



# The Golden West

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## MEETING

### January

Board Meeting: Monday, January 12, 2026 – 7:00 PM

General Membership Meeting: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 – 7:00 PM

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### February

Board Meeting: Monday, February 9, 2026 – 7:00 PM

General Membership Meeting: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 – 7:00 PM

*All meetings are held via Zoom (PST)*

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## Membership Renewals

Membership renewals were due by January 15, 2026. Renewal forms are available on the EGRC website as well as attached to this newsletter.

As a reminder, members must complete the renewal form and include payment of \$25 per member.

Please note that a \$3.50 late fee per member applies to renewals submitted after January 15. Membership will lapse if not renewed by March 1, 2026. Payment and completed forms should be submitted to the Membership Chair, Marian Tillman.



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# EGRC Updates

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## Apply for the EGRC 2025 Awards

Each year, EGRC recognizes the accomplishments of our members and their Golden Retrievers through our annual awards program. Whether your dog earned titles, contributed to the breed, or reached meaningful milestones in 2025, we encourage you to apply and celebrate those achievements.

Applications are due **January 31, 2026**. Late applications cannot be accepted.



The eligibility period for Perpetual Trophies is January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

## Get Involved!

Get Involved with EGRC!

EGRC is a volunteer-driven club, and there are several opportunities to get involved in meaningful ways this year. Whether you have a few hours to give or are looking to play a larger role, your help makes a real difference in supporting our members, events, and dogs.

Current Opportunities Include:

- Audit & Budget Committee – Assist with reviewing financial records and helping prepare the annual budget. No prior committee experience required.
- Social Media Support – Help manage and grow EGRC's Instagram presence by sharing events, club news, and Golden moments.

If you're interested in learning more or volunteering, please contact any Board Member.



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# EGRC Happenings

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## Upcoming Events

### February 2026

The Evergreen Golden Retriever Club is excited to host a special presentation by Josh Stern on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 7:00 PM (PST). This engaging and educational session will highlight Dr. Stern's research and offer valuable insights beneficial to Golden Retrievers, dogs of all breeds, and their people. All interested attendees are warmly invited to join us for this informative evening via Zoom.



### April 2026

The Northwest Flat-Coated Retriever Club is hosting a highly anticipated Mitch White seminar on running blinds on April 25–26, 2026, at Colin's place in Monroe. Mitch is widely respected for his exceptional ability to read dogs and work effectively across multiple breeds. His seminars are known to fill quickly, and many handlers have previously traveled to Swamp Dog Farms on Vancouver Island to attend. This marks his first local seminar, with space limited to 12 working teams and unlimited auditor spots available. Additional details and contact information can be found in the attached flyer provided by Northwest Flat-Coated Retriever Club (NW FCRC) President Linda Givler



EGRC is proud to celebrate the accomplishments, milestones, and special moments shared by our members and their Golden Retrievers.

Have a brag, title, achievement, photo, or story you'd like featured in an upcoming issue of The Golden West? Submissions are always welcome and help make our newsletter a true reflection of our club community.



# Mitch White *Training for Blinds* Workshop

Hosted by the Northwest Flat-Coated Retriever Club

Improve Your Handling • Build Better Blinds • Train with Purpose

**April 25-26, 2026** - Monroe, WA



**The Training for Blinds Workshop** is designed to help handlers succeed in training and running better blinds. During the seminar, working teams will perform various drills to improve lining, casting, and handling on blinds. In addition to yard and field work, discussions will be held on topics such as how elements will affect blinds, understanding the mechanics involved in setting up a good blind and learning how to design good training blinds.

**Mitch has been training dogs since 1988**, and he now trains all retriever breeds, spaniels, and poodles professionally. Because Mitch trains many different breeds, he can create unique training plans that may differ from some popular retriever training methods. These plans align with a core foundation of fairness to the dog. Mitch believes in putting the work into teaching a solid foundation, so the dog creates a skill set which aids the dog in making good decisions in the field.

**Working spots are limited to 12 but auditors are welcomed and encouraged.** If you and your dog have not advanced to the point of beginning blinds, sign up for an audit spot. Watching each working team as they are guided through various drills and blind work will help give you a greater understanding of why your foundation work is so important and will help you establish your goals for advancement.

*Handlers may use two dogs but will only use one dog for each drill.*

## **Pricing for the two-day workshop:**

\$250 for NWFCRC Members

\$300 for non-members

\$50 for audit spots

***Payment is due no later than 3/1/2026 to guarantee your working spot. Once 12 teams are paid in full, we will start awaiting list in case of bitches in season or injured dogs open a spot.***

**Apply for your working or audit spot now!** Email [nwfcrc@gmail.com](mailto:nwfcrc@gmail.com) with your name, your dog (s) names, dog breed, email address, phone number and current training level. Pay via PayPal using Northwest Flat-Coated Retrievers or @NWFCRC and make a note "Mitch White seminar". You don't need a PayPal account to pay via credit card. Refunds only for bitches in season or a dog injury prior to the seminar.



# Evergreen Golden Retriever Club

## Current Member Renewal Form for 2026

Renewals are due by January 15, 2026

- Please include a \$3.50 late fee per member if submitting after the January 15, 2026 due date.
- Membership lapses if not renewed by March 1, 2026.

Member 1			Member 2		
<input type="checkbox"/> Voting		<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Voting	<input type="checkbox"/> Voting		<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Voting
First Name:		Last Name:	First Name:		Last Name:
Address:			Address: <input type="checkbox"/> (check if same as Member 1)		
City:	State:	Zip:	City:	State:	Zip:
Phone: <input type="checkbox"/> (check if mobile)			Phone: <input type="checkbox"/> (check if mobile)		
Email:			Email:		
Junior Names:					
Kennel Name:					

**VOTING MEMBERSHIP:** \$25.00 per person per year, for those 18 years of age and over. A Voting member is accorded the right to vote and hold elective office. **Voting members make up the active workers within the club and must have attended at least two (2) regular club meetings and have provided at least one (1) service to the club. All members selecting to be Voting members for the year should indicate, in the volunteer section below, the areas in which they wish to volunteer their time. Each member must indicate meetings attended and service provided.** Voting members may receive annual awards and compete for perpetual trophies. Those not willing or able to actively participate or who haven't met the attendance/service requirements should select a Non-Voting Member.

**NON-VOTING MEMBERSHIP:** \$25.00 per person per year, for those 18 years of age and over. A Non-voting membership is for those individuals who wish to be affiliated with EGRC but will not be actively attending and participating in many meetings and functions during the year. A Non-voting member does not have the right to vote or hold elective office. The purpose of this is so an individual may maintain a membership while not impacting the quorum required for all voted decisions. A Non-voting member may receive annual awards and compete for perpetual trophies.

**JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP:** \$10.00 per person per year, for those under 18 years of age. Junior members are entitled to participate in club functions and events but are not granted the right to vote or hold elective office. A Junior member may receive annual awards and compete for perpetual trophies. (Note: children under 18 years of age of Voting or Non-voting members are automatically granted, if desired, without payment of dues, a Junior membership. Please list the Junior names below. These Junior members do not need to complete their own renewal application.

*I hereby agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club and its member club, the Golden Retriever Club of America. I further agree to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, Code of Ethics and all the rules and regulations enacted by the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club. (NOTE: BOTH applicants must sign, if applicable).*

Member 1 Signature:

Date:

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Member 2 Signature:

Date:

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## BOARD MEMBERS

President	Amy Rosling	907-317-0057 ayler.kennels@gmail.com
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Board Member at Large	Pat Lindquist	253-888-9733 calliopegold@comcast.net
Board Member at Large	Lisa Witte	206-832-9868 creativelisa123@gmail.com

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Audit/Budget	Rachelle Mahoney	605-906-1991
Donations	TBD	
GRCA Columnist	Rachelle Mahoney	605-906-1991
Judges Selection	Trish Hughes	206-719-3437
Membership	Marian Tillman	425-941-6341
Newsletter Editor	Courtney Williamson	614-824-9152
Nominating	TBD	
Programs	Dana Fare	425-691-9290
Property	Deb & Frank Pampiks	425-881-0867
Puppy Referral	Claudia Shaw	425-827-7253
Social Media	Kathy Fisk	425-418-9450
Sunshine	Suzy Miller	206-300-3821
Web Manager	Kathy Fisk	425-418-9450

## SPECIAL EVENTS

2026 Agility	Nancy Light	425-354-3609
2026 Hunt Test	Nancy Light	425-354-3609
2026 Specialty	Maryke Haynes	206-351-3095
2025 Awards	Pat Lindquist	253-888-9733
2026 Holiday Party	TBD	
2026 WC/WCX	Nancy Light	425-354-3609



## 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.