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Madison

IMPORTANT DATES

**February 26, TDU/VST,
Fircrest School,
Shoreline, Fred
Drennan**

**March 4, Washington
Retriever Club Picnic
Trial, JBLM**

**March 11, 12, Seattle
Kennel Club Show/
Meet the Breed/
Education Booth,
Marlys Swanson**

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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**December board/members meeting**

January board/membership meeting
PSLRA January Board and Membership Meeting and Annual Banquet was held in Puyallup, Wash.

The meeting was called to order by President, Stephanie Harris at 8:16 p.m., Saturday, January 14, 2017.

Marilyn Little and Barbara Nowak were introduced as visitors from the Labrador Retriever Club (LRC) who were in town for the Judges' Seminar. Stephanie expressed appreciation for the amount of volunteer support we had over 2016.

Nina Mann passed out the 2016 All Around Awards. Please find those listed elsewhere in the newsletter.

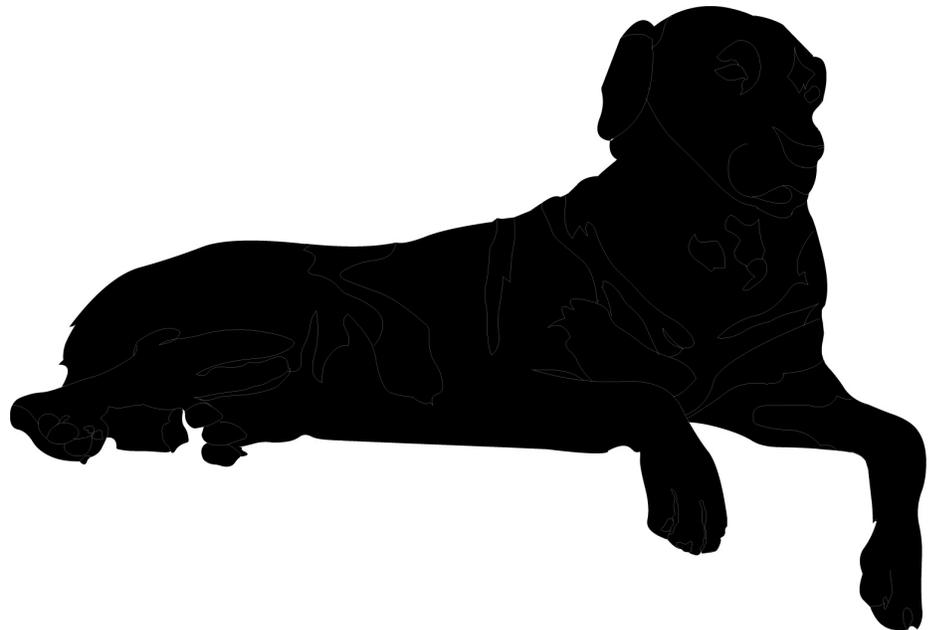
Stephanie announced the annual awards:
PSLRA Member of the Year: Katie Somers
Presidents Awards: Jennifer Snyder

Election

The nominated slate passed. The PSLRA 2017 Board of Directors are as follows:
Officers - Stephanie Harris, President; Shelah Frey, Vice President; Kristen Reiter, Secretary; Jill Mahoney, Treasurer.
Directors - Nina Mann, Marlys Swanson, Marcy Johnson, Diane Sullenberger, Brenda Hubbard, Linda Maffett, Scott Dannaker, and Ramdas Vaidyanathan.

Reminder! There will be a booth at the Seattle Kennel Club (SKC) this year, as well as Meet the Breed. Please watch for more information and volunteer opportunities in next month's newsletter.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:25



Revised Retriever Club Schedule

UPDATE - Washington Retriever Club

Save the Date: March 4, 2017

Location: Joint Base Lewis McChord

Area: Training Area (TA) 12

Due to scheduling issues, our February picnic trial has been cancelled. We will therefore be moving forward on planning our March 4 picnic trial - so be sure to mark your calendar!

Please contact Fran Seagren (labrdrs@earthlink.net) if you can help or have information with any of the following:

- **Volunteers** - WRC is a very small organization with a limited budget, so volunteers are critical to our event. Please volunteer!
- **Paid Kid Workers** - If you know a kid with some experience willing to work, let us know.

New to the game and wondering what is a picnic trial?

A picnic trial is more formal than a training group, but less formal than an AKC hunt test or field trial. WRC's picnic trials have several stakes so you can enter your dog based on age and skill level in one or more of the events. It is intended to be a fun day that provides more of the excitement of the formal AKC events and allows the new handlers and their dogs to experience the thrill of competition in a less formal setting for a much lower cost per event. For the experienced handlers and their dogs, it can be a winter warm up for the events to come as the competition season gets started.

Our picnic trials include the following stakes with ribbons for the top finishers:

Puppies: a) Puppies under 7 months

Younger dogs: a) Senior pup under 12 months, b) Jr Gun Dog – all age

More skilled dogs: a) Derby under 24 months, b) Senior Gun Dogs - all age

Advanced Dogs: a) Qualifying - all age, b) Master Gun Dog - all age

Top Dogs: a) Open - all age

Other than the puppy category, the “a” designation is field trial rules and the “b” category is hunt test rules. If you want to challenge yourself or your dog, you can run in any stake, but if you do not meet the age criteria, you will be running “out-of-contention” with regard to placements determined by the judges.

We plan to once again have our on-site bar-b-que staff working the event so lunches will be available for sale and free for all volunteers.

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. Fran Seagren

Brawls

Madison Wins & Wins



Koa's In A New York Minute, aka Madison, continues to have fun!

At the Whidbey Island Kennel Club show, Madison placed second in a lovely bred by class on Saturday. Her brother, Sammi, was RWD from the 9-12 class. Madison also finished her Rally Novice title. Then Sunday, she thrilled me to win the bred by class and go on to Winner's Bitch for her first points - a Major!

Madison continued the fun at Greater Clark County Kennel Club in December. Saturday, she won a lovely bred by class of six, was Best Bred By Exhibitor and went on to a Bred by Exhibitor Group 3. Sunday, she was WB, BOS and Best Owner Handled for another two points.

All this fun at less than a year old! Kawai and I are very proud breeders of this lovely puppy!

Madison Bred By Group



Madison's First Major



IABCA International Show
January 7 & 8, 2017

4 time Best of Breed Winner
4 time Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show
3 time Group Winner
Reserve Best In Show Winner
Best in Show Winner
Grand Sieger Best In Show Winner

Madison's Best in Show

Koa's In A New York Minute, RN can now add Int'l Champion to the front of her name. She finished in three shows and ended up winning Best Bred By Exhibitor in Show Four times, Three Group 1s, a Group 2, a Reserve Best in Show, a Best in Show and a Grand Sieger Best in Show, meaning she beat all the weekend winners of Best in Show, Best puppy, bred by, veteran, etc. She followed it up with another major reserve at the Rainier Sporting dog show and a class win and placement in a huge stunning bred by class in Portland. Kawai and I are very proud of our puppy, Madison! Submitted by Chantel Nahoopii.

Madison's second major

Breton Gate's It's a Wonderful Life, CGCA, RA has qualified for Nationals in Rally Advanced. She was 22 months old when she qualified. She also qualified for Nationals last year in Rally Novice at just under one year of age. We won't be traveling to Georgia to compete, but we are very proud of "Izzy," anyway.—John and Nancy Moore



Major Reserve
Winners Bitch
 Rainier Sporting Dog Association
 January 13, 2017
 Roberts Photos

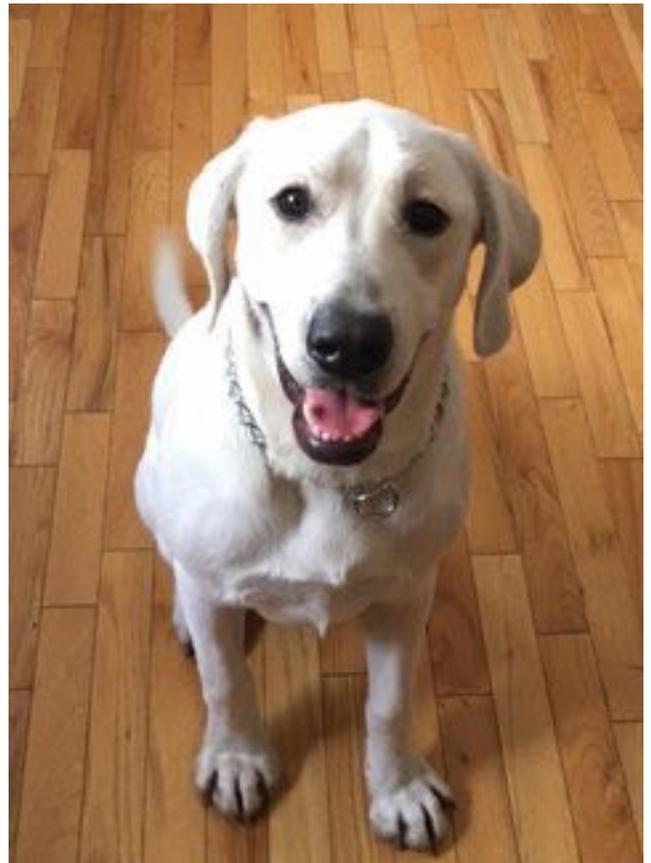
Bravo

Larson finished his AKC Championship at the Rainier Sporting Dog Specialty on January 17 by winning WD/BOW for a major under Richard Anton. He was shown by Tonya Struble and her team, who also handled him to three major reserves and multiple BOB and BOS wins over specials. Larson is now Am/Can CH SHR ReiMur's Good Humor Man BN RN NAP Am/Can JH WC and is eligible for both the PSLRA All Around and Versatility Awards. He will continue to work on his obedience, field and agility titles. Darlene Pado



Rescue Success for Avalanche

AVALANCHE had been with his family since he was a puppy. They had recently moved to this area and had moved into a small home where there was not room for two large dogs. The family sadly decided to part with Avalanche as he was the younger of their dogs and they felt he would be easier to place. Avalanche had been through basic obedience training and was house trained and crate trained. He knew how to walk nicely on a leash and was reasonably calm for a one year old pup. Meanwhile, a family who had adopted an older Lab through our rescue program were feeling very sad because their beloved Lab had recently passed away. They wanted to rescue another Lab and hoped to find a younger companion this time for their growing family. They went to meet Avalanche and it was love at first sight! Avalanche has settled nicely into his new home and his new family is thoroughly enjoying his puppy antics. Another happy ending!



PSLRA Award Winning Labradors All Around and Versatility

Congratulations to all the club members who earned these awards in 2016. For the benefit of any new members who are not aware of how these awards are earned, for an All-Around title, each dog must have earned a conformation championship, an obedience or rally, tracking, or agility title and a working certificate, or hunt test title. For a Versatility title the dog must have earned a title in any three of the following areas: obedience or rally, tracking, agility, hunt test or field trial or a therapy dog certification. More complete specifications may be found on the web site.

2016 All-Around Awards

CH Alibi's Repeat Performance @ Quail Run RN WC owned by Cynthia & Jim Freeman

Int CH Bayviews Its About Thyme For Idella RN WC owned by Carole Jensen, bred by Kim Tyler

Can CH B-Mor's Artesian Spring Water WC CGC JH RN owned by Ben Ferguson, Kathy Ferguson, Bea Ferguson & Marlys Swanson bred by Beatrice Ferguson & Marlys Swanson

CH Mainland Catching the Dream at Karuna BN RN WC owned by Kristi Clark, bred by Shelah Frey

Can CH Himoon's Facing Future at Koa BN RN CD JH WC owned by Chantel & Kawai Nahoopi, bred by Lucy Isaacson-Logen

Can CH Koa's Hilton Waikoloa BN RN JH WC bred/ownd by Chantel & Kawai Nahoopii

GCH CH Can CH Misty Mountain Diamond Head Hula Girl CD BN RN JH WC owned by Chantel & Kawai Nahoopii. Anthony Leitao & Lorraine Yu bred by Anthony Leitao & Lorraine Yu

GCH CH Can CH Westriver U Quack Me Up RN WC owned by Carole Jensen

2016 Versatility Award

Niptuck True Blue Believer CGC TD THDA CDX owned by Lynne Pammler

Sterling's Rose of San Antone CDX BN RE JH WC CGC owned by Marilyn & Richard Parker

LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 1/27/2017 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 (harbortoplabs@gmail.com) 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 10/24/2016 5CM, 2CF available**

Sire: MyKiss Chips Ahoy
OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 3/2016
Dam: Bailey Zipping Over The Moon
OFA39E, OFELL39N, ACVO 10/2015
Litter: 5 CM, 4 CF
Call: Alice Woo (425) 652-6000
Email: alice@alicewoo.com
Listed: 12/8/2016

Litter born 12/15/2016 1YM, 2BM, 2BF available

Sire: CH Blackthorn Endeavour WC
OFA24E, OFEL24N, ACVO 3/2016, EIC, PRA normal,
Cardiac Echo clear
Dam: Blackthorn Heirloom Sweeter Than Wine
OFA27G, OFEL27N, ACVO 10/2016, EIC, CNM, PRA
normal
Litter: 3YF, #BF, 2YM, 2BM
Call: Stacey Gnyp (360) 384-1280
Email: Staceygnyp@yahoo.com
Listed: 1/13/2017

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 Male 2 years Intact

Sweet natured boy. Has had some field training. Excellent drive. Would make a good hunting companion.
Call: Stacey Gnyp (360)384-1280
Email: Staceygnyp@yahoo.com
Listed 1/13/2017





Did you renew?

Past Time to Renew Dues at PSLRA.org.

Everyone please fill out all of your personal information online on 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
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