



# Retriever Reflections

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED!

During Your Spring Cleaning, please look out for Labrador related items that could be good in a raffle basket at our Specialty in October. Contact Lauren Rice at [RiceLE@comcast.net](mailto:RiceLE@comcast.net). if you have any items that you would like to donate for the Specialty raffle.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

If you haven't renewed your membership, do it now! You will not receive the next newsletter if your membership is not current. Dues are \$35 for a single membership and \$45 for a family. Send your check to: Sharon Scharff-Ventura, 942 Rancho Arroyo Parkway, Fremont, CA 94536. Any questions or changes call Sharon, 510-794-5027 or Email: [dukfinder@aol.com](mailto:dukfinder@aol.com)

### DONATIONS NEEDED FOR NEW RING MARKERS

GGLRC is raising funds to purchase new ring markers for our Specialty. We need 10 markers (5 per ring). The markers are \$50 each, so we need to raise \$500. You you would like to donate money for the ring markers, please contact Terri Herigstad, [marstad@aol.com](mailto:marstad@aol.com).

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My dogs all think they are lap dogs. It starts when they are puppies. I can't help myself - picking them up and cuddling them in my lap, in my arms, and generally overwhelming them until they cry "uncle" and beg to be put down. At some point I back off and stop smothering them, so they actually seem to enjoy the attention (although all bets are off in the morning when the puppy comes out of its crate.) As they start to grow up I am less and less able to grab them up off the floor (this happens at about three months, as I haven't been going to the gym much these days) and hold them, so I have to get down on the floor to smother them. It is a good thing I don't do this in public much, as it is not a pretty picture with me down on all fours (I know - too much information!)

My dogs continue to be lap dogs even after they are grown. Just last weekend at the Golden Gate Kennel Club show, I allowed my 18 month old girl to climb in my lap (I know what you are thinking and yes, I was sitting down) to the delight of most passerby's (and no doubt, the disgust of others). Yet I wasn't the only one with a grown dog in my lap (misery loves company) and you know who you are (and you should be equally embarrassed!)

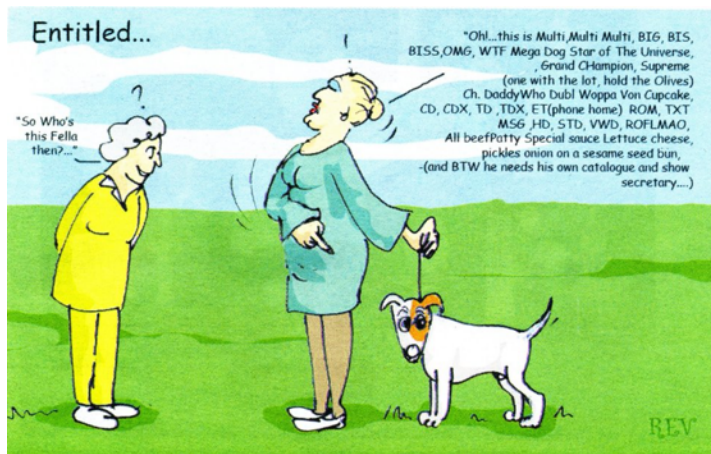
Even tonight while typing this, one of my ninety pound boys tried to get in my lap, but only half of him would fit. He starts by flipping my elbow up in the air with his nose while my hands are on the keyboard (which is really annoying if I am trying to continue typing) to get my attention. I am willing to bet I am not the only one to experience this behavior! When I cannot ignore him any longer (or he has made me make so many errors there is not point to continue to type) I turn my attention to him. That is when he makes his move and before I can say "off" he has half of his body stretched across my lap. Of course, this bad behavior is preferable to the "I just drank water and your lap seems like a good place to wipe my jowls" move that he sometimes has the temerity to pull.

I guess I am just a pushover, as I still enjoy both the half or the whole dog in my lap (the wet jowls, not so much) and give them lots of love when they do it (thereby positively reinforcing bad behavior, but then I have never claimed to be a "good" trainer - if you knock on my door, you are likely to learn just how bad a trainer I am!) So if my dogs think they are lap dogs, I am completely to blame. There are probably 12 step programs for people like me.

I would like to turn my attention to club business for a moment and say a most sincere thank you to all our hard working members. So many events and hard work has taken place this last year, and only through the dedicated work of so many members were they a success. This includes the Fun Match, the Specialty, the Field days, the Christmas party, the annual meeting, the newsletter, the web site, the social media, and the breed information table (at the Golden Gate Kennel club show.) I am not going to try and name people by name (at the risk of leaving someone out) but thank you to each and every one of your for supporting our club. I am very proud of what we have achieved.

If you would like to join in the effort to help build this club, we need your support to make these events happen. 2013 is already stacking up to be a challenging year and if you can help in the smallest way, please let one of our event chairpersons know. They, and I, will be so grateful for your participation! Happy New Year and hug your Labs!

*Allen Garfinkle*  
GGLRC President.



## Alphabet Soup

Ever wonder what all those letters around the dog's names are? We all know about CH, and GCH. Most of us are familiar with hunting titles and obedience levels. But throw in AKC Rally, and Agility, and things get complicated. And then there's all the combined titles, like Versatile Companion Dog (1, 2, 3 or even 4!). And Dual Champions. And Triple Champions. And Versatile Champions. If you ever wanted to know what all that alphabet soup stands for, take a look at the AKC website: <http://www.akc.org/events/titles.cfm>.



*Bragg!*



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**KASHLIN BLUSHING PUPPY WC CGC RN  
(EMMALINE)**

CH Raintree Slippery When Wet JH x  
Waterbound Kashlin Miss Texas  
Handler and Owner: Heather K. Sanchez  
**Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore**  
Rally Novice B, Score: 98, Third place  
Judge: Mrs. Pauline Andrus



**BELGAIRN'S MIGHTY QUINN OF SUMMIT  
VIEW RANCH**

**Kennel Club of Palm Springs, 1/5-6/2013**  
Judge Laurie Doumaux, Select Bitch (Major)  
Judge Paolo Dondina, BOS (Major)



**CH LINDSEY'S SEASHELL PUPPY (PARIS)**

Ch Gaetacreek Joyfull Jasper - Drycreek's  
Shotgun Shelby  
Owners: Heather K. Sanchez - Bonnie L. Sanchez  
**Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore, 10/22/2012**  
Grand Champion Select  
Handler: Sandy Mckinney  
Judge: Dr. Elliot L. More



**BELGAIRN I LOVE LUCY**

**Wine Country Kennel Club, 11/10/12**  
Judge Donald Sturz, BOS, Winners  
**Camellia Capital Kennel Club, 12/9/12**  
Judge Jon R. Cole, BOS, Winners

**MARSTAD POWER PLAY CDX BN RE OA  
OAJ OF CGC (POLLY)**

CH Windfalls Pipe Major x CH Delby Marstad  
Black Pearl

Breeder: Terri Herigstad  
Owner: Natasha Gelfand

**Golden Valley Kennel Club, 11/24/12**

First Place Open A, with 187

**San Joaquin Kennel Club, 11/25/12**

Fourth Place Open A, with 186.5

New CDX!!!

Way to go Miss P! Now on to Utility and Tracking!

### GOLDEN GATE KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW

The 111th and 112th Golden Gate Kennel club benched all-breed dog shows took place on the weekend on January 26th and 27th at the Cow Palace in Daly City. As usual, GGLRC setup an information booth near the labrador benching area to answer the public's questions about our breed. Thank you, Melinda Grosch for organizing the booth, and thank you to all the club members who took shifts staffing the table.

Your faithful editor doesn't have a conformation dog, and her obedience dog is not seasoned enough to perform in the distractions of the Cow Palace, but I was there on Sunday for shopping, chatting, and photo-taking.



Sunday breed ring.



Labrador benching area. Congratulations to Micons for best decorations.



GGLRC information table. Melinda and Lauren are ready to help!

## **GOLDEN GATE KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW**

### **Saturday's results for labradors, under judge Sari Brewster Tietjen:**

#### **FIESTA LINK TO THE PAST, Winner's Dog/Best of Winners/Best of Breed**

By Ch Spirithawk's Tiponi Too - GCH Fiesta's Cup of Tea.

Owner: Bradley Harting. Breeder: Elaine Dal Bon

#### **ELKENS MISS SANTANA. Winner's Bitch**

By Elkens Bodhisattva - Elkens Saphira The Dragoness.

Owner: Eleonore Diehr & Olivia Diehr & Karen Romero, Breeder: Eleonore Diehr & Olivia Diehr.

#### **GCH LINDSEY'S SEASHELL PUPPY Select Dog**

By Ch Gaetacreek Joyfull Jasper - Drycreek's Shotgun Shelby.

Owner: Heather Sanchez & Bonnie Sanchez, Breeder: Tara Aschwanden & Laura Fletcher.

#### **GCH BELGAINR'S MIGHTY QUINN OF SUMMIT VIEW RANCH Select Bitch**

By Belgairn Troubleson - Belgairn Chloe Hart.

Owner: Gary Barner & Heather Barner, Breeder: Lisa Hart & Tony Hart.

### **Sunday results under judge Stephanie S. Hedgepath**

#### **SPIRITHAWK'S THE BUCK STOPS HERE AT TEMESCAL Winner's Bitch/Best of Winners**

By Ch Summerwood Jacy O'Spirithawk - Ch Spiritwawk's Sisika.

Owner: Marilou Garfinkle & Allen Garfinkle & Cindy Ellis, Breeder: Cindy Ellis & Butch Ellis

#### **LAWSON'S THE OTHER REINDEER AT ARLON Winners Dog/Best Opposite**

By Ch Talimar's Trendsetter - Talimar's Simone.

Owner: Georgia Baba & Shawna Lawson, Breeder: Haley Lawson.

#### **CH EPOCH'S ONE FOR THE ROAD Select Dog**

By Nipntuck Big Leaguer - Ch Banner's Epoch Sula Of Penbuck. Dog.

Owner: Elaine Nusser, Emerald Hills, Breeder: James & Sheila Church & Nancy Chargo & Cindy Skiba.

#### **CH DUCKTALES ARIA Select Bitch**

By Ch Julsby Hey Good Lookin' - Kai Den's Lyric At Ducktales. Bitch.

Owner: Laura Dickenson & Diane Villa & Theresa Keller,

Breeder: Diane Villa & Jeannine Biddle & Teresa Keller.

#### **GCH LINDSEY'S SEASHELL PUPPY Best of Breed**

By Ch Gaetacreek Joyfull Jasper - Drycreek's Shotgun Shelby.

Owner: Heather Sanchez & Bonnie Sanchez, Breeder: Tara Aschwanden & Laura Fletcher.

Also congratulations to Mike and Connie Muellerleile, who won the prize for the best bench decoration.

Join your friends this coming October at the  
**LRC, Inc. National Specialty Event Week**

**October 6 – 13, 2013**



In *"The Shadow of the Cascades"*  
 ... the beautiful Pacific Northwest!

TD/TDX Tracking  
 October 6  
 Location to be determined

Two Agility, Obedience & Rally Trials, CC Evaluations  
 LRC, Inc. Judges' Education Workshop  
 "Go Green" Specialty and the National Specialty  
 Pat Hastings' Educational Seminar—"A Glimpse of Structure in Action"  
 October 7-11  
 Lacey, Washington  
 All Companion Dog and Conformation Events will be held outdoors.  
 Superintendent: BaRay Events ([barayevents.com](http://barayevents.com))

AKC Retriever Hunting Tests (Master, Senior, Junior), WC, CC Evaluations  
 October 12-13  
 Pepper's Farm, Carnation, Washington  
 Entry Express ([www.entryexpress.com](http://www.entryexpress.com))

Check the LRC website ([thelabradorclub.com](http://thelabradorclub.com)) for further information.



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**2013 Calendar**

1/26-27	Golden Gate KC, Cow Palace
2/16-17	San Diego Retriever Club Specialty
3/14	Board Meeting
3/15-16	San Joaquin Valley LRC Specialty
4/9-12	LRC of the Potomac
4/26-27	Southern California LRC Specialty
5/16	Board Meeting
6/2	GGLRC Match Day and General Meeting
6/6-9	Woofstock Supported Entry
7/11-13	Rose City LRC Specialty
7/18	Board Meeting
8/??	Puget Sound LRC Specialty
8/??	Sierra Vista LRC Specialty
8/31-9/1	Gold Country KC
9/19	Board Meeting
10/6-13	LRC National Specialty
10/17	Skyline KC
10/18-19	GGLRC Specialty
10/20	Del Valle KC
11/9-10	High Desert LRC Specialty
11/14	Board Meeting
12/14	Holiday Party



Please join us for our 2013 Spring Specialties  
 Same perfect location and dates!  
 April 26 -27 2013  
 Canyon RV Park, Anaheim, CA

**Friday April 26, 2013**

Breed: Sherry Anderson - Sher-Mi  
 Sweepstakes: Heidi Herman - Paradigm  
 Obedience: Pam Murphy  
 Rally: William Iwamoto

**Saturday April 27, 2013**

Breed: Traci Stintzum - Buttonwood  
 Sweepstakes: Shelah Frey - Mainland  
 Obedience: William Iwamoto  
 Rally: Pam Murphy

*\*all judges pending AKC approval*

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