



# The Golden West

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**The September meeting will be Wednesday,  
September 27th at 7:00 pm, via Zoom.**

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The Nominating Committee has concluded their work and recommends the following slate of Board Members for 2024.

Nancy Light, President  
Peter Gortner, Vice President  
Marian Tillman, Recording Secretary  
Kelli Armstrong, Treasurer  
Susan Bell, Corresponding Secretary  
Amy Rosling, Board Member  
Pat Lindquist, Board Member  
Alice Brown, Board Member

We would like to thank the Board for this opportunity to serve the club.

The Nominating Committee  
Deborah Blair, Chair  
Ron Colyer  
Trish Hughes

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The premium for the September 23rd WC/WCX is available [HERE](#).

## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2024 SPECIALTY JUDGES**

The 2024 Specialty will be held June 29th and 30th at the Skagit Valley Fairgrounds in Mt Vernon.

We need nominations for Judges who can judge Conformation, Juniors, 4 to 6 month puppies and nominations for Sweeps Judges. Ideally we will be able to share judges with the Springers.

All EGRC Members, both Voting and Non-voting, are eligible to nominate and vote for judges for the specialty.

Please submit up to 3 judges in the two categories Conformation (to include Juniors and 4 to 6 month puppies) and Sweeps.

Nominations will close October 14, 2023

Please send your nominations and the category they are in to Trish Hughes [goldens@sytrell.com](mailto:goldens@sytrell.com)

Thank you from your Judges Selection Committee

Trish Hughes  
Amy Rosling  
Sharmin Dominke



# Bragging Time

**From Mike Lovlie:** Golden Trip Easy Dreamer, Easy, finished his AKC Championship in Roseburg, OR at 29 months and then went on to the GRCA National Specialty a week later and "made the cut" in the breed ring. We are so proud of our boy and want to thank both his breeder Marcos Nikishowa for such a quality boy and Cheyenne Calvert our handler for her dedication and finishing Easy and showing him flawlessly at the National Specialty.



Members: If you have event information for the Events Calendar on the EGRC website, please send that information to Marj Deupree ([marjkd@gmail.com](mailto:marjkd@gmail.com)).

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Evergreen Golden Retriever Club  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Date: Wednesday August 23, 2023  
Place: Via Zoom Conference Call

I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Nancy Light, President.

II. **Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion** was made to approve the minutes of the July 2023 GM meeting which were published in the August GW. **APPROVED.**

III. **Report of the President:**

- Welcome members and guest
  - Dana Fare
- Tonight, we will discuss the issue of EGRC taking on Rescue instead of working with an outside group.
- Thank you again to Shari and her committee for an extremely successful Specialty. Please see Shari's report in the GW
- Thanks to Deborah, Ron and Trish for their prompt presentation of the Nominating Committee report for the August GW. The report will also appear in the Sept. GW.
- October is our annual meeting, at which time the official election of officers will take place.
- We will be voting on one new member tonight.

IV. **Report of the Board** (Nancy)

- The Board voted to set the 2024 Specialty date for June 29-30 at the Skagit County Fairgrounds.
- The Board reviewed some concerns about Zoom security and determined that those concerns were not at a level to have us move to a different platform.
- After discussion with SPDR Golden breed rep Rachelle Mahoney, it was determined that it was not in our best interest to retain our affiliation with SPDR, and we should explore other avenues for EGRC to continue rescue ourselves. Further discussion under Rescue.

V. **Report of Corresponding Secretary (Kelli)** - See report in the Board Minutes that were published in the GW.

VI. **Report of Treasurer** (Susan) – Bank balances for checking and savings was reported.

VII. **Report of Committees:**

Events:

1. Agility (Nancy) Sept. 1, 2, 3, 2023 –
  - Runs are way over what was budgeted:
    - 170 dogs
      - Friday 322 dogs
      - Sat 387 dogs
      - Sun 342 dogs
  - Compared to last year:
    - 130 dogs
      - Friday 299
      - Sat 322
      - Sun 288

- Increase in entries could be the positive results with the new turf and exhibitors wanting to try it out.
  - Argus has implemented a \$25 fine for any dog that potties on the turf.
2. Specialty (Shari) July 15, 16, 2023
    - Frank complimented the many club and non-club members for helping
    - This was one of the best Specialties; went smoothly.
    - Shari was an excellent Chair.
    - Suggestion was not to pinpoint the exact time for a specific class, but rather to suggest that it starts within a certain amount of time after the last class.
    - It was reported that we had a net gain of \$1500.
  3. Judges Selection Committee (Hach) – Now that we have a date and place for the 2024 Specialty, the Committee will be appointed at the October board meeting. Prospective Committee members: Trish Hughes, Sharmin Dominke, Amy Rosling.
  4. Hunt Test (Nancy/Susan) June 24, 25, 2023 –
    - Susan and Nancy are working with the Tri-Club to create written job descriptions for key positions such as Chair, Secretary, Gun Captain, Chief Marshal, Stake Chair, etc. Would be a good idea for EGRC to create something similar for our events.
    - The financial report was posted on One Drive. There was a net gain of \$640.
  5. Tracking (TD/TDX) no report
  6. WC/WCX (Nancy) Sept. 23, 2023, by Flat-coat club
  7. Holiday Party – no report
  8. Health Clinic – no report
  9. CCA (Caroline) – no report

**FINANCES:**

1. Budget Committee (Susan/Kelli) – no report
2. Donations Committee (Sandy, Stacia, Kathy) – The committee will submit the names of their suggested recipients to the board.

**CLUB AFFAIRS:**

1. Membership (Marian) 68 members (36 voting/32 non-voting)
2. Golden West (Nancy) Deadline Sept. 18; Publishing Sept. 21
3. Website – The breeders list accidentally got deleted from the website. Thank you to Peter for finding it!
4. Puppy referral (Hach) no report

5. Rescue (Alice) – Rachelle explained what occurred with SPDR. Among other things were poor communication, poor teamwork, and lack of assistance. She is no longer the breed rep for Goldens with SPDR.
  - SPDR does not have a breed rep for Goldens.
  - Rachelle will be looking for volunteers for a workgroup to discuss options for EGRC to continue rescue and what that entails.
  - The workgroup will research reactivating EGRR, which was the 501(c)3 organization previously affiliated with EGRC.
  - Suggestion was to contact the GRCA personnel involved with rescue as well as people in the rescue section of GRF to see what resources they have for rescue.
  - It was agreed that the Club should take its time before making any decisions about how deeply it wants to go with Rescue as part of the Club's responsibilities.
6. Meetings:
  - No Board meeting in September (any essential business can be conducted via email)
  - Brief General Meeting September 27<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m. via Zoom for nominations from the floor for Board and any other essential business.
7. Awards (Pat) – no report
8. Awards Banquet (Nancy) no report
9. Property (Deb) Ron and Sheila are looking into prices and availability. Shari is also investigating.
10. Sunshine Committee – no report
11. Social Media (Marj, Kathy, Marian, Kelli, Kerry) – good articles being posted every day.
12. Election of new Member: Maryke Haynes was voted into membership.

**VIII. Unfinished Business –**

**MOTION:** To add an additional \$200 towards the raffle basket for the National.  
**APPROVED.**

**IX. New Business –** Julie Matney is no longer the club delegate to GRCA. Looking for volunteer to take her place.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marian Tillman, Recording Secretary

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Audit Committee	Rachelle Mahoney Kelli Armstrong Trish Hughes	
Rescue Committee	Rachelle Mahoney	

**Special Events**

2023 Agility	Nancy Light	425-354-3609
2023 Hunt Test	Nancy Light	425-354-3609
2023 Specialty	Shari Phillips	206-366-5596
2023 Awards	Pat Lindquist	253-888-9733
2023 Holiday Party	VACANT	
WC/WCX	Susan Bell Nancy Light	425-318-9754 425-354-3609

**The Objectives of the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club**

- a) 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.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows, field events, obedience trials and tracking under the rules of AKC and
- e) To educate members and the public in all aspects of owning a Golden Retriever.

**General Information**

**General Meetings** are usually held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Check the calendar on the web site at [www.egrc.org](http://www.egrc.org). The **Board of Directors** usually meets once a month. Contact a Board member for upcoming meeting dates. Members wishing to attend must call the President to state their business.

**Application for Membership:** Prospective members must attend either one or 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 our Membership Chair, Marian Tillman, [marian@ridesoft.com](mailto:marian@ridesoft.com), with this change. This is the only way we will be able to keep our membership rosters up to date.

