

# BULLETIN



Quarter 1, 2017

## *Labrador Retriever Kennel Club*

### **Forward**

The first quarter in the Club calendar is always a really busy one, with the First Open Show taking place in February, the AGM in early March and feverish preparations taking place for the Field Trial in April. We also had several members attending Crufts 2017, whilst in Port Elizabeth, our friends at the Eastern Cape Gundog Association held a very successful retrieving workshop under the expert tuition and guidance of David Padbury. This edition of our Quarter 1 Bulletin includes feedback from all the events held to date, as well as a write up on the Great Gundog Weekend held in Port Elizabeth, contributed by Bronwyn Westerdale. In addition, Jane Pott writes about her discovery of a piece of LRKC history on a book shelf in Wales!! Finally, I have also provided a brief insight into my visit to Crufts 2017.

On a personal note, I would like to wish one of our longstanding members who needs no introduction, Mrs Margaret Bell of Ailsacraig Labradors, a very happy and prosperous 80th Birthday. Thank you Margie for all that you have done for our breed, both in terms of the quality Ailsacraig dogs that have found their way into many good pedigrees as well as the generosity with which you share your knowledge and experience. We hope to be able to rely on your involvement in the Club for many years to come.

Good luck to all who are participating in shows and field trials during Autumn 2017 and please travel safely.

*Genevieve*



## Membership

A **warm welcome** to the following new members who have joined the Club since the beginning of 2017:

- **Jill Harbord** is traditionally a Beagle person, but has since seen the error of her ways! Jill can regularly be seen handling chocolate Labradors in the show ring in Johannesburg. Jill doesn't mind who the dog belongs to so long as it is chocolate! Great to have you in the LRKC family Jill!
- **Jacques and Hanri Meyer** are new to Labradors, having purchased baby "Duke", a lovely chocolate boy, from Thania Rowan. Welcome Jacques and Hanri, we wish you loads of fun with your puppy.
- **Annemé Smit**, is a registered breeder based in Potchefstroom, breeding under the affix "Hemné" with a focus on yellow Labradors.

*The best way to introduce yourself, meet fellow Labrador enthusiasts and become part of the LRKC is to attend our events!*

### EVENTS TO DIARISE

- **47<sup>th</sup> Annual LRKC Field Trials, Val Farms, Standerton District, 27-30 April 2017;**
- **LRKC Second (Winter) Open Show 2017, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of June at Goldfields Show Grounds. Judge Mrs Christine Sandford;**
- **Winter Fun Day, Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of July, Inanda Country Base**
- **WODAC, 14-16<sup>th</sup> of July at Gallagher Convention Centre, Midrand. Come and visit us at the Gundog Stand in Hall 4**

### LRKC 1<sup>st</sup> OPEN SHOW (SUMMER OPEN SHOW), 4 February 2017, Goldfields Show Grounds

Our first breed show of the year, the Summer Open Show, was held on a glorious summer's day and was ably judged by Mr Roy Clark, a very experienced Provisional Judge at Championship level in Gundogs. Many thanks to all who supported the show – once again we had a fabulous entry of 43 dogs! The Show was kindly sponsored by WUMA! premium dog food.

In support of LIFE MEMBER Stafford Baker's battle with Parkinson's Disease, we all wore silver items of clothing – silver being the colour of the awareness ribbon for Parkinson's Disease – even our Judge and Ring Steward were suitably attired!



The "best dressed" award went to six-year-old Meagan Smart, pictured here showing off her red t-shirt supporting Stafford. (Photo by Renier Jansen van Vuuren)

The competition was of a high standard and some of the classes hotly contested. Well done to all the winners!



**Best Puppy and Best Junior in Show:**

Craignair Bijou owned and bred by Jane Pott

Please find the main results below and refer to the website for full results.

## RESULTS, LRKC OPEN SHOW, 4 FEBRUARY 2017 JUDGE MR ROY CLARK

<b>PLACING</b>	<b>DOG'S NAME</b>	<b>OWNER</b>
Best Baby Puppy	Amadeuze Karmina Burana	A van Heerden
Res Baby Puppy	Not awarded	
Best Junior Dog	Sea-Birds Oops I Did It Again of Amadeuze	A van Heerden
Res Junior Dog	Conkasha Cacau	D Dippenaar
Best Junior Bitch	Craignair Biyjou	J Pott
Res Junior Bitch	Dimeche Ciao Bella of Rowania	T Rowan
<b>BEST PUPPY IN SHOW</b>	<b>Craignair Biyjou</b>	<b>J Pott</b>
Res Best Puppy in Show	Dimeche Ciao Bella of Rowania	T Rowan
<b>BEST JUNIOR IN SHOW</b>	<b>Craignair Biyjou</b>	<b>J Pott</b>
Res Best Junior in Show	Dimeche Ciao Bella of Rowania	T Rowan
Best Senior Dog	Ch Tapeatom Flight Of Fancy at Craignair	J Pott
Res Senior Dog	Ch Craignair Switch Blade	D Malcolm
Best Senior Bitch	Ch Sea-Birds Nobody's Business	A van Heerden
Res Senior Bitch	Ch Craignair Picture Perfect	J Pott
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Veteran Challenge	Ch Tapeatom Flight Of Fancy at Craignair	J Pott
<b>BEST SENIOR IN SHOW</b>	<b>Ch Tapeatom Flight Of Fancy at Craignair</b>	<b>J Pott</b>
Res Best Senior in Show	Ch Sea-Birds Nobody's Business	A van Heerden
<b>BEST IN SHOW</b>	<b>Ch Tapeatom Flight Of Fancy at Craignair</b>	<b>J Pott</b>
Res Best in Show	Ch Sea-Birds Nobody's Business	A van Heerden
BRACE CHALLENGE 100	Adamasdor Patrys / Adamasdor Game of Thrones	R Jansen van Vuuren
BREEDERS CHALLENGE 101	Craignair Labradors	J Pott
PROGENY CHALLENGE 103	Ch Craignair Special Vintage of Kloofzicht	M van Tonder
TEAM CHALLENGE 104	Craignair Biyjou; Ch Craignair Heart Breaker; Ch Craignair Huntress Gold	J Pott

### Best Senior and Best in Show:

Ch Tapeatom Flight Of Fancy at Craignair (Ryder) bred by Betty Howard and owned by Jane Pott



## 2017 Annual General Meeting

The Club's 59th AGM was held on the 4th of March at Edgecombe House in Midrand. The Chairman's and Treasurer's reports and the audited financial statements have been loaded on the website. Mrs Jane Pott was once again elected to the position of President of the LRKC. The Meeting also saw the re-election of the following 4 Management Committee members: Francois van Rooyen, Dwayne Malcolm, Jane Pott and Genevieve Alberts. Following the resignation of Kevin Pott, we are also pleased to welcome Mr Gerhard van Tonder back on to the Committee.

The following table represents a quick reference guide to your Club's **Office Bearers** for 2017:

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Please feel free to get in touch with any one of us. We look forward to hearing from you!

The last item on the AGM agenda, the **Annual Awards**, is always the most exciting and here are our fabulous winners for 2016:

### The Annual Awards 2016



#### Victor Ludorum

(Top winning male Labrador Retriever)

**Winner:** Ch Craignair Desert Flyer of Stagmanskop

**Owner:** Mrs D Hacking

**Points:** 109

**Runner Up:** Potiphar Solo Rio of Stagmanskop

**Owner:** Mrs D Hacking

**Points:** 82



### Victrix Ludorum

(Top winning female Labrador Retriever)

#### **Winner:**

Ch Ablesing Kiara for Keeps of Mirain

**Owner:** Mrs S Borralho

**Points:** 163

#### **Runner-Up:**

Ch Craignair Picture Perfect

**Owner:** Mrs J Pott

**Points:** 114

### Supreme Champion

(Points scored by Labrador Retrievers with the title of Champion)

**Winner:** Ch Ablesing Kiara for Keeps of Mirain

**Owner:** Mrs S Borralho

**Points:** 118

**Runner-Up:** Ch Craignair Desert Flyer of Stagmanskop

**Owner:** Mrs D Hacking

**Points:** 73

### Ch Marsta Secret Duke Award

(Highest placed Labrador Retriever in Animaltalk top 100 ratings – counting Group and BIS placings)

#### **Winner:**

Ch Craignair Picture Perfect

**Owner:** Mrs J Pott

**Points:** 221 (placed 95 on Animaltalk Top 100)

#### **Runner-Up:**

Ch Ablesing Kiara For Keeps of Mirain

**Owner:** Mrs S Borralho

**Points:** 158 (placed 127 on Animaltalk Top 100)



### **Ch Balrion Lord of the Manor of Breckondale Trophy**

*(Labrador Retriever Kennel with the highest number of points scored at the LRKC Open and Championship Shows)*

**Winner:** Craignair

**Owner:** Mrs J Pott

**Points:** 70

**Runner-Up:** Dimeche

**Owner:** Mr C Smart

**Points:** 16



### **Best Junior Dog**

*(Awarded to the male Labrador that scored the most points from Minor Puppy, Puppy and Junior Classes)*

**Winner:**

Sea-Birds Nothing Compares at Mirain (Imp Sweden)

**Owner:** Mrs S Borralho

**Points:** 36

**Runner-Up:**

Tapeatom Last Chance at Dwarsberg

**Owner:** A Stofberg

### **Best Junior Bitch**

*(Awarded to the female Labrador that scored the most points from Minor Puppy, Puppy and Junior Classes)*

**Winner:** Sea-Birds One In A Million at Mirain (Imp Sweden)

**Owner:** Mrs S Borralho

**Points:** 64

**Runner-Up:** Craignair Beyond Th Limit

**Owner:** Mrs J Pott

### **Best Veteran Dog**

*(Awarded to the male Labrador that scored the most points from the Veteran Class)*

#### **Joint Winner:**

Ch Hotsouthwind Flying High to Tapeatom

**Owner:** Mrs E Howard

**Points:** 9



#### **Joint Winner:**

Ch Tapeatom Flight of Fancy at Craignair

**Owner:** Mrs J Pott

**Points:** 9

### **Best Veteran Bitch**

*(Awarded to the female Labrador that scored the most points from the Veteran Class)*



#### **Winner:**

Ch Ailsacraig Crystal Topaz

**Owner:** Mrs B Dumbrill

**Points:** 61

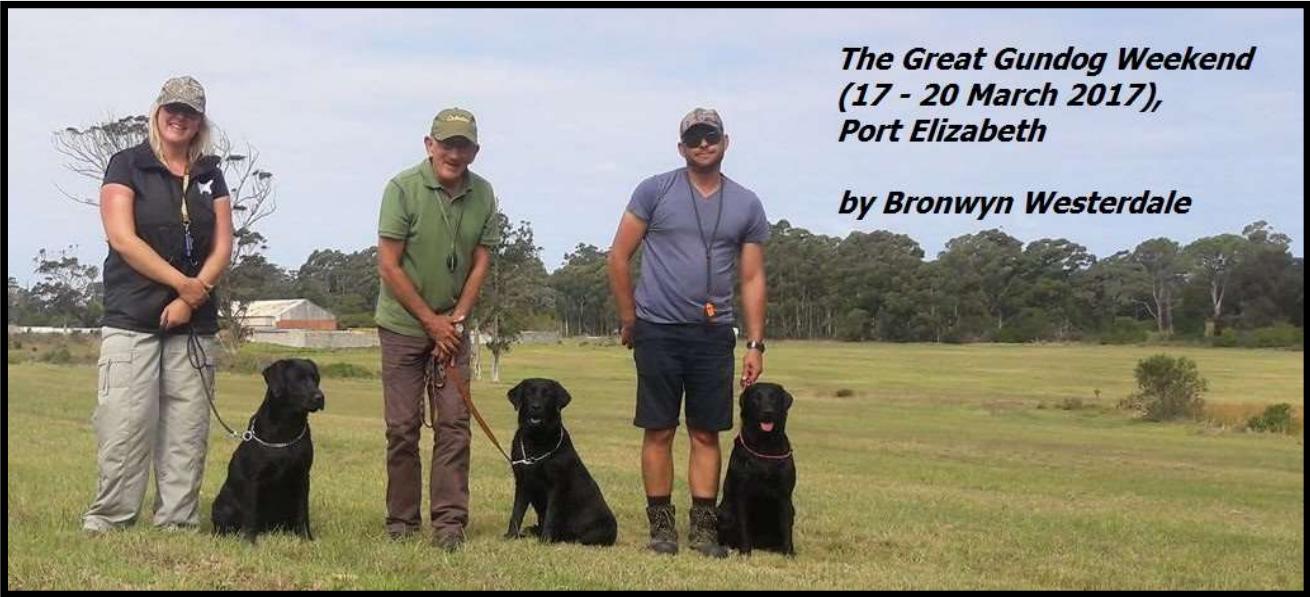
#### **Runner-Up:**

Ch Craignair Heart Breaker

**Owner:** Mrs J Pott

**Points:** 16

**Congratulations to the owners and breeders of this year's winners!**



***The Great Gundog Weekend  
(17 - 20 March 2017),  
Port Elizabeth***

***by Bronwyn Westerdale***

Together with the Walmer and Suburban Kennel Club, the Eastern Cape Gundog Association (also accused of trading under the name and style of "the Black Labrador Club") hosted a memorable training workshop presented by David Padbury.

The weekend kicked off on the Friday evening with a powerpoint presentation on the fundamentals of training your dog, followed by the well-known Irishman's dvd, further followed by a discussion of the various training techniques and theories. There was a great turn out and the evening's activities took us way past our bedtimes.

The Saturday morning saw PE's windy weather at its finest. The group was comprised of Labradors (predominantly), some Golden Retrievers, GSPs and even a Cairn Terrier whose owner wanted to see what this "wingshooting" was all about. David put us through our paces and stressed the importance of laying proper foundations before you start training your dogs. The dogs and handlers were shown focus exercises, gradually building up until distractions were introduced. The all important aspect of 'steadiness' was introduced with all dogs in line with shot being fired from behind and dummies being thrown out of nowhere.



The dogs fared really well however it was pointed out that my expertise in handling personal injury claims may become relevant as dummies were being carried by the wind, narrowly missing some of the handlers' heads.



were required to be steady to the sound of gun-shot as well as working under distractions, such as the aroma of eggs and bacon cooking.

Then the fun really started. David had brought along some of his homemade gadgets and had rigged them along an area next to the dam. The series went something like this: two dogs in line walk up next to the dam, shot fired and a "duck" released on bungee cord when flying through the long grass about 1 metre to the left of the dog on the left. Both dogs required to be steady. Another shot and a dummy was thrown up the hill on the right for the dog on the right to retrieve. The other dog to remain steady. As the dog on the right was returning, another shot was fired and a dummy was thrown in thick reeds which the dog on the left was required to retrieve. Walk on. A shot fired followed by a "rabbit" released on bungee cord running across the path of both dogs. Steady does it. Walk on. A shot followed by a dummy in the water which the dog on the left was required to retrieve whilst the dog on the right remained steady. Walk on. Another shot fired and a dummy fell in thick bushes on the left hand side which the dog on the left was required to retrieve whilst the other dog remained steady. The dogs then swapped sides and did the exercise over. We are happy to report that it was the black Labradors who beat the Golden Retrievers to win the 'friendly' (cough, cough, wink, wink) steadiness/retriever challenge.

After many promises being made about there being no snakes in the bushes, our thrower was finally convinced to enter the long grass for a marked retrieve. Again the dogs did very well and there were big smiles all around. The group then broke for lunch and the afternoon was comprised of one on one sessions with David to trouble shoot certain training difficulties.

Sunday morning saw another early start but at least the wind had moved on. We were prepared this time and had arranged a chef to cook us a "skottel" breakfast. Whilst the breakfast was cooking away, the dogs were doing drills and





On the Monday, David had prepared a tutorial working test for us out at Dawson Dairy. There was a puppy/junior stake, a maiden stake and a novice stake. Each series was followed by constructive feedback from David who provided excellent training tips. Without going into too much detail regarding each series, I can attest that the calibre of each series set by David was superb. A special mention must however be made of Iain Judd's Coffee who, when she couldn't find the dummy she was supposed to retrieve, ran up to the thrower, pinched her iphone and brought same back to Iain. It was this superb initiative which earned

Coffee the title of "Dog of the Day" by our wonderful sponsors, Jock.

A huge word of thanks to David for taking the time out of his schedule to travel all the way to PE to assist us in training our dogs and graciously imparting his knowledge. We were blown away by the professionalism displayed by David (and Major and Gunner) and the amount of thought which he had put into planning every detail of the weekend. The Eastern Cape crowd are deeply indebted to him. The weekend was such a success that we have even had participants wanting to know if this will be an annual event on our calendar.

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## **Crufts 2017,**

***By Genevieve Alberts***

This was my first visit to "the World's largest dog show" and the sheer scale of Crufts is something to behold. The event takes place over 4 days and is accommodated across 7 different exhibition halls at the NEC in Birmingham. The event is 126 years old this year and has grown exponentially in that time, offering competitions in breed conformation, agility, obedience, flyball and handling, as well as exhibitions in a number of disciplines including field trials and the Canine Good Citizen programme. This year there were 21 970 dogs entered in the breed classes, representing 56 different Countries.

Some of the breeders I met lament that Crufts has become more "show business" than competition and some commented that the commercial stalls (of which there are hundreds) are gradually "elbowing out" the actual competition arenas. Nonetheless, the sheer spectacle is something to marvel at and the quality of the competition overall is outstanding!

This year the Labrador Retriever Breed entry topped all the other breeds with the highest entry of 265 dogs and 290 bitches entered. Dogs were judged by Mrs Sheelin Cuthbert, a long-standing Labrador specialist, international judge and daughter of the famous Labrador breeder and judge, the Late Bridget Docking (Ballyduff). Bitches, in turn, were judged by the celebrated International Gundog judge, Mr Frank Kane (Hirontower). The lighting in the exhibition halls is not great and in my opinion puts the black dogs at a slight disadvantage as one easily loses their outlines against the busy backdrop of spectators, making the judges' task more difficult. Despite this, the ticket winners this year were both black, perhaps illustrating just how good these two dogs are.

The Bitch CC winner was the stunning Dolehamholt Dazzler of Richbourne, owned and handled by Mrs Sussie Wiles (photo below).



The Dog CC winner and worthy Best of Breed was Ramsayville Ruby Walsh, bred, owned and handled by Mrs Margaret Brown. (Photo below courtesy of The Kennel Club).



ensuing two days – just enough time for Richard to travel to Wales with Richard Edwards who kindly hosted us for the to fill our heads with snippets of his vast knowledge of Labrador history and to take in a few kennel visits in the area. We were privileged to visit David and Carol Coode of Warringah Labradors, Ann Britton of Bowstones and Linda Harvey-Major of Linjor Labradors, all of whom have long, successful track records in breeding quality dogs, boast many show accolades and have established international

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judging careers. They all received us so graciously and gave of their time willingly.

*Pictured: Carol Coode going over a very promising home bred 9-week old baby (above); and Ann Britton*

showing off her lovely home bred graduate Bowstones Polka, daughter of Sh Ch Martinstide Pastiche of Bowstones (previous page left).

I thoroughly enjoyed seeing their kennels and facilities, hearing their philosophies on breeding and dogdom in general and their plans for the future. The introductions made and relationships built will no doubt prove invaluable in the future. I am eternally grateful to Richard Edwards for hosting us and patiently ferrying us around on these visits. What a great experience.

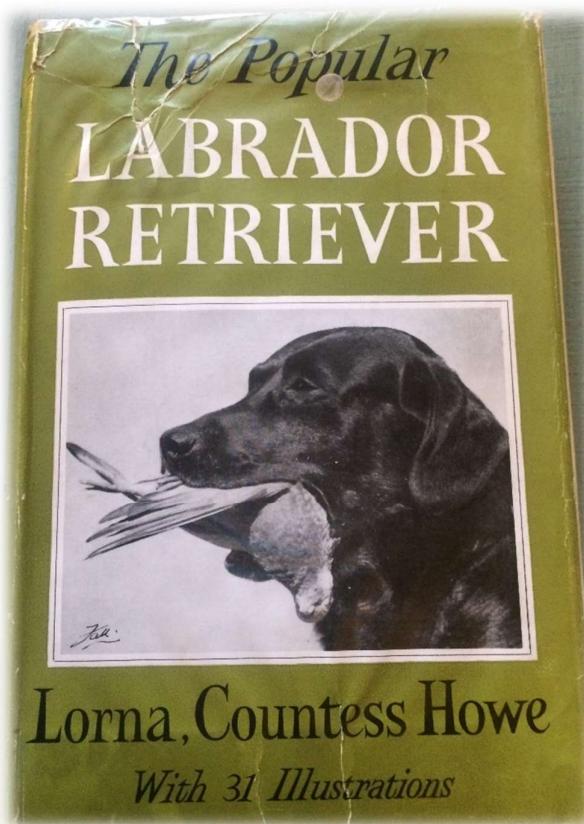
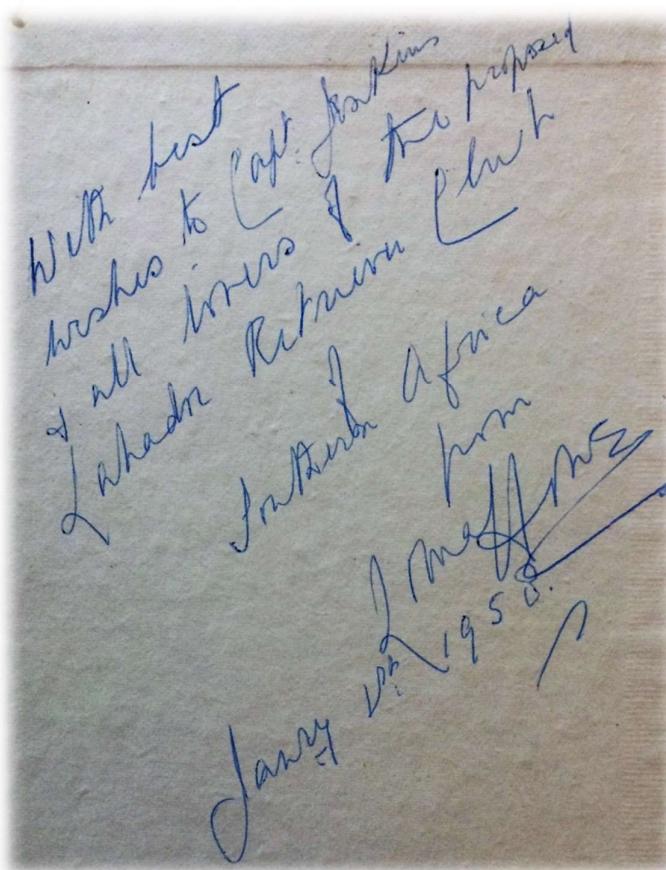
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## Delving Into The LRKC History,

By Jane Pott

The first Chairman, and one of the founder members of the Labrador Retriever Kennel Club of South Africa, George Jenkin, happened to be a good friend of Lady Lorna Countess Howe (Banchory Kennel), a former Chairman of the Labrador Retriever Club of Great Britain and widely credited with owning some of the most influential Labradors of all time, including several dual champions. Captain Jenkin was also a friend of Richard Edwards to whom he left his book collection on his passing.

On our recent visit to the United Kingdom, we had the pleasure of staying a night with Richard and his wife Liz, and it goes without saying that we spent hours paging through a myriad of books on Labradors and I



Lorna, Countess Howe  
With 31 Illustrations

was thrilled when I found, not one, but three copies of The Popular Labrador Retriever written by Countess Howe, of which one was also dedicated to the former owner of the book, George Jenkin.

The inscription reads "With best wishes to Capt. Jenkins & all [success] of the proposed Labrador Retriever Club of Southern Africa, from Lorna Howe". The inscription is dated January 1<sup>st</sup> 1958.

George Jenkin bought a house in the early 1950's in Rosebank, No. 7 Baker Street, and met many similar minded individuals within the show and working environment. The LRKC had its origins in a meeting between Mr George Jenkin and Mr Eric Edwards whilst they were walking their Labradors at Zoo Lake in Johannesburg. Earlier,

Eric Edwards had tried to start a breed club but without success. As a result of this meeting, George Jenkin took on the job of canvassing support for a club. He wrote to every owner of a registered Labrador in South Africa and the response was good enough for a meeting to be called at the old Craighall Hotel in February 1958, just a month after Countess Howe's inscription. A Committee was formed and George Jenkin was elected as the first Chairman of the LRKC.

I can only deduce from the inscription that, as part of his preparation for that meeting in February 1958, Captain Jenkin had communicated his intentions to the Committee of the LRC of Great Britain and sought their counsel on the matter.

George Jenkin married Pam who had two children and although George resigned soon after the inaugural meeting of the Club as Chairman, both Pam and he remained actively involved until their return to England in 1965.

A seed was planted way back in the 50's and here our Club is today, nearly 60 years later.

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## Member News

Seen at Crufts – Jorisna Bonthuys handling Shork's Neige in the Junior Bitch Class. Neige is owned and bred by Mrs Kira Leith-Ross.



## Labrador Rescue

**Sharon, Ricki, Ruth, Jane and Marion** continue to do sterling work finding forever homes for our Labradors that require re-homing due to people's changing circumstances or sadly, due to neglect. Although people give generously to this cause, the coffers do have a limitation as some people are not in a financial position to assist with the true costs of this operation and in times such as these, we have to rely on donations from members and the general public. We therefore make a plea to all our members to dig deep into their pockets to assist this worthy cause.

**Banking details:** Labrador Rescue SA, Standard Bank, Rivonia Branch, Branch Code 00-12-55, Account number 22 00 26 610

**Reference:** YOURNAME/DONATION

Over and above financial assistance, if there is any other assistance that you could offer these wonderful Ladies, please do get in touch with them on their Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/messages/#!/pages/Labrador-Golden-Retriever-Rescue/272787116094225>

**Website:** <http://www.labrescue.co.za/>