

# The Retriever Believer

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## President's Message

*Happy New Year to All!*

*For those of you who were unable to attend the Holiday Party on December 6, you missed out on a lot of fun! We had great people, dogs, food, decorations, and games thanks to Julie Germano, Nina Mann, and Bea Ferguson. It was also nice to meet some of our newer members.*

*At the business meeting part of the party, the Nominating Committee placed in nomination the slate of Officers and Board for next year. (See updated information in this newsletter.) No other nominations were made from the floor, so the nominations were closed and accepted.*

*We will vote on these nominations at our Annual Awards Banquet on January 10, 2015, at the Best Western in Puyallup. For details about the Banquet, please find information elsewhere in this newsletter.*

*The Annual Banquet is not only a good time to catch up with friends, it is also an opportunity to acknowledge the accomplishments of our dogs at the awards ceremony. The club subsidizes a good portion of the cost of the banquet in order to give recognition to you, our members, who have worked on behalf of the club during the past year.*

*Another important item to mark on your calendar is MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL! We no longer send out special mailings as a reminder, so please make the effort right after you finish reading the newsletter to go online and renew if you haven't already. Each year, the membership chair must deal with stragglers who forget to renew. Please, as a courtesy to the chair and to the Club, renew now and don't delay! You won't want to be excluded from the membership book, but you could be if you forget to renew. Membership in PSLRA is still a bargain. I can hardly remember when we last increased dues—although everything else has gone up in price.*

*As the calendar year has come to an end, I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who has labored on behalf of the Club. We, as Club members, have many people to thank. They include our Officers and Board Members who keep the Club headed in the right direction, protect its tangible assets, and are accountable to you. Next, we would not have the vast number and variety of events unless we had selfless members willing to chair and volunteer at those events. The annual banquet is one way to reward these efforts.*

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**January 3, 4, PSLRA All Breed Show**  
**Go, Julie Germano's in Arlington, Nina Mann**  
**January 10, Membership Banquet, Puyallup, Kimberley Dotson**  
**February 22, Winter Tracking Event**

**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**  
 341 Cross Creek Drive  
 Ellensburg, Washington 98926  
 stephanie@skyfirelabs.com

**club business****December board/members meeting**

Board and General Membership Meeting Saturday, December 6, 2015. Meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Kim Dotson.

Board Members present were Kim Dotson, Marlys Swanson, Jennifer Hajny, Linda Maffett, Nina Mann, Tamaria Hartman, Brenda Hubbard.

**Officer Reports**

*President:* The Club is in need of a new Hunt Test Secretary. If interested, please contact Kim Dotson. Also, remember to renew your memberships!

**Acknowledgments**

*Holiday Party:* Julie Germano for the use of her building. Bea Ferguson and Nina Mann for organizing the party.

*Nominating committee:* Sonya Dudder, Leslie Douglas, and Brenda Hubbard for their work on the committee.

**Committee Reports**

*Annual Banquet:* This will be held again in conjunction with the Puyallup Dog Show Cluster. The banquet will be at the Best Western in Puyallup on South Hill, January 10.

*Sportsman Show:* Dates are January 21-25. Tamaria Hartman is chairing this event. Please contact her if you are interested in volunteering. She will have a sign-up sheet at the banquet as well.

*Seattle Kennel Club Breed Booth:* Tamaria Hartman and Shelah Frey will chair this event. Contact them for volunteer opportunities.

*Winter Tracking Test:* Premium is out. The date is February 22.

*Field Training Day:* Will be held in March. Fran Seagren is chairing this event.

*Spring WC:* Kim and Chris Dotson will be chairing this event. Date is TBD, but most likely in mid to late April.

*Health Clinic for 2015:* Will be held September 27, 2015.

**Old Business**

*Old Trailer:* The old match trailer is still at Shelah Frey's house. The club is looking for a new home, but still gathering information before selling it.

*Nominating Committee:* No nominations from the floor at the December General Membership Meeting. See complete list of 2015 Officers and Board of Directors elsewhere in this newsletter.

*Letter to the club:* Stephanie is writing a letter to the club regarding the 2015 Specialty date and site.

*Code of Ethics:* There is concern by members that the new Code of Ethics is perhaps TOO strict and is inhibiting members to list puppies on the litter listing page of our club website. The concern is that there are too many "requirements" and that it might better serve the club at large if some of the requirements were made into "recommendations." Mary Jane Sarbaugh will rework the COE based on some of the recommendations from the floor and submit it to the BOD. It is possible this will be an issue we vote on as a club at the Annual Meeting in January. Plan on attending!

**New Business**

*Annual Donation:* The BOD is looking for an organization to send an annual donation to. Some suggestions were to Hope Animal Assistant Crisis Response. This organization has helped with the OSO mudslide as well as the Marysville High School shooting. There are several dogs from club breeders who work for this organization. The BOD will look into this farther.

*Voting:* Mary Jane Sarbaugh brought up the idea to change the way that voting takes place in the club. According to Club By-Laws, voting of general club business must take place in person at the Annual General Membership meeting in January. The suggestion was made to change this so that members have the opportunity to vote by mail. This idea generated great discussion, and the BOD will look into changing this policy in the By-Laws. Next Meeting will be the Annual Banquet and Membership meeting January 10, 2015.

Meeting adjourned: 2:00 p.m.

*President's Message, continued from page 1*

*There are very few clubs that put on the variety and number of events we do:*

- Two Specialties, Two Obedience and Two Rally Trials, plus Sweepstakes and Junior Handler*
- Two Agility Trials*
- Two Hunt Tests*
- Two Working Certificate Tests*
- A TD and a TDX test*
- A breed, obedience, and rally match*
- A Field Training Day*
- A January Show n Go for obedience and rally*
- An Annual Health Clinic*
- Educational booths: Sportsman's Show and Seattle Kennel Club*
- An Annual Holiday Party and an Annual Banquet*

*This list is impressive by any standard. The reason we can do this much and continue to do so well is - YOU! I look forward to seeing all of you at the Annual Banquet.*

*Kimberly*

## 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)



Anne Swindeman's 9-month old WindyCanyon's Kanzi RN

# Happy Hunters



Our good friend, Mike Forman, invited me and my oldest granddaughter, Ashley, on a duck hunt – Ashley's first. Pretty exciting to see Ashley shoot her first duck ever! Thanks, Mike!—submitted by Fran Seagren

**LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 12/22/2014 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.*

**Litter born 7/10/2014**

Sire: Ch Summerlin Call of Duty

OFA24G, OFEL24N, Cardiac Normal, current eye clearance not available

Dam: Riverlanes Ghoststone Belle of the Ball

OFA35G, OFEL35N, ACVO 2014, Cardiac normal

Litter: All black

Email: Andrea Dorning, [derbydog1779@gmail.com](mailto:derbydog1779@gmail.com)

Listed: 12/17/2014

**13 BM available****Older Dogs That A Breeder Has Decided To Place**

Note: Owners of all dogs that are listed here have filled out and signed a PSLRA Listing Form, on file with the Listing Chair, disclosing to prospective buyers any known health and/or temperament issues.

These dogs are usually well socialized, frequently have some training and are very desirable as companions. These dogs may not meet either owner's requirements for show or field performance or the code of ethics for breeding. Prospective buyers are encouraged to ask whether these older dogs have acceptable clearances on hips, elbows and eyes and why the dog is being placed. The listing of older dogs in no way constitutes an endorsement by PSLRA. Price will vary.

None at this time.



## Corrected Officer and Board Nominations

The list for the new 2015 Board wasn't fully correct in the December newsletter. Following is the full Board Members, including those outgoing, those remaining and the new people, including officers.

### 2015 PSLRA Officers and Board of Directors

Kimberly Dotson - President; Marlys Swanson - Vice President; Jennifer Hajney - Secretary; Jill Mahoney - Treasurer. Board Members: Sonya Dudder, Shelah Frey, Tamaria Hartman, Stephanie Harris, Brenda Hubbard, Marcy Johnson, Linda Maffett, Nina Mann, Lizzie Moir, Diane Sullenberger. Leaving the Board and thanking them for their service: Cindy Freeman (Treasurer), Cathy Hakola, Nancy Harney, Jan Palumbo (Secretary), Angela Rogalla.

# ***YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND...***

## **Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association**

### ***Annual Membership Banquet***



### **January 10, 2015**

Best Western Park Plaza  
620 South Hill Park Drive, Puyallup  
(same location as last year)

**Social Hour: 5 p.m.**

**Dinner, Awards & Entertainment: 6 p.m.**

PSLRA Members \$20, Non Club Members \$45

Please send your reservation with check

Payable to **PSLRA** to Kimberly Dotson

2503 - 174<sup>th</sup> Street East, Tacoma, WA 98445

OR you can sign up online at [pslra.org](http://pslra.org)

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

Number attending: Member \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20

Non Member \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45

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

**\* Sign-up Deadline January 1, 2015**



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*Banquet and Meeting, January 10, 2015*  
*Happy New Year!*