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President's Message

Dear Club Members: I first want to thank those in the club that volunteer to make PSLRA such an outstanding club, from chairing one of our many events down to the smallest detail, for stepping up or coming forward and asking how you can help. Since the last newsletter, there has been the B-Match and Agility Trial. We currently have several volunteers working hard preparing for our upcoming Specialty.

Thank you to Marlys Swanson for chairing the B-Match to Cheri Levine for chairing the Agility Trial, and to all the club members who helped at these two events. The Specialty is just a month away, so if you would like to help, please contact Cindy Freeman or Cathy Hakola.

If you haven't already received your new 2014 membership booklet, you will very soon. Stephanie Harris, membership chair, put in extra hours to format the membership roster. Brenda Hubbard picked up the printed booklets and mailed them. All of this takes a lot of personal time, so please be sure to thank them in person or by email.

We are all getting excited for our Specialty, which is coming very soon—August 1-3. The closing date for entries is noon on Wednesday, July 16. Don't procrastinate! Get your entries in now. The event organizers and their committees are planning a lot of fun events associated with the Specialty. This is in addition to two specialties, sweepstakes, junior showmanship, and two days of rally and obedience. But wait, there's more! On Friday night we have the Potluck and Social. Saturday night there will be a BBQ and PeeWee Showmanship. On Saturday, we have a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) test.

Following on the heels of the Specialty will be another major club event in August, the Fall Hunting Retriever Test on August 23 and 24. Please volunteer to help in some way. We need people to take care of hospitality or to work as marshals and gunners. If interested, please contact Liz Gibson. We need all the help we can get to make the event break even (or better) financially. This is not just for hunt tests, but for all our events. We need our volunteers. You are crucial to this club and the club's success.

Have fun training for whatever title or award you seek.

~ Kimberly

IMPORTANT DATES

July 16, Board and Membership Meeting

August 1-3, KISS and Specialty, Cathy Hakola and Cindy Freeman

August 20, Board Meeting

August 23, 24 Fall HRT, Liz Gibson

September 20, Health Clinic, Nina Mann, Mary Jane Sarbaugh

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**
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Ellensburg, Washington 98926
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club business

June board meeting

PSLRA Board/General Membership Meeting, Saturday, June 14, 2014, Carco Park, Renton, following Match. Board members present were Marlys Swanson, Cindy Freeman, Jan Palumbo, Shelah Frey, Jennifer Hajny, Cathy Hakola, Tamaria Hartman, Linda Maffett, Lizzie Moir, Angela Rogalla. Many general members also present.

Acknowledgments

—For the Match: Marlys Swanson, chair; Angela Rogalla, co-chair; Shelah Frey, handling class; Franna Pitt, trailer; Tamaria Hartman, judges gifts; Bea Ferguson, potluck; Lizzie Moir, Linda Coogan, Cindy Freeman, registration; Judges: Alisha Barnhardt-Johns, Scott Dannaker, Jan Palumbo, Julie Germano.

—For the Specialty: Bea Ferguson for donating juniors ribbons.

—For the WC/Training day: Bruce Ferguson for gunning.

Facebook Ad: Jennifer Hajny showed us pictures that will appear in our Facebook ad, which will run for one month as a trial.

TDU/VST: Event is approved and judges are lined up.

Health Research Donation: No new information. At a standstill as there are no projects looking for money at the moment that are doing Labrador specific research.

Breeders List: Linda Maffett reminded people that they need to volunteer to help this year in order to be eligible to be included in next year's Breeders list.

Specialty 2014: Cindy Freeman provided update on the upcoming Specialty. Stewards are needed. Please contact Cindy. Decided to have one big raffle, and allocate the proceeds 60 percent to rescue and 40 percent to general club funds. The raffle will be held throughout the day with the smaller items in the morning and the bigger items at the end. Donations are welcome.

—A motion to pay for lodging for a third night for the judges for Friday was made, seconded, and passed.

—A motion to pay for lodging for one night for the Juniors judge was made, seconded, and passed.

—Hugh Maffett will do the dinner on Saturday. Volunteers needed to help him.

Judges Selection Committee: Linda Maffett reported that the committee has a list of proposed judges, and will provide it to the Board. Suggestions for obedience judges are needed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Auction your stud dog?

Now that the premium is out, it is time to recruit for the Stud Dog Auction. The auction benefits our club and helps offset costs of the Specialty.

Please note: All stud dogs MUST meet the current Code of Ethics. This means they must have FINAL certifications on hips, elbows and current CERF exams. If you would like to review the current Code of Ethics please follow this link: <http://www.pslra.org/uploads/info/codeofethics.pdf>

We would encourage that dogs offered at auction have clearances on the additional tests that are available (Heart, Optigen, EIC and/or CNM) but it isn't required.

This year the auction is open to all dogs, conformation and performance, and any combination thereof; as long as they meet the CoE, they qualify.

If you are interested in having your dog(s) featured, please send me an email (lizzie.moir@gmail.com) with the subject *Stud Dog Auction Entry* and include the following:

- 1) Owner's Name
- 2) Owner's Contact Information
- 3) Dog's Name
- 4) Copies of their certifications (minimum hips, elbows and eyes)
- 5) Copy of their pedigree
- 6) 2-3 pictures
- 7) Short bio of the dog

Feel free to contact me with any questions! Lizzie Moir

Rescue Report

LUNA

Our rescue group was contacted by the Tacoma shelter about a 12-year old yellow female Lab who had been turned in by her owners. The shelter did not feel Luna was easily adoptable, and did not want to see this senior lady spend any more time than necessary in the stressful shelter environment. As always, our wonderful PSLRA members responded quickly to help. Walli Roarke picked Luna up from the shelter and transported her part way to meet Barb Sheard, who stepped forward to provide a foster home for Luna.

Poor Luna was about at the end of her rope when she arrived home with Barb, but soon responded to the loving care provided by Barb and Fielding (Luna's new Lab brother). Home-cooked chicken and rice brought Luna's appetite back, and pretty soon she was looking to play with her beloved tennis ball. A visit to Mary Jane on Whidbey Island for a much-needed bath and grooming and a second visit to the vet to treat her persistent ear infections completed Luna's transformation. You can see from the pictures how beautiful and



happy Luna is now. And the best news of all is that Barb and Fielding have decided to make Luna a permanent member of their family.

According to Barb, "I had a major shift in my life and found that I needed Luna as much as Luna needed me. She has been slow to trust, but as with most Labs, she does not have a mean bone in her body, and has therefore been willing to give me a chance to care for her. She now sleeps on her wonderful new bed next to mine. I hope that other club members, if ever possible, consider fostering these deserving seniors."

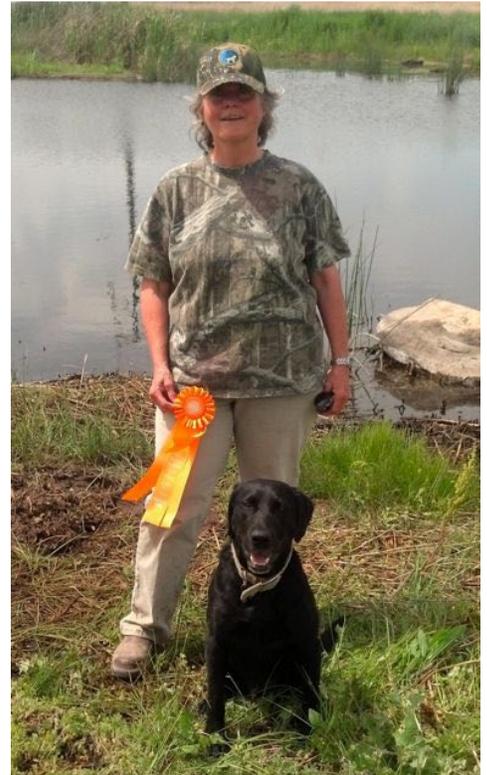
You couldn't ask for a more perfect ending for Luna! It is such a good feeling, too, to know that our PSLRA rescue funds are available (Luna had significant vet expenses) so that we do not have to hesitate when Labs like Luna need our help.



Brags



Mistymountain It Might As Well Be Spring went to her first hunt test at Sand & Sage...owned and trained by Nina Mann



Rainy Day Keepsake SH got her first Master pass at the Sand and Sage Hunt test on June 7 and 8. Rainy is trained, handled, and owned by Cindy Olson.



Master passes at the Sand and Sage hunt test. In photo from left to right is Fred Drennan with Rion and Ginny. Rion is now qualified for the Master National and Ginny got her first Master pass. Cindy Olson with Rainy and her first Master pass. Anne West and April who also qualified for the Master National, and on the right is Judy Dupree with Allie.



Indy - Mykiss Mid-Knight Strut was Best Opposite in Sweepstakes at the Woofstock show in Vallejo, Cal. supported entry by GGLRC under breeder judge, Eleonore Diehr of Elkens Labradors—submitted by Tamaria Hartman

Our girl, Sunnydaze I Can See For Miles, was Best In Match! (shown in pic). And other our girl, Sunnydaze Boom Chicka Boom, was Best Opposite Puppy In Match—submitted by Linda Maffett



Birdland's Go For Broke JH BN received his second Master pass at the Sauvie Island Memorial Day test, being one of only ten dogs to receive a ribbon. He received his third master pass at a very nice Sand and Sage test June 7 and 8 in Othello. He is happy to report he was dusty and hot, but saw no ticks or rattlesnakes! Bravo is owned, trained and handled by Terrie Sato who is also happy about the absence of ticks and rattlesnakes!

Match B Thank You

by Marlys Swanson

—Sarah Fisher is the wonderful person that arranges for this great location. This is one of the most central events, as well as a lovely area and easy to get to. —Jan Skewes handles our insurance. I know she had some challenges putting this all together.

“Thank you, ladies.” You are the ones that help get it all started!

The “crew” that worked at the B Match was absolutely wonderful. It makes chairing an event so much easier when so many people help out. No one could survive putting on one of these events without that kind of support. I hesitate to name folks who helped in case I miss someone. But, I will try. Please let me know if I’ve missed anyone as I truly appreciate each and every one of you.

—First, I would like to thank my co-chair the wonderful Angela Rogalla. I would be driving down the road and think about something I had forgotten and give her a call and ask her to send an email, call someone or just to get ideas. I so appreciate the extra support from Angela.

—Cathy Hakola provided the paper work to get the match started. She assisted with the help, and offered support and advice to keep me on track.

—I so much appreciate our wonderful judges who spent their time and shared their experience to judge these events. Without them, we wouldn’t have had our B Match.

Obedience - Jan Palumbo

Rally - Julie Germano

Pee Wees, Juniors and Sweeps - Alisha Barnhart-Johns

Conformation - Scott Dannaker

—This year we brought back the practice session for conformation. I was so excited to see a huge ring full of participants. Shelah Frey did a wonderful job with the new folks as well as those that have been handling a while.

—Our ring stewards and assistants were so helpful. They kept everything flowing smoothly and kept me on task for what was coming up.

Obedience - Michelle Brown, Leslie Douglas and I know there were others that I want to thank.

Rally - Bea Ferguson, Kristi Clark, Lee Foote

Pee Wees, Juniors, and Sweeps - Vicky Barnhart

Conformation - Becky Gorton

—I don’t want to forget to thank our wonderful show secretary and her team. These folks were the ones taking everyone’s

entries, money, numbers, and sweeps money. They put up with my constant questions and that is so much more of a job than you realize.

Cindy Freeman

Lizzie Moir

Linda Coogan

Judges gifts - Tamaria Hartman



Best Junior, Clarissa Henry with Winroc Zest of the West



Match Pee Wee participants from left to right were: Aliya Busby, Grace Roberts, Cole Taylor, Olivia Maffett and Roman Rogalla (not shown in pic).

—Set up and tear down - I know I will forget some folks.

Thank you so much!

Neil Warren (not a member, but was a great help)

Stacy Parsons

Franna Pitt - who also brought the trailer to the match.

Hugh and Linda Maffet

Cathy Hakola

—Bea Ferguson took on the potluck arrangements making sure everything was set up and ready for us to eat! A potluck and general club meeting followed the events. Thank you to all that stayed.

—And, finally, “thanks” to all that came out to play! Congratulations to all the winners and qualifiers. I am sorry I didn’t get to spend any time at Obedience and Rally events.—Marlys Swanson

Rally Results

First places Rally

Judge, Julie Germano

Novice A

Ch Blackthorn's High Felutin, Jen Hajny

Novice B

Quail Run's Mining the Comstock Lobe, Linda Coogan & Cynthia Freeman

Advanced A

B-Mor's Morgan LeFay, Beatrice Ferguson

Advanced B

Cimmarron's Independent Rudy, Christina Richmond

Excellent A

Reimurs Marge Simpson, Darlene Pado & Elizabeth O'Callaghan

Excellent B

Cimmarron's Independent Rudy, Christina Richmond

First places Obedience

Judge, Jan Palumbo

Beginner Novice A

Reimurs Marge Simpson, Darlene Pado & Elizabeth O'Callaghan

Beginner B

Quail Run's Mining the Comstock Lobe, Linda Coogan & Cynthia Freeman

PreNovice – NQ

Novice B

Winroc Virtual Villainess, Franna Pitt

Rainier 10 series placements and qualifiers.



Congrats to everyone!

1st Nelson and Amber

3rd Sue and Macie

2nd Randy and Leo

4th Lisa and Doc

Qualifiers: Dianne and Rita/Monica and Harrison/Chris and Jettta/Cindy and Rainy/Larry and Yetti

Thoughts on the Labrador Retriever

by Terrie Sato

“Bravo’s my favorite!” declared my two-year old granddaughter as she reached for the swiftly wagging tail as Bravo expertly sidestepped her grasp.

Bravo is my young field bred black Labrador Retriever. He sits a head taller than my granddaughter. He cocks his head to one side as he gazes at her with an inquisitive expression, as if her wish is his command. He is, in fact, just waiting to hear her give a command. “Sit!” she commands. “I am sitting,” he seems to respond as he checks himself to be sure that he is indeed in the proper position. She gives him a treat which he gently takes and politely wags his thanks. Bravo is not this good with adults. He crowds them looking for their undivided attention and soliciting their touch, but he seems to recognize the fragile instability of a two-year old child and is very careful with her. He sits calmly when my nine-year old nephew scratches his ears. In an obedience classroom, Bravo moves from a down/stay when an eighteen-month old Golden unexpectedly rushes up to him. He touches noses with the youngster, looks at me apologetically for breaking his stay and calmly resumes the down position. He seems the epitome of the Labrador temperament, “kind friendly eyes, expressing character, intelligence and good temperament.”

At a recent dog show I was treated to a lecture on the pros of a show dog verses the con of a field dog. This was a lecture, not a discussion, as I was never given the opportunity to discuss or disagree with what was being said. The upshot of this lecture was that field breeders only breed for one thing - drive. They breed drive to drive because all they care about is go and the desire to retrieve without thinking. These dogs should never be pets. Field dogs end up in rescue, while show dogs are bred to the breed standard for health and structure. Though there is a kernel of truth in every dog myth, I walked away from this lecture with the realization that, though well intentioned, my opinionated educator had obviously very limited experience with field-bred Labradors.

I do not believe that Bravo is the exception to the rule. I have known many field bred dogs that are also the perfect family dog. I will attempt to disprove the myth that field breeders only breed for one thing. I also will attempt to dispel the myth that ‘drive’ is a four-letter word. However, I do suggest that the breeders of the show style Labradors and the breeders of field style Labradors need each other to provide balance to preserve a wonderful breed of dog.

First let’s look at the AKC grouping of the Labrador. They are in the Sporting group, which is defined as dogs bred to find and retrieve game in the field.



“Fancy dogs may be measured by any rule however artificial, but a shooting dog should be judged by points relevant to his work,” J.H. Walsh 1887. Walsh was the author of a much-respected manual of British rural sports. This quote was taken from the LRC website preceding the description of the breed standard.

The Labrador Retriever Club (LRC) standard goes into a detailed description of the size and proportion of the breed, though the wording leaves room for the subjective opinion of a judge. This is only right in evaluating the breed.

“Above all, a Labrador Retriever must be well balanced, enabling it to move in the show ring or work in the field

with little or no effort. The typical Labrador possesses style and quality without over refinement, and substance without lumber or cloddiness. The Labrador is primarily bred as a working gun dog; structure and soundness are of great importance.” (LRC Labrador Retriever Breed Standard)

Structure and soundness are of great importance to a breed that is expected to work equally well in an all day hunt, hunting either upland game or waterfowl. A hunting dog needs to be an athlete. The field trial game helps breeders select the best athletes for breeding.

Successful field trial competitors must be healthy. Retrieves as long as 400 to 500 yards over rough terrain require courage, perseverance, great marking ability, and above all an athletic structure. Notices in the *Field Trial News* announcing upcoming litters also proudly proclaim health clearances. All of the same OFA clearances are listed that are required in the PSLRA code of ethics and also included are CNM and EIC clearances. No one would buy a dog for field or hunting work that had the potential to be affected with EIC. Certainly in a game where marking is of utmost importance eyes must be clear of disease. It was Marilyn Fender, the owner of a National Field Champion, who discovered and pursued the testing for CNM. She realized the genetic ramifications to the breed were tragic and she has fought long and hard to get breeders to recognize the significance of this disease, even though her own dog was a carrier. If you have ever watched a field trial, you cannot help but become aware of the importance of good health and structure. These dogs take cover, jump logs, cross ditches, and scramble over rocks and through sagebrush to find their birds. Good breeders of field dogs are very conscious of soundness and structure. It is a constant concern.

Field trial dogs are bred for drive. Yes, this is true. But what is drive? The dictionary provides a long list of definitions so I have selected the definitions that most closely suit this discussion. Drive: to chase (game), to search for game.

Drive: to strive vigorously toward a goal or objective; to work, play or try wholeheartedly and with determination

Drive: energy and initiative: a person with great drive

Sporting dogs need a desire to chase and search for game. To work, play or try wholeheartedly and with determination is a wonderful attribute in a dog. Many of us refer to this as 'heart'. Energy and initiative imply not only health, but also intelligence. Who would not want a hunting dog with these characteristics?

It is clear, that lack of self-control is not the definition of drive. If a dog lacks self-control, it is not because it was bred for drive. It is because it lacks obedience training. An excitable youngster may behave better when it has been well exercised and is tired as is often the suggestion of the Dog Whisperer, Cesar Milan. Fatigue can be your friend. However, I have been run over and jumped on by both show bred Labradors and field-bred Labradors and the answer to the problem in both cases has been obedience training. Drive should not be mistaken for lack of self-control.

If you have ever watched a field trial or a master hunt test, you would never question the intelligence of a dog that is successful in the field venue. To succeed in either test, a dog must be biddable, hunt smart, work as a team with its handler and above all, be obedient. Decisions made on the way to a bird, with factors of wind, water and terrain running interference, are conscious choices on the part of the dog to efficiently retrieve a bird. A thinking dog making smart choices is successful.

What happens when you breed for specific characteristics? Each generation makes those characteristics more pronounced. In a study done over a fifty-year period in the Soviet Union, the fox was bred specifically for domesticity. In nine generations, the fox became more dog-like in appearance as well as temperament. It does not take long to influence a breed when breeding for specific features. This has been seen in the show ring as greater and greater substance, but the resulting less freedom of movement, is being rewarded with winning points. It is also true in the field trial world where a more greyhound appearance can be noted on some of the very fast, sharp marking dogs. To counteract this tendency the LRC offers working certificate instinct tests to check for birdiness and desire in labs that may not be destined for a field career, and a conformation certificate to check for proper structure for labs not competitive in the show ring. Though the WC does demonstrate instinct to retrieve birds, it does not speak to other qualities necessary in a good hunting companion such as trainability, memory and perseverance. Each year at the Amateur National Field Trial the LRC holds a Conformation Certificate (CC), Many of the dogs competing at the top field trial level hold a CC, showing that



Photo by Dale Garvey

they are true representatives of the breed. This harkens back to the early years of retriever testing where dogs had to first prove themselves in the field before they were even allowed to compete for championship points in conformation.

Why is a discussion of the traits of field bred dogs relevant to a breed club that holds a specialty emphasizing what has become known as the 'show dog' conformation? The answer comes from an article written in 1961 by Dr. Henry Lardy and recently reprinted in the *Golden Retriever News*. Dr. Lardy, the father of well-known field trainer Mike Lardy, was a professor of biochemistry, published many scientific papers on reproduction and was instrumental in developing a mixture to preserve sperm vitality, making artificial insemination practical. He was also very committed to breeding dual purpose Golden Retrievers. His comments were specifically addressed to the Golden Retriever Club of America but could just as easily apply to any sporting breed club.

"The vast majority of GRCA members must want their breed to be outstanding in the field, as well as prominent in shows, obedience and ideal in temperament for a family dog or a guide dog. But the breed as a whole (not just a few individuals) must carry that field ability, or it will be lost entirely . . . We must then in planning the litters of family pets or of potential show dogs, constantly seek sires with dual or multi-purpose characteristics. And in starting a breeding program, dual ability in bitch stock is also equally important . . . If show stock carried more genes for field ability, the people breeding field dogs could come to the show breeder more often for stock to improve their own type."

The division in style and type of Labrador Retriever has become an increasingly gaping chasm. It is important to remember that the original purpose of both the show ring and field trials was not just to win, but also to find and preserve the best qualities of the Labrador Retriever. Breeding dogs for good structure, soundness, temperament and working ability should be the goal of every breeder. It is not our job as a dog club to provide the public with perfect pets. It is our job as a club to preserve the Labrador Retriever. To this end we need to respect the working ability of the breed and those breeding for it. It is the ability in the field that truly defines the Labrador Retriever.



LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 6/30/2014 that conform to the P.S.L.R.A. Code of Ethics.

Information is as submitted by owners and provided as a service to the public. Listings of litters are in no way an endorsement by P.S.L.R.A. of any litter or any one litter over another. Litters are removed from the list after 12 weeks.

To publish **LITTER LISTINGS** in the newsletter, the following information **must be available**:

- * Elbows and hips must be certified on both the sire and dam. Dogs and bitches whelped before 5/1/87 are exempt from elbow clearance requirements and will be marked OFEL N/A. Prelims are not acceptable! The board has agreed to accept PennHip clearances that score in the 50th percentile or higher, and clearances from the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) in Canada prior to May 2012. Bitches with a Penn Hip, or OVC clearance must not be bred before the age of 20 months, or 24 months with an OFA clearance. Dogs with a Penn Hip clearance must not be bred before the age of 12 months, 18 months with an OVC clearance, 24 months with an OFA clearance.
 - * Eye clearances on both parents annually.
 - * Heart, EIC, PRA and CNM clearances will be included in the listing at the discretion of the breeder
 - * A PSLRA member must own either the sire or the dam and must submit the listing for a non-member.
 - * Please use the PSLRA Breeder Litter Listing Program format below for ALL litters.
 - * All Breeders must update their litters each week with Nina Mann via email (harbortop@netzero.net) as to the sex and color of puppies you have available. The listing will be deleted after 12 weeks from the first litter listing date.
1. Mail the completed form and a check (US funds only) for \$10 (operating expenses for Breeder Listing and Puppy Referral Programs) or email your PayPal receipt to: Nina Mann, 5706 312th St. NW, Stanwood, WA 98292-9649.
 2. Your litter notice will appear in the next PSLRA newsletter if it conforms to the Code of Ethics.
 3. If you know that the Litter Listing and the Puppy Referral programs have helped you sell your puppies, **please send a \$10 donation** to PSLRA (c/o Nina Mann) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue.

Glossary: EIC: Exercise Induced Collapse. CNM: Centronuclear Myopathy. ECHO: Echocardiogram. PRA: Progressive retinal atrophy. CBP: Clear by Parentage.

Litter born 6/3/2014**3 BM available**

Sire: CH Hyspire Bohemian Rhapsody from Breckin
OFA25G, OFEL25N, LR-EYE 9/2013, Cardiac clear
ECHO, EIC - CBP

Dam: Am/Can CH Mainland's Catching The Dream at Karuna
WC RN CGC
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 11/2013, Cardiac Normal,
EIC Carrier

Litter: 7 BM, 2 BF

Call: Kristi Clark (253) 709- 8443

Email: kristiclark2001@yahoo.com

Listed: 4/29/2014, updated 6/3/2014, 6/23/2014

Older Dogs That A Breeder Has Decided To Place

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

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

Yellow Female**Intact - to be spayed**

Born March 8, 2014

Sire: CH Hollyridge Lobuff 'Taylor' Made (yellow)

Dam: Champion Pointed Devonshire Sundowner She's So Vain (Yellow)

Available now for pet home. Limited registration

Contact : Jami Roberts SUNDOWNER Labradors
206-909-7405

Email: Jami.roberts@yahoo.com

Listed: 6/15/2014

Membership Notes

Member name change:

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Volunteers needed for Specialty

The Specialty is just around the corner. We need volunteers to be ring stewards in Conformation, Rally, and Obedience. Please contact me, Cindy Freeman, at QRLabs@yahoo.com if you can help. Of course we will not turn down any other help either!

Setup will be on Thursday at 1 p.m.

Donations to the continental breakfast would also be appreciated.

The membership voted this year to have only one raffle with 60 percent going towards Rescue and 40 percent to the Club. We need donations for the raffle in the form of baskets. The baskets will have themes – Women's, Recreation, and Home Improvement/Gardening. Stacey Gnyp (Staceygnyp@yahoo.com) and Jen Snyder (orchardrunlabs@yahoo.com) are our Raffle chairs, so please contact them for details as to what has already been donated and what you would like to contribute. Large items are also welcome.—Cindy Freeman

Call for Action

Dear Local Club:

In April, the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. sent a letter to all AKC judges approved to award champion points to the Labrador Retriever. This letter was the Parent Club Board's response to a "call for action" from its members, Labrador enthusiasts, including breeders both here and abroad, and kennel clubs outside the US. The "call for action" was for the parent club to address primarily the "physical condition" of Labradors exhibited in conformation events and awarded both class wins and championship points. The general conformation population and some judges have misinterpreted the focus to be on the height disqualifications and weight guidelines, which are also part of the Standard. After much Board discussion, it was determined that education must be the answer. The Board decided to focus its first "education" effort on all AKC judges approved for Labradors. This letter can be viewed on the LRC, INC. web site.

The AKC Standard is the blueprint for the breed and is a guide for breeders, judges, and exhibitors. The Standard states that a Labrador should be shown in working condition, well-muscled and without excess fat and be physically fit to perform its primary purpose as a working retriever.

The LRC, Inc. Education Committee requests that local clubs share this letter with their members. We need your suggestions on the most effective ways to educate judges, breeders, and exhibitors in all performance events. Ideas for workshops, seminars, video presentations, and printed material are welcome and appreciated. Education is the key and our responsibility for preserving the integrity of the breed for future generations. We look forward to receiving your suggestions and working with you. Please send your ideas to (okaklabs@frontier.com)

Thank you,

Marilyn Little, Co-Chair(Juxi Burr, Co-Chair(Executive Education Committee(Barbara Nowak, Barbara Ironside, Nancy Brandow, Ann Vaughn and Tony Emilo



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