



# TOP LINES

KEYSTONE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB

*Autumn 2016*

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## Presidents Message: Hello Keystone LRC Members!

As you know, Keystone LRC supports various events throughout the year. That being said, there are two new events that the Club has committed to, for this Fall and Spring. The first, is a Supported Entry at the Lehigh Kennel Club Dog Show that was held on September 17th. The second is also a Supported Entry, at the Bronx Kennel Club Dog Show, to be held on March 26, 2017.

The Lehigh Kennel Club Dog show was held in Macungie and even though the entry was small, there was a nice turnout of club members to support the show. Keystone provided prizes, gift baskets of dog items, for BOB, BOS, WD, WB and for Obedience - High in Trial and High Combined. Keystone LRC was well represented in both the conformation ring and the obedience rings.

Keystone LRC will also be supporting the Bronx KC Dog Show, which will be held at the New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center in Edison, NJ. The judge for Labrador Retrievers will be **Carol Coode**, a well known, long time lab breeder from England. The prior two days of shows will be supported by Mid Jersey LRC. So, with three days of great judges, the entries should easily be majors every day. Keystone LRC will again be providing trophies for Conformation only, due to the fact that there will no Obedience held on that day.

Since this is the first year that Keystone LRC will be supporting these two events - Lehigh KC and Bronx KC, the Board has agreed to commit to a minimum of two years.

Finally, Keystone LRC will again be supporting the Bucks KC Dog Show on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Tinicum Park, Erwinna, PA. This will be the 6th year that KLRC has supported the Bucks KC Dog Show. The judge will be Roy Cone, Waterbound Labradors. The show site is gorgeous, the entries are always majors, and KLRC provides a great lunch, raffle and trophies.

So mark your calendars for March 26th and May 6th.  
Hope to see you there.

Georgann Syphard



BRAGS! BRAGS! BRAGS! BRAGS! BRAGS! BRAGS!

Submitted by Mary Ann Hart:

**Pondview Hawksmoor Déjà Vu at Mariwyl**, aka "Libby", took 2nd in Open Black Bitch in Canfield, OH both Saturday and Sunday, August 6 & 7 under judges Gail Shearer and Jeff Gilmore, respectively, at the NOLRC specialty and supported entry. Libby is co-owned by Mary Ann Hart (Mariwyl) with Cheryl Mousseau (Pondview) and Kate Perry (Hawksmoor).



Submitted by Jacqui Hartranft:

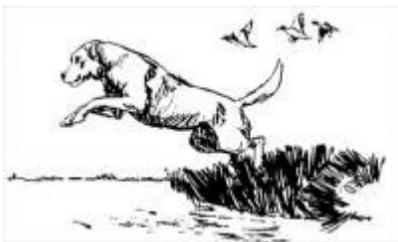
**Sundogs DJ Abbey of Stoney Hollow** passed her Canine Good Citizen test on June 28, 2016.

Then on August 28 she passed her Working Certificate in field by retrieving a duck on land and retrieving a duck in the water two times. I am very proud of my little girl. And a special thanks to Karen Vare and Joanne Summers for giving us the opportunity to do this.



Submitted by Nanci Alldred:

Dover earned his WC title on August 28th!



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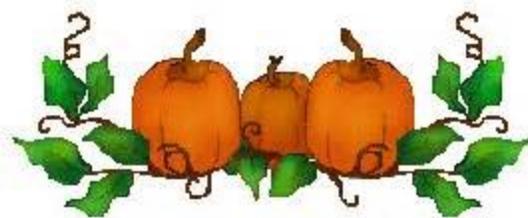
Submitted by Barbara Sebalusky

Whispering Pines Tiberius (TY) went RWD at Mid Susquehanna Valley KC on Aug 27, 2016 and WD on Aug 28, 2016. Bred by John and Barbara Sebalusky



John and TY

Congratulations Everyone!!





UPCOMING EVENTS

Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. National Specialty

October 11-16, 2016

Prado Regional Park

Chino, California



Mid-Jersey LRC Specialties

October 20-21, 2016

Bridgewater, NJ



2 Keystone LRC Plan B Matches

January 14, 2017

At Suburban Dog Training Club

Wyndmoor, PA

Two judges - Mickie Beerman, Brooklyn Labradors and Bob Shober, Pembroke Labradors.

**(NOTE: There will be a General Membership meeting following this Match  
Look for more info in the next newsletter)**



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**UPCOMING EVENTS (CONT'D)**



**KEYSTONE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB**  
*Presents its*  
**First Annual**  
**RECOGNITION PROGRAM**



**THE DATE HAS BEEN FINALIZED!**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017.**

**SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**THE PROGRAM WILL BE HELD AT THE PLYMOUTH COUNTRY CLUB.  
STAY TUNED FOR ADDITIONAL INFO IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!**





## FEATURE



# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Welcome to our Member Spotlight. Each newsletter will help you get to know one member of KLRC. This month we get to meet :

## EDIE CASTOR



Edie and Holly Golightly

I grew up as a cat person. My mom was a breeder of Persian cats, the ones with the pushed in faces. I love cats to this day. But cats aren't Labradors....

When I was little, we had a neighbor with an Airedale Terrier named Montgomery. I thought he was the most perfect dog. He would let me sit on him and basically ride him like a horse. So when it came time for me to get my first dog as an adult, I knew an Airedale would be the one....not!

Before I searched for an Airedale, I did a little research on the breed. Stubborn, difficult to train, needs lots of exercise and attention, were the main takeaways from the list of common traits. UGH, that wasn't going to work. What I wanted was a dog who would hang out on the couch and watch TV, was easy to train and care for, and most importantly, loved me more than anyone ever had.

What I wanted was a Labrador Retriever. Now that didn't sit well with me because EVERYONE had a lab. Then it hit me: there was a reason everyone had a lab....they are the best!

I went in search of a pure bred Labrador. I was moving in to my first house and I was ready. I didn't want a puppy as I thought it would be hard to train with a full time job. So I contacted a family friend who was a hobby breeder and she put me in touch with Faith Hyndman of Buckstone Labradors. Faith as it turned out, was the daughter of one of my golf mentors, Bill Hyndman III, whom I had admired from the time I was 15 years old. Even though he was probably in his 70s, he took a liking to me and taught me a lot about the game and about integrity and kindness. It's a small world for sure.

Faith didn't have any young adults and passed me along to a few other breeders until I found someone with a 12 month old bitch who she was selling as a "show dog flunky". I drove 3 hours to meet her and fell in love. A few weeks later I picked her up and my love affair with Labradors began in earnest.



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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT (CONT'D)



Holly Golightly was a beautiful dog. We bonded immediately and were inseparable. She had an intuition beyond most people. She fully understood me and I her. She ate one of every high quality shoe I owned. She relished at tearing up phonebooks and ate the squeakers out of toys. And she was perfection. About a year later she started to spend the work days with my elderly neighbor Albert. Albert had lost his dog and the neighbors noticed he wasn't coming out of the house much. They thought it might be a good thing for him to have something to do like walk Holly a few days a week.

I will never forget what happened after she spent her first day with Albert. "You know that dog is 90 pounds, right?" he barked. "Yes I do", I replied. "And you know she thinks she's a lap dog, right?" "Yes" I smiled back. "So what time are you bringing her over tomorrow", he laughed. And that was it. Holly became our shared BFF.

There is much more to the story of Holly Golightly as I know all of you understand because you have Labradors. She was my heart and soul.



Holly Golightly Two



When she died at under 10, we were all devastated. She had become a friend to my entire neighborhood and my friends and family. I had a hole in my heart that could only be filled by her. So I sought out Faith Hyndman again to help me find another young adult. I found my way to John and Barbara Sebalusky of Whispering Pines Labradors. They had a puppy who was closely related to my Holly's bloodline. I didn't want a puppy, but they took a chance on me and convinced me that a puppy is what I needed. But there was one SMALL catch: this puppy was to be a potential SHOW DOG!

Holly Golightly Two (I know, original) was a beautiful girl who couldn't have been more different than her namesake. She was independent minded from the beginning. She would run away at the park and bring along her other Labrador friends (she always liked her own kind best). She took over as Albert's walking buddy until he moved to Boston to be closer to his children. She had a stare that could get you to feed her anything!



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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT (CONT'D)



At 6 months we took her to the Mid-Jersey Specialty show and she won some of her classes. And that was it. I was hooked. Over the next several years I fell in with the Labrador people in the area. I helped start Keystone Labrador Retriever Club and became entrenched with everything Labrador. Holly never really liked showing; she wouldn't wag her tail or stand in a stack properly for very long. But retrieving work was a different story! She loved retrieving birds more than anything. Even though she did it with her own mind ....stubbornly.... she was a natural. She was trained and handled by Bridget Bodine to her Junior Hunter title. When I asked if she should move forward to Senior Hunter, Bridget laughed and said, "Only if you want me to train her with a 2x4!!" And so ended her retrieving career.



Holly Golightly Two



Lexi

Holly produced 2 litters in her life before she passed at the age of 6 from Lyme Nephritis, a rare side effect from Lyme Disease that causes kidney failure. It was another tough blow. Her puppies are all beautiful and sweet. I have her daughter Lexi who fulfilled my goal of breeding an AKC Champion. Now Lexi has produced her first litter. It's exciting to have a third generation to build upon.

Labradors changed my entire life. The people I have met, the challenges I have faced, and the love I have felt through this breed is immeasurable. I would never have imagined it in 1999 when I purchased my first Lab.

I wonder what the future holds.







TIDBITS (CONT'D)



IN THE SPIRIT OF HALLOWEEN....



CHECK OUT THIS COSTUME!!



IS IT A HORSE? OR A DOG?



NOTEWORTHY ARTICLES

## Labrador study offers vets clues on why dogs' tails lose their Wag (reprinted from Science Daily)

A painful condition that affects dogs' tails may be more common than previously thought, a study suggests.

The research offers clues to potential causes of the illness -- known as limber tail -- which mostly affects larger working dog breeds, such as Labrador Retrievers.

Researchers say their findings are the first step towards preventing the distressing condition, which causes the tail to become limp and painful.

The team at the University of Edinburgh compared 38 cases of limber tail that were identified from owners' reports about their dogs' health with 86 dogs that had no tail symptoms.

Their goal was to gain insight into habits and lifestyle factors that might explain why some dogs are affected and not others.

The majority of dogs in the study were pets but those affected by limber tail were more likely to be working dogs, they found.

Swimming has previously been thought to be a risk factor for limber tail, which is sometimes known as 'swimmers' tail'. Some but not all of the affected dogs had been swimming prior to the onset of symptoms, the study found.

Dogs with the condition were more likely to live in northern areas, lending support to anecdotal reports that limber tail is associated with exposure to the cold.

Labradors that had suffered limber tail were more likely to be related to each other than unaffected dogs, which may indicate an underlying genetic risk.

Experts hope that further studies will identify genes associated with the condition, which could one day help breeders to identify animals that are likely to be affected. Over time, this could help to reduce the disease prevalence.

The symptoms usually resolve within a few days or weeks so many cases are not reported to vets. This may be why it has been so underestimated in the past. However, owners report that it can be very painful and distressing for the animals.....



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The study is the first large-scale investigation of limber tail and was conducted as part of the Dogslife project, which follows the health and wellbeing of more than 6000 Labradors from across the UK.

Dr Carys Pugh, who led the study at the University's Roslin Institute and Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, said: "We were surprised by how many owners were reporting limber tail to us but it meant we had the chance to do a detailed investigation.

"We have been able to add evidence to a lot of internet speculation about risk factors and the new findings relating to geographical region and family links give us avenues to pursue in understanding and avoiding the condition."

The study, published in the *Veterinary Record*, was funded by the Kennel Club Charitable Trust. The Roslin Institute receives strategic funding from the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council.

Story Source:

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# My First Labrador

By Sara Thornton, DVM

When in veterinary school, I wanted a dog. I knew I wanted a Labrador or a Golden Retriever. Another veterinary student, a year ahead of me, turned out to be active in showing and breeding Labradors. She had at her kennel a dog brought in to breed from a large breeder in Virginia. This dog was returned from a pet home. She was the product of Labradors imported from England. She was described to me as an out of control 16 month old yellow female. I could have her at no charge as long as I was willing to allow the current owner to breed her once. I took Tiger home with me. It was the start of 15 years of almost constant companionship.

Tiger was not housebroken, but quickly learned. She was not leash trained, but was a wonderful student. Quickly, she learned to sit and down on command. We took long walks daily and sometimes she trotted along as I rode my bike. We connected. I was smitten with the breed and the dog.



Tiger

Tiger loved a tennis ball. Having been raised in a kennel, she did not understand other toys. She would carry a ball in her mouth constantly. People would often ask if she had an oral tumor; I'd laugh and explain that, no, that was her ball. One time on a walk around a pond she took her ball in the water and let it go for a moment. Apparently, it had a hole in it as it sank. She spent what seemed like forever looking for it. Sadly, we went home without it. The next time we took a walk around that pond, she went in at the same spot, determined to find her beloved toy. She never did find that one, but there were others to take its place!

Tiger was obsessed with food, as many Labs are. She was a constant source of amusement in her search for anything edible, or close to it. When visiting my family, she would "help" my father in his garden by picking tomatoes. The problem came when she ate them all. She ate apples off the tree, potatoes, corn, whatever she could get her mouth on before she was discovered.



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NOTEWORTHY ARTICLES (CONT'D)

Springfield's Heath was her registered name. Her pedigree was an enviable tree of champions. But more important, she was a sweet, passive dog that was devoted to me. She loved everyone, especially those bearing food. She was my practice dog in veterinary school. You know all vet students use their own pets for palpation practice as well as anything else that can be done without harm. She traveled everywhere with me, handled several household moves, always sleeping in her bed near me.

I took my first formal dog obedience classes with Tiger. She was a star. But, I always find myself wishing I knew then what I know now. Training has progressed so much in 30 years. Reward based training is so effective and elevates the bond with a dog. The classes we went to at that time were correction based. That sweet dog got a jerk on her collar for every perceived mistake. I look back on that with so much regret. If I had used the current methods of today, Tiger would have been so happy to perform, instead, she completed her commands dutifully, without joy.



Tiger at age 16

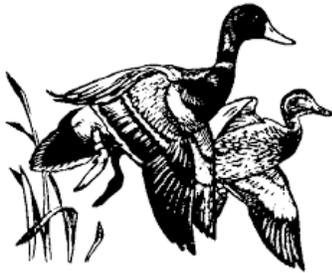
Tiger did as most good dogs do, she grew old. She was old for a long time, living to 16 1/2 years of age. I found myself getting angry at her for aging. How could my best friend do this to me? On our last move to my current house, I found she could not handle the steps to the bedroom to sleep in her bed next to mine. I initially carried her up and down the steps, but found that hard on both of us. We settled on a nice bed in the den for her. It was harder on me than on her to separate. She lived 2 more years after the move. Her mobility became more difficult with everyday. I let her go on the day after Christmas 1994.

Thank you, Tiger, for your love, and your devotion, just being there during the hard times. The worst times of my life were spent with you at my side, never judging me. I couldn't say your name without crying for a year after you were gone. I remember you now and think of one word. Love.



WORKING CERTIFICATE TESTS

Keystone LRC's first WC tests are in the books!  
 June 25th and August 28th, 2016



Keystone LRC held two Working Certificate tests this past summer, one in June and a second in August. Joanne Summers judged both tests for us. The Working Certificate test is a test of natural retrieving instinct. It is not a marking test. The dogs must be at least 6 months of age and,



1. Not be gun shy.
  2. The dog will retrieve a shot bird 50 yards on land in light cover.
  3. The dog will retrieve 2 ducks from swimming water in immediate succession to prove willingness to re-enter the water.
  4. Steadiness is not required, so a dog may be held on the line.
- (Performance Requirements for LRC Inc. Working Certificate LRC Inc By-Laws, Article VI, Sections 2&3.**



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# WORKING CERTIFICATE TESTS (CONT'D)



While the word "instinct" is used, it is still necessary to train the dogs to understand what is expected of them. KLRC members started training their dogs for the months of April and May. Joanne began by introducing the retrieve by using dummies. Once the dogs became proficient in the retrieve, they were given birds to work with. To watch the dogs train and see the excitement that they had retrieving the birds, especially from the water, was thrilling to watch!



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**WORKING CERTIFICATE TESTS (CONT'D)**  




We had 3 qualifiers for our test in June and 6 qualifiers for our test in August. Each qualifier received a qualifying rosette. Joanne is currently looking for locations to use to train throughout the fall and winter (weather permitting). The training would be more focused on teaching both dog and handler the skills to achieve a Junior Hunter title. Please consider joining us, we will all be learning no matter what your skill level is. It is a wonderful way to spend some one-on-one time with your dog. We look forward to seeing you out there.

Congratulations to all the club members who earned their Working Certificate title:

- Nanci Alldred and Dover**
- Jacqui Hartranft and Abbey**
- Kathy LaFrana and Mello**
- Georgann Syphard and Margot**
- Sara Thornton and Orchid**
- Karen Vare and Sophie**



Thank you to the club members who donated their time to help run the test, Brett Amdor, Jody Parisi, John Sebalusky, Rocco and Shirley Spinelli and Georgann Syphard. To Nancy Guerrini, Mickie Kelly and Sue Bauman for taking these photographs of the events.

A big thank you must especially go to Joanne Summers. Without her instruction and patience none of this could happen. We are grateful to you Joanne!



Submitted by  
Karen Vare



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WORKING CERTIFICATE TESTS (CONT'D)



**DOING WHAT  
LABS DO BEST!!**



# OBEDIENCE AND RALLY MATCH

Our Obedience and Rally Match held on July 23rd at the K9 Jym was a great success thanks to all our volunteers. Here are a few photos of members caught in the act of having a good time!



**LEHIGH SUPPORTED ENTRY**

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Winners Dog was **Brooklyn's Fowl Weather Fred**

Winners Bitch/BW/BOS was **Buckstone No Wake Zone (seen below)**



And

Best of Breed was **GCH Rockycreek Northsound's The Real McCoy**





**Next Club Meetings**

**Next Board Meeting - November 6th, Tarlton School 11:00am**

**Next General Member's Meeting - November 6th, at Tarlton School 12:00noon**



Don't forget to visit our club website at [www.keystonelrc.com](http://www.keystonelrc.com)

or on Facebook at

[www.facebook.com/KeystoneLRC](http://www.facebook.com/KeystoneLRC)

A quote to remember....

"...He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion..." Unknown