



Retriever Reflections

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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

This newsletter is late. In fact this newsletter is *so late*, that it's two newsletters at once, Jan/Feb and March/April. Your editor, you see, got a puppy, and found that puppies seem to interfere with productive activities such as editing newsletters, working, sleeping, training your other dog, or even simply walking through your house unimpeded. They are, however, extremely adorable. As a compensation for not getting the newsletter on time, here's a picture of the culprit, Marstad Kingfisher, call name Kipling (or, as it seems to be recently "Whatdoyouhaveinyourmouth" and "Getoutofthere")



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow Labrador Club members! Thank you for your confidence in electing me as president. I am hoping to see and get to know all of you during the upcoming year. For those of you who don't really know me here is a brief synopsis: "Hi I am Melinda and I am 51 years old and have been a Labrador addict for about 48 of those years." Seriously though, I got my first Lab, a black female, for my 8th birthday. Since then I have had mostly black Labs but have had the occasional yellow, no chocolates so far. I have a fair list of obedience and rally titles, a few tracking titles, and one hunt test titled dog. It took about 28 years but I finally got a Championship on a dog in 2010. I joined my first dog club, Hangtown Kennel Club of Placerville CA, in 1980 and have been a member ever since. When they nominated me for President in 1993 I had to move and change jobs to avoid it (just kidding). Now I am stepping up and I am really, really hoping that all of you will be there for me and YOUR Club as we move into the New Year. You have all put in a lot of effort in the past so I am sure that we will continue to have a great Club.

There are three areas that I hope we can focus on. I will be trying to encourage each of you to participate in at least one of them. Our Club's Mission Statement is to "Promote the Labrador Retriever," in promoting the Labrador I see three main functions of our club: Conformation & Obedience, Working/Field Ability, and Promoting Labrador People. In this newsletter I will be focusing on the Conformation and Obedience aspect with the upcoming Match.

Conformation and Obedience

Actually I think that our club has been doing a really good job with the Conformation and Obedience part with our Match, Specialty Show, and supported entries. However, there is ample room for more people to participate. In this newsletter I am focusing on the Match – in a future issue I will focus on the Specialty.

Match – Conformation, Obedience, and CGC Test – June 1, 2014 – Cal State East Bay (formerly known as Cal State Hayward)

The match gives us a chance to practice showing our dogs AND practice putting on a show. The Obedience part of our match is open to all breeds and is extremely popular with Obedience competitors throughout the area and help is always in short supply. Come out and spend a day watching some of the top Obedience competitors in the country and be inspired to show-off your Lab's Obedience skills. If you have a new puppy (I do!!) take advantage of the chance to practice your ring skills at the Conformation match. We select judges for the match not only for their knowledge of Labrador conformation but for their willingness to work with puppies and inexperienced dogs (and handlers). Terri Herigstad's conformation handling class before the show is a "must attend" event. I am still benefitting from advice I received from this class which I took years ago – time for a refresher, if I can get away from the CGC test. Speaking of the CGC Test....this is one of our "criteria" events which allows us to hold a real Specialty show each year. The test is open to all breeds and we usually have a good showing of between 10 and 20 participants. The AKC now recognizes this as a title so we need to make sure that our test is run professionally. The recommended staffing for the CGC is 5 people including the evaluator. One person needs to sign as the witness, verifying that the evaluator watched each performance of the various exercises. I am the CGC evaluator but there are a number of you who are probably equally or more qualified than I am. If you are interested visit AKC's website and take the test. It would be great to have another person to evaluate dogs and handlers for the CGC. Lunch will be provided as part of the rewards for volunteering at the Match.

The following weekend we will have a General Membership Meeting at "Woofstock" on Saturday, June 7, 2014 right after Labrador judging (probably about mid-morning). More information will be available on the exact time and location of the meeting as we get closer to the date. At this meeting we will conduct Club business and work on planning for other Club activities. Usually the activities at a meeting include electing people who have applied for membership, planning field days, and working on the Specialty, so come and find out what is going on and see if something interests you enough to become more involved. Also you can help me practice my Name/Face recognition and memorization!

Looking forward to discussing promoting the Working Abilities of our dogs and Promoting Labrador People in future issues of the newsletter.

*Melinda Grosch
President*

GOLDEN GATE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB BOARD MINUTES

January 26, 2014 Cow Palace

Call to Order: Board Meeting called to order by new President Melinda Grosch (to a rousing round of applause) 11:am.

Roll Call:

Melinda Grosch, Terri Herigstad, Eleonore Dier, Connie Muellerliele, Allen Garfinkle, Vivian Poole, Sharon Ventura

Report of the President:

First meeting held by Melinda as the new President. Short agenda, would like to firm up calendar to submit to Natasha for Retriever Reflections. We will explore options to move board meetings to various locations. For now, the next meeting will remain at Denny's in Pleasanton at 7:30pm for meeting start. (7 for dinner)

Meeting Dates

Board Meeting March 6, 2014 Denny's Pleasanton 7:30pm

Board Meeting May 8, 2014 Denny's Pleasanton 7:30pm

General meeting at Woofstock; June 7, 2014 -1/2 hour after labs show

Board Meeting July 10, 2014

General and Board Meeting September 7, Redwood Empire Show Sunday 1/2 hour after labs show

Board Meeting November 14, 2014

*Tentative Christmas Party December 13, 2014 3-6 at Vivian's discretion

Add Eleonore Diehr to Board email list

(Corrected)November minutes accepted Official minutes should have \$475 in catalog ad revenue.

Report of VP: See Specialty

Report of Secretary: Not present

Report of Treasurer: Not Present

Reports of Committees:**Show' n' Go:**

Still need judges. Would like to attempt to increase to 3 rings for novice, open, and utility, but the limiting factor/critical path is to get enough member participation for stewarding. Will put notice in newsletter asking the membership to commit to stewarding/helping at the show n go. Explore 4H clubs also as source for help. This is an important event to maintain monetary viability for the club.

Specialty:

The club was approached with the offer of holding an additional event for Thurs/Fri. Decision was made to keep the Del Valle cluster as is: Friday Specialty, Saturday, Snapshot Specialty, Sunday Supported entry.

Proposed the following judges to be invited to judge: Shari Kerschner, American Breeder Judge (Big Sky) and David Craig, English Judge

Sunday: Margaret Wilson, Shadowglen – Provisional judge

Marlynn Frisbie Sweeps at Specialty

Janet Peters or Madeline Hill Sweeps at Supported

Sweeps at Supported Debbie Sharpsteen Wahman (Coal Creek Labradors)

Obedience Mary Lou Just

Cow Palace also requested a list of names for next year. Proposed: Jan Granneman, Betty Anne Stenmark, Paul Nykiel, Bonnie Threfall, Pluis Davern, Jeffrey Pepper, Carol Nelson, Betty Nelson

Allen would like to get health clinics back at the specialty. Consensus is affirmative, discussion to develop on which services would be the greatest draw and benefit for the club and exhibitors.

Membership:

About 1/3 outstanding in renewals, Sharon will contact and submit new list for new membership list to be published in March 2014. New members have not been getting the newsletter, Sharon will update Natasha's mailing list.

The club received a gracious thank you card from Lorrie Bellows, thanking the board and members of the club for recognition and membership. We also received an email to the Board from Maureen Degnan accepting and thanking the board for the Honorary Membership.

Sunday: Margaret Wilson, Shadowglen – Provisional judge

Field:

Still debating on property location and if Feb date is still feasible for a training day. Sharon will contact Jones Lake – and Ornbauns to check on availability and report back to Melinda

New Business:

Opened for discussion was the possibility of supporting the Redwood Empire show in Petaluma.

Also, club will be placing an ad in the Central Cal Lab Retriever Program. Allen has the ad template and will update appropriately.

11:50 am Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Ventura

GGLRC HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

There are so many that work hard behind and in front of the scenes to make our club possible. We are a non profit and these days pretty much non income entity that rely solely on the time and generosity that our members donate to the cause---which of course is our wonderful breed!

There are times when people go way over and above the call of duty and the club has awarded three Honorary Memberships to the following individuals. These three have worked incredibly hard and provided so much value to the club throughout the years! And they have not been members, and often have been without a lab. Luckily, we have now taken steps to solve these problems.....

The Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club recognizes the following new members with heartfelt thanks for your marvelous support of the club throughout the years.

Lorrie Bellows

Maureen Degnan

Chris Hempel

We truly could not have accomplished so much without your hard work!

*Sharon Ventura
Membership Chair*



Bragg!



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Bragg!



ARLON MISCHIEF THE INCOMPARABLE
STARINA CGC BN

Robin got her BN title at the San Joaquin Kennel Club. Robin is owned and trained by Lauren Rice.

REIMUR'S JUZ CRASHIN THRU UD TDX
JH NJP RE CGC WC CC

Crash obtained his NJP title at the TRACS Agility Trial at Rancho Murieta on December 29. Crash is owned and trained by Renee St Denis.



Litter Listings



CHOCOLATES DUE MID-APRIL

Nor. Swe. Pol. Ch. Labry Berry Scherbet at Play Mor x Shelquin's My Kinda Party CGC WC

Ally: Hips Good, Elbows Normal, Eyes Cleared annually, Optigen Normal/Clear, Color Doppler Heart Clear, EIC Clear

Scherb: European Clearances Hips A/A, Elbows o/o, Current CERF, Optigen Normal/Clear, Color Doppler Heart Clear, EIC Clear

Contact: Shelley Ellison, Shelquin Labradors, www.shelquinlabradors.com



WOOFSTOCK 2014

June 5, 6, 7, & 8th

**Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club
San Joaquin Labrador Retriever Club**

**Are Having Supported Entries and
Sweepstakes!!**

Join us Friday and Saturday night after BIS for the Eukanuba Breeder Stakes. Enter three of your stars or future stars. Free Mexican dinner served for all exhibitors on Saturday night during finals!

WOOFSTOCK WELCOMES NEW SPONSOR EUKANUBA!

Entries close: May 21st

Superintendent: MBF www.infodog.com

Judges:

Thursday: Kathryn Cowsert

Friday: Linda Clark

Saturday: Pat Collum

Sunday: Susan Huntzinger

Supported Entry! Sweeps judge: Eleanore Diehr

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HEALTH CLINICS AVAILABLE SAT & SUN: BAER Hearing, Cardio, Cerf

Tie dyed logo items available for sale. Our logo changes each year. Collect them all.

Saturday is "Tie-Dye Day"! **Best Costume Contest on Saturday!**

Judging held prior to the groups on Saturday. Prizes awarded for best costumes:

**\$100 for Best Male & Female - \$25 Best Youth
-\$25 Best Dog!**

All rings tented, music throughout the day, mardi gras "peace beads" for BOB!

Remember when dog shows were FUN??

Come and have some FUN at WOOFSTOCK!

MAJORS! MAJORS! MAJORS!



GGLRC OPINION ON SILVER LABRADORS

Much is coming to light regarding the increasing issues regarding dogs being called---and registered as -----Labrador Retrievers that are silver in color. These dogs are not purebred Labradors. They carry a dilute gene that is alien to the Labrador Retriever genetic makeup and should not be considered as pure bred Labradors and become part of the breeding pool. If these dogs continue to get full registration through the AKC as purebred Labradors it will continue to erode the integrity of the breed and undermine the validity of relying on a registry for accurate information.

The Club is researching the topic in order to post an appropriate letter directed at the AKC regarding the registration of dogs carrying the dilute gene.

2014 Calendar

1/26-27	Golden Gate KC, Cow Palace
1/26	General Meeting, Board Meeting
2/15-16	San Diego Retriever Club Specialty
3/6	Board Meeting
3/15-17	Central California LRC and San Joaquin Valley LRC Specialty
4/8-11	LRC of the Potomac
4/25-26	Southern California LRC Specialty
5/8	Board Meeting
6/2	GGLRC Match Day and General Meeting
6/5-8	Woofstock Supported Entry
6/7	General Meeting
mid-July	Rose City LRC Specialty
7/10	Board Meeting
8/2-4	Puget Sound LRC Specialty
8/28-29	Sierra Vista LRC Specialty
8/30-8/31	Gold Country KC
9/7	General Meeting, Board Meeting
10/6-13	LRC National Specialty
10/17-18	GGLRC Specialty
early-Nov	High Desert LRC Specialty
11/13	Board Meeting
12/13	Holiday Party

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Submissions

The newsletter is published bi-monthly. The closing dates for each issue are: January 15th, March 15th, May 15th, July 15th, September 15th, and November 15th. Contributions of photos, articles, graphics, and any other interesting dog-related information is most welcome. Send submissions to:

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