



Retriever Review

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President's Message

The month of February was a leap year and we have definitely leaped forward into Spring. The daffodils are in bloom and the dogs are shedding.

The Sportsman Show is behind us. Thank you, Rebecca, Jeff and all the club members who participated.

Linda is hard at work on the July Specialty and the May B-Match is right around the corner under Susan's watchful eye.

We have a HRT Chair! Our member from the great state of Alaska, Jo Hanscom will be taking the position. Cindy, the HRT Secretary, kept everything on track and now has passed the torch to Jo.

For those who will be going south to the SJVLRC, CLRC Specialties or the Shasta shows safe travels. Stay healthy by washing your hands and keeping your hands away from your faces (especially after picking up poop).

Judy Chambers
President

Upcoming Events

March General Meeting
Friday, March 20, 2020
Meridian Park Hospital
Portland, OR
7:30 PM

April General Meeting
Friday, April 17, 2020
Elmers Restaurant
Portland, OR
7:30 PM

May 2, 2020
RCLRC Field Training Day

May 9, 2020
RCLRC B Match

May 30, 2020
RCLRC WC/WCX

July 9-11, 2020
RCLRC Specialty
Champeog State Park, OR

July 25-26
RCLRC AKC Hunt Test
Sauvie Island, OR

More information on
these events in future
newsletters.

2020 Club Officers

President: Judy Chambers
Vice President: Cindy Freeman
Treasurer: Greg Huntzinger
Secretary: Lizzie Moir

Board Members

Barbara Gilchrist
Judy Slayton-Bachofner
Rebecca Bloom
Erica McClure

2020 Committee Chairs

Sportsmen Show

Rebecca Bloom

B-Match

Susan Huntzinger

WC/WCX

Chair/Secretary: Cindy Freeman
& Wendy Nasseth

Specialty

Chair: Linda Coogan

Hunt Test

Chair: Jo Hanscom
Secretary: Cindy Freeman

Litter Referrals

Susan & Greg Huntzinger
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Membership

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Litter Listing Requirements

Any RCLRC member wishing to list a litter on either the website or in the newsletter must provide paper copies of the following minimum documentation:

BOTH Sire and Dam must produce proof of the following:

- Must have a current (within 1 year) OFA or CERF eye clearance
- Must produce proof of PRA status
- Must produce both a Hip and Elbow OFA clearance number
- Must produce proof of an Echo cardiac clearance
- Must produce proof of a Dilute gene test and status of "Non-Dilute"

For each litter please provide:

- Date litter expected OR date litter born
- Colors expected OR colors, males, females available
- Club Member contact information

The Club requires a check for \$10.00 made out to RCLRC for the listing. Send check and listing information to Greg Huntzinger. Litter listings will run two (2) months. The member may request one (1) additional month via email. At the end of the run period the listing will be removed without notice.

Information must be sent to Greg Huntzinger who will then pass the information on to the newsletter editor. Due date is the 25th of each month.

Please give your information time for processing.
Send all information to:

Greg Huntzinger
30940 SW Riverlane Rd
West Linn, OR 97068

*February Meeting Minutes to be sent
separately. Editor*

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New Members!

Becky Slayton Parmeter and Chad Parmeter
Michael Ferguson

New Member Applications

Chelsea Galatz, code of ethics signed, sponsored by Udo and Wendy
Bliss Gurney, Joanne Simon(her mom), code of ethics signed, sponsored by
Lizzie and Cindy

Christina Richmond, code of ethics signed, sponsored by Lizzie and Cindy

2 others that I received and forgot to announce at the meeting,
so if any questions about them, please contact me:

Bill Wastradowsk, code of ethics signed, sponsored by Greg and Susan
Micah Black, code of ethics signed, sponsored by Greg and Susan

Please contact me for any questions or comments!

Susan Huntzinger
Membership Chair



RCLRC Fun Field Training Day

*Cathy Hakola - Lincoln Creek Valley Labradors -
has generously offered to host a RCLRC Fun Field Training day.
It will be May 2nd after the Elma Dog show.
The Elma Dog show is 4 days again this year.
(More information in upcoming newsletter.)*

2020 Specialty

The planning of our 2020 Specialty is coming along nicely. The Park has been reserved and all paperwork has been submitted to AKC waiting on approval. I want to personally thank everyone that volunteered to Chair a Committee and/or Assignment. Without your hard work and dedication our Specialty would not be possible.

Your Committee/Assignment Chairs are as follows:

Event Chair: Linda Coogan
Obedience Chair: Cindy Freeman
Raffle/Auction: Marilyn Parker
Ribbons: Kimberly Dotson
Stud Dog Auction: Judy Slayton-Bachoner
Trophies: Lizzie Moir
Continental Breakfast: Jan Cameron
Judges Liaison: Toni Leitao
Judges Hospitality: Judy Chambers
Advertising: Lizzie Moir
Ring Steward: Kathy Corbett
Show Photographer: Lizzie Moir
Thursday Lunch: Udo Stark & Wendy Nassetth – (brown bag)
Friday Lunch: Susan Huntzinger – (pizza)
Saturday Lunch: Susan Huntzinger – (Subway wraps)
4 to 6 Puppy Judge: Allison Rogers
Junior Showmanship Judge: Lisa Cruanas

We are looking for a Co-Chair to help Marilyn Parker with the Raffle/Auction. Main responsibility would be set up, break down, getting volunteers to assist in manning the Raffle during the Specialty and at the end of the raffle help in distribution of Raffle items. If you are interested in Co-Chairing the Raffle/Auction, please let me know by emailing me at lbcoogan@msn.com. Thank you in advance.

When Committee Chairs reach out for help and/or donations, please considering helping in any way possible.

We will also be looking for help in setting up and breaking down the Specialty grounds. More hands make lighter work for all. More on this as we get closer to the Specialty.

*Linda Coogan
Event Chair*



Dilute Genetics ... Stud Dog Owners Beware!

Let me share a new story with you stud dog owners. Since the dawning of shipped chilled semen, the process of getting bitches bred has sped up and often times we don't ever lay eyes on the bitches we are breeding. We must now slow down this process and so I share my current story in an effort to keep Silvers from creeping further into our bloodlines.

I had a lovely lady contact me who was interested in breeding her chocolate bitch to my chocolate sire. In our emails back and forth, I told her what I needed from her. She, like so many new would be breeders with their AKC Labradors on Full Registration had no clue about all the clearances. I told her what to do and she sent me all the Clearances about 6 wks later having easily passed her hips/elbows/cardiac/eyes. I had her also send me a copy of her AKC registration slip and a copy of her pedigree which I would see was a hand written pedigree. I then went to find the dogs in the pedigree and some history of who bred this bitch. Things started to get a little fuzzy with my exploration of the pedigree; so after explaining about Silvers and the connection to the Dilute Gene(although I did not "See" any Silvers in the pedigree), I had this woman go to Pawprints and send in a Dilute Gene test which she did immediately.

About two weeks later, this bitch came back as a carrier of the Dilute Gene ... I told her she could not use our chocolate dog. I felt badly for her but she thanked me graciously for the "Big Education". I encouraged her NOT to breed her Chocolate bitch. I can only hope she takes my advice and does not breed her bitch elsewhere with an unsuspecting stud dog owner, but I cannot further control what happens.

In short, as reputable breeders we can no longer just accept that the AKC Registered bitch that comes to our sires for breeding (who AKC has deemed to give Full Registration Papers) and who looks just like a Labrador, should be bred. We must be strict with ourselves and not take the Stud fee money, but rather slow down the process by doing our own research to ensure with the owners of bitches who use our sires that those bitches are truly 100% Labrador Retriever.

I accept the responsibility for any bitch owner who uses my sires. Would I make my fellow breeder friends who I know personally and who are in the Regional Labrador Clubs do a Dilute test before using my sires? If they have signed a Code of Ethics - not at this time, but a time may come when we are forced to Dilute test all our dogs. I for one am preparing to test all my current breeding stock for the Dilute Gene. I know there are a few reputable breeders who are ahead of me on this curve and I tip my hat to them.

Thanks for listening,

Barb Gilchrist
Blackthorn Labradors

Brag

Champion JonValer Just Harper Lee earned her Grand Champion title in 2019 - owned by Dr. Valerie Jones and Vicki Lord. Bred by Dr. Valerie Jones and Linda Maffett.