

# Front & Finish<sup>®</sup> Open A Rating System

**Golden Retriever**

***Eldorado's Magnum P. I. CDX BN GN GO RN TD ACT1***

**Leads The Pack!**

*Owned & Handled by  
Ms. Peggy Bowers*



***“Flynn”***

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**Eldorado's Magnum P. I. CDX BN GN GO RN TD ACT1,** Flynn, will be three in June. In his short life he has gotten me through some tough times and has been the light of my life. Flynn finished his CDX in three straight trials and three straight wins!! (197.5; 198; 195.5)

He continues to amaze me with his work ethic, enthusiasm and sheer joy for life. He loves to train, which is great 'cause so do I...but he also has an off switch which is equally as important, 'cause so do I! No matter what I ask him to do, he's willing to give it a try and to do his best!

At the Clarion trail 2015, he tied in Novice with a 198, and won the run off to win the Novice class... Then had to run off later that day for HIT against Fred Hulme's Cooper, (one of the top, if not the number 1, obedience Golden's in the country at that time). To my disbelief, he won the head to head run off! What a thrill! But what really impressed me is that he was as enthusiastic and comfortable with the last run as he was for the first one which is great for a green dog!

He earned his tracking title at the Golden National in October of 2015. But I wondered , was it just a fluke? I x also entered him in the Golden Triangle tracking test, as a backup and since the test didn't fill, I decided to run him again. And again, he passed. This track was significantly more difficult. The first leg was 200 yards straight up a hill, right over a ground hog hole... he nailed it!

Our journey has just begun, Flynn and I are looking forward to having lots of fun throughout his career. I have so many people to thank for our success. Chris Browning for breeding such a wonderful dog and entrusting him to me. Gayle Geiger who mentored and encouraged us through tracking. While Fred Hulme has never worked with Flynn he taught me the basics and provided a good foundation for our obedience training. Ted Walshesky, also has never worked with Flynn, but has offered innovative training advise to help us over problem areas. And Rick Hood has worked tirelessly week in and week out to help us bring out our best. Thank you all.

**~ Peggy Bowers**



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## **2016 Open A Obedience Rating System**

Compiled by Dave Pluth

We are delighted to provide the ratings of Open A Obedience Ratings for the 2016 competition year. This feature highlights the top dogs competing in AKC Open A classes. Congratulations to all teams placing in this year's report!

### **Tabulation & Publication Protocol**

The Front & Finish® Open A Rating System ranks dogs and handlers competing in AKC all breed obedience competition. Teams that earned qualifying scores of 170 or more points in Open A classes during a given competition year are included in the tabulations. Points are awarded based on the dog's score according to a point schedule that accounts for variances in scores awarded by different judges. Please refer to the accompanying Point Table for details.

Ratings are published by Front & Finish® listing the top ten dogs ranking highest across all breeds (Top Ten All Breed), the top ten dogs ranking highest within their respective groups (Top Ten By Group), and the top ten dogs ranking highest by breed (Top Ten By Breed). Dogs must earn a combined total of eight points or more in a given year to be listed and all ties for a given position are reported.

Dogs are listed with the recognized AKC titles they received during the competition year and they may not reflect a dog's current titles at the time of publication. Mixed breeds don't include any breakdowns by breed since all dogs fall into one group.

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<b>Open A Ratings Point Table</b>
(Score) = Points
(200) = 8 Points
(198 -199.5) = 7 Points
(195 -197.5) = 6 Points
(190 -194.5) = 5 Points
(185 -189.5) = 4 Points
(180 -184.5) = 3 Points
(175 -179.5) = 2 Points
(170 -174.5) = 1 Point

### **Top Ten All Breed Teams**

Rank	Dog Name	Breed	Owner	Points
1	Eldorado's Magnum P. I. CDX BN GN GO RN TD ACT1	Golden Retriever	P Bowers	61
2	Talisman Macallan Maverick CDX	Scottish Terrier	M Kawaguchi	55
3	Aroara CDX PCDX BN GN GO VER RN	Australian Shepherd	J Schmidman	44
4	MACH Albee Flying Solo CDX BN GN RN MXB MJB T2B	Shetland Sheepdog	A Drexler	43
5	Dedo's Perfect Sting CDX RA	Doberman Pinscher	S Lundy	39
6	GCH CH Kinloch David Douglas Of The Isles CDX PCDX BN RAE2 OA OAJ NF ME	Cairn Terrier	B Shuh/V Havlik/R Westlund	38