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From the President

This is probably my last Otter Tale presidential message as I am stepping down in March after 4 years at the helm of this club. Some presidents get to have credit for great new things, some get blamed for wars or economic crises. Being president of the Labrador club is much easier than that, no recessions for which to take blame, no armed conflicts that need resolution ☐

I'm pleased to have been able to keep our ship afloat, perhaps not moving with any great direction, but through the efforts of many, many volunteers we have a Fun Match, a Spring Match, a Specialty, 2 hunt tests, a working Certificate test, an Obedience/Rally trial and an Agility trial. All these activities happen every year, as well as a few Seminars (Connie Cleveland, AKC Hunting Judges Seminar), and our club's participation in the 2011 LRC National.

A club president gets asked a lot of questions, some about policy, some about useful things such as "Where's the ice?". A Lab club president gets to meet a lot of very nice people, who are as crazy about their dogs as the president is. A Lab Club president gets to see America's favorite breed doing all the versatile stuff they are bred to do from a front row seat. And a Lab Club president gets to make a lot of new friends and acquaintances, which is the best benefit of all.

Thank you to everyone for your support over these past 4 years. I will see you ringside and perhaps even out in the field.

Barb Burri

Club News

<http://www.lrcgb.org/blog/>

Check out this new area of our club site.

Winter Match

January 29th, MasterPeace
Conformation, and Obedience
And a CGC Test!!!

Photos of events are on the club web site:
www.lrcgb.org

Judging Details to follow: Check the web site for more detailed info.

A great opportunity to show off your puppies or work on obedience skills Regular conformation Classes and Sweeps

\$8.00 first entry \$6.00 second entry, \$8.00 Canine Good Citizen Test

Conformation start 8:30

Obedience 9:00

Lunch

Potluck Lunch:soda, utensils, paper goods pro-vided by LRCGB sug-
gested categories:

A-F appetizer G-L side dish

M -R Main Dish S-Z dessert

Send Entries to Barb Burri—8 Ridgewood Rd Plaistow NH 03865 or
email to: bburri@comcast.net



LRCGB Winter Match Entries

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dogs Name: _____

Gender: _____ Age: _____

Jump Height _____

First Entry _____

Second Entry _____



Triple Crown 2011

The purpose of the Triple Crown competition is to promote overall working performance and versatility in Labrador Retrievers. Points will be awarded for participation in the spring conformation and obedience match and in the summer working certificate test. The dog with the highest total score will be awarded the Triple Crown.

First Place:

Merlin, Grampian Raptor Mystique, Barb Burri.

200 pts conformation, 200 pts obedience, 150 pts in retrieving = 550

Second Place:

Luke, Jayhawks Cool Hand Luke of Little River, Joan Viator.

200 pts conformation, 200 pts obedience, 100 pts in retrieving=500

Third Place:

Emmy, Danbridge Kathryn's Emmy Award, Shirley Cardello.

200 conformation 1st, 150 Obedience 2nd = 350

LRC National Obedience Update:

If you are one of the disappointed folks who didn't get into obedience at the LRC national specialty (or even if you did get in but could have missed out) Please let the events committee know via email. I've included the link to the national committee and to emails of folks doing this year's show this year's chairs of course would not be chairing the next national specialty, but the feedback to have unlimited entry and work out the judging situation to be able to support all labradors could be very useful for next year's planning.

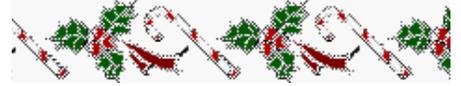
Labs are an all around breed, and with entries decreasing in obedience and rally, it's a shame that folks were turned away. Knowing ahead the volume might help for better planning next time...thanks

http://www.thelabradorclub.com/subpages/show_contents.php?page=Nat.+Spec.+Events+Com.

http://www.thelabradorclub.com/subpages/national_contacts.php

Christmas Puppy?

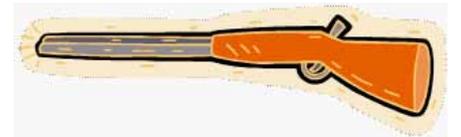
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Changes to the AKC Hunting Test Rules

This document can be found on the AKC Retriever Hunting Test website at:

www.akc.org/pdfs/events/hunting_tests/retrievers/Changes_Regulations_Nov2011.pdf.





LRCESB Obedience and Rally Trials
Obedience - Saturday, March 3, 2012
Rally - Sunday, March 4, 2012

This is the club's All Breed - Obedience and Rally Trials

The prize for 1st place in each class is \$20.00

If you would like to sponsor a class (s) please fill out the form (please list preferences, 1, 2 and 3)

And mail to me (please include your check made out to LRCESB):

Gerrie Owen, Trophy Chair
315 Railroad Ave., Saunderson, RI 02874

Classes that are offered are:

Obedience:	Rally:
Utility A and B	Rally Excellent A and B
Open A and B	Rally Advanced A and B
Novice A and B	Rally Novice A and B

High In Trial-\$50 & High Combined-\$25

Please include how you would like to have your donation listed:
ex: Sponsored by Grampian Labs in Memory of Bessie

Name: _____

Class: 1 _____ **2** _____ **3** _____

Thanks you for your support! Gerrie, Trophy Chair

Contact info: Gerrie@verizon.net

AKC Rally Changes

These changes go into effect on April 1, 2012.

Some administrative changes include, number of dogs judged to 20 dogs per hour instead of 22. Changing the tie in to an obedience event to 72 hours instead of 24; allowing clubs more flexibility in having rally and obedience. Adding an RAE entry when entries are limited much like the UDX entry in obedience, allowing an entry binding advanced and excellent for those attempting RAE legs. High combined awards for Advanced B and Excellent B will now be allowed.

Some significant scoring changes will be made.

Luring and pleading will now be 10 point penalties, natural manner will be required. This will hopefully eliminate air cookies, pleading, and traveling the course bent over the dog begging and lead to more well prepared Rally performances.

New novice signs:

- Figure 8 no distractions,
- Halt left turn forward,
- Halt right turn forward,
- Call front return to heel the handler walks around and changes direction

- Halt slow forward from sit

New advanced signs:

- Halt Stand,
- Halt pivot right forward,
- Halt pivot left forward,
- Halt leave dog 2 steps call to heel forward

New Excellent signs:

- Down while heeling (call to heel), (2 sign sequence)
- Stand while heeling (call to heel), (2 sign sequence)
- Stand leave dog , sit dog call front finish, (2 sign sequence)
- Send to jump, this is a go out to the jump, handler doesn't pass by.
- Stand leave dog , down dog, recall, (2 sign sequence)
- Double left about,
- Stay exercise – sit stay, handler gets their leash, dog waits

http://www.akc.org/pdfs/about/board_minutes/1111.pdf at the end of this month's minutes the full text of changes is found.

Pyothorax

researched by Barb Burri, MEd, MBA, CVT, RVT

Pyothorax is literally pus in the thoracic cavity, the area protected by the ribs, wherein lie the lungs and heart. The heart and lungs are surrounded by a double layer membrane, the pleura, and typically pyothorax takes place within this space. Pleural effusion, fluid in the pleura, is a typical finding. The initial symptoms may be difficulty breathing, exercise intolerance, poor performance in the field. As the accumulation affects the ability of the lungs to expand, the dog will have labored breathing, open mouth breathing, and may exhibit a reluctance to lie down as well as anorexia and lethargy. Fever, difficulty inhaling and weight loss are often found signs.

Diagnosis is often made by x-rays and thoracocentesis, using a sterile puncture to draw off fluid from the pleural space for study. If the dog is having a lot of difficulty breathing, thoracocente-

sis will be performed first to draw off excess fluid, allowing the lungs to expand more easily. The accumulating fluid and pus can cause atelectasis, the collapse of a portion of the lung and reduction of the breathing volume, removing fluid will ease breathing. If removing fluid doesn't help, there may be a different diagnosis such as pneumothorax, air in the chest, or other types of pleuritis, inflammation of the pleura.

Generally thoracocentesis can be performed with a local anesthetic, which is good because general anesthesia is more of a risk when the lungs are compromised. Culture of the fluid drawn off is important to identify the bacteria, and which drugs to which it may be sensitive.

Treatment includes drainage and lavage, a rinsing out of the pleural cavity, and antibiotics. Drainage can be via intermittent or continuous suction. Before lavage, most of the fluid should be removed, to give room for the lavage fluid. Antibiotics alone without drainage are not effective. Sometimes thoracotomy, cutting into the chest is required. This would be needed to remove foreign objects, resecting damaged tissue, or draining pockets of fluids.

What causes pyothorax? Wounds to the chest or neck, grass awns such as foxtail migrating into the chest, esophageal perforations, lung parasites, spread from other infected areas, or iatrogenic, caused by treatment, from thoracocentesis or thoracic surgery. Breathing in grass awns can also be a cause. There is a high percentage of cases in sporting dogs, who tend to spend much time working and training in high grasses.

http://cp.vetlearn.com/Media/PublicationsArticle/PV_25_03_180.pdf

https://secure.vlsstore.com/Media/PublicationsArticle/PV_25_03_172.pdf

Snowden Hill Miss DaisyMae, SH RA, WCX, CGC, CC (one MH leg) had pyothorax. Because of how close we are to this disease, I thought it might be interesting to read about our experience with it.

When you train a dog at an advanced level in the AKC hunting program, you are intimately involved with all aspects of the dog's life. You watch every nuance of behavior from appetite, sociability with pack mates and humans, physical posture, and eagerness to work on a regular basis. Since training takes place every day rain or shine you know when a dog is 'on' and when she's not, and you think about what you experienced in reviewing the training while making your own dinner or nodding off to sleep. This helps plan the next training session to be successful.

Gerrie Owren, as most of you know, is DaisyMae's co-owner and primary trainer. Over the course of the past four years, DaisyMae has had Lyme Disease, which we've treated successfully with doxycycline. As of July 2011 she was tested again and deemed cured. We always knew when she was suffering from a Lyme flare up because she would lose her training enthusiasm and seem pokey when she usually runs with gusto and retrieves with delight.

At the end of September 2011 DaisyMae was just a little 'off' in training. She was off enough that Gerrie's training partners noticed that DaisyMae lacked her usual enthusiasm. She did the work; she did what she was asked to do, but lacked the gusto. Gerrie mentioned this to me, and we agreed to put her on the

antibiotics again because of her history with Lyme. Thankfully DaisyMae popped back in 24 hours, and trained and ran two more Master tests with her usual happiness. She didn't pass, but she was happy.

A mix-up in communication between Gerrie and me resulted in DaisyMae having only 10 days of the meds rather than the 4 usual weeks. This was when Gerrie noticed DaisyMae was off her food and was acting lethargic and grumpy. Her posture was low in the front rather than up and spirited. She had a general all over malaise, typical of her having Lyme again. Gerrie called the vet, who said to put her back on the Doxy and to finish the course this time.

After a week of the meds, DaisyMae was worse. I got her back on Monday evening and had her to my vet Tuesday afternoon. The doctor did an exam on her and didn't find any obvious injury, no Lyme on a snap test, and could hear nothing irregular in her heart or lungs. When the doctor pushed on DaisyMae's shoulders and mid-spine, she got a painful reaction, but again, we were both thinking about Lyme symptoms and we were puzzled. The doctor took DaisyMae's temperature, which registered 103.2. Blood was drawn for both a more extensive Lyme report and a baseline blood test to see what her organs were doing. Before we left the clinic DaisyMae took sub-Q fluids and was sent home to observe and wait.

Wednesday the reports were puzzling at best. But DaisyMae had been awake at 4am with heavy breathing, but she seemed a little better and ate two meals and played a little in the yard. We had a similar night on Wednesday into Thursday morning. DaisyMae woke with general discomfort, and no appetite. I offered her fresh beef stew and other tempting things but she ate only a cup of the stew and refused to take her pills. By the afternoon she vomited everything and I took her back to the doctor for more tests which included a urinalysis (there was some albumin irregularities, but nothing of note).

The doctor and I sat and puzzled again over all the symptoms before she asked to take an x-ray of DaisyMae's stomach on the off chance there was a blockage. When she had DaisyMae on the table, she noted the heavy breathing and decided to snap a chest view. The panic in the doctor's eyes when she showed me the films was clear. This was an emergency.

From our vet's clinic I took DaisyMae to Bay State Veterinary in Swansea MA (an emergency all night hospital related to Ocean State Veterinary Specialists in East Greenwich, RI). To say the least, my husband was not happy when he saw the vet could have been his granddaughter, but I had the immediate sense that she was quite competent. DaisyMae had to spend the night. Her chest would be tapped to drain some fluid and give her some immediate breathing comfort. The fluids would be checked for bacteria. And she would get oxygen if needed. I left DaisyMae, who was so sick she didn't protest walking away with a stranger.

Later that night I got the call that my dog's chest was full of bacteria, so the doctor started her immediately on a pair of broad spectrum antibiotics, but her illness was not curable without a serious and expensive surgery. There were Band Aid approaches, but the gold standard was a thoracotomy.

Friday morning I took care of all the dogs at home and then drove

to transfer DaisyMae to Ocean State where a team of experienced doctors were waiting for her arrival. I barely got her name out of my mouth when a tech swooped in to take her for pre-op tests.

While DaisyMae was in good hands, I was as well. A receptionist cheerfully took me to a private room to wait for a very cheerful and honest doctor. She was clear about DaisyMae's illness, impending surgery, the timeline for recovery, and the costs. She told me when she looked at DaisyMae's general excellent athletic condition, that the dog was the best case scenario for this type of procedure. Still, when it was time to sign the code sheet, I told the doctor I didn't want anything heroic if DaisyMae looked bad on the table at any point. That was the hardest decision of the whole process...giving my permission to let her pass. Gerrie agreed with me that our girl was not to suffer for any reason.



By 1:30pm DaisyMae was in surgery with a whole team working on her. I got a call at 3:30pm from the surgeon about how it went, and what to expect in the week to come. When he told me DaisyMae was in recovery and had the staff watching her every breath, I finally relaxed and napped.

DaisyMae had two chest tubes to continue the chest flushing of the pus that was pressing on her heart and lungs. Fluids drained and were measured and cultured every four hours. She'd had her sternum cut to open her chest wide. Not only was there infection to medicate against, but pain meds to take for a broken rib cage. When we saw her on Saturday she had tubes in all her appendages and a 24 inch incision down the middle of her chest kept together with staples. She was puffy and dopey from all the drugs. But she wagged her tail and smiled at Gerrie and me, so we knew she was happy to have company.

She's home now. She came home on the Monday night after her Friday surgery. Yes, she looked rough the day after her procedure, but when I took her home she looked like her old self except for the 'Poodle' haircut. In just a week she's gained back all the weight she'd lost. She wags her tails, steals toys to take to her Recovery Suite, and loves to eat her usual treats at bedtime. She rests all day as if she knows it is the only way to get well.

DaisyMae has a long road to travel to be back to normal. One estimate is 4-6 months until she is 100%. I bought egg crate foam for her new bedding, covered it in fluffy fleece and feather down with a cool sheet to protect her ribs, and she's leash walked slowly and briefly several times a day. But she's home and the prognosis is excellent.

Gerrie and I decided her one Master leg will be her only Master leg. Training in the hunt test game is a team effort. DaisyMae will be back to full form physically and mentally, but Gerrie and I know the other half of the team is Gerrie. Gerrie will always worry about any time DaisyMae stumbles, coughs, sneezes, or otherwise acts less than 100%. When half the team has hesitations in thinking and training the team can't work to their full potential, and we won't give her less than our 100%.

The good news is that the Labrador Retriever is multi-purpose. DaisyMae has a bright future in the obedience ring! Look for her next starring role with Gerrie in that venue and please applaud for them. They'll make an awesome team.



Member Accomplishments

Congratulations to all of our members and their dogs on their successes at shows, trials, and tests!

the fact the couple that bought him, after having children discovered their kids were extremely allergic to him.

To have your accomplishments published in the Otter Tales and on our web site, please send all brags to the newsletter editor and to the web master.

Karen and Dick Kennedy and the Pleasant Pine Gang have had a GREAT 2011. Dick and Mattie, aka Pleasant Pine's A Bit of Mischief, CDX, SH, WCX, Can WC, CC, CGC, started the year by getting their 4th Master Hunter leg at the LRCGB Spring Hunt Test.

Then Karen and Cinder, aka Pleasant Pine's Making A Mark, UD, RA, SH, WCX, Can WC, CC, CGC, finished her Rally Advanced Title at the LRCGB Specialty in June. All her Qualification were with placements and 1 Perfect score. Not bad for a 9 1/2 yr old.

Also in June, Karen and Jade, aka Pleasant Pine's Hidden Treasure, CD, SH, WCX, CC, CGC, finished her Senior Hunting Title, then went on to get her Working Certificate Excellent Title in July at the LRCGB WC. They continued working and got their Canine Good Citizen in August.



On September 24/25th, Karen and Jade started their Companion Dog work earning 2 Qualification scores at the Sacarrappa Obedience Trials in Maine with 2 second placements

with scores of 197.5 and 196.5. At the LRC National Specialty (less than 2 weeks later) they finished their Companion Dog title with a 1st placement (195.5) and then earned a bumper leg with another 1st place (194.5).

Jade also earned her 1st Master Hunter leg at the Maine Retriever Hunt Test on Labor Day weekend.

Also at the LRC National Specialty, Karen and Nigel, aka Cedarwood's Always Playing at Pleasant Pine, debut in the Conformation ring and placed 4th in all his classes. Yes he's chocolate - 6 months old!

And finally at the LRC National Specialty both Jade, Pleasant Pine's Hidden Treasure, CD, SH, WCX, CC, CGC and Sam, Pleasant Pine's Returned to Sender, CC, earned their Conformation Certificates. Sam is a dog we bred that has been returned to us after 9 1/2 yrs due to



Rainer Fuchs is pleased to announce that Kaya successfully completed this year's Master National in Rhodesdale, VA. No handles were required on any of the challenging marks. She's now a two-time qualifying dog and can therefore add the Master National Retriever (MNR) title to her name: Timber Town Turn Me Loose MH MNR UD VCD2 RE WCX.



Cathy Shea likes to announce that Luci finished her Master Hunter title at the Yankee Golden Retriever Club hunt test on Oct. 1, 2011. Luci is now Naiad I'm No Angel CDX MH. Luci completed her title this summer by qualifying in 4 of the last 5 tests, without needing to be handled on any of the marks! Cathy would like to thank Luci's breeder, Doris Aylward, for letting her have this splendid girl, and Dave Sears for all his advice and guidance. Thanks to Lois Munroe for her expert help, and to Cathy's training group for all the happy hours spent training and commiserating and celebrating.

Pattie Duddy is pleased to announce that Pasta earned her Senior Hunter title Labor Day week end at the Maine Retriever Hunt Test. She is now Riverbenz Pasta Primavera SH, WCX, CGC. Now on to Master.



Mother and son qualify for 2011 Master National --- Bob & Donna Pasquale are pleased to report that Ringo earned his Master Hunter title on June 18th. On June 19th, he earned his Hunting Retriever Champion title at the Granite State Finished test. Quite a weekend! Ringo is now HRCH Layla's Starr Keeper of Time CGC RE CD MH, not bad for a 3 year old.

Just two weeks later at the Southern Berkshire Master



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

Hunt Test, both Ringo and his mother Layla (HRCH Diva's Ready to Play Cream CGC RN CD MH) qualified for the 2011 Master National by passing their 6th Master Hunter test of 7 attempts.

Grampian Raptor Mystique (Merlin) and Barb Burri finished first place in LRCGB's 2011 Triple Crown competition. Jayhawks Cool Hand Luke of Little River (Luke) and Joan Viator came in close behind in second place.



Riverbenz Way to Go Tristan, CD, MH qualified for the 2011 Master National at the Hudson Highlands Hunt Test.

Birchangreen's Rising Tide MH MNR QAA qualified at the 2011 Master National in Maryland this Fall. Tide is bred, owned, trained and handled by Nona King and Tara Yohan of Birchangreen Labradors.



Chucklebrook Trudy at Snowbrook JH won the hunting retriever bitch class and got a JAM at the LRCGB specialty under the expert handling of Cassi Belli. The next day she earned her third senior leg at the Shoreline Hunt Test and the following weekend she earned her title and a bumper leg at the Maine Retriever Test.

She is now Chucklebrook Trudy at Snowbrook SH (BISS CH Lobuff Bobwhite at Chucklebrook x Chucklebrook Silvercreek Tessa RN, CDX, MH) owner trained and handled.

Rainer Fuchs's pup Aimee earned her Junior Hunter title at the Southern Berkshire Golden Retriever Club test on July 3. She is now Ready Aim Fire! JH.

Karen Kase reports that at LRCPV, Gypsybog's St. Lawrence Lazy Days, JH, CD "Daysi" was awarded a JAM out of the Hunting Retriever Bitch class! She also won Best Hunting Retriever! At LRCGB, her daughter, Gypsybog's Tennessee Swirl "Patsy Virginia Cline", earned her CD and the following weekend earned her JH!

It is with great pleasure and pride that I would like to present my new Champion Master Hunter - CH Seawind's Fergmar Edubard MH. Bear was bred by Pamela Ireland and is loved and trained by Johanne Ferguson. Handled by Kathy Mines, Bear finished his Championship in September and was the only CH/MH Labrador running in this years Master National. Watch for him in the obedience ring and running Qualifying in 2012. Many thanks to my husband John, Pam, Kathy Mines, Buck Shope, Bill and Anna Clark and all the people along the way that made this once in a life time achievement possible.



Maritime Serenading Spirit. Spirit earned her WCX under Judge Dave Sears at LRCB test this summer. Spirit earned her rally title at Nationals this fall. Spirit did not disappoint in the breed ring this fall, either. She won the Amateur Owner Handler Class out of 25 at the Nationals. The following Day at the Friday show after the Nationals she won her class again and received a very nice looky loo in the winners bitch class. Spirit has been a joy to own but, so far, getting her SH was one of my favorite experiences with her. Anne-marie Galvin.

This was a good year for Danbridge Kathryn's Emmy Award CDX, RE, CGC, TDI, CC. Emmy received her Rally Excellent title at the Wampanoag Kennel Club Rally Trial, on September 30, held at the Silver City Canine Training Center in Taunton. At the LRC Specialty in Brooklyn, Connecticut she passed the evaluation for her Conformation Certificate. She is now training for her UD and RAE titles with her owner/handler, Shirley Cardello and hopes to get these titles before she is ten!

MacGregor's Hol-laback Girl, lovingly known as Gwen, had a successful year. She earned her AKC CD, her ASCA CD and her ASCA RN. We are now getting ready for Open. Gwen is owned and very much loved by Donna Gray and bred and loved by Beth Teixeira. Thank you Beth for my very special girl.



ARCHEX UCD URO1 Grampian Raptor Mystique CD,RE,NAP,NJP,NFP,WC, TDI,CGC,CC "Merlin" Completed his WC at the LRC Labrador Nationals on October 15,2011. (Ch Hollyhills Delby's Samuel Adams x Ch Snowden Hill Mango Crazy, JH, RA, WC, CGC)

ARCHMX2,UCD,URO2 Burri's Celestial Kestrel, CD,RE,NA,NAP,NJP,NF,CD-C, TDI,CGC,CC "Kestrel" finished her UKC URO2 Rally Title at the Marshfield Obedience Club trial October 1, 2011. (Ch Guideline's Mastercard X Willcare's Miss Directed, JH). She also finished her CD-C (Companion Dog Sports Program Novice title on 11/13/11)

ARCHX URO1 Burri's Lofty LadyHawke CD,BN,RE,THD,TDIRVA,CD-C, CGC,CC 2011 AKC ACE award nominee, "Hawke" finished her BN title at Springfield on July 8, 2011. She also finished her CD-C (Companion Dog Sports Program Novice title on 11/13/11) Hawke is CH Willcare's Master of the Hunt CD, JX x MacDonald's Majestic Madison. Merlin, Kestrel and Hawke are owned, loved, and trained by Barb Burri.

The news from Danbridge:

GCH. Danbridge Henry J was BOB at the LRC National Specialty under judge Jeff Gilmore. Hank has added another (4) Specialty BOB wins for his near record - breaking total of 14, also winning Jersey Skylands LRC both days and Raleigh Durham LRC one day, under judges Jean-Louis Blais, Pierry McLean and Sharon Celantano, respectively. Hank is currently the

#1 Labrador Retriever - breed standings for 2011 and has accumulated 45 BOB's to date. Way to go - Hank and Karen.

We are also proud to announce that we finished a new conformation champion - Ch. Danbridge American Girl WC (Dollie) this Summer/Fall and she also got an official WC title at the National Hunt Test.

Ch. Danbridge Black Pearl WC got her new hunt title at the National and also a leg towards her JH title.

Danbridge Rumor Has It WC (Muffie) made dog #3 to pass her test for a Working Certificate at the National.

Danbridge Pop The Cork (Poppy) went WB at Raleigh Durham under Judge Patty Block for her first 4 - point Major.

Poppy's sister Danbridge Ring In The New (Eve) was WB, BOW, BOS, and BBBE at Jersey Skylands under judge Pierry McLean .

Mary Bush's Creek Boats Heaven Sent OANF NAJ CL3 JH CGC WC "Midge" earned her AKC Novice Jumpers with Weaves Title, Novice Fast Title and Open Agility Title (all with 1st Place Qualifying Runs) at the Charleston Dog Training Club's Fall Agility Trial in Charleston, SC October 21st and 22nd under judge Susan Stephon.

The Delaney Group had a phenomenal year. There were many titles at all levels. AND six dogs qualified for and ran in the Master National Retriever Hunt Test in Maryland in October! All six teams are graduates of Karen Kase's Beginner Field Training Class and are grateful for the solid foundation and sound start she gave us in field work and for her continuing guidance and encouragement.

and a couple of brags ...

My dog Beacon finished his Senior Hunter title in August in Maine -- Nor'land Naiad Bright Beacon SH WCX.

And my dog Steamer qualified for, ran in, and completed the weeklong Master National Retriever Hunt Test in October in Maryland -- Naiad Full Steam Ahead UD WCX MH. Margaret

Wilann's Candy Cane earned her RA at the LRC National in October. Annmarie Wilson, Wilann Labradors.

Here is the latest from Yarborough Labradors! I had a very successful showing year despite beginning 2011 with a diagnosis of cardiomyopathy and heart failure, all due to a virus I contracted in late 2010. I recovered enough by April to begin training and showing again and I am extremely proud of my Yarborough girls! I am thankful for the support of my family, friends and fellow Labrador lovers and look forward to sharing the show ring with all of you in 2012.

Yarborough Sweet Jadzia RA ("Jazz") made her debut in the Rally ring at the PVLRC specialty in May. She quickly earned her RN and RA, finishing her RN at the GMKC show in July and her RA at the LRC National Specialty in October. Jazz had a great time in the ring and endlessly entertained the crowd with her immense enthusiasm.

Yarborough Sweet Enterprise CD BN RAE ("Hoshi" and Jazz's Mom) finished her show career in grand style in 2011. In October, she finished her RAE at the LRC National Specialty. In November, she finished her BN at the BOTC Obedience/Rally

trials. Hoshi is very proud of her daughter, pleased to be retired and is my constant companion in the house.

Yarborough Rare Essential Am/Can CD, Can RA, Re BN ("Kes") had a very successful year also. In June, she finished her Canadian CD and her Canadian RN and RA at the St. Francis Kennel Club show. In October, Kes finished her BN at the BOTC obedience/rally trials. She greatly enjoyed competing in Canada and now is looking forward to working on her CDX.

HRC MEADOWMERE'S LEX MH has 21 Master Hunter passes. Last year he earned the 6 required passes and went to the Nationals held in Calif. only to break on the last bird.

This year he earned the required 6 passes and went to the National held at Venice, MD. He was #43 in the A Flight and ran all 5 series with no handles and PASSED. He is now a Master National Qualifier 2011. Owners David and Nancy Corkum of VT & Fla received the beautiful pewter plate, ribbon and engraved duck band. They are really proud of their boy and if they pass two more Master Nationals (which they hope to do) Lex will be in the Master National Hall of Fame.

Lex has earned two passes out in Wisconsin, and 2 passes at the Nationals, needs two more before July 31, 2012 to earn entry into Nationals being held in Alabama. Nancy told Breeder Margaret Mitchell that she could brag all she wants. They love him tons!

Paul Botelho (Gunning Island Kennel) qualified and competed with two dogs - THIS CHARMING MAN OF OLMSTED MH, "MOZ" and his mother OLMSTED'S FLOWER CHILD MH, "Hip-pie". at the 2011 AKC Master National. It was the largest performance dog event in the history of AKC. This year marked the 20th year anniversary of the Master National with nearly 600 dogs entered, all Master Hunters. It was held at the Anatidae Farm in Uienna, Maryland, October 2-9th with five series of AKC licensed master tests. You can view the weeks events at www.masternational.com.

My Morgan got both his BN and RN so he is now Am/Can CH Wood Duck's Captain Morgan BN, RN and in memory of my Izy Wood Duck's Whipowil's Isabella, Am/Can CD. Jeanne Charest.

AKC/UKC CH Viking Hil'Die Tanzbarin MH, RA, WCX earned her Master Title in seven passes this past fall. As her reward she had a litter of six puppies by Ch Danbridge Indiana Jones, WC!



Hildi, Gerrie, Robin and co-owner Zach Orcutt welcome to Grampian Viking Sophia O'Wren to the pack. She will be known to her friends as Wren.

Cory is just racking up the titles these days! We spent the weekend in CT at the Labrador Retriever National Specialty. Joel had Cory entered in both the Junior Hunt test as well as for the Conformation Certificate. We had terrific, albeit windy, Fall-like weather for the

hunt test on Saturday. Bunny Millikin and Susan Young were the judges. Despite the wind, Cory nailed both land marks and then went on to do a really nice job retrieving both marks on water. He passed and achieved his AKC Junior Hunter title in 4 straight

tests. Then, I took him over to the conformation ring to have him judged for the conformation certificate. I did my best impression of what I thought the handlers looked like at Westminster, prancing around the ring but despite that, he passed that as well. So, Cory is now: **Grampian Hickory's Crimson H2O Dragon, CD, RE, JH, CC, CGC, ThD**



Don and Susan Bierer are so proud of "Rudy" BISS GCh Blazin's Joie de Vivre CD JH WC. Rudy has been invited to Westminster. Breed won't be shown on TV. So, if his LRCGB friends want to cheer him on in person, Sporting Breeds and Group then Best in Show will be on

I think the sweetest part of the whole weekend was having so many friends and past instructors present when Joel went up to get his ribbon. There have been so many wonderful people who have helped us achieve so many great things in so many different areas with our dogs over the years. It was just wonderful to have so many of them present for this achievement!

Grampian Sharp Shooter, JH, WC, CGC earned his Junior Hunter title in September after coming back to Grampian as a returned dog who was 'too big, too muddy, too hairy'. 'Poo-Poo' as we call him when he's good, had a wonderful start in life with a man who adored him, only to be rehomed when the man suddenly died. February 13th, 2011 Shooter arrived in Boston via Detroit from Illinois when his owners of three years agreed he was better off with us. Since his arrival Shooter earned his CGC at Potomac 2011, his Junior title in 2011 in September, and his WC at the National along with two Junior bumper legs, handled by co-owner Jen Leitao.



Jen chose Shooter when he was only five weeks old and took him back with loving arms at 5 1/2 years old. Shooter has 7 AKC CH points (including one major) and all his clearances. What a year for The Poo! Shooter is by Ch Hollyhills Delby's Samuel Adams WC, CGC x Ch Snowden Hill Mango Crazy, JH, RA, WC, CGC. He is a full littermate of AKC GrCh/UKC BIS Ch Grampian Lola Tortola Viking, JH, RA, WC, CGC and Ch Grampian Bediziened Viking, SH, RA, WCX, CGC (two MH legs).

Ch Grampian Bediziened Viking, SH, RA, WCX, CGC (two MH legs). earned her AKC CH title in Pennsylvania during October handled by Kathy Mines. 'Dazzle' will be working at those last three MH legs this spring before heading back out to earn her Grand Champion title. Shooter, Dazzle and Lola are all owned by Gerrie and Robin. Shooter is co-owned also with Jen Leitao.



AKC Meet the Breeds Pictures at the Javitts Center in NYC

http://www.akc.org/meet_the_breeds/2011photos.html

Many of you know Micki Berman and Sarita Gelman. They were instrumental in getting the Labrador Retriever Booth a BLUE RIBBON this year. The link above will take you to pictures, including the Lab Booth. The theme was THREE DOG NIGHT. Micki had a real bed, bedding, pillows, and three dogs happy to hang out in bed with all kinds of people all day! Micki staffed the booth with her Labs while wearing her pajamas. Don't you all wish you could go to the dog shows in PJ's and take home a winning ribbon?



Labrador Rescue

LRCGB supports **Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc.**, a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to placing purebred Labrador Retrievers in suitable, loving homes. Our Labs come from, and are placed in, homes in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, and Maine.

First, thank you LRCGB members for last year's generous donation to Lab Rescue. We've recently had a few Labs needing special veterinary care, and we rely on donations for all our rescue activities.

Besides financial support, we are, as always, in need of volunteers.

In the past few months, Labrador Retriever Rescue has had to return several applications from potential adopters because we did not have a local volunteer to do a home study for us. The adopters were immensely disappointed, as were we.

We require a home study on each and every new applicant. We do not rely on references or phone interviews; we want one of "our own" to meet face-to-face with the prospective adopters and discuss the reality of living with a Labrador Retriever and observe whether everyone in the family is enthusiastic about adopting a rescue. Our home study volunteer inspects the home and yard for potential dangers to the Lab, including the condition of any fencing and proximity of the house to highly trafficked streets.

The home study volunteer is a key player in rescue, and we always need more people. When an application comes in, our Adoption Coordinator assigns a volunteer who lives within reasonable driving distance to conduct the home study. Since we cover 5 states, we need a lot of volunteers. Depending on where you live, how many applications we get from your area, and whether we have other volunteers in your area to share the workload, you may be called on only once a year.

The home study itself takes 30 minutes to an hour. We send you a form that guides you through the interview, and provide written instructions. We are available to answer questions you have before or after the home study. Your comments are confidential and seen only by the Adoption and Placement Coordinators, who use the information to determine if the applicant would provide a suitable home for a rescued Lab, and, if so, what age and energy level could the applicant handle. You are welcome to—and encouraged to—bring along a Lab of your own to see how the applicant interacts with a Lab.

If you have Lab friends in western Massachusetts, Vermont, central/northern Maine, and Rhode Island, please ask them to consider volunteering. Of course home study volunteers are needed everywhere, but we are particularly "thin" in those regions.

We are also gearing up for the LRC National Specialty in October. LRR will have a table with information about rescue and merchandise sales. If you plan to attend the specialty and can spare a few hours to help at our booth, we'd welcome the extra hands. Download a volunteer application from our website www.labrescue.com, or all our Hotline, 978-356-2982. If you're already an LRR volunteer, leave a message on our Hotline that you're available to help at the Specialty and we'll call you to discuss schedules.

If you have other skills or interests that you think would help rescue, please get in touch. We can always use help with publicity, education, fundraising, providing foster care, evaluating a Lab, training, photography, and much more.

Gone But Not Forgotten



In Memory of Izy

Wood Duck's Whipowil's Isabella, Am/Can CD.
Jeanne Charest.



In Memory of Dory

12/30/97 - 9/15/2011

BVSS Summerhyme Dory Delight, RA, WC, CC
She did it all as a Senior Citizen!
Robin Anderson



In Memory of Alpha

Alpha Summerhyme Star,
CGC
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We have a membership email group. This is for club members only. Anyone who joins the group can post notices about events, brag about your accomplishments, ask questions about club stuff, training, and breeding. Go to this web site to join.

<http://groups.google.com/group/labrador-retriever-club-of-greater-boston?hl=en>

Follow the instructions to join the group. Your membership will be approved and you can stay current with club & member news. Be sure to set your email program so that it will accept mail from: labrador-retriever-club-of-greater-boston@googlegroups.com

Events Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Opens/Closes
Jan 29, 2012	Fun Match	Franklin, MA	TBD
Mar 3-4, 2012	Obedience and Rally Trial	Franklin, MA	Feb 15, 2012
Mar 25, 2012	Annual Meeting	TBD	
Apr 21-22, 2012	Spring Hunt Test	TBD	TBD
May 8, 2012	Spring Match	TBD	TBD
May 19, 2012	Agility Trial	TBD	TBD
Jun 2011	Flyer Day	TBD	TBD
Jun 14-15, 2012	Specialty	TBD	TBD
Jul 15, 2012	Working Certificate Test	Hopkinton, NH	TBD
Sep 22-23, 2012	Fall Hunt Test		



■ CAPRICORN: The workers of the Zodiac who never give up. I think that the story about the little engine that could was written about a capricorn. These hard working little guys are very stubborn. They want something and they don't give up. Tenacious comes to mind when one thinks of Capricorn pets. If you have a dog, you will most likely have a digger. They love to dig holes. Being an earth sign they feel they must connect with the earth. What better way then to dig a hole. Here is another pet that loves routines.

■ These pets will let you know when something is not as it should be. That could be a stranger at the door or his bed not set up properly. She will cry, whine or just keep at you until you change things the way she thinks they should be.

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