



# GGLRC Winter Newsletter

## December 2017

### President's Message November 2017

By Melinda Grosch, GGLRC President

It has been awhile since I wrote a President's message. There are multiple reasons for this but perhaps the primary one is the same as for many of us – I have been a bit overwhelmed with things that needed doing.

First I would like to thank Tabby Whitaker for taking on the newsletter these past couple of years. Tabby currently has a heavy load of duties not the least of which is being a mom to two fabulous sons, taking care of a bunch of Labradors, working, and being Vice President of GGLRC. Lorrie Bellows has volunteered to take on the newsletter for a bit to relieve Tabby of this added task. Thanks Tabby for your work on the newsletter!

This is the time of year when we look both back at the past and forward to the coming year. With that in mind I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work for the club during the past year. The Specialty is our big event of the year and this year marked the 50<sup>th</sup> specialty. We had lovely weather, nice judges who were very complementary of our dogs, and another wonderful wine and cheese gathering after

the show. This event had multiple hosts this year: Allen Garfinkle manning the wine and Vivian Poole and Sharon Ventura providing the cheese and other delicacies. Tabby was again in charge of the raffle and once again had a tremendous spread of lovely items to bid on or put tickets in for. It is always a big fund raiser for the Club. This year Lauren Rice raised over \$1,000 for fire relief for victims of the North Bay Fires. As a North Bay resident I can personally say that this is a much appreciated effort. And a huge thank you to Terri Herigstad for once again acting as Specialty Chair and bring the whole show together. I know there are many others who worked hard at the specialty helping stewarding in Obedience (Sharon Ventura, Connie Holms, Theresa Russell), providing lunch for the judges (Barbara Gibson), picking up judges from the airport (Lorrie Bellows and her husband Mark), etc. I could really devote a whole newsletter to this topic but since I am late getting this together I will stop here and say thank you because I really can't say it enough.

Looking to the New Year the Nominating Committee has made the following nominations for the 2018 Board and Directors:

President – Myself

Vice President – Tabby Whitaker

Secretary – Connie Holms  
 Treasurer – Terri Herigstad  
 Directors – Connie Muellerleileinseter  
     Vivian Poole  
     Sharon Ventura  
     Allan Garfinkle  
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Nominations from the floor will take place at the Holiday Party on December 9, 2017. Elections will occur at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2018. I hope to see you at one or both of these events. We always have fun and great food at the Holiday Party and we will be planning the Club's events for the coming year at the Annual Meeting so come help decide what is in your future.

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## ABOUT THE EDITOR

By Lorrie Bellows

My name is Lorrie Bellows and I've had the pleasure of meeting many of you. My day job is writing and negotiating contracts. I've never done a Newsletter before – so why did I volunteer for this? Well, in years past, I've held positions on the GGLRC Board, such as, President, Treasurer, Secretary, and member of the Board. So I thought I'd help out Tabby and the club and give it a shot.

The last 10+ years, I've supported the club by volunteering for the Annual Specialty - Judges Hospitality. It's a task that starts around January and runs through October. The part I like best is I get the chance to build some lasting friendships with our judges.

Let me know if you have any interest in learning about Judges Hospitality. I'd be happy to share my experiences with you.

If you have anything that you'd like to submit for the Newsletter, please forward it to me via email – [Loralie@mlbellows.com](mailto:Loralie@mlbellows.com).

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## Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club 50<sup>th</sup> Specialty Show, Obedience Trial and Rally Trial –

By Terri Herigstad  
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This year our Club hosted its 50<sup>th</sup> Specialty Show on Friday, October 20, 2017! The weather cooperated and hospitality abounded.

Our judges for Friday were Mrs Beth Wilkerson (Bouldinaire)—Sweepstakes and Veteran Sweepstakes; Mrs Marilyn Ann Nightingale (Boothgate, UK)—Dogs and Intersex; Ms Valerie Walters (Ranbourne, Canada)—Bitches ; and Mr Carl Lentz—Obedience and Rally. Congratulations to all the participants and winners.

Saturday (Specialty 51) our judges were Ms Janet Schoonover (CharDon)—Sweepstakes and Veteran Sweepstakes; Ms Valerie Walters—Dogs and Intersex; and Mrs Marilyn Ann Nightingale—Bitches.

There are so many people to thank as no event of this magnitude happens on its own. Beforehand **Jenni Lin** once again ordered and collated our beautiful pottery trophies. **Lorrie Bellows** also stepped up again to contact our judges, make all the travel arrangements and host them while they were in the Bay Area. A special thanks goes to Lorrie's non-doggy husband, **Mark**, who took a day off from work to pick judges up from the airport, sit in traffic and bring them to Pleasanton! How nice is THAT!?!?

**Sharon Ventura** spent her entire Thursday helping me organize the Grounds. I don't know what we're going to do when she and I can no longer lift those incredibly heavy wooden tables.

Club President, **Melinda Grosch**, acted as our Obedience and Rally trial Chairman. She rounded up ring stewards, provided score sheets, and kept that half of the Specialty running smoothly. Thank you **Connie Holm** and **Sharon Ventura** for ring stewarding.

**Connie Muellerleile** collected catalog advertising to get our specialty catalog rolling. And **Tabby Whitaker** put together a fabulous Raffle which is so important in supporting the show.

Our Specialty would not be the same without the smiling faces of **Chris Hempel** and **Maureen Degnan** with their Exhibitor Hospitality. If you have not tried Maureen's breakfast torte you are really missing something. She gets up at o'dark hundred to make it and bring it to the show warm!

The day of the specialty new member **Lisa Colombani** worked the trophy table displaying our lovely trophies and ferrying them to the judge's table with the help of **Chris Courtney**. Another relatively new member, **Barbara Gibson**, provided the Judges' Lunches. She went out of her way to welcome our British judges by including Bangors and Mash with the other wonderful food. The Nightingales were floored by her thoughtfulness.

**Vivian Poole** sold Catalogs in the morning and stepped into a new role along with Sharon Ventura in hosting the Wine & Cheese Reception on Saturday afternoon along with **Allen Garfinkle** pouring the wine. This year we welcomed a past GGLRC Specialty Judge and longtime Club supporter, **Barbara Gomez** (Barclare) who warmed us with her words of wisdom on the evolution of our breed as well as our current judges.

**Katy Bzurto** donated those tremendous tents that house our Raffle, Trophies and the Judges' Lunch. This year she also organized an Educational Seminar after the judging on Friday. She had **Dr Autumn Davidson** speak on management of Brood Bitches and **Dr Kesler** speak on dog food labels. While our venue this year was less than ideal, we would like to expand on this idea of promoting education for upcoming years. If you have any ideas on topics you would like to hear, please contact Katy or I.

I do have a few 50<sup>th</sup> Specialty Show Catalogs available. These are wonderful commemorative items that include a list of ALL the Best of Breed and Highest Scoring Dog in Trial winners; our Perpetual Trophies; Judges' Profiles; and lots of advertising.

Contact me if you'd like a marked catalog. I also had made some special GGLRC T-Shirts featuring our Labradors doing what they do best—breed, obedience, field, service dogs. I have a few left if you'd like to support our Club.

As always, if you have any ideas to improve or expand our Specialty please let me know. We are always looking for fun things to add to our show. Until next year...

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## 2018 Annual Meeting

This year the Annual Meeting will take place on **Sunday, January 21, 2017 at 11 AM**. Bring your lunch and ideas for the Club's 2018 year. It will be held at Terri Herigstad's house, 9995 Tesla Road, Livermore, CA 94550, 925-449-1584.



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## GGLRC 2017 OFFICERS AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION



### Golden Gate Kennel Club, GGLRC Supported Entry

January 27 & 28, 2018

2018 is upon us and the Club is looking forward to supporting the entry of Labradors at the Golden Gate Kennel Club benched shows at the Cow Palace in South San Francisco. The judges are Mr. Jeffrey Pepper on Saturday and Mrs. Joan Savage on Sunday.

Our Club is also sponsoring a Breed Information Table throughout the weekend. Always an "interesting" experience—"Do black Labradors jump higher than the yellow ones?"—please consider volunteering to man the table for an hour or two. No experience is necessary, just common sense. If you have some time to help, please contact **Melinda Grosch** at [wtrprufdogs4me@aol.com](mailto:wtrprufdogs4me@aol.com).

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