

# THE LAB REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2002

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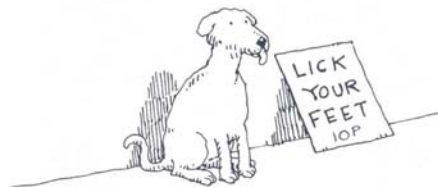
## HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

By Bev Schnell

The General Membership Meeting of the Huron River Labrador Retriever Club will be held on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2002 at the hartland High School on M-59, just west of US-23, at 7:30 p.m. Our Fall Specialty is fast approaching and if you have your raffle item, bring it to the meeting; Sheila Norgren and Cathy Culpert will be more than happy to take it.

The next Board meeting will be held on September 17, 2002 at Shaps on Hill Rd. just west of US-23 at 7:00 p.m.

A new membership book is being compiled so if you have any changes to your address, email address, etc., please make sure that it gets to Cheryl Wellnitz by the end of August.



## HRLRC MEETING DATES

September 6---General  
Membership  
September 17---Board Meeting  
At Shaps on Hill Rd.  
October 4---General  
Membership  
October 15---Board Meeting  
November 1---General  
Membership  
November 19---Board Meeting  
December 7---Christmas Party

## ATTENTION ADVERTISERS!!!

The deadline for your  
catalog ads for our Fall  
Specialty catalog is  
September 5<sup>th</sup>!!!  
Please get your copy to  
me right away so I can  
have it ready to go to the  
printer!

ANNIE COGO, SHOW CHAIR  
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## MEMBERSHIP DUES PAID

Ruth Acterhoff-Aust  
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Terry Bryson  
Nancy Chargo  
Annie & Ron Cogo

## PAID MEMBERSHIP DUES

(cont'd)

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Carrie Gati  
Mary & Steve MacLean  
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Maurice & Pauline Mortier  
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George & Beverly Schnell  
Tom & Gail Shearer  
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Pauline & Maurice Mortier  
Sheila Norgren  
Barbara Reisig  
Heath Roy  
George & Beverly Schnell  
Tom & Gail Shearer  
Cindy Skiba



## WHELPIN' WAGGIN'

Disclaimer Clause: This list is for litters of our members that are in good standing with our Club and the American Kennel Club and has been made available for your assistance in finding a new puppy. BUT: The Huron River Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. makes no warranties, expressed or implied as to the condition of any dogs being offered for sale, standards or practices of any breeder, the quality of their animals or the accuracy of any of the information contained within the HRLRC, Inc. Newsletter Listing, or within the HRLRC, Inc. website or any links from the website. HRLRC, Inc. does not endorse, recommend, or guarantee any kennel, breeder or dog listed.

Reminder: Send \$5 litter ad fee per month/per ad to Pauline Mortier, 4611 Brophy, Howell, MI 48843. Please indicate in memo section of check the month that you are paying for. These litter ad fees go towards our Rescue Account. Please call (517) 548-5429 or email [pmortier@ismi.net](mailto:pmortier@ismi.net) to renew or update your ad. Deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. NEW POLICY: No litter ad will be published without receipt of the fee. Also beginning JULY 1, 2001 for ACTIVE MEMBERS fee remains the same--\$5 per month/per ad. For NON-ACTIVE MEMBERS fee will be \$100 per month/per ad. Read the minutes in the March 2001 newsletter for detailed explanation of ACTIVE MEMBERS & NON-ACTIVE MEMBERS.

Ch Raintree Slippery When Wet JH  
BANNERS WINDFALL SEA LION

Ch Banners Sea Breeze

X

Ch Boradors The Goblin  
LIMELITES MAD ABOUT YOU

Ch Windfalls Comet

Due: August 26 all yellows  
Bill Gardner Milford, MI  
(248) 437-8016

Hunt Club Clayview Funny Bear  
LUBBERLINE MARTINGALE  
Ch Hennings Mill Lubberline Jib  
X

IntAmCanFinEstCh Chancellor Merry  
LAKE VIEW MYSTICAL ROSY

Lake View French Kiss

Due: August 27 all yellows  
Bev & George Schnell Memphis, MI  
(810) 392-3553  
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Ch Hennings Mill Talimar Martin  
CH TALIMAR OBSIDIAN, JH  
Raintree's Wet N Wild  
X

Guidelines Monthly Review  
KEEPSAKE'S FLAMING BANNER

Kelleygreens Lady In Red

Whelped: June 15

1 black males; 1 yellow male

Nancy Chargo Clio, MI

(810) 686-0967

email: [bannerlabs@usol.com](mailto:bannerlabs@usol.com)

## RESCUE

YELLOW FEMALE, approx. 2 yrs. old, spayed, rabies & inoculations current, microchipped, heartworm checked. Good condition & slightly overweight. Found by Livingston Animal Control & available through Lubberline Labradors as a rescue. Contact Maurice Mortier at (517) 548-5429 or email at [pmortier@ismi.net](mailto:pmortier@ismi.net).

**REMINDER:**  
Deadline date for  
submissions to the  
newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the  
month.

## HRLRC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AUGUST 10, 2002

A regular meeting of the HRLRC was held at the home of George and Beverly Schnell. Members in attendance were: Pauline Mortier, George & Beverly Schnell, Mike Rathsburg, Annie Cogo, Helen Bronson, Mark Foster and Jeanine Asch.

Meeting called to order at 2:20 p.m. by President Beverly Schnell.

Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Minutes from the July meeting were approved as read.

Annie is working on obtaining the airfare for the judges. Since Paula Nykiel is also judging Saturday and Sunday at the Monroe Kennel Club shows, Annie is going to see if the Monroe Kennel Club will be paying 2/3 of her airfare. Bev received a call from Bob Curtis inquiring about the number of stewards required. He stated we might have to pay in order to get additional stewards.

The judges' sheets from the July Fun Match have been misplaced. Pauline will include the results in the newsletter once they are found.

There was a suggestion to continue to support the Genessee County Kennel Club show as well as possibly add Sweepstakes classes.

If you have not yet paid your dues for this year, please get them in to Cheryl. The deadline is approaching.

New members and prospective members who are considering joining the club should be supplied with a welcome packet. This should include a welcome letter and copies of the club constitution and by-laws.

Annie has been in touch with the gentleman with the bomb dog. He is supposed to get back in touch with her in a couple of weeks to schedule a demonstration.

Reminder to board members---if you are unable to attend a meeting, please inform Bev.

The next General Membership Meeting will be September 6. The next

Board Meeting will be September 17 at Shaps on the corner of Hill and Torrey Roads.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine Asch, Recording Secretary



## ONLINE AUCTION TO BENEFIT LABRADORS IN NEED

Labrador Life Line announces that their Third Annual LABOR OF LOVE AUCTION is scheduled to run on a computer near you! The auction will run from the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August to the 6<sup>th</sup> of September this year, so start saving your pennies and nickels for the shopping spree of the season. As always this fundraiser will be to help those Labradors we've yet to meet.

If you would like to donate anything for our auction please feel free to contact us for the required address information! You can send a request to our [webmaster](mailto:webmaster@labradorlife.org) ([webmaster@labradorlife.org](mailto:webmaster@labradorlife.org)), or contact any board member listed on the Labrador Life Line ([www.labradorlifeline.org](http://www.labradorlifeline.org)) web site.

Jo-Anne Jace, Board Member  
Labrador Life Line  
[Joanne@labradorlifeline.org](mailto:Joanne@labradorlifeline.org)



## WINS'N'GRINS

WINDFALL BANNER'S MAGIC GEM---Annie Cogo & Nancy Chargo---  
HRLRC Annual Puppy Match---Best in Sweeps & Best Puppy in Match!

LUBBERLINE ENDEAVOR BINNACLE---Jeanine Asch & Pauline Mortier---K9 Fanciers of Michigan UKC Shows---BEST PUPPY OF BREED for all 4 days and RESERVE BEST PUPPY IN SHOW for 2 days!

LAKE VIEW RHAPSODY AT ENDEAVOR---Jeanine Asch & Juanita Pyles---Day 1 Best Female & Best of Winners; Day 2 Best Female

U-CH SHR WAYNE'S CANDY VICTORIAN ANGEL WC, JH---Patty Wayne---Wolverine Hunt Test---A NEW JUNIOR HUNTER!!!

CH EAST HILL SUMO SAGE COACH---Sheila Norgren---Berrien KC---WINNERS DOG, BEST OF WINNERS, BEST OF BREED AND A NEW CHAMPION!!!

AM/CAN CH LAKEVIEW'S PISTOL PETE---Kristi Fruchey---Wolverine Retriever Club Hunt Test---now has 2 passes towards his Junior Hunter Title!

## **MORE WINS'N'GRINS**

**BONAVENTURE LUBBERLINE  
VISCOUNT**---Pauline & Maurice  
Mortier---Dan Emmett KC Day 1---  
RESERVE WINNERS DOG; Day 2---  
1<sup>st</sup> Open Chocolate Dog; Marion KC---  
WINNERS DOG!!!

**CH BONAVENTURE CLIPPER**---Gail  
& Tom Shearer---Marion KC---BEST  
OF OPPOSITE SEX!

**FORT STEUBEN KC  
BONAVENTURE LUBBERLINE  
VISCOUNT**---Pauline & Maurice  
Mortier---RESERVE WINNERS DOG!

**MAR-JO'S ON THE BANK**---Mike &  
Judy Merians---4<sup>th</sup> Open Yellow Bitch

**COLUMBIANA KC  
BONAVENTURE LUBBERLINE  
VISCOUNT**---Pauline & Maurice  
Mortier---3<sup>rd</sup> Open Chocolate Dog

**BONAVENTURE LUCY LOCKET**---  
Tom & Gail Shearer---2<sup>nd</sup> 12-18 months  
Bitches

**BONAVENTURE ROYAL  
VICTORIAN**---Tom & Gail Shearer---  
1<sup>st</sup> AmBred Bitches

**MAR-JO'S ON THE BANK**---Mike &  
Judy Merians---2<sup>nd</sup> Open Yellow  
Bitches

**BEAVER COUNTY KC  
EAST HILL WINDFALL KODIAK**---  
Sheila Norgren & Annie Cogo---1<sup>st</sup> 6-9  
month puppy dogs

**WINDFALL EAST HILL OLAF**---  
Sheila Norgren & Annie Cogo---3<sup>rd</sup> 9-12  
months puppy dogs

**BANNERS WINDFALL SEA LION**---  
Annie Cogo---RESERVE WINNERS  
DOG!

**SUNRISE LADY FAIR**---Helen  
Bronson---1<sup>st</sup> 6-9 months puppy bitch

**BONAVENTURE'S LUCY LOCKET**---  
-Tom & Gail Shearer---3<sup>rd</sup> 12-18  
months bitches

**BONAVENTURE'S BEATRICE**---  
Tom & Gail Shearer---2<sup>nd</sup> Open Black  
bitches

**SURESHOT AIM FOR THE STARS**---  
Annie Cogo, Agent; Owners: V.  
Russell, J. Heim & D. Leveque---4<sup>th</sup>  
Open Black bitches

**WINDFALL'S MERRY MAGIC  
BANNER**---Cathy Culpert & Annie  
Cogo---RESERVE WINNERS BITCH!

**MAHONING SHENANGO KC  
SWEEPSTAKES  
EAST HILL WINDFALL KODIAK**---  
Sheila Norgren & Annie Cogo---1<sup>st</sup> 6-9  
months puppy dog

**WINDFALL EAST HILL OLAF**---  
Sheila Norgren & Annie Cogo---2<sup>nd</sup> 9-  
12 months puppy dog

**SUNRISE LADY FAIR**---Helen  
Bronson---2<sup>nd</sup> 6-9 months puppy bitch

**REGULAR CLASSES  
EAST HILL WINDFALL KODIAK**---  
Sheila Norgren & Annie Cogo---3<sup>rd</sup> 6-9  
months puppy dog

**WINDFALL EAST HILL OLAF**---  
Sheila Norgren & Annie Cogo---4<sup>th</sup> 9-12  
months puppy dog

**BANNERS WINDFALL SEA LION**---  
Annie Cogo---1<sup>st</sup> Open Yellow Dog

**SUNRISE LADY FAIR**---Helen  
Bronson---2<sup>nd</sup> 6-9 months puppy bitch

**BONAVENTURE ROYAL  
VICTORIAN**---Tom & Gail Shearer---  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bred By Exhibitor

**SURESHOT AIM FOR THE STARS**---  
Annie Cogo, Agent; Owners: V.  
Russell, J. Heim & D. Leveque---1<sup>st</sup>  
Open Black bitches

**BONAVENTURE'S BEATRICE**---  
Tom & Gail Shearer---2<sup>nd</sup> Open Black  
bitches

**BONAVENTURE'S GLORY BOUND**---  
-Tom & Gail Shearer---1<sup>st</sup> Open  
Yellow bitches

**WINDFALL'S MERRY MAGIC  
BANNER**---Cathy Culpert & Annie  
Cogo---2<sup>nd</sup> Open Yellow bitches

**CH BONAVENTURE'S CLIPPER**---  
Tom & Gail Shearer---Lorain County  
KC---BEST OF BREED!!!

**PONTIAC KC  
WINDFALL EAST HILL OLAF**---  
Sheila Norgren & Annie Cogo---Day 1---  
- 1<sup>st</sup> 9-12 months puppy dog

**ALEGRA SABO'S TOP GUN**---Matt  
Pius & Judy Trevino---Day 1---  
WINNERS DOG!

**MIDNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOUR**---  
-Pam Smith---Day 2---2<sup>nd</sup> Open Black  
dog

**TABATHA'S BATTING CLEANUP**---  
Jeff DePorter---Day 1---3<sup>rd</sup> Open Black  
dog

**BONAVENTURE LUBBERLINE  
VISCOUNT**---Pauline & Maurice  
Mortier---Day 1 & 2---1<sup>st</sup> Open  
Chocolate dog

**LUBBERLINE MARTINGALE**---  
Pauline & Maurice Mortier---Day 1---  
RESERVE WINNERS DOG!; Day 2---  
WINNERS DOG & BEST OF  
WINNERS!!!

**LOR-AL'S DIRECT FROM  
TANTARA**---Laura Reich---Day 1---2<sup>nd</sup>  
Open Yellow dog

**BANNER'S WINDFALL SEA LION**---  
Annie Cogo---Day 2---3<sup>rd</sup> Open Yellow  
dog

**EAST HILL WILLIAM TELL**---Day  
1---4<sup>th</sup> Open Yellow dog; Day 2---2<sup>nd</sup>  
Open Yellow dog

## MORE WINS'N'GRINS

PONTIAC KC  
LUBBERLINE ENDEAVOR  
BINNACLE---Jeanine Asch & Pauline  
Mortier---Day 1---1<sup>st</sup> 6-9 month puppy  
bitch; Day 2 RESERVE WINNERS  
BITCH!!!

WOODHAVEN TWO FOR  
ROUGHING---Laura Michaels---2<sup>nd</sup> 9-  
12 month puppy bitch

INFINITY'S MATINEE---Michelle  
Veucasovic---Day 1 & 2---1<sup>st</sup> 9-12  
month puppy bitch

DUTCHESS SADIE OF YORK---Jeff  
York---Day 1---2<sup>nd</sup> 12-18 month  
bitches; Day 2---1<sup>st</sup> 12-18 month  
bitches

MAR-JO'S ON THE BANK---Mike &  
Judy Merians---Day 1---1<sup>st</sup> Bred By  
Exhibitor; Day 2---WINNERS BITCH  
& BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX!!!

SURE SHOT AIM FOR THE STARS--  
-Annie Cogo, Agent; Owners: V.  
Russell, J. Heim & D. Leveque---Day 2-  
--1<sup>st</sup> Open Black bitch

WINDFALL'S BE-BOPPIN' BOBBI  
SOCKS CD NAJ---Michelle  
Veucasovic---Day 1 & 2---2<sup>nd</sup> Open  
Yellow bitch

LUBBERLINE MATEY---Pauline &  
Maurice Mortier---Day 2---3<sup>rd</sup> Open  
Yellow bitch

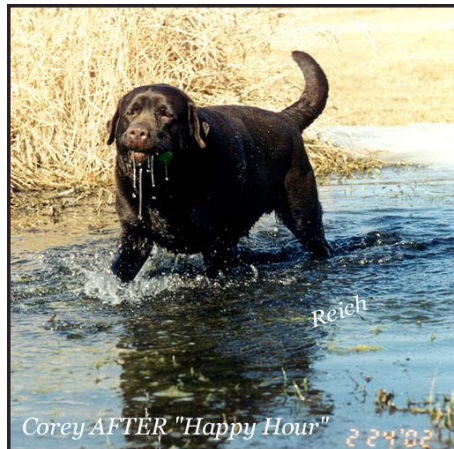
WINDFALL'S MERRY MAGIC  
BANNER---Cathy Culpert & Annie  
Cogo---Day 1---3<sup>rd</sup> Open Yellow bitch



## FDA: 41 BRANDS of DOG FOOD CONTAIN PENTOBARBITAL

Pentobarbital is the same poison used to euthanize animals, and has tested positive in 41 brands of dog food. Veterinarians use it to euthanize sick pets. Slaughterhouses use it to kill diseased farm animals. The FDA says after the animals are killed, their carcasses are sent to meat processing plants and then sold to dog food makers.

It is unknown at this time if the poison can build up over time and damage a dog's organs, especially the liver, kidneys, and central nervous system.



## CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPERS!

Do you have any interesting Labrador photos to share? Scan and send to the editor to place in our newsletter now that we are online and can all enjoy our dogs' antics. If unable to scan simply mail photo to the editor for scanning to include in our online newsletter and photo will be returned.

## VETERANS' CLASS

Submitted by Annie Cogo

I see that the Smiths have entered their dog in the Veterans Class. Apparently there is no one in this Club who knows that it is customary to offer a round of applause for those that are entered. Six months ago, at this same show, I entered my Veteran Dog in this same class. Not one person applauded. Not one person made him feel he belonged again. He was no threat to anyone. He wasn't going to beat anyone, take any points, or win anything. He was just an old dog who thought he was special again---back in the ring for the first time in many years. Maybe he even recalled his "Glory Days". He would have loved to have met anyone there. He would have welcomed you like an old friend. You didn't have to say anything nice about him if you didn't want to. But just in case you can't think of anything to say about a Veteran Dog, here are some suggestions: "It was nice to see him out there". Or go up to him and tell him he's a "Good Boy". Or tell his owner that you are glad that they brought him. Those aren't exactly compliments, but they will please his owner and make him glad that they brought him. I don't think that's asking too much. One day, all too soon, all your beautiful young dogs will be old dogs too. Maybe on day you'll enter them in a Veterans Class. And I hope that you do. Or, like many of us, you remember that old friend, now gone, and wish you still had the chance. They deserve it. It may be their final time in the sun; their last time out in front of people. Their last time to ever be in the ring. My old dog is a Fool. He thought he was wonderful that day. He thought he belonged. Instead, he was ignored. I have thought about this for 6 months now, and wasn't going to say anything. But on his behalf, and that of any other Veteran, I hope that something like this never occurs again. As a Club of (Breed) Fanciers, you should feel ashamed. Even if you dislike the dog or his owner, at least show Good Sportsmanship and do the Right Thing.

Show others that you have respect for your breed. Make that Veteran Dog feel wanted and special again. Let him know that you are glad to see him. It will make his day. You may never get the chance again. Thank you.”

As Lynda began reading it, the hush that fell over the room was incredible. Bless her heart, my friend Lynda broke into tears as she struggled through reading this. EVERYONE in the room lowered their heads, and many of them began to cry also, including the President (who is a man). I tried my best to hold my head up and refrain from tears, again. The President strode over to where I was sitting and in a broken voice said “Terry . . . I am SO sorry. He is such a wonderful dog. There is no excuse for what happened to you. And to him.”

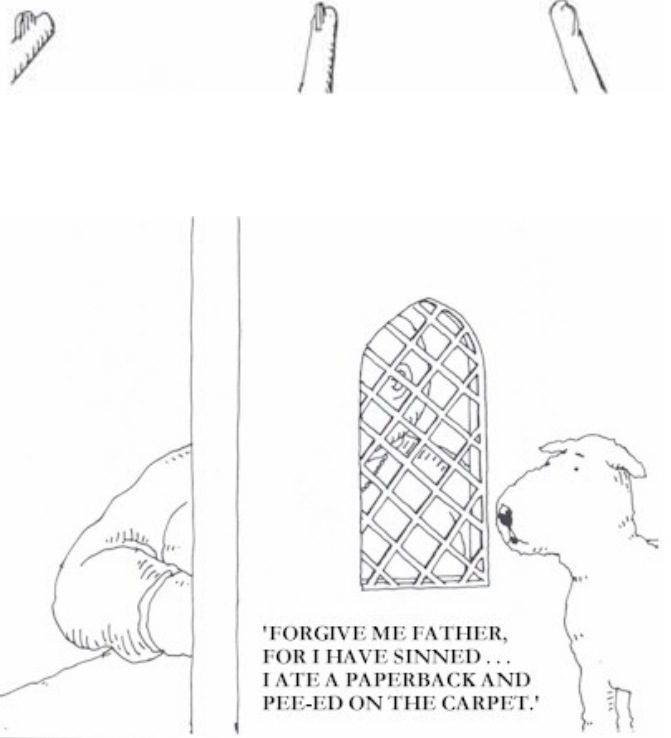
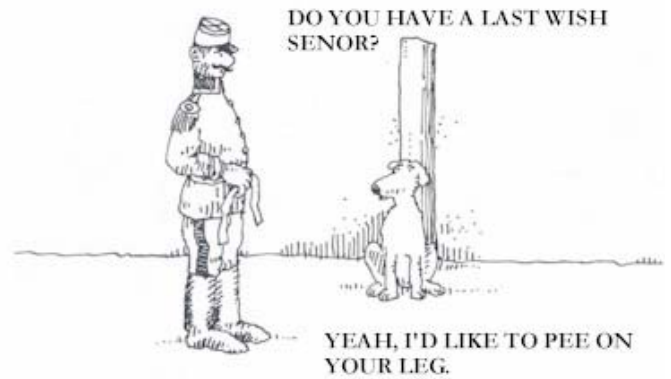
As I started to say that I “wasn’t going to say anything” again, the room nearly burst with everyone trying to talk at once. The discussion that followed was both eye-opening and of valuable purpose. Many came up to me in tears, with hugs and apologies. I am a very private and shy person, not given to sharing my deepest feelings easily. This had been an incredibly difficult thing for me to do, but in honor of my Veteran and all the others out there, I felt it must be done. Was it worth it?

When Mr. Smith took his lovely 12 ½ year old dog (neutered due to testicular cancer) into the ring, our entire membership remained and applauded and “whooped and hollered” him with every move. The Judge moved to the center of the ring on his final go round and applauded, as did her ring stewards. Others nearby, watching other breeds, came over and remarked on how wonderful it was to see a Veteran being treated like that. Many (including me) asked to take his picture. Everyone complimented him and his owners. If only my old dog had enjoyed such a day. . . Was it worth it? You tell me . . .

Sorry for the length of this, but so many in other breeds who heard about what happened have already asked me for a copy of my written paper that I thought perhaps it was something that needed to be shared. Amazing how quickly word spreads amongst us dog people. It’s often said, “You can’t teach an old dog new tricks”. But I know one old dog who taught something of great value.

From: Terry Russo

(Originally printed in one of our newsletters over a year ago.)



**COME SEE ALL THE COLORS IN NEW ENGLAND!**

**THE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB, INC.  
2002 NATIONAL SPECIALTY**

**OCTOBER 9-14, 2002**

**STURBRIDGE HOST HOTEL  
STURBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS**

*Please join us for a week of Labrador fun and autumn color in beautiful Sturbridge, Massachusetts.*

**Schedule of Events**

**Wednesday, October 9: Tracking Test, Judges' Study Group, Search & Rescue demonstration, silent auction**

**Thursday, October 10: Conformation, Sweepstakes, Obedience Trial #1 (Bob Peters, Supt), educational seminar**

**Friday, October 11: Conformation, Obedience Trial #2 (Bob Peters, Supt.), banquet, auction**

**Saturday, October 12: Agility Trial #1, Field Trial (Derby & Qualifying), CGC & TDI certifications, Working Certificate, Conformation Certificate**

**Sunday, October 13: Agility Trial #2, Retriever Hunting Test (Master, Junior), CGC & TDI certifications**

**Monday, October 14: Retriever Hunting Test (Master cont, Senior)**

**Followed on October 17 and 18 by back-to-back specialties in Hightstown, NJ (five hour drive from Sturbridge) hosted by the Mid-Jersey LRC (Jim Rau, Supt.)**

Premium lists, judging information, hotel information, catalog advertising and trophy sponsorship opportunities available online at:  
[www.thelabradorclub.com/national/](http://www.thelabradorclub.com/national/)

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**Co-Chair: Jody Thomas, 781-784-6292**

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