



Retriever Reflections

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are in 2015! Hope that you all have some plans for your Labradors this year be it showing in conformation, getting a W.C., running some agility, finally taking that obedience class so you can put some obedience titles on your Champion, or just hanging out on the couch watching Downton Abbey. The show has a yellow Labrador named Isis who belongs to Lord Grantham (owner of Downton Abbey). Of course if you know your Labrador history you will know that there were barely any yellows in 1912. Although the fictional Lord and Lady Grantham would have had connections in the landed gentry that developed the Labrador it is unlikely that one would have been available to them. It is more probable that they would have had a Curly or Flat Coat or some sort of setter or spaniel all far more popular and populous in that era. Then there is the age thing, Isis would have to be about 13 or 14 years old based on the start time of the series and the fact that they are now in 1924 and she wasn't a puppy when the series started. This has been even more maddening since they have such a focus on accuracy in the rest of the show - then again maybe I'm the only one driven nuts by inaccuracies in the animal details in shows - don't even get me started on Dances With Wolves.

So accuracy in the nature of the Club is my topic for this newsletter. I hope that you find the Club inclusive of all activities that are possible with Labradors. I have had several people mention to me that they "are renewing their membership even though they are not breeders," or that they are not joining "because they have non-show dogs." That got me to thinking about clubs and why we might or might not be members. I don't really view specialty breed clubs or all breed dog clubs as places exclusively for breeders to gather, or to only promote conformation showing, etc. I was excited to join/help form a club when I was 18 because it was an opportunity to be around others who were as passionate about dogs (particularly purebred dogs) as I was, to learn about dogs, and to help promote the sport of dogs. I did find all that and I also learned a whole lot of non-dog stuff, like organizing large events, Robert's Rules of Order (need a refresher on that though),

cooperation with those I might not agree with but who had a similar goal to mine, public speaking, holding my own in heated debates, etc. I don't consider myself a breeder although I have bred a few litters. Those litters were always co-owned with other more experience breeders and that's whose kennel name went on the registration papers. Also, although I happen to like conformation I am not exactly a "show person" since I have only managed to put a Championship on one dog during my many years playing the game. I am definitely NOT an 'obedience person' but anyone looking at the titles I have put on dogs would assume that as those are the most prevalent titles I have earned. I love doing stuff in the field but that has become increasingly unrealistic as training places seem to be further and further away from me and I get older. Mostly I consider myself a Labrador person – I love their versatility, their everyday good solid dog looks, their joyous attitude towards life – I am a Labrador booster and cheer for them in whatever venue I happen to be watching or participating in. I hope that as members you realize that is the bottom line function of the Club - to support members in their endeavors and to promote the Labrador in all that it does so well. At the same time the Club should be trying to protect the breed from all the ills that come with having been the most registered breed of dog for well over 20 years. So if you know someone who feels the Club doesn't represent them please try to encourage them to join and help us to more fully appreciate their interests and the activities that they pursue with their Labradors. With that in mind the Club is offering a range of activities this year; a field training day, a W.C. in April, the conformation match and obedience workshop with CGC test, our Specialty, the Holiday Party. There is room for more so jump in and let us know what interests you.

Now back to Downton Abbey.

*Melinda Grosch
GGLC President*



Bragg!

PONDVIEW HAWKSMOOR RIO'S MIDNIGHT MISCHIEF

10 month old Caper, owned and trained by Renee St Denis earned his TD at the Sacramento Dog Training Club test on Sunday, February 22. He finished his track in 4 minutes, and never lifted his head from the track!



Litter Listing

Dam: Ch Pipestone Belgairn Irresistibly Blue (Charley)

OFA hips Good, Elbows Normal, Eyes current Cerf exam

Sire: Ch Gaetacreek Joyful Jasper

OFA hips, elbows, eyes

Due: black and possibly yellow, April

Breeders: Belgairn

Contact: Jennifer Kelly, cell 707 321 2813

www.belgairn.com

GGLRC SPECIALTY JUDGES CRITIQUES**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2014****BITCHES, JUDGE SHARI KIRSCHNER****6-9M Puppy Bitches**

- 1st 20/Rycroft's Chocolate Martini. Very nice balance, short coupled, great attitude, pretty head.
2nd 14/Kenya's Let's Dance. Great head, nice coat, short coupled.

9-12M Puppy Bitches

- 1st 12/Nani-Loa's Time To Shine At Journeyman. Great movement, nice personality.
2nd 70/Lincoln Creek Valley Super Famous. Great balance, great movement, very feminine, lovely.

12-18M Bitches

- 1st 88/Kenya Layney's Glory Days. Very well balanced, beautiful head, great attitude, striking, great mover.
2nd 52/Belgairn's Ice Storm Of Summit View Ranch. Great balance, beautiful head, great movement.

AOH Bitches

- 1st 108/Misty Mountain When The Levee Breaks. Nice balance, great reach of neck, good movement.

BBE Bitches

- 1st 38/Shelquin's My Kinda party CGC. Short back, great coat, great attitude, great reach of neck.
2nd 78/Lawson Gossip Girl. Great topline, great reach of neck, beautiful coat, lovely expression.

Am Bred Bitches

- 1st 138/Greenstone Dalwater Twisted Tea. Very balanced, great lay back of shoulder, great attitude, pretty expression.
2nd 96/Caerleons Something To Talk About CGC. Great topline, beautiful head, great buns.

Open Blk Bitches

- 1st 132/Alibi's Hot Toddy At The Rancho. Very well balanced, great movement, great attitude, great buns. WINNERS BITCH
2nd 60/Hy Spire Maritime Hellon Heels. Beautiful girl, great reach of neck, great balance. RESERVE WINNERS BITCH

Open Choc Bitches

- 1st 120/Salona Hills Silver Screen Siren. Very well balanced, great and fun attitude, great movement, reach and drive.
2nd 10/Ruby Take Your Love To Town. Short coupled and great expression, good movement.

Open Yllw Bitches

- 1st 68/Dunrobin's Holiday Rhapsody. Very well balanced, good movement, pleasing head, nice buns.
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2nd 124/Spirithawk's Barefoot Contessa At Temescal. Great personality, nice short coupled back, great buns.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2014**PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES JUDGE: STEVE KIRSCHNER****Best In Puppy Sweepstakes**

62/HySpire Seriously Sporty At Shalimar. Very well balanced with a nice hard topline. Pretty Head and expression. Covers ground with ease and purpose. Showed very well.

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Puppy Sweepstakes

55/Marstad High Life. Nice square dog in good condition. Nice balance with good bone and tight feet. Proper angles and very nice head and expression.

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES, JUDGE: STEVEN KIRSCHNER**Best in Veteran Sweepstakes**

71/GCH Layney's Persuasive Storm. 11 ½ years old. Very majestic boy who can still flash greatness. Very nice head and expression. Happy tail and lovely attitude. Pretty boy overall.

Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes

28/Kashlin's Blushing Puppy RN BN RA CGC. 8 year old bitch with a happy and lovely smile in her eye. Pretty coat and nice bone and condition.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014**DOGS, JUDGE: SHARI KIRSCHNER****6-9M Puppy Dogs**

1st 129/Marstad High Life. Lovely dog, great depth of body, very balanced, not overdone, great expression.

2nd 21/Scifis Gungans Wookies & Ewoks Oh My. Great coat, great head, very well balanced, great bone.

9-12M Puppy Dogs

1st 79/Alibis Why So Serious. Beautiful chocolate coat, very well balanced, tail straight off the back, great personality.

2nd 37/Lincoln Creek Valley Excessive Celebration. Great movement, great balance, wonderful head, tail a little high.

* Very close between these two.

12-18M Dogs

1st 85/Cinderhill A Knight To Remember. Short coupled, great movement, lots of drive in movement, never quits.

2nd 135/Rancho's Two Gun Louie. Great balance, great movement, nice head, great personality.

AOH Dogs

1st 73/Rainbo's Walking On the Sun CGC. Great balance, nice reach of neck, great movement.

BBE Dogs

1st 43/Rycroft Dalwater Black Moon. Loves to show, short coupled, great balance, great expression.

2nd 9/Marstad Delby Irish Stout. Great bone, great coat, great balance, lovely expression.

Am Bred Dogs

1st 41/Keepsake's Micons Designer. Beautiful fox red, well balanced, great head, great buns!, nice bone.

2nd 19/Belgold Keep To The Code, Captain!. Well balanced, nice reach of neck, great movement.

Open Blk Dogs

1st 139/Arlons Chances R Slim At Caer Creek. Great balance, not over done, great head, great coat, very nice breed type. WINNERS DOG

2nd 95/Waterline's Ophir. Great balance, great breed type, nice and happy attitude.

Open Choc Dogs

1st 55/Rycroft's Storm Ryder Over Seiferts. Short coupled, great expression, nice bus, very nice chocolate color, beautiful. RESERVE WINNERS DOG

2nd 141/Alibi's Repeat Performance @ Quail Run. Great chocolate color, great balance, nice coat, lovely expression.

Open Yllw Dogs

1st 23/Talimar's Country Mile. Very typey, wonderful coat, great balance, beautiful head.

2nd 71/Misty Mountain Smokestack Lightning. Beautiful head, great movement.

Veteran Dogs

1st 133/GCH Hollyhill Delby's Samuel Adams CGC. Great looking boy, great balance, great coat, great personality. JAM

2nd 67/GCH Layney's Persuasive Storm. Great attitude, great coat, well balanced.

Best of Breed

61/CH Epoch's One For The Road. Very well balanced, short coupled, great reach of neck, great attitude, wonderful mover.

Best of Opposite Sex

136/GCH Belgairn's Mighty Quinn Of Summit View Ranch. Short coupled, great breed type, overall beautiful bitch.

2nd, First Light Frosty Noggin At Misty Mountain. Yellow girl, balanced front to rear, slightly long, lovely coat with sweet expression.

October 18 Sweepstakes Critiques coming up in the next newsletter.



Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club

All-Breed Obedience Show-N-Go & CGC Test

Sunday, May 31, 2015

(Sanctioned "OC" Obedience Match)

WHERE: CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY EAST BAY - MUSIC-BUSINESS PERISTYLE LAWN, 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd, Hayward. From Hwy 880 in Hayward, take the Jackson Street exit eastbound. Turn right at first stop light onto Santa Clara which becomes Harder Rd. Follow to Cal State campus. Park in Lot K (Theatre) at the rear of the campus. No charge for parking at CSEUB on weekends. NO DRIVING ONTO THE GROUNDS ALLOWED AT ANY TIME. Be prepared to haul your equipment between the parking lot and the workshop site. Match will be held rain or shine. Shade is limited – please bring your own if possible.

OBEDIENCE CLASSES: **BEGINNER NOVICE** (1 ring), **NOVICE** (2 rings), **OPEN** (2 rings), **UTILITY** (3 rings). Each dog limited to two entries.

OBEDIENCE RULES: Sanctioned "OC" Match. All breeds, mixed and rare breeds are welcome. Limited entries. No awards to be given, legs WILL NOT be earned towards obedience titles. Sits and downs in a separate ring. Toys and food are permitted. Collars should comply with AKC regulations; no prong or electric collars allowed. Corrections limited to verbal corrections or gently guiding the dog.

CGC TEST will be offered. You'll need to bring your dog's brush or comb to the CGC Test. Dogs must wear a buckle collar or slip collar. For more information, go to: www.akc.org/pdfs/cgc/GK9GC1.pdf.

ENTRY FEES: Fees for entries received by Saturday, May 23, 2015 are \$15.00 for first obedience entry and \$10.00 for additional entry for same dog. Limit of two obedience entries per dog. CGC Test is \$10.00 per dog. There will be NO REFUNDS after May 24. Please enclose a SSAE for judging schedule and confirmation of entry by mail.

LATE AND DAY-OF-MATCH ENTRY: Entries received after May 23, 2015 are \$18.00 per class. Limited Day-of-match entries will be allowed only if space is available. Sign up between 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Day-of-match entries to run after pre-entries.

JUDGING TIME: Obedience rings begin at 8:30 AM. CGC Test begins at 9:00 AM.

MAIL ENTRIES TO: Connie Holm, 18638 Melrose Ave, Hayward, CA 94541. Make checks payable to "GGLRC." For more information, contact Connie at (510) 276-1566 or email cholmwindy@aol.com.

ATTENTION RING STEWARDS!!! WE NEED YOU! You will receive a free entry and time to work your dog plus Morning Hospitality and Lunch will be provided. Please contact Connie Holm at (510) 276-1566 or cholmwindy@aol.com.

ADDITIONAL EVENT: Labrador Retriever Conformation Match - contact Marilou Garfinkle, (510) 339-2117 or janzoon@aol.com.



Mail to: Connie Holm, 18638 Melrose Ave, Hayward, CA 94541. Checks payable to GGLRC. Enclose SSAE for judging schedule.

Owner's Name				Phone ()		
Address				E-Mail		
City		Zip		Each dog limited to two classes. Please specify jump heights for Open & Utility obedience classes.		
Dog	Breed of Dog	Dog's Call Name	Jump Height	Indicate First Class - Novice, Open, Utility	Include Second Class - Novice, Open, or Utility	CGC Test
Dog 1						
Dog 2						
Dog 3						

Release and Waiver of Liability. In consideration for the opportunity to participate in this event, I agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club, its members, directors, officers and agents including judge(s) for this event, and the owner or lessor of the premises, and any employees of the aforementioned parties, from any claim for loss or injury which may be caused to any person or thing by any dog(s) brought by me to this event while upon or near the premises.

I AGREE that I, my successors, assignees, heirs, and legal representatives, WILL NOT BRING ANY CLAIM against the aforementioned club of parties for any and all loss, liability, injury, and expense arising out of my participation in this event, whether or not such loss, liability, injury and expense may be caused by the negligence, including active negligence, or the aforementioned club or parties.

I AGREE to be fully responsible for the actions and safety of any minor children who attend this event with me. I hereby waive and release and agree to indemnify the aforementioned club and parties against any claims, actions, or cause of action resulting from personal injury or death sustained by any minor child attending this event.

I AGREE to pay all costs, including attorney fees, incurred by the aforementioned club of parties to enforce this agreement.

■ Signature _____ Date _____ Amt Enclosed \$ _____

**THE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB,
INC. - PRESIDENT'S MEMBERSHIP
UPDATE 02-10-15**

The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.
To the Membership —

As President of The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. I want to share information on the status of the Club's attempts to respond to the problem regarding the registration of dogs as Labrador Retrievers with the dilute coat color identified as "silver."

In 1986 the Club attempted to have AKC deny registration of Labradors identified with the "silver" coat color. That did not happen after an AKC representative investigating the breeding facilities of the dogs exhibiting the dilute coat color made the decision to categorize the color as chocolate under the "other" option on the registration application. Subsequent generations of dogs carrying the dilute gene remain in breeding programs, many bred to recognized titled dogs.

Scientific evidence has shown us that there is no evidence of a dilute gene in the coat color background of the Labrador Retriever. Despite the Parent Club's multiple attempts to request that the American Kennel Club deny full registration to dogs exhibiting a dilute coat color, these dogs still remain in the breeding pool and kennels focusing on dilute coat colors proliferate. At this time, our best option to protect the gene pool for the Labrador Retriever is to encourage the use of the DNA test to identify carriers of the dilute gene. I want to urge each of you, especially those with active stud dogs, to have breeding stock tested for the dilute gene and include the information in your advertising. I am also suggesting that we add the test to the requirements for an LRC, Inc. Breeders' Directory listing.

Please share this with your local specialty club members. Comments can be posted on the Club's Members Only Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LRCinc/>.

Fred Kampo, Jr.
President, The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.

2015 Calendar

3/5	Board Meeting
3/13-14	San Joaquin Valley LRC Specialty
3/15	Central CA LRC Specialty
4/25	GGLRC Field Testing Day
5/7	Board Meeting
5/31	GGLRC Specialty Match, CGC, Show N'
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6/4-7	Woofstock supported entry
6/6	GGLRC General Meeting
7/16	Board Meeting
8/27-28	Sierra Vista LRC Specialty
9/10	Board Meeting
10/16-17	GGLRC Specialty
10/18	Del Valle DC supported entry
11/12	Board Meeting
12/12	GGLRC Christmas Party and General Meeting

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Submissions

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