

NORCAL GRC AWARDS AND INSTRUCTIONS – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Titles are now being abbreviated and multiple titles will be listed on each bar with the year. If you would like single titles spelled out, one to each bar, send \$10.00 for each title earned. Note: this is the average price that each bar would cost if the title was spelled out. There are still some bars that will be spelled out and one to a bar - Qualified All Age, Master National Qualifier, AKC Invitational Qualifier, etc. *If you earned an AKC or GRCA title not listed, please add it to the list.*

AWARDS – A plaque will be given as the first award to every dog or junior handler that achieves an award. It will be decorated with the club insignia and the dog's registered name and/or the junior's name. Each title will be engraved on a metal bar that can be attached to the plaque as the dog and/or junior earns subsequent titles. Bars will be awarded for the titles and accomplishments listed in sections IV. Plaques will be given for the special awards listed in section V. The General Criteria applies to all awards. The specific criteria for each award follow the award listing. *If you would prefer NOT receiving any bars and/or plaque, but still want your honors announced and published, please check the appropriate place on the Awards form.*

All award forms need to be at Edwina Ryska's house, (not postmarked), by **December 15, 2009**. NO EXCEPTIONS!! If your form is late, you will have to apply the following year. Please use the attached form. Use a separate form for each dog or junior. **EMAILS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN LIEU OF A FORM!!** Mail or drop off all forms to Edwina Ryska 6010 Roblar Road; Petaluma, CA 94952

I) GENERAL CRITERIA

- 1) Dogs must be owned or co-owned by a NORCAL member. Co-ownership must be for the entire award year -12/01/08 to 11/30/09.
- 2) Members must be in good standing with American Kennel Club, NORCAL Golden Retriever Club and with Golden Retriever Club of America (if you are a member).
- 3) **Competitive awards to be determined by competition in AKC licensed shows and trials during the year, 12/01/08 to 11/30/09.** Some awards, such as Top Ten, Top 25, and AKC Obedience Invitational, will be awarded the following year since year-end statistics will not yet be available.
- 4) Eligibility for all awards to be determined by owner's records as submitted to the Awards Committee and verified by AKC records.
- 5) Junior handlers will receive a bar for the highest level of achievement under the juniors' categories. Qualifying for Westminster requires 9 Open wins, which is a higher achievement than winning one Best Junior Handler. Highest Scoring Junior Handler may supercede 1st in the Performance Event. Whichever is the greatest accomplishment should be submitted.

II. AWARDS COMMITTEE

- 1) The Awards Committee will consist of, but is not limited to, the Field, Obedience, Breed, and Agility Vice Presidents. The Board appoints all members of the Awards Committee.
- 2) Committee Functions:
 - i. Obtain information regarding titles, degrees, achievements, individual efforts, and other information necessary to select and nominate on a fully informed basis.
 - ii. Select recipients for all awards.
 - iii. Select and purchase awards.
 - iv. Maintain as confidential all chosen recipients.

III. AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL BANQUET

IV. BARS

1) Titles Completed

1. AKC - CH, CD, CDX, UD, UDX, OTCH, RN, RA, RE, RAE, TD, TDX, VST, CT, VCD1, VCD2, VCD3, VCD4, VCCH, NA, OA, AX, MX, NAJ, OAJ, AXJ, MXJ, MACH, NAP, OAP, AXP, MXP, NJP, OJP, AJP, MJP, NF, OAF, AXF, MF, and Preferred FAST Titles, JH, SH, MH, FC, AFC, multiple Masters/MACH titles, any multiple performance titles
2. GRCA - WC, WCX, VC, VCX, CCA

2) Other Accomplishments

1. Dog attaining GRCA Hall of Fame status (Agility, Conformation, Field, Obedience,)
2. Dog attaining GRCA Top Ten Status - to be determined by GRCA year-end statistics, NOT any interim listing, unless Top Ten was verified by 11/30/08
3. Dog becoming GRCA Outstanding Sire or Dam
4. Dog placing 1st in any Field Stake
5. Dog attaining qualified All Age Status
6. Dog qualifying for Master National
7. Dog attaining HIT - Ties for HIT count
8. Dog attaining High Combined
9. Dog attaining 200 score (regular or veteran class)
10. Dog attaining Best in Show
11. Dog qualifying for AKC/Eukanuba National Invitational - Conformation
12. Dog qualifying for AKC/Eukanuba National Invitational - Obedience
13. Dog attaining GRCA Top 25 (based on top 25 MACH points and top 25 Double Qs)
14. Dog qualifying for AKC/Eukanuba National Invitational - Agility
15. Junior - Qualified for Westminster
16. Junior - Won Best Junior
For 15 and 16, submit for the highest level the junior has attained.
17. Junior - Won Highest Scoring Junior
18. Junior - Won 1st place in any AKC performance event
For 17 and 18, submit for the highest level the junior has attained.
19. Dog qualifying for AKC/Eukanuba National Invitational - Tracking.

V. PLAQUES

Only regular classes count towards the following awards.

1). Field Awards

1. Top Field Golden - to be determined by Championship points earned in Open and Amateur. 1st - 5 pts., 2nd - 3 pts., 3rd - 1 pt., 4th - 1/2pt. In case of a tie Open has precedence.
2. Top Derby Golden - to be determined by AKC Derby points earned. 1st - 5pts, 2nd - 3 pts. 3rd - 1 pt., 4th - 1/2pt.

2). Obedience Awards

1. Top Obedience Golden - to be determined by Toby Trigger points earned, (ties for placement count for equal points regardless of run-off outcome), 1st - 4 pts, 2nd - 3 pts, 3rd - 2 pts, 4th - 1 pt.
2. Reserve Obedience Golden - same criteria as Top Obedience Golden.
3. National Champion.

3). **Breed Awards**

1. Top Show Male Golden - to be determined by total number of Golden's defeated by winning winners or better, **based on the Hall of Fame Points schedule: BIS – 15 pts, 1st – 5 pts, 2nd 3 pts, 3rd 1 pt, 4th 1/2 pt.**
2. Top Show Female Golden - same criteria as Top Show Male Golden
3. Top Show Male Puppy - to be determined by total # of Golden's defeated through any regular class placement from 6-12 months of age. Wins can take place within 2 calendar years, if the dog's birth date requires, to be awarded in the year dog turns 12 months old. Must submit dog's date of birth.
4. Top Show Female Puppy - same requirements as Top Show Male Puppy.
5. National Champion.

4). **Agility Awards**

Preferred classes do not count towards top agility awards.

1. Top Agility Dog 20 Inches – to be determined by points earned. Points are only awarded for clean runs. 4 pts. for every clean run earned towards a title, except that unlimited points may be earned from the Excellent B classes. Add a bonus point for every FULL 2 seconds under course time, up to 4 points. Only statistics from one jump height will be considered per dog.
2. Top Agility Dog 24 Inches – same criteria as 20 inch.
3. National Champion.

5). **Tracking Awards**

1. National Champion.

- 6). **Junior Handler Awards** –The plaque will be given for the first award and will be decorated with the club insignia and Junior's name with the words Outstanding Junior Handler. When applying for a junior award, fill out form in Junior's name and check off all applicable boxes.

7). **Versatility Awards**

1. Versatility Award: For any Golden achieving 3 titles out of the 5 AKC categories (only 1 title per category counts towards award)

- a) Champion
- b) CD, CDX, UD, UDX, OTCH, RAE
- c) TD, TDX, VST,CT
- d) JH, SH, MH
- e) NA, OA, AX, MX, NAJ, OAJ, AXJ, MXJ, MACH

2. Super Achiever Award: For any Golden achieving a title in 3 titles out of these 5 AKC categories (only 1 title per category counts towards award)

- a) CH b) UD c) TDX or VST d) MH e) AX

8). **Special Achievement Awards**

1. Recognition for outstanding performance through an individual's efforts, actions, or service for the good of the club, breed and/or significant individual achievements.
2. Each vice president will nominate one or more persons who have dedicated or performed outstanding service to the club for the past year.
3. If no members merit the award, none will be awarded.
4. If several members merit the award, identical awards will be given.
5. Nominations may also be submitted by the membership to the Awards Committee for consideration by Board.
6. President's Award – Given to a member who has dedicated outstanding service within the past year to the NORCAL Club. Decided by the NORCAL Board.