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**MARCH
BUSINESS MEETING**

Sunday, March 3, 2013

*Suffield Veterinary Hospital
577 East Street South, Suffield CT*

Business Meeting 6:00pm

*Some items on the agenda include:
LRCPV Specialty
Nominations from the floor*

**ALL MEMBERS WORKING ON SPECIALTY ARE
REQUESTED TO ATTEND**

**GUESTS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

This newsletter is e-mailed to all LRCPV members at no fee. Newsletter subscriptions to non-members are \$15.00 per year. Club activity or committee reports, editorial, or general articles of interest to Labrador Retriever owners are always welcome. Any opinions or reports contained herein are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Membership, Board of Directors, or the editors.

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The purpose of this newsletter is to give members of LRCPV an overview of club activities and to keep them informed on breed related issues. The newsletter is published monthly.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The LRCPV Nominating Committee presented the following slate at the February Meeting:

President	Laura Bauver
Vice President	Annamarie Wilson
Treasurer	Laura Lafreniere
Recording Secretary	Tina Stone
Corresponding Secretary	Pam Burek

Board Members: Gretchen Boss, Laura Cook and Lauren Simpson

Lois Engel will serve on the Board as Immediate Past President.

One additional nomination for Member of the Board was received at the meeting, Judi Dorsett.

Per LRCPV Bylaws, additional nominations will be accepted at the March Meeting. The election will be held at the Annual Meeting in April.

Hazel Holman, Chair - Pam Burek, Lois Engel



OBEDIENCE/RALLY



Reward Your Dog

Too many times I see handlers at trials who are disappointed with their dog's performance for one reason or another, and when they get out of the ring they crate their dog and say something like "that was terrible....no treats for you". Your dog does not understand the difference between a Q and an NQ.....he went into the ring with you and he tried. He also isn't able to relate the withholding of the reward to the fact that he didn't drop on the first command, or didn't hold the start line stay on the agility course.....it happened too long ago, even though only a couple of minutes have passed. What he will remember is that you were upset with him and he didn't get a reward, and the next time you go to work with him (in training or at a trial) he's not going to be as enthusiastic about working with you. If that pattern continues over time, then you have a dog that doesn't want to play your games any more. As a handler, you should always reward your dog for being connected with you and trying his best. If an NQ is due to some sub-standard performance, then it's usually the fault of the handler who hasn't adequately trained or proofed the exercise so that the dog knows exactly what to do in all circumstances. You can use a variable reward system in training when shaping a specific behavior to teach the dog what is good/better/best performance of that specific behavior. But that type of a reward system does not work in a

general sense, after a long chain of complex behaviors, during which time you cannot tell the dog what he's doing right and what he's doing wrong. If you reward your dog with heartfelt praise and yummy treats every time you come out of the ring, he will be ready and willing to go the next time you take him out and want to work with him. If you have a hard time finding the good points in a performance, make a list of all of the behaviors required in your run, and give the dog one small treat for every one he did right. One for every prompt setup at heel, every front, every finish, every sit on a halt during heeling, every agility obstacle properly executed, every minute a stay is held, every correct weave pole entry and exit....you'll find you have plenty to celebrate and many reasons to be proud of your dog, and he will have earned a lot more treats than you think!

Tip of the month

After walking your Rally course a couple of times, stand outside the ring and watch the other exhibitors walk the same course. Are they following the same path you were? Are they stopping in a place that you didn't stop, which means you may have missed a sign? Are they mimicking the same exercises you thought were there, or do you see others signaling a finish right where you thought there was a finish left? Take a few minutes to watch the other handlers walk the course...they may clue you in on something you missed! Then go back in and re-walk the course and double check any discrepancies you noticed. This works for agility, too!



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PUPPY PEN

Black boys available!

Born February 17, 2013

Sire: CH Stonecrest Cabin's Moonraker
"Caper"

Dam: Bittersweet's Mischief Maker "Annie"

Contact Susan Brownell 518-393-5572

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If you have a litter of Labrador Retriever pups you would like to list in our newsletter and/or on the website, please review Rule 11 in the club Rules & Policies (available in the member section of the website). Laura Lafreniere must receive confirmation of required clearances prior to publication.

If you have any further questions, please contact Laura Lafreniere, Laura Bauver, or Annmarie Wilson.



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ADVERTISING

The Board of Directors has established advertising
opportunities for members of our Club. Ads may not be
political, but do not have to be dog related.

Newsletter:

Business Card* (2"X3.5") \$25/Club Year
Fee will be prorated for partial Club Year
(\$2.50 per remaining month)

*You may also purchase larger ads
4'X3.5 for \$50/yr. 6" X 3.5" for \$75/yr. etc.

There will be a minimum of
10 newsletters/year

Contact Laura Bauver for more information

Website:

\$100/Club Year

\$50/Club Year for members in good standing
who have worked at least four (4) hours each
at two events in the prior Club Year, as verified
by the event chairperson

Fee will be prorated for partial Club Year
(\$10/\$5 per remaining month)

Contact Annmarie Wilson for more information

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products and services advertised in the
Club's newsletter or on the website.**



LRCPV SPECIALTY

WHAT: 34th & 35th Independent Specialty
Shows, Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes &
Obedience Trials and 14th & 15th Rally Trials

WHEN: Friday & Saturday, May 10th & 11th
7 am – 7 pm each day

WHERE: Westfield Fairgrounds
Russellville Road, Westfield MA

Conformation Events/Judges:

Friday May 10th

Puppy & Veteran Sweeps: Leslie Plank
Bitches & Non-Regular: Linda Bednarski
Dogs & Best of Breed: Linda Vaughn

Saturday May 11th

Puppy & Veteran Sweeps: Wendy Ernst, DVM
Bitches & Non-Regular: Linda Vaughn
Dogs & Best of Breed: Linda Bednarski
Junior Showmanship: Mrs. Karen Whitfield

Obedience Trials:

Friday, May 10th and Saturday, May 11th
All Classes: Dr. Ellen Adomelis

Rally Trials:

Friday, May 10th and Saturday, May 11th
All Classes: Karen Wrey

Beginner Puppy 4-6 Month Class:

Friday, May 10th Dr. Tom Davies
Saturday, May 11th Mrs. Karen Whitfield

AS A MEMBER, HOW CAN I HELP?

To be successful, the Specialty requires participation by many members before, during and after the event. Please contact the following committee chairmen to offer to help or for further information

SET UP: Laura Lafreniere

Several members will be needed to assist in setting up the rings, etc. on Thursday afternoon, May 9th

ADVERTISING: Gretchen Boss

Watch for an email soon with information on advertising

TROPHIES: Annmarie Wilson

Members are requested to sponsor trophies for the Specialty. A form will be coming soon!

HOSPITALITY: Rick Burek and Laura Bauver

Rick will be preparing and serving lunch for our judges on both Friday and Saturday.

Laura will be preparing and delivering (on Thursday) hospitality bags to the hotel for our judges who will be staying overnight. She will also be putting together the gift bags for all of the judges. The theme for both is "made in Massachusetts (or Connecticut)". If you have any suggestions or would like to assist, please contact Laura.

CHIEF STEWARD: Gretchen Boss

Gretchen will be overseeing stewards in the Breed Ring

STEWARDS – OBEDIENCE & RALLY:

Annmarie Wilson

Please contact Annmarie if you will be available to assist in the Obedience and Rally Rings

VENDORS: Laura Bauver

Please let Laura know if you are interested in being a vendor at the Specialty or if you know of someone who might be interested. The

vendor "fee" is one raffle prize for each day the vendor participates

LOGO SALES: Lauren Simpson

Lauren will need assistance in the Logo Sales Tent during the Specialty.

RV PARKING: Laura Lafreniere

Laura is taking reservations for people who wish to set up RVs at the fairgrounds. The fee is \$25/night

RAFFLE: Chairman to be assigned

All members are asked to donate prizes for our raffle. This year we will hold two separate raffles – one on Friday and one on Saturday, so we will need a variety of raffle prizes for each day.

We will also need volunteers to help sell raffle tickets during the event.

WHAT IS DIFFERENT THIS YEAR?

BREAKFAST & LUNCH:

Light breakfast foods and assorted lunch items will be available for purchase both Friday and Saturday from our caterers, North Elm Butcher Block of Westfield.

FRIDAY EVENING BUFFET:

North Elm Butcher Block will provide a delicious barbeque buffet on Friday evening at the close of the show. Pre-paid reservations must be made in advance. Information will be in the Premium. The dinner is open to members, participants, workers and guests for a fee of \$22 each.

HOLYOKE KENNEL CLUB:

For several years we have worked closely with Holyoke Kennel Club in the Obedience and Rally Trials on the Friday of our Specialty. Effective with the 2013 Specialty, LRCPV will hold obedience and rally trials open to all breeds (with Labradors given preference) on both Friday and Saturday.

On Friday HKC will hold obedience and rally trials in a different location at the fairgrounds.

RAFFLE:

We will have two separate raffles – one Friday and one Saturday. This will mean we need more prizes, but will increase our income substantially!

CGC TESTING

Friday & Saturday, May 10th & 11th
Westfield Fairgrounds

Leslie Pirnie will test dogs who wish to earn the CGC designation

Pre-registration is not required
Sign up and pay the fee at the LRCPV catalog and trophy tent

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our new member who was accepted into membership at the February meeting: Leslie Pirnie of Westfield MA

Please add this information to your membership list:

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 3 LRCPV Meeting, Suffield CT
April 6 LRCPV Annual Meeting, W Suffield CT
May 10-11 LRCPV Specialty, Westfield MA
June 2 LRCPV Meeting
July LRCPV River Swim
August LRCPV Rally Fun Match, Suffield CT
Sept 8 LRCPV Meeting
Sept 15 LRCPV Well Dog Clinic, Suffield CT

**JOIN US FOR DINNER**

Friday, May 10, 2013
Westfield Fairgrounds
Following the Specialty

Menu:

*BBQ Ribs
BBQ Bone-in-Chicken
BBQ Pulled Pork
Ziti
Macaroni Salad
Tossed Salad
Rolls & Butter
Apple Crisp
Beverage*

\$22/person

Pre-paid reservation required

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS

**Laura Bauver, Editor
Danette Chorney
Hazel Holman
Ann Huntington**

We welcome articles from all members for possible publication.

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