



Retriever Reflections

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Hey GGLRC'rs,

Tired of getting the newsletter a month late? Hoping to have more timely information, see better graphics, maybe have some original articles penned by the editor? Well it just isn't going to happen while I'm at the helm. What with the current permanent pack standing at five dogs (3 of mine, 2 of my roommates) and one that comes and goes, working full time, teaching classes in the evenings, etc. I am pretty much at the limit of my ability to fit it all in even with getting up at 5 am and going to bed at 11 pm. January 2008 will mark the beginning of the third year of my editorship. I would like for it to be my last so if you would like to take a stab at producing the newsletter please let me know. I think that it is a pretty easy task but a bit time consuming. I have re-set the bar at a much lower level than Shirley had it set so you should have no trouble improving on what I have been doing!

On a sad note GGLRC lost a true friend to Labradors and our Club VP on Feb. 29 with the passing of Martha Shaw. There are two memorial statements at the end of the newsletter honoring Martha.

See you at the Match,
Melinda Grosch, Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with a heavy heart that I begin to pen this message, as we recently lost one of our most active and devoted members, Martha Shaw. Martha lost an eleven year battle with cancer, yet most of us did not even know she was ill, as she was very private in this regard. She was a very brave woman and I never heard her complain or bemoan her fate. Martha had been Specialty Chairman twice, Past President and current Vice President. Martha raised four champions, doing much of the handling herself, and she left her mark through her dogs.

On a lighter note, preparation is well underway for our annual Fun Match on June 22, 2008, an All Breed Obedience Show and Go, and Sanctioned B Conformation Match. Our Conformation Judge for Sweeps and regular classes are still pending. Our Obedience judges this year are Linda Bianco for the Novice ring and Sue Luebbert for the Open/Utility ring. This year we hope to have a Conformation Handling clinic and will be adding Doggie Games. This is one of two big events that we sponsor during the course of the year and we need your support to make it happen. We need volunteers for Ring Stewards, sign-ins, and set-up/take down. There will also be a General Meeting during the Lunch hour. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending to help make this event a success!

I would like to end by wishing long time member Shirley Trotter all the best in her recent move to Oregon. Shirley's presence on the board and at the shows will be missed greatly.

Summer is almost upon us, so get out there and have fun with your dogs!

Allen Garfinkle
President

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Classified Ads \$1 per line.

The Labrador In Northern California Booklet

Copies of the Club's publication, The Labrador in Northern California, are available from Terri Herigstad for \$5 each.

These

are handy references and are great for handing out to new Labrador owners.

Litter listing requirements:

Members may submit litter listings for their dogs or bitches. As stated in the GGLRC Breeders Code of Ethics, before a litter will be listed in Retriever Reflections, you must submit health clearance information for both the dog and the bitch: OFA or Wind-Morgan clearances and certification by a board-certified veterinary ophthalmologist that the dog has been examined and found free of hereditary eye disease within the last year. You must indicate whether or not the parents have met the Code of

Ethics performance requirement (CD, one championship point, JAM, field title, WC, or GGLRC Retrieving Dog Elementary certificate).

We require a \$10 donation to Golden Gate Labrador Rescue for a litter listing. Each listing may appear twice. Please submit listings in writing to Editor, Melinda Grosch. Make checks payable to GGLRC and send to: Noel-Ann, Treasurer, 1690 Grizilo Drive, San Jose, CA 95124

The litters or sires listed here belong to members in good standing of the Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. (GGLRC), but in no circumstances does GGLRC guarantee the services of said members.

Buyers should review any contracts and/or guarantees with the breeder.

If you like the work we do in helping to save Labs ...you can help us to help the dogs by sending a tax deductible contribution to: GGLRR 2515 Lexington Way, San Bruno, CA 94066

Lab Rescue is an all volunteer organization GGLRR has been granted nonprofit/tax-exempt status by the IRS under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All donations made to GGLRR are deductible from your personal tax returns to the extent allowed by law.

BRAGS

Cindy Braley:

Cinderhill Ducet

1st in Bred-by-Exhibitor March 14 and 15 at the San Joaquin Labrador Retriever Club Specialties. Duc was Best Bred-by on the 14th.

Owned and bred by Cindy Braley and Susan Eberhardt.

Congratulations!!

Hey, I've seen a bunch of you at the shows - send me your brags! You can send them by e-mail or USPS just don't tell me at a show - I have a horrible memory.

LITTER LISTINGS

Black & Yellow Puppies

Sire: CH Visions Cain's Mutiny

OFA# LR-139248G25M-PI, LR-EL21572M25-PI

CERF# LR-35725/07-71

Optigen Normal

Heart echocardiogram clear.

Dam: Metate Marstad I Think So

OFA# LR-144837F26F-PI, LR-EL23869F26-PI

CERF# LR-40275/07-66

Heart echocardiogram clear

Black and yellow puppies expected 2/13/08

Contact: Terri Herigstad (925)449-1584

marstad@aol.com

Yellow Puppies

Sire: CH Saddlehill Struttin In The Moonlight

OFA# LR-127542F24M-PI, LR-EL17215M24-PI

CERF# LR-32855/07-82

Optigen normal

Heart echocardiogram clear

Dam: Galileo Marstad Bleu Moon

OFA# LR-137272G27F-PI

CERF# LR-33015/07-77

Optigen normal

Heart echocardiogram clear

Yellow puppies due 2/25/08

Contact: Terri Herigstad (925)449-1584

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Mostly black litter due Feb 22:

Sire: CH Belgairn Whistle Stop Jack Sparrow

OFA hips Good, Elbows Normal, eye Cerf, Heart Echo normal, Optigen Normal/Clear

Dam: CH Layney Let Freedom Soar

(BC, OFA hips Good, Elbows Normal, eye Cerf, Heart Echo normal, Optigen Normal/Clear)

Breeders/Owners: Ron and Jennifer Kelly, 707 987 8163, belgairnlabs@mchsi.com The litter is being co-bred with Randy Johnson but the litter is being raised at Belgairn.

Link to show Liberty's clearances:

<http://www.offa.org/results.html?all=layney%27s+let+freedom+soar> WE had her cerfed December of 2007, not sure why not up yet.

Link to show Pirate's clearances:

<http://www.offa.org/results.html?all=Belgairn+whistle+stop+jack+sparrow>

ADULT DOG FOR SALE

Mick (Belgairn HySpire McSteamy) is a healthy, strong, handsome, great tempered two year old neutered black boy! He has basic obedience (on lead heel, sit, and stay, off lead come) and is crate trained. He is good in the house, although we don't leave him unattended. He would be a great jogging or hunting companion. He is good with kids and other dogs (big and small, male and female). He does chase cats. Contact Ron and Jennifer Kelly at 707 987 8163 or belgairnlabs@mchsi.com

A QUOTE I LOVE!

"I care not much for a man's religion whose dog and cat are not the better for it."

President Abraham Lincoln

CAUGHT IN THE WEB

A reminder to stay abreast of all that is going on legislatively that may affect you and your rights to keep dogs, breed dogs, and show dogs. Here are the two groups that provide the most frequent updates.

PetPAC: <http://petpac.net/>

Concerned Dog Owners of California: <http://cdoca.org/>

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An interesting website on Centronuclear Myopathy in Labrador Retrievers. A genetic test is now available and this site is run by the Alfort School of Veterinary Medicine, France which developed the DNA test for this disease.

<http://www.labradorcnm.com/>

MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING

Unavailable at the time of printing.

JUDGES COMMITTEE

With the passing of Martha Shaw another member is needed for this important committee.

As noted before, GGLRC is always interested in your input for possible judges for our specialities.

Current members of the Committee are Ruth Hertzog, Jennifer Kelly, and Trudy Rose. Contact any member if you have suggestions.

CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP LIST

Trudy Rose has a new e-mail address. It is:

talimar@frontiernet.net

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date(s)
GGLRC Board Meeting, Pleasanton	May 14
Skyline/Contra Costa Show. Supported entry. Vallejo Fairgrounds	June 5, 6, 7, 8
GGLRC Sanction B Match, Livermore	June 22
Rose City LRC Specialty, Rose City, OR	Jul 10-11
GGLRC Board Meeting, Pleasanton	Jul 16
Sierra Vista LRC Specialty	Aug 29-Sep 1
GGLRC Board Meeting, Pleasanton	Sep 10
GGLRC Specialty, Pleasanton	Oct 17-18
Del Valle Kennel Club, Pleasanton	Oct 19-20
High Desert LRC Specialty	Nov 10-11
GGLRC Board Meeting, Pleasanton	Nov 12
2007 Holiday Party (Approx Date)	Dec 13

**ANNUAL SPECIALTY MATCH AND OBEDIENCE SHOW-&GO
June 22, 2008**

Georgia Burg will chair the Specialty Match and Allen Garfinkle will organize the Obedience Show-&Go and secure judges for the event. If you are interested contact any Board Member (see front page). This year will mark the return of Doggie Games and a Canine Good Citizen test. A general meeting will be held at lunch. Plan on being there and having a good time.

The match will be held in the Livermore Rodeo grounds park as it was in times past. Full details will arrive in the match flyer. If you can help steward in conformation or obedience please contact either Georgia (408) 730-5501 or Allen (510) 339-2117. If you will be available to be part of the friendly crowd for the CGC please contact Melinda Grosch (707) 537-7786.

LAB IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BOOKLET

Due to some production glitches this still has not been published. Allen will still take any advertisements that you may want to place. Full page ads are \$50 per page and half page ads are \$30 per page. Photo ready copy preferred, but not required. The page size is 5 1/2 x 8 1/2. Ad copy may be submitted electronically at Janzoon@aol.com or by mailing hard copy to "Lab in Northern CA", 5655 Estates Drive, Oakland, CA 94618. Checks should be made out to "GGLRC". Please submit ASAP!!

Don't miss out this booklet is published infrequently and is distributed widely.

LEGISLATION

Write Your Support Letters

Sponsored by Concerned Dog Owners of California

AB 2291 Assemblyman Tony Mendoza (D-56th)
Add a check off box to California State Income Tax Form for Spay and Neuter Fund

Letters to Robert Baird
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0056
FAX - (916) 319-2156
Committee Hearing 4/14/08 - Revenue and Taxation

SB 1771 Senator Ron Calderon (D-30th)
Add forfeiture language to dog fighting law.
Letters to Rocky Rushing
Capitol Office
State Capitol, Room 4088
Sacramento, CA 95814
FAX - (916) 327-8755
Public Safety Committee - Hearing Not Set

Supported by Concerned Dog Owners of California

AB 1969 Assembly Member George Plescia
Increased penalties for crimes against dogs and horses
Committee Hearing 3/25/08 - Public Safety

AB 1938 A tax credit for partial costs of spaying and neutering animals
Revenue and Taxation - Hearing Not Set
Letters to Assembly Member George Plescia
State Capitol Building Room 3141
Sacramento, CA 94249-0075

This is the time to show that we are a force, for or against a bill. Thank you.

**FROM MARTHA'S MEMORIAL AND CELEBRATION OF HER LIFE
March 29, 2008**

Speaking for her many "dog friends" - MICHAEL SILVA
We meet many people in our lives, but there are truly a few who touch us so deeply that we remember them for a lifetime. I know in my heart that Martha is that gift for many of us that are here today.

So I ask along with Martha's parents that we celebrate her life. It is what Martha would have wanted and above all would have expected from her family and friends - to be happy to have known her for who she really was.

When I was asked to write a tribute to Martha in the San Joaquin Valley Labrador Retriever Specialty catalog, I thought the task would be nearly impossible. Like Martha, I stewed and procrastinated and mulled what I wanted to say in my head. However, once I sat down, the writing about my friend Martha flowed freely as it felt as if I had her with me. And I realized I did.

I would like to read that tribute as I believe it captures the essence of "our" Martha.

We are all very blessed for having known Martha. And for those of us who were very close to her our lives have been truly enriched forever.

The twinkle in Martha's eyes and her tremendous smile defined her as a person of warmth, of kindness, of compassion and of dedication.

Martha was a private gal who surrounded herself with the many people she cared most about and who cared about her. No matter what was occurring in her life, she always had time for you, made you feel special, and put you before her own needs.

Those who had the opportunity to share a glass of wine and conversation with Martha benefited from her intelligence. They were very fortunate to engage in interesting discussion as she had a thirst for knowledge in all areas of life and was always willing to share her point of view.

Martha was a woman of tradition and superstition. She had exquisite taste for the finer things in life. She was gracious, passionate, courageous and above all, brave. She lived life to its fullest and taught those around her to do the same. She never missed a chance to share a special moment whether you were young or old. And for that we should all be thankful.

Martha's journey with Labradors began in 1994. Her kennel name originates from the café in the movie, "Fried Green Tomatoes" - story which encapsulates the spirit of Martha and Whistle Stop Labradors.

Martha left us much too soon. However, we can take comfort in knowing that she rests with her most treasured chocolate girl, Idgy. God Bless you Martha. We already miss you.

MARTHA SHAW'S OBITUARY

Martha Louise Shaw, 48, of Oakland, Calif. passed away on Leap Year Day (Feb. 29) following a valiant 11-year battle with cancer. Born in Springfield, Mass. on 9-11 of 1959, she was the daughter of Lewis A. and Carol Roper Shaw of Scottsdale, AZ.

She attended the public schools in Wilbraham, Mass. and was graduated from Minnechaug High School where she was an honor student, sports editor of the school newspaper and co-captain of the girls basketball team.

She was a cum laude graduate of Springfield College, majoring in rehabilitation, and received her training as a physical therapist at the Mayo School of Health Related Sciences in Rochester, Minn.

She completed the Kaiser Manual Therapy Orthopedic Residency Program in 1991, was Board certified as an Orthopedic Specialist by the American Physical Therapy Association in 1995 and received a Master's degree in Health Sciences from San Francisco State University the following

year.

She was associated with physical therapy clinics in Bedford, NH and Phoenix, AZ before joining the Rehabilitation Services Department of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Group in Oakland in 1991.

Her great love was the raising and showing of Labrador Retrievers. She had four AKC champions, and several of her dogs have found homes in such far-away places as the Philippines, Canada, Poland and Wales. She was a past president and show chairman of the Golden Gate Labrador Retrievers Club.

She is survived by her parents, her brothers David of Oxford, Mass. and Robert (and his wife Caroline) of Lawrenceville, NJ, her aunt Janet Roper of Wilbraham, Mass., and two nephews Charles and William and a niece Carrie. She was also godparent to William Shaw of Lawrenceville and Jacob Kelly of Middletown, Calif.

A memorial service for Martha Shaw will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 29 at the Skyline Community Church, 12540 Skyline Blvd., Oakland. Internment will take place on April 19 in Springfield, Mass.

A memorial fund has been established in her name with Golden Gate Labrador Retrievers Rescue, Inc., 2515 Lexington Way, San Bruno, CA 94066, or donations may be made to the Susan Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

General Meetings

General Meeting - Specialty Match
Location: Livermore CA
June 22, 2008 @ Noonish

General Meeting - TBA
Location: TBA
Sept., 2008

Board Meetings

Board Meeting - May 14, 2008
Location: Denny's, Pleasanton
Time: 7:15 pm

Board Meeting - July 16, 2008
Location: Denny's, Pleasanton
Time: 7:15 pm



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