

Sandlapper Annual Awards Policy

Purpose

To recognize all Golden Retrievers owned by club members who have achieved an AKC or GRCA title or certificate during the club qualification period; to celebrate member participation in dog sports and to recognize their dog's achievements

Eligibility

*applies to Sandlapper GRC members in good standing, who have been members of the club for at least 6 months of the year, and who have actively participated in the expected number of club functions and activities as established by the club

*applies to Golden Retrievers only who are owned by and live with a club member; dogs that are co-owned by members must physically reside with the member in order to be eligible for an award or award must have been completed in its entirety by club member/co-owner.

Process

*applications for all awards must be submitted on the form available on the club website. The form may be completed either electronically or typed, and mailed. Documentation in the form of a photo, a scan, or a copy of all certificates, letters of invitation, etc. must accompany the application. Lacking availability due to timing of award earned will be handled on a case by case basis. Documentation is requested not only as proof of the award but most importantly to ascertain the correct spelling for the engraving of the award plaque.

*awards will be presented at the annual meeting. Members receiving awards who are not present at the meeting will need to make arrangements with the chair of the awards committee to have their award mailed to them, at their expense.

*all dogs/members receiving recognition at the annual awards meeting will be noted in the club newsletter and/or on the website.

Awards & Costs

*each dog's initial title(s) will be honored with a special engraved plaque. The club will contribute \$20 towards the cost of each and members will contribute the difference.

*in subsequent years, the club will provide at its own cost an engraved bar with additional titles for the same dog, one for each year, marking the dog's progress.

Special Awards

*dogs achieving titles or recognition at the highest levels will be honored with a special award. These achievements include SDHF, OTCH/ODHF, MACH/PACH/ADHF, CT, MH (or higher), qualifying for the

National Obedience Championship, Rally National Championship or an invitation to the Master National or Master Amateur, or an invitation to the GRCA Top 20.

Since securing Annual awards will be a substantial financial cost to the Club, it is reasonable, and is recommended by the Board, that those members who are supporting the Club by actively participating in some way should be eligible to receive these awards.

Some suggestions for qualifying may include but are not limited to:

Board member

Active committee participation. (Example puppy referral or membership)

Volunteering at an event (each day considered a separate volunteer opportunity for a multiple day event)

Attending meetings

Writing articles for the GR News

Newsletter editor

Newsletter article submissions (not brags 😊)

Hosting an event at your house

Organizing or attending a Board approved club activity in your geographical area

Web-site support (Jen would love some help with this area)

The Board is very open for the membership to suggest more qualifiers. The intent of the list is to be inclusive not exclusive.

****Two types of volunteerism——major and minor**

MAJOR includes such things as being a Board member, Trial Secretary for WC or specialty, Membership chair, web-site maintenance, newsletter editor, etc.

Anyone doing such time-consuming jobs would qualify with that activity alone.

MINOR includes such things as attending meetings, writing articles for the newsletter, working at an event, etc.

Minor activities would require two volunteer contributions (ex: attended one meeting and throwing ducks one day at the WC)

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