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President's Message

What a great weekend we had at the Specialty! Congratulations to all the winners!

And a big THANK YOU to all who worked so hard to make the event such a big success. 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 here a few of the individuals who devoted an extraordinary amount of time and effort to this event.

First, thanks to Vicky Hoskinson. Vicky worked on the planning of this event for months, making sure every detail was covered, and was busy as a beaver before, during and after the show making sure everything was working out. A BIG JOB and Vicky was fantastic! And special thanks also to her husband Kirby, who was always there, willing and able to do anything and everything when needed. And of course he set a new fashion trend for banquet attire.

Thanks to Linda Maffet, our co-chair, and Hugh Maffett, who made our raffle the biggest success ever. Hugh left no stone unturned in his search for raffle donations from businesses. We netted a total of \$3,896.00 on the raffle and basket auction, which will go to the club's Labrador Rescue, Research and Education fund. This money will go a long way to help Labradors in need.

Thank you to all the show committee members who put in so much time and effort to make the event successful. And a big THANK YOU to all the club members who generously donated to the raffle, basket auction, and trophies, and who pitched in to help out as stewards, set up, tear down, and everything in between. So many people, all working together to help each other, is what makes our club great.

Our next club events, coming up soon, are our fall Hunt Test, September 9 and 10, and our Eye/Health Clinic, September 24. As always we need helpers at the Hunt Test. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Ron Perry at perrylab@aol.com or Bryant Meyer at bryant.e.meyer@boeing.com or bryant@rockingmlabs.com.
—Jan

IMPORTANT DATES**September 9-10 Fall HRT, Ron****Perry****September 24 Eye Clinic, Cascade Kennels, Woodinville****September 27 Board Meeting****October 7-8 Agility Trial, Argus Ranch, Auburn, Dave Lawniczak****October 21, 22, 23 John Rogerson Training Seminar, Langley BC, info@busydogventures.com 604-539-5262****October 26 Island & Pacific Specialty, Abbotsford BC, info@westerndogshows.com**

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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.

Requests for information, applications and/or payment of dues should be addressed to: **Chantel Nahoopii, Membership Chair 3413 Woodcrest Lane Sedro Woolley, WA 98284 koalabs@msn.com**

club business

2006 Working Certificate Results

Congratulations to those who qualified at the WC. The event was chaired by Nina Mann and Mary Jane Sarbaugh. Jane Paton and Ron Perry were excellent judges. The WC was held at Ray and Sharon Edwards' home—thanks to them for offering at the last minute and for having the area mowed and trails cleared for us! Carole Jensen marshaled for us all day. The gunners were Brad Aker and Dan Sousa. Thanks to all who helped.

WC QUALIFIERS

Koa's Top Gun (Goose) Chantel Nahoopii

Nipnuck Applesauce (Saucy) Vicky Hoskinson

Klasik's Sparks Will Fly (Zap) Perrin Christensen

Sunnydaze Indigo (Indy) Linda and Hugh Maffett

Country Classic Blue Grass (Mr. Boo) Julie Germano

Daybreaks Rip Roarin' Outlaw (Rip) Debbie Needham

Scarlet Ember A' Redwick (Scarlet) Julie Kirk Snoline Disir for Briarskeep (Disir) Michelle Brown

Fawnhaven's Amazing Grace (Gracie) Nancy Harney

Klasiks Pinoy Beach Bum (Pogy) Kristin Balasabas

Country Classic Award Winner (Queen) Julie Germano

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Sharays Clearly Artesian (Koda) Maryls Swanson

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PSLRA members sit ringside to watch the action at the 2006 specialty.

PUGET SOUND LABRADOR RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION
Annual Eye, Heart, Microchip, Optigen and Chiropractic Clinic
 CASCADE KENNELS
 20004 178th N.E. Woodinville
 Limited to Labrador Retrievers (exceptions: other breeds owned by PSLRA members)
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

By pre-reservation only—closes when limits are reached: Eye clinic limit 125 dogs. Heart screen limit 25 dogs. Chiropractor 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. Deleeuw of Pilchuck Veterinary Hospital

COSTS: Eye clinic: \$16.00
 Heart Screening: \$30.00
 Chiropractic adjustment (**PENDING**): \$40.00
 Micro-chipping: \$16.00 (does not include recording fee) Please indicate type of chip you prefer.
 Blood Draw and Shipping for Optigen : \$5.00

Directions: Take the Woodinville-Duvall Rd East from Woodinville for 2.7 miles to 176th. (Watch for the Cascade Kennel sign) Turn North (left) onto 176th. At the "T" turn right and proceed to PSLRA sign. Follow the signs from there!

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, Heart, Optigen and Chiropractic Clinic
September 24, 2006 Cascade Kennels, Woodinville

Make checks payable to PSLRA. Send fees along with this form (TYPED) or a copy of your AKC papers to:
 Mary Jane Sarbaugh 5062 S Wynter Pl. Langley, WA 98260

Questions? Email wyntercreek@whidbey.com or 360-221-6121
 Optigen 20/20 Clinic Questions: Email harbortop@netzero.net or (360) 629-7619

Owner _____ email _____

Phone # _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

AKC Registered Name _____

AKC # _____ Tattoo # _____

Microchip # _____ Breed (if other than Labrador) _____

DOB _____ Sex _____ Color _____

Times: 8:00 - 9:00 _____ 9:00 - 10:00 _____ 10:00 - 11:00 _____ 12:00 _____

Please number in order of preference. Scheduled time is for eye drops. Your preferred time may not be available; for confirmations PLEASE enclose SASE, postcard or email address. Last appointment is at 1:00 – no exceptions!

Yes, this dog will also have: Heart Screen _____ Chiropractor _____ Optigen test _____
 micro-chip _____ I prefer the (circle one) AKC Home Again Avid chip.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

2006 PSLRA Specialty Results

REGULAR CLASSES - DOGS

Judge: Carol Reynolds

Puppy Dogs 6-9 Months

1. Mainland Catch Me A Sailor

Owner: Andy and Kristin Smith

2. Cedarwoods Master Flt Plan

Owners: Diann and Roger August

3. Skyfire's Oughta Be Haulin

Owner: Sarah Fischer

4. Reithavens Fowl Mouth

Owners: William and Patricia Reiter

Puppy Dogs 9-12 Months

1. Nipntuck Cheerleaders Triple Play

Owners: Becky Jack and Slade and Sally Gorton

2 Nipntuck Yell King

Owners: Rick Mullen and Cindy King

3. Nipntuck Hollywood

Owner: Becky Jack

4. Riverlane Sky's Rob The Bank

Owners: Susan and Greg Huntzinger

Dogs 12-18 Months

1. ShaRays Lets Party

Owners: Paul Glasebrook and Sharon Edwards

2. Drycreek Sundance Kid

Owners: Wendy and Katy Knox

3. Spiritwoods Dog Day Afternoon

Owners: Deborah Neal and Rebecca Jack

4. Himoon Deep Sea Diver

Owner: Lucy Isaacson-Logen

Novice Dogs

1. C and C Chocolate Chip

Owner: Christine Kelso

2. Bayviews Tasmanian Devil

Owner: Kim Tyler

Bred By Exhibitor Dogs

1. Sunnydaze Indigo

Owners: Hugh and Linda Maffett

2. Hanova Iragorri Master Blend

Owners: Wendy and Katy Knox

3. Klasiks Sparks Will Fly

Owners: James and Perrin Christensen

4. Blackthorn's Here For The Party

Owners: Barbara and Robert Gilchrist

American Bred Dogs

1. Sharay Clearly Artesian

Owners: Marlys Swanson and Sharon Edwards

2. Envercreek's American Tail

Owner: Michelle Tamboline

3. Greenview Marcin GR8 Northern

Owner: Cindy Frost

Open Dogs, Black

1. Skyes Riverlane Token Republican

Owners: Susan and Greg Huntzinger

2. Riversedge Play It Again Sam

Owners: Sherri Lazaruk and Paul Kohl

3. Himoon's Touch of Frost

Owners: Michael and Leslie Douglas

4. Skyfire's Tribute To Cameo

Owner: Greg Phillips

Open Dogs, Chocolate

1. Nipntuck Cameo Apple Cart

Owner: Vicky Hoskinson

2. Fawnhavens Double Shot JH RN

Owners: Barbara and Dob Ironside

3. Fawnhaven Mischief Maker Delphi CD JH

Owners: Darlene Pado, Barbara and Don Ironside

4. Sterling United Parcel Post

Owner: Marilyn Parker

Open Dogs, Yellow

1. Ghoststone's Boomtown JH

Owner: Shelah Frey

2. Chablais Brookhill Joss

Owner: Mary Stirrett

3. Wyntercreek Knotty Walker

Owners: Jill Mahoney and Mary Jane Sarbaugh

4. Himoon The Duke At Clovercreek

Owners: Kimberly and Chris Dotson and Lucy

Isaacson Logen

Winners Dog

Skyes Riverlane Token Republican

Owners: Susan and Greg Huntzinger

Reserve Winners Dog

Sunnydaze Indigo

Owners: Hugh and Linda Maffett

REGULAR CLASSES - BITCHES

Judge: Carol Reynolds

Puppy Bitches 6-9 Months

1. Sunnydaze Belgairn Temptation

Owners: Linda and Hugh Maffett and Ron and

Jennifer Kelly

2. Devonshire's Tea With Honey

Owner: Allison Hillius

3. Sher-Mi Dusty McStorm's PI

Owners: Deborah Neal and Colleen Storms

4. Mainland Seasac Third times A Charm

Owners: Nancy Clark and Shelah Frey

Puppy Bitches 9-12 Months

1. Nipntuck Boot Scootin

Owners: Becky and Katherine Jack

2 Riverlane Skye Black Piping On Lace

Owners: Julie Galbraith and Susan Huntzinger



Happy specialty entry Double Dutch Daratgnion, Dart, is owned and shown by Els Crisafulli

3. Harlequin's Labour of Love

Owners: Todd and Diane Sullenberger

4. Davoeg Water Lu at Wyntercreek

Owners: Mary Jane Sarbaugh and John Daugherty

Bitches 12-18 Months

1. Nipntuck Gabrielle

Owners: B. Jack, V. Hoskinson, S. Frey

2. Blackthorn's Natural Blonde

Owners: Barbara and Robert Gilchrist

3. Bretongate Sun Goddess

Owner: Betty Barkley

4. Harbortop Skyfire Oughta Be Tops

Owner: Stephanie Harris

Novice Bitches

1. Cougar Creek Cliche

Owner: Cecilie Drege

Bred By Exhibitor Bitches

1 Skyfire's On The Line.

Owner: Stephanie Harris

2. Nipntuck Miss American Pie

Owner: Becky Jack

3. Blackthorn's Society Page

Owners: Barbara and Robert Gilchrist

4. Mainland's Downhill Racer

Owner: Shelah Frey

American Bred Bitches

1. Cougar Creek Takes One-Ta-Know One

Owner: Cecilie Drege

2. Skyfire's Cyclone In The Dark

Owner: Stephanie Harris

3. Riverlane's Sparow of Laurglen

Owner: Lisa Cruanas

4. Cedarwood Magnificent Halle

Owners: Diane and Roger August, Dylan Sullivan

Open Bitches, Black

1. Cimarron Slippery Shoes

Owner: Laura Steward

2. Ghostsonme Riverlane's I'm No Angel

Owners: Susan Huntzinger and Judy Chambers

3. Himoon Poet Laureate

Owner: Cecilie Drege

4. Sunnydaze Supernatural

Owner: Linda Maffett

Open Bitches, Chocolate

1. Nipntuck Applesauce

Owners: Becky and Kate Jack

2. Liberty's Stars And Stripes

Owners: Betsy and Shannon Clagett

3. Sunnydaze Harlequin Strn Comfort

Owners: Diane Sullenberger and Linda Maffett

4. Sunnydaze Auburn Shade

Owner: Linda Maffett

Open Bitches: Yellow

1. WWW Paws To Reflect o' Mainland

Owners: Laura Brand and Aaron Bradshaw

2. Blackthorn's Charisma

Owner: Lisa Cruanas

3. Phoenix's Lil Gypsy Rose

Owner: JoAnn Honcoop

4. ShaRay's That Girl

Owners: Jessica Meadows and Sharon Edwards

Winners Bitch

Nipntuck Gabrielle

Owners: B. Jack, V. Hoskinson, S. Frey

Reserve Winners Bitch

Blackthorn's Natural Blonde

Owners: Barbara and Robert Gilchrist

VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES

Judge: Lisa Zitting

Veteran Dogs 7-9 Years

1. CH Nipntuck Raging Spirit

Owners: Deborah and Danny Neal, Rebecca Jack

2. CH ShaRay's Ezra CD JH

Owners: Ray and Sharon Edwards

3. CH Chartwell Earl Van Soot

Owners: Rhoda Preston and Carol Ciavarelli

Veteran Dogs 9-11 Years

1. CH Chartwells Crown Jewels CDX NA NAJ JH

Owners: Laura Berger and Tony, Carol Ciavarelli

Veteran Dogs 11 years and Over

1. Makaila's Maximillian

Owner: Cheryl Young

Veteran Bitches 7-9 years

1. CH Nipntuck Skyfire Too Much Fun

Owners: Stephanie Harris and Rebecca Jack

Veteran Bitches 9-11 Years**1. CH Holybrooke Moondance Muse**

Owner: Lucy Isaacson Logen

Veteran Bitches 11 Years and Over**1. CH Bakerbay Baba Lu JH RN**

Owners: Rick Mullen and Cindy King

2. Bayviews Star Attraction

Owner: Debbie Needham

Best in Veteran Sweepstakes**CH Nipnuck Raging Spirit**

Owners: Deborah and Danny Neal, Rebecca Jack

Best of Opposite Sex Veteran**CH Bakerbay Baba Lu JH RN**

Owners: Rick Mullen and Cindy King

PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES*Judge: Lisa Zitting***Puppy Dogs 6-9 Months****1. Mainland Catch Me A Sailor**

Owner: Andy and Kristin Smith

2. Cedarwoods Master Ft Plan

Owners: Diann and Roger August

3. Devonshires Tazo T

Owner: Alison Hillius

4. Reithavens Fowl Mouth

Owners: William and Patricia Reiter

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Owners: Rick Mullen and Cindy King

2. Nipnuck Cheerleaders Triple Play

Owners: Becky Jack and Slade and Sally Gorton

3. Nipnuckamos

Owners: Will and Natalie Hargrove

4. Blackthorn Rocks U Too

Owners: Bob and Barbara Gilchrist

Dogs 12-15 Months**1. Drycreek Sundance Kid**

Owners: Wendy and Katy Knox

2. Himoon Deep Sea Diver

Owner: Lucy Isaacson-Logen

Dogs 15-18 Months**1. Klasiks Sparks Will Fly**

Owners: James and Perrin Christensen

2. Dolce Vita's Avenger

Owner: Sonya Dudder

3. Spiritwoods Dog Day Afternoon

Owners: Deborah Neal and Rebecca Jack

4. ShaRays Lets Party

Owners: Paul Glasebrook and Sharon Edwards

Puppy Bitches 6-9 months**1. Mainland Seasac Third Times A Charm**

Owners: Nancy Clark and Shelah Frey

2. Sher-Mi Dusty McStorms P.I.

Owners: Deborah Neal and Colleen Storms

3. Whistlestop Welsh Enfy's

Owner: Martha Shaw

4. Devonshires Tea With Honey

Owner: Allison Hillius

Puppy Bitches 9-12 Months**1. Nipnuck Boot Scootin**

Owners: Becky and Katherine Jack

2. Riverlane Skye Black Piping On Lace

Owners: Julia Galbraith and Susan Huntzinger

3. Harlequin's Somethin' Ta Talk About

Owners: Kelly and James Stephanson

4. Davoeg Water Lu at Wyntercreek

Owners: Mary Jane Sarbaugh and John Doherty

Bitches 12-15 Months**1. Blackthorn's Natural Blonde**

Owners: Barbara and Robert Gilchrist

2. Skyfire's Southern Charm

Owner: Stephanie Harris

3. Songlines Music of makaila

Owners: Colleen Doll and Lynn Stewart

4. Himoon Soho Samba

Owner: Lucy Isaacson-Logen

Bitches 15-18 Months**1. Nipnuck Gabrielle**

Owners: Becky Jack, Vicky Hoskinson and Shelah Frey

2. Dolce Vita's La Principessa

Owner: Sonya Dudder

3. Spiritwood's Lessons in Grace

Owners: Debbie Neal and Aaron Bradshaw

4. Adora Nilla Wafers

Owners: Bruce and Mary Robinson

Best in Puppy Sweepstakes**Nipnuck Gabrielle**

Owners: Becky Jack, Vicky Hoskinson and Shelah Frey

Best of Opposite Sex Puppy**Nipnuck Yell King**

Owners: Rick Mullen and Cindy King

RALLY PLACEMENTS FROM SPECIALTY**Rally Novice A:****1. Windycanyon's Cosmopolitan Lad**

Owner: Sarah Fischer

2. Soundviews General Brodie

Owner: Rebecca Chandler

Rally Novice B:**1. Harbortop Shokora**

Owners: Fred Drennan and Teresa Massagli

2. Fawnhaven's Winter Rose CDX OA OAJ

Owners: Jan Palumbo and Barb Ironside

3. Sterling's Island Revival JH

Owner: Marilyn Parker

4. Angelwood Magic Penny CD NAP

Owners: Brad and Marlys Swanson

Rally Advanced B:**1. Nipnuck's Lily of The Field UD JH VCD1 Re**

Owners: Nancy and Peter Dyson

2. Harbortop Hogo Megan Two CD JH RN

Owner: Nina Mann

3. MACH Winroc XLT Funnel Cloud VCD1 TDX MH RN

Owners: Lee Foote and Mrs. A.L. Foote

4. Harbortop Normandy Bit Of Soot RN

Owners: Jennifer Baerlocher and Nina Mann

Rally Excellent A:**1. Envercreek L is For Labrador**

Owner: Lia Bijsterveld

Rally Excellent B:**1. Nipnuck's Lily of The Field UD JH VCD1 Re**

Owners: Nancy and Peter Dyson

2. CH Springwind's Just As Sweet CDX JH OA NAJ RA

Owners: Vicky Lord and Sheri Walsh

3. Zelda! of Blewett CD RA TD

Owners: Marguerite Susman and Dale Huber

OBEDIENCE PLACEMENTS FROM SPECIALTY**Obedience Novice A****1. Windycanyon's Cosmopolitan Lad**

Owner Sarah Fischer

2. Rocking M's Go For The Gusto KC

Owner: Kristi and Randi Clark

Novice B:**1. ShaRay PD James of Greenbank OA TD NAJ**

Owners: Jan Skewes, Ray Smith and Sharon Edwards

2. Koa's Top Gun

Owners: Chantel and Al Nahoopii

Veterans:**1. Nomad Take The High Road UDX MH TD**

Owners: Terrie and Mike Sato

2. ShaRay's Tara of Whidbey MH CD

Owner: Ron Perry

3. ShaRay's Alexander of Whidbey SH CD

Owner: Ron Perry

High in Trial:**1. Windycanyon's Cosmopolitan Lad**

Owner Sarah Fischer



Sharays Lets Party, owned by Paul Glasebrook and Sharon Edwards, feels right at home on Whidbey Island.

Braggs

We have been blessed with a great little black Labrador girl—**Niptuck Jump Start** (a.k.a. Bica—short for Arabica which is a strong variety of coffee). Bica is our first step into the show ring and she's growing into a strong competitor. At just 17 months of age she has managed to string together eight points including one major under the masterful handling of Tony Carter. Bica got her first point at Ephrata-Moses Lake and followed up a few weeks later with another point at Yakima. We then sent Bica on the Idaho/Montana circuit with Tony where Bica got a point at Pocatello, two points at Yellowstone Valley, and a three point major at Electric City where Bica won WB, BOW, and BOS losing to my favorite BOB lab Nick who went on to win one of his many BIS titles! Tony has taken our goofy little puppy and transformed her into a graceful show ring competitor. In her spare time Bica has taken up hunt training with Chuck Hilton. This past weekend Chuck battled the 105+ degree weather at St. Louis Ponds as well as some overly anxious parents (my wife Lorraine and me) and ran Bica to a successful first wing of her Junior Hunter title! It is really amazing watching a Labrador doing the job she was bred for, and Chuck brings out the very best in our little Bica! Thanks to everyone who has helped us with Bica thus far—especially Becky Jack who helped us pick this marvelous puppy and Shelah Frey who recommended both Tony Carter and Chuck Hilton to us and even managed to coax me into the show ring at the Rose City Specialty (a classic tragic comedy!). Bica is co-owned by Toni Leitao and Becky Jack and was bred by Becky Jack and Cindy Frost.

Cedar Ridge Rock N Reba JH, Reba, owned and trained by Marta Gould finished her Junior Hunter title on July 9 at the EGRC hunt test, Pepper's Farm.

Koa's Top Gun had a good Specialty weekend. He qualified in Novice B with a second place and High Scoring Bred By Exhibitor in his first Novice B appearance. He can now also add WC to his name by qualifying Sunday at the WC. Bred, loved and spoiled by the Koa Gang. **Int CH Daybreaks Chocolate Splash At Koa, CD, WC, CGC** was expertly handled by Kawai to a third in All Around Bitches. Bred by Debbie at Daybreak, spoiled by Koa!

Nick (aka **Am/Can CH ShaRay's Nikolas of Whidbey JH RN**) won his sixth Best in Show on July 22 at the Inland Empire Kennel Association show in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where the temperature was over 100. The next day he won the sporting group again. Bred by Sharon Edwards and Christy Hoagland; co-owned by Sharon Edwards and Ron Perry. Handled coolly by Tonya Struble.

New Senior Hunter: **Can Ch Fawnhaven Midnight Rocket RN SH**, Nitro, (Can Ch Fawnhaven Indigo Jones RN WC X Fawnhaven's Finest Brandy WC) bred by Barb and Don Ironside, owned by Richard and Christina Ramay. Nitro finished his Senior Hunter title at the RLCRC Hunt test on July 29.

If **WindyCanyon's Cosmopolitan Lad JH**, shown below, was a student at Hogwarts, he would be Exceeding Expectations. At an enthusiastic 18 months old, Cosmo flew through August. He started with the PSLRA Specialty where he continued his quest for RN and CD by earning first place ribbons and a very exciting High In Trial from Judge Theresa Temple. A week later Cosmo went hunting and retrieved his final JH ribbon at the RHRC Fall Hunt Test. Thanks to



Anne Swindeman for this cool young dog who is owner-trained by Sarah and Travis Fischer.

All of the following were at the Rose City Labrador Retriever Club on July 13 and 14 in St. Paul, Oregon: **Alibi Rowena Ravenclaw, RN** (CH Remington's Sidekick x CH Snowberry's Silence is Golden) finished her Rally Novice title with a 98 and a first place. Raven also placed third in open black under Judge Nancy Arbucke. Raven was bred by Kim Jacobson and Lisa Zitting and is owned by Cynthia Freeman, Kim Jacobson and Lisa Zitting. **Quail Run's Hot August Nite, CD RN WC CGC** (CH Raintree Slippery When Wet, JH x Quail Run's Summer Solstice, CD RA WC CGC) qualified for his second Rally Advanced leg with an 82 and a fourth place. Gus is bred and owned by Cynthia Freeman. **Quail Run's Summer Solstice, CD RA WC CGC** (CH Cherry Oak's Dillon Sundance x Blue Knight's Even An Angel, CD) placed first in Veteran Sweeps 9-11 and second in regular veterans. Tazz was bred by Cynthia Freeman and Dian Welle and is owned by Cynthia Freeman. **Quail Run's Icy When Wet** (CH Lor-Al's Chuck Waggin x Alibi Rowena Ravenclaw, RN) placed fourth in Sweeps 12-15. Chiller was bred by Cynthia Freeman, Kim Jacobson and Lisa Zitting and is owned by Cynthia Freeman. The sweeps judge was Lori Bentine. **Tracy's Sidekick at Alibi** (CH Remington's Sidekick x Tracy's Bluemoonshineonme) was first in Open Chocolate under Judge Nancy Arbucke. Gabbie was bred by

Cyndee Parent, Terilynn Calderon and Cheri Conway and is owned by Cynthia Freeman, Cyndee Parent and Kim Jacobson.

Winroc Racey Rosalie AX AXJ NAC NJC NTC NGC Pet Partner finished her AX with a first place run in July. She also earned a P1 standard leg (first place) and an P1 Gambler's leg (third place) at the Sno-King USDAA trial in June. In August, she earned her first two Rally Novice legs with scores of 95 and 97. **Rocking "M" Emily AX AXP AXJ AJP EAC EAC-V EJC EJC-V ETC OGC P1 CGC Pet Partner** finished her AXP with a first place run in July. She also earned a P2 standard leg (first place) and a P2 Gambler's leg (second place) in June at the Sno-King USDA trial. Rosie and Emily are handled and adored by Kate Schottman and Phyllis Miller.

Can./Int. CH. Cougar Creek Takes One Ta Know One, Wookie, won her very competitive Am. bred class at the PSLRA specialty, despite being "naked"...I was so excited, I literally cried! She then helped her dam, **Am./Can. CH. Himoon Takes Twota Tango, CD, CGC**, along with littermate, **Cougar Creek Cliche'**, receive second in brood bitch class, and then RETIRED the brace class trophy with her auntie, Sonnet, **Can. CH. Himoon Poet Laureate, CGC**. Wookie is owned/bred by Cougar Creek Labradors, and was beautifully handled by my lovely daughter, Devenne Drege. Proud parents Curt/Cecilie Drege, Cougar Creek Labs. **Int. CH. Cimarron Sam-I-Am of Cougar Creek, CD, RN, CGC**, finished his rally title at the hurricane ridge KC on July 29, going three for three, with my teenaged daughter, Hailee, handling him (she has never done rally, nor ever handled Sam before), very high scores (97), and very stylish! proud owner, Cecilie Drege, Cougar Creek Labradors.

From Anne Swindeman, WindyCanyon Labs: At the Rose City Labrador Club Specialty (St Paul, Oregon), 17 month old Mata finished her Rally Advanced title with a score of 98, good for first place and some nice prizes. She's now **WindyCanyon's Northern Spy CD RA**.

I am very very happy to brag that Bracken is now **Am/Can/Int CH Devonshires Bracken WC CD JH**. He qualified for his fourth and last wing for his JH title at the Rainier Hunting Retriever Club test on Sunday August 13, 2006. He was handled and trained by Bryant Meyer. Thanks so much Bryant for your patience and care and never giving up. **Can CH Innisfield Heir Apparent CD NA JH** qualified for his fifth wing on Sunday handled expertly by Ron Perry. Thanks to both handlers for everything and caring for my dogs. Thanks to judges Chris Dotson and John Grose and all of the support team that supported both dogs and me. Both dogs are loved and owned by Joni Willing

Sharay's Theodore R. Bear, CDX, Delta Pet Partner, Teddy, achieved first place in Open A, which also earned him High in

Trial at the Nisqually Kennel Club Show in Lacey on August 12. Teddy owns the Dudzik family, including a Golden and a Papillon, and allows Christi to accompany him in the obedience ring.



More specialty fun includes Sunnydaze Indigo, Reserve Winners Dog owned by Hugh and Linda Maffett, above, and Jan Palumbo and Rosie competing in Rally, below.



Amateur Field Training

by Terrie Sato

The retrieve has three major components. The go, the pick up and the return. Many retrievers are eager to go. However, the return has proven to be frustrating for many amateur trainers. Sometimes those dogs with the most go have the least desire to return to their handlers. This usually has very little to do with how their handlers treat them, in other words, the dogs aren't afraid to return. It has more to do with the possessive quality seen in many of our dogs. They enjoy their birds, bumpers or toys and like to keep them. They also don't like to have them taken away. Let's face it, from a dog's point of view, they did all the work, and we get the prize. To the dog, a better game is, "I've got it, now catch me if you can."

The best way to prevent this problem is to teach a reliable recall before allowing the dog to get out in an open field where returning might be optional. If a dog doesn't come to you in its own back yard, you can not expect it to come in a strange field.

Since having a dog come when it is called should be mandatory for any dog owner, this can be taught at an early age. Begin teaching the recall in your yard with your puppy wearing a long line. The line need only be about twenty to thirty feet long and can be homemade. It should be made of materials that are easy to hold and easy to step on with a reliable snap on the end. Avoid equipment failure. Have a pocket full of treats and allow your puppy to sniff and explore the yard. As it becomes distracted by something interesting in the yard, back away and say the pup's name and your recall word. *Come* or *here* are commonly used. Keep the end of the line close because you will probably need to give it a tug to get your pup's attention focused back on you. Do not reel your dog to you, but rather back away so that the pup is inclined to run towards you. The long line gives you control to keep the dog coming to you. Reward with praise and a treat. A good obedience class will help you expand on the recall exercise so that the dog learns to come in many different situations. Your goal is to build a habit so that your dog always comes when called.



Penny, owner/handler Marlys Swanson, demonstrates a prompt, stylish retrieve.

from greater distances. A double whistle (tweet-tweet) is commonly used. Practice at home by first using the whistle and then calling the dog. Eventually eliminate the voice command and just use the whistle. A long line on your dog will ensure that you can enforce the command when necessary. It is also a good idea to introduce the dog to retrieving a thrown object while it is wearing a long line. Have an extra toy or bumper so that you can throw another toy/bumper when the dog returns. This way your dog will learn that you are not just taking away its prize, but that the game will continue. A twirling bumper can draw the attention of a dog that might be considering its options and make it hurry back to you in the hopes of another retrieve. Of course if the dog decides not to return, you can use the long line to catch the dog when necessary.

Eventually you shorten the long line. Most dogs that have been trained with a long line feel 'caught' even if they are wearing a six inch tab. It is important that you never allow the dog to learn that it does not have to come. It is important that you do not beg the dog to come. Go get the dog if needs be, but insist that it comes when called.

Judges in a hunt test expect a dog to come promptly and directly back to its handler. An efficient hunting dog brings the birds back without stopping to smell the roses along the way. If your dog develops the habit of stopping and/or lifting its leg on the way back with a bird, it is losing style points. If you call repeatedly and the dog ignores you, you are losing points in trainability. It is advisable in training to build in a correction for

failure to come. A sensitive dog may respond well to a correction from a long line. Many dogs require a stronger correction. Electronic collars can be quite useful when it becomes necessary to correct a dog from a distance. However, before a collar is used, the dog must have been taught the command to *come* and the dog must know how to stop the correction. An amateur trainer should be well educated in the use of an electric collar before using it as a training tool. Helpful books include Evan Graham's *Smartwork* series. The tapes *E-collar Conditioning* by Mike Lardy are also very helpful. As an amateur trainer you owe it to your dog to be educated before you train.

The recall in the field is usually a whistle signal. This is because a whistle carries better than a voice command and can be heard

Secret Agent Pup



Hi all,
We're back from the great camping trip! And boy what a trip it was. My mother packed all of us into the truck, and off we drove and drove and drove and drove. I think that's the longest I've been in my crate during the daylight hours in a long time! Kainalu and Maui both told me to just chill 'cause we'd be there eventually. When we reached our destination, Kawai got me off the truck and we went walking. What a beautiful park we had arrived at. And this park had more Labradors like me, as far as the eye could see. And I of course, had to personally greet each one! And they too were just as happy to say hello.

My mother set up a new perimeter for us to stay inside while she was gone. I got to hang out with Kainalu and dig holes, which I've since learned, wasn't appreciated as much as I thought it would be. I thought maybe she had forgotten how much I loved to play with Goose and I'd make a tunnel to his compound and we could play.

She did a lot of running that weekend and always came back with these large colorful things. She seemed incredibly happy with Goose earning a colorful green one. Goose and I talked later and that was for obedience and he reminded me that I was soon going to be going through that training and when she said *heel*, it actually meant heel with her, not wherever I wanted around the ring! And that *stay* means stay until they tell us different.

Sunday was a great day. It was then that we headed off to the WC. When we arrived, I could smell the birds and happily yelled to the rest of the dogs waiting that I could smell the birds, I could hear the gunshots, and it's time to play! First it was Goose's turn. My mother took him off the truck and boy was he excited! They were gone for a couple of minutes when I heard the gunshots. Then I could hear my mother repeatedly saying, "Goose heel." I'm guessing that he doesn't practice what he preaches! After some time, she brought him back to the truck, she was smiling and Goose was beside himself with excitement and told me all about the huge white birds that will fly through the sky and suddenly drop straight to the ground. I could hardly contain myself as mother took me to the line! Then suddenly, we had to stop at this huge wall and she made me sit. I remember her saying, "Good Sit" and then hearing, "Dog to the Line." Alright, let's head for the bird, I charged from behind that wall and instantly had to turn and go the other way, and suddenly I remembered Goose saying, "Heel with her, not wherever," and we turned back towards the line. Mother said to sit and with a few gentle reminders, I sat. Suddenly there was a huge commotion out in the field. There were people with those things in their mouths that make quacking sounds and then... a beautiful bird flying through the air and gunshots, but that bird just kept flying and we had to heel off the line. I have now learned that is called a *No bird*, which doesn't completely make sense to me, as

there was a bird, I clearly saw the bird, but back to the truck we went. We waited a little while and mother came and got me off the truck again and back to that wall.

This time I knew that she was going to turn away from the line if I didn't heel (and Goose reminded me) so I contained myself just a little bit longer this time. I sat at the line and then that bird flew again. This time it did in fact fall to the ground and to my delight, my mother called my name and let go of my collar and I got to RUN! I headed straight for that bird half expecting it to jump up and run once I got there. After all, isn't that how the chase game is played? But to my surprise, it didn't so I picked it up in my mouth and started heading back to mother because she started calling me very loudly and I'm guessing she wanted me for something. I was almost back to mother when I heard a commotion behind me from where the bird had flown; hey, maybe there were more birds in there for me and I could save time and bring back two or three. As I dropped the first bird, I ran as fast as I could back to where it had come from and suddenly realized that Uncle Brad was there. I just had to say hello. After all, it would have been rude if I hadn't said hello. I have since learned that it is rude to not go directly back to mother. I will make sure the next time that I save visiting for before or after the working certificate. So needless to say, I did not get to finish my WC this year. I did however get to go and play in the water after everyone was done and that was almost as much fun as running in the field. I'm thinking that I really like the water portion of a WC more than the land, but all in due time. I am guessing by the exercises we've been doing since we got back that I really need to work on the *Here* and *Heel* commands that my mother is giving.

I'm soon to be six months old and have heard from Kainalu that there is now a new adventure in store for me that involves wonderful bait, so I will "patiently" wait for that adventure and let you know how it goes.

Signing off—
Agent Nyah



Coming in October
The Island & Pacific Labrador
Retriever Club Annual Specialty
Abbotsford, British Columbia
October 26, 2006
Judges: Heather Wiles-Fone
(Heatherbourne) and
Dottie Black (HiView)
Western Dog Shows

LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 8/20/06 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 Swanson

Litter born 5/30/06

(Available 1 BF)

Sire: Skyfire's Just Lucky I Guess

OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 9/17/05, OFA Cardiac,
Optigen Normal

Dam: Avery Daddy's Girl

OFA 31G, OFEL 31, CERF 8/3/05

Litter: 2 YM, 2 BF, 2 YF, 1 CF

Contact: Luke & Angie Carrick (509) 834-4243 (Days),
(509) 945-7459 (Evenings)

Email: angie.carrick@smiths-aerospace.com

Listed 7/16/06, 8/18/06

Yakima, WA



Litter born 8/2/06

(Available 2 CF, 2 CM, 3 BF, 2 BM)

Sire: BISS CH SR Belgairn Pictionary RN JH

OFA 29E, OFEL 29, CERF 5/26/06, OFA Cardiac,
Optigen Pattern A1

Dam: Aristes' Story Teller

OFA 28E, OFEL 32, CERF 8/12/05, OFA Cardiac

Litter: 2 CF, 2 CM, 3 BF, 2 BM

Contact: Terry McFadden (480) 834-4138

Email: mstslabs@msn.com

Mesa, AZ

Listed 8/7/06

Litter expected August 2006

(All Yellow)

Sire: Int. Ch Cimarron Sam-I-Am of Cougar Creek CD CGC

OFA 24E, OFEL 24, CERF 4/20/06, Heart OFA Clear,
Optigen clear

Dam: Int. Ch Cougar Creek Dixieland Jazz

OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 4/20/06, Heart OFA Clear

Litter: All Yellow

Contact: Cecilie Drege (360) 435-0456

Email: cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com

Website: www.cougarcreeklabs.com

Arlington, WA

Listed 6/29/06

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 PSLRA. Price will vary.

Black Female, 6 years

(Intact – must be spayed)

Svenska Flickans Blue Angel "Gabby" is a wonderful companion. She would make a great hunting companion or family pet. She is house trained and crate trained.

Contact: Ann Leonard (360) 799-2204

Email: angelwoodlabs@yahoo.com

Monroe, WA

Listed 8/10/06

Chuckanut Dog Training Association
presents a
VARIABLE SURFACE TRACKING
Sanctioned Match

Sunday September 3, 2006

at Western Washington University Campus
516 High St
Bellingham, WA

Our judges are Franna Pitt from Auburn, WA and Jean Dieden of Clinton, WA

There are two tracks available. Judging will begin at 5pm.

Entry fee: \$25. Checks should be made payable to CDTA.
Please mail entries to Nancy Dyson, Match Secretary, at
6047 E. 24th Ave., Bellingham, WA 98226-7516

Closing date for entries is 5pm on Monday, August 28, 2006.
If necessary, a drawing will be held August 28, 2006 at 6pm at
6047 E. 24th Avenue, Bellingham, WA 98226.

Entrants will be notified by phone or e-mail after that time.

Directions to the trial site --

From the south take I-5 north to exit # 252. At the stop sign, turn left then left again at the light. Go over the bridge over the freeway then left on Bill McDonald Parkway. Turn right on S. College Drive. There will be signs to direct you from there.

From the north take I-5 south to exit #232. At the top of the ramp turn right then left onto Bill McDonald Parkway. Turn right on S. College Drive. There will be signs to direct you from there.

Generic AKC entry forms are available at <<https://www.akc.org/pdfs/ALN999.pdf>>.

Questions? Contact Nancy Dyson at 360-966-7157 or e-mail <nancydyson@ms.com> or Patti Moon at 360-734-6192 evenings or e-mail <Patti.Moon@wwu.edu>.



Rally and Obedience participants at the PSLRA Specialty included: Marilyn Parker and Sterling's Island Revival JH, above, who placed third in Rally Novice B; Jessica Meadows and That Girl, Marlo, working a sit in the rally ring, left; and Larry Tanner awarding first place to Fred Drennan and Kora in rally Novice B, below.





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