

# THE RETRIEVER BELIEVER

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## President's Message

*Spring is here with its light, warmth, blossoms, birds and new life! With the season come many activities for our club. This month we will have our Spring Hunt Test and our Tracking Test. Now is a great time to get more involved with the club as a volunteer. **WE REALLY NEED YOU!** We need lots of helpers at these events. Volunteering is a great way to learn about these events, meet club members, have fun, and to really help the club. Contact Ron Perry or Cindy Meyer to help at the Hunt Test, and Michelle Schraeder to help at the Tracking Test.*

*Our Five Series was a big success and lots of fun despite the downpour. Thanks to Liz Skyllingstad who chaired the event and took care of all the many details to make it a success. Thanks to our judges Doug Gallucci, Jim Charboneau, Joni Willing and Liz Skyllingstad. And special thanks to all who helped.*

*It was great to meet new members at the Five Series, and I hope more new people will come to future events. Our Match is coming June 3 (see flyer in this Newsletter). Put it on your calendar now! This is a real picnic, in every sense of the word. A fun time to show your dog and meet club members in a relaxed, fun atmosphere, and to generally have a good time with your dog. New members are **WELCOME!** Hope to see you there! -Jan*



Darlene Pado

Cheerful 5-series scorekeepers Nancy Harney and Jan Palumbo show how much fun volunteers can have.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**May 6-7 Spring HRT, Nina Mann,**  
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**May 14 Tracking Test, Cherry Valley, Nina Mann,**  
**harbortop@netzero.net**  
**May 24 Board meeting**  
**June 3 Conformation/ Obedience/Junior Showmanship Sanctioned Match, Van Doren's Landing Park, Kent, Mary Jane Sarbaugh,**  
**labsix@whidbey.com**

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*The Retriever Believer* will publish brags (free) and Puppy Referral litter listings provided a club member owns either the sire or the dam and a \$10 listing fee has been paid to Puppy Referral. All litter listings and other advertising of litters must comply with the PSLRA Code of Ethics.

**Membership in the PSLRA is open to anyone interested in Labrador retrievers. Annual dues are \$20 for individuals, \$25 for families. Junior memberships are \$10 (for a separate listing in the membership book and a separate newsletter).** Please note that new members require the signature of two sponsors on the application form.

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## club business

**March board meeting minutes**

The regular March meeting of the PSLRA Board of Directors was held Wednesday, March 22. Board members present were Darlene Pado, Jan Palumbo, Dave Lawniczak, Bea Ferguson, Chantel Nahoopii, Nina Mann, Kristi Clark, Ron Perry, Linda Maffet, Cheri Levine, Stephanie Harris and Carole Jensen.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved as submitted by email.

**Secretary's Report:** Judges selection committee presented their choices for 2007 and 2008 Specialities. The Board of Directors approved these selections by email.

**Correspondence:**

—BC Lab Club sent a notice announcing their Hunt Test to be held in Bridal Falls, BC on April 29 and 30. Premium is available at [www.bclab.com](http://www.bclab.com)

—We received a thank you from Jim Morris for the card and flowers received from PSLRA in memory of his wife.

—We received a thank you from Pasado's Safe Haven for our donation for Katrina Relief.  
 —We received a thank you from the Dr. Walter J. Ernst, Jr. Veterinary Memorial Foundation for our donation to their Katrina Relief Fund.

—A notice was received from the Pacific Science Center announcing their Doggie Dream House contest to be held April 1-30 to raise funds for science education in Washington state.

—A letter was received from the Circuit Court of Cook County, Ill. regarding a class action suit against the Aon Corp. We may be due a settlement depending on the outcome of the suit. It appears that we may have been insured by one of the companies in the Aon group sometime between 2001 and 2004. No action is required unless we decide to opt out of the class action suit.

—We received an invitation to the Canine Festival held at Magnuson

Park to set up our club booth. This event will be held June 17 and 18. The cost for booth space would be \$28 or we could just list our club in the their program for \$5. Response must be made by May 15.

—Judges affirmation from Larry Tanner for Rally classes was received.

—Judges affirmation from Heather Wiles-Fone for 2007 was received.

—Several notices from AKC were received. They include:

Sweepstakes and Futurity classes, Lisa Zitting judging approved. (dated 2/22)

Sweepstakes classes approved judge assigned. (dated 3/10)

Specialty Obedience is pending until Disaster and Emergency plan form is submitted and \$25 fee is paid. (dated 2/22)

Specialty approval is pending until Disaster and Emergency Plan form is submitted (dated 2/22)

Specialty approval is pending until Disaster and Emergency Plan Form is submitted and \$50 fee is paid (dated 2/17)

Approval was received for the Tracking test to be held on Sunday, May 14.

**Treasurer Report:** Total cash and bank accounts \$14,862.97

**Acknowledgements:** Thank you to Jan Palumbo for hosting the meeting, to Lucy Isaacson-Logan for organizing the club booth at Seattle Kennel Club show, and to Jan Palumbo for organizing the Meet The Breed program for the Seattle Kennel Club show.

**Committee Reports:** Vicky Hoskinson reported that we have AKC approval for our Specialty. Jennifer Hajny has agreed to be our Judge's Liaison for the Specialty.

Meeting adjourned—Carole Jensen





Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association  
Conformation/Obedience/Junior Showmanship  
Sanctioned Match  
Saturday June 3, 2006



\*\*\*\*\* Come Join in the Fun \*\*\*\*\*

This year's event is being held at **Van Doren's Landing Park, in Kent, Washington.**  
Please see below for directions and a description of our classes.  
Immediately following the judging is a **pizza feed and brief membership meeting.**  
PSLRA will provide **pizza and drinks.**

Judges for the day: **Conformation** - Franna Pitt **Sweepstakes** - Cathy Tweedale  
**Obedience** - Julie Germano **Junior Showmanship and Exhibition** - Kerry Edinger

All judging is held outdoors; bring appropriate weather protection.  
Professional handlers may show only their own dogs. Champions are not eligible for competition.

**Sweepstakes Classes: 4-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-15, 15-18 months.** Only dogs/bitches winning first place in these classes may compete for **Best in Sweeps and Best Opposite in Sweeps.**

**Conformation Classes: 4-6, 6-9, 9-12 months.** These are considered puppy classes; only dogs/bitches winning first place in these classes are eligible to compete for **Best Puppy and Best Opposite Puppy.**

**12-18 months, American Bred, Bred by Exhibitor, Open.** These classes are considered **Adult** classes. Only dogs/bitches winning first place in these classes are eligible for **Best Adult.**

**Junior Showmanship Classes: Peewee through the Best in Junior Showmanship will be the first classes offered.**

**Exhibition only:** Peewee handler classes are divided into: Children under six and those over six but not yet 10 years of age.

**Novice Junior, Novice Senior, Open Junior, Open Senior.** Only the first place winners of the regular junior classes will be eligible for **Best Junior Showman.**

*All children entered in Peewee and regular junior showmanship classes will receive a beautiful participant rosette and a fun doggie gift.*

**Exhibition Only Classes:** Altered Dogs, Altered Bitches. These dogs/bitches are not eligible to compete for any further prize.

**Obedience Classes:** Novice A and B, Open A and B, Utility A and B *High in Trial and High Combined rosettes will be awarded if applicable.*

**Directions to Match:** From the North or South on I-5. Take the S. 188TH ST. exit (exit 152) toward ORILLIA RD; Take the ramp toward ORILLIA ROAD; Turn LEFT onto S 188TH ST.; S 188TH ST becomes ORILLIA RD S.; Turn RIGHT onto RUSSELL RD.; **Van Doren's Landing Park, 21899 Russell Rd, Kent, WA 98032.**

PSLRA MATCH ENTRY FORM

Day of Match registration from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. All judging to start at 10:15 a.m.

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Class: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to hold PSLRA and its members harmless from any claim arising out of entry in this match.

Pre-entry due by May 31 ~ \$7 first class, additional classes \$3 same dog.

Day of Match entries ~ \$10 first class, additional classes \$5 same dog.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Total fee: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail your completed entry forms along with your check made payable to PSLRA to Jill Mahoney, PO BOX 7454, Covington, WA 98042.**

**If you have any questions, please call or e-mail Mary Jane labsix@whidbey.com 360-221-6121**

**~ Added Fun ~**

Obedience: Introduction to obedience and answering of questions—at the obedience ring. Approximately 9 a.m.

Conformation: Introduction to conformation plus a small handling class in the conformation ring. Approximately 9:30 a.m.



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## Making Water Fun

by Diann Sullivan

So much more important than being steady or following a line correctly OR what he does when he comes OUT of the water, is ENTHUSIASM FOR WATER. The aim should always be to develop a LOVE FOR WATER well before asking a dog to retrieve. Finally, (especially for some of us in the northwest), summer is near and it's the perfect time to start puppies and young dogs in the water, or to back-up in your training a little and have some FUN with a dog you've been working that has lost enthusiasm.

Dogs learn by simple association and the Labrador's first associations with water MUST be fun. In the summer and fall, puddles of various sizes can be found and become new places to explore together. Put your boots on and find a safe place to loose-lead walk through a few puddles together. Bring his favorite tennis ball or bumper (if he's already enthusiastically retrieving to you), and toss a couple of your throws into puddles THAT HE CAN CONQUER ! Use your most encouraging voice and pat him all-over and celebrate the fun you're having as you play in areas of water ankle-deep. This MUST BE A POSITIVE ASSOCIATION.

IF there was a time-or-two where patience *was* lost and the pup WAS forced into water, he may be retrieving but not excited. STOP water TRAINING for a while and PLAY. You CAN develop a new love of water. Choose to make it fun and not demand too much too soon.

When your pup is coming to you 100 percent of the time when you call him (because he ALWAYS receives praise for coming), you can begin some short retrieves. Choose a really warm day or even better, a hot one. If you can, bring along an older, reliable dog to pick-up any dummies that you would lose otherwise, and if that dog is not perfectly steady, a second person to avoid the

puppy being beaten-out by the older dog. What a way to CAUSE A NEGATIVE ASSOCIATION with retrieving in the water!

The first retrieve should be a very short toss into shallow water where the puppy will NOT need to swim. If he refuses to enter, walk out and pick up the bumper and walk through the water to the other bank, calling the puppy to follow. You might need to slip a lead on and walk puppy across remembering, NOT TO USE A FRUSTRATED TONE OF VOICE but a tone of voice that is encouraging and showing the pup how much FUN you're having!



VERY GRADUALLY, persuade and encourage him to pick-up VERY SHORT tosses in slightly deeper water. If he retrieves readily in the shallow water, move to a depth to where he will only be taking one or two strokes and REMEMBER that you want him to have a POSITIVE experience and FUN! For quite a long time, I do NOT require the pup to 'stay' or be steady to the throw. OPPOSITE – wave the bumper into the air in front of them; tap it on the ground; and yell, "Hey, hey, want it?" Your goal is for an excited entry with confidence.

The best training is often done in the very SHORTEST sessions. One, two or three retrieves are plenty. The LAST of the retrieves MUST be positive and exciting. Do not end on a refusal though. He will learn that he can seize control of your authority and you actually CREATE an attitude problem. However, IF things go wrong at a training session or puppy gets bored, let several days go by before trying again—a perfect time to have some fun; play some catch !

Take some short drives to different places to find water. Having a second handler and reliable 'pick-up dog' is a perfect way to add distance a little at-a-time AND really develop enthusiasm. HANDLER

ONE yells or uses a cap gun and WHEN he has the dog's attention, he tosses. HIS DOG practices steadiness while HANDLER TWO calls his dog back. Take turns and have fun watching the dogs get pumped-up.

I always end a session by teasing the pup with the bumper and not letting him have it. His last memory of each session must be "I can't wait to do it again!" "A TRAINER ALWAYS ENDS UP WITH THE DOG HE DESERVES." (Robert Self)

# So, It's Your First Hunt Test

By Sarah Fischer

After months of training you finally decided to plunge into the world of hunt tests with your retriever Max. Your first hunt test is today, somehow arriving much faster than you had expected. Has it really been a month since you turned in the test *premium*? Hopefully, you and Max slept well last night, ate some breakfast and loaded the truck with enough supplies for a week in the desert or day with a monsoon. Even with all those supplies you may forget something, so before pulling out of the driveway check for your *collar, lead, whistle* and map to the test site. Unfortunately, maps to test sites do not come equipped with directions to local java huts.

Once you and possibly espresso buzzed Max arrive at the hunt test grounds, look for signs indicating your test location. The PSLRA uses group designations called *stakes* such as Junior A or Junior B. You will know from your test confirmation letter which stake you are in. Follow the signs, if you are lost or confused, pull over and ask for directions from a *hunt test worker* or at *home base*. "Hey, where's Junior B?" The directions will likely be given with a *cast* and you'll be on your way.

When you find your stake location, look to park out of the way of tests. If guns are shooting in your direction or disgruntled handlers are waiving at you, pick a different parking spot. You may inadvertently be distracting another stake's test.

Once you park, notice places to *air your dog*, they will not be marked. Then head off to find the *marshal*. You can't miss marshals. They carry clipboards, swing handheld radios like 6-Shooters and will have other *handlers* huddled around them. Check in with the marshal and find out your test *running order*. A marshal may adjust the running order to accommodate handlers with multiple dogs in different stakes or hunt test workers. Changes are common so find out who the two handlers running in front and one behind you are. Later on, when it comes time to air your dog, this tip will help you!

Pick up a *Hunt Test Catalog* from the marshal. You are going to want a keepsake when Max passes his test. Look through the catalogue and check Max's name and registration information. Note what number Max is listed as in the catalog, this is the number the test *Judge* will use to identify Max when scoring his retrieves. An added catalog bonus is finding out your buddy's dog Bruiser is really named Pink Panther's Pipsqueak Poppy.

After checking in, wait for the Judges to explain the *series* setup. Now is the time to ask questions if you are confused. A *test dog* will then be used to show the *marks* are standard to Max's ability level.

If Max is lower in the running order, leave him in the truck, pull up a camp chair and watch how the other dogs are doing. It is perfectly ok to cheer for a dog and handler who did a nice job, just wait until the dog has left the *line*. Visit with other handlers

to find out how they train, you may even find handlers close to home to train with.

At some point, you will see the person two dogs ahead of you enter the *holding blind*. Check in again with the marshal for the running order. When the marshal calls you, get Max and air him out, away from the test, on lead. Make sure Max is wearing his flat buckle collar. Remember, no roll, pinch, or dog tags.

The marshal will then call Max's number or your name to get into the holding blind. Sometimes there are multiple holding blinds and the marshal will want you to move forward bypassing an empty one. Remember, once you get into the blind there is no going back. You cannot leave until you are signaled to the next holding blind by the marshal or called to the line by the judge. Max may try to take a peek at the marks while in the blind, don't let him. He'll have his own soon enough.

When the judge calls you, bring Max up to the line under control and in the *heel* position. Sit him at the line. (NOTE: This can be done with a collar and lead for Junior Hunt Tests.) Let the Judges know what Max's number is. Remove Max's lead and hide it in your pocket or place it on the ground away from you. When you and Max are ready, *call for the mark*. Do not talk to your dog after you have done this. A *gunner* will throw or shoot the mark from behind a blind. After a mark has fallen, wait for the judge to say "DOG" before *sending* Max. You do not have to immediately send Max, do so when you are ready. Put your whistle in your mouth and watch him go. When Max comes back with a bird, take it and deliver it to the judge.

At the conclusion of this first series you and Max will be excused. Keep him at a heel and under control until out of the test area. Take care of rewards, water, and towel dry if necessary then put him up and wait for the last dog to run, that will be the end of the first series.

After the first series is over, the judges will announce who has made it on to the next series and indicate where it is taking place. At the end of the day there will be a ribbon ceremony where you will find out if Max passed his first *JH leg*. Try to thank the judges, marshals and worker volunteers. It's been a long day for them. After all is said and done, hop in the truck and head home with new memories and the first hunt test experience under your belt.

## Hunting Test Etiquette

—Accept scores gracefully and consider non-qualifying scores as tools for improvement.

—Do not touch or pet a dog without the owner's permission.

—Keep dogs on leash when not being evaluated.

—Never allow dogs to wander the grounds off lead.

—Do not talk loudly while a dog is on the line or working, and please, no loud laughter.

First Hunt, *continued on page 11*

## Braggs

On March 5 and 6, **Cedarwood Almond Roca Divine** went WB for two points handled by her 4-H co-owner, and then BOB and BEST BBE for five points on Sunday, my first time to 'run' since my spine surgery. On March 11, Seattle Kennel Club, **Cedarwood Flt Of**

**The Phoenix**, shown at right with handler, was awarded Best of Winners for a three point major, and on Sunday, March 12, was awarded Winners Dog for his second three point major. We are blessed. Diann Sullivan August, Cedarwood Labradors



At the Oceanside Kennel Club Show on March 23, 2004, Murphy won Winners Dog and Best of Winners for four CKC points to finish his Canadian Championship. He is now **Can/Int'l CH Fawnhaven Mischief Maker Delphi JH Am/Can CD WC CGC**. Our next goals are SH and CDX. Murphy was bred by Keith and Janice Anderson of Delphi Labradors and is co-owned and loved by Darlene Pado, Barb and Don Ironside.

Twister and I needed 12 points to earn our MACH going into the weekend and we managed our 33rd 2Q and 19 points! It was very pleasant weather, and he was his very joyful self. I didn't give him the smoothest of runs, but we certainly got the job done. Lee Foote and **Int. Ch. MACH Winroc XLT Funnel Cloud, VCD1, TDX, MH, MX, MXJ, RN**.

I have a small brag. My Dog is **Strider**. He earned his second JH orange ribbon at Sand and Sage. My name is Mark and I'm addicted to Hunt tests. The judge created a very nice junior test, the club keep things running smoothly, and my little black dog hunted up a long running Chuckar on bird three. Gotta have faith in your dog. Gotta love your labs. Mark Levine and Strider.

From Anne Swindeman, WindyCanyon Labradors: **WindyCanyon's Fulla Jazz CD RN JH CC** (Jazzy) debuted in Open A obedience at Moses Lake on Saturday and won first place! Her 14 month old half sis, **WindyCanyon's Northern Spy** (Mata), also made her debut in Nov B obedience and ALSO won first place! On Sunday, Mata placed third in her class for the second "Q" toward her CD. (Big sis Fuji had fun in the Open ring Sunday; however, no cigar for her this time!)

**Rocking M All That Jasmine**, Jazzy, was a wonderful girl again. Actually twice. We were able to pick up two more wings towards our JH these past few weeks, that is three for three. We had a great test at Sand and Sage in Eastern Washington. The day was clear and cool in the morning and we had water retrieves

first. I was worried about the wind on the live flyer pushing the fall around a point of land, but, as Jazzy and I approached, the wind was calm. She locked on the fall and was off and swimming. The next Pop and throw was in her usual style except it was almost sunk. She only had it by the wing and actually dropped it when she exited the water. After a little rope a dope with it at the water's edge, she picked it up and returned it to me. The land was with Chuckers and had some challenges for the dog but no issues with her retrieves. Bryant and Cindy Meyer actually took her to Rogue Valley for me. Beth and I were in Cannon Beach. It is my last weekend home before I deploy AGAIN for six months. So I am not to sure how the test was, but Bryant was able to bring home the ribbon and ring for me. I want to thank both of them so much for helping me out on this one. They are the best friends and really care about all succeeding with their dogs. Thank You Both! So as I said earlier Jazzy is three for three and we are signing up for the PSLRA test. I am so JAZZED! Keith Selthofer

**Am/Can CH Himoon Takes Twota Tango, CD, CGC**, finished her American CH. at the Timberline KC show on April 9. Tango was bred by Lucy Logen, and is VERY PROUDLY 100 percent OWNER trained, handled, and loved by Cecilie Drege, Cougar Creek Labradors. Thank you Lucy for this perfect showgirl, who has done everything I've asked of her, Am/Can CH, CD, multiple BOBs, specialty Brood bitch winner, CH. Producer, and, yes, she loves me as much as the bait in my pocket!

**Int. CH. Cougar Creek Takes One Ta Know One**, was RWB in Bremerton. Bred by, loved, and handled by Cecilie Drege, Cougar Creek Labradors.

**Int. CH. Cougar Creek Paint It Black**, was WD in BC on March 31. Bred by, loved, and handled by Cecilie Drege, Cougar Creek Labradors.

**Int. CH. Cimarron Sam-I-Am Of Cougar Creek, CD, CGC**, was RWD in BC on April 1. Loved and trained by Cecilie Drege, handled by Devenne Drege, Cougar Creek Labradors.

**Can. CH./Int. CH. Cougar Creek Takes One Ta Know One**, was shown in BC on March 31, April 1 and 2, and completed her Can. CH. by going WB, BOW, BOS from the bred-by class, all three days! She was bred-by, and handled by Cecilie Drege, Cougar Creek Labradors.

**U-CD Little Miss Katie IV MH CD** and owner/trainer/handler Dixie Humble placed fourth in the qualifying stakes of the Northwest Retriever Club's field trial on April 14. Dixie also brought home a trophy given to the oldest dog to qualify. Katie is four and Dixie is very proud!

**Am/Can CH. ShaRay's Nikolas of Whidbey JH RN** took BOB at Chintimini, Timberland, Ephrata-Moses Lake (twice, plus a group third), and Palouse Hills (plus a group fourth). Co-owned by Sharon Edwards and Ron Perry.

# PSLRA 5 Series THANKS and RESULTS

by Liz Skyllingstad

Thanks to EVERYONE who came out at oh-dark-thirty to sign people up, set up, take money, marshal, pop and throw, gun, keep score, re-bird, get lunches and divvy them up, pick up last minute food and office items, run dogs, judge, run messages, tear down, pack up and provide support and good humor! Hardly anyone was left by 5:45 p.m.—when it was all packed up and put away and the awards were given out—to hear my thanks in public. All of the kids especially deserve something special said about them; they were FANTASTIC little guys that did whatever was asked of them without a whimper or a whine. They all worked as a team and they were great!

Jeez, it doesn't seem I did very much after looking at all the things club members and non-club members contributed. Most of the stress related to an event like this is worrying about help; it was evident very early on that I needn't have worried so much since everyone pitched in and got 'er done! Again, my thanks to you all, jobs well done!

The cut off for the fourth and fifth series was a score of 55 or better. Now, (drum roll, please) the Q's and winners:

Anne West and Duchess  
 Terrie Sato and Clutch  
 Larry Robertson and Molly  
 Kris Hansson and Eddie  
 Bob Morris and Judd  
 Elaine Brock and Raven

4th: Terrie Sato (handler) with Nike  
 3rd: Cara Landwehr with Rascal  
 2nd: Elaine Brock with Denali  
 1st: Lee Herskowitz with Cooper

Jeff Hiiva won Junior Puppy with Cheddar.

Senior puppy:

3rd: Truman Ellis with Jake  
 2nd: Bob Morris with Judd  
 1st: Paul Schumaker with Sprite

Junior Handlers: Daniel Swanson, Josh Swanson, and Kawai Nahoopii. All three deserved ribbons, and I loved to see them in the field!

Shown top right, Joni Willing calls for the bird as Skyler eagerly waits; lower right, Terrie Sato keeps a watchful eye on an eager Nike as the flyer goes down. Both photos by Barb Sheard.

Page 9, top left, junior judges Liz Skyllingstad and Joni Willing pose with Josh and Daniel Swanson and Kawai Nahoopii, junior handlers at the 5 series; lower left, Dee Romano, Richard Ramay and Liz Scott enjoy the day in spite of the damp weather; top right, Nancy Harney and her dog Gracie look out at the flyer station; and, lower right, Marlys Swanson and Penny wait their turn in the holding blind.





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To publish **LITTER LISTINGS** in the newsletter, the following information **must be available**:

- Elbows and hips must be certified on both the sire and dam. Dogs and bitches whelped before 5/1/87 are exempt from elbow clearance requirements and will be marked OFEL N/A. Prelims are not acceptable! The board has recently agreed to accept PennHip clearances that score in the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher, passing Wind-Morgan clearances, and clearances from the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) in Canada. Female Labradors (bitches) with a Wind-Morgan, Penn Hip, or OVC clearance must not be bred before the age of 20 months, or 24 months with an OFA clearance. Male Labradors (dogs) with a Wind-Morgan, Penn Hip or OVC clearance must not be bred before the age of 12 months, or 24 months with an OFA clearance.
  - Eye clearances on both parents annually. After the dog's examination at age 10, annual examinations are no longer necessary.
  - Heart clearances will be included in the listing at the discretion of the breeder.
  - A PSLRA member must own either the sire or the dam and must submit the listing for a non-member.
  - **Please contact Marlys if you need a Litter Listing form, to be used for ALL litters.**
  - All Breeders must update their litters each week with Marlys Swanson via email (marlyss982@aol.com) as to the sex and color of puppies you have sold. The listing will be deleted after three months from the first litter listing date unless she hears from you.
1. Mail the completed form and a check for \$10 (operating expenses for Breeder Listing and Puppy Referral Programs) to: **Marlys Swanson, 3512 – 93<sup>rd</sup> Place NE, Marysville, WA 98270.**
  2. Your litter notice will appear in the next PSLRA newsletter **if** it conforms to the Code of Ethics.
  3. If you know that the Litter Listing and the Puppy Referral programs have helped you sell your puppies, **please send a donation to PSLRA** (c/o Marlys Swanson) to **show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue. LITTER LISTING FORMS** available from Marlys Swanson

**Litter born 10/11/05 (Available 2 BM)**

Sire: Int. Ch Hiltonhall's Rainbow Warrior WC  
 OFA 24 E, OFEL 24, ACVO 9/25/05  
 Optigen Clear, Heart clear 34 mos.  
 Dam: Chelon's MoonShadow  
 Windmorgan hips, elbows @19 mos., PennHip 80<sup>th</sup>  
 percentile, Cardiac normal 9/26/04, ACVO 11/20/05  
 Litter: 1 YM, 2 BF, 3 BM  
 Contact: Chuck and Sharon Hilton (425) 334-0303  
 Email: Hiltonhall@msn.com Snohomish, WA  
 Listed: 3/6/06, 4/14/06

**Litter born 1/4/06 (Available 1 BF)**

Sire: Skyfire Dangerous Company  
 OFA 25G, OFEL 25, CERF 9/17/05, Optigen Normal  
 OFA Cardiac  
 Dam: Int. Ch Wyntercreek Ryder at Blu Top CD WC CGC  
 OFA 25G, OFEL 25, ACVO 8/3/05, Optigen  
 Normal, Cardiac Normal  
 Litter: 4 BF, 1 BM, 2 YM  
 Contact: Mary Jane Sarbaugh/Jenn Hajny (360) 221-6121  
 Email: labsix@whidbey.com Langley, WA  
 Listed 1/17/06, 4/11/06

**Litter born 1/24/06 (Available 2 BF, 1BM)**

Sire: Ridge Views Reit to Remember  
 OFA 26G, OFEL 26, CERF 9/17/05, Optigen Normal  
 CERF 3/1/2006  
 Dam: ShaRays Sounds Like Heaven  
 OFA 25G, OFEL 25, ACVO 3/17/06  
 Litter: 5 BF, 1 YF, 2BM, 1YM  
 Contact: Sharon Edwards (360) 341-1422 evenings  
 Email: sharay@whidbey.com Langley, WA  
 Listed 4/2/06

**Litter born 02/09/06 (Available 3 BM)**

Sire: Cimarron's Griffindog  
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 09/25/05, OFA Heart  
 Dam: Cimarron Jessica's Montana  
 OFA 25G, OFEL 25, ACVO 09/25/05, OFA Heart  
 Litter: 7 BM, 3 YM  
 Contact: Laura Steward DVM (360) 731-9017 (Day)  
 (360) 876-6199 (Evening)  
 Email: Laura@cimarronfarm.com Port Orchard, WA  
 Listed 02/11/06, 4/11/06

**Litter born 02/06/06 (Available 1 BM, 1 BF)**

Sire: Am/Can CH Skyfire's Oughta Be A Law JH CD WC  
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, Wind-Morgan Hips, Elbows,  
 Hocks & Shoulders, Heart clear by Echo, CERF 9/05,  
 Optigen A1 normal/clear.  
 Dam: Skyfire's Kodiak Bombshell  
 OFA Hips 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 9/25/05, Heart Clear 22mo  
 Litter: 1 BM, 1 BF, 2 CF, 3 CM  
 Contact: Stephanie Harris (509) 925-1259 or (509) 929-5227  
 Email: stephanie@skyfirelabs.com Ellensburg, WA  
 Listed 3/29/06, 4/2/06

**Litter born 3/11/06 (Available 1 BM, 1 BF)**

Sire: CH HySpire Slim Shady  
 OFA 27 E, OFEL 27, ACVO 05/20/05, Heart OFA  
 Dam: Sunnydaze It's All About Mee, JH  
 OFA 24 G, OFEL 24, ACVO 1/26/06  
 Litter: Black expected  
 Contact: Linda Maffett (360) 961-5269  
 Email: Sunnydazelabradors@hotmail.com Bellingham, WA  
 Listed 01/18/06, 04/12/06

**Litter born 3/12/06 (Available 2 YM)**

Sire: Int. Ch. Mountain Star Magnum Calibur JH CC  
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 3/19/06, OFA PRA normal, OFA  
 cardiac  
 Dam: Int. Ch. Mountain Star Ice Storm JH CC  
 PennHIP 70%, OFEL 24, ACVO 3/19/06, OFA PRA Normal,  
 OFA cardiac  
 Litter: 1 YF, 4 YM  
 Contact: Barbara and Shawn Hazen (509) 833-9715 or (509)  
 833-9705 Email: hazenlabs3@yahoo.com Wapato, WA  
 Listed 2/25/06, 04/12/06

**Litter born 4/10/06 (Available 2 YM)**

Sire: Can/Int. Ch. Himoon the Duke at Clovercreek, CD, JH  
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, Heart 13 mo., CERF 9/17/05  
 Dam: Int. Ch. Timberline Annie Get Yr Gun SH CD  
 OFA 24E, OFEL 24, CERF 9/17/05  
 Litter: 2 YF, 5 YM  
 Contact Kimberly & Chris Dotson (253) 538-7972  
 cell (253) 278-1116  
 Email: clovercreeklabs@msn.com Tacoma, WA  
 Listed 3/4/06, 4/11/06

**Litter Due: 4/30/06 (All Yellow)**

Sire: BISS Can Ch. Ghoststone's Boomtown, JH  
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 01/2006, OFA Cardiac 1/22/05,  
 OFA PRA 1/27/05  
 Dam: Nipntuck Harlequin Double Trouble CD  
 OFA 35 G, OFEL 35, ACVO 09/12/05  
 Litter: Yellow  
 Contact: Diane Sullenberger (360) 652-8271  
 Email: harlequinlabradors@yahoo.com Arlington, WA  
 Listed: 04/19/06

**Litter Expected 5/17/06 (Black & Yellow)**

Sire: Am/Can Ch Timberline Big Ben at Fawnhaven SH RN  
 PennHip 80<sup>th</sup> Percentile, GDC elbows clear, CERF  
 9/25/05, OFA Cardiac, Optigen clear  
 Dam: Interlochen Hurricane Hannah  
 OFA 29 E, OFEL 29, CERF 2/8/06  
 Litter: Black and Yellow  
 Contact: Diane McCowan (509)466-8313 (Spokane)  
 Or Walli Roarke (253)581-5024 (Tacoma)  
 Email: brianspo81@msn.com Spokane, WA  
 Listed 4/19/06

**Other Dogs That A Breeder Has Decided To Place**

(Note) Owners of all dogs that are listed here have filled out and signed a PSLRA "Listing Form" disclosing to perspective buyers any known health and/or temperament issues and are on file with the Breeder Listing Chairperson. These dogs are usually well socialized, frequently have some training, and are very desirable as companions. These dogs may not meet either owner's requirements for show or field performance or the code of ethics for breeding. Prospective buyers are encouraged to ask whether these older dogs have acceptable clearances on eyes, hips, and elbows and the reason why the dog is being placed. The listing of other dogs in no way constitutes an endorsement by PSLRA. Price will vary.

**Yellow Male, 1 year Intact (must be neutered)**

Very sweet temperament! Has had hips x-rayed/normal, and eyes checked/normal. Parents have all health clearances. Socialized, crate trained, basic leash manners. Would make a wonderful companion.

Contact: Cecilie Drege (360) 435-0456  
 Email: cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com  
 Website: www.cougarcreeklabs.com  
 Listed 3/26/06, 4/12/06 Arlington, WA

**Yellow Male, Born 10/2004 Intact**

Possible CH/MH potential. Available to approved working home only. Call for details. See pedigree for "Happy" at [www.geocities.com/fclabs](http://www.geocities.com/fclabs). Grandsires are Paddy and Iggy.  
 Contact: Bob Morris  
 Email: fclabs@foxinternet.net  
 Listed 3/29/06 Eatonville, WA

**Yellow Female, 5 years old Intact (must be spayed)**

Treasure is a beautiful, sweet girl who is looking for her own family to love and couch to sleep on. Very birdy, she loves to retrieve and swim. She is great with kids and would be an awesome 4-H dog! She's been shown with a Specialty Reserve and Best Puppy. Hips, Elbows, Eyes, Heart, clear. Treasure is good in the house, crate trained, and a joy to be around.  
 Contact: Stephanie Harris (509) 925-1259 or (509) 929-5227  
 Email: stephanie@skyfirelabs.com Ellensburg, WA  
 Listed 3/29/06

**Black Male, 5 months as of 4/3/06****Intact**

This boy has a wonderful temperament and is crate trained. He would make a great 4-H or junior dog. He loves kids and other animals.

Contact: Misha Lynch (360) 445-3566  
 Email: liberty@fidalgo.net Mt. Vernon, WA  
 Listed 4/4/06

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—Do not applaud performance of a dog until after the dog has left the line.

—Do not crowd behind the handler.

—Don't give tidbits or food to dog.

—Be courteous to other handlers, marshals, judges, and workers.

Narrative written with the aid of:

*Retriever Hunting Test Procedure Manual*

Published by The American Kennel Club, February 2006.

**Glossary:**

*Air Your Dog or Airing:* A brief period before a test or training exercise to allow the dog to relieve itself, warm up, and get a feel for its surroundings.

*Call for the Mark:* A brief hand signal indicating to the judges that you are ready for the test.

*Cast:* Signal by handler using arm or hand in a specific direction to change the route to a mark while the dog is on a retrieve.

*Collar:* Flat Buckle Collar

*Gunner:* Person either shooting, throwing, or launching ducks or dummies for retrievers.

*Handler:* Individual running the dog in the hunt test.

*Heel:* Dog sitting or walking closely to the right or left of the handler with head/shoulders in line with the handler's body.

*Holding Blind:* Device which conceals dog and handler while waiting their turn to run at a test or during training. *Blind* is also a device that conceals gunners.

*Home Base:* Where test information can be obtained, the point from which workers are directed.

*Hunt Test Premium:* Event application form.

*Hunt Test Catalog:* Booklet listing running order, dog's registration information, owner, and handler. Running order may be altered by the marshal.

*JH Leg:* JH (Junior Hunter) is the designation added to the end of a dog's registered name when four Junior level hunt tests are successfully completed. Each completed test is commonly referred to as a "leg."

*Judge:* Volunteer appointed evaluator who selects marks for a hunt test and evaluates each dog against its level standard.

*Lead also leash.* Length of leather or nylon used to control a dog.

*Line* The starting point from which a dog is sent on a retrieve.

*Mark:* Term for bumper or bird thrown for retrieving where the dog is to see the object and its fall.

*Marshal:* Volunteer responsible for maintaining the test running order and conduct of participants.

*Running Order:* Order of participants in which the hunt test is to be run, established by the test catalogue and marshal. Participants may find out their running order prior to the event by including a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope with their premium entry. Some events offer online viewing of running order prior to the event.

*Send:* When a handler commands the dog to retrieve a mark.

*Stake:* The "group" which contains a running order, Junior A and Junior B, Senior A and Senior B, Master A and Master B. The designations A and B do not indicate ability level.

*Series:* A single test in a judged retrieving event; i.e., The 5-series consists of five individually judged tests or series. (see judge)

*Test Dog:* Dog of similar ability as the test participants used to show where the marks will be and that the test is set up to the standard ability level.

*Hunt Test Worker:* Volunteer who helps set-up hunt tests, distribute information, take care of the needs of judges, marshals, gunners and other volunteers out in the field while working from home base.



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[perrylab@aol.com](mailto:perrylab@aol.com)

## **.....and the Tracking Test May 14**

Michelle Schraeder, [mtnvet@telcomplus.net](mailto:mtnvet@telcomplus.net)