

# The Retriever Believer

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## President's Message

*The grass is growing, birds are chirping and flowers are blooming. Spring is coming, bringing new life all around us! I even see the signs of new life getting dog food, where baby chicks, veggie starts and bulbs are being sold. This is a fun time of year! After saying that, I haven't forgotten the loss of our fellow club member and lab lover, Ron Perry. This past month has been a very tough time for the PSLRA club, fellow club members and for me, as President. I ask everyone for their continued support during these upcoming months. PSLRA has many club members grieving our sudden loss and they need our support. Also, I ask for your patience with me as President. I'm trying my best to pick up the pieces and figure out what all Ron has done for this club. As most of you know, I spend most of my time in the conformation ring. I have put some WC titles on my dogs and one JH title, but running a hunt test is like navigating through uncharted waters for me. I'm so thankful to Liz Gibson for stepping up and volunteering to take on this year's Spring Hunt Test which will be held on May 4 and 5. Please contact Liz if you would like to volunteer or have any questions concerning this event. (liz@telopealabs.com) PSLRA is still looking for someone to chair our Fall Hunt Test this year. Please contact me if you are interested. (hakolafarms@aol.com)*

*Don't forget, on April 6, PSLRA will be holding its 5 Series/Puppy Stakes/WC event. This year it will be in memory of Ron Perry. Please go to the PSLRA Website for more details or contact Cheri Wildes (cheri@gunsuplabs.com) or Angela Rogalla for the Working Certificate (WC) (rogalla2@comcast.net). You can sign up the day of the event if the pre-entries don't reach their limits first!*

*There will be an Italian themed potluck held sometime after 2 p.m. that Jen Hajny is coordinating. Please contact Jen for what to bring, or if you would like to help. (blutopfarms@hotmail.com).*

*There will be an open PSLRA membership meeting April 24 at IHOP in Issaquah (1433 NW Sammamish Rd). I encourage you all to come – there will be prizes! As a final thought: after attending the last dog show I found myself thinking about Sportsmanship among club members and even non-club members. I myself have been guilty of forgetting to congratulate a fellow exhibitor for winning or being impatient with a new exhibitor. Unsportsmanlike conduct can come in many forms like talking bad or gossiping about fellow exhibitors. Or, not respecting our fellow club members' "style" of Labrador, walking out of the ring without congratulating the winner, and also not respecting others' breeding programs. I'm asking everyone to please think about this sentence of the Labrador AKC Standard under Temperament: "The ideal disposition is one of a kindly, outgoing, tractable nature; eager to please and non-aggressive towards man or animal." I know I will be working harder on having the "ideal disposition" and I hope all our club members will do the same.*

*I want to wish everyone good luck on the upcoming month's events; Potomac, 5 Series/WC and any other events you are participating in with your Labradors.*

*Cathy Hakola, PSLRA President*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**April 6, 5 Series and WC,  
Greenleaf's, Cheri  
Wildes, Fred Drennan,  
Nancy Harney, Angela  
Rogella (WC)**

**April 24, Board and  
Membership meeting  
East**

**May 4, 5, Spring Hunt  
Test, Pepper's**

**Newsletter Information:****Publishing of an article or advertisement**

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**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.

Requests for information, applications and/or payment of dues should be addressed to:  
**Stephanie Harris, Membership Chair**  
341 Cross Creek Drive  
Ellensburg, Washington 98926  
stephanie@skyfirelabs.com

**club business****March and April meeting minutes coming next month****PSLRA Working Certificate****(Labrador Retrievers only)**

When: Saturday, April 6, 2013  
Start time: 12:30 Working Certificate (This is an estimate and will be announced)  
Judges: Marlys Swanson & Darlene Pado  
Chair: Bea Ferguson 360-403-9698, Email: babfergie70@comcast.net  
Angela Rogella 360-855-0957, Email: rogella2@comcast.net  
Where: Greenleaf's – just south of Monroe on Hwy. 203  
What: WC \$25.00 pre-entry, \$30.00 for day of event  
Directions: From Monroe (Intersection of Hwy 2/Hwy 203) approximately .9 miles south on Highway 203, located on the West side of the highway  
From Duval: Approximately 5.3 miles north on Highway 203. Located on the west side of the highway.

Registration limited to 50 Dogs – pigeons or ducks will be used (birds will depend on availability)

Many thanks to those that have volunteered to judge, gun, set-up, and assist everywhere needed.

**Sanctioned B-Match June 15**

See page 9 for information. Further questions can be answered by Chair Stacey Parson at everlandlabs@aol.com

**Summer Specialty**

August 2, 3 and 4. Stan Hedwall Park, Chehalis, WA  
STAN HEDWALL PARK, 1501 Rice Road, Chehalis, WA 98532

Lovely open grounds with a large covered kitchen area and parking right next to the rings.

## ALL-AROUND AND VERSATILITY AWARDS

### Application for All-around or Versatility Awards

I would like to apply for an All-around Labrador or a Versatility Award (circle one) for:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINT full name of dog including titles)

who, for an All-around award has:

- A) earned an AKC, CKC, International or other conformation championship
- B) earned an AKC, CKC or other Obedience or Rally, Tracking or Agility title
- C) earned a Working Certificate, or AKC, CKC, or other hunt test title or a JAM at a licensed field trial

OR, for a Versatility Award has earned a title in any **three** of the following areas:

AKC, CKC or other Obedience or Rally, Tracking, Agility, Hunt Test or Field Trial or a Therapy Dog Certification from any organization approved by the Board of Directors

Name of Member/Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Member/Breeder (for All-around only) \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach copies of all certificates and send everything to Nina Mann, 5760 312<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Stanwood, WA 98292-9649 before the advertising deadline for the LRC National catalog, usually the end of August or early in September.

## New members—Welcome

3/10/13

Kerry and Bennett Hill

Family

No sponsors

madronatree@gmail.com

10419 SE 13th St.

Bellevue, WA 98004

425-454-8190

Interested in show, tracking, agility, obedience, rally

3/14/13

Ruth Dean Silverstone

Family

Sponsors - Kathy Hakola and Kimberly Dotson

sharkieshark@hotmail.com

4138 187th Ave SE

Issaquah, WA 98027

425-644-2658

interested in Tracking, agility obedience, rally

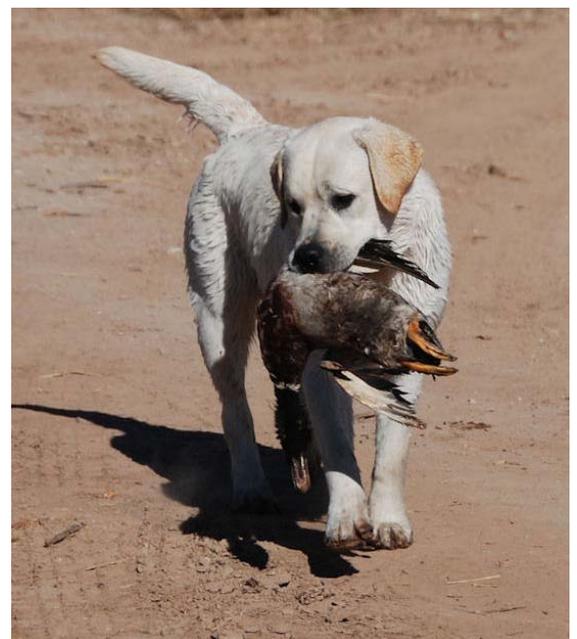
# Braggs

Our Montana, Ch Ms T's Char-Don Always Gonna Be Another Mtn WC (GCH CH Gingerbred Celestial Thunder JH x Rochars Char-Don), earned his WC at the Copper State HRC (CSHRC) WC test, 26 Jan 2013, along with his littermate, Miley (Ms T's CharDon Life's A Climb WC), his dam, Rochars CharDon I Believe at Ms T's WC, and River (Ch Ms T's Char-Don How Love Moves RN WC).

The next weekend, Montana took a RWD to a major at the Sporting Dog Assoc of AZ and Grp2 BBE; the next day he took WD at the Papago LRC specialty and BOS in Sweeps for his first major, with Major, a pup out of Rascal we bred, taking RWD .

The following day, Montana took WD/Grp1 BBE at the LDKC show for his second major (13 pts.). Miley took second in Sweeps and third in regular at the PLRC specialty. At the Fiesta Cluster, he took WD the first day, finishing his Ch all from BBE at 11 months old, handled by Janet, and took BOS the next day for his first GCH points.

Miley took WB/BOW/BOS the last day. Major took WD under Barb Nowak, handled by Janet, the only day he showed at the cluster. Thanks to Toni Leitao for all his support throughout Montana's road to his championship—Terri McFadden.



Montana training weekend before the WC test - which he passed

My wonderful Crash is now Reimur's Juz Crashin' Thru CDX, TDX, JH, RE, CC, WC, CGC after passing his TDX at the Davis Dog Training Club's Tracking Dog Excellent test on March 3, our first try! Thanks go out again to Darlene Pado and Barb and Don Ironside for entrusting Crash to me six years ago from their amazing litter. Crash is the most wonderful Novice A dog a person could hope for!—Renee St Denis

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Photo, Left to right: tracklayer Margaret Gerrich, Judges Mitzi Young and Roy Fair, Crash and me! I'm the one with the giant smile!



## Rescue Success Lexi Happy with New Family



Lexi is a darling ten-year-old yellow lab. People are surprised by her real age, though. She still has a little puppy waddle and scrunchy puppy face. She is well behaved, docile, and very sweet. She appreciates human companionship throughout the day and loves belly rubs and snuggles. Lexi is definitely a typical older Lab in personality.

Lexi loves walks and outings. When she sees her leash or hears “walk” or “out,” she will hurry along and jump with excitement. Lexi walks well on a leash, is friendly with other dogs, oblivious to cats, and tolerant of children.

She has a few minor health concerns and so requires frequent ear cleaning and baths to keep her healthy. Lexi is totally agreeable to this so it's no hassle. Because of dietary sensitivity and to keep her weight stable, Lexi eats a simple fish-based diet.

A wonderful family has adopted Lexi. They have another Lab to keep her company and two kids to keep her entertained! Although Mom and Dad had planned for both dogs to sleep downstairs, Lexi established herself on the very first night on one of the kid's beds, and there she has stayed. Ah, the life of a Lab!

# Arizona Chukar Hunt



On March 10, 2013, Copper State HRC held a chukar hunt in Mayer, Ariz. Barb and Don Ironside participated with Jerry and I had Montana, Gracie, and Trace. My friend, Vickie Harshman, was there with her young Welsh Springer Spaniel (WSS), Ty. Don and Barb have been great working with Vickie the last couple of months, helping her get ready for her JH at the WSS National Specialty.

Jerry and Gracie were the first two dogs to run. Jerry did most of the flushing, as Gracie hadn't done it before. But, it wasn't long until she caught on and they both were flushing birds. Jeff Tuttle, a CSHRC member, brought two friends and between the three of them, the birds didn't stand a chance.

After Jerry and Gracie gave way to Ty and Jeff's Latte, it was a contest on who was going to flush the birds. Ty took a few minutes to figure it out and then he was a flushing machine. He flushed up at least seven chukars and retrieved them back to Vickie. As Ty is great in the water too, a lot thanks to Barb and Don, he should be able to pass his JH leg at his national.

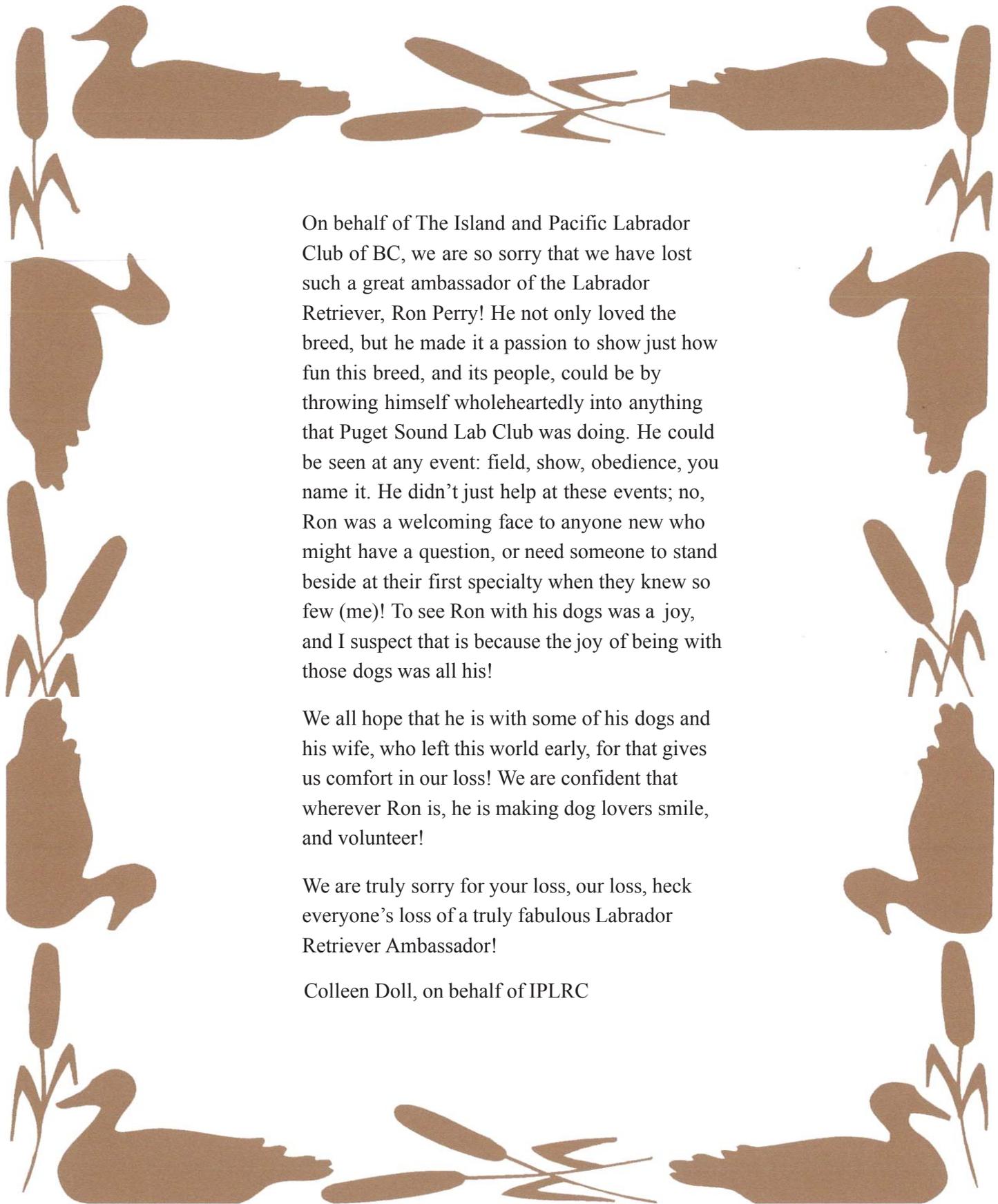
Montana and Trace were the last to go, but they flushed up birds also. But as Latte was running with them, she flushed the most. It was Montana's and Trace's first time, and I was really happy with all the dogs over the day. Our group definitely found all the birds that were planted for us in the high desert, and also found some other hunters had missed. Tip: always carry pliers when hunting around cacti! Anyway, a great day was had by all.—  
Terri McFadden—Mesa, Arizona



Jeff and Trace, Montana and Terri, Ty and Vicki



Barb and Jerry. At left, Jerry



On behalf of The Island and Pacific Labrador Club of BC, we are so sorry that we have lost such a great ambassador of the Labrador Retriever, Ron Perry! He not only loved the breed, but he made it a passion to show just how fun this breed, and its people, could be by throwing himself wholeheartedly into anything that Puget Sound Lab Club was doing. He could be seen at any event: field, show, obedience, you name it. He didn't just help at these events; no, Ron was a welcoming face to anyone new who might have a question, or need someone to stand beside at their first specialty when they knew so few (me)! To see Ron with his dogs was a joy, and I suspect that is because the joy of being with those dogs was all his!

We all hope that he is with some of his dogs and his wife, who left this world early, for that gives us comfort in our loss! We are confident that wherever Ron is, he is making dog lovers smile, and volunteer!

We are truly sorry for your loss, our loss, heck everyone's loss of a truly fabulous Labrador Retriever Ambassador!

Colleen Doll, on behalf of IPLRC

## Another successful rescue

Paris is a beautiful, 11 ½ year old female yellow Lab that was in need of a special retirement home. She is very loving and as friendly a Lab as you can imagine. She is quiet in the house, gets along beautifully with other dogs and cats. She wants nothing more than to be by your side. Paris spent too many years as an outdoor dog and is thrilled to be a cherished, indoor pet.

Despite her age and some age related hindquarter weakness that included some fecal incontinence, Edith received an avalanche of inquiries to adopt Paris. Edith and I worked together to determine the best situation for her.

Sherry and Phil drove for over an hour to do a “meet and greet” with Paris and brought their other two dogs to be sure every one got along. Paris now resides indoors with someone home most of the time. Her favorite place is to snuggle next to the pellet stove. She is so grateful and very affectionate with all of her new family that includes a small female dog and a big older Lab male.

The family has lots of acreage and Paris gets nice walks every day to help maintain her 20-pound weight loss that she accomplished while staying with us as a foster for almost three months. The exercise greatly strengthened her weak hindquarters and helped with her fecal issue. Sherry and Phil had recently lost their beloved old female yellow Lab. They lost one blonde angel and got another.

Happily submitted by Brenda Hubbard





June 15th, 2013

# PSLRA Labrador AKC Sanctioned B Match Sweepstakes, Conformation, Obedience, Rally

**Membership Meeting & Potluck** (to follow conformation "Best in Match")  
Cedar River Park Play (Carco Park) field at the Henry Moses Aquatic Center  
1717 SE Maple Valley Highway, Renton, WA

### Entries

*Puppies 4months of Age and older may enter*  
Entry Form Online For Print: [www.pslra.org](http://www.pslra.org)  
Day-of Entries: 9:00am-10:00am

**Prizes** - All Dogs Will Receive a Soft Toy

**Sweepstakes:**  
Best In Sweepstakes  
Best Opposite In Sweepstakes

### Conformation:

Best Puppy in Match  
Best Opposite Puppy in Match  
Best Adult in Match  
Best Opposite Adult in Match  
**Obedience: Qualifying Ribbons**  
**Rally: Qualifying Ribbons**

### Schedule

9:00am-10:00am Day of Entries  
10:00am - Juniors then Sweepstakes & Reg. classes  
10:00am - Rally  
11:30am - Obedience

### Directions

Cedar River Park/  
Henry Moses Aquatic Center

#### From I-405 Southbound:

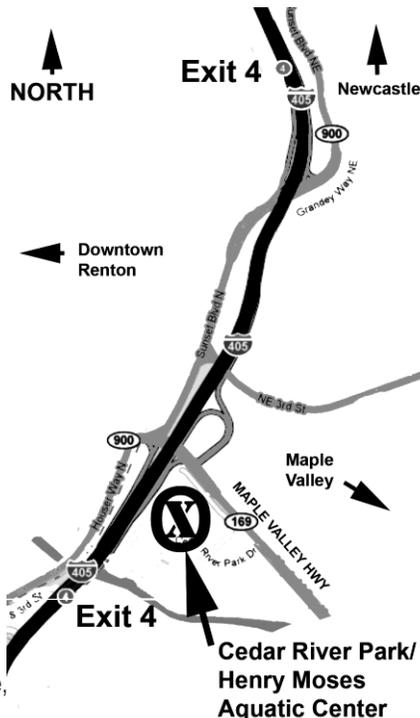
Take exit 4 to merge onto WA-900 W/Sunset Blvd N toward WA-169 S/Maple Valley Hwy Turn left at WA-169 S/Maple Valley Hwy Turn right at Cedar River Park Drive, follow signs through parking lot to event at the softball field

#### From I-405 Northbound:

Take exit 4 to merge onto WA-169 S/Maple Valley Hwy Turn right at Cedar River Park Drive; follow signs through parking lot to event at the softball field

### Membership Meeting & Potluck

Following conclusion of Best in Match Please join us and bring a dish to share, Non-Members Welcome!  
The club will provide utensils and soft drinks



Please keep dogs on-leash and pick up after them

Entry Form (Use a separate form for each dog)

Dog's Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AKC# \_\_\_\_\_

Sire: \_\_\_\_\_ Dam: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Circle all classes entered*

#### Sweepstakes

Dog / Bitch  
4-6mos 4-6mos  
6-9mos 6-9mos  
9-12mos 9-12mos  
12-15mos 12-15mos  
12-18mos 12-18mos

#### Regular Classes

Dog / Bitch  
4-6mos 4-6mos  
6-9mos 6-9mos  
9-12mos 9-12mos  
12-15mos 12-15mos  
12-18mos 12-18mos  
Novice Novice  
Adult Adult

#### Obedience

Beginner Novice A Novice A  
Beginner Novice B Novice B  
Open A  
Open B  
Utility A  
Utility B  
Jump Height \_\_\_\_\_

#### Rally

Novice A  
Novice B  
Advanced A  
Advanced B  
Excellent A  
Excellent B  
Jump Height \_\_\_\_\_

Entries: \$10.00 (\$5.00 additional entry, same dog)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ First Class + \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Second Class = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

*By signing this form I agree that I will hold PSLRA and it's members free from liability for any claim arising out of the entry of this dog(s) or it's presence at the event.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 3/31/13 that conform to the PSLRA Code of Ethics. Information is as submitted by owners and provided as a service to the public. Listings of litters are in no way an endorsement by PSLRA of any litter or any one litter over another. Litters are removed from the list after three months.

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 50th 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 or Penn Hip clearance must not be bred before the age of 12 months, or 18 months with an OVC clearance, or 24 months with an OFA clearance.

Eye clearances on both parents annually.

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 Nina Mann if you need a Litter Listing form, to be used for ALL litters.**

All Breeders must update their litters each week with Nina Mann via email ([harbortop@netzero.net](mailto:harbortop@netzero.net)) 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 **Nina Mann, 5706 312th St NW, Stanwood, WA 98292-9649.**
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 Nina Mann) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue.

### Litter born 1/26/2013

**2CF available**

Sire: Kingland's Super Cooper  
OFA24E, OFEL24N, ACVO 8/16/2012, CNM Clear,  
EIC Normal  
Dam: Kingland's Sweet Elsie  
OFA24F, OFEL24N, ACVO 10/7/2012  
Litter: 6 CF, 5 CM  
Call: Teresa Meredith (253) 845-1311  
Email: [kingsland\\_labs@hotmail.com](mailto:kingsland_labs@hotmail.com)  
Website: [www.kingslandlabradors.com](http://www.kingslandlabradors.com)  
Listed: 1/4/2013. 2/8/2013

### Litter due 4/24/2013

Sire: Kingsland's Super Cooper  
OFA24E, OFEL24N, CERF 8/16/2012, CNM Clear,  
EIC Normal  
Dam: Damoiseaux's Everlasting Elsie  
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 8/13/2012  
Litter: all chocolate  
Call: Chris & Teresa Damoiseaux (253) 926-1035  
Email: [ctdamoiseaux@q.com](mailto:ctdamoiseaux@q.com)  
Listed: 2/27/2013

### Litter due 3/29/2013

Sire: CH Belgairn Troubleson  
OFA31E, OFEL31N, CERF 6/9/2012, Heart normal  
Echo  
Dam: Can CH Sunnydaze Blazin' Romance  
OFA 29G, OFEL29N, CERF 2012  
Litter: Blacks and chocolates  
Call: Linda Maffett (360) 961-5269  
Email: [sunnydazelabradors@hotmail.com](mailto:sunnydazelabradors@hotmail.com)  
Website: [www.sunnydazelabradors.com](http://www.sunnydazelabradors.com)  
Listed 3/27/2013

### Litter due 4/17/2013

Sire: GRCH Saddlehill Late Knight Scramble WC  
OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 11/2012, EIC Normal  
Dam: Harlequin's Mykiss I Am Annie Oakley WC  
OFA29E, OFEL29N, ACVO 3/2013, EIC Carrier,  
Heart Normal Echo  
Litter: All black expected  
Call: Tamarina Hartman (360-888-4941)  
Email: [mykisslabs@gmail.com](mailto:mykisslabs@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.mykisslabradors.com](http://www.mykisslabradors.com)  
Listed 3/7/2013

### Older 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 prospective buyers any known health and/or temperament issues that is on file with the Listing Chair.

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 hips, elbows and eyes and why the dog is being placed. The listing of older dogs in no way constitutes an endorsement by PSLRA. Price will vary.

### Chocolate Female

**5 months**

Maddie is a dark chocolate girl who is well socialized and a quick learner. She gets along with everyone and loves to retrieve. Both parents have all their clearances - dad is a top show dog and mom loves to hunt. Maddie will make an awesome family member.  
Call: Stephanie Harris (509) 929-5227  
Email: [stephanie@skyfirelabs.com](mailto:stephanie@skyfirelabs.com)  
Website: [www.skyfirelabs.com](http://www.skyfirelabs.com)  
Listed: 11/26/12

Take advantage of this special opportunity—  
Join us for an evening of eating and education!!!

## “A Glimpse at Structure in Action”

Thursday, October 10, 2013 — 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Pat Hastings, Presenter



Red Lion Hotel, Olympia, Washington  
LRC, Inc. National Specialty Event Week Host Hotel

STRUCTURE IN ACTION is Pat Hastings' latest workshop. This half day presentation is a glimpse of what it takes to have the very best dog possible for whatever you would like to do with it. Anyone who owns and works with dogs needs to consider the dog's structure when examining the job of the dog. It includes her discussion on the benefit of structurally evaluating adult dogs that are being considered for a breeding program, working trials or performance competition.

Dogs will do most anything we ask of them. The question is: *“Do we want to ask them to do things that they are structurally incapable of doing without causing physical harm?”* Is that what we really want to do to our most committed companions? The more we learn about canine structure, the more we understand what is reasonable to ask of our dogs, given their physical strengths and weaknesses.

#### AGENDA:

- The basics of canine structure.
- The weakest structural links.
- What your dog **can do** and **should not be doing** based on its adult structure.
- Powerpoint presentation and audience participation discussions.

#### SPEAKER:

Pat Hastings is respected in the dog-world as an educator, author and AKC judge. Well-known for her *Puppy Puzzle* video, she evaluates the structural quality of over 300 litters per year.

FEE: \$40.00

Includes a “finger food” buffet.



#### Participation will be limited.

To make a reservation for the Workshop please use the **Specialty Order Form**  
in the **2013 LRC, Inc. National Specialty Events Week Premium List**

or send your check to the Event Treasurer:

**Joan Kerr • 480 Kelly Ridge Road • Oroville, CA 95966**



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*Honor Ron at the S series & WC  
April 6 at Greenleaf's*