

# The Retriever Believer

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## President's Message

*I saw a lot of new faces as well as familiar ones at our Field Day on March 28. It was great to see people getting out in the field with their Labs - for some, it was their first time. For others, it's a good opportunity to see how rusty our more experienced dogs have gotten. Or, for many of us, to see how our newest prospect reacts with birds and retrieving, not to mention other dogs and gunshots. What an exciting experience for our Labs! The older Labs as well as the very young were having a great time. Please enjoy all the photos that were taken. Thanks to everyone that took the photos and shared with us. You will find some in this newsletter and more on our Facebook page! Thanks to everyone that made our Field Day a success.*

*The next big event is our Spring Hunt Test on May 2 and 3. Please join us. Enter the test or even come to just watch dogs run. And if you can help out, that would be awesome! Please contact Liz Gibson (Liz@telopealabs.com). If you would like to help shoot at the live gun station, please contact Jim Olsen (jaocto@juno.com). One last thought I want to mention. Just because I'm always calling for volunteers, some would even say, "begging" for volunteers, that doesn't mean it's not fun to volunteer. Quite the opposite. It's actually fun to volunteer and sometimes it's a ton of fun! If you don't believe me, try it for yourself. Thanks to all our awesome volunteers!*

*Be sure to scheck out the information in this newsletter regarding the Seminar coming up in September.*

*Happy Spring. Kimberly*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**May 2, 3, Spring  
Hunt Test, Liz  
Gibson**

**May 20, Board  
Meeting**

**June 13, B Match,  
Marlys Swanson  
and Angela Rogalla**

**June 13,  
Membership/Board  
meeting**

**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.

Address requests for information to:

**Stephanie Harris and Brenda Hubbard,  
Co-Membership Chairs**

www.pslra.org

## club business

# March board/membership meeting

PSLRA Board and Membership Meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. at the Issaquah IHOP Wednesday, March 18, 2015. In attendance were Kim Dotson, Nina Mann, Marlys Swanson, Marcy Johnson, Shelah Frey, Lizzie Moir, Tamaria Hartman, Jill Mahoney, Jennifer Hajny, Stacey Parsons, Mary Jane Sarbaugh, and Cheri Levine.

**Officers Reports**

*President:* Kimberly Dotson reported the Master National Judges were reviewed for our region. Nominations from our club are due April 30. Nomination selection will be deferred to the Hunt Test Committee. A picture of the trailer for sale sent to the club distribution list. Silent bidding now open.

*Vice President:* Marlys Swanson no report

*Secretary:* Jen Hajny reported.

—Correspondence: (AKC- Event approval for Spring Agility, Fall TDX/TD, Spring Hunt Test, and Specialty)

—AKC- Results from the VST AKC- Changes to the hunting retriever test. If interested in this information, please contact Jennifer Hajny for a copy.

—Seminar: Transforming Puppy Rearing information included in the April newsletter.

*Treasurer:* Jill Mahoney's report is available upon request.

**Acknowledgements**

Thank you to the following people for making last month's events successful!

—SKC Meet the Breed: Chris Dotson, Kim Dotson, Stacey Parsons, Lucy Isaacson-Logen, Jen Snyder, and Tamaria Hartman

—SKC Breeder Booth: Chris Dotson, Kim Dotson, Stacey Parsons, Denise Hetland, Diann Sullivan, Barb Pilkington, Shelah Frey, Tamaria Hartman, Lucy Isaacson-Logen, Kari Sharp Audette, Nancy Brown Roy.

—Tracking Test: Franna Pitt, chair and Jan Palumbo, secretary. Jan Skewes for judges' gifts and track-laying. Darlene Pado also for tracklaying and for taking photos. Michelle Brown and Lucy Isaacson-Logen for driving. Nina Mann, Fred Drennan and Terry Massagli for tracklaying and hospitality.

**Committee Reports**

*Rescue:* Edith Bryan's article in newsletter.

*New Members:* New members listed in newsletter.

*PSLRA Field Day:* Flyer has been sent out to club members at large. Remember this is a pre-entry event! There was a change in location to Carlson's K-9 Country Club. Birds are being housed at Pat Murphy's house.

*Spring Hunt Test:* The club has found a volunteer that has stepped forward and offered to bring the birds for the test.

*Spring Agility Trial:* Cheri Levine reported the new location has been found at Fun Fur Paws in Mt. Vernon. M/S/V to move agility trial to the new location.

Motion carried unanimously. It is a beautiful location that will suit the needs of the event very well. A new vendor that supplies the equipment is being used as well. Everything is on track. Watch for more information about this event in the newsletter.

*Fun Match:* Still working on reserving the grounds. Applications have been submitted to AKC. Judges are still being selected.

*KISS Specialty & Two Day Specialty:* AKC sent approval.

**Old Business**

*Annual Donation:* A \$1,000.00 donation was made to AKC health foundation epilepsy in December 2014.

*Sale of Club Trailer at Shelah's:* Silent bids are being accepted at this time. The highest bidder wins.

*Supported Entry Update:* Jennifer Hajny tabled for email discussion.

**New Business**

*Spending Club Monies:* Each chairperson has a responsibility to the club to be mindful of how club money is being spent.

*Following processes:* Stephanie Harris tabled for email discussion

*Club Inventory:* We are looking for club inventory. If you have inventory in your basement, garage, closet, etc., belonging to the club, please contact Stacey Parsons.

**Open Discussion**

Attention all Event Chairpersons. Please contact Tamaria Hartman in a timely manner BEFORE any judge's gifts are purchased for your events! Tamaria is the club chairperson for Judges Gifts. All gifts need to go through her first.

Next Meeting April 15 - Teleconference  
Adjourn 8:15

# Rescue Report

## OLD DOGS ARE THE BEST DOGS...

This lovely senior yellow Lab was no doubt terribly confused to find herself in one of our local shelters - it is hard to imagine how she became a "stray" at her age. Barely able to walk due to advanced arthritis and with severe infections in both ears, she nevertheless found the spirit to wag her tail at the shelter workers who cared for her and tried to help her. The shelter staff contacted our Rescue program in the hopes that we could find a loving home where she could spend whatever time she had left, even if it was only a few days.

We were able to find a foster home that could take her immediately, and Sweetie (as she is now being called) was no doubt vastly relieved to be out of the stressful shelter environment. After a quick stop on the way home for a much needed warm bath, Sweetie settled right down in her new home,

ate a good dinner (a true Lab!) and curled up in her new bed for a good night's sleep at last.

We were all amazed when a visit to the Vet the following day indicated that Sweetie's heart was sound and her blood work was normal for her age. With her ear infections treated and medications started for her arthritis, Sweetie soon showed us she was far from on her last legs! She is a happy, friendly, alert lady who loves meeting new people, going for short walks, and being the companion for another Lab in the family. We hope that Sweetie will have many months left to enjoy her wonderful new life! We are thankful to the shelter staff that went out of their way to assist this senior Lab. And we are grateful our Rescue funds allow us to provide the best possible care for deserving Labs like Sweetie.



# Brags

My boys have had a successful winter!

On 2/7/15 and 2/8/15, Fergus earned his UKC Championship in four shows over two days with four WD/BOW wins, three Best of Breed wins, a Gun Dog Group 3, a Gun Dog Group 1 and a BEST IN SHOW!

At the Puyallup shows 1/10/15 and 1/11/15, Fergus earned the first two legs of his Rally Advanced title and finished it with his third leg at Seattle Kennel Club 3/7/15. The next day on 3/8/15, he earned the first leg of his Rally Excellent title and earned his second leg at the Peninsula Dog Fanciers show 3/21/15. He needs one more RE leg for his title. The following week on 3/27/15 and 3/28/15, he earned all three legs of his Canadian CD title with two High in Class wins at the Lower Mainland Dog Fanciers Club Obedience Trials.

Fergus is now Am GCH/Can CH/UKC CH/HRCH ReiMur's Juz Fulla Myself MH CD RA Can CD/JH/WCI. I am proud of his versatility and am looking forward to more obedience and field in the spring.

Not to be outdone, Fergus' nephew, Larson, won WD/BOW/BOB over specials for his first five Canadian CH points at the Auld Lang Syne shows 12/13/14. He finished his Canadian Championship in March 2015 by winning WD/BOW for three points 3/27/15 and WD for three points 3/28/15 at the Oceanside Kennel Club shows. On 3/29/15, his first time in the ring as a Champion, he won Select Dog over four specials for his first four CKC GCH points. He is now Can. CH SHR ReiMur's Good Humor Man JH WC.—Darlene Pado



Fergus



Larson



Birdland's Go For Broke JH BN CD earned two Graduate Novice legs the weekend of March 28 and 29 at the WSOTC obedience trials in Monroe. Graduate Novice is an optional titling class between Novice and Open and it proved a good class for Bravo as he took first place both days. To my delight he went into the ring with enthusiasm and came out of the ring bursting with pride. If enthusiasm had been a 30-point exercise he would have earned the full 30 points! Bravo is owned and trained by Terrie Sato.

I'm so happy to report that Laeahi, at right, finished her Grand Championship, entirely owner handled, at Clark County Kennel Club in December. She followed that up with her first CD leg in her first ever trial in Portland a month later. She finished her CD at WSOTC trial March 28-29. Laeahi is now known as AM GCH/Can CH Misty Mountain Diamond Head Hula Girl, RN, BN, CD, WC. We're headed to JH next.



Can CH Himoon's Facing Future At Koa, RN, BN, WC, bottom right, has been busy as well. He entered and qualified at his first hunt test in August. He has now ventured in to the obedience ring again and is waiting for hunt test season to start up this year. I'm happy to report he earned his first and second CD legs with very nice scores and placements in his first two tries!

Domino, Can CH Journeys' Let The Games Begin, RB, the Non-Labrador below, also earned two majors and three more points to be sitting at 13 points (completely owner handled by Kawai), and now has two Beginner novice legs as well.—submitted by Chantel Nahoopii



## PSLRA Field Day

Thirty-five dogs were pre-registered for our Field Day held Saturday, March 28 at Carlson's Canine Country Club. Several more people arrived with their dogs Saturday morning and signed up for some field training fun and excitement. Based on all the pictures I've seen so far, and the people I've heard from, I would say everybody got their money's worth! Of course the event was practically free for most people, and totally free for the Beginners. You don't even have to be a PSLRA member to participate! How great is that?

The day had a few challenges, which is not uncommon with dog events. But, everybody, and especially the dogs, appeared to really have a great time. There was a lot of laughter and socializing going on everywhere. When you look at the photos in this newsletter and on Facebook, you'll see the labs, this breed that we all love, having "*the best time, ever!*" The pure joy on their faces and the enthusiasm in their bodies says it all. They obviously love this retrieving game. If this was your first time doing fieldwork with your dog, I hope you got "the bug." I'm pretty sure your dog did.

Again this year, Nina Mann chaired the Beginner training stake, Cheri Wildes chaired the Junior, and Cindy Olsen chaired the Senior. We could not have put on a field day without those ladies. Brian Calvin picked up the pigeons from Pat Murphy and then returned what we didn't use. He helped manage the birds all day. A very messy job to say the least! We really appreciate Brian's help. Marlys Swanson and Liz O'Callaghan volunteered to work, and work they did! We had Ryan Moravec who was running his dogs in the Junior stake, arrive extra early and help us set up and work all day. There were many other people that noticed we needed help and stepped up and offered.

I would like to thank the gunners, but I don't know who they are! Yes, I admit that sounds bad. But, there is not enough room in this newsletter for me to describe "the gunner story." But, let it be said these were nice people that even stayed and helped at the pop and throw stations in the afternoon. I'm sure they weren't PSLRA members and I don't think they had any labs – they had French Brittans.

Thanks to everyone that helped! I hope everyone enjoyed the day.—Fran Seagren



Signing in at the tailgate.

Nina Mann with Beginners



Beginner Stakes water mark, left.

Below, encouraging a beginner





Beginner Rggie shown below with a bird.

Cheri Wildes giving instructions at Junior Stake



Winger instructions



Senior Stake



Shown below, and on page 13, are photos of Junior Stakes taken by professional photographer Julie Austin, who kindly allowed their publication here.

Magnum - Mykiss Locked-n-Loaded. Can you say "Next Cover of the Labrador Quarterly?" I know he has my vote!



Rock star Junior Stake helper Ryan Moravec with "Mya" bred by Tamaria Hartman of MyKiss Labradors.

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# **Transformational Puppy Rearing: Creating Dogs That Enrich People's Lives**

A One Day Seminar with

**Gayle Watkins, Ph.D., of Avidog International, LLC & Gaylan's Golden Retrievers**

**First Time In the Pacific Northwest!**

**Sept. 12, 2015**

**Brightwater Center  
22505 State Rt. 9 SE, Woodinville, WA 98072**

**About Gayle:** Dr. Gayle Watkins has actively shown & bred multi-purpose Golden Retrievers under the Gaylan's kennel name since 1979. She has produced, owned and/or shown over 50 American & Canadian conformation, obedience, agility & tracking champions, as well as Master Hunters, Qualified All-Age & mission-ready Search & Rescue Dogs. The keys to Gaylan's success are the techniques Gayle has developed to rear litters, evaluate puppies & match them to homes based on measurable traits. The Avidog puppy rearing system is carefully designed, from conception to placement, to bring out the best in every puppy. It mixes science, nature & experience in a balanced blend of mental, physical & social developmental opportunities with nutritional support. The seminar will focus on Puppy Rearing from before conception to nine weeks. During this session, she will present Avidog's many different things used to raise pups, week by week, to produce healthy, stable dogs who are well prepared for their future homes.

**Who Should Attend:** The seminar has something to offer any serious dog person, but will have particular appeal to present & future breeders of performance, conformation, & pet dogs who are seeking to produce stable, confident canine competitors & companions. Dog owners involved in performance sports & working dogs, as well as those who test and evaluate litters, will also benefit from this seminar.

## **Transformational Puppy Rearing** **Creating Dogs That Enrich People's Lives**

**OPEN TO BREEDERS OF ANY BREED & ALL DISCIPLINES OF DOG SPORTS**

**NOTE: Participants will be able to get ongoing support from the Avidog Team & you will be able to access password protected parts of the Avidog site where you can continue the discussions started at the seminar.**

### **Registration Details**

Spots are limited so register early! Registration closes Sept. 2, 2015

Full payment must be mailed with the registration to hold your spot  
No refunds after the closing date

\_\_\_\_\_Puppy Rearing Seminar (EGRC Members) \$75

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Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledgment & seminar details will be sent upon receipt of registration

Please mail registration form & payment payable to EGRC to Claudia Shaw, 12410 NE 110th Pl., Kirkland, WA 98033. For more info, please contact Claudia Shaw at 425-827-7253 or [claudias14@frontier.com](mailto:claudias14@frontier.com) or Caroline McCormick at 425-359-0752 or [oryangrp@msn.com](mailto:oryangrp@msn.com)



**LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 4/1/2015 that conform to the PSLRA Code of Ethics.** Information is as submitted by owners and provided as a service to the public. Listing of litters is in no way an endorsement by PSLRA 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 permanently certified on both the sire and dam.
- \* Current Eye clearances on both parents.
- \* At least one of each breeding pair must be tested and certified clear of EIC, CNM and PRA or be shown as CBP. 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 obtain a Litter Listing form from the PSLRA web site, 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 12 weeks from the first litter listing date.

1. Mail or email the completed form to Nina Mann, 5706 312th St NW, Stanwood, WA 98292-9649. Please send the \$10 listing fee to Jill Mahoney, Treasurer, by check or PayPal.
2. Your litter notice will appear on the web site and 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 Jill Mahoney, treasurer) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue.

### Litter born March 18, 2015

Sire: Alibi's Repeat Performance @ Quail Run WC  
FA24G, OFEL24N, LR-EYE10/2014, EIC & CNM Clear  
Heart ECHO clear, PRA CBP, Dilute Gene clear

Dam: Quail Run's Morgan Le Fay  
OFA24G, OFEL24N, LR-EYE1/2015, Heart ECHO clear,  
EIC carrier, PRA CBP

Litter: 5 BF, 3 BM

Call Cindy Freeman: (360) 273-7218

Email: [QRLabs@yahoo.com](mailto:QRLabs@yahoo.com)

Listed 3/30/2015

### Litter born March 24, 2015

Sire: Alibi's Repeat Performance @ Quail Run WC  
OFA24G, OFEL24N, LR-EYE10/2014, EIC & CNM Clear  
Heart ECHO clear, PRA CBP, Dilute Gene clear

Dam: Quail Run's Kiss and Tell WC  
OFA24G, OFEL24N, LR-EYE10/2014, Heart ECHO clear,  
EIC carrier, PRA CBP

Litter: 3 BF, 6 BM

Call Cindy Freeman: (360) 273-7218

Email: [QRLabs@yahoo.com](mailto:QRLabs@yahoo.com)

Listed 3/30/2015

### Litter Due early May

Sire: Can CH Shiloh's Northern Lights of Cougar Creek  
OFA24G, OFEL24N, LR-EYE 10/2014, EIC & CNM  
Normal, PRA Clear, Cardiac clear

Dam: Cougar Creek It Is What It Is  
OFA 24E, OFA24N, LR-Eye 10/2014

Litter: All yellow expected

Email: Cecilie Drege: [cougarcreeklabs@Frontier.com](mailto:cougarcreeklabs@Frontier.com)

Listed: 3/27/2015

## Welcome new members

Leonard and Dorothy Olson  
1357 W Satsop Maple Glen  
Elma WA 98541  
phone 360/482-8493

### Older dog listings:

Older Dogs listed do not need to conform to the PSLRA Code of Ethics. Prospective buyers are encouraged to ask about the needs of these dogs and why the breeder/owner has decided to place them. Many of the dogs listed have basic obedience and are housebroken.

#### Buda

Choc. Female, 5 years old, AKC reg. & spayed. Divorce forces need for a new home. She is a sweet, loyal, house dog that has hunting experience. She is very smart, well-mannered, attentive, and very healthy. She is an excellent house dog with no bad habits. She walks well on leash- no pulling, and in public she minds her manners, and just ignores other dogs. She loves people & kids, but does not do well with other dogs (cats ?). She needs to be a house dog, but does not want to share the house with other dogs.

For more information contact Teresa Meredith: 253-845-1311

#### Rosie

Very sweet. Rosie has had her first shots, eyes checked, and been "good to go" stamped by our Veterinarian. Her parents have all clearances. For further information please contact Jill Mahoney: 253-630-4810.

#### Chocolate Female Spayed

#### Black female 10 weeks



# EASTER

Don't bother looking for eggs.

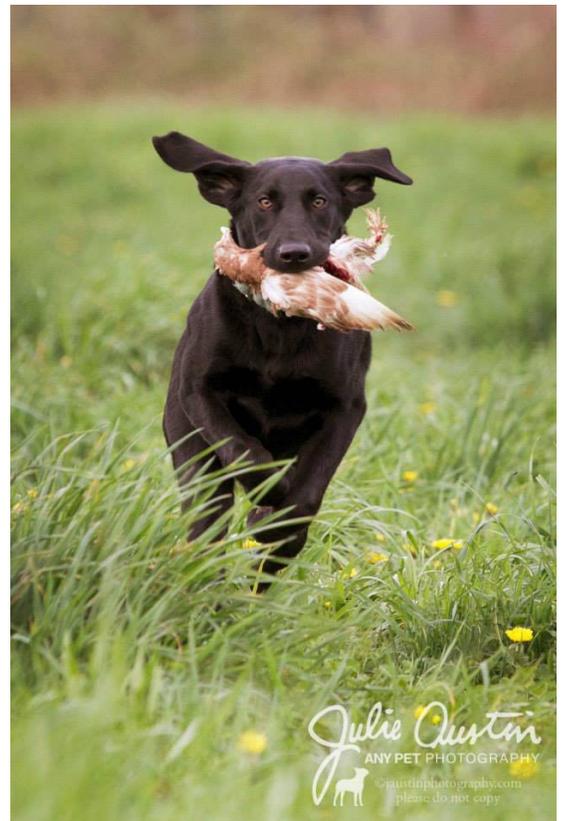
These photos were taken by professional photographer, Julie Austin, at the Junior stake, run by Cheri Wildes during PSLRA's Field Day. Thanks to Julie for taking the beautiful photos!

Thanks to Cheri for all her help and for providing the captions to each photo.

Vienna below, owned and handled by Sheldon Lynne. Lovely Vienna is sired by Fran Seagren's boy, Sarge.



Above, Tawny with her owner/handler Denise Hetland marking the fall of the live flyer in the Junior Stake at the PSLRA Field Day, and Tawny, below, going for it.



I believe this is Raven, above. owned and handled by Brian Calvin. Brian was our bird steward and helped us with the birds for the PSLRA Field Day. The pigeons were provided by Pat Murphy.



Beautiful "BB" - CH. Somersun's One Big Blonde, above, bred by Katie Somers of Somersun Labradors owned by Cathy Kamin Hakola of Lincoln Creek Labradors getting her bird. I want to smooch that gorgeous face. Yes, I would remove the bird first.



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