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President's Message

I hope you all enjoyed the Specialty as much as I did. It was fun to get together as a group and see old friends and make new ones. And it is always good to see our Labradors performing and having fun.

I'd like to thank all the people who worked hard to put on the Specialty. There are so many details that need attending to, so many tasks, large and small. Many people put in many hours of work in order to make it all happen. I wish I had space here to thank all of you individually.

I would like to thank a few of the individuals who devoted an extraordinary amount of time and effort to this event. First, our chairperson, Linda Maffett, who labored on this event for months in advance, planning, keeping track of the details, and coordinating the efforts of the people on her committee. By the time of the Specialty she was laboring on something else, having her beautiful new baby Olivia. Her co-chair, Vicki Hoskinson, stepped in and carried on in her absence and did a phenomenal job. Many other club members stepped in and helped out, too.

A big thank you also to Debbie Needham and her husband Dave who did the gifts for the judges and chairpersons. Debbie and Dave are also responsible for our new club clothing, those snuggly vests and sweatshirts and stylish hats with our club logo embroidered on them. Thanks also to Dave for bringing all the club clothing up to the Specialty so that people could purchase it there.

We made a total of \$3,867 on the raffle and the basket auction for our rescue program. Thanks Hugh Maffett and Misha Lynch for organizing the raffle, Beckie Jensen and Bea Ferguson for organizing the baskets and the auction, and to all the generous club members who donated to the raffle and the auction. Our rescue program is well funded because of your efforts.

And to everyone else who helped out to make our Specialty a success, you have my heartfelt thanks. Everyone working together and helping each other is what makes our club great.

Our next club events, coming up soon, are our fall Hunt Test, September 10 and 11, and our Eye/Health Clinic, September 25. As always we need workers. If you volunteer to help at the hunt test you will receive a coupon to buy one item of club clothing at cost for each half day worked. This is your chance to get our great new club clothing at a very good price, and to help the club. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kim Dotson, clovercreeklabs@msn.com, Kristi Clark, kristiclark2001@yahoo.com, Cindy Meyer rockingmlabs@qwest.net, or Ron Perry, perrylab@aol.com. See you there! -Jan

IMPORTANT DATES

*August 24 Board Meeting
September 10-11 Fall HRT,
Pepper's Farm, Carnation,
contact Cindy Meyer,
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*September 25 Eye Clinic,
Cascade Kennels,
Woodinville, contact Mary
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The Retriever Believer will publish brags (free) and Puppy Referral litter listings provided a club member owns either the sire or the dam and a \$10 listing fee has been paid to Puppy Referral. All litter listings and other advertising of litters must comply with the PSLRA Code of Ethics.

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

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club business

July board meeting minutes

Ron Perry, Darlene Pado, Dave Lawniczak, Nina Mann, Marlys Swanson, Bea Ferguson, Jan Palumbo, and Lucy Issacson-Logan attended the meeting held July 27 at Jan Palumbo's home.

Acknowledgements: Thanks to Julie Germano and all who helped out at the Agility/Obedience/Rally Fun/Training day on July 9: Julie for co-chairing the event and for providing the facility, equipment, setting up the agility course and providing agility instruction; Nancy Harney for co-chairing; Marlys Swanson, Franna Pitt, Dave Lawniczak, Nancy Dyson, Ron Perry, Josh Swanson, Fred Drennan and Jan Palumbo for helping out.

Committee Reports:

—*Specialty and WC:* Numerous last minute arrangements for the Specialty and WC were discussed, including: approving reimbursement for Liz Skyllingstad's husband for picking up birds and delivering them to Whidbey Island; having a prize for the kid selling most raffle tickets; gifts for WC judges and chair; purchase of more coolers and tables, raffle tickets, etc.

—*Fall HRT*—Discussed the following topics related to the Fall HRT:

Club will provide workers with a coupon to buy one item of club clothing at cost per half day worked.

There may be a third Master stake.

Jan Fernandez and her 4H group will do concession-type food for purchase by participants.

Nina will order 25+ new ribbons for JH and MH.

Need to get started ASAP on Judges for next year.

We will try sending out a postcard with web link and phone number rather than a premium for the next hunt test.

—*Eye Clinic:* MJ has the location and two of three doctors confirmed. Date is September 25. Nina is co-chair.

Old Business:

—*Donation:* We need to send the donation to Dr. Simon Peterson-Jones at Michigan State. Jan has the address. Need Becky to send a letter and a check from Darlene.

—*Breeder Booklet:* Nina shared the completed booklet with the Board. It looks great. Need to get it on the website.

—*Website:* A complaint received regarding downloading Breeder List. Will discuss at next Board meeting.

—*Show Trailer:* Spent \$500 on renovating the trailer. Approved providing up to an additional \$200 for outfitting the show trailer with condition it is finished before the Specialty. New sandwich boards have been made.

New Business:

—*Field Trailer:* Ron talked about entering into a LLC with RHRC to buy one trailer for both clubs and share equipment. Ron will investigate further and get back to the Board.

—*Rescue Event:* Bea said that a pet store in Mill Creek is having a rescue event and would like us to participate. Bea will check with Edith as to how we should participate.

—*Old Records:* We agreed that it was OK to throw away old treasurer's records that are greater than seven years old. Nina will recycle them.

—*Dates for Holiday Party:* Two possible dates, December 3 or 10 with the 10th as first choice. Nina will give these dates to Karen Columbe to reserve the facility. Jan checked with Linda Walkley and the Yacht Club is not available.

—*Second Specialty:* Lucy presented information about the Red Lion facility in Olympia as a potential location for a second Specialty. Lucy will continue to gather information about costs and work involved and how much interest there is in the club at large in putting on another specialty. Several members had concerns about whether the club could handle the work and costs of a second specialty. Next meeting August 24, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

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From the Editor

Questions about the newsletter have been brought to my attention, and I think it is time to review the workings of PSLRA's communication systems for the benefit of the thirty new members who have joined the club since January as well as for the long-standing membership. First and foremost this publication is a bulletin to spread information about our club events. PSLRA sponsored activities are announced and, when appropriate, registration forms are included in the newsletter. The monthly board meeting minutes are a prominent part of the newsletter. The board is the decision making faction of the club. Their names and phone numbers are printed on the front page of the newsletter. If you have questions, comments or concerns about the club or club functions, please contact a board member and tell them. The goal of the club is to encourage participation at all levels.

This newsletter is sent out monthly. However, we are not a style magazine and it is not necessary for our little newsletter to be printed and to membership a month in advance. We do not plan our Christmas issue in August. In August you will find me busy working and showing in the specialty, hunt tests and dog shows. In fact, because our main purpose is to communicate club information, we do not go to print without the board minutes from the past month in place on the second page and a letter from our club president on the first page. Publication is contingent on many factors. Many club members contribute to make this newsletter available. I collect articles and information. These are sent to Chris Roth who puts them together in the lovely format you receive either via e-mail or snail mail. Thanks so much to Chris for volunteering for this job and doing it so well. Once the hard copy is in place, it needs to go to the printer. Printed copies need to be picked up and mailed. Thanks to Linda and Fred Walkley for taking on this chore. Thank you to Ron Perry for sending out the e-mail copies.

I have been delighted by the number of members who have contributed articles to

this newsletter. When asked, the majority of you have responded positively. Our club currently has 382 members. There is a lot of collective knowledge in this membership. It is wonderful that so many of you are willing to share your knowledge and experiences so that the entire club can benefit. If you enjoy an article, please contact the writer and express your gratitude for the time they put into writing. Feedback is important. I would like to especially thank the junior members of the club who have contributed. Your stories and pictures have touched the hearts of many members. Please do not be shy about contributing. I will not nag you as the kids in our club are extremely busy, but your stories are special and very much appreciated. If any members have ideas or experiences they would like to share with the rest of the club via the newsletter, please contact me. I believe we are all valuable resources to each other.

If you would like to express an opinion in the newsletter, please send a letter to the editor at my e-mail or home address. All letters to the editor must be signed. This is to verify that the letter is truly the opinion of a PSLRA member in good standing. If you would like your name withheld in the newsletter, I will be happy to print your letter with the note that the name was withheld upon request. Anonymous letters will be ignored.

The nature of print is that there are blank spaces on the page between printed copy. Several members have been good enough to contribute photos of club members at various events. Not all of these events are PSLRA sponsored. However, the photos act as interesting filler on the page as well as a way of sharing the many activities of our membership. Many thanks to my regular photo journalists, Darlene Pado, Barbara Sheard and Ron Perry for helping dress up the newsletter. A picture is truly worth a thousand words.

Finally, I would like to put in an endorsement for another communication tool our club has established, the chat list. Several members, old and new, have

dropped the list because of the chatty nature of e-mail. A benefit of this style of communication is that it helps our members get to know and feel comfortable with each other even if we live in different states. Another benefit of the chat list is that information is shared more quickly via e-mail than in a newsletter. The list is a source of discussion of training, grooming and veterinary advice. Information on seminars, shows and fun matches is often posted. To circumvent the multiple e-mail cross postings that can make us all crazy, you can sign up for the digest version of the chat list. The digest version collects a number of the mails and sends them as one package. You can scroll down the e-mails and simply ignore those of no interest and collect the information that may be pertinent to you. If you have dropped the chat list, please sign up again and contact Stephanie Harris for information on the digest version. This club works hard to communicate with all of our members.

Terrie Sato



PAWS Legislation

Much information is available concerning the Pet Animal Welfare Statute, SB-1139 and HB-2669. If you would like to find out more about this proposed legislation and how it might affect you, check out the following online web sites:

www.akc.org
www.thelabradorclub.com/news/index.html
www.smythwicks.org/paws
www.pet-law.com
www.dfow.org/hcontents.htm
www.ncraoa.com/alerts.html
www.saova.org

To contact your Congress person in the House or Senate to express your opinion go to <http://thomas.loc.gov>

Does your Labrador qualify?

PSLRA 2005 All-around Awards to date include:

Intl CH Harbortop's Death By Chocolate JH Am/Can CD WC

Am Intl CH MsT's Dusti Winds Over Char-Don CD WC

CH ShaRays Ezra JH CD WC

PSLRA 2005 Versatility Awards to date include:

Duckdogs Bella Huxley CDX NA NAJ Pet Partner

Fawnhaven's Winter Rose CDX OA NAJ WC Pet Partner

I'm sure there are many more qualifying dogs out there, so please mail in copies of your certificates!

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 Agility, Obedience, Rally or Tracking title;
- C) earned a Working Certificate, and 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 five areas:

AKC, CKC or other (1) Obedience or Rally title, (2) Tracking title, (3) Agility title, (4) Hunt Test or Field Trial title or (5) a Therapy Dog Certification from any organization approved by the Board of Directors.

Name of Member/Owner: _____

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Please attach copies of all certificates and send everything to

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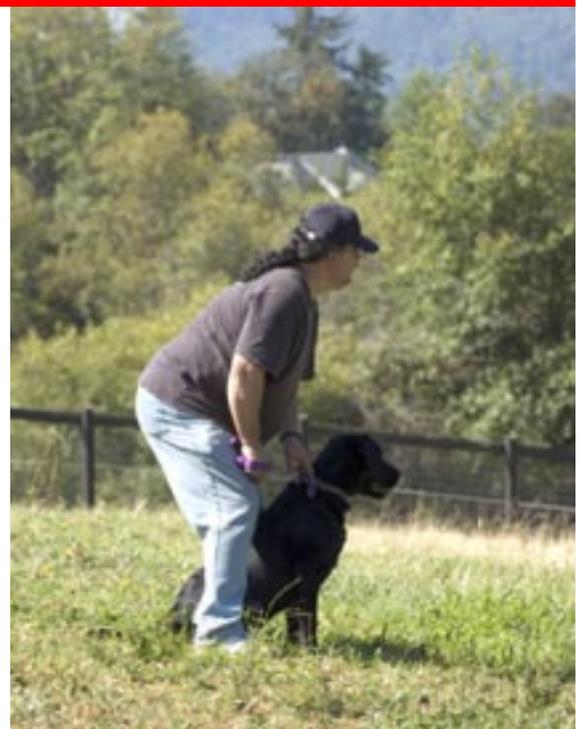
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before August 30, 2005, deadline for the close of advertising for the LRC National catalog.



The WC Test at Whidbey on August 7 drew fine performances. Shown here are: left, Laura Berger lining up an eager Gimme for his flyer; and, right, Jim Berry lining up his dog.

See story and more photos on page 8.



Braggs

The Winroc Gang had their act together (mostly) in Monroe at the Evergreen Afghan Hound Club AKC agility trial. The three dogs each passed three of four Excellent level courses for a total of nine qualifying ribbons. Each dog also won at least one placement ribbon. **Twister (Int. Ch. Winroc XLT Funnel Cloud, VCD1, TDX, MH, MX, MXJ)** earned his 20th 2Q, but still needs some serious points to complete his MACH. Although the old man turns 10 soon, we are starting to think that we may just go ahead and try to earn those points. **Tripper (Int. Ch. Winroc Pedal to the Metal, TDX, SH, AX, MXJ)** earned her first 2Q (second MX leg). Young **Tessa** (two years old), who just this spring was struggling at the Open level, suddenly had the light bulb go off and looks like she is going to zip through Excellent. Only her second full weekend out as an Excellent level dog, she earned her AXJ in four attempts (and an MXJ leg!) and is just one pass shy of her AX. All three dogs are owned and handled by Lee Foote.

Interlochen has another Master Hunter and a new Senior Hunter. **Intl Ch Interlochens High Ho Silver MH** (Ranger is owned by Don and Cheri Wilde) finished his MH in Portland, qualifying for the Master National, and **Interlochens Sadie Shady Slope** finished her SH (Sadie is owned by Greg and Debbie McCowen) also at Portland. It is a real pleasure to see strictly show lines do so well in the field. The dogs were bred by Walli Roarke.

U-CD Little Miss Katie IV CD MH earned her Master Hunter title at the Sauvie Island hunt test in Portland July 30-31. Katie is owned, trained and handled by Dixie Humble.

Intl CH Hyspire Great Scot JH, Grady, was Altered Winner's Dog and Best Altered Dog in Breed at the Labrador Retriever Club of Canada Specialty on July 22, 2005, and again won the same honors at the B.C. All Retriever Club Specialty on July 23, 2005, both shows being part of the Sporting Dog Spectacular in Surrey, B.C. Grady is

owned, loved and handled by Liz Skyllingstad, Veritas Labradors.

CH Nikolas of Whidbey JH went WD and BOW and won the Gun Dog Class at the Sporting Dog Club of B.C. Specialty on Sunday, July 24. Co-owned by Ron Perry and Sharon Edwards. He was handled by Sharon and an outstanding junior handler from Olympia.

Intl. Ch Merganser's Hi-Rollin Hudson SH CD CC WC earned his final senior wing and title on a hot July weekend at the Rose City Labrador Retriever Club hunt test. Hudson also qualified in the Rainier Hunting Retriever Club's annual 10 series in June. Hudson is owned, loved and trained by Liz Scott and she is very proud of the work they have accomplished together so far!

New **Can CH Skyfire's Just Lucky I Guess** was WD at the Labrador Retriever Club of Canada regional specialty, RWD at the B.C. All Retriever specialty and WD at one of the all breed shows to finish his Canadian Championship. George also was WD, BOW and BOB at the Monday Hillsboro show for another AKC point.

Fawnhaven's Double Shot WC (aka Teddy) qualified for his first JH leg at the OHRC test on July 17. He is bred and owned by Barb and Don Ironside.

On July 30 at the Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club show in Sequim, Reilly (**Black Rock Life of Reilly CDX, JH, WC, CC, CGC**) made his debut in Utility A and qualified with a second place ribbon. Also on Saturday, Murphy (**Fawnhaven Mischief Maker Delphi JH, WC, CGC**) qualified in Novice B with a first place win. It was a good weekend for the dark dogs, even in the blazing sun! Both dogs are owned, trained and shown by Darlene Pado.

At the Sporting Dog Spectacular **Sharay Clearly Artesian** won his sweepstakes classes all three days and went on to win Best in Sweepstakes (Group 1) at the Sporting Dog Club of British Columbia show on July 24. At the PSLRA WC, Koda completed his WC title at the tender

age of seven months. Koda is proudly owned by Marlys Swanson and Sharon Edwards. At the Sporting Dog Spectacular, **Sharay's Fair Emma** went WB at the British Columbia All Retriever Club and The Sporting Dog Club of British Columbia on July 23 and 24. This completed Emma's Canadian championship. At the PSLRA Specialty, Sharay's Fair Emma placed second in Novice B to complete her CD title. Emma is now officially **Can CH Sharay's Fair Emma CD**. Emma is proudly owned by Marlys Swanson and Sharon Edwards.

At the 2005 PSLRA Specialty, Murphy (**Int'l CH Fawnhaven Mischief Maker Delphi JH, WC, CGC**) won first place in Open Chocolate Dogs, first place in Novice B (second leg), and High Scoring Dog with a Hunting Title. The little devil was bred by Keith and Janice Anderson and is co-owned and loved by Darlene Pado, Barb Ironside and Don Ironside.

Daybreaks Chocolate Splash At Koa, CGC can now add CD and WC to the end of her name! She did well by entering only three obedience trials and qualifying and placing in the ribbons all three times. I think she planned it herself to finish at the Specialty with almost a whole ring of chocolate dogs! Then after some "What's the best way to do this and how many gray hairs can I give Mom" thinking, she earned her Working Certificate. So now we have a couple more Junior Hunter wings and we can start training for Seniors and Open! The cool part is she is just barely 14 months old! Needless to say, I'm completely thrilled with the Chocolate Rocket! Loved and spoiled by Chantel and the Koa Gang!

Jake (**Can/Int'l CH Himoon the Duke at Clovercreek JH CD CGC**) earned two more points towards his American Championship at the Brush Prairie Clusters. He is now sitting on eight points and just needs majors. Jake is owned by Kimberly and Chris Dotson.

The Yahoo Computer Lab team consisting of Julie Germano and Reba, Jan Palumbo and Rosie, Ron Perry and Tara, Terrie Sato and Traveler and alternate Christi Dudzik and Teddy earned first place in a tight team competition at the specialty August 6. Team photo, below, by Vickie Atkins.



August 14. She is trained and spoiled by the Koa Lab gang and bred by Debbie of Daybreak Labradors.

Shilshole's Shiftn' Gears earned his third senior hunter leg at the Sauvie Island hunt tests July 30 and his fourth leg at the Rainier test on August 13. Clutch needs one more leg to title. He is owned, trained and handled by Terrie Sato.

The newest member of the Maffett family has arrived. **Olivia Soleil Maffett**, pictured below, was born on August 3, 2005, at 1:03 p.m. and weighed in at five pounds eight ounces. The proud and exhausted parents of this beautiful little girl are Linda and Hugh Maffett of Sunnydaze Labradors. A big welcome to little Olivia from the PSLRA!

New MH: **ShaRay's Tara of Whidbey MH CD and Pet Partner** titled in Master Hunter August 13 and 14 at the Rainier Hunt Test. Tara, pictured below, was bred by Sharon and Ray Edwards. MJ Sarbaugh's Sonny was the sire to ShaRay's Queen of Sheba. Many thanks to everyone who has been so supportive in our effort to achieve a master title. Ron Perry.



Daybreaks Chocolate Splash at Koa, CD, WC, CGC is now one step closer to her Junior Hunter title. The Chocolate Rocket qualified for her second Junior Hunter wing at the Rainier test on

Specialty winners shown at right, top to bottom: Judge Chris Cornell awarding High in Trial to Julie Germano and Reba; Darlene Pado receiving high scoring hunting dog; Julie Germano and Reba walking away with their loot. Photos by Barb Sheard.

WC Results

The PSLRA held its Working Certificate Test August 7 on Whidbey Island. The working certificate is an instinct test for retrievers. Requirements for the WC have been established by the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc., the AKC parent club of the Labrador Retriever. Requirements consist of retrieving one shot bird on land at a distance of 50 yards or greater and two ducks from swimming water in immediate succession. The purpose of the test is to show that the dogs are not gunshy and can retrieve and to establish the dog's willingness to reenter water. Dogs can be held at the line but cannot be released to retrieve until the bird has fallen. Any reasonable command or gesture may be used to direct the dog to the bird but nothing may be thrown and no coercion may be used to encourage completion of the retrieve.

With these requirements in mind, judges Liz Scott and Julie Kirk did a wonderful job of judging the WC. The following dogs and handlers qualified:

Carole Jensen and Thyme
 Chantel Nahoopii and Kainalu
 Susie Sharp and Pearl
 Barbara Strauss and Raven
 Jeanette Berry and Nicky
 Jennifer Hajny and Macy
 Laura Berger and Gimme
 Marlys Swanson and Koda and Penny
 Jan Skewes and Ray Smith and Morse
 and P.D.
 Jennifer Foote and Sophie

Thank you to WC chair Liz Skillingstad for all of her hard work in putting this test together. Thank you to Liz and Julie for judging, and thanks to all club members that unselfishly assisted in planning, set up, running and tear down of the test. Special thanks to Jeanette Berry for providing first aid when needed.

Shown at right, top to bottom, Carole Jensen's dog Thyme returning with his prize; Laura Berger's dog Gimme showing off his success; bottom left, WC judges Julie Kirk, standing, and Liz Scott, seated; and, right, Marlys Swanson holding back an excited Koda.



Obedience and Rally successful at Specialty

Congratulations to all who qualified in obedience and rally at the Specialty! It was lots of fun and there were many "Good Dogs," even those who didn't qualify but participated and had fun. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped out, making obedience and rally an important part of our Specialty.

First, congratulations to the big winners in obedience. Julie Germano and Reba won High in Trial and first place in Utility B. Actually Julie and Reba were the only contenders in Utility B now that Traveller is resting on his laurels in retirement (though he made a command performance in Team and Veterans). But watch out next year. There are some hot new upstarts in Open and Utility A who, with a little—OK maybe a lot, of luck may be there next year. In Novice B first place went to Darlene Pado and Murphy, second and third to Marlys Swanson with Emma (second) and Penny (third) (no sibling rivalry there), and fourth to Chantel Nahoopii and Kainalu. There were several other qualifiers in Novice B. In Novice A Kristi Clark and KC won first place and Susie Sharp and Tiger won second. Congratulations to all.

Congratulations to all the qualifiers and placements in rally. Franna Pitt and Clover won first place in Excellent, topping the performance by their partners in rally, Dave Lawniczak and Penny who accidentally knocked a bar but otherwise put in a great performance. Valerie Bradshaw with Wyrwind's Uncharted Waters won first place in Advanced. In Novice B first place went to Nancy Dyson and Lily, second to Lee Foote and Twister, third and fourth to Julie Germano with Queen and Blue. There were several other qualifiers in Novice B. Susie Sharp and Tiger placed first in Novice A. Dogs and handlers alike found rally to be lots of fun and they had lots of successes. Rally is a growing sport and hopefully next year we will have an even bigger rally event.

We also had a lot of fun in the non-regular obedience classes. First place in

veterans went to Terrie Sato and Traveller, followed by Ron Perry's Tara and Alex. First place in brace went to Julie Germano and second to Valerie Bradshaw.

The most fun was Team obedience. Three great teams participated this year. First place in team went to the Yahoo Team of Ron Perry, Julie Germano, Terrie Sato and myself. Yahoo! Second place went to The Generation Gap, Carole Jensen, Nina Mann, Chantel Nahoopii, and Debbie Needham, and third to The Fab Four, Darlene Pado, Marlys Swanson, Liz Scott and Kristi Clark. I'd like to encourage other people to put together a team for next year. While it is fun for spectators, it is REALLY A BLAST for participants. We need a team from Oregon, one from the Eastside, one from Canada, and a couple others from around Puget Sound/Western Washington to make this event REALLY ROCK.

I want to personally thank all the people who helped out in obedience and rally. Let me begin at the beginning, that is, before anyone arrived at the show grounds, and extend a big thank you to MJ Sarbaugh and Merlyn Foote who were in charge of remodelling our show trailer and stowing all of our equipment away in an orderly and accessible fashion. That trailer is really a thing of beauty now! They get special thanks for untangling the 200+ feet of white plastic chain that was in a jumble from the last show. Then there is the crew of people who came early on Thursday to set up, led by Ron Perry and who stayed late Saturday to tear down, led by MJ Sarbaugh. Thanks to all of you.

This was a first for rally for our club, and many people helped out to make rally happen. Major thanks go to Julie Germano whose equipment we used. Thanks to the stewards Dave Lawniczak, Franna Pitt, Linda Walkley and Lee Foote, who all worked together so that the rally competition went smoothly. Dave and Franna's expertise in rally was particularly helpful as most of us are pretty new to rally. In obedience, thanks

to our stewards Nancy Harney, Fred Drennan and Jennifer Gerber. They did a great job keeping things moving smoothly and assisting the judge.

I'd like to extend special thanks to Carole Jensen, who put together the trophies, and Sharon Edwards, who did the ribbons. Carole planned what trophies we would offer and purchased them at a good price, and she had them all organized at ringside, labeled and grouped by class, and she made fancy sign-up sheets for the special awards. Similarly, Sharon had all the ribbons organized and grouped by class so they were all ready to be awarded at the end of each class. So that in the frenzy at ringside, everything was easily identified and could be awarded properly. Thanks also to Sharon for saving the club money by cutting off tabs from last year's ribbons and putting on 2005 tabs, so that we didn't waste any ribbons. Another job which required lots of time and patience.

Finally, I'd like to thank our judges, Chris Cornell, Larry Tanner and Larry Lober. They all did a great job, and made all the dogs and handlers feel comfortable.

Thanks and congratulations to all who made the event successful.

Jan Palumbo, obedience/rally chair



Jan Palumbo, obedience chair, enjoys the fruits of her labors. More photos on page 11.

LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 08/08/05 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, Penn Hip or OVC clearance must not be bred before the age of 12 months, or 24 months with an OFA clearance.
 - Eye clearances on both parents annually. After the dog's examination at age 10, annual examinations are no longer necessary.
 - Heart clearances will be included in the listing at the discretion of the breeder.
 - A PSLRA member must own either the sire or the dam and must submit the listing for a non-member.
 - **Please contact Marlys if you need a Litter Listing form, to be used for ALL litters.**
 - All Breeders must update their litters each week with Marlys Swanson via email (marlyss982@aol.com) as to the sex and color of puppies you have sold. The listing will be deleted after three months from the first litter listing date unless she hears from you.
1. Mail the completed form and a check for \$10 (operating expenses for Breeder Listing and Puppy Referral Programs) to: **Marlys Swanson, 3512 – 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 LISTING FORMS available from Marlys

Litter born 4/15/05 (Available 1 BF)

Sire: Skyfire's Just Lucky I Guess
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, OFA Heart Clear
CERF 9/11/04. Optigen A1

Dam: Skyfire Cookiecan Pecan Sande
OFA Hips 30G, OFEL 30, CERF 6/29/04

Contact: Stephanie Harris (509) 925-1259

email: stephanie@skyfirelabs.com

Listed 4/10/05, 6/25/05, 7/10/05 Ellensburg, WA

Litter born 04/25/05 (Available 1BF, 1 BM)

Sire: Desert Coal Train
OFA 25G, OFEL 24, ACVO 2/27/05

Dam: Rocking M's Blu-Chip Emerald SH
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 2/27/05

Litter: 2BM, 2BF

Contact: Bryant and Cindy Meyer (253) 846-9583

Email: rockingmlabs@qwest.net

Listed: 4/11/05, 07/13/05 Spanaway, WA

Litter born 4/26/05 (Available 1 YM)

Sire: Cimarron Sam-I-Am at Cougarcreek
OFA 24E, OFEL 24, CERF 7/20/04, Heart clear

Dam: Can CH Skyfire's Trick Pony at Willoridge
OFA 25G, OFEL 25, ACVO 10/14/04

Contact: Stephanie Harris (509) 925-1259

email: stephanie@skyfirelabs.com

Listed 6/25/05, 7/26/05 Ellensburg, WA

Litter born 6/6/05 (Available 5 BF, 1 BM)

Sire: Timberland Woodsman at Lor-al
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 4/9/05

Dam: Ch Hyspire Ghostriver Fantasize
OFA 24E, OFEL 24, ACVO 10/14/04, Heart Clear

Litter: 5 BF, 4 BM

Contact: Irlanne Warren (360) 352-9373

Email: Thistledown1@juno.com

Listed: 6/25/05, 8/4/05 Tumwater, WA

Litter born 6/19/05 (Available 5 BF, 1 BM)

Sire: Koa Maui Da Hawaiian Supaman, CD JH
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 5/8/04, OFA Heart clear

Dam: Daybreak Hot Chocolate CD
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 5/8/04, OFA Heart clear

Litter: 2BM, 8 BF

Contact: Debbie Needham (360) 826-3838

Cell (360) 661-0790; www.daybreaklabradors.net

Email: dneedham@cnw.com

Listed 6/20/05, 6/29/05, 7/5/05 Sedro Woolley, WA

Litter born 7/17/05 (Available 1 CM, 2 CF)

Sire: Liberty's Broad Ridge
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 4/2005

Dam: Willoridge Northern Exposure
OFA 25E, OFEL 25, ACVO 11/13/04

Litter: 5 CM, 4 CF

Contact Mark Mahan (425) 821-0757 eve (425) 681-9096

Email: mahanmark@netscape.net

Listed 7/10/05, 7/26/05 Kirkland, WA

Litter born 07/20/05 (Available 2 YM, 1 BM)

Sire: Int Ch Cimarron Sam-I-Am of Cougar Creek CGC
OFA 24E, OFEL 24, CERF 06/2005, Heart clear
Optigen A1

Dam: Can Ch. Himoon Poet Laureate CGC
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 01/19/05

Litter: 3 YM, 2 YF, 1 BM

Contact: Cecilie Drege (360) 435-0456

Email: cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com

Website: www.cougarcreeklabs.com

Listed 07/20/05, 7/28/05 Arlington, WA

Pictured on page 11 are photos taken by Darlene Pado at the obedience/rally event on Whidbey: Top right, Barb Ironside and Hunter negotiate a rally course while judge Larry Tanner observes; right center, Jennifer Gerber and her dog negotiate the course; bottom left, off lead heeling by Marlys Swanson and Emma; bottom, right, obedience judge Chris Cornell examines Emma.



Other Dogs That A Breeder Has Decided To Place

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

Yellow female, 11 mos. (intact)

Sweet, loving, outgoing yellow girl. Great with kids. Crate trained, basic manners, wonderful family and/or hunting companion.

Contact: Stephanie Harris

(509) 925-1259

Email: Stephanie@skyfirelabs.com

Listed 4/29/05, 7/26/05

Ellensburg, WA

Black Male, 4 years (neutered)

Very sweet and gentle boy, raised with kids and dogs, crate trained, house broken, basic household manners, loves to cuddle.

Contact: Vicky Olson-Lord

(208) 377-1332

Email: vickilord@gmail.com

Listed 8/8/05

Boise, ID





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Bonus for HRT Volunteers!

At our fall HRT on September 10 and 11 at Peppers in Carnation, the club will be giving a special bonus to volunteers who work at the test. For each half day you work, you will receive a coupon that entitles you to purchase one item of club merchandise, including our hot new fashions, AT COST! The more you volunteer, the more you can save.

We need volunteers to help as stake chairs, marshals, hospitality people, blind planters, and pop and throw station operators. If you can help, even for as little as half a day, please contact Ron Perry (perrylab@aol.com), Cindy Meyer (rockingmlabs@qwest.net), or Kristi Clark (kristiclark2001@yahoo.com).

Wouldn't you love to have one of those new fleece vests, hoodies, or hats AT COST?