



# Otter Tales



The Labrador Club of Greater Boston

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## From the Editor

Happy Spring! I hope everyone is ready for some warm weather and all the fun and activities that go along with this time of year.

I realize that Otter Tales is a bit late this year. I am hoping that soon our publishing will be on a normal schedule, but I need help from you all.

I am inviting every member of our club to contribute to Otter Tales. I know that our membership has deep knowledge in all things Labradors.

Whether you are into Field Work, Conformation, Agility, Obedience, Tracking, Therapy work, Training, Puppy Evaluations, and the list goes on. I want to hear from you!

Knowledge is best shared! I would love to include your pearls of wisdom in our beloved Otter Tales. We can all learn from each other!

Best of luck in all of your venues! I wish you all many ribbons, Q's, Legs, and New Titles!  
See you out there!

All the best,  
Aarone Durocher

# President's Message

Thank you all for an incredibly successful year. Thank you to the core of individuals who work tirelessly to put these events together, and thank you to all those individuals who step up to the plate on a moments notice to fill a void. As a group we have managed to hold an extraordinary number of well run, successful events, and all members of this club should be proud of our accomplishments. I also want to particularly thank those Board Members who served over the past couple of years, some of whom are giving it a rest for now, and welcome those who have been elected to serve.

As elected officials, the Board members take the interest of our members very seriously. This coming year we are looking at updating our By-Laws and Working Rules to better suit the needs of our membership. This is no easy task, and from time to time we will be soliciting membership opinion. At our Annual Meeting in March we opened the floor to discussion on whether or not we should offer multiple tiers of membership.

And to think we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of our first Independent Specialty, with the 25th anniversary of our first Hunt Test not far behind. Plans are well underway for our Agility Trial in May, the 25th anniversary of our Independent Specialty in June, the WC/WCI/WCX in July, Hunt Test in August, not to mention Tuesday night training at Delaney, and the Beginner Retriever Class, Flyer day, work day at Heldca... well you get the picture, as the list seems almost endless. If you're curious about a certain performance event, sometimes jumping in to help can be the best way to learn.

In an age where purebred dog activities are falling under heavy scrutiny, and clubs are folding, we are strong. We are strong because of our members, so please come out and help when you can and lend a hand.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events.

Ruth Solomon,  
President



# Meet Your Officers and Board Members



## **President:**

Ruth Solomon, DVM, Seal Cove Labradors, of Enfield, CT

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I have played an active role in the club for many years now (having served as Recording Secretary, Newsletter Editor, board member, with this being my second "stint" as President.) I started off competing in obedience and hunt tests, but have been concentrating on conformation for the last 10-15 years. I breed under the Seal Cove prefix, in a joint venture along with Pam and Scott Shaw, who got their first Labrador from me many moons ago.

## **Vice-President:**

Marilyn D. Meewes, Danbridge Labradors, of East Freetown, MA

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I have loved dogs my entire life, having dogs around me all the time. The show bug bit me in the 80's and we acquired a few Labradors, finally starting our own breeding program in the late 80's. We have now bred about ten champions, all owned by my husband and myself. We have the pleasure of owning the #1 Labrador for 2010 – GCH Danbridge Henry J – "Hank", as well as many other past and present notables. We are now living in East Freetown, with more room for the dogs!

At the request of my first mentor, I joined a few of the Labrador clubs in New England, Boston being one of them. I joined the club sometime in the late 80's. I started showing in the breed ring at that time and also trained for many years in obedience and field. I have been on the board since 2010 and VP for the past year. I have also served as Nominating Committee Chair for 3 years; Prize Chair for the Specialty for 3 years; and Show Committee Chair for 2 years.

## **Recording Secretary:**

Rainer Fuchs, Fox Run Retrievers, of Sudbury, MA [rainer@foxrunretrievers.com](mailto:rainer@foxrunretrievers.com)

I have been involved in dog training for almost 20 years, always Labrador Retrievers. I first competed in agility, but now my focus is on field training, for hunt tests and field trials. I have run dogs at many Master National competitions, including last year in South Carolina. I also compete in obedience, with the goal of putting UD titles on all my field dogs. Occasionally I dabble in tracking. I don't breed.

I have been involved in many club activities for more than a decade. I teach the beginning retrievers class each year; manage the club's web site; am a member of the field committee; work at all our hunt tests; have chaired events such as the flyer day and WC test and will chair the fall test; and have organized seminars and workshops (including a recent field training seminar). I also started and continue to run two mailing lists for folks in the Boston area active in field training. Quite a few years ago I was a member of the board for a short while but was not able to make the time commitment. I now earn the money to pay for my passion for retrievers as Chief Information Officer at Harvard Medical School.

## **Corresponding Secretary:**

Susan Patterson, Fenwyck Labradors, of Salem, MA

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Susan started in dogs over 35 years ago, making Labrador Retrievers her breed of choice very quickly. She has participated in both field and conformation events being an active dog club member wherever she has lived. Susan has finished Champions in the conformation ring, and put field and Rally titles on her dogs as well. While living in Atlanta she was one of the people who helped found the Greater Atlanta Labrador Retriever Club, and she was an active member of the Newnan Kennel Club too. In the 10 years that she lived in Virginia, Susan was a busy member of the Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac, participating as Corresponding Secretary, show chair for Bare Bones Show and helping as needed with the club specialty show and matches. Additionally, Susan was a member of the all-breed Langley Kennel Club and served as specialty chair. An active member of LRCGB since 2013, Susan has served as Corresponding Secretary, participated in the club field activities and judged matches as well as Sweeps for the club.



# Meet Your Officers and Board Members



## Treasurer:

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I started out in Obedience about 10 years ago with my first Labrador and now try to do a little bit of everything with my dogs and dabble in all areas of the club.

Currently I chair the Winter Obedience Trial and the Agility Trial. I am also the membership chair, the Treasurer and the maker of the [LRCGB] first aid kits (for sale at club events if anyone is interested in purchasing one).

## **Newsletter (Ottertails) Editor:**

Aarone Durocher, Stonecoast Labradors, of Portland, ME [aduroche@maine.rr.com](mailto:aduroche@maine.rr.com)

I live in Portland with my husband David, our 1 year old son Ethan, and our Labrador, Maya. I fell in love with Labradors at a young age and knew I wanted one. In 1999 I got my first Labrador. Maggie was a Chocolate Lab and made me love the breed even more. Thanks to Maggie I got more interested in the breed and met some great folks that introduced me to the world of dog shows and other events. In 2007, we added Maya to our pack. Maya has furthered my involvement in conformation, obedience and the field. Now that Maya is retired I mostly help my friends showing their dogs, or I can be found ring side snapping photos. I have used the Stonecoast Labradors moniker for some time, though I am currently not a breeder. I have been a member of the LRCGB for about 3 years and have served as the Newsletter Editor for approximately 2 years. I have also served as the Official Show Photographer for the LRCGB Spring Specialties in 2011, 2012 and 2013, and for the Labrador Club of the Potomac Bare Bones Specialties 2010 and 2011.

Aside from Labradors, Ethan's Mom, and photography, I work for a large Orthopaedic Center in Portland, Maine as Ortho Technologist and Clinical Assistant.

## **BOARD MEMBERS**

Elaine Capone, Telluride Labradors of Duxbury, MA [elacas@verizon.net](mailto:elacas@verizon.net)

My love and adventure for Labrador Retrievers began when I was a young child, having Labs as our family members throughout my entire life. The compassion I have for THIS BREED has evolved into a love for Conformation, Therapy Dog International, Obedience, Rally and Hunting. Our present family "retriever-gun dog labs" Wade and Tymber share our home with us and are involved in it all!

My goal is to protect and preserve the future of our breed by supporting education and promote the working capabilities of our Labrador retriever with positive participation in all events with a BIG smile and a wagging tail.

I eagerly joined LRCGB in 2007 which I truly enjoy being involved in. My past involvement has included: member BOD, Specialty Show Chairperson & Co-Chairperson, Show Committee & Specialty Show Committee, hunt tests volunteer and club matches volunteer.

Shirley Cardello, Tory Hill, of Bridgewater, MA [acardello22@comcast.net](mailto:acardello22@comcast.net)

I have been a member of the LRCGB for approximately ten years, a member of the Board of Directors for the past four years and Education chairperson for the past two years. My interest in the Labrador breed started with my pet dog, Simon, who began the Obedience journey. As a resident of Bridgewater, I am located about 40 minutes from many training centers. My dogs, Emmy and Katie, participate in Obedience, Rally & Field. Sandy, the newest family member, is adding Agility to my list. As a member of the LRCGB, I see my role as not only a volunteer for the venues I am interested in but as a facilitator of all club activities. As I see it, the best way to do this is to be a member of the LRCGB Board of Directors.

Joey Mead Edsall, Falline Labradors, of Carlisle, MA

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I am involved in field, conformation and obedience. With my Labradors, I have competed to the levels of Champion and pointed conformation, MH, MNR and UD. I have bred three litters and kept a puppy from each. With professional coaching, I have taken all of my dogs through transition and have titled dogs (both show and field) to the master level. I am licensed as an AKC Master HRT judge.

I have been an LRCGB member since 1996, starting in the beginner retriever training class. I have structured the Delaney training group, chaired the working certificate and co-chaired hunt tests. I have served LRCGB on the Nomination committee, as Field committee chair & judges' selection committee and delegate to the Master National Retriever Club.

Leah Franzen, Fairway of Sandwich, MA

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On occasion I have had litters of puppies that have gone to wonderful loving homes. I purchased my first lab in 1987, doing obedience and field training with her. In conformation, I have finished and pointed many of my own dogs as owner handler. I am also a volunteer leader with local 4-H group, training kids in obedience and conformation, and I've judged several conformation events at local, regional and state level. My occupation is North East Regional Manager Open Farm Pet – humanely sourced and processed high quality pet food.

I believe we have an opportunity to lead by example as representatives of the number one breed in the country by developing, maintaining and setting standards and ethics in dogs. The breeding of quality puppies is faced with many challenges currently with the uninformed public believing that breeders give little thought about the humane treatment of the animals and are only focused on profit. Additionally, breeders face the uninformed public perception of "shelter dogs" being purchased over well bred, quality puppies which is causing misperceptions in the public which I would like to help change as a member of the board.

As part of the board I would work to encourage more participation from all members and work towards ways to encourage new members to join and participate so we could continually grow the membership. I would also like to encourage ways that we could grow our show participation through new members and encouraging public exposure to conformation, obedience, field and hunts tests. We represent the number one breed in the country we need to behave like champions of this great breed reflecting quality in all that we do.

Nancie Freitas, Wildeland, of Needham, MA

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I've been a member of the LRCGB since 1995, when my very first Labrador was a year old. I started in competitive obedience, bred a few litters – with the quality guidance of more knowledgeable LRCGB breeders, and now spend most of my Labrador time in the field game. Today, I own 3 black labs – an old lady who's retired, a 5yr old that we're taking to Master for the first time, and a puppy that's currently in force-fetch. I've served as chairperson for the field committee since 2007 and bring the voice of the field to board discussions. If elected, this will be my 5<sup>th</sup> term on the LRCGB board.

Karen Kase, Gypsybog, of Sterling, MA

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In 1989, I got my first Labrador from Sue Willumsen, and to this day we don't know if Ruth Solomon handed me the right puppy-- Ch. Willcare Gypsy Chitina, MH, CD: Master National qualifier, Field Trial Qualifying JAM and multiple specialty JAM's. My Labrador of a life-time, and I've been trying to live up to her ever since. Thanks to joining LRCGB in 1990, I was supported through the challenges of pursuing field along with conformation. I have been licensed as an AKC HRT judge. Our limited breeding has produced [owner trained & handled] MH's, major-pointed Labs, UDX, assistance dogs, but most importantly family pets and hunting companions.

I have served LRCGB as member of BOD, Finance and Specialty committees, Field Committee chair and President. I have also been a member of Colonial Retriever Field Trial Club, LRC and a charter member of & delegate to MNRC, and I volunteer on my town's Animal Control Advisory Board. I hope to continue the opportunities for others to experience the enjoyment I have from each of my irreplaceable Labradors and our community.

Karen Katzen (formerly Pandolfi), Mayfair Labradors, of Westborough, MA [MayfairLabradors@gmail.com](mailto:MayfairLabradors@gmail.com)

Karen has always loved animals. She enjoyed obedience and rescue with two pet Golden Retrievers prior to acquiring her first Labrador in 1992.

An enthusiastic member of the LRCGB since 1996, Karen was elected to serve on the Board of Directors from 1997-2012, and currently holds the position of Recording Secretary. She is active in conformation, occasional breeding, rescue, and hopes to become involved with agility, pet therapy, pet owner education, and tracking.

Mayfair Labradors is home to four wonderful Labradors: Porter, Nikki, Poppy and Neechie. Their hobbies are 1- Eating Food. 2- Counter surfing. 3- Refrigerator invasion strategies. 4- Dietary Indiscretions. 5- Club events involving snacks. Karen has just started judging and absolutely loves it, especially in making sure that the dog and owner's time in the ring are as comfortable and pleasant as possible.

Susan Willumsen, Willcare Labradors, of Kingston, NH [willcare@comcast.net](mailto:willcare@comcast.net)

I have bred and showed Labradors since 1980, mentored by Lorraine Robbenhaar-Taylor in early years. Willcare has been a registered All-Breed kennel since the 1990's. I have owned/ co-owned 3 Champion Master Hunters in addition to over 20 breed champions, multiple Hunting, Obedience, Agility, and Rally titled Labradors. I am an AKC licensed judge of Labrador Retrievers breeds since 2006 adding multiple sporting and hound breeds in the last 8 years.

Joining LRCGB in 1981, I have helped and participated in the first Hunt Tests and Specialties. Having participated in specialties for last 25 years, I was show chairperson multiple times. I have been a member of LRC since 1980's in good standing, as well as a certified LRC Mentor. I am President of NLRC.

Since the very beginning of my breeding program, I have always been committed to the AKC LRC Labrador Standard. When people call and ask what "type" of labs I breed my reply is always "I breed to the standard". I breed dogs that are judged by the standard and are able to work in the field and other performance events as well as in the confirmation ring. To do all this, the dog must be structurally sound and in working condition. I take great pride in keeping my dogs fit whether for the show ring or for performance events. The Labrador is a working bird dog and without proper conditioning, cannot do what they were bred to do. I also reflect this belief in my judging. I do not reward dogs that are sloppy and out of condition. They are seldom in my ring as Labrador people are well aware of this! For several years, I was active in the field trials. Although I do not own any field bred Labradors, I certainly appreciate their abilities and have always enjoyed them.



# Meet Our Newest Members



Welcome to Our New Members

We had lots of applications to read at our Annual Meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Lots of new interest in the Club and it's a wonderful thing that we are growing. Check out the short bios of our new members and give them a warm welcome when you see them at events

**Lynn Dowall:** Lynn has her first reading back at our Educational Seminar at the Canine Joint in Franklin Mass. Lynn has had Shepards and Goldens in the past and is now trying her hand at our wonderful Labradors. Lynn trains her dogs in Obedience, Agility and Field. She has already been part of many events that we have held looks forward to helping out where she can at Masterpeace w Obedience and in the Field. Lynn was sponsored by Jan Johnson and Pam Kimel

**Jack Kade:** Jack originally contacted Membership Chair Jen Quinn in December to look into becoming a club member. He and his yellow girl Cassie had started with puppy classes at Masterpeace (owned by club member Fran Masters). Because he loves doing all things outdoors with Cassie, he hooked up w a trainer from Yankee Waterfowlers, Mike Enright. His training with Mike made him look into the LRCGB. Jack attended our Dec field planning meeting and trap shoot and was an INCREDIBLE helper at our Winter Match working the registration table, stewarding and running out for change when we needed it. Jack was sponsored by Jen Quinn and Gayle Abrams

**Dottie Michaud:** Dottie has owned Labs for over 30 years and is just getting back into competition with the three she owns now. She is training for Obedience, Rally and Nosework. She helped out at the match and the Winter Obedience Trial. Dottie was sponsored by Fran Masters and Shirley Cardello

**Stephen O'Neil:** Steve is retired and currently kept busy with his three Labradors. He got his JH on one of his dogs at our test last fall and also attended our planning meeting and trap shoot in December. Steve is ready to jump in and help out the club wherever he can in the field related events. He was sponsored by Karen Kennedy and Mary Ellen Fletcher

**Karen Cheney:** Karen has been attending our specialty for years and finally decided it was time to join. Her kennel is Edgemere Labradors and she lives in New Harbor ME. Karen is willing to jump and help out in a wide variety of ways. Karen was sponsored by Susan Patterson and Mary Ellen Fletcher.

**Leslie Costigan:** Leslie is currently owned by two Labradors and her kennel name is Georgetown Labradors. She is located in Tyngsboro MA. She previously was in the Golden world, doing lots of great things for Golden Rescue. She works from home which allows for great time at home with her pups. Her sponsors are Lynn Thomas and Cynthia Abbott

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The applicants listed below had their first readings at our annual meeting and we hope to have second readings for them soon.

Meg Hardy: Meg is sponsored by Joanne Lyons and Marsha Wilcox

Sally and Dan Cavicchi: The Cavicchi's are sponsored by Sue Ketchum and Elaine Capone

Renee Rasinski: Renee is sponsored by Shirley Cardello and Marilyn Meewes

Mary Horne: Mary is sponsored by Jen Quinn and Mary Ellen Fletcher

Jeff Ward and Stephanie Hovagimian: Jeff and Stephanie are sponsored by Susan Patterson and Karen Kase

Joy Alleman: Joy is sponsored by Mary Troy and Sue Ketcham

## Other Membership News and Updates

I am working on getting a final membership list together for 2016 and hope to have a directory soon. If you're looking for a directory as soon as possible, shoot me an email at [jenquinn333@gmail.com](mailto:jenquinn333@gmail.com) and I'll get one out to you as soon as I can.

As memberships chair and Board Member, I hope this is the year that we can get a change to our by-laws in order to speed up the process of getting new members voted in. Stay tuned for more updates on this!

Thanks

Jen Quinn

Membership Chair





## Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston

### Annual Awards 2015

New titles are in bold & underlined

Robin Anderson & Gerri Owren	UCH Grampian Ethel Mermaid <u>RN, WC, CGC, CC, UROL1</u> UCH Grampian At The Circus <u>RN, CGC, CC</u> UCH Grampian Barnacle Bill <u>WC, CC</u> Grampian To The Moon! <u>WC, CC</u> Grampian Wanga Doll <u>WC</u> Grampian Viking Sophia O'Wren <u>RN, WC, CGC</u> Grampian Beach Ball <u>WC, CC</u> <u>AKC CH/ UKC CH</u> Grampian Just Call Me ChaCha <u>RN, WC, CGC, CC</u> CH Rockycreeks Put Me In Coach For Grampian <u>BN, RN, WC</u> CH Rockycreeks Project Apollo <u>BN, RN</u>
Patti & Russ Bennett	Corbett's Pesto Italiano <u>SH</u>
Cindy Brown	Cascobay's Little Miss Sunshine <u>BN, RN, CGC</u>
Caron Bronstein	Yarborough Sweet Jadzia <u>RAE, CD, CGC</u>
Barb Burri &	Grampian Raptor Mystique <u>CD, BN, GN, RAE2, NAP, NJP, NFP, THDN, RATS, CGCA</u> Grampian Punkwudgie Pow <u>JH, RATN, CGC</u>
Shirley Cardello	Shoreline Cedarwoods Kathryn At ToryHill <u>JH, RN, WC, CGC, CC</u>
Anna Clark & Jacqueline Dunbar	Sunnyside Graduation Day Tassel <u>SH</u>
Erika Duke	Willcare's Exuberant Miss Scarlet <u>RN, NFP, CGCA</u> Willcare's No Trouble At All <u>RN, CGCA</u>
Joey & Alex Edsall	Falline Buffalo Trace <u>JH</u>
Nancy Freitas	Duckback's Gentle Current of Wildeland <u>SH</u>
Johanne Furguson	CH Seawind's Fergmar Edubard <u>UD, OM1, MH</u> Seawind Fergmar Bells and Whistles <u>SH, WCX</u>
Donna Gray	SHR Grampian One Hot Salsa <u>JH, WC</u> Grampian Jelly Belly <u>RN, NW1, L1E, L1C, L1V</u>
Betty Johnson	Longtrails Matinee Idol <u>CD, RA, RE, JH, WCI</u>

Susan Ketcham      CH Grandvista just Like Gideon Brown  
CH Brookstone Step Ahead Tiny Dancer

Susan Lindberg              HRCH Poplar Forest COOL Hand Luke UDX, MH, AX, AXJ

Mary-Jo Mansfield &      Ashfield's Third Edition By Willcare JH, CC  
Sue Willumsen

Marilyn Meewes      CH Danbridge Totally Fetching By Jayhawk

Susan Patterson &      Fenwyck's Sea Salt, JH, WC  
Maryellen Fletcher

Susan Patterson      Fenwyck's E-Claire, JH

Jennifer Quinn      Stonecrest's Girl On Fire RN, WC  
Noresta's Mighty Quinn RN, JH CGC, TDI  
Bodhi Quinn UD, RE, JH, NAP, NJP, VER, CGC  
Bailey Quinn CDX, JH, RE, NAP, NJP, CGC

Marianne L. Rousseau,  
Esq.      GCH Cedarbay's You Are Always On My Mind

Charles SalemManora's Great Island Bron Yr Aur 'Strider' JH

Cathy Shea              Riverbenz Trixie SH

Beth Texiera Gwillim Macgregor's Hannah Banana Split CD, WC

Karen Tibbetts      Candy Acres East Coast PVT Major's Dream Believer RN  
Ebony's True Black Onyx CGC, RA, CD

Stephanie Von Jess CH Handy Hill Madabout A Knight In Cowboy Boots  
GCH, CH Madabout A Knight In Cowboy Boots  
CH Brookstone CPL Reed At Handy Hill

Sue Willumsen      MBISS GCH, CAN CH Majestx Willcare's Moonlight Resonance

Annmarie Wilson      Wilann's Candy Cane CD, RE, JH, WC, CC



# Club News



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 General Meeting – October 2015 Canine Joint Rehabilitation Center

The LRCGB general meeting was held on October 21, 2015 at the Canine Joint and Rehabilitation Center located at Destination Dog in Franklin, MA. The doors opened at 6:00 PM for early arrivals who were treated to a wonderful buffet organized by Jen Quinn. After a bit of socializing from 6:30-7:00, our president, Ruth Solomon, presided over the short general meeting.

Our session began with Carol Hetherington of Blue Heron Acupuncture who gave a brief overview of acupuncture and its benefits. Her office is located in the same building as the Canine Joint Rehabilitation Center making it easier for patients to get the benefits of both facilities.

Pattie Tribou, owner of the Canine Joint Rehabilitation Center, gave an informative presentation about her facility to an audience of 25 people. She gave information about the salt water pool and its availability, the underwater treadmill used for rehabilitation and an explanation of the biological effects of Laser Therapy.

A new physical fitness program for dog & handler will be coming to the Canine Joint soon. We were able to get a sneak peek at this program through a video presentation. The instructors have been trained by Debbie Gross Saunders and it is guaranteed to be both intense and fun for all. Pattie ended her presentation by distributing a “free swim” card and pen to all who attended.

Thank you, Pattie, for the use of your facility, your generosity and most of all an informative presentation. We would also like to thank all who attended. Please remember the committee is always looking for new ideas so let us know what you might be interested in.

The program for this general meeting was brought to you by the  
LRCGB Education Committee: Shirley Cardello, Jennifer Quinn and Nancy Wolston

# 2016 LRCGB Beginning Retriever Training

## Where:

Delaney Wildlife Management Area  
353 Harvard Road  
Stow, MA  
[Driving Directions](#)

## When:

Tuesday nights, 6 pm,  
from April 19 through May 31, 2016  
Flyer Day, June 14, 5 pm

## [Add to my calendar](#)

Come join the fun! And start your dog off right.

The Beginners Class is a great orientation to hunting retriever work. It is intended to bring out a retriever's innate ability to mark the fall of birds and the desire to retrieve them to its handler. We will build a foundation for the Working Certificate or AKC Junior Hunt tests. Plus, you'll meet encouraging, supportive people and find places to train.

The work focus is on marked retrieves on land and in water. We will also pay attention to basic obedience and line manners. Dogs will get exposure to ducks and pheasants, gun shots, and decoys. Handlers will learn how to operate hunt test equipment and how to be a good "bird boy". You will get plenty of opportunity to discuss training and handling issues.

We will talk about collar conditioning, force fetch, and blind retrieves but these more advanced aspects of retriever training are not part of the training curriculum.

## When: Tuesday evenings

6 pm until dark

April 19 - May 31, 2016

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# Wags and Brags



**HRCH Birchangreen's Rising Tide MH MNH6 QA2** passed his 6th consecutive Master National in Cheraw, SC this Fall. Tide is bred and owned by Nona King of Birchangreen Labradors. Nona's daughter Tara co-owns, trains and handles Tide.



Shoreline Cedarwood Kathryn at Tory Hill CD, JH, RN, CGC received her Companion Dog Title at the Charles River Dog Training Club's Obedience Trial on March 19<sup>th</sup> at Masterpeace Dog Training Center in Franklin under judge Bill Craig. She scored second place being outdone by Ann Paul's malinois. What an honor even though it was not a first place like her other two legs.

Katie has been training in Competition Obedience since she was a puppy. Focusing her energy, speed and general love of life (Doesn't this sound like a Lab?) has been quite a job. I had been told she was a lot of "dog" for me but didn't realize it until, as a puppy, we went to the LRCGB Beginner Field Training classes where she was an embarrassment! She was all over the place! Our try at agility was even worse at 1.5 yrs. No recall in an enclosed building! Now looking back, I have to say all the time spent was worth it. She is truly a wonderful companion.

I have to thank her breeders Linda Berkley Weiss & Nancy Brandow for breeding a great dog, Nancy Droukas for helping me pick the "right" puppy and her Puppy classes. A big thank you to Terri Arnold for her patience, instruction and problem solving ability. I am so grateful to have these people and many friends who are always supportive even though they think my goals are crazy. © Katie is owned, loved & handled by Shirley Cardello.





# Wags and Brags



Rainer Fuchs's Jack finished his AKC obedience novice title and is now Pleasant Pine's Cracker Jack CD.

The Capone Clan Is Ecstatic To Announce Our Baby TYMBER~~ Was Awarded His CD AKC Title Today ~~ Companion Dog Atlantic's Gunning The Grand Passage At Telluride CD BN RN CGC



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.





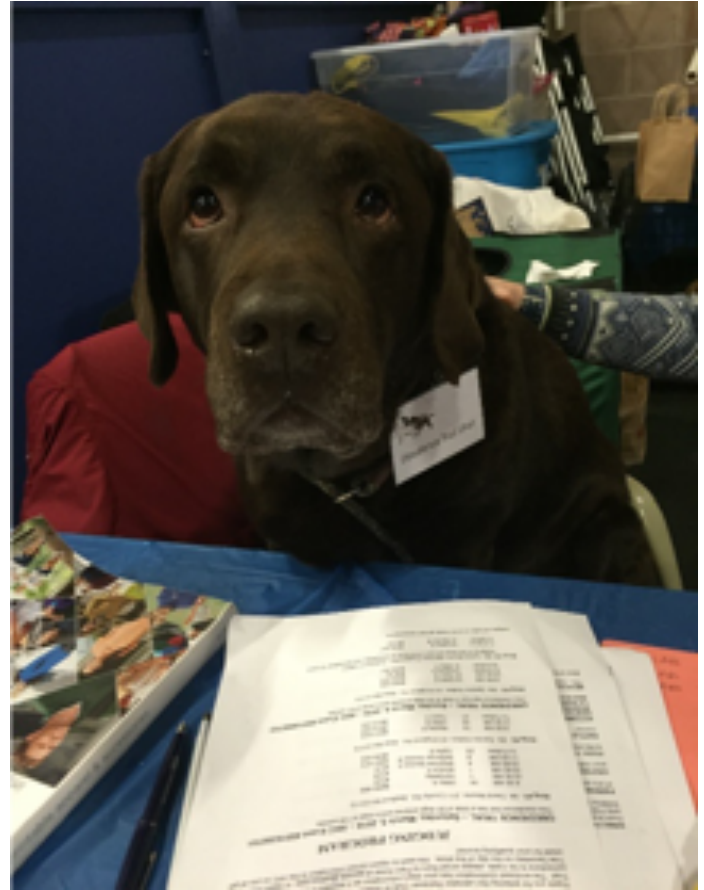


# Event Reports



## Winter Obedience and Rally Trial Recap

Another spectacular trial weekend in the books! This years Obedience and Rally Trials were held at Masterpeace Training Center in Franklin Ma on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The weather was good, the exhibitors happy and the Q's a plenty. The day started with help from Beth, Donna and Shirley who brought the coffee and the goodies to get us started for the day. Trial Secretary Pam Kimel kept the paperwork in order and the results on track. Fran Masters did her usual job of Chief Steward with an abundance of volunteers. Thank you to everyone that came out to help: Jack Kade, Cheryl Palmer, Barb Burri, Karen Kase, Mary Ellen Fletcher, Deb Conroy, Karen Tibbetts, Caron Bronstein, Jan Johnson, Ruth Elis, Dottie Michand, Sandy Armstrong, Judy Cloman, Kathy Grim and 4H Volnteers Emma and Christine. Planning is already in the works for next year, let us know if you would like to help! Jen Quinn and Gayle Abrams, Trial Chairs



## Agility Update



This year's agility trial plans are in full swing. The trial will be held at the wonderful World Wide of Sports in N Smithfield RI on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Come on down to volunteer if you're in the neighborhood. Not only do we love the extra workers, it's great fun to watch, there is some vendors, and if you're not into the burgers and wraps they sell at WWS, the pizza place across the way has the best pizza to choose from. We've got new ribbons and new MACH prizes this year for competitors. Looking forward to a fun weekend for all!



## Word Find

by Sue Seeber

### Dog Anatomy

K O X G H S A L T A V W N G L	ATLAS	HOCK
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U J Y L P U P P I E S H A Z R	BRISKET	LUMBAR
E O H P T R P P S T G E D L R	CARPUS	METATARSUS
X W O U Y O Z I U I Q R I U A	CHEEK	MONORCHID
N L C O N H E V S B B S U M B	COBBY	ORBIT
Y S K C Y I M S R R Z O S B F	COUPLING	PASTERN
E F O R E A R M A O M C Z A Z	CREST	PUPPIES
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D S N X S U P R A C Y B B O C	DUDLEY	STIFLE
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# Board Meeting Minutes



## Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston General Meeting October, 21, 2015

### Meeting Minutes

The LRCGB's General meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 was held at The Canine Joint in Franklin, MA.

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm.

Members in attendance were: Susan Patterson, Shirley Cardello, Karen Kase, Cassi Belli, Karen Libretto, Leah Franzen, Mary Ellen Fletcher, Mary Lynn Troy, Pam Kimel, Cheryl Palmer, Fran Masters, Jan Johnson, Beth Teixeira Gwillim, Marilyn Meewes, Elaine Capone, Ruth Solomon, Jen Quinn,  
Nancy Wolsten, Lee Holstein, Susan Seeber, Nancy Frietas, Karen Katzen Pandolfi  
Guests in attendance were: Nancy Ruse and Lynn Dowall

President Ruth Solomon welcomes everyone and thanks them for coming. She offers a brief summary of the Club as a whole; it's history, it's mission, and the wide variety of events and activities. There's something for everyone to become involved in, wherever your interest in Labradors has been up until now. We encourage you to explore all of the things our wonderful breed can do- try something new- discover new friends- have fun!

The LRCGB is a club we can all be proud of. We will be celebrating our 25th Specialty this coming June, 2016. It's never too early to volunteer to help with this historic event.

Tonight's meeting will be short on Official Business so that most of the time spent will be on a fascinating presentation given by the owner of The Canine Joint on the subject on canine rehabilitation. Thanks to Jen Quinn for organizing an amazing array of delicious foods, and also to everyone else who contributed by bringing a dish.

New Business;  
New Member applications:  
Lynn Dowall, first reading  
Erica Dietz, second reading

A movement is made to vote on Erica Deitz's membership, and seconded. The vote was unanimously in favor. Congratulations and Welcome, Erica!

There are some concerns about Constant Contact, the email program used to communicate within the club. Some members might not find it user friendly and therefore, not be able to fully participate. Susan Patterson kindly offers technical support to anyone who has questions about using Constant Contact.

Field Committee:

Nancy Frietas gives a condensed version of her field committee report, which is to simply state that things are going very well.

Volunteers Needed:

We need some volunteers for the Nominating Committee. This committee consists of two general members in good standing, and one board member. A planning meeting for this and other future events has been scheduled for December 5, 2015.

Upcoming Events:  
January 2016-Winter Match  
March 2016-Annual Meeting

Code of Ethics

At 7:31 pm, a vote was taken by secret ballot. Ballots were collected in a poop bag.  
(unused)

There have been so many heartbreaking tragedies in our Labrador Community lately. We've had many discussions on how we can help, and have made quite a few donations in the past several months.

At this point, it seems reasonable to decide upon a general protocol for these unfortunate situations. A motion was made to keep donations to \$250.00 for the Kelly's (Belgairn Labradors) and for Karen Helmers (Paradocs Labradors).

Seconded.

It is noted that a donation has been made in the amount of \$50.00 to Golden Breeder Susan Lynch, in sympathy for the tragic loss of her son.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42.

The meeting attendees were treated to a fascinating presentation given by Patty, the owner of The Canine Joint. Among the many topics were canine physical rehabilitation, nee developments in this field, the services, products and classes offered at the Canine Joint with lots of enthusiastic Q & A. Then followed a tour of the facilities, which include a heated underwater treadmill, a saltwater swimming pool with a sand filter, a fitness room, as well as classes for you and your dog. It looks like a great place and good resource for our "maturing" dogs or those who may need rehab for specific conditions or post-surgery.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Katzen Pandolfi  
LRCGB Recording Secretary  
Tuesday, October 28, 2015

#### Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston Board of Directors Meeting November 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by vice-president Marilyn Meewes. Reading of the minutes from October 21, 2015. Amendments suggested. Minutes approved with suggested revisions.

In attendance: Shirley Cardello, Cassi Belli, Milly Secco, Nancy Freitas, Susan Pat- terson, Marilyn Meewes, Jen Quinn, Ruth Solomon, Karen Katzen ( Pandolfi), Peggy Lands, Karen Kase

#### Treasurer's Report:

Jen Quinn presented the Treasurer's report.

Account balances- Savings \$22, 599.01 PayPal \$2500.00 Checking \$17, 901.00. Storage of the club's trailer currently costs \$260.00 per month. It is felt that this is an expense that might reasonably be reduced.

Motion - Investigate a more economical storage space, even if that space is smaller than the present one. Motion seconded.

Passed.

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#### Corresponding Secretary's Report:

Susan Patterson presented the Corresponding Secretary's report.

All of the judge's letters are back, confirming their commitments to our events up until June, 2016, pending AKC approval.

Contract is signed for Masterpiece. Everything is all set for the Winter Match scheduled for January 31, 2015, at Masterpeace. The judges are: Shirley Cardello, obedience and rally, Susan Ketchum, Conformation, Heather Johnson invited to judge Sweeps, we have not yet received a response. Gayle Abrams is Match Chair. She has asked for volunteers to steward, help is needed in general.

During a later discussion of this matter, the board agrees that someone from the Conformation sector is needed to support Gayle in that particular area of the match.

The club has been asked to support an entry at the Chickadee Dog Club in Cumberland Maine. The show is June 23-24, 2016, in Maine.

Ruth suggests consulting our membership in Maine to see if they would be interested in helping out with this.

It is agreed that we need more information about the Chickadee Dog Club's expectations for a supported entry in order to make a decision. Corresponding Secretary will send them a letter to this effect.

A heartfelt Thank You note received from Susan Lynch was read.

#### Specialty Committee:

A meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2015.

#### Membership Report:

Jen Quinn presented the membership report.

We currently have one application pending, Lynn Dowell. Jen is going to update the member directory booklet. She needs help formatting the material. Nancy Freitas volunteers her husband, who is knowledgeable in this area.

#### Field Committee Report:

The Field Committee Report was presented by Nancy Freitas. There is a Field Committee meeting scheduled for December 12, 2015. These meetings are open to everybody, interested members and non-members alike. They are discussing presenting a seminar on transition from one level of field training to the next. They are trying to secure a trap captain.

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#### President's Remarks:

The President's remarks were presented by President Ruth Solomon.

In honor of Veteran's Day, we all salute and appreciate all that Louis Bienvenue, a veteran who is very special to the Club. He loved the breed, and his generosity has made many of the Club's most important events possible. It is suggested that we spotlight the founding members of the Club in Ottertails. In discussion, it is suggested that Sue Willumson, who is not present at the meeting, would be the best person to create a list of founding members.

#### New Business:

##### 2015-16 LRCGB Calendar

December 5, 2015- Supported Entry (No December Board meeting.) January 13, 2016 Meeting

January 31, 2016- Winter Match February 10, 2016- Board meeting

February 27, 2016 Seminar (to be confirmed)

March 5-6, 2016- Winter Obedience Match

March 20, 2016- Annual Membership Meeting (daylight savings) April 20, 2016-First Meeting of the New Board

April 23, 2016 -Field Day

May 11, 2016- Board Meeting

May 21, 2016-Agility Trial

June 2-3, 2016- Ladies Dog Club supported entry

June 16-17- LRCGB's 30th Anniversary Specialty

#### New Business continued:

Google group- we have an online Google Conformation discussion group that has been largely inactive. Robin Anderson is the current moderator and has asked to be removed from this position. Karen K P will take it over from Robin.

Discussion on code of ethics, working rules, and by-laws. It is decided to divide the by-laws into sections, with 2 or 3 people taking one section at a time.

Jen Quinn passes out copies of her current wording of membership requirements, a change in by-laws to add Rally and Agility to the club's list of events, proposed changes in dues.

There is discussion about the need for members to volunteer at events and other club activities. Many good ideas for how to encourage members to work were considered, particularly in regard to including the subject in initial membership requirements.

Motion to put this issue on the back burner. Seconded. Passed.

All present also agree to table the by-laws issue for individual contemplation. Milly Secco has been working with an artist friend on our club logo. She has e mailed sketches and would like feedback. continued....

Nominating Committee:

The nominating committee consists of one board member and two club members. At present, we do not have a Nominating Committee in place, due to lack of volunteers.

~Executive Session~

A motion is made to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Katzen Pandolfi, Recording Secretary

# Duck Orders

If you are doing field work and are interested in ordering ducks please email your order to MaryEllen Fletcher at:

[Maryellen@michaelmorans.com](mailto:Maryellen@michaelmorans.com)

- 1) ducks cost 16.00 each
- 2) order needs to be placed by April 2.
- 3) orders need to be paid for by April 8.
- 4) orders need to be picked up at Flyer Day April 23. If you are not planning on attending Flyer Day orders need to be picked up on April 24 in Swampscott MA. If that's still a problem I will do everything I can to help you but we need to talk about the options.
- 5) failure to pay will cancel order.
- 6) failure to pick up birds will cancel order.

Please email [Maryellen@michealmorans.com](mailto:Maryellen@michealmorans.com)

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Mary Ellen Fletcher

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Swampscott, MA. 01907

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# Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston

## 2016 Field Training at Delaney

**Mission: To support the training, education, and improvement of all dogs and handlers**

Hi folks,

Ah, what a mild winter we had. And now we have Delaney Field training to get us out every week. The LRCGB has reserved the Delaney Wildlife Management Area on Tuesdays from March 15th to October 4th.

**Please read through the entire document before registering** -- whether you come as a drop-in or for the full season.

**[Read the Details](#)**

### **Highlights for the 2015 season:**

- We'll split into 2 groups: an early group and a later group.
- We will not have pre-designated leaders; teams will formulate the set ups according to a predetermined syllabus
- Ducks will be used every week
- Handlers are expected to bring a duck for each dog they run, a radio, duck call and have access to a pistol
- Participants must be a LRCGB member in good standing (or applying for membership)

**See you in the field!**

Delaney Subcommittee

**[Check out the Details](#)**





# Publication Information, Etc



**Would you like to know more about Otter Tales?**

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Payments for all ads and listings should be sent to:

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