



Retriever Review

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October Meeting

October 26, 2007 - **7:30 PM**

Elmer's Restaurant at Delta
Park

~ Club Officers ~

President: Barbara Gilchrist
Vice President: Judy Chambers
Secretary: Coleen Powell
Treasurer: Greg Huntzinger

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Lisa Cruanas
Deb Neal
Bob Fagundes
Celeste Smith

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Marilyn Parker & Jeff Jennings
2007 WC/WCX
Lisa Cruanas - 2007 B-Match
Lisa Cruanas - 2007 Specialty
Nikki Ilias - 2007 Hunt Test

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President's Message:

Hello All!

Fall has arrived and Winter is not too far behind. Rainy, wet and cooler temps are here and the dogs love it. The Labrador Retriever Club National Events start as of this coming Oct. 6th with the HRT and I'm sure our Rain Gear will be the fashion for the entire week! I know that a lot of you have volunteered to work several of the different venues of competition and you are to be applauded for your efforts. You are a great reflection on our Club! Our Club is hosting Wednesday evening's "Hospitality Room" (Oct. 10th) at the Red Lion Hotel, where our Club members will hang out making sure all the out-of-towers are feeling welcome. There will be some food and drink available for all who come. In watching the weather forecast, plan accordingly as all competitions are being held outdoors.

We do have a busy month of October which brings me to another item. It seems that almost every third Friday (when we are supposed to have our General Membership meetings) there has been a conflict. This coming October 19th is no exception! A lot of members will be down competing in Obedience/Conformation at the Golden Gate L.R.C. Show. This means we will be moving our General meeting to October 26th in the North End of Portland at Elmer's Restaurant at 7:30 pm. So please mark you calenders and we will see you there!

Good luck to all of you at the LRC National!

Barb Gilchrist



Welcome to our new RCLRC member!

Laura Steward

Proposed New RCLRC Members:

Cathy & Jeff Hakola

September RCLRC Minutes

Meeting called to order 7:35 p.m.

Those in attendance: Barb Gilchrist, Deb Neal, Marilyn Parker, Nikki Berthold Illias, Dave Illias, Joanne Huntley, Bob and Kathy Fagundes, Lisa Cruanas, Ellen Sparks, Lynn deBeauclair, Susan and Greg Huntzinger, Bernie Meany.

President's Report

National Club has asked to use RCLRC Hunt Test Equipment. RCLRC is providing an inventory of equipment and request LRC to sign a contract to use the equipment.

Betty Barkley has asked for two people to help put together the Welcome Bags in early October. Deb Neal and JoAnne Huntley have volunteered to help on October 4th.

Hutchinson Seminar. It was suggested that Betty Barkley put ads in the AKC Gazette, place flyers at the National Show and flyers at the Rose City Classic, in January 2008.

Celeste Smith has resigned as chairman for annual awards. Bernie will take the job for this year. If anyone is interested in doing this please let Barbara or Bernie know. They will be happy to provide more information on the task.

Dian Welle (Blue Knight Labradors) has created a new email list directed toward Labrador breeders. This list is for posting litters, discussing problems with whelping, and general information as well as wins, etc. As with all lists, there is no flaming allowed. This is not a "Pookie had a birthday" kind of list. Photo attachments are allowed. In order to subscribe, send an email to Dian, with Subscribe in the subject line, at 4labs-owner@west-point.org.

Treasurers Report. Greg provided a detailed report of expenses and income for the specialty and HRT. There was discussion how to get more people involved in the club activities. Thus we would have to hire less help for our shows.

Committee Reports

HRT – Nikke Illias. The 2007 HRT went smooth and the AKC rep gave positive feedback.

Celeste Smith who has been HRT secretary for the past several years has asked to be relieved of this due to conflicts with her "real life" work.

Membership Committee.

Laura Steward – voted in. Welcome Laura

Proposed new members: Cathy & Jeff Hakola

Lisa Cruanas reports that she is receiving applications for membership that do not have sponsor signatures. These cannot be accepted. It was suggested she call these people and ask them to come to a meeting, if they don't know a member to sponsor them, so we can meet them.

2008 Specialty – Susan Huntzinger

Christine Crosby has volunteered to be obedience chairman. Thank you Christine. All applications have been sent to the AKC. Show dates are: July 10, 11 and 12, 2008. Thursday July 10 will be confirmation and sweeps only. This is a separate show from July 11 and 12.

Obedience and Rally will take place in conjunction with the show dates July 11 and 12 only. Both judges will be at the show each day. This will make the continuity of the show run smoother.

Bernie suggested that we hire ring stewards through Sherwood Dog Training Club. It becomes more difficult each year to recruit club members to help with this all day part of the show. Information for this has been sent to Susan.

2008 B Match- Bob and Kathy Fugundes will chair (Lisa promised to mentor them J).

2008 LRC National Specialty, Hillsboro OR

LRC HRT – Discussion on equipment. Dave and Nikki Illias are coordinating with LRC. Bob Fugundes will take the trailer to the site. The LRC umbrella liability insurance will cover the trailer for the event. Judy Chambers is coordinating hospitality for the Wednesday evening get together at the Red Lion that the RCLRC is hosting.

Old Business

Dan Neal reports that the club made \$200 at the WC Oregon Waterfowl Festival. Thank you Dan, Dave Illias and Jennifer Bradshaw for your hard work on this event.

Nominating Committee for 2008 Officers and Board Members:

Chairman – Deb Neal

Ellen Sparks, Kathy Fagundes

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Respectfully Submitted, Bernie Meany



Ania Becker and Rockinoak Labs have a new e-mail address. rknoklab@centurytel.net

~CONGRATULATIONS ~

NAT/INT CH UCH UAG1 SHD, UCD
STERLING'S GORGEOUS HUSSY CGC WC RN
JH DELTA CERT

Since December 1, 2007, Miss Lillie has earned the following titles:

AKC & UKC CD, UKC STARTED DOG
HUNTER RETRIEVER, NORTH AMERICAN
FLYBALL ASSOCIATION 1ST TITLE, HOPE
CRISIS RESPONSE DOG, DOVE LEWIS CERT.
(now visits the VA Hospital).

Owned, trained and handled by Joanne Huntley

~LITTER LISTING ~

ALL BLACK LITTER

BISS CH Ghoststone's Woodland Gossip x
Dickendall Davaron Amigo
September 15, 2007
Black males and females available

Contact: Lisa Cruanas
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LABRADOR RETRIEVERS ARE AN ENDANGERED SPECIES!

“The Use of DNA in a Breeding Program” by Dr Anne Traas, DMV,DACT

University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine,
from the Society of Theriogenology Breeder Seminar.

Dr. Traas said, **“Think of your Breed as an endangered species! We will never get more (Labrador Retriever) genes, so breeders need to work carefully, with the genes which are already present in the breed now.”**

“Historically, when a congenital or hereditary defect occurred in a litter, the advice breeders obtained was often to not breed the affected offspring, their litter mates, or their parents....When a disease appeared multiple times in a line, the advice used to be, to discontinue breeding ALL the dogs in that line. **Discontinuing the breeding of an entire line, because of a genetic disease is ill-advised and can be harmful, by contributing to the loss of Breed diversity.”**

In the future, as new DNA tests become available, it is important to use them as a “tool”, in breeding better dogs, without destroying breed type. “Over 450 inherited diseases have already been recognized in dogs, with new diseases recognized every year.....with Recessive Diseases accounting for about 70% of these diseases. Some breeds may not be able to eliminate certain diseases, without changing their breed standard. Some diseases are linked to the traits that have been selected for in the breed.such as breathing disorders in English Bulldogs, without changing their facial conformation and deafness in Dalmatians may be associated with their spotting pattern.”

“Hereditary Disease is any disease caused by a DNA mutation, which can be passed from parent to offspring. Congenital Disease is a disease which is present at birth. It is important to realize that not all congenital diseases are genetic! Cleft palates, for example, may be hereditary or acquired in utero due to environmental influences. Often a disease, which is hereditary, is not recognizable until well past weaning, such as PRA.

Knowing how a disease is passed from generation to generation is the most important aspect of planning a breeding program! Without this knowledge, very little progress can be made in eliminating the disease from the population.... Many common veterinary diseases are increasingly recognized as having a genetic component. Many of these diseases are ‘Complex Diseases’, which means influenced by a combination of factors, including environmental factors and involve at least 2 genes and likely many genes. Hip Dysplasia and Neoplasia have long been recognized as diseases which are referred to as Complex.

Genetic tests are no longer just about seeing if an animal is a carrier for a disease. We can now use this type of testing to select animals carrying the desired traits. **Using these tests WISELY, to improve the breed needs to be the goal of every good breeder!** They allow a breeder to determine which diseases may or may not be present in the line. **For example, if the breeder knows that both parents of a litter are normal for the PRA-prcd gene, then a paternity test might be much more economical and valuable, than testing the puppies!**

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2007 Annual Awards

We will be giving out the Annual Awards at our meeting in January, 2008. If your dog has earned an AKC title in the field, obedience or conformation ring during the period of November 2006 through November 2007 and you are an R.C.L.R.C. member of good standing, you are eligible for this award.

If you have bred the dog, you will receive a "Breeder Award". The owner of the dog shall receive an individual award.

Your dog must have finished an American or Canadian Championship, obedience title, hunting title or working certificate to qualify. Dockdog and UKC titles are also included this year!.

Dogs that have finished their championship and earned a title in two different performance disciplines are eligible for the "All Around" Labrador award.

Dogs are also eligible for the "Versatility" Award or "Certificate of Achievement" Award.

"Versatility" Award a dog must earn a working title in two different areas from the following:

- A) Obedience – OTCH, UDX, UD, CDX, or CD
- B) Hunting – FC, AFC, MH, SH or JH
- C) Tracking – VST, TDX or TD
- D) Agility – MAX, MAD, OAD OR NAD
- E) Rally - RN, RA, RE
- F) Dock Dogs NJ, JJ, SJ, MJ, EJ

And in addition one certificate from the following: CGC, TDI, Delta Society, WC, WCX or TT.

Certificate of Achievement Award a dog must finish any one working title and one certificate from the above listings.

NAME: _____

Dog's Full name _____

Breeder _____

Award or Certificate applied for _____

When title or certificate was received _____

Please send all nominations to:

Bernie Meany

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ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ENTERED BY DECEMBER 1, 2007.

YOU MUST SEND A COPY OF PROOF OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENT



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