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President's Message

June is here, bringing longer days and warmer weather. This is the time for outdoor activities with our Labradors including outdoor shows, hunt tests, tracking, and agility events. I hope you all have plans to participate in a few events PSLRA has to offer this summer.

A big Thank You to Liz Gibson and the volunteers that helped put together another wonderful PSLRA hunt test. I heard great things about the event and the weather was wonderful!

The PSLRA B-Match is June 15. There will be Obedience, Rally, and Conformation classes. This is a good time to get those puppies out! Also, it is time to practice with your Labs in Obedience and Rally. There will be a potluck and club meeting afterwards. The B-Match is chaired by Stacey Parsons, everlandlabs@aol.com, and co-chaired by Marly's Swanson, marlyss2000@gmail.com. Please feel free to e-mail them with any questions. ?

Don't forget the Spring Agility event this month - June 21 through 23 at Skykomish River Park in Monroe. It will be a fun event for your Labradors. Please contact Cheri Levine if you have any questions.

And lastly, here are a few safety tips for your Labs in the upcoming warm days (taken from AKC Website):

- ★ *Never leave your dog in a closed vehicle on a hot day. The temperature inside a car can rise to over 100 degrees in a matter of minutes.*
- ★ *Always provide plenty of cool, fresh water.*
- ★ *Avoid strenuous exercise on extremely hot days. Take walks in the early mornings or evenings, when the sun's heat is less intense.*
- ★ *Try to avoid prolonged exposure to hot asphalt or sand, which can burn your dog's paws.*

*Thank you!
Cathy Hakola, PSLRA President*

IMPORTANT DATES

**June 15, B/Fun Match,
Carco Park, Renton
Stacey Parsons,
everlandlabs@aol.com**

**June 15 potluck and
meeting after match**

**June 21-23, Spring
Agility, Skykomish River
Park, Monroe, Cheri
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Submissions must be received by the editor**by the 20th of each month.** Please use

"newsletter ideas" in subject line.

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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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club business

May board meeting

PSLRA Board Meeting Wednesday, May 22, 2013, Teleconference. Cathy Hakola, Nina Mann, Jan Palumbo, Cindy Freeman, Nancy Harney, Brenda Hubbard, Kimberly Dotson, Fred Drennan, Shelah Frey, Julie Germano, Tamaria Hartman, and Franna Pitt.

Officer Reports*President:* Included as agenda topics.*Secretary:* Secretary needs to know who our picks are for obedience judges for 2014. Cathy will follow-up.*Treasurer:* Cindy Freeman provided detailed reports showing PSLRA financial status. The following is the current balance sheet:**As of May 22, PSLRA Bank Balance:**

ASSETS:	
CD-	3,830.55
Checking/Jrs Fund	1,920.17
Checking/Other	14,992.88
Total Checking-Savings	16,913.05
Special Rescue	3,799.03
	Total Current Assets-\$24,542.63

LIABILITIES & EQUITY:

Equity/Retained Earnings	-20,717.75
Net Income	3,824.88
	Total Liabilities/Equity-\$24,542.63

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Thanks to Brenda Hubbard for getting the Membership Directories printed and mailed out and Stephanie Harris for getting the Membership Directory ready for printing. Thanks to Hunt Test Chair, Liz Gibson, and her crew of volunteers: Diane and Randy Clark, Jim Charbonneau, Doug Gallucci, Keo Lewis and Mike Robb, Katie Mearns, Jean Fowler, Liz Skyllingstad, Laura Berger, Anne and Don West, Fred Drennan, Nina Mann, Chuck Hilton, Bea Ferguson, Dotson girls Katie and Jessica, Nancy Harney, Susan Bell and Christine Robertson.

Committee Reports*Rescue:* Edith has been sick. The Board wishes you well, Edith.*Membership:* Two new members this month, Bob Green and Mathew Nugent.*Spring Hunt Test:* Hunt test went well. See Acknowledgments above for those who made it a success. Special thanks to Liz Gibson, Chair.*B Match:* Will be at the Carco Park in Renton, same place as last year, on

June 15. Anyone with a Labrador, or an interest in Labradors is welcome. There will be no advance registration. Register on site when you get there. Stephanie will put info on the website and info will be in June Newsletter. Notices will also be put on Facebook and the PSLRA Chat List. The trailer transfer will take place at the B Match. Shelah offered to store the empty trailer at her place until we decide what to do with it.

Specialty 2013: The Board decided to ask Cindy King if she would replace Laura Fletcher as the Sweeps judge, as Laura is unable to judge. We will go to the next person on the approved judges for 2014 to ask to judge sweeps to replace Cindy in 2014. Bred By Exhibitor Trophy - not ready in time to make Premium. Board approved Nina to purchase bumpers to be used for obedience prizes while she can get a good deal on them.

Fall Hunt Test: Pepper's is going up for sale. We have backups for our upcoming hunt tests should Pepper's not be available, but we hope that we will continue to be able to use Pepper's. Hopefully a hunt-test friendly person will buy it.

Fall 2013 Agility Trial: Judges have been selected.

LRC National: Nina Mann reported the following on behalf of Jill Mahoney: Dr. Jerry Woodfield will be providing a heart clinic at the National. Laura Steward and Dr. Fran Smith are coordinators. There will be fee and sign up information in the premium list. Laura is also looking for an ophthalmologist. There will be a catalog ad contest with a cool prize for the winner. Lorraine Yu is coordinating a photo contest. More information will be in the premium list. The official photographers for the event week are Toni Leitao for agility and hunting test, and Meg Callea for conformation, obedience, and rally. Barb and Don Ironside are working on the RV parking. If you are going to require a space, please send an email to Barb and Don. The RAC is a 20 Amp, so not much power. Marilyn Parker is actively working on the raffle. If you have any items to donate please email her. Shelah Frey is the chairperson for the "Go Green" specialty

trophies. Check your closets and china chests for any trophies that you may want to pass on. Please send her an email and support the “Go Green.” There will be some type of prize for “bring a chair, share a chair.” This was done unorganized at another show and the “out of towners” loved it. It’s always nice to have a place to sit. A number of people have signed up for the Pat Hastings seminar. Cost is \$40. Please send payment to Joan Kerr. There is limited space. Jill Mahoney is looking for volunteers to help with the sales and catalog tables. She is hoping to get many helpers so the shifts will be short. Marianne Foote is working on the premium. She will be sending it out to all chairpersons and their assistants soon. Please take the time to review it.

LRC National Hunt Test: Fred Drennan provided the following information: Judge letters are out notifying of the change from Ron to Fred as the chair. Sandy Rainaldo has agreed to cover a JH judging assignment as one of the LRC judges needed to cancel. Positions are

being filled (chief marshal, gun captain, operational secretary). Fred has made an ammo request from Cabelas, as LRC is a national Cabelas partner. Not sure what will come of this. The hunt test will be asking the Tulalip Cabelas for support.

Old Business

New Contact for Master National: The Board asked Terrie Sato to replace Ron as the club’s AKC hunt test contact and contact for the Master National. Terrie has accepted. Fred will draft a job description for the Board to review.

New Business

PSLRA Hunting Test Issues: Fred Drennan reported that Pepper’s is potentially being listed for sale. Depending on the outcome, PSLRA may have local options for the Fall test this year and the LRC test, but will need to think about Spring and Fall 2014.

Inter-Club Agreement between PSLRA and Rainier Hunting Retrieving Club: Fred suggested that we develop an agreement between the two clubs which clarifies our policies on sharing birds, equipment, trailers, possibly putting on joint tests—generally how to work together to promote

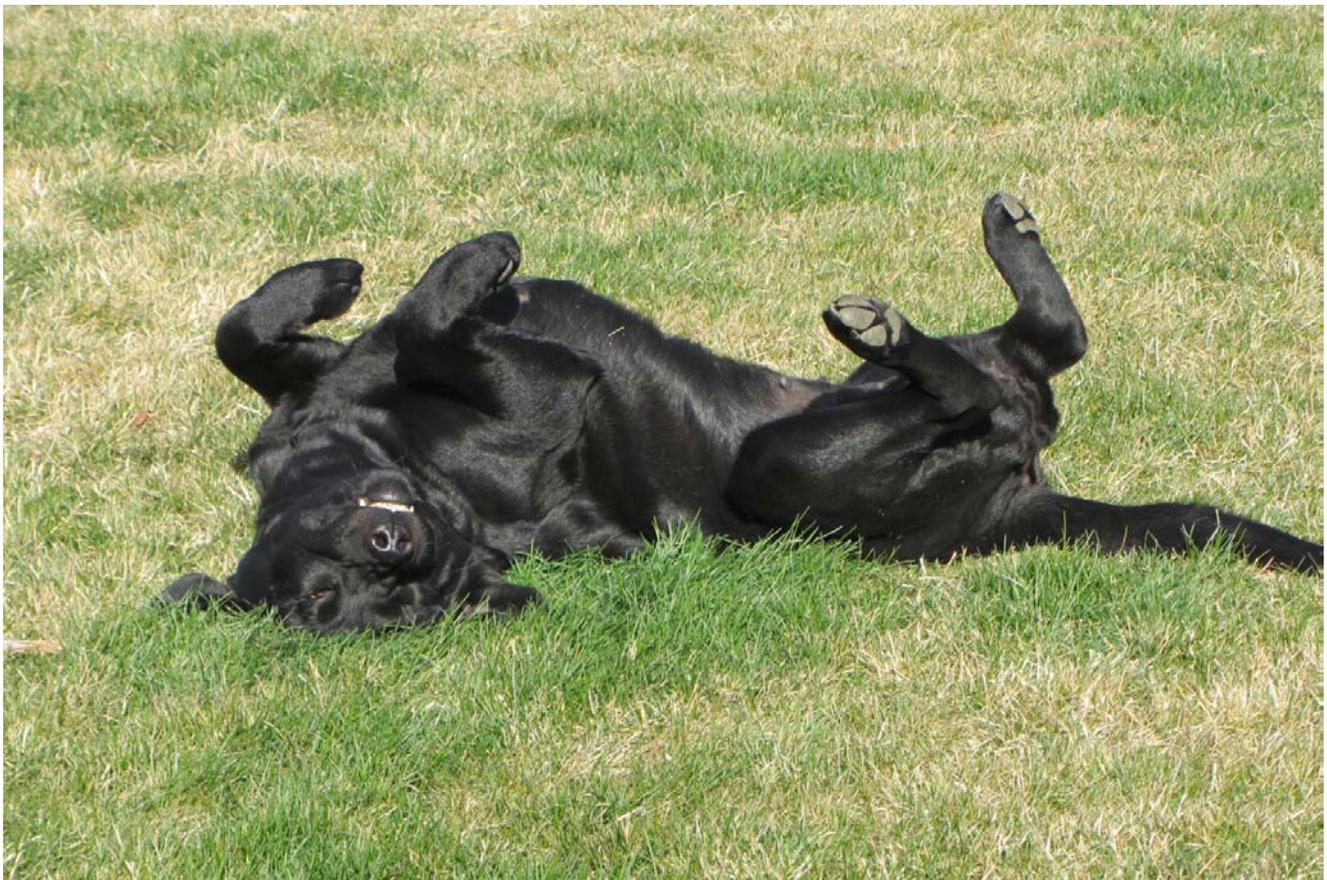
good hunt tests in the northwest. Fred volunteered to draft an agreement for the Board to review and discuss, and a working group has started formulating an inter-club document.

Master National: The Board discussed a proposed rule change for 2014 regarding requirements for entering the Master National. They are looking for ways to limit entries, as the entry now is several hundred dogs. Currently dogs must have six master hunter passes. The proposal is to change it to a Master Hunter title plus six additional Master passes. The Board decided to vote “no” on this change, and to send a letter from our President to the Master National Board explaining our reasons for opposing the change. We agree the entries need to be limited, but we don’t think this approach is the right way to do so.

Ron’s Estate Sale: Fred Drennan reported he believes it is scheduled for Thursday, June 20.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting: June 15 - at the B Match



Anne Swindeman's Envy enjoys spring in Washington.

Braggs

Here's a photo of my girl, Aggie, Somerset Easter Dame Agatha of GMK, JH, with her JH title ribbon! This is the first Junior Hunter test I have passed with Aggie. Chuck Hilton ran her on the previous three passes—submitted by Jan Skewes



Larson, ReiMur's Good Humor Man, went two for two at the OHRC double-header JH tests on Sauvie Island May 25 and 26 to earn his first two JH ribbons. Larson is handled, owned and loved by Darlene Pado.

Montana, Ch Ms T's Char-Don Always Gonna Be Another Mtn WC, owned/bred by Terri McFadden and Janet Schoonover, took a 5 point Select at the LRC of Albuquerque on Friday under breeder judge, Marion Lyons, and a 5 point Select under breeder judge, Marilyn Little, the next day under the LRCA supported entry handled by Janet. Montana now has 22 points for his GCh.

Major, QuailChase Char-Don G.I. Joe, whom I bred along with Janet and who is handled by her, took WD/BOW/BP from 9-12 for a 5 point major at the LRCA specialty. He also took WD at the Kachina KC show in April.

Miley, Ms T's Char-Don Life's A Climb WC, Montana's sister, took her 12-18 class at the specialty—submitted by Terri McFadden



Rainy Day Keepsake SH

by *Cindy Olson*

Rainy is our second Labrador, but the first one I have trained. My intent was to get her far enough along for Jim to be able to hunt with her. I knew nothing of AKC hunt tests or the addiction to training Rainy that would come with my plan.

Rainy was almost one year old when we ran our first junior test. She had never seen a holding blind, let alone been expected to sit quietly in one while waiting for our turn. She tried to go under, over, and around the blind in her effort to see the action up ahead. Just after the judge announced that all dogs must go to the line on four feet, there we were with Rainy pulling me to the line on her hind legs! Her marks were great, so they passed me to the second series. But there was no way I was going to do that again! My friend, Kate, handled her through the second series and Rainy got her first ribbon. Just after her first birthday and three events later, she was titled as a Junior Hunter.

Needless to say, obedience associated with hunt tests was missing from our initial training. As I said, I had never trained a dog and had never seen a hunt test before Rainy. This meant almost three years of training me in the art of handling a dog. If you look at Rainy's record you would not be too impressed. It was almost three years before we got her next title. We know most of the judges by now as it took us twelve tests to get the four additional passes for Rainy's Senior Hunter title!



screwing up all the obedience work I had done!

Again, you can look at Rainy's record and think she is not much of a hunt test prospect, but I know 95 percent of the issues come back to my inexperience as a trainer. We could have gone with a pro trainer, but we would have missed the fun and sense of accomplishment of

getting her through Junior Hunter and now her Senior Hunter title. We have many people to thank for all the help they have given us with training. The bottom line is, we have made some good friends and learned a lot over the last three years and Jim has a great hunting partner!

Jim was throwing birds at this last hunt test and was with one of the judges that had failed Rainy several times before. He told Jim that Rainy's problem was never her marking or even her handling, but rather how we worked together, or actually didn't, at the line. But, this day, he said Rainy was the best behaved of any time he had seen her. This test was our final pass for her Senior Hunter title. The compliment was almost as exciting as getting that title ribbon.

While hunting, Jim has had many occasions where he sent Rainy on a blind retrieve. One time it was for a goose. She was taking too long to return and so he walked out to see what was going on. It so happened the goose kept diving. With her neoprene vest on, she was having trouble diving and the goose was making the retrieve difficult. But Rainy wouldn't give up. Jim enjoyed the scene along with a herd of elk that were watching Rainy, too. Her perseverance won out in the end and she returned with the goose.

Marking has always been important in hunting. One time Jim had several birds down and had sent Rainy for all of them. But Rainy kept fussing and wanting to go again. He let her line herself up and released her. She came back with one more goose! I guess there is some good that comes with that drive and focus that makes some dogs go to the line on two feet.

I got my first pheasant last year with Rainy pointing the bird—on two feet. It was about 10 feet up in a tree looking down at us when I finally saw it.

We are pretty happy with our Rainy. Jim has a great hunting partner that is willing to go anywhere any time as soon as she



For three years, Jim and I worked on Rainy's obedience. Jim would concentrate on obedience when he took her hunting. She now sits for him on a single whistle command instead of hunting the area on her own when sent on a blind retrieve.

At one point, one of the people we train with told Jim to get his own dog and quit

sees the shotgun come out. I have a dog that has taught me how to train to a Senior Hunter level and to snuggle with on the sofa.

And the saga continues ———

We are now going to pursue a Master Hunter title. Along the way, we'll try some UKC hunt tests. And, never say "never," maybe even some field trials! Jim got me a new shotgun and some shooting lessons to go with it. We plan to do more trap shooting so I get better at handling a gun. His plan is to take me hunting with him as a participant versus "just" company. Oh, and I almost forgot to mention, we are considering getting a new puppy so we can each have a dog to hunt with.



Vote for Cranberry – Hero Dog of the Year!

by Janine Prindle

I am nominating my eight year old female yellow lab, Cranberry, as Hero Dog of the Year. Cranberry's most important job is that of being my Guide Dog as I live with my visual impairment. She ensures my safety when I'm walking and indicates or moves me around any obstacles at my feet, to my side or over my head. Cranberry knows how to keep me safe from moving vehicles and guides me safely around tables in restaurants and racks in department stores. I can always count on Cranberry to get me past the most challenging obstacles we face in our daily travels.

Through rigorous training, I have shown Cranberry in American Kennel Club (AKC) Competition Obedience trials and Rally Obedience trials. She has completed all three of the regular AKC obedience titles, including the prestigious Utility Dog title. Cranberry is the first ever working Guide Dog to attain this monumental accomplishment. Beside the three basic obedience titles, Cranberry has completed three Optional Obedience titles, three Rally titles, a Therapy Dog title and a Canine Good Citizen title.

Whether Cranberry is guiding me along the sidewalk, jumping over an obedience jump, weaving through a Rally course, comforting an Alzheimer's patient or encouraging a child to read, working in harness or out, Cranberry demonstrates her heroic ways every day. Her AKC registered name is: Guide Dogs' Cranberry, CGC, CD, CDX, UD, RN, RA, RE, BN, GN, GO, ThD, but I call her my Hero Dog of the Year, every day.

To vote for Cranberry, go to: <http://www.herodogawards.org>

Ron's Dogs

by Sharon Edwards

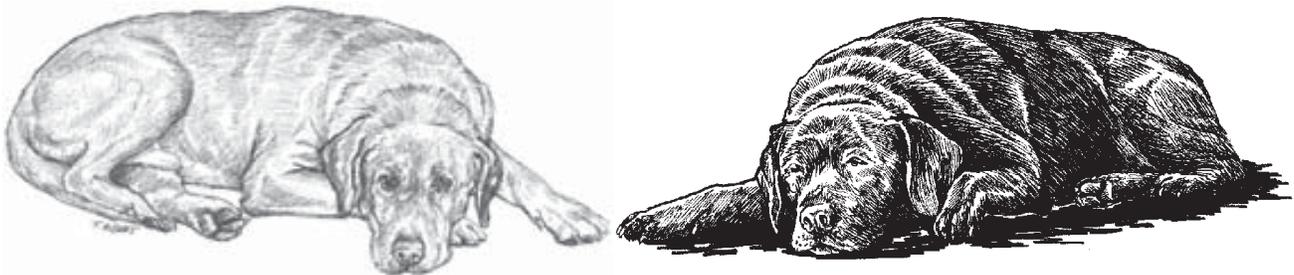
I am happy to share with our Labrador community that Ron did in fact provide for the care of his dogs. As in all things in life, and death, it took some time for paperwork to be processed. There now is no reason for any of our Labrador friends to donate to the trust to keep Ron's dogs on the path Ron was striving to achieve.

People who have donated will be reimbursed. The love which came with the donation will be kept.

As for the dogs, they are still doing quite well. Nick is very happy with Ray and I. He is a very funny boy, and we have come to appreciate his sense of humor. I see Ron in Nick on a daily basis. Brady and Diva are with Pat and his family. Angie recently posted video of Brady watching an animal TV show with daughter Emma. I wasn't surprised as Ron had sent me many photos of his dogs watching TV with him. He called them his children because he made them humanized. Both Diva and Brady are very attached to Emma. As soon as Pat and Angie can get Emma to touch a dead bird, Emma will be running both dogs in JH tests. They mind her.

I am still working on getting the dogs registered completely to me. As it is now, I co-own Nick and Brady with Ron's brother. Hoping that will change soon.

Time heals, and all will be well. Soon only the good memories will live on.



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June 15th, 2013

PSLRA Labrador AKC Sanctioned B Match Sweepstakes, Conformation, Obedience, Rally

Membership Meeting & Potluck (to follow conformation "Best in Match")
Cedar River Park Play (Carco Park) field at the Henry Moses Aquatic Center
1717 SE Maple Valley Highway. Renton, WA

Entries

Puppies 4months of Age and older may enter
Entry Form Online For Print: www.pslra.org
Day-of Entries: 9:00am-10:00am

Prizes - All Dogs Will Receive a Soft Toy

Sweepstakes:
Best In Sweepstakes
Best Opposite In Sweepstakes

Conformation:
Best Puppy in Match
Best Opposite Puppy in Match
Best Adult in Match
Best Opposite Adult in Match
Obedience: Qualifying Ribbons
Rally: Qualifying Ribbons

Schedule
9:00am-10:00am Day of Entries
10:00am - Juniors then Sweepstakes & Reg. classes
10:00am - Rally
11:30am - Obedience

Directions

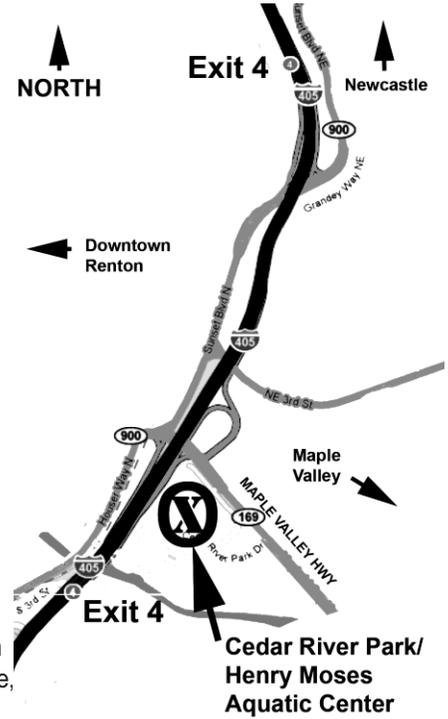
Cedar River Park/
Henry Moses Aquatic Center

From I-405 Southbound:

Take exit 4 to merge onto WA-900 W/Sunset Blvd N toward WA-169 S/Maple Valley Hwy
Turn left at WA-169 S/Maple Valley Hwy
Turn right at Cedar River Park Drive, follow signs through parking lot to event at the softball field

From I-405 Northbound:

Take exit 4 to merge onto WA-169 S/Maple Valley Hwy
Turn right at Cedar River Park Drive; follow signs through parking lot to event at the softball field



Membership Meeting & Potluck
Following conclusion of Best in Match
Please join us and bring a dish to share,
Non-Members Welcome!

The club will provide utensils and soft drinks

Please keep dogs on-leash and pick up after them

Entry Form (Use a separate form for each dog)

Dog's Registered Name: _____ AKC# _____

Sire: _____ Dam: _____

Breeder(s): _____

Owner(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Circle all classes entered

Sweepstakes

Dog / Bitch
4-6mos 4-6mos
6-9mos 6-9mos
9-12mos 9-12mos
12-15mos 12-15mos
12-18mos 12-18mos

Regular Classes

Dog / Bitch
4-6mos 4-6mos
6-9mos 6-9mos
9-12mos 9-12mos
12-15mos 12-15mos
12-18mos 12-18mos
Novice Novice
Adult Adult

Obedience

Beginner Novice A Novice A
Beginner Novice B Novice B
Open A
Open B
Utility A
Utility B
Jump Height _____

Rally

Novice A
Novice B
Advanced A
Advanced B
Excellent A
Excellent B
Jump Height _____

Entries: \$10.00 (\$5.00 additional entry, same dog)

\$ _____ First Class + \$ _____ Second Class = \$ _____ Total

By signing this form I agree that I will hold PSLRA and it's members free from liability for any claim arising out of the entry of this dog(s) or it's presence at the event.

Signed: _____

LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 6/01/13 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 3/20/2013 1BM, 1CM, 2YF,2YM available

Sire: MPR Devin's Yellow Jacket JH
OFA25E, OFEL24N, CERF 12/2012, EIC Clear
Dam: Tri-Lab's Ginger Farrow JH
OFA34G, OFEL34N, CERF8/2012
Litter: 1BM, 1CM, 2CF, 2YF, 2YM
Call: John & Nancy Farrow (360) 402-5605
Email: Eastharborgundogs@comcast.net
Listed: 5/7/2013

Litter born 3/29/2013

Sire: CH Belgairn Troubleson
OFA31E, OFEL31N, CERF 6/9/2012, Heart normal Echo
Dam: Can CH Sunnydaze Blazin' Romance
OFA 29G, OFEL29N, CERF 2012
Litter: 5 BF, 2 CM, 1 CF
Call: Linda Maffett (360) 961-5269
Email: sunnydazelabradors@hotmail.com
Website: www.sunnydazelabradors.com
Listed 3/27/2013

Litter born 4/21/2013 3BF available

Sire: Kingsland's Rocky Top MH
OFA24E, OFEL24N, EIC Normal, ACVO 10/12/11
(Frozen semen breeding from deceased dog)
Dam: Rattlinridge's Jazmine
OFA24F, OFEL24N, CERF 10/7/2012
Litter: 1CF, 1CM, 4 BF, 1BM
Call: Teresa Meredith (253) 845-1311
Email: kingsland_labs@hotmail.com
Web site: Kingslandlabradors.com
Listed 4/22/2013, 4/29/2013

Litter born 4/28/2013 2CM available

Sire: Kingsland's Super Cooper
OFA24E, OFEL24N, CERF 8/16/2012, CNM Clear,
EIC Normal
Dam: Damoiseaux's Everlasting Elsie
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 8/13/2012
Litter: 5 CF, 4 CM
Call: Chris & Teresa Damoiseaux (253) 926-1035
Email: ctdamoiseaux@q.com
Listed: 2/27/2013, 4/28/2013

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 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

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.

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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.

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Noseworks Brag



I am so proud of Kismet for completing the requirements to earn his NW1 (Nose Work 1) at a trial in Blaine on Memorial Day. He is now Int'l Ch Laurel's Kismet of Cheshire RN, NW1!

For those unfamiliar with Nose Work, it is a fun sport where dogs are encouraged to find "odor" paired with food. As in most dog sports, there are three levels, simply 1, 2, and 3. In NW1, they are required to find the odor of birch, which is hidden in the environment via a Q-tip. In a trial, the odor is not paired with food, but you must reward the dog with food as soon as he finds it. There are four elements, which consist of exterior, interior, vehicles, and containers. There is a time limit, usually 2 1/2 to 3 minutes, per search. The dog must find the hide within the allowed time, let his handler know he has found it, and the handler must confirm by saying "alert", which is when the time

stops. Then, the judge either says, "feed your dog" or "sorry, let me show you."

To give an idea of the pass rates, and potential difficulties in the testing, we had four passes on Sat one pass on Sun, and 21 passes on Monday. The nasty wet weather played a huge role in the poor success rate in the exterior searches on the first two days. In fact, this was Gimme's second trial and he got three of four in each trail, exterior hides being the hardest for him.

Kismet not only found all four hides, he wound up in seventh overall, which is based on combined times, and won the container search; finding the hide in 7.23 seconds! I was in shock. This was also his first trial, and many take 3-5 trials before they pass all four. Kismet loves doing Nose Work and I recommend everyone give it a try.—by Laura Berger



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