



# Retriever Reflections

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pictures from the GLRC/SVLRC WC training and test day by Cindy Ellis are now available. Please take a look at <http://cgc.smugmug.com/Pets/SVLRC-and-GGLRC-Field-Day-and/> for some great shots of labs doing what they love.

Terri Herigstad is doing trophy donation solicitation for the Specialty. Please contact her at [marstad@aol.com](mailto:marstad@aol.com) to contribute to a trophy.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I love my dogs. It is true, even though I have been known to pick them apart. And while temperament is the quality I admire most in this breed, I can't help but love the look as well. I love a nice head, broad tail, thick coat, and lots of bone. I used to look for each of these qualities in a pup, but now I look for that quality we call balance.

Balance is one of those words in the English language that must confound those trying to master English as a second language, as it has so many varied meanings. In my dictionary there are six noun definitions and three verb definitions.

Balance is one of those words we hear all the time. Commercials urge us to eat a balanced diet, others to balance work and leisure. News organizations tout fair and balanced reporting and we seek a balance of power in a region (or even our relationships).

In all cases, the concept of balance is a worthy but sometimes elusive commodity. I believe it is such an elusive concept because we are constantly challenged to define which qualities we are balancing against each other. How we define the yin and yang is the hard part - knowing when they are in balance somewhat easier.

So when I say I look for balance in a pup, the meaning that I am referring to is "a condition in which different elements are equal or in the correct proportions." While this sounds so elementary, so simple, in practice, applying this to dogs is anything but simple.

Most people unfamiliar with the breed may see a nice, balanced labrador and find the look pleasant, but not be able to put their finger on any one quality that makes that dog stand apart. Someone familiar with the breed may see the same dog and think about all the parts individually, and appreciate how well each part contributes to the overall look. In both cases, the appearance is pleasing to the eye, with no one quality exaggerated. In a puppy, it takes a well trained eye to find balance, as all the qualities are so undeveloped, so seminal, and of course, so cute.

I suppose nothing can replace experience when learning what makes a balanced labrador (and moreover, spotting those qualities in a puppy). Until I appreciate all the parts individually and how they contribute to setting one dog apart from the next, I am simply left to rely on my gut reaction to balance. The old saying (unfortunately made famous by its connection with identifying pornography) comes to mind: I know it when I see it.

All this talk about balance makes me want to revise my usual farewell greeting from "have a nice day" to "may you find balance". Having just wrote this, I realize that I spent way too much time at Woofstock.

*Allen Garfinkle*  
GGLRC President



#### 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). They also make great booklets to put into your puppy packets or to distribute to prospective Labrador owners. Extra copies are available at \$3 per book, and for ten copies or more at one time, \$2 per book, again, contact Allen Garfinkle or Terri Herigstad.

#### 2014 GGLRC CALENDAR NEWS

We are now taking pre-orders for the first annual GGLRC Calendar. Each month displays a professionally captured photo of a club member's dog(s) in a beautiful and Labrador appropriate setting by photographers Cindy Ellis and Sharon Eide. Please support your club by pre-ordering your 2014 calendars now! Only \$15 per calendar. This is a great time to get started on your holiday and gift shopping for all your family and Labrador Retriever loving friends. By pre-ordering you will be sure to reserve your calendars and not miss out when they sell out at the upcoming specialty in October.

Please email Vivian at [timandvivian@marinmail.com](mailto:timandvivian@marinmail.com) or phone (415) 892-8768 with your orders. Proceeds will be used to support all future club events. Thanks for supporting GGLRC.



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**FOXBORO'S MIDNIGHT SPECIAL AT DENZMARK**

(Sunnydaze Blackpearl Trio at Hyspire X Huntmor's Ragin' Raven)

Owner: Dennis Sanders and Fred Lorey

Breeder: Fred Lorey

Handler: Kim Jacobson

**Mt Palomar KC, 5/18/13**

Best Puppy, Best of Winners (2pts) and Group 3 win in Puppy Class. From the 6-9 month puppy class!

**GCH LAURELS CROWN JEWEL AT STONYBECK**

(Can CH Stonybeck Rare Anthracite X Can CH Arlon South Sea Gem)

Owner: Jan Hepper

**New Grand Champion!**

**ARLON MISCHIEF THE IMCOMPARABLE STARINA CGC (ROBIN)**

Bred By: Georgia Baba and Lauren Rice

Sire: GCH Big Sky's Stone Kutter

Dam: Gingerbred Rum N' Coca Cola at Arlon

**Woofstock Cluster, June 6, 2013**

Judge: James Reynolds.

Reserve Winners Bitch to a major out of the Breed-By Class at the Lake County Kennel Club of Northern California (GGLRC Supported)

**TEMESCAL'S CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD (PFEIFFER)**

**Contra Costa Kennel Club-Woofstock Cluster, June 9, 2013**

Winner's Dog for a four point major from judge Gretchen Schultz. Pfeiffer also earned his Working Certificate at the GGLRC Field Day 2013! Good doggy!!!

**MARSTAD POWER PLAY CDX BH RE AXP OAJ AFP CGC (POLLY)**

(Ch Windfalls Pipe Major X Ch Delby Marstad Black Pearl)

Breeder: Terri Herigstad

Owner: Natasha Gelfand

Polly earned her Excellent Preferred Standard and FAST titles at the indoor shows in Livermore at the Cabernet Soccer Complex. She and her handler loved running on the artificial turf.



**FOR SALE**

Wooden whelping box used three times that needs a new home. Contact Carol White [cf\\_white@comcast.net](mailto:cf_white@comcast.net)



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GCH LINDSEY SEASHELL PUPPY, GCG, WC

**Gavilan Kennel Club, May 4, 2013**

Best of Breed New Bronze Champion

Paris made the Cut in the Sprouting Group!!!!!!

Judge: Ms. Kathryn A. Cowser

Handled by: Jenell Tonini-Zanotto

Owned by: Heather K. Sanchez Co-Owned by  
Bonnie L. Sanchez

Breeders: Laura Fletcher & Tara Davis-  
Aschwanden

KASHLIN'S BLUSHING PUPPY

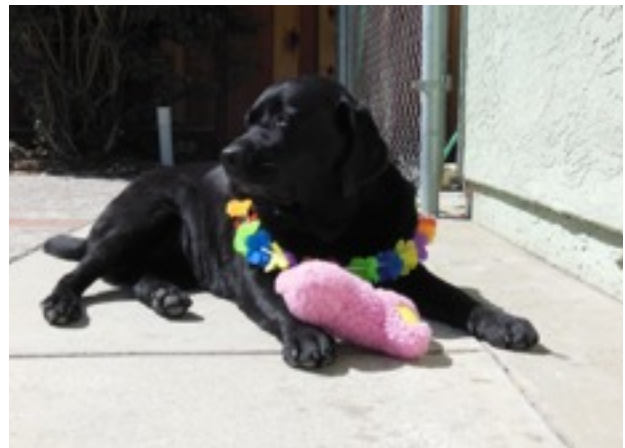
**Bow Wow Luau Cluster**

Rally Advanced Class A

Second place

Emmaline won a Hawaiian Lei & Dog Toy

Owner: Heather K. Sanchez





Advertising Deadline for the LRC, Inc. 2013 National Specialty Event Week Catalog is September 4, 2013.

There is a Catalog Ad contest (see Premium List).

Entry Deadline for all events: September 11, 2013

### 2013 NATIONAL SPECIALTY PHOTO CONTEST

It's time to enter your best photos of your favorite Labrador Retrievers and share your love of the breed with the LRC Inc 2013 National Specialty. We are pleased to announce that [www.RetrieverLife.com](http://www.RetrieverLife.com) is the proud sponsor of the contest (Toni Leitao and Lorraine Yu, both members of the LRC and PSLRA, the host club for the National).

#### **Groups (categories):**

- "Working" Group – Labradors doing what they've been bred to do (accompany their people in the field and retrieve game); doing their "job" whether it's getting the newspaper, babysitting, or being a service dog; and don't forget performance sports (agility, etc.)
- "Toy" Group – Labradors love to play and usually some sort of (favorite) toy is involved
- "Non-Sporting" Group – Labradors love to relax and seem comfortable doing this anywhere and in any position
- Puppy Group – Labradors pups love just about anything – eating, sleeping, learning, playing, etc.

#### **Prizes:**

- Best in Show – \$50 gift card
- Reserve Best in Show – \$25 gift card
- Group Winners (1st place) – \$10 gift card

Group Placements (2nd, 3rd, and 4th) will also be recognized. If the winner is not present, your prize will be emailed or mailed to you. Winning photos will be displayed at the LRC National Specialty.

**How to Enter:** The contest is open to any photographer, amateur, or professional, adult or minor. Each photographer may enter up to five (5) photos not to exceed any two (2) per category. There is no entry charge by the LRC, Inc. for this contest. All digital images must be in jpeg or png format and not be larger than 5 Mb. They must be at least 300 dpi. Color and Black & White images are acceptable, but images that are grainy, blurry, or show pixilation may not be suitable for judging. Manipulation of exposure, cropping, sharpening, and color adjustment or the digital equivalents are acceptable for all categories. Removing leashes is permissible, but extreme digital manipulation of the dog/subject is not and that entry will be disqualified by the judges. Do not sign photos or include names on the front of any photo.

**How to Submit your Entry:** Digital images should be emailed [tolrcphotocontest@hotmail.com](mailto:tolrcphotocontest@hotmail.com). Entry information for each image should include name, phone number, and email address and the category you are entering for each photo. If the group or category is not specified, it will be assigned by the contest administrator.

**Judging:** Photos will be judged by a panel of professional photographers. All decisions of the judges are final.

**Deadline for Entries:** September 11, 2013 (same as closing date for show entries)

**Questions:** Please email [lrcphotocontest@hotmail.com](mailto:lrcphotocontest@hotmail.com)

**Additional Rules:** Entries containing children and adults will require a model release if not related to the photographer. Please contact [lrcphotocontest@hotmail.com](mailto:lrcphotocontest@hotmail.com) or download from LRC website. By entering this contest, entrants grant the LRC, Inc. and Retriever Life a royalty-free, perpetual non-exclusive license to display, distribute, reproduce (whole or in part), in any media now existing or subsequently developed, for educational, promotional, publicity, exhibition, and all other standard purposes. Any photograph reproduced will include a photographer credit as feasible.

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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**Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club**

Invites you to attend three shows In The Orchard!

**Independent Specialty**

Friday, Oct 18, 2013

At the Alameda County Fairground in Pleasanton, CA

Judges:

Mrs Marilyn Prior (Priorize, UK)  
 Mrs Vicky Creamer (Belquest)  
 Linda Schiele (Linray)  
 Mr Alvin Eng

Dog & Intersex Classes  
 Bitch Classes  
 Puppy & Veteran Sweeps  
 Obedience & Rally Classes

**Saturday "Snapshot" Specialty**

Saturday, Oct 19, 2013

In conjunction with The Del Valle DC of Livermore

Judges:

Mrs Vicky Creamer  
 Mrs Marilyn Prior  
 Autumn Davidson (Clarion)

Dog & Intersex Classes  
 Bitch Classes  
 Puppy & Veteran Sweeps

**Supported Entry** The Del Valle DC of Livermore

Sunday, Oct 20, 2013

Judge:

Mrs Marion Daniel (Mar-Moye)

Entries Close Wed, Oct 2, 2012

Supt: MB-F Dog Shows

Show Chair: Terri Herigstad, [marstad@aol.com](mailto:marstad@aol.com)

**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
8/29-30	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

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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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