

SGRS MEMBERS' NEWS SHEET

APRIL 2017



Welcome to your NEWS SHEET. Your Committee will be sending this out a few times a year so please check your emails and your spam folder (just in case).

Whilst at Crufts, SGRS Fundraiser, David Wimsett and SGRS Chairman, Sue Ashley, with help from some of the SGRS Display Team dogs, presented a cheque on behalf of the Society for £7190 to Dr Claire Guest, CEO of the Society's elected charity Medical Detection Dogs. This sum had been collected during 2016 at Society events and many organised fund raising events supported by SGRS members, families and friends. All are sincerely thanked for their generous support of MDD with the hope that this continues during 2017.



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The postman delivered an unexpected surprise...a large green certificate from the Kennel Club awarding the SGRS an EXCELLENT from the Championship Show Field Officer Visit.

A big well done for everyone's contribution in making it such a successful show once again.

Rolling Raffle.

The Society will, once again, be running a 'Rolling Raffle' during the year with the Draw taking place at the Open Show in October. All money raised will be for Medical Detection Dogs.

There will be a choice of two prizes this year.....a beautiful limited edition print, by artist Lynn Paterson, of three Golden Retrievers posing at Guisachan in Scotland. This has been kindly donated by Stewart Weller. And also the opportunity of having a valuable water colour painting of your own dog painted and donated by artist and SGRS member Trevor Hartley.

Tickets, which will be £1 each, will be available at SGRS events held during the year. If you would like a ticket(s) but can't get to SGRS events you can contact David Wimsett(david-wimsett1@hotmail.co.uk) who will, on receipt of the appropriate money, be able to allocate you tickets and put you on the register of ticket holders.

Many of you will know that the Society has a FaceBook page
<https://www.facebook.com/SouthernGoldenRetrieverSociety>

We would love to have members celebrate major or interesting successes with their dogs.

Please contact Sue Ashley ashley258@btinternet.com or Lisa Baker lisa.baker177@btinternet.com if you have any interesting news and photos to share.

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Obedience & Agility Show 2017



We are again holding our show at Ad Astra, Crowhurst, Surrey RH7 6LY on Sunday 13th of August 2017.

For Golden Retrievers only, this is a KC limited open show with both Obedience and Agility Classes. Details of how to enter can be found on our SGRS website or by contacting our Show secretary Jan Wilton on:- 01634 666785 or by e-mail - vallhund@btinternet.com

Also on the day you can enter a Scurry and have a go in the Agility training ring.

Not forgetting Hazel's Bar-B- Q and our SGRS raffle.

Do you have any unwanted gifts/items that would be suitable for a Raffle prize? The SGRS are always happy to accept items for prizes at events. Either bring along to any of the SGRS events such as the Fun Day or training classes or contact a local Committee Member.

Please remember that w.e.f this year, there will no longer be an annual Year Book published and sent to Members. Most information will be available either within the regular e-news sheets or on the website. If you would like to receive a list of members' contact details then please contact Ann Stephenson (asteph33@aol.com) .

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Fun Day.

The SGRS Fun Day will be held at its usual venue, Capel Village Hall, Five Oak Green, Tonbridge, on Sunday 28th May. There will be plenty of fun activities for you and your Golden to take part in as well as Fun Classes for your Golden to enter in the main arena. A good number of Southern Golden Retriever Rescue Dogs will also be there for their own Rescue Parade.

The gates will open at 11.30am and the day ends with the exciting Golden Steeplechase heats and final from around 3.30pm.

The SGRS Display Team will also be performing their new routine shown at Crufts in March and the National Pet Show at the London ExCel Centre on the 6th and 7th May.

As usual the proceeds raised on the day will be shared between the Society's elected charity, Medical Detection Dogs and Southern Golden Retriever Rescue.

We hope to see you there. Any questions about the day can be sent to the Organiser, David Wimsett, at david-wimsett1@hotmail.co.uk.

Fun Day Silent Auction & Plant Stall.

If anyone has an item of real interest and value that they would like to donate to the Silent Auction at the Fun Day, would they please contact David Wimsett as shown above. And if anyone has any spare plants/cuttings/seedlings, these would be appreciated for the ever popular plant stall.

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On Sunday 30th April the Society has arranged a **Training day and Special Beginner Working Test** for those interested in the gundog working side of Goldens or for people who have ever wondered if their dog could or would work. The day is intended to be a fun introduction to working tests and for those who have already had some experience of working their dog. To be held at 2, Aldon Cottages, Aldon Lane, Offham, West Malling, Kent. ME195PH. By kind Permission of Mr. Ray and Mrs Sue ASHLEY.

There is still time to enter and have a go. Entries close on 21st April. Schedule and Entry Form are now on the SGRS Website.

<http://www.southerngoldenretriever.com/show1.html#working>

There will be BBQ food available at the training day for purchase.

Some of our long-term Members will be saddened to hear about the death of two of the Society's Founder Members - Anne Carden and Ann Furness. Our condolences go to their families.

We have been approached by a third year veterinary student at the new School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Surrey, who is currently looking to recruit dogs for her third year project, looking at the effectiveness of laser therapy treatment on elbow dysplasia. .

There are two groups for recruitment – dogs with elbow dysplasia who are about to start a course of laser therapy and a group of dogs who are only on painkillers so that we are able to see how effective laser therapy is compared to the 'control' group.

It makes complete sense that most dogs will not be affected, although maybe members with older dogs that may have developed osteoarthritis in their elbows as they have got older.

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If anyone is interested, please contact, rb00231@surrey.ac.uk.



We are Recruiting Dogs with Elbow Dysplasia for a Study at the University of Surrey Vet School



The purpose of this study is to assess the effect of low-level laser therapy on dogs with elbow dysplasia.

We are looking for dogs who

- Have arthritic elbow pain
- Are at least 6 months of age
- Have no significant hindlimb lameness or other joint arthritic pain
- Have not received surgical intervention for elbow disease in the last six months
- Do not need surgery on a present elbow condition
- Recruitment ends in May 2017



You will be invited to Surrey Vet School Biomechanics Lab in Guildford for three data collection sessions, which will not affect your dog's treatment.

After the kinetic data has been collected you will receive a printout of your dog's paw pressures to see any changes that may have occurred during the course of the study.

This study has been reviewed and received a Favourable Ethical Opinion (FEO) from the University of Surrey NASPA Sub-Committee.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS STUDY:

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