



# Otter Tales



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## From The Editor

I hope that this summer was full of wins, birds, Q's, and good fun! It blows my mind that it is already September and we will soon be ushering in the winter months.

I would like to extend an open invitation to the entire membership to submit content. We have some very talented folks among us, esteemed judges, professionals in handling, hunting, obedience, agility, etc. Why not share some pearls of wisdom, showing tips, stories, or artwork with us?

Lastly, now that I have been at the helm of Otter Tales for just over a year now, I'd like to hear what you our members would like to see in our newsletter. Feel free to e-mail me at aduroche@maine.rr.com!

Wishing you all the best,

Aarone

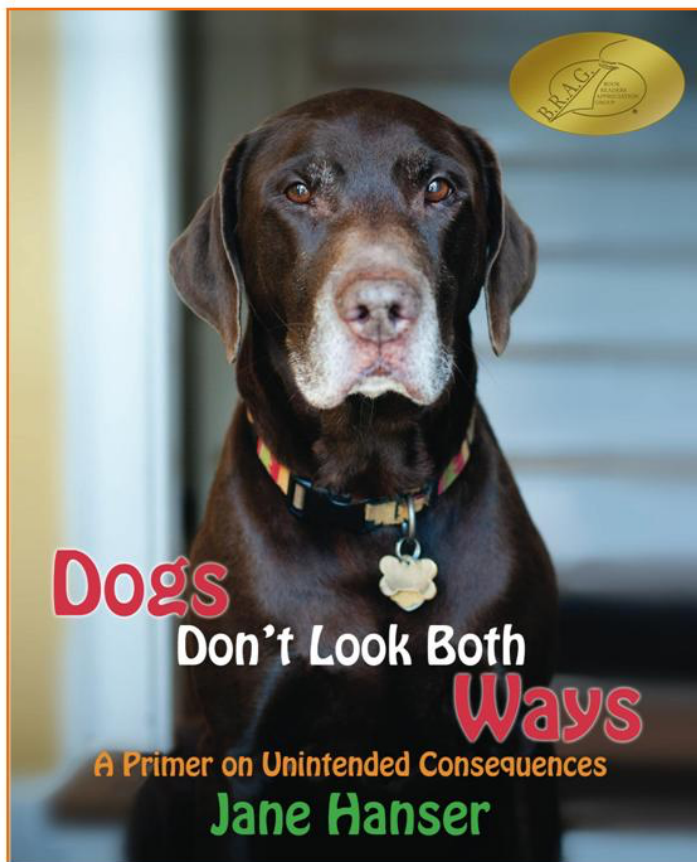


# Club News

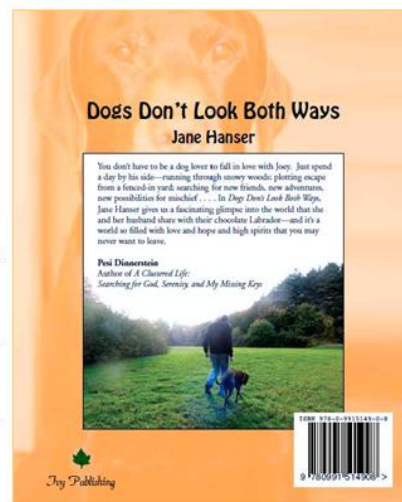


LRCGB General Meeting  
 Wednesday, October 21, 2015  
 The Canine Joint Rehabilitation & Fitness Center  
 at Destination Dog  
 7 Forge Parkway  
 Franklin, MA

Our next general meeting will be held at Destination Dog next month. Your education committee has discovered the Canine Joint & Rehabilitation Center at the above location. Its owner, Patricia Tribou BS, PTA, CCRP, has graciously agreed to give us a presentation after our general meeting concerning the most common injuries & treatments for performance dogs, specifically our Labradors. Doors will open at 6 PM so you will have time to explore the facility which houses The Canine Joint Center, Blue Heron Acupuncture, TACT- Canine Massage, Big Biscuit Bakery and Paush Pooch Groomer. Representatives from these businesses will be there to speak with you at 6 PM and during our social from 6:30-7 PM. Patricia will be presenting at 7:30 after our meeting. So mark your calendars! We hope you can join us for an informative evening. We will also be discussing By-Law changes and Code of Ethics.



"When reading a book about animals there is always that slight apprehension that 'This is not going to end well!' As a dog and cat lover I have read books in the past and have had to buy in boxes of tissues and chocolate to get to the end.. I am delighted to say that those extreme measures are not required for this book.. All



the chocolate that you need is Joey himself who is of the Labrador variety..." writes Sally Cronin, "Smorgasbord - Variety Is the Spice of Life."

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Author Jane Hanser gives us a Lab with a voice, a dog with character – and having character is a must for a Labrador... Life wouldn't be the same – or the bond truly tested – without a few adventures thrown in. Joey takes us on those adventures in an enjoyable, easy to read, pithy personal exposé of being a Labrador.—*Jill LaCross, Just Labs Magazine*

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# Club News



The Membership Committee would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members, voted in at the Speciality: Kevin Roy, Mary Ellen Fletcher, and Leah Franzen. Please take a moment to welcome them to the club if you see them at events.

We still have First Aid Kits available for purchase. They are \$30 and contain items necessary to care for your canine or human injuries. These make great gifts! Please contact Jen Quinn to purchase. [jenquinn333@gmail.com](mailto:jenquinn333@gmail.com)



## **LRCGB to celebrate it's 25th Independent Specialty in June 2016!**

Be apart of club history!

**Please consider volunteering at the show.**

We are planning a few special surprises.

There are many ways to help.  
we need people to...

- ◆ Help with set up and clean up
- ◆ Serve and clean up after dinner Thursday night
- ◆ Help in the Snack Shack.
- ◆ Stewards for obedience and rally.
- ◆ Work at the club table
- ◆ Work at the raffle or catalog tables.
- ◆ Grounds
- ◆ Judges hospitality
- ◆ Trophy table
- ◆ And more...

The more people that volunteer, the more shifts we can have, the more time you can have to socialize!  
Lets make this specialty Great!

If interested, please contact:

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# Club Events



## LRCGB Spring Specialty

### Breed Results for Thursday, June 11

Best of Breed

CH Majestyx Willcare's Moonlight Resonance

Best Opposite Sex

CH Chocorua Asquam Flying Fifinella

Best Veteran

GCH Lobuff Major Yeager At Asquam MH

Winner's Bitch, BOW, BBE

Atlantic's Little Bit of Trouble

Winner's Dog

Danbridge Totally Fetching By Jayhawk

Best Puppy

Picadilly's Sticky Wicket

Best in Veteran Sweeps

GCH Willcare To Fly Under The Radar

BOS Veteran Sweeps

Seal Cove's Best Bet

Best in Sweeps (Puppy)

Erinhill's Significant Otter

Best Opposite Sex

Piccadilly's Sticky Wicket

Best Hunting Retriever

Chucklebrook Theodore At Snowbrook CD SH

### Breed Results for Friday, June 12th

Best of Breed

GCH Lobuff Major Yeager At Asquam MH

Best Opposite Sex

CH Chocorua Asquam Flying Fifinella

Winner's Dog

Triton's Black Box Warning

Winner's Bitch/ Best of Winners

Harbor Run's All For Leyna At Russford

Best Puppy Sweeps

Danbridge Born To Rule

Best Opposite

Erinhill's Significant Otter

Best Veteran Sweeps

GCH Willcare To Fly Under The Radar

Best Opposite Veteran Sweeps

CH Brook And Ridge Isabella

## **The Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston Spring Specialty 2015**

To The Officers of the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston, The Labrador Retriever Club Of Greater Boston Board Members, and The Labrador Retriever Club Of Greater Boston Club Members,

Thank YOU LRCGB for allowing me the Honor to be Show Chairperson of our Labrador Retriever Club Of Greater Boston Back to Back Specialty with the Incredible Amazing Wonderful Barb Burri as Assistant Chair.

It was a Pleasure to be amongst Fabulous Judges and Loyal Labrador Enthusiasts. Congratulations to ALL Exhibitors in Breed, Obedience, and Rally. Great Sportsmanship and Wonderful Exciting Wins.

In Honor Of Our LRCGB Back To Back Specialty Shows~ I would like to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of the volunteers who supported the Specialty with compassion, humanity, strength, and kindness. Each day the volunteers demonstrated their loyalty with countless hours of dedication to make our Specialty a success. My husband Frank and I am Most Appreciative of All who Volunteered with Positive Passion and Enthusiasm in Supporting Our Show. We Thank YOU All~

Cheers~~

Elaine Capone

## **The Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston Working Certificate 2015**

By Annmarie Wilson

The sun rose early brightening the morning sky with promise of a Glorious Summer Day. And then the sun shone strong and true and breezes were short and few – and so began the day our LRCGB Working Certificate test! Several faithful friends rose from bed under the cover of darkness to be sure they arrived at the Hopkinton Dam in NH to set up and prepare for the tests.

July 19, 2015 LRCGB offered the opportunity to enter and earn three different Certificates: Working Certificate, Working Certificate Intermediate and Working Certificate Excellent. We had a tremendous turnout with a total of 45 dogs entered in all three stakes. Happily we had a very high pass rate, and those dogs & handlers that didn't earn a certificate had fun anyway. The handlers came away learning what to spend a bit more time training and every dog had a live flier. The greatest benefactors of the day were our faithful friends. All the dogs were jazzed and ready to work. There is something special about sharing an event that our dogs instinctively enjoy doing.

Donna Kelliher was there snapping photos of our hard working dogs. Be sure to look for yours on her website: [www.donnakelliher.com](http://www.donnakelliher.com)

Many hands make light work, and I am so grateful to the many members and training friends that came and offered their time, knowledge, skills and assistance putting on this event. It could never have happened without everyone's cooperation and willingness to help wherever needed. There are too many to mention here, but I do want to send a special thank you shout out to our judges: Dick Kennedy, Joe Juza, Doris Aylward, and Milly Secco. Also to be recognized are some key positions that are so critical to run the event smoothly: Chief Marshal Betty Johnston, Gun Captain Dan Cassidy, Stake Marshals Gerrie Owren and Karen Kennedy, Hospitality Joanne Lyons and Conformation Certificate evaluators Sue Willumsen and Tami Wilson. Lastly, a big thank you to Nanci Freitas and Robin Anderson who guided me through the process of putting the day together.

Wherever I looked I saw smiling faces (with beads of sweat dripping from their brows) and happy, bouncy dogs. It really was a Glorious Summer Day.

## **LRGCB & Colonial Retriever Field Trial Club Hunt Test**

The LRCGB in conjunction with the Colonial Retriever Field Trail Club hosted a wonderful pair of hunt tests the weekend of August 1 and 2, 2015. The weather was absolutely gorgeous, and the judges set up beautiful tests for all involved. There were plenty of volunteers, too numerous to list, but definitely appreciated, to handle all of the work that needed to be done, and they were efficiently coordinated by Karen Kase, with a spread sheet of jobs for everyone. Nancy Freitas, our equipment coordinator, kept the tests moving from land to water with a minimum of down time, which the judges were grateful for. Lunches were provided for workers and judges by the club both days, and the subs were enthusiastically consumed and complimented on. If you would like to see our breed, and others in action, doing what they were bred to do, consider helping at the fall hunt test September 19, and 20, and get bit by the bug!! It is just inspiring to watch these dogs do what come naturally to them. Come on over to the next hunt test and see what it is all about.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gayle Abrams

Link to results- <http://www.colonialretrievers.com/results.html>



# Wags and Brags



Father & Daughter take top honors!  
**LRCGB Best of Breed 2015**

BISS GCH Lobuff Major Yeager at Asquam MH

**LRCGB Best of Opposite 2015**

GCH Chocorua Asquam Flying Fifinella WC

Yeager and Nell are owned by Nancy Wolston



GCH CH Majestx Willcare's Moonlight Resonance aka "Murphley" won Best in Show at our June Specialty in June. He also achieved his Canadian Championship in one weekend winning Winners Dog at the two Specialities and a Best of Breed at one of the All Breed dog shows!

Also winning points on our trip were our puppy, Theodore, as well as several Best Puppy awards and a Puppy Sporting Group 1; and Porcha winning Winners Bitch one day.



At our June Speciality Jen Quinn's Katniss, Stonecrest's Girl on Fire finished her Rally Novice title: 3 Q's in 2 days, all with placements. Way to Go Kat!

At our Speciality Jen Quinn's Bodhi, Bodhi Quinn UD, JH, RE, NJP, NAP, VER earned his Rally Excellent and Versatility Titles

Jen Quinn and Finn, Noreasta's Mighty Quinn RN, JH earned their Junior Hunter Title in August. Way a good boy Finn!

Shoreline Cedarwood Kathryn at Tory Hill JH, RN, CGC, WC, CC, otherwise known as Katie, received her fourth pass at the Shoreline Retriever Club's Hunt Test in June under judges Dick Kennedy and Andrea Fisher. Her marking was excellent and her perseverance was admirable amid the blazing sun. Thank heavens the water retrieves were in the afternoon when the temperatures were highest and the swim was refreshing! A big thank you to the judges!

Katie's obedience training has helped tremendously with set ups, marking and deliveries. In our field classes we are now working on off leash control at the line among other skills needed for a senior test. She will be entering Obedience trials this fall and will soon complete her Rally Advanced title. The relationship I have with Katie has been built on love, trust and understanding. Who knows if we will ever obtain the SH title with purely obedience training but we will certainly enjoy the climb!

Katie resides in Bridgewater with her owner Shirley Cardello and two roommates Emmy & Sandy.



Wood Ducks Murphy's Magic achieved two legs in both novice obedience and rally advanced at the specialty in June and competed both titles at the Tunbridge Vermont Shows in July.....even earned a few placements. So proud of my boy..... Joan Sullivan, Reading, Vermont.

Excited to share that Willcare's Blonde Does as Blonde Is aka Neala earned her Working Certificate at the LRCGB test on July 19th. She was handled by her owner Jim Magee and is co-owned with Robin Magee and Sue Willumsen.



Ashfield's Third Edition (Edith) by Willcare JH, bred by Mary-Jo Mansfield, co-owned by Mary-Jo And Susan Willumsen, earned her JH in April .

She finished in 2 weekends, 4 for 4, at Yadkin and Neuse retriever clubs in North Carolina. She also received her LRC Conformation Certificate at the LRCGB WC in July. She is expecting a litter of all chocolates the end of September bred by Sue's "Murphley", the 2015 LRCGB Speciality winner. With affection she is known as the "Chocolate Rocket" by Bill Clark. After her maternity leave, she will finish transition into senior hunt work and hopefully earn her SH in 2016.

The litter will be EIC clear and Optigen clear, with great temperament, working ability and great looking. Watch for this litter to be posted on Anna Clark's web site, Graycroft Labradors (Mary-Jo has not advanced to the web level-thank you Anna).





# Nasal Hyperkeratosis



## Nasal Hyperkeratosis

Robin Anderson, Grampian Labradors, reg.



There is a new DNA test which we've learned about, but too late for this cute dog we bred about two years ago. The breeding was an outcross for us and a total surprise.

The condition causes a dry cracked nose, lack of pigment around the lips, and sometimes even affects the foot pads. In our limited experience, it presents around the age of six months to a year of age. Sometimes it's very uncomfortable for the dog so it's a good thing as breeders we can now test to avoid the condition. In other dogs you'd never suspect they have this condition. They present with a dry nose, but no apparent cracking.

The genetics have shown that it is a simple recessive like PRA and EIC. The test is inexpensive in the scheme of all the tests we do, and in one generation it can be bred out of our lines. Even an affected dog can be bred if you like

everything else about the dog, so please test your breeding dogs. We at Grampian were shocked and surprised to find we'd produced it and now test all our unknowns. Please do the same with your dogs so that you never have to get the phone call that sounds like this: "What is wrong with my dog's nose?"



# From the Field



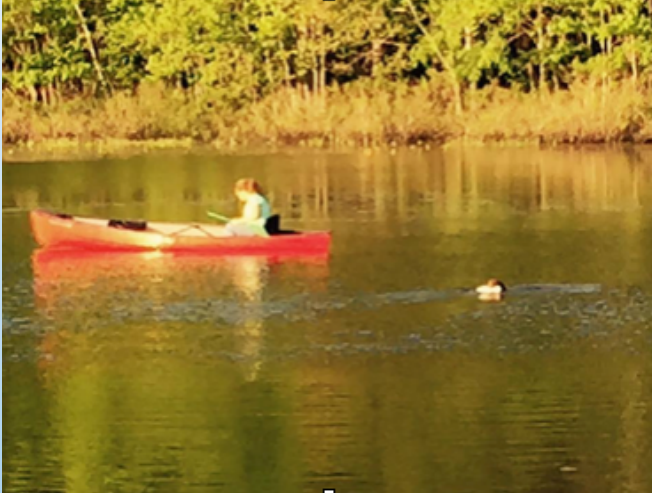
## Liz – Laying the Foundation with Rainer Fuchs.

Liz is now a six month old Chesapeake Bay Retriever with lots of drive. Her owner, Todd Smith recognized this very quickly once Liz came to his home as an eight week old puppy in late January of this year. Even as someone new to the sport, Todd knew getting off on the right track would be important. As the brutal winter of 2015 was coming to a close Todd began searching for training opportunities for both of “Peakes.” He was fortunate to secure a spot in the Rainer Fuchs’ Beginning Retriever Training Class sponsored by the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston. Todd had heard great things about the class and knew of Rainer in his limited time in the “circuit.” While Rainer was understandably concerned about Liz’s young age; they agreed to try it out and see how she performed. After the first class there was little doubt young Liz was capable despite her young age of four months and size. Now that the seven classes have passed by in the blink of an eye; it seems appropriate to thank and recognize Rainer and his assistant Milly Secco for all their hard work in a well-executed and coordinated class. From registration to the last class they were provided with weekly handouts, training syllabus and support materials. The classes clearly reflected Rainer’s style and approach to training that he relayed to them during the first class. Clearly Rainer and Milly are doing this for the love of the sport. It is obvious there are many more hours of work committed to his class beyond the class time. It was apparent that Rainer supplied most of the equipment used during the course. The class provided instruction to new handlers about the basics of being a bird boy; how to safely and effectively handle a popper gun and to operate a winger. Both Milly and Rainer were encouraging and supportive with each puppy and handler. They gave each of them enough attention and time to work out a success; even if it was a small one. Every handler and dog team presents a new challenge and opportunity for all to learn. Rainer pointed many of these “teaching opportunities” to the class at the end of each session. As an example Rainer ran a series of two single marks. The first was to instill confidence and the second was to challenge.



The first mark was a dead bird @ 90 yards (orange line) in light to medium cover. Liz’s recall was good. Second mark is hard to distinguish from picture but down a steep incline across a 10 foot stream and up a steep incline to a dead bird @ 40 yards in no cover with exposed guns (red line). Liz needed a little encouragement to go through the stream, but managed to secure the bird and bring it back with more encouragement on Todd’s part. Rainer pointed out the mark represents a number of challenges outside of the obvious retrieve; going down the hill and across the stream and up the hill and back again. Entering and exiting the stream from a steep incline is a particular challenge for a young dog. Rainer said let’s run it again and see if she put it all together; and she did.

A similar scenario was run in water a week later. Marks were thrown in open water to instill confidence and to slightly challenge each puppy in terms of endurance and a second mark was thrown in “cover” through weeds, lily pads and sticks. Will the puppy persevere and ignore the distractions that were posed by the cover? Happy to report yes for Liz on both counts.



Milly in canoe throwing the 60 yard water mark for Liz

Todd couldn't be more pleased with the outcome. While he understands this course is only a start – the first stone laid for a solid foundation; he was able to learn many techniques to further his and Liz's development. He was able to understand the potential that Liz might have. He is sincerely appreciative of the efforts of Rainer and Milly. He gratefully acknowledges the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston for having the foresight to sponsor such a class aimed at the development of new handlers and retrievers.



Rainer, Todd, and Liz



# Publication Information, Etc



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