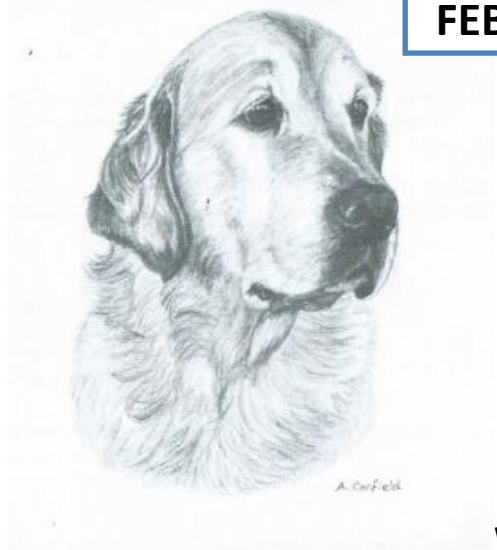


# SGRS MEMBERS' NEWS SHEET

**FEBRUARY 2020**



**Welcome to your latest NEWS SHEET.**

## **AGM**



**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020**  
**8 pm at St George's Hall, Wrotham TN15 7AB**

Please come along and support the official business of the SGRS.  
AGM documents are on the SGRS website

<http://www.southerngoldenretriever.com/members1/>



## **AGM CUPS & TROPHIES**

A timely reminder that the SGRS awards a variety of Cups and Trophies at the AGM for achievement in various events and disciplines. Some awards have to be applied for by owners, so please read what you might be able to claim and how to do that. Deadline for claims is the end of February.

<http://www.southerngoldenretriever.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/ANNUALTROPHESEAWARDEDATTHEAGM-V2.pdf>

## **BREEDING CODE OF CONDUCT**

Please revisit the Code as this has now been amended to include Gonioscopy Testing

<http://www.southerngoldenretriever.com/code-of-conduct1/>

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Many of you will know that the Society has a Face Book 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](mailto:ashley258@btinternet.com) if you have any interesting news and photos to share.

## SUPPORTED ENTRY BREED CLASSES AT GROUP OPEN SHOWS

The new Judges Competency Framework process requires that Breed clubs support breed classes at general and group Open Shows every year by nominating judges and encouraging entries so that the judge gets a good entry.

Please put the following shows in your diaries for a supported entry.

Hampshire Gundog	15 <sup>th</sup> March	Whitchurch	Karl Gawthorpe
Windsor Gundog Closes 18 <sup>th</sup> February	1st April	Kempton Park	MicheleTaylor
South of England Gundog	October	Maidstone	Cathy McShame
Guildford DCS	31 <sup>st</sup> October	Ardingly	Carol Oldring

## RAFFLE PRIZES

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 them along to any of the SGRS events, such as the Open Show or training classes. or contact a local Committee Member.



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## Novice Dogs Wanted



The SGRS are holding a selection afternoon on **Saturday 22nd February** for the best 2 novice dogs within the society.

These 2 will join 2 Open dogs to represent the society at the Golden Retriever Interclub Working Test

which is being held on **Sunday June 7th 2020** in Strines, Sheffield.

Please contact Jon Debnam ([jon.debnam@btinternet.com](mailto:jon.debnam@btinternet.com)) for more details.

## SGRS DISPLAY TEAM

Your Society's Display Team will be performing their new 2020 routine in the Main Arena at Crufts on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 12.25pm and on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 12.50pm.



If you are not there, you can watch the Team on the Crufts YouTube live feed, or perhaps on Channel 4. We hope you enjoy what you see – the crowds there usually do!



Please browse the SGRS website to keep up to date with all club events.

<http://www.southerngoldenretriever.com/show1/>

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## WORKING TESTS & FIELD TRIAL

### **Special Beginner Training Day and Working Test**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020

<http://www.southerngoldenretriever.com/show1/#work>

### **ND/NH (unclassified) and Novice Working Tests (Classified)**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2020

Goldens and Flatcoats hosted by Southern Flatcoat Society  
Schedules in due course

Schedules and entry forms can be downloaded from:

<http://www.southerngoldenretriever.com>

or contact Ray Gait for details [ray.gait@hotmail.com](mailto:ray.gait@hotmail.com)

## **FIELD TRIAL - 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

For further details, contact

Jon Debnam

[jon.debnam@btinternet.com](mailto:jon.debnam@btinternet.com)

## ***Fund Raising for Medical Detection Dogs***

We did have a 'target' in mind when we started fund raising for MDD in 2019, the beginning of our eighth year of support. And that was to reach the total of £50000.

**Well YOU did it!!!**

Our final total at the end of 2019 was in fact **£50001**. Thanks to all SGRS members who have supported over the years our fund raising events, raffles, private parties, Charity Gun Dog days, given donations, put money in Sue Ashley's swear box!, drank at the Yew Tree Inn where the regulars love MDD, to name but a few.

Without you, we would have raised – nothing!

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## *Fun Day.*

This year's Fun Day will again be held at Horton Kirby. We hope you can come along and support this day raising funds for Medical Detection Dogs and SGR Rescue. If you would like to offer help in running activities on the day, please contact me, David Wimsett, as shown on the attached advert.

Reserved spaces at the Village Hall are available for Blue Badge holders. Contact me to book.

If you cannot get along, please perhaps consider offering a donation for the charities or an item of interest for our silent auction. If you want to discuss either of these options please contact me.



The Southern Golden Retriever Society

2020

**CHARITY FUN DAY**

HORTON KIRBY & SOUTH DARENTH  
VILLAGE HALL

and Heathside Field

Horton Road, South Darenth, Kent, DA4 9AZ

from 11.30am on

**SUNDAY 24TH MAY**

Lots of Fun Classes for Golden Retrievers from 12.15pm  
and two classes for all other breeds later in the afternoon

Any dog can 'Have-a-Go' at Agility, The Scurry, Three Dummy Retrieve, Obedience,  
Temptation Alley, Treat Snuffling and Gun Dog Exercises.

Do well in any four activities and win a Rosette and Certificate of Merit

Watch the Parade of Rescue Dogs and listen to their wonderful stories in  
finding loving new homes through Southern Golden Retriever Rescue.

Vet on site to give advice, Trade Stalls, Raffle, Bric-a-Brac Stall,

Trimming and Nail Clipping for Golden Retrievers,

Plant Stall, Tasty BBQ and Refreshments,

Silent Auction, Stalls for Medical Detection Dogs and

Southern Golden Retriever Rescue.

The exciting four heats and final of The Golden Retriever Steeplechase

**PLUS - A performance of their 'Crufts' routine by  
THE SOUTHERN GOLDEN RETRIEVER SOCIETY  
DISPLAY TEAM**

For information contact David Wimsett - email:- [david-wimsett1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:david-wimsett1@hotmail.co.uk)

Proceeds will be divided between the SGRS elected charity,


MEDICAL DETECTION DOGS and SOUTHERN GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE.

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## The Society's Open Obedience Show.

Details for the Open Obedience show are shown in the poster. All levels of obedience are catered for so do come along and support this day and enter an appropriate class. It was good fun last year and it's held in a very relaxed Cricket ground with a decent Pavilion area where a selection of refreshments will be available including a BBQ – and a bar.



**Southern Golden Retriever Society**

**LIMITED OBEDIENCE SHOW**

**Sunday 5th April**

**At Farningham Cricket Club**  
**Horton Way, Farningham, Kent**  
**DA4 0DQ**


**CLASSES**

- 1: Introductory Class
- 2: Pre-Beginners Class
- 3: Beginners Class
- 4: Novice Class
- 5: "A" Class

Judges will be:- Mr M. Moloney Mrs H. Scroggins Mr A. Bird

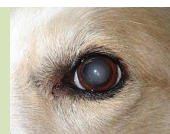
**All information about the day,  
including the Schedule and Entry Form,  
can be found on the  
Southern Golden Retriever Society Website**

**There will be refreshments  
available including a  
BAR-B-QUE & BAR**



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## ***WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP***



### **GOLDEN OLDIES PROJECT**

As was advised to Members in previous e-news sheets, the BVA have now introduced Glaucoma/PLA testing for Golden Retrievers from January 20.

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 Golden Retrievers 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. This will be by appointment and entirely free to volunteers. **BUT WE NEED VOLUNTEERS**

SO....

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

**IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOUR GOLDEN IS JUST A PET, EVERY ONE OVER 8 CAN CONTRIBUTE TOWARD THE FUTURE HEALTH OF THE BREED, AND EVERY HEALTHY DOG CAN ASSIST IN THIS RESEARCH. WE NEED ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE A TESTING SESSION WORTHWHILE.**

If you do have a Golden that has been diagnosed with Glaucoma which is being controlled, that would be especially helpful.

THANK YOU