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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE – Melinda Grosch**

And so we come to the end - my last President’s Message. Looking back thru past President’s Messages the November message was always about the Specialty with thanks to all those who had worked so hard to put it on. This year there was no Specialty as it was canceled, as so many shows have been, due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Additionally, there was no match, no in-person meetings, no shows for us to see each other at but there were more field training days than we have had for many years. Initially these were scheduled for two reasons – 1: trying to raise money for a field training seminar and 2: so that we could get some of our dogs trained up for a Working Certificate. The money raised has mostly been to help keep the Club afloat and the seminar has been postponed again to March 2022.

We have one additional field day planned for December 5, 2020. It will be held at the California Retriever Training Association grounds again. We will also have our holiday party (general meeting) in conjunction with this event. Allen Garfinkle secured permission for us to hold our General Meeting/Holiday Party at a restaurant in Suisun City (about 10 miles from the field) and has sent out an email regarding it (see below). I will be sending out a field training registration form soon. You do not need to participate in the field training event to come to the holiday party but your dog(s) would probably enjoy it!

I have been honored to be your President for the past six years and am looking forward to working on keeping the field program moving forward during the upcoming years. I am also hoping to get my own dogs out more and maybe get them trained for field and obedience work; maybe even make an appearance in the conformation ring at some point when shows are more prevalent again.

The nominating committee has made the following nominations for the officers and board members for the upcoming year:

**Officer Members**

* President - Vivian Poole
* Vice President – Melinda Grosch
* Treasurer – Terri Herigstad
* Secretary – Connie Holms

**Board Members**

* Allen Garfinkle
* Catherine Lewis
* Lauren Rice-Springs
* Kim Sweetnam
* Sharon Scharff-Ventura

Nominations from the floor can be made at the December 5, 2020 Field Day and Holiday Party as it is a General Meeting. If you would like to nominate someone and they are not going to be at the event please bring a letter from them accepting the nomination.

This has been a strange year in so many ways but the beauty of dogs is that they are very grounding. I hope to see a few new faces in the field in December.

Melinda Grosch, President

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**GGLRC 2020 OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS**

President: Melinda Grosch

Vice President: Jennifer Kelly

Secretary: Connie Holm

Treasurer: Terri Herigstad

Board Members: Allen Garfinkle, Sharon Ventura;

Vivian Poole, Catherine Lewis and Kim Sweetnam

***A BIG THANKS TO OUR OUTGOING BOARD***

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**GGLRC 2020 Holiday Party**

Make sure you’ve received the email sent out by Allen Garfinkle with all the details for the holiday party. Saturday December 5, 2020 at Ironwood American Bistro in Suisun City, CA. You must pre-pay for the dinner by Monday November 30. Contact Allen at [janzoon@aol.com](mailto:janzoon@aol.com) for more details.

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**GGLRC 2021 Annual General Meeting**

The annual meeting will be held on January 17, 2021. This meeting also elects the new proposed board. The meeting is scheduled to be at Terri Herigstad’s, 9995 Tesla Road, Livermore, Depending on the current state with COVID, the meeting will either be in her house or in the barn. The meeting will start at 11:00am. Please bring your lunch and a chair.

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**GGLRC 2021 Membership Renewal Notices – by Kim Sweetnam**

Kim has recently sent out postcards to GGLRC members regarding membership renewal. Please contact Kim at [sweetnamk@aol.com](mailto:sweetnamk@aol.com) if you didn’t receive the postcard. Also, make sure you let Kim know if you’ve had any changes to your mailing address, email address, name change, phone numbers, etc. We use this information to send you notices, mail the newsletter and just stay in touch.

**Showing under COVID Conditions –**

**by Jennifer Kelly**

In March, I traveled with a friend to Temecula to finally have the chance to show again! The two shows collectively were called the California Sporting Dog Spectacular and was just for sporting breeds. The site was held at a horse training facility called the California Ranch Company. The rings were in a covered arena, the dirt packed down hard, so it really didn't seem like dirt (although my brown toes afterwards would say otherwise LOL). This may not be my first choice for a dog show, but the site was clean, the shows organized, the nearby horses were calm, and it

definitely was nice to be out there in the ring again. We had a successful weekend, too, picking up three majors, two for Remi and one for Harper.



Belgarin Remi, Harper and Bo – by Jennifer Kelly

Belgairn Remi was Winner's Dogs both days from the Bred By class, earning three points the first day and four points the second.

Belgairn Harper was WB from the Open Chocolate class and picked up her second major. The judges were Kim Jacobson (Alibi Labs) for Remi and Harper, and Linda Fitzmaurice for Remi.

Belgairn Bo also won his Sweeps class under Ron Morelos and first in his regular class under Kim Jacobson.

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**GGLRC’S Web Site and Members Only – by Elaine Nusser**

**http://www/gglrc.org**

GGLRC has a great web page that is managed by our own Elaine Nusser. We are grateful to have her talents and resources in keeping our web site updated with information, notices, membership listing, archived newsletters, etc.

Elaine has provided instructions on how to access the members only section of the web site.

I hope you’ll take a moment to check out our web site and the members only section.

**\*\*\*INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLLOW\*\*\***

GGLRC members can request access to our private members-only area by following these steps:

1. Go to the GGLRC website: [www.gglrc.org](http://www.gglrc.org)

2. At the top of every page is a “MEMBERS ONLY” tab, click on it to open.

3. Fill in your name and email in the boxes provided and click on the “REGISTER” button.

4. Your membership will be authenticated and a user name and password will be emailed to you. This is not automated and may take a day or two to receive. Please be patient!

When you receive your user name and password, return to the [gglrc.org](http://gglrc.org) website and click on the “MEMBERS ONLY” tab again. This time, click on the “LOGIN” button and enter your user name and password. You will be taken to the members-only page.

The Members-Only page has links for newsletter archives (going back years!); the current membership roster with contact information for all members (please do not distribute this list outside the club to help protect the privacy of your fellow club members); as well as other Club documents and forms.

**GGLRC welcomes two of its newest members...**

***Gretchen LeBuhn***

A field biologist with SF State University and a mother of twins, Gretchen lives in Marin County. She has a yellow Lab from her aunt in Florida, Tampa Bay Labradors. Her dog's name is Tampa Bay's Pacific Blu. Gretchen and Blu have been active practicing in the field, including at GGLRC field days. Gretchen is also considering other avenues of competition, depending on what is right for Blu. Gretchen enjoys spending time in the field and working with Blu. Although new to dog training, Gretchen has a background in training horses.

***Kim Roberts***

Kim and her family live in Dublin, and have two labs, six year old chocolate boy named Chunk and a two year old black girl named Bailey. Kim is interested in showing and possibly obedience and agility. Their kids are grown, and they are newly empty nesters, looking forward to a dog hobby. Peppertree Farms is their kennel name. They are waiting for a chocolate girl from Belgairn Labs to add to their family.

Welcome Gretchen and Kim to GGLRC.

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**WISHING HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE**



Next newsletter will be sent out in February 2021