

# The Golden West

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**The July General Membership meeting  
will be Wednesday, July 23rd at  
7:00 pm via zoom.**

**We will be voting for New Member:**

**KIMBERLY BROCKENBROUGH**

*I have owned Goldens for over 25 years. My first Golden Penelope was adopted from a woman who couldn't spend enough time with her. My second dog, Barry Rose, was the greatest of all time (THE GOAT). He lived to be almost 15 years old and was a best friend to every member of my family. I now have his great nephew, Winston. I will be getting Summer in a few weeks. I would like to participate in conformation events with her.*

At our August meeting will have a speaker from HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response. Raquel Lackey has been volunteering with therapy and crisis response with her canines for over 10 years and is currently the regional manager for the Pacific Northwest region.

HOPE is currently looking for experienced therapy dog teams that would like to take the next step into crisis response. Come to the meeting and learn about their wonderful program.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

7/23 GM Meeting 7PM PST via zoom  
8/11 Board Meeting 7PM PST via zoom  
8/27 GM Meeting 7PM PST via zoom w/ HOPE  
8/29-31 Agility - Run Wild  
9/6 WC/WCX Cascade Retriever Grounds

9/8 Board Meeting 7PM PST via zoom  
9/24 GM Meeting 7PM PST via zoom  
10/13 Board Meeting 7PM PST via zoom  
10/22 GM Meeting 7PM PST \*\*Annual Meeting\*\*  
11/10 Joint Board Meeting 7PM PST via zoom



Thank you to all of EGRC who supported the 2025 EGRC Camp Out Specialty!  
It was a wonderful weekend with lovely weather and great vibe. Congratulations as well to all of the winners!

A theme of the weekend was "many hands make light work" and it was never truer than this year. From the people that worked over the last several months in sponsorships, reservations and planning; to the set up crew that was learning-by-doing the tents; to the details of the show with trophies, ribbons and judges transportation; to the organizers and donors of a successful basket drawing fundraiser and silent auction; to the VERY busy Fetch/CGC/Trick Dog events; to the party people with hospitality and the BBQ; and finally, the clean up crew that overcame a lot adversity and stayed in a great mood!

We have a few things to help you commemorate the Camp Out weekend:

- The [Zazzle store](#) with the incredible logo items, I have been happy with everything I have bought!, will be up through the end of July. The proceeds go to the shared activities with the Springers (Best of the Best, Hospitality, etc)
- [Powell Creative](#) was ringside taking photos and has several different albums (including some obedience and rally!)

Looking ahead:

- Have some great volunteers lined up for new positions already next year. If you interested in taking on a role, let me know and I can help find you a great fit for a role
- We have a created [an anonymous survey for us get feedback](#) and things to keep in mind for next year. Whatever your role, even if you were just following from a far, we would love feedback!

Please feel free to reach out with any specific feedback or questions or if you want to be more involved next year!

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*The Northwest Flat-Coated Retriever Club is planning to host a WC/WCX test on Saturday, September 6th, 2025, at the Cascade Retrievers Training Grounds in Monroe, WA. Work is underway to have the test approved by both the FCRSA and GRCA. When the premium is completed, it will be made available on the websites of the Northwest Flat-Coated Retriever Club and the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club, and by contacting Peter Szilard at email: [kapefc51@gmail.com](mailto:kapefc51@gmail.com) or Ron Colyer at email: [r\\_colyer@yahoo.com](mailto:r_colyer@yahoo.com)*

**Working Certificate &  
Working Certificate Excellent Test**

Sponsored by FCRSA, with GRCA and IWSCA approval  
Entries open to Golden & Flat-Coated Retrievers and Irish Water Spaniels

Entries close August 30, 2025

WC/WCX entries are limited to a total of 40 dogs

(Registration will be accepted on the day of the test, up to the limit of 40 dogs)

Hosted by **The Northwest Flat-Coated Retriever Club**

Date: Saturday, September 6, 2025

Location: Cascade Retrievers Training Grounds

17126 State Route 203, Monroe, WA

Starting time: 9:00 A.M. (Order of tests to be determined by judges)

Judges: Sharon Hilton Snohomish, WA

Chuck Hilton Snohomish, WA

Birds: Ducks on land and water

Fees: WC \$70 WCX \$75 (all amounts in US Funds)

Make checks payable to "NWFCRC" and send to the test secretary:

Peter Szilard

WC/WCX Test Secretary

14515 144th St SE

Snohomish, WA 98290

Email: [kapefc51@gmail.com](mailto:kapefc51@gmail.com) / Phone: 206-794-7810

One entry form per dog, per test (one check for multiple entries is acceptable).

Bitches in season may **not** enter this test.

Full refunds will be given for injured dogs with a veterinary certificate.

**\*\*\* For Golden Retriever owners/handlers:** a copy of the dog's AKC/CKC registration **must** be included with your entry. A dog may run without the registration, but the title will not be recorded or title certificate processed until the copy is received.

Water and soft drinks will be available on the grounds; **please provide your own lunch**. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the grounds.

**\*\*\* Anyone attending this event** will need to add their name to an FCRSA Insurance Release and Indemnity form at the registration desk.

WC/WCX Committee: Chairman/Secretary

Jo Chinn

Steve Chinn

Linda Givler

Peter Szilard

Nancy Light

Ron Colyer

Sheila Colyer

**NORTHWEST FLAT-COATED RETRIEVER CLUB  
FOR WORKING / HUNT TESTS**

Monroe, Washington

September 6, 2025

I Submit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for entry fees. Entered in Stake/Test \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Call Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dog \_\_\_\_\_

AKC Reg.# \_\_\_\_\_ Or ILP # \_\_\_\_\_

(\*\*\* See note regarding Golden Retrievers on previous page)

Or Foreign Reg. # \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Reg. \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Sire \_\_\_\_\_

Dam \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Actual Owner (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Address

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Handler (print) \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I am the actual owner of this dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I agree to abide by all rules of the FCRSA and GRCA and the Standard Procedures governing this WC/WCX Test and any decisions made in accord with them, and I further agree that the dog is entered in and will be at this trial at my own risk and that I will hold the trial giving club (Northwest Flat-Coated Retriever Club), its members and agents free from liability for any claims arising out of the dog or its presence at the trial.

Signature of Owner or His/Her Agent Duly Authorized to make this entry:

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Agent's address (if signed for Owner)

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_



# THE GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB of BRITISH COLUMBIA

## Is excited to announce we will be hosting a Workshop with PAT BURNS – Elite Retrievers

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### About Pat Burns

Pat has over 40 years of retriever training experience and as an advocate for the dog, strives to build a strong relationship between the training methods, the handler and the dog. Through decades of training and working with dogs and handlers of all abilities, Pat has developed a keen eye for corrections, paired with a unique ability to relate to handlers. Pat strives to train handlers to work with their dogs in an understandable manner that uses effective communication and strengthens the bond between handler and dog.

For more information on Pat check out his website at <https://www.eliteretrievers.com/>

**When:** Aug. 1st – 3rd 2025

**Where:** TNT Kennels & Training Center, 27624 Watson Rd. Abbotsford, BC

**Working Spots:** Maximum 12 dogs -Dogs must be at Qual / MH level or higher

**Observer Spots:** Will be available but numbers will be limited

**Costs:** Working – \$800.00 | Observer – \$125/day or \$300 all 3 days

GRCBC Member receive a \$50 discount on working or 3 day observer.

### Pat's typical workshop format is:

- **Day 1:** Starts with a couple of field set-ups. This allows Pat to get a feel for the dogs' trial behavior, handlers' skills and goals.
- **Day 2:** is likely to start with a review of day one. Pat will take a more active role in managing the challenges and corrections chosen. The day will be interspersed with discussions about problem solving and improving handler mechanics.
- **Day 3:** will concentrate more on the individual teams. Pat's increased depth of understanding of both dog and handler will allow him to bore in on specific needs. Then he will wrap-up with an emphasis on a training plan and a review of lessons learned.

### Pat Burns Workshop Registration

Hosted by the Golden Retriever Club of British Columbia

**Dates:** Aug. 1st- 3rd. 2025

**Location:** TNT Kennels & Training Center, 27624 Watson Rd. Abbotsford, BC V4X 1P4

#### Contact Info

**Name** *(Required)*

First

Last

*More Information, including how to register can be found at*  
<https://grcbc.org/pat-burns-elite-retrievers-workshop/>

## Hunt Test Report from Nancy Light

The EGRC Hunt test last weekend went off smoothly with a lot of help from both EGRC and non EGRC members. Members who helped include Test Secretary Susan Bell, who made sure AKC got all the proper paperwork and exhibitors were credited with their passes. She also was the main contact with the judges, the land owners, and the bird supplier. And as if that were not enough, she was Stake Chair for the Junior and Senior tests. Ron Colyer served as gun captain, making sure at set up that all of the tests were safe, and gunned at both Junior and Senior tests. Roger Pullman worked both days at a pop and throw station which means operating the winger and the popper gun at Junior and Senior. And Pam Pullman carried out marshal duties at Junior with Shari Phillips serving as relief marshal. Kathy Daspit both worked pop and throw and marshaled for the Junior test and marshaled for the Senior tests. Debbie Seames worked a pop and throw station for Junior and also ran Junior test dog. Pat Lindquist worked at the Junior test at the line, hanging ducks retrieved by the dogs. And Lisa Witte served up her scrumptious dinner for the workers and judges on Friday set up, and also worked on the lunches for the workers and lunches the test days.

We had a lot of help from non- Club members too, and of particular note were Mike and Rhonda Forman who were the stake chairs for Master, with Mike also bringing his trailer to help move equipment at all the tests. Lisa Hastings and Misalyn Armstrong marshaled for Master. Misalyn helped Rhonda and Mike with Stake Chair and also worked at pop and throw. Lee Redd helped recruit many of the paid workers, ran Master test dog. Our judges were great, Terri Sato and John Gammon at Master, and Bill Largent and Ed Wachtel at Junior/ Senior, with Ed giving up a Master entry to fill in for a judge who became ill. A hunt test is a very labor-intensive event, so EGRC is very indebted to all who helped.

I should also note that this test was dedicated to the memory of Monica Miller. At the beginning of each test, a Club member noted the dedication and that a picture and write up about Monica were included in the roster, which will be given to the family.

I will have the financial report ready at the Board meeting in July. Unfortunately, due to a lower-than-expected entry for Master our bottom line is likely to be in the red. But this event highlights the reason our breed was created, I think our membership will support absorbing this loss for the good of the breed.





**I. Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Amy Rosling, President.

**Present:** Lynn Anderson, Kelli Armstrong, Alice Brown, Gene Daspit, Mavourneen Daspit, Kathy Daspit, Heather Downing, Dana Fare, Kathy Fisk, Maryke Haynes, Steve Hughes, Trish Hughes, Nancy Light, Pat Lindquist, Rachelle Mahoney, Shari Phillips, Sharmin Dominke, Amy Rosling, Marian Tillman, Lisa Witte.

**Guests:** Susan Brockenbrough

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion** was made to approve the minutes of the May GM meeting which were published in the June GW.

**APPROVED.**

**III. Report of the Board (Amy)**

- Several committees require Chairs. We are working on descriptions for those positions and will try to appoint Chairs at the next Board meeting.

**IV. Report of Corresponding Secretary (Sharmin)**

- EGRC requested to be added to the following proposal: "Umpqua Valley Retriever Club, Roseburg, OR is submitting a proposal to the Master National AKC Retriever Hunt Test Advisory Committee to allow the use of good quality frozen dead birds killed prior to the 24-hour limit currently required by the AKC regulations."

**V. Report of Treasurer (Kelli)**

- Bank balances were reported.
- Budget was approved at the last Board meeting.
- Will be depositing moneys received for the Specialty.

**VI. Report of Committees:**

Events:

1. Agility Nancy (Chair)

- August 29-31, 2025 at Run Wild
- All in place for the trials. Might be short on Friday for full 5-person committee.

2. Specialty Maryke (2025, 2026, 2027 Chair)

- June 28-29, 2025 Skagit County Fairgrounds.
- Lisa Witte will be helping with Judges' transportation
- Kathy Daspit has printed out silent auction sheets
- If bringing baskets, please try to set them up.
- Drawing is on Saturday; Silent Auction on Sunday.
- Connect with Shari for RV and grooming.
- For RVs and Trailers, If you come in early on Friday you will be directed where to go.
- Trophies will be ready and loaded in Lynn's van.

3. Judges Selection Committee – Trish (Chair)
  - Waiting to begin the 2027 survey.
  
4. Hunt Test – Nancy (Chair) June 21-22, 2025
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5. WC/WCX – TBD (Chair)
  - Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at Colin's.
  - No Chair needed until 2026.
  - Ron Colyer is the liaison with the flat coat club.
  
6. CCA – (Canine Conformation Assessment) – Kerry (Chair)
  - Sharon Colvin's building is reserved for October 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
  - Requests were sent to Laureen Kinney, Ainslie Mills and Denise Reel asking if they would like to evaluate at our event.
  - A mockup of the premium was sent to the Board. The date needed correcting.
  - We are in need of a secretary for the CCA and two or three volunteers to help.

#### FINANCES:

1. Audit/Budget Committee – Kelli (Chair), Sheila Colyer, Frank Pampiks, Sharmin Dominke and Rachelle Mahoney are the committee members.
  - Committee met in person (minus Kelli) on June 12<sup>th</sup> to perform the audit.

- Report will be presented at the next Board meeting.
2. Donations Committee – TBD (chair)
    - Members Kathy Fisk, Sandy Scudder and Stacia White.
    - Amy will advise the committee that \$500 has been approved for donations.
    - Will be looking at more research groups. Their suggestions will be presented to the Board who will review for eligibility and pass on to the general membership for their approval.

#### CLUB AFFAIRS:

1. Upcoming Meetings/Events

7/14 Board Meeting 7 pm PST via Zoom	10/13 Board Meeting 7pm PST via Zoom
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8/11 Board Meeting 7 pm PST via Zoom	11/10 Joint Board Mtg 7pm PST via Zoom
8/27 GM Meeting 7 pm PST via Zoom	11/26 GM Meeting 7pm PST via Zoom
8/29-31 Agility – Run Wild	12/? Holiday Party @ Pampiks'
9/6 WC/WCX Cascade Retriever Grounds	
9/8 Board Meeting 7pm PST via Zoom	
9/24 GM Meeting 7pm PST via Zoom	

2. Programs – Dana (Chair)
  - Trish advised that she has connected with a holistic Vet who is willing to do a presentation. She will connect this Vet with Dana.
3. Golden West – Sharmin (Chair)
  - Deadline for articles/brags or items members want printed will be the date of each monthly Board meeting.
  - The Golden West will go out to the membership the week after the Board meeting.
4. Website – Kathy (Chair)
  - Per Marj, Kathy has taken over as Web Manager
5. Puppy Referral – Claudia (Chair) –
  - Nothing new to report
6. Awards – Pat (Chair)
  - Nothing new to report
7. Property TBD (Chair)
  - Still need a chair.
  - Kelli offered to find a job description for a property chair.
8. Sunshine Committee – Suzy (Chair) – A card will be sent to Sharon Colvin who had neck surgery.
9. Social media – Kelli– (Chair)
  - No report
10. GRCA News Column – Rachelle (Chair)
  - Always looking for topics the club wishes to write about.



- No new updates at this time.

11. Nominating Committee – TBD (Chair)

- Anyone interested in being on the committee should contact a Board member.
- The Board will appoint committee members in July.

12. Membership – Marian (Chair)

- 61 members (33 voting and 28 non-voting)
- No new members to elect

**VII. Unfinished Business**

- Steve Hughes was appointed Chair of the Committee to explore the re-design of the Club's website.
- Any members interested in being on this Committee please contact Steve.
- Alice Brown has offered to be on the Committee.

**VIII. New Business**

- At Trish's suggestion, several members at the meeting discussed how long they have been a member of EGRC and a little background into their connection with Golden's.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Tillman, Recording Secretary

## BOARD MEMBERS

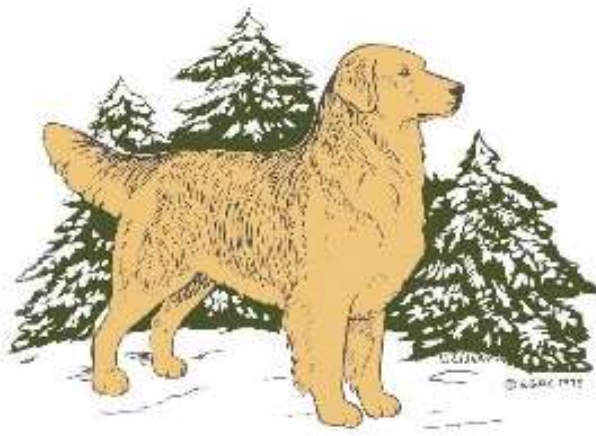
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Corresponding Secretary	Sharmin Dominke	206-795-0804 sharminbaumann@hotmail.com
Recording Secretary	Marian Tillman	425-941-6341 marian@ridesoft.com
Board Member at Large	Dana Fare	425-691-9290 bigchief7531@hotmail.com
Board Member at Large	Pat Lindquist	253-888-9733 calliopegold@comcast.net
Board Member at Large	Nancy Light	425-354-3609 kylahgold@aol.com

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Audit/Budget	Kelli,Armstrong	425-275-6633
Donations	TBD	
GRCA Columnist	Rachelle Mahoney	605-906-1991
Judges Selection	Trish Hughes	206-719-3437
Membership	Marian Tillman	425-941-6341
Newsletter Editor	Sharmin Dominke	206-795-0804
Nominating	Kathy Fisk	425-418-9450
Programs	Dana Fare	425-691-9290
Property	TBD	
Puppy Referral	Claudia Shaw	425-827-7253
Social Media	Kelli Armstrong	425-275-6633
Sunshine	Suzy Miller	206-300-3821
Web Manager	Kathy Fisk	425-418-9450

## 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
2025 Holiday Party	Deb & Frank Pampiks	425-881-0867
2026 WC/WCX	TBD	



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## The Objectives of the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows, field events, obedience trials and tracking under the rules of AKC and
- To educate members and the public in all aspects of owning a Golden Retriever.

## General Information

**General Meetings** are usually held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Check the calendar on the web site at [www.egrc.org](http://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](mailto:marian@ridesoft.com), with this change. This is the only way we will be able to keep our membership rosters up to date.