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President's Message

Spring is in the air. This coming Saturday, April 5, the Club will be having our Spring Working Certificate test. If interested in attending or volunteering, contact Bea Ferguson at babfergie70@comcast.net or Angela Rogalla at rogalla2@comcast.net. There will be day of event registration available.

The Working Certificate test gives one an opportunity to get an entry-level (non-AKC) field title on your dog. The test involves a live-shot flier on land at approximately 50 yards and two short back-to-back retrieves on water. The WC test is designed to prove that the dog will retrieve on land and water, will re-enter the water after the first water retrieve, and is not gun shy. On all retrieves the dog must bring the bird back to its handler across the line where it started. The dog does not have to deliver the bird to the handler's hand.

On the first weekend of May, hunt test season begins locally. Our AKC hunting retriever test will be held at Pepper's Farm near Carnation on May 3 and 4. The test involves all levels of performance: Master Hunter (Saturday and Sunday), Senior Hunter (Saturday), and Junior Hunter (Sunday).

We need your help to put on this event, and no prior experience is needed. If you would like to volunteer, please email Liz Gibson at liz@telopealabs.com. We have many jobs to fill, and we will try to keep the shifts as short as possible. If you cannot volunteer, you should still come out and watch the event. It is a great opportunity to see some great work by our dogs and their handlers. This is a true performance event where the dogs must accomplish several retrieving and other tasks.

~ Kimberly

IMPORTANT DATES

April 5, Training, Spring WC, Potluck, Greenleaf's, Angela Rogalla, Bea Ferguson
April 16, Board Meeting, teleconference
May 3-4, Spring HRT, Pepper's, Liz Gibson
June 14, B Match, Marlys Swanson
June 20-22, Spring Agility Trial, Cheri Levin

Newsletter Information:

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Submissions must be received by the editor by the 20th of each month. Please use "newsletter ideas" in subject line.

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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 litter advertising must comply with the PSLRA Code of Ethics.

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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 membership/board meeting**

PSLRA Board Meeting, Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at IHOP in Issaquah. Board members present were Kimberly Dotson, Marlys Swanson, Jan Palumbo, Shelah Frey, Cathy Hakola, Nancy Harney, Stephanie Harris, Tamaria Hartman, Brenda Hubbard, Jill Mahoney, Nina Mann, Angela Rogalla, and Marlys Swanson. General members present were Chris Dotson, Leslie Douglas, M.J. Sarbaugh, Dean and Ruth Silverstone.

Officer Reports

President: The Board received a letter from Kawai Nahoopii thanking PSLRA for the scholarship.

Secretary: We received notifications from AKC that our rally trial and judges for the 2014 Specialty and our Spring agility trial and judges have been approved.

Treasurer: No report.

Acknowledgments

For PSLRA booth at SKC: Brenda Hubbard and her crew—Lucy Isaacson-Logan, Liz O'Callaghan, Christina Frank-Richmond, Bea Ferguson, Marlys Swanson, Angela Rogalla, Janine Prindle, Stacey and Ellis Gnypp, Michelle Brown, Jennifer Snyder, Beth and Bryan Davis, Gary Hubbard, and Nina Mann. **For booth set up,** Tamaria Hartman. **For booth tear down,** Brenda and Gary Hubbard.

For Meet the Breed Demonstration at SKC: Marlys Swanson, chair, and the others who showed their dogs: Bea Ferguson, Cindy Freeman, Cathy and Harper Gibson, Cathy Hakola, Nina Mann and Angela Rogalla.

For Tracking Test: Fred Drennan, chair, Nina Mann, test secretary, and Maggie Susman, who came across the pass from Wenatchee to lay track.

Committee Reports

Rescue: Brenda Hubbard reported on three rescues this month. See articles in this Newsletter.

Membership: New members this month are reported elsewhere in this Newsletter.

March Tracking Test: Five Labradors entered the first ever Tracking Dog Urban (TDU) test in the State of Washington. One dog passed, handled by Franna Pitt.

Spring Hunt Test: Some people have questioned why Masters has been limited to 60 dogs, one stake. The Board

supported the decision of the Test Chair and Committee. The decision was based on the expectation that entries would be low, as they have been for the last several years, due to a competing double header in Nevada, which attracts many of the professional competitors. There were 39 entries last year.

Fun Match: Judges have been approved and accepted for Sweeps, Juniors, the regular classes, obedience and rally.

Spring WC: Everything is on track. Due to the sudden unavailability of ducks, pigeons will be used as live fliers.

Specialty 2014: Everything is on track. Everything has been submitted to AKC. Rally has been approved and we are awaiting approval for everything else. It will be at the Enumclaw Expo Center.

Old Business

Health Research Donation: Nina Mann asked Fran Smith, OFA President, for some recommendations for our health research donation. She suggested a donation to the LRC Donor Advised Fund for future cruciate research - to be earmarked for cruciate work only. She said no one has anything productive ongoing for TVD now.

—Also researchers at Duke University are working with Canine Companions for Independence to determine the factors that increase success in training assistance dogs. This research is currently supported by the PBGV club and the Siberian Husky club and needs more help. Tamaria Hartman will follow-up with Dr. Woodfield. The Board will discuss at a future meeting.

2015 Specialty: The Board discussed whether or not to have a two-day or three day Specialty in 2015. We decided to defer this decision until after we investigate and discuss pros and cons with the general membership at the 2014 Specialty.

Member of Year Name Change: The Board decided not to change the name to the "Ron Perry Member of the Year."

Process for Selection of Member of Year: The Board agreed that we need to have a clear process and that all members know how we decide who should receive this award. The Board decided that all PSLRA

members may make nominations, and that the Board would vote on the recipient from amongst the nominees.

Breeders List: After a lively discussion the Board voted to accept, as it did in December, the recommendations made by the Breeders List and Code of Ethics Committee, maintaining the requirement that new breeders on the list will require two club sponsors.

New Business

Facebook Promotion: The Board discussed taking out an advertisement on Facebook. No decision made. Topic tabled for a future meeting.

Membership Directory: Brenda Hubbard reported that the new membership directory is in the works and will be coming out shortly.

Calendar Changes for 2015: Nina Mann proposed and the Board approved swapping the dates for the tracking test and the field-training day in 2015. The switch will put

the tracking test in February and the Training Day in March beginning in 2015.

Puppy Mills: We briefly discussed the problem of proliferating puppy mills and what we could do about it. General consensus was that what we can do is to educate people and breed good dogs ourselves.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 16, 2014, 6:30 p.m., teleconference.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

New Members

Megan & Tony Newhouse
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Crossroads Labradors
Family membership
Sponsor: Diann Sullivan
Interests: Show, Hunt Tests, Hunting

Nancy Roy
ndroy31@aol.com
1790 Selah Heights Road, Selah, WA 98942, 509.697.4349
Individual membership
Sponsor: Anne Swindeman, Kim Hayes
Interests: Therapy, Obedience, Rally

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2goldkids@comcast.net
8828 27th St E, Edgewood, WA 98371, 253.904.8355
Family Membership
Sponsor: Brenda & Gary Hubbard
Interests: Agility, Hunt Tests, Hunting, Obedience

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Interests: Field Trials, Hunt Tests, Hunting, Obedience

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Family Membership
Sponsor: Tamarina Hartman
Interests: Tracking, Agility, Hunt Tests, Hunting, Obedience, Rally

Rescue Reports



Selah is a very sweet and well-trained 7 ½ year old yellow Lab. She needed a new home because her former owner died in an automobile accident recently. Fostered temporarily by a friend of the owner, Selah turned out to be good with other dogs, fine with cats, and - like a typical Lab - the instant best friend of everyone she meets. A generally calm and mellow Lab, Selah has a big bark when needed and alerts her people to anyone approaching the house or yard! Selah quickly found a new home with a couple and their 5-year-old daughter and has turned out to be the perfect companion for them.

Echo is a three-year-old black Lab who was rescued from a busy shelter because she was exhibiting resource-guarding behaviors. The shelter did not want to put her up for adoption to the general public because of this - but we hoped that it was just a shelter-induced behavior and decided to give her a chance in a home setting. Almost as soon as she arrived in her foster home, Echo revealed her gentle, loving personality and the resource guarding was never seen again! Echo turned out to be house trained as well as knowing many obedience commands and a few tricks as well! Why this lovely Lab was abandoned in a rural area will remain a mystery. Echo has now been adopted by a family with young children and is dearly loved by all of them. Many thanks to Roncy Roehm for taking care of Echo at Canyon Pet Lodge.

Here is a picture of Echo celebrating Mardi Gras while staying with Roncy.





Ginger is a five-year-old chocolate female Lab whose owner could no longer care for her. A friend had been keeping Ginger (mostly in a garage) for about a year. The owner then contacted rescue and we moved Ginger to a foster home. Thanks to MJ for taking such good care of Ginger while she is recovering from spay surgery. Ginger is house trained, knows her basic obedience commands, and is friendly and playful. She loves people and wants nothing more than to find an owner worthy of her complete devotion! We are in the process of interviewing permanent new families for Ginger and she will soon be on her way to a wonderful second chance in life. Here is Ginger after being a “star” at her vet visit.

Meet the Breed

Meet the Breed, Seattle Kennel Club, March 8—9

I would like to thank the volunteers that helped with Meet the Breed at SKC this year. Cathy and Harper Gibson, Jerry Jewell, Nina Mann, Angela Rogalla, Bea Ferguson, Cindy Freeman, and Cathy Hakola, all jumped in and helped. The rings were moved this year and they were much larger. It was great as we had a steady flow of people coming up and meeting our dogs. It was fun standing back and watching our members talking with the public. I think 90 percent of the time, each and every volunteer was busy sharing their dogs, as well as their knowledge of labs and our club.

I hope I haven't missed thanking anyone. If I have, please let me know,

Thank you! Marlys



From left to right: Marlys Swanson, Bea Ferguson, Cindy Freeman, Nina Mann, Angela Rogalla, Jerry Jewell.



Meet the Breed greeters Nina Mann, pictured in action left, and Cathy Hakola, in photo on the right.

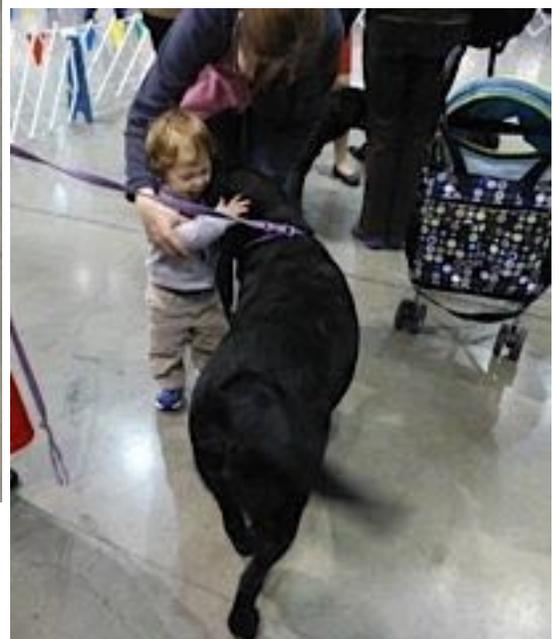




Cathy Gibson's daughter, Harper, and her dog Helo entertaining visitors at PSLRA's Meet the Breed booth.



Bea Ferguson's dog Morgan makes a new friend.



New Kind of Tracking Test

by Nina Mann, Tracking Test Secretary

On March 16, PSLRA put on a combined Tracking Dog Urban and Variable Surface

Tracking Test. This was the first TDU test in the State of Washington and probably one of the first in the country as AKC has only authorized these tests since January of this year.

Although you can enter a TDU test with the same certification as for the TD, they are very different tests and, in the opinion of the tracklayers and participants in our test, significantly more difficult. They are more like a step up from the TD toward the VST, than an equivalent to a TD.

The track of a TDU must be on two different surfaces. At least 10 percent but not more than 30 percent must be on non-live-vegetated surfaces. (The percentages for a VST are 1/3 - 2/3.) There is also one article for the dog to find about midway on his track.

Five Labradors ran the TDU test and only one passed even though one of the others has a TDX and one has a TD. The test requires a slightly different kind of training. Franna Pitt's bitch, Winroc Virtual Villainess, passed the test to become the first TDU Labrador in the Northwest. Probably, the first in the country!

It's an interesting test and was designed by AKC to open up tracking to people who haven't as ready access to open fields as they do to parks. As the name implies, it can be held and trained for in urban, rather than in strictly rural areas. All of us are looking forward to the next one!



LUNCH! From left to right is Judge Curt Curtis, Lee Foote, Nina Mann, Fred Drennan and Judge Mitzi Young



Shown with Jan Skewes and Duke, the duck hunter, is tracklayer, Diane Blackburn-Lappin.



Franna Pitt has a reason for the big smile. This is Villa's first tracking title in addition to being the first Labrador in the Northwest to get a TDU title. How exciting is that! Villa may also be the first in the country to get a TDU. Way to go Franna and Villa!

Shown in photo from left to right is tracklayer Nikki King, Judge Curt Curtis, Franna with Villa, and Judge Mitzi Young.

TDU Tracking Test

by Jan Skewes

Major kudos goes to those who planned the TDU/VST. It was pouring, dumping, and pelting very wet rain all weekend. Lasting close to twelve hours on Saturday and eight on Sunday, the PSLRA TDU/VST went off beautifully thanks to the efforts of Fred Drennan, Nina Mann, Maggie Susman, Robert Henry, Terry Massagli, Lee Foote, Franna Pitt, multiple hard working track layers, and our judges Curt Curtis and Mitzi Young.

I sometimes wish I could run an event where there are no surprises. It was pouring rain, and the little ditch before the start flag was a raging river. As we jumped over the ditch, out of nowhere came Mr. and Mrs. Duck reaching the start flag along with us. I noticed the pair a second after Duke did. Duke, in a harness, went directly for the ducks that squawked loudly and flew off a short distance. I held on and dug my feet in the ground while my right arm was almost pulled off my body! One of the judges yelled, "Loose dogs!" The dogs were quickly put on leads. Guess he didn't see the "loose" ducks? The ducks took their time and slowly walked away. Duke's prey drive didn't calm down that quickly. The rest of the run was short and something I would like to forget.

A week before the test at a park nearby, Duke managed to grab a live wild duck and happily delivered it to me. I took the duck to a fenced area and, holding Duke back, released it. Although Duke has a tracking title, the TDU is a very difficult test even without the ducks. Nina said I should bring a shotgun next time!

LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 4/1/2014 that conform to the P.S.L.R.A. 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 P.S.L.R.A. of any litter or any one litter over another. Litters are removed from the list after 12 weeks.

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 agreed to accept PennHip clearances that score in the 50th percentile or higher, and clearances from the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) in Canada prior to May 2012. Bitches with a Penn Hip, or OVC clearance must not be bred before the age of 20 months, or 24 months with an OFA clearance. Dogs with a Penn Hip clearance must not be bred before the age of 12 months, 18 months with an OVC clearance, 24 months with an OFA clearance.
 - * Eye clearances on both parents annually.
 - * Heart, EIC, PRA and CNM 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 use the PSLRA Breeder Litter Listing Program form below for ALL litters.**
 - * All Breeders must update their litters each week with Nina Mann via email (harbortop@netzero.net) as to the sex and color of puppies you have available. The listing will be deleted after 12 weeks from the first litter listing date.
1. Mail the completed form and a check (US funds only) for \$10 (operating expenses for Breeder Listing and Puppy Referral Programs) or email your PayPal receipt 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 \$10 donation** to PSLRA (c/o Nina Mann) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue.

Glossary: EIC: Exercise Induced Collapse. CNM: Centronuclear Myopathy. ECHO: Echocardiogram. PRA: Progressive retinal atrophy. CBP: Clear by Parentage.

Litter born 1/24/2014**1 CF available**

Sire: GCH Can CH Cedarwoods Signature Browning Copied JH
OFA24G, OFEL24N, Cardiac Echo Normal, EIC clear,
PRA clear, ACVO 7/2013

Dam: Can Int CH Cougar Creek Jazzy Josslyn
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 3/2013, Cardiac Normal, PRA
CBP, EIC clear

Litter: 3 BF, 4 CF

Email: Cecilie Drege, cougarcreeklabs@frontier.com

Listed: 11/27/2013, updated 1/23, 2/26, 3/18/2014

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Litter Expected 5/17, 2014

Sire: Kingsland's Super Cooper
OFA24E, OFEL 24N, EIC clear, CNM clear, Cardiologist
normal, CERF 10/06/2013

Dam: Kingsland's Free Flowin River
OFA24E, OFEL24N, EICclear, CNM CBP, Cardiologist
Normal, CERF 10/06/2013

Litter: All Chocolate

Call: Teresa Meredith (253) 845-1311

Email: Kingsland_labs@hotmail.com

Litter expected 5/22/2014

Sire: Kingsland's Super Cooper
OFA24E, OFEL 24N, EIC clear, CNM clear, Cardiologist
normal, CERF 10/06/2013

Dam: Kingsland's Sweet Elsie
OFA30G, OFel24N, EIC clear, CNM CBP, Cardiologist
normal, CERF 10/06/2013

Litter: All chocolate

Call: Teresa Meredith (253) 845-1311

Email: Kingsland_labs@hotmail.com

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, on file with the Listing Chair, disclosing to prospective buyers any known health and/or temperament issues.

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**33 months****Spayed**

Ruby has OFA Good hips and normal elbows. She is EIC clear, OFA heart, current 2014 normal eye certificate. She is a very healthy dog with a happy attitude and excellent temperament. She has been raised as an indoor dog.

Joy Windels (253) 854-1827

Email classictail@comcast.net

Listed 3/24/2014



Paypal to PSLRA—FYI

by Marlys Swanson

Go to Paypal - <https://www.paypal.com/webapps/mpp/send-money-online> , choose you want to send someone money.

Send money to pslrainfo@gmail.com. Add a note what the payment is for.

Then forward the chair of the event your receipt so that they know you have paid.

DAVE ROREM SEMINAR

JULY, 11, 12 AND 13, 2014

HOSTED BY PACIFIC RIM HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB

Presented in the general area of BLACK CREEK, on Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada.

—Pacific Rim Hunting Retriever Club will be hosting the first ever Dave Rorem seminar in Canada. Working spots are limited but we have an unlimited number of auditing spots.

—In order to have a working spot, Dave Rorem requires the dog to be a CKC / AKC / UKC Qualified All Age or to have a MH pass or a UKC Finished pass. Proof may be required. The cost for a working spot is \$550 and \$300 for auditing.

Your registration will not be completed until we receive your payment in full. No postdated cheques will be accepted.

The registration link will be posted on the PRHRC website, www.prhrc.com

In order to register for the seminar you must:

1. Complete the online registration form.
2. Make your cheque in Canadian funds to PACIFIC RIM HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB (do not make your check payable to PRHRC) and mail it to our treasurer Sylvia Lawson:

Sylvia Lawson
1056 2nd St
Courtenay, BC, Canada V9N 1C4

3. Your registration WILL NOT BE COMPLETED UNTIL WE RECEIVE YOUR CHEQUE. We will email you to confirm your entry.

—Feel free to share this information with anyone who may be interested.

Also the Upper Island Retriever Club will be hosting a 3 day CKC Hunt Test Event on the weekend prior to the seminar (July, 4th, 5th and 6th). Training grounds will be available through the UIRC during the days after the hunt tests and before the seminar. This is a fantastic opportunity to have a week full of retriever fun!



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