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(PAST) EDITOR'S MESSAGE

I just want to say how impressed I am with our new Editor, Natasha Gelfand. She assumed the editor's mantle and took right off, dressing up the formatting and adding great graphics! I can't wait to see what she does next. I also want to thank all the Club members who were so encouraging and complementary to me during my tenure as editor. I hope you help make Natasha's experience as editor as wonderful an experience as you made it for me.

Melinda Grosch
Past Retriever Reflections Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Picture me standing at french doors leading to our back yard in the middle of the night dressed in something less appropriate than, say, a job interview. To an onlooker it might seem that I am either a somnambulist or a light sleeper simply enjoying the nightscape. But in reality I was deeply focused on telepathic communication with my dog to finish his business, put aside all those distracting smells that he must check to see if they've changed in the last two hours, and return swiftly to the door, so his adoring master can return to his laughable eight hours of REM sleep.

Well, the telepathy didn't work and I ended up standing there a while staring out for some indication that his nasal mapping of the yard, to be kept as his little secret, would soon be over. Finally, he relented and returned inside and my precious sleep continued.

My point is that I have always been intrigued by our Animal-Human bond and how we do communicate. Of course I regularly practice the usual training communications of affectionate touching to reinforce positive traits. I also stoop to using food, toys and my favorite, a walk for rewards. I do a lot of verbal work but it is so mixed in with lots of human chatter it is doubtful how much is sinking in. You know old the Gary Larsen joke: "blah blah blah FIDO, blah blah blah."

But I am truly in awe of people and animals that seem to transcend the typical communication barrier. I once visited a

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psychic who's name escapes me now (went kicking and screaming at the behest of someone close, as I am a died in the wool skeptic, realist, empiricist, and lots of other ists.)

When It was my turn to ask the psychic a question, I asked what is the future of Human-Animal communication, specifically man-dog communication. Will I be able to share a common vocabulary in my lifetime? Keeping in mind the wonderful advances of late such as KoKo the gorilla with a vocabulary, dolphins communication, one might wonder what he could share on this subject.

Boy was I disappointed in the answer! Now, its not like I came in seeking a new direction or the meaning of life, but his response was harder to decipher than several fortune cookies strung together. It was something like (and I paraphrase) "bring your mind to the same plane as the animal and project your energy and message onto this plane and an exchange of ideas will emerge"

Now it is possible I am not using enough of my brain or the right part of my brain to make this happen. So far, no merging planes. Besides, geometry wasn't my strong suit.

For now I think shouting "Stop it" or "Let go of her ear" is my most effective communication. I am not beyond a sharp tug on the leash, a harsh word or even a slap on the rear to get their attention

I haven't given up on the more ethereal methods, but until I evolve further, I still need my voice.

Allen Garfinkle, GGLRC President.

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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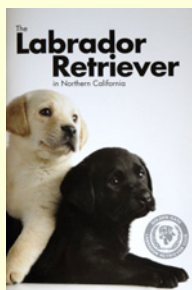
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THE LABRADOR RETRIEVER IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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). They also make great booklets to put into your puppy packets or to distribute to prospective Labrador owners. Extra copies are available for \$5, again, contact Allen Garfinkle or Terri Herigstad.



Litter Listings

LITTER LISTING REQUIREMENTS

To submit a litter listing, please include the following information, as described in the *GGLRC Breeders Code or Ethics*. Health information: OFA or Wind-Morgan clearances and certification by a board-certified veterinary ophthalmologist that the dog has found free of hereditary eye disease within the last year. Please indicate whether or not the parents meet the performance requirement (CD, one championship point, JAM, field title, WC, or GGLRC Retrieving Dog Elementary certificate).

YELLOW LITTER, BORN 2-23-11

Sire: CH Thornwood's Captivator (Clark son)

OFA hips: LR-154163G26M-PI, elbows: LR-EL28075M26-PI

CERF: LR-41946, Cardiac and EIC cleared

Dam: Thornwood's White Christmas

OFA hips: LR-181342G26F-VPI, elbows: LR-EL43280F26-VPI

CERF: LR-48924

Contact: Cheri Conway (541)723-2467
forlabs@centurytel.net

ALL CHOCOLATE LITTER, DUE 3-30-11

Sire: CH Thornwood's Resolution

OFA hips: LR-154123G24M-PI elbows: LR-EL28055M24-PI

CERF: LR-41956, Cardiac and EIC cleared

Dam: Thornwood's Absolute Magic (CH Thornwood's The Achiever daughter)

OFA hips: LR-190768G24F-VPI elbows: LR-EL49580F24-VPI

CERF: LR-54423

Contact: Cheri Conway (541)723-2467
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BLACK AND CHOCOLATE LITTER, DUE MAY

Sire: BISS Ch. Big Sky's Stone Kutter "Mason"

Hips: OFA Fair LR-166583F26M-PI

Elbows: OFA Normal LR-EL33672M24-PI

Heart: Normal/Cardio, LR-CA2232/22M/C-PI

Optigen: Normal/Clear

EIC: Normal/Clear LR-EIC806/57M-VPI

CERF: Annually LR-46930

Dam: Kalon's Here For The Party WC "Mia"

Hips: OFA Good LR-187902G24F-VPI

Elbows: Normal LR-EL47564F24-VPI

Heart: Normal-Cardio, ECHO, LR-CA3897/14F/C-VPI-ECHO

Optigen: Normal/Clear,

CERF: Annually LR-55101

Contact: Shelley Ellison shelquin@gmail.com

BLACK AND YELLOW LITTER, DUE MID-MARCH

Sire: CH Hypspire Singular Sensation

Hips: OFA Good

Elbows: Normal

Heart: Echocardiogram/ Color Doppler Clear

Eyes cleared annually, Optigen A

Dam: Arlon fergalicious at hypspire

Hips: OFA Good LR-181045G24F-VPI

Elbows: Normal LR-EL43095F24-VPI

Cardiac: NORMAL - CARDIOLOGIST, ECHO LR-CA3763/23F/C-VPI-ECHO

CERF: LR-54648

Contact: Georgia Baba, georgia.baba@sbcglobal.net

BLACK AND CHOCOLATE LITTER, DUE EARLY APRIL

Sire: Belgairn Troubleson

Hips: Prelim OFA Excellent

Elbows: Prelim OFA Normal

Eyes: Optigen Normal/Clear by parentage

Eyes: Cerf Normal 12/08, 8/09

Heart: Echocardiogram Normal

Dam: Hennings Mill Montana Songbird

Hips: OFA Good LR-176600G26F-PI

Elbows: OFA Normal LR-EL40298F26-PI

Cardiac: Normal, Cardiologist-ECHO LR-CA3227/27F/C-PI-ECHO

CERF: LR-53177

Contact: Georgia Baba, georgia.baba@sbcglobal.net

*Bragg!**Bragg!**Bragg!*

If you have a significant dog event to report, please share it with us! Email ngelfand@gmail.com and include the dog's full registered name, sire & dam, call name, breeder, owner, event, date, award, and judge's name. Include a photo if you wish.

CAERLEONS THERE'S A KIND OF HUSH
(CH Gaetacreek Joyfull Jasper X Caerleons I'm Just a Girl)

Breeder/Owner: Janet Peters and Ron Sauls

Handled by: Laura Fletcher

San Diego LRC Specialty, 2/19/2011

Best Puppy

San Diego LRC Specialty, 2/20/2011

Best Puppy, Best in Sweepstakes, Reserve
Winners Bitch

MULBURY'S COURTESY OF TALIMAR, JH

Owner: Sharon Scharff-Ventura

**Monterey Bay Hunting Retriever Club -
AKC Hunt Test, 2/20/2011**

Earned her 2nd Senior Hunter leg

WYATT WILL HUNTWELL, SH

Owner: Sharon Scharff-Ventura

**Hills Ferry Hunting Retriever Club AKC
Hunt Test, 3/12-13/2011**

Earned his 2nd Master Hunter leg

DIAMOND DOG'S SCREAMIN' MIMI, CGC,
CC, JH

Owner: Sharon Scharff-Ventura

**Hills Ferry Hunting Retriever Club AKC
Hunt Test, 3/12-13/2011**

Earned her 1st Senior Hunter leg.



Paris winning his first GCH points.

CH LINDSEY'S SEASHELL PUPPY (PARIS)

(CH Gaetacreek Joyful Jasper x Drycreek's Shotgun Shelby)

Breeders: Tara Aschwarden & Laura Fletcher

Owners: Heather K. Sanchez & Bonnie L. Sanchez

Golden Gate Kennel Club, 1/29/2011

2nd. Open Yellow Dogs

Reserve Winners Dog

Judge: Mrs. Susan St. John Brown

Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, 2/6/2011

1st Open Yellow Dogs, Winners Dog, Best of
Winners (Major),

New Champion! Paris finished his
Championship in style at a supported entry
of Labradors, CCLRC

Judge: Mrs. Betty Stites

Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club, 2/20/2011

Best of Breed, Paris's first GCH points

Judge: Mr. Norman B. Kenney

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*(Braggs! Continued)***CH BELGAIRN HART RANCH NARUTO RN,
CGC (NARUTO)**

(CH Shadowbrook's Just Ducky x
Belgairncrystalhart)

Owners: Ron, Jennifer, and Tanner Kelly

New champion! Owner handled for all points.

Sun Maid Kennel Club, 2/5/2011

Winners dog, Best of winners

Sun Maid Kennel Club, 2/6/2011

Select dog for his first GCH points

San Diego LRC, 2/19/2011

Judge's award of merit

BELGAIRN TROUBLESON (BLUE)

(BISS CH Nipntuck Hyspire Unforgettable x CH
Belgairn Shadowbrook Over The Edge)

Owners: Ron and Jennifer Kelly

Sun Maid Kennel Club, 2/5/2011

Reserve Winners dog

San Diego LRC, 2/19-20/2011

1st Bred-by-Exhibitor

MARSTAD BOSTON LAGER

(CH Hollyhill Delby's Samuel Adams WC x Galileo
Marstad Bleu Moon)

Breeder/Owner/Handler: Terri Herigstad

Oakland Kennel Club, 12/28/2010

Winner's Bitch & Best of Opp Sex (1 pt)

Kennel Club of Salinas, 12/30/2010

Winner's Bitch & Best of Opp Sex (1 pt)

MARSTAD PRIMETIME

(CH Windfall Pipe Major x CH Delby Marstad
Black Pearl)

Breeder/Owner/Handler: Terri Herigstad

Santa Cruz Kennel Club, 12/29/2010

Winner's Dog, Best of Winners,
Best of Breed (1 pt)

**GOLDEN GATE KC SHOW REPORT**

by Terri Herigstad

Golden Gate KC Breed Information Table

Our Club sponsors a Labrador Retriever breed information table both days at this benched show to fulfill our public education requirement with the American Kennel Club. Thank you Melinda Grosch for bringing tables, chairs and a backdrop for the table. And thanks to Terri Herigstad for bringing the table cloths, printed information to hand out, and one of our beautiful perpetual trophies as a decoration. AND a huge thank you to the people who manned the table both days!

Our Club has been approached by the Golden Gate KC to support the entry of Labradors next year with judges suggestions and trophies. Please forward any judges suggestions to either Jennifer Kelly or Terri Herigstad.

Show Results

Golden Gate KC, Saturday, 1/29/11

Winners Dog

Dogwood Kelleygreen Hummer

Owner: Connie Mullerleile

Winners Bitch & Best of Winners

Trillium's I Know A Secret

Owner: Wendy Gai

Best of Breed

CH Arlon's Settle Down Now

Owner: Georgia Baba

Best of Opposite Sex

CH Fiesta's Cup Of Tea

Owner: Elaine DalBon

Select Dog

Chablais Serene's Dynasty (Veteran Dog)

Owner: Connie Mullerleile

Select Bitch

CH Delby Marstad Black Pearl

Owner: Terri Herigstad

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(Golden Gate KC Report, Cont.)

Best Bred By Exhibitor & BBE Group 2

Marstad Primetime

Owner: Terri Herigstad

Golden Gate KC, Sunday, 1/30/11

Winners Dog, Best of Winners, Best of Breed

Marstad Ordinary Guy (9-12M Puppy Class)

Owner: Terri Herigstad

Winners Bitch & Best of Opposite Sex

Trilliums' Greased Lightning

Owner: Wendy Gai

Select Dog

CH Arlon's Settle Down Now

Owner: Georgia Baba

Select Bitch

GCH Arlon's Indy Anna Jones

Owner: Georgia Baba

Best Puppy & Puppy Group 2

Marstad Ordinary Guy

Owner: Terri Herigstad

IN MEMORIAM

SR Braemar Savoy Truffle CDX TD JH RE

A.K.A. "Jess"

- April 22, 1994 to February 17, 2011 -

On February 17, 2011 Jess finally stopped trying and I knew that it was time. She was two months shy of her 17th birthday and up until that last week she was always ready and eager to do anything - willing to try whatever was asked of her. But after a couple of days of being ill it was clear that she had finally stopped trying.

Jess had a big heart and was convinced that she could make me love her even though she spent a lot of her life making me frustrated and angry - she never stopped trying - and when it comes down to it she won that battle - I did love her more than I would ever admit to myself.

She and I had a lot of fun - running hunt tests, her dragging me down a track at a speed that left me panting for breath, her begging to come with the others to training class and generally driving me nuts so that she was in training until she was 13 years old (she earned her Rally Excellent title at 13 years), being a life guard outside the shower door every morning, etc. She would always try, maybe not always the way I wanted, but she was always willing to work at it. Despite her drive to do anything and everything she didn't complain about the physical constraints that old age brought, she would bounce up each time and go on with whatever it was she was doing.

So I hope she is now released from the physical constraints that she faced during the last two years. I imagine her as that fabulous little black bullet of a dog running down fallen ducks up in that great duck marsh in the sky with Orion the hunter cheering her on and welcoming her back into Sirius the dog star.

Until we meet again, thank you Jess for always trying so hard.

*Melinda Grosch
Waterproof Labrador Retrievers*

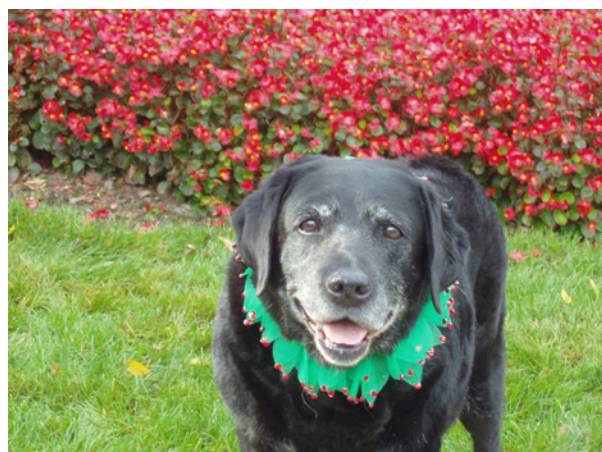
SR = Started Retriever from NAHRA

CDX = Companion Dog Excellent

TD = Tracking Dog

JH = Junior Hunter from AKC

RE = Rally Excellent



Jess at 14 1/2 in November 2008

ON THE ROAD*by Jennifer Kelly*

For two years now, the Central Labrador Retriever Club has held supported entries for conformation, obedience, and rally with the Sun Maid Kennel Club in Fresno. Both days offer Sweepstakes, and a breeder judge at least one of the two days. The club was formed in 2004, and members reside in Madera, Fresno, Kings and Tulare counties. They are at the point of getting approval from AKC for an "A" match; they already have held a fun match and three "B" matches. For the past five years they have organized a Responsible Dog Ownership/Fun Day, an event that offers CGC testing, guest speakers, field demonstrations, and obedience presentations. They have held field training days and tests for the past four years. Their next WC/WCX event is this May 7 & 8.

Vivian Poole and I attended the Central Labrador Retriever Club supported shows for the first time this year. Nancy Talbott of Belgold judged the first day, with Pat Collom of Wind Rose judging Sweeps. BOB was GGLRC member Georgia Burg's girl GR CH Arlon's Indy Anna Jones. Winner's Dog and Best of Winner's to finish his championship was my family's Naruto, who is now CH Belgairn Hart Ranch Naruto RN, CGC. Winner's bitch was a girl from down south named Dalwater's Southern Comfort. Best in Sweeps was Kenya Layney's The Beat Goes On, bred by GGLRC member Chris Vasquez (owned by Helayne Zoota) and Wyndrush Splash Down From Arlon won Best Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes, bred by Georgia Baba (owned by Dana Sullivan).

This was a weekend for finishing championships for GGLRC members, as the next day Bonnie and Heather Sanchez finished their yellow boy Paris, who is now CH Lindsey's Seashell Puppy. Winner's bitch was Windrose Scarlett Letter and Best of Breed (and Best Veteran in Sweepstakes) was BISS CH Layney's Persuasive Storm. GGLRC club member Katy Bazurto dominated the Sweepstakes competition by winning Best in Sweepstakes with Bazurto's Lets Get the Party Started and Best Opposite in Sweepstakes with Inifinity's I Am The Walrus. The Sweepstakes judge was Anthony Leitao of Misty Mountain.

As a side note, Sunday's Sweepstakes judge is also the owner of GR CH Gingerbred Celestial Thunder JH, CGC (Zeus) who won BOB at the 2010 Eukanuba National Championship... and went on to win a Group 2! You may have seen this handsome, happy boy on television in January when he earned the impressive Sporting Group placing.

San Diego LRC holds their back-to-back specialties in February. Vivian Poole and I made a second trip together in the same month to attend these shows. Departure day was memorable... a snowstorm brought inches of white fluff to Middletown, school was closed because of the snow, and power was out at our house. While the boys and dogs enjoyed playing in the winter wonderland, I was forced to take an alternate route to pick up Vivian in Novato. Stormy weather continued off and on for the weekend, but didn't damper the excitement of the trip.

In the past this show has been held at the Polo Fields off of Highway 5; this year they tried a new site, the Bate's Nut Farm nestled in the countryside. The rings were set on extensive green lawns with plenty of room nearby to exercise the dogs. The evening before the first show, strong winds wrecked havoc on the canopies blowing them into metal piles of unrecognizable form. One canopy even ended up as a tree ornament. Fortunately, Vivian and I learned from the GGLRC shows in October: never set up a canopy with a storm in the forecast. We set up Martha Shaw's old blue canopy up the next day, and it weathered the rain just fine. (Allen and Marylou, aren't you happy to know we are making good use of the canopy you gave us?!)

Rain continued off and on for both show days, but without the strong winds, the weather was manageable. The dogs off course loved the cool air and occasional dousing of water. I stayed warm in a snug hat, two jackets, and rain boots over my wool socks. Helayne Zoota was kind enough to bring me a Starbucks grande extra hot mocha each day, so I was set. Vivian learned an important winter show lesson... bring extra blankets!

Exhibitors attended the show from wide spread locations: Northern California, Central California, Arizona, Texas, and even Mexico, joining the Southern California crew. GGLRC members Trudy and Richard Rose's had great success with their pretty yellow girl Talimar's Jewel, who won Winner's Bitch on Saturday and 1st Open Yellow on Sunday. The adorable Caerleons There's a Kind of Hush, owned by GGLRC's Janet Peter, won Best Puppy both days, and on Sunday won RWB and Best in Sweepstakes. She was able to beat two young puppies that already have both their majors, including a daughter of our Belgairn Troubleson. Our entries won 1st in Bred-By both days, and 2nd and 4th in Open Black, and one JAM.

Four days after my departure I returned home to sunny, blue skies. Snow still bordered the roads in scattered patches and fallen trees and branches adorned the landscape. The dogs ran happily to the gate to greet me. Ron and the kids hugged me in welcome. Electricity was back on. Time to catch up from an extended dog show weekend, and to wait patiently for SJVLRC's specialties in March.

GEAR GAL**THOUGHTS ON COLLARS***by Melinda-"Gear Gal"-Grosch*

Alright I admit that Labradors are sort of "plain" dogs - this is one of the reasons that I love them so. However, when you have a pack of black dogs ordinary people have a really hard time keeping track of who is who. I can tell my dogs apart even in the semi-dark but that is because I know everything about them - the way they move, how tall they are relative to each other, how they carry and wag their tails

- so sometimes my distinction is not made just on what they look like.

Originally I started with all dogs in matching collars. I started with blue because that is my favorite color and it looks good on both boys or girls, blacks or yellows. It looked nice with everyone in matching collars that matched lots of my other stuff. However, I hit upon the idea of colored collars to provide other people with an easy way to identify them. So now each dog has a flat, snap-clip collar, a limited slip collar, a plastic coated swimming collar (like the ones on electric collars), and a Flexi-Leash - all in matching colors. The trouble started when we needed decorative collars for special events. So now we have "themes" as well. Justin is blue and his theme is stars. Lydia has not been permanently assigned a color or theme yet. She has a Valentine's collar with purples through reds and so has some "twilight" blue (more purple than blue) stuff to go with that. She also has a yellow and green collar with bees on it so has green accessories to go with that. I am leaning towards the green since they don't make Flexis in twilight.

Some of my favorite collars come from Premier (<https://www.premier.com/store/>) and from White Pine Outfitters (<http://www.whitepineoutfitters.com/index.cfm>). These are both available on-line. Premier makes both flat and martingale collars. Some of their martingales can be ordered with a snap clip which makes them easier to get on and off. Premier has a large selection of colors. White Pine collars come in a limited slip variety and a flat snap-clip and they have a beautiful selection of colors (the aforementioned "twilight" being one of them). They are also extremely soft and don't damage the coat.

Both companies make leashes in matching colors in a variety of lengths. Although this would further help with identification and keeping each dog's equipment together I don't like nylon web leashes. Granted they are light years ahead of a chain leash for comfort but I find that they can be slippery and give "rope" burns. I have been using J&J leashes (<http://www.jjdog.com/>) for years and they are sturdy and I can get a grip on them. I love full braid leashes but those are usually limited in size to three feet (I know you can get them longer but they are pricey). I also have some colored leather leashes but find that they tend to fade and the colors are often mutated by leather treatment products used to clean and condition leather. So I have stuck with the "leather" colored ones for the most part.

I use the flat collars, fitted loose, for putting identification on which is required anytime we go out the front door. I use a martingale or limited slip to attach a leash - no backing out of a collar this way. With dogs who are wearing a pinch collar I attach both the prong and the limited slip collars to the leash. That way even if the prong collar fails (and if it's going to fail it will be at the worst time - dog lunging after cat into traffic, etc.) the dog is still attached to a leash.

I like the nylon collars over leather because I can throw them in the wash (which I do often). However, when I was in England I fell in love with their leather products. So now we have some leather and chain martingales that I use only when showing in Obedience. Justin also got a beautiful hand crafted leather collar with stars on it to wear on truly special occasions. The inside is lined with smooth leather so that there are no grommet ends rubbing on his neck. I am reluctant to leave collars on my dogs because they get chewed on by other dogs and because when I was grooming one of our clients' dogs strangled to death when the i.d. tag got caught between the gap in the deck boards and the dog panicked and twisted and twisted until it died - it was on a regular flat collar, with regular dog tags, and the collar was fitted properly (which is



one of the reasons I put them on loose - so they can back out). I recently heard of another dog that this happened to. For years I have used a Pet I.D. Pocket (looks like a little wallet that fits over the collar) but I have had trouble finding them recently. I like them because the tags don't rattle and they don't hang off the collar. However, some people might not know to look in them for the tags. I discovered two companies that produce great i.d. tags. I love Boomerang Tags (<http://www.boomerangtags.com/page.php?c=collartags>) they fit over the collar and the engraving is really deep so it doesn't wear off. This only solves the i.d. tag though - there's still all the others - license tag, rabies tag, microchip tag, etc. All of which are dangle tags. The other is, Red Dingo Tags stainless steel and enamel tags (<http://www.reddingo.com/tags1.htm>), unfortunately a dangle tag but with fun designs.

Although I no longer use choke chains for daily use or training, I have a collection of very thin black, nylon choke collars to fit all sizes of Labrador for the show ring and one or two skinny curb link chain ones for those dogs that I think might break a nylon one. I have collected a number of pretty colored leather show leads but find that mostly I love the black, pig skin one that I found when working clean-up years ago at a show. No one ever contacted the club about it so I kept it.

And yes there are tons of spare collars and leashes in my collection if you ever find yourself in need of one at a show, match, hunt test, or other event just ask - I probably have one you can borrow.

GOLDEN GATE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB ANNUAL MEETING 1/9/2011

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order by President Allen Garfinkle. A roll sheet was passed around.

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: The December 11th minutes were approved with the correction that Golden Gate will be January 29th and 30th.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Allen thanked members for coming to the meeting said that GGLRC had a great 2010 and did a lot. Breed clubs are important and we need to get more people involved. Elaine Nusser is now doing our web site and it was suggested that we add photos of our labs.

SECRETARY: No report.

TREASURER: Nancy passed out a financial report from 1/1/2010 through December 31, 2010. Despite a previous report, the specialty did have a loss.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

MEMBERSHIP: Chairman not present.

FIELD: We will have a field event at Ornbaum's or at Connie Muellerleile's. We fill try for February.

SPECIALTY: Judges for 2011 are Friday Barbara and Kim Nowak and Jenny Green, Saturday Linda Maffett, Barbara Nowak and Jenny Green. Vonnice Russell is uncertain for Sunday, Lori Bentine is a

possibility. Melinda Grosch will be the 2011 obedience chairman. We have four good canopies and need three more. All trophies will be perpetual. Junior handling would be a good addition to the specialty.

FUN MATCH: This is a good fundraiser. We will try to get a chief ring steward. Questions came up about C matches and Marianne Foote is going to contact AKC regarding these questions. A sanctioned B match has to be conducted thirty minutes before a C match.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD: A ballot and candidate biography sheet was passed out. Officers are Allen Garfinkle president, Terri Herigstad vice president, Connie Holm secretary and Nancy Yamada/Georgia Baba treasurer. Board members are: Melinda Grosch, Jennifer Kelly, Connie Muellerleile, Sharon Scharff-Ventura, and Tabby Walker.

CALENDAR: A club calendar was passed out for 2011. The only change was that the July board meeting will be held on July 14th and not the 16th.

OLD BUSINESS: Natasha will get us on Facebook and will get together with Elaine Nusser regarding the website. Also we may post a rescue bulletin board as we are not in contact with lab rescue at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: None. The meeting was adjourned at 1:26.

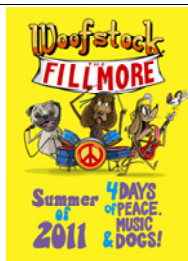
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Put It On Your Calendar!
"Show Your Colors"
 Celebrate the Labrador Retriever

The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.
2011 National Specialty Event Week
October 10-16, 2011
 Brooklyn Fairgrounds, Brooklyn, Connecticut
 Host Hotel—Days Inn, Dayville, Connecticut
 For reservations— (860) 779-3200, ask for LRC special rate.



- Two Agility, Obedience & Rally Trials
 - Tracking, Working Certificate & Hunting Retriever Tests (two Juniors & two Seniors)
 - Two conformation Events—
- The **2011 National Specialty** followed by a Regional Specialty **"No Bells, No Whistles"**
- A Conformation Certificate evaluation
 - Judges' EDge seminar
 - Tributes to Top Agility, Obedience and Conformation Labrador Retriever competitors
 - Hospitality Events & Health Clinics
- For Judges & Event Schedules—check the LRC web site at www.thelabradorclub.com



WOOFSTOCK 2011
 June 9, 10, 11, 12th WELCOMES:

Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club

Join us Saturday night for our free **CONCERT & BBQ DINNER**
 "Cover2Cover" will play 30 minutes after BIS until 10:00 pm. Dinner served at 7:00 pm

BBQ Ribs & Chicken dinner—Presold tickets

Menu: BBQ Pork Ribs, Chicken, Caesar Salad, Garlic Mashed Potatoes. **PRICE \$18.00**
 Cake for dessert - courtesy of WOOFSTOCK. Orders must be placed by June 5th. Please send checks to: Keven Birdwell, 411 Brigham Place, Danville, CA 94526 (925) 743-0880

Judges: *Entries close: May 25th*
 Thursday: Sandra Lex *Superintendent: MBE www.infodog.com*
 Friday: Carl Liepmann
 Saturday: Elizabeth Bowron Supported Entries!
 Sunday: Jim Bowron

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 BOBI



Remember when dog shows were FUN??
 Come and have some FUN at WOOFSTOCK!



MAJORS! MAJORS! MAJORS!

2011 Calendar

LRC of the Potomac	April 12-15
Southern California LRC Specialty	April 29-30
GGLRC Field Training Day	May 7
Board Meeting	May 12
Coyote Hills KC	May 21-22
GGLRC Match Day	June 5
Woofstock Supported Entry	June 9-12
Rose City LRC Specialty	July 15-17
Board Meeting	July 14
Puget Sound LRC Specialty	August ??
Richmond Dog Fanciers	August 6-7
General Meeting, Richmond DF	August 7
Sierra Vista LRC Specialty	September 2(?)
Gold Country KC	September 3-4
Board Meeting	September 8
LRC National Specialty	October ??
GGLRC Specialty	October 21-22
Del Valle KC	October 23-24
High Desert LRC Specialty	November ??
Board Meeting	November 10
Holiday Party, General Meeting	December ??

Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club
Field Training Day

Saturday, May 7, 2011

MICON Kennel
Connie & Mike Muellerleile
16731 E Brandt Rd
Lodi CA 95240-9714

For more information contact:

Melinda Groseh 707-537-7786
wtrprufdogs4me@aim.com

or

Sharon Ventura 510-794-5027
dukfinder@aol.com

Sign-up by
May 3



Minimum of 10 dogs -
Maximum of 20 dogs

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We will practice the essentials for the Working Certificate test. All participants will get a chance to learn how to throw bumpers, fire a starting pistol, etc. Bumpers will be used for this training day.

We will start at 9:00 am. Bring your own lunch, water, and shade/shelter. You might also want to bring a change of shoes and wear layered clothing.

Directions: From Highway 99 traveling north or south take the Highway 12 East exit (central Lodi/San Andreas). Then turn left onto N Beckman Road. And Right onto E Victor Road/Highway 12. Left onto Highway 12/Highway 88. Take the first right onto E Brandt Road. 16731 Brandt Road is on the left.

Please provide the following information:

Name:	Phone:
Address:	E-Mail:
Dog 1: Dog's Age:	Circle One: Beginner WC already JH already
Dog 2: Dog's Age:	Circle One: Beginner WC already JH already

Cost per dog is \$25. Please make checks payable to GGLRC and mail, along with the above information by Wed., May 4, 2011 to Melinda Grosch, PO Box 4012, Santa Rosa CA 95402. If you have questions please call 707-537-7786 or e-mail at wtrprufdogs4me@aim.com.

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 the 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 or 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, of 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 or parties to enforce this agreement.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____



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