



The Golden West

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**The January meeting will be Wednesday,
January 22nd at 7:00 pm, via Zoom.**

**** Rebecca Bex (Blue Pearl Pet Blood Bank) will be a Guest Speaker beginning promptly at 7:00 pm. She is an experienced veterinary professional with nine years in the field, specializing in animal care and recently expanding expertise in blood banking.**

2025 Membership Renewal

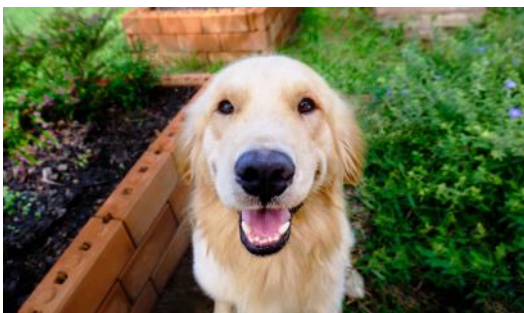
*Don't forget, it's time to renew,
EGRC dues are waiting for you!
Keep the fun, keep the pack,
2025's where it's at!*

*Support the club, let's make it shine,
Pay your dues—get it done online!
Join the team, we're better together,
EGRC strong, now and forever!*

The January 15, 2025 renewal deadline may be past, but **it is not too late to renew your membership for 2025!**

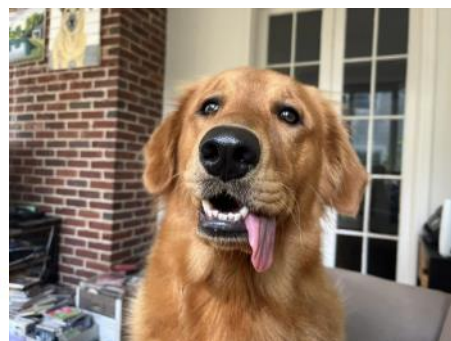
For a **new 2025 Membership Renewal Form**, click [HERE](https://www.egrc.org/assets/Membership_renewal_2025__fill94581.pdf), or copy and paste the following link into your web browser: https://www.egrc.org/assets/Membership_renewal_2025__fill94581.pdf

Please remember to add a \$3.50 late fee (membership lapses if not renewed by March 1, 2025).



Stay A Member

Renew
Membership



Health Clinic

Gloria Kaczmarek will be holding an OFA eye clinic with Dr. Kice on February 2, 2025, at her house in Olympia. The cost is \$40 per dog by pre-paid appointment only.

If you are in need of OFA exam feel free to contact Gloria Kaczmarek, Golden Retrievers of GwynEira, by email at: RajaShanti@comcast.net



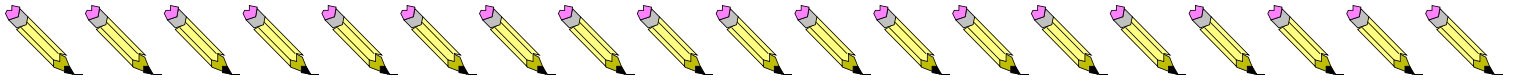
Final Reminder to Apply for the EGRC 2024 Awards !!!

Celebrate your Goldens accomplishments in 2024 with an EGRC Award!

Not sure what awards are available? Check out the EGRC Awards Criteria on our website (EGRC.org) homepage and fill out the 2024 Awards Application!

The deadline for submitting applications is January 31, 2025. Late applications cannot be accepted.





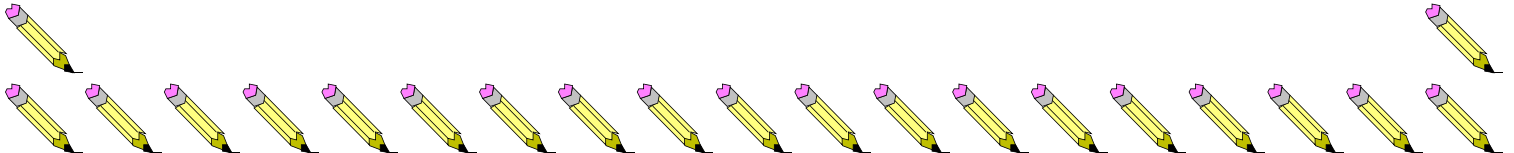
Members needed!

The Club needs your help:

1) EGRC is looking for two (2) non-Board members membership for the 2025 Audit Budget Committee. Duties would include review of financial records to ensure all EGRC financial reports are accurate and adequate internal controls are in place to safeguard assets of EGRC. The Audit Budget Committee will also prepare the current year's budget, for approval by the Board at their March meeting, and shall include an appropriate amount for charitable donations.

2) EGRC is looking for an individual to fill the role of Club Treasurer for 2026. Experience in accounting and/or bookkeeping is preferred, but not at all required.

If you would be interested in filling any of these important positions, please contact any Board Member (see last page of the Golden West for a list of contacts),



Bragging Time

From Kelli Mayo:

“Well, it took some time. Willow retired at about two to start having puppies. I brought her back out after her third litter for a couple of shows in which she went best opposite and owner handler Best of Breed on both days. People said “how close is she to her grand?”, to which I replied oh, I don’t know.... so I went home and looked it up and realized that she only needed three more points to finish her grand. We already had other plans, so it would have to wait. I’m so proud to announce that with very limited showings, Willow finished her Grand Champion in style. From the Veterans class at the Gig Harbor KC she goes Select Bitch for a 4 point major under judge Mrs. Wendy G Willhauck. I love this girl to the moon and back!”



From Susan Babich ~ Goldtales :

Excited to report that Dusty, Am/Can CH Goldtales It's Good to be Country Again finished his AM Championship at the Whidbey Island Show on Nov. 15 with a 4 point major (his 3rd 4 point major) ! He just turned 2 years old on Nov. 7. On Sunday, Nov. 17 he wins the breed over 10 Specials. Way to go Dusty. Many thanks to Jennifer Holmberg for her expertise showing Dusty. Dusty is the hit of her set up as he's just the happiest dog ever and clients and friends just want to say hi and pet him. He also finished in Canada quickly in July. <http://www.k9data.com/pedigree.asp?ID=1304788>

Mandy, his litter sister went to Canada in November and finished her Ch. there on Nov. 8 shown by Jennifer Driessen.

<http://www.k9data.com/pedigree.asp?ID=1304787>

Happy to report both Mandy and Dusty passed their genetic clearances ! Good hips for both, elbows normal, eyes and echo's for both. Yippee !!!!





Evergreen Golden Retriever Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes & Holiday Party
Date: Saturday December 14, 2024
Place: Deb & Frank Pampiks

I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Peter Gortner, Vice President.

Present: Lynn Anderson, Susan Bell, Kathy Daspit, Peter Gortner, Nancy Light, Pat Lindquist, Frank Pampiks, Deb Pampiks, Shari Phillips, Pam Pullman, Roger Pullman, Sandy Scudder, Claudia Shaw, Marian Tillman.

Guests: Dave Scudder, Dennis Tillman.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 2024 GM meeting which were published in the November GW. **APPROVED.**

III. Report of the President:

- Thank you, Deb & Frank for once again hosting the Holiday Party.
- Amy sends her greetings as the new board president and looks forward to new ventures with the club. She was unable to attend, being that she's in Alaska.
- This will be a brief meeting as all information that will be shared can be found in the board minutes of December 9, 2024 which will appear in the next GW.

IV. Report of the Board (Peter)

- The minutes of the joint board meeting held on November 14, 2024 were published in the November GW.

V. Report of Corresponding Secretary (Sharmin) – See December 9, 2024 minutes.

VI. Report of Treasurer (Kelli) – bank balances were reported.

VII. Report of Committees:

Events:

1. Agility (Nancy) August 29-31, 2025
 - Looking for a volunteer to transport one of the judges from the airport to Run Wild and back to the airport on Sunday. This could save us from paying for an Uber.
 - Pat said she might be able to transport the judge.
2. Specialty (Amy) June 28-29, 2025 (see December 9th board minutes)
3. Judges Selection Committee (Amy) –
 - Will have results at the January General membership meeting.
4. Hunt Test (Nancy) June 21-22, 2025
 - We have one judge for the Master level and working on Jr and Sr. level tests.
 - HRC test is the same weekend as our test.
5. Tracking (TD/TDX) No report
6. WC/WCX (Susan & Nancy)
 - Hosted by Flat-coat for 2025

7. Health Clinic – no report
8. CCA (Kerry) – Kerry is busy getting everything done. (See Dec 9th board minutes for details).

FINANCES:

1. Budget Committee (Kelli) – looking for two volunteers to join the Audit/Budget committee. Appointment will be in January and they will meet in March.
2. Donations Committee (Dana) – after the budget committee meets, we will know how much money we have for donations.

CLUB AFFAIRS:

1. Membership (Marian) 72 members (42 voting/30 non-voting).
 - Not many members have renewed yet.
 - Renewal is now \$25
2. Golden West (Peter) Will be published early January.
3. Website – (Peter) – Accepting any suggestions for improvement of the website or if anyone wants to see something added.
4. Puppy referral (Claudia) will be sending out reminders for those who want to renew.
5. Rescue (Alice/Rachelle) – no report
6. Meetings:
 - Board Meeting January 13, 2025 7 p.m. via zoom
 - General Membership meeting January 22, 2025 7 p.m. via zoom
 - Board Meeting February 12, 2025 7:30 p.m. via Zoom
 - General Membership meeting February 26th 7 p.m. via Zoom
7. Awards (Pat) –
 - Awards application is on the front page of our website and was attached to the last GW.
 - Completed awards applications are due end of January.
 - Also looking for nominations for member of the year.
8. Awards Banquet (Pat) most likely late March or early April at Deb & Franks.’
9. Property (Nancy) no report.
10. GR News Column (Rachelle) – looking for input from members for her column.
11. Sunshine Committee – no report
12. Social media (Kelli) – no report
13. Nominating Committee – the Board will appoint the Nominating Committee in July.

VIII. Unfinished Business – none

IX. New Business –

a. Blue Pearl – Blood Bank

- Claudia explained the need for dog blood donors
- Her dog(s) donate
- Dogs are screened and tested for antibodies
- Would be a good program to present at our next General meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Tillman, Recording Secretary



Evergreen Golden Retriever Club
Board Meeting Minutes
Place: via Zoom
Date: Monday January 13, 2025

- I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Amy Rosling, President.
Present: Amy Rosling, Marian Tillman, Sharmin Dominke, Dana Fare, Kelli Armstrong, Pat Lindquist, Nancy Light.
Absent: Peter Gortner

- II. **Approval of Minutes:**
Motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 2024 Board meeting which were published in the December GW. **APPROVED.**

- III. **Report of the President**
 - Hoping everyone experienced a joyful holiday season.
 - Looking forward to growth and opportunities for our Club and making this a great year.
 - My reminders for committee updates for the Agenda will be handled by Sharmin, our Corresponding Secretary, who will gather the information for me in order to distribute the Agenda to the rest of the board in a timely manner.
 - Tonight, we will cover:
 - 1. Committee updates
 - 2. Potential blood drive guest speaker from Blue Pearl
 - 3. Letter from a member regarding process of the Nominating Committee

- IV. **Report of Corresponding Secretary (Sharmin)**
 - Received from AKC – no updates
 - Received from GRCA – no updates
 - Received from others – no updates

- V. **Report of Treasurer (Kelli)**
 - Bank balances for checking and savings were reported.
 - In the spirit of transparency, Kelli suggested that she prepare, each month, a more detailed report of income and expense by individually listing each item of income and/or expense and the amounts.

- VI. **Report of Committees:**
Events:
 - 1. Agility (Nancy) August 29-31, 2025
 - We have a new contact at Run Wild (Terri Thompson).
 - Have not yet received a signed contract with judge Sherry Spivey. Lori will send out another email to her.
 - Received Lori's contract.
 - The Contract with Run Wild is in place.

 - 2. Specialty June 28, 29 2025 (Amy)
 - The contract with Skagit County Fairgrounds has been signed.
 - Kelli is asking for a budget so she can pay the deposit.
 - Maryke will send Kelli what she needs to send the deposit.
 - Final logo should be ready soon. Camping theme.

MOTION: To approve payment of \$2,580.00 to Skagit County Fairgrounds for rental of their grounds for the 2025 Specialty. **APPROVED**

3. Judges Selection Committee (Sharmin)
 - Hach is working on contacting judges for 2026 Specialty
 - Ann Greenbank will not be judging Sweepstakes in 2025 as previously reported. Hach is reaching out to the next judges selected in order of votes.
 - It was agreed that copies of contracts with judges (not only for our Specialty) should be kept in One Drive.

4. Hunt Test (Nancy) June 21-22, 2025
 - Susan has secured the Master judges (Terrie Sato and John Gammon)
 - Still looking for Junior/Senior judges which has also been a challenge for other Hunt Test clubs.
 - Land and birds have been secured.
 - Peter will be picking up birds in Oregon.
 - Peter is trying to secure a Gun Captain. No word yet.
 - Will begin recruiting for volunteers at the next General Membership meeting

5. Tracking (TD/TDX) no report

6. WC/WCX (Nancy)
 - Rita Robbins, Western Region WC/WCX rep has contacted the GRCA Certificate Committee and certificates should be sent this month to the qualifiers from the EGRC October test.
 - No report yet from the Flat Coat Retriever Club regarding the 2025 WC/WCX.

7. Holiday Party (Marian) December 14, 2024 –
 - Everyone had a grand time.
 - Enjoyed food, beverages, conversation, gift exchange and goal setting game.

8. Health Clinic –
 - Gloria Kaczmarek will be holding an OFA eye clinic with Dr. Kice on February 2, 2025, at her house in Olympia. The cost is \$40 per dog by pre-paid appointment only. Contact her at: RajaShanti@comcast.net.

FINANCES:

1. Audit/Budget Committee (Kelli)
 - In January of each year the Board appoints a committee, consisting of the Treasurer and two non-board members. They meet in March.
 - Amy will ask Peter to put a notice in the GW for anyone interested in participating on the Committee to email their interest to Kelli for consideration.

2. Donations Committee (Dana)
 - After the Budget Committee approves the overall budget and based on the net gain or loss for 2024, they make recommendation to the Donations Committee as to how much can be allocated in donations and then the Donations Committee makes their recommendations.
 - The current members of this committee have expressed their desire to remain on the Committee. Members will be invited to volunteer for this committee at the next GM meeting and the Board will appoint the committee in April (per Standing Rules).

CLUB AFFAIRS:

2. Membership (Marian)
 - 71 members (39 voting/ 32 non-voting).
 - 33 members have renewed to date. Deadline January 15th before \$5.00 penalty is incurred.
3. Golden West (Peter) Deadline January 15. Publishing about January 18, 2025.
4. Website – (Peter) The awards application is on the front page of our website.
5. Puppy referral (Sharmin) –Claudia will be reaching out to everyone on the breeders' list to see if they wish to remain on it.
6. Rescue (Pat)
 - Rachelle placed 9 Golden in 2024.
 - She does not charge a fee to the adopters but asks for a donation.
 - She finds people on various websites looking to re-home their Golden.
 - Nancy was contacted by a former Golden owner (lost their Golden at 12 yrs of age), looking to dog-walk or dog-sit. She was put in touch with Rachelle as possibly someone who could foster a rescue or help Rachelle in other ways.
7. Meetings:
 - General Membership meeting January 22nd, 7 p.m. via Zoom.
 - Board Meeting – February 10th, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
 - General Membership meeting February 28th, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
8. Awards (Pat) –
 - Most trophies have been returned. A few are still out. Have until the end of January to return.
 - Peter will put a reminder in the GW to get applications in.
9. Awards Banquet (Pat) @ Deb & Frank Pampiks
 - Waiting on a date from Deb and Frank
10. Property (Nancy) no report
11. CCA (Amy) –
 - Kerry has not had any success in securing judges. Those she contacted have all declined due to other commitments.
 - She will send out a blast email this week to every qualified CCA evaluator from Washington, Oregon and California inviting them to join us and judge our CCA.
 - Kerry is confident that she will be successful and once they are in place, everything should come together quickly.
 - March 8th has been set as the date for the CCA at Sharon Colvin's facility.
12. Sunshine Committee (Nancy) Suzy sent a get-well card to Sheila Colyer.

- 13. Social media (Kelli)- no report
- 14. GRCA Delegate (Amy) – No report.
- 15. GRCA News Columnist (Pat) All columns are in for a few issues and one for February will be a recap of the year.
- 16. Nominating Committee – Tabled until July. Board appoints during the July Board meeting.

VII. Unfinished Business –

- It was decided that the Club does not need to obtain a Credit Card for Committee Chairs as payments can be made within 24 hours of request to the Treasurer.
- Kelli suggested the Club invest in a 5-month CD for \$10,000 with U.S. Bank which will bear 4% interest. This sum would be transferred from our Savings Account at U.S. Bank (which is earning very little interest).

MOTION: Kelli Armstrong, Treasurer, is authorized to move the sum of \$10,000 from the Club's Savings Account into a 5-month CD at U.S. Bank. **APPROVED**

VIII. New Business –

- Dana discussed inviting a member of Blue Pearl to one of our GM meetings to discuss canine blood donations. She will contact them to try and arrange for them to speak either at our February or March GM meeting. Then we will have it posted in the GW. Members will be invited to send to Dana their suggestions of possible topics and presenters for a Program Presentation. This will be mentioned at the next GM meeting.

MOTION: To appoint Dana Fare as Program Chair. **APPROVED.**

- Nancy will work with Amy to create an "Events Calendar" that will have all the due dates for various events (i.e. budget due dates; nominations due dates; etc). This will assist the President and Board to keep track at each meeting of upcoming events.
- Kelli is still attempting to get our various insurance policies with one broker as well as understanding what each cover so that there is no duplication. She will report back at the next board meeting. Anything that needs board approval before the next meeting will be done via email.
- There was confusion and miscommunications during the Nominating Committee's process. Amy will speak with the member to resolve any issues and work with the Board to clarify the duties and process of this Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Tillman,
Recording Secretary

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Audit/Budget Committee	Kelli Armstrong Susan Bell Rachelle Mahoney Trish Hughes	425-275-6633
Judges Selection	Sharmin Dominke Amy Rosling Trish Hughes	
Donation Comm.	Stacia White Sandy Scudder Kathy Fisk	360-629-6567
Rescue Committee	Rachelle Mahoney	

Special Events

2025 Agility	Nancy Light	425-354-3609
2025 Hunt Test	Nancy Light	425-354-3609
2025 Specialty	Maryke Haynes	206-351-3095
2024 Awards	Pat Lindquist	253-888-9733
2024 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.

