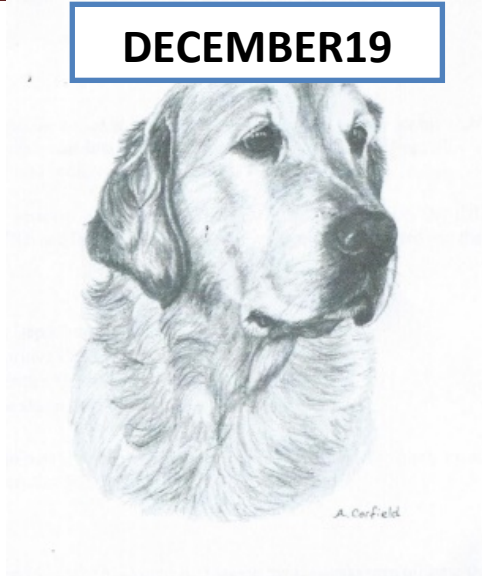


SGRS MEMBERS' NEWS SHEET

DECEMBER19



Welcome to your latest NEWS SHEET.

It's that time of year again when we are thinking about getting ready for Christmas and you should by now have received the colourful annual SGRS Christmas newsletter which the Executive Committee knows you all enjoy reading. The Christmas envelope will also include the notice of the Society's AGM in March, details of your annual subscription.



This is also a timely reminder that you may be eligible to claim for any of the Annual Cups and Trophies awarded at the AGM. If you think you are in with a chance, then please have a look on the SGRS website for the criteria. Deadline for claims is 28th February 2020 .

<http://www.southerngoldenretriever.com/members/ANNUALTROPHESAWARDEDATTHEAGM.pdf>



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VACANCY

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

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If you would like to learn how your breed club looks after the interests of all its members and all the Kennel Club disciplines that are incorporated into all events and activities, then there are vacancies on the Executive Committee. To find out more please contact any SGRS Committee Member,

Sue Ashley (Chairman) ashley258@btinternet.com

Ann Stephenson (Secretary) asteph33@aol.com



ON-LINE PAYMENTS

Members may like to know that most of our events can be paid for by direct payment to the SGRS Bank Account rather than by snail mail and cheque, which you can still do. Details will be included in event information and schedules.

The next event that can be paid in this way is the CH Show in March 2020.



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WE NEED YOUR HELP



GOLDEN OLDIES PROJECT

As was advised to Members in the summer e-news sheet, the BVA will be introducing Glaucoma testing for Goldens in the New Year.

HOWEVER, things have moved on ...

Following a presentation to the Breed Council in October, there is now acceptance that there is no evidence that Pectinate Ligament Abnormality (formerly PLD, now PLA) progresses to Primary Glaucoma. Prof Peter Bedford advised that it is now known that PLA is age-related but the correlation to Primary Glaucoma is still not understood. Some dogs with serious PLA do not go on to develop Glaucoma.

As a result, Prof Bedford is instigating **a project to test 500 Goldens aged 8+** to gather more evidence with the hope that eventually a DNA test can be achieved. This will be organised by various Breed Clubs around the country holding testing sessions for any members who have dogs 8 or older, and especially any that have actually been diagnosed as having Glaucoma. For the SGRS, our session will be in the Farnham, Surrey area sometime during 2020. This will be by appointment and entirely free to volunteers

SO....

If you have any dogs over 8 (and especially if already diagnosed with Glaucoma) and would like to volunteer to assist this valuable legacy project for our breed please contact asteph33@aol.com to register your interest and further details will be advised as soon as they are known.

THANK YOU

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2020 EVENTS

Tuesday 4 th February	Eye Testing – St George's Hall, Wrotham TN15 7AB Contact Pat Brown pjabrown22@gmail.com
Thursday 6 th February	Committee Meeting – Woldingham
Sunday 1 st March	Championship Show – Main Arena, Spectrum Leisure Complex, Parkway, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 1UP Judges Dogs Miss S Loach, Bitches Mrs H Male Contact vallhund@btinternet.com
Wednesday 18 th March	AGM – St Georges Hall, High Street, Wrotham, Kent, TN15 7AB
Thursday 23 rd April	Committee Meeting - Woldingham
Sunday 5 th April	Obedience Show, Farningham Cricket Club
Sunday 10 th May	Golden Retriever Working Test Training Day for Special Beginners at Crowhurst, Surrey RH76LY ray.gait@hotmail.com
May – awaiting date	ND/NH (unclassified) and Novice Working Tests (Classified) Golden Retrievers and Flatcoats this year hosted by Flatcoats ray.gait@hotmail.com Date to be confirmed.
Sunday 24 th May	Funday at Horton Kirby
Sunday 7 th June	Golden Retriever Interclub working test is to be hosted by Northern GRCA in Sheffield area
Sunday July TBA	Open Working Test date to be arranged
Thursday 23 rd July	Committee Meeting - Woldingham
Tuesday 1 st September	Eye Testing – St George's Hall, Wrotham TN15 7AB Contact Pat Brown pjabrown22@gmail.com
Sunday 18 th October	Joint Golden Retriever Clubs Championship Show, Main Arena, Spectrum Leisure Complex, Parkway, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 1UP Judges: Dogs, Mrs J Johnson; Bitches, Mrs V Jones Contact - vallhund@btinternet.com
Thurs 22 nd October	Committee Meeting - Woldingham
Saturday 31 st October.	Open Show – South of England Showground – Contact vallhund@btinternet.com
November date to be confirmed	Field Trial Randolph's Farm Shoot, Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex. By Kind Permission of Randolph's Shoot Syndicate.

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SAVING STAMPS for CANINE PARTNERS

Every year, at this time, folks get the most stamps on Christmas Cards.

Each year Canine Partners are getting less and less donations of stamps as fewer folk post letters or cards, with online greetings and Moonpig available.

All stamps, from all countries welcome

Please post to Val Tiller, 15 Beaconsfield Road, Epsom, Surrey KT18 6HA.

Please do use Large Letter postage or she has to pay postage surcharge at the sorting office!

And if you can, get your friends and relatives saving too and combine in one envelope. The more, the merrier!

Merry Christmas Everyone

