



The Golden West

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

**EGRC HOLIDAY PARTY
SATURDAY DECEMBER 16TH 4-8 PM
AT THE HOME OF DEB & FRANK PAMPIKS
6133 135TH AVE NE
KIRKLAND, WA 98033**

**PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE FOR THE POTLUCK
DINNER**

**WE WILL HAVE A GIFT EXCHANGE FOLLOWING DINNER
PLEASE BRING A GIFT (APPROXIMATE VALUE \$20- \$25) IF
YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE**

**RSVP to; debandfrank@comcast.net
Questions; Deb 206 963-4117**

Bragging Time

From Peter Gortner:

After a summer of training, Cleo completed four Hunt Test passes to earn her Junior Hunter title, and put her training to great use getting her First Retrieve(s) in Alberta, Canada in October 2023.



RESCUE UPDATE

I'm glad to announce that GRCA has accepted me as an Administrative Assistant for GRCA Cares program. More news to come on that.

Rescue collaboration: Are you aware of the many local community resources available to those seeking to rehome their beloved golden friends? Whether you're aware of support groups, temporary foster homes, or adoption agencies, there's a wealth of assistance out there to help ensure a smooth and successful transition that. I'd like to gather.

To help connect our community with these valuable resources, we're inviting all interested individuals to join us for a discussion on rehoming golden retrievers. This casual gathering will provide an opportunity to share experiences, exchange information, and form a network of support for those facing the difficult decision of rehoming their golden companions.

Together, we can ensure that every golden retriever in our community finds a loving and forever home. Please reach out to me at rmgronau21@gmail.com

Rachelle Mahoney

We will be voting on two applicants for membership at our November General Meeting. Here are their bios:

Dana Fare

Sponsors Trish Hughes and Jennifer Kisker

"I have had Golden retrievers most of my adult life. My beloved Boone was trained as a therapy dog and accompanied me to school for six years where he assisted me in my job as an occupational therapist. He was a joy to have at school and was the highlight of staff pictures in the school yearbook. His contract was not renewed when the school district passed a No Animal Policy. My current Golden is 4.5 years old. He is my test case of one in avoiding or delaying the dreaded cancer, as I try things differently with him versus all my previous dogs. He is also my first dog I have ventured into dog sports. We train and compete in Barn Hunt and Scent work. We have dabbled in Rally, earning our intermediate title. Our first attempt at Advanced was at the EGRC Rally and Obedience trial where he ran amuck. LOL! I have been assisting Jennifer Kisker with her dog training business and, with her support, became an AKC CGC/Tricks evaluator.

Heather Downing

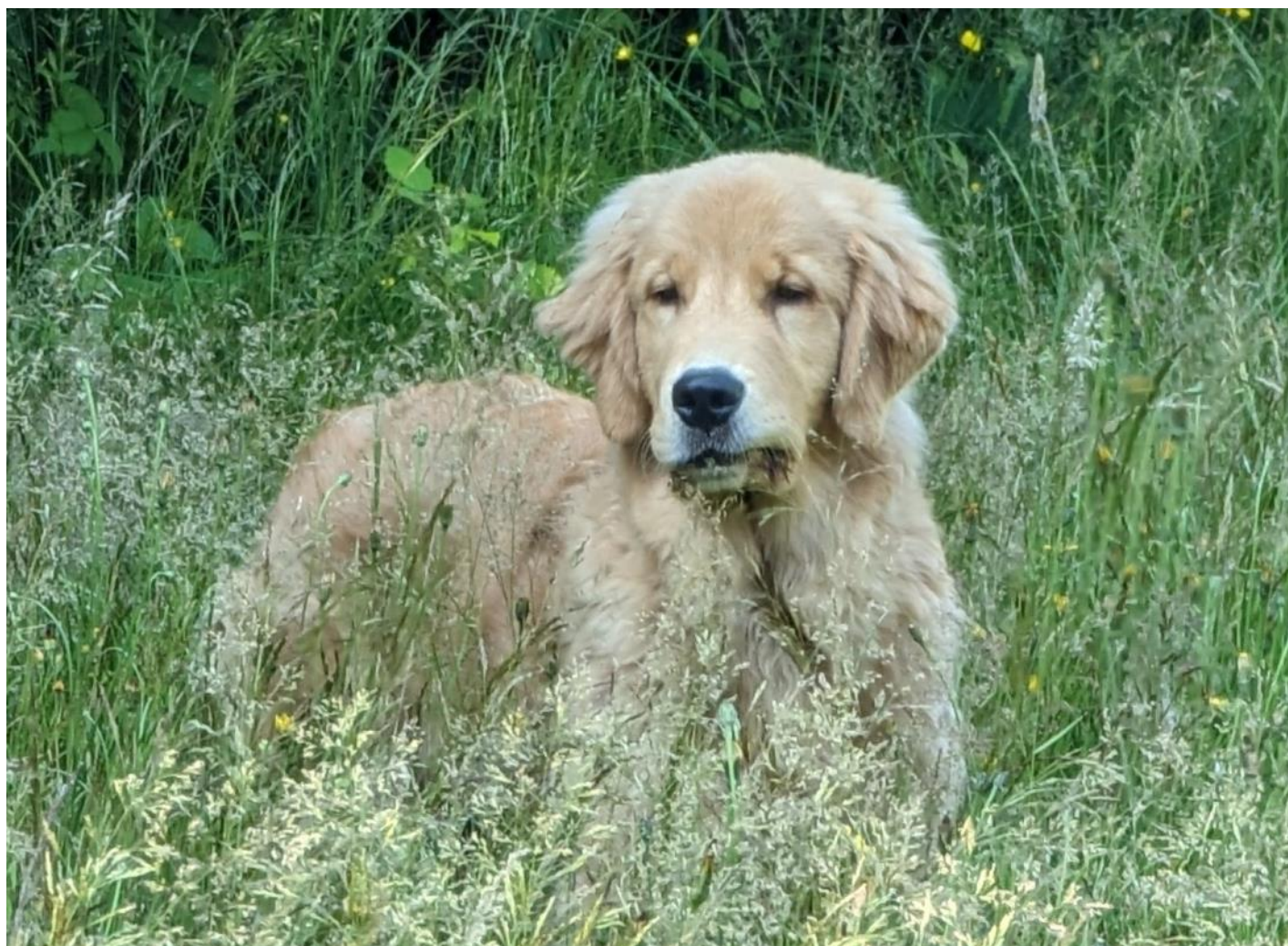
Sponsors: Lynn Anderson & Shari Phillips

I live in Duvall and am new to showing in Conformation, Rally and Obedience. I have always had Golden retrievers in my life and decided to start showing. My family, however, has been involved in showing. My grandfather was one of the first people to mail order a Golden from Scotland in the 1930's. He and my dad started a kennel in Minnesota and won Golden Nationals in 1945 and showed and Westminster. I am excited to learn and continue my family's passion of showing Golden retrievers.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

One of the newer awards for our Club is the Member of the Year. We want to be sure we have nominees for this so please give some thought to who you would like to see the Club honor with this award. From the awards document: "When nominating someone you should consider their service to the Club, general attitude and conduct, and personal achievement". Here is a list of past recipients of the award.

2017	Nancy Light
2018	Sheila Colyer
2019	Linda Johnson
2020	no one
2021	Lynn Anderson
2022	Marian Tillman





Evergreen Golden Retriever Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Date: Wednesday October 25, 2023
Place: Via Zoom Conference Call

- I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Nancy Light, President.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:**
Motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 2023 GM meeting which were published in the October GW. **APPROVED.**
- III. **Report of the President:**
 - Welcome members and guest
 - Dana Fare
 - Heather Downing
 - Tonight is our Annual Meeting and the election of our 2023-24 Board.
 - Tonight we will discuss three items that were brought up at the last Board meeting which requires membership input:
 - Purchase of a trailer for our equipment (which is currently held at Argus Ranch);
 - Ideas regarding EGRC's participation in Rescue;
 - The best use of two lovely Golden Retriever items donated by Marillyn Gearhart (members were sent information on these items along with the agenda)
 - Thank you, Deb and Frank Pampiks, for offering their home for the EGRC Holiday Party on December 16th.
- IV. **Report of the Board (Nancy)**
 - The Board authorized the purchase of three extension cords by Shari Phillips for using fairgrounds electricity at the Specialty.
- V. **Report of Corresponding Secretary (Kelli)**

August 14, 2023 - September 29, 2023

1. Received from AKC
 - a. Recent Conformation Judge Approvals Aug 15th - August 2023 Permit Approvals on AKC's Searchable Judges Directory on AKC Website
 - b. August 2023 Club Updates August 18th – Limited-Breed Group, Event Operations Blog
 - c. Closeout Notice September 19th (forwarded to Nancy) 2023155408 being held on 09/01/2023
 - d. Closeout Notice September 19th (forwarded to Nancy) 2023155408 being held on 09/02/2023
 - e. Closeout Notice September 19th (forwarded to Nancy) 2023155408 being held on 09/03/2023
 - f. Recent Conformation Judge Approvals September 20th
 - g. Reminder to submit updated Officer information after election September 20th
 - h. Canine Respiratory Infectious Disease Awareness September 29th (forwarded to list)
2. Received from GRCA
 - a. GRCA Hot Topics August 15th (forwarded to list) National Specialty, Prospective New Members, Resolutions, and Scoreboards
 - b. GRCA 2026 National Specialty Judges Election Aug 18th (forwarded to list)

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- c. GRCA Hot Topics September 1st (forwarded to list) National Specialty, Prospective New Members, Resolutions, and Scoreboard.
- 3. Others:
 - No other correspondence was received.

September 30, 2023 - October 23, 2023

- 1. Received from AKC
 - a. Announcing the New AKC Fetch Titles October 10th, key dates for the new program
 - b. Recent Conformation Judge Approvals Oct 18th - October 2023 Permit Approvals on AKC's Searchable Judges Directory on AKC Website
 - c. Update to Clubs October 19th – Modification to Recording and Service Fees for Agility, Conformation, Obedience, and Rally effective 1/1/2024, Sweepstakes, Junior Showmanship
- 2. Received from GRCA
 - a. GRCA Hot Topics October 3rd (forwarded to list) National Specialty CIRDC update, Volunteer Positions, Prospective Members, Resolutions, and Scoreboards
 - b. GRCA Hot Topics October 17th (forwarded to list) Volunteer Positions, Prospective Members, Resolutions, and Scoreboards
 - c. Others:
 - No other correspondence was received.

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

VII. Report of Committees:

Events:

- 1. Agility (Nancy) August 30, 31, Sept. 1, 2024
 - Judges who have committed are Torka Poet and Jenny Burrows. They both will be driving so we will not incur airfare and car rental expenses.
 - Currently negotiating with Run Wild (formerly Argus) for our contract.
 - We are waiting for Lori Sage to contact Jordan regarding the line item giving a discount to the owners for their entries. We understand that AKC opposes having free trial runs.
 - Argus is charging us a higher rental given the cost of their new turf and upgrades that they have done. We might consider raising our entry fees to offset this increase.
- 2. Specialty (Shari) June 29, 30, 2024
 - See detailed report from Shari in the GW
 - By purchasing several 50 AMP extension cords, it would make hooking up to the Fairground's electrical power much easier.
 - AKC has our dates for 2024
 - AKC now allows entries up to 24 months for Sweeps and did we want to consider raising the age at our Specialty. The consensus of the membership was to keep it at 18 months. Wait and see if other Golden clubs are increasing it in 2024 and if it proves popular, we can consider it for 2025.
 - We have secured the Fairgrounds for the same dates in 2025.
 - Contracted with Dogzibit for both 2024 and 2025
 - Katie Campell with be our Ring Steward 2024 and 2025.

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3. Judges Selection Committee (Trish) Will be sending out Survey Monkey for membership to vote. Then after the judges are secured, will work on the judges for 2025.
4. Hunt Test (Nancy/Susan) June 22-23, 2024
 - Susan and Nancy will begin working on securing judges and other actions needed when Susan returns from the Master National.
5. Tracking (TD/TDX) no report
6. WC/WCX (Nancy) There was a glitch in sending the 2022 information to GRCA and we were not advised that there was missing information. It has been provided and we are waiting to hear from GRCA as to how long it will take for people to be notified.
7. Holiday Party – As noted in the President's report, the party will be at the home of Deb and Frank Pampiks. Date is December 16th. Membership agreed that we should have another gift exchange. Deb will send out more details as the date gets closer.
8. Health Clinic – Some members have scheduled or had eye clinics on their property open to membership and the public, so it seems no need for EGRC to have one as well.
9. CCA (Caroline) – Caroline has agreed to chair the CCA, probably fall of 2024. Will need other members to volunteer.

FINANCES:

1. Budget Committee (Susan/Kelli) – no report
2. Donations Committee (Sandy, Stacia, Kathy) – When we get the year-end financial report, we will decide on the donations.

CLUB AFFAIRS:

1. Membership (Marian)
 - 68 members (36 voting; 32 non-voting). We have two applicants for membership who will be voted on at the November general meeting.
 - Membership form will be updated with 2024 date and sent to Marj for our website. Since there have been several requests to pay via PayPal instead of with checks, we will investigate further as to whether to include that information on the renewal forms. PayPal charges a small percentage to the Club for each transaction, so we will have to find out how much that would be and decide if we want to add the cost onto the membership fee.
2. Golden West (Nancy) November GW published around Nov 20. Deadline Nov. 15.
3. Website (Marj) no report
4. Puppy referral (Hach) no report
5. Rescue (Alice) – Since there does not seem to be a viable local rescue organization to connect with, or sufficient interest from the membership to start our own rescue,

Alice and Rachelle have been talking about alternate plans for EGRC to be involved in Rescue. Rachelle explained:

- She would act as a point of contact for the club by being a resource to folks who need help with re-homing; training; medical assistance, etc. by putting them in touch with those that can help.
- Rachelle has applied to GRCA for a volunteer position with them in Rescue, but has not yet heard back from them.
- Rachelle is trying to contract attorneys who are familiar with the legalities and liability of Rescue.
- Would like to have a committee of folks who would be interested in delving deeper into these and other ideas.
- We could put this out on our FB page, but before doing so, we need to have a precise plan on how to respond when contacted for assistance.
- Sheila offered to put Rachelle in touch with the right person at GRCA.

6. Meetings:

- Joint Board meeting Monday November 13th 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- General Membership Meeting Monday November 27th, 7 pm via Zoom

7. Awards (Pat) The awards application is attached to the Golden West. There will also be a link to the form from the website. Pat would like to see more members apply for trophies as many of them are not awarded, which probably could be awarded.

8. Awards Banquet (Nancy) Probably early March 2024. Need to determine location.

9. Property (Deb) Discussion of purchase of trailer. Attachment sent with pictures and video.

- The consensus was that we do need to move our things out of storage at Argus and it will require a “work party” to go through everything and throw out what we no longer need.
- After discussion about the size of the trailer and whether it will meet our needs, it was decided table a vote on whether or not to purchase it until Deb and Frank will check it out in person (with Ron) and report back to the Board of their opinion. We could then take a vote at the November general meeting as to whether or not we should purchase the trailer.
- If we do make the purchase, it would be housed at Ron and Sheila’s property.

10. GR NEWS COLUMN (Rachelle) no report

11. Sunshine Committee (Suzy) – card sent to Mark Atwater, field photographer at the Golden National for his recovery and the loss of his Golden in the accident he had shortly after the National.

12. Social Media (Marj, Kathy, Marian, Kelli, Kerry) – no report

13. Election of new Member: next month.

VIII. Unfinished Business – none

IX. New Business –

1. **Two donated items from Marilyn Gearhart** – after much discussion (silent auction; raffle; on-line auction), it was decided that we would announce a silent auction on our website (with pictures) and the auction would continue at the Specialty. People could place bids up until the final day of the Specialty. We need to be sure exactly how the silent auction will work.

2. Election of Board

Proposed Board:

Nancy Light, President

Peter Gortner, Vice President

Kelli Armstrong, Treasurer

Marian Tillman, Recording Secretary

Susan Bell, Corresponding Secretary

Alice Brown, Board member

Pat Lindquist, Board member

Amy Rosling, Board member

MOTION: To accept the Board as nominated by the Nominating Committee.

APPROVED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Tillman, Recording Secretary





Evergreen Golden Retriever Club
Joint Board Meeting Minutes
Date: Monday November 13, 2023
Place: Via Zoom Conference Call

- I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by Nancy Light, President.
Present: Nancy, Marian, Kelli, Hach, Peter, Susan, Amy.
Absent: Pat, Alice

- II. **Approval of Minutes:**
Motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 2023 Board meeting which were published in the October GW. **APPROVED.**

- III. **Report of the President:**
 - Welcome new Board Member Amy Rosling.
 - Thank you Hach Hachtel for your years of service to the Board.
 - After tonight, Kelli will assume the role of Treasurer and Susean will be our new Corresponding Secretary.
 - Chuck St. John delivered items from the Gearharts and they are currently at the Bayray facility in Mt. Vernon. We are trying to arrange to pick the items up. Sheila and Ron had offered to store them at their home. He also included two more items: a medium sized limited edition Golden Puppies framed print and a small end table with a drawer and a Golden inlaid on the top.
 - We should appoint committee liaisons tonight, which we can do as we go through the committee reports.
 - A card will be sent to Steven Hughes after suffering a heart attack.

- IV. **Report of Corresponding Secretary Kelli –**
October 24, 2023 - November 12, 2023
 - Received from AKC**
 - Event Application Information Received BPUP - 06/29/2024 October 26th (forwarded to Shari)
 - Event Application Information Received S/JSHW/SWPC - 06/29/2024 October 26th forwarded to Shari)
 - Event Application Information Received BPUP – 06/30/2024 October 26th (forwarded to Shari)
 - Event Application Information Received S/JSHW/SWPC - 06/30/2024 October 26th (forwarded to Shari)
 - Received from GRCA**
 - GRCA Hot Topics November 1st (forwarded to list) Volunteer Positions, Prospective Members, Resolutions, and Scoreboards, New Members
 - Others**
 - No other correspondence was received.

- V. **Report of Treasurer (Susan) –** Bank balances for checking and savings were reported. No money was moved from checking to savings as suggested at an earlier meeting.

- VI. **Report of Committees:**
 - Events:
 1. Agility (Nancy) Sept. 1, 2, 3, 2024 – We still have an issue with the owners of Run Wild (Argus) who are requesting 50% off the cost for all of their dog runs. Since the

contract is not due for a while, we are still considering whether to strike it from our contract or accept it. AKC is not very clear about it.

2. Specialty (Nancy) June 29-30, 2024 – no updates
3. Judges Selection Committee (Hach)
 - Survey Monkey ended Nov. 12.
 - Amy reported that we received more than 36 votes. Our top choices had previous conflicts. There were several choices who were available. She will send all the information to Hach who will begin contacting the available judges for the 2024 Specialty. He will also contact the top choices who could not make the 2024 Specialty and try to get them for the 2025 Specialty.
 - Amy agreed to be liaison for this committee.

MOTION: To appoint Amy Rosling as Board Liaison to the Judges Selection Committee. **APPROVED**

4. Hunt Test (Nancy/Susan) June 22-23, 2024, no report
5. Tracking (TD/TDX) no report
6. WC/WCX (Nancy) Catalog and registration forms for 2022 tests have been sent to GRCA and we are waiting to hear from Rita Robins on when certificates will be sent.
7. Holiday Party – December 16. Deb will send information to Marj for the GW.
 - Marian agreed to be liaison for the Holiday Party.

MOTION: To appoint Marian Tillman as Liaison for the Holiday Party.
APPROVED.

8. Health Clinic –as noted at the General Meeting, no clinics are planned.

FINANCES:

1. Budget Committee (Susan/Kelli) – Budget Committee will be appointed in January. Currently consists of Susan, Kelli and Linda. Need to find a replacement for Linda.
 - It was suggested that we combine the Audit Committee and the Budget Committee. Kelli will reach out to Trish and Rachelle if they would like to be on the joint committee since they were part of the Audit Committee.
 - If we do combine the two committees, need to change the Standing Rules.
2. Donations Committee – (Susan) waiting for the year-end report.

CLUB AFFAIRS:

1. Membership (Marian) 68 members (36 voting/ 32 non-voting). Two up for membership at the next GM (Heather Downing and Dana Fare).
 - It was agreed that another method of payment for membership renewal or application for membership be offered. Cheddar Up was discussed, but PayPal was the choice since we already have an account with PayPal.
 - We will add \$1.00 to the cost if using PayPal.
 - Marian will revise the membership renewal form and application form to reflect the payment methods.

- Peter offered to make the revised form(s) fillable so that people can easily fill out and send via email to the membership chair.
2. Golden West (Nancy) Deadline Nov 15th. Publishing about Nov 20.
 3. Website – no report
 4. Puppy referral (Hach) no report
 5. Rescue (Alice) Rachelle is still working on writing something for the GW.
 6. Meetings:
 - General Meeting Monday November 27, 7 p.m. via Zoom
 - Board Meeting Monday December 11th 7 p.m. via Zoom
 - Holiday Party/General Meeting December 16th @ the home of Deb and Frank Pampiks.
 7. Awards (Pat) –
 - Remind people at the General Meeting how to find the awards application on our website and encourage them to share their successes with their Golden; also consider nominating a “member of the year.”
 - Marian will send Marj the names of recipients of member of the year award.
 8. Awards Banquet (Nancy) – Still looking to see where we can hold this.
 9. Property (Hach) Shari has found what seems to be a better trailer. The thought now is to delay a purchase until we figure out how much space we really need. Need to get a group to go down to Argus and go through our storage again.
 10. CCA (Nancy) Caroline has volunteered.
 11. Sunshine Committee – Suzi will send a card to Steve Hughes
 12. Social Media (Kelli) – no report
 13. Nominating Committee – no report
- VII. Unfinished Business** – Reviewed the decision on how to offer the donations from the Gearharts. As decided at the last general meeting we will announce a silent auction on our website (with pictures) and the auction would continue at the Specialty. People could place bids up until the final day of the Specialty. It was agreed that someone should be in charge of the auction of just these items regardless of any other items we might have for auction.
- VIII. New Business** - Kelli suggested that the Club should look at the possibility of conducting a Nose Works/Scent Works events (not necessarily a formal trial) or other ways to get members to join up in a doggie-get-together. Will propose suggestions at the next GM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Tillman, Recording Secretary

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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	Deb, Frank Pampiks	425-881-0867
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 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Check the calendar on the web site at 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, with this change. This is the only way we will be able to keep our membership rosters up to date.

