# ARTICLE I Name and Objectives

# **SECTION 1. NAME**

The name of the club shall be Valle del Sol Golden Retriever Club, Inc. Here-in after referred to as VDSGRC or the Club.

# **SECTION 2. OBJECTIVES OF CLUB**

The objectives of the club shall be:

A. To recognize that the Golden Retriever is a gun dog and to encourage the members to perfect, by selective breeding, Golden Retrievers that possess the appearance, soundness, temperament, natural ability and personality that is reflected in the standard of the breed, and to do all possible to advance and promote the perfection of these qualities.

B. To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard by which Golden Retrievers shall be judged.

C. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by promoting responsible ownership of Golden Retrievers and encouraging sportsmanlike behavior at competitive and performance events.

D. To encourage and conduct sanctioned matches, licensed specialty shows, obedience trials, rally, tracking, hunting tests, agility, and WC/WCX tests under the rules of the American Kennel Club and/or guidelines of the GRCA.

# **SECTION 3. CLUB IS NON-PROFIT**

The club shall not be conducted nor operated for profit and no part of any profit or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual. The club may issue vouchers currently known as Golden Bucks to members who volunteer at club events, this voucher can be used as a partial payment to club activities and events as determined by the board and have no cash value.

## ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

#### **SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY**

There shall be five types of memberships: individual memberships, family/household memberships, associate memberships, Junior memberships and life memberships, open to all persons eighteen years of age and older, Junior Members shall be eligible at age 9, who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the objectives of the Club. All types of memberships are to be based upon completion of eligibility requirements. While membership is to be unrestricted as to residence, the Club's primary purpose is to be representative of participants living in the Phoenix, Arizona Metropolitan area.

#### SECTION 2. ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP

Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the Board of Directors which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the Bylaws of the Club and the rules of the American Kennel Club (AKC) and Golden Retriever Club or America (GRCA). The application shall state the name and address of the applicant. The application shall be submitted to the Treasurer, together with the current year's dues.

Applicants must attend two (2) meetings prior to submitting application for approval by the membership. Attendance must occur within a six month period. Annual Awards Banquet, Holiday Party and attending the Specialty Show do not constitute regular membership meetings.

If application for membership occurs in the months of January, February and March of a calendar year, then the dues for that member, if elected, will be considered paid for the upcoming Club year, beginning April 1st. Each applicant's name shall be published in the first meeting notice following receipt of the application. At the next Club meeting, the applicant will be voted upon by closed ballot, providing that a quorum of 20% of the voting members are present at the meeting. Affirmative votes of 3/4 of the members present and qualified to vote at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant. Upon approved membership application, the new member will be given Associate membership status, until Individual membership status with voting privileges is met. All meetings already attended within the past 6 months will count towards Individual membership requirements.

#### Section 3. VOTING PRIVILAGES

To acquire voting privileges, a member must meet the following requirements:

- A. Attend 5 general membership meetings in a club calendar year, or 3 general membership meetings and volunteer at 2 club activities or events.
- B. The individual must also be a member in good standing.
- C. Has paid his/her current year's dues according to Article VIII, Section 4
- D. Has incurred no indebtedness to the Club.
- E. Has no formal charges pending against him/her, as per Article VIII, Section 4.
- F. Be 18 years of age or older

#### **SECTION 4. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Individual membership shall be a single member who shall have voting rights provided meet the requirements of Article II, Section 3
- B. Family/ Household membership shall be limited to two members in a family. Each member shall have voting rights they must meet the requirements of Article II, Section 3
- C. Associate membership is available to those persons who do not wish to, or are unable to, actively participate in club activities and functions. Associate members may not vote or hold office, and are not counted in the determination of a quorum. They are entitled to be notified of and to attend club meetings, and to receive the Club's Newsletter, if one is published. Should an Associate member meet the requirements for voting privileges specified in Article II, Section 4, their membership will be reclassified as an Individual member and voting privileges be granted to member.
- D. Lifetime Membership The title of lifetime member shall

be given to any club member who has been a member of the club for 20 consecutive years. Lifetime members are exempt from paying membership dues however to maintain voting privileges they must meet the requirements of Article II, Section 3. If the requirements for voting privileges are not met the member will not be counted as a member as it pertains to establishing quorum. Current Life members are grandfathers in

- E. JR. MEMBERSHIP -Jr. Membership is available to individuals between the ages of nine and eighteen years of age. The junior member will have no voting privileges, cannot hold an office, and no Club dues will be required. A junior member must attend meetings with a parent or legal guardian. Eligible for awards.
- F. Non Approved Members- Applicants for membership, who have been rejected by the Club, may not re-apply within six months of rejection.

## **SECTION 5. DUES**

During the November Board meeting, the Board of Directors shall fix the amount of the annual dues for the following Club year. Membership dues shall be payable on or before the first day of APRIL of each year. During the month of February, the Treasurer shall mail or email each member a statement of the member's dues for the ensuing year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. Annual dues amounts will be reviewed annually.

#### SECTION 6. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

Membership may be terminated as follows:

- A. By Resignation: Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Secretary, but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Dues obligations are considered debt to the Club.
- B. By Lapsing: A membership shall be considered lapsed if such member's dues remain unpaid 30 days after the first day of APRIL. However, the Board may grant an additional 30 days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases.
- C. By Expulsion: A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VII, Section 4, of these

### Bylaws.

**SECTION 7. INDIVIDUAL INDEBTEDNESS:** No individual member of the Club may incur indebtedness on the part of Valle del Sol Golden Retriever Club, Inc., without board or club approval.

## ARTICLE III OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

# **SECTION 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and one Director-at-Large. General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors.

- A. Terms of Office: The Board of Directors shall be elected at the Club's Annual Meeting as provided in Article IV, Section I, and each shall serve for a term of one year concurrent with the official Club year. The elected Board shall take office immediately upon conclusion of the Annual Meeting, and each retiring Officer or Director shall turn over to his or her successor in office all properties relating to that office within 30 days of the election.
- B. Eligibility for The Board of Directors: No person may be elected to the Board of Directors who has not been a member of the Club and in good standing for at least one (1) year.

# **SECTION 2. OFFICERS DESCRIPSIONS**

The Club's Officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall serve in the respective capacities both with regard to the Club and its meetings and the Board and its meetings.

- A. The President: Shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the Office of President, in addition to those particularly specified in these Bylaws. The president shall be an ex-officio member, without voting privileges, on all committees except the Nominating Committee.
- B. The Vice President: Shall assume the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President is unable to perform their duties. Support the principles and further the objectives of the Club.

- C. The Secretary: Shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. The Secretary shall have charge of general correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify Officers and Director of their election to office, and carry out such other duties as are described in the Bylaws.
- D. The Treasurer: Shall collect and receive all monies due or belonging to the Club. The Treasurer shall deposit the same in a bank designated by the Board, in the name of the Club. The Club's ledger and bank account shall, at all times, be open to inspection by the Board and general membership. The Treasurer shall report to them at every meeting the condition of the Club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not previously reported The Treasurer may be bonded in such an amount as the Board of Directors shall determine. In the event the club elects to have am outside professional assist with record keeping the Treasure with serve as the primary contact.
- E. Director-at-Large: the Director-at-Large shall have the responsibility of communicating with committees and coordinating their suggestions and plans with the Board. The Director-at-Large shall represent the various interests of the general membership with respect to conformation, field, obedience, rally, tracking, agility, and other activities. The Director-at Large shall also carry out duties as assigned by the Board.

#### **SECTION 3. VACCANCIES**

Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors during the year shall be filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of all the current members of the Board at the first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy, or at a special Board meeting called for that purpose. Suspension of an Officer or Board member from privileges of the Club, as provided in Article VII shall constitute a vacancy.

#### **SECTION 4. BUSINESS PROCEDURE**

Members of the Club shall be duly informed of all business transactions by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

#### **SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of

MARCH, at such a date, time and place designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of the Annual meeting shall be electronically distributed by the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for the Annual meeting shall be 20% of the total club membership with voting privilege as outlined in Article II, Section 3 and in good standing.

## **SECTION 2. CLUB MEETINGS**

Meetings of the Club shall be held in (or within 25 miles of) the city of Phoenix, on the 4th Tuesday of each month, except as determined by a majority vote of the members in attendance at the preceding month's meeting. Written notice of each Club meeting shall be mailed or e-mailed by the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such meeting shall be 20% of the total club membership with voting privilege as outlined in Article II, Section 3 and in good standing. The Club must have a minimum of 8 regular membership meetings within the Club year.

#### **SECTION 3. SPECIAL CLUB MEETING**

Special club meetings may be called by the President, by a majority vote of the Board who are present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Board, or shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five (5) members of the Club. Such special meetings shall be held in (or within 25 miles) of the city of Phoenix, at such a date, place and hour as may be designated by the persons authorized to call such meetings. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed electronically distributed by the Secretary at least five (5) days and not more than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting. The notice of the meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other Club business may be transacted. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 20% of the total club membership with voting privilege as outlined in Article II, Section 3 and in good standing.

#### **SECTION 4. BOARD MEETING**

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held in (or within 25 miles of) the city of Phoenix during the months of JANUARY, MARCH, MAY, JULY, SEPTEMBER and NOVEMBER in each year, at such an hour, day and place as may be designated by the Board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be electronically distributed by the Secretary to each member of the Club at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Board meetings are open to all club members. All business/agenda items must be submitted to the President 10 days prior to the board meeting. The quorum for a Board meeting shall be a majority of the members of the Board of Directors.

## SECTION 5. SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or by the Secretary upon written request signed by at least three (3) members of the Board, or by the Secretary upon notification of a phone call consensus by at least three (3) members of the Board. Such special meetings shall be held in (or within 25 miles of) the city of Phoenix at such place, date and hour as may be designated by the person(s) authorized herein to call such a meeting. No other business shall be transacted. A quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the members of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE V**

# THE CLUB YEAR, NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS and VOTING

## **SECTION 1. CLUB YEAR**

The Club's official year shall begin on the first day of APRIL and end on the thirty-first day of MARCH. The Club's fiscal year shall begin on the first day of JANUARY and end on the thirty-first day of DECEMBER.

## **SECTION 2. NOMINATIONS**

- A. Nominating Committee: During the month of NOVEMBER, the Board shall select a Nominating Committee for the next year's election. The committee shall consist of three (3) members, all of whom shall be members with voting privileges and whom are in good standing of the Club. Only one (1) member of the committee may be a current Board member.
- B. Nominations: No person may be a candidate in a club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these Bylaws. The Nominating Committee shall nominate from among the eligible members of the Club with voting privileges, not more than two (2) candidates for each position. No Officer or Director currently serving may be nominated to the same Board position for more than two (2) consecutive years. After securing the written consent of each person nominated, the committee shall submit, in writing, its slate of candidates to the Secretary on or before the fifth of JANUARY. The Secretary shall publish the committee's slate of candidates in the JANUARY meeting notice.
- C. Additional Nominations: Additional nominations of eligible members with voting privileges may be made at the FEBRUARY meeting by any member with voting privileges in attendance provided the nomination is accompanied by a written statement from the proposed nominee signifying his/her willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a

candidate for more than one position. Nominations cannot be made at the Annual Meeting when the election is held.

### **SECTION 3. ANNUAL ELECTION**

The election of the Board shall take place at the Annual Meeting. The election will be by closed ballot unless the slate of candidates is representing only one candidate per position, then the slate will be declared elected. The counting of the ballots is to be done by any two (2) members chosen by the membership. The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each position shall be declared elected.

## **SECTION 4. VOTING**

Each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year and whom meet the requirements as detailed in Article II, Section 3 shall be entitled to one (1) vote at any general meeting of the Club at which he/she is present, and at the Annual meeting as defined in Section 4A below. Proxy voting will not be permitted at any Club meetings or elections.

- A. Annual Meeting: At the Annual Meeting for the election of the new Board, members in good standing shall be permitted to vote provided the member met the requirements of Article II, Section 3
- B. Board of Directors: Shall be elected by secret closed ballot as described in Article V Section 3.
- C. Voting for New Members: Shall be by secret closed ballot as described in Article II Section 2.

# ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES/APPOINTMENTS

# **SECTION 1. COMMITTEES**

A. Standing Committees: The Board may, each year, appoint standing committees to advance the work of the Club in such matters as Specialty Shows, Obedience Trials, Rally, Field Trials, Agility, Education, Trophies, Annual Awards Prizes, Auditing and other areas it may deem necessary to the a functioning of the Club.

B. Special Committees: The Board may, each year, appoint special committees to assist on particular projects.

C. All committees except the Nominating Committee shall

be subject to the final authority of the Board.

### **SECTION 2. TERMINATION OF COMMITTEES**

Any committee may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board upon written notice to the appointee and the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.

## **SECTION 3. APPOINTED POSITIONS**

At the beginning of the new Club year, the Board may appoint individuals to positions in the Club that advance certain communication objectives of the Club. These may include, but are not limited to, the following: AKC Public Education Coordinator, GRCA Council Delegate, GRCA member Club Columnist, Newsletter Editor, Club Librarian, Membership Coordinator, Breeder Referral Coordinator, and other local dog club representatives.

#### ARTICLE VII DISCIPLINE

## SECTION 1. AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the American Kennel Club shall be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.

# **SECTION 2. CHARGES**

Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interest of the Club or the breed. Written charges with specifications must be filed in duplicate with the Secretary together with a deposit of \$10.00 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or present them at a Board meeting, and the Board shall first consider by a majority of its members, whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute prejudicial to the best interest of the Club or the breed. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be considered prejudicial to the best interest of the Club or the breed, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges it, shall fix a date of a Board hearing not less than three (3) weeks or more than six (6) weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail together with a notice of the hearing and an assurance that the defendant may personally appear in his or her own defense and bring witnesses if he/she wishes.

#### **SECTION 3. BOARD HEARING**

The Board shall have complete authority to decide whether counsel may attend the hearing, but both complainant and defendant shall be treated uniformly in that regard. Should the charges be sustained, after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board may by a majority vote suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six (6) months from the date of the hearing. If the Board deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership that the penalty be expulsion. In such case, the suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before his/her fellow members at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the recommendation of the Board. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary, in turn, shall notify each of the parties of the decision and penalty, if any.

#### **SECTION 4. EXPULSION**

Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at a meeting of the Club following a Board hearing and upon the recommendation of the Board as provided in Section 3 of this Article. Such proceedings may occur at a regular or special meeting of the Club to be held within thirty (30) days but not earlier than fifteen (15) days after the date of the Board hearing. The defendant shall have the privilege of appearing in his/her own behalf, though no evidence shall be taken at this meeting. The President shall read the charges and the findings and recommendation of the Board, and shall invite the defendant, if present, to speak in his/her own behalf if he/she wishes. The members shall then vote by closed ballot on the proposed expulsion provided a quorum of 20% of the members with voting privileges are present at the meeting. A 3/4 vote of those present and voting at the meeting shall be necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not so voted, the Board's suspension of the defendant shall stand.

#### SECTION 5. MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING - Moved from Article VIII

A member in good standing is a member who

- A. Has paid his/her current year's dues
- B. Has incurred no indebtedness to the per Club Article 2 Section 7

A member who is not in good standing is a member who:

A. Is the subject of current, unresolved charges and will have his/her membership placed on provisional status until such

time as charges are proven or dismissed, as per article VII, Section 2

B. When on provisional status with the Club, will not have his/her resignation accepted by the Club

C. If the charges are dismissed, his/her membership status will revert to full membership with all rights and privileges

D. If the charges are proven, his/her membership and subsequent discipline will be administered, as per Article VII Sections 3 and 4

# ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

# **SECTION 1. PROPOSAL**

Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by the Board of Directors or by written petition addressed to the Secretary and signed by 20% of the membership in good standing, eligible to vote on the question. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall have all amendments, including those submitted by petition, together with an explanation of each amendment and the recommendation of the Board of Directors, distributed to the members within ninety (90) days of receipt of the amendments.

# **SECTION 2. VOTING**

The Bylaws may be amended by a 3/4 vote of the membership present and eligible to vote at any regular or special meeting called for the purpose, provided the announcement of intent to vote on the proposed amendments has been included in the notice of the meeting and electronically distributed to each member at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting.

# **SECTION 3. GRCA & AKC APPROVAL**

No amendment to the Bylaws adopted by the Club shall take effect until it has been approved by the Board of Directors, or a committee designated by the Board of Directors of the Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA), our parent Club. Following submission to AKC and GRCA, such amendments and their effective date shall be published in the ensuing Club meeting notice.

#### DISSOLUTION

#### **SECTION 1. PROCEDURE**

The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than 3/4 of the members. In the event of dissolution of the Club, whether voluntary or by operation of law, none of the property of the Club nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the Club, but after payment of the debts of the Club, its property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization for the benefit of dogs as selected by the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE X**

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **SECTION 1. CLUB MEETING**

At meetings of the Club the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

- Roll Call
- Minutes of the last meeting
- Report of the President
- Report of the Secretary
- Report of the Treasurer
- Reports of the Committees
- Election of Officers and Board (Annual Meeting)
- Election of New Members
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

#### **SECTION 2. BOARD MEETING**

At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

- Roll Call
- Minutes of the last meeting
- Report of the Secretary
- Report of the Treasurer
- Report of the Committees
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Adjournment

**ARTICLE XI** 

# PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority on all points covered by the Bylaws of this Club.

GUIDELINES FOR ANNUAL AWARDS, CERTIFICATES, TROPHIES and PLAQUES

Eligibility Requirements and Additional Items: Members must Meet voting requirements to receive an award. If voting requirements are not met, member can still receive an award, but will be responsible for the cost.

• Must be a member in good standing with VDSGRC and GRCA with no complaints or charges.

• Awards will be for the Club's calendar year with the exception of the Versatility Award.

• Cost of Awards not to exceed a dollar amount to be fixed by the Club.

• Any member may apply for an award that his/her dog has earned. If applying after year end, club member will be responsible for the cost.

• Any and all wins and placements MUST be reported to the awards Committee Information must include the following: title earned, date of completed title, show where title was earned, dog's AKC registered name, owner's name and eligibility requirements met.

• Any award/trophy, memorial perpetual/revolving trophy, and requirements for earning said award must first be approved by the Awards Committee and then presented to the general membership for discussion and final approval.

#### **ANNUAL AWARDS**

To be offered by Valle del Sol Golden Retriever Club to any member in good standing whose dog(s) earn a Conformation, Obedience, Field, Tracking, Rally or Agility Title. Title may be from any recognized organization (ie: AKC, SKC, UKC, CKC, etc.).

One plaque to be issued in club members name and individual bars. Subsequent titles earned will receive a title bar to be added to the original plaque. To be presented at the VDSGRC Annual Banquet.

#### **PRESIDENT'S AWARDS**

To be awarded at the VDSGRC Annual Banquet to the outgoing

President in appreciation for service to the Club. Plaque or award to be issued for initial year of service, subsequent years of service will receive a bar, engraved with the year of office.

The President may also issue awards to owners and their dogs that are not listed below if the President feels an owner and their dog has shown excellence in a specific area, the area does not need to be an AKC recognized achievement.

# **CERTIFICATE / AWARD of APPRECIATION**

To be awarded at the VDSGRC Annual Banquet by the outgoing President in appreciation of service (ie: Committee Chairs, etc.) To be awarded at the discretion of the outgoing President.

# VERSATILITY AWARD

Offered by VDSGRC to any member whose dog(s) have earned titles in Conformation, Obedience and Field. There is no time limit on when titles must be earned. NOTE:

Any member whose dog(s) has completed a minimum of three (3) of the following:

- 5 points or more in Conformation
- A minimum of a CD
- A minimum of a TD
- A minimum of a WC
- •An Agility title

Titles must be earned in the U.S. Dog(s) must be owned by a current member in good standing of the Club. Plaque to be issued with VDSGRC Logo and Versatility Award. Titles and dates of completion will be listed on bars to be attached to the plaque.

# **VDSGRC PUPPY of the YEAR AWARD**

To be offered to the member/owner of the puppy winning Best in Sweepstakes and/or Best Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes at any Golden Retriever Specialty Show. Number of dogs defeated will be tallied in the event of a tie.

In the event no puppy qualifies per the criteria above the following guidelines will determine Puppy of the Year

Winning Best Puppy at an AKC show from the puppy classes (6-9 month or 9-12 month). In the event more than one puppy has won Best Puppy at an AKC show the number of dogs defeated will be tallied to determine the winner.

# CYNDY HEISLER OWNER / HANDLE MEMORIAL TROPHY

Offered to any VDSGRC member/dog team attaining the highest

number of points accumulated during the Club's year based on the following scales: One (1) point for each dog defeated with any win of Class thru Best in Show. Must be same member/dog team.

# **HIGHEST SCORING DOG in OBEDIENCE**

Offered by VDSGRC to the member/ Golden Retriever attaining the highest number of points accumulated during the Club's year. Scores will be averaged over number of shows entered to determine recipient.

# **HIGHEST SCORING DOG in AGILITY**

Offered by VDSGRC to the member/Golden Retriever attaining the highest number of points accumulated at AKC Agility events during the Club's year. Scores will be averaged over number of shows entered to determine recipient

# **HIGHEST SCORING DOG in RALLY**

Offered to VDSGRC to the member/Golden Retriever attaining the highest number of points accumulated at AKC Agility events during the Club's year. Scores will be averaged over number of shows entered to determine recipient.

# **BEST JR. HANDLER**

Offered by VDSGRC to the Junior Handler/member winning Best JR. at any Golden Retriever Specialty Show. Jr. Handler and parent(s) must be member(s) in good standing of the Club. Award Plaque to be issued with Best JR. Handler, handler's name and date won.

In the event no junior meets the qualifications above the following guidelines will be used:

The junior who has defeated the most juniors in AKC shows with be awarded Best Junior

# SHOW DOG OF THE YEAR

Offered to any VDSGRC member whose dog attains the highest number of points accumulated during the Club's year.