

# 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! I know that I have said a million times, but PSLRA would not be the club it is with our membership.*

*To finish out our club year is our Annual Christmas Party this coming Saturday, December 5, at Riverdog Training Facility in Issaquah; flyer was previously sent out to the membership and is elsewhere in this newsletter.*

*Annual Banquet and Officer Election will be held on January 16 at Mama's Stortini's on East Main in Puyallup (see flyer in newsletter).*

*A couple 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 Tamara Hartman at meluvlabs@gmail.com.*

*I want to say "Thank You" for letting me serve as your president this past two years. Being president is not an easy task, but I am glad that I took it on. I will continue to serve on the board and will also be helping and chairing events in the coming months.*

*Also, with the holidays upon us, and being a new grandparent, I have realized just how special the little things are. I apologize if this comes across heavy, but we don't know our future. I just hope that everyone will take a moment to enjoy this holiday season with family, friends and our Labradors because we are all truly blessed.*

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from my home to yours...  
Kimberly*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**December 5,  
Christmas Party,  
Shelah Frey, River  
Dog, Issaquah  
January 9, Show N  
Go North, Country  
Classic Kennels,  
Arlington  
January 16, Awards  
Banquet & Officer  
Election, Mama  
Stortini's, Puyallup**

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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

Ellensburg, Washington 98926

stephanie@skyfirelabs.com

## club business November board meeting

November Board Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2015. In attendance were Marcy Johnson, Stephanie Harris, Kim Dotson, Lizzie Moir, Jill Mahoney, Shelah Frey, Marlys Swanson, Brenda Hubbard, Nina Mann, and Julie Kirk.

**Officer Reports***President:* Kimberly Dotson – No report.*Vice President:* Marlys Swanson - No Report.*Secretary:* Jennifer Hanjy - Not present.*Treasurer:* Jill Mahoney went over the financials. Copies available upon request.**Acknowledgements**

PSLRA wishes to thank the following people for their hard work; Franna Pitt, Nina Mann, Fred Drennan, Kristi Clark, and Julie Germano. Also thanks to the nominating committee; Cecile Drege, Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Ramdas Vaidyanathan, and Marlys Swanson.

**Committee Reports***By Laws* - Still being discussed. Waiting for responses from AKC.

*Christmas Party* - Flyer is out for the party on December 5 at River Dog in Issaquah starting at 1 PM. Club will provide a ham with rolls but please bring a dish for the potluck. There will be a presentation about diabetic alert dogs. Santa will be available for pictures with your Labrador(s) for a donation.

*January Banquet* - Location has been moved to Mama Stortini's Restaurant & Bar in Puyallup on Saturday evening of the Puyallup shows.

*Show -n- Go North* - Nina is chairing.

*Nominations* - The committee has nominated Stephanie Harris at the president and Shelah Frey as the vice president. No new nominations were made for the board.

**Old Business**

None discussed

**New Business**

—Shelah brought up that it is irresponsible to spend money earned by other venues on conformation when the specialty does not make any money. Discussion ensued.

—Marlys brought up the possibility of an Agility Show -n- Go. Pros and cons were discussed.

—Rescue Report - Brenda sent her report directly to the board list.

—Breeder's List - Jill would like to manage the breeder's list while she is treasurer.

—Kim asked if we have a master list of all committees and events and their corresponding chairs.

—Member of the Year - The nominations were debated and voted upon.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m..



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

**WHEN** Saturday, December 5 at Riverdog  
One to 4 PM - Lunch promptly at 1:00

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

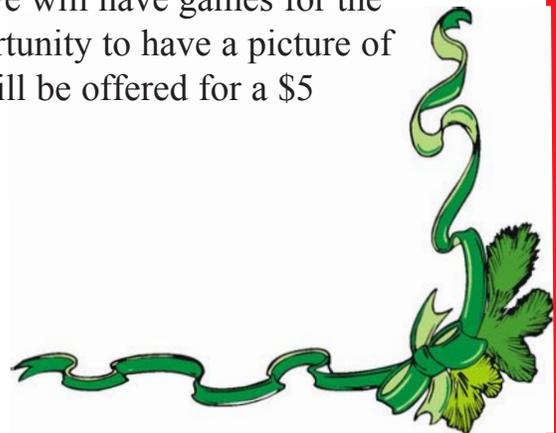
**WHO** For your Labradors and their people, KIDS and GUESTS

**WHERE** Riverdog Kennels, 1400 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW, Issaquah, WA 98027

We will have a short presentation on training dogs for diabetic detection.

Please bring a dish that will feed 6 or 8. The club will provide a ham and rolls, coffee and nonalcoholic punch, plates, utensils and paper cups. Bring a main dish, side dish, salad or dessert.

In addition to a short business meeting, we will have games for the kids to play with their dogs and the opportunity to have a picture of your puppy taken with Santa. Pictures will be offered for a \$5 donation to Old Dog Haven.



ReiMur



Fergus (Am GCH/Can CH/UKC CH HRCH ReiMur's Juz Fulla Myself MH CD RE CGC Can CD/JH/WCX) earned the first two legs of his CDX title at the WIKC shows 11/14/15 and 11/15/15 and earned a placement (third) on Saturday. He is loved, owned and trained by Darlene Pado.— submitted by Darlene Pado, ReiMur Labradors

# Rescue Report

This super sweet 8-year old black male Lab was rescued from a shelter in Idaho. He was an owner release from the Blackfoot Indian reservation where he was known as Brother Bear. His chances of being adopted from the Idaho shelter were very poor, so some kind volunteers transported him to Washington to give him a chance. He was obviously well cared for and in good health except for some mild arthritis in his hips. He loves to play ball and is great with every dog and person that he meets. Now known just as "Bear," he was quickly adopted by a woman who had just lost her dearly loved black male Lab due to a medical issue. Bear instantly made friends with the resident cat and is now being pampered and adored by his new owner - who is no longer sad and lonely without a Lab in her home!



## ShowNGO

The first PSLRA event of the year 2016 will be the annual ShowNGo at Julie Germano's. I hope you all will read the flier on page 7. If you miss it, Stephanie will post it on the web site. The date is a bit later this year and we hope it will give us better weather. As always it is the last weekend before Puyallup.

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. During this event there are opportunities for everyone to practice all levels of obedience. It's great as a last practice for Puyallup, and even if you have never done any obedience, this is a neat opportunity to see what it is like and see how well your dog would do in this sport.

We are always looking for judges and stewards. If you are willing to help for half a day in either category, please email Michelle Brown, rednmerlin@yahoo.com, and let her know. All judges 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 date: January 9 and come join the fun! Half a day stewarding also earns you free runs for one dog.

Every year I urge you to enter as early as possible. Entries will close December 21 so we will post a preliminary running order soon after 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

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## Time to Renew Dues payable by January 31 at PSLRA.org.

Everyone please fill out all of your personal information online on [www.pslra.org](http://www.pslra.org) under the drop-down tab entitled "Membership." This is required! You can pay your dues via PayPal or if you prefer to pay by check, please send your check made out to PSLRA to:

Brenda Hubbard  
4624 South 358th Street  
Auburn WA 98001

When you send your check, you can either print out what you typed online or just include a note, saying you've already signed up online. *What you enter online, goes straight into our database; therefore, you'll be responsible if there are any typos. Please double-check your entries for correctness.*

If you are having any problems or have any questions, please contact me and I'll help!

Thank you! Brenda  
253-661-9443 or [brooke-lynn@msn.com](mailto:brooke-lynn@msn.com)

**PUGET SOUND LABRADORS ALL-BREED SHOW N GO  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016**

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  
Go East on SR 528 (also 4<sup>th</sup> St) Exit onto SR 9 (north) Snohomish/Arlington exit  
Turn left (north) onto SR 9 Continue approximately 20 miles  
Turn right (east) onto 84<sup>th</sup> St NE (0.6)  
Turn left (north) onto 99<sup>th</sup> Ave. N(0.6)  
Turn left into Country Classic Kennels.  
The building is set back off the road

**GET READY FOR PUYALLUP**

Obedience - Novice through Utility

Questions? Nina Mann, harbortop@netzero.net or Michelle Brown, rednmerlin@yahoo.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

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Obedience : \_\_\_\_\_ # of runs  
Utility \_\_\_\_\_ Jump Height \_\_\_\_\_  
Open \_\_\_\_\_ Jump Height \_\_\_\_\_  
Novice \_\_\_\_\_

Utility and Open Obedience will start at 8 AM - limited to 10 minutes per run. Novice will follow.

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 psdra.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)

**LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 11/30/2015 that conform to the P.S.L.R.A. Code of Ethics.**

Information is as submitted by owners and provided as a service to the public. Listings of litters are in no way an endorsement by P.S.L.R.A. of any litter or any one litter over another. Litters are removed from the list after 12 weeks.

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.
  - \* Current eye clearances on both parents annually.
  - \* At least one of each breeding pair must be tested and certified clear of EIC, PRA and CNM or be shown as CBP. Heart clearances will be included in the listing at the discretion of the breeder.
  - \* A PSLRA member must own either the sire or the dam and must submit the listing for a non-member.
  - \* Please obtain a Litter Listing form from the PSLRA web site, to be used for ALL litters.
  - \* All Breeders must update their litters each week with Nina Mann via email ([harbortop@netzero.net](mailto:harbortop@netzero.net)) as to the sex and color of puppies you have sold. The listing will be deleted after 12 weeks from the first litter listing date.
1. Mail or email the completed form to Nina Mann, 5706 312th St. NW, Stanwood, WA 98292-9649. Please send the \$10 listing fee to Jill Mahoney, Treasurer, by check or PayPal.
  2. Your litter notice will appear on the web site and in the next PSLRA newsletter if it conforms to the Code of Ethics.
  3. If you know that the Litter Listing and the Puppy Referral programs have helped you sell your puppies, please send a donation to PSLRA (c/o Jill Mahoney, Treasurer) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue.

*Glossary: EIC: Exercise Induced Collapse. CNM: Centronuclear Myopathy. ECHO: Echocardiogram. PRA: Progressive retinal atrophy, DD, dilute clear, CBP: Clear by Parentage.*

**Litter Listings:****Litter born September 3, 2015**

Sire: Devonshire Huckleberry Finn

OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 2014, EIC clear

Dam: Devonshire Sundowner She's So Vain

OFA40E, OFEL40N, ACVO 5/2015, EIC carrier

Litter: 2 YF, 2 YM

Call: Jami Roberts (206) 909-7405

Email: [jami.roberts@yahoo.com](mailto:jami.roberts@yahoo.com)

Listed: 9/24/2015

**Litter due 1/3/2016**

Sire: Am/Can CH Sharay Clearly Artesian CDX JH RA WC

OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 9/27/2015, EIC, PRA and CNM clear

Dam: AM/Can CH Somersun Artesian Silk Stocking WCÂ

OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 9/27/2015

Cardiac clear ECHO, EIC anmd CNM clear

Litter: All black expected

Call: Marlys Swanson (425) 422-4789

Email: [Marlyss2000@gmail.com](mailto:Marlyss2000@gmail.com)

Listed 11/30/2015

**Older dog listings:**

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

**Chocolate Female****Five Months**

Dolly is a very sweet, smart, chocolate girl who is shopping for her forever home. She swims, gets along with dogs, cats, and learns quickly. Dolly's parents are OFA hips, elbows, eyes, hearts clear.

Contact: Stephanie Harris,

[Stephanie@skyfirelabs.com](mailto:Stephanie@skyfirelabs.com) or

Website: [www.skyfirelabs.com](http://www.skyfirelabs.com)

Listed: Sept. 6, 2015



# YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND...



## *Annual Membership Banquet* **January 16, 2016**

**NEW LOCATION:** Mama Stortini's  
3207 East Main Avenue, Puyallup, WA 98372

Social Hour: 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner, Awards & Entertainment: 6 p.m.

PSLRA Members \$25, Non Club Members \$50  
Please send your reservation with check  
Payable to **PSLRA** to Kimberly Dotson  
2503 - 174th Street East, Tacoma, WA 98445  
OR email me at [clovercreeklabs@msn.com](mailto:clovercreeklabs@msn.com)

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

Number attending: Member \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25  
Non Member \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50

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

**Sign-up Deadline January 1, 2016**



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*Happy Holidays*  
*Remember to renew*