not sure why some AKC reps try to tell us that entries aren't down. *Everything* having to do with purebred dogs is in decline. According to Christiansen, registrations alone have decreased 57% in the past 20 years. Entries at all-breed shows have declined 20%, and the average show has 38% fewer entries. This isn't just a small downturn...this is monumental. At this rate, we can cue the funeral dirge. The dog show is dead; long live the dog show.

We can point at the economy. This is certainly a factor, but not one we have any control over. We can point at the lack of confidence exhibitors have in judges, which we really should start to be more vocal about. We can admit that professional handlers have gotten better and better at playing the game, and if that continues they will soon win the battle and lose the entire war. We don't have total control over these issues, however, so the question becomes, what do we have control over? How do we begin to rebuild an enthusiastic base of exhibitors?

One answer is to create a more organized and influential mentoring program. People who are willing to sit ringside and explain what's going on. Others who are willing to spend some time helping with grooming. How about handling classes taught by successful handlers which are put on by our breed clubs? Maybe people willing to help fill out an entry form, explain how to decide which class to enter your dog in, show people the ropes for affordable travel? Could we create a place online where you can pick a geographic location and have phone numbers of people willing to help out with specific areas? Should we publish articles online or in newspapers talking about how rewarding and fun this can be for families looking for hobbies that teach responsibility, dedication and encourage physical activity? This is the tip of the iceberg of what we could do, if we really want dog shows to come back. We need new blood, for our rings and for our clubs.

I guess this is where I toss down the gauntlet. What do you think we should do to breathe life back into dog shows? And what are you willing to do personally? I'd love to hear some ideas.

Our club is going through its own internal analysis when it comes to putting on the annual Specialty. A recent survey is giving us insight into what club members really want, and I'm looking forward to the March meeting, where we will be discussing the possibilities in more detail. I'll report back with what we decide and why. Hopefully, it will be a welcoming and supportive place for anyone newly interested in dog shows to come and learn.



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#### **Special Events**

2015 Agility	Joyce Palmer	253-686-4641
2015 Hunt Test	Jerry Leitch	206-999-7017
2015 Specialty	Hach Hachtel	360-866-4739
2015 Awards	Lynn Anderson	206-351-5020
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#### **The Objectives of the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club**

- To preserve the structure, soundness, temperament, natural abilities and personality of the Golden Retriever as described in the breed standard and to do all possible to bring their natural abilities and qualities to perfection.
- To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the AKC as the only standard of excellence by which the Golden Retriever shall be judged.
- To protect and advance the interest of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike conduct at dog shows, field events, obedience trials and all functions and events where EGRC is being represented.
- To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows, field events, obedience trials and tracking under the rules of AKC and
- To educate members and the public in all aspects of owning a Golden Retriever.

#### **General Information**

**General Meetings** are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Check the calendar on the web site at [www.egrc.org](http://www.egrc.org). The **Board of Directors** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month and members wishing to attend must call the President to state their business.

**Application for Membership:** Prospective members must attend two meetings or functions before application of intent to join is accepted. Application forms may be obtained from Board members, the Membership Chair, or from the web site.

**Change of Address.** If you have moved, changed your phone number or your e-mail address, please e-mail or call Trish Hughes, goldens@syrel.com, with this change. This is the only way we will be able to keep our membership rosters up to date.



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