



# The Golden West

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**The February meeting will be Wednesday, February 26th at 7:00 pm, via Zoom.**

**\*\* Rebecca Bex (Blue Pearl Pet Blood Bank) will be a Guest Speaker beginning promptly at 7:00 pm. She is an experienced veterinary professional with nine years in the field, specializing in animal care and recently expanding expertise in blood banking.**

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**EGRC AWARDS BANQUET  
& POTLUCK DINNER**

Saturday April 19th 4-8 pm

At the home of Deb & Frank Pampiks  
6133 135th Ave NE  
Kirkland 98033  
Questions- Deb 206 963-4117

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Prospective New EGRC Member:

Briana Nolasco  
Tacoma  
Sponsors: Marian & Nancy

About her:

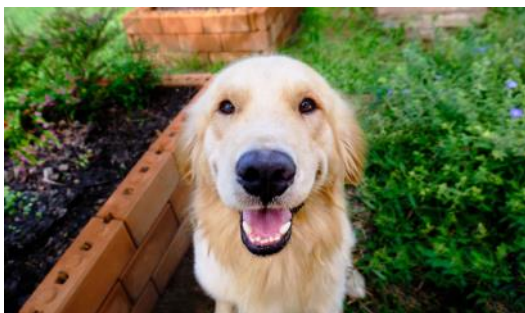
"I am an attorney interested in human rights. I recently got a Golden Retriever puppy as my first dog and I am looking for more information about the dog world so my puppy can grow to be the best he can be. I was thinking about doing conformation and would love to have a mentor. I don't know anything about conformation, so I am hoping to see a show soon."

**2025 Membership Renewal**

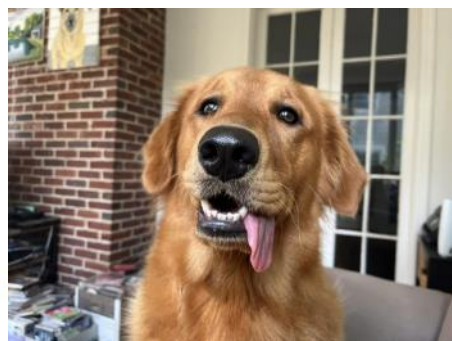
The January 15, 2025 renewal deadline may be past, but **it is not too late to renew your membership for 2025!**

For a new 2025 Membership Renewal Form, click [HERE](https://www.egrc.org/assets/Membership_renewal_2025__fill94581.pdf) , or copy and paste the following link into your web browser: [https://www.egrc.org/assets/Membership\\_renewal\\_2025\\_\\_fill94581.pdf](https://www.egrc.org/assets/Membership_renewal_2025__fill94581.pdf)

Please remember to add a \$3.50 late fee (membership lapses if not renewed by March 1, 2025).



Stay A Member  
  
Renew  
Membership



**Mark Your Calendars:  
SCENT WORK SEMINAR**

Washington State Obedience Training Club (WSOTC) is having a Scent Work seminar March 22-23, 2025.

Chuckanut Dog Training at Bear's Dog Shop  
7210 Worline Rd. Bow Washington

Please join us for two days of scent work training. The seminar is open to dogs of all levels as long as they are working on odor. We will be working at two separate locations so we will have access to interior and exterior training spaces.

Hallie McMullen, presenter

**Saturday March 22 9am-4pm**

*Day 1: Air Flow, Environment and Maximizing the Search*

This session is designed to help handlers to understand the influence of a multitude of environmental factors that impact search work. This information will allow handlers to read the information that the dog is providing to avoid over searching, other pitfalls and prepare for trial situations. We will also address the challenges presented by the specific search area including surfaces, objects, and nature. We will use this information to help handlers maximize their search performance and better understand their dog.

**Sunday March 23 9am-4pm**

*Day 2: Advancing Your Skill*

We will spend this day working on skill sets to address common problems that teams have. We will use specific exercises and games to work on problem areas, build motivation and enhance engagement. We will go over techniques for training challenging or new hide concepts such as high hides, convergence and others. We will be working on improving and reading indication behavior. We will present the dogs with a variety of search environments including blank spaces and unknown hides so the handlers can work on recognizing and confidently working these challenges.

**Registration**

10 Working Spots per day 20 Auditing spots per day

(The seminar information will be applicable to all venues)

- Working (non-CDTA members) - \$145 per day
- Working (CDTA members) - \$120 per day
- Auditing (non-CDTA members) \$55 per day
- Auditing (CDTA members) \$45 per day

Privates will also be available

- \$60 for 1 hour – 1 dog
- \$30 for ½ hour – 1 dog
- \$80 split between 2 dogs for 1 hour

**Additional information and registration information call Gay 360-676-9066**

**Or email [2windstar@comcast.net](mailto:2windstar@comcast.net)**



Evergreen Golden Retriever Club  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Date: Wednesday January 22, 2025  
Place: Via Zoom Conference Call

- I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Amy Rosling, President.  
  
**Present:** Amy Rosling, Marian Tillman, Kelli Armstrong, Nancy Light, Sharmin Dominke, Pat Lindquist, Ron Colyer, Sheila Colyer, Trish Hughes, Kathy Fisk, Claudia Shaw, Gene Daspit; Mavoumeen Daspit, Jennifer Kisker, Dana Fare, Shari Phillips, Lynn Anderson, Susan Bell, Maryke Haynes, Mike Lovlie, Sarah Cooper, Kerry Miller, Alice Brown, Deb Pampiks, Frank Pampiks.  
  
**Board Member Absent:** Peter Gortner  
**Guest:** Briana Nolasco
  
- II. **Approval of Minutes:**  
**Motion** was made to approve the minutes of the December 2024 GM meeting which were published in the January 2025 GW. **APPROVED.**
  
- III. **Report of the President:**
  - Welcome members and guest(s)
  - Apologies for the lateness of sending out the Agenda. Going forward, our Corresponding Secretary, Sharmin Dominke will be sending out requests for committee updates, followed up with an Agenda containing those updates.
  - Apologies again for the incorrect date of our Program presentation on Canine Blood donations. It will be at our next meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>.
  
- IV. **Report of the Board (Amy)**
  - Concerns regarding the process used by the Nominating Committee were brought to the attention of the board by one of our members.
  - The Board will work to shore up any confusion in the committee's duties so that there is more clarity regarding the duties of the committee members.
  - Working on trying to consolidate our insurance policies with one company
  - Looking at possible financial investment of some of our savings to earn more interest.
  - Nancy and I are working on a calendar of recurring meeting events as a quick reference guide.
  
- V. **Report of Corresponding Secretary (Sharmin)**
  - Nothing from AKC, GRCA or Others.
  
- VI. **Report of Treasurer (Kelli) –**
  - Bank balances were reported.
  - \$2,580 was sent to Skagit County Fairgrounds to secure the site for our 2025 Specialty.
  
- VII. **Report of Committees:**  
Events:
  - 1. Agility (Nancy) August 29-31, 2025
    - The new contact person a Run Wild is Terri Thompson
    - We have a contract with Susan Leitner but are still awaiting the contract with Sherry Spivey.
    - Also awaiting the contract with Lori Sage.
    - Contract with Run Wild is in place.

2. Specialty (Maryke) June 28-29, 2025
  - The logo is almost ready.
  - Deposit sent to Fairgrounds
  - Working on a lot of paperwork.
3. Judges Selection Committee (Trish) –
  - Ann Greenbank will not be judging Sweeps.
  - Hach is reaching out to the next judges selected in order of votes.
  - Betsy Strohl has been contacted for 2026
4. Hunt Test (Nancy/Susan) June 21-22, 2025
  - Susan has secured the Master judges: Terrie Sato and John Gammon.
  - Susan Bell just let me know that there is a change and update in the Junior/Senior judges. They are Mike Collson and Bill Largent.
  - Ron Colyer committed to shooting at the Hunt Test.
  - Anyone who wants to volunteer at the Hunt Test, contact Nancy.
5. Tracking (TD/TDX) No report
6. WC/WCX (Nancy) 2025
  - Rita Robbins, Western Region WC/WCX said that the 2024 qualifiers will receive their certificates this month.
  - No information yet from the Flat-Coated Retriever Club as to a date.
7. Holiday Party – December 14, 2024, hosted by Deb & Frank Pampiks.
  - Deb reported that it was a success, and everyone enjoyed the gift exchange and the goal setting game.
8. Health Clinic – Gloria Kaczmarek's eye clinic with Dr. Kice on February 2<sup>nd</sup> is full.
  - Alice mentioned that there will be another eye clinic at her home around Sept/Oct with Dr. Paul Scherlie (Ophthalmologist). Her home is about 15 minutes from the Clark County Fairgrounds (where they hold the Ridgefield dog shows).
9. CCA (Kerry)
  - Debbie Berry might be an evaluator. Still need two more
  - Amy suggested she would speak with Gwen Hayes
  - Secured Denise Reel
  - Originally was looking at March 8<sup>th</sup>. However, it was suggested to delay the event until later in the year to give more time to secure evaluators. There were some who were asked who could possibly make it on a later date.

**FINANCES:**

1. Audit/Budget Committee (Kelli)
  - Looking for two members to join Kelly on this committee. Please contact Kelli or Amy if anyone is interested.
  - They will meet in March
  - The budget can be approved by a meeting on Zoom.
  - The audit should be in person (possibly April)
  - Sheila Colyer volunteered to be on the committee.

2. Donations Committee (Dana) – will be appointed in March.

**CLUB AFFAIRS:**

1. Membership (Marian) 71 members (40 have renewed as of today). (39 voting/32 non-voting). Marian will send out reminders to those who have not yet renewed.
2. Golden West (Peter) Deadline February 12<sup>th</sup>, Publishing around February 14<sup>th</sup>.
3. Website – (Peter) – no report
4. Puppy referral (Claudia) Several members have renewed.
5. Rescue (Alice/Rachelle) – no report
6. Meetings:
  - Board Meeting February 10, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
  - General Membership Meeting February 26<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. Program Presentation on Canine Blood donations. Speaker: Rebecca Bex with Blue Pearl Blood Bank.
7. Awards (Pat) –
  - Only 5 people have sent in Award Applications. The deadline is end of January.
8. Awards Banquet (Pat) Most likely mid to late April.
9. Property (Deb) Everything is packed up in the Trailer. Trailer at Ron & Sheila's.
10. GR News Column (Rachelle) – Rachelle is caught up with her columns and submitted to GRCA. Just waiting for them to publish.
11. Sunshine Committee – card sent to Sheila.
12. Social media (Marj, Kathy, Marian, Kelli, Kerry) – Kathy reported that we have over 1600 followers on Facebook.
13. Nominating Committee – The board discussed creating clear procedures/policies for this committee. The board will appoint the new Nominating Committee in July.
14. Election of New members - no report

**VIII. Unfinished Business –**

- Rebecca Bex with Blue Pearl Blood Bank will give a presentation at our February 26<sup>th</sup> General Meeting regarding the donor and donee benefits.
- Dana would like to see more of these presentations and suggested creating a committee that can reach out to members for topic suggestions and possible presenters. If anyone has any suggestions of topics/speakers, please contact Dana.

**IX. New Business – none**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marian Tillman, Recording Secretary



Evergreen Golden Retriever Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Place: via Zoom  
Date: Monday February 10, 2025

**I. Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Amy Rosling, President.  
Present: Amy Rosling, Marian Tillman, Dana Fare, Kelli Armstrong, Pat Lindquist, Nancy Light.  
Absent: Peter Gortner, Sharmin Dominke

**II. Approval of Minutes:**  
Motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 2025 Board meeting which were published in the January GW. **APPROVED.**

**III. Report of the President**

- Tonight, under New Business we will cover:
  1. Appropriate places where our financial reports should be reported
  2. Moving financial documents now in boxes with Susan Bell to another location.
  3. Possibly holding scent work/nose works trials
  4. Member of the year
  5. Consolidating our insurance coverage

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

- AKC/GRCA/OTHERS – no updates

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

- Bank balances for checking and savings were reported.
- Did not open a CD with US Bank in January. Signers are required to be at the branch at the time of opening the CD as well as having to notify the bank upon maturity with instructions to either renew or deposit back into the money market account.

**VI. Report of Committees:**

Events:

1. Agility Nancy (liaison and Chair) August 29-31, 2025
  - The contract with Lori Sage requires an officer’s signature and it was sent to Amy and Sharmin for signature.
  - We are still awaiting the signed contract from Sherry Spivey. I will ask Lori Sage (who handles the contracts) to reach out.
  - We have a contract with Susan Leitner. I signed it as club chair and returned to her.
  - Everything else in place. Budget will be forthcoming to the board.
2. Specialty June 28, 29 2025 Amy (liaison) Maryke (Chair)
  - Maryke has indicated that she would like to continue as Chair for the next two years.

**MOTION:** To appoint Maryke as Specialty Chair for 2026 and 2027. **APPROVED**

3. Judges Selection Committee Sharmin (liaison) Trish (Chair)
  - Waiting to hear if all judges have been contacted for 2026.



4. Hunt Test Nancy (liaison and Chair) June 21-22, 2025
  - Judges: Master Terrie Sato and John Gammon. Junior/Senior: Mike Collson and Bill Largent.
  - Bird order in place, but there are avian flu worries. Susan will reaffirm.
  - Peter will pick up birds.
  - Have not confirmed a Gun Captain.
  - Ron Colyer will gun.
  - Will continue seeking worker help at the general meetings.
  - The Amateur Invitational is during our Hunt Test. It is in Maine this year.
5. Tracking – no liaison; no Chair – no report
6. WC/WCX Nancy (liaison) TBD (chair)
  - Flat Coats are responsible for 2025. Probable dates are Sept. 6 or 7.
  - EGRC will cover again in 2026
  - It appears that the WC/WCX qualifiers for the EGRC test Oct 13, 2024 have now received their certificates from GRCA.
7. CCA – Amy (liaison) Kerry (Chair) -
  - We are moving the date out to organize and accept entries. Kerry will look at a day when there are no local shows in April or May and confirm a date in a few days.
  - **Location:** Sharon Colvin's Training Bldg., 19625 99<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Snohomish.
  - **Photographer:** Gayle Sackett
  - **Judges:** Denise Reel, Hatch Hachtel, Judy Slayton Bachofner
  - **Committee:** Kerry Miller, Caroline McCormick. Need one more volunteer. Have asked Gloria Kaczmariski.
  - **Stewards:** Need 3 volunteers. Asking the judges if they have any preference.
8. Holiday Party December 2025 Marian (liaison) Deb (Chair) – no report
9. Health Clinic – no liaison or chair

**FINANCES:**

1. Audit/Budget Committee Kelli (liaison and Chair)
  - Have not heard from any other members who would like to be on this committee except Sheila Colyer. We need two more members.
  - Amy will send out an email to those members who were on the committee last year to see if they want to be on the committee this year.
2. Donations Committee Dana (liaison) TBD (chair)
  - The current members of this committee have expressed their desire to remain on the Committee.
  - Will check with membership if anyone else is interested in serving.
  - The committee is appointed by the board in April.

## CLUB AFFAIRS:

2. Membership - Marian (liaison and Chair)
  - 71 members. 48 have renewed to date.
  - Reminder e-mails have been sent to those who have not yet renewed.
3. Programs – Dana (liaison and Chair)
  - February 26, 2025 7 p.m. PST Presentation at the GM meeting on Canine Blood donations. Speaker (Bex) from Blue Pearl Blood Bank will present.
  - Peter to place a reminder in the GW and Kathy Fisk will place on our FB page of this event.
4. Golden West - Peter (liaison and Chair) Submit articles by February 14<sup>th</sup>. Publishing February 17<sup>th</sup>.
5. Website – Peter (liaison and Chair) no report
6. Puppy referral - Shamin (liaison) Claudia (Chair) no report
7. Rescue- Pat (liaison) Rachelle (Chair) – no report
8. Meetings:
  - General Membership meeting February 26<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m. via Zoom.
  - Board Meeting – March 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
  - General Membership meeting March 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
  - Board Meeting April 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
9. Awards -Pat (liaison and Chair)
  - Received only about 6 awards applications.
10. Awards Banquet (Pat) @ Deb & Frank Pampiks
  - April 19<sup>th</sup> 4-8 p.m.
11. Property -Nancy (liaison) TBD (Chair) – Since the property is in the trailer, and the trailer is on Ron and Sheila's property, we will ask them if they will be the chairs.
12. Sunshine Committee – Nancy (liaison) Suzy (Chair) – Suzy was snowed-in and sustained an injury which prevented her from sending out cards, Amy took over the task and sent out a card to Mavourneen Daspit who just had a hip replacement and to Suzy Miller who broke her leg while attempting to walk in the snow.
13. Social media – Kelli (liaison and Chair) – Kerry Miller asked that she drop off this committee and solicit volunteers at the general meeting to replace her.
14. GRCA News Column – Pat (liaison) Rachelle (Chair)
  - Column has been sent in for Sept/Oct issue
15. Nominating Committee – Amy (liaison) TBD (Chair)
  - Need to appoint committee members during the July Board meeting.

**VII. Unfinished Business –**

- **Event Calendar**
  - Amy will connect with Nancy to finalize this calendar and bring to the next Board Meeting.
- **Consolidation of insurance policies**
  - Kelli suggested leaving it as is for now because the rates were not much different from combining or leaving them separate.
  - Suggestion was to put this out to bid next time renewal approaches in Sept.

**VIII. New Business –**

- **Adding Scent Work/Nose Works as an offering by the Club**
  - This activity has gained popularity among other clubs. Possibility of offering it as an Event or even a workshop.
  - This idea will be offered at the next membership meeting
- **5 Boxes of Financial/Treasurer records**
  - Susan currently has these boxes and asked that someone else take over their "custody."
  - Sharmin offered to take them.

**MOTION:** To approve Shamin Dominke to be the custodian of the financial documents of the Club until a new Treasurer is elected next year.  
**APPROVED.**

- **Member of the year nominations –**
  - Will ask at the General Meeting for nominations.
  - Peter will list the previous recipients in the GW so there are no duplications.
  - Nominations to be emailed to Amy or Sharmin with a short paragraph as to why they are nominating the person.
  - Amy/Sharmin will pass these along to the Board as they come in so we can all review the nominees.
  - Board will discuss the nominees at the meeting.
  - Each Board member will email their choice to Amy.
  - Amy will tally the votes and send the result to Pat so she can have the plaque engraved.
  - If there is a tie, Amy will break the tie with her vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Tillman,  
Recording Secretary

**Board Members**

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Judges Selection	Sharmin Dominke Amy Rosling Trish Hughes	
Donation Comm.	Stacia White Sandy Scudder Kathy Fisk	360-629-6567
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**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
2024 Holiday Party	Deb, Frank Pampiks	425-881-0867
WC/WCX	Susan Bell Nancy Light	425-318-9754 425-354-3609

**The Objectives of the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club**

- a) 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.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows, field events, obedience trials and tracking under the rules of AKC and
- e) 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.

