

# THE RETRIEVER BELIEVER

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## President's Message

*Hope you are all having a wonderful summer, and will be coming to our Specialty Show and Rally/Obedience Trial on August 4 and 5!*

*The Specialty is our club's biggest event of the year and is lots of fun for all. It will be held at the fairgrounds in Langley on Whidbey Island. All members, family and friends are welcome. You are welcome to come just to watch, even if you are not competing. And we can always use you to help out. It is a great way to meet club members, put names with faces, and get involved with the club!*

*Hope to see you on Whidbey Island! -Jan*



Summer is vacation time and Deuce, Monica Buckstatter's dog, seems to be enjoying his.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**August 4-5 Specialty Show and Obedience Trial, Langley, Whidbey Island**

**August 6 Working Certificate, Whidbey Island**

**August 23 Board Meeting**

**September 9-10 Fall HRT**

**September 24 Eye Clinic, Cascade Kennels, Woodinville**

**October 26 Island & Pacific Specialty, Abbotsford BC, info@westerndogshows.com**

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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.

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club business

## June board meeting minutes

The June meeting of the PSLRA Board of Directors was held Wednesday, June 28 at the Azteca Restaurant in Bellevue. Board members present were Darlene Pado, Jan Palumbo, Ron Perry, Kristi Clark, Susie Sharp, Stephanie Harris, Chantel Nahoopii, Nina Mann, Dave Lawniczak and Carole Jensen. Special guests present were Bryant and Cindy Meyer.

### Secretary's Report:

—May Board Meeting minutes were approved by email.

—\$500 deposit for the Banquet Caterer was approved by email.

**Correspondence:** Letter of Affirmation received for the following judging assignments: Specialty Sweeps judge for 2008, Obedience judge for 2008,

—Letter received from AKC stated that our Tracking test had been processed and closed in AKC records. Included was an application for next year's test.

**Treasurer Report:** Balance in checking and savings is \$9,668.67.

**Committee Reports:** Jan Palumbo reports that the Fun Day at Julie Germano's is on track.

—Nina Mann reports that she has judges and gunners for the WC but needs a source for birds. Bryant Meyer volunteered to get our birds lined up.

**Old Business:** A discussion was held regarding the updates to the webpage. Stephanie Harris explained that other people can't update the website unless they are using the same software that she uses due to possible upload problems.

**New Business:** Bryant Meyer has offered to co-chair the Fall Hunt test with either Ron Perry or Rhonda Forman. There was a discussion regarding having only a Junior and Senior test at our fall test. It was M/S/V to have Junior, Senior and Master Stakes at our Fall test.

—Bryant also reported on the proposal of the Master National committee to hold regional qualifiers

for the Master National in an effort to control the number of dogs that compete at the Master National. Information about the proposed changes to the bylaws can be found at <http://www.masternational.com/news/index.asp>  
Submitted by Carole Jensen

## PSLRA LABRADOR RESCUE, RESEARCH & HEALTH still needs items to raffle

If you would like to try and secure a donated raffle item from your favorite doggy store, we can provide you with a copy of our raffle letter which tells the retailer all about us.

Donations are graciously encouraged and accepted.

If you'd like to donate an item but aren't sure what, email us—we have plenty of ideas!

All funds raised benefit PSLRA Labrador Rescue as well as Labrador related research & health issues.

If you have an item, small or large, to contribute, please contact Hugh Maffett [tugzz@comcast.net](mailto:tugzz@comcast.net) / Linda Maffett [sunnydazelabradors@hotmail.com](mailto:sunnydazelabradors@hotmail.com)  
We'll even pick it up!!!

**Come to the Specialty to buy your tickets early and often for the drawing Saturday afternoon.**

## 2006 Awards

We are off to a great start on the 2006 awards! And I think there are more names to come! This year there is an early deadline. I must have all the awards posted for our ad in the LRC National catalog by **August 30**, so if you qualify and haven't sent copies of your certificates, better get going!

### All-Around Awards: (So Far)

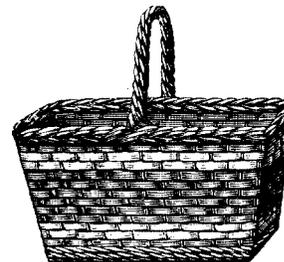
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 Can CH Fawnhaven Hunter of Snowyriver JH RN  
 Can CH Fawnhaven's Double Shot JH RN  
 Can CH Fawnhaven Indigo Jones RN WC  
 Intl Can CH Fawnhaven Mischief Maker Delphi Am Can CD  
 JH CGC WC  
 Intl CH Harbortop Lord of the Seas JH RN  
 Am Can CH Sharay's Nikolas of Whidbey JH RN  
 Am Can CH Timberline Big Ben at Fawnhaven SH RN

### Versatility

CH SR Ms T's Dusty Winds Over Char-Don CD RN Service  
 Dog  
 Windy Canyon's Dark Ranger NAJ CD RA JH CGC CC

If you have added any new titles or if I have made any spelling errors in the dogs' names, now is the time to let me know! Congratulations to all of you on making this list, this honor roll of your dogs' accomplishments!

Nina Mann



## Basket shortage hits Whidbey

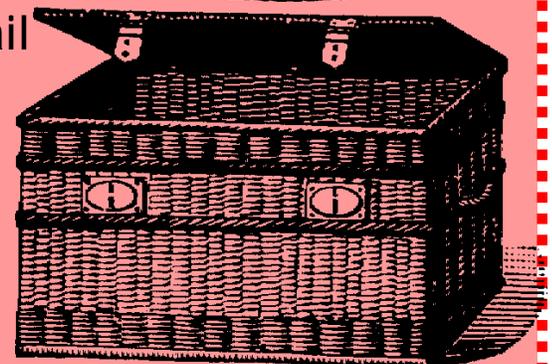
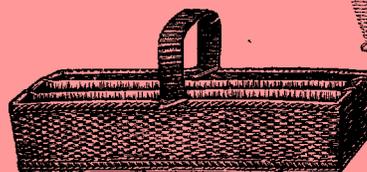
The Specialty is almost here and we need more baskets to auction at the Banquet Saturday night. Why not put together the kind of basket you'd like to bid on? Any theme will do. Let's see how imaginative the baskets can be.

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# Labrador wins back-to-back Best in Shows then keeps on winning, and winning, and ...

by Ron Perry

"You *want* this dog!"

Sharon Edwards, my best friend and breeder of ShaRay Labradors, said this to me as she handed me an eight-week-old yellow male. We were at the annual eye and health clinic of the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association (PSLRA), getting ophthalmologic tests on our dogs.

"But, but, I don't need another dog," I replied. "I'm too busy training my two dogs (ShaRay Labs) for master hunter."

"Believe me, you *want* this dog," she repeated.

"Only if he's birdy," I said as she walked away, with me still holding the puppy.

Sharon couldn't have been more right about that puppy, whom we co-own. He not only turned out to be birdy but a stellar Labrador in every way.

I named him Nick after a master hunter in his dam's blood line. In less than three years, he has become Multiple Best-in-Show American and Canadian Champion ShaRay's Nikolas of Whidbey, Junior Hunter and Rally Novice.

Nick's recent achievements include back-to-back Best in Shows at the Seattle Kennel Club shows in March 2006. We are so appreciative of the judges who gave those wins to Nick: Mrs. Edeltraud Laurin: Best of Breed and Best in Show on Saturday, March 11 and Group First on Sunday; and Mr. Carl Gene Liepmann: Group First on Saturday and Best of Breed and Best in Show on Sunday.

He took his third Best in Show in May under Judge Charles Francis at the Coeur d'Alene Dog Fanciers show, another the following month in Montana, and a fifth at Bell Vernon earlier this month.

Since the fourth of July last year, Nick has won 26 group placements in the U.S. and Canada. Fifteen were Group Firsts and seven were Group Seconds. His best-in-show wins earned an invitation to the AKC Eukanuba National Championship show in December, in Long Beach, Cal.

But I am getting ahead of the story about Nick's development.

Nick's showing career began early when Beckie Jensen, the owner of his sire, CH Chablais Singing in the Rain JH, put points on him in Canada at age 13 months. Laura Berger picked Nick as best puppy when I handled him at PSLRA's sanctioned match. Soon afterward, his other "grandma" and co-owner, Sharon Edwards, and owner of Nick's dam, CH ShaRay's Champagne on Ice, took Nick to his first best of breed win in May of 2005.

After a leg injury sidelined Sharon, handling duties passed to our friends. Tonya Struble of Rush Hill Kennels, who breeds and shows Golden Retrievers and Bernese Mountain Dogs, has been Nick's primary handler ever since then. Tonya and Nick make an awesome team that defines the sound, effortless movement and the working ability required by the breed standard. Superlatives barely suffice in describing the picture they present in the conformation ring. Tonya has won over thirty best-in-show ribbons, mostly with dogs of her own breeding.

Our good friends Rick Mullen and Cindy King of Bakerbay Labradors have shown Nick in Canadian shows with great success too. Last fall, Rick took Nick to his Canadian championship title, and two days later, Cindy took Nick to a Group First win at the Tradex shows, which were televised in Canada. The TV announcer for the best-in-show competition remarked that Cindy and Nick made a great picture together as a team.

Winning is nothing new to Rick and Cindy. Labs they bred have achieved many titles and produced fine offspring. Bakerbay is just one of the notable Pacific Northwest kennels in Nick's bloodline.

What made the March best-in-show wins so special is that they were truly shared by many of the members of PSLRA. Several members of the club stayed at the show to cheer on Nick through his group win and then his best-in-show. Few of us expected it could happen again, but then Nick repeated his victories the very next day. Since then, Sharon and I have received numerous messages from club members and others telling us that they really felt they were a part of Nick's successes. These sentiments replayed again after Nick's latest BIS.

You might be asking yourself why people in our club feel personally attached to Nick's accomplishments. Well, I think the answer is that Nick typifies many of the excellent qualities found in Labradors bred in our part of the country. Though largely unrecognized, these Pacific Northwest breeders have produced consistently fine Labs for many years. Nick's bloodlines go back through generations to those many respected breeders and their kennels. Nick's wins were not just for himself, but for the whole club.

In many ways, the recognition Nick has received was an affirmation of the breeding programs of dedicated Pacific Northwest Labrador breeders, who have been true to the breed standard and to the mission of PSLRA—to produce all-around Labradors who excel in all areas: conformation, performance and companion events, as well as therapy work.

The picture on the next page (also on the membership page of PSLRA's web site) shows the club's pride. There you will see why Sharon and I proclaim, "Winning is great, but winning with friends is everything."

This year, Nick qualified for the PSLRA All-Around Labrador Award. The club presents these awards annually to dogs who earn a championship title and also title in two other performance or companion events, such as field, obedience, rally, agility, or tracking.

Nick's successes in conformation are matched by his achievements in other areas. He earned his junior hunter title in four straight hunt tests, and his rally title in three attempts. In fact, he finished his rally title between his group and best-in-show wins in Seattle. He lives up to the ShaRay motto of "Beauty, Brains, Talent." (See more of Nick on the ShaRay website at [www2.whidbey.com/sharay/](http://www2.whidbey.com/sharay/).)

At home, Nick is just another family member who loves to swim and retrieve and play constantly with his "sister," Tara (ShaRay's Tara of Whidbey MH CD and Delta Pet Partner), and his big "brother," Alex (ShaRay's Alexander of Whidbey SH CD and Delta Pet Partner). He adores them both, and they return his affection by putting up with his charm.

Who knows what Nick's next accomplishments will be? Our immediate goal is to qualify in senior hunter and work toward advanced rally and novice obedience titles.

We continue to strive for perfection in every venue with these words as the inspiration for *Team Nick*:

*There are no limits to what we can dream,  
No boundaries to what we can achieve.*

*Article originally published in LRC newsletter, spring 2006, and updated.*



Back to Back Best in Show wins at Seattle Kennel Club under Judges Carl Gene Liepmann and Edeltraud Laurin. Tonya Struble is pictured with Nick.

The picture below was taken after Nick's second Best in Show win at Seattle Kennel Club. Included in the picture are several happy members of PSLRA. We titled this picture, *Winning is great. Winning with Friends is Everything.*



Photos by Randy Roberts and Meg Callea

# Labradoodles

From the *Gazette*: June 2006, Vol.123, No.6

The following is offered to clear up any misunderstanding concerning the breeding of labradoodles by the Royal Guide Dogs Association of Victoria (Australia).

Labradoodles are a cross between a Labrador Retriever and a standard Poodle. Royal Guide Dogs Association of Victoria bred its first litter of labradoodles in late 1989, in an effort to produce a dog that would be more suitable for people with allergies. The coat of the Poodle is generally recognized as being more suitable for people with allergies because it does not shed as much as coats of other dogs. The Association aimed to produce a dog that would combine the temperament of the Labrador (which is suitable for Guide Dog training) with the coat of a Poodle.

The Association does not claim that labradoodles are allergy-free, or non-allergenic, as has been often written about these dogs. They were bred as part of an experimental process aimed at finding a dog that is trainable for Guide Dog work, but has a coat more suited to people with allergies. In a litter of 10 labradoodles, a person who is allergic to most dogs could find they were allergic to 8 of the 10 labradoodles, or even all of them.

The project was initially designed to meet the needs of one particular woman from Hawaii, whose husband was allergic to most dogs. This woman had requested that the Association try to find a dog that could be trained as a Guide Dog and would not produce an allergic reaction in her husband. Samples of the coats of all three dogs from the first litter of labradoodles were sent to Hawaii. The woman's husband showed some allergic reaction to two of the three coats. The dog which did not produce an allergic reaction in the husband went on to be trained and is working most successfully in Hawaii.

A vision-impaired person assessed as suitable for a Guide Dog but who has allergies is thoroughly tested for reaction with the hair, skin scraping and saliva sample of the labradoodle before the dog is allocated to the person as a Guide Dog.

The last labradoodles to qualify as Guide Dogs were bred in 1996. Guide Dogs Victoria has no plans to continue any further development of this particular crossbreed. The success rate of the cross was less than 35 percent for use as Guide Dogs, with only a small proportion of those being utilized in allergy situations as outlined above. The testing process outlined above found that many Labrador Retrievers could also be utilized in these particular circumstances.

Guide Dogs Victoria in no way endorses or supports the claims made by labradoodle breeders. Guide Dogs Victoria is a not-for-profit organization and utilizes its own breeding program to provide dogs of sound temperament and physical requirements for use as Guide Dogs.

Our thanks to the Guide Dog Association of Victoria for this information.—Anne Rogers Clark, 720 Cattail Branch Rd., Greenwood, DE 19950; sealark@dmv.com

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## Amateur Field Training

Our Labradors are sporting dogs. Bred to retrieve game birds, they have a strong hunting drive. Regular field training produces a fit dog, allows the dog to live up to its potential and gives it a purpose driven life. All too often our dogs remain untrained because we lack the confidence to train and handle our own dogs. A professional trainer is expensive and putting our dog with a pro means separation from our much loved companion. Although a pro certainly can aid the training process, the AKC originally established hunt tests so that the average hunter could demonstrate his dog's skills and be recognized for having a well trained hunting dog outside of the very professional and competitive field trial arena.

I remember as a child helping my grandfather train his hunting dog. He used homemade bumpers. They were smooth logs of wood wrapped with bird wings. My job was to hide the bumpers in his field. He taught his Springer Spaniel to quarter and point and then retrieve the feathered bumpers. That was a fine hunting dog. She came home with everything from geese to ducks and pheasants to prairie chickens. She was totally trained by my grandfather. Though there were no AKC hunting tests for her in those days, the local Montana hunters always enjoyed their own competitions and my grandfather was pretty proud that she often came home with the most birds to her credit. Amateur dog training is a great tradition. It is fun, can involve the whole family, and it teaches you a great deal about your dog. In the interest of carrying on a family tradition, I would like to share some amateur training tips. My hope is that you will realize that you can be your dog's trainer.

There are three things a dog must do as a retriever. The dog must go, the dog must stop and the dog must come. These are obedience exercises and the standard for these commands should be kept high at all times. Let's first look at the go.

A dog that is slow or hesitant to retrieve shows poor style in a test. For this reason, in training I follow a *basic rule of rarely calling back a dog once it has been sent*. I follow this rule for all of the training levels, but this is especially true in the case of a young dog. Even if it is taking a poor line to the bird/bumper, it is more important to keep the dog going enthusiastically than to argue the choice of route with a dog that is just learning the game. If you do not like the line taken by the dog, change your throw or your starting point so that the dog can take a better line. As the dog gets a better understanding of the game and you teach more skills, you will have tools you can use to communicate the importance of a direct path to the dog. But without those tools, you have little means to change a dog's mind. Calling the dog back breaks momentum and can lead to frustration. The dog might quit because it has tried and can't be right. We all like to be right. Our retrievers have big egos. They like to be right a lot.

A good helper, making lots of noise with a duck call, hey-hey and/or gun shot can make a retrieve, also known as a *mark*,

pretty exciting. If the dog breaks down - quits or starts to come back before reaching the mark - it is imperative that the helper gets that dog's attention and gets it out to the mark. Sometimes throwing another bumper while the dog is looking back at the gun station will do the trick. *If the mark seems too difficult for the dog, the cardinal rule is to simplify the task*. This usually means shortening up the mark. Many of our young dogs are used to retrieving things that we hand throw for them. It is a different picture all together when the throw comes from someone out in a field. The responsibility for getting the dog out to the mark should be on the shoulders of the helper. A handler trying to encourage from the line can distract the dog and lead to the dog returning to its handler without its retrieve. An agreement should be reached before running the dog as to the role the helper will play if the dog gets into trouble. Radio communication is a big bonus here. Sometimes a handler knows his dog is just not trying very hard and wants the dog to work harder. In most cases with young dogs, however, help from the field is very appropriate.

When we are training with a group of fellow enthusiasts, it can be difficult to simplify a task for our dogs. We watch other dogs successfully complete a retrieve and believe our dog should be able to do the same. It is important to train our dogs as individuals based on what they show us they know not on what we think they should know. Stubbornness on the part of a trainer can lead to set backs. Persistence on the part of a trainer will lead to success.

*Terrie Sato*



Training strengthens the bond between dog and owner, as Clutch demonstrates to Terrie.

## Braggs

**Obsidian If Dogs Run Free SH**, (Feels like Rain MH x MN Island Acres Quincy MH). Senior titled at Sand and Sage, first Master leg at OHRC double header in May. Wind so far has run four junior tests for four, and four Senior tests for four. Breeder/owner/trainer/handler: Katie Mearns.

**Feels Like Rain MH** (Coyote Creek Obsidian Flash MH x Ebonstar's Thunderous Duke MH). Qualified for the Master National 2006 (fourth year in a row) at OHRC double header in May. Breeder/owner/trainer/handler: Katie Mearns.

**Island Acres Joker JH** (Island Acres Quincy MH x Feels like Rain MH). Bred by Katie Mearns, Owner N. Ellyson, Handler Adrienne Hardin. Got two senior legs at the double header (OHRC—May 26-29).

On Sunday July 2 Ed Parsons and Ellie completed their MACH title at the Washington State Obedience Training Club's agility trial at Argus. From now on she is **MACH Skyfire's Ellietta Ica**. There are lots and lots of people who helped to make this happen and have our heartfelt thanks, including agility instructors, friends, fellow competitors, practice and training partners, and a whole lot of other very supportive people. But first and foremost our thanks go to the person who made this all possible: Stephanie Harris, who bred and sold us this wonderful girl. There have been moments of humor along the path (Ellie's first runs in competition, running in big circles with her butt tucked and stopping only long enough to meet and greet the judges and ring stewards, and her infamous shot on the TV news in three states when Ed said "sit" as she came to the table and she misunderstood him and thought he said "sh—", so she obliged him very quickly on the table right in front of the TV cameras) and moments of frustration (how many times of "Yellow? Contacts? What does that mean?"). It has been a good journey, and there's much more joy with her to look forward to.

**Int CH Koa Maui Da Hawaiian Supaman, CD, JH, WC, CGC** placed first in Bred By Exhibitor Saturday and again on Sunday and went on to Reserve Winner's Dog at Bell Vernon Kennel Club. Maui, shown below with owner Chantel Nahoopii



and her daughter Kawai, is loved and completely spoiled by Chantel and the Koa Labrador Gang!

Kawai handled **Int CH Daybreaks Chocolate Splash At Koa, CD, WC, CGC** aka The Chocolate Rocket, to a third place in Open at the Mount Cheam show in Chiliwack. She then placed second in Junior Novice handling The Rocket again. Kawai then handled her to a fourth in Open Chocolate (a tough class) on Saturday at Bell Vernon Kennel Club and a third in Open Chocolate on Sunday at Bell Vernon. This is the first weekend Kawai has shown with the adults in the AKC ring. Kawai is loved and supported by Chantel and Al Nahoopii. (A Special thanks goes to Auntie Perrin for helping Kawai out so the dog ignores Mom!)

Since the brags in the May newsletter, **Am/Can Ch ShaRay's Nikolas of Whidbey JH RN** has done very well in conformation. In June he took a best in show (Montana), four group firsts and two group seconds. So far in July, he won his fifth best in show and two group firsts at Bell Vernon. The following week at the Ventura, Cal. cluster, he won two group firsts and a group third. In best of breed, he competed against 90 to 100 other Labs and 7 or 8 specials each day. Then he took a group second at Portland Kennel Club. Breeders: Sharon Edwards and Christy Hoagland; co-owned by Sharon and me. Exquisitely handled by Tonya Struble. The BIS judge at Bell Vernon commented that Nick was so perfectly handled that she mostly just saw the dog and his best qualities. —Ron Perry

**Wyntercreek Hope Floats**—bred by Mary Jane Sarbaugh—went Bred By Exhibitor Sporting Group I at Electric City KC on June 23. No points but a nice accomplishment!

**Can CH Bayview Amarillo at Daybreak Am/Can CDX, JH, WC** aka Rillo, won Open Yellow bitch and Winner's Bitch and Best Opposite Sex both days at Bell Vernon Kennel Club. Rillo is loved and spoiled by Debbie of Daybreak Labradors.



Shown above, Tanya Struble with Nick (BOB) and Debbie Needham with Rillo (BOS) at the Bell Vernon KC show.

## Secret Agent Pup



It is once again time for an update. A lot has changed since my last report. We continue to go to the lake every day and swim. I have completely fallen in love with swimming and retrieving, the farther out the bird, the more I like it and the faster I swim.

My "older sister" Ellie has done some amazing things in the last couple of months. I noticed not long after I got there that she was gaining weight at an alarming rate, and of course I had to ask her why! She patiently explained to me that there were going to be a lot of new additions to the house in the next couple of weeks and boy was she right. On June 9, she arrived home with 10 new recruits, six yellow ones and four black ones. I'm not sure how much help they're going to be as they refuse to open their eyes! But I have since learned that they are young as I once was and, now at five weeks old, are very eager to learn. Ellie has allowed me to join her and has taught me to care for these young recruits. I guess I don't remember having my first mother tell me to go to the bathroom and if I wouldn't, she had ways of making me do it! I gladly pitch in to help Ellie as 10 recruits seems like such a handful. My mother stands and watches in amazement as Ellie and I carefully clean and preen the brood of 10. Lately we've had a lot of new visitors to the house and after a long conversation with Ellie, I have learned that they are the new command posts for these recruits. This makes me sad, because I have grown so attached to these cute little 10 and will miss them terribly.

Sensing my sadness, my mother has begun training me for a WC, which I now know is called a Working Certificate. So far, I'm really enjoying it. It involves more of those wonderful ducks and some equally wonderful things called pigeons and pheasants! Now I have to learn to sit patiently while she holds my collar and one of those ducks is thrown way out in the field. It's pretty easy to smell where it has gone down, but the humans (my newest learned word) seem to have this thing that grows from their mouth that they blow to keep my attention focused (like I needed more focus when the duck is involved). We have also started working harder on the retrieving in the water. I heard a gentleman at the lake the other day exclaim, "Wow, for such a young pup, she takes to it like a duck to water!" The only problem that I have encountered with my retrieving lately is my teeth are falling out, so it's not that easy to hold on to things. My brother, Goose, assures me that they will soon all be back in my mouth and that they shouldn't fall out again. I have also discovered that I don't fit in the places where I used to run and hide. At that building where Tonya is, I heard more than one person say, "Boy, she's all legs right now isn't she?" I'm not exactly sure what that means, but I'm guessing that it has something to do with moving to a larger crate at night to sleep.

We have a big vacation planned for August. My mom refers to it as the Labrador Specialty. Goose is just excited because it's

another camping trip. He once told me he lives to go on the camping trips, because we all go and it's always so much fun. I will make sure to report on the camping trip and the Specialty as I have not done either.



A very soggy Nyah out swimming with human, Al Nahoopii

My life is continually changing and as usual is never boring, and I'm sure that next month's report will be full of great news. Maybe I'll see if I can get a hold of the camera and send a picture of myself along with the whole rest of the family.

*Signing off, Agent Nyah.*



Coming in October  
The Island & Pacific  
Labrador Retriever Club  
Annual Specialty  
Abbotsford, British Columbia  
October 26, 2006  
Judges: Heather Wiles-Fone  
(Heatherbourne) and  
Dottie Black (HiView)  
Western Dog Shows

**LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 7/16/06 that conform to the PSLRA 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 PSLRA of any litter or any one litter over another. Litters are removed from the list after three months.

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 recently agreed to accept PennHip clearances that score in the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher, passing Wind-Morgan clearances, and clearances from the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) in Canada. Female Labradors (bitches) with a Wind-Morgan, Penn Hip, or OVC clearance must not be bred before the age of 20 months, or 24 months with an OFA clearance. Male Labradors (dogs) with a Wind-Morgan, Penn Hip or OVC clearance must not be bred before the age of 12 months, or 24 months with an OFA clearance.
  - Eye clearances on both parents annually. After the dog's examination at age 10, annual examinations are no longer necessary.
  - 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 contact Marlys if you need a Litter Listing form, to be used for ALL litters.**
  - All Breeders must update their litters each week with Marlys Swanson via email (marlyss982@aol.com) as to the sex and color of puppies you have sold. The listing will be deleted after three months from the first litter listing date unless she hears from you.
1. Mail the completed form and a check for \$10 (operating expenses for Breeder Listing and Puppy Referral Programs) to: **Marlys Swanson, 3512 – 93<sup>rd</sup> Place NE, Marysville, WA 98270.**
  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 donation to PSLRA** (c/o Marlys Swanson) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue. **LITTER LISTING FORMS** available from Marlys Swanson

**Litter born 5/30/06 (Available 1 YM, 2 BF, 1 YF, 1 CF)**

Sire: Skyfire's Just Lucky I Guess  
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 9/17/05, OFA Cardiac,  
 Optigen Normal  
 Dam: Avery Daddy's Girl  
 OFA 31G, OFEL 31, CERF 8/3/05  
 Litter: 2 YM, 2 BF, 2 YF, 1 CF  
 Contact: Luke & Angie Carrick (509) 834-4243 (Days),  
 (509) 945-7459 (Evenings)  
 Email: angie.carrick@smiths-aerospace.com  
 Listed 7/16/06

**Litter born 6/2/06 (Available 1 BM, 1 BF)**

Sire: Tin Top's Captian Kidd, MH  
 OFA 38E, OFEL89, CERF 8/19/05  
 Dam: Int. Ch Winroc Quintessence, TDX, JH, AX, MXJ  
 OFA 28E, OFEL 28, CERF 3/30/06, OFA Cardiac,  
 Optigen Clear  
 Litter: 3 BM, 4 BF  
 Contact: Lee Foote and Mrs A. L. Foote (206) 367-7481  
 Email: lafrh@earthlink.net Seattle, WA  
 Listed 6/30/06, 7/12/06

**Litter born 6/5/06 (Available 1 BM, 5 BF)**

Sire: Mach, Int. Ch Winroc XLT Funnel Cloud VCD1, RN,  
 TDX, MH  
 OFA 27G, OFEL 27, ACVO 3/30/06, OFA Cardiac,  
 Optigen Clear  
 Dam: Int. Ch. Winroc Pedal to the Metal, TDX, SH, MX, MXJ  
 OFA 32G, OFEL 32, CERF 3/30/06, OFA Cardiac,  
 Optigen Clear  
 Litter: 2 BM, 7 BF  
 Contact: Lee Foote and Mrs A. L. Foote (206) 367-7481  
 Email: lafrh@earthlink.net Seattle, WA  
 Listed 6/30/06, 7/12/06

**Litter born 06/09/06 (Available 1 BF)**

Sire: Snoline's Caiman Dorado, RE, JH, CD  
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 3/4/06, OFA Heart  
 Dam: Int CH Koa's Kauai Elegance, CDX, JH, WC, CGC, Delta  
 Society Pet Partner  
 OFA 24G OFEL 24, CERF 5/12/05  
 Litter: 5 YM, 1 YF, 2 BM and 2 BF  
 Contact: Chantel Nahoopii 360-724-5227  
 Email: koalabs@msn.com Sedro Woolley, WA  
 Listed 5/15/06, 6/28/06

**Litter born 6/14/06 (Available 1 BM, 1 YM, 3YF)**

Sire: CH Belgairn Tom Jones  
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 9/25/05, OFA Cardiac, Optigen  
 Normal  
 Dam: Cimarron Wild Starfire  
 OFA 26G, OFEL 26, ACVO 4/8/06, Optigen Normal  
 Litter: 2 BM, 1 CM, 1 YM, 1 BF, 1 CF, 3 YF  
 Contact: Laura Steward DVM (360) 876-6199 (Evening)  
 Email: Laura@cimarronfarm.com Port Orchard, WA  
 Listed 7/6/06

**Litter expected August 2006 (all Yellow)**

Sire: Int. Ch Cimarron Sam-I-Am of Cougar Creek CD CGC  
 OFA 24E, OFEL 24, CERF 4/20/06, Heart OFA Clear,  
 Optigen clear  
 Dam: Int. Ch Cougar Creek Dixieland Jazz  
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 4/20/06, Heart OFA Clear  
 Litter: All Yellow  
 Contact: Cecilie Drege (360) 435-0456  
 Email: cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com  
 Website: www.cougarcreeklabs.com Arlington, WA  
 Listed 6/29/06



### Other 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” disclosing to prospective buyers any known health and/or temperament issues and are on file with the Breeder Listing Chairperson.*

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 eyes, hips, and elbows and the reason why the dog is being placed. The listing of other dogs in no way constitutes an endorsement by PSLRA. Price will vary.

#### **Black Male, 8 ½ mos (as of 6/4/06 ) (Intact)**

Looking for home and family of his own. Very sweet, gets along with other dogs. Both parents have all clearances. Will be medium sized dog. Will meet on top of Pass for delivery if necessary.

Contact: Katie Somers (509) 787-6093 or (509) 398-1470  
Email: Katie\_Somers@msn.com Quincy, WA  
Listed 6/5/06

#### **Yellow Male, 8 ½ mos (as of 6/4/06 ) (Intact)**

Looking for home and family of his own. Gets along well with other dogs. Parents have all clearances. No health issues. Will meet on top of Pass for delivery if necessary.

Contact: Katie Somers (509) 787-6093 or (509) 398-1470  
Email: Katie\_Somers@msn.com Quincy, WA  
Listed 6/5/06

#### **Chocolate Female 4½ mos. (6/20/06)(Intact—Must be spayed)**

“Baggen” is a very special little girl, smart, biddable, sweet and down right fun. She’ll make someone very happy. To view –  
HYPERLINK “<http://www.draytonharborlabradors.com/baggen.html>” —<http://www.draytonharborlabradors.com/baggen.html>.

Contact: Julia Wilson (360) 332-4844 or (360) 920-6648  
Email: juliaw8@juno.com Blaine, WA  
Listed 6/21/06

#### **Black Male 4½ mos. (6/20/06) (Intact—Must be neutered)**

“Tom” is a very sweet, good natured, affectionate, smart boy. He’ll make someone a great friend. Can be viewed at <http://www.draytonharborlabradors.com/tom.html>

Contact: Julia Wilson (360) 332-4844 or (360) 920-6648  
Email: juliaw8@juno.com Blaine, WA  
Listed 6/21/06

#### **Black Female 4 years (Intact – Must be spayed)**

“Anna” is housebroken, has basic obedience and she’s just a wonderful companion. She’s easy-going, intuitive, loves everyone and all 4 legged friends! She’s OFA good hips, clear elbows and clear eyes. She will be a fantastic addition to some family. To view: *Anna* <http://www.draytonharborlabradors.com/anna.html>.

Contact: Julia Wilson (360) 332-4844 or (360) 920-6648  
Email: juliaw8@juno.com Blaine, WA  
Listed 6/29/06



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