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President's Message

Thanks to Marlys Swanson and all the great people who volunteered, our Match was a lot of fun! And, thanks to everyone who helped at our Agility Trial! Next is our Specialty and 25th Anniversary on July 31 to August 2.

As usual, our club has a lot of activities going on this summer. With our weather unseasonably hot, it makes it even more challenging to work at these events — not only for our labs that aren't built for hot weather, but for our volunteers, also. Once again, I'm asking everyone to step up and volunteer! The more people we have helping, the easier it is for everyone to enjoy themselves and have fun with our awesome labs.

Thanks again to our membership. You are the best!

Stay cool and enjoy your dogs!

Kimberly



IMPORTANT DATES

**July 31, Kiss &
August 1, 2, PSLRA
Specialty, Jill
Mahoney, Lizzie Moir
August 19, Board Mtg.
August 22, 23, Fall HRT,
Liz Gibson
September 12, Fall WC,
Chris & Kimberly
Dotson
September 27, Health
Clinic, Nina Mann &
Mary Jane Sarbaugh**

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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:

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club business

June membership meeting

PSLRA general membership was called to order at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 13, 2015.

In attendance were Kim Dotson, Jennifer Hajny, Diane Sullenberger, Sonya Dudder, Colleen Doll, Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Linda Maffett, Becca Sullenberger, Chris Dotson, Leslie Douglas, Nancy Harney, Todd Sullenberger, Michelle Brown, Cash Hajny, and Olivia Maffett.

Officers Reports

President: Kimberly Dotson – No report

Vice President: Marlys Swanson - No report

Secretary: Jen Hajny - AKC approval for Fall Hunt test.

Treasurer: Jill Mahoney – Report available upon request

Acknowledgements

Thank you to the following who helped at the fun match: Marlys Swanson, Diana Simonsen, Sonya Dudder, Diane Sullenberger, Michelle Brown, Cheri Wildes, Nancy Moore, Kim Dotson, Lori Taft, Angela Rogalla, Shelah Frey, Cindy Freeman, Nancy Harney, Marcy Johnson,

Sarah Fischer, Becky Dannaker, Franna Pitt, and Mother Nature for the great weather!

Committee Reports

Rescue Report: Nothing to report

Spring Agility Trial: Coming up in a week. Everything is on track and ready.

KISS Specialty & Two Day Specialty: Everything is on track. Premium is out; go to the BaRay website for more info.

Fall WC: Coming in September

Health Clinic: Everything is set

Fall Agility Trial: Date correction - now October 31 and November 1

Tracking Test: Coming in October

Old Business

Question about the need for new field equipment.

New Business

Field Chair needed! Contact Kim Dotson if interested in this position.

Next Meeting, July 15 at the home of Diane Sullenberger.

Adjourned 2:27

Brag



The one on the left is Songlines Royals, Best of Opposite in Match under Sonya Dudder!

The one on the right is Songlines Smoke on the Water, Best of Opposite Puppy under Diane Sullenberger!—Cheers, Colleen Doll

Winning Match and Match Winners!

by Marlys Swanson

I am glad everyone had a good time at the match. That's what it really is all about.

As some of you know, I volunteered to chair this event and then my nephew decided to get married the same day! I coordinated the match details in advance but had to rely on everyone else the day of the event.

I cannot thank our volunteers enough for pulling together and doing all the work necessary in setting up the rings and making sure everything was cleaned up. I'm sure I will miss some of the people that helped, so please let me know. I want to officially recognize you!

Thanks to the following:

Rally judge, Diana Simonsen. (I would like to add that Diana is working towards being a rally and obedience judge. If you know of someone else putting on a match, please think of her. Hopefully, they will have more entries than we did this year.

Obedience Judge - Nancy Harney

Sweeps - Sonya Dudder

Juniors, and regular classes - Diane Sullenberger

Ring stewards were Conformation, Marcy Johnson; and Obedience Rally, Michelle Brown, with lead assistant Cheri Wildes. Michelle also met me to pickup things and also returned equipment to Julie. I'm not sure what I would have done without you two! You ladies are amazing.

Nancy Moore and Liz O'Callahan volunteered to help.

Trailer - Franna Pitt for delivering and picking it up. I'm sure Franna was helping in other areas, too!

Signup and sweeps money - The wonderful Cindy Freeman and Becky Dannaker also volunteered to help.

Kim Dotson - Thank you for wrangling entries for Diana in Rally and running the meeting. Great thinking. And thanks for everything else you were roped into doing!

Lori Taft - Picking up needed equipment from Julie for the obedience rings.

Angela Rogalla - Judges gifts. They looked beautiful.

Award donations - Shela Frey and Marcy Johnson. We were able to give more this year, thanks to you.

Again, if I have forgotten anyone, please let me know. You deserve to be recognized. (My sincere appreciation for all of you.

I don't have results for obedience at this time and apologize. Here are the conformation winners:

Novice Juniors:

1st - Olivia Maffett - Best Junior

2nd - Cash Hajny

Best in Sweepstakes

Nipntuck Pendleton - Owner Becky Danneker

Best Opposite in Sweepstakes

Songlines Royals - Owner Coleen Doll and Jennifer Hajny

Best Puppy

Nipntuck Pendleton - Owner Becky Danneker

Best Opposite Sex Puppy

Songlines Smoke on the Water - Owners Coleen Doll/Linda Maffet

Best Adult

Avery's Sweet Dreams at Snowberry - Owners Cindy Freeman and Lisa Butler.

Congratulations to all the winners.

Marlys

Keeping Up Appearances

by Laura Berger, originally published in LQ in 2002.

Remember, when you read this, the title of my column, is “On My Mind.” I am ever grateful to LQ for allowing me to express my thoughts in this forum. I’m sure the other columnists feel the same way. That said; don’t jump all over me if you don’t agree with me. I am just satisfied to know a hearty discussion could be prompted by anything I or the other columnists have written.

As a card-carrying member of the NLRC, I know that Mary Wiest is ready to start the process in her quest to split the breed. In fact, by the time this article is printed, you will have already read her proposal. Although I have never met Mary, I have great respect for her as well as for many others who have been devoted to this breed for a number of years. I applaud her steadfast dedication to the protection and promotion of our breed. However...

When the standard revision took place, I was new enough to this whole game that I did not really understand what the fuss was all about. I just knew what “type” of Labrador I liked to see and live with; so choosing sides was a no-brainer. I also knew at the time that a split was inevitable, but, like many others, really didn’t, and still really don’t want to see it happen. I don’t see what it will accomplish and wonder if it will do more harm than good.

This topic has been discussed a lot lately, and I see I am not the only one opposed to a split. As I, and many others, see it, splitting the breed will only compound the problem. As we speak, the dogs that are winning at specialties almost everywhere are as far away from any Labrador standard, as the ones running in field trials. The breed is splitting itself, with many disgruntled breeders realizing they are better off spending their entry money on all breed shows than on specialties. Which “type,” as Mary sees them, is really in the majority, the long narrow ones, the fit moderate ones, or the obese?

I thought I had this article written. And then I went into my library and pulled out two books; Nancy Martin’s “Legends in Labradors” and Dorothy Howe’s “The Labrador Retriever.” I wanted to make sure I had not become kennel blind. I basically just looked at the photos of some of the great Labradors whose names invariably grace the majority of our pedigrees. In Dorothy Howe’s book I found myself taken by a photo of Sam of Blaircourt, with nine bests in show and three specialty wins. Of course this was in the days when the National specialty was “it.” Could this dog be competitive at a specialty in 2002? Or would he be better off at all breed shows? I also read and reread the various standards including those from England and Australia and realized just why I was so taken by Sam of Blaircourt’s photo. Of course he is the one used as an example in both the 17th and 19th editions of the AKC Complete Dog Book. None of the standards I read describe the dog we see today at field trials or winning at specialties. I think most are in agreement that the flaws of the current standard include just that, too many flaws! It is far too wordy, with numerous faults for which dogs should supposedly be penalized and disqualifications that should not exist. It is far too confusing to many judges, as witnessed by anyone attending all breed shows. What intrigues me at all breed shows is the number of judges that know nothing about movement and balance, two extremely important qualities in our breed. There was really nothing wrong with the previous standard, it all surrounds the height issue, and the thought of splitting the breed will only satisfy the egos of those who breed on either end of the spectrum.

You can’t put a little weight on a field trial dog and consider it competitive in the show ring because there are too many other factors missing from the equation. On the other hand, if you took ten pounds off most of the dogs at specialties and stopped blow drying and back brushing, you would come a lot closer to the images in both of the books I just mentioned. Don’t take me completely the wrong way, there are a number of outstanding dogs winning at specialties and all-breed shows alike with proper structure and movement. There are just too many of them covered by fat and fluff and they are too low to the ground! We need to see some air under these dogs, how else are they able to run in the field all day? They are not Sussex or Clumber Spaniels, who have a totally different purpose in the field.

The breeders of hunting dogs have no more desire to walk into the conformation ring than the breeders of conformation dogs have to attend a field trial. So what happens to those who are truly trying to breed to the current, or even the previous, U.S. standard? Shall we call these the moderate dogs? I prefer to think of them as the all-around dogs, capable of a day in the field as a hunting companion or competing in hunt tests and then showing up in the breed ring the next day. They should be able to compete in agility, obedience trials, and tracking tests and go on to win the breed the next day. Unfortunately, many of us find ourselves playing the weight game in order to achieve all of this, or running a dog in performance events while trying to stay competitive in the breed ring, with the dog unable to perform or breaking down because of excess weight. I feel like a broken record, hashing out this issue over and over again, but there are many novices getting involved in this breed who are thoroughly confused and asking themselves and their mentors just what the Labrador Retriever was bred for in the first place.

I encourage everyone to take some time to go back and look at these books and then look at your own dogs. Read all the standards. Not one of them calls for the dog to “roll” around the ring, nor should it have the head of a Rottweiler or the coat of a Newfoundland. Let us not forget the true purpose of our dogs. Typically, the American trend is to do everything to excess, whether we are talking about weight, heads or coat. Faith Hyndman hit the nail on the head in an article she wrote on excessive grooming. This article was reprinted in many club newsletters as well as the “letters” section of the Fall 2001 LQ. This is also a must read. I applaud her for writing it. These are wash and wear or should I say, swim and wear dogs. All standards call for a short, dense, fairly hard to the touch coat, not a soft fluffy one. Notice how many grooming tables are popping up with Labradors on them, getting moussed and blown dry. Who started this fad and why are so many following it like lemmings? I suppose we have professional handlers to blame for this in order to be competitive in the group with the flashy Goldens, Springers, Cockers, etc. Professional handlers are not new to the handling of Labradors. This whole grooming issue has only come about in recent years. But since when do they set the precedent on how a Lab should be presented? Do we really want to head down the same path as the show Goldens, Springers and Cockers? Labradors are not “flashy,” but a good quality dog should catch the eye of an intelligent group judge.

We all need to think about these issues long and hard. We are headed down a very precarious path here, and one wrong turn could permanently ruin this breed. I remember years ago, when the Labrador first showed up at the top of the AKC registration statistics. I was attending the National Specialty in Denver. It my first National in 1991 and I was seated with Ginger and Don Campbell, Pluis Davern, and others from the California contingent at the banquet when the announcement was made. Our table remained silent as the rest of the room hooted and hollered. Don Campbell’s comment was, “This is the kiss of death.” We still have time to correct our mistakes, I hope.—Laura

Local pup serves with Red Cross

Following is a report from Executive Director Michelle Hanks, who is in Houston, Texas, assisting with disaster relief efforts. “Dr. Joy” is one of the puppies we bred that works for the American Red Cross. Kimberly Dotson

Hi, y’all!

I get to meet the coolest people on this national deployment! This is Carol and her service dog, Dr. Joy. Dr. Joy is a certified service dog that helps her human with mobility issues. Her dog picks up and moves things that Carol cannot.

Dr. Joy also doubles as a certified therapy dog. She has experience in working with those with PTSD. She and Carol are deployed together to manage shelters.

There’s a lot of stress when someone loses a home or is temporarily displaced from his or her home due to a disaster. For children, the stress is much worse. Carol and Dr. Joy set aside time each day to do therapy with children residing in the Red Cross shelter, helping calm them and keep their spirits up.

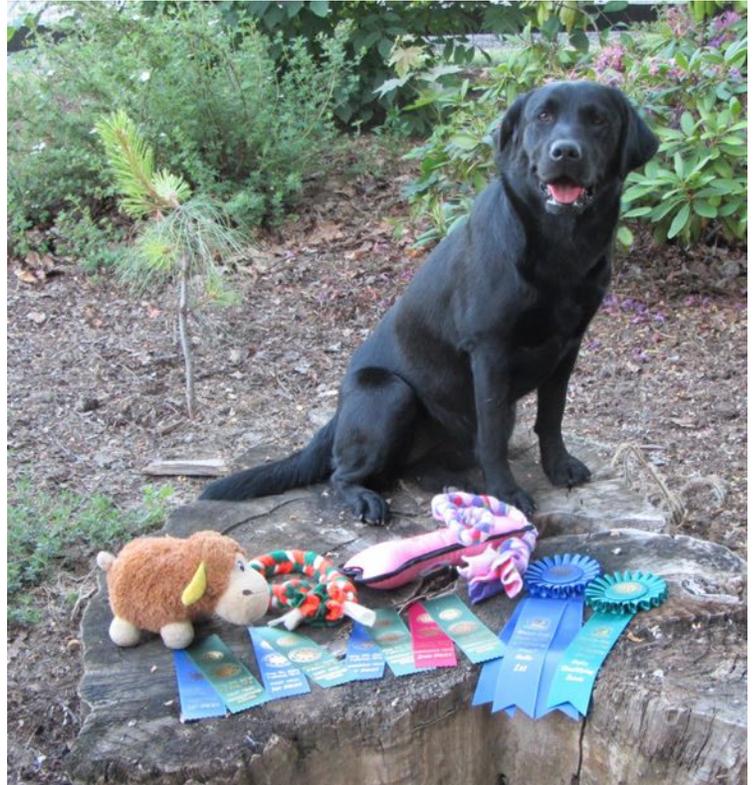
I’m so impressed how Carol didn’t let her physical issues get in her way of volunteering. She found a way to make what could be a challenge into a positive! And I’m so impressed with Dr. Joy because she’s the most patient volunteer on the operation.

Michelle Hanks,
Executive Director



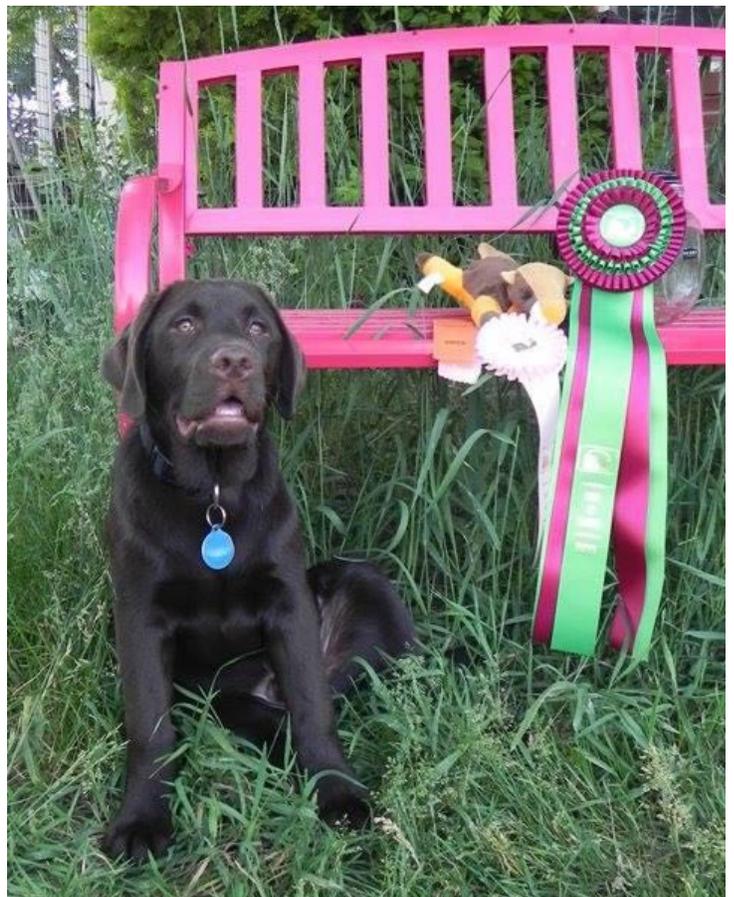
Briefs

At 14 months, on June 5, WindyCanyon's Kanzi (Poplar Forst Jumpn Jck Synrgy MH x IntCH WindyCanyon's Envy CDX RA JH CC), top right, earned her Rally Advanced title. She did this with three first place performances, all in a six-day period. We started off at our home shows in Yakima with a 97 score the first day and a 95 the second. Kanzi finished her RA title at Argus Ranch at the Evergreen Sheltie Club's trial the following Friday with another score of 97. Both of our 97s were due to "re-do's" as I wasn't happy with her performance on a station, and chose to re-do for the training opportunity. I am beginning to love Rally for that reason (in-the-ring training), especially with these younger pups.



In addition to Rally Advanced, Kanzi also debuted in Beginner Novice Obedience where she earned a 196.5 on the first day and a 193.5, thanks to my three-point handler error on Sunday at Yakima! Those were good for first and second places, respectfully. Onward to Novice obedience and Rally Excellent with her!

And, drumroll . . . At the Twin Falls ID shows just two weeks after leaving for his new competition home, four-month-old WindyCanyon's Royal Russet aka Russell (IntCH WindyCanyon's Roxbury Russet CD RA JH CC x CanCH Cedarwood Capability Brown @ Blackthorn), lower right, won Best Puppy in Match on Tuesday, June 9! May there be many more ribbons in his future; and for sister Ruby too who stayed here and is hoping for a few.— Anne Swindeman, WindyCanyon Labs





Proud owner Chantel with, left to right, Iz, Laeahi, and Paris.

Laeahi, AM GCH/Can CH Misty Mountain Diamond Head Hula Girl, CD, RN, BN, top left, center, earned her third Junior Hunter wing in her third test run at the EGRC test on June 28. She is bred by and co-owned with Anthony Leitao and Lorraine Yu.

Iz, Can CH Himoon's Facing Future At Koa, RN, BN, WC, lower left, and far left above, earned his third and final CD leg with a 190.5 and just outside the placements. He earned his fourth and final Junior Hunter wing at the EGRC test June 28. We are heading to CDX and Senior Hunter next. Iz is bred by and co-owned with Lucy Isaacson-Logen.

Paris, Can CH Koa's Hilton Waikoloa, RN, BN, top left, far right, earned her third Junior Hunter wing in her third test run at the EGRC test on June 28. She is bred by myself and co-owned with my daughter, Kawai.—Chantel Nahoopii



Briefs

Larson, Can CH SHR ReiMur's Good Humor Man Am/Can JH WC, won WD, BOW and BOB over specials at the Bell Vernon Kennel Club show June 28. Thanks to Tonya Struble for her expert handling.

In addition, Larson's sister Margie (ReiMur's Marge Simpson JH RN BN CGCA) earned her first HRC Started (SHR) pass at the Whistling Wings June Hunt June 7. "Uncle" Fergus (Am GCH Can CH UKC CH HRCH ReiMur's Juz Fulla Myself MH CD RE Can JH/CD/WCI) earned his first HRC Upland (UH) pass at the Whistling Wings June Hunt June 6.—Darlene Pado, ReiMur Labradors



Niptuck Pendleton, Best in Sweeps and Best Puppy. Owned and bred by Scott and Becky Dannaker.—Becky Dannaker and the Niptuck Labradors

LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 6/30/2015 that conform to the P.S.L.R.A. Code of Ethics.

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

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

- * Elbows and hips must be certified on both the sire and dam. 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: May 11, 2015**Available: 3 BF, 3 BM**

Sire: CH Kimleigh Gucci Roll in the Moon
OFA 25G, OFEL25, Cardiac Echo, EIC clear
(Eye clearance being forwarded)

Dam: Can CH B-Mor's Morgan LeFay, JH, RA, CGCA
OFA LR-28G, OFEL28N, LR-EIC Carrier,
Optigen Normal, LR-Eye 9/2014, LR-CA Echo
Clear, PRA CBP, Dilute gene DD clear.

Litter: 1 YM, 2 YF, 2 BM, 4 BF

Call: Bea Ferguson: (360)403-9698.
Email: babfergie70@comcast.net
Listed 5/18/2015 (Neither parent tested for CNM)

Litter due July 6, 2015:

Sire: GCH Cambria's Gratitude
OFA LR-70E, OFEL 24N, Lr-EYE 5/2015 Cardiac clear
Echo, Optigen CBP

Dam: Northernrain's Serenading Lady Emma
OFA24E, OFEL24N, LR-EYE 7/2014, Optigen clear;
EIC clear; Cardiac Normal

Litter: All yellow expected

Call: Stacey Gnyp (360) 820-2537
Email: staceygnyp@yahoo.com
Listed June 30, 2015
(Neither parent tested for CNM)

Litter born: May 26 2015**Available: 1 CM, 2 CF**

Sire: Alibi's Repeat Performance@ Quail's Run
OFA 24G, OFEL24N, LR_EYE 10/2014

Dam: Taylor Creek's B Swift
OFA33G, OFEL33 N, ACVO 1/2015, EIC - CBP,
Cardiac Echo Normal PRA Carrier

Litter: 6 CF, 4 CM

Call: Kari Audette: 425-765-8821, eve. 425-765-8821
Email Address: kariaudette@yahoo.com
Listed: June 26, 2015
(neither parent tested for CNM)

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. None at this time.

Litter due July 6, 2015

Sire: GCH Niptuck Chasin' Fame
OFA26E, OFEL26N, Cardiac Normal 2013,
ACVO 7/2014, EIC clear, PRA-CBP

Dam: Can/Am Ch Mainland's Catching the Dream at
Karuna, BN RN WC CGC
OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 9/2014, Cardiac
Normal, EIC Carrier, CNM clear

Call: Kristi Clark (253)
Email: Kristiclark2001@yahoo.com
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Are you ready for the Specialty?