



2026 LRC BOD Election

Candidate Bio

Judy Chambers

1. What is your primary role in relation to Labradors? (Choose one)

☐ Owner

☐ Handler

☒ Breeder

2. What are the areas in which you **currently participate**?

☒ Conformation

☐ Performance (Field Trials, Hunt Tests)

☐ Companion (Obedience, Agility, Rally, Tracking)

☒ Other (Scent Work, Family Dog, CGC, Fetch, Dock Dogs, Service Dogs, Therapy Dogs)

3. Please share three ways you have supported The Labrador Club, Inc. in the past year.

During the past year, I have supported The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. through Judges Education, mentoring, and financial support.

I have provided Labradors for hands-on educational opportunities for new and aspiring judges. I believe that seeing and examining actual dogs is an important part of learning to understand the qualities that define correct Labrador type, structure, and movement.

I have also provided ringside mentoring at Labrador Retriever Specialties and All-Breed shows, sharing my experience and encouraging thoughtful discussion about the breed.

In addition, I have supported the Club financially through trophy donations and by contributing items for raffles and other Club activities. I believe that each of us has a responsibility to contribute to the organizations that protect and promote the breeds we love. Supporting education, sharing knowledge, and contributing to Club activities are practical ways I have chosen to support the LRC.

4. Please share three ways you have supported your local club(s) in the past year.

I currently serve as a Board Member of the Rose City Labrador Retriever Club (RCLRC) and have served in several officer positions over the years. My support of the Club includes both leadership responsibilities and the practical work required to make events successful.

I currently chair the RCLRC Winter Specialty and assist the chairperson of the Summer Specialty. My involvement includes everything from planning and setup to handling whatever jobs need to be done during the event—even the less glamorous tasks such as taking out the trash. I believe successful clubs depend upon members who are willing to step in wherever they are needed.

I also organize and host health clinics for cardiac and eye clearances. The RCLRC B-Match is held on my property, and I assist by transporting the Club trailer and equipment, setting up and taking down the rings, and helping manage the many details involved in hosting the event. I also provide the barbecue, which has become part of the fellowship and camaraderie of the day.

As a member of the Portland Kennel Club, I have volunteered in many capacities, including ring stewarding and assisting in the search for a new location for the Club's All-Breed shows.

Beyond my local club work, I have also participated in legislative advocacy through the National Animal Interest Alliance (NAIA), including testifying and lobbying on issues affecting hunters, breeders, and dog owners. That experience has reinforced my belief that responsible dog owners and breeders must remain engaged when legislation and regulation have the potential to affect our dogs, our sport, and the future of responsible breeding.

5. If you are elected a Director of The Labrador Club, Inc., what are the areas in which you would like to take a leadership role and what would be your focus?

If elected, I would like to focus particularly on Judges Education, preserving the Labrador Retriever's purpose and function, strengthening communication with the membership, and ensuring that the LRC remains relevant to the many people and activities connected to our breed.

I believe Judges Education is fundamental to protecting the Labrador Retriever. Judges should have a thorough understanding of the Breed Standard, but they should also understand the practical purpose behind the characteristics described in that Standard. The Labrador Retriever was developed as a working gundog, and its type, structure, temperament, and movement should always be considered in the context of its ability to perform the work for which it was developed.

For that reason, I would like to explore giving additional recognition or credit to judging

applicants who attend an AKC Labrador Retriever Hunt Test as part of their breed education. Watching Labradors work in the field can provide valuable insight into the relationship between correct form and function and can deepen a judge's understanding of the breed beyond what can be learned solely from photographs, seminars, or the written Standard.

I would also make communication with the membership an important part of my service as a Director. I believe a Director should make a continuing effort to hear from members—not only when controversy arises, but as a regular part of representing them. The LRC includes people with different experiences and interests, and those perspectives can help the Board better understand the concerns, opportunities, and challenges facing the Club.

I believe members should receive useful and timely information about important matters before and after they are addressed by the Board. Publishing meeting agendas in advance, providing meaningful reports on committee work, and making Board minutes available promptly would help members better understand the work of their Parent Club and encourage a more informed membership.

I would also support a thoughtful examination of the Club's governance and how technology can improve the way the LRC connects with its members. A review of the Bylaws, including consideration of reasonable term limits, could be part of that process. The goal should be to ensure that the Club's structure continues to serve both the breed and its membership effectively.

Finally, I believe the LRC has an important responsibility to continually demonstrate why a strong national Parent Club matters. The Labrador Retriever is represented in many areas of work and activity, including conformation, field events, hunt tests, obedience, rally, agility, scent work, service and therapy work, and as a valued family companion. Our members may come to the breed through different paths, but we share a responsibility to preserve the qualities that make a Labrador a Labrador.

My goal would be to help ensure that the LRC remains an organization that protects and promotes the future of the Labrador Retriever while respecting its heritage and embracing the broad community of people who care deeply about the breed.