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Hi everybody! Hope you are enjoying our hot dry summer and doing lots of things with your dogs.

I want to extend an invitation to you to volunteer to help at our fall hunt test on August 28 and 29. Yes, it is very close in time and we are way short of the number of people we need to help out. **So please contact me (perrylab@aol.com) or Cindy Meyer (rockingmlabs@qwest.net) if you can help. If you want to marshal, contact Barb Ironside (fawnhaven@comcast.net).** We need to know as soon as possible!

Looking back on our specialty, I sometimes forget that it is really like a triple-header! Or maybe even a quadruple header. Not only did it include sweepstakes and conformation, but this year we had TWO obedience trials. And on Sunday we had a fun working certificate test. Although at times the hot weather was a bit hard on us and our dogs, I think we can agree that it was a lot better than having to deal with pouring rain.

Many thanks to specialty chair Barb Ironside and co-chair Linda Walkley, and obedience chair Jan Palumbo. They headed a very large group of subcommittees, each with its own chair and long list of volunteers. These people deal with all of the minute details of the event. To name just a few, they include judges' hospitality, show set-up and tear-down, decorations, trophies, catalog advertising, trophy donations, ribbons, transportation, Friday night appetizers, Saturday night banquet, exhibitors' hospitality, housing for the judges, fairgrounds coordination, ring stewards, seminar speaker, and seemingly endless details.

Special thanks to Laura Berger who stepped in without notice to provide show photos when our official photographer did not show up.

What also impresses me is how people work so well together to get everything done. If someone needs an extension cord, a bunge, a tie-up, or help with a canopy, others come to the rescue. Our conformation judge from England commented on how noticeable our spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie was.

Our Friday night seminar speaker featured Heidi Parker from the Canine Genome Project of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Heidi spoke on the subject of some of the research findings to date on that project, and some of the genetic similarities (and dissimilarities) within specific breeds and across about 85 different breeds. This research group has collected swab samples from many of our dogs to add to their databases of information.

Finally, I want to acknowledge our Working Certificate volunteers. Liz Skillingstad and Marcy Johnson assembled a well-organized and fun event. Judges Brenda Manus and Doug Gallucci made the handlers feel at ease, and gunners Brad Aker, Lynne and Spence Saunders did justice to the live flyers and even corralled a couple of no-bird strays by tossing a hat over them. Joni Willing, Jan Skewes, Mark & Ben Hansen, Liz Scott and niece, and others did pop and throw duties with panache.

IMPORTANT DATES**August 28-29 PSLRA hunt test (closes 8/23)****September 26 PSLRA Eye, Heart, Microchip, Tattoo, Chiropractic clinic, Cascade Kennel, Woodinville****October 2-3 PSLRA agility trial at Argus Ranch in Auburn****October 22, 23, 24 Maureen Foley Tracking seminar see www.hot4dogs.com**

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General Membership Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the July 30, 2004, General Membership meeting of the PSLRA, Island County Fairgrounds, Whidbey Island, Langley, Washington.

Ron Perry, president, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:45 p.m. He mentioned volunteer opportunities at club events in the next three months. The immediate need is for hunt test volunteers on August 28 and 29. Also, volunteers will be needed for the October agility trial.

Ron then introduced the evening's speaker, Heidi Parker, from the Canine Genome Project at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Ms. Parker gave a presentation on recent research findings and genetic similarities and dissimilarities among about 85 breeds of dogs. A question and answer period followed.

After the conclusion of Ms. Parker's presentation, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Agility Trial News

The premium for our Agility Trial is out. It is also now open and available at <http://www.dogeventsonline.com/Premium/1778.pdf>. The dates are still the second and third of October at Argus Ranch in Auburn. It is also time to ask for volunteers from the club who want to come down and see how an agility trial runs, and maybe even volunteer to help out for a class or two. No experience is necessary—we will have plenty of people willing to teach you how to do the different jobs.



Christi Dudzik and Teddy, first place in Novice B, shown with Judge Jean Rassbach at Specialty.

Specialty Acknowledgements

Our 14th Annual Specialty Show was a huge success, largely due to the many people who volunteered their time to chair committees.

There are many of you who work hard every year but there are also many of you who took on committee chair responsibilities for the first time. You all did a great job and I hope you will volunteer your services in some capacity next year.

Linda Walkey—Thank you for being a great Co-Chair.

Jan Palumbo—Two Obedience Trials! That says it all! You did a great job!

Susie Sharp—The potluck was awesome! Thank you so much for all of your hard work.

Marlys Swanson—Thanks so much for the great judges' gifts and for getting sponsors for all the trophies.

Darlene Pado—We had more catalog ads than last year—thanks for continuing to send reminders.

Bonnie McGhie—The judges' lunch area was very festive and thanks for making sure they had cold drinks at ringside.

Sirinda Krueger—You did an outstanding job of taking care of Annette and Janice all weekend.

Laura Berger—Thanks SOOO much for saving the day by being our photographer.

Bea Ferguson and Beckie Jensen—Another record for the basket auction—Way to GO!

Greg Phillips and Laura Steward—You beat your own record for the raffle! You Rock!

Linda and Hugh Maffett—Thanks for taking care of catalog sales AND making sure Janice got to the airport on Sunday.

Julie Kirk—Thanks for handling the merchandise sales table.

Becky Jack—The Friday night get together was fun and informative.

Lucy Isaacson-Logen—The decorations were perfect—as always.

Edith Bryan and Jan Skewes—The rescue and service dog parade was moving as always.

Nina Mann—Thanks for taking care of the Sweeps money.

Cindy Busler—You did a great job as Chief Ring Steward.

Jennifer Hanjy and Elyse Belanger—Thank you both for sharing your lovely voices with us by singing the National Anthems.

Merlyn Foote and Mary Jane Sarbaugh—The trophies were absolutely beautiful.

Ron Perry and Carole Jensen—Setup and Takedown are always the worst jobs—Thank you both so much for taking on those tasks. Thanks also to all of those who helped you.

Liz Skillingstad and Marcy Johnson—The WC was great fun and well organized.

Sharon Edwards—The rosettes were awesome! Thanks also for coordinating all of the Whidbey Island locations, coffee donations, 4-H cleanup crew, and for helping me to remember numerous tasks.

Don Ironside—Thanks for doing so many things I can't remember them all AND for putting up with me before and during the show!

All of you made my job easier! Big Hugs!—Barb

Battle of the Baskets Thanks

Many, many thanks to all who contributed to the basket auction and all that bid on them. You all made it a very successful auction. We collected a grand total of \$1,191.00, all going to our dog rescue program.

Beckie Jensen and Bea Ferguson

Specialty Potluck

Thanks also to all of you who helped and participated in the potluck—trial by fire (or is that oven?) for a new chair but it was a wonderful experience!!

Susie Sharp

Obedience Judge Letter

Hi Jan,

Thank you for asking me to judge your specialty. You made it a very enjoyable day. Thank you for the nice gift basket, and a great lunch. Thank you again and please pass this along to the rest of the club members.

Kent Reedy

From the Obedience Chair

I'd like to congratulate all who participated in obedience at the Specialty. There were many good looking dog and handler teams out there both days. Special congratulations to Julie Germano and Reba who won High in Trial both days, with scores of 195 on Friday and 199 on Saturday. Way to go Julie and Reba! And congratulations to all the qualifiers and award winners.

I'd also like to thank all the people who helped out in obedience. First, thanks to our judges Kent Reedy, Jean Rassbach and Larry Lober. Thanks also to our stewards, David Traylor, Nancy Harney and Sandy Reedy on Friday, and Kristi Clark and Ron Perry on Saturday. Thanks to Bonnie and Gordie McGhie for keeping the judges and stewards supplied with cold drinks and lunches, Don Ironside for the lunches and high in trial and high combined awards, and Merlyn Foote and Carol Jensen for taking care of all the awards. Special thanks to Debbie Needham for providing the broad jump, and to Edith Bryan and Merlyn Foote for also providing broad jumps.

It takes a lot of people to put on an obedience trial. And we did two of them! Thanks to all who helped. And thanks to PSLRA and its members for making obedience an important part of the Specialty

Jan Palumbo

Specialty Results

Judge Mrs. Annette Watkins

Sweepstakes Puppy Dogs 6-9 months

1 Kayo's Every Now And Then

Owner: Betty Buelteman

2 Blackthorn Frankly My Dear

Owners: Barb Gilchrist, Rebecca and Charles Tufts

3 Blackthorn Devonshire DBL 0 7

Owner: Allison Hillius

4 Fawnhaven's Double Shot

Owners: Barb and Don Ironside

Sweepstakes Puppy Dogs 9-12 months

1 Himoons Piano Man At Drayton Harbor

Owners: Julia and Gordon Wilson

2 Tapeatom Gentry

Owner: Lorraine Murray

3 Harbortop's Magical Coal

Owner: Julia McKechnie

4 Sharay's Nikolas of Whidbey

Owners: Ron Perry and Sharon Edwards

Sweepstakes Dogs 12-15 months

1 Willowridge Free Pour Cappuccino

Owner: Andrew Welch

2 Himoon The Duke At Clovercreek

Owners: Kimberly and Christopher Dotson

3 Decoys Blackjack

Owner: Judy Davis

4 Spiritwood's Red Dog Ale

Owners: Patricia and David P. Miller

Sweepstakes Dogs 15-18 months

1 Nipntuck It's A Dog's life

Owner: Donna Shuman

2 Driftway Billabong

Owners: Diane J. and Calvin P. Smith

3 Balrion Weatherproof Tailor

Owner: Judy Davis

4 Chelons Canterbury Tails

Owner: Ann Studebaker

Sweepstakes Puppy Bitches 6-9 months

1 Ghoststone's Remington Java Mama

Owner: Judy Schenk Chambers and Scott K. Chambers

2 Madrona Pearl of Blackthorn

Owners: Cathy West and Barbara Gilchrist

3 Skyfire Luck Be A Lady Tonite

Owner: Stephanie Harris

4 Riveredge Just Push Play

Owners: Sherri Lazaruk and Sheril Dube

Sweepstakes Puppy Bitches 9-12 months

1 Sunnydaze It's All About Mee

Owner: Linda Maffett

2 Belgairn Shadowbrook Dream Time

Owners: Ron and Jennifer Kelly and Mike and Kimberlee Silva

3 Devonshires Taylor Made

Owner: Allison Hillius

Nipntuck Shake It Up

Owner: Rebecca Jack

Sweepstakes Bitches 12-15 months

1 Cimarron Slippery Shoes

Owner: Laura Steward

2 Blythmoor's Between Friends

Owner: Janet Rhodes

3 Sunrise Get A Dream

Owners: Daniel and Katie Somers

4 Sunrise Desert Rose

Owners: Katie and Jessica Somers

Sweepstakes Bitches 15-18 months

1 Nipntuck Miss American Pie

Owner: Rebecca Jack

2 Devonshires French Twist

Owners: Allison Hillius and Vicky Hoskinson

3 Ghoststone's Joan Jet

Owners: Judy Schenk Chambers and Scott Chambers

4 Riverlane's Lola Chassis

Owners: Susan and Greg Huntzinger

Best in Sweepstakes

Nipntuck Miss American Pie

Owner: Rebecca Jack

Best of Opposite Sex

Nipntuck It's A Dog's life

Owner: Donna Shuman

Veterans Sweepstakes Dogs 7-9 years

1 CH Chartwell's Crown Jewels CDX, NA, NAJ

Owners: Laura Berger and Carol and Tony Ciavarelli

2 CH Sharay Abraham of Greenbank VCD 1

Owner: Jan Skewes

3 Fawnhavens Joey Benjamin NAJ, OA

Owner: Rose Goche

Veterans Sweepstakes Dogs 9-11 years

1 CH Nipntuck Arncha Bold JH, CD

Owner: Rebecca Jack

Veterans Sweepstakes Dogs 11 years and older

1 Sunnydaze Black Max

Owners: Julie and Steve Kirk and Linda Maffett

Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 7-9 years

1 CH Twigs Dancing With my Shadow CD, SH

Owners: Bonnie McGhie and Barbara and Don Ironside

2 Bakerbay Gertrude

Owners: Rick Mullen and Cindy King

3 Tiderip's Warrior Princess NA, JH

Owner: Diane M. Steen

4 Tiderips A Lexus

Owner: Diane M. Steen

Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 9-11 years

1 CH Decoys Widgeon

Owner: Judy Davis

2 Sharay's Ricochet Splash

Owner: Diane M. Steen

3 Bayviews Big Splash JH, CD

Owners: Chantel, Al and Kawai Nahoopii

Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches 11 years and older

1 ShaRays Christian Joy CD

Owner: Sharon Edwards and Barbara Sheard

2 CH Brooklands Decoy Harlequin

Owner: Judy Davis

3 Rosewood's Best of Luck

Owner: Vicky Hoskinson

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes

CH Nipntuck Arncha Bold JH, CD

Owner: Rebecca Jack

Best of Opposite Sex

CH Twigs Dancing With My Shadow CD, SH

Owners: Bonnie McGhie and Barbara and Don Ironside

Junior Showmanship

Judge: Mr. Luke Baggenstos

Novice Junior Class

1 Aaron Bradshaw showing Thornwood's WWW

Cannon in D

2 Katherine Jack showing Nipntuck Congeniality

3 Micah Johnson showing CH ShaRay's Jeremiah CD

4 Matthew Harris showing Skyfire's Oughta Be A

Law CD, JH

Open Junior Class

1 Cheyenne Schlecht showing Chelons Quintessa

Karibrook

Open Senior Class

1 Jessica Somers showing CH Shamrock Acres

Razzle Dazzle CD, JH

2 Shawn Von Pressentin showing Warringah's Rapa

Best Junior Handler: Jessica Somers

Obedience Trials

Friday 7/30/04 Judge: Kent Reedy

Novice A

1 WindyCanyon's Flying Tiger JH

Owners: Susan and Chris Sharp

Novice B

1 Bayview Amarillo At Daybreak CD

Owner: Debbie Needham

2 Harbortop Hunts-On Shock and Awe

Owners: Karen and Hudson Coulombe and Nina Mann

3 Himoon Takes Twota Tango

Owner: Cecilie Drege

4 Winroc Gyrocompass TD, SH, AX, AXJ

Owner: Lee Foote

Open A

1 Stonybrook of Mallard Lake CD

Owner: Marsha Skewis

Utility B

1 Cedarwood Country Diva UD, MX, MXJ

Owner: Julie Germano

High in Trial: Cedarwood Country Diva UD,

MX, MXJ owned by Julie Germano with a score of 195 in Utility B

Saturday 7/31/04 Judge: Jean Rassbach and Team,

Mr. Larry Lober

Novice A

1 WindyCanyon's Flying Tiger JH

Owners: Susan and Chris Sharp

Novice B

1 Sharay's Theodore R. Bear

Owner: Christi Dudzik

2 Harbortop Hunts-On Shock and Awe

Owners: Karen and Hudson Coulombe and Nina Mann

3 Himoon Takes Twota Tango

Owner: Cecilie Drege

4 Koa Maui Da Hawaiian Supaman JH, CD

Owner: Chantel Nahoopii

Open A

1 Bayview Amarillo At Daybreak CD

Owner: Debbie Needham

2 Redwick Cat Dancer at SnoLine CD

Owner: Brandy Burton-Tarantino and James

Tarantino

Open B

1 Cedarwood Country Diva UD, MX, MXJ

Owner: Julie Germano

High In Trial: Cedarwood Country Diva UD,

MX, MXJ owned by Julie Germano with a score of 199 in Open B

Veterans Class

1 Sharay's Tara of Whidbey SH, CD

Owner: Ron Perry

2 Normandy Yellow Olive CD, NA, NAP, NAJ

Owners: Jennifer Gerber and Franna Pitt

Brace Class

1 Harbortop Hogo Megan Two CD, JH

Owner: Nina Mann and

Redwick Cat Dancer at Snoline CD

Owner: Brandy Burton-Tarantino and James

Tarantino

Team Class

1 The Generation Gap

Bayview Amarillo At Daybreak CD

Owner: Debbie Needham

Koa Maui Da Hawaiian Supaman JH, CD

Owner: Chantel Nahoopii

Harbortop Hogo Megan Two CD, JH

Owner: Nina Mann

Bayview's Gusta Wind CDX, JH

Owner: Carole Jensen

Bayviews Big Splash JH, CD

Owner: Chantel, Al and Kawai Nahoopii

2 The Black and Yellow Sox

Sharay's Theodore R. Bear

Owner: Christi and Robert Dudzik

Fawnhaven's Winter Rose

Owner: Jan Palumbo

Cedarwood Country Diva UD, MX, MXJ

Owner: Julie Germano

Sharay's Tara of Whidbey SH, CD

Owner: Ron Perry



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Sunday, September 26, 2004

By pre-reservation only—closes when limits are reached: Eye clinic limit 125 dogs/Heart screen limit 20 dogs/Chiropractic limit 20 dogs

Payment of all fees is required in advance before reservations are confirmed. A \$5.00 fee will be charged for canceling after paperwork is completed—NO refunds on day of clinic.

REMEMBER: You MUST enclose a copy of each dog's registration papers or litter registration OR type your entry form!

- ◆ Eye clinic will be performed by Dr. Sullivan, ACVO of Animal Eye Clinic of Seattle and is for genetic screening only. Do not bring dogs with eye injuries or other conditions requiring treatment. In consideration of confidentiality, please refrain from announcing eye screen results, either positive or negative, while at this clinic.
- ◆ Heart Screening will be performed by Dr. Woodfield, ACVIM (cardiology) of Northwest Cardiology Consultants.
- ◆ Chiropractic adjustments: Dr. Salewski of Pilchuck Veterinary Hospital
- ◆ Tattoo clinic: pending



COSTS: Eye clinic: \$16.00

Heart Screening: \$30.00

Chiropractic adjustment: \$40.00

Micro-chipping: \$16.00 (does not include recording fee) Please indicate which type of chip you prefer.

Tattooing: pending

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Small children will not be allowed in the building due to the sound-sensitive nature of the tests.

If you have multiple dogs it is GOOD to bring an assistant to help you rotate dogs.

PSLRA Eye, Microchip, Tattoo, & Chiropractic Clinic

September 26, 2004—Cascade Kennels, Woodinville

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AKC Registered Name _____

AKC # _____ Tattoo # _____

Microchip # _____ Breed (if other than Labrador) _____

DOB _____ Sex _____ Color _____

Times: 8 – 9 a.m. _____ 9 – 10 a.m. _____ 10 – 11 a.m. _____ 12 noon _____

- ◆ Please number in order of preference. Scheduled time is for eye drops. Your preferred time may not be available; for confirmations PLEASE enclose a SASE, postcard or email address. Last appointment is at 12:30—no exceptions!

Yes, this dog will also have: Heart Screen _____ Tattoo _____ Chiropractic adjustment _____

Micro-chip _____ I prefer the (circle one) AKC Home Again _____ Avid chip.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

training thoughts

Field and Obedience

by Terrie Sato

Field training and competitive obedience training compliment each other. A good field dog needs to be obedient to do advanced work, and a good obedience dog needs to have the drive of the field dogs to maintain a good working attitude while campaigning in the obedience ring. Though some of the exercises required in each venue seem to be conflicting, there are many cross over exercises that make simultaneous field and obedience training a wise choice. Very few dogs fail to recognize the atmosphere of the field. While sitting in a holding blind the dog understands that it will be required to walk by its handler's side looking out towards the gun stations. Likewise, most trained dogs recognize the ring gate picture of the obedience ring and understand that they must behave accordingly. They will heel with head up and full attention on the handler if this is what they have been taught to do.

One exercise that seems the most likely to cause some confusion between field work and obedience is the recall exercise. In the Novice ring the dog does a straight recall and is required to sit in front of the handler until told to come to heel. In the field it is more desirable for a dog to come to heel immediately following a retrieve and be watching and ready for the next bird to fall. As a dog advances in the obedience ring, there seems to be even more opportunity for confusion as the recall exercise begins to involve a retrieve. It is not uncommon to see dogs bring a dumbbell or glove automatically to heel instead of coming in to a nice straight front. Though an automatic finish does not fail the dog/handler team in obedience, it is a shame to lose points when a dog chooses to go to heel without waiting for the command from its handler. Those training field dogs can't see the point of bothering with a straight front for obedience when an automatic finish seems much more efficient in the field. Those training obedience dogs worry that their dogs will lose their straight fronts if they train for field retrieves. However, the obedience world recognizes the importance of an



Clutch is guided into a front with trainer's left hand and left foot extended to prevent him from coming to heel.

Part 1

automatic finish in the Utility ring when the dog is required to come to heel from the moving stand exercise. In the field, a straight front can also be a bonus while casting. The dog that turns and sits straight in front of the handler in a casting situation is more likely to take a good cast than the dog that sits crooked. It is important for an obedience dog to be comfortable with an automatic finish when it is required. It is also important for a field dog to learn a remote sit facing its handler. A

straight front is difficult to achieve no matter what venue a dog is working. It is a detail that seems unimportant to a dog. Therefore, it is important for the trainer to find ways to help the dog learn to position itself directly facing its handler.

Fortunately, dogs are very visual creatures. They understand pictures and body language better than words. Perhaps this is because they frequently communicate with each

other using body language. As trainers, we can use our own body language as well as verbal cues to help our dogs learn the vocabulary that will indicate either a straight front or automatic finish. For an automatic finish or a recall in the field a word such as *here* or even the more basic, *heel*, works well to help the dog learn to return to the handler's side. If heel has been taught as a side position, this word along with a left hand sweeping away from the body to the left creates a clear picture for the dog to come to heel. To give the dog a cue for a front position, first choose a word that will mean to come and sit in front. This is often simply *come* or *front*. Many obedience trainers begin teaching a straight front by using guides placed on either side of the handler's feet, creating a chute for the dog to enter when finishing the recall. I have found this method to be a bit frustrating as my "bull in the china shop" retrievers seem rather insensitive to the guides and are likely to sit on them or even bump them out of the way.

I prefer teaching a straight front using my feet and hands as a guide. For this to work I need to have the dog's attention focused on me. Initially I teach the phrase *look up* to tell the dog to focus on me as it comes in from a recall. Holding a treat at waist level and above the dog's face I cue the dog to *look up* and when it raises its head I reward with the treat. It does not take long before the dog understands this concept. While calling the dog to me on a Novice recall I keep my hands at my side as required in the obedience regulations. However, as the dog gets close I adjust my left foot and left hand by moving them forward to block any attempt at an automatic finish. If the dog is not watching me I cue with *look up*. If you are a handler skilled at spitting food with a dog skilled at catching food from your mouth, this is a great time to have that treat ready when the dog comes in. A toy tucked under the chin is also effective. Give the sit command and use your left foot to insure the sit will be straight. Return your feet and hands to their original position and reward the dog.



Clutch demonstrates a front while carrying his dumbbell. Note subtle cues with left foot extended while left hand simply pats left leg.

Watch for Part 2 in September

Braggs

Can Ch Timberline Big Ben At Fawnhaven SH won WD/BOW at Hurricane Ridge K.C. on July 24. Bred by Beckie and Bob Jensen, owned by Barb and Don Ironside

Fawnhaven's The Sorceress won WB at Pacific Kennel Club on July 23 and RWB at Hurricane Ridge K.C. on July 24. Bred by Anne Leonard, owned by Barb and Don Ironside

We are proud to announce that on July 25, Josh Swanson handling **Angelwoods Magic Penny, CGC WC** won the Pee Wee class at the Dane Outreach Fun Match.

CeeJay had fun in Calgary, Alberta, at the Canadian National on July 9 through 11. In the LRC of Alberta Regional Specialty he was Best Gun Dog. In the National he was Best Gun Dog and Best Veteran. In the Westwind Sporting Dog Club, Group 1 Specialty he was BOS, Best Veteran, Best Gun Dog and Best Gun Dog in Group. He rounded out the weekend at the last day of the All Breed show by going BOB and making the cut in the Group. He brought home four trophies and a boat load of ribbons. What a guy! Laura Berger

In the Sporting Dog Spectacular at the B.C. All Retriever Club show under Swedish Judge Frederic Fryckstrand, **Sunnydaze It's All About Mee**, from the 9 to 12 puppy class was RWB, then followed in her mother's footsteps (three years ago exactly) and went on to Best Puppy in Breed and BEST PUPPY IN MULTIPLE BREED SPECIALTY SHOW! Sunday morning, she went Best Puppy in Sweepstakes at The Sporting Dog Club of B.C.—Linda Maffett

Harbortop Odin's Shadow, owned and trained by Patrick Gould, received his Senior Hunt Title on July 10 at the ORTC Hunt Test on Sauvie Island, Oregon.

Hailee Drege, 16, and her Australian Cattle Dog, **Zoe of Cougar Creek, CDX, CGC** went Grand Champion at the Stanwood/Camano Island fair on August 6 in UTILITY, with a score of 195! She was also high combined, obedience and showmanship, having won her showmanship class too!—Proud parents, Curt and Cecilie Drege.

Can. CH. Himoon Takes Twota Tango, CGC received the first two legs towards her CD at PSLRA, with class placements, with only a couple of weeks training after weaning her first litter. Proud owner/trainer, Cecilie Drege, Cougar Creek Labradors.

Rosie (**Fawnhaven's Winter Rose CD**) and I took the class on Saturday in Open A, for our first open leg at the Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club Show. I was really proud of Rosie. Jan Palumbo

NEW ALL-Around Labrador! **Int Ch Wyntercreek Glory Be CD WC**, bred and owned by Mary Jane Sarbaugh.

At the PSLRA specialty, my boy **Tiger** passed in Novice A for the first two legs of his CD in our first two trials! We were the only qualifiers so we enjoyed taking home a couple of blue ribbons and trophies to go along with those green ribbons! Tiger was bred by Anne Swindeman and is a Shooter x Gala kid. Thanks Anne as always for this wonderful boy.—Susie Sharp and **WindyCanyon's Flying Tiger JH CC CGC** and 2/3 CD!

Can CH Bayview's Big Splash, JH, CD, WC, CGC, PP, had a wonderful time returning to the show world. She earned third in Veterans 9 to 11 sweeps, and fourth in regular Veterans. She was also recognized for her Delta Society work (she loves the new tennis ball). Splash is loved more than words by Kawai Nahoopii, and is a

cherished part of the Koa Labrador family. Kawai really appreciates the nice ribbons that mom brought home that will go in her collection.

Int CH Koa Maui Da Hawaiian Supaman, CD, JH, WC, CGC, earned a fourth in Hunting Dog (for the first time entered, and in very nice company), earned Highest scoring dog with a Hunting title in Novice B and was proud to be a part of The Generation Gap obedience team that took home first place this year. Maui is spoiled rotten by us at the Koa Labrador Family.

Bayview Amarillo at Daybreak, CD, WC had a great time at the PSLRA Specialty this year. She was first in Novice B on Friday, she then was first in Open A on Saturday, for her first leg of her CDX (also her first attempt at Open!). Rio was also a member of The Generation Gap obedience team, which took home first place this year. She then had a beautiful run on Sunday to earn her working certificate. Rio is lovingly owned and handled by Debbie Needham of Daybreak Labradors.

U-UD HR Nomad Take The High Road UDT SH Can CD earned his eighth UDX leg at the Olympic Kennel Club Show on August 14. Traveler is owned and trained by Terrie Sato.

There is another PSLRA All-Arounder at Idella. Ivy qualified three for three in Novice Standard Preferred with two firsts and a second.

Int CH Sher-Mi Idella Ivy Leaguer NAP WC CC is owned, handled and trained by Carole Jensen—or should that be, Carole is owned and manipulated by Miss Ivy.

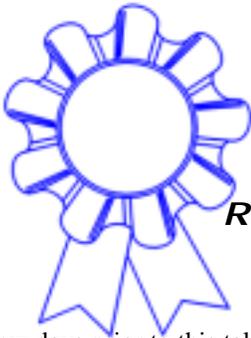
Autumnheartsong at Fernhaven (Rena) earned both her Junior and Senior Hunter titles this year. She qualified in eight straight tests: JH at the May 9 RHRC HRT and SH at the July 25 Rose City HRT. Rena is owned and loved by Chuck and Jean Fowler, handled by Jean and trained by Jean and Tom and Katie Quarles of Autumn Retrievers.

Team Obedience at PSLRA



Winning team, top, of Carole Jensen, Brandy Tarantino, Chantel Nahoopii and Debbie Needham, shown with judges Jean Rassbach and Larry Lober. Below, Black and Yellow socks: Christi Dudzik, Ron Perry, Jan Palumbo and Julie Germano.





***For heroic action
resulting in the rescue and safe return
of the little black hen,
Rollie is hereby awarded the order of the golden mcnugget
(with a side order of super sized fries)
on this 10th day of june, 2004.***

A few days prior to this tale, my husband decided our seven chickens would be happier wandering loose over 20 acres by day, then confined to their chicken yard at night. The first night he had Rollie's help herding them back into the fenced chicken pen. Rollie did well herding them except for one brief moment when the excitement became overwhelming and Rollie ran into the hens and scattered them, but he then reherded them successfully. You have to realize (and maybe have seen and laughed at him) this is the dog that used to grab and rearrange cones in agility for several trials when he was one to two years old, and over the past year will now suddenly break out in that frenzied lab run (you know with the tail tucked in and running in circles full speed with a smile on his face) at any point in most of our runs—after two years we are still in Novice.

Two days later while the hens were loose and we were working in the yard, we noted our other lab, Bones, was by us but Rollie was not and he did not return at first to call. This was odd since the two dogs only drift away together. After much

calling, Rollie returned soaking wet, obviously having taken a swim in the creek that runs through our land. We then noted we had only six out of seven hens hanging out around the place, so we asked Rollie, "Where's the other hen?—Go find." (Hey, he was fresh off earning his TDX at PSRLA's Tracking Test May 16, 2004). Rollie took off down the driveway towards the creek, then ran deep into the brush alongside the water. The brush was rustling with his movements and soon the missing chicken was squawking. Then the squawking became frantic. I figured maybe Rollie was either trying to pack the bird in his mouth as in fieldwork or, God forbid, attacking it. I rushed to the sound, with Bones on my heels, and found Rollie on the opposite embankment trying to get to the bird in real dense brush. He pulled at some branches and then dove back into the brush, hidden by its thickness. Bones swam across to check it out, only to turn back when Rollie growled at him. Now I was really worried about the hen, so I fetched my husband who, with much wading and crawling, finally got to dog and bird. He found the bird stuck in the

thicket, half in the water with Rollie pointing at it and waiting. No feathers missing. My husband had to pull the bird out and toss it across the creek to me, then crawl back the way he came. While I held one cold and soaked hen, Rollie trotted proudly alongside of me, seeming to say, "Mom, have faith in me. I wasn't hurting the hen; it just got stuck and panicked."

The next day when one hen wasn't around, we told Rollie, "Find the hen!" and he immediately ran across half the 20 acres and found it in one minute. My husband then wrote up the McNugget Award for Rollie and wondered if there were herding tests with chickens. When I told him ducks, sheep, or cattle, he said I should do duck herding or rescue work with Rollie. Not having free time to dedicate to rescue work, I had to tell my husband I wanted to do field work eventually where Rollie needs to bring to me the not-so-live duck, not herd it. *Applejax Sir Walter Raleigh CGC, TDX, Chicken herder/rescuer*
Owned by Michelle Schraeder, DVM



Competitors at PSLRA's 2004 Specialty Show

junior showmanship

Improving Junior Handling Skills

by Jennifer Schmitke, 14

As I moved up from Novice Junior to Open Junior and now into Open Senior, I constantly changed the way I showed. I changed the way I ran. I also changed the way I presented my dog. I would like to share a few things I learned that made me a better junior handler and improved my techniques.

As you may have noticed, the competition from Novice Junior to Open Senior gets more difficult with each class you move up to. So, it is wise to watch some of the other junior handlers to see what they do that maybe puts them ahead of the other junior handlers in their class and try out some of their methods for yourself. If you see a technique that you would like to try, make sure you try it a few times because different judges like different things.

Also, you could have a family member or friend that is at the show video tape you showing. This is a good way to see what you are doing wrong or what you need to improve on. Watch for things such as where you are placing the dog's feet, if you are running in a strait line back to the judge, etc. Having somebody video record me helped me improve as a junior handler!

Another way you can find out what you did wrong would be to ask the judge after he or she is done judging juniors. They usually tell you what you did wrong and sometimes give you a few tips on what you can do better.

These are all things that I tried to improve my skills in showing dogs in Junior showmanship. I hope that you can try these too, and I hope they will help you out!



Junior competitors at the 2004 Specialty



Julie Germano and Reba were High in Trial at the PSLRA Specialty in July.

PSLRA Newsletter Input: LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 8/12/04 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 3 mos.

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, 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 Swanson 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 3 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 – 93rd 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 born 4/16/04 (1 BF, 3 BM Available)

Sire: Dunn's Marsh Cougar Blue Heaven
OFA 31G, OFEL 31, ACVO 1/22/04
Dam: Bayview's Tequila Sunrise
OFA 33G, OFEL 33, ACVO 3/27/04
Litter: 3 BF, 3 BM, 1 YF, 1 YM
Contact: Karen Bannerman (360)588-0463 days,
(360) 588-0463 evenings Email: Jusban@aol.com
Listed: 5/12/04, 7/9/04 Anacortes, WA

Litter born 6/13/04 (2 CF Available)

Sire: Bayviews Twerp
OFA 29G, OFEL 29, ACVO 05/03/04
Dam: Bayviews Little Nudger
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 5/27/04
Litter: 5 CF, 2 BF
Contact: Doug & Terri Cogswell (360) 297-4483
Email: Labbies4u@msn.com
Listed 6/27/04, 8/8/04 Kingston, WA

Litter Born 5/30/04 (2 BM Available)

Sire: Can Ch Sunnydaze Black Max SH CGC
OFA 24G, GDC OFEL 45, CERF 03/03/03
Hips, Elbows, Shoulders and Tarsus GDC 44G
Heart cleared 7/3/2001;
Dam: Harbortop Cinder A'Redwick JH
OFA 26G, OFEL 26, ACVO 03/07/04
Litter: 2CF, 3BF, 2CM, 3BM
Contact: Julie Kirk (509) 588-6712 or (509) 588-6712
Email: redwick@televar.com
Listed 5/15/04, 5/31/04, 8/10/04 Benton City, WA



Litter expected 08/04/04 (Black & Chocolate expected)

Sire: CH Belgairn Polo, JH
OFA 24F, OFEL 24, ACVO 02/20/04
Dam: Sunnydaze Wish Upon A Star
OFA 26G, OFEL 26, ACVO 05/24/04
Litter: Black & Chocolate expected
Contact: Linda Maffett (360) 961-5269
Email: sunnydazelabradors@hotmail.com
Listed 7/7/04 Seattle, WA

Litter born 05/28/04 (3 BF Available)

Sire: Chompen T Rex JH CGC WC
OFA 54E, OFEL 54, CERF 02/06/04
Dam: Rocking M's Gardening w/ Pearl JH CD WC CGC
OFA 25G, OFEL 25, CERF 02/06/04
Litter: Black
Contact: Mark & Sharon Hansen (253) 862-9735
Email: hansenzoo@prodigy.net
Listed 7/20/04, 8/10/04 Sumner, WA

Litter born 06/01/04 (4 BM Available)

Sire: AM/Can CH Hiltonhall Sammy's Keepsake JH
OFA 24E, OFEL 24, CERF 10/19/03
Heart cleared 28 months

Dam: Hiltonhall Athenian Knight
OFA 27G, OFEL 34, CERF 10/20/03
Heart cleared 22 months

Litter: 1 YM, 1 YF, 1 BF, 5 BM

Contact: Jason and Neva Pursel (425) 397-6279

Email: jason@pursel.org

Listed 7/23/04, 8/04/04 Everett, WA

Litter expected 8/18/04 (Yellows & Blacks expected)

Sire: Lobuff Bobwhite at Chucklebrook
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 02/26/04

Dam: Himoon Poetic License
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 10/19/03

Litter: Yellows & Blacks expected

Contact Lucy Isaacson-Logen (206) 362-8004

Email: Himoonlab@msn.com

Listed 08/03/04 Seattle, WA

Litter expected 8/27/04 (Yellows expected)

Sire: Lobuff Bobwhite at Chucklebrook
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 02/26/04

Dam: Himoon Dance Music
OFA 28G, OFEL 28, CERF 09/12/03

Litter: Yellows expected

Contact Lucy Isaacson-Logen (206) 362-8004

Email: Himoonlab@msn.com

Listed 08/03/04 Seattle, WA

Litter expected 9/7/04 (Yellows expected)

Sire: Am/Can CH Sharay's Jeremiah CD
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 10/19/03
Heart normal 24 months

Dam: Somersett Sea Star WC
OFA 27G, OFEL 27, ACVO 10/19/03

Litter: Yellows expected

Contact: Jennifer Foote

Email: najenjo@whidbey.net

Listed 08/10/04 Coupeville, WA



Showtime at the 2004 PSLRA Specialty on Whidbey Island



**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 prospective 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 P.S.L.R.A. Price will vary.

Black male, 11 Months (neutered)

"Wallace" is just 11 months old, sweet, gentle, neutered, micro-chipped, crate and house trained, some obedience. Nice pup, no behavior problems at all.

Contact Lucy Isaacson-Logen (206) 362-8004

Email: Himoonlab@msn.com

Listed 6/13/04, 8/10/04 Seattle, WA

Black female, 5 yrs old (spayed)

Very calm housebroken matriarch looking for a quiet home. Great with kids and cats and enjoys walks

Contact: Elyse Belanger or Cindy Busler (360) 400-1745

Email: meadowvu@ywave.com

Listed 6/16/04, 8/3/04 Roy, WA

Black female, 2 yrs. (spayed)

Slightly smaller size, house trained some obedience, crate trained, black female. Needs a fenced yard for play, very sweet, good with kids.

Contact: Elyse Belanger or Cindy Busler (360) 400-1745

Email: meadowvu@ywave.com

Listed 6/15/04, 8/3/04 Roy, WA

Black female, 2.5 yrs. (intact – requires spaying)

Good with all dogs and people, basic obedience, house broken, and very smart. Quite small. OFA good hips, clear elbows, ACVO normal

Contact: Julia Wilson (360) 332-4844 or cell (360) 920-6648

Email: juliaw8@juno.com

Listed 7/10/04, 8/10/04 Blaine, WA

Chocolate male, 1 yr. (intact)

Very sweet dog that needs a family to spoil him. Gets along great with other dogs and cats. Loves kids.

Contact: Greg Phillips (360) 392-6971 or (360) 201-0266

Email: greg@willoridgelabs.com

Listed 08/10/04 Ferndale, WA



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