

# The Retriever Believer

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## President's Message

*Thank you to all who have volunteered this past year, our events couldn't happen without YOU!*

*Finishing out the Club year is our Annual Christmas Party this coming Saturday, December 6 at Julie Germano's training facility in Lake Stevens/Arlington, starting around Noon. Hope to see you there.*

*Annual Banquet and Officer Election will be held on January 10 at the Puyallup Best Western (see flyer in newsletter).*

*A couple of weeks later is the Washington Sportsmen Show, a great event to attend and educate the public about our breed. If interested in volunteering, please contact Tamaria Hartman at [meluvlabs@gmail.com](mailto:meluvlabs@gmail.com)*

*I am currently working on our Club calendar. I will be sending it out to members shortly so everyone can mark their calendars for our year ahead.*

*For 2015, I will be looking for someone to replace Keo Lewis as HRT Secretary. Keo has volunteered for several years and has done a great job. Thank you, Keo! So, if you would be interested, please let me or Keo know.*

*I want to say "Thank You" for letting me serve as your president this past year. I look forward to 2015.*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!*

*Kimberly*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**December 6, Holiday Party, Country Classic, Arlington, Bea Ferguson, Nina Mann**  
**January 3, 4, PSLRA All Breed ShowNGo, Julie Germano's in Arlington, Nina Mann**  
**January 10, Membership Banquet, Puyallup, Kimberley Dotson**

**Newsletter Information:****Publishing of an article or advertisement**

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**The Retriever Believer** will publish brags (free) and Puppy Referral litter listings provided a club member owns either the sire or the dam and a \$10 listing fee has been paid to Puppy Referral. All litter listings and litter advertising must comply with the PSLRA Code of Ethics.

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

Requests for information, applications and/or payment of dues should be addressed to:

**Stephanie Harris, Membership Chair**

341 Cross Creek Drive

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**club business****November board/members meeting**

November board/members meeting  
 PSLRA Board and General Membership Meeting Saturday, November 15, 2014.  
 Board Members present were Kimberly Dotson, Nancy Harney, Tamaria Hartman, Stephanie Harris, Brenda Hubbard, Nina Mann, Cindy Freeman, Marlys Swanson, Shelah Frey, Cathy Hakola. General Member present was Jessica Harris.

**Officer Reports***Treasurer:* Cindy Freeman reported:**ASSETS**

Checking	\$21,531.58
Total Checking (includes Junior Fund)	
Certificate of Deposit	3,832.32
Savings Special rescue fund	3,286.46
Total Checking/Savings	28,650.36
Total Current Assets	28,650.36
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>28,650.36</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**Acknowledgments***Fall Agility Trial:* Kristi Clark.**Committee Reports***Rescue:* The report will be provided in the newsletter.*New Members:* No new members.*Fall Agility Trial:* Everything went well. A check in the amount of \$116.00 will be sent to Old Dog Haven based on the number of ribbons that were turned in.*Fall Tracking Test:* See report in newsletter.*Christmas Party:* Date is December 6 at Julie Germano's Training Facility. It starts at Noon and there will be a general meeting.*Annual Banquet and Officer Election:* Will be held at the Best Western Hotel in Puyallup in the downstairs banquet room on January 10, 2015. Kimberly Dotson and Stacey Parsons are in charge.*January Sweepstakes at Puyallup Show:* Cindy Freeman is the chair. Linda Maffet is judging and everything is a go.*Sportsman Show:* Tamaria Hartman is chairing this event, which is scheduled for January 21 – January 25, 2015.*SKC Booth:* Tamaria and Shelah volunteered to chair. Marlys will coordinate Meet the Breed.*Field Training Day:* Fran Seagren is chair. Date has been moved to the middle of March as we switched dates with the February TDU/VST tracking test.**Old Business***Hunt Test Equipment:* This is an ongoing issue. There was a discussion about the

need to figure out a path forward and perhaps designate a liaison to work out a written agreement with Rainier .

*Old Trailer at Shelah's:* We still have not sold the old match trailer currently residing at Shelah's. There has been no change since the last meeting.*Nominating Committee:* Brenda gave an update on potential new Board nominees on behalf of the nominating committee. See information in this newsletter.*Health Research Donation:* Nina provided information regarding canine epilepsy research that is being done through the University of Minnesota to better understand the underlying mechanisms that predispose dogs to epilepsy and introduce new drugs into the canine epilepsy treatment pipeline. If we make a donation before the end of this year, AKC will match the amount. There was a discussion that while this is not Labrador-specific research; there are many Labrador retrievers that have been impacted by this disease. A motion was made and seconded to approve a donation of \$1,000 for this research. The motion passed.  
*Lucy's Email:* The Board discussed and a response will be distributed to the membership. Stephanie volunteered to draft the letter response to Lucy's email.  
*Code of Ethics Revisions:* There will be a discussion and vote by the membership at the Annual Banquet in January. There is some concern that too many requirements are stopping people from signing up for the litter listing.**New Business***Planning Meeting:* There was an agreement that it made sense to include the new Board Members at the planning meeting. There was discussion about when the planning meeting date should occur. No decision was made, but some proposed dates will be sent out to current and new Board Members.*Facebook Page:* There was a discussion about the fact there is no clear statement on the PSLRA Facebook page that says that advertising is not allowed. A statement will be added to FB. Tamaria volunteered to draft language to be added to the FB page.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## PUGET SOUND LABRADOR RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS PARTY !!!

**WHEN** Saturday, December 6 at Julie Germano's Place  
Noon Social Hour- Lunch promptly at 1 p.m. - Games to 4 p.m.

**WHAT** Potluck! Games for you and your dog!

**WHO** For your Labradors and their people, KIDS and GUESTS

**WHERE** Country Classic Kennels, 9332 99<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Arlington, WA

From I-5 North or South: Exit 199 at Marysville

Go East on SR 528 (also called 4<sup>th</sup> St)

Turn left (north) onto SR 9

Turn right (east) onto 84<sup>th</sup> St NE

After 0.6 miles, turn left onto 99<sup>th</sup> Ave. N

Turn left at PSLRA sign into Country Classic Kennels - go SLOW on driveway.

Park head in opposite main building

From SR 522 in Woodinville

Exit onto SR 9 (north) Snohomish/Arlington exit

Continue for approximately 20 miles

Turn right (east) onto 84<sup>th</sup> St NE

After 0.6 miles, turn left onto 99<sup>th</sup> Ave. N

Please bring a dish that will feed 6 or 8. There is no stove, so hot dishes should be brought in a crock pot or on a hot plate. The club will provide a ham and rolls, coffee and nonalcoholic punch, plates, utensils and cups. Bring a main dish, side dish, salad or dessert.

If you wish to exchange gifts, bring a wrapped, anonymous funny gift that doesn't cost more than about \$10. You'll get a number at the door and can choose a gift from the pile after the membership meeting.

*Brawls*



**1<sup>ST</sup> 15-18 MONTH BITCHES**

THE LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB NATIONAL  
OCTOBER 6-10<sup>TH</sup> 2014  
GETTYSBURG, PA

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Last month I ventured to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania for the LRC National with my Indy - Mykiss Mid-Knight Strut, good friend Diann Sullivan and her Siggy. We had a wonderful time meeting new friends and visiting with old friends. Indy made me very proud at the Parent Club show by winning an incredibly competitive 15-18 Black Bitch class under respected breeder judge Judy Chambers of Ghoststone Labradors (photo), and made the cut in WB. At the National under judge Lewis Baynes she was second in her class to the female who went on to take WB. Indy didn't bring home any points, but that didn't matter to me one bit, I was beaming all the way home!—Tamaría Hartman, MyKiss Labradors

## HRCH, Am/Can CH-B and M Meinhold Col. Hawker MH, WC, CGC



Hawk earned his final point for his American championship November 15, 2014, becoming the 61<sup>st</sup> Labrador Champion Master Hunter. He earned his American and Canadian Championships in two Canadian outings and nine AKC outings, winning his first BOB at eight months at the Peninsula Show in Bremerton. With 18 straight tests without failure, Hawk earned his Working Certificate (WC), Senior Hunter (SH) and Hunting Retriever Championship (HRCH). Hawk earned his Master Hunter Title (MH) in just six short months. This has all been possible due to the support of the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association and Whistling Wings membership support, guidance, and encouragement. With special acknowledgement to Diann Sullivan, Barb Pilkington, field trainer Andy Fontenot of Waterdog Kennels, and Colleen McDaniel. Handlers have been Stacey Duncan, Kerry Edinger (got him his first point at eight months), Stacey Slade, Erin Davis (Majors), and Laura Reeves (finished him). I also want to acknowledge the judges, other participants, and organizing clubs.

Hope to see you all next year while working to qualify for the Master National 2015.

Thanks again to everyone! Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Greg and Sandy Meinhold and Hawk



## PSLRA Tracking Test is a Winner

PSLRA tracking enthusiasts showed up in force at our fall TD/TDX event on October 19. Judges Sil Sanders and Suzanne Schwab plotted three TDX tracks and four TD tracks the proceeding day. We had a nice entry of Labradors, which were given preference in the draw over other AKC breeds – 3 TDX entries and a TD entry. Two English Springers, a Belgian Malinois, and a Smooth Fox Terrier enthusiastically undertook the rest of the tracks. For those noting that eight dogs ran a seven-dog test, the judges plotted a fourth, “alternate” TDX track they were permitted to use as a titling track when it wasn’t needed by the regularly entered dogs.

Conditions were favorable for the first team, which was the Labrador TD candidate from British Columbia. Luna was yelping with enthusiasm to be let at her track and started our day out with a confident, qualifying effort. Unfortunately none of the seven teams to



Suzanne Schwab (Judge), Luis Camargo (Owner), Lee Foote (Chair, substituting for tracklayer Bonnie Byrd) and Sil Sanders (Judge) celebrate new TD, Starcast's New Moon.



Happy PSLRA members who acquired tracking titles at the EGRC test: Fred Drennen and Ginny TDX and Lee Foote and Luna TD. PSLRA member Franna Pitt teamed up with Jill Jones to judge this event.

follow were able to make it to the end of their tracks. Perhaps this was the result of the building wind, but in general most would declare the conditions favorable. All managed good starts and showed themselves capable of working at their level.

To prove this observation, both teams that also drew into the tracking test the following weekend sponsored by Evergreen Golden Retriever Club, proved their preparedness by passing their tests at EGRC. Not the least of which was our own Fred Drennen and Ginny – now Unionhill Blue Sapphire CD, RN, MH, NA, NAJ, NF, **TDX** !

Tracking remains the one sport that demands not only the most space, but also the most volunteer hours per participating dog with the added complication that participants may not do more than peripherally support the test. PSLRA's ability to continue to host at least one tracking event each year speaks well of the dedication of a critical core of tracking enthusiasts. This effort highlights the Club's commitment to our mission of supporting Labrador Retrievers in all venues in which the breed excels. I believe we are the only regional Labrador Retriever club that consistently holds tracking tests and one of only three breed clubs in the greater Puget Sound Area to do so. So even if we couldn't pass many dogs on this occasion, we can still be proud of our dedication to working Labs in all venues.

As chairman for this event, I would like to thank Fred Drennen, Terry Massagli and Jan Skewes who were on the committee as well as finding those peripheral ways to support the test while also participating. Franna Pitt sacrificed entering the test so she could donate her efforts to track laying as well as being a committee member. Kathleen Ball and Bonnie Byrd were regular tracklayers with Charles Bryd, Clarissa Henry, Jan Wesen, and myself offering distracting cross tracks for the TDX dogs. Long time PSLRA tracking supporter Nina Mann, while not able to attend the plotting day, was still able to do some driving and also act as a committee member. Lee Foote

# ***YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND...***

## **Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association *Annual Membership Banquet***



**January 10, 2015**

Best Western Park Plaza  
620 South Hill Park Drive, Puyallup  
(same location as last year)



**Social Hour: 5 p.m.**

**Dinner, Awards & Entertainment: 6 p.m.**

PSLRA Members \$20, Non Club Members \$45

Please send your reservation with check

Payable to **PSLRA** to Kimberly Dotson

2503 - 174<sup>th</sup> Street East, Tacoma, WA 98445

OR you can sign up online at [pslra.org](http://pslra.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending:    Member                    \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20  
                                 Non Member                    \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45

Any Questions: Please email Kimberly Dotson at [clovercreeklabs@msn.com](mailto:clovercreeklabs@msn.com) or 253-278-1116

**Sign-up Deadline January 1, 2015**

## **ShowNGO 2015**

The first PSLRA event of the year 2015 will be the annual ShowNGo at Julie Germano's. I hope you all will read the flier in this newsletter. If you miss it, Stephanie will post it on the web site. We are considering changing the date next year: a bit later in the season would give us better weather. I'll have a voting box near the coffee thermos. Please drop in a vote if you have a preferred date.

The ShowNGo is almost the only time we put on an event open to other breeds and it is looked forward to by everyone involved in Obedience and Rally. During the two-day event there are opportunities for everyone to practice all levels of obedience and rally. It's great as a last practice for Puyallup, and even if you have never done any obedience or rally, this is a neat opportunity to see what they are like and see how well your dog would do in these sports.

We are always looking for judges and stewards. If you are willing to help for half a day in either category, please email Nancy Harney at [nanhar228@gmail.com](mailto:nanhar228@gmail.com), and let her know. All judges and stewards run their dogs for free, but I still need an entry form so I can put you in the schedule, just don't include a check! Remember the dates: January 3 and 4 and come join the fun!

This year I urge you to enter as early as possible. I will be out of town after December 21 so will post a preliminary running order prior to that date. Entries received after that will take whatever time is left and be added at the end of the day.

Nina Mann, [harbortop@netzero.net](mailto:harbortop@netzero.net)

# PUGET SOUND LABRADORS ALL-BREED SHOW N GO

SATURDAY and SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 AND 4, 2015

Country Classic Kennels 9332 - 99<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Arlington, WA 98223

From I-5 North or South: Exit 199 at Marysville

From SR 522 in Woodinville

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## GET READY FOR PUYALLUP

### Obedience - Novice through Utility

Rally - all classes

Questions? Nina Mann, [harbortop@netzero.net](mailto:harbortop@netzero.net) or Nancy Harney, [nanhar228@gmail.com](mailto:nanhar228@gmail.com)

Morning coffee and muffins provided, donations welcome

*ONE ENTRY FORM PER DOG. PLEASE*

First run with each dog: \$10, Second and third runs with same dog: \$8 each

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Call Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Rally: # of runs \_\_\_\_\_ Obedience : \_\_\_\_\_ # of runs \_\_\_\_\_ Utility \_\_\_\_\_

Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_\_\_ Open \_\_\_\_\_ Novice \_\_\_\_\_

Novice \_\_\_\_\_ Jump Height \_\_\_\_\_ Jump Height \_\_\_\_\_

Utility and Open Obedience will be scheduled on Saturday starting at 9 a.m.--limited to 10 minutes per run.

Rally and Novice Obedience will be scheduled on Sunday, starting at 9 a.m., also limited to 10 minutes per run.

Sits and Downs may be done outside to save time, and if you are running multiple dogs and multiple runs, every effort will be made to schedule your runs as close together as possible. Running order will be posted at [pslra.org](http://pslra.org) after December 21.

Make all checks payable to PSLRA in US funds and mail entries and fees to:

PSLRA ShowNGo, c/o Nina Mann, 5706 312<sup>th</sup> St NW, Stanwood, WA 98292

As the owner or handler of the above dog, I agree that the above named dog has a current rabies vaccination and is, to the best of my knowledge, a healthy dog. I certify that the dog is not a hazard to persons, other dogs or domestic animals. I agree that I will abide by all the rules of the event. I agree not to hold the host club, its members, representatives or volunteers, or Julie Germano, Country Classic Kennels, their owners, employees or representatives responsible for any claim of loss during the event, and/or while on the event grounds and/or in transit to or from the event grounds. I agree to take full responsibility, financial or otherwise, for any damage or loss to property or domestic or due to the actions of a child under 18 years of age in my care. I agree that the event coordinators reserve the right to dismiss any dog or handler from the event if they deem it necessary.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Owner, handler or parent of child under 18)

# Happy Hunters



Scott Seagren and Disco bagged a rooster.

Rhonda Forman and Doolin are thrilled to bring home their ducks



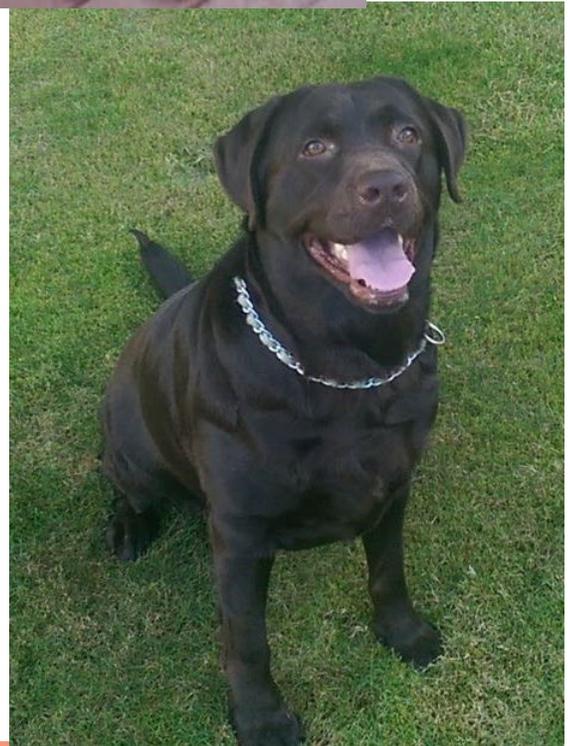
# Rescue Report

## A TALE OF TWO CHOCOLATES – Rudy and Casey

Rudy is an eight-year old chocolate male Lab who has been a greatly loved family member all his life. He helped raise the children in his family and was a perfect companion. Unfortunately, the family circumstances changed due to the death of one parent. The children started their own lives elsewhere and Rudy had to be left alone for long hours. He was sad and lonely and his owner knew that - hard as it would be to part with Rudy - he would be happier in another home. Rudy now has a family where someone is almost always at home and there are twin teenage boys to endlessly throw his beloved flying squirrel toy! Rudy's new family is keeping in close touch with his former owner, and everyone is delighted that Rudy no longer has to spend lonely days by himself. What a happy ending for all!



Casey was purchased from a puppy mill and her owners did not understand the exercise and training needs of a young Lab. An active puppy in need of guidance was not a good match for a family with four very young children. When a new baby arrived, Casey found herself spending most of the time by herself in an outdoor kennel. The family did, however, recognize they should not return Casey to the place where she was born, and turned to rescue for help in finding a better place for her. Once Casey was spayed, we moved her to one of our foster homes and Casey was soon able to enjoy the active lifestyle that every young Lab needs. As has happened many times before, the foster family fell in love with Casey and have decided to adopt her permanently! We hope they have many happy years ahead with this lovely young Lab.



## Board nominations

The Nominating Committee for the 2015 PSLRA Board of Directors has nominated the following people for the 2015 Board:

Jennifer Hajny, Secretary  
 Jill Mahoney, Treasurer  
 Sonya Dudder, Board Member  
 Marcy Johnson, Board Member  
 Diane Sullenberger, Board Member

Additional nominations may be made at the December meeting, which will be held at Julie Germano's training facility in Arlington, in conjunction with the Holiday Party, on December 6. The person being nominated must accept the nomination at the meeting, or if they are not in attendance at the meeting, the person nominating them must provide at the meeting a written statement from the nominee saying they are willing to be a candidate.



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