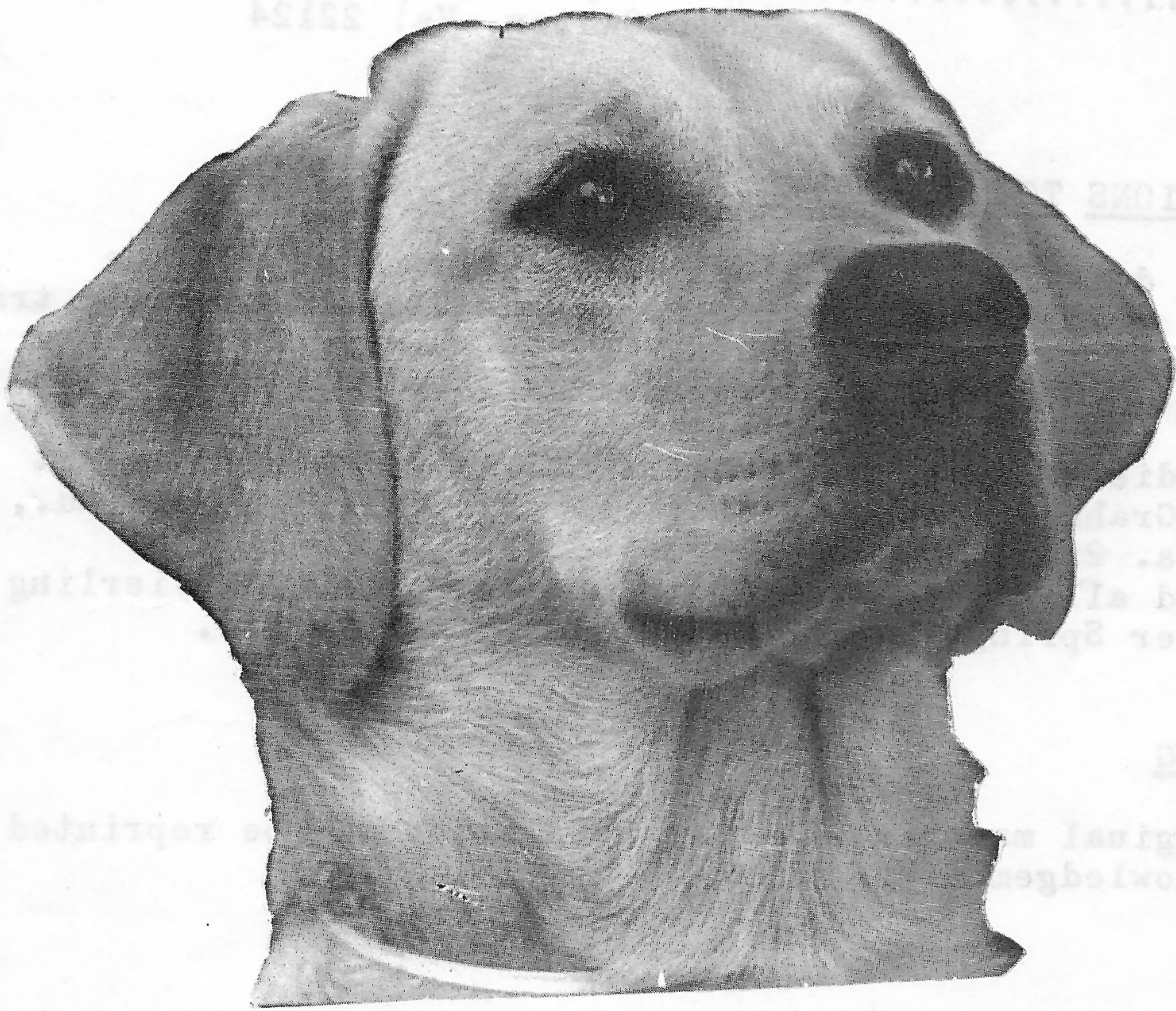


LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB of the Potomac NEWSLETTER

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The deadline for the September newsletter will be August 1. If you have suggestions or news (sho or field trial wins, new litters, etc.) please try to submit the items by that date. Ideas for feature stories should be received by mid-July.

Obedience news, suggestions and ideas should be sent to Betty Graham, Obedience Chairman, 11817 Waples Mill Rd., Oakton, Va. 22124. Tel. (703)385-8339.

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NEWS FROM PARENT CLUB

(The following information has been extracted from a summary of the Annual Meeting of the Labrador Retriever Club written by Mrs. Helen Ginnel, chairman of the bench show committee. The March issue of this newsletter outlined the plan for regional specialties with one designated each year as the National Specialty on a rotating basis between the three geographical zones.)

At its Annual Meeting in Southampton on April 27th the Labrador Retriever Club adopted the proposals regarding regional and national specialties made at the Westminster meeting in February. The new plan goes into effect in 1975 with the National Labrador Specialty at the Rock Creek Kennel Club Show in October to be sponsored and put on by the Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac.

It is hoped that the 1976 National Specialty will be sponsored by the Labrador Retriever Club of Southern California. The Mid-west has already made a bid for 1977. The Labrador Retriever Club of Southern California has been holding a regional specialty each year, and the parent club hopes that the LRC's in each area will follow that example.

The Club will contribute \$300.00 for trophies for each National Specialty besides the BOB and BOS and Hiwood Mike F.T. Trophy.

Mrs. Ginnel went on to say that the Club welcomes new members who are interested in showing their dogs but hopes that all members will work to keep and improve the field abilities developed in the Labrador over the last 40 years in their bench dogs.

The gamebird qualification in the Working Certificates was discussed with the conclusion to permit the use of pigeons. Certificates may be awarded by any director of the Club or any person who has judged licensed trials, but they will not be issued until the Championship has been won.

Any change in the standard would be in the hands of the Bench Committee. A proposed change would first have to be submitted to the AKC and then be approved by a two-thirds majority of every member in good standing of the Labrador Retriever Club. The vote would be conducted by mail.

NEW CLUB FORMED

The Winnebago Labrador Club has been formed in Rockford, Illinois. The Club will represent many of the Labrador fanciers in the Middle West and includes such notables as Sally McCarthy and other well known to Labrador people in the area.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: THE FIRST YEAR

I would like to make a summary of our first year's operation which, I hope, may establish the precedent for an annual report by future club presidents.

During the past year the club, which began on Preakness Day, 1973, held 5 conformation and obedience matches (3 sanctioned by AKC), sponsored 2 field training days, held a forum with three English judges, sponsored a week's trip to Crufts and visits to English Labrador breeders' kennels, conducted 6 general meetings and 3 board meetings. We also established a newsletter under the editorship of Louise Marsh and thus established communications with the 7 other Labrador Clubs known to us.

And we have grown too. We had 48 charter memberships on the list first submitted to AKC. For the coming year we have 69 household memberships representing 110 individuals plus juniors.

Not bad for a first year's operation. All members can be justly proud of our successes and not too abashed by our mis-fires.

On the negative side of the ledger, our handling class had to be postponed until May. The gas shortage forced delays in the start of tracking work as well as field work, but hopefully this too will be rescheduled in the near future. Also we have not been as successful at attracting people to business meetings as we have been at getting them to dog events. Some of this has been due to lack of a regular meeting place and, after a meeting place was obtained, to the gas shortage. The last meeting, held in conjunction with the March match, was a notable success, and more dual-purpose meetings may prove helpful.

In summary, The Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac has progressed markedly in the past year due to the generous and diligent efforts of the members. The Board hopes that in the coming year the membership will respond as enthusiastically as in the year past. Please let us know of your views so that the Club may continue to meet the needs of the Labrador people in our area.

Respectfully submitted,
George Bragaw, President.

ACCIDENT IN TRENTON, MAY 5

Mrs. Kenneth Nagler, who with her husband judged obedience at the LRCP match in November, suffered a broken pelvis, ribs and shoulder in an automobile accident on Route 1 outside of Trenton on May 5. With her in the car were Helen Biggs, who received a broken wrist, and Phebe Ladd, who was not injured. The dogs--Mrs. Nagler's Dalmatian bitch, Helen Bigg's Tara and Phebe's Black Bev--were unharmed in their crates. Although she missed her own class Phebe went into the ring with Tara later in the morning.

Mrs. Nagler's address is 3912 Longfellow St., Hyattsville, Maryland 20781.

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O. F. A. POLICY CHANGE
(September, 1973 release)

Based upon the professional recommendations of the Canine Hip Dysplasia Symposium and Workshop held in St. Louis, Mo., on October 19-20, 1972, the Board of Directors of the OFA have suggested the following change in the procedure followed by the Dysplasia Control Registry effective January 1, 1974.

THAT THE MINIMUM AGE FOR THE RADIOGRAPHIC CERTIFICATION OF NORMALITY WITH RESPECT TO CANINE HIP DYSPLASIA BE 24 MONTHS OF AGE AT THE TIME THE RADIOGRAPH WAS TAKEN.

Although severe types of hip dysplasia can be identified radiographically at a relatively early age, there is evidence that some dogs which appear normal at 6-18 months of age will show radiographic signs of HD at a later age. The OFA radiologists will continue to evaluate pelvic radiographs of dogs at a young age, however only those dogs that are two years of age or older at the time of radiography, with no radiographic signs of hip dysplasia, will be eligible for the assignment of a breed OFA number.

It is felt that the best time for a definitive evaluation of hip joint status is that period of time between two and six years of age. In some breeds, dogs older than six years of age will show normal age related hip joint changes which may interfere with a judgment with respect to hip dysplasia.

Xrays for evaluation must be sent to:

OFA Dysplasia Control Registry
817 Virginia Avenue, Columbia, Missouri 65201

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The Labrador Retriever Club of Southern California will hold its Fourth Licensed Specialty Show and Obedience Trial on Saturday, September 21, 1974, at the Hyatt House Hotel in Anaheim, California. Mrs. James Edward Clark will judge the Breed Classes, Mrs. Marianne Foote will judge the Sweepstakes Event, Mrs. Donna Ward will judge Junior Showmanship, and Mr. Mervan Silverman will judge Obedience.

I wish to thank the members of the LRCP for their help with and enthusiasm for the newsletter. This is really an outstanding group of people. Could it be that we take after our cheerful Labradors? Editor

COMMAND PERFORMANCE Betty Graham

Ch. Zipper Hustlin' Wahoo, owned by Martha Lee Voshell, finished his CD on November 4, 1973, at Oriole OTC in Pikesville, Maryland, by winning 4th in a class of 54 with a 193½.

Debbie Kobilis' Shookstown Brush Master won his CD in three straight matches in March.

There must be more obedience news to report. Please send it to me so that your triumphs can be included in the next issue.

DEAR LABBY ANSWERS --

Dear Labby,

My owner claims I am the oldest Labrador Retriever that ever walked this earth. I'll be 19 years old July 2nd. Is he right? Happy Jack

Dear Happy Jack,

You definitely are in an elite class of few, but according to the Guinness Book of World Records you have another 8 years and 3 months to go to meet the current world record holder's age. "Adjutant," the longest-lived dog on record was a Labrador Retriever. Labby

Dear Labby,

Is there anything one can do for coprophagy? Concerned.

Dear Concerned,

Try to keep the stools picked up, and you might consider changing dog foods. Reports indicate that the feeding of some dog foods caused an increase in this tendency. Try a highly digestible food which will decrease the amount of stool. Also check with your vet about using digestive enzyme tablets. Labby

LRCP THIRD B-OB SANCTIONED MATCH, March 2

Bill Metz and Ray Murphy weathered the storm at the Gaithersburg Agricultural Center on Saturday, March 2, as Potomac Lab's third AKC sanctioned match triumphed over both gas shortage and rain.

Diana Beckett's and Liz Clark's Kimvalley Kenbara Mr. Softee was Mr. Metz's Best of Breed choice in a breed entry of 59. Phebe Ladd's Haverhill's Black Bev was Best Opposite. Phebe was the day's overall big winner, picking up firsts in Novice Bitch, Junior Showmanship and scoring a very respectable 147 for second place in novice obedience.

Janet Churchill's and Elizabeth Derr's Spenrock Anthony Adverse was Best Puppy in Match for the second straight match.

Highest scoring dog in obedience was Pat Megregian's Shamrock Acres Genesis with a hard to 197½ mark. Paul Hancock's Kelley of Greenbridge scored 194 her first time out in Utility. The lone entry prompted Judge Murphy to quip that it was very satisfying to have his entire Utility entry qualify. Other good scores in obedience included Betty Graham's Birchangreen's Abigail and Dr. I. L. Brisbin's Spokesman with 188 and 185 respectively in the Novice Class.

The Club was privileged to have AKC field representative J. Monroe Stebbins in attendance during the day.

A brief business meeting closed out a very successful day.

SUMMARY

OBEDIENCE

Judge: Raymond E. Murphy, Gaithersburg, Md.

Utility

1 - Paul N. Hancock's Kelley of Greenbridge 194 pts.

Open

1 - Dennis & Martha Stephens' Forecast Scripps non-qualifying

Novice

1 - Pat Megregian's Shamrock Acres Genesis 197½ pts.

2 - Betty Graham's Birchangreen's Abigail 188 pts.

3 - Dr. I.L. Brisbin's Baroke Spokesman 185 pts.

4 - Carolyn McCreesh's Kelly of Montgomery - -

Sub-Novice

1 - Carolyn McCreesh's Kelly of Montgomery 151 pts.

2 - Phebe Ladd's Haverhills' Black Bev 147 pts.

3 - Ann W. Higgins' Robin's Sassafras Harvey 146 pts.

4 - Dr. I.L. Brisbin's Baroke Spokesman 142½ pts.

March 2 Match, cont.

BREED

Judge: William A. Metz, New City, N.Y.

3-6 Puppy Dog

- 1 - Martha Tower's Rocky of Millgrove
- 2 - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Clark's Knowebar MacNab

9-12 Puppy

- 1 - Janet Churchill & Elizabeth Derr's Spenrock Anthony Adverse
- 2 - Mr. & Mrs. J.F. Thompson's Jamar's Punkin Wilke

Novice Dog

- 1 - Robert Cromwell Jr.'s Cromwell's Mr. Bojangles
- 2 - Louise Marsh's Rick's Bright Shadow
- 3 - George & Eliz. Bragaw's Shookstown Shere Khan
- 4 - Carol Ladd & Worthey Ganoe's Mahogany Puppet

Open Black Dog

- 1 - Doreen & Ken Anderson's Curnafane Bouy
- 2 - Greg Bartoshuk's Monsev Ask an Architect
- 3 - George Bragaw's Kimvalley Coachmaster
- 4 - Col. H.I. Stern's Halton Dauphin

Open Chocolate

- 1 - Georgeanna Matson's Red
- 2 - Col. H.I. Stern's Brits Abi
- 3 - Newby Roper's Haverhills' Mahogany Mocha

Open Yellow

- 1 - Diana Beckett & Elizabeth D. Clark's Kimvalley Kenbara/
/ Mr. Softee
- 2 - Joe & Sharon May's Heatherbourne Brandybuck
- 3 - George & Eliz. Bragaw's Shookstown Genghis Khan
- 4 - Diana Beckett & Eliz. D. Clark's Kimvalley Maverick

3-6 Puppy Bitches

- 1 - Allen & Bev Mushinsky's Inverness Best Bette
- 2 - Janet Churchill's Spenrock Jolly Good
- 3 - J.K. Gilden's Inverness Birthday Banquet
- 4 - Robert J. Reynolds' Inigoes Dame Helen Maude

6-9 Puppy Bitch

- 1 - Dr. Edwin Churchill's Spenrock Peppermint
- 2 - Dennis & Martha Jo Stephens' Spenrock Penelope
- 3 - Ann Higgins & Margaret Corothers' Brownlines Syncopated Rhythm

Novice Bitches

- 1 - Phebe Ladd's Haverhills' Black Bev
- 2 - William J. Ashline's Sullivan of Mummocks
- 3 - Martha Tower's Haverhills' Merry Martha
- 4 - Pat Megrigian's Shamrock Acres Genesis

March 2 Match, conel.

Open Black Bitch

- 1 - Betty L. Graham's Birchangreen's Abigail
- 2 - Robert J. Reynolds' Shookstown Dame Margaret

Open Chocolate

- 1 - Helen Biggs' Donlen's Super Tara Suzanne

Open Yellow

- 1 - James Russell's Springfield's Mimi
- 2 - Mr. & Mrs. Donald Beckett's Sandylands Viscount Honeysuckle
- 3 - Martha Jo & Dennis Stephens' Forecast Scripps
- 4 - Greg Bartoshuk's Shookstown Pumpkin Seed

Veterans

- 1 - Mrs. Elizabeth D. Clark's U.S., Eng. Ch. Kenbara Jill

Junior Showmanship Mr. Murphy, judge

- 1 - Phebe Ladd, Poolesville, Md.
- 2 - Martha Tower, Silver Spring, Md.
- 3 - John Bragaw, Frederick, Md.

Best of Breed

Diana Beckett & Elizabeth D. Clark's Kimvalley Kenbara / Mr. Softee

Best Opposite Sex

Phebe Ladd's Haverhills' Black Bev

Best Puppy

Janet Churchill & Elizabeth Derr's Spenrock Anthony Adverse

Highest Scoring Obedience Dog

Pat Megregian's Shamrock Acres Genesis

Total entry	80	
Breed	59	
Obedience	16	
Jr. Showmanship	3	
Veterans	1	
Parade of Ch's & Obedience Title holders	1	



PROPOSED DESIGN FOR CLUB EMBLEM

Approximation of design submitted by Deborah Kobilis.
Crummy art work by editor.

AREA SHOW DATES

The star (*) indicates that an Obedience Trial will be held in conjunction with the show. The name of the Labrador judge is included in cases where that information was available.

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- *June 16 Burlington Co. KC, Doughboy Field, Ft. Dix, N.J. (unbenched), Keller.
- *June 29 Upper Potomac Valley KC, Cumberland Fairgrounds, Cumberland, Md. (unbenched) Crowe. Judge: Clark Thompson
- July 14 Twin Brooke Kennel Club, The Mall at Short Hills, Rt. 24 & Kennedy Pkwy., Short Hills, N.J. (unbenched), Fernandez.
- *July 21 York KC, Rose Tree Fox Hunt Club, Wellesville, Pa. (unbenched), Fernandez.
- *July 28 Bald Eagle KC of Williamsport, Pa., Sportsmen's Memorial Grounds, Rt. 87, 9½ miles NE of Williamsport, Pa. (unbenched), Fernandez. Judge: Mrs. Cass.
- *Aug. 2 Perkiomen Valley KC, North Penn High School, 1340 Valley Forge Rd., Rt. 363, Lansdale, Pa. (unbenched) Fernandez.
- *Aug. 4 Hunterdon Hills KC, Flemington Fairgrounds, Flemington, N.J. (unbenched), Crowe.
- *Aug. 10 Gloucester County KC, Gloucester County College, Sewell, N.J. (unbenched), Fernandez.
- *Aug. 17 Talbot KC, Elk's Club Grounds, Dutchmans Lane, Easton, Md. (unbenched), Fernandez.
- *Aug. 18 Annapolis KC, Sandy Point State Park, Annapolis, Md. (unbenched), Fernandez.
- *Sept. 7 Somerset Hills KC, Rt. 202, Far Hills, N.J. (unbenched), Fernandez.
- *Sept. 14 New Castle KC, Lawrence County Farm Show Grounds, Rt. 108, New Castle, Pa. (unbenched), Crowe.
- *Sept. 15 Berks County KC, Kutztown Fairgrounds, Kutztown, Pa. (unbenched), Keller.
- *Sept. 21 James River KC, Timberlake Concert Hall, Lynchburg, Va. (unbenched), Crowe.
- *Oct. 5 Devon Dog Show Ass'n, Radnor Hunt Club, Providence Road, Whitehorse, Pa. (unbenched), Fernandez.
- *Oct. 6 Montgomery County KC, Temple University, Ambler, Pa. (unbenched), Crowe.

OBEDIENCE TRIALS

- Sept. 22 Hyattsville Dog Training Club, Adelphi Manor Recreation Center, University Blvd. & West Park Dr., Hyattsville, Md. (unbenched); Mrs. John L. Morris, Trial Sec'y., 3909 Holly View St., Olney, Md. 20832