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President's Message

The first day of summer has arrived. Even though it has been rainy here, I'm looking forward to the warmer weather. I'm also looking forward to all the upcoming dog events that PSLRA has to offer during the summer months. This is the time of year that gets very busy for many of us that show dogs.

I want to thank Stacey Parsons and Marlys Swanson for putting on the B-Match. There was a great turnout in conformation and a huge turnout in obedience and rally. I wanted to give a special thanks to Julie Germano for hanging in there with all the obedience and rally entries. It was a long day for her. BIG Thank you, Julie!

Another PSLRA event that took place in June was the Spring Agility Trial, June 21 to 23. Thank you Cheri Levine for putting together this event!

The KISS & PSLRA Specialty is coming up August 2, 3, and 4. It will be three days full of fun events for you and your Labrador! This year the specialty is being held at a new location in Chehalis, Washington at Stan Hedwall Park. This park has RV camping, playground for kids, picnic area with a nice level grass area. I'm sure you all will enjoy this new spot.

The specialty chair is Linda Maffett sunnydazelabradors@hotmail.com and co-chair is Colleen Doll songlines99@gmail.com. The obedience chair is Jan Palumbo janpalumbo@earthlink.net. Please contact Linda, Colleen, or Jan if you would like to volunteer.

I hope to see everyone at the PSLRA Specialty in August. I know it will be a ton of fun!

Sincerely, Cathy Hakola, PSLRA President

Saying of the Month: "To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring - it was peace." ~ Milan Kundera

IMPORTANT DATES

July 7, Obedience/Rally training day—canceled

July 24, board meeting, teleconference

**August 2, 3, 4, KISS and Specialty, Chehalis, Linda Maffett
sunnydazelabradors@
hotmail.com**

Newsletter Information:**Publishing of an article or advertisement**

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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**June membership meeting**

PSLRA Membership Meeting Saturday, June 15, 2013, B Match, Renton, Wash.

Members Present: Cindy Freeman, Anne Duffy, Becky Gorton, Jennifer Hajny, Terrie Sato, Ruth Silverstone, Leslie Douglas, MJ Sarbaugh, Shelah Frey, Tamaria Hartman, Lizzie Moir, Cathy Hakola, Katie Somers, Stacey Parsons, Angela Rogalla, Franna Pitt, Kevin Weizenhofer, Stacey Gnyp, Scott Dannaker, Stephanie Harris, John Harris III, Brenda Hubbard, and Marlys Swanson.

Officer Reports

President: Welcomed PSLRA members and thanked Stacey Parsons, Marlys Swanson and everyone else that pitched in to help make a successful B Match. Asked for quick introductions from everyone.

Secretary: No Report

Treasurer: No Report

Acknowledgements

Thanks to Stacey Parson and Marlys Swanson for chairing the B Match. Thanks go to the B Match judges Katie Somers, Leslie Douglas, and Julie Germano. Thank you to MJ for taking the minutes at the meeting.

Committee Reports

Rescue: See *rescue report* included in July newsletter.

New Members: No information yet.

Spring Agility: No Report

Specialty 2013: Please pay Marlys Swanson if you sponsored a class. Stephanie is taking the RV reservation now. Catalog advertising is due by 28th to Darlene Pado. There was talk about having a membership meeting at the specialty – no decision was settled on.

LRC Nationals 2013: Leslie discussed the gift bags she is working on – please contact Leslie if you have anything for the national’s gift bags.

Old Business

Master Nationals Addendum: The vote was sent to the Master Nationals with letter stating the reasoning for voting against the addendum.

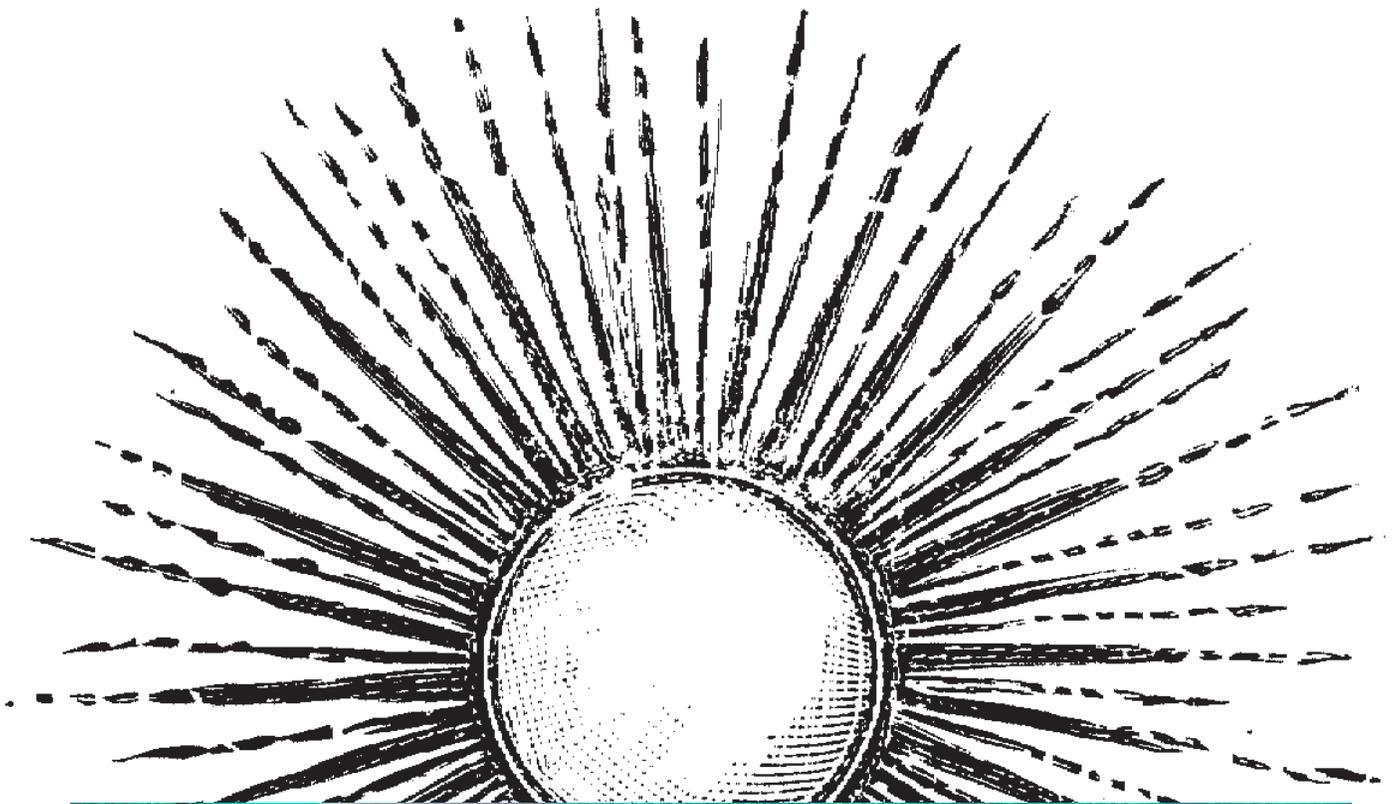
PSLRA Scholarship: The scholarship money was sent to Daniel Swanson last week along with a card wishing him luck in his future.

New Business

PSLRA Specialty 2014: Judges have accepted their assignment. The contracts will be mailed soon. We are still waiting for a response from one of the obedience judges. Breeder’s list funds have gone to advertising in the Seattle Times in the past (promoting buying from a responsible breeder). The question was raised if we are still doing this. Members felt this needs to be looked into again. Tamaria Hartman has offered to look into this.

Adjourned at 3:57 p.m.





Summer is here!

Brags

Hudson, Can Ch Heirloom's Miracle on the Hudson, went Best of Winners at Puyallup, under Judge Tom Hale for a 3-point Major. This is Hudson's first win outside of Canada. It's been so much fun learning to show in conformation along with my boy.

My sweet little girl, Soulie, Sharay's Hey Soul Sister at Heirloom, is off to a great start! At Lynden, under Tony Carter, she won her 4-6 month B-match class and went on to get a group 3. At our B-match in Renton, under Leslie Douglas, at five months of age, she took the Best Puppy in Match.—submitted by Stacey Gnyp, Heirloom Labradors



**Take advantage of this special opportunity—
Join us for an evening of eating and education!!!**

“A Glimpse at Structure in Action”

**Thursday, October 10, 2013 — 5:00 - 8:00 PM
Pat Hastings, Presenter**



**Red Lion Hotel, Olympia, Washington
LRC, Inc. National Specialty Event Week Host Hotel**

STRUCTURE IN ACTION is Pat Hastings' latest workshop. This half day presentation is a glimpse of what it takes to have the very best dog possible for whatever you would like to do with it. Anyone who owns and works with dogs needs to consider the dog's structure when examining the job of the dog. It includes her discussion on the benefit of structurally evaluating adult dogs that are being considered for a breeding program, working trials or performance competition.

Dogs will do most anything we ask of them. The question is: *“Do we want to ask them to do things that they are structurally incapable of doing without causing physical harm?”* Is that what we really want to do to our most committed companions? The more we learn about canine structure, the more we understand what is reasonable to ask of our dogs, given their physical strengths and weaknesses.

AGENDA:

- The basics of canine structure.
- The weakest structural links.
- What your dog **can do** and **should not be doing** based on its adult structure.
- Powerpoint presentation and audience participation discussions.

SPEAKER:

Pat Hastings is respected in the dog-world as an educator, author and AKC judge. Well-known for her *Puppy Puzzle* video, she evaluates the structural quality of over 300 litters per year.

FEE: \$40.00

Includes a “finger food” buffet.

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Participation will be limited.

To make a reservation for the Workshop please **use the Specialty Order Form**
in the **2013 LRC, Inc. National Specialty Events Week Premium List**
or send your check to the Event Treasurer:

Joan Kerr • 480 Kelly Ridge Road • Oroville, CA 95966

B Match a success

by Marlys Swanson

The B Match was a great success thanks to all the folks that helped wherever it was needed from setting up to tearing down and swapping trailers. I would like to thank everyone by name, but I'm sure I would miss someone.

A special thank you to our judges, Katie Somers (Sweeps and Juniors), Leslie Douglas (Regular classes) and Julie Germano (Rally and obedience). Our ring steward in obedience was a wonderful new member—Thanks, Nancy.

Our judges did a fantastic job and made this match a wonderful experience for all. The obedience and rally entries broke records. It was great seeing such a wonderful turnout. Cindy Freeman and team handled all entries, prepared the sweeps money, and picked up the supplies at Costco. Cindy really went above and beyond her treasury duties. Cathy Hakola was always there to answer our many questions and help keep things together. A huge thanks to all of you.

Thanks to Fred Drennan, Ron Perry's tag sale netted \$800.00. The money will be going into the fund that Fred and Sharon co-manage to cover entry fees for events and care of Ron's dogs. I think everyone who made a purchase got a great deal! Diva, Brady, and Nick benefited as well.

Match results

Best in Sweeps—Becky Gorton—Rummy

Best Opp in Sweeps—Jennifer Hajny & Mary Jane Sarbaugh—Frenchie

Best Puppy—Stacey Hall Gnyp—Soulie

Best Opp Puppy—Becky Gorton—Jug

Best Adult—Cathy Hakola,—Singer

Best Opp Adult—Merlyn Foote—Trevor

Best Junior was Clarissa Foote.



Angela Rogers handling Katie Somers' puppy



Cindy Freeman



Tracy Hildebrandt

Rescue Report

Some recent rescue happy endings!

LILY is a three-year old yellow female. Her owners were looking for a new home for the highly energetic Lily because an older dog in the family was quite ill and overwhelmed by Lily's activity. We soon placed Lily with a family including a 13-year-old son —the perfect match for Lily's energy! Lily quickly settled down in her new home and is keeping everyone on the go!

BISCUIT is another three-year old yellow female in need of a new home due to worsening allergies of a family member. A sweet, loving girl, Biscuit soon found the perfect new family who had recently lost a beloved Lab to cancer. Biscuit filled in the missing place in the family right away and is adored by all of her new family and friends.

Family members of her original owner who could not keep the six-year old black female Lab took in HOOLIE. Hoolie was much loved in her new home, but needed a place of her own where she could have the attention she deserves. Hoolie has become the companion of an active retired gentleman who has taken in older Labs in the past. He and Hoolie are now enjoying life together!



Biscuit

BEAR came into our rescue program at the age of five and was adopted by an older couple that loved him dearly. But their declining health caused first a move to Spokane to be near family, and then transfer to an assisted living community where dogs are not welcome. Now seven years old, Bear needed a new home right away. After listing him on the SPDR web site, we were contacted by a family that thought Bear would be perfect for them. And in an amazing coincidence, they were headed to Spokane that weekend for a family graduation! Bear is now enjoying an active life with his new family, and the couple that loved Bear so much are delighted that he has found a wonderful new home.



Bear



LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 7/01/13 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 50th 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 or Penn Hip clearance must not be bred before the age of 12 months, or 18 months with an OVC clearance, or 24 months with an OFA clearance.

Eye clearances on both parents annually.

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 Nina Mann if you need a Litter Listing form, to be used for ALL litters.

All Breeders must update their litters each week with Nina Mann via email (harbortop@netzero.net) 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 **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 donation to PSLRA (c/o Nina Mann) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue.

Litter born 5/7/2013

1BM, 1 YF, 1BF available

Sire: CH Gaetacreek Joyful Jasper WC
OFA24F, OFEL24N, EIC clear, PRA clear, Heart ECHO clear, ACVO 8/2012

Dam: Am/Can CH Mainland's Catching the Dream at Karuna WC CGC RN
OFA24G, OFEL24N, EIC Carrier, Heart clear cardiologist, ACVO 8/2012

Litter: 1 YM, 1 BM, 2 YF, 2 BF
Call: Kristi Clark (253) 709-8443
Email: kristiclark2001@yahoo.com
Listed: 4/17/2013, updated 5/8/2013

Litter born 5/19/2013

2BF, 2BM available

Sire: Am/Can CH Sounder's Pepper Jack
OFA26E, OFEL26N, ACVO 5/2013, Cardiac Normal

Dam: Black Pearl's Sunnydaze Cool Water
OFA27E, OFEL27N, ACVO 4/2013

Litter: 5 BF, 4 BM
Call: Buffie Gonzalez (360) 366-7203
Email: blackpearlkennel@yahoo.com
Listed: 6/19/2013, updated 6/27/2013

Litter due 7/1/2013

Sire: Can CH Shiloh's Northern Lights of Cougar Creek
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 9/2012, Cardiac Normal, PRA clear, EIC clear, RD/OSD clear, CNM clear

Dam: Can CH Cougar Creek Ima Tango Too
OFA27G, OFEL27N, CERF 8/2012

Litter: Yellows and blacks expected
Email: Cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com
Web site: www.cougarcreeklabs.com
Listed: 4/27/2013

Litter due 7/4/2013

Sire: CH Rubyvale's Gone Chocolate
OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 6/3/2013, CNM clear

Dam: Hightest Lucy Goosey
OFA29G, OFEL29N, OFA LR-EYE629/61F, EIC clear, CNM clear, PRA clear

Litter: All chocolates expected
Call: Paul Guttenberg (406) 646-5130
Email: paulg406@gmail.com
Listed: 6/7/2013

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 disclosing to prospective buyers any known health and/or temperament issues that is on file with the Listing Chair.

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.

Chocolate Male 7 months

Charlie is a dark chocolate boy who is super sweet and a quick learner. He gets along with everyone and is looking for a family of his own. Both parents have all their clearances - dad is a champion and mom is linebred on CH/MH. Charlie will make an awesome family member.
Call: Stephanie Harris (509) 929-5227
Email: stephanie@skyfirelabs.com
Website: www.skyfirelabs.com
Listed: 4/5/2013

Black Male 3 years

Buster is a happy, outgoing boy who has never met someone who was not his friend. Buster is smart and willing and learns quickly. He gets along with other dogs. Both parents have all their clearances.
Call: Stephanie Harris (509) 929-5227
Email: stephanie@skyfirelabs.com
Website: www.skyfirelabs.com
Listed: 4/5/2013

B Match, continued



Stacy Parsons with yellow and Jennifer Hanjy with chocolate





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