

### Upcoming Events

- Annual Meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Hunt Test at Addieville East Farm on April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. Junior, Senior & Master stakes.

*Please See Inside Back Cover for Membership Dues Form!*

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## Canine Obedience Competition

Cheryl Palmer

A sport competition takes on a whole new perspective when your teammate has four legs, thick fur and doesn't communicate in the same language as you. In addition to hunting with my chocolate Labrador Retrievers and participating in hunting events, I enjoy training for obedience competition and earning obedience titles. All my labs have earned at least one obedience title with my retired 12-year-old, WR Fairview's Choc Chewbacca, UD, SH, WC, CGC\*, having gone the furthest up the ladder and earning a Utility Dog or UD title. With my new companion, SR Puddleducks Kyla O'Fairview JH, WCI\*\*, I have much higher aspirations.

So how is it accomplished? How do you obtain a top-working dog? It starts with an eight-week old puppy... in the first 16 weeks of a pup's life you try to introduce every command/word that they will ever hear in the context of how it will be used. There is also socialization and exposing them to all types of elements (other dogs, noisy buildings, crowds of people). Then the foundation work begins and you build on that foundation one

element at a time. You want to end up with a precision performer and you constantly work on "the pieces" of the entire routine (sort of like a skating routine). It takes a long time before you put the whole thing together. You must keep things simple and constant. The tone in your voice, your body posture, eye cues, all play a huge part in the training and ultimate success of your teamwork. Repetition and reward are the basic functions of training. Rewards come in the form of praise, treats, or in the case of a Labrador ... retrieving a favorite toy. Some of the elements we teach are precision heeling, sit, stay, down, come, jump, scent discrimination, hand signals, retrieving, etc.

How does the competition work? There are three basic levels and titles to earn, Novice (CD = Companion Dog), Open (CDX = Companion Dog Excellent) and Utility (UD = Utility Dog). Each new team must start at the bottom and work their way up; the routines get increasingly more complicated. To earn a title in each level you must qualify three times

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## President's Corner

Karen Kennedy—Acting President

This spot is usually reserved for the President... But since Ruth is in Vet School and I am now Acting President I thought I would send a note.

I'd first like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to all the Club members who helped make our 2002 Events Fun and Successful. Many Club Members worked tirelessly over the course of the year to keep our events going with little recognition. I'd also like to thank the Officers and Board of Directors whose behind the scenes work keep this club going.

The Winter is hopefully almost over and our

Spring Events are right around the corner.... Mark these dates on your calendar: Winter Fun Match, February 23<sup>rd</sup>; Annual Meeting including Election of Officers and Board Members, Achievement Awards and a presentation by Sue Willumsen, Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>; Spring Hunt Test on April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>; May 4<sup>th</sup> the Spring Match at Winnikinni Castle in Haverhill and June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> our Specialty. Please help support the Club and offer your assistance to any of the Event Chairpersons. Many hands make light work for all.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events in 2003.

# 2002-2003 Officers & Board of Directors

## Officers

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## Otter Tales Publication Info

**O**tter Tales is published quarterly. Contributions of brags, articles or event information are very welcome! Send your contributions via email to:

 [ottertales@earthlink.net](mailto:ottertales@earthlink.net)

**The deadline for the next issue is  
May 1**

### Brags & In Memoriam

We will publish In Memoriam articles and brief brags free of charge. In Memoriam articles may be up to a page long, but may be condensed if space is limited. Please send your submissions to [h2olab@charter.net](mailto:h2olab@charter.net) by the deadline noted above.

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We are happy to publish litter announcements for \$5 per litter. You

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Terry Johansson  
 Otter Tales Editor  
 143A Chase Road  
 Thompson, CT 06277-2806

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Business Card	2.0" x 3.50"	\$5

All ads must conform to the sizes above and be camera ready (have complete type setting and layout). Ads may be submitted via email or on disk.


Mail payment to the address above. Note that we reserve the right to edit or refuse ads as necessary.

### 2003 Publication Schedule

Publication Date	Deadline
Q2 - June	May 1
Q3 - September	August 1
Q4 - December	November 1


### LRCGB Website

Please visit our website at:

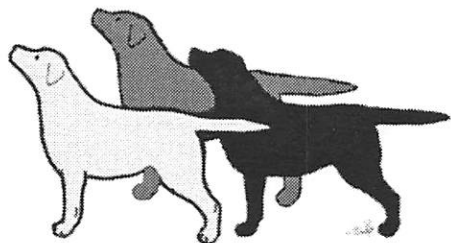
 <http://www.lrcgb.org>

If you are interested in information about adopting a Labrador, please contact Lab Rescue:

 <http://www.labrescue.com> or

 (978) 356-2982





# Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston

## 2003 - 2004 Nominated Officers

President	Karen Kennedy
Vice President	Linda Berkeley
Treasurer	Jeff Snyder
Recording Secretary	Gail Conway
Corresponding Secretary	Pam Nolin
Newsletter Editor	Therese Johansson

## 2003 - 2004 Nominated Board of Directors

Cheryl Curtis, Dick Kennedy, Jan Lenahan,  
Mary Jo Mansfield, Ruth Solomon & Beth Teixeira

The election will take place at the Annual Meeting on March 16, 2003 (see flyer in this issue for details)

According to the LRCGB Constitution and By-Laws, Article IV, section 4, c additional nominations may be made at the annual meeting by any member in attendance provided that the so nominated does not decline when his name is proposed and provided that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting his prosper must present to the Corresponding Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position and the additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from among those Club members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nominating Committee.

### DUES MUST BE CURRENT PRIOR TO VOTING

Respectfully submitted,

Joey Edsall  
Pattie Duddy  
Linda Berkeley

Nominating Committee



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under three different judges. A perfect score is 200 – everyone enters the ring with a 200 and points are deducted for imperfections in the routine. A total score of at least 170 and 50% of each exercise performed is required in order to receive a qualification (or leg). Four placements are awarded in each level at every competition to the highest scorers.

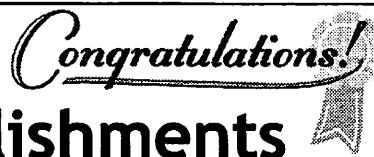
Utility (or "futility" as it is fondly referred to by handlers) is my favorite class.

There's a lot of variety in the routine and the dogs seem to get excited – however, there's a greater chance of disqualifying in this class and the success rate is usually less than 50% at each competition.

My goal for Kyla is to obtain a UDX (Utility Dog Excellent). After obtaining the UD title, you then compete in both the Open B and Utility B classes at each trial and must qualify in both classes in order to receive a "leg". A total of ten legs are needed for the UDX title – it is truly a test of concentration and

endurance. Along the way, if you place 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in the classes you can earn OTCH points ... and if you are lucky or good enough to accumulate 100 OTCH points you will receive the highest competition title of Obedience Trial Champion .

Kyla just turned two years old in April and we made our debut in the Novice ring this Fall. It is exciting to step into the ring with a new partner .... here's hoping she lets me lead!



## Member Accomplishments

**C**ongratulations to the following LRCGB owners and dogs on their achievements! Brief brags are free to LRCGB members. Please email the following information to [ottertales@earthlink.net](mailto:ottertales@earthlink.net): The dog's registered name and call name, the accomplishment and the name(s) of the owner(s) and breeder(s).

### Erinhill High King of Ireland

"Boru" owned by Gail and Timothy Conway, has completed 2 legs towards his CD. He placed first in Novice A at the LRC Nationals with a score of 188.5 and first in Novice A at Ladies Dog Club with a score of 192. A special thanks to Sandy Madden who has been with us all along. Two down one to go!

### Westwind Nite-sky of Montana CGC CD

"Montana" owned and bred by Beth Chapman finished her CD with an FFX award in West Springfield the weekend before Thanksgiving. She placed 2<sup>nd</sup> twice and first once with scores of 197.5, 197, 198. Way to go Montana!

### Ch. Satucket Pogo's Cute Allieoop

"Allie" has become a new Champion. She was first in open yellow at the Potomac Speciality and went on to a 5pt major and 4 pt major under Judges Mrs. Carpanini and Mrs Barton and a final 3pts to finish under judge Carl Liepman. Allie is owned and bred by Marjorie Dewhurst.

### UCDX Plymrock Jet Propelled CDX SH WCI CGC

At the National Specialty in October, "Jet" ( bred by Sue deAguiar) completed her SH title. In Obedience Jet took 3rd place with a score of 195.5 in Open B on Thursday, and 2nd place with a score of 196.5 on Fri. Jet is owned by Cathy Shea.

### Candlewood's Time Will Tell, CD JH WCI

"Teller" (bred by Mary Howley) completed his CD at the Specialty with a 195 in Novice B. He also earned another JH leg at the hunt test. Congratulations to owner Cathy Shea!

## Calendar of Events

### January

- 8 Board Meeting  
*Location TBD*
- 26 AKC HRT Judges/Handlers Seminar  
*Holiday Inn  
Waterville, ME*  
The Penobscot Hunting Retriever Club will host an AKC Retriever Hunt Test Seminar for judges and handlers. Contact Roxanna Gould at [argould@aol.com](mailto:argould@aol.com) or (207) 848-7337 to register or get more information.

### February

- 1 Deadline for Q4 Otter Tales
- 23 LRCGB Winter Match  
*Canine Mastery  
Seekonk, MA*  
For more information, please see flyer included in this issue.
- 23 General Meeting  
*Canine Mastery  
Seekonk, MA*  
A general membership meeting will take place at the Winter Match.

### March

- LRCGB Annual Meeting  
*Location & Date TBD*  
Annual Awards & election of 2003 officers.

### April

- 8 Beginner Retriever Training  
8-week class starts  
*Delaney Watershed Game Lands  
Stow, MA*  
Contact: Karen Kennedy,  
[Pleasantpine@aol.com](mailto:Pleasantpine@aol.com) or  
(978) 774-8458
- Board Meeting  
*Location & Date TBD*
- 26-27 Spring Hunt Test  
*Addieville East Farm  
Mapleville, RI*  
Junior, Senior and Master stakes.  
Secretary: Jan Lenahan,  
[belstarlab@aol.com](mailto:belstarlab@aol.com), (508) 347-6306

### May

- 1 Deadline for Q2 Otter Tales
- 4 Spring Match  
*Winnikinni Castle, Haverhill, MA*  
Contact: Gail Conway, (978) 352-2759 or [labrsq@yahoo.com](mailto:labrsq@yahoo.com)

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19-20 Agility Trial  
**Wrentham Fairgrounds**  
**Wrentham, MA**  
 Contacts: Gretchen Rich & Daniel  
 Fenno, (603) 679-6775

### June

8 Single Stakes  
**Location TBD**  
 Contact: Sukie Noble, (603)887-2307

11 Board Meeting  
**Location TBD**

12-13 LRCGB Specialty  
**Location TBD**  
 Chair: Jeff Snyder, (508) 865-5824  
 or riverlinlabs@qnci.net

### July

20 WC/WCI/WCX  
**Addieville East Farm**  
**Mapleville, RI**  
 Contact: Karen Kennedy, (978) 774-  
 8458 or pleasantpine@aol.com

### August

1 Deadline for Q3 Otter Tales  
 Board Meeting  
**Location & Date TBD**

### October

Board Meeting  
**Location & Date TBD**

### November

1 Deadline for Q4 Otter Tales  
 Eye Clinic  
**Location & Date TBD**

*AKC Reg Labradors*

*Casey's Farm*  
*Home of*  
**Chamberlains Retrievers**

*Breeding, Training, Boarding, Puppies*

*Beth & Don Chamberlain*  
 752 Hall Farmer Rd.  
 Blairs, VA 24527

*(434) 791-2341*  
*Email dbsixdogs@aol.com*

## B-OB Spring Match

**Sunday, May 4, 2003**

**Winnikinni Castle, Haverhill, MA**

Come join us for our annual B-OB Spring Match  
 (AKC Sanctioned- Pending Approval)  
 Sunday May 4, 2003 at Winnikinni Castle in Haverhill, MA

We will have conformation, obedience and the start of the  
 annual Triple Crown Event

Conformation Judges- TBA  
 Obedience Judges  
 PreNovice/Novice- TBA  
 Open/Utility- Alison Jaskiewicz

Directions: Route 495 to Exit 52- Rte110 West Haverhill  
 Go approx 1 mile on Rte 110 West and the entrance to the Castle  
 is on your left

*We need volunteers for stewarding, setup and cleanup.*

### Match Chair:

Gail Conway  
 labrsq@yahoo.com  
 978-499-3987

### Triple Crown Information:

Karen Kennedy  
 pleasantpine@aol.com  
 978-774-8458





Conformation



Obedience



Field

# 2002 Triple Crown

Karen Kennedy—Triple Crown Coordinator

*Join the search for this year's best all-around Lab!*

**D**o you think your dog has what it takes to become the 2002 LRCGB Triple Crown champion? If so, fill out the entry form (at the end of Otter Tales) and bring it to the Spring Match!

The objective of the Triple Crown competition is to promote overall working performance and versatility in the Labrador Retriever. Dogs are rated on their ability to perform in conformation, obedience and hunting.

Points are awarded for participation in the May Spring Match Conformation and Obedience classes and the Working Certificate in July. The same handler must present the dog/bitch in the Working Certificate and Spring Match conformation and obedience classes.

Dogs with Championships (Ch), Obedience Trial Championships (OTCh), Field Trial Championships (FTC) or Amateur Field Trial Championship (AFC) are eligible to participate in the Triple Crown. Points will be awarded for each activity per the following schedules.

### Conformation

1st	200 Points
2nd	150 Points
3rd	100 Points
4th	75 Points
Entering	50 Points

### Classes offered

Puppy 6-9, 9-12, 12-18, Novice, Bred By, American Bred, Open (divided by colors if necessary), Hunting, Field, Spay, Neutered, Pointed, Champion

### Obedience

You will be awarded the total points you receive regardless if you fail an

exercise. You are responsible for knowing the rules/requirements of the class entered.

### Classes offered

Sub Novice A/B, Novice A/B, Open A/B, Utility A/B, and Graduate Novice

### Field

#### Working Certificate

Qualification	200 points
2 Retrieves	150 points
1 Retrieve	100 points
Entering	50 points

#### WCI/WCX

Qualification	200 points
2 Series	150 points
1 Series	100 points
Entering	50 points

Triple Crown entries will be accepted at the Spring Match.

## LRCGB Event Results

### Eastern Dog Club Supported Entry

LRCGB would like to thank all those who supported our entry at Eastern Dog Club on December 7, 2002. We would to congratulate all of the competitors and their dogs with special recognition going out to:

#### Winners Dog, for 3 points, out of the 12-18 month class

Labs Landing Callaway Blue. His owner is Leah Franzen and Beth Shaffer and his breeder is Beth Shaffer.

#### Reserve Winners Dog

Priorise Renegade out of the Open Yellow class. His owner is Kazuhiro Kobayashi and his breeder is Mrs. M.E. Prior.

#### Winners Bitch and Best of Winners, for 4 points, out of the American Bred class

Tonmar's French Jet Action. Her owner and breeder is Anthony J. Emilio.

#### Reserve Winners Bitch and Best Puppy

Lobuffs Puffin at Hollyridge out of the 6 - 9 month class. Her owners and breeders are Julie Quigley and Lisa Weiss

#### Best of Breed

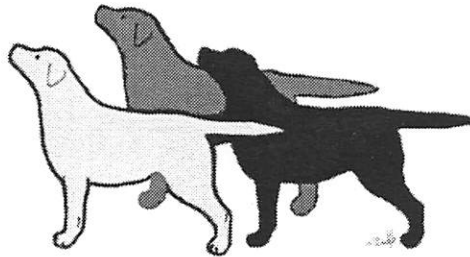
CH Camelot Sndn Hill Mon Amour JH. Her owner is Camilla Adams and his breeders are Camilla Adams and Gladis W. Rogers

#### Best of Opposite Sex

CH Winterwinds Glenn Plaid. His owners are Vicky Creamer and Margaret Krohn and his breeder is Margaret Krohn.



## The Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston



**Invites you to scenic New England to help celebrate our  
12th INDEPENDENT SPECIALTY  
and OBEDIENCE TRIAL  
at the shore of Lake Quannapowitt.**

### Dates

Thursday and Friday  
June 12th & 13th, 2003

### Place

Lord Wakefield Motel  
Wakefield, MA 01880  
(781) 245-6100

### Judges

Dogs & Intersex—Ms. Barbara Gomez  
Bitches—Mr. Manolo Queijeiro  
Sweepstakes—Ms. Lori Rudy  
Obedience—Mr. Don Thornton  
Non-Regular—Mr. Don Thornton

CGC & TDI Tests—Ms. Marlene Lendrim

Join us under the tent for dinner Thursday evening.

*No overnight parking will be allowed—Make your motel and dinner reservations early!*

2003 Specialty Chairperson: Mr. Jeffery G. Snyder, (508) 865-5824  
Superintendent: Jim Rau Shows, Ltd., PO Box 6968, Reading, PA 19610

### MEMBERS:

Support your club - stay where the action is-reserve a room at the motel - make motel and dinner reservations early.

Make the raffle a success - Contact Ms. Nancy Brandow at (207) 327-1322 with your raffle donations.



Conformation

Obedience

Field

**2003**

# Triple Crown

## Entry Form

Dog's Registered Name:

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Dog's Call Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Handler:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASSES ENTERING****May 4<sup>th</sup> Match:**

Conformation Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Placement: \_\_\_\_\_

Obedience Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Score: \_\_\_\_\_

**July 20<sup>th</sup> Working Certificate (circle one):**

WC Qualified: \_\_\_\_\_

WCI Qualified: \_\_\_\_\_

WCX Qualified: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return with entry fee to Spring Match Secretary**



# BEGINNER RETRIEVER TRAINING



## Delaney Watershed Game Lands

**Interested in the working certificate, hunt tests, field trials?  
Need to know how to get you and your retriever started?  
Want to meet people and find places to train?**

**Then join us for this 8-week beginner class  
to learn single marked retrieves in preparation for  
AKC Junior, NAHRA Started or the WC.**

**Instructor: Karen Kase**

**Classes on Tuesday nights at 6:00 pm starting April 8.**

**Please note: These are not obedience classes! Prerequisites for participation:**

- ✓ Retrievers at least eight months old
- ✓ Reliably obedient on heel, sit, and recall
- ✓ All retrievers will be run on a long line
- ✓ Training partner to assist in weekly training

**Class size is limited - LRCGB members will have preference.** Fee: \$100 for LRCGB members (\$125 for non-members). For more information contact Karen Kennedy at 978-774-8458 or Pleasantpine@aol.com. It is recommended that participants read "Retriever Puppy Training" written by Loveland & Rutherford (available at class.)

Directions to Delaney Watershed Game Lands (WMA) in Stow, MA:

- From Route 495, take Exit 27 - Rte 117 East, for about 2 miles
- Make a left onto Delaney Road for about ½ mile to the end
- At T Intersection go left onto Harvard Road for ¼ mile to green gate in small field on left
- Go left through gate and follow the access road into area



**Please join us for the  
Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston's**

# **ANNUAL MEETING**

**Infomercial for Breeders and Dog Owners by  
Sue Willumsen - Willcare Labradors**

A discussion of what's new in the world of breeding and dogs that can help you with care during whelping, puppies, older dogs and general health of all dogs. This talk is to make you aware of new products that you may have read about and would like to learn more as well as things you may not be familiar with that are "hot off the press." It is not geared to sell you anything. Sources will be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring questions they may have or can email them prior incase Sue needs to get information on them. This is designed to talk about products your vet may not have time to spend to educate you on.

## **Pot Luck Luncheon**

## **2002 Achievement Awards**

## **Election of 2003 - 2004 Officers and Board of Directors**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2003 @ 11:00 AM  
at the Hopkinton Sportsmen's Association,  
Hopkinton, MA:**

95 Lumber Street, Hopkinton, MA. (508) 435-3838

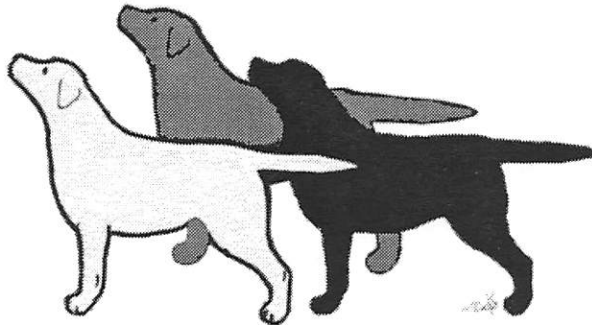
- Take Exit 21A (W. Main St.) from I-495 (South of the Mass Pike)
- From ramp, follow West Main Street approx. 200 yards until you pass the gas stations
- Turn right onto Lumber Street just after the Golden Spoon Restaurant
- Follow Lumber Street for just under a mile
- Turn left at HSA sign into the clubhouse parking lot

Please contact Karen Kennedy with your food donation:

Pleasantpine@aol.com or (978) 774-8458



# The Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston



## 2003 Dues Notice

Annual dues for the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston are now due. The dues for 2003 are \$20.00 and have to be paid before the Annual Meeting to retain voting rights.

The address printed on Otter Tales is the most recent address on file. Please make any necessary corrections below. Please send dues payment by check payable to LRCGB to:

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Kennel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTS      Breeder: \_\_\_\_\_ Conformation: \_\_\_\_\_ Field: \_\_\_\_\_ Obedience: \_\_\_\_\_ Agility: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How can you help the Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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How can the Club help you: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Please Contribute to Otter Tales!

Otter Tales is published quarterly. If you have an article to contribute, something to brag about or a litter to announce please submit your information to [ottertales@earthlink.net](mailto:ottertales@earthlink.net)

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May 1<sup>st</sup>**

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We're on the Web:  
<http://www.lrcgb.org>

## Join the LRCGB Announcement List!

LRCGB now has an active announcement list at <http://groups.yahoo.com>.

This list is open to all LRCGB members and is BROADCAST ONLY. The only messages you will receive from this list will be announcements from the LRCGB board or committee chairs.

We hope that you will appreciate the convenience of receiving announcements from the LRCGB e-list and encourage you to join. If you would like more information or would like to join please email Gail Conway at [labrsq@yahoo.com](mailto:labrsq@yahoo.com).

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