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**RALLY MATCH
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OBEDIENCE SHOW & GO**

Sunday, August 12, 2012

*Suffield Veterinary Hospital
577 East Street South Suffield CT*

WELL DOG CLINIC

Sunday, September 16, 2012

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577 East Street South Suffield CT*

**REGISTRATION FORMS FOR BOTH EVENTS
ARE INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER**

VOLUTEERS NEEDED!!!

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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RALLY MATCH and OBEDIENCE SHOW & GO

Volunteers are needed for our annual event at Suffield Veterinary Hospital.

How will you help:

- Set Up?
- On-site Registration and Check In?
- Obedience Steward?
- Rally Steward?
- Clean Up?

Register your dogs now! Pre-registration is preferred, but on-site registration is allowed for an additional fee.

Share the attached registration form with all your dog loving friends. This event is a fun day for all dogs!

Contact Tina Stone to volunteer or with any questions.

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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.

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.

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Fee will be prorated for partial Club Year
(\$2.50 per remaining month)

*You may also purchase larger ads
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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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WELL DOG CLINIC

The annual Well Dog Clinic will be held on Sunday September 16th at the Suffield Veterinary Hospital.

Micro-chipping and the following screenings are being offered:

Cardiac: auscultation or ECHO
 CERF
 DNA
 OFA Hip & Elbow X-Rays
 OFA Thyroid
 Optigen
 PRA

Contact Annmarie Wilson to offer to volunteer

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OBEDIENCE/RALLY

Ready or Not?

Lots of people ask me all the time if I think they're ready to show. My stock answer is "It depends". It has been my general observation over the years that most folks show their dogs in Obedience and Rally before they are prepared to the point where they are SURE they will qualify, and probably will score near the top of the class. Now, there's nothing wrong with entering a trial and going in knowing you're probably going to NQ.....doing it for the "experience" of it.....that sort of thing. But I've seen so many times that handlers are very disappointed with themselves and their dogs for an NQ even after they claimed they didn't expect to qualify. You can't fool your dog.....they pick up on your disappointment. If you find yourself standing outside the ring before you go in,

hoping and praying for everything to go right, a bundle of nerves and feverishly drilling your dog on one or two particular things, you're probably not ready to show yet in that particular class. If you're dreading one or two exercises because your dog hasn't been doing them well, you're probably not ready to show. If you're crossing your fingers and holding your breath during the group stay exercises, you're probably not ready to show. If you expect your dog to do anything incorrectly, you're probably not ready to show. If you train exclusively at indoor facilities, and you're about to show for the first time outdoors, you're probably not going to qualify. If you truly want to enter your dog in a particular trial, knowing you probably won't qualify, but want the "experience" or just want to support a particular club, walk into the ring with a smile on your face and a song in your heart because your dog is about to try his level best to do something he's not yet fully prepared for. And so are you! Take each exercise one at a time.....look for the small victories along the way. There's bound to be many little accomplishments that are easy to overlook. Take stock of all of the things that DO go right, and reward your dog for them. Come out of the ring happy with those small victories and appreciate all the efforts your dog DID make, and reward him for trying so hard. Never be disappointed in your dog for not qualifying when you didn't expect to in the first place.

Tip of the month: Know the rules! Every exhibitor should read and know the rules, and have a current copy of the rulebook with them at every trial. If you don't yet own a rulebook for the events you participate in, or if the copy you own is more than a couple of years old, invest in an up-to-date rulebook. You can log onto www.akc.org and print off certain sections yourself if you don't want everything, or you can order a printed rulebook online for a nominal fee. There are way too many rules and regulations for the average person to memorize them all! Do you know how to appropriately dispute a ruling by a judge? Do you know how to correctly execute a move-up? Do you know the move-up rules are changing in July of 2012? Ah-hah! Maybe it's time for a new rule book.....

Danette Smith



LRCPV at THE BIG E

Once again, The Labrador Retriever Club of the Pioneer Valley will have a presence at The Big E! Members who have participated in the past have really enjoyed the time, and would love to have other members join us!

We set up a display of information about the club, information about Labrador Retrievers, photos, trophies, and other memorabilia.

The most fun part is informally talking with attendees about Labs and doing occasional obedience demonstrations.

We welcome all friendly, well behaved Labs to join us. As usual, we must ask that bitches in heat sit this one out.

We will have space in the Farmarama Building. We will be there 11am – 8pm on Wednesday September 19th and Sunday, September 23rd. We ask that those who are covering the first and last shift plan to help with set-up and /or clean-up, so please plan to arrive for 10am or stay until 9pm if at all possible.

Our representatives receive an admission ticket and parking pass for a reserved lot. We will plan to give you your ticket and parking pass at the September meeting or the Well Dog Clinic.

The Big E does require that we carry evidence of inoculations and licensing when we bring an animal onto the grounds.

Please contact co-chairs Laura Bauer cassiscloset@yahoo.com and Lauren Simpson laughinlab@comcast.net to let us know when we can expect you! We must have a count by August 15th to order tickets. Come along and have a wonderful time!



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LAB BRAGS

We are proud to announce that some of our members and their Labs have recently accomplished new levels of achievement!

*CONGRATULATIONS to SUSAN BROWNELL
of BITTERSWEET LABRADORS!*



Bittersweet's Carry the Torch JH RN took her Am Bred class at Potomac. At our specialty "Kate" Bittersweet's Carry the Torch JH RN took open chocolate bitch one of the days ... and Caleb CH Bittersweet's Bold Move JH CD took the Nick Mickelson Best Hunting Retriever trophy one of the days.

CONGRATULATIONS to SUSAN BROWNELL of BITTERSWEET LABRADORS!



Rockycreek Bittersweet Drambuie JH RN took his bred by class and went Best Bred by in Show at Potomac Kathy and Geri Mines of Rockcreek bred him. My Duncan is now CH Rockycreek Bittersweet Drambuie JH RN

CONGRATULATIONS to KRISTEN HURWITZ!



Cedarwood's Blazing Pursuit of the Ruthless Bandit CD, RE, STAR, CGC, CC, CD-C, RLP (AOE --#1 Puppy 2010), RL1 (AOE), NW1

"On April 21st I took CJ out to get started in APDT rally at the K9 Crazy trials, Kingston, NY; it was a great start! She ran 3 runs under 3 different judges and came away with 3 first place wins and her RL1 title. The scores were pretty nice too: 200 (perfect), 207, and 207. The high scores make her a Level 1 Award of Excellence winner. I'm looking forward to further competition with this wonderful working dog!"

CONGRATULATIONS to DANETTE SMITH!!



"My 10 year-old veteran Labrador Retriever "Skyley" earned his AKC Versatility Obedience title at the Holyoke Kennel Club Obedience Trial in West Springfield, MA on July 8, 2012. He earned first place in the class with a great score of 191.5, and with his VER title complete he is now officially "retired" from competition obedience. Skyley is the very first dog I've ever owned, and we learned the obedience training ropes together. I finally got the courage up to show him in Novice A obedience in January 2008 when he was nearly 6 years old, and went on to earn five AKC obedience and Rally titles in our first year of trials. Of the 12 qualifying legs he's earned for his various AKC Obedience titles over the years, he's had 7 first, 1 second, and 4 third placements. He also earned 20 placements in the AKC Rally ring, 9 of which were first place. His effervescent personality in the ring was his hallmark, and what he lacked in precision he more than made up for it in enthusiasm. His crooked hip-rolled sits were always accompanied with a gaping smile and a wildly wagging tail, and that was just fine with me. I'm very proud of all we have accomplished in the few years we competed together, all the friends we've made along the way, and the memories I'll cherish forever. Congratulations and happy retirement to my wonderful boy - Foxrun's Galileo UD VER RAE CGC."

CONGRATULATIONS DEB BRUNELL of HOLLY FARM LABRADORS!



"My black bitch Zoe, Holly Farm's Music Of The Night went Winners Bitch at the Greater Boston Labrador Retriever Specialty in Westford, MA. Zoe is out of my bitch, CH Holly Farm Jacks Tootsie by CH Casbars Hart To Hart"

CONGRATULATIONS TO LOIS ENGEL!

"This is a bittersweet BRAG. Wendy McNaughton and I were friends for about 30 years and she passed away last Month from a devastating brain tumor. I kept her last show bitch Kazorp's Gallway Bay Diamond and I showed her and Wendy was delighted to know she still had a dog in the ring. At the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston show, which was Wendy's club, last week Gally was Reserve Winners Bitch on Friday under Judge Pierrette McLean and it was an especially nice day as Deb Brunell's lovely girl was Winners Bitch. Wendy would have been thrilled."

Has one of your labs completed a title or had another achievement? Please let us know! We're proud of our members' accomplishments!

Please send an email to Laura Bauver at cassiscloset@yahoo.com so we can recognize you in our newsletter.

We'll publish all notices received, in order of receipt, as space is available. Photos are always welcome!



LABRADOR ENCYCLOPEDIA



Members in attendance at the June meeting were each given a copy of this 447 page hardcover book. A limited number of copies of this fabulous book are available. If you are interested in a copy for yourself, please contact Andrea Newman at Anewman@ButlerAHS.com


Andrea will reserve books on a first contact basis.

This is an excellent addition to your Labrador Retriever library!

Thank you Andrea for sharing this treasure with us!


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2012 SPECIALTY

Another Specialty is behind us! It took a combined effort by many members (and some friends, prospective members, and family) to bring together this successful event!

This year winning entries were posted "real time" on our club website www.lrcpv.org as well as full results being posted on www.infodog.com. This added another responsibility on site, but it was well received by participants.

Congratulations to all of the winners, and especially our own Deb Brunell who took High in Trial on both days!!!

Thanks to event chairs Ann Huntington and Laura Lafreniere, and committee chairs: Lois Engel (Conformation Stewards), Annmarie Wilson (Obedience/Rally Stewards), Lauren Simpson and Pam Burek (Logo Sales), Cindy Clement (Raffle), Kelly Rome (Vendors), and Rick Burek and Laura Bauver (Judges' Hospitality).

The Specialty Committee thanks all members and the eight prospective members and other volunteers who helped. The following members are recognized for volunteering four (and in many cases more) hours at this two day event: Doris Alleman, Laura Bauver, Gretchen Boss, Deb Brunell, Pam Burek, Rick Burek, Cindy Clement, Haley Clement, Laura Cook, Judi Dorsett, Lois Engel, Hazel Holman, Ann Huntington, Kristen Hurwitz, Laura Lafreniere, Sally Leary, Sandy Masek, Andrea Newman, Kelly Rome, Lauren Simpson, Danette Smith, Tina Stone, Annmarie Wilson, and Nancy Zimmer.

Special Thanks from judges:

"I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for inviting me to judge Sweeps for your Specialty on the Saturday. Also to extend my thanks to Lois and Gretchen and of course the membership and helpers in the LRCPV. I had a fabulous entry and had a wonderful time judging. There was some absolutely lovely dogs and wished in some classes I had more ribbons. I was proud of my final line up and loved the 2 dogs that were my final winners.

So again thanks and please pass on this note to all your membership. As usual the Club did a great job. We look forward to seeing you next year as this is one of our favorite Specialties to come down to....."

Liane Chaput-Brennan, Saturday Sweeps Judge

"To the membership, Thank you so much for inviting me to judge your show. We had wonderful hosts, great stewards and perfect weather to top it off. The dogs were very nice as well and I appreciate the opportunity to judge them.

Thank you also for the gift bags with items from your area. We really enjoyed Richard's lunches - a great cook and host as well. Thank you again for your wonderful hospitality.

Trudy and Richard

P.S. Also want to thank everyone that was so helpful with our after show sightseeing. We had a great time. Last, but not least, thank you to Ann for her generosity with her RAV 4."

PHOTOS FROM OUR SPECIALTY

Thanks to several of our members for sharing







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DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 12 LRCPV Rally Match, Suffield CT
- Sept 9 LRCPV Business Meeting
- Sept 16 LRCPV Well Dog Clinic, Suffield CT
- Sept 19 LRCPV at the Big E
- Sept 23 LRCPV at the Big E
- Oct 14 LRCPV Business Meeting
- Nov 4 LRCPV Business Meeting
- Dec 8 LRCPV Christmas Party