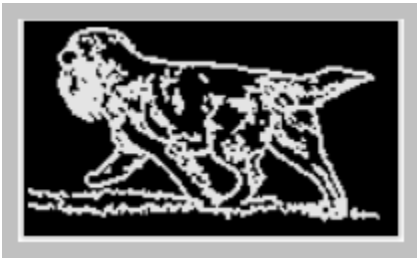




MARSHBANKS GOLDEN RETRIEVER CLUB OF SOUTH-CENTRAL MICHIGAN

As this is our first newsletter in a long time, I think it's a good idea for those who haven't been to the website lately to read the history of our club here for all to learn about. Thanks to Renee for keeping the website up-to-date. Members, send any new pictures or brags/news to Renee to post to the website too.

Club History



The club was organized in 1998, led by Terri Pardee, with the stated aim of encouraging and supporting the versatile Golden Retriever. Ft. Detroit Golden Retriever Club held most of their meetings north of Detroit and their specialty near Port Huron. The Marshbanks area was roughly Ann Arbor-Jackson-Battle Creek and south.

Terri and Bill Pardee, Maralyn and Ed Wight, Walt Faubion, Betty Gay, Betty Drobac, Cheryl Holloway, Jackie Abbot (Terri's mom), Marcia Schlehr, Deb Stoll, Charlene Eisenlohr, Jan Thompson, and Leslie Reichert were among the original members.

"Marshbanks" is a play on words: one, of course, pertaining to where retrievers often work. The other is a tribute to Dudley Coutts Marjoribanks, first Lord Tweedmouth, originator of the breed. "Majoribanks" is actually pronounced just like "marshbanks".

The club logo was designed and drawn by Marcia Schlehr, from a photograph she took some years ago. Did you know that Marcia is a beautiful creative artist? And she's famous for her "The Blue Book" standard of the Golden Retriever book.

DID YOU KNOW.....

Marshbanks puts on 7 events a year!

- Tracking test in May at Spencerfield, Concord
- Conformation/obedience supported show with Ann Arbor KC in July
- Hunt Test in August at Jorgensen's in Williamston
- Hold a GRCA WC/WCX test usually in late September at Spencerfield
- Obedience Trial in October at Northfield Dog Training
- Eye clinic every November, w/CCA or Heart clinic alternating every other year at Northfield.
- Extra tracking test was added in 2021 in November at Spencerfield
- Christmas party in December to celebrate all our hard work at Northfield.
- Awards dinner to celebrate new titles and winning perpetual trophies in March.

We are a small club, but we are mighty! Thanks to all the club members who volunteer their time and energy to make these events successful! Without you all, there would be no events!

Made in Michigan! Basket for the National

The GRCA National is asking for clubs to donate a special basket from their area. New member Chris Welton has volunteered to put ours together. The theme is **Made In Michigan!** If you are out and about and see something Made in Michigan and would like to add it to our basket, please feel free to pick it up and get it to Chris. Let's make this the best and biggest basket at the National! If you'd like to be reimbursed for a really great find, let the treasurer know.



Upcoming Marshbanks Events:

- **Marshbanks Supported Entry - Conformation, Obed , Rally - Ann Arbor KC - Monroe**
- **Marshbanks Hunt Test - August 27 & 28th, 2022 - Jorgensen Farms**
- **GRCA National Hunt Test and WC/WCX - will be supported by our club workers**
- **Marshbanks Obedience Trial - Northfield DT - October**
- **Marshbanks Eye Clinic - Northfield DT - November**
- **Marshbanks Fall Tracking Test - Spencerfield, Concord**

June 2022

BRAGS:

- *Laura did well at the CPE Nationals with Halo. Saw lots of ribbons. And several Q's in Excellent Agility with Halo and Lexie has some Q's too in Novice Agility.*
- *Jan and Kix are racking up those MH passes.*
- *Charlene's 'Hannah' had puppies! Charlene co-bred with Deb Stoll.*
- *Pat Swallows 'Chili' had seven puppies, 6 boys and 1 girl.*

Send brags to Pat Swallows too and will be included in the newsletter.

Newest members to the club in the last year:

Michael DeVries

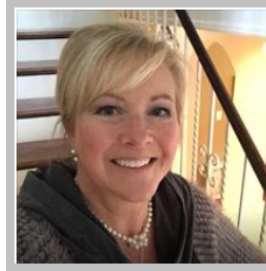


Mike lives with his wife Christine in Lawton, MI. Mike and Christine have a new golden puppy called Croix. Mike will be doing hunt tests with his puppy. Croix is the nephew of Mike's Drake, who he lost last year at age four. Very sad.

*Croix even has his own Facebook page!
<https://www.facebook.com/Wildwing-Drake-St-Croix-182215699376905>*



Kimberly Scattergood



Fenn

Bella

"We got our first Golden, while living in Scottsdale, AZ, after my husband bugged me long enough about it. He was a Labrador guy and I was a Collie girl. The compromise was a Golden - a sporting dog with a pretty coat. I've not had any other breed since then. I've dabbled with our last 2 Golden retrievers in venues that include: Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Tracking, Field, Dock Diving and Barn Hunt. I've never gotten super serious with any one venue, other than maybe Conformation and even that was pretty casual. I just love spending time with my dogs and trying new things.

I belonged to the Dallas/Ft Worth Metro Golden Retriever Club after getting our second Golden, Bella and then joined the White River Golden Retriever Club when we moved to Indianapolis and had our 2nd Golden, Fenn, by then. We recently moved to the Grand Rapids area and I looked for the nearest club and found Marshbanks GRC.

Our Golden retrievers are now 11 years old (Bella) and 9 years old (Fenn) and we are not sure what we are going to do in the coming years. Bella has Thyroid cancer and we didn't expect her to live another 6 months and it's been 1 and 1/2 years! I can't imagine life without Bella and/or Fenn. Time will tell!

*I am so happy to be a part of the Marshbanks club and hope I can help out here and there where I am needed. Thanks for having me!"
Kimberley*

Chris & Mark Welton



My husband Mark and I live in Hartland, Mi with our Golden Retriever "Myles of Joy". We have five children between us and four grandchildren. I was an electrical engineering manager and executive in the automotive industry for decades, and Mark has always been self-employed. We now co-own a fairly large landscaping business and hope to retire soon to have more time to do the things we love. Traveling is one of those things, and we usually only go to places where Myles can come with us. We are new to the dog training world, with Myles and I being Novice A. So far, he has a CGC and RN title, with hopefully much more to come in Rally and Obedience. What fun we are having! Myles will be four years old next year, and we are planning to start looking for a second Golden Retriever soon, targeting sometime in the spring. We are members of the GRCA, are excited to join the Marshbanks Retriever Club, and look forward to helping in any way we can!

Diane Daniels



I have lived in Michigan, Texas and California. My family lives in Texas. I was previously a director of labor relations but am retired now. This is my 4th Golden Retriever, Winston. Actually his AKC name is: Sir Winston Topper, Top Drawer. I am hoping to become a good enough trainer to enter this Golden into competition. Not sure yet which area of specialty; but Obedience comes first



Memorial/Remembrances Corner:

Deepest sympathy goes out to Mary Anzalone on the loss of her husband Bob of 61 years. Bob and Mary did so much together. He will be missed so much.

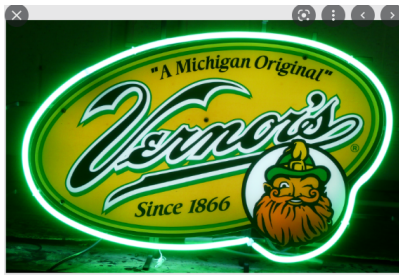
Linda & Mark Evans lost their Ripley May 8th. Our deepest sympathy goes out to them on their loss of their special boy.



GRCA - NATIONAL - It's in Michigan this year!! ENTRIES OPENED JUNE 22nd!

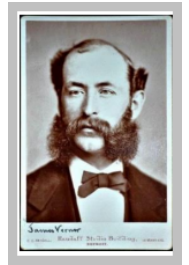
For those of you that have never attended a GRCA National, we are having one right here in Michigan in September. It's a lot of fun and a great way to meet folks you might have not seen in a long time or met only online. Start saving your pennies for things to enter, banquets to attend, and plenty of vendors with lots of things to buy.

- **GRCA National - Sept 2nd - 14th - All events at Monroe Fairgrounds except field**
 - <https://2022.grcanational.com/>
 - **Hunt Test - Sept 2 & 3 (Marshbanks is helping) Jorgensen Farms**
 - **Agility - Sept 3rd - (CVGRC) & Sept 4th (GRCA)**
 - **Obedience - Sept 5 & 6**
 - **CCA - Sept 5th**
 - **Sweepstakes - Sept 6th**
 - **Conformation - Sept 7th - 10th**
 - **Rally - Sept 7th**
 - **Gundog Sweeps - Sept 8th**
 - **WC/WCX - Jorgensen's Farms - Sept 11th**
 - **Field Trial - Fenwick, MI - Sept 12th - 14th**
 - **Tailgates: Performance - Sept 4th**
 - Conformation - Sept 9th**
 - Field Trial - Sept 12th**



A Little Bit of what Makes Michigan Special

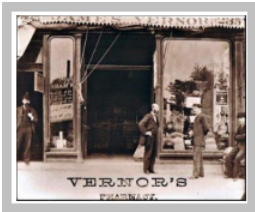
10 Spicy Facts about Vernors, Michigan's Favorite Beverage
Who remembers the mural in downtown Flint?



Whether you call that carbonated beverage we all drink “soda” or “pop,” one thing we can all agree on is that Vernors ginger ale is a hometown favorite. This distinctive beverage with a bite has been well loved by those here in the Awesome Mitten for over 150 years. While you may know its familiar taste, here are 10 facts that you may not know about Michigan’s oldest and favorite beverage.

1. Vernors Claims to Be the Oldest Soda in the United States. While some may have been in production prior to Vernors, none of them had stood the test of time. James Vernor first served his soda in 1866 at his Detroit pharmacy on the corner of Woodard and Clifford. (That location is now a Warby Parker eyeglass store. However, they still serve Vernors there!) In 2016, Detroit residents and many more celebrated the 150th anniversary of this fizzy beverage often recognized as our unofficial state beverage.

2. If You Drink Vernors to Get Rid of a Stomach Ache, You're Using It for Its Intended Purpose. James Vernor originally created his ginger ale as a way to soothe digestion issues. He was working on a tonic of ginger and other flavors to alleviate gastric discomfort. Today people drink it cold or warm to relieve overall feelings of illness.

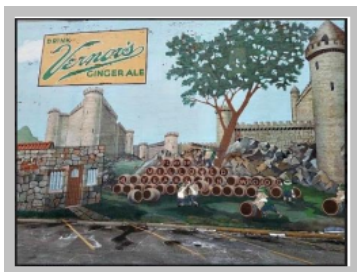


3. James Vernor Was More Than A Soda Maker. James Vernor fought in the Civil War for four years. It was during this time it is fabled that he created his “deliciously different” beverage. But creating his iconic ginger ale isn’t where his story stops. James Vernor was Michigan’s first licensed pharmacist in the state of Michigan. He created the pharmacy board due to his concerns over inconsistent dosage of medications. Later, he was elected to the Detroit City Council, where he was instrumental in the improvement of Detroit sewer and water systems.

4. Vernors Has An Official Gnome Mascot. Whose Name Was Originally Jerome. In the 1970s the company held a contest to allow customers to name their mascot, a gnome. The name Jerome was chosen, but somehow over the years his name was changed to Woody. A hypothesis is that the name was changed to reflect that the ginger ale was originally aged in wood barrels for up to 4 years. That distinction is no longer on packaging, but Woody is still there with a friendly smile.

5. You Used To Be Able To Buy Vernors By The Keg. While the original home of Michigan’s favorite ginger ale was the shop on Woodward, manufacturing of Vernors was later done at a large plant on the river. The Vernors bottling plant once stood where Hart Plaza is now. Detroit residents could drive up to the factory and pick up a keg for parties and functions.

6. A Boston Cooler Is Synonymous With The Name Vernors. That hasn’t always been the case. A Boston Cooler originally was any soda mixed with ice cream. While I prefer to have my ginger ale poured over my ice cream that would technically be a float. By definition a Boston Cooler is Vernors mixed with ice cream, like a milkshake. The origin of the name Boston Cooler is debatable, and it has nothing to do with Massachusetts. Some believe it’s named after Boston Boulevard in Detroit, but that street didn’t exist prior to the naming of this frosty treat.



7. Vernors Soda Shoppes Existed Outside Of The Greater Detroit Area. The Halo Burger on Saginaw in downtown Flint was one such location. The signature “V” can still be seen in the ironwork inside the store. Boston Coolers are still on the menu, and Vernors is still a selection on the soda dispenser.

8. Management Dropped The Apostrophe From Its Name In The 1950s. Some of you might be having a nervous twitch because I’ve been spelling Vernors without an apostrophe. Relax. That’s not all that’s changed. Vernors is no longer owned by the namesake family, nor is it made in Detroit. Shortly after the company’s 100th anniversary, it was sold to a larger distributor. It’s changed hands many times and is now owned by Dr. Pepper. It is still bottled in Holland, Michigan (and in other cities) but it’s no longer aged in wooden barrels.

9. Vernors Is Used For More Than Just Drinking. Aretha Franklin was famous for her Christmas ham, made with a glaze of this effervescent soda. Vernors can also be used in baking. Did you know that you can make any cake using a boxed cake mix and a 12 oz can of pop? I've made Whoopie Pies using this trick! I even add an extra pinch of ginger to the batter for an extra tasty zip. Added benefit, it keeps the recipe egg-free for those who have an egg allergy or food sensitivity.

10. Purchases Here In Michigan Still Account For 80% Of Sales. While it is possible to purchase Vernors outside of Michigan, it's still an Awesome Mitten favorite. In 2015, Michiganders bought 7 million cases of this distinctively different soda. It's so popular in fact that there's a collector's club for Vernors' enthusiasts. You can visit their website to see pictures of great memorabilia as well as become a member. This content is brought to you by the generous partners of the Awesome Mitten. Organizations who are dedicated to helping people engage with our amazing state of Michigan.

REMINDERS:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 2022 -- Conformation & Obedience - Supported entry- Ann Arbor KC - Monroe County Fairgrounds

Aug 27-28, 2022 - Marshbanks Hunt Test

We need workers! Volunteer and Sign-up with Pat Swallows. Several jobs are available that don't involve handling birds. Also we pay young folks an hourly wage to come help. Plant blinds, help in gun Stations, hanging birds at the line, etc. Looking for several young people to help.

Sept 2-3, 2022 --GRCA Hunt Test - Assisting with the hunt test

Sept 11th, 2022 - GRCA WC/WCX - Marshbanks is helping with the WC/WCX.

We will not be having one ourselves this year because this one is so close.

Oct 15/16, 2022 - Marshbanks Obedience/Rally Trial - Northfield DTC

Nov 6th, 2022 - Marshbanks Eye and Heart Clinic - Northfield DTC

December 2022 - TBD date - Christmas party

REMEMBER, WE ARE A STRONG CLUB AND WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS TO KEEP US GOING!

Renee Schulte is our website host. Remember to send her brags and any pictures you'd love to share too.



June 2022

