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Issue 5, February 2004

Upcoming Events

- Labrador Retriever Rescue Benefit Auction—April 17 Topsfield Fairgrounds
- Spring Hunt Test— April 24 & 25 Addieville
- May Match—May 2 Winnikenni Castle
- Agility Trial—May 15 Cracker Barrel Fairgrounds
- Specialty—June 10 & 11 Warwick, RI
- Working Certificate—July 18 Place TBA
- Fall Hunt Test—Sept. 18 & 19 Peakbrook Farm

Don't Forget to pay your Membership Dues. This is your last issue if you are not current on your dues!

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2004—2005 Board Nominations

The Nominating Committee announced the slate for the 2004-2005 Officers and Board Members during the February General Meeting. The election will take place on March 21 at the Annual Meeting.

Karen Kennedy	President	
Linda Berkeley	Vice President	Mar
Jeff Snyder	Treasurer	Mar
Jan Lenahan	Recording Secretary	Sco
Pam Nolin	Corresponding Secretary	Wer ton
Gail Conway	Newsletter Editor	V Lois

Board N	Members
Mary Jo Mansfield	Dick Kennedy
Scott Shaw	Cheryl Curtis
Wendy McNaugh-	Sue Willumsen
Lois Engel	Beth Teixeira

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President's Corner

Karen Kennedy—President
hope everyone enjoyed his or her holidays and here's to a successful 2004.
By the time you receive this edition of Ottertales, the Winter Match has taken place at Masterpeace Dog Training Center in Franklin, MA. Thank you to Fran and Michael Masters for allowing us to use their facility and thanks to all that helped to make this event enjoyable.
Our next event will be the Annual and Awards Meeting to be held on Sunday, March 21, 2004 at the Milbury VFW Hall. The Election of the $2004 - 2005$ Officers and Board of Directors will also take place at this meeting. It will be a catered buffet along with a Guest Speaker. We thought we would try something different this year. Let me know your thoughts.
The Fall Hunt Test date has been changed to September 18 th and 19 th so mark your calendars. The Penobscott Maine HRT Club will be switching to the August date so there still will be plenty of HRT Tests late this summer.
I would also like to say how disappointed I am in the response of volunteers for help as you renew your membership for 2004. 75% of the members who have renewed their dues have NOT offered any type of help at events for the next year. LRCGB Events depends on it's membership to help at these events. Please email any of the contact names to offer you assis-

2003 Officers & Board of Directors

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Vice PresidentLinda	Berkeley
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Finance Committee Linda Berkeley, 781-925-1408 lcberkeley@attglobal.net

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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 Full Page Memoriam articles may be up to a Full Column 9.5" x 3.75" page long, but may be condenses if Half Page space is limited. Please send your Quarter Page 4.5" x 3.75" submissions to: Labrsq@yahoo.com Business Card 2" x 3.5" by the deadline noted above. All ads must conform to the sizes

Litter Announcements We are happy to publish litter announcements for \$5 per litter You may submit your announcemail your payment (made out to Publication Schedule LRCGB) to:

Publication Date

O1-March Q2—June **O3**— September 04—December

Deadline February 1 May 1 August 1 November 1

LRCGB Web Site

http://www.lrcgb.org

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

http://www.labrescue.com

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above and be camera ready (have complete type setting and layout). Ads may be submitted via email or on disk.

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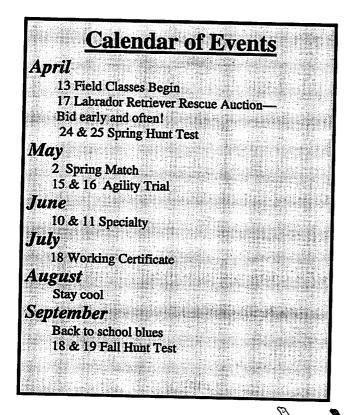


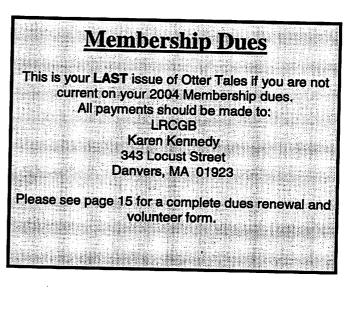
The 2004 Agility Trial is scheduled for May 15 (Colonial Shetland Sheepdog Club) and May 16 (LRCGB) 2004. It will be held at the Wrentham Developmental Center Grounds in Wrentham, MA.

We do need club members to volunteer to be workers for set-up on Friday (fencing, rings, tents, and courses) and for the Sunday trial. Experience is not necessary!!! There is plenty to do including handing out prizes and ribbons, re-setting down jumps, leash running, and to generally keep things running. More skilled labor includes scribes (to transfer the judges scoring to paper) and timers. We also need someone to coordinate the workers so that things run smoothly. If you plan on entering your dogs at the trial and you are volunteering, we can guarantee entry for both days of the trial!! You need to get your entry and fees to Dan Fenno **PRIOR TO** the opening date for entries.

If you haven't been to an Agility Trial, you should come to see dogs and handlers working together. It is really something to see. Please come and support the club and this performance event.

Dan Fenno and Gretchen Rich, Co-Chairs dfgr1269@aol.com 603-679-1252





Please help support Labrador Retriever Rescue

LABRADOR RETRIEVER RESCUE, INC. VOLUNTEER INFORMATION FORM

Name	
	Best time to call
What type of dog related ex	perience do you have (shelter work, vet tech, obedience
training, breeding, fostering)?
What volunteer jobs are you	interested in?
Fostering a Lab	
Transporting a Lab to	a foster home or to a vet's office
Home studying adop	tion applicants
Evaluating a Lab at a	a shelter or private home for temperament
Help with fundraisers	such as the LRR, Inc. auction
Other ways you woul	d like to help
	Please send to: Labrador Retriever Rescue, Inc c/o JMK 138 York Woods Road Berwick, Maine 03908

Going, Going, Gone

The 2004 Benefit Auction will be held on April 17, 2004 at the Topsfield Fair Ground.

Proceeds of the auction enable us to provide foster care, training, and veterinary care for the Labradors that come into our program. If you would like to help, please call the hotline at 978 356-2982.

Please plan on joining us for the evening. There will be a dinner buffet, a raffle, and of course, an auction.

For more info: Call or email Harriet Hope, 603 332-8594 or sunsetlabs@metrocast.net



VetGen Needs Your Help

or several years we have been researching the genetic causes of Hip Dysplasia in Labrador Retrievers and have made some progress in the area of Hip Dysplasia. To continue our progress in this research we need to acquire more DNA samples as quickly as possible from Labrador Retrievers.

For our research we need families in which there are two or more siblings who have been diagnosed with hip dysplasia and are available for DNA sample collection. We need to collect DNA from the affected dogs, their parents, and a few unaffected littermates as well. DNA is collected by means of small oral brush swabs which are simply swiped in the dog's mouth. We send out the number of swab kits requested and enclose instructions, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope for their return.

Along with the research for canine Hip Dysplasia we are also researching the genetic causes of Juvenile Cataracts in Labs. For Cataracts we are also looking for the two or more affected and their family. We are continuing our research on PRCD and for that research only need DNA from affected animals. Our intent is to continue research until a <u>direct</u> DNA test is developed.

PARTICIPATION IS FREE AND COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL.

If you have any questions please contact me here at VetGen at either the number or e-mail listed below.

I encourage you to visit our web site at www.vetgen.com and provide a link to our web page if you wish.

Cheryl Hogue Research Coordinator VetGen 1 800 483-8436 E-mail: healthydog@vetgen.com Website: www.vetgen.com healthydog@vetgen.com

Optigen Clinic

OPTIGEN 20/20 & SATELLITE CLINIC Sponsored by:



To be held at the LRCSC Spring Specialty April 23-24, 2004 Featherly Park (91 Fwy at Gypsum Canyon) Anaheim, California

LRCSC and OptiGEN are sponsoring -a "20/20 OptiGEN Clinic" on April 23 & 24 at our Spring Specialty. Participate at our clinic and receive a 20% discount on any OptiGEN test. If you submit your form via the www.optigen.com website, receive an additional 5% for at total savings of 25% off any OPTIGEN test. A minimal veterinary fee will be charge at the clinic for the drawing of blood.

If you can not make the clinic, you may still take advantage of these discounts by participating in the LRCSC "Satellite" 20/20 Clinic April 26-31, 2004. Satellite clinics allow a larger number of participants since they are able to have their dog's sample drawn closer to home...at their own vet's! "Satellite" participants MUST treat and ship samples according to Optigen's specifications by April 31, 2004 (see Optigen website for more info). Test requests can be either entered on line or printed from the website.

In order to participate, you must reserve a spot by contacting Ron Morelos at: can8tive@aol.com. For additional information, please contact Ron or visit the Optigen website at: www.optigen.com



Member Accomplishments

ongratulations.

e are proud to report our member's achievements in this issue.

Michael Caisse handled **Gypsybog's Brazos Deluge**, **CD**, **SH** - "Buster" for his Senior Hunter title. Buster is owned by **Michael Caisse** & Karen Kase(breeder)

JMark's Aiming High UD,SH,MX,MXJ



All three obedience titles in ninemonths--CD-3 HIT, CDX-dog world,-UD all scores mid 190's from the B class. Also an MXJ in agility **Jan Johnson**.

JMark's Magic Moxie CDX, JH, AX, AXJ.

CD all placing, CDX dog world, plus an AXJ in agility and a JH **Pam Kimel** Great year girls!

McGreggor's Pretty Face CD earned her CD in three shows with scores of 190,193 and 194. Shayna is owned and bred by Beth Teixeira



Spring Rain. Sire: Lobuff Pale Rider at Chucklebrook. Breeder: Diane Pilbin **Owners Alexander and Joey Edsall** Not to be outdone Tessa's older "brother" **Trevor CDX, SH, CC, WCI** took first place

and added a second leg in Utility A Dam: Cedar Springs Ashley. Sire: Chucklebrook Wild Goosechase CD, JH. Breeder: Jeffrey and Heather Hill. **Owners Alexander and Joey Edsall**

Chucklebrook Silvercreek Tessa CDX, SH,

CC, WCX completed her CDX at the

Concord Dog Training Club). Dam: Chucklebrook

Conor James O'Brien (Jan Lenahan X Joe O'Brien) rec'd a perfect report card. Chloe Marie O'Brien (adopted by Jan Lenahan X Joe O'Brien) lost 2 teeth. Both Parents are proud of their children's accomplishments

ongratulations to all of our Members and their dogs. Please continue to send all brag information to:

Gail Conway Email: labrsq@yahoo.com



In Memoriam

It is with a heavy heart that this Editor writes this page. Our deepest condolences to those in the membership who have lost their faithful friend and companion.

Willcare's Nanny's Lil Bertha

Nov. 5 1990-July 14 2003

Bertha is best described as "always expecting something exceptionally wonderful to happen. Anticipating every moment, so not to be left out. She was happy, and always stirred things up if she found times were dull. Bertha always managed to keep, my sons, her daughter as well as her grandson in line.

In her younger years Bertha played Sandy in the musical Annie and she never once missed a rehearsal. In her spare time she was also the Wayland Hockey Team Mascot for three years, once again Bertha never missed a game and with this she learned to beg at vending machines. She continuously provided happiness and entertainment to children and adults in a trauma clinic as well as an Alzheimer's unit. In 1996 she was published in "Women's Best Friend" A Celebration of Dogs and Their Women.

She was my adorable, loveable, sweet, soul. She loved life, I greatly admired her, she was my mentor.

Nan Foster

Chocura's Satucket Holly CD, WC

May 13, 1988 - Jan. 13, 2004.

She was my best friend and my constant company at home and work for thirteen years of her life, until she got too old to travel.

I miss her terribly.

Marjorie Dewhurst, Satucket Labradors

When I am Old..(when?)

I shall wear Turquoise and soft gray sweatshirts... and a bandana over my long, silver hair....and I shall spend my Social Security Checks on Sweet Wine and My Dogs.....and sit in my house on my well-worn chair and listen to my dog's breathing.

I will sneak out in the middle of a warm Summer night and take my Nero for a run, if my old bones will allow... and when people come to call, I will smile and nod as I walk out and show them my dogs...and talk of them and about them... The Ones so Beloved of the Past and the Ones so Beloved of Today....

I still will work hard cleaning their runs and mopping and feeding them and whispering their names in a soft, loving way... I will wear the gleaming sweat on my throat, like a jewel, and I will be an embarrassment to all ... and my Children ... who have not yet found the peace in being free to have dogs as your Best Friends....

These friends who always wait, at any hour, for your footfall...and eagerly jump to their feet out of a sound sleep, to greet youas if you are a God. With warm eyes full of adoring love and hope that you will stay and hug their big, strong necks...and kiss their dear sweet heads...and whisper to them of your love and the beautiful pleasure of their very special company....

I look in the mirror...and see I am getting old.... this is the kind of woman I am...and have always been. Loving dogs is easy, they are part of me,

accept me for who I am, my dogs appreciate my presence in their lives...when I am old this will be important to me...you will understand when you are old & if you have dogs to love too.

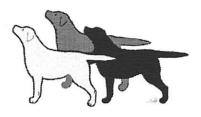
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The Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston

Invites you to our 13th Independent Specialty and Obedience Trials at a Great New Location

> Dates: Thursday and Friday June 10th and 11th.



Place: Crown Plaza Hotel in Warwick, RI

Judges: Bitches, Intersex & Jr. Show—Ms. Marge Benhan-Hutchins

Dogs-Mrs. Judith Chambers

Sweeps-Mrs. Jinny Nealon

Thursday Obedience-Mr. Jerry Iermiero

Friday Obedience-Mrs. Phyllis Broderick

Come see the Rhode Island Beaches and Mansions.

2004 Specialty Show Chairperson: Mr. Jeffery G. Snyder (508) 865-5824

Superintendent: Jim Rau Shows, Ltd. PO Box 6968, Reading, Pennsylvania 19610

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Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston

Field Training Class

Delaney Watershed WMA, Stow, MA

Tuesdays, beginning April 13, 2004, 6:00 pm

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

These are not obedience classes!

Beginner Class (single marked retrieves): Junior, WC

Prerequisites for participation are:

- Reliably obedient on heel, sit and recall
- All retrievers will be run on a long line
- Training partner
- "Retriever Puppy Training" Loveland & Rutherford

Class limited; \$ 100.00 LRCGB members \$ 120.00 non-LRCGB members

** Club Members Will Be Given Preference For These Classes **

For more information: Karen Kennedy Tel: 978-774-8458 e-mail: Pleasantpine@aol.com

Directions to Delaney Watershed Wildlife Management Area, 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 T. Left onto Harvard Road for ¼ mile to green gate in small field on left. Left through gate, follow access road into area.

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Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston Officer and Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, November 19, 2003

Call to order: 7:03pm by Karen Kennedy.

Attendance: Karen Kennedy, Jeff Snyder, Scott Shaw, Pam Nolin, Lois Engel, Linda Berkeley, Beth Teixeira, Cheryl Curtis, Sue Willumsen, Dick Kennedy, Jan Lenahan.

<u>Secretary Report:</u> No minutes were available to read. Ruth Solomon filled in as recording sec. at the 8/13 meeting and her PC was stolen. PC had the meeting minutes in it. Karen Kennedy will check her notes.

Treasurer's Report: (See attached) was approved. Discussion ensued regarding entry fees for the Specialty. Currently they are \$16/22. All present agreed to raise the entry fees to \$26 reg, \$22 BBE, \$22 Vet, \$20 sweeps &second entry.

Also discussed were whether or not to have a hospitality rm at the show site and if so, should we hold a raffle in that night. The deadline for the premium is 2/20/03.

Membership: Karen Kennedy gave the second reading for B Bing who was voted in. First readings for Jean O'Donnell and Sue Humphries. Discussion held regarding Sue Humphries, a former club member. BOD requested she obtain two letters of recommendation.

Correspondence: Pam Nolin rec'd a letter from R. Coletti of North Shore KC asking if LRCGB would like to hold our show in conjunction with theirs. Discussion led to a request for Pam to write back and ask North Shore to send us a proposal.

Otter Tales: Gail Conway has taken over Otter Tales.

Show Committee Report: See comments under Treasurers Report. Also need trophy donations. The following will donate: Sue Willumsen, BBE. Scott Shaw & Pam Nolin, BOS. Cheryl Curtis, BV. Jackie Mischou, HRB. Club needs to find a new photographer for Specialty as our previous one wants a rm and \$225/day. Sue W. will look into this. Sue also volunteered to Chair the 2005 Specialty.

<u>Field Committee Report:</u> Scott Shaw is now the new committee Chair. Spring HRT April 24/25 at Addeville. Terry J. to Chair again, Jan L, HRT Sec.

WC TBD in July at Addeville and Scott S. will Chair. Puppy Stakes will be in June at Addeville and Suki Noble will Chair. Karen Kase will do the training classes again and needs 12-18 yr old helpers. Aug HRT TBD, Scott and Audie Gould will cochair. Possible dog training class at Addeville TBD instead of our usual Thurs & Sat sessions.

Agility Committee Report: May 15, 2003 has been approved by AKC. Blair Kelly and Carol Mount will be judges. Volunteers are needed.

<u>Nominating Committee Report:</u> Per Karen Kennedy, Joey Meade Edsall will chair and Linda Berkeley will help. Suggestions for BOD were Karen Kase and Robin McGee.

Lab Rescue: Auction/dinner will be held April 17, 2003 on Topsfield. Contact Judy Kay.

<u>Old Business:</u> The new trailer is at Jeff's. Shelves are being made and installed.

Holiday party: Wednesday, December 10, 2003 at Hopkinton Sportsman Assoc. Pam N. contact. Email with food items. Dogs welcome. Yankee swap to take place also.

Winter match: Winter fun day/show &go will be held 2/15/2003 at Masterpiece in Franklin, MA.

<u>New Business:</u> LRCGB needs new PA system. Jeff S. researched items and discussion ensued. Approval given to purchase the \$1200 package.

Karen Kennedy mentioned a letter she rec'd from Vet Gen. They are doing research on genetic hip dysphasia. Karen will include letter in the next issue of Otter Tales and email as well to club members.

Club donations: Linda Berkeley volunteered to be in charge of looking for an item LABRSQ could auction off. Club will donate up to \$500. Club will also make a donation to search & rescue. Discussion held regarding the Worcester KC. TBD if we will support that show in the future.

<u>Next meeting:</u> January 14, 2004, in Hopkinton. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 Respectfully submitted, Jan M Lenahan LRCGB Rec. Sec.



Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston Seasonal Retriever Training Grounds Club Membership Addieville East Game Farm, Mapleville, Rhode Island

The Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston has made arrangements for its members to train from April 15 through September 15, 2004 at Addieville East Game Farm, a year-round licensed hunting preserve. This provides members access to the Cooper Farm grounds in Rhode Island to shoot farm-raised gamebirds for training their retrievers throughout the season within state regulations.

> Permitted to shoot farm-raised game birds for purpose of dog training Traditional New England hunting fields 2 ponds with a variety of cover and shorelines Lodge with grill, picnic tables, etc. Sporting clays course and gun shop

> > Club events: Retriever Class w/flyers Singles Stakes Intermediate Retriever Seminar Club Training Days Fun day

Directions to Addieville East Game Farm, Mapleville, RI:

401-568-3185 Geoffe Gaebe, Proprietor

From North:

Route 146 South to Route 146-A South – N. Smithfield exit (exit at Hood Construction/Baker Boy Donuts on food sign) for ~1 ½ mi. to lights at Cumberland Farms Right onto Route 102 South for ~3 mi. to second lights Left onto Route 7 South for ~3 4 mi. Right onto Smith Hill Road to top of hill Bear right at end [onto Tarklin Rd]; bear right at Y [@ country club sign]; for ~1 mi. Left at granite rock sign for Addieville

From South: From Route 295, take Route 7 North for 6.2 miles Left onto Tarklin Road for ~ 2 mi. Left at granite rock sign for Addieville



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Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston Seasonal Retriever Training Grounds Club Membership Addieville East Game Farm, Mapleville, Rhode Island

Process for using training membership

I. No pre-sign up, unless conflicts develop:

- A. Up to three groups can train cooperatively on the preserve
- **B. SCHEDULE:**

2 weekdays per week: Mondays & Thursdays
2 weekends per month: Apr 17-18, Apr 24-25, May 8-9, May 22-23, Jun 5-6, Jun 19-20, Jul 10-11, Jul 24-25, Jul 31-Aug 1, Aug 14-15 Sep 4-5, Sep 11-12

II. Professional trainers provide Certificates of Insurance coverage to Addieville East and LRCGB.

III. Upon arrival at Addieville, sign in at lodge where there will be an LRCGB binder:

Each individual present must sign the release form

A. Each person in training party must sign log,

- 1. # of dogs training
- 2. # of birds shot on preserve
- 3. Double check for release forms on everyone
- B. Leave payment in envelope in binder:
 - \$5.00 per dog

IV. Training birds must be handled within Rhode Island regulations:

A. All dead birds must be tagged.

B. ABSOLUTELY NO PIGEONS PERMITTED ON THE GROUNDS - DEAD OR ALIVE!

C. If you bring training birds, the dead birds must be tagged upon arrival.

D. Any birds shot at the preserve must be identified with tags obtained from Addieville.

E. Birds must be properly permitted, particularly Certificate of testing for Avian Influenza.

F. Anyone shooting birds must hold a **Rhode Island Hunting license or a seasonal preserve Hunting permit**, obtainable at Addieville's lodge.

G. Non-toxic shot shall be used at the Cooper Farm.

V. Maps of the Cooper Farm training areas are in the log:

This is private property being used jointly with other members, please be considerate.

A. Take care in driving: minimize ruts (engage 4WD to avoid tearing sod)

- B. Do not cut vegetation
- C. Pick up all shells and trash, especially training ribbons.

VI. Coordinate with other users:

A. Geoff Gaebe, Owner

B. Other Addieville members: sporting clay shooters, fishers, etc.

C. Other LRCGB users

VII. Question or comments, contact:

- A. Karen Kase 978-422-0053; 508-878-9024 gypsybog@comcast.net
- B. Gerri Owren 401-874-7635 (w) 401-295-7209 (h) Gerrie@uri.edu



LRCGB B-OB Spring Match May 2, 2004 Winnikenni Castle Haverhill, MA

Come join other members at our AKC Sanctioned Spring Match in Haverhill, MA on May 2, 2004.

Puppy Sweepstakes (Pre-entry only) 2-4, 4-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-15, 15-18 months

Veterans Sweepstakes

7-10, 10+ years

Regular/Non Regular Classes

2-4, 4-6, 6-9, 9-12 months
Best Puppy
12-18 months Junior, Novice, American Bred, Bred-By, Open.
Best Adult
Hunting Retriever, Field Trial, Altered, Pointed, Champion of Record

All Class Divided by Sex

Obedience (No bitches in season may compete in obedience) PreNovice and Novice Open and Utility

Junior Showmanship: Under 10 years, 10-14 Novice, 10-14 Open, 14-18 Novice, 14-18 Open

Dogs and Bitches will be judged separately

Please contact Match Chairperson: Pat Alyward for more information 978-462-7047 d.danaylward@comcast.net

2004 Triple Crown Event

Can your Labrador perform in the Breed Ring, Obedience Ring and Retrieve Birds? Then you may have the next Triple Crown Winner. J oin us at both the Spring Match on May 2nd and the Working Certificate in July to see if you Labrador has what it takes to be the Best All Around LRCGB Labrador 2004.

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

Points are awarded for participating in the Spring Match Conformation and Obedience Classes and the Working Certificate in July. The same handlers must present the dog/bitch in all the classes.

Special classes are offered at the May Match for dogs with Champions (CH), Obedience Trial Champions (OTCH), Field Trial Champions (FCH) Amateur Field Trial Champions (AFC), or Altered.

For more information, contact Karen Kennedy at Pleasantpine@aol.com



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Breeder Referral Program Successful

By Barb Burri

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The Breeder/Puppy referral program seems to be quite successful in its first 4 months under my auspices. I took over this task in September, and have made connections for over 65 people looking for Lab puppies in that time period.

Every 6 weeks or so, I contact the LRCGB breeders for whom I have email to inquire if they have puppies planned or on the ground. I keep all of these in a spreadsheet, and when people call me or email to inquire about Lab puppies, I send them a copy of the spreadsheet, with all the breeders -name, town, telephone number, email, kennel name, and any litter details. Those who have a litter planned, or puppies on the ground are highlighted in yellow. I also send along an information sheet on questions to ask breeders and what to look for. I've had excellent feedback from some of the people looking for puppies that this was very helpful to them in knowing what to ask, and in understanding why they should be looking for puppies from reputable breeders.

Periodically, I drop a letter to the breeders on the list who don't have email to inquire about their litter plans. The breeders of the LRCGB have been great at giving me updated information so that I have a good database to share with prospective puppy buyers. If you are actively breeding, and haven't heard from me, please let me know so I can add you to my list and send prospective puppy buyers your way.

Barb Burri, bburri@comcast.net, 603-378-0098.

Litter Announcements

Ch Withara Brodie's Souvenir x Mayfair Serendipity (needs only 4 single pts to finish)

All black, all clearances, superb temperaments and working ability, lovingly raised and socialized.

Please contact Karen Pandolfi for more Information

508-435-6838 Email: kkpbass@comcast.net



The Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston

2004 Dues Notice

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

Dues are \$ 20.00

The printed label on this notice is the most recent address on file. Please make any necessary corrections. Please submit payment by March 1, 2004.

Send dues payment by check payable to LRCGB to:

Karen Kennedy Membership The Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston 343 Locust Street Danvers, MA 01923 978-774-8458

Address:		Telephone:	
City:	State: Zi	p Code:	
Kennel Name:			
E-Mail:			
Interests: Breeder:	Conformation: Field Obedience	eAgility	
Lab Rescue:	Other:		
At which event can you h	nelp the Club: Winter Match April H	Iunt Test	
May MatchSpeci	alty Working Certificate Au	igust Hunt Test	
	Meetings Other		



Please Contribute to Otter Tales!

The deadline for the next issue is

May 1^{st,} 2004

Otter Tales is published quarterly. If you have an article to contribute, something

Please send all new litter and puppy announcements to: Barb Burri bburri@comcast.net or 603-378-0098

to brag about or a litter to announce please submit your

information to:

Gail Conway

LRCGB

27 Marlboro Street

C/o Gail Conway

27 Marlboro Street

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Newburyport, MA 01950 Email: labrsq@yahoo.com

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.

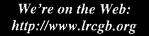
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