

The Retriever Believer

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New Year, New Adventure!

Happy New Year! I for one am excited for the adventures to come in 2018. It's great to see our returning members and welcome in new members! PSLRA will not survive without the continued support and countless hours of volunteer efforts that our membership provides.

I am honored to serve as PSLRA President this coming year. During my many years of membership I have held a variety of positions. What I have gained most is wonderful life-long friendships that have persisted through many years and many dogs.

This past year PSLRA members have been very active in numerous events from agility to tracking, hunt tests to conformation shows, and obedience and rally show n go's to educational booths. We are fortunate that the participation of our volunteers and exhibitors continues to enable the club to provide these activities and to promote a club goal of producing and promoting the All-Around Labrador.

I have reached out to some members for feedback on what they thought we, as a club (including all levels of leadership), could do better. The response was to improve communication concerning decisions that affect the club, as a whole, and to improve leadership follow-through on implementing and maintaining club and board decisions. The timely maintenance of an accurate and routinely updated website, with particular attention to resources such as the event calendar, was very important to all with whom I spoke. It was stressed that all members must be educated on the club's Constitution and Mission Statement as well as the policies and procedures by which the club is run. Members commented that they would like to see "better kindness" - continuing to be a club with members that are people builders, ones who set examples through kind actions not just words, ones who take the time to listen. So, as you read this you realize that there is some work to be done.

Along with the constructive criticism, I was also provided some praises. One member commented on how fortunate the club is to be able to offer the variety of events that we do. Another statement was how much members appreciated the annual offering of a Heath Clinic.

I am so excited about the new website design (check it out for yourself at www.pslra.org). Many members have contributed time and materials with the development "team" being led by Cheri Wildes. The website will be one of our main communication tools. Continue to check under the Events Calendar for all PSLRA's upcoming events. PSLRA's next big event is March 10 and 11 with our Breed Booth and Meet the Breed at the Seattle Kennel Club (see advertisement in this newsletter for volunteer information). Mark your calendars!

We are here to help. Please don't hesitate to contact any Board member with your praises or concerns.

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PSLRA Membership and Board of Directors' Meeting

Secretary's Minutes, January 13, 2018

Prior to the start of the meeting, attendees were treated to the words and wisdom of guest speaker, Laura Reeves of the podcast, *Pure Dog Talk*. Ms Reeves concentrated on the topic of mentoring and provided suggestions for how we can support interested newcomers to our hobby of canine exhibition. Members interested in following Ms Reeves online can find her webpage at www.puredogtalk.com or visit her on Facebook under the same name.

The meeting was called to order at 7:50pm. Members present included Becky and Scott Dannaker, Sonya Dudder, Diane Sullenberger, Rebecca Sullenberger, Todd Sullenberger, Manolo Queijeiro, Brenda and Gary Hubbard, Leslie Douglas, Jennifer Hajny, Dana Richmond, Debby White, Buffie Gonzales, Angela Rogalla, Shelah Frey, Michelle Brown, Cindy and Jim Olson, Kristen Reiter, Katie Somers, Marlys Swanson, Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Liz Skyllingstad, Nina Mann, Denise Beaumont, Julie Germano, Barbara Pilkington, Jill Mahoney, Stephanie Harris, and Linda Maffett.

Stephanie recognized the efforts of the outgoing board, explaining that much of their work occurs behind the scenes unnoticed, but they have been instrumental in running the plethora of events that our club has been successful in hosting this year. Many other clubs are astounded by the number and variety of events our club provides, but we make it run like a well-oiled machine due to the coordination and efforts of our board, chairpersons and active membership. Outgoing executive members Stephanie Harris (President), Shelah Frey (Vice-President), Jill Mahoney (Treasurer), Kristen Reiter (Secretary), and Directors Becky Dannaker, Scott Dannaker, Sonya Dudder, Brenda Hubbard, Marcy Johnson, Linda Maffett, Nina Mann, Katie Somers, Marlys Swanson, Ramdas Vaidyanathan, and Diane Sullenberger were thanked for their service in 2017.

The awards presentation began with the All-Around Awards (there were no Versatility Award qualifiers this year). The All-Around is awarded to dogs that earn a title in each one of the following categories: Conformation, Hunt, and Obedience/Rally. Dogs earning the All-Around Award are:

Int CH Country Classic Get This Party Started BN RN MXP MJP₂ NFP AT₂ CGC WC

Owned by Denise Beaumont

Bred by Julie Germano

Int CH WindyCanyon's Kanzi CDX BN RE JH

Owned and Bred by Anne Swindemann

Int CH MPR HRCH UH PACH Windycanyon Shooting Star CDX RE TD MH CGC

Owned by Fred Drennan and Terry Massagli

Bred by Anne Swindemann

After the presentation of the canine achievement awards, Stephanie reminded us that we would not be the successful club that we are without our membership. Without active members, we would not have the necessary volunteers to run our events, the support to make them worthwhile or the dogs for which we host our many activities. Our club offers two awards to recognize outstanding members who rise to the top. Admittedly, it was difficult to arrive at a single member for each award as there were so many quality individuals from which to choose. The President's Award was originated by past president Ron Perry. This member is chosen entirely by the President. Stephanie described the recipients as members who always step up to the plate and never need follow-up or prodding as they are always on top of their responsibilities. They organize, manage and execute several hunt tests each year. They are tireless advocates for our continual rights to have grounds for

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Please Submit Articles and Advertisements to:

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Submissions must be received by the editor by the 20th of each month. Please use "newsletter content" in subject line.

The Retriever Believer is published monthly by the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association. Non-member subscriptions are \$20/year. Contributions in the form of articles, letters or money are always welcome. Letters to the editor should not exceed one page of typeset in the newsletter. It is our goal to provide an open forum where members can present their views to the club. The editor and the board of directors reserve the right to decline publication of advertising and other material submitted for publication. *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.

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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PSLRA Membership and Board of Directors' Meeting

(Continued)

training, hunt tests, and tracking events. They provide the club with their expertise and countless hours of service. For that we are forever grateful.

President's Award: Jim and Cindy Olson.

The Member of the Year Award is nominated and selected by the members of the board. This year's recipient is often working quietly behind the scenes, but she sees many scenes! She volunteers as co-chairperson for the Show N Go every year, stewards our Specialty obedience rings, lays tracks and provides hospitality at our Tracking events, and she works our Hunt Tests and Field Days, as well as our obedience match. She is a hard worker and strong supporter of the club. Her varied roles demonstrate her belief in the importance of versatility and promoting the all-around dog. She gives 100% and is a member you want on your team when you have a job to do.

Member of the Year: Michelle Brown.

The ballots for the 2018 Officers and Board were collected and reviewed. The voting results were unanimous and the positions are approved as follows:

OFFICERS

President - Jill Mahoney
Vice President - Jenn Hajny
Secretary - Kristen Reiter
Treasurer - MJ Sarbaugh

BOARD MEMBERS

Shelah Frey
Becky Dannaker
Scott Dannaker
Sonya Dudder
Brenda Hubbard
Marcy Johnson
Linda Maffett
Nina Mann
Diane Sullenberger
Katie Somers
Ramdas Vaidyanathan
Marlys Swanson
Stephanie Harris

Marlys made an announcement that she is willing to handle the supported entry for the Lynden show, but will need help with sweeps. Interested parties are encouraged to contact her. For the benefit of the membership, it was explained that the board voted a few years ago to support up to four all-breed shows, one for each region, as long as there was a volunteer to organize it. The Puyallup show in January is our show designated for the South, Wenatchee is East, Lynden shall be North. There is an opportunity to support a fourth event (West) if someone wants to manage the responsibilities of doing so.

There was no further business to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*Some Details Still Pending

2018 Calendar of Events

February 21

Board Meeting - 6:30pm
Teleconference

February 25

Winter Tracking Test (Variable Surface and Urban)
Fircrest School, Shoreline
Nina Mann

March 10 & 11

Seattle Kennel Club Show
Meet the Breed (Marlys Swanson)
Education Booth (Jill Mahoney/Kristen Reiter)

March 21

Board meeting - 6:30pm
Teleconference

March 31

Training Day and Membership Meeting (TENTATIVE)
Chairperson(s) sought to organize

April 18

Board Meeting - 6:30pm
Tentative location IHOP, Issaquah

May 5 & 6

Hunt Test
Bob Pepper's Farm, Carnation, WA
Liz Gibson (Chairperson), Cindy Hunt (Test Secretary), Diane Clark (Chief Marshall)

May 16

Board Meeting Teleconference - 6:30pm

June 10

B Match
Carco Park (Cedar River Play Park), Renton
Marlys Swanson & Cathy Hakola (Co-Chairs)

June 10

Board and Membership meeting - directly after match (~2pm)

June 22, 23 & 24

Agility Trial
Fun Fur Paws, Mount Vernon

July 18

Board Meeting - 6:30pm
Teleconference

August 3-5

KISS and Specialty Show
Bay View State Park

August 4

Membership meeting, Board meeting (tentative)

Litter Listing

LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 5/18/2017 that conform to the PSLRA Code of Ethics.

Information is as submitted by owners and provided as a service to the public. Listing of litters is in no way an endorsement by PSLRA 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 permanently certified on both the sire and dam.
- ◆ Current Eye clearances on both parents.
- ◆ At least one of each breeding pair must be tested and certified clear of EIC, CNM and RA or be shown as CBP.
- ◆ Heart and other 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 available. 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 opacity, PRA: Progressive Retinal Atrophy, DD: Dilute clear, CBP: Clear by parentage.

Litter Listings:

Litter born 11/29/2017

All chocolates

Sire: Kingsland's Super Cooper

OFA24E, OFEL24N, EIC, CNM, PRA Cardiac Clear DD, LR-EYE 4/2017

Dam: Kingsland's Free Flowin River

OFA24E, OFEL24N, EIC Clear, CNM CBP, Cardiac N. LR-EYE 4/2017

Contact: Teresa Meredith. (253) 845-1311

Email: kingsland_labs@hotmail.com

Listed: 11/20/2017

Litter born 12/1/2017

Available: 1BM, 1BF

Sire: Brae's Love Me

OFA24G, OFEL24N

Dam: Brae's Nouveau Chapeau

OFA29G, OFEL29N, LR-EYE 9/2017

Contact: Nancy Taft (425) 501-6025

Email: NancyTaft@frontier.com

Listed: 12/28/2017

Litter born 12/31/17

Available: 1YM, 2YF

Sire: JRL Firebird of Cougar Creek OFA24G, OFEL24N, PRA clear, EIC clear, CNM clear, DM clear, RD/OSD clear, Cardiac normal, LR-EYE 11/2017

Dam: Cougar Creek Northern Star OFA24G, OFEL24N, Cardiac normal, LR-EYE 11/2016

Contact: Cecilie Drege

Email: cougarcreeklabs@frontier.com

Listed: 1/18/18

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.

Sorry, no older dogs are available at this time.



CALENDAR

(Continued, yes TWO columns of activities for your complete Labrador enjoyment!)

August 15

Board Meeting - 6:30pm (tentative)

Teleconference

August 25-26

Hunt Test

Bob Pepper's Farm Carnation
(Location tentative)

September 19

Board Meeting - 6:30pm

Teleconference

September 23

Health Clinic

Riverdog Canine Coaching, Issaquah

October 17

Board Meeting - 6:30pm

Teleconference

October 20

Supported Entry

Wenatchee

November 2, 3 & 4

Agility Trial

Argus Ranch, Auburn

November 17

Board Meeting (Directly following
WIKC dog show)

Specific location to be determined,
Monroe

December 15 (TENTATIVE)

Holiday Party

Scott and Becky Dannaker's home

December 19

Board meeting - 6:30pm

Teleconference

January 12

Board meeting - 5:00pm

Best Western Premier Plaza Hotel,
Puyallup

January 12

Supported Entry

Puyallup Fairgrounds

January 12

Membership Meeting and Annual
Awards Banquet
Best Western Premier Plaza Hotel,
Puyallup

Still pending are the Fall Tracking
Tests, Field Training days and the Fall
WC.

Brag!



Birdland's Go For Broke MH, UD, BN, GN, GO, VER

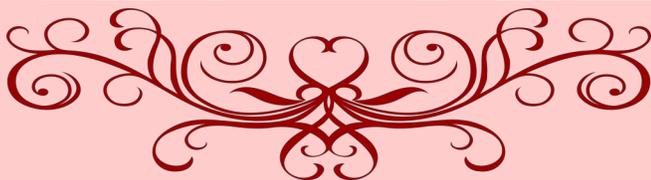
Birdland's Go For Broke MH UD BN GN GO VER, Bravo, earned two UDX legs at the Western Washington Cluster the weekend of Jan. 13 - 15 with a 3rd place in Utility B on Sat. and a 4th place in Utility B on Sunday. He had nice scores in the Open B class, but failed to place until Monday when he took the first place ribbon! Well done, Bravo! He was also the High Scoring Labrador in Obedience on Saturday, earning the gift card donated by PSLRA. Bravo is owned, trained and handled by Terrie Sato.

Terrie



Bragg!

UKC Multi BIS!!!



UKC Multi BIS CH Int'l Har-CH-Q Sunnydaze for Peep's Sake, TKA, CQCA, Pet Partner

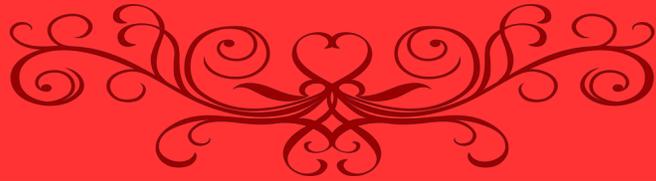
At the urging of my obedience and handling trainer (shout out to Karen Hanka of Eastside Dog Training...without her confidence in us we would never be having this great adventure!), Brach and I set out to our first UKC conformation show in November. We have actually already bragged about that event, where she earned her UKC Championship and was awarded a Reserve Best in Show, BUT there has been an amendment to her placement. We received a letter in the mail the following month that stated the Leonberger that was awarded BIS was found to be an invalid entry, and they have officially awarded the win to Brach. CARTWHEELS!!! Our first BIS!!!

In December, we trekked down to the UKC New Year's Bash in Ridgefield. It was a wonderful experience, I made several new friends and Brach showed like a dream! We learned there was a Trick Dog Evaluator offering her services at the show. I didn't know of this opportunity ahead of time, so I didn't bring any of Brach's props. I ran out and purchased a new food puzzle (which she mastered in ten minutes) and several other items I could use to demonstrate her skills. The evaluator was floored when Brach brought me a tissue and then took it to the garbage and dropped it in. Even with our makeshift equipment, she impressed the judge and passed her Trick Dog Intermediate and Trick Dog Advanced titles with flying colors. I would have been happy if that were all she accomplished, but she did SO MUCH MORE!!! Out of the six shows we entered, Brach was awarded two Group 1, a Group 2 and a Group 3. In the fourth show in the series, we were awarded the Best in Show under Brenda Landers, upgrading Brach's title to MULTI BIS!!!!

We attended the IABCA Peace Arch Sieger in January where Brach was named BOB in three out of the four shows and earned a Group 1. She also earned the Silver Ribbon in the Gold Cup invitational class. Just this weekend, she was re-evaluated by the Pet Partner therapy dog program and earned the highest ranking of "Complex," meaning she can go into hospitals and other high stress areas to provide comfort to those who could benefit from her warm, furry Labrador smile. To summarize the past three months, she earned two BIS, four Group 1 placements, two Group 2 and three Group 3, a TKI and TKA and a Complex score with Pet Partners. Yes, I'd say I am one VERY proud owner of a rOverachiever Retriever! Thank you, Linda Maffett, for my little yellow dog. She warms my heart minute by minute!

Submitted by Kristen Reiter

Perfect Endings...



Just got this from Mike on Vancouver Island. He adopted Bodie, who I fostered for quite awhile looking for just the right home. He found it in Mike and his family farm up near Victoria..

He adopted him in July of 2011. He tells me he is still going strong and is the apple of his eye (Probably vice versa too)!

Submitted by MJ Sarbaugh



We Need Your PHOTOS (again!)



**EXAMPLE:
SERVICE/
RESCUE**

EXAMPLE: DOCK DOG



Conformation, Hunt/Field, Obedience, Rally, Agility, Tracking, Nosework, Barn Hunt, Therapy, Service, Weight Pull, Companionship, Whatever! Send them!

HELP! Our educational booth is in dire need of a facelift! We utilize our booth at the Sportsmen's Show and the Seattle Kennel Club show to help educate the public on our beloved breed. The photos we display could help draw the public in and initiate discussion on the versatility, intelligence and trainability of our dogs.

I have accepted the task of collecting, enlarging and mounting photos for our new display. As we are a club promoting the All Around Labrador, I would like to have a variety of photos depicting the Labrador engaged in different events. Action photos are preferred as they catch the eyes of the passers-by, but please don't hesitate to submit any well-composed, clear/focused image. I am enlarging the photos supplied to 8x10, 11x14 and a few select images will be even larger. They will be canvas-mounted and the prototypes look incredible! If you have a photo that would be suitable and you'd like us to consider it for our booth,

please send me a jpeg and state you provide permission for us to use it

for public display. If it bears a watermark, you must have photographer permission to use the photo publicly.

Please send submissions to sundoglabradors@gmail.com



Seattle Kennel Club Dog Show



March 11 & 12, 2018

Come join us this year at the Seattle Kennel Club Dog Show! PSLRA is participating in two breed promotion events—Meet the Breed and the Breed Education Booth. Both options provide the club a wonderful opportunity to educate the public about the Labrador and allow them to meet several quality dogs face to face.

Meet the Breed

Meet the Breed volunteers will present their dog in one of the rings for a half hour showcase. It provides the attendees a chance to see several representatives of the breed in one place, ask questions and get up close and personal! Please contact Marlys at Marlyss2000@gmail.com or 425-422-4789 to volunteer.

Education Booth

Booth volunteers are welcome to bring their Labradors for attendees to meet. Show goers range from tiny infants to senior citizens, most of whom will want to interact with your dog. At the booth, we answer questions, educate the public on the breed and provide information about PSLRA, its mission and its events. The club will provide brochures on the Labrador standard as well as our club goals and there will be a current breeder and litter list available for distribution to interested parties. We hope to have enough volunteers over the two days to split the shifts into manageable two-hour periods. The booth will not be staffed when the Labradors are showing in conformation. For questions or more details on volunteering, please contact Jill Mahoney: Mahoney@wwdb.org 253-630-4810 or

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