

# The Retriever Believer

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## *Passion, Dedication, Commitment*

As we enter 2018, I sit outside a dog show ring at 11pm, waiting to present my dog to the judge and welcome in the New Year in one of the best ways I could imagine...surrounded by dogs of all shapes and sizes, with the best dog in the world right at my feet (I know some may argue with me on this topic, but I won't be persuaded otherwise). We are a passionate group of folks. We drive long distances to attend

various competitions. We spend hours in the rain and cold training for trials. We deprive ourselves of sleep so we can monitor that momma dog who had a difficult whelp. We strive and struggle to achieve perfection and when we are knocked off our feet, we dust ourselves off, reassess and jump right back into the foray.

For 2018, I suggest you make it a goal to share your passion, mentor a rookie, introduce someone to your sport, extend a helping hand and share your love for what you do. Everyone benefits from such simple acts of kindness. Who doesn't love to share their passion with another?

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# PSLRA Membership and Board of Directors' Meeting

*Secretary's Minutes, December 2, 2017*

Members were present as follows: Stephanie Harris, Sonya Dudder, Diane Sullenberger, Jen Hanjy, Leslie Douglas, Jim and Cindy Olson, Kristen Reiter, Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Scott and Becky Dannaker, Ram Vaidyanathan, Jill Mahoney, Hugh and Linda Maffett.

The meeting was called to order at 7:25pm. Each member introduced themselves and shared a piece of little known personal history or information, providing entertainment and interesting insights for all attendees.

Jill Mahoney announced that the tax forms have been filled out and submitted.

Details were shared about moving the Specialty to Bay View State Park as there have still been discussions among members about when the decision was made and why there wasn't much information provided at the membership meeting in September. Important to note is that the Bay View grounds were not paid for until one and a half weeks ago. There were no deposits made or money placed on the grounds until after the vote was made by the board members. Communications were initiated with the Bay View park ranger as a part of a research phase to determine if the park would even be available as an option. It took two months to identify which individual had the authority to approve reservation of the park for our event. As these details had not been nailed down in September, there wasn't any information to share about Bay View being a viable option and it therefore was not presented. The park ranger with whom we are working was employed at another state park that hosted a Portuguese Water Dog specialty and he is excited to be working with us.

The campsites are now reserved and we will be booking through the club. The inner circle is twenty sites, including six big rig sites. If we can't get the sites purchased, we can turn them back over to the park so we won't lose money on unclaimed reservations. There are also five cabins on site, two of which are reserved for us.

The management of the specialty has been reorganized. Jill will act as the main chairperson, or overseer, of the other specialty committees. Marlys will organize the trophy donations. Members can sign up for sponsorships and obtain camping information at the banquet.

Laura Reeves, a professional handler and owner of the podcast, Pure Dog Talk, will be our guest speaker. She will focus on the topic of mentoring. The meal will consist of barbecue chicken, ribs, beans, and Caesar salad. The banquet must be prepaid, with a cost of \$25 per person. Payment can be submitted via PayPal or mailed directly to Jill Mahoney.

The member of the year will be voted upon by the membership. Nominations are taken and then the board chooses the recipient. Four names have been provided to the board.

The President's Award is chosen by the current president.

The Nominating Committee provided a list of their candidates for the 2018 board. There were no nominations from the floor for any officer position. There were no nominations from the floor for any board of director position. The nomination slate was closed, nominations will not be taken at the time of the banquet.

The next meeting will be our Annual Banquet and Award Ceremony at the Best Western in Puyallup on January 13.

There was no further business to conduct. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.

## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Please Submit Articles and Advertisements to:

Kristen Reiter, Editor  
160 W Crescent Harbor Road, Oak Harbor, WA 98277  
PSLRAnewsletter@yahoo.com.

**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 Co-Chairperson  
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## New Title!



### *Harbortop MistyMountain Phoenix Firebird, RE, BN, CD*

*Harbortop MistyMountain Phoenix Firebird, RE, BN got his CD title at the Bulldog Club of Seattle trial in Bow, WA on December 9, 2017 with a 193 and a second place. He also got his 2nd Master's Rally leg there.*

*It took him only three tries over 4 weeks for the three legs to get his CD title. My last and first CD on a dog took nearly 5 years to get so needless to say this was especially satisfying and enjoyable. Dear Nancy Dyson – I tried to remember all that you taught me for that other dog; it just needed a different dog J. Thanks for laying the groundwork in me.*

*Michelle Schraeder, DVM*

# Brag!

*Can GrCH / Int'l Multi BIS CH Koa's In A New York Minute, RN, BN, JH*



*Madison finished off 2017 with a bang! She went back to back Best of Breeds in Canada to finish her Canadian Grand Championship. She also came home with a Group 3 and a Group 4 from the November weekend up there.*



*Rounding out the year, she earned a Best Bred By in Breed and went on to a Bred By Exhibitor Group 2 at the GCCKC show in December.*

*I can hardly wait to see what the next year brings!  
Submitted by Chantel Nahoopii*



# Braggs!

## Sahale



Meet Sahale..... She is a Hoyt daughter, 3.5 and is a fully certified Search and Rescue Dog and now working toward a higher level of certification (National) . She is owned and trained by Tom and Peg Henning, and also photo credit goes to Tom.

Sahale was certified in the state of Washington as a search dog May 28 2016, after 21 months of training. October 2016 she was accepted by Olympic Mountain Rescue as a search dog. She is now officially a Mountain Search Dog.

Included are pictures of her and Tom on the summit of South Sister - 10,400' - her first volcano, and another of her and Tom being hoisted into a helicopter as part of her advanced SAR training. She licked the face of the pilot when she got onboard - figures - and he laughed.

The others were taken during a 4 day avalanche rescue training program on Mt Rainier with Everett Mountain Rescue. She did great!

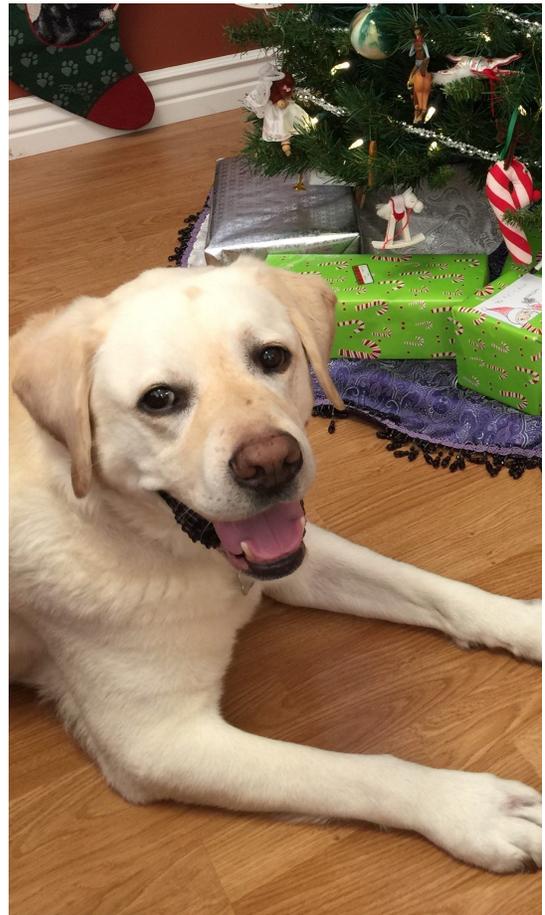
*Submitted by Tom and Peg Henning and Mary Jane Sarbaugh*

# Rescue Report

## **A RESCUE CHRISTMAS STORY**

*One cold and dreary December afternoon, an elderly yellow Lab was found wandering in a residential neighborhood. She was so sweet and friendly that she soon attracted the attention of several admirers. One of these responsible neighbors did the proper thing to keep this Lab safe and to enable her owners to find her - he took her to the local animal shelter. Once at the shelter, she was reported to our Rescue committee members and we let the shelter know that we were available to help if a new home was needed for this senior Lab. We had a foster home standing by so that she would not have to spend Christmas in the shelter if her owners could not be found. And although in fact her owners did not come to claim her, there is a very happy ending to this story. The neighbor who had brought her to the shelter came back with his family and adopted her as soon as she became available! We so appreciate the efforts of everyone who contributed to the rescue of this Lab in the true holiday spirit!*

*Submitted by Edith Bryant*



# *Time to Renew Membership*

*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, please include a note, saying  
you've already signed up online.*

***PLEASE NOTE: What you enter online, goes straight into our  
database; therefore, you'll be responsible if there are any ty-  
pos. 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)*



*Don't Forget!*

**Annual PSLRA Banquet and Awards**

Saturday, January 13, 2018

Best Western Premier Plaza Hotel

620 South Hill Park, Puyallup, WA 98373

No Host Beverages and Paws Game 5:15-6:00pm

BBQ Style Dinner and Dessert (\$25/plate) 6:00PM

Guest speaker and awards ceremony to follow

**ALL DINNERS MUST BE PRE-PAID BEFORE JAN 4!!!**

*Questions? Contact Jill Mahoney [Mahoney@wwdb.org](mailto:Mahoney@wwdb.org) 253-630-4810*

# 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 10/30/2017

2CM available

Sire: Skyfire's Zedi Master

OFA24E, OFEL24N, PRA-N, CardiacN, EIC Carrier,  
LR-EYE 4/2017

Dam: Heirloom's English Confection

OFA24G, OFEL24N, CardiacN, LR-EYE 4/2017

Contact: Stacey Gnyp (360) 384-1280

Email: staceygnyp@yahoo.com

Listed: 12/5/2017

Litter born 11/29/2017

All chocolate expected

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: 1YM, 2BM, 3BF

Sire: Brae's Love Me

OFA24G, OFEL24N

Dam: Brae's Nouveau Chapeau

OFA29G, OFEL29N, LR-EYE 9/2017

Contact: Nancy Taft (425) 501-6025

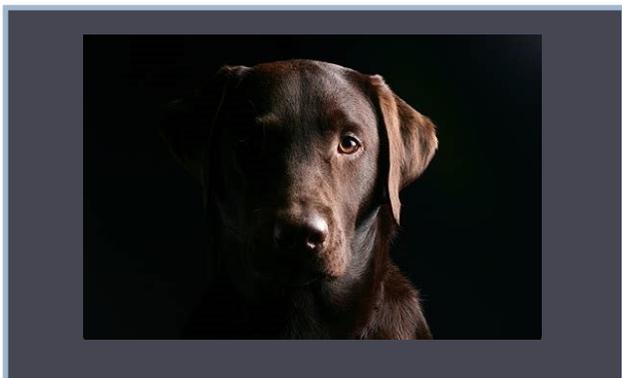
Email: NancyTaft@frontier.com

Listed: 12/28/2017

### 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 OF EVENTS  
(Watch for 2018 Update!)

## PSLRA Banquet and Awards Ceremony

January 13,  
2018

Guest Speaker:  
Laura Reeves of  
Pure Dog Talk

PLEASE NOTE:  
Dinners are  
PREPAID only!

See Ad in this  
Newsletter

# *Puyallup Sportsman's Show*

January 24-28, 2018

Every year PSLRA has a very informative booth at the Sportsmen's Show in Puyallup. It is a great opportunity for us to educate the public about our wonderful breed. Each year we ask our members to help as volunteers in our booth where you will greet the public and answer questions. Your Labradors are also most welcome. The show is well attended by people of all ages, including many families with small children who will want to pet your dog.



PSLRA provides printed information about our Club, everything from Labs as a breed, to how to join PSLRA, and a current breeders list and litter listing. Volunteer shifts range from two to three hours. The show runs from Wednesday morning to Sunday afternoon. Morning, afternoon, and evening shifts are available. We try to get enough volunteers to have two people in the booth at the same time. It's so much fun, and you are helping educate the public about our beloved breed.

For questions or more details on volunteering, please contact

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# *PSLRA All-Breed Show N Go*

**THIS WEEKEND!!!**

Saturday, January 6, 2018

Country Classic Kennels

9332 - 99th Ave. NE,

Arlington, WA 98223



# PUGET SOUND LABRADORS ALL-BREED SHOW N GO

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018

Country Classic Kennels 9332 - 99th 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 4th St) Exit onto SR 9 (north) Snohomish/Arlington exit

Turn left (north) onto SR 9 Continue approximately 20 miles

Turn right (east) onto 84th St NE (0.6)

Turn left (north) onto 99th 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, harbortoplabs@gmail.com or Michelle Brown, rednmerlin@yahoo.com

Morning coffee and muffins provided, donations welcome

### ***ONE ENTRY FORM PER DOG. PLEASE***

First run with each dog: \$12, 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 10 AM - limited to 10 minutes per run. Novice will start at 8 AM.

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

PSLRA ShowNGo, C/o Nina Mann, 5706 312th 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)

We will try to add some Rally classes at the end of the day if time permits.

## Promoting the All Around Labrador



### Seeking Member Photos for New PSLRA Website - by Denise Hetland

As mentioned in earlier PSLRA Newsletter Board Meeting Minutes, Cheri Wildes is in the process of building a new PSLRA club website. The goal is to launch a brand-new site, using new technology with additional functionality. The new features should be useful to PSLRA members and non-members who visit the site. Cheri will provide more details about the enhancements to the future site once she's had an opportunity to review the draft site with the Board.

In the mean-time, I have volunteered to assist with the project by reaching out to club members to gather new images to be used on the site. Some of the photos on the current site are either too small, not high enough resolution for use on the new site, or we are lacking sufficient representation of Labradors in all three colors for some venues.

The photo submissions can be of your own dog(s), (owned or co-owned by club members), or dogs bred by a club member that are out in the world being active in some way. Photos do not have to be of a single dog, and can include multiple dogs as long as they are all Labradors. We need approval from the image's owner to post the photos, or use photos that have been purchased for use. (Cheri has purchased photos that she is sharing with the club for the initial version of the site). We cannot accept images that are submitted based on internet searches.

In the spirit of "Promoting the All-Around Labrador", we are expanding the Venues & Activities section of the site by highlighting additional venues and activities where Labrador Retrievers excel. To support this effort, and the new site, we are asking members to submit the following types of photos to my attention at: [hetlandcreek@msn.com](mailto:hetlandcreek@msn.com)

#### **Format:**

**Image Type:** JPG or PNG

**Resolution:** 300.00 pixels per inch

**Image Information** - Please submit the following information with your photo(s):

AKC Name | Call Name | Owner's Name | Breeder's Name (if not the owner) | Misc. Titles  
Please highlight if the dog is an All Around or Versatility Dog Award winner.

#### **Venues & Activities:**

**Conformation:** All colors of stacked dogs

Both in and out of the ring

With or without handler

Fun Matches

Sweepstakes

Junior handlers with dogs

Conformation Certificate

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### **Field**

Hunt Tests

Field Trials

WC

Junior Handlers

Hunting & Field Training Photos

### **Obedience**

CD plus additional levels

Rally (with signs so you can tell it is Rally)

Team Obedience

### **Agility**

### **Scent Work**

Tracking

Search & Rescue

Nose Work

Barn Hunt

### **Therapy** (The following are just examples)

Pet Partners

Reading with Rover

Disaster support dogs

### **Misc. Others**

Dock Diving

Fly Ball

Cute Puppy & Litter photos

Feel good photos, e.g., dogs and puppies with kids, camping, at the beach, etc.

Others

Cheri will be updating the site regularly, not only with content, but with new photos. If you submit photos and some are not used initially, they will be at some point, then moved to a gallery.

Please contact me if you have any questions at [hetlandcreek@msn.com](mailto:hetlandcreek@msn.com)

*Thanks in advance on behalf of the club for supporting this effort. Denise Hetland*



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