

Mile-Hi Golden Retriever Club Trophies and Awards

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I. General Guidelines for Trophies and Awards

A. The eligibility year is January through December; it will be referred to as the award year.

B. It is the responsibility of each member to keep record of accomplishments during the year, to tabulate the points according to the instructions, and to turn this list in to the designated individual when requested. MHGRC will not be responsible for keeping records of wins or titles, but may verify statistics using AKC documentation.

II. Awards

A. The owner or co-owner of the dog/bitch must be a member/associate in good standing of MHGRC at the time the title is earned.

B. All dogs/bitches finishing any **title** recognized by the American Kennel Club (AKC) or the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) will receive an award and certificate to be purchased by MHGRC. Titles earned in **non-US (foreign)** events will be awarded certificates only. Other US-based registries, such as UKC, NAHRA, USDAA, NADAC, IABCA, etc. are not included in the club awards as MHGRC is a club sanctioned by the GRCA and AKC.

III. Traveling Trophies

A. Eligibility. The owner or co-owner of the dog/bitch must be a member/associate in good standing of MHGRC during the period of **all** wins, qualifying titles, legs, scores, or points in order to compete for traveling trophies.

B. Establishment of Trophies

1. Any person may present to the Board a written proposal for the establishment of a traveling trophy. The proposal should include the name of the trophy, the criteria for qualification or award, and the item to be awarded.

2. Board approval of the proposal is required. The trophy may be awarded for the calendar year in which it was established.

3. The donor of the trophy may name it. The name will be engraved at the top of the trophy or other suitable location with the donor's name beneath.

C. Engraving. Each year, MHGRC will engrave the winner's name and year on the trophy. Comparable styles of engraving shall be used whenever possible.

D. Care of Trophies.

1. The traveling trophies will be in the possession of the winner(s) for approximately one year (from the annual awards banquet until requested by a designated individual for engraving of the following year's winner).
2. It is the responsibility of the winner(s) to keep the trophy in good condition and to return the trophy when called for.
3. If the trophy is lost or damaged while it is in the possession of the winner(s), it is that individual's responsibility to replace said trophy with one of equal value.

E. Ties. In the event of two (or more) dogs attaining the same number of points or qualifications for a trophy, resulting in a tie, the trophy will be awarded jointly, unless a tie breaker is specifically mentioned in the trophy criteria. The trophy, if awarded jointly, will be shared by the winners on a mutually agreeable schedule.

F. Retirement of Traveling Trophies. A trophy may be retired in the following ways:

1. One person having won the same trophy three times, not necessarily with the same dog, not necessarily three times in a row.
2. One dog having won it three times, not necessarily being owned by the same person for each of the wins.
3. The person retiring the trophy must replace it with one of equal value. The new trophy may be renamed by the person retiring the trophy.
4. If a trophy has been exhausted, the Board may retire the trophy by offering it to the person who has won it the most times. Anyone retiring a trophy in this manner will be expected to replace it in accordance with III.F.3.

IV. Specialty Trophies

A. MHGRC Independent Specialty Best of Breed.

1. This trophy is a gold-plated sculpture of a golden retriever from England. It is to be awarded to the dog/bitch that wins Best-of-Breed at the annual MHGRC Independent Specialty. The name will be engraved on the trophy base. The trophy will reside in Colorado and cannot be taken out of state.

B. MHGRC Best Veteran, Best Opposite Sex Veteran.

1. These trophies are to be awarded to the dog/bitch chosen as Best Veteran and Best Opposite Sex Veteran at the annual MHGRC Independent Specialty from the regular classes (not sweepstakes). The name of dog and owner will be engraved on the trophy base. These trophies will reside in Colorado and cannot be taken out of state.

V. Conformation Traveling Trophies

A. Names of Trophies

1. Top Conformation
2. Top Class Dog
3. Top Class Bitch
4. Top Puppy
5. Top Veteran
6. Bred-By Award

B. Point System for Top Conformation

1. One point is awarded for each dog defeated. Dogs and bitches compete for the trophy equally. In case of a tie, the trophy will be shared among the winners.

C. Point System for Top Class Dog and Top Class Bitch.

1. In order to qualify for the trophies, dog/bitch must have finished their AKC Championship during the calendar year in question.
2. All points earned, including all points at the event where the dog/bitch finished will be counted. All points count – independent of the year they were earned.
3. In addition to the championship points, one point is awarded for each Golden Retriever defeated enroute to the championship. Intersex points are included if those wins included BOW, BOB, or BOS. Group placements are not counted as no additional Golden Retrievers were defeated, however Group placements would be used in the tally for Top Conformation (see B above).
4. In the case of a tie the trophy(s) will be shared equally.

D. Point System for Top Puppy

1. Only placements in regular puppy classes are counted.
2. One point is earned for each puppy defeated (i.e. in a class where 10 puppies were shown, 1st would get 9 pts, 2nd – 8 pts, 3rd – 7 pts, and 4th – 6 pts.)
3. Puppy dogs and bitches compete for the trophy equally.

4. Point earned in non-puppy classes (such as winners) will count towards the Top Class Dog/Bitch and Top Conformation, but not towards the Top Puppy.
5. Sweepstakes classes are not counted.

E. Point System for Top Veteran

1. Only placements from the Veterans classes are counted.
2. One point is earned for each Veteran defeated
3. Veteran dogs and bitches compete equally for the trophy.
4. Should a Veteran win BOB/BOS coming from a Veterans Class, the number of golden's defeated will be counted. Group placements are not counted as no additional Golden's were defeated, however Group placements would be used in the tally for Top Conformation (see B above).
5. Sweepstakes classes are not counted.

F. Point System for Bred-By Award

1. The Bred-By Award is offered to class dogs/bitches shown in the Bred-By class. Calculations will depend on number of dogs defeated in the Bred-By class. If a dog/bitch takes BOW, both dogs/bitches shown in Bred-By classes for that day can be counted.

Examples: At XYZ show, entered are four (4) dogs in Bred-By dogs and six (6) bitches in Bred-By bitches. Both the Bred-By dog and bitch who win their classes, don't point. They have three (3) and five (5) points, respectively. However, if that same dog or bitch takes BOW, he/she has nine (9) points.

2. Also to be calculated will be special AKC-Sanctioned Bred-By competitions, as follows (a designated point value is necessary as Group numbers are not calculated for special AKC-sanctioned events) all points accumulate, i.e. BOB + Group Placement + BIS:

Bred-By Best in Show -- 10 points

Bred-By Group One -- 5 points

Bred-By Group Two -- 4 points

Bred-By Group Three -- 3 points

Bred-By Group Four -- 2 points

Bred-By Best of Breed -- 1 points + number of dogs defeated that day in Bred-By classes (class numbers only tallied once, regardless of BOW or not, when special AKC-sanctioned Bred-By competitions are offered).

Example: At XYZ show, entered are four (4) dogs in Bred-By dogs and six (6) bitches in Bred-By bitches. A dog wins his class, doesn't take points, BUT takes Bred-By Best of Breed. He would have 10 points from that win (1 for Bred-By BOB, and 9 for dogs/bitches defeated). The bitch would still have 5 Bred-By points, or if she would happen to take BOW that day, she would also get to count nine (9) points (sometimes, one or the other Bred-by winner doesn't come back in the ring for Bred-by BOB. This provision covers that scenario).

One award will be offered to include both sexes annually. It is the breeder's responsibility to keep track of Bred-By counts, and special AKC-sanctioned competitions. Proof of these competitions and awards must be submitted with award nomination (photos, tear sheets, Onofrio's results on-line, AKC reports, etc.).

VI. Obedience Traveling Trophies

A. Names of Trophies

1. Top Obedience
2. Top Novice A
3. Top Novice B
4. Top Open A
5. Top Open B
6. Top Utility A
7. Top Utility B
8. High Combined

B. Qualifications and Point System

1. Top Obedience – the point system will be an average of the five (5) highest scores in any of the *regular* AKC obedience classes during the award year.
2. High Combined – the trophy is awarded to the dog/bitch with the highest combined score in Open B and Utility B at a single trial over the course of the award year. In the event of a tie, the next highest score from a single trial will be used to break the tie. If no dogs qualify in both Open B and Utility B at the same trial throughout the year, the trophy may be awarded to the highest combined score from Open B and Utility B from any number of trials during the award year.
3. Top Utility A – the point system will be the highest average of the three (3) scores that were earned in completing the Utility Title. The trophy is awarded in the year that the UD is earned although not all three scores need to be earned in that year. In event of a tie, the trophy will be shared equally.
4. All other trophies – the point system will be an average of the three (3) highest scores for that particular class during the award year.

VII. Rally Trophies

A. Names of Trophies

1. The Rally Advanced Excellent Trophy

B. Qualification and Point Systems

1. The Rally Advanced Excellent Trophy. This trophy will be non-competitive. Each dog earning the title RAE during the award year shall have their name engraved on the trophy. The trophy shall be shared between the qualifiers on a mutually agreeable schedule.

a. Dog must be owned or co-owned by a MHGRC member/associate in good standing. The Handler must be a MHGRC member/associate in good standing.

VIII. Agility Trophies

A. Names of Trophies

1. Top Agility Team (Dog and Handler)
2. MACH Trophy
3. Coopergold Preferred Agility Trophy

B. Qualifications and Point Systems

1. Top Agility Team. The award will be presented to the team with the highest score accumulated during the award year from the regular classes based on the enclosed point system:

- a. Dog must be owned or co-owned by a MHGRC member/associate in good standing. The Handler must be a MHGRC member/associate in good standing.
- b. NA: 5 pts, NAJ: 7 pts, NF: 7 pts, OA: 8 pts, OAJ: 10 pts, OF: 10 pts, AX: 11 pts, AXJ: 13 pts, XF: 13 pts, MX: 30 pts, MXJ: 40 pts, MXF: 40 pts.
- c. The tie breaker will be clean runs during the year (1 pt each). If there is still a tie after applying the tie breaker, the award will be given jointly and the trophy shared between the winners on a mutually agreeable schedule. Points for clean runs are for tie breakers only.

2. MACH Trophy. This award will be non-competitive. Each dog earning the title of Master Agility Champion during the award year shall have their name engraved on the trophy. The trophy shall be shared between the qualifiers on a mutually agreeable schedule.

3. Coopergold Preferred Agility Trophy. The award will be presented to the team with the highest score accumulated during the award year from the preferred classes based on the following point system:

a. Clean Runs: 1 pt each, NAP: 5 pts, NJP: 7 pts, NFP: 7 pts, OAP: 8 pts, OJP: 10 pts, OFP: 10 pts, AXP: 11 pts, AJP: 13 pts, AFP: 13 pts, MXP: 30 pts, MJP: 40 pts, MFP: 40 pts.

b. In the event of a tie, the award will be given jointly and the trophy shared between the winners on a mutually agreeable schedule.

IX. Field Trophies

A. Names of Trophies

1. Top Field
2. Top Open
3. Top Amateur
4. Top Qualifying
5. Top Derby

B. Qualifications and Point System

1. Top Field – the dog or bitch with the highest point total from the all-age stakes only.
2. If a dog is a finalist in a National Open or National Amateur, he/she will receive 5 bonus points.
3. If a dog wins the National Open or National Amateur, he/she will receive 10 bonus points.
4. Point system for all-age and Qualifying stakes: 1st place – 5 pts, 2nd place – 3 pts, 3rd place – 1 pt, 4th place – ½ pt.
5. Point system for Derby: 1st place – 5 pts, 2nd place – 3 pts, 3rd place – 2 pts, 4th place – 1 pt.
6. If no dog qualifies for these trophies by virtue of a placement, the trophy may be awarded to the dog with the highest number of JAM's. JAM's will not be used to break ties.

X. Versatility and All-Around Trophies

A. Names of Trophies

1. Gilnockie-Goldenloe Trophy
2. Most Versatile Performance Dog Award
3. AKC Bench Champion with an AKC Hunting/Field Title

B. Qualifications.

1. Gilnockie Goldenloe Trophy

- a. Only licensed AKC events count toward this trophy.
- b. Only regular obedience classes count toward this trophy.
- c. A dog must have completed, placed or qualified in three phases of work - Field, Breed, and Obedience – during the award year.
 - i. Field – pass a WC or WCX, obtain a JH title or a SH or MH qualifying leg, or obtain a field trial placement of JAM. WCX may be repeated, WC may not.
 - ii. Breed – earn a major win, or finish the Championship. If the dog is already a Champion, he/she must win a BOB or BOS.
 - iii. Obedience – earn at least one qualifying score of 190 or above or finish any title. TD, TDX or VST titles can be substituted.
- d. This is a non-competitive trophy. All dogs who meet the minimum qualifications will have their names engraved on the trophy. The trophy will be shared on a mutually agreeable basis.

2. Most Versatile Performance Dog Award

- a. The award will be based on titles completed during the award year, not all legs need to have been earned during the year. Additional qualifications for titles (such as TD, WC, WCX) in years subsequent to when the title was initially earned will not count.
- b. Points will be awarded based on the GRCA VC/VCX Performance and Field area category designations and point schedule in effect at the end of the award year.
- c. Points will be cumulative within a category. For example, if a dog completes both a CD and a CDX in the award year, points for both titles will count.
- d. The first criteria for presenting the award will be the number of categories (obedience, tracking, agility, field) in which the dog has earned titles.
- e. The second criteria will be the point total for those titles.

3. AKC Bench Champion with an AKC Hunting/Field Title

- a. The trophy is awarded to any dog/bitch who has earned an AKC bench Championship and also an AKC hunting/field title.
- b. Eligible hunting/field titles are: Junior Hunter, Senior Hunter, Master Hunter, AFC – Amateur Field Champion, and FC – Field Champion.
- c. Both titles do NOT have to be earned within the same calendar year, but the trophy is awarded for the year in which both the requirements are completed.
- d. Dog/bitch is eligible for the trophy for each of the hunting/field titles earned, i.e. same dog can be awarded the trophy in subsequent years if higher level hunting/field titles are earned.
- e. This is a shared trophy. Any dog/bitch who meets these requirements will have their name engraved on the trophy and the trophy will be shared upon a mutually agreeable schedule.

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