



# Golden Brags 'N' Wags

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## *President's Message*



It's been a long time since I was President of the Everglades Golden Retriever Club. Back then, The Club was made up of mostly field and obedience people. We were a small group, but the dogs in The Club were some of the best performance dogs in the country. Nancy Clinchy had "**Tory**," who was one of the few Golden Retrievers in the country with a Master Hunter title. Debbie Louda had "**Rosa**," who was one of the top obedience dogs in the country. And then there were our dogs, "**Willie**" and "**Woody**," who knew nothing. At least not when we started with The Club.

But becoming members of Everglades changed our lives forever with respect to our dogs. With the help of people who were far more knowledgeable about the amazing things our dogs could do than us, we learned how to do field work, agility work, obedience work and we (or I should say Michele Panetta) even managed to get "**Woody**" seven conformation points along the way. That is the beauty of a dog club. You join with a view toward learning something about your dog that you never knew before.

We learned more than we could ever have imagined. I can still remember going to a field demonstration at one of our meetings and watching Nancy run "**Tory**" on a Master Hunter blind. I was mesmerized. I couldn't believe you could teach a dog to do that and I couldn't figure out how you could ever teach them how. I swore that some day I would have a dog that could do what her dog had done. I now have two.

I remember watching Debbie in the ring with "**Rosa**" wondering if I would have the patience or acumen to teach my dog to sit still that long or to stay by my side that way. I now have one who at least tries.

We have so much to teach each other, I want us to get back to doing that. We chose Golden Retrievers as our breed because we love all that they can do. They are excellent therapy dogs, they are phenomenal guide dogs, they are search and rescue dogs and while talented enough to do all that, they are happiest simply being our loyal friends and companions. There is so much you can do with a Golden, it's mind-boggling.

My vision for The Club this year is to get back to meetings where we get to bring our dogs; to have demonstrations at our meetings of obedience and agility and field work; to have those members most knowledgeable in those arenas teach the rest of us how to train it or how to run it; to have people from local therapy groups come and let us know how our dogs can become therapy dogs; and to simply have fun days where our dogs can all get together and swim and retrieve and play.

Dog clubs are not meant to be all work and no play. There will be plenty of hard work to do this year. The Specialty, the continuing great work of the Education Committee and the hard work everyone does on the Legislative Updates are all very important. But amongst that hard work I hope to find time to let us do what we love to do most. Be with our dogs and enjoy them. I am grateful that there are so many members who are willing to do the hard work without complaint and with such great enthusiasm. I hope they will keep up the good work. Thank you to all of you.

As I told everyone when I took this gig, this will be a rough year for me. I am running for judge while running my own practice. In the midst of that, I have had more than my share of personal issues as have so many members of this Club. I hope we can all work together to make this Club the envy of others in this state and to be there for each other in times of need. I will have to depend a lot on others this year and for that I apologize in advance. Here's to making this a year of friendship, hard work, fun and the love of Golden Retrievers.

Pat Kopco, President  
EvergladesGRC, Inc.

***EGRC Mission Statement:*** It is the purpose of EGRC to encourage its members to perfect through selection, breeding and training the type of dog that is most suitable in all respects for work as a companion dog, and do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of Golden Retrievers in every endeavor.

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and Interactive Entry Form: <http://www.mfgrc.org/mfgrc-seminars.html> [ Click on February ].

### March

**\*\*\*EGRC Independent Specialty, Friday, March 7, 2008, South Florida Fairgrounds Exposition Centre 9067 Southern Boulevard West Palm Beach, FL 33411.** You will want to circle this day on your calendar because if you're looking to strike gold, you'll find it here at our Annual Specialty. Golden Retrievers of every shade will be competing in breed, sweepstakes, veteran sweepstakes, junior showmanship, and all-breed obedience and rally. You won't want to miss this impressive sight. If you have any questions about the show, please feel free to contact Chair Paula Fistel at [paunina@bellsouth.net](mailto:paunina@bellsouth.net) or at 561-477-1521. The Premium List is now being mailed out to EGRC members and should be in your mailbox soon, if it hasn't reached your home already. It is also on the MB-F web site at <http://www.infodog.com/prm/1116/prm1116.pdf#pagemode=bookmarks> for your viewing and printing pleasure. Entries close **NOON, February 20, 2008.** Please remember the Heart Clinic our Club is sponsoring. The date is **Saturday, (yes, Saturday), March 8, 2008** and an application is located inside the premium list. Disregard the typo that says March 7.

### ***New Board Of Directors For 2008 Elected***

At the Annual Meeting and Election held at Buca di Beppo on December 19, 2007, EGRC members unanimously elected by acclamation the following Board of Directors for 2008: President: **Pat Kopco**; Vice President: **Michele Panetta**; Treasurer: **Marlene Goldman**; Board Members (2008-2009): **Ellen Lindenfeld** and **Pam Oxenberg**. Board Members **Diane Davis** and **Heidi Miller** return for the second, final year of their two-year term. At the meeting it was announced that **Deena Strauss**, who had been nominated as Secretary, had submitted her request to withdraw from duty, but it was done after the ballot had been published and before the Nominating Committee could reconvene to nominate a replacement, so the new Board of Directors will be responsible for filling the vacancy. Congratulations everyone and good luck to all of you as you lead us into the New Year!

### **It's Time To Pay Your Dues!**



The EGRC dues year runs from January through December and membership will have considered to lapse if dues remain unpaid 60 days from January 1<sup>st</sup>, although the Board of Directors can grant an additional 30-day grace period. Please submit the application below, along with a check payable to **Everglades Golden Retriever Club, Inc.,** or EGRC, and mail to: **Marlene Goldman, Treasurer, 10729 Royal Caribbean Circle, Boynton Beach, FL 33437.**

## 2008 EGRC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION

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Type of Membership [ ] Family \$30 [ ] Single \$20 [ ] Junior or Associate \$15

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose Check and mail this renewal application to the 2008 Treasurer:

**Marlene Goldman 10729 Royal Caribbean Circle Boynton Beach, FL 33437**

*Thank you for your continued support of EGRC.*

### Thanking Those Who Planned The Annual Awards Banquet



2007 was the first year that The Club split the Annual Awards Banquet from the Annual Meeting and Election, due to the Bylaws, and schedule conflicts. It was a hit! Former EGRC President Pat Andrews received the following emails to share with the membership. From Lionel and Vivian Zaretsky: *"We would like to commend you and the hard-working members of The Club for making the Awards Party so enjoyable."* From Hermine and Herb Scolnik: *"I want to compliment everyone involved in planning the wonderful awards dinner. It was really great and we had a wonderful time."* Outgoing EGRC Vice President Kara Clark and Outgoing Board Member Paula Fistel were the Event Coordinators. Mary Kay and Terry Russell assisted with setting up the site, as it was at their association's clubhouse. Great job every one!

## Where To Go For The Latest EGRC Info

With so much going on in The Club, it can be a bit overwhelming for both new and long-time members alike to figure out where is the best place to look to see what's going on at EGRC. We've got a bunch of places:

1. Check your emails from Club Officers/Board Members/Appointed Officials—and not just for the joke emails we privately send each other! Anything important, or a flyer or an announcement regarding an event, is going to reach you this way. You'll also hear about last-minute cancellations, location changes and updates. You can see why the Board of Directors should have your correct email address. If it's not up to date, please contact any one of the Officers or Board Members.

2. How do you know if your email address is up to date? Visit the EGRC web site at [www.evergladesgrc.org](http://www.evergladesgrc.org) and click on Member Access. Did you lose, or forget, or just never received your Member Access code? That's no problem. Email Sue King, our Webmaster at [spyder1@ix.netcom.com](mailto:spyder1@ix.netcom.com) and she will send you the code. While you're on our website, check out the front page, which highlights our most recent event. Both the "Events" tab on the left, and the "Club Calendar" tab in the center of the front page will take you to a calendar, updated by Vice President and Calendar Liaison Michele Panetta. Although Club events may be listed on the calendar, Michele says that the calendar will primarily feature events from throughout the state, to keep us in the know.

3. Last, but certainly not least, make sure you check out the "Upcoming Events" section of the newsletter, usually on page two or three. This column lists by month not only EGRC activities, but also certain key events from throughout the state. You will want to make a special note of what our Club has planned, especially if you intend to apply for any new title certificates or plaques, or "top dog" trophies this year. Club events are marked with a triple red asterisk. Our Club's Awards Policy requires your attendance at two EGRC activities during the awards year, in order to be eligible for an award.

Your contacts for questions on the website: Sue King at [spyder1@ix.netcom.com](mailto:spyder1@ix.netcom.com), for the "Club Calendar:" Michele Panetta at [croscrk@bellsouth.net](mailto:croscrk@bellsouth.net) and for the Newsletter: Linda Rappaport at [rappwizard@aol.com](mailto:rappwizard@aol.com).

### **American Kennel Club Honors the Everglades Golden Retriever Club of Boca Raton, FL with a Community Achievement Award**

[Monday, December 17, 2007]

The American Kennel Club® announced recently that the Everglades Golden Retriever Club (EGRC) has been named a recipient of the AKC® Community Achievement Award for its development of a unique way to observe AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day in 2006. The EGRC received one of three awards for the third quarter of 2007- Joseph Foster of New Castle, Del. and the Detroit

Kennel Club also received recognition.

The AKC Community Achievement Awards support and recognize outstanding public education and legislation efforts of AKC-affiliated clubs, AKC-recognized federations and their members. The AKC selects award recipients who promote purebred dogs and responsible dog ownership within their communities or who have successfully introduced, monitored and responded to legislative issues affecting dog ownership.

Instead of staging a public event for last year's AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day (AKC RDO Day), the EGRC decided to visit a public school and take the message of responsible dog ownership directly to children. They chose Stranahan High School, which has a pre-med magnet program that includes veterinary studies in its curriculum. Working with the coordinator of that program, the club devised a lesson plan based on materials provided by the AKC and the Golden Retriever Club of America.

On the morning of September 12, 2006, EGRC President Pat Andrews and Vice President Kara Clark, accompanied by their two titled Goldens, made presentations to two classes of students with veterinary aspirations. They discussed the breed's history and standard as well as breeding, AKC events, health issues that affect all breeds and how to examine a dog for signs of illness. The presentation concluded with an obedience demo.

EGRC Public Education Coordinator Linda Rappaport said that the club was extremely pleased to have been a part of Stranahan High School that day. "Imagine our pleasant surprise when the magnet program's coordinator asked us to be part of the curriculum for the remainder of the school year!" she added.

"The EGRC is a great asset to the fancy. We congratulate club members on finding an innovative way to effectively reach others with their message of responsible dog ownership," said Noreen Baxter, AKC's VP of Communications. "We encourage all AKC clubs to follow their proactive outreach example."

Nominations for the AKC Community Achievement Awards are accepted year-round. Up to three honorees are named each quarter. They receive a certificate of appreciation and a \$1,000 check payable to the club or federation's public education and canine legislation efforts.

## **GRNews Club Column Guidelines**

*By Linda Rappaport, Club Columnist*

For those EGRC members who also belong to the GRCA (Golden Retriever Club of America) you also look forward to receiving your GRNews six times a year. As Club Columnist, I am responsible for submitting to the magazine a write up on our Club, as well as a list of our brags. Since we're starting a brand new year, I thought it might be good to review for both our long-time and newer members the GRCA guidelines for the GRNews.

### **When Are The Deadlines For The Column?**

January 1<sup>st</sup> for the March/April issue; March 1<sup>st</sup> for the May/June issue; May 1<sup>st</sup> for the July/August issue; July 1<sup>st</sup> for the September/October issue and September 1<sup>st</sup> for the November/December issue. No Member Club Columns appear in the January/February issue because the GRCA has designated that issue as being entirely devoted to the National Specialty. This special treatment of the January/February issue has been in effect for about two years and was established to devote the necessary coverage and space to the National Specialty.

### **What Can Go Into The Column?**

The GRCA would like to know about events our Club has hosted. The clubs get ideas from each other this way. Have your or your Golden been featured in the news or in your local community publication? Let me know! It deserves a write up! Other GRCA members want to know too. Don't be afraid about approaching me to be a guest columnist if you have a certain view on a particular subject, controversial or not. Last year, I featured Guest Columns from Ben and Patti Roberts on the newfound joys of tracking, as well as GRCA Legislative Liaison Diane Makinney on proposed pet legislation in Florida. So please feel free to contact me!

### **What About Brags?**

Due to space limitations and budgetary considerations, as per the GRCA, I can only report on wins in conformation of a major or higher, Best of Breed or higher wins at all-breed shows, Best in Specialty Sweeps (BISS), Best Opposite Sex in Specialty Sweeps (BOSS), and Best in Specialty Match (BISM) wins. As much as awards as the CGC (Canine Good Citizen), TT (temperament test) or TDI (Therapy Dog International) are important, they cannot be reported on in the GRNews, although by all means, we can continue to brag about them in our newsletter. I also cannot report, in our member club column, on Canadian, Mexican, Bermudian, etc., wins or titles earned, nor list the handlers of dogs. In obedience, field and the other performance areas, dogs will be recognized as they add titles, not individual legs. However, the GRCA does want a report of any Golden that goes HIT, along with the score. Remember, our own newsletter is an exception. We want to hear about those legs earned, or even if you gave it the ol' college try! Also, as a reminder to EGRC members, because the GRCA is an AKC-member club, only AKC and GRCA brags and titles will be listed in the club column. Of course, in our newsletter, we want to hear about your efforts in all venues, by all canine governing organizations.

### **Is There A Problem If I Belong To More Than One Golden Retriever Club?**

We have two GRCA-recognized Golden Retriever clubs in Florida, and a third one on the way. People who belong to more than one member club need to decide in which Member Club column they want their wins reported. The GRCA we will not duplicate individual member's wins or news, because it takes up space, and that space costs money. Since all of you do a wonderful job of reporting your brags to me in my dual role as Newsletter Editor, please let me know if you intend for your brag to appear in the GRNews under the Everglades headline or not. The GRCA feels that

you must police yourself and be fair to the rest of the membership. The space is valuable and the GRCA feels this is a case where once is enough. Your brag could be pulled from both columns, while the GRNews asks me and the other columnist to track you down and determine in which column you want the brag to run. The deadline is long enough (two months) prior to publication of these columns. You wouldn't want to run the risk of the good news getting any older and skipping an issue, would you?

### **How Much Can We Promote Our Specialty In The Column?**

The GRNews has a Specialty and Events Calendar that is the place for our Specialty information where we can list the events, dates, location, judges and people to contact. The GRCA does not want to use valuable column space to list all this info – it doesn't belong there.

I hope this has answered some questions regarding the Club column. Over the years the GRCA has had valuable information come out of the Member Club Columns. It is not uncommon for the Editors to receive requests from owners of other breeds for copies of the columns. If any member has any questions regarding the Club column, please feel free to contact Linda Rappaport at [rappwizard@aol.com](mailto:rappwizard@aol.com).



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### ***EGRR President Hermine Scolnik***

All of 2007 I'd been saying that this was the busiest year in EGRR history. Well it was not my imagination; by year-end we had taken in 106 dogs, including dogs that were returned to us for a wide variety of reasons. Fortunately, 94 of these dogs have been adopted, giving us an adoption rate of 90%. Sadly, some dogs were helped to the Rainbow Bridge before they found their "forever" homes, but we now know they are out of pain, whether physical or mental, and are happily romping with their fur buddies. **Missy #81**, who came to us in 2003 as a Heartworm positive dog, has joined them at the ripe old age of 14. She led a wonderful life after being adopted by generous and loving family. **September #17**, who came to us in 2002, went to the Bridge after a long hard fight with cancer.

In the last month we have had nine adoptions. These include **Rascal, Buddy**, who had been living in his foster-to-adopt home for several months, **Kaylee, Yeager, Sparky, Little**

**Shaq/Jack, Elvis/Casey**, the last of Neal Katz's dogs to be re-homed, **Montana**, an elegant senior lady of 11, and **Oscar/Rex**. Of course new ones have replaced these seven, and so the cycle continues. These new dogs are **Scoot**, a 1 yr old male, 5 year old **Duke** and 8 year old **Prince**, a pair of brothers who have been nicknamed "**The Royal Tannenbaums**," **Brownie/Rocky** who is about 5, and **Nick**, who is just 2 years old. **Scoot** and **Brownie/Rocky** are living in foster-to-adopt homes, while the others are in regular foster homes.

**Bear/Bruiser** has a family interested in him, and will probably be adopted shortly after New Year's when they return from a holiday trip. The "**Maniac Triumvirate**" never left for **DVGRR (Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue)** because they all caught kennel cough from a boarder at Clint Moore. We are now learning that it is just as well. **Shaq** has come a long way in his foster home, and is ready to be adopted. **Matt** was evaluated by **Dr. Jon Dee**, and has had shoulder surgery. Once his recovery is complete, he too will be ready to be adopted, although he certainly would prefer recovering in a foster-to-adopt home instead of a kennel. While taking him on his trips to Hollywood, we learned that he is really a sweet boy, who just needs some basic training. This was confirmed by **Dr. Jon**, who told us **Matt** has been sitting at his side, while he makes phone calls and does paperwork. **Max** has moved to a foster home and is now getting the socialization he needs. We never took the dogs from **Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League**, but instead asked them to put them up for adoption. We just had nowhere to house them. Happily we can report that they were adopted very quickly. **Sadie**, the 11-year-old girl in the **Humane Society of the Treasure Coast**, never came to us either. She was adopted by one of their volunteers.

If you look closely, you will see that almost all of the dogs, adopted, or waiting to be adopted are boys, but not too long ago, EGRR placed two lovely girls, **Becky** and **Ginger**. Both of these girls were just returned to us. **Ginger**, who is only 3, has become food aggressive, and her family became very fearful when she attacked her Golden siblings, including a 14-year senior, who certainly has earned the right to be able to eat in peace. They had her evaluated by their vet, and nothing physically wrong could be found, so with tears in their eyes, they brought **Ginger** back to us. She is now looking for a home with no young children, where she can be an only dog.

**Becky's** story is a sad one. A family we thought was just perfect for her adopted her in July. They had even worked as rescue volunteers when they lived in Georgia. Right after Thanksgiving they called us, complaining that she had become an incorrigible counter-surfer and had even eaten through a door and broken out of her crate to get to food. They could no longer take it, and felt they had to return her. When I first saw **Becky**, I wanted to cry – she was so emaciated, she looked like she had just been liberated from a concentration camp! To make a long story short, our vet said the dog was starving, and an examination revealed she was suffering from a severe hookworm infestation. No wonder she was counter-surfing! She needed food. She has now been wormed, and is getting lots and lots of high quality food, as well as probiotics to help with food absorption. She has gained 13 pounds on this regimen, and is getting love and training in her foster-to-adopt home. Thank goodness they returned her.

EGRR continues into the year 2008, with our biggest problem being the same problem we have had since our inception. There are never enough foster homes for all the dogs. Every year there are more dogs, and every year there are fewer foster homes. In 2007, we spent **\$25,000** in boarding our dogs. If you or anyone you know can help out by fostering, please have them contact either Hermine, [kaseymom@comcast.net](mailto:kaseymom@comcast.net) or Jane, [egrr@bellsouth.net](mailto:egrr@bellsouth.net).

# EGRC December, 2007 Annual Meeting Minutes

*December 19, 2007*

The Annual Meeting was held at Buca di Beppo restaurant in Davie on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 and was called to order at 8:25 pm by President Pat Andrews.

In attendance: Pat and Gary Andrews, Kara Clark, Linda Share, Pat Kopco, Mike Orloff, Nancy Greenberg, Linda Rappaport, Michele Panetta, Judy and Bernie Gilick, Dennis and Myra Kalodish, Ellen Lindenfeld and Diane Davis.

## **President's Report:**

Pat Andrews asked for a motion to approve the minutes as published in the December 2007 newsletter. Collectively the membership moved to unanimously approve the minutes as published. Nancy Greenberg made a motion to correct the minutes from the November 2007 newsletter so that Yvonne Herrera's attendance would be so noted at the meeting at Quiet Waters Park. The membership collectively moved to unanimously approve this motion, and motion carried.

Pat Andrews presented an update on EGRC's Public Education efforts and informed the membership that the AKC had issued a press release on EGRC receiving a Community Service Award. This press release could be viewed on the AKC web site. Pat A. thanked everyone at EGRC for his or her help with Public Education and Responsible Dog Ownership, and for all their support during her tenure as President with a big thanks to her Vice President, Kara Clark.

Pat A. also publicly thanked Historian Susie Scribner for the truly amazing DVD of members and their dogs' photos that she put together for the Awards Dinner.

Pat A. also appointed Treasurer Michele Panetta as Calendar Liaison, which was approved by the Board of Directors.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Michele Panetta reported that she would soon be depositing the checks for the Specialty and membership renewals. She also has the \$1000 check from the AKC that she will deposit.

## **Secretary's Report:**

In the absence of the Secretary, Treasurer Michele Panetta gave a second reading for the Lopater family (Stacey and Howard, who have a daughter, Kim, that is a Junior Handler that is active in Obedience). This family has met the requirement for family voting membership, having attended the "Bark In The Park" event at Quiet Waters in November 2007. Collectively the membership moved, seconded and unanimously voted the Lopater family in as EGRC members. Welcome!

## **Committee Reports:**

### **AKC Public Education:**

EGRC AKC Public Education Coordinator Linda Rappaport said that her committee, composed of Pat Andrews, Kara Clark, Hermine Scolnik and Kristi Satchleben,

would be presenting to the new BOD a proposed Public Education Policy that addresses liability and accountability at these events. Linda spoke to Mary Jane Brown from Sportsmen's Insurance who provided her with some background on insurance and liability. Linda also obtained information from the "big three" therapy dog organizations: Therapy Dogs Inc., Therapy Dogs International and Delta Society and although therapy dogs are covered by insurance, they are covered only at events sponsored by the therapy organizations, not a breed club.

#### **Newsletter:**

Newsletter Editor Linda Rappaport announced that the newsletter was being formatted using PDF, making it easier to read and print. She said that it does take up more web space this way, but she is working with EGRC member Bob Lampe to better compress it.

#### **Specialty:**

In the absence of Chair Paula Fistel, Pat A. provided an update on the Specialty. We have received the proof for the Premium for review. The membership discussed the idea of hosting lunch rather than dinner. No plans were decided upon or approved, as it was mentioned that although lunch would be less expensive than dinner, there could very well be more people for lunch because the Obedience entrants would not have left for Palm Bay yet, and more Obedience entries are expected from the other breeds, particularly the labs. If The Club served dinner, it must not be served until the Obedience Trial is over, unlike last year.

#### **AKC Legislative Liaison:**

In the absence of Sue King, who is serving in an interim position, the following members gave an update regarding several legislative issues impacting EGRC members:

Vice President Kara Clark, Palm Beach County proposed changes for dog owners: Kara Clark contacted Commissioner Bob Kanjan and they discussed a possible meeting with a group from EGRC/EGRR and he agreed. Kara will coordinate with other Palm Beach County groups within a centrally located meeting place, perhaps at the Andrews home, with a date TBD.

President Pat Andrews, Miami/Dade County: The County Commission met 12/18/07 and tabled the issue of restrictions for dogs/owners due to unexpected opposition turnout.

EGRC Member Nancy Greenberg, State-wide Legislation: Nancy mentioned getting State of Florida officials involved with defeating all South Florida dog unfriendly legislation. The Florida Gulf Coast Golden Retriever Club has invited officials to the Brooksville shows, she said, and EGRC should consider a similar invitation with local shows.

#### **Election of Officers And Board:**

Treasurer Michele Panetta, in the absence of the Secretary, stated that as per Robert's Rule Of Order, she cast a unanimous ballot on behalf of the membership electing the 2008 Officers and Board of Directors. Linda Rappaport raised a Point Of Order, that as per Club Bylaws, the members present must be given a chance to

vote, and that since the nominees were running unopposed, this could be done, if agreeable to all, by acclamation.

Pat Kopco, advising President Pat Andrews, asked that someone make such a motion. Motion was made by Mike Orloff that the 2008 Board of Directors and Officers, who are running unopposed, be elected by unanimous acclamation by all present. Motion was seconded by Kara Clark. The motion was carried unanimously and the 2008 Officers and Board of Directors were elected.

The 2008 Officers and Board of Directors are: President: **Pat Kopco**; Vice President: **Michele Panetta**; Treasurer: **Marlene Goldman**; Board Members (2008-2009): **Ellen Lindenfeld** and **Pam Oxenberg**. Board Members **Diane Davis** and **Heidi Miller** return for the second, final year of their two-year term. Congratulations!

Prior to the election it was announced that **Deena Strauss**, who had been nominated as Secretary and whose name had been placed on the ballot, had submitted her request to withdraw from duty. It was announced as per Bylaws, the new Board of Directors will be responsible for filling the vacancy.

At this point, Pat A. turned over the meeting to Pat Kopco as the new President. Pat Kopco spoke about her experience with other organizations. She also related her prior experience as being EGRC's President some years ago when the Club had more Field events. She looks forward to that again and setting up more demos in other performance areas so that The Club is not focused strictly on conformation.

#### **New Business:**

Michele Panetta spoke about the requirements and stipulations the AKC places on Junior Handler judges and how this will impact our Jr. Handler Judge. She will be able to show that weekend but cannot attend our judges' dinner or interact with the judges. Judges also cannot handle dogs other than the ones they own. Members must abide by AKC's Code of Ethics guidelines to insure that conflicts of interest are avoided too.

Michele also mentioned that the GRCA has new rules regarding Sweepstakes, which EGRC will follow at our 2008 Specialty, as voted on and passed by the Board of Directors/Specialty Committee at the November 4, 2007 meeting at Clint Moore Animal Hospital. Professional handlers, if handling dogs owned by other people in a show that has sweepstake classes, must be the sole owner of the dogs they handle in Sweepstakes. They can NOT be listed as a co-owner.

AKC also has a change in its policy, which is as follows: If a Judge has handled your dog/bitch during the last year you cannot show to them. The GRCA also has rules that govern this. She mentioned that as a reminder, in veteran sweeps, Golden Retrievers that are spayed or neutered could be shown.

Pat Kopco asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kara Clark made the motion, which was seconded by Judy Gilick and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Minutes Submitted By  
Linda Share  
EGRC Member

## January Brags

So it's out with the old and in with the new, but at EGRC it just means more of the same—more titles, more ribbons, more legs and more points!

### Agility

**Buddy CD, RN, AX, MX, MXJ, OF, "Buddy,"** won **First** in the ExBJWW 24" division on Saturday, December 8, 2007 in Miami!!! **"Buddy"** took **Third** the next day in that same class.

**"Buddy's"** roommate, **Cassidy's Baby VCD1, RA, MX, MXJ, AXP, AJP, OF, "Lucy,"** insists on never being left out of the fun. **"Lucy"** earned a **Double Q** on Sunday, December 9, 2007 in the 20" division in Miami!!! For **"Lucy," "Buddy,"** and their owner/handler, Judy Leitzsch, the weather gods were with them with comfortable temperatures in the morning, and no rain.

Mike Orloff and Pat Kopco came back with a bunch of new ribbons and titles to go with their new motor home, thanks to half-brothers **U-CH/UCD/HR UH/Int'l CH Deauxquest Midnight Rambler CD, RAE3, SH, NAP, NJP, WCX, VC, "Jagger,"** and **U-CH/HR/Int'l CH Bridgeton's Dancin' Fool SH, RN, NAP, NJP, WC, "Zappa."** At the Tailwaggers Agility Trail in West Palm Beach over the 4-day New Year's "weekend," both dogs earned their **Novice Fast Preferred (NFP)** titles!!!

**"Zappa"** also got his first **Novice Standard Preferred** and **Novice Jumpers Preferred** legs. Not to be outdone by his younger brother, **"Jagger"** got an **Open Standard Preferred** leg. Later, while **"Jagger"** played show dog in Deland, **"Zappa"** played nurse, staying near the crate of Honorary Golden **"Flea,"** Mike and Pat's Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. Poor **"Flea"** had spinal surgery in Gainesville to remove a growth. **"Flea"** is on the mend due to his fighting spirit and the great care he received by the staff at the Veterinary College at the University of Florida. We all send him EGRC get-well wishes and know he is being well taken care of by Mike, Pat, **"Jagger,"** and **"Zappa."**

### Breed

**Toasty's Perfect Pitch, CD, RN, CGC, "AJ,"** is edging ever closer to completing his **CH**. On Saturday, December 15, in Orlando, he and his breeder/handler, Pam Oxenberg, were absolutely "Perfect" as they took **WD/BOS** over a very handsome Special, under Judge Skip Herendeen. This was a **FOUR POINT MAJOR**, his third major, and now **"AJ"** is only one lil' ol' point away from finishing!!! This win was a great early Christmas present for owners Pat and Gary Andrews. After **"AJ"** has "finished" his business in the breed ring, Pat says "Look Out Obedience!" as she and **"AJ"** will be training for a **CDX!**

"AJ" may be closing in on his **CH**, but the ladies of Team Toasty are showing some collective Girl Power. Going **BOB** on Sunday, December 16, 2007, in Orlando was **CH Toasty's Treasure Island, "Treasure,"** breeder/owner/handled by Pam Oxenberg. "Treasure's" cousin, **Toasty's Ragdoll, "Belly,"** enjoys playing show dog too, and proved it by going **RWB** once in Miami and later a second time in Orlando. "Belly" also had a great day in Miami on Sunday, December 9, 2007. She not only went **WB** from the **Bred-By Class**, but she also took the **Sporting Group** in the Best Bred By Exhibitor In Show competition!!! "Treasure" and "Belly's" breeder, Jerry Oxenberg also is very proud.

Terrie Pennington reports from Camp Calypso that **Calypso's Pursuit Of Purrfection, "Kitty Kat,"** owned, loved and bred by Terrie, now has five points toward her **CH**. "Kitty Kat" was **WB** in Miami for one point and **WB/BOW** in Orlando for a **FOUR POINT MAJOR!!!** "The Kat" is shown by Jane Myers.

Dennis Williams from EagleRidge says that he was hoping for a break out weekend from 14-month-old **EagleRidge's Gold Dust, "Dusty"** (**CH EagleRidge's Pot At The End Of The Rainbow, BISS, "Yukon" x CH EagleRidge's Mamma Cassie, "Cassie"**). "Dusty" gave him exactly that! On Thursday, December 13, 2007, he took **BOB** at the Breeders Showcase and went on to a **Group 1!!!** The next two days, "Dusty" took the **Major RWD** ribbons from the **Bred By Class**. Dennis and his family at EagleRidge hope everyone in the EGRC family had a very Merry Christmas and want to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Karen Brady also is very proud of a couple of her up 'n' comin' KaraGold Kids. **KaraGold's Keep Believin' JH, UD, WCX, RN, VC, "Ripley,"** owned by Karen and friend Martha Noreault, took a **THREE POINT MAJOR** up in Cleveland, Ohio!!! "Ripley" now has 11 points with his first Major. His sister, **KaraGold's Keepsake, "Treasure,"** which Karen co-owns with Kristine Rubba, now has 8 points and a Major!

### Miscellaneous

Judy and Bernie Gilick said they got some "Good" news from the OFA on **U-CH/Nat'l CH Goldruls On The Road To Oz, RN, CGC, "Garland."** Judy called the OFA and was told that "Garland's" hips cleared with an OFA Good and her elbows are Normal. Whoo hoo! Now Judy and Bernie are waiting for another good report, this time from Bernie's doctor, on January 22. We'll be sending good thoughts your way, Bernie! Judy and Bernie also have had a lot to cheer about in the [Obedience](#) ring so check out those brags too!

### Obedience

**U-CH Deauxquest Lord Of The Dance, RN, "Bentley,"** earned his **CD** in Miami during three straight days of obedience trials!!! It was "Bentley's" first three times in **Novice B** and he qualified at all three of the following trials—the Gulfstream Rottweiler Specialty and the two-day Miami Dog Club Show. "Bentley" is trained,

handled, owned and loved by Deena Strauss. Owner Ted Strauss is mighty proud too.

Also on a quest for a new obedience title is **U-CD/Int'l CH Amberwood's Pick-A-Pocket, CD, RE, CGC, "Oliver."** Good friend Barbie Keough is helping "**Oliver's**" owners, Judy and Bernie Gilick, in their training for his **CDX**. Their dream now is well within reach, because in Miami, "**Oliver,**" with Barbie handling, earned two legs towards his **CDX!!!** Deena Strauss was there to capture "**Oliver**" and Barbie with the other Open B qualifiers. Congratulations to everyone! Make sure not to miss Bernie and Judy's brag in the [Miscellaneous](#) section too.

### **U-CD/Int'l CH Amberwood's Pick-A-Pocket, CD, RE, CGC, "Oliver" & Friends**

"**Oliver**" (the Golden!) & handler Barbie Keough line up for a qualifying ribbon on Sunday, 12-09-2007. One more leg to go for a **CDX!**

"**Oliver**" is owned & loved by Bernie & Judy Gilick. Photo courtesy of Deena Strauss.



**Toasty's North Lake Jake, RN, CGC, TDI, "Jake,"** and **Toasty's Alligator Alley, RN, CGC, TDI, "Alli,"** had a good time in obedience at the Miami shows, trying out the **Wild Card Novice** class. On Saturday, December 8, out of five entrants, "**Alli**" took **Second Place** and "**Jake,**" who leaped up for several kisses after the come front command rather than completing a nice finish, still managed to take home a **Third Place** ribbon.

Owner/handler Linda Rappaport was very proud of "**Jake**" and "**Alli,**" and so was owner David Rappaport, but he asked "**Jake**" that night "Why didn't you place first?" Who knows if "**Jake**" decided to listen, or if he wanted to show off for his trainer, Rachel Flatley, who was ringside, but the next day "**Jake**" did take **First** with a score of 194!

"**Alli**" had to be satisfied with another **Second**, losing 3 points because Linda didn't give "**Alli**" enough space between the ring gate and herself for "**Alli**" to complete the finish. Linda wants to thank "**Jake's**" two handlers during the long sits and downs during the weekend. EGRC Vice President Michele Panetta stepped in at the last minute with no prior preparation and agreed to handle "**Jake**" on Saturday and Rachel filled in as the second handler on Sunday. Both of these "Alphas" did a great job and sent out vibes to the clown that his antics could start after the competition. "**Jake**" didn't break, although he sure wanted to, because he had the biggest grin on his face and was checking out the tiniest bit of action outside of the ring with his nose and eyes.

**"Jake's"** little **"Mini-Me, Alli"** was by his side, ready to follow his lead, despite looking over at her handler Linda. Deena Strauss was at ringside and took a photo of one happy owner/handler at the end!

**Toasty's North Lake Jake, RN, CGC, TDI, "Jake" & Toasty's Alligator Alley, RN, CGC, TDI, "Alli"**

**"Jake,"** (l.) and **"Alli"** prove that you can teach ol' dawgs new tricks, taking 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, respectively, in **Wild Card Novice** under Judge Jeffrey Kern in Miami on Sunday, December 9, 2007.

Owner/handler Linda Rappaport was all smiles and owner David Rappaport was very happy with this news too!

Photo courtesy of Deena Strauss.



**AKC Obedience Advisory Committee Releases Recommendations, Seeks Input**

From: Obedience Advisory Committee  
To the members of the obedience community:

**We're pleased to present to you the 2007 Obedience Advisory Committee (2007 OAC), recommendations for the sport of Obedience.** (Editor's Note: click on bold-faced print for link).

The 2007 OAC and AKC Staff have literally devoted 100's of hours of time toward the review and development of the ideas submitted by the fancy during our solicitation period in 2006.

Our task is not over and we now need your assistance again.

We ask that you take the time to review the recommendations and give us your input, thoughts and suggestions. You will have until March 15, 2008 to submit your comments.

Comments need to be submitted electronically to: [OBEDadv@akc.org](mailto:OBEDadv@akc.org)

The committee will meet again after March 15, 2008 date, to review the comments, suggestions and ideas, received. This will lead us toward the final development of the recommendations to go before the AKC Board of Directors.

Please help me in thanking each and every 2007 OAC member for their time and work on this project. Bobbie Anderson, Terri Clingerman, Sue Cox, Greg Feathers, Shirlee Jacobson, John Landis, Debby Quigley, Patricia Sample, Bobby Self, Jr., Adele Yunck, and Patricia Scully

As you read through the document you will find the recommendations by the fancy and the 2007 OAC in the **bolded, underlined text**. (Only the chapters and sections affected by the changes are listed.)

Again, my thanks to the 2007 OAC Committee and AKC Staff Members who have given of their knowledge and time to work on this project.

Our thanks to the members of the fancy who took the time to forward suggestions and ideas in 2006 for the betterment of our sport.

We look forward to the comments from the fancy in our efforts toward the growth of obedience and what is believed to be very positive recommendations of change to our sport.

Sincerely,

Curt A. Curtis  
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