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(no floppies please)

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From the Acting President

Karen Kennedy

Hi Everyone,

Now that all the events are over for the year... I'm starting to put things together for next year.....

I am looking for people to Chair a couple of events.....

We need someone to organize:

The Working Certificate - Sunday, July 20, 2008. We need a Secretary.

The Fall Hunt Test which will August 15th and 16th due to the Golden National Specialty which is on our weekend in September

We need a Chairperson and Secretary to start.....

Anyone that MIGHT be or is interested in organizing any of these events... Please contact me..... If no one steps forward.... these events will not happen.....

Thank you and let me know,

Karen

Letters to the Editor

Sometime in 1990 or '91 Karen and Dick Kennedy attended a LRCGB meeting and expressed an interest in joining the club, saying they wanted to learn more. Within a year or so Karen asked what she could do to help. The rest, as they say, is history.

Karen has served as a Board Member, Committee and Event Chair, Board Officer, and most recently, our President. In all, she has given 100% to the club and the membership.

I would like to thank her for all she has done. Now it is time for someone else to ask what they can do to help.

Thank you, Karen, and welcome to the Ex-Presidents Club!

Sukie Noble

Thank you my friends,

I am overwhelmed by your outpouring of support, advice and hands-on effort in helping to find my lost puppy. Your energies and care helped lessen the pain of this horrible experience. Especially you, Leslie. I am touched.

Sadly, Maica is still missing. And while I'm coming to believe she is gone from us forever, I also like to believe she is safe and needed more in her current home.

Marley is pregnant again (way to go Buster!). Pups will be born in early December – which means you'll all see another of Marley's little black girls at the spring hunt test.

Thank you all again. I am blessed to know you.

Yours, Nancie Freitas

Dear Audie, Eric, Karen, Dave, Susan, Marion, Rainer, Kim, Nancie, Milly, Karen, Michael, & Jimmy, Nancy, Sue, Cynthia, Pattie, Leslie, Karen & Dick, Robin & Ashley, Gerrie, Jo Ann, Sukie, Karen & Steve, Jan, Marlene, Jim P., Joey, Pam, Scott, Tara, Dan & Gretchen, Wayne & Linda, Jim D., Sally, Jeff, Mike, Steve B., Armine, Claudia, John, and Joe:

Can't tell you how many times through-

out last weekend people told us what a great test our club was putting on. Be proud of yourselves for making it so. Thank you LRCGB members. Thank you friends from other clubs. Thanks to you who saw a job and stepped up on the spot to do it. Thank you blind planters, winger operators, marshals, bird stewards, traffic directors, equipment luggers, judges, and food providers. Thank you Eric and your excellent gunners. Thank you Roxanna – HT Secretary and caterer. Thank you Audie and Scott for being at all the set-ups and planning, providing, and setting up equipment – the rest of us may have thought we worked hard, but it was nothing compared to what you two did.

Thanks for a great effort from everybody.

Margaret and Cathy

Harry has a Lingerie Fetish

I have no idea how my precious young "son" accomplished this latest escapade, but he never ceases to amaze me with his antics.

I have a lovely finished basement that serves as a laundry room in part, but mostly is the doggie play room. I typically do my laundry and fold it there, putting it neatly in the basket as it gets folded.

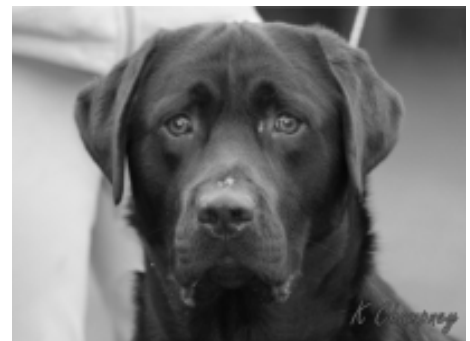
Well recently, when I was taking my laundry upstairs to put it away, I could not find any of my bras. Perplexed, I searched everywhere.

Now, what you must understand, is when I fold my clothes, I just layer it as it comes out of the dryer so the clothing is just mingled (i.e., sweaters, sweatshirts, undies, jeans, etc.). Nothing in the baskets had been tussled, unfolded, messed up or disturbed. All the clothing was still folded neatly in the basket. I just gave up!

A few days later, I was washing the dog beds (which consist of several cozy fleece sheets in each crate). LO AND BEHOLD—Mr. Harry, Esq. had all of my missing bras, undamaged and unchewed, all tucked into his beds and he was resting his head on them!!!

How in God's name he ever got those bras out of the laundry basket without unfolding or disturbing the other clothing I will never figure out!!! That boy just always makes me laugh—what fun, eh? Never a dull moment with Harry around!

Marianne L. Rousseau, Esquire
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CLUB NEWS

SECOND ANNUAL OBEDIENCE RALLY TRIALS!

The club is holding its Second Annual Obedience and Rally Trials at Masterpeace Dog Training Center on March 1 & 2, 2008. Please support the club by volunteering to work for part of the time. Contact Fran Masters to help steward: masterpeacedog@aol.com, or contact Gerrie Owren for other possibilities. There will be a catered lunch for a small fee, and a raffle. Contact Robin Anderson to donate raffle items: grampianlabs@comcast.net.

The premium is on the web site: www.lrcgb.org

The Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston

2008 Dues Notice

Annual dues for the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston are now due

Dues are \$ 20.00

The printed label on Ottertales is the most recent address on file. Please make any necessary corrections. It's important for your information to be accurate so you can get Club info. Please submit payment by March 1, 2008. Remember, you will need to participate in an activity in 2008 to remain a member in good standing and for your membership to be renewed in 2009.

Send dues payment by check payable to LRCGB to:

Karen Kennedy, Membership

The Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Kennel Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Interests: Breeder: ___ Conformation: ___ Field ___

Obedience ___ Agility: _____

Lab Rescue: _____

Other: _____

At which event or activity did you help the Club in 2007:

At which event or activity will you help the Club in 2008:

Hunt Test Know How

Seminar with Julie Cairns & Jim Drager

Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6, 2008 8 a.m.

We will meet at the Country Hearth Motel (formerly the King's Inn) at 8 am for Classroom Instruction and then move to Peakebrooke Farm in Woodstock, CT each afternoon for Field Demonstrations.

Registration Fee: \$125 per person, \$175 for 2 people from the same household

Join us for a fun-filled, educational weekend. Please bring your own lunches and drinks. The Motel Headquarters is the Country Hearth Motel in Putnam, CT. Phone: 860-928-7961. If you plan on staying at the Country Hearth, mention the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston for a discounted room rate.

Here's just some of the topics covered at a handler's seminar:

- Differences between AKC / NAHRA/ UKC Hunt Tests
- Evaluating your dog and developing a training strategy
- The effects of natural and man made elements, including distance, cover, terrain, wind, water, diversions, decoys, and more
- How judges set up tests, score dogs and what they expect from you and your dog
- Types of tests - conceptual vs. technical
- Handling strategies - why you need one, how to get one, what works, and what doesn't
- How to interpret the rules and what the rule book really says
- Exclusive 30 page course text booklet for each participant
- For more information visit their website at www.hunttestknowhow.com Or email ARgould5@aol.com

Registration Form Deadline: March 25, 2008

Please send completed registration form and check made payable to LRCGB to:

Roxanna Gould, 10 Annis Road, Hermon, ME 04401

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

We will also need 2 "demo dogs" at Junior, Senior, and Master level. Dogs will be selected by a random drawing. These dogs must be able to perform all requirements of that level. If you are interested in being in this drawing, please indicate that below:

Dog's Name: _____ **Level:** _____

Obedience + Rally TROPHIES, LRCGB Specialty

4-H FAIRGROUNDS, WESTFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

2 TRIALS - 2 DAYS - Labs ONLY!

Thursday, June 12 and Friday 13, 2008

All regular Obedience and Rally classes will offer the same prizes for each placement.

The cost to sponsor a class is \$20.

Classes and prizes may be co-sponsored

Members can donate prizes for Non-regular classes

Regular Classes Obedience: Novice A , Open A , Utility A ,
Novice B, Open B, Utility B

Non-regular classes: Veterans, Brace, Pre-Novice, NEW!!!
WILD CARD Novice, Open & Utility!!!

Rally O

Novice A , Advanced A, Excellent A, Novice B,

Advanced B, Excellent B,

NEW!!! PAIRS RALLY!

Plus - Special prizes:

High in Trial, High Combined (Open B/Utility A or B)

Labs with Agility/Hunting/Tracking etc. titles per class or trial.

Class/Date Description of Trophy/Prize

Preference

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. Trophy fund: _____

Please make checks out to: **LRCGB**

If you have questions write or call me:

Thank you in advance for your help,

Gerrie Owren, Obedience Trophy Chair, 2008

Email: gerrieo@verizon.net,

Home phone: 401 295-7209, W - 401 874-7635

Address: 315 Railroad Ave, Saunderstown, RI 02874

BREED TROPHIES

LRCGB Specialty

4-H Grounds, Chelmsford, MA

2 TRIALS - 2 DAYS - Labs ONLY!

Thursday, June 12 and Friday, 13, 2008

If you would like to donate a trophy/prize and have a preference for a class or special prize, please email or mail your choice to me by Feb. 22, 2008 (Your name and a description of trophy/prize is needed by this date).

Cash Prizes are always welcomed. Please make checks out to LRCGB.

REGULAR CLASSES

Puppy Dogs, 6-9 months, Puppy Dogs, 9-12 months, Junior Dogs, 12-18 months, Novice Dogs, Bred-by-Exhibitor Dogs, American-Bred Dogs, Open Dogs Black, Open Dogs Yellow, Open Dogs Chocolate, Winners Dog

(Above Classes Same for Bitches)

BEST OF BREED COMPETITION

NON-REGULAR CLASSES – Involving Single Dog Entries

Hunting Retriever, Dogs/Bitches (JH or Better)

Field Trial, Dogs/Bitches (JAM or Placement in any AKC Licensed Retriever Field Trial Stake)

Veteran Classes, For any dog which is 8-10 years old (Same for Bitches)

Veteran Classes, For any dog which is 10-12 years old (Same for Bitches)

Veteran Classes, For an dog which is 12 years and older (Same for Bitches)

Best Bred By Exhibitor, Best Veteran in Regular Classes, Best Puppy

Class/Date Description of Trophy/Prize

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. Date and class as needed:

If you have questions, write or call me: Carla Hyndman, Trophy Chair, 2008, 17 Kimball Rd., Londonderry, NH 03053

Thank you in advance for contributing! 603-434-6260
saltlabs@aol.com



Member Accomplishments

UKC GOTCH, SR Gypsybog's Comet, JH,UDX,RE,CGC,WC/WCI,ASCA UD,APDT RN o/h Sue Pickel, bred by Karen Kase earned her UKC GrandOTCh with two High Combined scores. Currently the highest ranked Labrador, overall 11th in Open and 13th in Utility, Comet has also qualified for the 2008 UKC invitation.

Gypsybog's St. Lawrence Lazy Days, JH o/h/b Karen Kase & Michael Caisse finished her JH title at the LRCGB HRT.

NEW MASTER HUNTER: Nanny's Little Boomerang CD MH Sire CH Willcare's Masterpiece CD JH, Dam Nanny's Little Buelah Marie, Owner Nan Foster Thanks to Buck Shope ,Boomer received his final MH leg at the LRCGB hunt test this fall.

NEW JUNIOR HUNTERS: Mirabelle WoodDuck Carbon Copy JH (Can. Ch. Wood Duck's Captain Morgan x Mirabelles Truly Scrumptious) earned his Junior Hunter title this past summer. Carbon is owned by **Milly Secco, Dana Loud** and **Jeanne Charest** and trained by Milly Secco.

Mirabelles SBJ Diesel JH (**Am./Can. Ch. Nightwind Start Your Engines CD, JH, CC** X Mirabelles Truly Scrumptious) earned his Junior Hunter title this past August 2007! Diesel is owned and trained by Milly Secco.

NEW CHAMPION: Our "Skye" went Winners Bitch/Best of Winners/Best of Opposite Sex at the Framingham District Kennel Club Show on November 10th for her 2nd major to complete her American Championship! She is now known as: Am/Can CH Nightwind Positive Vibration. We are so proud of our girl!

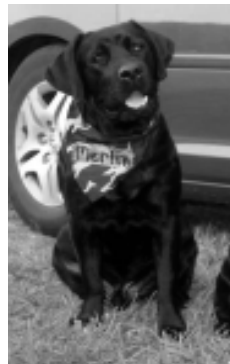
Earlier this fall, our "Jammer" aka Nightwind We're Jammin' went Winners Dog/Best of Winners/Best of Breed over specials at the Berks County Kennel Club show on September 16th. Good boy Jammer! (Peggy Lands)

NEW CHAMPION: Ch Snowden Hill Mango Crazy, RA, JH, WC, CGC, CC finished her breed championship with a five point major under Diane Buxton on October 25, 2007 at the Caribbean Classic Kennel Club Shows. Mango was handled to her majors by Kathryn Mines. Bred by Gladys W. Rogers (Ch Dickendall Davaron Gable x Snowden Hill My Friend Irma), 'Mango' is owned by Robin Anderson, Jen Leitao, and Gerrie Owren. Mango thanks her 'TEAM' for helping her get to where she is today.



Mango is also very pleased to brag about her sister 'Maisie', who got a first place with Mango in the Brace Comptetition at the PRLRC Specialty on Friday, September 21, 2007

Mango's kids have their own brags: Grampian Raptor Mystique RN, CGC, CC went BOB at the UKC Connecticut Classic on October 13th. Merlin's sisters, Lola and Dazzle (Grampian Lola Tortola Viking RN, JH, WC, CGC, CC and Grampian Bedizened Viking, RN, JH, WC, CGC, CC also have UKC BOB's and Gun Dog Group II's to their credit at shows in September and October. All three



Mangolians had Junior Handlers take them to this level of competition. Further, Lola won the Bred By Class on the Cape September 17, 2007, and went on to win the Brace Competition with littermate Dazzle at the PRLRC Specialty on Thursday, September 20, 2007 under Marion Lyons.Both Lola and Dazzle placed both days in the Hunting Retriever class at the same specialty along with Mommy Mango. Merlin is owned by Barb Burri. Lola and Dazzle are owned by Robin Anderson and Gerrie Owren.

Congratulations to the Danbridge dogs that have had a busy Fall:

DANBRIDGE PIN-UP GIRL (Betty) - 1st BBE Bitch and RWB - Carroll County (Sunday)

1st Open Black - Mid-Jersey LRC Specialty - Friday

DANBRIDGE BLACKJACK (Jack) - 1st 6-9 Puppy Dog - Carroll County - Sat. & Sun.

DANBRIDGE HENRY J (Hank) - PRLRC - 1st Reg & Swps 6-9 Puppy Dog Thurs & Fri , BOSSW - Thurs , - Mid-Jersey LRC - 1st Swps 9-12

Puppy Dog - Thurs , 1st Reg Class 9-12 Puppy Dog Thurs & Fri , BEST PUPPY - Thurs , - LRCP Bare Bones - 1st Swps 9-12 , 2nd Reg Class , BOSSW , - Middleburg KC - 1st Reg & Swps 9-12, RWD at Souhegan KC on Sunday from the 9-12 Puppy Class



DANBRIDGE HIGH SOCIETY (Reenie) - PRLRC - 1st Swps 6-

9 Puppy Bitch Thurs , - 1st Reg Class 6-9 - Friday , Mid-Jersey - 2nd Swps 9-12 - Thurs , LRCP Bare Bones - 2nd Reg & Swps 9-12 , Middleburg - 2nd Reg & Swps

Windsor's Sweet Ginger Brown UD,CGC, (Ch Flying Cloud's Tai-Pan x Windsor's Sweet Georgia Brown CDX, CGC) completed her Rally Advanced and one leg in Rally Excellence on November 3rd and 4th 2007 at the Burlington Obedience Training Club, Essex Junction, Vermont. Ginger is owned and handled by Joan Sullivan.

Meadowbrooks Emma Hart Breaker, CD, CGC bred by Linda Murray, earned two RN legs and one CD leg at the LRCGB specialty on June 14th and 15, 2007. She completed her CD title at the Carroll County Kennel Club event in North Conway, NH on Sept. 9th with a 196 and first place. Emma is owned and handled by Joan Sullivan

Sandy Madden's Tower Hill Sassie Cassie got her third leg for her CDX!

News from **Pleasant Pine**: Karen and Dick Kennedy **have been busy with their gang!**

"Morgan" aka Wilmark's Jus 1 Mor at Pleasant Pine, JH, WCX, CC, CGC and Dick were busy in the field this summer. they completed their **WCI, WCX** and earned their **first SH leg**.

Not to be outdone, **Karen and "Cinder" aka Pleasant Pine's Making A Mark, Am/Can CD, SH, WCX, Can WC, CC, CGC**, completed their **SH** and has **2 CDX legs**, her last one earned the first weekend in Nov with a 4th placement at the Vermont Obedience Trials. AND: **"Mattie" aka Pleasant Pine's A Bit of Mischief, CD, SH, WCX, Can WC,CC, CGC and Karen** finished their **CD** in three straight trials, ending with a 3rd placement.

OTCH Westwind Nite-Sky of Montana UDX8 earned a perfect 200 in the Open B class at the Queensboro show in West Springfield on Oct. 26, 2007 Montana earned another perfect 200 in the Open B class the following weekend at the Bullmastiff shows held in Franklin Ma. on November 4th, 2007 Montana and is owned and bred by Beth Chapman, Westwind Labradors.

NEW RALLY TITLE: Jet did it again!! Graewall's Pretty As A Picture CDX JH WCI CC CGC TDI ...qualified October 19th and 20th in Rally at the Mid -Jersey Lab Club Speciality in the rain!!! She has since finished her Rally Novice title and is now known as Graewall's Petty AS A Picture CDX JH RN WCI CC CGC TDI. Jet is owned and trained by Marlene Lendrim.

Bob and Marie Walls' veteran Can.Ch Broadway Necessities MsLogan JH,CD,WC,RN,TDI,CGC went best veteran in breed and Sporting Group 1 Veteran at the PVKC show and finished her Rally Excellent Title. Logan will be 10 November 17th and is competing in the open obedience ring and loves it.

Our Slippery When Wet Son,Broadway's Bare Foot In The Park was awarded his Canadian championship at the ALRC Specialty in September and earned his working certificate at the PHRC's WC Test in October and is now off to the rally ring.

Broadway's Blazin Hot Chocolate earned his working certificate at th PHRC WC Test in October at fourteen months,his grandfather was a master hunter.

Two of our puppies were donated to the Neads service dog program.They have been named Lincoln and Currahee and are doing well at their early learning center.

Suki Noble wants to brag! Nor'land Naiad Hot Ticket qualified for a WCI and WCX at the LRCGB Test in Hopkinton on July 22 at 16 months of age. She is co-owned by me and Doris Aylward. Also BZ and Blue who had previously received their HRCH titles have since qualified for their Upland Hunter titles at the Guns Up HRC in Maine Oct 7th under jjudges Audie Gould and Paul Stewart.

NEW JUNIOR HUNTER: Devonshire Blackthorn Saffron JH (BISS AM CH Valleywood Blackthorn Brier x AM CH Devonshire's Sophia Loren) earned his Junior Hunter title this summer. Saffron is owned by Frances Plessner and Ingrid Jackson and trained by Frances Plessner.

NEW JUNIOR HUNTER: "Hitch" Contender's Hitchin' A Ride JH (FC AFC TNT's Mr. Peabody Prairiemarsh x Taylorlab South Side That's My Girl) completed his Junior Hunter at the Penobscot July Hunt Test. Owners: Dave Sears & Pattie Duddy, Handled by Pattie Duddy

NEW MASTER HUNTER: Marion Amidon's Rosie (Moosehead's Prairie Rose) got her SH this summer and her first Master leg last weekend at our Lab Club test. She gave me the weekend of dreams come true at the test. I'm really proud of her.

MORE NEW MASTER HUNTERS: "Rocky" Riverbenz Rebel's Rollingrock MH (FC-AFC Rebel With A Cause x Talgarth's Hog Wild MH) completed his Master Hunter at the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston's September Hunt test. Breeder/Owner/Handler Dave Sears.

Tessa completed her master hunter title at the Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac hunt test. She is now Chucklebrook Silvercreek Tessa CDX, MH. Bred by Diane Pilbin she is owned by Joey and Alex Edsall - trained and handled by Joey

Her daughter Trudy and son Teddy completed their junior hunter titles this summer. Chucklebrook Trudy at Snowbrook JH and Chucklebrook Theodore at Snowbrook JH (Trudy finished at the Yankee Golden Retriever Club test and Teddy at the LRCGB test) Bred, owned, and handled by Joey and Alex Edsall

Gayle Abrams' Molly, Eternity's Major Believer RE, is now Eternity's Major Believer CD RE, she earned her final leg for her CD at the PRLRC Specialty on Friday September 21, with a score of 189 and First Place in the class. she also earned her 5th RAE leg the same day with first place wins in Rally Advnaced with a score of 98 and Rally Excellent with a score of 97.

NEW CHAMPION: Am/Can Ch. Woodhull's Roger (Bonaventure Lubberline Viscount x Ch. Woodhull's Frankly My Dear) earned his American Champion Title with a 5 point major at the Pawcatuck River Labrador Retriever Club Specialty on September 21st under breeder judge Mrs. Susan Huntzinger! September has been quite a month, with Roger winning a 4 point major at the Jersey Skylands Labrador Retriever Specialty on the 7th under breeder judge Mr. Tony Floyd! Roger's son, Venetian's Copy That, was Best Puppy at Jersey Skylands on September 8th under breeder judge Mrs. Maureen Floyd! Roger and Copy are owned by LRCGB members Abby and Bob Crosby. Roger is bred by Abby's sister, Corey Anger, Woodhull Labradors, and

Got Brags? email them to Robin to be included in future publications. grampianlabs@comcast.net Want them on the web? Email Rainer Fuchs: rainer@fuchsamerica.com

Copy is bred by Charlotte Veneziano, Venetian Labradors.

Woodhull's Great Gunner, CGC (Am/Can Ch. Venetian's Blackwatch Bravo x Beechcroft Woodhull Hallelujah) was WD with a 5 point major at the Pawcatuck River Labrador Retriever Club Specialty on September 20th under breeder judge Mrs. Marion Lyons! Gunner is owned by LRCGB members Abby and Bob Crosby, and bred by Abby's sister, Corey Anger, Woodhull Labradors. Gunner is Roger's uncle!

Club members Viking Hil' die Tanzbarin RN, JH, CGC, CC (Hildi, owned by Gerrie Owren and Robin Anderson) and littermates Viking Surf's Up, JH (Surfer, owned by Mel Losea) & Viking Patriot's Dream, JH (Brady, owned by Scott Baum) are very proud of their Dad, Buzz. Nine year old **Ch Aquarius**

Centercourt Delight

earned his first Junior Hunter Leg on October 28, 2007 on Long Island where several of his fans came to watch. Buzz is owned by Kathy Sneider and Julie McKinnon. He was trained and handled to this achievement by Gerrie and Robin. Thank you, Kathy and Julie for showing the world that Buzz is more than just a pretty face. You can



watch Buzz at work in videos: <http://www.youtube.com/profile?user=grampianlabs>. Buzz *WILL* finish his JH in 2008!

Beech Hill's Oscar, JH, RN, RA, WCI, CC CGC. He received his JH, RN, RA, WCI, & CGC this summer.

Beech Hill's Advtge Wetlands, JH, CGC. She received her JH and CGC this summer.

Graycroft's Tera at Beech Hill, JH, WC. She received her JH & WC this summer. She is also co-owned by myself and Anna Clark. Tera also went winners bitch, best of winners, & best of breed at the Central Maine Kennel Club show on August 31, 2007 and was handled by Lynn Thomas.

Beech Hill's Greenland Tikka, RN. She received her RN this summer.

Beech Hill Jake, WC. He received his WC this summer.

All my dogs are owner trained and handled, except Tera was shown by Lynn Thomas.

U-CD Burri's Celestial Kestrel, CD, RE, NA, CLS-2, CGC, CC finished her U-CD title on 9/29/07 at the Marshlands Obedience Club Trial in York, ME; her RE, Rally Excellent on 9/21,07 at the Pawcatuck River Labrador Retriever Club Specialty in North Stonington, CT, her NA at the Old Colony Agility Club Trial in Topsfield on 9/9, and her CD on July 29th at the Newtown Kennel Club show in West Springfield. Kestrel was bred by **Gregory J. McCarthy, Judith Clark, Susan C. Willumsen** (Ch Guideline's Master Card X Willcare's Miss Directed, JH), and is owned, loved, and handled by Barb Burri

Debi Gagnon's Peeptoad girls have had a busy agility season:

Corbett's Circus Windjammer completed her CL-1, CL-2 and NJP titles. Chase Farm Circus Dreamweav'r CGC completed her CL-2, CL-3, NA and NAJ.

Congratulations to Marlee, who completed her CDX in fine style at the Bullmastiff trials on November 3-4, 2007 in Franklin, MA. She is now UCD Birchangreen Martha Lee Blue, CDX, RE, JH, NA, NAJ, WC, CC, CGC. Bred by Nona King, she is loved and handled by Marianne and Ellen Brinker.

Merle's Door

Lessons from a Freethinking Dog

by Ted Kerasote

submitted by Debi Gagnon

Merle's Door is by far the most enjoyable and insightful dog book that I have ever read. I feel that anyone who truly considers themselves a dog person should take the time to read this book.

Mr. Kerasote was found by Merle, a Labrador mix, when he was on a hiking trip with friends in the mountains of Utah. Merle made his own decision to follow the group and stay at their campsites. When the group took a canoe to go back to their starting point, Merle chose to get in the canoe and return with them. The author was the only one in the party to be able to fit a dog in his life, so Merle returned to Wyoming with him.

Thus began an incredible bond of man and dog. Merle never had obedience training, hunting lessons, retrieving instructions, or even house manners training; yet he was as complete a dog as ever lived. Mr. Kerasote has written an account of Merle's life making frequent references to dog's origins and comparisons to the heritage of the wolf. All studies are documented and listed in the book.

Merle's adventures in the mountains with wildlife, skiing trips (yes, Merle had his own version of skiing) and his daily life is thoroughly enjoyable reading. Mr. Kerasote's love for his dog is shown in every page.

To quote Elizabeth Marshall Thomas, author of THE HIDDEN LIFE OF DOGS: "The best book ever written about dogs".

Puppies Available!

NycomaWay Moonshadow's Memory (PRLRC-BOW,BPIS; LRCP- 1st 15-18 & Sweeps, "Louie") x Gypsybog's Quinnapoxit Run, CD,JH,WCI ("Quinnie")

Hips, elbows and eyes clearances available

Blacks & yellows — January 2008

Karen Kase & Michael Caisse, Gypsybog Farm

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2007 Annual Awards

Its time to celebrate our 2007 accomplishments.

LRCGB member's dogs that earned the following titles in the calendar year 2007 will receive our traditional gold and white Award of Merit Ribbon, to be presented at our Annual Meeting. All title winners will also be listed in our 2008 Specialty Show Catalog. **In order to be eligible for an Award Ribbon, you must have completed your 2007 work requirements.**

Eligible Titles - **Please Note that both American and Canadian Titles are eligible.**

Conformation

CH - Champion

CC – Conformation Certificate

Agility

MACH – Master Agility Champion

MX - Master Agility Excellent

MXJ – Master Agility Jumpers

AX - Agility Excellent

AXJ – Excellent Agility Jumpers

OA - Open Agility

OAJ – Open Agility Jumpers

AX - Agility Excellent

NA – Novice Agility

NAJ – Novice Agility Jumpers

Obedience

OTCH - Obedience Trial Champion

UDX - Utility Dog Excellent

UD - Utility Dog

CDX -Companion Dog Excellent

CD - Companion Dog

PN – Pre Novice

CGC – Canine Good Citizen

Rally

RN - Rally Novice

RA – Rally Advanced

RE – Rally Excellent

RAE – Rally Advanced Excellent

VCD1 – Versatile Companion Dog 1

VCD2 – Versatile Companion Dog 2

VCD3 - Versatile Companion Dog 3

VCD4 – Versatile Companion Dog 4

Field/Hunt Events

FC - Field Trial Champion

AFC - Amateur Field Trial Champion

MH - Master Hunter

SH - Senior Hunter

JH - Junior Hunter

WC - Working Certificate (**LRC, Inc. Test**)

WCI - Working Certificate

Intermediate (**LRCGB Sponsored Test**)

WCX - Working Certificate

Excellent (**LRCGB Sponsored Test**)

Tracking

TDX - Tracking Dog Excellent

TD - Tracking Dog

Please copy the form below and send one for each dog that earned a title. Additional Award of Merit ribbons can be purchased for co-owners/breeders/etc. at the cost of seven dollars (\$7.00) each. If you are unable to attend the LRCGB Annual Meeting, the ribbons will also be available at the Spring Match, June Specialty and the July Working Certificate or they can be mailed for an additional two dollars (\$2.00).

Mail to: Peggy Lands, LRCGB Award of Merit, 26 Theodore Drive, Leominster, MA 01453

AWARD OF MERIT INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 26, 2008

PLEASE PRINT

Dogs Registered Name(with new titles)

Titles Earned in 2007

Owner (club member)

Breeder (club member)

Address

Pick up or Mail (\$2.00 each)

No. of Additional Ribbons(\$7.00 each)

Total Enclosed:



LRCGB WINTER FUN DAY SHOW AND GO

February 3, 2008

at

PERFORMANCE PLUS Dog Training Center

201 Alfred Lord Boulevard - Rte 140 Taunton, MA 02780

508-821-PLUS

Fun Day is for LRCGB Member's Only

Breed : Sweepstakes: Julie MacKinnon, Regular Classes: Peggy Lands, Juniors: Sarah Crepeau

Puppies 2-4, 4-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-18

Novice, Bred By, Amer. Bred, Open

Yellow, Open Chocolate, Open Black Bitch or Dog

Thirty minute handling class before the start of Sweeps

Obedience: Utility: Beth Chapman

Open, Novice: Donna Gray

\$9.00 first entry, \$7.00 second entry same dog, Please indicate number of times entering

Obedience to start at 9:00am Conformation at 9:30 AM

Lunch and soda will be available.

Directions:

Rte 495 North to EXIT 9, Go SOUTH (left) on Bay Street heading towards Taunton

Come to traffic light – take a RIGHT onto Industrial Park Road (entrance to Myles Standish Industrial Park), Follow all the way through the park out to Route 140

Go LEFT (south) on Route 140 (heading towards Taunton)

Travel 1.4 miles – look for business sign on left (just after Standish Gas Station which is on the right).

Turn LEFT at sign.

Rte 495 South to EXIT 11 – Rte 140 South, Travel 7.4 miles south on Rte 140 – look for business sign on left (just after Standish Gas Station which is on the right).

Turn LEFT at sign.

ENTRY FORM

Separate Form for each dog, please.

\$9.00 first entry, \$7.00 second entry same dog

Obedience to start at 9:00am Conformation at 9:30am

Send Obedience entries to Beth Teixeira, 57 Martha Road Rumford R.I. 02916

Any questions: email Macgregorlabs@cox.net or call (401-440-3387)

Send pre-entries for Sweepstakes and Conformation to Gayle Abrams, 77 Summer Street Rehoboth, Ma 02769 508-252-4809 CandyAcres77@aol.com

Must pre-register for sweepstakes classes

Entry Fee: \$_____ by Pre-Entry.

Closing Date January 31, 2008.

Dog's Name: _____

Sex: _____

First Dog Show Class: _____

Second Dog Show Class: _____

First Jump Height: _____

Second Jump Height: _____

Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____

City / Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Make checks payable to LRCGB

**Rocky is now
Riverbenz Rebel's Rollingrock MH**



Big congratulations from Team Fremont to Rocky and Dave on their Master Hunter.

Look out Field Trials here they come!!

Breeder/Owner/Handler: Dave Sears

Riverbenz Labradors



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Email submissions to:
grampianlabs@comcast.net

Publications deadlines are:

Spring	February 15
Summer	May 15
Fall	August 15
Winter	November 15

Braggs and In Memoriam

Free of Charge for members. Please include name of dog, owner, breeder, pertinent dates, and a high resolution photo.

Litter Listings:

Members may list litters for \$5 per litter. Please include all information: Name of parents, clearances, and contact information.

Advertising:

Full page: \$25
Half page: \$15
Quarter page: \$10
Business Card: \$5

Camera ready art is preferable, but not required. Submit your ads on CD or email to grampianlabs@comcast.net. No floppy disks please.

Payments for all ads and listings should be sent to:

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AKC is increasing Recording and Event Service Fees for
January 1, 2008.

http://www.akc.org/events/event_service_fees_faq.cfm

Send litter and puppy announcements to
Barb Burri: bburri@comcast.net

The Labrador Retriever Club of
Greater Boston's web site had a face lift.
www.lrcgb.org
Have a look!

Do you have something to contribute to this
publication? Email it to Robin:

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Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Opens/Closes
February 3, 2008	LRCGB WINTER FUN DAY SHOW AND GO Performance Plus		January 31, 2008
March 1 and 2, 2008	All Breed Obedience and Rally Trials	MasterPeace Dog Training Center	
	Contact Gerrie Owren Gerrieo@verizon.net or Pam Kimel		
January 26	Annual Awards Form	Form due to Peggy Lands	
March 2008	Annual Dues Due		
April 5 & 6	Hunt test Know How	Contact Audie Gould	March 25, 2008

Junior Hunter photos taken on Sunday September 23, 2007 are at this web site for
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www.adigitalmoment.photorelect.com

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