



Retriever Reflections

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Too much going on!! The match is coming right up with the accompanying show-n-go obedience trial and a CGC test all to be held at William J. Payne Park in Livermore, CA. Yes, I know the price of gas has skyrocketed to new heights but it is a fun day for all and is a great place to get that new pup some practice or that old dog polished up to finish off his or her obedience titles. The General Meeting will be held at noon when we will be discussing upcoming events like the field certificate test, the Speciality Show, and health clinics that the Club will be sponsoring. This is also a great place for new members to meet those of us who have been around for awhile and for prospective members to fulfil a meeting requirement.

Enclosed is the 2008 Membership Roster. Remember that it is also on our website - the website provides a more "real-time" roster with changes made more frequently. The paper copy is nice because it travels light, needs no electricity to operate, and doesn't require you to enter all those numbers into your cell phone.

See you at the Match,
Melinda Grosch, Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is fast approaching and our Annual Fun Match will welcome summer in style. I want to thank everyone who has stepped forward to help make this event a success. This event will go a long way to keeping us current with the AKC's new rules for Clubs offering shows, such as our Annual Specialty.

Speaking of the Specialty, it may seem like a long way off, but October will be here faster than a Labrador can get to the food bowl. For my part, like many of you, I attend a variety of events throughout the year. Being active in obedience, I attend workshops and trials, and in conformation I attend All Breed shows and Specialties alike.

I know I enjoy attending a well run event, whether it be a hunt test, a Specialty, or just a Fun Match. As a participant caught up in the competition, you often don't notice what goes on behind the scenes to make it happen. That in fact, is what makes an event well run - if it moves along flawlessly allowing the competitor to just enjoy, and not think about things like who refreshed the hospitality table, or who set up the rings so nicely.

So when it comes time to host the GGLRC Specialty, I feel that my participation is one way I can help give back to the dog community for offering me so many opportunities to enjoy a variety of dog sports. If along the way I am helping to promote the Labrador breed and our club, all the better. I hope you also enjoy the variety of events available to you in our area, whether it is tracking, hunting, agility, dog diving, obedience or conformation. And if you do, I hope you feel like giving something back as well!!

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

NEW TITLE!!!

CH Hollyhill Delby's Samuel Adams

[CH Delby's Anchor Steam JH x CH Hollyhill's Wheel of Fortune JH]
Breeder: Ruth Hertzog
Owner: Terri Herigstad
4/13/08 Sacramento KC. 1st Open Blk, WD, BOW, 2 pts.
Breeder/judge: Beth Sweigart.
4/27/08 Gavilan KC. 1st Open Blk, WD, 1 pt. Judge: Pluis Davern.
5/18/08 Coyote Hills KC. 1st Open Blk, WD, BOW, BOB, 1 pt. Judge: Judy Webb. FINISHED!

Delby Marstad Black Pearl

[CH Hollyhill Delby's Samuel Adams x Delby's Over The Moon]
4/27/08 Gavilan KC. 1st Open Blk, WB, BOW, BOS, 1 pt.
Judge Pluis Davern.

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 expected, June 23
Sire: CH Windfall's Pipe Major
OFA# LR-129358E24M-PI, LR-EL17876M24-PI
AVCO clear, Optigen B
Dam: Delby Marstad Black Pearl (major pted)
OFA# LR-166945G26F-PI, LR-EL34684F26-PI
CERF# LR-50218/07-35, Optigen A
Contact: Terri Herigstad (925)449-1584
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A QUOTE I LOVE!

"Until he extends his circle of compassion to include all living things man will not himself find peace."
Albert Schweitzer

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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MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING

**Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club Board Meeting
March 12, 2008, Pleasanton, CA**

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by president, Allen Garfinkle.

Present were David Rowinski, Melinda Grosch, Terri Herigstad, Noel Carpenter, and guest, Nanacy Yamada.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Martha Shaw.

Minutes of the Last Meeting, January 13, 2008.

The minutes of the last Board meeting, January 13, 2008 were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Report of the Secretary

None presented. Connie Holm is still non-weight bearing on her leg.

Report of the Treasurer

Nancy Yamada reported the Club business is being transferred to Noel Carpenter. Nancy and Martha Shaw have been deleted from the Club debit/credit card. Noel is on the account and Nancy suggested adding Allen. Nancy suggested the Club not charge on the debit/credit card and go with reimbursements of members for expenses.

Reports of Committees

Show and Go/Match. The Show and Go/Match is set for Sunday, June 22, 2008 in Livermore. We will be having a general meeting at this event. Allen is in charge of the Show and Go. Georgia Burg is in charge of the match. Melinda is in charge of the CGC. And David Rowinski is in charge of doggie games. We need to arrange for lunch and judges gifts. Carol White will be asked to do lunches.

Specialty. Terri reported paperwork is in to the AKC for our specialty October 17 & 18 2008. Lorrie Bellows is acting as Judges Liaison and has contacted out judges. We are combining our obedience with the Nor Cal Golden Retriever Club. Terri is having a few problems picking up where Martha left off on some items.

Field. Melinda reported our field training, 3/2/08, at Ornbaum's Kennels in Suisun was a long day, 8 AM to about 4:30 or 5 PM. Melinda and Sharon Ventura chaired this event. There were seven members and five guests. We made about \$120.00.

They are considering doing a monthly field training day to generate interest and have a Working Certificate in September.

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Unfinished Business

AKC Requirements for Clubs. Allen has the forms the Club needs to submit to the AKC at the end of the year listing our events. We need to fulfill certain requirements to hold our specialty.

Web Site. Sharon Ventura is transferring her computer files to the new secretary, Connie Holm.

Trailer Maintenance. Terri will be having the tires looked at on the trailer to see if we need new ones as well as having the bearings packed and any other trailer maintenance performed.

Skyline/Contra Costa Supported Entries. Martha arranged this. We are supporting the entries at these shows, June 5, 6, 7, & 8, at the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo.

Storage of Club Records. Terri reported prices on storage units found in the Livermore area. It was decided to go with an indoor unit, 5x10', for \$70.00/month. It was requested she ask about a yearly reduced price and also a price for non-profit organizations. It was authorized for Terri to reserve a unit for

six months.

Liaison to LRC for Natl Specialty Judges. Terri reported she had been contacted by Barbara Holl for suggestions for the 2010 LRC Natl Specialty. No progress has been made.

Health Clinics. Several suggestions were made. Dr Keinle, cardiologist, offered to hold an echocardiogram clinic at our specialty. We could also have an eye clinic in August. Terri will investigate having an Optigen satellite clinic at our specialty in October.

Purchase of EZ-Ups. It had been previously authorized for Terri to purchase four EZ-Ups at CostCo for the Club.

Judges Committee. The current judges committee is Trudy Rose, Ruth Hertzog and Jennifer Kelly. Judges for the 2009 specialty have already been selected but we need to work on 2010. Maybe suggestions could be solicited in the newsletter.

New Business

Replacement of the VP and Board Member. Suggested were Shelley Ellison and Georgia Baba.

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Herigstad

CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP LIST

Shirley Trotter has a new e-mail address it is:
mulburylabs@verizon.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 Field Test/Gen. Mtg. Jones Lake	Sep 21
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. 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 William J. Payne Park, 5800 Patterson Pass Road, Livermore, CA. 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.

2008 SPECIALTY REPORT

Our 2008 Specialty Show, Sweepstakes, Obedience Trial and Rally will be held Friday and Saturday, October 17 & 18 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, CA.

Our judges will be Karen Helmers (Paradocs), Sweepstakes; Philippe Lammens (of Misty Dreams, Belgium), all Conformations classes; Alvin Eng, Open and Utility Obedience; DeeDee Anderson, Novice and Non-regular Obedience classes; and Lissa Wall, Rally.

We are hoping to present a quality event with the theme "Making a Specialty Special" and in memory of Martha Shaw. To that end many hands are needed to help. I still need people to help Thursday afternoon with set up, to sell catalogs both mornings, act as announcer, judges' lunches, coordinate catalog advertising, and I'm sure I've forgotten something ☺ The other thing that would really save the Club a lot of money is if someone with a travel trailer would be willing to allow the Club to use it for Judges' Hospitality over the two days. I will be contacting individual club members to ask for help. Please consider donating your time to help with our Club's premiere event for the year.

Terri Herigstad
GGLRC Specialty Chair
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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 Letters

AB 1634 is believed to be on the June 25, 2008 calendar of the Local Government Committee. The Concerned Dog Owners of California (CDOC) had already planned a big public

information day for the same date called "Bark at the Capital."

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

Passed out of the Assembly and is on its way to the Senate

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

Supported by Concerned Dog Owners of California

AB 1969 Assembly Member George Plescia
Increased penalties for crimes against dogs and
horses

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.

WARNING ABOUT THE DANGERS OF RAT POISON BY ILONA PECKHAM

From the The Barking Bulletin
AKC Pet Healthcare Plan Newsletter

I feel compelled to add an addendum to the story you recently
published in The Barking Bulletin about the Sheltie that died
from ingesting a neighbor's rat poison. I was lucky, but I
narrowly avoided the same pain a few years ago when I bought
an old, previously vacant house in a farming area.

Deer mice were literally everywhere on the property, and I
resorted to putting out D-Con poison pellets. I didn't have any
cats at that time, but did have three Pembroke Welsh Corgis,
so I was scrupulous about placing the turquoise-colored
pellets in hard-to-reach areas, high up in my garage that were
completely inaccessible to my dogs. I was amazed at the
speed at which the pellets disappeared, and I had to replenish
the bait areas frequently.

You can imagine my utter shock when I discovered that these
industrious mice weren't eating all of the pellets, or even taking

them home to their families. Instead they were stuffing and
storing them in the corners of my patio chairs in the back yard,
and in boxes I had stored in the garage! These were areas that
are totally within reach of my dogs! I don't recall ever seeing
warnings to the effect that mice/rats might 'relocate' the
deadly pellets, and potentially place them within one gulp of
poisoning pets. I will never again use this kind of rat poison
anywhere near my property.

Just recently, I had yet another scare and realized I still have to
be vigilant, even seven years later. It had been a long time since
I had bowled, but neighbors asked me to fill in as a substitute
for a local bowling league. I climbed a ladder in my garage to
reach my old bowling bag and ball on a high shelf, and was
surprised to find a small hole that had been chewed in the
corner of the bag. The inside of the bag had long ago been
turned into a mouse 'house of horrors,' complete with chewed
up old score-sheets, dried up dead mice, and a generous
portion of old turquoise poison pellets - awaiting another victim!

And you just have to love a publication called:

MORBILITY AND MORTALITY WEEKLY REPORT

MULTISTATE OUTBREAK OF HUMAN SALMONELLA INFECTIONS CAUSED BY CONTAMINATED DRY DOG FOOD - UNITED STATES, 2006-2007

PRESS CONTACT: CDC
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(404) 639-3286

This investigation, the first one to identify dry dog food as the
source of human Salmonella infections, demonstrates that dry
pet food may be contaminated with Salmonella and be an
under-recognized source of human infections, especially in
young children. After handling pet foods, pet owners should
wash their hands immediately, and infants should be kept away
from pet feeding areas. The first report of human Salmonella
infections caused by dry dog food occurred from 2006 to
2007. At least 70 persons, primarily in the Northeastern U.S.,
were infected with Salmonella by brands of dry dog food
produced at a single Pennsylvania facility. Approximately 40
percent of patients were infants. No pets were reported to be
ill. However, this same germ was isolated from samples of
feces from dogs that ate dry pet food in the homes of patients,
from open bags of dry dog food being fed to these dogs, from
the pet food plant environment, and from two brands of
unopened bags of dry dog food made at this plant. The
manufacturer announced a voluntary recall of select bags of
these two brands. Neither of the recalled brands were linked to
human illness.

General Meetings

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

General Meeting - Field Test Day
Location: Jones Lake
Noon, Sept. 21 2008

Board Meetings

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

Board Meeting - Sept. 10, 2008
Location: Denny's, Pleasanton
Time: 7:15 pm



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