

# The Retriever Believer

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## President's Message

*WOW! A new year is upon us and in looking ahead, another busy year for PSLRA. The club started the month off with the Annual Show & Go, which was a huge success. It could not have been possible without our Chairs, Nina Mann and Nancy Harney. Thank you Ladies!*

*Also was our educational booth at the Washington State Sportsmen Show. Thank you to all who volunteered and thanks to Chair, Tamaria Hartman.*

*The Annual Awards Banquet was a lot of fun and gave the club the opportunity to give back to our membership. Everyone in attendance received an embroidered towel with either a black, chocolate, or yellow Labrador on it. Again, back by popular demand, was the legendary duck call game. We had several winners and, of course, our traditional PAWS game. Thank you to all that attended. We were also happy the Best Western had a projector so we could stream the Seahawk game. GO HAWKS!!*

*The Member of the Year award was presented to Bea Ferguson. The President's Award recipients were Fran Seagren and Liz Skyllingstad. Certificates were also presented to members who have served the club for 25 years. This year a certificate was presented to Irlanne Warren.*

*Congratulations to those members and dogs earning the PSLRA All-Around and Versatility Awards. These dogs represent what our club stands for - the Labrador is truly "a dog for all reasons." Also presented was the Oldest Dog earning a title.*

*I want to welcome the new board members for 2015: Marcy Johnson, Diane Sullenberger, and Sonya Dudder. I also want to thank those board members returning for another year: Nina Mann, Shelah Frey, Stephanie Harris, Tamaria Hartman, Brenda Hubbard, Jill Mahoney, Linda Maffett, Jennifer Hajny, Marlys Swanson, and Lizzie Moir.*

*Thank you to all the members who worked so hard making 2014 a big success! Volunteers are the heart of this club and what makes our club so successful. I sincerely thank you all for all that you do. Nothing is possible without YOU!*

*We have some great events coming up soon. Mark your calendar for February 22 for TDU and VST Tracking Test. Please contact Nina Mann if interested in learning more about Tracking. March 7 and 8 will find PSLRA with our educational booth at the Seattle Kennel Club show. Again, if interested in helping, contact Shelah Frey and Tamaria Hartman. Our March Field Fun/Training Day date is being worked. As soon as we get a confirmation on the date, we will let everyone know.*

*I am really looking forward to working with all of you and making 2015 the best year ever. — Kimberly*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**February 22, TDU VST tracking test, Nina Mann, Fircrest Residential School, Shoreline.**  
**March 7, 8, Seattle Kennel Club booth, Sheila Frey & Tamara Hartman**

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

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**Submissions must be received by the editor by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.** Please use "newsletter ideas" in subject line.

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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**

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**club business****January board/members meeting**

PSLRA Awards Banquet and Membership Meeting, Best Western, Puyallup, Wash. January 10, 2015. Meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m. by Kim Dotson.

Attendance included Kim Dotson, Marlys Swanson, Jennifer Hajny, Leif Albertsen, Linda Maffett, Nina Mann, Tamaria Hartman, Brenda Hubbard, Gary Hubbard, Jan Skewes, Sonya Dudder, Diane Sullenberger, Debbie Milks, Ron Milks, Leslie Douglas, Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Paul Skyllingstad, Liz Skyllingstad, Joni Willing, Liz Gibson, Mark Keen, Cindy Freeman, Stacey Parsons, Katie Somers, Lizzie Moir, Jessica Dotson, Katie Dotson, Jack Prindle, Janine Prindle, Bea Ferguson, Allison Rogers, Shirley Trotter, Jessica Harris, Stephanie Harris, Jill Mahoney, Angela Rogalla, Franna Pitt, Dave Lawniczak, Lee Jones, Michelle Brown.

**Officer Reports**

*President:* Welcomed everyone.

**Committee Reports**

*Sportsman Show:* Dates are Jan. 21-25. Tamaria Hartman is chairing this event. Please contact her if you are interested in volunteering. Sign up sheet is going around room, please sign up.

*Seattle Kennel Club—Breed Booth:*

Tamaria Hartman and Shelah Frey will chair this event. Contact them for volunteer opportunities.

*Happy Birthday Wish*

Everyone applauded and sang Happy Birthday to club member Joni Willing, who turned 90 years old!

**Old Business**

*Code of Ethics:* There was much discussion of the change to the Code of Ethics the club has recently adopted. The main concern is that it is too limited and that several breeders are unable to list litters with the club's litter listing. It was suggested the only REQUIREMENTS should be hips, elbows, and eyes-including Optigen; and that all other certifications would only be recommendations. Please watch the upcoming newsletters for more information regarding this topic. If you have input, please send an email to any of the board members.

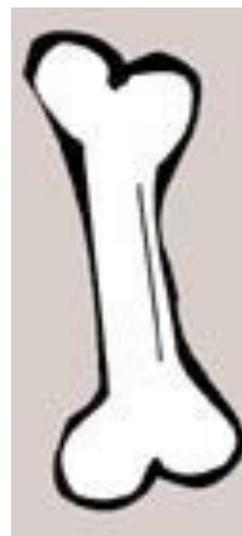
**New Business***Election of BOD, Officers and Members:*

The following have been nominated by the committee to serve on the BOD of the club for 2015: Officers: Kim Dotson- President, Marlys Swanson- Vice President, Jill Mahoney- Treasurer, Jennifer Hajny- Secretary, with the following as BOD Members: Sonya Dudder, Shelah Frey, Tamaria Hartman, Stephanie Harris, Brenda Hubbard, Marcy Johnson, Linda Maffett, Nina Mann, Lizzie Moir, Diane Sullenberger. The general membership voted on these submissions. All names were approved.

**Awards**

Awards for 2014 were presented. See results elsewhere in this newsletter.

Meeting adjourned: 7 p.m.



# Rescue Report

## PSLRA rescue report for 2014

As you will see from the statistics, we once again had a small decline in the number of Labs reported to us last year. The number of "Labs" reported to us from the area shelters generally includes some obvious mixed breeds, but we have done our best to identify the purebred Labs based on the photos provided by the shelters.

The shelters continue to do an excellent job in placing Labs themselves and in using their own foster systems; when we are asked to rescue a Lab from a shelter, it is usually because of age or due to special needs. These Labs are placed in one of our foster homes until they are ready for adoption. Recent examples include Luna, a senior yellow Lab in need of medical care fostered by Barb Sheard; Joey, a senior black Lab fostered by Brenda and Gary Hubbard; Betty, a senior black Lab in need of foot surgery fostered by Marcy Johnson; and Brick, a black male Lab traumatized by his shelter stay, once again fostered by Brenda and Gary. These and other rescue stories can be found in the PSLRA newsletters.

We have also assisted more than two-dozen families in finding suitable new homes for Labs they are unable to keep. This helps to make the transition to a new home as smooth as possible for each Lab and allows the families to participate in choosing a new home for their Lab. We love finding happy endings for all of these deserving Labs!

Thanks to the extensive fund-raising efforts by the members of PSLRA, we have not had to turn away any Labs in need of medical care in 2014. We appreciate everyone in PSLRA who has contributed to rescue during the year, by participating in fund raising events, helping with transportation, and fostering Labs. A big thank you to all of our foster homes, both PSLRA members and SPDR volunteers. Special thanks to Roncy Roehm of Canyon Pet Lodge for her willingness to take in rescue Labs on short notice and to Rescue Co-Chair Mary Jane for always standing by to help whenever needed.

With the generous support of PSLRA, we are looking forward to another successful rescue year in 2015!

### Total Labs reported in 2014: 139

males: 94  
females: 45

### Age:

0 - 2 years: 44  
3 - 6 years: 37  
7+ years: 58

### Spayed/neutered:

yes: 93  
no: 31  
unknown: 15

### Origin:

shelter: 90  
owner: 45  
other: 4

### Outcome:

owner kept: 6  
owner placed: 9  
left with owner: 4 (not able to place)  
left in shelter: 14 (outcome unknown)  
adopted by shelter clients: 57  
owner redeemed: 10  
returned to breeder: 3  
adopted by SPDR adopters: 29  
euthanized: 7 (age-2, health-2, temperament-3)

Submitted by Edith Bryan, PSLRA rescue chair and SPDR Lab rep



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# A Dog For All Reasons,

by *Nina Mann*

The Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association is proud to congratulate these dogs owned and/or bred by our members on earning their All-Around and Versatility Awards.

## 2014 All-Around Awards

Intl CH Aldebarans Ain't Misbehavin JH RN CA WC

bred/owned by Ron and Debbie Milks

Intl CH Aldebarans Pipin Hot JH RN CA CGC

bred/owned by Ron and Debbie Milks

Intl CH Aldebarans Smooth Operator JH RN CA WC CGC

bred/owned by Ron and Debbie Milks

Can CH Blu Top Hoity-Toity CD WC

bred by Mary Jan Sarbaugh, Jill Mahoney and Barb Gilchrist. Owned by Jennifer Hajny

Can CH Caorunn's Decurion CDX RAE WC

bred/owned by Anne and Duncan Morrison

GCH Double Dutch Winterglen Dark Indulgence RA CD JH

bred by Els Crisafulli, owned by Gretchen Keim

GCH Am/Can CH Gingerbred Celestial Thunder JH RN CGC DPP

owned by Anthony Leitao

Int CH HRCH UH Harbortop Shokora UD RE TDX MH MXP MJP CGC

bred by Nina Mann, owned by Fred Drennan and Terry Massagli

Intl CH Lejie Lilac Thyme Mardas CA RN WC

owned by Ron and Debbie Milks

Intl CH Mardas Absolute Royalty JH RN CGC WC

owned by Ron and Debbie Milks

CH Mar-Moye Low Country Gullah RN JH CD WC

owned by Kimberly and Chris Dotson

GCH Quail Run's Long Drink of Silence RN JH WC

bred/owned by Cynthia Freeman

## 2014 Versatility Award

Somersun Sophie of Blewett CDX GN TD NA NF RA

owned by Marguerite Susman and Dale Huber

## Oldest Dog Award

MACH3 PACH Windycanyon  
Dark Ranger RA MX MXC OF  
T2B JH (Strider)



THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB and "Paddy"

Proudly Present:  
Our Second Specialty Show...  
**The Shamrock Specialty**



Sunday March 15, 2015  
Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, Turlock, CA

Judges:

Fabian Negrón (Gallivant's) Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes  
Tom Shearer (Bonaventure) – All Breed Classes

***Plan to attend CCLRC's Saturday night indoor festivities:***  
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner—Raffle--LIVE Auction during  
dinner—CCLRC's Store open for shopping!

*Welcome Dinner Saturday night – \$10 donation*

Also plan to attend:

**San Joaquin Valley Labrador Retriever Club Specialty**

Friday March 13th and Saturday March 14th 2015

**CCLRC's Shamrock Specialty** will be the third  
major specialty in one weekend!

Show Superintendent for All 3 Specialties: Sharon Licciardi:

[www.slicciardi.com](http://www.slicciardi.com)

*Paddy says: "Wearing of the green  
to support CCLRC's Shamrock Shenanigans  
is encouraged of all exhibitors!"*

## New Members

Deborah and Everett Winter  
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Interests: Show, Tracking, Field Trials, Hunt Tests, Therapy, and  
Obedience

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Interests: Show, Field Trials, Hunt Tests, Hunting

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Interests: Field Trials, Hunt Tests, Hunting

Laura, Dale, and Andy Bethel  
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Interests: Show, Tracking, Agility, Field Trials, Hunt Tests,  
Hunting, Therapy, Obedience, Rally, Rescue

Erica and Steve McClure  
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High Altitude Labrador Retrievers (blacks and yellows)  
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Interests: Show, Therapy, Obedience, Rescue

**Membership is due January 31 and delinquent on March 1.**

**We will continue to send newsletters to all 2014 members until then.—Stephanie Harris**



## Look what hunting Labradors found!

About three weeks ago, my husband and I were in eastern Washington quail hunting. As we were working our way through the cover, my lab Sarge suddenly veered off to my right. I stopped to look what had pulled him away and heard a little squeal. Scott was hunting off to my left with Disco, our other lab. Disco heard the noise and beat us to where Sarge was sniffing around a bush. Sarge had found three little puppies! We were about seven miles from the nearest farm, with nothing but sage and sand for miles except for a field of harvested corn that bordered the state land where we hunt frequently. The little guys had to have been dropped off that morning because they would not have lasted the night. The area is loaded with coyotes and hawks, not to mention the below freezing temps. Someone would have had to drive along the cornfield dirt road and walk almost a quarter mile to have left these puppies where we found them. They were about 6 weeks old, border collie mix and very friendly and lovable. Somebody had loved on these guys before deciding to dump them! The only explanation we could come up with is there were kids that held these pups every day and an “adult” decided to let them die instead of taking them to a shelter.

I told the pups they won the puppy lottery that day. After a trip to the vet the next morning, I let friends and our kids know we are “taking applications” for people wanting to adopt. Thanks to Rhonda Forman who sent the message out to people at her work, all three of the pups are now in their “forever” homes.

Sarge and I didn’t get any quail that last day of hunting season, but we found three pups that we would have walked by if he hadn’t decided to be a lab and follow his nose. I guess Sarge knew there weren’t supposed to be any puppies where we hunt quail and pheasants! Love them labs.—Fran Seagren



**LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 2/1/2014 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**:

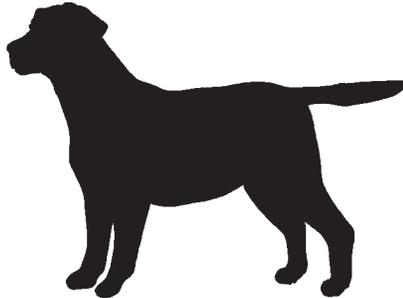
- \* Elbows and hips must be certified on both the sire and dam. Dogs and bitches whelped before 5/1/87 are exempt from elbow clearance requirements and will be marked OFEL N/A. Prelims are not acceptable! The board has agreed to accept PennHip clearances that score in the 50th percentile or higher, and clearances from the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) in Canada prior to May 2012. Bitches with a Penn Hip, or OVC clearance must not be bred before the age of 20 months, or 24 months with an OFA clearance. Dogs with a Penn Hip clearance must not be bred before the age of 12 months, 18 months with an OVC clearance, 24 months with an OFA clearance.
  - \* Eye clearances on both parents annually.
  - \* Heart, EIC, PRA and CNM 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 use the PSLRA Breeder Litter Listing Program format below 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 available. The listing will be deleted after 12 weeks from the first litter listing date.
1. Mail the completed form and a check (US funds only) for \$10 (operating expenses for Breeder Listing and Puppy Referral Programs) or email your PayPal receipt to: Nina Mann, 5706 312th St. NW, Stanwood, WA 98292-9649.
  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 \$10 donation** to PSLRA (c/o Nina Mann) 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. CBP: Clear by Parentage.*

**Older Dogs:**

Black Female, 7 months, Needs to be spayed  
 Journey is up to date on shots and worming. Crate trained,  
 started obedience training. housebroke. She is a real sweetheart  
 gets along with other dogs, not sure about cats, travels well.

Call Kristi Clark: 253-709-8443



The Eastside Hushpuppies, together with the Olympic Kennel Club, invite you to our yearly Fun Match/Conformation B match/OC Obedience match with CGC. This year's match will be **Sunday, March 1, at the Enumclaw Expo Center.**

As always, we will provide full concessions and a SPECTACULAR basket drawing.

On site registration will be available, but preregistration really helps us out, especially for obedience!

You can access our flyer through the following web link:

<http://eshp-4h.pbworks.com/w/file/fetch/91073562/2015%20Sanctioned%20B%20Match%20Flyer.pdf>

If you have any questions, email Terri - [HartBult@aol.com](mailto:HartBult@aol.com)  
 Hope to see you there!



# THE OLYMPIC KENNEL CLUB & THE EASTSIDE HUSHPUPIES 4H CLUB



## Sanctioned B Match

with OC Obedience & CGC Tests

**FUN MATCH**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2015**

**ENUMCLAW EXPO CENTER**

**45225 284TH Ave SE, Enumclaw, WA 98022**

**ALL BREED CONFORMATION, OBEDIENCE, JR. SHOWMANSHIP & CGC TESTS**

**New Obedience Classes**



**Check In & Registration Opens at 8:30am**

CLASSES		REGISTRATION & PRICING	
<b>11:00am</b>		<i>Pre-Registration</i>	
<b>Conformation (Sexes Divided)</b> 4-6 mos 6-9 mos 9-12 mos 12-18 mos Open	<b>Junior Showmanship</b> PeeWee: Under 9 years old Novice Junior: 9-11 years old Novice Intermediate: 12-14 years old Novice Senior: 15-18 years old Open Junior: 9-11 years old Open Intermediate: 12-14 years old Open Senior: 15-18 years old	First Class PER Dog <b>\$8</b> Additional Classes PER Dog <b>\$3</b> Junior Showmanship <b>\$4</b> CGC Test <b>\$10</b>	
<b>10:00am</b>		<i>Day of Match</i>	
<b>Obedience - Show N Go</b> Reginner Novice Sub-Novice (Formerly Known as Pre-Novice) Novice	<b>CGC Tests (Done at AKC Title)</b> <small>See - <a href="http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/title.cfm">http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/title.cfm</a></small>	First Class PER Dog <b>\$10</b> Additional Classes PER Dog <b>\$4</b> Junior Showmanship <b>\$4</b> CGC Test <b>\$10</b>	

**HUGE BASKET DRAWING**
**CONCESSIONS**
**BAKE SALE**

**ALL PRE-ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 19, 2015**

Mail Pre-Entries to:

ESHIP: DeNova Weaver  
 12128 SE 17th Pl  
 Bellevue, WA 98005

Questions:

ESHIP - DeNova Weaver: denovaw@gmail.com  
 OKC - Betty Winthers: winthers.betty@gmail.com

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Sunday, March 1, 2015

### Sanctioned B Match

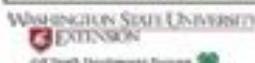
**FUN MATCH**

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Handler's Name (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Registration Pricing			\$10/test	\$8 first class / \$3 each add'l class					\$4.00 each class	Per Dog	Office Use						
Day of Show Pricing				\$10 first class / \$4 each add'l class													
Use Additional Form If Registering More Than 4 Dogs			CGC (4 of Tests)	Obedience (9 of Items)	Conformation (✓)					Jr Showmanship (Indicate Novice or Open)	Amount Due	Arm Band					
Call Name	Breed	M/F	Canine Good Citizen	Peewee or Novice	Sub-Novice	Novice	4-6 mo	6-9 mo	9-12 mo	12-18 mo	Open	Pee Wee	Junior	Intermediate	Senior	\$	1 per Dog
Please detach after completing			Cash or Checks payable to ESHIP					ESHIP Initials _____		Total \$ _____							



4H Youth Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of non-compliance may be reported through your local Extension office.





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*Why not try Tracking? February 22*

