

TOP LINES

KEYSTONE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB

Spring / Summer 2019

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Annual Dinner: Mickie Kelly

Nominating: Terri Shober and
Edie Castor

Photographer: Jody Parisi

Hello Keystone LRC Members,

Just a couple of updates as to what is happening with KLRC.

- There will be 2 Conformation Matches scheduled on September 22, (Sunday), which will be held at Suburban DTC. There will be two judges, TBD. The first match will be followed by the second match upon completion of the first. There will also be a General Membership Meeting following the matches.
- On November 9, (Saturday) the General Membership Meeting will include a **Scent work** presentation/workshop, to be held at Suburban DTC. It will be presented by a member of our club, Betsy Howell, AKC scent work judge. There will be additional information forthcoming.
- This year, KLRC will be supporting the Valley Forge Kennel Club dog show, December 7 (Saturday). This is replacing the Club's supported entry at the Lehigh Valley KC dog show. Since the Valley Forge KC dog show is within a closer proximity to our membership area, this should lend itself to draw a sizeable entry.
- The Board is also exploring the possibility of holding a Health Clinic - to include both eye and heart, sometime in 2020. If anyone has any suggestions for an appropriate facility that would be available for such an activity, please contact a Board member. Parking and cost are a consideration.
- Last, but not least, the Board is in the process of reviewing the membership requirements for both new and continuous members. It has been suggested that participation/attendance requirements be instituted, similar to other Lab Ret specialty clubs. Any new changes would be presented to the membership for discussion and approval at an upcoming meeting.

The Board is continually looking for additional activities that would be of interest to the members. If you have any ideas, please feel free to contact any Board member.

Have a wonderful summer.

Georgann Syphard , President



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

Submitted by John Sebalusky:

On May 5, 2019 **Whispering Pines Tiberius (Ty)** won a 4 point major at Trenton Kennel Club under breeder judge Kathy Snyder. He was handled by Kathy Mines. Ty is bred and owned by John and Barbara Sebalusky.



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Submitted by Nancy Guerrini:

Here are Stoli's latest accomplishments:

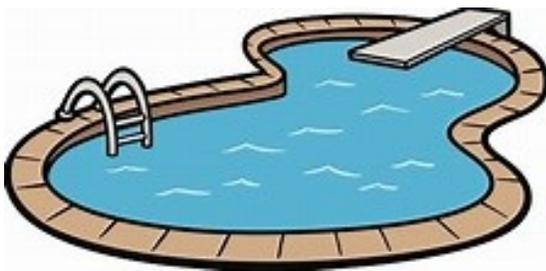
4/11/19 LRCP - Stoli earned his Rally Excellent B title

5/23/19 Freehold shows - Stoli earned is Dock Senior title

Also, Stoli is now a certified Therapy Dog. He passed his certification test June 1st and is now an active member of Comfort Caring Canines.



WOW!!!



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Submitted by Cristina Trojak:



BISS CH Ignatius of Stormy C "Iggy" has been a busy mister this spring. He was awarded Best of Breed in March under Kim Silva (Shadowbrook). Iggy made several cuts in Best of Breed at Potomac under Judy Heim (Hyspire) and earned his Trick Dog Novice (TKN) title at Potomac week as well. At the Keystone Supported Entry at Bucks in May Iggy was awarded Select Dog under Keri Schooler (Amigas). He was also awarded Best of Opp in Trenton and a Judges Award of Merit at the RDLRC specialty under Kathy Sneider (Aquarius). Iggy needs 2 single points to achieve his Grand Champion title, all breed-owner handled.

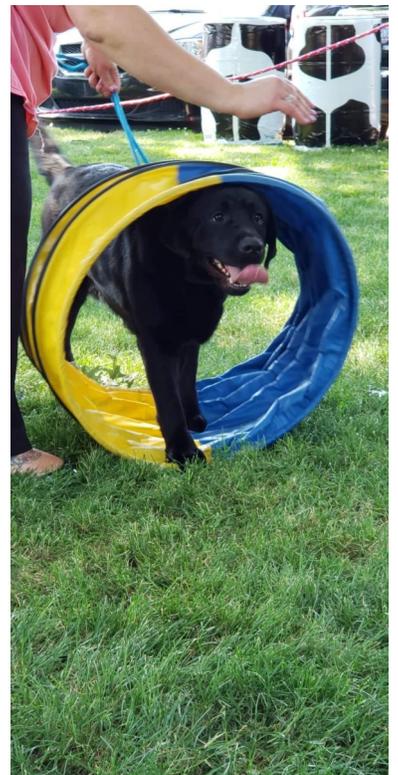
Stormy Cs Hot Toddy at Balewater "Brandi" was winners bitch, best of winners and best of opp at the Keystone LRC supported entry at Bronx breeder-owner handled under visiting breeder judge Sven Slettedal



(Fieldvalley) for her first 4pt major!



Oakdales Lucky Charm @ Stormy C "Clover" earned her Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and Trick Dog Novice Titles (TKN) at the RDLRC specialty. She also had a blast working on her first points for her FAST CAT title - if you haven't tried it, the dogs



love it!



Stonehenge Felicity @ Stormy C "Felicity" earned her Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and Trick Dog Novice Titles (TKN) at the RDLRC specialty,



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Conformation Match and General Membership Meeting
at Suburban Dog Training Club
Sunday, September 22, 2019



Board and General Membership Meetings at Suburban Dog
Training Club

Saturday, November 9, 2019

Also includes Nose Work Presentation



KLRC Supported Entry at Valley Forge Kennel Club Show

Saturday, December 7, 2019

Oaks Expo Center



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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS (CONT'D)

Board and General Membership Meetings
At the Tarleton School
Saturday, January 11, 2020



NAP ATTACK



THIRD ANNUAL RECOGNITION BANQUET



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE TITLE WINNERS THIS YEAR!



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**We Hope To See Everyone
Next Year!**





ARTICLES



DUG UP ON THE INTERNET



Whoever said "LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE" didn't sleep with dogs. (By Donald Luke)

The first thing you discover when you bring a dog onto your bed is the striking difference in weight between an alert, awake dog and a dog at rest.

Rule Number One: The deeper the sleep the heavier the dog. Most people who sleep with dogs develop spinal deformities rather than rent the heavy equipment necessary to move their snoring canines to a more appropriate part of the bed. Cunning canines steal precious space in tiny increments until they have achieved the center position on the bed - with all covers carefully tucked under them for safekeeping. The stretch and roll method is very effective in gaining territory. Less subtle tactics are sometimes preferred. A jealous dog can worm his way between a sleeping couple and, with the proper spring action from all four legs, shove a sleeping human to the floor.

Rule Number Two: Dogs possess superhuman strength while on a bed. As you cling to the edge of the bed, wishing you had covers, your sweet pup begins to snore at a volume you would not have thought possible. Once that quiets down, the dog dreams begin. Yipping, growling, running, kicking. Your bed becomes a battlefield, a playground of canine fantasy. It starts out with a bit of "sleep running", lots of eye movement and then, suddenly, a shrieking howl blasted through the night like a banshee wail. The horror of this wake-up call haunts you for years. It's particularly devastating when your pup insists on sleeping curled around your head like a demented Daniel Boone cap.

Rule Number Three: The deeper the sleep, the louder the dog. The night creeps on and you fall asleep in the 3 inches of bed not claimed by a dog. The dog dreams get quiet slightly and the heap of dogflesh sleeps - breathing heavily and passing wind. Then, too soon, it's dawn and the heap stirs. Each dog has a distinctive and unpleasant method of waking the pack. One may position itself centimeters from a face and stare until you wake. The clever dog obtains excellent results by simply sneezing on your face, or they could romp all over your sleeping bodies - or the ever-loving insertion of a tongue in an unsuspecting ear.

Rule Number Four: When the dog wakes - you wake. So, why do we put up with this? There's no sane reason. Perhaps it's just that we're a pack and a pack heaps together at night - safe, contented, heavy and loud.

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AMAZING DOGS

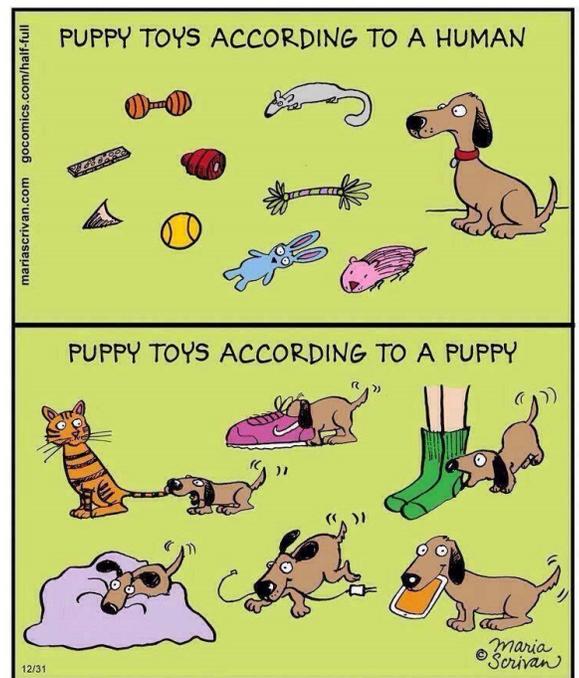
By Sara Thornton, DVM

My dogs have a history of surprising me. Sometimes it is by doing something to prove they are not perfect. The couch in my den has examples of that. My youngest, Bangle, has had more access to that piece of furniture without supervision than she should have. The chewed cushions are proof of that. It's my fault. I know she is too immature to be trusted alone in the house.



They also surprise me in good ways as well. More than once lately, Bangle took her turn on the grooming table for a nail clip. She gets very excited to get up there as she knows she will get treats. She puts her front paws up and I help get the rear end up. That's pretty typical of one of my dogs. But the surprise has come after she is "in place", she raises her right rear leg toward me for the nail clip. I always start with that foot. The first time she did it, I was stunned. The next time, I was still happily surprised.

Dogs really are amazing. Picking her foot up for me to clip the nails was not something I intended to teach Bangle. But, through repetition and treats, she figured it out. Next, we must address ignoring the couch.





NEWS



Calling all Labrador owners!!

Do you have a purebred Labrador Retriever that has been diagnosed with an ACL injury (also known as CCL injury or cruciate rupture)?

Or has your 8 year old (or older) purebred Labrador Retriever never been diagnosed with ACL injury?

We recently received a grant from the AKC Canine Health Foundation to increase our sample size for our ongoing research project regarding the genetics of ACL rupture in dogs. Please email us today (genetics@vetmed.wisc.edu) inquiring about this study and how you can participate!

Dogs Needed For Cruciate Rupture Genome-Wide Association Study

The [Small Animal Orthopedic Service](#) is looking for two groups of dogs:

1. PUREBRED Labrador Retrievers AND Rottweilers 8 years old or older with no history of cruciate rupture.
2. PUREBRED Labrador Retrievers AND Rottweilers of any age that are affected with non-contact cranial cruciate rupture.

Having pedigree information is appreciated as study dogs should NOT be closely related to other study dogs. Enrolled dogs will receive a free clinical examination and radiographic assessment.

For more information and brochures, please visit <http://www.vetmed.wisc.edu/lab/corl/canine-studies/> or email genetics@vetmed.wisc.edu

This study is looking at genetic predisposition to non-contact cranial cruciate rupture in Labrador Retrievers and Rottweilers using genomic sequencing. This study is supported by the Morris Animal Foundation, the Marjorie Siebert Aylen Foundation, the National Labrador Retriever Club and the AKC Canine Health Foundation.



BUCKS COUNTY KENNEL CLUB

SUPPORTED ENTRY
MAY 4, 2019



**The weather wasn't the best but LABS love the water!
A very successful and fun day for all!**





BUCKS COUNTY KENNEL CLUB

Bucks County Raffle 2019

Keystone LRC would like to thank the Club members and Businesses who made donations to our raffle at the Bucks County Kennel Club Show May 4, 2019. The raffle was very successful. Please try to remember those who supported us.

Donations from Businesses

BC Braidz
Canine Muscle Formula
Canine Matrix Mushroom Powder
Creative Stitches
Deer Valley Danes
Sara England
Geigertown Nursery
Dr. King- Steinbach Veterinary
Gun Dog Supply
Mustard Seed Metal Worx
OFA
Jane Partin
Paw Prints DNA Testing
Primo Pads
White Dog Bone
WAG—Horsham/Philly
Liesl Woelfel-Animal Communicator

Donations from Club Members

Diane Castor
Nancy Guerrini
Mickie Kelly
Faith Hyndman
Gladys Rodgers
Gail Scatton
Pete and Ann Tyler
Georgann Syphard
Karen Vare
Arlene Wells – A friend of KLRC

Thank you to Gail Scatton and Maryann Fletcher for helping to set up the raffle.

Karen Vare and Georgann Syphard



MEMBER'S MEETING MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2019

In attendance: Nancy Guerrini, Mickie Kelly, Gretchen Lerch, Jody Parisi, Nancy Schaetzke, Bob Shober, Terri Shober, Barbara Smith, Wilson Smith, Rocco Spinelli, Shirley Spinelli, Georgann Syphard, Anne Tyler and Karen Vare

The meeting was called to order by Georgann Syphard at 12:02

Treasurer's Report

Wilson Smith reported that the club has \$9,628.00 in the bank. There were no current bills pending. Wilson also stated that he would be sending out the reminders that membership dues were due.

Obedience Report

Jody Parisi reported that the March 9th match was going to be posted on line in the next few days. She asked for assistance at the match, specifically stewards. There are going to be six rings. All the judges have been secured but we will need as many volunteers as possible to steward. Keystone will also hold our annual meeting the same day as the match. There will be a hard one hour break to hold the annual meeting. It was mentioned that we should coordinate all our events with Mid Jersey to avoid conflicts.

Mid Jersey is holding a seminar on the same day as our match.

Bronx Supported Entry

Georgann Syphard stated that our next supported entry will be March 24, 2019. The judge is Sven Slettedal of Norway. Georgann asked if we could all enter our dogs and support the show.

Bucks Supported Entry

Georgann Syphard stated that the Bucks show is May 4, 2019. The judge for the show is Kerry Schooler, of Amigas Kennel. Our sweeps judge is going to be Shirley Spinelli. Our location and set up will be the same as last year. We will have lunch and a raffle again this year.

Georgann mentioned that Maryanne Fletcher and Jody Parisi will be running the lunch this year.



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MEMBER'S MEETING MINUTES (CONT'D)

Trophy Committee

Mickie Kelly reported that all the trophies for the Bucks supported entry and the Bronx supported entry have been purchased. The Bronx trophies were purchased by Georgann and they are salt ware vases. Georgann has purchased the 2019 and 2020 trophies, as the company is going out of business. The Bucks trophies are all crystal, first place in all classes will receive a deco style crystal Waterford clock.

Mickie asked that if you have sponsored a trophy and have not yet paid for it, please do so. Mickie also asked for sponsors for the Open B obedience ring and Rally Advanced, A & B. It will be a \$30 fee per ring. Please contact Mickie if you are interested in doing so.

Annual Dinner

The annual dinner will be on April 14, 2019. Please save the date. The location has not been secured. Mickie, Nancy and Karen are working together to find an appropriate location. Rocco and Shirley Spinelli will once again organize the presentation for the evening.

Lehigh KC Supported Entry

The board has voted to discontinue supporting the Lehigh Valley show.

Valley Forge KC Supported Entry

The board prior to the general meeting approved supporting the Valley Forge KC show on December 7, 2019. Valley Forge is part of the Winter Blast series of shows. Mickie Kelly will work on gift baskets for conformation and offer either cash or gift certificates to the obedience/rally competitors.

Newsletter

Kathy LaFrana will continue to do our newsletter. The board has asked that it be published twice a year at this time.

Website

Georgann reported that the website is up to date thanks to Sara Thornton. Georgann was contacted by a club member asking if we have the "No Silvers" logo on our site. The National club will send any club with the logo \$50. Georgann will follow up with the National Club to inform them that we have had it posted for some time.



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MEMBER'S MEETING MINUTES (CONT'D)

2019 Slate of Names

Georgann Syphard presented the slate of names for the upcoming elections in March.

President: Georgann Syphard

Treasurer: Wilson Smith

Board of Director: Terri Shober

Board of Director: Maryann Fletcher

Georgann asked if there were any nominations from the floor, from those that were present at the meeting. There were no nominations from the floor. Georgann asked for a motion to close nominations, Wilson Smith made the motion and Shirley Spinelli seconded.

New Business

Membership

The board at their meeting prior to the General meeting discussed the issue of new membership applicants that have no sponsors. The club has received an application for membership from an individual who is new to the Labrador Retriever world and she has no sponsor. The board decided that any new members without a sponsor should attend a meeting and work at least one club event. During this discussion, the idea of site visits was discussed. This would entail someone from the board going out to visit the prospective new members home to see that the dogs were being well cared for. The board has decided to further discuss the idea of home visits at a future meeting.

The board did approve the prospective member attending a meeting and a club event to work.

Conformation Match

Someone asked whether we were going to hold a conformation match this year. Georgann stated that Edie Castor, who has run them in the past, was thinking that a Spring match would be better as there are more puppies to attend and no harsh weather to be concerned about.

Potomac Advertisement

Terri Shober asked about our half page ad for the Potomacs, as the deadline was close. Georgann said she would follow up on that.

The next meeting will be March 9, 2019 at the K9 Jym in Colmar, PA.

Georgann Syphard asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shirley Spinelli made the motion and Wilson Smith seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55.

Submitted by Karen Vare





NOTICES



Current Schedule for Next Year Club Activities

Board and General Member's Meetings - March 7, 2020 at the Tarleton School.

**KLRC Supported Entry At Bronx County Kennel Club Show-
MARCH 22, 2020.**

**KLRC Supported Entry At Bucks County Kennel Club Show-
May 2, 2020**

Obedience Match - June 2020 (TBD)



Don't forget to visit our club website at www.keystonelrc.com

or on Facebook at

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