

LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB of the Potomac NEWSLETTER

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THE CLUB GETS STARTED

The Labrador Retriever Club of the Potomac, begun Saturday, May 19, 1973, was not a spur of the moment venture. Our first effort, a fun match and obedience trial held on the property of John and Sandra Kelly, was the result of many discussions on the part of many different people over a period of years. Connie Barton broached the idea to me at the Tidewater Show in either '65 or '66. Subsequently Liz Clark, Dave McCurley, the late Dr. John S. Gordon, Ted Squires, Joan Reed, Helen Biggs, Joan Clarke and many others have argued to this purpose.

Breakness Two more recent events, however, directly triggered the gathering on ~~Derby Day~~, 1973. They were receipt of a letter from the Labrador Club, Inc. to Liz Clark indicating the Club's inability to extend its efforts to improve the breed beyond its present activities and, of course, the granting to the Labrador Retriever Club of Southern California a license to hold a Speciality Show and Obedience Trial under AKC rules.

Thus far, we have held two fun matches, a field and fun day and an educational forum with a panel of three distinguished English breeders and judges. In addition, the club has begun a breed newsletter and taken steps to support the two existing Labrador Specialty Shows. Our immediate schedule calls for a breed and obedience specialty match on the 16th of September and a training day on Monday, October 22.

At the present time, the club has established two primary goals:

- 1) Obtaining AKC recognition
- 2) Establishing a strong interrelated program of education and training for show, obedience and field.

We hope that our club will become the focal point for training, education and exchange of views between novice and experienced breeders and exhibitors in our area. We look toward affiliation with other Labrador independent specialty clubs, and we hope to someday affiliate in some manner with the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc., should the parent club one day revise its views toward local specialty clubs.

I believe that we have made a good start, but it is only a start. We must continue to press forward in what we have begun. The Board looks forward to your comments and our progress.

George Bragaw, Pres.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Mr. Leo G. Kinsella selected a lovely yellow bitch, Lownwoods Tarnstar Trust, owned and handled by Janet Churchill, as Best of Breed at LRCP's July 6 fun match at Springfield Farm, Middleburg, Virginia. The Club had the use of Mrs. Clark's lovely estate grounds and her generous hospitality at the pool-side meeting that followed the evening match. A lively and interesting discussion with three distinguished English breeders and judges, Dyana Beckett, and Miriam and Leo Kinsella, followed.

Linda Anderson's 9-12 black male Joallamar's Churchill was Best Puppy. Best Opposite was Sylvia Fisher's black Bravo's Ebony Trooper. Mr. Kinsella had an excellent entry of 53, and his critique will be published in a later edition of the newsletter along with an account of the obedience match, which ably judged by Dick and Virginia Ganett.

