

# TOP LINES

KEYSTONE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB

***Fall / Winter 2021-2022***

## 2021 Officers:

**President:** Karen Vare

**Vice President:** Georgann Syphard

**Secretary:** Mary Ann Fletcher

**Treasurer:** Ann Tyler

## Board Of Directors:

Mickie Kelly, Terri Shober,

Shirley Spinelli, Wilson Smith,  
Jody Parisi

## Committees:

**Conformation:** Edie Castor  
(Chair)

**Obedience/Rally:** Karen Vare  
(Chair)

**Field Day:** Karen Vare (Chair)

**Judges:** Georgann Syphard (Chair)

**Hospitality:** Jody Parisi and Mary  
Ann Fletcher (Chair)

**Website:** Sara Thornton  
(WebMaster)

**Membership Coordinator:** Terri  
Shober

**Sunshine Club:** Ann Tyler

**AKC Relationship Coordinator:**  
Club Secretary

**Trophies:** Mickie Kelly (Chair)

**Historian:** Shirley Spinelli

**Newsletter Editor:** Kathy LaFrana;  
email:vixenscup@yahoo.com

**Facebook:** Mickie Kelly

**Annual Dinner:** Mickie Kelly

**Nominating:** Terri Shober

**Photographer:** Jody Parisi

## President's Message

Happy New Year!!

Congratulations to all of you who attained titles in 2021. We train and compete with our Labradors for countless hours, perfecting our performance to win or qualify. When we achieve our goal's it is exhilarating. So I am asking you to please come out and attend our **Awards Banquet** this year. We all have travelled hours to compete at an event and think nothing of it but when it comes to the banquet, we make excuses. There has not been a banquet since 2018. That means there have been many titles not recognized or celebrated together as a club. Seeing each other ringside is lovely but actually being able to sit down and chat with each other and share all our stories of our Labradors, is very different. Please save the date, **April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, at North Hills Country Club. Mickie, Nancy, Shirley and Rocco work very hard to make the banquet a beautiful evening. Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Stay safe.

Karen Vare

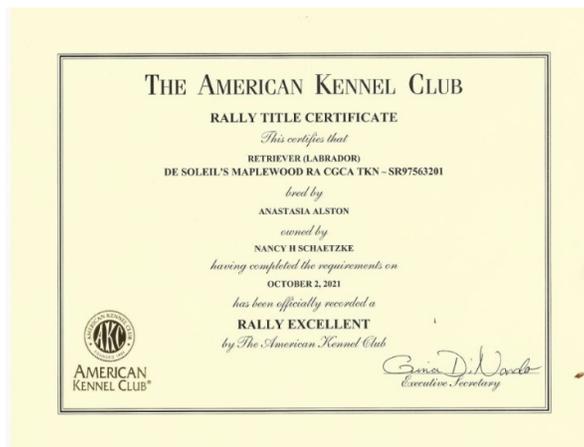
KLRC President



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

Submitted by Nancy Schaetzke:

**DeSoleil's Maplewood RN CGCA TKN RA - (Maple) :** Earned her Rally Excellent Title on October 2, 2021 with scores in the 90s and a 100. In December she also earned her CD Title with all first places.

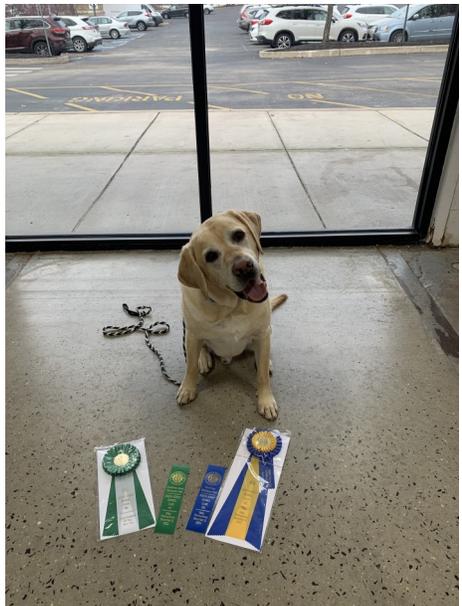


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Submitted by Nanci Alldred:

On 12/9/2021, Ransom earned his Preferred Novice title in Oaks PA. He did it with a first place finish and also won highest scoring preferred dog ! Also, Dover, Ransom and Izzy got to see Santa!!!



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Submitted by Mary Ann Fletcher:

Chrismill's Delta Queen (Delta) received her JH title 9/12/2021. Bred and owned by Mary Ann Fletcher.



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Submitted by Karen Vare:

Wyndale's Chasing Butterflies BN, CD, CDX (Phoebe) finished her CDX title with 3 first placements. Wilmington Kennel Club on October 3, 2021, Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. I am so proud of her! She is such a happy girl!





## MEMBER PHOTOS



Submitted by Nancy Guerrini:

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Kenzie! Creating some Christmas Cheer!**



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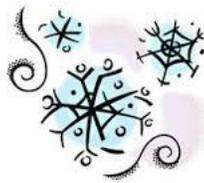


**MEMBER PHOTOS (CONT'D)**



Submitted by Nancy Guerrini:

**More cheer from Kenzie!! So cute!!!**



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## MEMBER PHOTOS (CONT'D)



Submitted by Terri Shoher:

Photos of puppies from 2 different litters

(Zinfandel Limoncello X Pembroke Dream On)

And

(Skyfire's Monster X Pembroke Just Give Me A Reason)



(Elle, Gabby and Lenny)



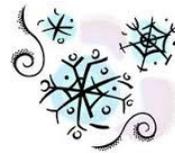


**General Membership Meeting and Match**

**At Suburban Dog Training Club**

**Sunday, March 6, 2022**

**(See next page for more details)**



**Upcoming Supported Entries**

**Bronx Kennel Club - March 27, 2022**

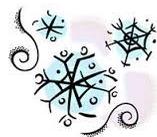
Judge: Linda Bednarski

**Bucks County Kennel Club - May 7, 2022**

Judges: Bolette Herring, Sweepstakes, Maggie Black

**Valley Forge Kennel Club - December 2022**

Our club will be supporting both Saturday and Sunday and also Obedience and Rally



**Annual Club Awards Banquet**

**April 24, 2022**

**North Hills Country Club**



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**UPCOMING EVENTS (CONT'D)**

**KLRC WINTER CONFORMATION MATCH and CGC TESTING  
At our next GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

KLRC will be holding a Winter 2022 Conformation Match for Labrador Retrievers on Sunday, March 6, 2022. There will be two matches on that day. The first match will begin at 10AM and the second match will follow, but not before 11AM. There will also be CGC Testing available for anyone interested (\*by pre-registration only). The match will be held at Suburban Dog Training Club in Wyndmoor, Pa. The judge for the first match will be Shirley Spinelli. The second judge is TBD.

There will be a General Membership Meeting following the completion of the second match.

If you would like to register your dog for CGC testing, you must pre-register by contacting Karen Vare at svare@comcast.net.



**The Labrador Retriever Club of the  
Potomac**

**Spring Specialty**

**April 11-15, 2022**

**(See their website for more info -  
LRCP.com)**





## ARTICLES



# DUG UP ON THE INTERNET



Labrador's Retriever personal robot can make life easier for people with mobility issues or chronic pain. This robot won't clean your floors, but it will deliver a snack from the fridge, tote your laundry basket, and perform other chores.

The phrase "household robot" conjures images of low-slung appliances scurrying across the floor as they vacuum or mop your floors. The team at Labrador Systems has designed plenty of those, but its new Retriever is designed for a higher purpose: To make it easier for people with mobility issues or chronic pain to remain in their homes.



The robot is designed to function as an extra pair of hands, doing everything from moving heavy loads (up to 25 pounds) from one place to another, to bringing items within reach, or even delivering a snack tray from the kitchen to any other room in the house (provided it's on the same floor as the kitchen, that is). Labrador is demonstrating the device in its booth at CES, but it has also posted a video demonstration at its website. The Retriever resembles a robot vacuum with a small janitor's cart built on top. Look closer and you'll see an accordion-like bellows; this covers a scissor jack that enables the robot to rise to countertop height, so it can retrieve or deliver a tray carrying up to 10 pounds of meals, drinks, fresh fruit, and anything else that will fit. The company even plans to offer a specially modified mini-fridge that will automatically open when the robot approaches.

A pair of arms hidden inside the top shelf slide out to retrieve the tray, and will then push it onto a table or countertop when it reaches its destination. As a safety precaution, these arms are stored inside the robot when not in use. As an additional safety precaution, any weight change occurring while the robot is changing height will stop its movement.



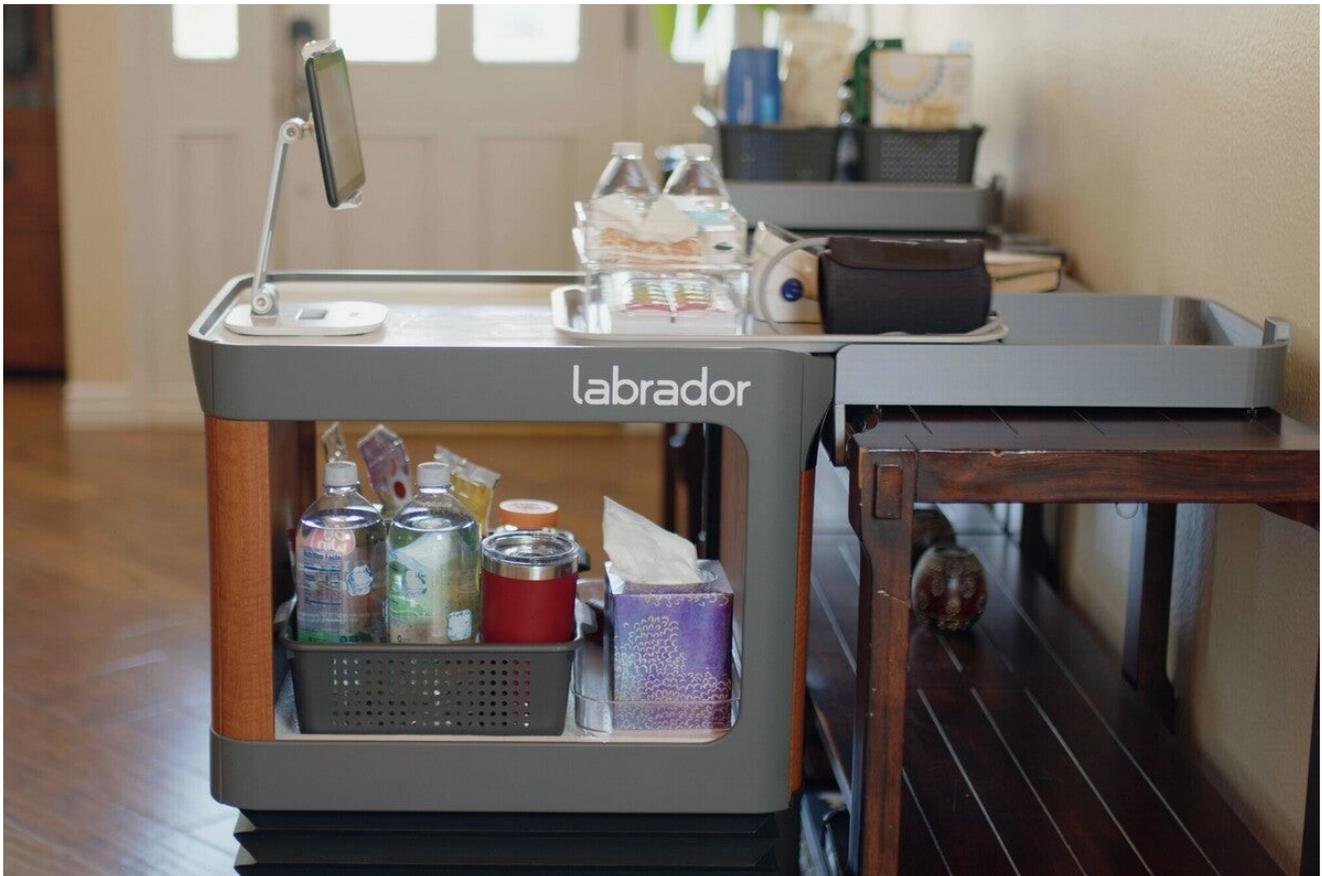
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## ARTICLES (CONT'D)



A lower shelf can carry additional items, such as water bottles, tissues, books, or what have you. The Retriever will come with a removable tablet stand as well as a USB port for charging mobile devices. When asked why the Retriever looked so utilitarian, the creators said it was intentionally not anthropomorphized. “If your dishwasher needs a face,” he said, “it’s probably not a good dishwasher.”



The Retriever, along with a base model called the Labrador Caddie, will be sold on a subscription basis. The company is offering special pricing for early adopters who put down a refundable \$250 deposit to reserve a unit: A monthly fee of \$99 to \$149 per month for 36 months, plus an upfront payment of \$1,500. The company is also working with care providers in senior living, physical therapy, and home health to explore ways the Retriever can support their mission. Organizations interested in learning more about the Retriever and applications in their field can learn more at [www.labradorsystems.com/care-providers](http://www.labradorsystems.com/care-providers).





## FOR FUN



This is an oldie but always worth reprinting even though the author is unknown. When I first read this I couldn't stop laughing and that was back in 1996! HERE are some sounds your dog will make during his/her lifetime!

**YELLOW URKA-GURKAS**--Dog runs around the house and hides under furniture while making a prolonged 'uuuurka-guurka, uuurka-guurka' noise. ( this noise is the only thing guaranteed to wake up a true dog lover who is hungover from a post dog show celebration at 3:30 am ) After mad scrambling to capture the dog and drag him outside the episode ends with an indelible ten yard line of slimy yellow froth from the living rug to back door.

**BLAP DISEASE**--Dog exercises hard and a.) eats large mouthfuls of snow (Winter Blap Disease) or b.) drinks a bucket of water (Summer Blap Disease). Within 2 minutes of returning inside the dog spews out large amounts of clear slimy liquid while making a distinctive 'blap' sound and sharp percussive noise as it hits the linoleum.

**GARKS**--Dog suddenly clears his throat with loud and dramatic 'gggaark, gggark,' noises, generally followed by prolonged 'iikssss' and then loud satisfied smacking noises. There is nothing on the rug. Don't investigate, you don't want to know.

**RALFS**-- Apropos of nothing, the dog strolls into the dining room and waits until the innocent dinner guests are all watching him. Then with a single deep gut-wrenching 'raaaalfff' disgorges the entire week's contents of his stomach on the dining room rug.

**VARIATION:** then he eats it.

In all the above events, the dog is entirely healthy and indeed deeply pleased with himself.



MEMBER'S MEETING MINUTES

KLRC General Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2021

Treasurer's Report

\$7,395.44

Stan Vare gave the club his commission on our insurance policy

Supported Entries

Valley Forge in December. We have the trophies. Judge is Sharon Parr  
Bronx show is in March. We have the trophies. Don't know who the judges are yet.  
Bucks show is in May. There will be a foreign judge if they are able to enter the US at  
the time of the show.

Mickey has a list of sponsors for the show. Mickey will be asked to send it out to the  
membership.

Banquet is scheduled for April 24, 2022.

The next newsletter is scheduled to go out in January. Please send in any brags, articles or  
anything that would be good for the membership to read.

Shirley suggested that the club join Mid-Jersey in early spring for a Farm Test. The dog will  
need two tests to get a certificate. The test is similar to the CGC - walk over 3 surfaces, walk  
around chicken crates (with chickens making sounds in them), jump on a bale of hay, walk  
around a moving tractor, jump on a bale of hay, etc.

The test will be held at Shirley's house. Entries will be \$20. Rosettes are given to those who  
pass the test and the judges gifts. Will need to have 2 judges. No stewarding.]

**Motion:** made by Shirley to join Mid-Jersey in sponsoring the event. Donna Germann seconded  
the motion and all were in favor. Shirley will talk to Mid-Jersey.

Field work - Jodie told the club that we will not petition the AKC to drop the return to hand for the  
JH test. Everyone agreed that it was the right decision.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm



MEMBER'S MEETING MINUTES (CONT'D)

KLRC General Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2021

Treasurer's Report  
\$7,653.00

Supported Entries

Valley Forge in December. We have the trophies. Judge is Sharon Parr  
Bronx show is in March. We have the trophies. Linda Bednarski is the judge.  
Bucks show in May. Judge is Bolette Heering. Maggie Black will judge sweeps.  
Trophies and prizes have carried over from last year and all are sponsored.  
Raffle will be held. Hope to be able to have lunch as well.  
Mickey has a list of sponsors for the show. Mickey will be asked to send it out to the membership.

Banquet is scheduled for April 24, 2022 at North Hills Country Club.

Conformation match is planned for January. Registration is day of match. CGC testing will require pre-registration. Match will be open to all breeds.  
Other events were suggested (farm dog competition, obedience, Fast Cat). It was decided these would not take place at the conformation match and Fast Cat would be done with another club and pre-entry.

The next newsletter is scheduled to go out the first week in January. Please send in any brags, articles or anything that would be good for the membership to read. Litter listings should still go to Sarah Thornton.

Club member information will be updated and posted on the membership website.

Facebook will be updated. Mickie will take over the facebook site from Edie.

Meeting adjourned at 12:59 pm



VALLEY FORGE KENNEL CLUB SUPPORTED ENTRY

### KLRC Supported Entry at the Winter Cluster Dec 11, 2021

Thank you to all exhibitors who entered the KLRC Supported Entry at the Valley Forge Kennel Club show on Saturday, December 11th in Oaks, PA.

A special thank you to Sharon Parr for judging our entry.

Congratulations to the following winners:



**Best of Breed: CH Northern Lights I'll Have Another. Breeder/Owner, Nancy Hitt. Handler, Paul Clas**



**Best of Opposite Sex: Tri-Evers-N-Amen's Well Kept Secret @ Wolfpack. Breeder, Joni Long. Owner/Handler, Stephanie Wolfinger**



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VALLEY FORGE KENNEL CLUB (CONT'D)

**KLRC Supported Entry at the Winter Cluster Dec 11, 2021**

**Congratulations to the following winners:**



**Winners Dog: Rockycreek's Just Clowning Around SH CGC. Breeder/ Owner/Handler, Kathy Mines**



**Winners Bitch: Forestwood's A Penny From Heaven. Breeder/Owner/ Handler, Leslie Plank**

**We'd also like to congratulate all Labrador Retriever exhibitors who competed in Obedience and Rally and earned a qualifying score or a new title.**





## NOTICES



## REMINDERS

If you know of any club members who are experiencing a loss or illness or needs a pick-me-up please contact our Sunshine Club (Ann Tyler : [tylers12@verizon.net](mailto:tylers12@verizon.net)) and she will make sure they are not forgotten.



Membership dues are now due so if you haven't already sent in your check please get it in as soon as possible!



We would like to update our Membership list so that we have an accurate way to contact you. PLEASE email Karen Vare ([svare@comcast.net](mailto:svare@comcast.net)) with the following information.

Name:

Address:

Phone #: home and/or cell phone

Email address:

Kennel Name: (if any)

PLEASE ALSO CONFIRM THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR INFORMATION POSTED ON OUR MEMBER'S ONLY SECTION OF THE WEBSITE. EITHER RESPOND YES OR NO. Thanks to all who have already responded!





**Please Plan On Joining US!**

**General Member's Meeting**

**March 6, 2022 at Suburban Dog Training Club**



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

or on Facebook at

[www.facebook.com/KeystoneLRC](https://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