

# The Retriever Believer

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## President's Message

*Happy New Year to All!*

*As I conclude my term as club president, I want to thank each and every one of you for all you have done in the past, present, and will continue to do for PSLRA in the future. Our club success is because of its GREAT members. Thank you for your support!*

*The Holiday Party on the December 5 had a new location at Riverdog in Issaquah. The pictures on Facebook with Santa looked awesome, and I am sorry that I missed attending. Thank you to Nina Mann and Bea Ferguson for chairing the party, Shelah Frey for securing the location and, of course, thank you to Santa for making a guest appearance.*

*At the business meeting part of the party, the Nominating Committee placed in nomination the slate of officers and board for next year. (See last month's issue for the committee report.) No other nominations were made from the floor, so the nominations were closed and accepted.*

*At the Annual Awards Banquet on January 16, 2016, we will vote on these nominations for the new officers and board members. Please note our new location at Mama Stortini's in Puyallup. Details about the Banquet are 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 thing 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. 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, and I can hardly remember when we last increased dues — although everything else has gone up in price.*

*The club will start the month off with the Annual Show & Go in Arlington. See Flyer on page 5. At the end of January is our educational booth at the Washington State Sportsmen Show January 27 thru 31. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Chair, Tamaria Hartman. The show is a lot of fun and it's a great way to interact with the public and help educate them about our breed.*

*Wishing you all a GREAT 2016! — Kimberly*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**January 9, Show N  
Go North, Country  
Classic Kennels,  
Arlington**  
**January 16, Awards  
Banquet & Officer  
Election, Mama  
Stortini's, Puyallup**  
**January 30, February  
27, picnic trials,  
JBLM**

**Newsletter Information:**

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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 membership meeting**

The General Membership Meeting and  
PSLRA Christmas Party held at the  
Riverdog Facility in Issaquah was called  
to order on Saturday, December 5, 2015,  
at 2:30 p.m. by Marlys Swanson.

Introductions followed. In attendance  
were Board Members Marlys Swanson,  
Brenda Hubbard, Nina Mann, Stephanie  
Harris and Shelah Frey. General members  
in attendance were Gary Hubbard, Leslie  
Douglas, John Harris, Bea Ferguson, Jim  
and Cindy Olson, and Teresa and Chris  
Damoiseaux.

**Officer Reports**

*President, Vice President, Secretary, and  
Treasurer* - No reports.

**Acknowledgments:**

—The Board would like to thank Nina  
Mann and Bea Ferguson for chairing the  
Christmas party and potluck. Thanks to  
Shelah Frey for procuring the Riverdog  
facility. Also, thanks to Stephanie Harris,  
for taking pictures of our dogs with Santa.  
Santa was so graciously played by John  
Harris—great job! The \$5.00 donation per  
dog is being given to PSLRA's Lab  
Rescue.

—The Board would like to thank our  
Nominating Committee for all their hard  
work filling the empty officer positions  
for 2016. A very special thanks to Sarah  
Keck of Riverdog, for putting on an  
absolutely excellent and fascinating  
presentation of training diabetic-alert  
trained dogs. Her talk was so interesting  
that she was asked to write an article for  
the Club newsletter.

**Committee Reports**

*Rescue Report* - Brenda didn't present a  
report, but Edith will have one ready for  
the January 2016 newsletter.

*Fall WC and Fall Agility Trial* - No  
reports.

*Bylaws' Committee* - Stephanie said things  
are progressing, but the committee isn't  
finished yet.

*Annual Awards Banquet & Election of  
Officers* - Marlys said the location is new  
for 2016; it will be at Mama Stortini's  
restaurant in Puyallup. Sign-up  
information is in the December newsletter.

*Show N Go* - Nina said flyers are out and  
some people have already signed up.

*Sportsman's Show* - Tamaria Hartman is  
chairing this and her contact information  
is in the newsletter and on our website.

*SKC Educational Booth* - Marcy Johnson  
will chair this and Marlys will chair *Meet  
the Breed*.

*Nominating Committee* - Marlys Swanson  
was chairperson; Cecilie Drege, Mary  
Jane Sarbaugh, and Ramdas Vaidyanathan  
were the committee members. There were  
no new nominations from the floor. Next  
year's Board of Directors will be:

President: Stephanie Harris

Vice President: Shelah Frey

Treasurer: Jill Mahoney

Secretary: Jennifer Hajny

Board: Kimberly Dotson, Brenda

Hubbard, Marcy Johnson, Linda Maffett,  
Nina Mann, Lizzie Moir, Marlys Swanson  
and Diane Sullenberger.

—Leaving the 2015 Board are Tamaria  
Hartman and Sonya Dudder.

**Old Business**

—Field Chair needed. This important  
position needs to be filled very soon; it  
involves coordinating all the chairpersons  
at each field event, both Spring and Fall.  
Some discussion ensued and the Board  
will look further into this soon. There was  
some at-length discussion about getting  
more members involved in fieldwork,  
both for participation and volunteering.  
Jim Olson spoke up about the possibility  
of coordinating all three local area hunt  
clubs (PSLRA, Rainier, and the Golden  
club) at a tri-meeting. More discussion  
followed.

The next meeting will be a general  
membership meeting at our Annual  
Awards Banquet at Mama Stortini's in  
Puyallup on Saturday, January 16, 2016.

Minutes submitted by Brenda Hubbard.

# YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND...



**Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association**  
Promoting the All-Around Dog

## *Annual Membership Banquet* **January 16, 2016**

**NEW LOCATION:** Mama Stortini's  
3207 East Main Avenue, Puyallup, WA 98372

Social Hour: 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner, Awards & Entertainment: 6 p.m.

PSLRA Members \$25, Non Club Members \$50  
Please send your reservation with check  
Payable to **PSLRA** to Kimberly Dotson  
2503 - 174th Street East, Tacoma, WA 98445  
OR email me at [clovercreeklabs@msn.com](mailto:clovercreeklabs@msn.com)

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

Number attending: Member \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25  
Non Member \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50

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

**Sign-up Deadline January 1, 2016**

# Rescue Report

## Henry needs a new home!

Henry is a lovely 4-year-old yellow male Lab who came into our rescue program from the King County shelter. Henry is a smaller Lab - about 60 pounds - and as sweet a guy as anyone could meet! He loves everyone, plays well with other dogs, adores kids, and has a mellow, laid-back personality. Henry appears to have suffered some kind of injury in his previous life - he has a gimpy gait in the rear and is partially incontinent at this time (particularly when he is excited). X-rays did not show any injury to his spine, and there is no apparent reason for his troubles; he still loves to run and play fetch. The vet has suggested a course of physical therapy, which may go a long way to restoring Henry to good health, but of course there are no guarantees. Henry needs a family who will be patient with his medical needs as he recovers. In return, Henry will provide his new family with constant entertainment and unconditional love. What a deal! Please contact our rescue program if you know of anyone who might be interested in Henry.



**PUGET SOUND LABRADORS ALL-BREED SHOW N GO  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016**

Country Classic Kennels 9332 - 99<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Arlington, WA 98223

From I-5 North or South: Exit 199 at Marysville From SR 522 in Woodinville  
Go East on SR 528 (also 4<sup>th</sup> St) Exit onto SR 9 (north) Snohomish/Arlington exit  
Turn left (north) onto SR 9 Continue approximately 20 miles  
Turn right (east) onto 84<sup>th</sup> St NE (0.6)  
Turn left (north) onto 99<sup>th</sup> Ave. N(0.6)  
Turn left into Country Classic Kennels.  
The building is set back off the road

**GET READY FOR PUYALLUP**

Obedience - Novice through Utility

Questions? Nina Mann, harbortop@netzero.net or Michelle Brown, rednmerlin@yahoo.com

Morning coffee and muffins provided, donations welcome

**ONE ENTRY FORM PER DOG. PLEASE**

First run with each dog: \$10, Second and third runs with same dog: \$8 each

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Call Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Obedience : \_\_\_\_\_ # of runs

Utility \_\_\_\_\_ Jump Height \_\_\_\_\_

Open \_\_\_\_\_ Jump Height \_\_\_\_\_

Novice \_\_\_\_\_

Utility and Open Obedience will start at 8 AM - limited to 10 minutes per run. Novice will follow.

Sits and Downs may be done outside to save time, and if you are running multiple dogs and multiple runs, every effort will be made to schedule your runs as close together as possible. Running order will be posted at pslra.org after December 21.

Make all checks payable to PSLRA in US funds and mail entries and fees to:

PSLRA ShowNGo, C/o Nina Mann, 5706 312<sup>th</sup> St NW, Stanwood, WA 98292

As the owner or handler of the above dog, I agree that the above named dog has a current rabies vaccination and is, to the best of my knowledge, a healthy dog. I certify that the dog is not a hazard to persons, other dogs or domestic animals. I agree that I will abide by all the rules of the event. I agree not to hold the host club, its members, representatives or volunteers, or Julie Germano, Country Classic Kennels, their owners, employees or representatives responsible for any claim of loss during the event, and/or while on the event grounds and/or in transit to or from the event grounds. I agree to take full responsibility, financial or otherwise, for any damage or loss to property or domestic or due to the actions of a child under 18 years of age in my care. I agree that the event coordinators reserve the right to dismiss any dog or handler from the event if they deem it necessary.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Owner, handler or parent of child under 18)

*Happy Hunting*

Good shooting, Rhonda!



Rhonda Forman with Doolin and their duck

# Washington Retriever Club picnic trials

Hello everyone!

The Washington Retriever Club will be hosting two picnic trials early 2016 at Joint Base Lewis McChord. The first will be Saturday, January 30, in Area 12. Our second trial will be Saturday, February 27. We will have hot food available for purchase. Both trials will be one-day events with entry day of the event.

Washington Retriever Club's picnic trials are intended to be a fun day that provides the excitement and competition of formal AKC events, yet is a more relaxed atmosphere for handlers. Having our trials early in the year gives dogs and handlers a chance to get back in the game before the official hunt test or trial season starts for 2016. Our entry fees are a fraction of the cost of an AKC event.

You can enter your dog in either the "**gun dog**" or "**field trial**" category, except for the Puppy Stakes. Puppy stakes will not be judged separately. There will be placements in all stakes.

As with other retriever clubs, volunteers are critical to making the events a success. Anyone interested in volunteering, please let me know. In addition to a big "Thank You" from the other members who will be working at the event, a hot meal is free of charge for all our volunteers!

Our picnic trial/gun dog stakes are as follows with ribbons for the top finishers:

#### Puppy/Jr Gundog Stakes:

Junior puppy (puppies under 7 months) \$15.00  
Senior puppy (puppies under 12 months) \$20.00  
Jr Gundog (any age, single marks) \$20.00

#### Field Trial Stakes:

Derby (young dogs under 24 months) \$25.00  
Qualifying (advanced dogs, all age) \$25.00  
Open (top dogs, all age) \$30.00

#### Gun Dog/Hunt Test Stakes:

Junior Gun Dog (single marks, all age) \$20.00  
Senior Gun Dog (double marks, blinds, all age) \$25.00  
Master Gun Dog (doubles, triples, blinds, all age) \$25.00

Driving instructions: Take Hwy 7 to the Roy Y (near the 188th cross street). Stay to the right at the Roy Y, go 3.8 miles on Hwy 507 until you get to East Gate Road, the first traffic light. Turn right at the light onto East Gate Rd and go 2.0 miles and then turn left onto the first paved road on your left (there will be a sign for the left turn for the Roy Gate). Then almost immediately take another left turn into the parking area for TA12. Note, if you cross the railroad tracks you have gone too far and will need to turn around. There will be a sign identifying TA12 and WRC will have road signs along the route to direct you to the sign-in area.

Visit our Facebook page for more details. Please contact me with any questions or if you are willing to help with our event.

Fran Seagren, Secretary WRC (labrdrs@earthlink.net)

## Christmas Party memories



Gary Hubbard and 11-year old chocolate female, Sophie, with Santa (John Harris)—submitted by Brenda Hubbard.



Rainy with Santa. Rainy is loved and owned by Cindy and Jim Olson.

**LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 12/30/2015 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 due 1/3/2016**

Sire: Am/Can CH Sharay Clearly Artesian CDX JH RA WC  
OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 9/27/2015, EIC, PRA and  
CNM clear

Dam: AM/Can CH Somersun Artesian Silk Stocking WCÂ  
OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 9/27/2015  
Cardiac clear ECHO, EIC and CNM clear

Litter: All black expected

Call: Marlys Swanson (425) 422-4789

Email: [Marlyss2000@gmail.com](mailto:Marlyss2000@gmail.com)

Listed 12/30/2015

**Litter due 1/3/2016**

Sire: Laurglen's Leading Man  
OFA41G, OFEL41N, ACVO 2015

Dam: GCH Can CH Misty Mountain Diamond Head Hula Girl  
CD BN RM JH WC  
OFA30G, OFEL30N, ACVO 10/2015, Cardiac Normal  
Echo, EIC and CNM clear, DD

Call: Chantel Nahoopii (360) 770-0637

Email: [koalabs@msn.com](mailto:koalabs@msn.com)

Listed 12/30/2015

*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                      8 months                      Intact**

Home raised, housebroken, current on all shots including rabies and hips X-rayed sound. Condor needs a home with no cats. He will make a good companion hunting dog with some field training but has had only obedience training to date.

Email: Nina Mann: [harbortoplabs@gmail.com](mailto:harbortoplabs@gmail.com)

## New Member

Email: [alice@alicewoo.com](mailto:alice@alicewoo.com)

4709 132nd ave se

Bellevue, Wash. 98006-2132

Cell: 425.652.600

Membership: Individual - \$20.00

Intersted in: Show, Tracking, Hunt Tests,  
Therapy, Obedience, Rally



## 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)



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*Show 'n Go, January 9!*  
*Remember to renew.*