

Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston

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March 2026

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In like a Lion and we hope March goes out like a lamb...This issue looks forward to lots of spring happiness with fun things in the planning stages.

Send your comments and photos or anything you find of interest to share with fellow members all year long to Robin!

There might be a *deliberately* placed 'easter egg' in each issue, so read **carefully** to find it...let us know what you found by contacting Robin! Your name could be in print in the next issue.

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We MET we VOTED, we ATE and we got AWARDED at the Groton Inn in Groton Massachusetts.

Let's welcome SPRING as well as your 2026 Board of Directors! Along with this leadership responsibility, your Board puts on many other hats. *CHECK IT OUT!*

President: Renee Rasinski
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Board of Directors

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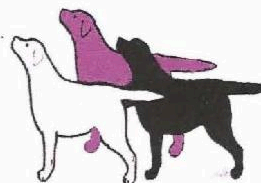
AND THE AWARDS GO TO...



Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston

Annual Awards 2025

CONGRATULATIONS



AWARD OF MERIT

- Gayle Abrams: Candy Acres Lexihawk Last Love Affair RA, CGC, TKN
- Robin Anderson: Grampian Steadfast Punchinello's Secret BCAT
- Nancy Brandow: Cedarwood's Wild Arctic Thyme BN, CD, RA, FTI, TKN, CGC, CC
Cedarwood's Nubia RI, FTN, WC, CC
GMHR 1 Cedarwood's Quaff A Lot RA, FTI, WC, CC
Cedarwood's Brewin' Up A Good Thyme RN, JH, FTI, WC
- Shirley Cardello: Tampa Bay's Bit of Cape Cod CDX, JH, BN, NA, RE, RAE, CGCA, CGCU, WC, CC
Alendry's Tampa Bay Storm at Tory Hill CD, RE, JH, BN, CGCA, WC, CC
- Lyn Carroll: Fenyck's Gotham City Hero SH, WCI, WCX, CGC
- Sally Cavicchi: Bass River Captain Morgan CGC, CC
Bass River Mermaid On The Point CGC, CC
- Deb Cunningham: Sunapee's All That U Can't Leave Behind RA, BN, CGCA, FTN, DN, PSD-ND, PSD-NE,
CGCU, TKN, POA
Sunset's Winter Storm CD, RE, BN, FCAT, CGCA, TKN
- Erika Duke: Willcare's Mad About Moxie At High Meadow BN, CD, RE, RA, JH, DJ, DN, CGC
TKN, CD-C, VHMA
- Karen & Richard Kennedy: Pleasant Pine's Treasure Your Time, SH, FTA, WCX, TKI, CGCA, CC
- Paul Odelson: Erin Hill's George of the Jojo BCAT, DN, CGCU, STR, CGCA, VHMA, VHMP, VSWB, FITG
Erin Hill's Earnest Oscar FDC, BCAT, THDN, CGCA, CGCU, STR, FITG, TKN, ATT, VHMA,
VSWB,
- Charles Salemm: Great Island Back to the Light Brian May JH
- Beth Teixeira: MacGregor's Jump for Joy CDX, MX, MXJ, MJB, XF, NFP, OJP,
- Sue Willumsen: Rockycreek Make Mine A Double At Willcare FTN, ATT
GCH CH Willcare's Out and About Coastal Cruiser FN
- Annamarie Wilson: Wilann's Peppermint Pattie CD, RE, JH, FTN, CGC, CC
Wilann's Screaming Yellow Zonkers FTN, WC
Wilann' Sky Bar RN, FTN, WC, CC

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- Gayle Abrams: CH Candy Acres & Ridgeview Farms Dances With The Moon ATT
- Jeanne Charest: AM/Can GCHB Woodduck's Gentle On My Mind
- Deb Cunningham: RACH Erin Hill's Circle of Life CD, BN, RM7, RAE3, RC2, DS, DJX5, HDNX3, SIN
SCN, SCA, FN, CGCA, CGCU, TKI, PSD-NF, PSD-AC, PSD-NS, PSD-AD, SDN
- Erika Duke: Willcare's Dreamin' Up Trouble at High Meadow CDX, BN, RM, RAE, JH, NAP, NJP
NFP, CGC, TKA, DN, CDX-C, UD-C
- Cayla Kankash: AGCH, MACH6, PACH2 Blackfoot's Gold Coast Maori Gift MXG2, PDS, MJS2
PJS, MXP5, MXPS, MJPS, PAX2, MFG, TQX, MFP, T2B5, T2BP, CA, DS, DJ, TKI
MACH Sycamore's Thirsty For Blackfoot's Speed MXB, MJB, XF, T2B, BCAT, DM,
DS, TKI
- Karen & Richard Kennedy: Pleasant Pine's Shine Like A Diamond CD, RA, MH, WCX, DS, TKA, FTR, CGCA, CC
- Marilyn Meeweess: CH Danbridge Mister Brown
CH Danbridge Put It All On Black
- Sue Niewiera: Hazelnut's Waitin' On A Sunny Day TKN, RI, UD, UDX-C, CGC, FT

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Beth Teixeira: **MACH2** MacGregor's Spring into Action MXS, MJB, XF
Jen Quinn **CH** Point Break's Top Gun JH
Sue Willumsen: **CH** Loretta's the Poet's Touch of Willcare ATT, TKN

VERSATILITY AWARD

Gayle Abrams: CH Candy Acres Black Joker WC, **RN**
Nancy Brandow: GCH CH Cedarwood's Amarillo Rose BN, CD, RAE, **FTI**, TKN, CGC **WC**, CC
GCH CH Cedarwood's Danikk Brass Tacks **BN,RN,JH,FTN,FTI,TKN,CGC**, WC
Cedarwood's Blazing Colby **BN, RA, RI, FTN, TKN, WC, CGC, CC**
Linda Brogden Burns: Breckin' Ridge Midnight Ryder
CDX, BN, RE, JH, FDC, MXP2, MFP, MJP, T2BP2, SWA, (SCA, SIA, SEA, SBA), SCE, SIE, SEE, TKI, FTA, DN, THDN, TDI, CGCA, CGCU, ATT, WC, CC
Jen Quinn: Point Break's Morning Glory **RA, CD, JH**
Penny Shultz: Grampian Viking Aspen X-Treme! CD, BN, RE, **THDA**, CGCA, TKI, WC, CC

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Anouk Dirksen : **CT** Brookstone Fleur de Belle Mer Noire **TD, TDU, TDX, VST, SWN(SCN, SIN, SEN, SBN), JH, JHU, CGC**

SPECIAL AWARD

Robin Anderson: **GCHS CH** Grampian Up On The Roof Top **MH**, CGC, TKN
LRC Labrador of Distinction-
Grand Champion Silver with a Hunting Title
Anouk Dirksen: CT Noor Dirksen **TD3, TDU2, JH, SHU**, SWA, SCE, SEE, SBE, CGCA, CGCU, TKP, VSWE, SDE, WC, CC
LRC Labrador of Distinction -
CH Tracking Dog with Advanced Field Title
National Tracking Invitational-1 of 3 who passed and the only Labrador!

Membership Committee



At the Annual Meeting we all voted for a new MEMBERSHIP LEVEL to the By Laws.

We can now accept Junior Members under the age of 18 years old. (non-voting).

Let's encourage our youth to become involved. If you know a Junior who would love to be part of our wonderful club, make the introductions. We would all love to meet your young friends.

Finance Committee

Do you know a GREAT non-profit tax advisor???

Members:

The LRCGB is reviewing its current legal status and tax structure and seeks a top-notch advisor to help us understand the landscape and help us choose the right path.

The ideal candidate must be licensed in Massachusetts, have extensive experience working with not-for-profits, and understand dog/animal clubs.

If you have first-hand knowledge of an ace player, please contact Nancie at treasurer@lrcgb.org by Friday, 4/3.

We're reaching out to the local dog clubs for referrals, too..

Here's a brief scope:

1. Understand the club's purpose, structure, and operations
2. Identify and Review all required permanent records
3. Periodic Q&A w select Club Officers, Board of Directors &/or Finance Committee
4. Recommend the best/ideal structure and tax status
5. Both Fed and State levels
6. Educate the LRCGB Board of Directors & FinCom on the benefits and requirements of a 501(c)(tbd)
7. See below for specific questions
8. As-needed counsel re tax and other regulatory implications/requirements
9. Annual tax prep can be considered but is not required

Field Comittee News



From your Field Committee Chair, Joey Edsall

Hi all field enthusiasts!

The **Beginners Class** to hunting retriever work is open for registration! Check your email in box to find the registration information sent on 3/14/26.

This very popular class is limited to 11 working dogs and fills quickly. Priority is given to club members and first-time participants.

WHEN
Tuesday evenings



2026 Field Training at Delaney

The LRCGB field training group at Delaney starts again Tuesday, 04/07/26 and winds up on 11/24/26. Members at all training levels

5pm to dark
Apr 28 - June 16, 2026

**** RAIN OR SHINE ****

INSTRUCTORS: Nancie Freitas with candid line coaching by the inimitable Sally Bridges, and hands-on bird-tech guidance with Marsha Wilcox.

COST: Members: \$150, NonMembers: \$185.

Hope to hear from you!
Joey
jme86@aol.com

will have the opportunity to train their dogs and progress as handlers.

There are two official training groups to choose from: mornings starting at 10am, & afternoons starting at 5pm. Between the sessions, people may set up drills for with dogs in transition.

Please read the guidelines & register for the season. Registration is required even if you'll only drop-in occasionally. Reminder that there is a work requirement to participate. See your inbox sent 3/25/26 for how to sign up.

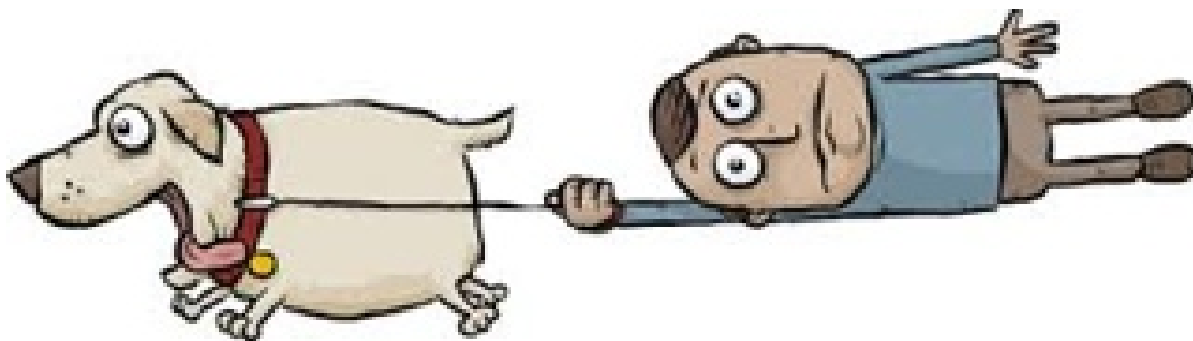
Education Committee



Nicole Andersen and Karen Kennedy have some fun planned for the June Specialty and will be looking for some people to sit in the EDUCATION BOOTH. Email Nicole for her behind the scenes plans and needs. RAISE YOUR HAND! *You could be pleasantly EDUCATED!*

[Email Nicole to Volunteer](#)

Dates To Remember



May 3, 2026 Fun Match (*Triple Crown Gems 1 & 2*) Rehoboth, MA
• Conformation & Companion Events *AND*

NEW THIS YEAR at the Fun Match: Two All Breed AKC FETCH TRIALS

Conformations Judges:
Sweepstakes

- Tricia Kadlewicz - Knollwood Labradors

Breed Classes

- Gretchen Boss -Breckin Labradors

Obedience Judges:

- Stephanie Nye
- Shirley Cardello

Rally Judges:

- Hannah Nordstrom
- Ted White

Fetch Judges:

- Annmarie Wilson - Wilann Labradors
- Tracie Laliberte - Infinidad Cavaliers

May 16—17, 2026 Agility Trial N. Smithfield, RI (volunteers needed both days)

June 11 & 12, 2026 Labrador Specialty Shows, Westford, MA

August 1—2, 2026 August Hunt Test West Thompson, CT

September 19—20 September Hunt Test Simsbury, CT

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SPRING CONFORMATION FUN MATCH AND OB/RALLY SHOW AND GO FOR ALL LABRADOR RETRIEVERS

Labrador Retriever Club



of Greater Boston

TWO ALL BREED AKC FETCH TRIALS
OB/Rally Show & Go for all breeds all day

Triple Crown Competition for Labrador Retrievers Only

WHEN: Sunday, May 3, 2026. Grounds open at 7:30 am.

WHERE: Broad Places Farm, 35 Terrybrook Rd, Rehoboth MA 02769

WHO: Conformation/Sweeps is for anyone with a Labrador Retriever.

OB/Rally/FETCH open to ALL BREEDS. **Juniors Extravaganza!** Juniors who show in any FUN MATCH venue receive a special recognition!

HOW MUCH?: FIRST CLASS: \$15. SECOND CLASS: \$10. (SAME DOG/EVENT) JUNIORS WITH THEIR OWN DOGS FREE

You do not need to be a club member to come! Join your friends for a fun day outdoors.

Conformation Fun Match FOR ALL LABRADOR RETRIEVERS: Pros may only handle their own dogs. Conformation rings start at 9:30 am (all Sweeps & Regular Class entries close at 9am)

Sweeps Judge - Tricia Kadlewicz- Knollwood Labradors

Regular Classes Judge - Gretchen Boss-Breckin Labradors

Sweeps Classes: Puppies in sweeps MUST also enter the Regular Classes. All classes divided by sex: 3-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-18, Veteran. Best Puppy & Best of Opposite Puppy in Sweeps, Best Veteran & Best of Opposite Veteran in Sweeps.

Regular Classes: All classes divided by sex: Judging starts after Sweeps: 3-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-18, Novice, Bred-By, Am Bred, Open, Veteran, Hunting Retriever, Field Trial, Altered 23 mo & under, Altered 24 mo & over, Major Pointed. Best Puppy In Match & Best of Opposite Puppy in Match, Best Adult In Match & Best of Opposite Adult in Match.

Obedience & Rally Show & Go: Entries for Show & Go taken all day! FOOD AND TOYS ARE ALLOWED IN THE RING for SHOW & GO! No food or toys allowed for Triple Crown Labrador COMPETITION entries.

Obedience & Rally Triple Crown competition entries: Pros may only handle their own dogs. Owners may only handle their own dogs for Triple Crown Competition.

Obedience Judges: Stephanie Nye & Shirley Cardello **Rally Judge -** Hannah Nordstrom & Ted White

FETCH Judges: Anmarie Wilson, Wilann Labradors & Tracie Laliberte, Ifinidad Cavaliers

Obedience Class Judging: Ring starts at 9am: Utility, Open, Novice, Beginner Novice

Rally Class Judging: Ring starts at 9:30am: Master, Excellent, Advanced, Intermediate, Novice

Fetch Check in Starts at 7:30am and begins at 9am. FETCH Levels: Trial #1: Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Retriever. Trial #2 reverse order.

LUNCH available to purchase.

Bring chairs and pop up tents.

FMI: Robin Anderson. Email

grampianlabs@comcast.net. Text 401-578-3634

Toys for All Class Placements in Conformation and Breed!
Puppy Play Pen! Kiddie Pools! Photo Ops on the Farm!

Entries: Conformation & Sweeps open to ALL Labrador Retrievers only. Non Club Members with Labrador Retrievers are invited to come! Conformation, Rally and Obedience Entry Fees: \$15 for first class, \$10 for 2nd entry (same dog/event).

Obedience & Rally Show & Go open to ALL BREEDS.

Sweeps registration close at 9am; Sweeps Judging begins at 9:30am: Regular class judging begins at 10:30am. Obedience and Rally entries taken all day. Judging begins at 9:00am for Obedience and 9:30 for Rally.

AKC FETCH is open to ALL BREEDS. Pre-entries preferred. If space is available we will take day of entries. FETCH entry fees: \$25 per class entered. Day of entries taken only if the entry limits allow.



Scan the QR Code for Pre-entries and Lunch



The Triple Crown for LRCGB Members

Objective: To promote overall working performance and versatility in Conformation, Companion and Performance Abilities in Labrador Retrievers

Compete for points in three different events and earn another CLUB AWARD! For LRCGB Members only, this is in addition to the fun at this match and the LRCGB Fall Classic WC/WC/WCX test.

Fliers with more information about the Triple Crown will be available at the SPRING FUN MATCH, on FACEBOOK, the Club Web Site, and in LRCGB Digital Mailings. www.lrcgb.org

AKC Fetch Trial Entry Code



June 2026 Specialty Catalog Ads

Reserve and Pay for your LRCGB
June 2026 Specialty Catalog Ads
We Know You Want To Advertise!



The Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston invites you to be a part of our 2026 Specialty Show. Whether you will be able to be with us in person or support us from afar, we would appreciate your support by placing an ad in our catalog highlighting your fantastic dog(s), wins, memories, memorials, and puppies or your kennel.

Contact Robin Anderson for questions and help.
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ABSOLUTE SUBMISSION DEADLINE - APR 29
ABSOLUTE PAYMENT DEADLINE - MAY 6

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Health Clinics

Gayle Abrams has a Heart Echo Clinic on Sunday May 9, Bellingham, MA with space available.
Email Gayle FMI

[Email Gayle Here](#)

WHITE MOUNTAIN OFA EYE & HEART CLINIC

HOSTED BY

STARGAZER LABRADORS, GOULD'S GOLDENS,
SALTY DOGS & CIARFELLA'S RETRIEVERS

ALL BREEDS WELCOME (Cats Welcome End of Day)

OFA HEALTH CLINIC

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026

9 AM - 3 PM

CENTER CONWAY FIRE DEPARTMENT

1593 E MAIN STREET

CENTER CONWAY, NH 03813

WHITE MOUNTAIN CANINE HEALTH CLINIC

Hosted by Stargazer Labradors, Gould's Goldens, Salty Dogs & Ciarfella's Retrievers

ALL BREEDS WELCOME

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2026 9 AM - 3 PM

CENTER CONWAY FIRE DEPARTMENT

1593 E MAIN ST

Center Conway, NH 03813

****CLINIC REGISTRATION FORM****

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

OFA HEART Exam Dr. John MacGregor-Cardiologist (Echo \$350 if registered after April 7th).

\$90 Auscultation number of dogs _____ \$325 Echo number of dogs _____

Number of Cats _____ **OFA Heart Echo \$325** \$350 if registered after April 7th

Number of Dogs _____ **CAER EYE** Exam (Dr. Anthony Alario-Ophthalmologist \$55) Gonioscopy Extra \$45

MICROCHIPS _____ \$45 Each

BREED: _____ Bring your AKC Registration

Circle Time Preference for Eyes: 9:00 10:00 11:00 12:00 1:00 2:00

Circle Time Preference for Heart: 10:00 11:00 12:00 1:00 2:00 3:00

BREEDERS WITH BOTH CARDIO & EYE WILL TAKE PRIORITY APPTS IN THE MORNING. 20 dogs/per hour will be scheduled for eyes/heart. The clinic will be extended if more time is needed. Arrive 20 minutes ahead of exam time for eye drops. **All clients signing up for the CAER Eye Exam must fill out OFA form in advance at WWW.OFA.ORG.** Cardiac applications can be filled out on the OFA website as well and printed out to bring to the clinic. Please use the Basic Cardiac form for auscultation. Advanced cardiac Echo forms will be available to fill out at the clinic, they are not available online.

Money Order _____ Check _____ Venmo _____

Total Heart Auscultation _____ @\$90 \$ _____

Total Heart Echo Exams _____ @\$325 (\$350 if after April 7th) \$ _____

Total Eye (OFA) Exams _____ @\$55 w/Gonioscopy (\$45+) \$ _____

Total Microchips _____ @\$45 \$ _____

Balance Due _____

Please make checks payable to: Gia Gould Mail to: Gia Gould, Gould's Goldens, 510 Diamond Pond Rd, Colebrook, NH 03576 (603)915-1452. Email: gouldsgoldens@gmail.com or wendi@stargazerlabradors.com. (603)986-4184. We accept Venmo @wendishaw as a private transaction with a memo for WMCH CLINIC PAYMENT.

There are no refunds for cancellations!!!

A donation jar will be available for anyone wishing to donate to the Center Conway Fire Department.

Email Wendi Shaw FMI



Member Accomplishments

Send us your dog's BRAGS!!!! Send it with photos and video links to YOUTUBE or VIMEO to Robin.

The Wiregrass Hunt Test, Meigs, GA, Sunday March 1, 2026. From left to right — Ellen with Cricket and Jazzy (both senior), Frank with Maizie (master) and Dick with Teegan (master)!! FOUR good girls representing the Lab Club!!!! (Photo by Karen Kennedy, who judged junior and senior).



Jazzy's debut into Senior!
Paisley, Florida



If you have video of any of your dogs that might be interesting and fun to share with club members, load them onto VIMEO or YOU TUBE, and send Robin the link.

We have a membership email group. This is for club members only. Anyone who joins the group can post notices about events, brag

Do you have something to contribute to this publication? Email it to Robin:
grampianlabs@comcast.net



If you have a litter of puppies, and are a **FULL MEMBER** in good standing who has completed all club work requirements,

about your accomplishments, ask questions about club stuff, training, and breeding. Go to this web site to join:

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

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

We also have a FACEBOOK section: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/283277428472271>. If you haven't joined, please do. Answer the simple questions and you're IN.

please let Robin know of any availability. Don't post litters on FACEBOOK please!

During the September Board Meeting, it was RESOLVED to change the Standing Rules to change eligibility for website listing and litter referral to require one year of full membership and the fulfillment of work requirements.

Please be sure to get your 10 hours completed on a committee of your choice to maintain your web site link and your puppy referral opportunities through the club.



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