October 2026

CVGRC Newsletter



NEXT MEETING

CVGRC October Program Details:



Program: A Golden Halloween Event

Date: Sunday, November 1st

Location: The Winery at Wolf Creek, 2637 S. Cleveland Massillon Rd, Norton, OH. 44203

Time: 1:30 pm (a brief Club Meeting will be held)

Join Us For Our Annual Halloween Celebration!

Food/Drinks & Games Included:

*Golden Costume Contest (Prize awarded to each participant!)

*Bobbing for Hotdogs!

*Trick for Treats (Dogs perform a trick and receive a Halloween Goodie Bag!)

RSVP BY OCTOBER 25th to: goldengirlmk@msn.com. Please include how many dogs & people you plan to bring.

Hope to see everyone and your Goldens for FUN & Fellowship!

PREVIOUS MEETING

CVGRC MEETING SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

The meeting was called to order by the President, Maureen Kilrain at 7:02 pm via ZOOM.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Minutes accepted as published in the newsletter

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: No Report

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tara reported financial report had been forwarded to the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Vicki reported she and Karen Phillipps had compiled the following as the 2027 Slate of Officers:

Officers:	**Board 2027 – 2029**
President: Maureen Kilrain	Donna Edwards
Vice President: Andrene Schabel	Lynn Geiger
Treasurer: Tara Perby	**Board 2025 -2027**
Recording Secretary: Vicki White	Steve Harmon (1 year left in term)
Corresponding Secretary: Kathy Koenig remainer year of	Wendy Bush (filling Karen Hardy's term)

HUNT TRIAL: Ann: Panel is set. Reported that in 2027 they will be piggyback with Pennsylvania. Maureen reported she had received field materials from AKC and that she would be delivering to Tara.

SPECIALTY: Vicki reported that she was in the process of recruiting judges for the 2027 show. We have recruited two specialty judges and a sweeps judge

and need 1 additional specialty judge. We also received approval from GRCA to hold the GRCA 2028 Central Regional in conjunction with Pittsburg holding the GRCA 2028 Eastern Regional. Pat Flanagan is working with the fairgrounds.

OLD BUSINESS:

Maureen and Cappi are working on updating our membership list.

Kathy Koenig will follow up on renting a storage facility and will report at our next meeting.

Revisited the awards dates. Feeling is they should be awarded closer to the time that they have been earned. Plan is to return to awarding them at the Holiday dinner in December. The 12 month period for earning titles would run from November 1st – October 31st. This will allow for time for submission and for engraving of awards before the dinner. Kathy Koenig will write this up for the newsletter and the eligibility form.

Face book and our website are out of date and need cleaned up. New applicant, Jan Fecser, has offered to help.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ann Lynn has volunteered to offer a one-day introductory seminar for beginner dogs & owners to the sport of field work. She will be sending out a write-up with more information to club members to see if there is an interest. If will be asking for a response to determine the level of interest.

Halloween Party will be held at Wolfe Creek Winery on November 1st. Watch for Notice to RSVP.

GRIN GALA is October 17th. In the new year the board will be working on a policy to determine how club members are chosen to receive tickets purchased by the club.

NEW MEMBERS

Bob and Jan Fecser have applied to be members of CVGRC. They have had golden retrievers as pets through the years and currently have 2, Henry and Zoey. Both Jan and Bob are retired and looking to become involved in activities with the dogs. They currently do dock diving.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Attendance: Vicki White, Maureen Kilrain, Tara Perby, Kathy Koenig, Wendy Bush, Christine Sebrasky, Ann Lynn, Lynn Geiger, Janice Drehar, and Bob and Jan (Weaver) Fecser

Respectively submitted, Vicki White, Recording Secretary

Welcome New Members!!

Here's a warm welcome to our newest voted and approved members, Bob Fecser and Jan Weaver. They have 2 Goldens: Henry and Zoey whose favorite activity is swimming.

Thank you, Vicki, for referring new members and growing club membership!

CONGRATULATIONS TO BLAZE!!!

Kathy Koenig's beautiful dog, Blaze, earned his Senior Hunter Title on September 19, 2026! He went 4/4 with a bonus pass!



UPCOMING EVENTS

CVGRC 2nd ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF!

IN CONJUCTION WITH THE CVGRC AGILITY TRIAL
(Fri, Sat, Sun –October 9-11)
Agility Judge Lisa Rieves
SAVE THE DATE!
GET YOUR CHILI + AGILITY ENTRIES READY!
WE HAD AN AWESOME TIME LAST YEAR so LET'S MAKE IT BIGGER AND BETTER!
"PRIZES AND AWARDS"
PINNACLE DOG SPORTS, WESTLAKE OHIO
Chili Competition, Saturday October 10, 2026
Kgsporty1@ameritech.net

GRIN's GALA

In an effort for CVGRC to reconnect relations with GRIN, it was decided that a few select CVGRC board/officer members will attend and represent our club at GRIN's GALA event on October 17, 2026. Tickets are available to all other CVGRC members for $85.00 each.

For additional info and to purchase tickets go to: https://my.onecause.com/event/organizations/9d00cc0f-f506-4588-9690-1894acf6b9a5/events/vevt:e30dec09-0d35-42df-9700-ddc153e3dd85/home/story

Please notify Maureen Kilrain at goldengirlmk@msn.com if you will be attending the GALA, so she can arrange for you to sit at CVGRC's reserved table.

November 13–15, 2026: Fall Agility Trial

Sponsored by CVGRC. (Historically hosted at Pinnacle). Volunteers may still be needed.

Introduction to Retriever Field Training:

Ann Lynn is a CVGRC member who has owned, trained, and handled five Goldens to Master Hunter titles. She is also an AKC HTJudge. Ann would like to get more members involved in field work, so she has volunteered to host an Introduction to a Field Training workshop in May 2027.

Details are as follows:

Introduction to Retriever Field Training would be a one-day, hands-on workshop designed to introduce retriever owners and their dogs to the sport of field work. The day would combine handler education — covering field events, basic training concepts, equipment, and the path towards a WC or JH — with opportunities for participants to work their own dogs on simple land and water exercises, as well as, exposed to birds and gunfire.

At this time, we are inquiring if there is a club interest in this type of program before we finalize the event. Please click on the following link with your response: https://doodle.com/group-poll/participate/bkgR8Wvb

Any questions, contact Ann at: alynn@ithaca.edu

Awards Celebration

The change we have all been waiting for... the update on celebrating our club members successes throughout the year. We have decided to change our "Awards Celebration" to coincide with our CVGRC club's holiday party in December. In order to do this, all award applications must be turned in to Kathy Koenig by November 10, 2026. Please see the attached form for award requirements and the application form to submit. You may snail mail the application using the address on the form, or email it to Kathy at GoldenFan61@gmail.com. A 4 x 6 inch pictures must be mailed if you would like me to attach them to your plaque. Looking forward to a fun celebration for our members.

2026 Annual Awards Information

CVGRC, Inc. gives several awards/trophies to members at the end of the year to offer recognition for achievements made in all areas in the sport of dogs. The Annual Awards offered are the following:

- Versatility Award- included on award plaque
- Performance Versatility Award- included on award plaque
- Performance Versatility Excellent Award- receives larger plaque, requires 5x7 photo
- Dorothy Prohaska Owner/Handler Memorial Trophy
- One Ash High Point Puppy Dog Trophy
- One Ash High Point Puppy Bitch Trophy
- Altair High Scoring Obedience Trophy
- Olympic High Scoring Obedience Trophy
- Zolotia All-Round Challenge Trophy

The awards need to have the necessary achievements made during the club award year, which is: January 1, 2026-October 31, 2026. The Versatility awards are awarded in the year that the last area's achievement is made.

All awards must be applied for at the end of the award year. The deadline for the application to be given to the awards chairperson is November 10, 2026.
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Annual Awards requirements:

CVGRC recognizes the achievements of its members by offering an annual award to those members whose dogs have completed any AKC or GRCA degree or title within the CVGRC award year. The volume of titles is too numerous to list. If you are not sure include it on your application and we will let you know.

Members must be in good standing. Their eligibility is determined based on meeting attendance and/or work in various committees and events. The Board has final say on eligibility.

Various club members have donated the following awards. These recognitions are for achievements that the donors hold close to their hearts and feel deserve special notice. If you should ever have any questions regarding the eligibility criteria for these awards, please contact the donors directly.

Versatility Award:

Offered by CVGRC to any member whose dog has made achievements in conformation, obedience and field, The awards will be given for the club award year in which the last area of achievement is earned.

Requirements are:

Any member whose dog has completed a minimum of the following: 5 points or more in conformation, a minimum of a CD, or TD, or NA, or NAJ in obedience/agility, and any GRCA or AKC recognized field title, Versatility only applies to achievements earned thru AKC and GRCA.

Eligibility:

All requirements pertaining to the CVGRC Annual Awards shall apply. At least 2 of the 3 areas of achievement (including the last one) must be earned while the owner is a member of CVGRC in good standing.

Dorothy Prohaska Owner/Handler Memorial Trophy:

Offered by CVGRC and in memory of Dorothy Prohaska, to encourage and promote Goldens being handled by their owners in AKC conformation shows. Offered to the CVGRC member-owned/dog team attaining the highest number of points accumulated during the club award year based on the following scale:

- 1 point for each dog defeated with any win of Class 1st thru Best in Show

Requirements are:

Qualifying wins must be made with the same dog and the same owner/handler and must be attained at an AKC licensed dog show. Owner/Handler is defined as the member with who the dog permanently resides and who is the handler of the dog at the dog show. The trophy will remain the property of CVGRC and will be presented to the recipient to hold in their possession for a 12 month period. In the event of a tie, the trophy will be awarded to both parties and they will split the 12 month period of possession.

Eligibility:

All requirements pertaining to the CVGRC Annual Awards shall apply. All eligible points must be earned while the owner/handler is a member of CVGRC in good standing.

One Ash High Point Puppy (Bitch/Dog) Trophy:

Offered by CVGRC and One Ash Kennels to encourage and promote the showing of puppy Goldens in AKC conformation shows. Offered to the CVGRC member/owner of the puppy dog /bitch attaining the highest number of points accumulated between the ages of 6 months and 12 months. There is a trophy for dogs and a trophy for bitches. The puppy dog/bitch shall be eligible in the CVGRC award year during which the puppy dog/bitch reaches the age of one year. The following point scale shall apply:

- 1 point for each dog defeated with any win of the 4th place in class thru Best in Show.

Requirements are:

Qualifying wins must be made from the puppy show classes at an AKC licensed dog show. The trophy will remain the property of CVGRC and will be presented to the recipient to hold in their possession for a 12 month period. In the event of a tie, the trophy will be awarded to both parties and they will split the 12 month period of possession.

Eligibility:

All requirements pertaining to the CVGRC Annual Awards shall apply. All eligible points must be earned while the owner/handler is a member of CVGRC in good standing.

Altair's High Scoring Obedience Award:

Offered by CVGRC and Altair's Kennels to encourage Obedience showing as a sport while in competition for an AKC obedience title. . Offered to the CVGRC member/owner of the dog attaining the highest average score while competing for any AKC obedience title. The scores from five shows must be selected and submitted by the member/owner. The AKC obedience title must be obtained during the club award year for which the member/owner makes the application.

Requirements are:

The dog must attain its AKC title of CD, CDX, or UD. The qualifying wins must be made from entries within the same obedience class with one dog and must be attained at an AKC licensed obedience trial. The trophy will remain the property of CVGRC and will be presented to the recipient to hold in their possession for a 12 month period. In the event of a tie, the candidate dog defeating the largest number of dogs shall be the recipient.

Eligibility:

All requirements pertaining to the CVGRC Annual Awards shall apply. All eligible points must be earned while the owner/handler is a member of CVGRC in good standing.

Olympic High Score Obedience Award:

Offered by CVGRC and Olympic Kennels to encourage obedience showing as a sport during and beyond the achievement of any AKC obedience title. Offered to the CVGRC member/owner of the dog attaining the highest average score in any one obedience class during the club award year.

Requirements are:

To qualify for this award a dog must achieve the highest average score earned in five AKC licensed shows. All five scores must be submitted form one regular class only (novice A, Novice B, Open A, Open B, Utility A, and Utility B). This includes dogs in the process of earning a degree, as well as those showing beyond the CDX title. It is the responsibility of the award recipient to report all scores to the Annual Awards Chairperson to receive credit. The trophy will remain the property of CVGRC and will be presented to the recipient to hold in their

possession for a 12 month period. In the event of a tie, an additional score or scores will be required.

Eligibility:

All eligible scores must be earned while the owner is a member of CVGRC and is in good standing.

Zolotia All –Round Challenge trophy:

Offered by CVGRC and Zolotia Kennels to encourage year-round achievement in all areas - field, obedience, and breed - at AKC licensed shows, trials, and tests and GRCA sanctioned field events.

Offered to the CVGRC member/owner of the dog attaining points accumulated during the club award year based on the following point scale

- Conformation - 1 point per dog defeated with any win of 1st place in class thru Best in Show, must defeat a minimum of 3 dogs to earn points for that show.
- Obedience/Agility/Tracking - ½ point per qualifying score and 1 point per title.
- Field/Hunt/WC/WCX - ½ point per leg or Jam and 1 point per title or Field Trial Placement.
- Minimum points needed: breed area - 3, obedience area - 1, field area – 1.

Requirements are:

To qualify for this award the dog must accumulate points from all three areas of accomplishment during the year from which the award is applied. All available points must be obtained at AKC licensed shows and GRCA sanctioned field events. It is the responsibility of the member/owner to report wins/points to the Annual Awards Chairperson for credit toward this award. The trophy will remain the property of CVGRC and will be presented to the recipient to hold in their possession for a 12-month period. In the case of more than one member/owner earning the award, the candidate teams will all be awarded the trophy and they will split the 12-month period of possession.

Eligibility:

All eligibility requirements pertaining to the CVGRC Annual Awards shall apply. All eligible points must be earned while a member of CVGRC in good standing.

Performance Versatility Award:

Offered by CVGRC to recognize the achievements that CVGRC members make in performance events and the versatile ability of their Goldens. The award will be given for the club award year in which the member/owner's dog completes the requirements based on achievements made in AKC and GRCA performance events.

Requirements are:

A total of 20 or more points must be earned to be eligible for this award. With points being accumulated from at least four out of the five categories. Only the highest achievement in each category earns points.

The point schedule is as follows:

- Obedience/ Rally Category**:** CD=4, CDX=6, UD=10, UDX=12, OTCH=15; RN=1,RA=2,RE=2,RAE=4
- Tracking Category: TD=4, TDX=9, VST=12. CT=15
- Agility Category**:** NA(NAP) and/or NAJ(NJP)=3. OA(OAP) and/or OAJ(OJP)=5. AX(AXP) and/or AXJ(AJP)=7, MX(MXP) and/or MXJ(MJP)=9. MACH=13.
- Field Category**:** WC=3. WCX=5. **=8. ***=11, FC or AFC=14, FC and AFC=15;
- Hunt Category:JH=4. SH=8, MH=12.

Eligibility:

All eligibility requirements pertaining to the CVGRC Annual Awards shall apply. At least 10 of the points, including the last one, must be earned while the owner is a member of CVGRC in good standing.

Performance Versatility Excellent Award-this is offered on a larger plaque with an individual 5x7 photo

Offered by CVGRC in memory of OTCH Sandyhill Logan. UDX ,TDX, JH, MX, WC, to recognize achievement in AKC and GRCA performance events above and beyond the Performance Versatility Award.

Requirements are:

A total of 30 points must be accumulated from all 5 of the five categories. The point schedule from the Performance Versatility Award shall be used.

Eligibility:

All eligibility requirements pertaining to the CVGRC Annual Awards shall apply. At least 10 of the points, including the last one, must be earned while the owner is a member of CVGRC in good standing.

Breeders Excellence Award

Offered by CVGRC & Gold'N'Point Kennel to encourage & promote Goldens being handled in the Bred By Exhibitor class in AKC conformation shows. Offered to the CVGRC member/owner/handler of the dog attaining his/her Championship solely from the Bred By Exhibitor class. Requirements: ALL 15 points toward an AKC Championship need to be earned from the Bred By Exhibitor class. Eligibility: All eligibility requirements pertaining to the CVGRC Annual Awards shall apply. At least 5 points, including the last one, must be earned while the owner is a member of CVGRC in good standing.

**EXAMPLES:

Zolotia All-Round Challenge Trophy: Dog XYZ took Reserve Winners defeating 12 dogs his one and only time out in the breed ring, got his CD and 2 NA legs. got his WC and 1 JH leg. Breed points=12. Obedience points=3-1/2 points (1pt for CD title, 1/2 pt for each leg of CD and NA), Field points: 1-1/2 (1 pt for WC title. 1/2 pt for JH leg). Total points = 17. ***-Performance***

Versatility Award: Dog ABC has his UD, OA, TD, JH. and WC. This equals 15 points with at least 2 points earned in both obedience and field areas and points earned from at least four categories. Obedience - UD=6. OA=4. TD=2; Field - JH=2, and WC=1.