

# ATLANTA GOLDEN TIMES

DECEMBER 1, 2011

## *WE'RE BACK ... Collette, you are our HERO!*

We are BACK after hosting the successful 2011 GRCA National Specialty!! When we voted almost 3 years ago to host The National, we knew that it would require a great deal of time, effort, and commitment by our club members to put on a show of this magnitude. Part of that commitment involved scaling back on many club activities throughout the year so we could focus on making this a memorable and profitable National.

Now we are ready to start a new year with this successful event behind us and plans to ramp up a busy year of fun and educational programs to interest every member in every venue.

This National could never have taken place if it were not for all the hard work of Collette Jaynes and so many of the club members that she wisely chose for her team. Collette was the perfect person to handle the people and the project!! Much diplomacy and initiative was necessary on her part to make this come off like a well-oiled machine. She will say it had to do with the people that she had as her "Chairs" and their volunteers, but Collette negotiated the deal with the superintendent, and the Horse Park, and chose the right people for the right jobs.

If you were at the National, then you know what a wonderful time it was for all. We have had so many favorable comments from people all over the country! It's amazing what our little club accomplished. AGRC is truly "The Little Engine That Could".

At the Christmas Party, Collette will speak and give us all a recap. We made a profit and you are going to be overwhelmed when you hear "THE NUMBER"!!!

Thank you, Collette, and every AGRC member who gave so much of their time and energy to make the 2011 Golden Retriever Club of America National Specialty the best National ever!!!

### 2011 AGRC Officers:

**President:** Penny Lites  
**Vice-President:** Kathy Smith  
**Secretary:** Beth Hart  
**Treasurer:** Julie McDaniel

### Board Members:

Jayne Cassella  
 Collette Jaynes  
 Mary McElroy

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## UPCOMING EVENTS—MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### DECEMBER 11, 2011

Our annual meeting and Christmas Party has been set for Sunday, December 11th at the Emory Conference Center Hotel located at 1615 Clifton Road, Atlanta, GA 30329. The attire is Holiday Dressy Casual—no jeans please. **YOU MUST RSVP TO pennylites@gmail.com BY THURSDAY DECEMBER 8th!**

We will start with appetizers at 7pm and dinner at 8pm followed by our annual meeting, elections, and finally our gift exchange. Please bring a \$10 Golden-related gift if you wish to participate in the gift exchange.

All left over National merchandise including garment bags, beer steins, coffee mugs, etc will be given out to those who attend. This event is **FREE OF CHARGE** to our members as a way of saying "**thank you**" for your patience while we hosted the National. Even while having the National on our shoulders for the fall, our club managed to hold a specialty (February), the Eye/Heart Clinic (March), a club picnic (April), and the Myra Savant Harris seminar (July).

If you sent me pictures from the National, you will see them displayed at our Christmas Party.

### FEBRUARY 4, 2012

Due to the Griffin Georgia Kennel Club joining the February Cluster on Thursday, it altered our plans for a specialty on Thursday. Instead the Board decided that we should hold a concurrent specialty on Saturday, February 4, 2012. What this means is that there will be a regular show on Saturday hosted by the Conyers Kennel Club. After Golden retrievers have shown, we will have a specified time for Sweepstakes and the Specialty. Entries will be limited to 100. The Best of Breed winner from the Specialty will not be eligible to go into the Sporting Group.

Our judges for the Specialty are Mrs. Mary Ellen Macke for regular classes and juniors. Our Sweepstakes judge is fellow club member Kathy Smith of Goodtime Golden retrievers. These shows typically pull large numbers and with the addition of another day of shows, it should draw majors. Last year our club made over \$800 as opposed to losing money at the Perry show site in previous years. We expect the Specialty to make a nice profit this year.

### MARCH 2012

Eye/Heart Health Clinic date to be announced.

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## 2012 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A Nominating Committee was approved by the board at the beginning of November. They are Chairman Kitty Cathey, Sally Bunker May, and Sidney White. By now you have been emailed the list of candidates selected by this committee along with other nominations from the membership. We are posting the positions to be filled, the nominating committee's recommendations, as well as the candidates running by petition. Below you will also find each person's information and qualifications that they submitted. Please take the time to review this information to help you make an informed decision at the election to be held at our Christmas Party.

**Penny Forbes Lites** (Current President and nominated for President by the AGRC Nominating Committee)

**Tina Frausto** (Running for President by Petition)

**Beth Hart** (Current Secretary and nominated for Vice President by the AGRC Nominating Committee)

**Mari Magmer** (Nominated for Secretary by the AGRC Nominating Committee)

**Collette Jaynes** (Current Board Member and nominated for Treasurer by the AGRC Nominating Committee)

### **3 Board of Directors to be selected from 4 Nominees:**

**Kathy Smith** (Current Vice President and Nominated for the Board by the AGRC Nominating Committee)

**Mary McElroy** (Current Board Member and Nominated for the Board by the AGRC Nominating Committee)

**Jayne Cassella** (Current Board Member and Nominated for the Board by the AGRC Nominating Committee)

**Margie Sarkin** (Running for Board Member by Petition)

## **PRESIDENT**

### **Penny Forbes Lites** (Nominated by the AGRC Nominating Committee)

I have been a dog person all my life. When I was just 5 years old my parents bred English Bulldogs. My parents still tease me about how I used to have tea parties with our male named Tiger and put hats on him as well as read books to him. Later in life when I became active in conformation, I learned that my father actually showed our bulldogs in the conformation ring.

When one of my shelties died at 10 years of age I started pursuing a Golden Retriever. I contacted the current president of the Atlanta Golden Retriever Club in an effort to have a good quality Golden Retriever. She put me in touch with breeder Kathy Smith of Goodtime Goldens and I ended up with my boy Dakota. The litter was absolutely beautiful and Kathy told me she would sell me a show quality golden if I promised I would show it. As a person of my word I contacted her when he grew up and at his first show at 13 months of age he went reserve to a 4 point major 2 days in a row. I didn't even have a concept of what that meant, but I knew I had myself a show dog a continued on with dog shows.

It didn't take long for Dakota to become a champion and the ride was thrilling! It changed my life! That was 10 years ago. Since then I have produced my first home-bred champion and have been active in agility as well as dabbling in field work. I vowed to give back to those Goldens that are not as fortunate and have donated to many dog causes such as Adopt A Golden Atlanta, Low Country Golden Retriever Rescue, as well as to several Golden Retriever clubs within the southeast.

Since I was so active in goldens and have such a passion for the breed, I was asked to join the Board of Directors for the Atlanta Golden Retriever Club approximately 6 years ago and asked to run for President back in 2008. I have served as President for the past 3 years and would like to remain on for one more year to follow through from the National since it was such a huge success. This past year has been quite different from our typical year due to the amount of work required to host the National.

Listed below are some of my achievements/qualifications:

- Trophy chair for the past 6 years which included the 2008 Eastern Regional
- Reorganized the format for the trophy donations for our specialty in 2009 which has not only covered the price of the trophies, but made enough to help cover others costs associated with the specialties.
- Show Chair for our 2009 and 2011 specialties as well as co-chair for the 2010 specialty. Responsible for all the paperwork submitted to AKC and the superintendant to include the premium lists. Also prepared the reports to GRCA for the GR News. All of these specialties were majors.
- On the agility committee to help our club earn its AKC sanctioning to host agility trials. AGRC hosted its first successful trial in September 2011 at the GRCA National.
- Assisted in organizing the Carol Cassity seminar in November 2009
- Assisted in the "Breeding Better Dogs" seminar hosted by Dr. Carmen Battaglia in September 2008
- Assisted in the Agility Fun Day and Handling Seminar in March 2009
- Organized the club picnic in Spring of 2009, 2010, and 2011 at the Canine Ranch
- Assisted in the Myra Savant Harris seminar in July 2011
- Volunteer Chairman for the 2011 GRCA National to coordinate workers needed for each venue

For the past 6 years I have devoted a large percentage of my time and energy to the Atlanta Golden Retriever Club. I hope to continue that work for the next year in an effort to help plan events for our club members with the money that our club is receiving for a successful National.

My plans for the 2012 year if re-elected are to form committees for the various venues such as agility, field, obedience/rally, and conformation. The people on these committees would suggest programs/seminars/shows that they would like and propose it to the board for approval. This would give more club members an ability to voice what they would like to see from our club. I would also like to see our club give more seminars and have already looked into several agility seminars such as well as obedience seminars. I would like for us to have an agility fun day, an obedience fun day, a Lorie Jolly seminar, have another club picnic, as well as have a grooming seminar. My plan is to have something for every month and get back on track with our regular club meetings now that we are finished with the National.

## ***SPECIAL NOTE***

If you are NOT signed up on our Yahoo site and receiving emails from the Yahoo site, please contact me to have your name added.

The Yahoo site is an easy way for club members to send emails to the entire club and a place where member photos can be posted.

If you do not know how to set up a Yahoo ID, please feel free to contact me and I will be glad to help you.

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### PRESIDENT

#### Tina Frausto (Running by Petition)

Tina is a lifetime dog lover with over 20 years of experience training and showing golden and Labrador retrievers in performance and conformation events. Her dogs are family members first and show dogs second. Tina is passionate about the multiple purpose golden retriever, and actively train and shows in conformation, obedience, agility and field. Her accomplishments include:

- \* Search and Rescue Dogs of Georgia team member—certified for GEMA rescues (1997—2000)
- \* Atlanta Dogwood Obedience Group novice and open obedience instructor (2000—2006)
- \* Troy Member Trophy Winner (2005 GRCA National Specialty) - for being the highest scoring dog in obedience that showed in regular conformation classes.
- \* The first breed champion to earn an invitation and compete at the National Obedience Invitational
- \* Actively shows and titles in conformation, obedience, field and agility. Titles include multiple UDX obedience titles, VCX title, GRCA Obedience Dog Hall of Fame.
- \* Animal talent for Atlanta Dogworks—filmed multiple commercials and videos, a TV series and a movie. (works include “Past Life” on FOX, “Crew Six” Hallmark Hall of Fame movie, PetSmart commercial, Kudzu.com commercial, Time Warner Home Security video, TVA video, Cartoon Network short clips)
- \* President—Atlanta Golden Retriever Club (2006, 2007, 2008) - during this time, in addition to hosting the annual specialty, the club earned its accreditation to host obedience trials, held multiple WC/WCX/CCA events and hosted the GRCA Eastern Regional.

Professionally, Tina is an executive for Equifax where she leads a team responsible for the strategic execution of a portfolio of global initiatives targeted to drive \$104M in incremental growth. She will bring this same leadership, collaborative style, organization, executive experience and energy to club!

### BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

#### Jayne Cassella (Nominated by the AGRC Nominating Committee)

We have a 2 year old Golden, Rudy, and a 5 year old Golden, Eddie. I have been a member of the AGRC for 3 years. We are involved in Conformation, Obedience, Rally, and Field (Hunting & WC) with our boys.

I co-chaired Merchandise for the 2011 National and helped to sell approximately \$54K in merchandise which included tracking the inventory, personally processing over 500 transactions and bringing the merchandise to many shows/events over the past 11 months.

I volunteered to be a Marshall at the WC at the National and I worked the Merchandise booth from Monday through Friday at the National. I have been a general board member the past few years and I want to promote all of the venues to have fun with our dogs and to educate people through the sharing of knowledge from our fellow club members.

#### Mary McElroy (Nominated by the AGRC Nominating Committee)

**Family** -Husband – Paul McElroy – married 26 years.

Daughters – Catherine –age 22, senior genetics major at UGA

Anna – age 18, freshman special education major at GCSU

**Career** – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Teacher at Harmony Elementary School, Gwinnett County

**Education**

BS 1983 Berry College, Rome, GA

MEd 1993 Mercer University, Atlanta, GA

**Clubs**

Atlanta Golden Retriever Club, since 2004 – Board Member, Past Secretary,

Lawrenceville Kennel Club, since 2003 – Past Secretary

Golden Retriever Club of America, since 2003

Harmony Elementary Sisterhood (Teacher Book Club)

Team in Training - my family has earned over \$10,000 to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

**Experience**

Past Instructor – Puppy and Intermediate Obedience Lawrenceville Kennel Club

Assistant Instructor – Intermediate Agility Canine Capers

**Kennel Name** – Amate

Amate is a command to “Love it” in Latin. pronounced Ah-mah-tay.

Website – www.amategoldens.com

Number of litters bred – five

**My Dogs**

CH Amate’ Fly Me To The Moon NAP – Buzzy – 5 years old

My first homebred Champion, 5 Grand Champion Points (owner handled)

Recently received our Novice Agility Preferred title (owner trained and handled)

Winners Dog at Sandlapper Specialty 2008 handled by Catherine

CH Goodtime’s Ain’t Ms. Bee-Havin’ TDI CGC – Haven – 6 years old

Catherine’s Jr. Dog

Amate’ All The Right Moves - Mia – 3 years old

Currently training in agility and field, limited showing in conformation this winter

Goodtime’s Amate’ Good Day Sunshine – Abbey - 10 months old

Limited conformation showing

1<sup>st</sup> place in 6-9 puppy class at Sandlapper Specialty show

Goodtime’s The Sky’s The Limit TDI CGC–Leo – 8 years old

Canine Good Citizen, Therapy Dogs International

Professional Ball Chaser

Goodtime’s Oopsie Daisy CD RN WC TDI CGC - Daisy – 2002-2011

Triathlon Award at GRCA Eastern Regional 2008, owner handled

Novice Obedience Title, Rally Novice Title, Working Certificate, owner handled

Canine Good Citizen, Therapy Dogs International, 2 legs in ASCA agility

Conformation pointed by Catherine

Went to the AKC National Dog Show in 2006 to compete in Jrs. With Catherine



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#### Kathy Smith (Nominated by the AGRC Nominating Committee)

I am originally from Los Angeles but I have lived in Atlanta for almost 40 years. I have a Masters degree in Educational Psychology from the University of Southern California, and I also did post graduate work at UCLA. I have taught grades K through 6 in both California and Georgia. I owned and operated a Children's clothing store in Sandy Springs called Little Me for over 10 years in the 80's and early 90's. After selling the Sandy Springs real estate, I closed the store and went to work for Harry Norman Realtors. I am currently a real estate investor with several properties that I manage in California and here in Georgia.

My husband Richard and I got our first Golden Retriever in 1972 in Northern California and have had one or "more" Golden's ever since. I have shown and bred Golden's for the last 25 years. During that time I have participated in Conformation, Obedience, and trained in the Field. With my daughter Lisa, I have produced 104 Champions under the Goodtime Prefix. Of those, I bred 54 personally. Though my main focus has been the Breed ring, I have bred dogs who have titles in every venue, including many VCX dogs, dogs with Field and Obedience titles, Triathlon qualifiers, several SDHF, many OS and OD's, several BIS's, Specialty Winners, and of the only 11 CH MACH's, 3 are Goodtime dogs.

I currently have 2 dogs who were invited to The 2011 Eukanuba National Dog Championships, and one of my dogs competed at the Top 20 at our National this year. But I am most proud of my Max who qualified for the Triathlon award at our National this year at only a year old, by winning the Novice Dog Class, earning a WC, and qualifying for his 3rd RN leg. We believe he is the youngest Triathlon qualifier in Breed history. Max represents my commitment to breeding dogs who not only adhere to the Standard in terms of their conformation, but also have the temperament called for in our standard and can do the work Golden's were originally bred to do. I believe in a Golden who is truly an all around dog, with beauty, brains, and a classic Golden temperament.

My Service to The Atlanta Golden Retriever Club includes over the years, serving as a Board Member, a Specialty Show Chairman several times (including Chairing Two Eastern Regionals), President, and Vice President. I have been a member of the Golden Retriever Club of America continuously since 1987 and served on The GRCA committee that recommended the establishment of the CCA. I was Chairman of the Merchandise Committee at The Atlanta National this year and because of my Merchandising background, I was able to maximize profitability through a different merchandise mix (that also allowed higher margins) than what has been offered at past Nationals. I believe that Atlanta set the record for highest sales at any National with over \$57,000 of sales.

But I believe that my most valuable contribution to the club has been through the mentoring I have done. I see many current members who asked for my help as novices over the years. Many have grown into wonderful committed "dog people" with their own successful breeding programs. I see Juniors who have grown into confident adults and successful handlers. It makes me very proud to remember an awkward 12 year old who could barely stack the retired Champion I loaned to her for Juniors, win the Breed from the Classes with her own dog as a confident 18 year old. I see many people who I helped get started producing dogs who participate successfully in many different venues. I am very proud of the dogs that I have produced over the years. But I am inspired by the successes of the people I've helped get started.

I would like to continue as a Board Member to help The Atlanta Golden Retriever Club into the next year. It promises to be one of the most exciting years ever for our club because we now have the financial means to plan so many interesting things for every venue. I want to help the membership decide the direction that the Club takes using the profits earned from the National. Many members and everyone of us on the current Board proved that we could make a successful National become a reality through much planning, time, effort, and hard work. I want to help the club give back to our members and our wonderful Breed now that we have the financial means of accomplishing so much. Personally, mentoring has been so much a part of my experience in dogs - both with people who mentored me and the people I have mentored over the years. One of the things that I would like to propose to the Board (and to the membership) during the up coming year is to establish a formal mentoring program for new and/or novice members with other experienced members in all of the venues including conformation, field, agility, obedience, and even a pet mentor. I have so many other ideas to present to you that will help make The AGRC a premier club within the GRCA, and I want to hear your ideas too! I hope you will give me the opportunity to serve you for another year on the Board. Thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve you over the past several years as Vice President and as a Board Member.

#### Margie Sarkin (Running by Petition)

Margie has had Golden's all her life. Originally from south FL, in 1997 she titled her Golden, Wheezer CD, OA, in obedience and was hooked on dog sports! She went on to become an active member of Everglades GRC, Mid-FL GRC, and GRCA joining all clubs in 1998. She served 2 consecutive terms as president for EGRC, as well as serving as secretary, treasurer, director and tracking director for the local obedience club through 2001-2006. She has volunteered her time for GRCA National Specialties, serving as Obedience Chair and Tracking Co-Chair at the 2002 national hosted by Mid-FL and GRITS answer gal and Tracking Chair for AGRC this year. Margie has also been on several national committees for sweepstakes guidelines, nominating committee, and spent several years on a national education committee volunteering her time at the GRCA booth while the Eukanuba Invitational was hosted in FL. Throughout the years she has been active in golden rescue and as a Georgia resident for the past 5 years is also on call for her local rescue group, Oconee Regional Humane Society, for fostering, transport and advice. (One of her girls, Cherry, fostered an orphaned litter for the group). Margie brings a well rounded perspective to the table, having participated, trained and titled golden's over the years in obedience, tracking, hunting, agility and conformation. Professionally, her first career spanned 25 years as a hairdresser and licensed massage therapist and is now pursuing a career in ultrasound technology, attending school at Athens Tech. Margie is honored to be nominated for a position on the board of AGRC and would be pleased at the opportunity to serve the club.



## *Message from the President*

This past year we knew would not have as many activities since we had the National to focus on, but we still managed to hold many club events. We held The Specialty Show, The Annual Health Clinic, The Myra Savant Harris Seminar, and The Club Picnic. If it were not for the hard work from several of our Board members, these events would not have taken place. To host any event or program requires a great deal of work. I am thankful that I have had a great Board that has been willing to plan and execute these projects. They, as well as many members, have donated money, time, and food to make our projects possible with a limited budget.

As we are about to pay our 2012 dues you might wonder what benefits there are in joining a club like ours. Because our profits from the National will allow us to do many of the things for our club that in previous years were only hopes and dreams, I would like to propose a "Virtual Suggestion Box". Between now and the end of the year I would like to hear your suggestions, comments, and even your criticisms. The only way we can continue to grow as a club is for me and the Board to know your thoughts. Please email me at pennyrites@gmail.com.

Some of the programs and activities that we would like to have include agility, obedience, and field seminars as well as both agility and obedience "fun days". We have plans to give our annual club picnic. We want to have a much requested grooming seminar. We are even looking into the feasibility of hosting a Puppy Match and Handling Seminar for Juniors and adults. Now that we are sanctioned to host an Agility Trial, we should set a time and venue for holding an agility trial.

In conclusion I would like to acknowledge all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as President over the past 3 years. This time has been one of the highlights of my life! It has been both my honor and my pleasure to represent you. ***Thank you!!!***

*Penny Lites*

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## *Braggs*

### **National Brags:**

There were so many braggs from both the National and/or the last part of this year. We don't want to leave anyone out so please send them to pennyrites@gmail.com and we will acknowledge these at the Christmas Party.



## *Golden Rescue in Georgia*

by Leah Smith

### **From Adopt A Golden Atlanta:**

We currently have 51 dogs in our program. 30% are seniors over the age of 8

We have taken in 378 dogs so far and will exceed 400 by year end.

We should have Adopt a Golden Birmingham up and running by Jan 1st which will help tremendously. AGA is taking 20% of our dogs from Alabama because that state only has one golden rescue down in Mobile.

**Next big event... Golden Gala, Saturday Feb 25, 2012**

*I'm sure the following rescue organizations could use old items such as blankets, bowls, crates, etc. and will happily accept financial contributions.*

**ADOPT A GOLDEN ATLANTA:**

[www.adoptagoldenatlanta.com](http://www.adoptagoldenatlanta.com)

**GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE OF ATLANTA:**

[www.grra.com](http://www.grra.com)

**ATLANTA DOG SQUAD:**

[www.Atlantadogsquad.org](http://www.Atlantadogsquad.org)

**PLEASE HELP SUPPORT RESCUE FOR OUR BREED!**

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