



# ***GOLDEN HIGHLIGHTS***

May 2009

## **NEXT CLUB EVENT**

### **General Membership Meeting & PICNIC**

Saturday June 6, 2009, 2:00 pm  
at the Vintage Acres in Katy

## Upcoming Club Events and Meeting Schedule

**Reliant Specialty  
Show and Obedience & Rally Trial  
Thursday July 16, 2009  
at Reliant Center, Houston, TX**

## **GHGRC SPRING PICNIC**

**When:** Saturday June 6, 2009 2:00 pm

**Where:** Vintage Acres (Doug & Anne McGuire's) 3218 Greenbusch Rd., Katy  
Directions: [CLICK HERE](#)

**Who:** GHGRC members and their families

**Why?:** Your dogs want to spend an afternoon romping in the ponds and having fun! Come relax and enjoy a leisurely afternoon of good food, good company, and wet dogs!

**Bring:** A side dish to share (club will provide drinks and a meat entrée), chair, sun screen, your dogs and family. Our parking area is in the sun, but we have lots of shady grass to set up x-pens for those that want to bring one.

**Please RSVP to Pauline Grennan** <mailto:>

## **WANTED – HUNT TEST CHAIRMAN**

**The club needs a volunteer to chair the 2010 Hunt Test.**

Past test chairmen will be available to help, but the same people have done it for the past many years and they need/deserve a break! If hunt tests are YOUR event, its YOUR turn to step up and make it happen!!!

Contact [Cathy Sharp](#)

## MINUTES OF THE GHGRC MARCH 13, 2009 MEETING

Members present were: Debbie Ward, Linda Langston, Elaine Donnell, Becky McKee, Ann Burke, Andrea Stringer, Ellen Schultz, Pam Meduna, Cathy Sharp, Cathy Terrell.

The meeting was called to order and a brief discussion was had regarding a proposal to join the Responsible Pet Owners Alliance, "RPOA" at a \$1,000 donation level. The proposal was unanimously approved.

A motion to ask Cathy Terrell to chair the 2010 Spring Specialty was made and passed.

Andrea Stringer  
Secretary  
3/31/09

## MINUTES OF THE GHGRC BOARD MEETING April 11, 2009

Board Members Present: Cathy Sharp, Elaine Donnell, Becky McKee, Andrea Stringer, Paula Parrish, Pauline Grennan and Rex Gibson. Absent: Joanie Patrick

The following agenda items were discussed:

Golden Retriever Foundation Donation Challenge: Becky reported that she had spoken with Dave Kinghorn (president of the Foundation) and he is to get back to her.

Guidelines for Show Chairs: It was agreed that show and event chairs should stay in contact with the Board and solicit the Board's assistance with any problems that may arise. The names of people who will be assisting should be provided to the Board. An estimate of expenses should also be provided to the Board.

Texas Dog Legislation: Rex advised that he would provide a link to a sample letter to send to our local and state representatives opposing the various bills currently being proposed. EVERYONE is encouraged to let their representatives know how strongly they oppose this legislation.

2010 Spring Specialty: The 2010 Chair, Cathy Terrell, provided a list of judges for regular classes and sweepstakes. They are: Rhonda Hovan, Bruce Wiley and Carl Liepmann for regular classes. David Harper, Beth Johnson and Brandye Randermann for sweeps. It was decided that the final decision would rest with the chairperson but that the panel should be reviewed by the Board prior to the final decision.

Breeders List on the GHGRC website: After discussion, it was agreed that listing on the Breeders List would be available to ACTIVE GHGRC members. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

2010 Hunt Tests: Volunteer needed to chair next year's hunt test.

Newsletter Ads/Litter Listings:

The Board approved the following advertisement and litter listing policies for the club newsletter:

- Club members may submit short "classified" advertisements, posting items for sale or wanted to buy. Inanimate objects only, i.e. not for dogs or puppies.

- Club members may submit one-time Litter Listings (or dog available) for the newsletter, to be limited to name, contact phone and/or e-mail, sire and dam, date of birth or expected due date of litter. No other information will be listed. No photos.
- There will be no charge for classified ads or litter/dog listings.

The Board would like to thank Joanie for making the French Alliance available for the meeting.

Andrea Stringer  
Secretary

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## FEATURE ARTICLE

### Seven Foundations of a Successful Dog Breeder

**Words of wisdom all breeders and would-be-breeders, experienced and newbie alike, should read and consider!!!**

[http://www.pwcca.org/art\\_7foundtns.html](http://www.pwcca.org/art_7foundtns.html)

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## BRAGS AND CRIES

**Cathy Sharp** is thrilled that **Nova** (Gower's Blame It On The Bossanova) finished his **CHAMPIONSHIP!!!!**

**Susan Pilkerton** writes: OTCH Sunsplash Zest for Life UDX RA earned her **OBEDIENCE TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP!** That very same day Zest earned 1st in Open & Utility, won a run-off for High In Trial and won High Combined. Zest is the 4th OTCH in her litter; in addition 4 puppies have earned perfect 200 scores and 4 have OFA Excellent Hips! Did I mention they just turned 4 yrs old? I'm so proud of Zest! She did it!

From that same litter, Susan is the proud breeder of **Pounce** (OTCH Sunsplash No Free Time, UDX24 NA NAJ RE, owned & trained by Helen Smith) -- **NUMBER ONE OBEDIENCE GOLDEN** in the nation!

**Rex Gibson's** boy **Bouncer** (UH Topbrass Bouncing South SH WCX) earned his **MASTER HUNTER** title!

**Anne McGuire** and **Peri** (HR Vintage Evening Emerald SH) earned a **Companion Dog** title, in 3 straight shows, with placements on every leg! **Anne** and **Ruby** (HR Vintage Fire 'N Ice CD CH WCX) earned their first 2 CDX legs with placements the next weekend.

**Debbie Ward** is proud of son **Dylan** who got baptized on Easter Sunday.

**Judith Haithcoat** has been in the hospital recovering from surgery. She is home & recovering now.

# Litter Listings & Advertisements

**WANTED TO BUY** -- 3 to 4 used plastic crates, size L or XL. Need not be in good shape. Door doesn't need to be functional. Contact Anne McGuire <mailto:anne@vintagegoldens.com>

**LITTER LISTING:**

Litter Due: July 20, 2009  
Sire: Venture's Boys N Toys BISS (major ptd)  
Dam: CH Xcelerate Double Your Pleasure  
Contact: Andrea Stringer, (cell)832-428-6666, (home)281-341-6641

For the GHGRC Puppy Referral information page and Breeders List, please go to the club web page (<http://www.ghgrc.org> ) and click on PUPPY REFERRAL.

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