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**The September General Membership meeting
will be Wednesday, September 24th at
7:00 pm via zoom.**

The Nominating committee is presenting the following slate for the elections:

Roger Pullman -Recording Secretary

Rachelle Mahoney - Treasurer

Lisa Witte - board member at large

There will also be nominations from the floor taken at the September General Membership meeting and elections will be held at the Annual Meeting in October.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

BRAGS

Congratulations Kelli & Isla.....

Isla earned the following at the Puget Sound Vizsla Club Scent work trial in Nine Mile Falls on Sunday, August 24th. Containers Novice A 1st place, Exteriors Novice A 1st place, and Interiors Novice A 4th place. This was our second trial and looking forward to our next opportunity to trial and possibly title.



Please send all brags to sharminbaumann@hotmail.com as the newsletter editor!!

This was a 4 part presentation on blue-green algae put on for working dog handlers by top professionals in their field. While the focus is for search dog handlers the information is good for anyone who has dogs that swim. The first two parts were printed in the August Golden West and the final two parts are included here.

In this 4-part series a few trusted experts will help us get clear on the facts surrounding the recent deaths caused by blue-green algae and what you need to know to safely respond to call-outs while keeping your dog safe. In Part 3 of our 4-part series on blue-green algae, professor, decontamination expert, and FEMA Canine Search Specialist Dr. Erin Perry gives us best practices for decontaminating your dog when you suspect exposure. Dr. Erin Perry is an Associate professor at Southern Illinois University with more than 15 years of experience with working canines. Her research focuses on bringing practical solutions to the challenges encountered by working canines on deployment including gastrointestinal upset as a result of stress and improvements to current decontamination methods. Dr. Perry works with the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a Canine Handler, Evaluator and Instructor. Her published work includes investigations into the impacts of travel stress on working canines, a comprehensive review on canine olfaction, and studies examining the mechanics of canine decontamination. She has deployed with her canine partners to numerous disasters including Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Sandy, Joplin Tornado, Colorado Flooding, Hurricane Matthew and Hurricane Harvey, and Hurricane Florence.

Part 3: Blue-Green Algae & Your Search?

What considerations are there when decontaminating your dog?

Best practices for decontamination include consideration of route of exposure, available supplies and time to treatment. Potential routes of exposure include ingestion, inhalation and direct contact. Mostly commonly dogs are thought to ingest the toxins from drinking contaminated water but inhalation and dermal contact are also implicated. Due to the dangerously high toxicity associated with certain cyanobacteria, rapid decontamination is necessary for exposed dogs. Poisoning may occur within minutes or days depending on the type and accumulation of cyanotoxin present.

Why is decontamination important?

If you believe your dog has been exposed he/she should be monitored and self-grooming behaviors prevented until complete decontamination can occur. Canines will commonly lick paws, lower legs, flank and abdominal areas following vigorous activity. If canines attempt to self-groom prior to complete washing (i.e. in the car), steps should be taken to interrupt and stop this behavior in order to prevent further ingestion of the cyanotoxins which may be present. A muzzle can be used to prevent self-grooming but only if heat stress is not a concern and respiration is not impaired.

How do I decon my search dog?

Canines exposed to contaminated water must be immediately and thoroughly washed with copious amounts of clean water to remove the cyanobacteria that produce the dangerous toxins.

Gross Decontamination

If dog-washing facilities are not immediately available rinse the canine with as much clean water available (gross decontamination) then seek full washing facilities immediately.

Technical Decontamination?

EVERY area of the dog must be thoroughly washed using a veterinary dermatological shampoo with an antibacterial agent. Use a washcloth to avoid getting soap in the eyes and nasal passages.

Are there any safety considerations for the handler?

Handlers should utilize protective clothing and gloves during the wash procedure to prevent skin exposure.

What about my gear?

All clothing, leashes, collars, kennels or other equipment suspected of contamination should be thoroughly washed with an antibacterial agent prior to reuse. Porous or cloth toys (tennis balls, canvas tug toys, etc.) should be disposed of after suspected contamination.

Any final words to share with your fellow handlers?

As a handler who has experienced the devastation that occurs when your partner is exposed to poisonous compounds, please remember that this is a time sensitive issue. Do not delay decontamination or seeking veterinary treatment. Your partner's life may depend on it.

In the final installment of our 4-part series on blue-green algae, CFTE Founder and K9 Handler Deana Hudgins shares practical tips for keeping your K9 partner safe while you continue to serve your community and respond to callouts. Deana has a wealth of experience in the field of Search and Rescue and since 2001 has responded to hundreds of missing person searches for local, state and federal agencies. She is the Executive Director and a Founding Member of Ohio Search and Recovery Canines and also a Canine Search Specialist for FEMA Ohio Task Force One working both human remains detection and live find canines. Deana is a trainer and lead evaluator, and frequently consults as a subject matter expert for large scale training exercises and cases providing guidance in search strategy and planning, resource management, mapping and data collection. Deana has worked for The Ohio State University since 2001 and has focused on GIS and water quality monitoring and analysis in agricultural watersheds.

Part 4: Blue-Green Algae & Your Search Dog

What do we know about blue-green algae?

Now you know what blue green algae is, why it's harmful to your dog, and how to decontaminate your dog if exposure is suspected.

We know that search and rescue is inherently dangerous and it is our responsibility to carry out our duties as effectively and safely as possible. People will continue to have boating accidents, autistic children will wander away from home and be drawn to water. These scenarios and many more like them will continue to play out across the country whether or not Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) are present.

So how do we perform our duties and still keep our K9 partners safe?

What can you do before arriving on scene?

- Get as much intel about the area as possible and use the resources shared in Part 1 of this series to determine if the area you will be searching has reported contaminated water. Remember this only applies to public lands.
- Find out where the nearest 24 hour emergency veterinary hospital is to the search area, so if you suspect exposure or see any of the symptoms outlined in Part 2, you can immediately act.
- Pack the appropriate gear to keep your dog safe and endure you are able to decontaminate your dog (as described in Part 3) in the event of exposure: long line, harness, shampoo, peroxide, activated charcoal.

What can you do once you arrive on scene?

- Ask the Agency Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) for a detailed map of the areas to be searched. Highlight each area that contains bodies of water.
- Ask local resources and landowners if they are aware of any contaminated waters on their property or surrounding properties.
- Discuss your concerns about potential contamination and the risks of exposure with the AHJ.
- Develop a strategy to allow the area to be searched while maintaining the safety of your canine. Explain to the AHJ that this may limit the thoroughness of the search and lower the probability of detection.
- Confirm that there is clean water available to decontaminate your dog should an exposure occur and follow the recommendations in Part 3.
- Establish a procedure to evacuate your dog to emergency care in the event of a possible exposure.
- If there is a confirmed HAB, are there other SAR assets that can be used to safely search the area instead of endangering your dog (e.g. sonar, underwater cameras, drones)? Can the search be delayed until a time of year when HABs are not present (cold case)?

What can you do when the sector may have HABS and you're searching near the water?

- Work your dog on lead to prevent them from entering the water.
- Remember that HABs can be washed up on shore and still pose a fatal danger if consumed, even though they are not in the water.
- Dogs seek out water to cool down and hydrate during long searches and in hot weather. Make sure you are carrying plenty of fresh water for your K9 and that you are offering it frequently.
- Make sure to take frequent breaks to allow your K9 to cool down. Bring (or ask the AHJ to set up) a baby pool at the base so that you can cool your partner between work cycles.

What can you do when the sector may have HABS and your searching from a boat?

- Lift/carry the dog into and out of the boat if you must launch from shore.
- Keep the dog leashed in the boat so that you can prevent jumping into the water or drinking/tasting the water.
- Do not allow your dog to lick your pants or boots. You may be carrying the toxins from walking through contaminated water.

You are your dogs advocate, and while we all assume a certain level of risk every time we respond to a call out, it is your duty to SPEAK UP if you can not complete the task safely. You are not going to help the missing individual or the AHJ if you knowingly put your dog into a position where they are exposed to HABs. While it may be uncomfortable, you are within your right to turn down an assignment to protect yourself and your partner.



Evergreen Golden Retriever Club
Board Meeting Minutes
Place: via Zoom
Date: Monday August 11, 2025

I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Amy Rosling, President.

Present: Amy Rosling, Marian Tillman, Kelli Armstrong, Pat Lindquist, Nancy Light.
Sharmin Dominke, Trish Hughes.
Absent: Dana Fare

II. Approval of Minutes:

No Board minutes were published. We will publish both the July Board minutes and the July GM minutes in the August Golden West.

III. Report of Corresponding Secretary (Sharmin)

- From Sharon Shilkoff (2025 GRCA National Specialty Committee Chair): *“The National Specialty Committee is looking for clubs who can help with morning hospitality at Purina for our National Specialty. The cost is \$300 but if you would like to contribute less and combine with a sister club that would be great! Please feel free to contact me if you can help and I can let you know how to contribute!”*
 - After Board discussion, it was unanimously agreed that we would not contribute at this time.

IV. Report of Treasurer (Kelli)

- The monthly Treasurer’s reports and year-to-date (July) financial reports were forwarded via email by Amy with the Board meeting Agenda.
 - Project a loss for the year with upcoming expenses of insurance and trailer repair and storage.
 - Maryke is still waiting for the Specialty ribbon invoice.
 - Payment was approved via Board emails to Trish Hughes for the towing and storage of Cargo Trailer in the amount of \$810 on July 15, 2025.
 - The following check requests have been submitted for reimbursement and need to be approved:
 - Sharmin Dominke \$33.81 for trailer combo lock and key carabiner.
 - Frank Pampiks \$494.80 for trailer axel and bearing replacement.
 - Trish Hughes \$298.70 for trailer contents and parking for the month of August.

MOTION: To approve reimbursement to Sharmin Dominke, Frank Pampiks and Trish Hughes for the amounts submitted. **APPROVED**

V. Report of Committees:

Events:

1. Agility Nancy (Chair) August 29-31, 2025 at Run Wild.
 - We have hired a new judge, Graham Loken, to replace Susan Leitner (who had to cancel due to family health emergency). Having a one judge trial can be problematic and a very long day, so some exhibitors will not enter a one judge trial. It was late for him to design courses. Susan designed 12 courses and we are paying her \$300 for those. Since he will not have to design courses, Graham will not be charging us a minimum fee, which is a common practice of judges.
 - Since we will likely have a low entry, this will be a benefit to EGRC on his charges. He will not need a hotel room or a room at Run Wild since he lives in Woodinville and will commute daily. (Note that Susan Leitner was going to be staying with Kathy Burns, so we did not have an accommodation expense for her either.) He does have a lot of dietary restrictions so will mostly be bringing his own food.
 - Kathy will be picking up the other judge at the airport and driving her to a hotel in Enumclaw and then to and from Run Wild.
 - Due to all of these changes, I am anticipating a loss on the Agility trial.

- Susan Bell will be doing hospitality for the judges and key workers.
 - We are having R2Agility\ Secretary (the Robbins) for next year (changing from Lori Sage) and have the judges arranged (Christian Eckhoff and Laura Finco).
2. Specialty - Maryke (2026 & 2027 Chair)
 - **2025:** Kelli and Maryke met with the PSESSA Chair and Treasurer and reviewed the shared expenses. To ensure that expenses were split 50/50, and because we had a lower number of RVs, we sent PSESSA a check for \$263 to reconcile the split.
 - Now just waiting for a ribbon invoice to be able to close out the show. The 4-6 month ribbons were shipped a couple of weeks ago to their recipients.
 - **2026:** Maryke suggested considering doing a 2nd Specialty on Saturday, calling it a “KISS” Specialty (Keep It Simple Specialty) and just doing ribbons. The Springers are also considering this and it would help both clubs if the 3rd judge could also be hired by the Springer club for their Saturday morning show to ensure the Specialty is profitable for both.
 - Several Board members showed interest in having 2 on Saturday and 2 on Sunday and agreed that Maryke can move forward with pursuing this idea.
 - **2027:** Maryke looking at options for 4th of July weekend.
 3. Judges Selection Committee - Trish (Chair), Amy Rosling and Sharmin Dominke
 - 2026 waiting to hear if we have decided to add one or two shows then will work on contacting judges from the list for 2026.
 - 2027 on hold until we make a decision on the Specialty.
 4. Hunt Test Nancy (Chair) June 21-22, 2025 Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds.
 - The financial report was sent out with the Agenda as an attachment.
 5. WC/WCX - TBD (chair) Sept. 6, 2025 at Colin's
 - Flat coats responsible for 2025. EGRC will cover for 2026.
 - Ron Colyer is the liaison with the flat coat club.
 6. CCA – (Canine Conformation Assessment) TBD (Chair)
 - Trish will follow up with Kathy Fisk if she is interested in chairing the CCA and will speak with several members who showed interest in the CCA.

FINANCES:

1. Donations Committee- Kathy (Chair)
 - Kathy Fisk, Sandy Scudder, Stacia White are on the committee.
 - Donations completed for the year with money sent to Dr. Townsend at Purdue U, and WSU.

CLUB AFFAIRS:

1. Upcoming Meetings/Events

8/27 GM Meeting 7 p.m. PST via Zoom	10/13 Board Meeting 7 p.m. PST via Zoom
8/29-31 Agility – Run Wild	10/22 GM Meeting 7 p.m. PST via Zoom
9/6 WC/WCX Colin's property	11/10 Joint Board Meeting 7 p.m. PST via Zoom
9/8 Board Meeting 7 p.m. PST via Zoom	11/26 GM Meeting 7 p.m. PST via Zoom
9/24 GM Meeting 7 p.m. PST via Zoom	12/? Holiday Party TBD

Note: All Board Meetings will have the same Zoom link.

2. Programs – Dana (Chair)
 - Our August membership meeting will have a speaker from HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response at 7 p.m.

3. Golden West – Sharmin (Chair)
 - Nothing new to report
 4. Website – Kathy (Chair)
 - Nothing new to report
 5. Puppy Referral – Claudia (Chair) –
 - No report received
 6. Awards Pat (Chair)
 - Nothing new to report
 7. Property - TBD (Chair)
 - Proposed Property Chair Description:
 - *The Property Chair is responsible for managing and coordinating all club property used for events. Key duties include but are not limited to:*
 - **Coordinate with Event Chairs** for current events, including Specialty, Hunt Test, WC/WCX, Agility and Awards, to ensure the appropriate club property is available and in good condition.
 - **Work with the Treasurer** to identify all assets, supplies, and other inventory items that need to be tracked, and submit and **annual property report** for financial records.
 - **Create and maintain an event-based inventory list** in collaboration with event chairs to assist with annual reporting and future event planning.
 - **Oversee cargo trailer maintenance, storage arrangements, and inventory of its contents in coordination with the Specialty Chair.**
 - Amy received an email from Frank and Deb Pampiks who volunteered to be co-property chairs.
 - It was agreed that the Standing Rules be amended to include the description of the Property Chair.
- MOTION:** To Appoint Frank Pampiks and Deb Pampiks as Co-Property Chairs.
APPROVED.
8. Sunshine Committee –Suzy (Chair) –
 - July was a busy month with five cards going out. Healing wishes to all of the recipients.
 9. Social media – Kathy (Chair)
 - Nothing new to report.
 10. GRCA News Column – Rachele (Chair)
 - Nothing new to report, but always looking for any additional topics worth discussing.
 11. Nominating Committee – Kathy (Chair)
 - Kathy, Stacia and Steve on the committee.
 - Currently contacting members to see if they would like to join the Board.
 12. Membership Marian (Chair)
 - 65 members (37 voting, 28 non-voting)
 13. Website renewal Steve (Chair)
 - Temporary committee
 - Need to appoint committee members

VI. Unfinished Business – Sharmin is still looking for volunteer help with loading the trailer.

VII. New Business –

- Scott Corley, a member of RHRC, would like his name submitted to be elected as the Master National representative from our region. It is a Master National Board position (and we are a Master National Club). Susan Bell is our representative to the Master National and she can also submit Scott's name but would also like the Board's approval.

MOTION: To support Scott Corley in becoming a member of the Master National Board of Directors for our region. **APPROVED.**

- Donation in memory of Rich Anton.

MOTION: To donate \$100 in memory of Rich Anton to the charity of his family's choice. **APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Tillman,
Recording Secretary



Evergreen Golden Retriever Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
Date: Wednesday July 23, 2025
Place: Via Zoom

I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Amy Rosling, President.

Present: Lynn Anderson, Kelli Armstrong, Ron Colyer, Sheila Colyer, Gene Daspit, Mavourneen Daspit, Kathy Daspit, Sharmin Dominke, Dana Fare, Kathy Fisk, Maryke Haynes, Steve Hughes, Trish Hughes, Shari Phillips, Amy Rosling, Yoshino Sakamoto, Claudia Shaw, Jonathon Stone, Marian Tillman.

II. **Approval of Minutes:**

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

APPROVED.

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

- Scott Corley submitted to be elected as the Master National representative from our region.
- Donation in memory of Rich Anton will be made to the charity of his family's choice.
- Trailer will need to be loaded now that it has been fixed.

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

- Nothing new to report.

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

- Bank balances were reported
- There is one outstanding invoice for ribbons and the upcoming Agility trials this weekend.

VI. **Report of Committees:**

- Events:
 1. Agility Nancy (Chair)
 - August 29-31, 2025 at Run Wild
 - Anticipating a loss at the agility trial due to the issues with judges
 - Susan Bell will be doing hospitality for the judges and key workers.
 - Having R2Agility\ (the Robbins) Secretary for next year (changing from Lori Sage) and have the judges arranged (Christian Eckhoff and Laura Finco).
 2. Specialty Maryke (2025, 2026, 2027 Chair)
 - 2025: Kelli and I met with the PSESSA Chair and Treasurer and reviewed the shared expenses. To ensure expenses were split 50/50, and because we had a lower number of RVs, we sent PSESSA a check for \$263 to reconcile the split. Just waiting on a ribbon invoice to be able to close out the show. The 4–6-month ribbons were shipped a couple of weeks ago to their recipients.
 - 2026: working with the Board to determine how many shows to have.
 - 2027: Need to look at dates due to it falling on 4th of July weekend.
 3. Judges Selection Committee – Trish (Chair)
 - JSC for 2027 on hold until we make a decision on the Specialty date.

- 2026: waiting to hear if we have decided to add one or two shows, then will work on contacting judges from the 2026 list.
4. Hunt Test – Nancy (Chair) June 21-22, 2025
 - Final report sent to the Board
 5. WC/WCX – TBD (Chair) Sept. 6, 2025 at Cascade Retriever Training Grounds
 - No Chair needed until 2026.
 - Ron Colyer is the liaison with the flat coat club.
 - Ron asked for help, particularly with pop-n-throw.
 6. CCA – (Canine Conformation Assessment) – TBD (Chair)
 - Board is working on a committee with one person who is experienced in running a CCA.
 - FINANCES:
 1. Donations Committee – Kathy (chair)
 - Donations completed for the year with money sent to Dr. Wendy Townsend and WSU.
 - CLUB AFFAIRS:
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9/24 GM Mtg. 7 PM PST via Zoom	11/26 GM Mtg. 7 PM PST via Zoom
	12/? Holiday Party @ Pampiks'
 2. Programs – Dana (Chair)
 - Prior to the start of this meeting, Raquel Lackey from HOPE Animal-Assisted Crisis Response was our guest speaker.
 - Always looking for suggestions.
 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)
 - Nothing new to report.
 5. Puppy Referral – Claudia (Chair) –
 - Nothing new to report
 6. Awards – Pat (Chair)
 - Nothing new to report
 7. Property TBD (Chair)
 - Board is in communication with those who have volunteered.
 - Trailer needs to be loaded with items from the storage unit and an inventory taken. No one responded to the email asking for help. This will be turned over to the property chair when finalized.
 - Proposed Property Chair Description:

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- ❖ *Work with the Treasurer to identify all assets, supplies and other inventory items that need to be tracked, and submit an annual property report for financial records;*
- ❖ *Create and maintain an event-based inventory list in collaboration with event chairs to assist with annual reporting and future event planning.*
- ❖ *Oversee cargo trailer maintenance, storage arrangements, and inventory of its contents in coordination with the Specialty Chair.*

- It was agreed that the Standing Rules be amended to include the description of the Property Chair.

8. Sunshine Committee – Suzy (Chair)

- July was a busy month with five cards going out. Healing wishes to all of the recipients.

9. Social media – Kathy (Chair)

- Nothing new to report

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- Nothing new to report but always looking for any additional topics worth discussing.

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- Currently contacting members.
- Looking for a volunteer for the Treasurer position. Contact a committee member for details of the position.

12. Membership – Marian (Chair)

- 65 members (37 voting and 28 non-voting)
- No upcoming applicants for membership.

13. Website renewal – Steve (Chair)

- Temporary committee
- Still looking for volunteers who want to help.

VII. Unfinished Business - none

VIII. New Business - none

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Tillman, Recording Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS

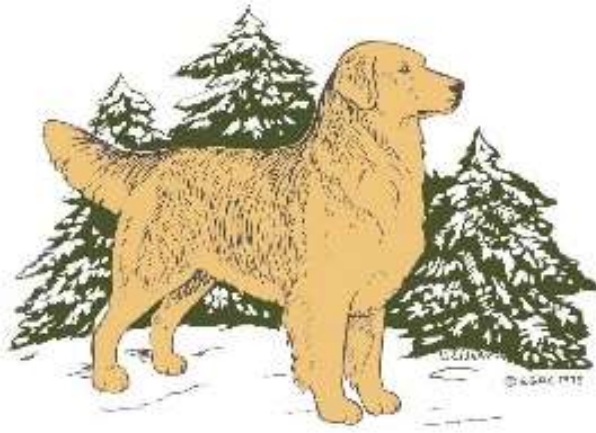
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Board Member at Large	Nancy Light	425-354-3609 kylahgold@aol.com

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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	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

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 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.