



Retriever Reflections

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GOLDEN GATE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB 2013 SPECIALTY SHOWS, PUPPY AND VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES, OBEDIENCE TRIAL AND RALLY TRIAL

This year our co-hosting partners—The Harvest Moon Classic Cluster, decided that 5 days of shows was not feasible financially and physically. They decided to host only three days of shows and requested all the associated specialties morph into specialties “in conjunction with” rather and hold independent specialties. Due to our long association with Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore I was able to negotiate with the show chairman, Betty Anne Stenmark, to be allowed to host an independent specialty on Friday, October 18; a “Snapshot Specialty” in conjunction with Del Valle on Saturday, Oct 19; and a supported entry on Sunday, October 20.

The other factor influencing our specialties this year was the fact that our AKC Parent Club, the Labrador Retriever Club, hosted the National Specialty in Washington State only two weeks before our specialties. As a result, according to the entry breakdown provided by our superintendent, MB-F, we did not get any entries from the Pacific Northwest.

Even given all the changes, we still about broke even financially! And that is due to all the Club Members who donated money towards trophies (I did not solicit donations from anyone outside our Club), donated Judges Gifts out of their own pockets, donated their time to set up and take down the grounds, donated their time, effort, and garage space to putting together the Raffle beforehand, donated the Wine & Cheese Reception, donated materials and hospitality for the Exhibitors' Hospitality. Our Club is fantastic at pulling together to host a quality event “with all the trimmings”! No other specialty on the West Coast compares!

Also this year I tested a new idea. Our Club's specialty equipment is starting to show its age. Rather than make a blanket request to the Club for funds to upgrade these items, I appealed directly to individuals to donate to specific items. Their name as donor will be affixed to the items they donated. This year we purchased new Ring Placement Signs. They turned out lovely and with care should last for many years. Please feel free to examine them at any Club conformation event. I placed an advertisement in the specialty catalog acknowledging these generous donors and you can see their names elsewhere in this newsletter.

The next item I would like to upgrade is our Club table cloths. We currently have four good quality cloths and eight or ten shabby cloths. I will be getting prices on good quality cloths and appeal to Club members to “sponsor” a table cloth. Again, their name will be embroidered on the cloth and they will be acknowledged in the specialty catalog and our newsletter.



Once again we had a positive response to our selection of judges to give us their opinion on our Labradors. We choose to invite one American breeder judge and one British breeder judge every year to provide a range of opinions for breeders to respond to.

Your generosity in donating funds to the Club to host the specialties in other areas as well as making your entries enables us to continue this practice.

Now to the “thank you’s”. There are many people who make our specialties happen. I appreciate EVERYONE who contributes to making our events special.



Melinda Grosch acts as Obedience and Rally Trials chairman. She helps with the hiring of the judges as well as rounding up people to ring steward both events. This year we were a little short on ring

stewards so I hope next year we have more people to make the works easier.

Lorrie Bellows once again acted as Judges Liaison. Lorrie is not a member of the Club but has been in the past including past president! She contacts the judges once they have been selected by the Board and makes all the reservations for flights and hotels, as well a shepherding them around the Bay Area once they arrive.



Jan Hepper generally hosts our foreign judges at her home for the duration of their stay. This year our British judge elected to stay at the hotel so Jan graciously donated the Judges Gifts.

The weather was perfect for the Judges Lunch put together by Ann Perry. She manages to set up wonderful food and drinks for the judges and their hard working ring stewards.

Long before the specialty takes place Jenni Lin collaborates with me on ordering the Pottery Trophies. Beforehand Jenni inventories the leftover trophies from the previous year, assesses the awards to be given for the current year and places our trophy order. The biggest job though is receiving the trophies from the artist, labeling them and repacking them by day and class. A HUGE job!

This year another nonmember who stepped up to help with the specialty was Vicki Blodgett. Vicki acted as Day of Show Trophy Chairman. She unpacked and distributed our beautiful trophies to the rings for both specialties.

Even before the trophies arrive at the table Eleonore Diehr and myself solicited Trophy Donations from members to cover the cost of our awards. This year the cost of our awards was entirely covered by Club Members. Thank you all for your generosity.

Again this year, non Club members Maureen Degnan and Chris Hempel provided a wonderful Exhibitor Hospitality Table. Not only did they set out the usual items, this year Maureen got up at 4 AM to make a Breakfast Torte that was to die for! If you did not arrive on the grounds early enough to get a piece of the pie so to speak, make sure you get there early next year.



This year, since we had our independent specialty on Friday rather than Saturday, Sharon Ventura brainstormed about putting together some sort of gathering at the completion of judging on Friday. She generously donated food and drinks offered at the end of judging. While we were not particularly organized this year, I hope we can offer something to celebrate on Friday afternoon.

Along those lines, Allen and Marilou Garfinkle once again donated the Wine & Cheese Reception following the judging after our Snapshot Specialty on Saturday. This year I actually got to partake of the spread as we had done the major clean up after our independent specialty on Friday. Fabulous! Now I know why every other specialty committee asks me about our party.

A huge contribution to the success of our Specialties in the Raffle. This a gigantic job that includes not only presenting the items for raffle but collecting the items beforehand and storing all that stuff as well as putting together the baskets. Lauren Rice took on this job for the first time this year. Due to her efforts we were able to cover a good share of the expenses for our foreign judge.

Another first year chairman was Connie Muellerleile who solicited for Catalog Advertising. These ads make our catalog more affordable for sale

at the specialties. And advertisers get more for their money in that any catalogs leftover from the specialties are offered for sale at the Golden Gate KC benched dog show where the public can use them to contact breeders in looking for their next canine family member.

Vivian Poole manned the Catalog Sales table both days of our specialties. In addition to offering our catalogs, she also presented her pet project, the Club Calendars. If you have not seen these beautiful calendars (they feature photos of members' dogs), they are available through Vivian directly or we will have them for sale at the Golden Gate KC benched show at the Cow Palace the end of January.

MB-F was our superintendent again this year providing the ring enclosures and ring canopies but our Grounds Committee was hard at work for set up—Sharon Ventura and Jan Hepper, and take down—Allen and Marilou Garfinkle, Sharon Ventura, Vicki Blodgett, Melinda Grosch, Jennifer Kelly and Vivian Poole. Many hands make light work!



Club member Katy Bazarro generously donated two giant canopies which we used for Trophies and Raffle even though due to work commitments she was not able to attend our specialties!

As you can see, the specialties take a tremendous amount of work to put on and I am honored to be able to coordinate everyone's efforts in contributing towards a beautiful event. As always, I am looking for even more people to get involved. If you have any ideas that would make our specialties even better, please let me know.

Terri Herigstad

Golden Gate LRC Specialty Chairman

Photos by Natasha Gelfand. For more pictures from the shows see <http://ngelfand.smugmug.com> and the GGLRC Facebook page.

42nd Golden Gate LRC Specialty Show, Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes, Obedience Trial, Rally Trial**Friday, October 18, 2013**Judge: Linda Schiele

Best In Puppy Sweepstakes: Rancho's Il Commandatore

Owners: Marla & Dirk Layer

BOS Puppy Sweepstakes: Rancho's 250 Tesla Rossa

Owners: Marla & Dirk Layer

Best In Veteran Sweepstakes: GCH Layney's Persuasive Storm

Owner: Helayne Zoota

BOS Veteran Sweepstakes: CH Trillium's Beyond Belief CDXJH

Owner: Wendy Gai

Judge: Marilyn Prior

Best Of Breed: GCH Big Sky's Augustus

Owner: Brenda Bridges

Best Of Opposite Sex: CH Stonewall's Twilight

Owner: Ron Morales

Best Of Winners: Hyspire Bohemian Rhapsody

Owners: Judy Heim, Vonnie & Jim Russell & Lisa DaRoss

Select Dog: GCH Laurel's Crown Jewel of Stonybeck

Owner: JanEuphrat-Hepper

Select Bitch: CH Trillium's Beyond Belief CDXJH

Owner: Wendy Gai

JAM: GCH Alibi's Talkin Smack

Owners: Kim Jacobson & Jeremiah Mendoza

Best Puppy: Alibi's Redneck Girl

Owners: Kim Jacobson & Jeremiah Mendoza

Best Breed By Exhibitor: Shequin's My Kinda Party CGC

Owners: Shelley & Brittney Ellison

Winners Dog: Hyspire Bohemian Rhapsody From Breckin

Owners: Judy Heim, Vonnie & Jim Russell & Lisa DaRoss

Judge: Vicky Creamer

Winners Bitch: Talimar's Absolute Truth

Owners: Trudy & Richard Rose

Judge: Vicky Creamer

Best Junior Showman: Mallori Seifert

Judge: Alvin Eng

Highest Scoring Dog In Regular Classes: Schoenfield's

Midnight Brandy UD OM1 BN GN GO RE

Owners: Marjorie & Carl Chiono

43rd Golden Gate LRC "Snapshot" Specialty Show, Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes Saturday, October 19, 2013Judge: Autumn Davidson

Best In Puppy Sweepstakes: Alibi's Hot Toddy At Rancho

Owners: Marla & Dirk Layer & Kim Jacobson & Jeremiah Mendoza

BOS In Puppy Sweepstakes: Caercreek's Kissing Bandit

Owners: Laura Fletcher & Janet Peters

Best In Veteran Sweepstakes: CH Salona Hills Now And Then

Owner: Madeline Hill

BOS In Veteran Sweepstakes: Kashlin's Blushing Puppy RN BN CGC

Owner: Heather Sanchez

Judge Vicky Creamer

Best of Breed: CH Hyspire Singular Sensation

Owners: Judy Heim, Vonnie & Jim Russell & Lisa DaRoss

Best of Opposite Sex: CH Elkens She's A Hottie

Owners: Eleonore & Olivia Diehr

Best of Winners: Shalimar's The Animator

Owners: Marlynn & Jeff Frisbie

Select Dog: Hyspire Bohemian Rhapsody From Breckin

Owners: Judy Heim & Vonnie & Jim Russell & Lisa Da Ross

Select Bitch: CH Broyhill Hanky Panky

Owners: Barbara & Kimberly Nowak

JAM: GCH Layney's Persuasive Storm

Owner: Helayne Zoota

Judge: Marilyn Prior

Winners Bitch: Nani Loa's Miss Misbehaveen

Owners: Kim Jacobson & Jeremiah Mendoza & Meg Newton

Highest Scoring Labrador In The Regular Classes: Reimur's Juz Crashin' Thru UDTDX JH RE CGC. Open B 191.5

Owner: Renee St Denis

Del Valle Dog Club Of Livermore, Supported Entry Sunday, October 20, 2013Judge: Marion Daniel

Best Of Breed: Hyspire Bohemian Rhapsody From Breckin

Owners: Judy Heim & Vonnie & Jim Russell & Lisa DaRoss

Best Of Opposite Sex: CH Broyhill Hanky Panky

Owners: Barbara & Kimberly Nowak

Best Of Winners & Winners Bitch: Fiesta's So You Think You Can Bark

Owner: Elaine Dal Bon

Winners Dog: Wallcroft Windrose Victory Bear

Owners: Nancy & Larry Wall & Patricia Collum

Select Dog: CH Hyspire Singular Sensation

Owners: Judy Heim & Vonnie & Jim Russell & Lisa DaRoss

Select Bitch: Nani Loa's Miss Misbehaveen

Owners: Kim Jacobson & Jeremiah Mendoza & Meg Newton

JAM: CH Trillium's Beyond Belief CDXJH

Owner: Wendy Gai

Highest Scoring Labrador In The Regular Classes: CH St Simons Buton D'Or. Novice B 185

Owners: Carol & Dennis White

THANKS FROM THE RAFFLE COMMITTEE

A BIG Thank You from Lauren Rice to the countless GGLRC members who donated and helped out with the raffle. It was a huge success! So Thank You!

And many thanks to our corporate sponsors who donated to the raffle:

- OFA
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HOW WE SURVIVE

Many hobby clubs, like ours, struggle to maintain active and growing memberships and to maintain financial stability. We depend on enthusiastic member participation and support to keep our club up and running. Throughout the year, many club members have volunteered to steward, helped out at Field Days, helped out at the Specialty, donated equipment, made trophy donations, and served on the board or special committees. Many have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make terrific events happen.

Thank you to all who have given so generously this past year of your time, energy, and donations. The club could not survive without you.

For those still wanting to support the club, there is still time to purchase our first GGLRC 2014 Calendar, featuring great, professional portraits of our club member's dogs. Do hurry, for there are only 25 left. Great holiday gifts and a bargain at \$15 each. Contact Vivian (timandvivian@marinmail.com) to order your calendar before the end of the year.

Going into 2014, each and every one of us should think creatively of new ways to generate revenue for our club and build our membership base, so we can continue to put on the successful events that we all enjoy. I look forward to seeing you all at the next event.

Vivian Poole, board member



Bragg!



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**PIPESTONE BELGAIRN IRRESISTIBLY
BLUE (CHARLEY)**

Owners: Ron and Jennifer Kelly/Vivian Poole
(All wins from 12-18 Month Class.)

Sacramento Valley Dog Fanciers Association

WB & BOW - 3 point major!

(10/27/13)

Judge: Carl Liepmann

Wine Country KC, (11/10/13)

WB, BOW, BOS

Judge: David R. Miller

Wine Country KC, (11/9/13)

WB & BOS

Judge: Albert Berrios

KASHLIN'S BLUSHING PUPPY, WC, CGC,
RN, BN, RA (EMMALINE)

**Sierra Vista Labrador Retriever Club
Specialty Show**

Second Place

Veteran Class



MICONS MAJOR BREAKTHRU

Sacramento Dog Fanciers, 10/27/13

Winners Dog

Great Job Jeff!

TOASTIN'S RAINMAKER JH

Dustin finished his Open Standard and Open
JWW titles at Klamath Dog Fanciers trial Oct. 11
& 12.

Bred and owned by Mary Beth Lamb

TOASTIN'S CARMELTINI JH

Cheers finished her Novice JWW title at Rogue
Canine Agility Oct 25th.

Bred and owned by Mary Beth Lamb.

**ARLON'S MISCHIEF MANAGED RA CGC
(JP)**

Breeder: Georgia Baba

Owner: Lauren Rice

New Title: Beginner Novice

At the GGLRC Specialty

Judge: Mr. Alvin W. Eng

**CINDERHILL WATERPROOF LYDIA TD RN
BN**

Lydia earned her RA (Rally Advanced) title at
Del Valle Dog Club show on Sat., Oct. 19 under
Judge Mrs. Betsy Horn Hunter.

On Sun., Oct. 20 At Del Valle she earned her
first Rally Excellent leg under judge Mr. Harold
Doan with a 4th place.

Lydia is owned and trained by Melinda Grosch,
who also reports that on Oct. 20 she picked up her
new puppy - Sonja. She hasn't been officially
named yet but it will be Belgairn Ice Storm of
Summit View Ranch.

THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB and "Paddy"

Proudly Present:
Our First Official Specialty Show:
The Shamrock Specialty!



Sunday, March 16, 2014
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Turlock, CA

Judges:

Dan Clark (Everwood) – Sweepstakes: Puppy Bitches
Sharene Clark (Everwood) – Sweepstakes: Puppy Dogs
Sally Bell (Borador) – All Regular Classes

Lots of fun and games to be had:

Incredible Raffle! Trophy Donation Awards! Fun People!
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner Saturday night on the show grounds!
And most importantly: a third major specialty in one weekend!

*Welcome Dinner Saturday night – \$10 donation

Also plan to attend:

San Joaquin Valley Labrador Retriever Club Specialty
Friday March 14th and Saturday March 15th, 2014

Show Superintendent for All 3 Specialties: Sharon Licciardi

Paddy says: *"Wearing of the green
to support CCLRC's Shamrock Shenanigans
is encouraged of all exhibitors!"*

GGLRC ELECTIONS

The GGLRC nominating committee offers the following office nominations for 2013:

President --Melinda Grosch
Vice President -- Terri Herrigstad
Secretary -- Connie Holm
Treasurer -- Georgia Baba

Board --
Connie Muellerleile
Allen Garfinkle
Vivian Poole
Sharon Scharff-Ventura
Eleonore Diehr

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

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