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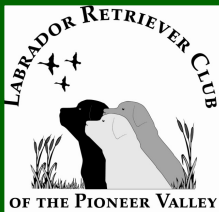
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# Meeting Notice

Sunday June 7, 2009 6 PM

Annmarie Wilson's home 6 Dara Lane, Suffield, CT 06078 860-6684908

**Directions to Annmarie's Home:**

**From 91**

Exit 47W off 91. Left at lights onto 159 South. Straight thru next light, take next right which is Bridge Street. Bridge Street to first right which is Dara Lane. Tan house with burgundy shutters. Plenty of parking in driveway or street.

## *Puppies Available*

*Note: In order to list a litter you must be in good standing with the club and work at a minimum of 2 club events during the current calendar year. Members who are unable to meet this requirement may list a litter after paying a \$50 litter listing fee.*

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**No Litters are currently listed.**

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For more information on puppies & adult dogs  
visit [WWW.LRCPVL.ORG](http://WWW.LRCPVL.ORG)

**Thanks to all the club members who made our 2009 Specialty Shows & Raffle such a great success!**



## Up Coming Club Events

Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup> - Rally Match

September - Health Clinic

September/October - Big E

December - Holiday Dinner





## LRCPV Specialty Show Wrap Up Meeting - 5/15/2009

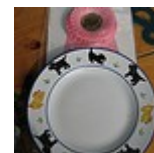
- Have a different color for the armbands for sweepstakes.
- Start Bred-by Exhibitor Bitches in Ring 1 at 8:00 a.m. Then start Sweepstakes with puppy dogs at 8:30.
- Do not list a time for Best of Breed in the Judging Program.
- Have a separate table for distributing armband numbers, at least during the first hour.
- Have a Public Address system for announcements, including calling dogs into the ring. Also have a bull horn available. We can rent the bullhorn from Taylor Rental on Union Street in Westfield. Annmarie Wilson may have access to a PA system. We should ask Westfield Fairgrounds if we can use theirs.
- For clean-ups, have poop-bags on a pole scattered around, rather than the scoopers.
- Put wooden ring gates and stanchions across the back chain link in the obedience ring as this is more familiar than the chain link for dogs on the "go out" command in utility.
- In obedience (not rally) do all the Shetland sheepdog classes first, finishing their trial before starting any of our obedience classes. This will be easier for the judge.
- Should we split our classes by color into black and any other color? (I've sent an email to clarify with AKC if this can be done for some classes and not for others.)
- Post signs "NO DOGS IN RINGS PRIOR TO JUDGING". Vista Print and GotPrint.com were mentioned as places to get these done inexpensively.
- Put baskets on each ring table for the judges with the following type items: hard candy, tissues, paper towels, poop bags, hand wipes and other judge's amenities.
- The trailer was a mess. Sandy Masek and Tina Stone have volunteered to spend a day cleaning it up.
- Put the street number and zip code of Westfield Fairground on all show paperwork, so people can Mapquest or use their navigation systems.
- Next year's speaker: Exercise Induced Collapse (EIN)? Do blood draws or cheek swabs for this test at the show?
- 2010 Judges: (? after name means not confirmed.) Donna Blews Pappas and Lynda Moore?. Obedience judges Tibby Chase? and Sue King? Conformation Judges Barbara Gilchrist and Beth Sweigart. Sweeps judges Laura Witts and Jen Leitao.
- 2011 conformation judges are Margaret Brown and Sue Willumsen. Lois will contact Mrs. Brown to see if she has a friend she'd suggest as a sweepstakes judge and traveling companion. **(NOTE: AKC HAS NOT APPROVED 10/11 JUDGES)**
- Due to multiple complaints, we will no longer support the Econolodge by featuring it in the Premium List. MB-F put a reservation code in the premium list; Ann Huntington will find out what that meant. Apparently the Holiday Inn Express has decided to allow dogs in the lot, just not in rooms.
- Prepare a printed itinerary for the judges, including who is driving them, what time everything will occur, etc.
- Order more catalogs as we sold out. Ask for 150 rather than 125.
- Switch the judge's dinner back to Westwood, due to the slow service at School Street Bistro.
- Judi Dorsett will be in charge of driving judges. Annmarie Wilson will make sure the judges are entertained on Friday night.
- Friday buffet – focus on finger foods and hors d'oeuvres, avoid dips. Again present the buffet in the pavilion after winner's dog, announcing ½ hour before starting judging for Best of Breed.
- Continue giving logo bags stuffed with local items as judge's gifts. Again place hospitality baskets in the hotel rooms of the judges.
- Keep entry fees the same (\$27/22) and only give discounted prices for the same classes as this year.
- A change in trophies was discussed due to the cost of the Majilly, though everyone that visits the trophy tent comments on how nice the Majilly is. Annmarie Wilson and Judi Dorsett head the new Trophy Committee and will make decisions for next year. The consensus was to keep the Majilly for all the major prizes, but consider alternatives for first in each class.
- There was some trouble with exhibitors parking in the area that is usually reserved for exhibitors in RVs. An area will be marked with signs: For RVs and Paid Parking only, \$40 per 2 nights. I people want to use that space without staying in RVs, they would need to pay the \$40 in advance.
- As was discussed for previous shows, consider blocking access to the chain link obedience fence with post and tape, so people aren't leaning on it or distracting the dogs in the ring.
- MB-F offers us a Nutro contract to help allay costs of arm bands, etc. Check to see if contracts with another dog food company might be more lucrative.



## LRCPV 2009 Specialty Shows Conformation Results



To see more of Annmarie's show photos go to: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/17231786@N07/sets/72157617884149105/>



### LRCPV Day 1 Friday

#### **Hannele Jokisilta (Dogs/BOB) & Kirsi Luomanen (Bitches)**

**BOB:** Ch Casbar's Hart to Hart  
**BOS:** Lobuff Sirius Stuff @ Brookstone  
**WD:** Hollyridge Lobuff Fine Troy Ounce  
**RWD:** Tabatha's Autum Rustle  
**WB:** Lobuff Sirius Stuff @ Brookstone  
**RWB:** Brook and Ridge Isabella  
**BOW:** Lobuff Sirius Stuff @ Brookstone  
**Best Puppy:** Paradigm Star Splainin  
**Best BBE:** Atlantic's Little Bo Peep  
**Best Hunting Retriever:** Bittersweet's Rainsong  
**Best Veteran:** Ch Wilcare Godiva JH

### JAMS – Day 1

Ch Liberty Hill Luke Jr.  
 Ch Maritime Hyspire Slam Duncan  
 Ch Gleneries Gret Hunter Orion  
 Ch Erinhill's Guinness Stout  
 Ch Chablis Marcello

### Sweeps Day 1 – Judge Nancy Brandow

**Best in Sweeps:** Blackdux Easy On The Eyes  
**Best of Opp in Sweeps:** Paradigm Star Splainin  
**Best Veteran in Sweeps:** Ch Lobuff Bobwhite  
 @Chucklebrook  
**Best of Opp Veteran in Sweeps:** Designer's Topaz

### LRCPV Day 2 Saturday

#### **Hannele Jokisilta (Bitches) & Kirsi Luomanen (Dogs/BOB)**

**BOB:** Ch Casbar's Hart to Hart  
**BOS:** Ch Lobuff Puffin at Hollyridge  
**WD:** Mayfair Sylveo at Tameric Owners  
**RWD:** Lobuff Hollyridge Wizard of Oz Owner  
**WB:** Saltmeadow Flight of the Phoenix Owner  
**BOW:** Saltmeadow Flight of the Phoenix Owner  
**RWB:** Staghorn Bearridge Caliber  
**Best Puppy:** Bellwether Thunderbird Via Lobuff  
**Best BBE:** Lobuff Hollyridge Wizard of Oz J  
**Best Junior:** Viking Hil'die Tanzbarin handler Zachary Orcuff  
**Stud Dog:** Ch Lobuff Hollyridge Osprey

### JAMS Day 2

Ch Erinhill's Guinness Stout  
 Ch Maritime Hyspire Slam Duncan  
 Ch Gleneries Gret Hunter Orion  
 Ch Camelot's Dragon Tale  
 Ch Liberty Hill Luke Jr.  
 Ch Wilcare Godiva JH

### Sweeps Day 1 Judge: Nancy Rudgers

**Best in Sweeps:** Wilcare to fly under the Radar  
**BOS in Sweeps:** Paradigm's Start Splainin  
**Best Veteran:** Ch Allegheny's Gem of Caer Bren  
**Best of Op Sex Veteran:** Ch Lobuff Bobwhite @Chuckelbrook

### **Show Chair's Report**

The 24th and 25th LRCPV specialty shows were held on May 8 and 9, 2009 at the Westfield Fairgrounds. It was the largest entry we've ever had (over 400 each day), and one that ran the most smoothly. At least it ran smoothly until I left at 2:00 on Saturday for my son's UConn graduation. Since I heard no complaints, I assume everything went well afterwards as well.

**Show Report Cont.**

As usual, many of our members played key roles in helping put on such a large event. Annmarie Wilson, Ann Burns, Hazel Holman and Judi Dorsett did the driving for our European judges, no easy feat considering it included braving Boston during rush hour and a 5:45 a.m. trip to Woodstock, CT. Laura Lafreniere coordinated set-up, decoration and take down of the rings, as well as lots of work over the year coordinating with the fairgrounds, food and tent people. Merri Mahoney's husband offered his brawn for Thursday set-up, and was a huge help. Lois Engel and her merry band of stewards (sorry, but if I try to list you I know I'll miss a few!) kept the rings running very smoothly. Annmarie Wilson did triple duty; besides taking the judges to dinner on Friday night with Jan and Mike Lemire, she was obedience and rally chair and (again with Jan Lemire) trophy chair. Cindy and Haley Clement, along with Cindy and Tina Stone, ran an impressive and lucrative raffle. And once again Sandy Masek made our show special by providing a delicious, bountiful buffet and lovely judge's gifts.

Many others were there helping out in various capacities, large and small, and the people mentioned above nearly all did more than just their slotted assignment. Eileen Ketcham sold catalogs and manned the trophy tent. Lauren Simpson did a great job selling our logo items. Fran Cain - the phantom! - dropped off and picked up the trailer. And again, I'm not attempting to thank all of you that stewarded, one of the most important jobs of all!

So, despite my fears that we might have reached too high when we invited foreign judges in a time of economic uncertainty, we had a very successful, and mildly profitable show. Thank you, each and every one, for your help!

All our judges for the 2010 show have signed contracts, or have agreed to judge and I am just waiting for their signed contracts to be returned. I am expecting full AKC approval of our show before the end of the summer, so we will be able to publicize much earlier this year. AMEN! **Ann Huntington, show chair**

## American Kennel Club News Article AKC Announces New Program for Mixed Breeds

**Date of Article:** April 14, 2009

**New York, NY** – For the past 125 years, the American Kennel Club® has been the nation's premier advocate for dogs and the people who love them. The AKC's Board of Directors has voted unanimously to proceed with a program for mixed breed dogs which will allow it to act even more broadly and effectively as the dog's champion. The creation of this program ushers in new opportunities for AKC's constituents and clubs and will allow the organization to grow and flourish.

"Our goal in creating a program specifically designed for mixed breeds is to share our passion for dogs and our sport," said AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung. "AKC will broaden its legislative influence by representing more dog owners and achieve greater exposure for our responsible dog ownership messaging. But ultimately, the positive developments that this program creates will benefit dogs the most, and this is what we value above all."

The mixed breeds program will be implemented in three phases. As of October 1, 2009 owners can begin enrolling their pets and receive an AKC ID number. Then beginning April 1, 2010 enrolled dogs will be eligible to compete in mixed breed classes at stand-alone AKC Agility, Obedience and Rally events. Soon after they will have access to benefits such as discounted AKC Companion Animal Recovery Lost and Found service, a free AKC Canine Good Citizen® certificate for dogs passing the CGC test, a free initial veterinary visit, a trial offer of pet health insurance and discounted coupons for dog supplies.

The third phase will offer a dedicated Web site where dog owners can interact via an online community with discussion forums and access dog care video downloads, advice from experts and the most up-to-date news on canine health and welfare. The site will be continually enhanced with new features and benefits in order to respond to the changing needs of pet owners.

This new AKC initiative is the first designed to specifically benefit mixed breed dogs and their dog owners, however the AKC has long included mixed breeds in programs such as AKC Canine Good Citizen®, AKC S.T.A.R. Puppysm, AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day and the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund's disaster relief efforts. In addition, AKC has always actively advocated for the rights of all dog owners and the welfare of dogs through its Government Relations efforts and serves dog owners through its affiliate organizations such as the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation and AKC Companion Animal Recovery.

Dear LRCPVers,

Although LRCPV is not doing a supported entry at Carroll County this year the show is being supported by Pawcatuck. Carroll County will continue to offer the rosettes for BOB, etc as a thank you for the supported entry club and would like to continue to offer rosettes to the first placement in each class- this is done by Friends of Labradors which is just a bunch of Lab breeders and breed supporters. Some belong to our various Lab clubs, some no longer or never did.

Minimum due to cost of ribbons and the ad itself in the catalog is \$20. The individual gets a one line ad as a "friend" and usually consists of their name and their kennel name. People are listed alphabetically not by how much they give. It costs about \$250 for the ribbons over the 2 days and for the ad in the catalog.

Checks are made out to Jeanne Charest and sent to her and Jeanne takes care of the order with Hodges for the ribbons and of course MB-F for the ad. If someone has questions about a regular ad, they should contact Jeanne.

Thanks!

Ann Huntington

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Jeanne M. Charest Show Chair 200 Enman Hill Road, Berlin NH 03570

Carroll County Kennel Club No. Conway, NH

September 5th & 6th 2009

## 2009 LRCPV Dues Notice !!!

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Middlefield, MA 01243

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**Street:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Single Membership (\$30)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Membership (\$35)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Activity Discount (\$5)** \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Meetings & 1 Event)

**Total Amount** \_\_\_\_\_

**....Do NOT send cash, send checks or M.O. only ...**

**Please note any address or phone change here.**

**Provide e-mail/website information here to be included in the Breeder Directory page of the LRCPV website.**