



GGLRC June 2018 Summer Newsletter

President's Message June 2018

By Melinda Grosch, GGLRC President

Hello fellow Labrador enthusiasts, I hope I'll be seeing you at the Match on **June 3, 2018**. Hopefully many of you will come to help out and then stay for the General Membership Meeting, which will be at noon and will include a potluck lunch.

I have been extremely busy the last few months first wrapping up my 25 year career with the County of Sonoma as a Land Use Planner and now getting an old, funky house ready to sell (it goes on the market on June 4th). I have spent the last three weeks sorting, packing or getting rid of 18 years' worth of accumulated stuff. I have to keep reminding myself that if the fires had made it to our neighborhood (they stopped just ¾ of a mile to the north) I wouldn't have had any of it so I just need to keep paring it down. This process has also involved multiple trips to Placerville (El Dorado County – on the way to South Lake Tahoe) where I am moving. I have had little time to do anything else. I am sure many of you can appreciate an overly busy schedule - that is why we have combined the General Meeting and the Match.

So, please look at and mark your calendars for June 3rd for our Match and General Membership Meeting at Cal State Hayward. PLEASE come help out. If you can ring steward please contact Kim Sweetnam (sweetnamk@aol.com).

Your Exhausted President,
Melinda Grosch

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Show & Go Match Report

The Show & Go and Match were held Sunday, June 3, 2018 on the Cal State East Bay campus in Hayward, CA. **Melinda Grosch** was the Show Secretary for the Show & Go, and **Terri Herigstad** was Show Secretary for the Match.

This year we added Rally and Trick Dog to our Show & Go. These rings seemed very successful.

Melinda accepted entries and set up the judging program. **Connie Holm** recruited judges. And **Kim Sweetnam** arranged for ring stewards. **Katy Bazarro** was super generous by providing tables and chairs for this event and thus saving the Club rental fees. Thank you.

Melinda, **Allen Garfinkle** and Terri set up the rings, tables and canopies on Saturday afternoon. **Vivian Poole** provided terrific Sunday morning hospitality and **Barbara Gibson** provided a spectacular lunch! Our hospitality is one of the real incentives for people to volunteer to work the rings—THANK YOU!

Before breed judging began Terri conducted a Handling Clinic. Hopefully participants came away with useful information.

Our judges for our AKC B Match were **Connie Muellerleile**-Puppy Sweepstakes and **Lorrie Bellows**-Adult and Puppy Regular classes. Vivian stepped in and ring stewarded. Winners were as follows:

Best in Puppy Sweepstakes

Galileo's Blue Jean Baby At Temesca
(Allen Garfinkle)

Best of Opposite Sex in Puppy Sweepstakes

Ganderhill This Land Is Your Land
(Faye Ghielimetti)

Best Puppy

Galileo's Blue Jean Baby At Temescal

Best of Opposite Sex Puppy

Ganderhill This Land Is Your Land

Best Adult

Spirithawk's Special Agent From Schoenfield CGC
(Allen Garfinkle)

These events are major fundraisers for our Club. Thank you everyone-Club members and non-Club members-who volunteered their time and energy to making this a successful event!

MEET YOUR CLUB MEMBERS

I thought it would be nice to use a little space in the Newsletter for Club Members to share information about themselves. For instance, why did you join GGLRC? How long have you been involved with Labradors and/or other breeds? What events, seminars, or training would you like to see GGLRC host or participate in? If you're interested in being featured in the Newsletter please contact me at Loralie@mlbellows.com so you can be featured in the next newsletter.

From DDC – Research - Genetics of Canine Hyper-Sociability

This article was submitted by a club member to share with those who might be interested.

Dear Devoted Dog Owner,

DDC Veterinary is excited about research being conducted on the Genetics of Canine Hyper-Sociability. The study is being performed by Dr. Bridgett M. vonHoldt, Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, at Princeton University.

What is **Canine Hyper-Sociability**?

- Genetic findings provide a possible story for how humans domesticated wolves into dogs, which is suggested to have been through "the survival of the friendliest."

- The research group recently identified mutations in a handful of genes that influence how friendly a dog or wolf is towards humans.

For more information, visit the [Canine Hyper-Sociability](#) website. Dr. vonHoldt is working to develop a successful genetic survey for these mutations from dogs' DNA samples. Her group needs samples from all types of dogs. If you choose to participate, Dr. vonHoldt will send you a short report describing the number and type of gene variants your dog carries.

Want to join the study? Here's what you need to do:

- **Stage 1: Basic data collection** Three forms: The [consent form](#), [demographic information](#) and a short [42-question behavioral assessment](#) of each individual dog. All forms can also be found on the project's website.
- **Stage 2: Behavioral video data collection** Two short behavioral tests you can conduct and record at home with your dog! [Sociability test](#) and [Problem Solving test](#)
- **Stage 3: Genetic sample donation** Once all of the forms and video tests have been received by Dr. vonHoldt, she will send qualified participants the non-invasive
- [cheek swab kit](#) that can be collected at home, without the need for a vet visit. (Whole blood samples also accepted.)

Scan completed forms and name the file as "**LastName_FirstName.pdf**" Email the forms to Dr. vonHoldt at vonholdt@princeton.edu. Put "**WBS Participation**" in the subject of the email, otherwise the email maybe discarded. Or mail the forms to:

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*Please note: All samples and information must be sent to Dr. vonHoldt at the address above. Go to [the project website](#) for details. Information needs to be received by **June 30, 2018**.*

Please direct all questions regarding this study to Dr. vonHoldt and not to DDC.

Thank you for your time.

DDC Veterinary

GGLRC Officers & Board Positions

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be on GGLRC's Board? I can tell you from personal experience, it's a rewarding way to contribute to the club. I've held positions of: Board Member, Treasurer, President, and now I'm Newsletter Editor.

Below are some descriptions for the positions. Some of the current board positions will need to be filled for 2019. We hope you'll consider filling a position and sharing your interest of the breed. No prior experience needed.

* **Meetings** - Meetings are quarterly for General Meetings and bi-monthly for Board Meetings. We try to schedule General Meetings at dog events so members might already be in attendance. Board Meetings are weekdays in Pleasanton at the Black Bear Diner. We are considering doing some sort of conference calls to reduce travel difficulties for out of area members.

***Vice President.** Fills in for the president if the president is unable to be at a meeting or event.

***Secretary.** Attends all meetings and records minutes of meetings. Receives Club correspondence. This is the contact person for the AKC.

***Treasurer.** Keeps and balances the Club check book. Should be familiar with Quicken or Quick Books to allow for reports. Manages the Club

insurance—payments and Certificates of Insurance for Club functions. Deals with Club taxes (minimal work). Attends all/most of the Club meetings to present financial reports and provide any explanations for moneys received and spent.

***Board of Directors.** Attends General and Board meetings. Makes suggestions and decisions concerning Club functions.

Feel free to contact any Officer on the cover page if you have questions.

BRAGS

Sweet Labs Peace Lily CD, BN, RA, CGC (Lily) earned the title of Junior Hunter at the Marin Retriever Club hunt test in Corning April 28. (Submitted by: Kim Sweetnam)

Do you have a Brag you'd like to share? If so, just send it to the Newsletter Editor like Kim did. Let everyone know what great things you're doing with your dogs. Come on – don't be shy. ☺

GGLRC 2018 SPECIALTY – October 19 & 20, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, CA

GGLRC will host our 52nd & 53rd Specialties at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th. The confirmed judges are:

Friday 19th

Dogs & Intersex – Carole Coode (Warringah)
Bitches – Stephanie Harris (Sky Fire)
Sweeps – Cindy Freeman (Quail Run)
Obedience – Linda Hause

Saturday 20th

Dogs & Intersex – Stephanie Harris
Bitches – Carole Coode
Sweeps – Tina Donahue (Quail Chase)

This year we are moving our show site to the “North 40” from The Orchard. We're hoping to have better footing in the North 40.

After the completion of judging on Friday afternoon the Club will host a “How Does Your Dog Measure Up?” seminar with AKC representative Jane Myers. Hopefully you know our breed standard includes a disqualification for height. Do you know the procedure to for a measurement? What if the judge decides to measure your dog? Who can call for a measurement? What happen if the judge cannot measure your dog? What happens if your dog “measures out”? These are just some of the questions we will be addressing. Please take the time to attend this seminar. And no, you will not have your own dogs measured ☺

As usual, we will be asking Club members to support the Trophy Donation fund. Please be generous.

The Superintendent is MB-F, closing date Wednesday, October 3. The host hotel is the Larkspur Landing in Pleasanton. The hotel is giving us a special rate and NO DOG DEPOSIT!

Hope to see you all there.

Logging into GGLRC Website

For those of you have forgotten the GGLRC Website login process, or may have never received the steps. These have been provided by our special Webmistress – Elaine Nusser. Thanks Elaine for keeping the website up to date for us. If you have issues or questions, please contact your Newsletter Editor and I'll get you Elaine's contact information.

STEPS:

Many members have logins and passwords already for the website's Members Only area. But for those who don't, here are the instructions:

1. Go to <http://www.gglrc.org>
2. Click on the “MEMBERS ONLY” tab at the top right side of the window. A sign-in area will pop down.
3. If you are a GGLRC member in good standing, you may register here under the “Request

Members-Only Access” area. Just type in your Name and Email address, and click the “Register” button.

Please note that this is not an automated password service, I will get your request, check your email against the current membership list, then generate the login information and send it back to you. This may take up to 1-2 days depending on my schedule.

Once you have the login information, you should go back to the club website, click on the same “MEMBERS ONLY” tab where you originally requested the password, and this time click the “LOGIN” button. You will be asked for your user name and password, and once that validates, you will be taken to the Members Only page.

The Members Only page has access to newsletter archives, club member contact information, GGLRC club documents and forms.

SUMMERTIME AND DOGS

Summertime is a great time for us to get out and enjoy the sunshine and longer daylight. It also means you can almost guarantee the temperature's can be extremely hot in some areas. So if you and your dog are planning to partake in some solar activities, make sure you take a few extra minutes and plan ahead.

Here's some tips provided by AVMA:

1. Never leave your dog in the car, even if you leave the windows cracked.
2. Make sure your dog has unlimited access to fresh water.
3. Make sure your dog has access to shade.
4. Take walks in the cooler hours of the day.
5. When walking, try to stay off of hot surfaces (like asphalt) because it can burn your dog's feet.
6. If you think it's hot outside, it's even hotter for your dog. Make sure your dog has a way to cool off.

7. Keep you eyes open for Rattlesnakes when walking on trails or fields. It might be helpful to keep your dog on a leash in these areas.

And don't forget water, sunscreen, a hat and sunglasses for you and your family.

NEXT ISSUE – HOW ABOUT SENDING ME SUBMITTALS ON “HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION”?

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER GGLRC MEMBERS!