



Retriever Reflections

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

O.K. I know that this is supposed to be the May/June newsletter and you are receiving it in early July - can you see why someone else needs to take over the newsletter?!? My parents are elderly - my family is in Placerville - I am in Santa Rosa - it takes about three hours to get there from here (or here from there). I go up at least once a month to mow and do other things that they no longer are quite capable of doing for themselves. Sometimes I have to go up every weekend. This means that I lose about six hours in driving time on the weekends I go up there. I don't know about you but I really can't get everything I need to get done when I am missing that amount of time. I work an 8 hour day the rest of the week and teach classes one or two nights a week meaning that the weekends are pretty much it for getting anything done. I promised to do the newsletter for two years - this is my fourth. This is my last. If you are willing to take over please let me know and we can work together to make a smooth transition.

Melinda Grosch, Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Bad Dog" or "It pays to clean up after your dogs"

I always knew it was the right thing to do, To clean up after my dogs. I practiced it to the point of absurdity at times, following them around with a small fireplace ash shovel. I would observe their every move (not an easy task with eight dogs), each nuance of where they traveled, and taking particular glee when I would catch them in the act, scooping right away and whisking it off to the disposal can.

This absurdity followed me into the house, where I would share the intimate details with my spouse, like some strange hygiene victory I had won. Pertinent was the count and most important, the shape. Much could be learned about the health of each dog, by sharing such information, once you get by the "icky" factor.

It was this strange practice that came to mind after I found one of our more "oral" pups chewing something odd. You know the moment. You look down and see them chewing something, and you know 1.) you haven't given them a treat and 2.) there is no rubber or animal bone sticking out of their mouth. Instinctively you reach down to see what they have gotten into now, and in this case much to my surprise, I pull out an intact hundred dollar bill!

Of course, since my mother taught me that money doesn't grow on trees, I immediately sought out my spouse, as much to show off my prize as to find out where it came from. You can imagine my dismay when her nonchalant response was "where is the other one?". HUH? Turns out the one in his mouth was one of two she had put in what she thought was a "safe place". Hah? Is there such a thing with Labs in the house (rhetorical, don't answer that)? There was no sign of the other bill of equal denomination.

In our dismay, we try to console ourselves with jokes about how maybe, just maybe, he didn't chew it up and it will turn up in his poop. But that was all it was, the butt of a joke.

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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.

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



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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 Continued)

Still... I stayed diligent just the same. One never knows...

Two days go by, with all the dogs going on trail walks with dog walkers once a day, and the usual night and morning routines around the house. Then, as you may have guessed by now, I am doing my usual "hunter-gatherer" act in the yard and see a suspiciously contiguous shape emerging. I tentatively probe with my shovel and a big smile crosses my face. Yes, intact and sound is a C-note in the stool. Now I really have something of a victory to come in the house and crow about. Of course, since my wife left the money out, she got to clean it up. It gives a new meaning to "dirty money"

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BRAGS

An older brag that missed the last newsletter:

LINDSEY'S SEASHELL PUPPY

[CH Gaetacreek Joyful Jasper x Drycreek's Shotgun Shelly]
Breeder: Tara Aschwanden & Laura Fletcher
Owner: L. Heather Sanchez & Bonnie Sanchez

At the Cow Palace Paris was chosen to have his portrait taken. Out of all the yellow labradors they liked his head the best. Could I put a brag in the newsletter that Paris was chosen for this?

I just received the portrait in the mail and it's beautiful. The portrait was also free. It's from Masterpiece Portraits.

Thanks,
Bonnie Sanchez

BISS CH LAYNEY'S LET FREEDOM SOAR (LIBERTY)

Owners/Handlers: Jennifer & Ron Kelly

March 2010
San Joaquin Valley LRC
Best of Breed
Judge: Traci Stinzcum

April 30, and May 1, 2010
Labrador Retriever Club of Southern CA
1st Place Veteran
JAM to her brother BISS CH Layney's Persuasive Storm (who won WD to finish his championship, BOB and Best Veteran in Sweeps)
Judge: May Nasman

BELGAI RN HART RANCH NARUTO RN (NARUTO)

[Ch Shadowbrook's Just Ducky - Belgairncrystalhart]
Breeder: Lisa & Tony Hart
Owners/Handlers: Jennifer & Ron Kelly

April 30, & May 1, 2010
Labrador Retriever Club of Southern CA
Earned his Rally Novice title (final two legs)
1st Place Open Yellow on Day one
2nd Place Open Yellow on Day two

New titles: Rally Novice (RN) and Canine Good Citizen (CGC)

Woofstock Weekend

June 10, 2010
Lake County Kennel Club of Northern California
1st Open Yellow Dog, Reserve Winner's Dog to a major
Judge: Paula Nykiel (all-breed)

June 11, 2010
Lake County Kennel Club of Northern California
1st Open Yellow Dog, Reserve Winner's Dog to a major
Judge: Cheri Conway (Thornwood)

June 8, 2010
Contra Costa County Kennel Club
1st Open Yellow Dog, Winner's Dog, Best of Winner's, Best Opposite Sex, for a three point major!
Judge: Judy Heim (Hyspire)

BELGAI RN LEADING EDGE (MINA)

Owner: Vivian Poole

April 30, 2010
Labrador Retriever Club of Southern California
First Place American Bred Bitches
Judge: Dian Pilbin

May 1, 2010
Labrador Retriever Club of Southern California
Second Place American Bred Bitches
Judge: May Nasman

MULBURY STOWAWAY EVAN (EVAN)

[CH Hyspire Adrenaline Rush x Mulburys Devine Design]
Owner: Janet Bennett
Co Owner/Breeder: Shirley Trotter
Handled by Rachel Barnes

May 22, 2010
Coyote Hills KC
Winners Dog, Best of Winners, Best of Breed

May 23, 2010
Coyote Hills KC
Winners Dog, Best of Winners, Best of Breed

May 29, 2010
Hangtown KC - Reserve Winners Dog
May 30, 2010
Hangtown KC - Reserve Winners Dog

June 19, 2010
Butte County KC - Reserve Winners Dog
June 20, 2010
Butte County KC - Winners Dog/Best Of Winners

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: 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-EL39820F32-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 - 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

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
forlabs@centurytel.net

Sire: Epoch's Captain Kidd
Dam: BOSS CH Belgairn Shadowbrook's Over The Edge
Whelp Date: June 20
Numbers: Six black and three chocolate
Clearances: OFA Hip, elbow, eye, heart (sire prelim)
Breeders: Ron and Jennifer Kelly
Phone: 707 987 8163
Email: belgairn@yahoo.com Web site: www.belgairn.com

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A QUOTE I LOVE!

"Labrador Retrievers, even very young ones, keep their priorities straight: no mission trumps eating."
Jon Katz in Izzy & Lenore

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CAUGHT IN THE WEB

Complete copy of a book published for the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco - Panama-Pacific Exposition, Dogs of All Nations by W.E. Mason. I found it to be most interesting.

A Labrador is shown on page 42. It appears that the original was(is) in the possession of the University of California Berkeley.

http://www.archive.org/stream/dogsofallnations00masonrich#page/n0/mode/2up

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MINUTES

GOLDEN GATE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB

BOARD MEETING -- MARCH 11, 2010

ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order by President Allen Garfinkle at 7:38 p.m. Present were Terri Herigstad, Allen Garfinkle, David Rowinski, Marianne Foote, Georgia Baba, Nancy Yamada, Melinda Grosch, and Connie Holm. Absent were Tabby Walker and Jennifer Kelly.

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 30th meeting were approved as corrected.

REPORT OF SECRETARY: No correspondence has been received since the last meeting.

REPORT OF TREASURER: Nancy Yamada reported that our board members insurance has been paid. Our membership dues for the year have been received. We are in need of additional funds for our expenses as storage and insurance has produced a financial strain.

SHO AND GO: The flyer is now being completed and will be mailed out shortly. We need conformation and obedience judges. This year we will have two rings for each class. Cal State Hayward rental has been extended to 4 o'clock so we will have more time. Judges gifts are expensive, but the board felt that judges should be given a nice gift for their efforts. One suggestion was a \$40 gas card. Ring stewards will be given one entry and lunch.

SPECIALTY: Ruth Hertzog will be the trophy chairman and Janet Bennett will be doing the raffle. Jenny Lin will work on trophies. Lori Bellows is doing the judges and Jan Hepper is handling the English judge. There are quite a few trophies in the trailer. The board will help with trophies by soliciting contributions at shows.

Our judges panel is complete. Chris Mills from England (Lembas Kennels) and Linda Bednarski will judge Friday and

Saturday. Judges will flip-flop. Shannon Carlton (Sherbourne Kennels) will judge sweepstakes Saturday and Sandy Sasser will judge Sunday.

<http://www.naiatrust.org/index.htm>

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

FIELD: We had eight entries at our WC, seven passed.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Our supported entries are Woofstock and Richmond Kennel Club.

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NEW BUSINESS: We have been asked to contribute to the Potomac specialty catalog. Terri moved and Melinda seconded that we contribute \$50.00.

THE LABRADOR RETRIEVER IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The next board meeting will be May 13th at Denny's in Emeryville.

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Submitted by Connie Holm

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MEMBERSHIP

Only onw membership application this time. She worked the obedience ring, had to find her own co worker! but said she had fun. Here's her information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Renee St Denis
1805 Park Oak Drive
Roseville, CA 95661

2010

Event	Date(s)
Board Meeting	July 8
Richmond Dog Fanciers	August 7 & 8
CERF Clinic (Terri Herigstad's House)	August 11
Board Meeting	September 9
LRC National Speciality - So CA	October 9 - 15
Annual Specialty, Pleasanton	October 21 - 25
Holiday Party	December 11

only gave one phone number for work: 816-240-2626
email rstdemis@gmail.com

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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

At long last the 2010 Membership Directory is being published. It is enclosed separately and is for member use only.

GEAR GAL

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Show/Trial Gear

FIELD TRAINING DAYS

Summer is here and so are the "foxtails." I haven't been by Ornbaun's to see how the water is or even if there is any there. Might be time to try Jones Lake. We just need to find a date.

Well the Gear Gal is old enough to remember when there was actually a "show/trial" season and an "off" season when whole weekends went by without any licensed shows or trials. Nowadays the season is pretty much every weekend but tradition leads me to think of this as "the season" so we can discuss stuff that I keep in my car for conformation showing and obedience trials.

Hopefully, another training day will be set-up soon!

First a word about my basic setup: I had the small Toyota truck (when that was all it was called - a truck) for years and then had a Tacoma for awhile for a total of about 15 years with that format. Now I have a Toyota Sienna van. In the truck I had an elevated wood platform that took up about 3/4 of the bed. Three crates fit on top. Underneath I had drawers for storage and a big space for x-pens. This essentially doubled the space available. I carried a variation of the platform over to my van. It holds two smaller crates on top and x-pens, wheels, and lots of other stuff underneath. Two larger crates fit between the platform and the front seats allowing me to carry 4 dogs comfortably, but only one passenger.

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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)

In addition to the crates and the emergency stuff in my last column the following equipment is kept pretty much permanently in my car.

Show bag - Nice bag with a rubber bottom so it can be set down on wet ground without getting the contents inside wet. Holds probably 10 to 20 different combinations of show leash & collar setups, a handful of British slip leads for showing, two different clip on bait bags (oops forgot to check out the pockets on that latest outfit), some minimal grooming supplies (slicker brush, comb, thinning shears, shammy, couple of hand towels), three buckets and clips, poop bags, dehydrated liver (it keeps forever and makes great bait), small squeak toys, bandages (I am forever nicking myself on something).

Obedience Bag - Another of the many wonderful things I have purchased from Doggone Good. The Gear Bag has room for everything! So much stuff can fit in here that I usually bring another, smaller tote bag to take just the stuff I need for that day to ringside. This bag is always in my car as I also use it for the classes I teach. It contains multiple long lines, multiple leather leashes from 3 to 6 foot lengths, the British collars and leashes I use only for the obedience ring, dumbbells, bait bags, rule books, poop bags, treats, etc. Sometimes it is so heavy I can barely lift it! I do have 3 separate fully ventilated article bags for my 3 sets of Utility articles. They don't live in my car unless I have a dog working Utility.

Spray bottle - Water only! Can be used to spray dogs and myself for cooling or grooming touch-ups and to give dogs a drink by spraying their mouths down.

Canopy - I am a melanoma survivor so I don't go anywhere without shade. Also handy if it is raining. Provides a nice place for dogs and friends to hang out with me.

Canopy Bag - This bag has all the stuff to set-up the canopy area. Hammer; tent stakes for breezy weather; lots of clamps to attach shade cloth to canopy; lots of snap clips for closing x-pens, holding buckets to x-pens, etc.; 2 silver shade cloths, one space blanket, WD-40, and leather gloves. This is another very nice bag from Doggone Good with a mesh area so stuff that may be damp doesn't mildew. I have a neat container bag from Duluth Trading Company with compartments for the clamps and clips. Compression bags for the silver cloths as they damage easily.

Chair - A nice folding chair with a wild Hawaiian print (easy to find in a crowd).

Soft Crates - Three from Doggone Good (the inventor of soft crates) and one from some other company. Only two are in the car permanently as I do not want to damage the Doggone Good ones since I can't replace them. Great ringside crates and for moving in and out of hotel rooms. I still have a number of folding wire crates for those puppies who are not really trustworthy yet but boy do they seem heavy in comparison.

Tatami Mat - One of those woven plastic mats that they sell at dog shows and beach supply places. I put it down under the x-pens and soft crates to keep everything clean. It can also

be sprayed down with flea spray on the bottom side before you put it down if you are worried about picking-up any fleas at the show. Since the advent of "one spot" treatments this isn't such a concern.

X-pens - Two 36" high x-pens.

Crate Dolly - a.k.a. wheels. Plus a rope handle and a metal rod handle.

Bungee Cords- Lots in a variety of sizes. You just can't have too many of them. They are useful for so many things and you can really maximize the amount of stuff you can put on the crate dolly if you have enough bungees. My Dad taught me how to lash stuff down with ropes and knots (he used to have a pack mule train and nothing ever moves when he ties it down) but I find the bungees to be much faster and reliable enough for moving stuff from my car to the show grounds. If putting stuff on the roof rack of the car I use double the number of bungees just to be safe.

At this point you are probably thinking "WOW she must know that magic they used in Harry Potter to make the inside space in the tents like a full-sized house when they looked like a one man tent from the outside." I would love to have that power but I don't. However, when I was in college and taking physics we learned about the "closest packing theory" and I have adopted it as my personal "law of screen." Unfortunately, everything has such tight parameters on where it goes in my van I am the only one who can load it back in after a show. Stop by and check it out when you see me at a show.

Melinda - Gear Gal - Grosch

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EYE SCREENING CLINIC

Dr Hacker DVM will provide CERF screenings on Wed., August 11, 2010 starting at 9:00 AM at Terri Herigstad's house. To schedule a screening contact Terri by PH: 925-449-1584 or E-Mail: marstad@aol.com

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General Meetings

General Meeting - To be Announced

Location:

Time:

Board Meetings

Board Meeting - July 8, 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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