



The Tendermouth

Miami Valley Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.

Newsletter ~ Spring 2010

Hello all fellow Lab enthusiasts. I have taken over the newsletter for MVLRC. I have never written such a thing so please bear with me as I stumble along. ~Bonnie Hall

Club meetings are held at Rolling Hills Baptist Church, 5742 Pleasant Ave, Fairfield, Ohio, 45014.

Important Dates –

April 12 - 6:30 board meeting, 7:30 general members meeting.

Program by DNA Diagnostic Center - DNA testing available for Labs.

May 3 - 7:30 Members meeting !!!One week early to cover show details!!!

May 13, 14 & 15 – Back to back Specialties and Working Certificate Test.

June 5 - Summer Fun Day at the home of Anne Thornbury.



January 2010 Board Meeting

Members present: Chris Carroll, Marti Couch, Marilyn Coffee, Nadine Glaub, Joyce Akred, Greg Ewen.

Members Absent: John Federle, Gail Shearer

Guest - Debbie Ewen

Minutes from the December meeting were read and approved-motion to accept: Greg Ewen, 2nd Marilyn Coffee

Treasurer's report: \$9,068.84

Future Programs - Ideas about a program on different AKC events or a canine masseuse

2010 show - We will have a vendor for lunches. Discussion was held about having members pay for their lunch. We will need a raffle chair. We will be replacing the center streamer on the left over ribbons to save costs on ribbons. Kathy Pflum will be asked to do this.

2011 show - Possible judges include Barbara Barfield, Jean Louis Charest, Madeleine Charest, Keri Schooner.

Meeting adjourned with a motion by Marilyn Coffee, 2nd by Nadine Glaub at 8:20.

Submitted by Chris Carroll, Secretary

February 2010 Meeting Feb. 8, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:55 after annual Chili Dinner

Guest - Mike McMahon

Minutes from the January meeting were read and a motion to accept was made by Kurt Glaub, 2nd by Pat Mitchell.

Treasurer's report: \$9, 833.84 in accounts. 2009 books were reentered into the computer.

Membership - A second reading and vote was made on Anne Thornbury who is now our newest member. Welcome Anne.

Slate of Officers - Kurt Glaub made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. Anita Eisthen 2nd.

Slate of Officers: Chris Carroll - Secretary, Nadine Glaub - VP, Nick Merritt and Greg Ewen – Directors.

Future Programs - A possible program would be having Dr. Ron Leick talk on canine chiropractic medicines. Another idea is demonstrating the Skillathon Dog Kits used by 4H members in Ohio.

Refreshments - A new sign up sheet was passed around.

Meetings - Meetings are now held on the second Monday of Feb, March, April, Sept, Oct, and Nov. In May, the meeting is on the first Monday to allow discussion of the specialty.

Newsletter - It was discussed that a current newsletter needs to be produced and who would be willing to take on that job.

Rescue - Rescue needs volunteers. We need to be thinking down the road for who might be willing to take over rescue.

Specialty 2010 - We need a new obedience Judge. Trophies are on track. Ribbons will be ordered. Kathy Pflum will help with attaching the new center stream. Premium list is being put together. Discussion was held about the new title, Grand Champion which would include a dog and a bitch who are currently Ch. Of record.

Old Business - Kurt Glaub reported on insurance policies. Discussion was held over updating liability, and auto insurance. The AKC policy covers everything except auto. With more liability. Cost is around \$600. Marti Couch will ask our current insurance company to report at the July board meeting (or possible June board meeting since our policies expire in the summer).

Finance Committee - Pat Mitchell will contact Colleen and Katherine to set up a time to met with Joyce Akred.

New Business - Chris Carroll mentioned looking at Thompson Park as a possible show site. Owners are willing to reduce costs.

Brags - Chris Carroll's bred-by Springer took 3rd and 4th in his sweeps and regular classes at the specialty in Atlanta.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kurt Glaub, 2nd by Pat Mitchell

Submitted by Chris Carroll, Secretary

March 2010 Meeting March 8, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:55 after a presentation on the 4H Skillathon program.

Minutes from Feb. meeting were read and a motion to accept was made by Pat Mitchell, 2nd by Marilyn Coffee. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report - \$9,970.89 A motion to accept was made by Carol McMahon, seconded by Kevan Langner

Future Programs - Possible upcoming programs include: the Vet Diagnostic Lab in Fairfield, AKC obedience and agility, and Dr. Ron Leick.

Refreshments - All set for upcoming meetings.

Fun Day - Anne Thornbury has offered her home/pond for our annual picnic in June. Date is set at June 5th, 2010.

Rescue - Lots of dogs, need foster homes.

Finance Committee - Will meet after tax season.

Specialty 2010 - New obedience judge is Pat Higgins. It is now possible to email premium lists. Food this year will be provided by a vendor who will be grilling, he will also provide after show food. Workers will get meal tickets. Breakfast will be started by Gail Shearer and Debbie Ewen and Marshall Tucker will help. We will need workers to help set up on Thursday. We also need empty baskets for the raffle-bring to the April meeting.

Specialty 2011 - We are working on judges. Need an obedience judge

Old business - Bonnie Hall has agreed to do a quarterly newsletter. Email Bonnie with any newsletter materials. luggerlabs@hotmail.com

Website - Russ is willing to maintain for now but we need to be thinking about someone who is familiar with html code and could update website in the future. It was suggested that the secretary also be given the pass codes needed for updates.

New Business - Dan Couch and Marshall Tucker would like to organize a field training day. They would be going over what is involved in obtaining a WC and JH, plus other training tips. They will go ahead with planning.

Megaphone - It was suggested that since Dan is the only one who can set up the pa system , that we switch over to a megaphone. A motion was made by Dan Couch, seconded by Greg Ewen, to purchase a battery powered megaphone, not to exceed \$125.00 in cost. Motion passed.

Brags - Anne Thornbury's Willy won his 12-18 class at the Indy cluster in Feb. Her Buddy won his AOH class. Chris Carroll's wanta be a lab, black and white springer, Hoops, won his first CH point by going BOW at Indy. A motion to adjourn was made at 8:40 by Kurt Glaub, 2nd by John Federle. Meeting adjourned.
Submitted, Chris Carroll, Secretary



MVLRC 2010 Back to Back Specialties

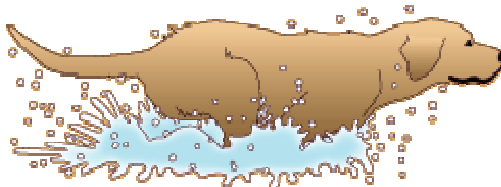
Premium lists and entry forms can be downloaded from the web page.

<http://www.mvlrc.org/>

One of the highlights of our specialty show is our raffle, and once again we are looking for donations. Many of our members have donated items in the past and we greatly appreciate their support. If you are interested in donating items (anything that a labrador retriever owner would like) or money (and I'll do the shopping for you), please let me know by April 20 so I can have you listed on the donor page of our catalog. I'll be at the show early Friday morning to set up the raffle table and you can drop it off then or at the April 12th or May 10th meeting. I have another request if anybody has any left over baskets that would work for grouping the items in I'd appreciate those as well.

If you have any questions or to let me know you've got items for the raffle just let me know.

**Thanks so much,
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AKC Grand Champion - a new title available

Who is Eligible for Grand Champion competition?

The following categories of dogs are entered in this competition:

1. Dogs that are Champions of Record competing in Best of Breed or Best of Variety class. There are no additional entry fees or cost to exhibitors for participation in this competition at AKC events.
2. Dogs transferred to Best of Breed/Variety which according to their owners' records have completed the requirements for a championship but whose championships are unconfirmed. (The showing of dogs whose championships are unconfirmed is limited to a period of 90 days from the date of show where a dog completed the requirements for a championship according to the owners' records.)
3. Champions that win Non-Regular Classes and become eligible for Best of Breed competition. (Altered or spayed CH veteran class winners at independent specialties are eligible.)
4. Winners Dog and Winners Bitch are not eligible for Grand Champion competition. And their winning BOB/BOV or BOS will still allow the awarding of Select Dog/Bitch to eligible dogs in the ring.

At the judge's discretion, Grand Championship points may be awarded to:

1. Best of Breed or Variety
2. Best of Opposite
3. Select Dog
4. Select Bitch

Grand Champion competition will not continue beyond Best of Breed competition and in breeds that are divided into varieties, Grand Champion Competition will not continue beyond Best of Variety competition.

What are the requirements to earn the Grand Champion Title?

1. 25 Grand Champion points.
2. A minimum of 9 points won at 3 shows with ratings of 3 or more points (Major wins) under three different judges, and one or more of the balance of points won under a 4th judge.
3. At least one Champion of Record was defeated at three of these shows.

How are Grand Champion points computed?

1. Grand Champion points are only to be awarded to dogs the judge considers deserving.
2. Grand Champions points awarded to the Best of Breed/Variety shall count all dogs of both sexes competing in the regular classes and in Best of Breed/Variety competition.
3. Grand Champion points awarded to Best of Opposite Sex shall count all dogs of their sex competing in the regular classes and in Best of Breed/Variety competition.
4. Grand Champion points awarded to Select Dog/Bitch shall count all dogs of their sex defeated in the Best of Breed/Variety competition as well as the dogs of their sex in the regular classes.

5. The entry of non-regular classes are not counted for computation of Grand Champion points to be awarded.

Judging Procedure

1. Choose BOB, BOW and BOS
2. If quality warrants, choose a Select Dog (SD) and Select Bitch (SB) from the remaining Champions in the BOB ring (Do not consider BOW, WD or WB)
3. Annotate the judge's book certification as to the eligibility of the Grand Champion points being awarded or withheld.
4. Award BOB, BOS, SD and SB ribbons if determined to be deserving of the Grand Champion title. See the revised judge's book form.

Administration

1. On May 12, 2010 Grand Champion competition will be included in all shows offering BOB or BOV competition.
2. Premium lists - Other than prize listings, there is no requirement to address Grand Champion competition in the premium list since it is included in all shows that offer BOB or BOV. However, there is no restriction should superintendents and secretaries want to bring attention to the new competition.
3. Judging Schedule - No additional information is required.
4. Ribbons - BOB and BOS do not require an additional ribbon. Light blue & white ribbons for SD & SB. Flat ribbons or rosettes are equally acceptable. "Select" is acceptable wording however "Grand Champion Select" is acceptable and more descriptive.
5. Ring Markers - Just as with BOB, BOW and BOS, there is no AKC requirement to have SD and SB placement markers. These markers are provided as a service by the club or superintendent.

The Select awards have no relationship or correlation to Awards of Merit. Awards of Merit are club awards rather than AKC awards. As per page 8-10 of the current Show/Trial Manual, "The club may determine its own criteria for and the number of trophies or rosettes to be awarded." Some clubs have criteria that restrict dogs that have received BOW and BOS from receiving AOMs. Others have no restrictions. Clubs should review their current policies and determine their preference concerning GC award winners.

Member's Brags & News

From Anita L. Eisthen

Bonnie (Sunfire's MD Cotton Bonnie CD GN) went to Queen City DTC on March 13th and took a second place in Open A Obedience with a score of 195.5.

Boomer (Sunfire's MD Cotton Boomer CD GN) went to Queen City DTC on March 12th and March 14th and took a second place and a third place in Open A Obedience with scores of 190 and 189.

We went 3-for-3!

Sunfire's MD Cotton Bonnie CD GN ("Bonnie") earned a second leg in Louisville towards her Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title, earning a second place and a 193 1/2 score.



Preparing your dogs incase something happens to you

Last year a friend of mine died of a massive heart attack at the age of 40. She had no idea she had a heart problem. She was married with a small child and had 6 Labs. Since I had taken care of them just the month before while they went on vacation, I was familiar with their basic schedule and feeding. I didn't know where she kept her paper work on them, and her husband couldn't find it either. Her husband was so distraught he let family members from out of town do most of the dog care for a week or two. Why am I telling you this? Because we all need to take care of our dogs by preparing incase this situation happens to us. Any one of us could not come home from that trip to the grocery store. Below is a list I have worked up after experiencing this first hand.

1. Write all food information on a large white board where it is obvious to anyone who may be coming in cold to care for your dogs. Write each dogs name, how much food they eat, the name of the food.
2. Make sure where you keep your food it is clear what food is what. Meaning, if you dump it in a dog food container, mark it with the name of the food which is in it.
3. On the white board, write down any medications each dog gets and when. Also put the date you normally give heartworm. Make sure the medications are easy to find and all pertinent info - dosage, time of day and the date the dog will be finished taking it.
4. If your dogs do not all go out together write down which dog goes out with which other dog. Be sure it is clear who CAN'T go together.
5. In addition to all of that (why you need a large white board) Put the name and the date each bitch was last in heat.
6. Your vet's name and phone number. If you have more than one vet write what each vet is for. If you have Pet Insurance and all info pertaining to that.
7. Label the crates/kennels with the dogs name. All of this information above is worthless if that someone who has to step in has no clue which dog is which. In my case I got plastic plaques engraved with their call name as well as registered name. You could get the kennel card holder which holds 3x5 cards where you write the information on each dog.
8. In with your AKC records, whether you have a will or not, designate someone who is responsible for the dogs should you die. Your spouse could also not be alive, so if you designate your spouse, also put someone in case they are not alive. Make sure you tell them and where to find this list. Then list what you want to happen with each dog. example- you really want a family member to take an older dog, should you co own a dog, it goes back to the other owner, youngsters spay/neutered and sold into pet homes, etc. On mine I put my husband can keep any and all dogs I own, should he choose not to, here is how I would like them rehomed.

9. Also list what goes with each dog. AKC papers, OFA papers, crate, collar, toys, dishes, dog bed, what ever each dog gets.

10. Make a list of your Labrador "stuff" and what you want to happen to it. example - Lab books go to your Lab Kennel Club, signed print to Labrador Life Line auction.

11. Go to AKC page where you download documents. Download and print Statement of Legal Rights form. Put this with the above list of rehoming.

12. Make sure the following is easy to find on each dog. AKC paper and the micro chip number for that dog (and who it is registered with), along with shot record and clearance certificates.

13. If you have a micro chip reader, write on the white board where to find it.

14. If you have a person that is not living at your house who will be in charge of all this (do this now) make sure to give them a key and a letter from you stating they are in charge of your animals. If you want to be sure it will be recognized by anyone you might want it notarized.

One more thing that is VERY important. **DON'T FORGET TO UPDATE ALL OF THE ABOVE.**