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LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB

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2006-2007 Officers

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President's Message

President's Message for the Club's Year End:

Dear Members,
We have had a busy, event-filled year. A recap of the year starts out with our Holiday Party in December, then we went on with our winter indoor training sessions in Mystic, the Fun Day event in May, the Providence County K. C. supported entry show in July, field-training session that ran through the spring and summer, the fair demo in July, the Working Certificate/Conformation Certificate which took place the weekend before our back-to-back specialties in September. I don't think anyone could call us lazy! All in all, a very productive year for the club. You, the members, have made these events come together. You have done a great job and should be pleased with the club's success. On each event we have put together, the Pawcatuck River LRC has received compliments from the Labrador community at large. We have a number of new members this year due to our reputation of being a fun and active club. The Officers, Board and myself hope we will stay on that track, a track that the club established at creation. The PRLRC is first of all one where members enjoy the camaraderie of fellow Labrador enthusiasts and work together harmoniously toward the betterment of the club in accordance with the club's by laws.

For the upcoming year:

This winter we have some new ideas for our winter training series so I hope many of you will again come out to join the group. The club is purchasing Rally equipment thanks to the generous donation of Pat Dunn and we plan to provide some classes in Rally. Kathy Cipriani is looking into what we will need. Anne Hassett has also offered to do a Tracking session with the club and we will most likely have some more handling classes. Our annual Fun Day event will include some new activities as well. Thanks to Julie Jussaume's suggestion, we are in the planning stages of adding a breed conformation match to this event to enlarge the draw. We may be able to offer some other health clinic options besides the micro-chipping that Dr. Wendy Ernst has been kind enough to do for the club in past years. Perhaps we can also add an Optigen clinic this year. Marlene Lendrim has offered to head up the WC event for next year. She will be forming a committee soon. Cathy Mason is our show chair for 07 for our back-to-back specialties. That committee is taking shape. If you would like to volunteer to be part of any of the committees, please let either Cathy or me know. The Board is putting together a Judges Selection Committee for '08 and plans for the Providence County K. C. supported entry are coming together. Louise White has said she'd like to organize the Holiday Party again for December.

She's scouting out places already. There were some new ideas put forth to expand on the retrieving demo for the No. Stonington Fair Demo next July. If you have an idea for the demo, please contact me. Fun Day and the fair demo are the club's two public outreach opportunities to educate the general public about our breed.

Thank you all for your generous support during this past year!

Best to you all,
Claire

Meeting Minutes: July 2006

The monthly meeting of the PRLRC was called to order on July 10, 2006, at 7:05 pm. Attending were Julie Quigley Smith, Tiffany Newman, Janet Huntley, Claire White-Peterson, Cathy Mason, Cathy Straub, Lori Riley, Susan Barrett, Marlene Lendrim, Wendy Ernst, Pat Dunn, and Kathy Cipriani.

Old Business

The May meeting minutes were read and accepted with corrections.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The board voted to charge \$25 for yearly dues for all members effective for 2007. Voting in favor were Claire White-Peterson, Kathy Cipriani, Cathy Mason, Susan Barrett, Julie Quigley Smith, and Janet Huntley.

Concessions Chair Julie Quigley Smith passed out hand-outs for prospective concessionaires. She urged members to invite anyone they felt might like to attend.

Janet Huntley gave a final report on the preparations for the supported entry with the Providence County KC.

Kathy Cipriani and Wendy Ernst brought members up to date on plans for the September Specialties. We still need obedience stewards and members to work in the Trophy/Raffle tent.

There was a discussion of perpetual trophies, pros and cons. Members decided that a committee is needed to settle this issue, especially the problems of storage, engraving, and transporting the trophies.

Claire White-Peterson reported on the club's WC, to be held on September 16. Members discussed what types of ducks the club should use.

New Business

President Claire White-Peterson proposed the following meeting schedule for next year: Regular club meetings to be held in February, April, June, August, and December. Board meetings to be held 4 times per year. This is in response to the lack of attendance at certain times of the year.

Membership

First reading:

Karen Pandolfi, associate membership

Carl and Karen Wyatt, full membership. Because there were no sponsoring members' signatures on the application, members agreed to ask the Wyatts to attend a club function do that we can meet them before voting on their application.

Julie Anne Lepkowicz, associate membership. Again, no sponsoring signatures, so members would like Julie to attend a club function before voting on her application.

Second reading:

Donna Kenny, full membership. Voted in.

Audrey Wolcott, full membership. Voted in.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Cipriani

Recording Secretary

September 2006

The September 12, 2006, meeting of the PRLRC was called to order at 7:15. Attending were Claire White-Peterson, Nancy Wolston, Deb Scott, Audrey Wolcott, Lori Riley, Lee Holstein, Cathy Straub, Susan Barrett, Mel Losea, Wendy Ernst, and Kathy Cipriani.

Old Business

Corresponding Secretary Cathy Mason circulated information from St. Hubert KC about their October Match. She also read a thank you note from Betty Trainor, the judge at the PRLRC's supported entry in July. A newsletter from the Southeastern Guide Dogs and the Connecticut Dog Federation were circulated as well.

Recording Secretary Kathy Cipriani read the minutes from the July meeting. The minutes were voted on and accepted.

Working Certificate expenses were reported. The club spent \$553 for ducks and \$176.78 on rosettes. There are more expenses outstanding.

Nancy Wolston reported on trophy expenditures for the September Specialties. Costs were helped this year by the donation of 5 pieces of pottery by Claire White-Peterson and Pat Dunn. Fourteen classes had no sponsors and were covered by the club. Total member donation was \$1446, general fund \$58, and LRC \$200 for a total of \$1704.

Total expenditures were \$1560, leaving a surplus of \$144.

New Business

The nominated slate of officers for 2007 are:

Claire White-Peterson President

Kathy Cipriani Vice President

Cathy Mason Corresponding Secretary

Lee Holstein Recording Secretary

Susan Barrett and Wendy Ernst Board of Directors

Membership

Karen Pandolfi was voted in as an Associate Member
First reading: Jack Crawford

The meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Cipriani

The 2006 PRLRC Nominating Committee is pleased to recommend the following slate of officers and board members for the upcoming year for the Club's consideration.

- President: Claire White-Peterson
- Vice President: Kathy Cipriani
- Treasurer: Julie Quigley-Smith
- Recording Secretary: Lee Holstein
- Corresponding Secretary: Cathy Mason
- Board: Wendy Ernst, DVM
- Board: Susan Barrett

All listed nominees have been contacted and agree to serve if elected.

Respectfully submitted by the 2006 PRLRC Nominating Committee: Wendy Ernst; Marlene Lendrim and Pat Dunn.

Specialty Report

On behalf of my co-chair, Wendy, and myself, I'd like to say thank you to all of you who supported our September Specialties in any way. Whether you pitched in to help plan, sponsored trophies, donated raffle items, brought food for the buffet, headed up a committee (or 2), or willingly gave of your time and energy at the shows themselves, you all are the reason our shows were such a rousing success. It may take a village to raise a child, but it certainly takes a whole group of club members to ensure that a two-day Specialty succeeds. Wendy and I know that many of you helped out in any way you could, and we're very grateful. Thank you all. Now let's get behind our Show Chair for 2007, Cathy Mason, with that same spirit of cooperation and make it three great years in a row for the PRLRC!
Kathy Cipriani, Show Chair 2006

Congratulations to club members for their spectacular PRLRC Specialty wins:

**Best Of Breed (Thursday) and BOS (Friday)
Ch. Lobuff's Sandpiper at Hollyride "PIPER"** owned & bred by Julie Quigley Smith and Lisa Weiss

BOS (Thursday) Ch. Aquarius Centercourt Delight "BUZZ" owned & bred by Kathy Sneider DVM & Julie MacKinnon.

Membership Dues by Oct. 31, 2006

Membership dues for the upcoming fiscal year need to be paid prior to October 31, 2006. Please send your dues in the amount of \$25.00 (full and associate) to:

Julie Quigley Smith
3100 S. County Trail
W. Kingston, RI 02892

Committees:

The following committees are already in the planning stages for the upcoming events in 2007. Please email The Committee Chair to volunteer for that event! It's never too early to sign up and volunteer.

Fun Day Committee (May event)
Anne Hassett, Chair
email: Labtrax@aol.com

Trophy Committee
Nancy Wolston (nwolston@aol.com)
Janet Huntley (moonstone_baby@yahoo.com)
Kathy Cipriani (kcip@comcast.net)

WC Committee (September event)
Marlene Lendrim, Chair
email: Mlendrim@att.net

2007 Specialty Show Committee (Sept)
Cathy Mason, Chair
email: huntsbrook@Myeastern.com

The PRLRC would like to congratulate all club members on their Specialty Wins and WC accomplishments in September! Thank you for supporting our Club.

Proposed revisions to the PRLRC Constitution and By Laws
The PRLRC Board has recommended the followed revisions to the club's Constitution and By Laws.
Revisions are underlined.

The following changes will be voted on @ the November 14 meeting.
The Complete Bylaws are available on the Club website.

Bylaws

Article I - Membership

Membership Application Change:

All New membership applicants will be accepted as Provisional Members for 1 year under a new ruling proposed by the Board of Directors. If voted in, this change will take effect on November first which is the start of the new club year. Any membership applications that have already been received and read at the last meeting will be accepted on the old policy.

Article I - Membership

Section 1. Eligibility. Membership shall be open to all persons 18 years of age and older who are in good standing with The American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this club. The club's primary purpose is to be representative of the breeders and exhibitors in its immediate area. Persons residing in states other than Connecticut or Rhode Island are eligible for Associate Membership. Associate members are entitled to all club privileges except voting and office holding and as such do not affect quorum for meetings.

Section 2. Dues. Membership dues shall be established on an annual basis as approved by the Board of Directors, payable on or before the 1st day of November of each year. New members joining after September 1st will be considered paid through the following year. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year. During the month of September the Treasurer shall send to each member a statement of dues for the ensuing year.

Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the club may not reapply within six months after such rejection.

Section 4. Termination of Membership. Memberships may be terminated:

(a) *by resignation.* Any member in good standing may resign from the club upon written notice to the Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to the club. Dues obligations are considered a debt to the club and they are incurred on the first day of each fiscal year.

(b) *by lapsing.* A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 90 days after the first day of the fiscal year; however, the board may grant an additional 90 days of grace to such delinquent members in meritorious cases. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of that meeting.

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Section 3. Election to Membership. Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form as approved by the board of directors and which shall provide that the applicant agrees to abide by the constitution and bylaws and the rules of The American Kennel Club. The application shall state the name, address, occupation, and type of membership desired (full or associate.) The application shall carry the endorsement of two members in good standing. A \$25.00 application fee must be submitted with the application form. All new applicants will be designed a Provisional member for one (1) year.

All applications are to be filed with the Membership Chair and each application is to be read at the first meeting of the club following its receipt. At the next club meeting the second reading of the application shall occur. Applications will be held for one (1) year from the date of receipt. During this year, applicants will be required to attend a minimum of two (2) meetings or two (2) club events or combination of. Upon completion of the 1-year Provisional Membership, the application will be voted on for either Full or Associate status. For both Full and Associate membership, affirmative votes of 2/3 of the members present and voting by secret ballot at that meeting shall be required to elect the applicant. Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the club may not reapply within six months after such rejection.

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Section 5. Membership Requirements. All members are encouraged to work at least two club events per year. All Full Members are required to attend two (2) regular monthly meetings and work at least two (2) club events per year.

Article II - Meetings and Voting

Section 1. Club Meetings. Meetings of the club should be held each month in the greater Pawcatuck River area at such hour and place as may be designated by the board of directors. Written (or electronic) notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. The option to receive written or electronic notice of meetings and newsletters will be given to members. Members should inform the club secretary of their preference. The club newsletter may serve as written notice to announce a monthly meeting at the times when it is published. Newsletter publishing schedule will be posted on the club web site. The quorum for such meetings shall be 20 percent of the members in good standing.

Section 2. Special Club Meetings. Special club meetings may be called by the President, or by a majority vote of the members of the board who are present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the board; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by five members of the club who are in good standing. Such special meetings shall be held in the greater Pawcatuck River area at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person or persons authorized herein to call such meetings.

Section 3. Board Meetings. Meetings of the board of directors should be held at least 6 times a year in the greater Pawcatuck River area at such hour and place as may be designated by the board. Written (or electronic) notice of such meeting shall be given by the Secretary at least five days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the board.

Section 4. Special Board Meetings. Special meetings of the board may be called by the President; and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written request signed by at least three members of the board. Such special meetings shall be held within the greater Pawcatuck River area at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the person authorized herein to call such meeting. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least five days and not more than 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Any such notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and no other business shall be transacted thereat. The quorum for such a meeting shall be a majority of the board.

Article III- Directors and Officers

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Section 1. Board of Directors. The board shall be comprised of the officers and two directors, all of whom shall be members in good standing and all of whom shall be elected for one-year terms at the club's annual meeting as provided in Article IV and shall serve until their successors are elected. General management of the club's affairs shall be entrusted to the board of directors.

(a) Officers and board members may not be officers or board members of another Labrador Retriever specialty club within the New England regional area.

Section 2. Officers. The club's officers, consisting of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, shall serve in their respective capacities both with regard to the club and its meetings and the board and its meetings.

(a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the board, and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those particularly specified in these bylaws.

(b) The Vice President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's death, absence or incapacity.

(c) The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the club and of the board and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the club.

(d) The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, notify officers and directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the club with their addresses, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these bylaws.

(e) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the club. Moneys shall be deposited in a bank designated by the board, in the name of the club. The books shall at all times be open to inspection by the board and a report shall be given at every meeting of the condition of the club's finances and every item of receipt or payment not before reported; and at the annual meeting an accounting shall be rendered of all moneys received and expended during the previous fiscal year. The Treasurer shall provide the President a copy of the monthly Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the board of directors shall determine.

Section 3. Vacancies. Any vacancies occurring on the board or among the offices during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all the then members of the board at its first regular meeting following the creation of such vacancy, or at a special board meeting called for that purpose; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice President and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice President shall be filled by the board.

Section 4. Confidentiality. Officers and Directors of the Board will not disclose the confidential information discussed within the club's board meetings until such time as the membership is informed of any proposal or topics discussed or decided upon during those meetings.

Article V- Committees

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Section 1. The board may each year appoint standing committees to advance the work of the club in such matters as specialty shows, obedience trials, field trials, trophies, annual prizes, membership and other fields which may well be served by committees. Committee guidelines may be found on the club web site. Such committees shall always be subject to the final authority of the board. Committee Chairs (or in their absence, a committee member) should be prepared to present a report to the board of directors on request. Committee report meetings may be held at such hour or place convenient to committee chair and board of directors. Special committees may also be appointed by the board to aid it on particular projects.

Section 2. The board may appoint an ad hoc Auditing Committee as necessary for the purpose of auditing the Treasurer's accounting book.

Section 3. Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the board upon written notice to the appointee; and the board may appoint successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.

Section 4: Committees will not disclose the confidential information discussed within a committee meetings without permission from the board of directors.

PAWCATUCK RIVER LABRADOR RETREIVER CLUB
MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULES

2006

NOVEMBER-GENERAL MEETING **Nov. 14th**

New & Old Board meets
Voting on Changing the Club's ByLaws

DECEMBER - NO REGULAR MEETING (Holiday Party Dec. 17)

2007

JANUARY- GENERAL MEETING - **Jan 9th.**

Fun Day/Match Committee Organizational Meeting

FEBRUARY- BOARD MEETING - No General Meeting

MARCH- GENERAL MEETING - **Mar 13th**

APRIL- BOARD MEETING - No General Meeting.

Fun Day/Match Committee Meeting

MAY- GENERAL MEETING **May 8th.**

Event: Fun Day/ Match

JUNE- GENERAL MEETING **Jun. 12th.** (tentative depending on date of LRCGB specialty)

Supported Entry Committee Meeting
Show Committee Meeting "Follow Up"
Joint Committees Meet To Share Information

JULY- GENERAL MEETING- **Jul 10th**

Event: SUPPORTED ENTRY PCKC

AUGUST- BOARD MEETING - No General Meeting (picnic)

SEPTEMBER- GENERAL MEETING **Sept 11th**

Slate presented
Event: Specialties
Event: Working Certificate test

NOVEMBER-GENERAL MEETING **Nov. 13th**

New & Old Board meets

DECEMBER- NO REGULAR MEETING - Holiday Party

Performance News:

Mel Losea (Surfer) **Viking Surf's Up JH-WC-CC** earned his JH Title on August 13th at the Yankee Waterfowlers Hunting Retriever Club Hunt test. He earned his title at 23 months old passing four consecutive hunt tests. Surfer also earned a "bumper leg" at the Yankee Golden Retriever Hunt the following weekend. I am very proud of this hard working young man! Surfer was bred by Gerrie and John Owren of VikingLabradors. His dam is Viking Zinka Dew CD-JH-WC and his sire Ch.Aquarius Centercourt Delight. He is owned and loved by Melody and Dan Losea.

Hyspire Impressively Charming WC (Mr. Big) earned his WC at the PRLRC WC Sept. 16 and the following week earned **2 legs** towards his JH at the LRCGB hunt test Sept. 23 and 24th., handled and trained by Michael Franklin. Way to go guys! Bred by Hyspire, owned by Julie Jussaume (Maritime).

Hyspire Hot To Trot WC (Trotter) earned his WC at the PRLRC WC Sept. 16 ! Bred by Hyspire owned by Julie Jussaume (Maritime) and Hyspire.

Ch. Danbridge Indiana Jones WC Indy earned his WC at the PRLRC WC Sept. 16, owned and bred by Marilyn and Ken Meewes.

Snowden Hill Miss DaisyMae, CGC, WC, CC (Ch Ghoststone's Louis Downtown, CD x Snowden Hill My Friend Irma) DaisyMae earned her WC at the PRLRC WC/CC event on September 16th under judge Karen Kennedy. She also earned one JH leg at the LRCGB Hunt Test on Saturday, September 23rd under judges Dick Kennedy and Ernest Smith. She's trained and handled by her owner, Robin Anderson.

Snowden Hill Mango Crazy, JH, RN, CGC, WC, CC (Ch Dickendall Davaron Gable x Snowden Hill My Friend Irma) Mango earned her WC at the PRLRC WC/CC event on September 16th. On September 21st Mango earned her RN with a second place under judge Pat Scully . Handled by Robin the same day, she placed first in the Hunting Retriever Bitch class under Michael Woods . At the LRCGB Hunt Tests on September 23 & 24, Mango earned two bumper legs on her JH title, and was one of only 12 dogs to pass the test on Sunday out of 34 dogs starting. Sunday judges were Daniel Young and Jan Lenihan. Mango is handled and trained by co-owners Robin Anderson & Gerrie Owren to these titles and certificates.

Summerthyme Dory Delight, RN, WC, CC (Rocheby Suttonpark Showstopper x Old Orchard Farms Lady Di) Dory earned her WC at the PRLRC WC/CC event on September 16th at almost nine years of age (DOB: 12/30/97). At the PRLRC Specialties, Dory earned a first place in Rally Novice B with her owner

and handler, Robin under Pat Scully, and titled in Rally Novice the next day with a second place under judge Tibby Chase. Dory is trained and handled by a very proud Mom who says "You can teach an old dog new tricks!"

Grampian Bedizened Viking, WC, CC (Hollyhill Delby's Samuel Adams x Snowden Hill Mango Crazy, JH, RN, CGC, WC, CC) Dazzle earned her WC at the PRLRC WC/CC event on September 16th. Dazzle was bred by Robin Anderson, is trained by co-owners Robin and Gerrie Owren, and was handled in this test by Robin.

Robin Anderson would like to congratulate 15 year old **Sarah Nolan** from Remsen, NY for expertly handling several Grampian and Snowden Hill Labradors in the breed ring at PRLRC Specialties, owned by club members Robin Anderson, Barb Burri and Gerrie Owren. Snowden Hill's own Gladys Rogers and Stacey Goodman came with their dogs BJ and CB. Sarah placed in Open Yellow with Snowden Hill Oh Be Joyful (BJ). We all say "Thank you, Sarah! Job well done!"

Grampian Raptor Mystique "Merlin" RN (Hollyhill Delby's Samuel Adams x Snowden Hill Mango Crazy, JH, RN, CGC, WC, CC) earned his RN Rally Novice title at the PRLRC Specialty on September 21, 2006 Bred by Robin Anderson and owned by Barb Burri & Robin Anderson.

Viking Zinka Dew CD, JH, RN, WC, CC, bred and owned by Gerrie Owren. Zinka earned her RN title on Thursday 9/21/06 at the PRLRC Specialty, the next day she took 1st Place in Rally Advanced. She also passed her CC at the PRLRC WC/CC.

Viking Hil'Die Tanzbarin WC, CC bred and owned by Gerrie Owren earned her WC at the PRLRC WC/CC and earned 2 legs towards her JH title at the LRCGB Hunt Test on Sept. 23 and 24, 2006.

Timesquare Bali at Ocean Spray OA,NAJ,CGC, just got her **AX** owned by Sandra Maclean and barbara BNG. Bali is a Davy Crockett daughter.

Graewall's Oliver Twist, CD RA WC

Keniworth KC- Rally Advanced leg and 4th place
Holyoke KC- Rally Advanced leg and Final Novice Obedience leg to finish his CD

Trap Falls KC- Rally Advanced leg and 1st place to finish his RA

Great Barrington KC - Rally Excellent leg and 4th place
owned by Wendy Ernst DVM

Hillsides Here for the Party WC- completed her WC at the PRLRC WC test, owned by Wendy Ernst DVM

Highmeadows Molly Takes the Cake WC

First in 6-9 puppy South County Kennel Club then went Reserve Winners Bitch
East Providence sweeps second and a third in regular puppy 9-12
Molly earned her WC @ PRLRC event in Sept. 06

Hollyridge Legacy at Highmeadows

Legacy has one leg on JH at Yankee Golden Retriever Club, First South county Kennel Club Open Black
Third in Open Black PRLRC Sept 22,

Highmeadows Blackwatch Abbey

First in South County Kennel Providence Am Bred
Third Woodstock Am bred

Lobuff Hollyridge Kiskadee (DeeDee);

was WB at Providence Kennel Club for a 3 point major!
She was also WB/BOW at Windham Kennel Club in May for a 3 point major.

Lobuff Sandpiper at Hollyridge was **BOB at Providence Kennel Club** and is enjoying her time spent on the road with her best friend Norman!!

Ain't Miss BeeHaven, Camelot (aka Missy) earned 2 points , was BOW, and BOB at Ballston Spa on August 12th. Judge was Mrs. Jo Ann Colvin, owned and bred by Jan Lemire (BeeHaven).

Huntsbrook Asgard's Loki received his first 3 point major at our supported entry Providence County KC on July 29th owned & bred by Cathy Mason and Claire White-Peterson.

Cathy Straub is happy to say that "Meg" **Cabin's Spicey Nutmeg** has been very busy!

Meg recent wins: Winners Bitch for 3 pt major at Springfield, MA 7/9, Winners Bitch NH & VT 7/12, 7/13, 7/15 & 7/16

Danbridge Pin-Up Girl (aka Betty Boop) 1st Open Black under Michael Woods at our Specialty Show on Friday.

Danbridge De'Lovely (aka Linnie) 2nd Open Yellow under Mary Ann Czerwinski at our Specialty Show on Thursday and took nice placements in the Open Yellow classes at the wonderful shows in North Conway, bred and owned by Marilyn Meewes.

NEW CHAMPION!

Ch. Maritime Hyspire Impress Me

(Ch. Sure Shot Hyspire Impressive x Hyspire Charismatic) Mia finished Sept. 3, 2006 with all major specialty wins at 20 months!
Bred by Julie Jussaume and co-owned with Hyspire



NEW CHAMPION !

Ch. Ocean Spray Rockefeller finished in style July 2, 2006 at Wampoanoag KC, bred and owned by Paul and Sandy MacLean (picture)



Thought you'd enjoy looking at our Mother/Son photo of Merlin and Mango titling in Rally the same day at the PRLRC Specialties on September 21st. Mango was three years old in July. Merlin was 10 months old. Both Barb and I were so pleased with our dogs.

The judge in the photo is Pat Scully. Merlin is 'Grampian Raptor Mystique RN, CGC, CC', and his handler is owner, Barb Burri. Mango is 'Snowden Hill Mango Crazy, JH, RN, CGC, WC, CC' (she's also pointed), and her handler is me. On the same day, Mango won the Hunting Retriever Class.

Merlin's dad is Hollyhill Delby's Samuel Adams (Lager) owned and loved by Terri Herigstad, Marstad Labradors (reg.) <http://www.hollyhilllabradors.com/Lager.htm>. Thanks to Terri and Lager, we have our Merly Man!

Robin and the Sea Dogs of Grampian
www.grampianlabs.com

Dear Members:

On September 16th, 2006, PRLRC held it's first Working Certificate Test in the club's history. Karen Kennedy, AKC Hunt Test Judge and President of the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Boston, was our WC judge. Karen was kind, smiling, welcoming, and made all the handlers feel at ease with her gentle manner. She explained the test, was patient, and let dogs who didn't quite make it over the line with a duck feel successful anyway. Karen will go down in the PRLRC's history books as our first judge, and one who helped make our event a success. The WC drew 42 entries. Only nine dogs didn't pass the test, but all the handlers came away with more knowledge and things they can work on with their dogs to pass their next test.

The Labrador Club, Inc. Conformation Certificate Evaluation was judged by Diane Pilbin (Chucklebrook Labradors) and Claire White Peterson, President of our club (Stonecrest Labradors). Both ladies were on their feet all day evaluating almost 30 dogs, plus running their own Labs in the WC test. Every CC entry was given a nice critique of their dog, and Diane and Claire agreed it was a wonderful learning experience for them too.

Lunch was served inside the Snake Meadow Club. Nobody went away hungry for a mere \$6 for burgers, hot dogs, sides and lobster bisque made by Kevin Brignole, VP of Snake Meadow. A raffle was organized by Julie, tickets sold by a very competent Marilyn Meewes, and lots of people went away happy with their winnings. The beautiful Gardiner Studios Necklace tickets were also sold, and the winning ticket will be pulled at our Specialties this coming week.

Lots of busy club members kept the WC test and CC running smoothly. Dr. Wendy and Tom Hoagland drove with WC Chair Gerrie Owren very early in the morning (O-dark-30) to collect the ducks to bring to the test and prepared them for the event. Our Marshall, Nancy Wolston, had lots of happy hands setting up the test with Judge Karen, as well as shooting the rifles and loading those wingers. Kathy Cipriani efficiently had the handlers and dogs in the holding blinds all day. Tony Emilio got in the swing of things on the water series with his bubble gum and ear protection as he shot duck after duck...never missing one. Anne Hassett's husband, Pete, along with Mel Losea spent the whole morning tossing and shooting, too. Marlene Lendrim took duck after duck and carefully hung them and protected them from the flies so the dogs would have clean ducks to pick up. Anne Hassett not only successfully ran Connie in the test, but she was the paper-keeper for the CC judges all day long.

Carol Stevens (www.adigitalmoment.com) was snapping photo after photo of our dogs working and playing all day. You can purchase your WC photos from Carol Stevens. Julie Jussaume had props after the event so dogs and handlers could have a formal 'win' photo taken.

After the event, there was quite a spread of snacks and desserts for the handlers, all provided by the members of our club. We all socialized as we waited for the Awards Ceremony. Karen Kennedy, Gerrie Owren and Julie Jussaume presented the Certificates of Award and rosettes (orange with camo streamers) to all the people whose dogs passed. There was lots of cheering and clapping for every handler.

The Snake Meadow Club deserves a huge THANKS from the PRLRC for hosting our event. It is a beautiful club, and the members were very nice to let us use their facility. Thank you Michael for offering your Club for our event and the hours cutting the fields.

Without all the hard work of the members of this club, the first WC test and Conformation Certificate Evaluation could not have been pulled off as successfully. From the WC/CC Committee, we want to thank you all for your support and help.

The total expenses for this event was \$803.00, total income: \$1905 = \$1102 profit.

Robin Anderson, CC Chair
Gerrie Owren, WC Chair
Julie Jussaume, WC Secretary and Hospitality Chair

Winter Training Sessions:

(Dates and times to be announced)

Back by popular demand ! Kathy Cipriani and Anne Hassett are looking for your suggestions and areas of interest for the winter training sessions. Last winter, classes were held at My Dog's Place in Mystic, CT and included handling classes, obedience, rally etc...

Please email Kathy: kcip@comcast.net

And/or Anne: LABTRAX@aol.com



PRLRC Members

Re: Litter Listings on the Club Website:

I'm just reminding everyone that we decided back in May that we would charge \$25 for litter/dog listings on the club web site. This will hopefully at some point, offset the cost of maintaining the site.

Checks may be sent to me or Julie Quigley Smith but please write on them that they are for the listing page.

Claire

(Julie Quigley Smith, 3100 S. County Trail, W. Kingston, RI 02892)

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