



Retriever Reflections

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Hope that all of you have been enjoying this mild start to the summer. The weather has been perfect for outdoor dog events and the weekend of our Speciality Match/Show-n-Go/CGC was no exception. Attendance was great. The CGC was very successful with 12 dogs tested. Ten dogs passed with the two that did not needing more training on only one test component each.

Melinda Grosch, Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Message, June 5th, 2009

All I can say is "Wow"! What a great Show and Go we had. The energy was terrific as hundreds of trainers ran their dogs through their paces. Five obedience rings, a conformation ring, and CGC all running simultaneously was a sight to see. The weather was cool early on but warmed up just in time. I was really proud of the event and proud of our members. Thank you so much to those of you who came out to help make this event a success whether you judged, stewarded, or simply came and enjoyed yourself.

Mark your calendars for this event next year, already scheduled for June 6th, 2010 at the same location. We hope to make the event even better next time around.

I want take a moment to thank our Chairpersons for this event, Connie Holm for a smashing good job with the Obedience rings, Marilou Garfinkle (my lovely wife) as chairperson for the Conformation Match, morning and lunch hospitality and the judges gift baskets, and Melinda Grosch who chaired and patiently judged the CGC. While I am handing out Oscars, I want to thank Chris Hempel for judging obedience, Terri Herigstad for running the Conformation Clinic, Denise Klemme for Lunch hospitality (wonderful salads, breads and deserts) and Stewarding, Sharon Ventura for tirelessly helping with everything, Jenni Lin for procuring, labeling, and bringing the Conformation trophies, Nancy Yamada for attending to our financials, and a host of others including Tabby Walker, Vivian Poole, Jackie Smith, David Rowinski, Ann Perry, Carol White, Natasha Gelfland, Jennifer Kelly, all the folks at San Lorenzo Dog Training Club who stepped up to the plate as stewards and judges, and many more (if I overlooked someone, please accept my sincere apologies) who all helped make this event a success.

Allen Garfinkle
President

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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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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

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BRAGS

From Sharon Scharff-Ventura (Diamond Dogs)

SR MULBURY'S COURTESY OF TALIMAR finished her NAHRA Started Retriever title at Camp Roberts, Paso Robles, in March while her kids, **DIAMOND DOGS WYATT NOT JH** and his sister, **DIAMOND DOGS SCREAMIN' MIMI JH** finished their AKC Junior Titles at the Marin Retriever Club Hunt Test in Corning May 10, 2009.

DIAMOND DOGS WYATT NOT, JH CGC is now a good citizen thanks to Melinda and GGLRC's Show N Go.

Editor's note: Sharon is the breeder/owner/trainer of Wyatt Not and Screamin' Mimi.

Yea!! Go performance Labradors!!

MARSTAD PRIMETIME

[CH Windfall's Pipe Major x Delby Marstad Black Pearl]
Breeder/Owner/Handler: Terri Herigstad

June 5, 2009 Skyline Dog Fanciers of San Mateo Co
1st 9-12 Month Puppy Dogs/Reserve Winner's Dog
Judge: Jo Fleming

MARSTAD BOSTON LAGER (BOSTON)

[Ch Hollyhill Delby's Samuel Adams - Galileo Marstad Bleu Moon]
Breeder/Owner: Terri Herigstad

June 4, 2009 Skyline Dog Fanciers of San Mateo Co
1st. Bred-by-Exhibitor Bitches/Winners Bitch/Best Of
Winners/Best Opposite Sex

June 7, 2009 Contra Costa Kennel Club
1st Bred-By-Exhibitor Bitches/Reserve Winners Bitch
Judge: Karen Martin

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

CINDERHIL SADDLEHIL LASTWORD (BARBIE)

[CH Raintree Riff SH RN x CH Saddlehill Cinderhill Token]
Breeders: Susan Eberhardt & Cindy Braley
Owners: Cindy Braley & Melinda Grosch

May 16, 2009 Coyote Hills Kennel Club
1st. Open Yellow Bitch/Reserve Winners Bitch
Judge: : Mr. George E. Marquis

May 17, 2009 Coyote Hills Kennel Club
1st. Open Yellow Bitch/Reserve Winners Bitch
Judge: Ms. Rita A. Bell

AND

May 29, 2009 Hangtown Kennel Club
1st. Open Yellow Bitch/Winners Bitch/Best of Winners/Best of Breed/Pulled in Group. This was a 3 point major.
Judge: Mr. LaMar Mathis

AND

June 6, 2009 Contra Costa Kennel Club
1st. Open Yellow Bitch/Reserve Winners Bitch
Judge: Ms. Trudy L. Rose

June 7, 2009 Contra Costa Kennel Club
1st. Open Yellow Bitch/Winners Bitch/Best of Opposite Sex
Judge: Mrs. Karen Martin

Editor's Note: Hey after 28 years of trying to show my own dogs I gave up and hired a handler. In less than a month I have the first points ever on any dog I have ever owned and it was a 3 point major to boot!!

See Jennifer Kelly's article for more details on the events that our members have been participating in.

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

None at this time.

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A QUOTE I LOVE!

Not really a quote this time but I like it!

IF I DIDN'T HAVE A DOG!

- ★ I could walk around the yard barefoot in safety.
- ★ My house could be carpeted instead of tiled and laminated.
- ★ All flat surfaces, clothing, furniture, and cars would be free of hair.
- ★ When the doorbell rings, it wouldn't sound like a kennel.
- ★ When the doorbell rings, I could get to the door without wading through fuzzy bodies who beat me there.
- ★ I could sit on the couch and my bed the way I wanted, without taking into consideration how much space several fur bodies would need to get comfortable.
- ★ I would have money and no guilt to go on a real vacation.
- ★ I would not be on a first-name basis with 6 veterinarians, as I put their yet unborn grandkids through college.
- ★ The most used words in my vocabulary would not be: out, sit, down, come, no, stay, and leave him/her/it ALONE.

- ★ My house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby gates or barriers.
- ★ My house would not look like a day care center, toys everywhere.
- ★ My pockets would not contain things like poop bags, treats and an extra leash.
- ★ I would no longer have to spell the words B-A-L-L, F-R-I-S-B-E-E, W-A-L-K, T-R-E-A-T, B-I-K-E, G-O, R-I-D-E
- ★ I would not have as many leaves INSIDE my house as outside.
- ★ I would not look strangely at people who think having ONE dog ties them down too much.
- ★ I'd look forward to spring and the rainy season instead of dreading 'mud' season.
- ★ I would not have to answer the question 'Why do you have so many animals?' from people who will never have the joy in their lives of knowing they are loved unconditionally by someone as close to an angel as they will ever get.

How EMPTY my life would be!!!

[Author unknown]

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CAUGHT IN THE WEB

The National Club and AKC's website have a lot of information. Check them out:

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

<http://www.akc.org/>

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MINUTES FROM THE B MEETING

**Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club
BOARD MEETING MAY 13, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER: President Allen Garfinkle called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present were Denise Klemm, David Rowinski, Marilu Garfinkle, Terri Herigstad, Melinda Grosch, Allen Garfinkle, Nancy Yamada, Sharon Scharff-Ventura, and Connie Holm.

MINUTES: The minutes of the last board were approved.

REPORT OF TREASURER: Nancy Yamada distributed a treasurer's report. Terri and Marilu need to go to Wells Fargo

for a personal profile.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

SHO AND GO/SANCTIONED MATCH: Over 100 entries received so far for the event at Cal State Hayward. Entries close on the 18th, and except for utility we are basically full. Ideas for lunch were discussed. Meeting to be held after the event. Checks given to Nancy for entries so far.

SPECIALTY: Judges and events approved. Jenni Lin is doing trophies. Everything good to go.

FIELD: Training day possibly July 25th at Jones Lake. Also September 26th at Ornbaum's and October 31 or first week in November at Ornbaum's.

RETRIEVER REFLECTIONS: Comes out a week after match. Jennifer Kelly is interested in taking over the newsletter.

LAB IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA: It was suggested that the booklet be sold at the Match/Sho and Go.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: We need new membership list.

WEBSITE: Website is now up.

NEW BUSINESS: It is now time to appoint a nominating committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Submitted by: Connie Holm

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MEMBERSHIP

Please make the following changes to your membership roster.

Tabby Walker has a new address:

971 Ranch Road
Galt CA 95632

No phone or e-mail at this time.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date(s)
Board Meeting	July 8
Field Training Day	July 25
Richmond Dog Fanciers supported entries	Aug 1 & 2
CERF Exam Clinic - Terri Herigstad's	Aug TBA
Board Meeting	Sept 9
Field Day/WC/General Meeting	Sept 26
GGLRC Specialty/Obedience & Rally Trial	Oct 16 & 17
Del Valle Dog Club Supported Entries	Oct 18 & 19

Field Training Day/Working Certificate	Oct/Nov TBD
Board Meeting	Nov 11
Holiday Party & General Meeting	Dec TBA
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FIELD TRAINING DAYS AND WORKING CERTIFICATE TEST

The Field Committee (Kathy Mason, Sharon Ventura, and Melinda Grosch) have set-up the following schedule of training days which will culminate in a Working Certificate test to be held under the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.'s rules. The next training day will be Saturday, July 25th. at Jones Lake in the always cool clime of Pescadero. This training day will focus on the skills needed to pass the WC but there will also be an opportunity for the more advanced dogs to work. Homework will be provided for participants to work on until the next training day on Saturday, September 26th. at Ornbau Kennels in Suisun. Again the focus will be on the skills needed to pass the WC but we will be moving on to some of the skills needed for a Junior Hunter and again, more advanced dogs will have a chance to practice harder stuff (to inspire us all to push on in our field training). Finally on Saturday, October 31st. (Halloween!!) or maybe early November, we will have a final field day for this year. We will start with a short practice session and then on to the testing!

OUT & ABOUT ... April & May, 2009
By Jennifer Kelly

May 31 was the annual GGLRC Show & Go! We moved back to the Hayward State site and ended up with a large obedience entry of about 100. We had Novice, Open, and Utility classes that were open to all breeds. The match was beneficial to those training for AKC competition because you could correct your dog in the ring. Some Lab people like Sharon Ventura switched between obedience and conformation, while most others concentrated on either obedience or conformation.

Before the conformation classes began, Terri Herigstad taught a handling class. This was well attended and very informative. Tips were given on how to present your dog in the show ring. After the clinic the conformation classes began. About 15 dogs competed. Showing at a match is great practice for dogs and exhibitors alike. Wendy Gai of Trillium Labs judged Sweepstakes. Best in Sweeps was Marstad Personal (Fergie) and Best Opposite was Belgairn Troubleson (Blue). Cindy Ellis of Spirithawk Labs judged the regular classes. Best Puppy was Blue and Best Opposite was Fergie. Her Best of Breed was Belgairn Hart Ranch Naruto (Naruto) and her Best Opposite Sex was Marstad Boston Lager (Boston). Pictures of the winners can be seen from a link off of Allen and Mariou Garfinkle's web site. www.temescallabs.com

Rules for the LRC, Inc.'s WC Test can be found on their website: www.thelabradorclub.com. The following is a brief summary from the LRC's WC brochure:

LRC, Inc. Working Certificate

(LRC Inc By-Laws, Article VI, Sections 2&3)

To be eligible for a Working Certificate a Labrador Retriever must demonstrate the following:

1. The dog is not gun shy.
2. The dog will retrieve a shot bird at 50 yards on land in light cover.
3. The dog will retrieve two ducks from swimming water (if available) in immediate succession, to prove willingness to re-enter thewater.
4. Steadiness is not required, so a dog may be held on the line.
5. These requirements may be satisfied by completing a WC test held by a regional club; by acquiring an AKC Junior Hunter (or higher) title; by completing land and water back-to-back series in an AKC licensed field trial; or by completing successfully one AKC hunt test provided that the dog shall have met the requirements set forth above.

Even though GGLRC didn't have an April event, members were invited to the Monterey Bay Hunting Retriever Club Singles Series with a Scurry on April 19 at Jones Lake in Pescadero. Approximately 35 dogs competed in several categories, depending on age and/or experience. The weather was warm, but not too hot, and competitors and dogs had a good time. GGLRC members did well with the following results: Mimi (Sharon Ventura) won 1st place in Puppy II. Dillon (Sharon Ventura) won 3rd place in Junior. In the Open class, Bow (Pat Johnson) won 1st place, Maggie (Pat Johnson) won 2nd place, and Wyatt (Sharon Ventura) won 3rd place. For the Scurry event, 30 bumpers were spread out approx 20 ft away from the baseline. The dog had to retrieve as many bumpers as possible in 3 minutes, without the owner crossing the baseline and the returning dog always crossing over the baseline. The winner, tying the all time record of 21 bumpers, was Maggie and Pat Johnson! (Thanks Sharon, for the description of the event and results.)

The owner of the dog is responsible for making arrangements with the hunt test/field trial judges and the hosting club BEFORE the test/trial, and for providing a form for their signature to verify the "pass" upon completion of the test.

Also in April, were the Labrador Retriever Club of Southern California back-to-back specialties at the Featherly Regional Park campgrounds in Anaheim. Multiple GGLRC members usually make the trip every year. This year was no exception. Also attending were exhibitors from outside the state, including Arizona, Nevada, Ohio, and Kentucky. At the first show, Vivian Poole's Mina won a 2nd in a puppy class. Jennifer and Ron Kelly's Trouble won Best Opposite Sex, Liberty won a JAM (Judge's Award of Merit), Blue placed every time including winning two firsts and Best Opposite Sweeps, and Naruto was 2nd in Open Yellow.

More on the requirements will be provided at the training days and in future newsletters.

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CALIFORNIA SB 250 - PASSES SENATE

However, it still needs to go to the Assembly and then the Governor. Contact your Assembly member now and let them know how you feel about this legislation.

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WEBSITES DEVOTED TO ANIMAL LEGISLATION

Keep checking them. Sign-up with all of them to receive updates - yes, you will be overwhelmed!! However, you will also be informed and they often provide you with all the tools you need to prepare a statement and get it into the hands of our representatives with a minimum of fuss.

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/>

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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GPS FOR GUIDE DOGS

BBC News - April 24, 2009
Guide dog GPS device up for award
The Peepo GPS system

A mature student inventor has developed a satellite navigation system for guide dogs that he hopes will allow blind people to step out in new directions.



Jason Perkins, 34, talked to blind people in Cardiff to develop a handset that tells users which way to turn by vibrating their index or ring finger.

Owners hold the GPS device in the same hand as their guide dog's lead.

The University of Wales Institute, Cardiff, student from Penarth is in the running for a Sir James Dyson award.

Mr Perkins developed the sat nav device, called Peepo, after talking to people at the Cardiff Institute for the Blind as part of his design studies. He found that nine-out-of-10 were reluctant to travel to new places by themselves even with their dog.

He said: "I was trying to find a need for a design that would help with an everyday life barrier. The people in the focus group were telling me that when you've got a guide dog, it doesn't give you complete freedom. It's only on the regular routes that the dog knows. You still have got to ask for outside help."

His idea is a GPS handset that is programmed with the destination before the user sets off.

Sensors under the fingers vibrate to indicate when to turn left or right and there is a steady pulse the rest of the time to reassure users they are going the right way.

He said: "I went for the 'touch' approach because a voice is not always ideal when you are in busy or noisy conditions and some people who are blind are hard of hearing as well."

One of those who has tested the prototype is mother-of-three Jane McCann, from Rhiwbina, Cardiff.

She said: "It's immensely liberating. It just forms a natural part of the existing equipment and the way we work. You don't have to be worrying about missing commands. It gives you a good few metres of warning, which is great because you have to prepare the dog anyway, to say "find left", "find right" or "find the kerb".

"With three small children, who tend to like to natter, I can entirely focus on what we're doing. It's quite relaxing."

Mr Perkins, who was born in north Wales and brought up in Devon, has been nominated for an award run by the foundation setup by millionaire engineer Sir James Dyson, who invented the bag-free vacuum cleaner.

The award winner and their design engineering department both receive £10,000 cash.

Mr Perkins hopes to secure funding from the Welsh assembly government to allow him to launch the design this year and he is also looking for new sponsors in the hope of breaking into the American market with the Peepo.



Jane McCann and her dog, Peg, have tested the Peepo near their home

Report on the Woofstock Supported Entry
from Terri Herigstad

Sunday, June 7, 2009
Contra Costa Co KC, Judge Karen Martin

Thursday, June 4, 2009
Skyline DF of San Mateo Co, Judge Karen Wilson

WD Elkens Life of Bacchus
[CH Topwater Cinderhill Mr Elkens x Elkens Oh Me Oh Maya]
Breeder: Joaqui Silvanderson & Eleonore Diehr
Owner: Joaqui Silvanderson

WB, BOW, BOS Marstad Boston Lager
[CH Hollyhill Delby's Samuel Adams x Galileo Marstad Bleu Moon]
Breeder/Owner/Handler: Terri Herigstad

BOB CH Wyndrush Dancing Man
[Gingerbred Wyndrush Blackdecker x Cinderhill Wyndrush Kis]
Breeder/Owner: Dana Sullivan

HIT Lab Ret. Utility B 190.5 RedRiver's There's Always Hope
UDX TD JH RN
[FC Cosmo's Concerto Charlie x Taters Maters N Yellow Puddn]
Breeder: F N Van Bergen
Owner: Ann Begun

Friday, June 5, 2009
Skyline DF of San Mateo Co, Judge Jo Fleming

WD, BOS Mulbury's Logan
[CH Sureshot Hyspire Impressive x Tormentil's Glimmer JH]
Breeder: S. Trotter & T. Rose
Owner: Shirley Trotter & Janet Bennett

WB, BOW, BOB Heartsong's A Cappella
[CH Windfall's Pipe Major x Hyspire's Major Attraction]
Breeder/Owner/Handler: Nancy Tanner

HIT Lab Ret. Open B 197 Spirithawk's Wind Dancer UDX RAE
[Ch Belle's Moonriver - Saddlehill's Spirit O'Bentwood CD]
Breeder: Arthur B & Cindy Ellis
Owner: Marjorie & Carl Chiono

Saturday, June 6, 2009
Contra Costa Co KC, Judge Trudy Rose

WD, BOW, BOS Windrose Legacy of Blockbuster
[CH Winnie's Blockbuster x Windrose Edna Anne]
Breeder/Owner/Handler: Pat Collum

WB Rimrock Anlan of Balbriggan
[CH Gingerbred Crouching Tiger CD JH x CH Layney's Let Freedom Soar]
Breeder: Christine Tye & R Johnson
Owner: Christine Tye

BOB CH Gingerbred Party Shoes
[CH Winterwinds Glenn Plaid x CH Gingerbred Millennium]
Breeder/Owner: Christine Tye

HIT Lab Ret. Open B 193.5 Spirithawk's Wind Dancer UDX RAE
[Ch Belle's Moonriver - Saddlehill's Spirit O'Bentwood CD]
Breeder: Arthur B & Cindy Ellis
Owner: Marjorie & Carl Chiono

WD, BOW, BOB Salona Hills Brownstone
[CH Ole JH x Salona Hills Sky's The Limit]
Breeder/Owner/Handler: Madeline Hill

WB, BOS Cinderhill Saddlehill Lastword
[CH Raintree Riff SH RN x CH Saddlehill Cinderhill Token]
Breeder: Cindy Braley & Susan Eberhardt
Owner: Melinda Grosch & Cindy Braley

HIT Lab Ret. Novice B 190.5 Mistypoint Desilu Productions
[Mistypoint River Dance x Mistypoint Celebrity]
Breeder: Victor & Diana Pintel
Owner: Lyn & Ralph Belingeri

General Meetings

General Meeting - To Be Determined
Location: To Be Determined
Date/Time: To Be Determined

Board Meetings

Board Meeting - July 8, 2009
Location: Denny's Pleasanton
Time: 7:15 p.m.



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