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We might be late in recognizing this dog's accomplishments but Marc, Jackie and Shari's Robbie (Ch Abelard's Boy Wonder) took the breed at ASSDA on Saturday and earned his BISS by also taking BOB at the Golden Specialty on Sunday. Shown above with Shari after ASSDA.

Presidents Report

Did anyone notice that our summer (August) issue of Ka Leo Kula was non-existent this year? The summer edition tends to be less eventful than the other three because we don't have many shows and trials in June, July and August. But the ones we have are special indeed. Every June we have two chances to earn points, titles, placements or qualifying scores in shows and trials. Saturdays bring the Aloha State Sporting Dog Association with their show and trial and, on Sunday, GRCH comes in with the Golden Retriever Specialty show and trial. It's going to get better.

With new regulations passed by the American Kennel Club, small organizations like ours will be able to put on two obedience trials on the same day. Starting with our January 2005 Specialty, we will have our small Golden Retriever trial in the morning as always. Then, immediately following our trial, we will hold an all-breed trial. We might have 60 or so entries and will probably compete into the afternoon. But this also means that the Golden owner has the ability to earn two legs in one day. And ASSDA will be doing the same thing on the Saturday before our Specialty.

In addition to the trials, the AKC has developed Rally competition in which you can earn titles. We are discussing the feasibility of doing it along with our June 2005 trial. For all of you who are in obedience and have learned that you can't show emotion or talk to your dog during the obedience competition, you're going to love rally where communication between you and your dog is actually encouraged. It's just a matter of how much we can actually do. More trials, whether they are obedience or rally, require more work. More work means more help is needed. Do the words "we will need more stewards mean anything to you?" Stay tuned. (Continued on Page 2)

BJ's That's my Boy, UDX

December 2, 1995 – July 12, 2004

Chelsea Nunokawa, CDX, CGC

April 30, 1992 – June 16, 2000

***In Memoriam***

So many of us in the club have more than one dog and love them all. Yet, there is always that special one that we were so blessed to have. And we know, that no matter how much we love the others, we will never have another quite like that one. It has nothing to do with titles. It's all about what's in the dog's soul and how deeply they reach into ours. Such was **Gayle Thom's Chelsea (Chelsea Nunokawa, CDX, CGC)** and **Betty Brask and Jaime Dancil's Duke (BJ's That's My Boy, UDX)**. Both dogs competed in obedience trials. But regardless of their accomplishments, we all remember them for certain things that they did. Chelsea always had to carry something in her mouth. It could be a basket or a bag. She'd carry it by the handle and never put it down. Duke was memorable to fellow competitors for his unique fronts after the recall when, rather than sit, he'd jump up with his paws on Betty's shoulders and lick her face. *(Continued on Page 4)*

***Photos Left to Right:***

John Thom and JJ (Joylet's First Toast, CD) took 1st place in Open A at the June Specialty. Wilma, Bam Bam and Fred (aka Robin, Noah and Steve) took the honors with Jake and Wyatt during the costume party at our Halloween Party. Charlotte Farmers girl Wrigley (Ch Sunbeams Double Gum) strutted her stuff at the Golden Retriever Nationals in Malibu enroute to the final cut and a Judges Award of Merit

President's Report (Continued from Page 1) We welcome former member Linda Jenks back to our club as well as new members **Kenneth and Jo-Ann Miyabara** and, **Tony and Barbara Germann**. **Kenneth and Jo-Ann's** Golden came from **Gayle and John Thom's** litter and they have already enjoyed a few of our events. **Tony and Barbara** got their Golden from Down Under and have her enrolled in obedience classes. **Barbara** has already pitched in by stewarding at our last trial. **Jody and Michael Gilbert** have recently joined our club, Jody attends obedience class in Kailua with her dog **Tanner**. **Rosemarie Chang** is another new member. **Rose**, as we call her, made her mark in obedience when she grabbed the HIT at our Specialty earlier this year. Special thanks to **Stacey Yost** who volunteered to be our new Director after **Diana Reuss'** husband was transferred and she had to resign from the Board. I'd really like to thank all those members who have pitched in to help our club in any way they can. It all adds up.

A Tribute to a Very Special Person...

While reminiscing about the activities our club has had over the past few years, it occurred to me that one person, who I'm about to embarrass by mentioning her, has always been 100% involved in helping us. It has never mattered if it was a social event, a party, an educational event or a fundraiser. She has been totally committed to providing as much help for everyone in the club as is humanly possible. Of course, I'm speaking about no one but **Peggy Ketcham**.

About four years ago, when we were planning our first booth for the Pet Expo, Peggy wasn't satisfied with just being there. No! We had to have a booth that was beautiful. So we ended up with fantastic photos all over the background, a terrific display of literature, and even a white picket fence with a sign that said Goldy's Beauty Salon. All this time, the Pet Expo booth has been Peggy's party and she's coordinated the setup team, information staff and grooming staff for the 2-day event.

As our #1 Social Director, she pretty much runs our Easter and Halloween games ensuring that everyone has a great time. For those who don't know it, she has also donated many of the prizes that we all take home.

Did I mention fundraisers? She is always there to help and support our fundraisers and, along with Kurt and Stacey, has taken the bull by the horns with our recent calendar sale. I know that her phone bill is probably sky high because she's spent a lot of time talking to the person who is actually making the calendars (and we all know she can talk).

And for the past several years, she and her wonderful hubby Ted have welcomed our club to their house for our annual Xmas party. This is one of the most giving people you'll ever meet. I'm sure that a lot of the members who have been around for a long time know how she is. I just wanted the rest of you to know what you might have suspected. We all owe her a tremendous debt of gratitude for all she does for us. Thank you Peggy!

Golden Retriever National

This year, the Golden Retriever National was held in Malibu, CA. Whether or not to attend for so many of our Hawaii show people was really a no-brainer. As I walked into the grounds of my first national, there was **Betty Brask** from Maui. Then I saw **Lei Taft** from the Big Island, **Ardie and Susie Saunders** from Maui, and a huge group of GRCH members from Oahu that included **Jackie Kupau, Marc Kupau and Shari Fukuyama, Charlotte Farmer, Sharleen Perreira and her daughter Ashley, Melvia Leong and Peggy Ketcham**. Also there were several former members from Honolulu which made it almost like a reunion.

Entered in the show were some of our people's dogs and bitches that had made the trip. **Charlotte** showed **Haley** herself in the BOB competition and both did a wonderful job. The rest of the Hawaii dogs were shown by the pros and it looked like a professional handler convention up there. **Sharleen** brought and entered her young dog **Taboo** in the classes. **Wrigley** was in the BOB competition along with **Mark and Shari's Robbie** and **Frank and Michael's Sharon** who made the first cut. While **Robbie** made it through the 3rd cut, **Charlotte's Wrigley** made it all the way to the final cut and then received a **Judges Award of Merit** (see photo of Wrigley). Congratulations to you **Charlotte**.

As a first timer to the National, I have to tell those of you who love Goldens (but aren't into the show thing and might never go to a National) what a thrill it is to see your favorite breed in such large numbers. This show had over 700 Goldens with 135 champions. I heard it's even bigger when it's held in the Midwest. There were field trials, agility, obedience and conformation. Merchandising is a big part of the National and one of our members told me that she brought two empty suitcases with the intention of filling them up with "treasures" from the event.

If you ever get a chance to go, it's one of those things that you really need to do at least once. The next National on the west coast will be in Washington in 2007.

Halloween Hospital Visit

Leave it to **Kurt**. He gets those hospital and nursing home visits into full swing. After the success of the Pearl City Nursing home visit in July, he set up our yearly Halloween visit to the Kapiolani Women's and Children's Hospital with about 14 dogs plus the handlers. Many of those who attended this visit with their dogs had done it many times before. This visit was a little different. The floors that we visited were relatively empty compared to other visits. It seemed as though the place was loaded with newborns and not ill or recovering patients like other visits. This is actually a good thing but it did make it difficult to spread as much joy as usual. Our next visit to Kapiolani will be around Xmas time. Stay tuned.

Halloween Party

On Saturday evening, October 30th, Manoa got rained out and cars were floating down Woodlawn Ave. That storm must have moved into Mililani on Sunday afternoon because we got hit with rain, thunder and lightning in the middle of our meeting. Luckily, we had already eaten because that's why we all show up. THE FOOD!!!

In Memoriam (Continued from Page 2) Her eyeglasses were always slimy after that. But that boy got a HIT and his UDX. And when Duke Had health problems, Betty denied her own medication in order to make sure Duke got his expensive doses. When Betty submitted the photo of Duke for this newsletter, she summed up the feeling that Jaime and she had for Duke with two simple sentences that I hope they won't mind me repeating. She said, "He was my hero" and "my heart dog". That says it all. These were two wonderful dogs and we all feel for the owners they left behind. Gayle Thom submitted the following:

Chelsea was my first purebred dog. Her goal in life was to please everyone. She was very eager to carry something or retrieve anything. Chelsea would keep jumping up and down until we gave her something to carry—like the groceries. Everyone knew her as the dog that had to carry something. She also loved to do chores. After feeding time she would gather all of the other dog's food bowls (4 of them) and lick each one clean and stack them making the bowls ready for the next day. Her favorite pastime was being a couch potato. She would lay on one end of the couch with her front feet crossed like a princess and watch TV for hours.

Chelsea enjoyed obedience training and agility. In 1995 she and a group of other dogs did an agility demonstration at the Honolulu Zoo To celebrate the African Wild Dogs. She then went on to compete in obedience to earn her CD in 1996. In 1997 she won Silver medal at the Aloha State Games and also earned her CDX later that year. In 1998 she won a Bronze medal in the Aloha State Games. After six years of retirement, she came out to compete in agility and was one leg shy of a Preferred Agility and Jumpers With Weaves title.

My family and I were very lucky to have been blessed with a dog like Chelsea. She is a once in a lifetime dog and we all will miss her. And think about her everyday. Her unconditional love, joy, laughter and companionship that she gave will remain in our hearts and memory forever.

Sound Familiar???

 (Submitted by Debbie and Jim Williams)

It was September, 2003 and we knew something was definitely wrong. Our oldest golden, Rocky, wouldn't eat, not even boiled chicken. During a vet exam the next day, they found a large mass, which turned out to be a tumor on his spleen. Although his condition was technically operable, we had had a much younger dog die two days after the same operation so were leery about surgery. Plus Rocky's age and some medical problems made him a questionable candidate for surgery. We decided to forego the surgery and concentrate on giving him the best possible quality of life in his remaining time.

A few weeks later, our vet suggested we might want to consider a non-traditional form of treatment. She had referred patients whose dogs had similar conditions to Dr. Carole Fujioka at Kilani Vet Clinic in Wahiawa and their tumors had not grown in size under her care. Dr. Fujioka was trained as a traditional vet but later became interested in Chinese medicine and acupuncture and had obtained additional training. Although we have never been ones to pursue alternative forms of medicine, we figured we had nothing to lose. Plus, we felt better just doing something for him.

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Digest of Minutes

May 29, 2004

- * Treasury balance \$7,429.99. Bank Balance \$8,106.26.
- * Motion to visit Pearl City Nursing home on 7/25 approved.
- * Pet Expo was a success.
- * One rescue Golden adopted.
- * Trophies arrived and ready for June Specialty.
- * Still need more photos for website.
- * Jackie will get ribbons for our show medallions.
- * Peggy and Kurt looking into Golden Retriever Club calendars.
- * Motion to accept Stacey Yost as member retroactive from Jan 204 and accept application already paid approved.
- * Motion to appoint Stacey as Director to replace Diana Reuss who is departing approved.
- * Motion to include grooming class at July 11th membership meeting approved.
- * Motion to increase show/trial fees from \$18.50 to \$20.00 effective Jan 2005 approved.

July 3, 2004

- * Treasury balance \$7,232.34. Bank statement \$7,609.88.
- * Motion to create calendar for fundraiser approved
- * Two rescue goldens placed
- * Will need more trophies starting January, 2005 to cover all-breed obedience trial.
- * Janet Ng to take over as table steward for trials to free up Mary Clarose.
- * Motion approved to give Gift Certificate to Harvey Yamashita for July 18th grooming class.
- * Three additional signs needed for show (Winners, Reserve Winners and JAM).

September 11, 2004

- * Treasury balance \$7,374.57.
- * Fundraisers: Chili sale a success. Calendars going well.
- * Pearl City Nursing Home visit a great success. Kapiolani Hospital scheduled for 10/24.
- * Website has new provider and President's Report link will be deleted since it already appears in the newsletter.
- * Motion to buy three new show signs approved.
- * Robin will be in charge of nominating committee.

Halloween Party (Continued from Page 3) We might have been rained out towards the end but our spirits were never dampened. Peggy, Janet, Jim and Debbie had set up an obstacle course before the meeting but the inclement weather absolutely killed any chance of doing it. So, good friends that we are, we all huddled in the pavilion and had our costume party. Grabbing top honors this year were **Steve and Robin** who took advantage of their new boy to dress him and their two dogs up like Fred, Wilma and Bam Bam complete with bone necklaces. For photos of the costume contest, check our website at www.grchawaii.com.

WEBSITE...

Did anybody notice that our website was down for a while? We received word that our provider was shutting down on July 29, 2004. But they jumped the gun and shut down a week early. It was lucky for us that our webmaster, **Casie Tanimura**, was on top of things. She found a different provider and, after a few kinks, got our website back up and running.

I'm sure that most of you don't look at our website on a regular basis but you should. We update photographs after our events and have all of our events as well as other club events posted on the calendar. **If you want to see more photos of members at our events, please go to our website at www.grchawaii.com and check them out. The website is the best place to put the extra photographs because our newsletter only has so much space.**

As I mentioned before, we want to get photos that can be used for the site. Show and Trial photos are particularly important because they help to show what intelligent and beautiful dogs the Golden's truly are. If you think you're submitting too many photos of your dog, maybe it's because you have a terrific dog that just happens to win a lot. You should be proud of that. Believe it or not, most people are actually good sports and happy for you. Let us share your happiness. And membership event photos are needed also. But we need you, the members, to provide us with those photos. Please don't be bashful. If you have a photo, share it with us. Thanks.

Show and Trial Results

Aloha State Sporting Dog Association

June 19, 2004

WB	Karizma Payday if Forward (Farmer)
RWB	Kalaniakia Rose of Sharon (Suchomel & Kupau)
BOB, Gr 2	Ch Abelard's Boy Wonder (M & J Kupau & Fukuyama)

Obedience

Novice B	Kalaniakia Kobe Bryant, 2 nd place, 191 (W & J Kupau)
Open A	Joylet's First Toast, CD, 1 st place, 184 (J. Thom)
Open B	OTch Kalaniakias Hit da Road Jack, UDX 1 st place, 187
Utility B	OTch Kalaniakias Hit da Road Jack, UDX, 1 st place, 193.5 (HC)

Golden Retriever Specialty

June 20, 2004

WD	Karizma's Willy Wonka (Farmer)
WB, BOW	Trowsnest Surprise Legacy (Taft)
RWB	Harmony's How Sweet It Is (Strassberg)
BOB	Ch Abelard's Boy Wonder (M & J Kupau & Fukuyama)
BOS	Ch Shardust Wanna Take a Hike (Farmer & Perreira)
JAM	Ch Sunbeam's Double Gum (Farmer)
JAM	Ch Harmony's And Away We Go (Strassberg)

Obedience

Novice B	Kalaniakia Kobe Bryant, 1 st place, 184.5 (W & J Kupau)
Open A	Joylet's First Toast, CD, 1 st place, 184.5 (J. Thom)
Utility B	OTch Kalaniakias Hit da Road Jack, UDX, 1 st place, 192 (W & J Kupau) HIT

West Oahu Kennel Club

August 14, 2004

RWD	Perreca Grenada (Taft)
RWB	Kalaniakia Rose of Sharon (Suchomel & Kupau)

West Oahu Kennel Club

August 15, 2004

WD, BOW	Perreca Grenada (Taft)
RWD	Suntory N Shardust Sweetest Taboo (Perreira)
WB	Joylet's Here Comes The Bride (Thom)
BOB, Gr 3	Ch Abelard's Boy Wonder (M & J Kupau & Fukuyama)

Obedience Training Club of Hawaii

August 22, 2004

Novice B	Kalaniakia Kobe Bryant, 2 nd place, 196 (W & J Kupau)
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Hawaiian Kennel Club

September 4, 2004

RWD	Suntory N Shardust Sweetest Taboo (Perreira)
WB, BOW	Kalaniakia Rose of Sharon (Suchomel & Kupau)
RWB	Trowsnest Surprise Legacy (Taft)
BOB, GR 1	Ch Sunbeams Double Gum (Farmer)
BOS	Ch Abelard's Boy Wonder (M & J Kupau & Fukuyama)

Hawaiian Kennel Club

September 5, 2004

WD	Perreca Grenada (Taft) New Champion! Congrats!
RWD	Suntory N Shardust Sweetest Taboo (Perreira)
WB	Trowsnest Surprise Legacy (Taft)
RWB	Kalaniakia Rose of Sharon (Suchomel & Kupau)
BOB, GR 1	Ch Sunbeams Double Gum (Farmer)
BOS	Ch Abelard's Boy Wonder (M & J Kupau & Fukuyama)

Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Club

September 25, 2004

RWD	Kakulakoa Stella Dux (Doughty)
RWB	Shardust La Femme Nikita (Ketcham & Perreira)

Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Club

September 26, 2004

RWD	Suntory N Shardust Sweetest Taboo (Perreira)
WB	Kalaniakia Rose of Sharon (Suchomel & Kupau)
RWB	Shardust La Femme Nikita (Ketcham & Perreira)

Leeward Training Club of Hawaii

October 10, 2004

Novice B	Kalaniakia Kobe Bryant, CD, 1 st place, 197.5 (W & J Kupau) HIT
Open B	Ch Kalaniakia's Casey's Gem, CDX, 2 nd place, 194.5 (Strassberg)
	OTch Kalaniakias Hit da Road Jack, UDX, 3 rd place, 194 (W Kupau)
Utility B	OTch Kalaniakias Hit da Road Jack, UDX, 2 nd place 193.5 (W Kupau)

Orchid Isle Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.

October 2, 2004

WB, BOS	Kalaniakia Rose of Sharon (Suchomel & Kupau)
RWB	Sandollar Clear Favourite (Taft)
BOB, Gr 1	Ch Abelard's Boy Wonder (M & J Kupau & Fukuyama)

Orchid Isle Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.

October 3, 2004

WD, BOW	Kakulakoa Stella Dux (Doughty)
WB, BOS	Kalaniakia Rose of Sharon (Suchomel & Kupau) New Champion! Congrats!
RWB	Trowsnest Surprise Legacy (Taft)
BOB, GR 1	Ch Abelard's Boy Wonder (M & J Kupau & Fukuyama)

Sound Familiar??? (Continued from Page 4) Dr. Fujioka saw Rocky the next week. After looking at a photo of the tumor, she warned us that herbal treatments would not cure the tumor, which she felt was probably malignant. We assured her that we were not expecting a cure. She first recommended a change in diet from the kibble and rice diet Rocky was on to an anti-cancer diet featuring meat and vegetables. She also gave us some Chinese herbs and a list of vitamin supplements. Luckily, for a large dog like a golden, the human dosage for the supplements worked fine.

Soon our cupboards were full of bottles of multivitamins, calcium, fish and flaxseed oil supplements, yunan payao capsules, and other strange powders. Rocky loved the chicken and vegetable stew we prepared in a large stew pot every couple of days. We became regulars at Costco where the clerks would look at us strangely when we told them the multiple bags of chicken thighs and vegetables were for our dog! Rocky checked in with Dr. Fujioka every couple of weeks where she would adjust his treatment based on the color of his tongue and the heat coming from his body. She gave him acupuncture treatments, which made him tired the day of the treatment but put spring in his step in subsequent days. He lost weight, his coat was shiny, he seemed happy and looked the picture of health.

In late May, we knew something was wrong again, when Rocky had difficulty getting up in the morning. Luckily he had an early morning vet appointment already scheduled. Dr. Fujioka checked him out and found out that the tumor had ruptured. He needed immediate surgery. Luck was with us again, as a surgeon from the Mainland was in town. A few hours later Rocky was in surgery. He pulled through beautifully and has gone on to a full recovery. Best of all, the biopsy came back negative.

Although Dr. Fujioka's treatments did not cure Rocky, we can't help but feel that the care improved him to a point where the outcome of the surgery was positive. Now we're looking at using another Chinese herbal combination that has been effective in shrinking fatty tumors. And we'll bring him back for acupuncture treatments if he starts getting stiff and sore. We've come around from being mildly skeptical to hopefully optimistic about other forms of medical treatments. Rocky still loves his chicken and vegetable stew and we've started thinking more about our own diet and taking some of those vitamin supplements ourselves. Hey, if it worked for him, maybe it'll work for us!