



# Retriever Reflections

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## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

It is starting to be that time of year when there are too many things to do - dog shows, gardening, litters to plan, dogs to train, and celebrating the 114<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the San Francisco earthquake by updating our disaster preparedness supplies. This is to get us in shape for OCTOBER. This October will be an exceptionally busy one for the Labrador enthusiast - the National Specialty will be held in Southern California, the Master National Hunt Test will be held in Chico here in Northern California, and our own Club's specialties and Obedience and Rally trials will be held in Pleasanton in conjunction with a vastly expanded Del Valle venue.

Melinda Grosch, Editor

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As some of you may know, I recently changed jobs. I went from being the Captain of a large merchant ship to being the Executive Director of a rather small state board. The change was more profound than I had imagined it would be - particularly with regard to personnel management.

On the ship I had a crew of 26, each with a well defined job - now I have a staff of two. Or should I say used to have a staff of two. Shortly after I started this job, one staff went out on Family Leave and the other one quit (perhaps I should consider changing deodorant) leaving me a staff of none.

This lack of personnel got me thinking about the club and how lucky we are to have so many members give so much of their time and energy to making our events happen. This was so evident at the Retriever Training Day and Working Certificate Test we recently held. It took a tremendous coordinated effort by many people to make it a success, which it was (and thank you to all that helped - Sharon, Melinda, Freddie, Judy, Steve, Vivian, Carol, Dennis, Shelley, Christine and Randy). It was really great to see everyone working toward a common goal of seeing each handler and dog succeed at a given task - in this case, retrieving.

I think that is what I find so satisfying about our hobby: Seeing people and dogs sharing a moment where both the dog and the handler earn a sense of success by working together, whether it be in the field, obedience ring, conformation ring, or agility trial.

We have yet another opportunity, as a club, to provide a venue for this kind of shared experience: our Show and Go/Fun Match coming up on June 6th in Hayward. This event was great fun and really well attended last year and promises to be even larger this year (as it was advertised well in advance in the Diablo Valley DTC calendar.) Last year we had participants ranging in experience from totally new to dog sports to seasoned veterans of Obedience and Conformation.

The day offers a full range of dog/handler fun with events such as Conformation Handling Class followed by a Fun Match (both sweepstakes and regular classes), along with three levels of Obedience rings as well as Canine Good Citizen testing. Everywhere you look there will be

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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:

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.

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Placing Labs in loving homes since 1986

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Sometimes our volunteer Reps get sick or busy with their paying jobs, so if you don't get a return call within 48 hours, please notify our Webmaster, and we'll make sure someone from GGLRR contacts you.

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, 268 Bush Street #4322, San Francisco, CA 94104

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.

President's message (Cont.)

dogs and people having fun together. It is a very special event and without any of the pressure of a Specialty or "real" dog show.

There is catch though: It takes lots of member participation to put this event on. We really need all of the membership to sign up and help us run this thing. We have jobs for everyone (from the most able to the most sedentary), and the more people that help, the less each of us has to do, freeing us up to join in the fun. Plus all helpers will get a free run through for one dog, plus morning hospitality and lunch provided.

This event has the potential to be the biggest money maker of the year for our club!! The all-breed obedience rings bring a huge turnout as there is lots of demand for this kind of practice venue. Please come out and be a part of this great event. Contact Connie or Marilou to sign up. See you there!!!

Allen Garfinkle, President

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**BRAGS**

**BELGAIRN TROUBLESON "BLUE"**

Breeders/Owners: Ron & Jennifer Kelly

**February 21, 2010**

San Diego LRC  
Best in Sweepstakes (Cindy Skiba)  
1st 12 -18 Month (Sally Bell)  
Best 12 - 18 Month (Sally Bell)

**February 20, 2010**

San Diego LRC, 2/20/10  
Best Opposite in Sweepstakes (Georgia Hansen)  
Reserve Winner's Dog (Roy Cone)  
Best 12- 18 Month (Roy Cone)  
1st 12 -18 Month

**January 30, 2010**

Golden Gate Kennel Club  
Reserve Winner's Dog (Beth Sweigart)

**BELGAIRN TIME FOR GOLD "NINER"**

Co-bred with Michael & Kim Silva of Shadowbrook  
Breeders/Owners: Ron & Jennifer Kelly

**February 21, 2010**

San Diego LRC  
2nd 6 - 9 Month Sweeps (Cindy Skiba)  
1st 6 - 9 Month (Sally Bell)  
Best Opposite Sex Puppy (Sally Bell)

**February 20, 2010**

San Diego LRC  
1st 6 - 9 Month Sweeps (Georgia Hansen)  
1st 6- 9 Month (Roy Cone)  
Best Opposite Sex Puppy (Roy Cone)

**January 31, 2010**

Golden Gate Kennel Club  
Best Puppy (Peter Bayne... handled by Tanner Kelly)  
1st 6 - 9 Month

**January 30, 2010**

Golden Gate Kennel Club  
1st 6 - 9 Month (Beth Sweigart... handled by Tanner Kelly)

**NEW CHAMPION**

**THORNWOOD'S SNOWMAN "FROSTY"**

SIRE: Champion Ghoststone's Louie Downtown  
Dam: Intl' Ch. Thornwood's On The Fly, CGC, RN (Clark daughter)  
Breeder/Owner: Cheri Conway, Thornwood Labradors

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

When you provide information for brags please include the Dog's Full Registered Name, Sire & Dam, Call Name, Breeder: Owner, Event, Date, Award, and Judge's Name.

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**LITTER LISTINGS**

Sire: **AM/CAN/UKC CH Polar Forest Play It Again Sam MH**

All Clearances including EIC and CNM  
Dam: **CH/INT'L CH Winroc On Line CGC CD RN SH**  
Litter of BLACKS & YELLOWS due 1-14-2010  
Contact: Marriane Foote of Winroc reg. Labradors (925)447-8513, [mfwincroc@wecare.net](mailto:mfwincroc@wecare.net)

Sire: **Marstad Life In The Fast Lane (Y)**

Health clearances in progress  
Dam: **Marstad Pocket Full Of Sunshine (B)**  
Eyes: ACVO clear  
Optigen Normal  
Litter due 2/19.  
Contact: Terri Herigstad (925)449-1584, [marstad@aol.com](mailto:marstad@aol.com)

Sire: **BISS CH Shadowbrook's McSteamy**

WD at the Labrador Retrieve Club of the Potomac  
Hips: OFA Excellent #LR-179764E26M-VPI  
Elbows: OFA Normal #LR-EL42274M26-VPI  
Eyes: ACVO Clear/CERF Annually - Optigen: Clear by Parentage  
DNA Profile: Pending  
Dam: **Belgairn Impressive Dreams (Liena)**  
Major pointed, three Best in Sweepstakes  
Hips: OFA Good (LR-175843G32F-VPI)  
Elbows: OFA Normal (LR-EI39820F32-VPI)  
Eyes: Optigen Normal/Clear by parentage  
Eyes: CERF Normal 12/10/08 (LR-53364/2008-39)  
Heart: Echocardiogram Normal (OFA # LR-CA2761/24F/C-NOPI-ECHO)  
Dentition: Full

All black litter ready for homes early summer  
Breeders: Ron & Jennifer Kelly & Vivian Poole  
Contact: Vivian Poole, [timandvivian@marinmail.com](mailto:timandvivian@marinmail.com), 415 892 8768

**Sire:** Thornwood's Above and Beyond (pointed son, Ch Lenches Teddy Bear)  
**Hips:** OFA LR-170289G24M-PI  
**Elbows:** OFA LR-EL36560M24-PI  
**Eyes:** CERF yearly LR-4571 - Optigen A  
**Dam:** Thornwood's American Beauty (Ch Thornwood's Captivator daughter)  
**Hips:** OFA LR-183747E24F-PI  
**Elbows:** OFA LR-EL44792F24-PI  
**Eyes:** CERF LR-51819 yearly

ALL YELLOW litter, born 1-24-10  
Contact: Cheri Conway (541)723-2467  
forlabs@centurytel.net

ALL CHOCOLATE litter, due 7-20-10  
**Sire:** Champion Thornwood's Resolution  
**Hips:** OFA LR-154123G24M-T  
**Elbows:** OFA LR-EL28055M24-T  
**Eyes:** CERF LR-41956 yearly  
**Dam:** Thornwood's Sweet Success (Ch Thornwood's The Achiever daughter)  
**Hips:** OFA LR-185824G24F-PI  
**Elbows:** OFA LR-EL46215F24-PI  
**Eyes:** CERF LR-51808 yearly

ALL CHOCOLATE litter, due 7-20-10  
Contact: Cheri Conway (541)723-2467  
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**A QUOTE I LOVE!**

"Dogs are furry little vitamins for your soul. Discover Nature's secret to calm relax and relieve stress"  
Nancy Honan Wallace

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**CAUGHT IN THE WEB**

For more ideas on being ready for an emergency:  
<http://www.fema.gov/plan/prepare/animals.shtml>  
And a site that reminds us to stay alive to compete in the next dog event by not driving while too tired.  
[http://www.livetorunagain.org/Live\\_To\\_Run\\_Again/Home-Live\\_To\\_Run\\_Again\\_Dont\\_Drive\\_Drowsy.html](http://www.livetorunagain.org/Live_To_Run_Again/Home-Live_To_Run_Again_Dont_Drive_Drowsy.html)

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**MINUTES  
GOLDEN GATE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB**

**BOARD MEETING — JANUARY 30, 2010**

**ROLL CALL:** President Allen Garfinkle called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. at the Cow Palace. Present were: Terri Herigstad, Tabby Walker, Melinda Grosch, Jennifer Smith, David Rowinski, Georgia Baba and Elaine Nusser, a new

member. Absent were Marianne Foote and Nancy Yamada.

**MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:** The previous annual meeting minutes were approved,

**REPORT OF SECRETARY:** Correspondence was read from Concerned Dog Owners of California asking for contributions. This info will go in the newsletter.

**REPORT OF TREASURER:** Treasurer's report is in annual meeting minutes.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES:**

SHO AND GO/SANCTIONED MATCH: Event will be held June 6, 2010 at Cal State East Bay. Connie will add more hours to our time so we are not as rushed. We need to start getting judges.

SPECIALTY: E-mails have been sent to Betty Stenmark. Linda Bendarsky has said yes to judging.

FIELD: Ornbaum's not open yet. March 6 or 7th are possible dates for the WC. Training will be held in the morning and the WC in the afternoon.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE: The charge for director's insurance is \$795. After discussion, it was moved seconded and passed that we continue to have director's insurance.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

CALANDAR: The calendar for 2010 was set up and is as follows:

Board Meetings: : March 11, May 13, July 8, September 9, and November 11.

Supported Entries: Woofstock June 10-13., and Richmond August 7 and 8th

Cerf Clinic: August on a Wednesday with Dr. Hacker.

Field day: March 6 or 7th.

Specialty: October 21st to 25th.

Christmas party on December 11th.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Submitted by Connie Holm

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**MEMBERSHIP**

No new applications at this time.

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**WORKING CERTIFICATE TESTS  
SIERRA VISTA LRC & CENTRAL CA LRC**

SVLRC will hold a WC June 6th at Tim Moores home and Jeanne Collier will be the judge. Also CCLRC will hold a WC on Sun. April 25th with a practice day on Sat.

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**FIELD TRAINING DAYS AND WORKING CERTIFICATE TEST**

The training day and Working Certificate Test held on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at Ornbaun Ranch Kennels in Fairfield was fun and a number of dogs were successful in passing the Working Certificate test. Of the 9 dogs tested 7 passed: Allen Garfinkle and Lola, Carol White and Sunny, Roxanne Nelsen and Cleo, Christine Valdez and Rocky, Shelley Ellison and Mia, Deirdre O'Sullivan and Clancy, and Judie Lynch and Bette. Congratulations!!!

Thanks to all who helped out by marshaling, popping, throwing, and entering your dogs!! Another training day will be set-up soon!

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**WEBSITES DEVOTED TO ANIMAL LEGISLATION**

Keep checking them. Sign-up with all of them to receive updates.

PetPAC  
<http://petpac.net/>

National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA)  
<http://www.naiatrust.org/index.htm>

Concerned Dog Owners of California (CDOCA)  
<http://www.cdoca.org/>

CDOC solicited the Club for a donation as we have donated in the past. At the Annual Meeting it was decided to donate to a different group this year - California Federation of Dog Clubs - which we have never donated to before. Due to financial constraints it was decided not to donate to CDOC this year but to remind the membership that they can donate individually to this organization or to any of these organizations who have been helping us to fight bad legislation aimed at dogs and dog owners.

Save Our Dogs  
<http://saveourdogs.net/>

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**THE LABRADOR RETRIEVER IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

This booklet covers a variety of topics such as inherited diseases that Labradors are prone to, titles your dogs can earn from AKC, a brief overview of the Labrador in a "frequently asked questions" format, etc. Each club member gets one free (they must be picked-up at a meeting or event - contact Terri Herigstad or Allen Garfinkle). These make great

little booklets to put into your puppy packets or to distribute to that prospective Labrador owner you have been talking with. Extra copies are available for \$5, again, contact Allen Garfinkle or Terri Herigstad.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

| Event                                     | 2010 | Date(s)         |
|---|------|-----------------|
| Board Meeting                             |      | May 13          |
| Sho and Go - Cal State East Bay (Hayward) |      | June 6          |
| Woofstock                                 |      | June 10 - 13    |
| Board Meeting                             |      | July 8          |
| Richmond Dog Fanciers                     |      | August 7 & 8    |
| CERF Clinic                               |      | August TBD      |
| Board Meeting                             |      | September 9     |
| LRC National Speciality - So CA           |      | October 9 - 15  |
| Annual Specialty, Pleasanton              |      | October 21 - 25 |
| Holiday Party                             |      | December 11     |

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**GEAR GAL**

This column was inspired by the 3,000th or so time someone has commented, "Wow! You have so much stuff!" And then borrowed something from me. Yes, I have a lot of "stuff" - at my house, in my car, at my parents' house - and we have my Dad to thank for this. He unwittingly got me started by borrowing my cool, new Flexileash (this was WAY, WAY back when they were first introduced), my expensive, and oh so comfortable on the hands (compared to a nylon or chain) leather leash, and choke collar without letting me know. So I arrive wherever it was that I was going and I didn't have ANY of my equipment!!! So I started buying duplicates of things - one for my car, one for the garage, then two of each item for each dog. Things just went downhill from there. Also since I mostly keep black Labs I have adopted the use of colorful collars so I don't have to keep repeating "No that one is Justin - see he's male? And that one is Jess - see how gray she is? Etc. Each has a collection of "stuff" in the appropriate color.

This inaugural column will focus on the growing collection of emergency supplies that I keep in my car and storage shed in honor of the "great earthquake of 1906." And the fact that we are all supposed to have enough food, water, and other stuff to be able to take care of ourselves and those we are responsible for for 72 hours.

Food:

Minimum of three days of dog food. Changed out once every 3 months. Keep a few power bars or some jerky for the humans also.

In the car I keep it in a very cool bag that I got from Planet Dog <http://www.planetdog.com/home/> The Weekender Travel Feedbag (and no I don't get any money for giving them a plug).

I have puppy sized bowls in the car - one for each dog that currently lives with me.

In the storage shed I keep food in a Vittles Vault that seals so tightly the ants can't get in. I keep enough stainless steel dishes in the shed to feed the current number of dogs plus a water bowl.

Water:

Minimum of 3 gallons of water in the car and 1 gallon per day per human or dog for the shed. Change often in the car - once a year in the shed.

For the car the best container I have found is a MinuteMaid gallon juice container. The kind that orange juice or lemon aide comes in. I used to have a neat 5 gallon container with a spigot that you could use just like a faucet but it always leaked a little around the gaskets so is not suitable for a fully carpeted van. It also grew algae which was a pain to remove. If the juice containers grow algae I just recycle them and save a new one. For the shed we just buy 12 gallons of bottled water once a year and use up the "old" water in place of our filtered water. We have a well so water is a premium item as any power outage means no well. We use the previously mentioned 5 gallon container for "junk" water. Water that can be used to wash hands or flush a toilet.

First Aid Kit:

One for the dogs and one form humans. GunDog Supply has a good selection of kits for dogs. Most dog supply places have at least a basic kit. I have a more elaborate one at home and a smaller one for the car. Since we live in earthquake country it pays to be prepared. Don't forget to renew the contents often. Especially anything stored in the car as the extremes of temperature cause many things to go bad much more quickly then when stored in the house. I hope to devote a future column to the contents of a good First Aid Kit. Remember to dispose of medications responsibly - either through a hazardous waste disposal day or at a pharmacy (if the service is offered at the pharmacies in your area).

Flashlight and Headlamp:

You just can't have too much illumination!! The headlamp is useful for walking dogs after dark at the hotel too. Remember to pack extra batteries. The Container Store has a neat plastic container for batteries that keeps them separated and also has a space for used batteries so you can bring them home and recycle them.

Rain Gear:

In the car are a jacket, pants, and boots. Hey we live in California and half the year is sunny but the other half is unpredictable. Besides if you are caught out in the wind they work as well for that as for the rain. Also useful if you go somewhere and wind up having to put on chains. So much better than having to lay on the wet ground and get your regular clothes wet.

Leashes/Collars:

My dogs don't wear their collars full-time as I have lost so many through other dogs chewing them off.

However, each dog has a quick snap collar with a tag that has my home, cell, and parents' phone numbers on it in addition to their name. They also have Pet I.D. Bags which have their County license, AVID Chip tag, rabies tag, and a credit card (just kidding). My parents live in Placerville and so would probably not be involved in any disaster here in the Bay Area. Also we visit there at least once a month so if they get out up there they have a local number on their collar. Extra plastic coated collars with generic information (i.e., Waterproof Labradors and the same series of phone numbers) are kept in the car. These are usually used for swimming but are also there in case we have to exit the house without "getting dressed." They are also useful if we have visiting dogs or pick up a stray with no collar. We have slip leads, six foot leashes, three foot leashes, and Flexis in the car, shed, and house. All are in sets to match the current number of dogs (so, yes, I own enough leashes to start my own business). You really can't have too many leashes.

Towels:

If you are a fan of "The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy" series you will know that you should NEVER leave home without a towel (and you will also know that the answer to "life, the universe, and everything" is 42). If you can't immediately think of at least a dozen things that you can use a towel for besides drying yourself off after a bath then you probably haven't been living in this galaxy for very long. So here goes: sun shade, blanket, pillow, sling for injured dog, bandage, wrap for carrying stuff, cooling device, soft splint, mat/rug, sling for injured arm (human), table cloth/napkin, mop/sponge, etc.

Survival Kit:

Mirror, waterproof matches, whistle, rope, etc. all in a little kit. This is mostly for the car, especially if you are out in the wilds you should always have one of these along. Sometimes the cell phone just isn't going to get you out of there fast enough. I have a subset of these items in the shed - matches, rope, etc.

Space Blanket:

For the car for when the towel isn't quite enough. Keeps you warm or cool and can be set up as a crude tent if you have some rope (or enough leashes). More waterproof than the towel.

Small Box of Plastic Garbage Bags:

Sort of like towels - you never know all the uses you can put them to until you start!

O.K. now you are starting to see why I have so much stuff. This is only emergency stuff, not including other stuff that I have found essential to carry around with me over the years, plus the non-essential but "Cool" stuff that you want just because.

More stuff next time.

Melinda - Gear Gal - Grosch

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**General Meetings**

General Meeting - To be Announced

Location:

Time:

**Board Meetings**

Board Meeting - May 13, 2010

Location: **Denny's Emeryville**

Time: 7:30 p.m.

**BOARD MEETINGS ARE NOW ON THURSDAYS!!!**

**NOTE CHANGED LOCATION OF BOARD MEETING!!!**



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