

# The Retriever Believer

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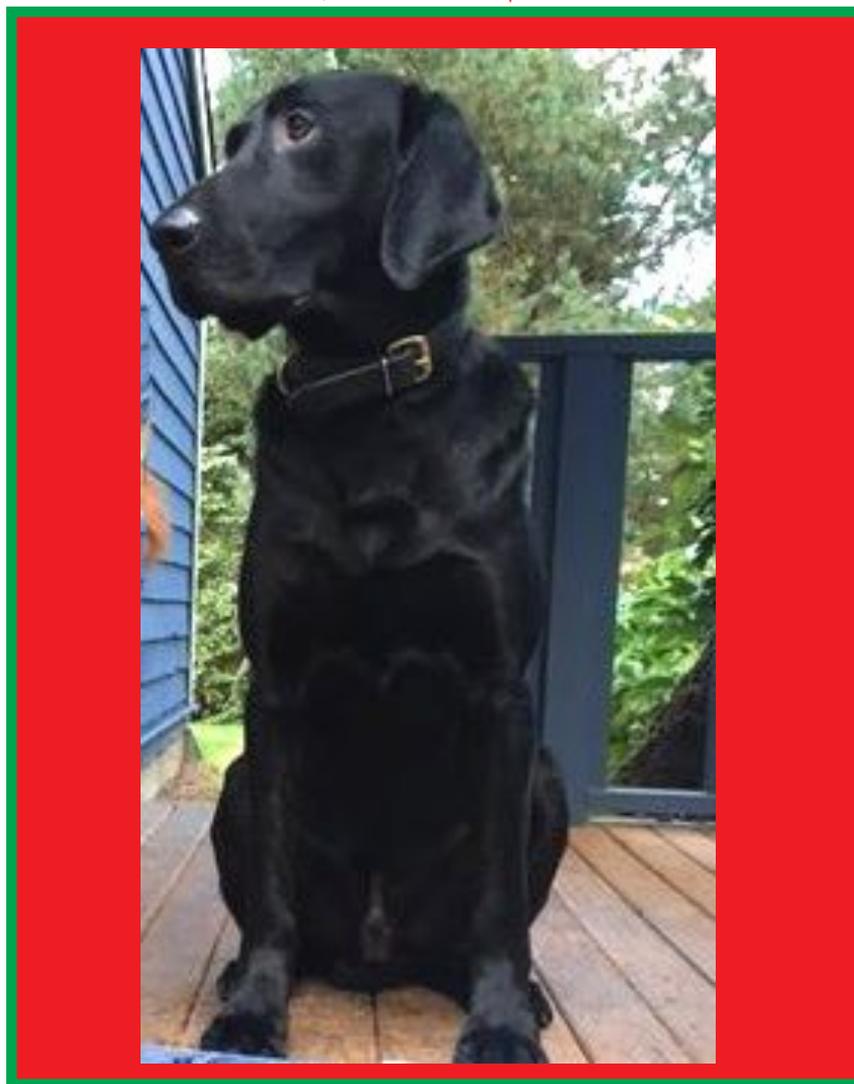
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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**December 3, Holiday Party, Dannakers' house, Duvall**  
**January 7, Obedience/ Show 'n Go, Country Classic Kennels, Arlington, Nina Mann**  
**January 14, weekend of Puyallup Cluster, Annual Banquet, Kimberly Dotson, Best Western, Puyallup**

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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:  
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## club business

# November board meeting

The November meeting was called to order at 6:48, Wednesday, November 16, 2016, via teleconference. In attendance were Board of Directors and members Stephanie Harris, Kim Dotson, Marcy Johnson, Jennifer Hajny, Nina Mann, Brenda Hubbard, Diane Sullenberger, Jill Mahoney, and Lizzie Moir.

**Officers Reports**

**President:** Stephanie Harris - There was discussion about Newsletter distribution.

**Vice President:** Shelah Frey - None at this time

**Secretary:** Jennifer Hajny - Received correspondence from AKC with Specialty approval. Sent contracts to VST-Tracking judges (judges were approved via email). Thank you card received from Roy Fair for inviting him to judge the Fall tracking test. Request and approval for January supported with sweepstakes entry sent/ received.

**Treasurer:** Jill Mahoney - Jill is happy to report almost all the recent events have closed in the black. Report available upon request.

**Acknowledgements**

We would like to thank the following for their willingness to help at our events:

**Wenatchee Supported Entry-** Jennifer Snyder and Katie Somers. The prizes were fabulous and the potluck was super fun. There was a great entry. Looking forward to next year.

**Tracking Test -** Chairperson Nina Mann and test secretary Fred Drennen. Also to Maggy Susman, Michelle Brown, and Robert Henry for laying track! See recap in newsletter.

**Agility Trial -** Chairperson Kristie Clark and volunteers

**Nominating Committee -** Kristi Clark, Darlene Pado, Jen Snyder, alternate Marlys Swanson.

**Committee Reports**

**Rescue Report:** Look for report elsewhere in the newsletter.

**Tracking Test Report:** Nina reported the test was very successful. There is a recap elsewhere in the newsletter.

**Match 2017:** Needs a Chairperson. If interested, please contact Stephanie Harris.

**Agility Trials:** Fall Trial went well.

Discussion on raising rates for next year's trials, at the suggestion of R2Agility. Will be more discussion via email and at the next Board meeting.

**Specialty 2017:** Approval for event is good. Chairs are working hard on the planning. Judges contracts are coming in slowly.

**Health Clinic:** Will be at Riverdog again next year.

**Holiday Party:** Information was in the November Newsletter. There will be a gift exchange with a gift price of \$20. It is a potluck, with the main dish and drinks provided by the Club. Plan on attending this fun event with your family, but please leave your four-legged kids at home.

**Annual Banquet:** Kimberly Dotson will be the chairperson. Will take place at the Best Western, the same weekend of the Puyallup Cluster in January. Dr. Cindy Smith, DVM, a reproduction specialist will be our guest speaker for the evening. She will be talking about post whelping issues. Watch for the flyer in the newsletter. As a note, the club will be sponsoring a supported entry again, as well as holding sweepstakes on Saturday of this cluster.

**Old Business**

**Barn Hunt:** Lizzie is working on proposal.

**Chairman Wrap-Ups:** Reminder if you chair an event, please send a recap of your event for the Newsletter.

**Sportsman Show:** Brenda Hubbard will be the chairperson. As a reminder, this event takes place January 25-29, 2017, at the Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Brenda Hubbard.

**Judges contracts:** It was acknowledged the contracts need to be reviewed and updated. It was suggested a special meeting be set to review these as a group as each event requires special attention and requirements. A date will be looked at for further discussion.

**Washington Sporting Dog Training Assoc:** Correspondence with WSDTA has been exchanged. At this time, there are no governing ordinances for WSDTA, and

because of that there is hesitation from the Board to affiliate the Club with them. However, there are great benefits for joining this cause, including support for the all-around Labrador. Discussion followed. Jennifer Hajny moved and Diane Sullenberger seconded a motion to support the Washington Sporting Dog Training Association and complete the application to become an affiliated club. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **New Business**

*Seattle Kennel Club:* Marcy reported that SKC is asking for early registration. The show is March 11-12, 2017. There was discussion about offering a supported entry. If any club member would like to take on this job, please contact the Board.

*Member of the Year:* Board will discuss Member of the Year nominations via email. If there are any suggestions by club members, please contact Stephanie Harris.

*Nominating Committee:* Point of Order was requested by the nominating committee for Board to review attendance compliance of current Board members. The Board is responsible for determining “just cause” for those who have missed Board meetings in accordance with our By-laws. Discussion followed about what constitutes “just cause.” Jill Mahoney moved and Nina Mann seconded a motion to accept “work obligations” as just cause for those current Board members who have missed meetings, and furthermore encourage the Nominating committee to not hesitate in nominating

those current Board members who are non-compliant with instructions that ALL Board members commit to attending 9 of the 12 yearly Board meetings - 6 Affirmed, 2 opposed, Motion passed.

#### **Open Discussion**

There was a suggestion by a non-club member about when to hold our membership meetings in August. The Board discussed the possibilities, and decided unanimously that our August meeting best suits our club members when it is held on the Saturday of the Speciality.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48

*Next Meeting – General Membership and Board Meeting – Dec. 3, at the Holiday Party.*

## Committee Nominations for 2017

We are happy to inform PSLRA members that the Nominating Committee has nominated the following people for 3 vacancies on the PSLRA 2017 Board:

#### **Officer Nominee**

Secretary: Kristen Reiter

#### **Director Nominees**

Scott Dannaker  
Ramdas Vaidyanathan

Additional nominations may be made at the Holiday Party Saturday 12/3/16 per article 4 section 4c. Voting will be held on 1/14/17 at the Annual Banquet in January.

Thank you, Scott, Kristen, & Ramdas for being willing to serve PSLRA in this way.

2017 PSLRA Nominating Committee  
Kristi Clark, Chairman  
Darlene Pado  
Jennifer Snyder

*Bruff*

The littermates continue to have a good Fall! At the Wenatchee Kennel Club Shows October 21-23, Margie, top right, qualified in Novice A Obedience Friday and Saturday with first place ribbons to finish her CD title. On Sunday she qualified in Open A obedience to earn her first CDX leg, also with a first place ribbon. Margie is ReiMur's Marge Simpson CD BN RE JH CGCA and is co-owned, loved and trained by Liz O'Callaghan.



At the Lizard Butte Kennel Club shows October 15-16, Larson won WD/BOW and BOB over three specials on Saturday and WD/BOW on Sunday. At the Whidbey Island Kennel Club show November 20, Larson, bottom right, won WD/BOW for a major; he now needs one major to finish his AKC Championship. Larson is Can CH SHR ReiMur's Good Humor Man BN RN JH WC.—submitted by Darlene Pado





Koa's In A New York Minute, aka, Madison, has had quite a busy couple of months. She was WB, BOW, BOB, and Best Puppy her first time in Canada at Lower Mainland Dog Fanciers of BC in September.

Then she earned two Rally Novice B legs and a Major Reserve from a lovely bred by bitch class of eight at Wenatchee Kennel Club in October, followed by a WB, BOW, BOS over Specials and Best Puppy in Canada at Ladies Kennel Club of BC in November.

Kawai and I are very proud breeders of this lovely puppy!—submitted by Chantel Nahoopii.



**Bravo**

November was a good month at the Sato house. Bravo, Birdland's Go For Broke MH CDX, earned two UD legs in Utility A at the Chuckanut obedience trial in Lynden on November 5 and 6 with a first and second place. Bravo's Golden buddy, Chip, Topbrass Chipotle MH QAA UD RN, earned his UD title with a first place on November 5 in Lynden and picked up a bonus leg at the WIKC show in Monroe on November 19. Both dogs are owned, trained, and thoroughly enjoyed by Terrie Sato.





**GET READY FOR PUYALLUP!**

**ALL-BREED OBEDIENCE SHOW-N-GO**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017**

**COUNTRY CLASSIC KENNELS**

**9332 99<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223**

**Utility - Open - Novice**

**8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**For entry forms**

**email**

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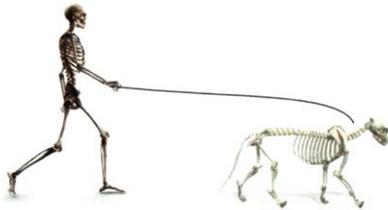


**If time permits we will offer  
Rally after 4 p.m.**

# Fall TD TDX Test

PSLRA supports two tracking events each year. In the Fall [late October] we put on a TD/TDX [tracking Dog/Tracking Dog Excellent] test in Bow, Washington. In late February is our TDU/VST [Tracking Dog Urban and Variable Surface Tracking] in Shoreline and Kirkland. Tracking events require a dog and handler team to follow an aged track over various terrains picking up articles touched by the tracklayer, marking and following corners, and avoiding deliberate and random cross-tracks by animals or humans other than the primary tracklayer. The difference between the four tests is related to length of the track, age of the track since first walked, number of articles and number of obstacles. TD and TDX events require fields and terrain changes, whereas TDU and VST are urban events around buildings and across parking lots. Unlike most AKC titles, if you pass once at a licensed event you get the title. In particular however, TDX and VST tests are perhaps the most difficult performance events that AKC sponsors. Training is tough as well as your dog's nose is way more sensitive than yours is! You have to learn to follow your dog.

Tracking tests start with a 'draw,' in which the dogs in catalog order pick an item out of a box to determine which track they will run. Our theme this year was 'bones,' so the TD teams picked plastic femur bones with track numbers and the TDX teams picked skeletal feet. The judging program had the following bony graphic.



This year in Bow we had six TD tracking teams including one Labrador Retriever, and three TDX teams, all Labradors including one team from Montana. All six of the TD teams passed, a great and unusual outcome! Unfortunately, while all of the TDX teams showed tracking ability, corners and cross tracks got in the way and none passed. The weather cooperated for the most part, the judges were incredibly patient and complimentary, and the usual post-event brunch was devoured. Dr. Franna Pitt [a PSLRA life member] and Roy Fair from Oregon were the judges. Volunteer tracklayers [most not in PSLRA] are the core of these events. PSLRA members also volunteer as tracklayers to other clubs as well.

Tracking is a small event, but is supported by the Show 'n Go in January. While we have a preference for Labs in our tests [who have 'guaranteed' slots], all AKC Registered Breeds and All American Dogs can also be entered. In the 2016 TD class in addition to the Lab there was a GSD, a Weimeraner, an Aussie, a Smooth Collie and a Dutch Shepherd/Malinois all of whom passed. They are all honorary Labradors for the day. If you are interested in tracking, please feel free to contact any of us. The next event is the TDU/VST on February 26, 2017. Nina Mann, Fred Drennan, Maggy Susman, Michelle Brown, Lee Foote, and Dr. Franna Pitt.



Pictured are the six new TD dogs, their handlers, and the judges.

## OLDER LABS ARE SPECIAL!

One afternoon a handsome chocolate Lab showed up at the back door of a family home. He was gentle and friendly, but had no identification and extensive efforts to find his owners were not successful. He was well trained and an expert at games of fetch.

The vet estimated his age at 9 - 11 years old. The family named him Tucker and planned to keep him. Unfortunately their other dog did not willingly accept Tucker. Because Tucker is a submissive dog, their other dog began to bully him. The family reluctantly decided that Tucker needed another home and they contacted our rescue program for help.

We had received an application from a couple who were looking for a companion for their nine year old Toller and - importantly - a dog that would get along well with their three indoor cats.

Tucker was currently living successfully with a cat, and often played happily with other dogs (with the exception of his housemate). Willie, the Toller, was a gentle and sensitive dog, much like Tucker, and he was sadly missing his companion dog that had passed away recently. A meeting was arranged and it was love at first sight for everyone - people, dogs and cats!

Tucker has settled down happily in his new home and we are all delighted that he has found a permanent family at last.



Tucker, left, and below, with stick



**LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 11/30/2016 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 6/9/2016****1BM, 1BF available**

Sire: Can CH SHR Reimur's Good Humor Man RN

Am/Can JH WC

OFA27G, OFEL24N, LR-EYE 9/27/2015, EIC

CNM, Cardiac Echo clear

Dam: Int CH CT Winroc's Winsome Winifred BN RE

WC

OFA26E, OFEL26N, LR-EYE 4/12/2016, CNM

PRA clear

Litter: All black

Call: Lee Foote (206) 972-3165

Email: [lafrh@nwlink.com](mailto:lafrh@nwlink.com)

Listed: 9/23/2016

*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.

**Black male****Intact**

Max is a happy boy ( born 1/1/2016) who needs an active family. He gets along well with our dogs and loves to learn. He will do best for someone who can keep him active and has some experience in training and working with dogs. He has no health issues and has some basic obedience. Both parents are Am/Can Champions, good hips, normal elbows, Echo normal, EIC, PRA, and CNM clear/normal.

For more information, please contact Marlys Swanson at [marlyss2000@gmail.com](mailto:marlyss2000@gmail.com) or 425-422-4789.

Updated 11/29/2016



## Sportmen's Show January 25-29, 2017

Every year PSLRA has a very informative booth at the Sportsmen's Show in Puyallup. It is a great opportunity for us to educate the public about our wonderful breed. Each year we ask our members to help as volunteers in our booth where you will greet the public and answer questions. Your Labradors are also most welcome. The show is well attended by people of all ages, including many families with small children who will want to pet your dog.

PSLRA provides printed information about our Club, everything from Labs as a breed, to how to join PSLRA, and a current breeders list and litter listing. Volunteer shifts range from two to three hours. The show runs from Wednesday morning to Sunday afternoon. Morning, afternoon, and evening shifts are available. We try to get enough volunteers to have two people in the booth at the same time. It's so much fun, and you are helping educate the public about our beloved breed.

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*Happy Holidays*