
The Official Newsletter of the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club



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MEETING

March

Board Meeting: Monday, March 9th, 2026 – 7:00 PM

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

April

Board Meeting: Monday, April 13, 2026 – 7:00 PM

General Membership Meeting: Wednesday, April 22, 2026 – 7:00 PM

All meetings are held via Zoom (PST)

EGRC Awards Banquet & Potluck Dinner



Let's all help celebrate our members' accomplishments in 2025.

April 19th - Begins at 4 PM

Please RSVP or ask any questions to
Deb 206.963.4117

Location: Home of
Deb & Frank Pampiks
6133 135th Ave NE
Kirkland, WA 98033

Club News & Upcoming Events

April 18th, 2026

The Evergreen Golden Retriever Club will host a Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA) on Saturday, April 18, 2026, beginning at 8:00 AM at InStep Dog Training in Snohomish, WA. The CCA program evaluates Golden Retrievers against the breed standard and provides owners with valuable feedback from experienced evaluators.

- Entry Fee: \$95
- Limited Entry: 21 dogs (with 3 alternates)
- Entries open: February 27, 2026
- Entries close: April 1, 2026

Entries will be accepted on a first-received basis, with priority for EGRC members during the first week.

For entry information and forms, visit www.egrc.org



See page 5 for the full event flyer.

April 25–26, 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 Linda Givler, President of the Northwest Flat-Coated Retriever Club (NWFCRC).



Member Updates

Future Happenings!

Pacific Northwest Scottish Highland Games – July 25–26



The Evergreen Golden Retriever Club plans to participate in the Pacific NW Scottish Highland Games on July 25–26, 2026 at the Enumclaw Expo Center. The club will host a non-commercial educational booth in the Celtic Kennel area to promote Golden Retrievers and responsible ownership and breeding. Volunteers are welcome to participate by:

- Staffing the “Meet the Breed” booth and speaking with the public
- Participating in demonstrations such as rally, obedience, agility, or trick dog
- Walking in the parade as part of the Grand Kennel Review

Volunteers receive free admission tickets for the days they volunteer. Parking and camping are arranged individually.

Members interested in volunteering and bringing their dogs are encouraged to contact the event coordinator.

More information about the event can be found at: www.sshga.org



Member Brag 🎉

Six-month-old Perry attended the Chehalis Barn Hunt trials to gain experience in a new environment and came away with a Rat Novice title. He also earned High in Class for the fastest time.

Congratulations to Perry on a great accomplishment!



Submitted by: Patricia Lindquist

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 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.

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Certificate of Conformation Assessment (CCA)

Evaluators:

Denise Reel

Hach Hachtel

Judy Slayton Bachofner



Entry Fee: \$95

Limited Entry: 21

Alternates: 3

Opens: 2/27/26

Closes: 4/1/26

Entries Accepted: 1st Received
(Feb 27-Mar 4 open to EGRC
Members only, Mar 5th open to
Public) One check per entry.
One entry per envelope. Mail &
hand delivery only.

April 18, 2026

Event Starts @ 8am

For Entry Form, go to

www.egrc.org

Held At:

InStep Dog Training

19625 – 99th Ave SE

Snohomish, WA 98296

Event Chair: Lynn Anderson

Event Secretary: Trish Hughes

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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 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Check the calendar on the web site at 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, with this change. This is the only way we will be able to keep our membership rosters up to date.