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Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

On behalf of the Board of GALRC we want to extend our warmest wishes for Joyous Holliday season, a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year. This is the time of the year when we gather with our very good friends to share a cup of cheer, celebrate and look back on the past year's events.

In the midst of all the strife and turmoil in the world each of us is so lucky that we have our four legged friends to keep us normal and grounded. There is not a Lab anywhere who ever wishes each you anything but happiness and Joy every day of the year. They are always so glad to see you even when things have not been so great in your day. They never turn up their noses at your cooking and they always find a way to make you laugh even when they are not being perfect. No friend is more loyal or forgiving. They are truly a blessing to all of us.

Our fraternity/sorority of "Labdom" has produced wonderful friends, places to travel, and many enjoyable times. Sometimes we lose sight of what dog shows are really about. While it is true that we all have been on both sides of the healthy competition that dog shows provide. We have all had our moments. We have had shows where we declared the judge to be a moron only to have the moron give us winners and sometimes breed. We have had judges that put us up for majors put us last in the class. (Truly the sun does not shine on the same dog's back every day.) Those days when you worked so hard, travelled such a great distance to show your dog but did not do as well as you thought you would or should have, have tended to fade away and leave only happy memories of when your dog was appreciated by others. The congratulations of your friends, the other exhibitors, and those who recognize all the hard work you put in can be just as rewarding as the ribbons you receive. Your Labs are just happy to be with you and are thrilled with any outcome. All they need is for you to tell them good job.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Speaking of shows, Please pat yourselves on the back (but don't twist your elbows doing it.) We can't begin to thank each of you enough for making this year's specialty one of the best that our club has have ever had- and we have had some truly great ones. Each person who helped in any way with the show and the match, whether it was with planning, calling, arranging judges, getting the Hotel and show site contracts, setup and clean up, decorating, getting items to raffle, selling tickets, cooking, serving, exhibiting a dog, watching and just being friendly to all those who came, stewarding, helping on the information table, taking pictures, picking up the garbage and dog deposits, donating money and time, getting trophies and prizes, doing catalogs, armbands, judges books, premium lists, parking, judges programs, writing letters, reports, posting things on the website, helping to fix the problems that inevitably show up - whatever you contributed this was a great effort and we could not have been a success without your help. There is no end of moving parts to putting on a dog show (not only the ones listed above) and GALRC could not have done it without your valuable contributions. Once again we worked together for the good of the club and we were told that we had put on the "the best specialty on the east coast". I don't know if that is true, as there are many fine specialties, but certainly it shows that people who came really liked what we did. If we keep doing it there is no reason why we can't be as good as any specialty in the country.

You can further see how much your work has been appreciated by the comments on the Facebook website and the smiling faces at the show. Congratulations and see you this weekend.

Barry Staples

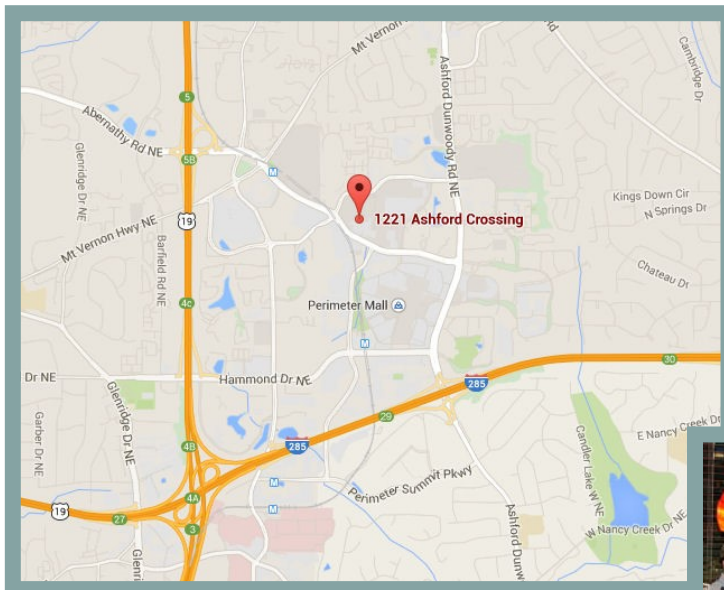


MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

OUR NEXT 2 MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 28TH AND FEBRUARY 25TH.

Location: Mimi's Café at the Perimeter Place.

Address: 1221 ASHFORD CROSSING. ATLANTA, GA 30346. (770) 351-8444



[Directions](#)



The regular monthly meeting of the Club will be held on the Fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. As always, all club members are invited.

We hope to see you there!



MEMBERSHIP

Membership Dues Reminder

Our membership dues for 2016 are due on 11/1/15.

Please completely fill out this form and return it with your check so that we can keep our records up to date.

\$20.00 individual ~ \$25.00 family ~ \$15 Associate

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please make checks out to GALRC and mail to:

Jim Griffin

130 Hickory Pointe Dr.

Athens, Ga. 30605

**Remember to support our club by
renewing your membership!**

Member's breeder directory

To be included in the breeder's directory of the club's website, please e-mail the following information to our Website master: [Jean McLain](#)

Kennel name, Contact person, Website URL address, e-mail address, phone number and a brief description of your practices. You may include any updated information about current litters.



NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2016 OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS

The 2016 GALRC Nominating Committee is pleased to offer the following slate of individuals for the 2016 Officer and Board positions for the club members consideration:

Officers:

President: Barry Staples

Vice President: Neil Martin.

Corresponding Secretary: Jim Griffin

Recording Secretary: Laura van Dalen

Treasurer: Jodi Martin

Board Members:

Carol Quaif

Lisa Bailey

Julia Kuni

Linda Rehkopf

This slate is open and the club will accept nominations from the floor for any position during our January 28th members meeting at Mimi's Café at the Perimeter Place. Address: 1221 ASHFORD CROSSING. ATLANTA, GA 30346. (770) 351-8444



ANNOUNCEMENTS

20% discount on all website design/redesign – marketing/internet marketing to GALRC members/friends. Personal or Business

It's more important than ever for Google search results that websites are responsive (resize for smartphones and tablets) as over 50% of searches are now done on mobile devices. Very reasonably priced.

Please email me, Jean McLain, jean@Business-Solutions-Center.com and let me know how I can help.

Thanks,

Jean

jean@emailjrm.com

Interesting reading:

[Dog Breeding 101](#)

[Vaccine induced disease](#)

[Old Dogs Rule: Senior Dog 101](#)

[Joint health in Dogs](#)



LABRADOR FEET

There is a saying, *"No hoof, no horse."* Unlike horses, dogs can manage fairly well with only three functional limbs. In veterinary school it is often suggested that dogs are essentially "three legs and a spare." Unfortunately, bad feet can mean that all four limbs are compromised. Like horses, dogs are *digigrade* animals— they walk on their toes, not their heels. Because of this, the condition of the digits is especially important. While poor feet may service a dog adequately when they are young, good feet are central to a long, active retrieving career and should be, as with horses, emphasized in any breeding program.

Over the last several decades I have witnessed deterioration in Labrador Retriever feet. My guess is there are multiple causes for the poor state of Labrador feet, but it would be wise for breeders and judges alike to take note of the situation and acknowledge correct individuals. The agility ring seems to be the one venue where one sees generally better foot structure. Perhaps the reason lies in that agility dogs are rarely over weight and they generally work on even terrain. Perhaps the agility ring is self-selecting, as dogs with bad feet don't enjoy jumping. However, splayed feet paddle their way through the show ring in alarmingly high numbers. Young dogs tend to have sloppy ligaments when they are growing very fast, and carrying extra weight at that time is far more likely to have long term consequences. Many of the worst feet are on the more massive individuals. Excessive bone and body in addition to too much "condition" can lead to premature deterioration of the feet. Housing dogs on gravel, sand, or snow can exacerbate already compromised foot structure, but like overfeeding can't be blamed for all the ills we see in the show ring. In the field, I often see gnarled, broken feet. The deformities are often due to poor structure and injuries in the form of poorly healed sprains, dislocations, and broken toes. The legendary stoicism of the Labrador Retriever means that many dogs work despite the pain of an injury and thereby set themselves up for a less-than-optimal repair. Many of these feet are "asking for injury" because they are longer toed, refined in bone, and lacking in proper arch. Many young Labrador Retrievers are asked to run hard on uneven terrain long before their skeletons are mature and their ligaments up to full strength. I believe, too, that many owners and trainers are not as meticulous as they could be about nail maintenance, thereby further inviting injury.

So what does a good Labrador foot look like? As described in the standard, "Feet are strong and compact with well-arched toes and well developed pads. ... splay feet, hare feet ... are serious faults." Most knowledgeable dog people would refer to the typical Labrador foot as a "cat's foot." While the two central toes are longer, they should still show a good arch and give an overall impression of soundness to the footprint. The appropriate arching will offer adequate cushioning when running and jumping on uneven terrain and compactness facilitates endurance. Despite oft-touted common wisdom, the Labrador Retriever foot has no more webbing than other breeds. The best of feet will need little nail maintenance on a working dog. A Labrador Retriever's feet should be able to carry him through a decade of dedicated work. We need to reward specimens with the good feet, because the individual dog will pay the consequences of perpetuating faulty feet. It is simple to keep in mind that with Labrador Retriever feet, "tight is right."

—Lee Foote

Labrador Retriever Club,
thelabradorclub.com

Extracted from the October AKC Gazette.



BRAGS

Sheabourne's I Believe In Magic

(BISS Ch. Wit's End Jacks Or Better At Blackwing x Sheabourne's Gaelic Piper)

GALRC Specialty Winners Bitch

Sunday 11/15/15

under breeder judge Tom Shearer of Bonaventure Labradors.



Magic follows in her grand dams footsteps, BOSS CH Sheabourne's Daydream Believer,
a 2004 GALRC Specialty WB under judge David Hepper of Mardas Labradors.

Many thanks to all our supporters. Congratulations to all the winners.

owned by Shannon Carlton

Co Breeders: Shannon Carlton & Dale Staples



BRAGS

Van Dalen Glitter On The Clouds

(GCH CH Caer Bren McLeod JH & van Dalen Sierra's Diamond Dust)



Glitter has had a successful show season. She has earned all her singles and one major in the last couple of months. Thank you to all the judges that have loved her as much as I do and to Janice Granda and Aaron Wilkerson for taking her under your wind and showing her to perfection.

Bred and Owned by Laura van Dalen



BRAGS

Lachlan's Low Ryeder



Lachlan's Low Ryeder won his puppy classes at the GALRC Specialty under Tom Shearer and Dan Clark. In addition Tom pulled him for his final winners dog line up.



BRAGS

We've had an amazing year with our youngsters in 2015. Thanks to our friends ringside for your congratulations, celebration and support. We wish everyone a happy and healthy 2016. See you ringside.

Carriage Hill's With a Twist - Ronnie

- * Best in Sweepstakes - Coastal Carolina (Faith Hyndman)
- * Winners Bitch and BOS - Coastal Carolina (Kendall Herr)
- * Best in Sweepstakes - Coastal Carolina (Judy Segedi)
- * Best in Sweepstakes - Piedmont LRC (Sheree Paskert)

Carriage Hill's Twist of Fate - Olive

- * Best in Sweepstakes - RDLRC (Lisa Butler)
- * WB/BOS - Kennesaw (Keating) for her first points from 9-12 class





BRAGS

Carriage Hills Hush Hush - Whisper

* Best of Opposite Sex Sweepstakes - GALRC (Dan Clark) at her first show at 6 mo and 1 day old



Carriage Hill's Joy Ride - Sophie

Earned both majors towards her championship this year

Carriage Hill's Dilley Dalley - DiDi

Has earned 13 points, including both majors towards her championship this year



BRAGS

We had lots of fun at the GALRC and brought home lots of ribbons. The star of the show was Kahlua who got four 1st places closely followed by sister Bon Bon who got one 1st and three 2nd. Adele got three 2nd and one 4th. Crush got two 2nd and two 3rd. My sweet Chara got no love on Saturday and a 3rd on Sunday and enjoyed every second in the ring and was not afraid to show her mommy lines.

Thank you Amy Walker Wall, Co-owner, and Morgan Gardner for taking care and showing all my dogs. As always doing an awesome job. Laura van Dalen





THE EXPECTATORS





THE JUDGES



Tom Shearer

Margaret
Brown



Jen Howard



Dan Clark



Laura Reich



HOSPITALITY

Great conversation



Delicious Food



Meeting old and new friends





THE RAFFLE



Costume
made articles



Lots of goodies and the Silent auction





SATURDAY WINNERS



Best of breed
Ch. Zinfndel's Spanish Oak



Best Of Winners
Winner Dog
Best in Sweeps
Zinfndel Lengley's Big Papi



Best Of opposite sex
GCH Piccadilly's Hidden Covey, JH



Winners Bitch
Inselheim Indian Pony



SATURDAY WINNERS



Select
Opposite sex to the best in Sweeps
CH Bellweather Paradocs Valley Vista



Reserve winners bitch
Best puppy
Bellweather Sweetest Taboo



Best in Veteran in Sweeps
Best veteran
CH Seawind's Allegheny Bosun



1st 9-12 months
Lachlan's Low Ryeder



SUNDAY WINNERS



Best of breed
Ch. Zinfndel's Spanish Oak



Best Of Winners
Winner Dog
Zinfndel Lengley's Big Papi



Opposite Sex
CH Bellweather Paradocs Valley Vista



Winners Bitch
JAM
Sheabourne's I Believe in Magic



SUNDAY WINNERS



Best in Sweeps
Zinfndel Lengley's Big Papi



Opposite Sex To the Best in Sweeps
Carriage Hill's Hush Hush



Best Bred By Exhibitor
Devanley's Life Is A Highway



Reserved Winners dog
Jandor Justified at ghoststone



SUNDAY WINNERS



Best Puppy
Amen Hadleigh The Hunting Party





THE DOGS





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