

# The Retriever Believer

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## President's Message

*First of all spring/summer is in the air with longer days and warmer temperatures. Thank you to Liz Gibson and her outstanding crew of volunteers that made our Spring Hunt Test a great success.*

*The PSLRA B-Match is coming up June 14. There will be Obedience, Rally and Conformation classes. This is the time to practice with your labs on Obedience and Rally or get your puppy out and start training for the Specialties this summer. There will be a potluck and a club meeting afterwards. The B-Match is chaired by Marlys Swanson, marlyss2000@gmail.com. Please feel free to e-mail her with any questions.*

*PSLRA Agility trial is being held in Renton June 20-22 (for more info contact Cheri Levine 425-888-2719 cherilevine@hotmail.com). Volunteers will be welcomed!*

*Mark your calendars for PSLRA Specialty August 1, 2 & 3. This year it will be held at the Enumclaw Expo Center.*

*The Specialty committee has been hard at work. Plan to attend. Better yet, plan to enter! Specialties are a lot of work for a club, but they are special because they allow us to showcase the Labrador Retriever. That means all Labrador Retrievers. There are classes for 'show dogs' and classes for 'field dogs' and obedience and rally classes that cover both styles of Labrador and everything in between! There are non-regular classes such as the stud dog class or the brood bitch class where these dogs are shown with their progeny. The Specialty gives us all a chance to admire each other's dogs, get a good look at what is happening in Labradors in the Pacific Northwest and see the young up and comings in the breed. There are special prizes; many challenge trophies for individual classes, a fabulous raffle that supports rescue and education as well as lots of good company.*

*It's early June so you have plenty of time to train for the Obedience and Rally classes. This would be a good year to work towards the All Around or Versatility award. Our club is offering two days of obedience and rally opportunity. The Specialty is a great place to finish a title. There are special prizes for high scoring dogs with tracking, agility or hunt titles. There are lots of special awards for dogs with a champion of record to encourage the All Around and then some Labrador bragging rights.*

*Happy training!!*

*~ Kimberly*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**June 14, B Match,  
potluck, meeting,  
Renton, Marlys  
Swanson**  
**June 20-22, Spring  
Agility Trial,  
Skykomish River Park,  
Monroe, Cheri Levin**  
**August 1-3, KISS and  
Specialty, Cathy  
Hakola and Cindy  
Freeman**

**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.

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**Stephanie Harris, Membership Chair**  
341 Cross Creek Drive  
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## club business

# May board meeting

PSLRA Board Meeting, Wednesday, May 21, 2014, Teleconference. Board members present were Kimberly Dotson, Marlys Swanson, Cindy Freeman, Jan Palumbo, Shelah Frey, Jennifer Hajny, Cathy Hakola, Stephanie Harris, Tamaria Hartman, Brenda Hubbard, Linda Maffett, Jill Mahoney, Nina Mann, Lizzie Moir, Angela Rogalla.

**Officer Reports**

*Treasurer:* Cindy Freeman reported the following balances in our accounts, and provided detailed financial reports by email:

CD	\$ 3,830.55
Juniors Fund	1,542.07
Checking	11,459.23
Rescue	2,535.66
TOTAL	\$17,825.44

**Acknowledgments**

*Spring Hunt Test:* Thanks to all who helped. Chair, Liz Gibson, and the following volunteers: Nina Mann, Keo Lewis, Dianne Clark, Chuck Hilton, Sue Meyring, Liz Skyllingstad, Lee Foote, Katie Mearns, Jim Olson, Brian Hawley, and Michele Brown. The following kids also helped: Katie Dotson, Alexis Fowler, Nick, Adam and Mikah, and Brett Chapman.

**Committee Reports**

*Spring Hunt Test:* Liz Gibson provided the following report by email:

The PSLRA spring hunt test May 3 and 4 went off quite well despite the torrential downpours we had most of the weekend! I don't think the dogs minded that much, although the handlers and gallery were quite wet and muddy after the weekend was completed.

—A huge thanks goes to our all our judges for braving the cold and rain all weekend. Linda Johnson and Lee Salmon, our Master judges, passed 24 out of 60 dogs. Kim Dotson with Susan Bell, our Senior and Junior judges, passed 15 out of 27 Senior dogs, and 35 out of 51 Junior dogs. Quite a few of the handlers were our own PSLRA members. It was great to see some new faces running Junior.

—I particularly want to thank all of the help, especially Keo Lewis, my untiring test secretary! Thank you to the kids who worked so hard and the adults who

stepped up late Sunday afternoon to help finish up Masters so the kids could go home; Chuck Fowler, Jim Olson, Dianne Clark (Chief Marshal), and Liz Skyllingstad. Chuck Hilton (Gun Captain) worked very hard all weekend to help keep our trailer in shape, and they found excellent gunners. A special thanks to Michele Brown who came out most of the weekend, on her short time off work, to run a pop-and-throw station for us, even though she was not running a dog! —The test would not have run as smoothly if not for all the folks that helped, with all the pieces, to make it come together. Every year I discover great new people who are willing to help. I am looking forward to seeing all the faces again in August with more orange ribbons. Respectfully,

Liz Gibson

Spring/Fall Hunt Test Chair

*Specialty 2014:* Cindy Freeman reported that everything is moving ahead. Premium is at Baray. Premium will go to Board for proofreading shortly.

*Fall Hunt Test:* Judges have been chosen. Masters: MA Steve Souder/Phil Speer; MB: Chuck and Sharon Hilton; lower stakes: SA and JRA Maryjo and Glen Martilla (need to confirm); JRB Dianne Clarke and Liz Skyllingstad (need to confirm).

*Health Clinic:* The date is September 21. Doctors are lined up. Laura Steward has volunteered to be the veterinarian for the Clinic. Mary Jane Sarbaugh and Nina Mann proposed and the Board agreed to offer a new test at the Health Clinic to test for the dilute gene. Two companies, both approved by OFA, Vetgen and DDC, have offered the test at the clinic for reduced prices.

*Fall WC:* Date is September 27. The birds have been ordered.

*Christmas Party:* Nina Mann and Bea Ferguson agreed to be co-chairs again. Thank you Nina and Bea.

*Rescue:* Brenda Hubbard reported this month's rescue report is the Annual Report from Edith Bryan summarizing the year's rescue activities. See report elsewhere in this Newsletter.

*Membership:* Stephanie Harris reported that we have five new members this month, who are listed elsewhere in this Newsletter.

*B Match:* Coming up June 14. See notice in this Newsletter. Conformation, obedience, rally, juniors and peewees will be offered. It will be a potluck. Sign up will be at the event. No pre-registration. Combined Board and General Membership meeting will be held after the competition.

#### **Old Business**

*Health Research Donation:* No new information this month.

*Breeders List:* Linda Maffett is ready to send out the letter to all breeders currently on the list describing the new requirements. She will send to the Board once more before it goes out.

*Hunt Test Equipment:* Nancy Harney was not at the meeting so this topic was deferred until next month.

*Facebook Ad:* Stephanie will review the ad and offer suggestions.

#### **New Business**

*LRC Letter:* The Board discussed a recent letter from LRC to judges and a second follow-up letter that is going out from LRC to all local clubs regarding quality of dogs in the ring.

*Judges Selection Committee:* Linda Maffett and the committee will get a list of proposed judges to the Board soon.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m..

Next Meeting: Saturday, June 14, 2014, at the B Match, Carco Park in Renton.  
Combined Board and General Member



# 2013 Rescue Report

by Edith Bryan

Total Labs reported in 2013: 149

Males: 104

Females: 45

Age:

0-2 yrs: 49

3-6 yrs: 57

7+ yrs: 43

Spayed/neutered:

yes: 101

no: 34

unknown: 14 (shelter dogs)

Origin:

shelter- 94

owner- 54

other- 1 (breeder)

Outcome:

Owner kept: 10

Owner placed: 8

Left with owner/unplaceable: 6

Left in shelter/outcome unknown: 10

Adopted by shelter clients: 52

Owner redeemed: 16

Returned to breeder: 2

Adopted by SPDR adopter: 37

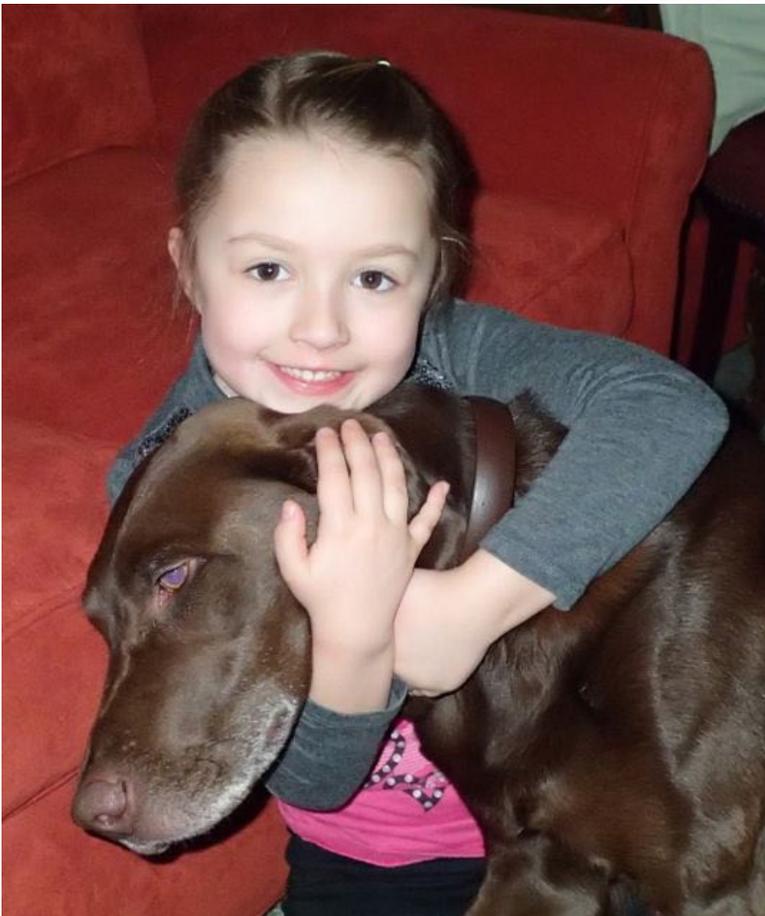
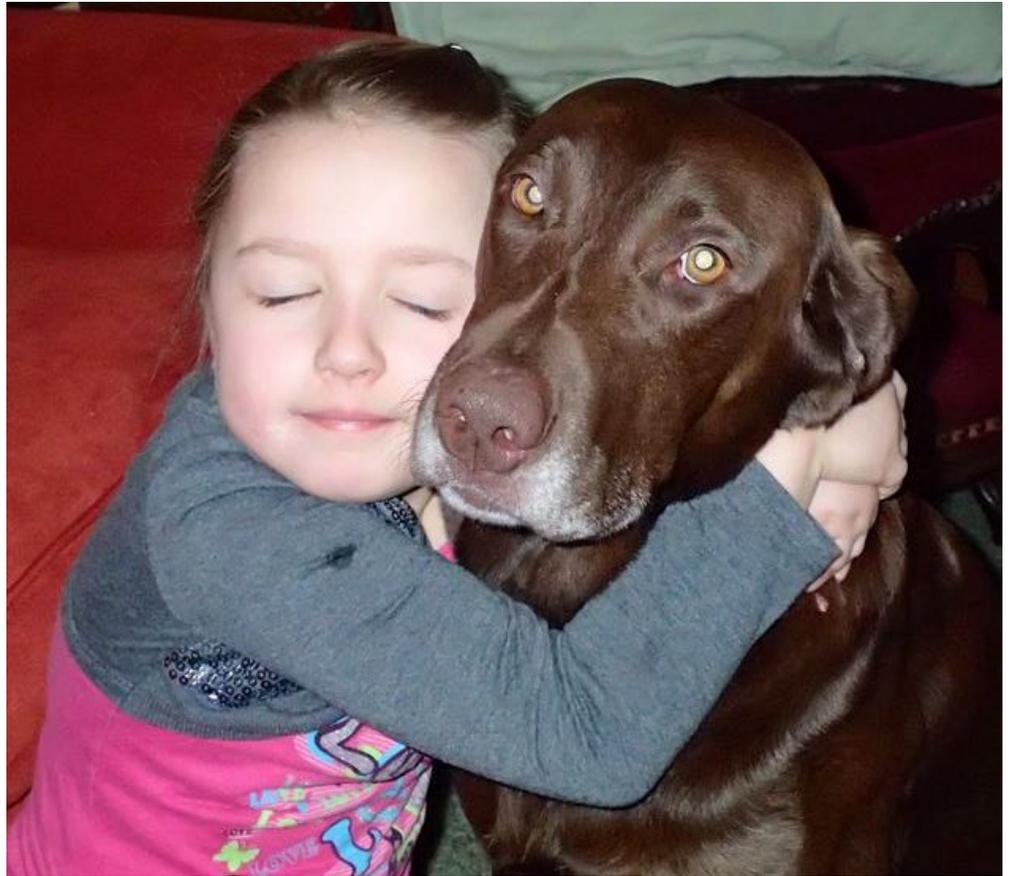
Euthanized: 8 (age-4 health-2 temperament-2)



## Bray

Birdlands Go For Broke, Bravo, JH, BN, earned his first Master Hunter pass at the Rainier Hunt test on May 11 on a challenging test that he thoroughly enjoyed. Bravo also earned his Beginner Novice title in March at the Washington State Obedience Trial Club including earning a first place with his first Pre Novice leg. Bravo is owned, trained, and handled by Terrie Sato.

BFF ↴



**Sarge's other love is 6-year-old Zoe, granddaughter of Fran Seagren**

# Introduction to Agility

## June 20-23

### Skykomish River Park, Monroe, Washington

Agility is the most fun you can have with your dog! It's a winning combination of accuracy and speed but most of all, TEAMWORK! If you have a special bond with your dog (and we all know we do), then you have everything you need to have fun in agility.

How I got started . . .

Ginger, my chocolate Labrador, came to me at 8 weeks old. She was the first dog that I could call my own. I wanted to start training her early so when she became a big dog, she would have manners. Obedience classes were in order! I looked around, and no puppy classes were offered. But, I found a "Puppy Agility Foundation" class that had a description including obedience, patience, and good on-leash training. We signed up! My husband, Mark, also wanted to be a part of Ginger's training, so we both attended the class. We really enjoyed watching my puppy run, play, listen to commands, and best of all, be exhausted at the end of class. So tired that she slept all night long! Wow. What a workout in such a short amount of time. We watched the puppies in our class grow up, get tall, stay small, change colors, and learn. By the end of the session, we were hooked! Everyone, especially the dogs, was having fun.

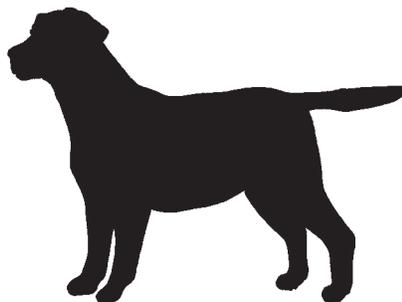
We realized it takes training for both dog and handler to learn to perform the obstacles correctly and safely, but anyone with a desire to have fun can enjoy dog agility. All the dogs in our puppy class continued to participate in the sport and we all continued classes for months on end. Dog agility was just what Ginger and I were looking for!

PLSRA would like to show you what agility is all about. Come out to Monroe at the Skykomish River Park on June 20 – 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day and see for yourself.

Another way to learn about agility is through VOLUNTEERING! We could use your help on Friday, June 20, at 8 a.m. to help set up equipment and tents and then again on June 23 around 3 p.m. to take down the equipment. Volunteering as a family can be a worthwhile benefit. Your children are welcome, no matter what age. No equipment is dangerous and children are usually the best workers. We will supply lunch and, of course, recognition!

So, even with the busy lives we all live, volunteering is beneficial to you, your family, and your club. Please contact me!

Cheri Levine – Chairman Spring PSLRA Agility Trial, [cherimlevine@hotmail.com](mailto:cherimlevine@hotmail.com)

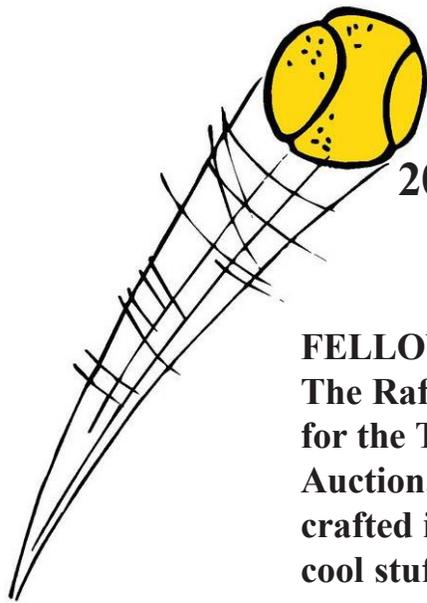






HAPPY FATHER'S DAY





## **2014 PSLRA SPECIALTY RAFFLE**

**FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS.....**

**The Raffle committee is looking for donations for the Ticket Raffle and Rescue Silent Auction. New doggie related items, hand crafted items or cash donations (to purchase cool stuff) would be greatly appreciated.**

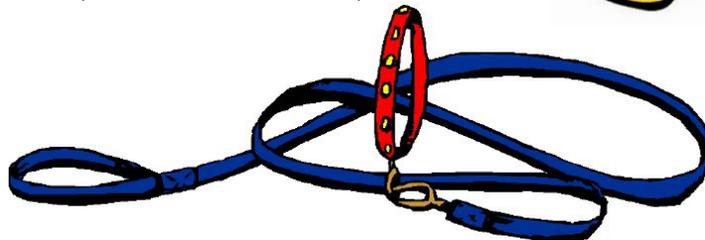
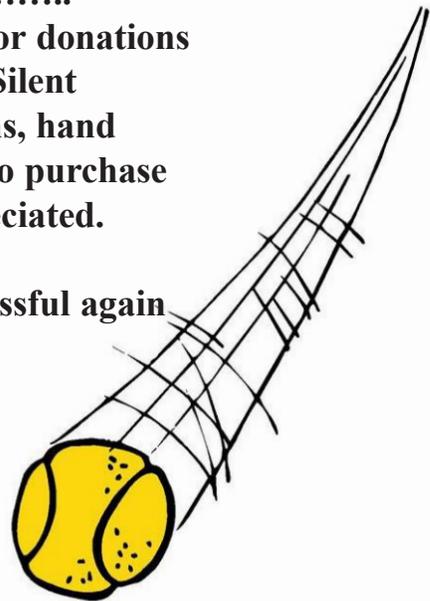
**Help make these two events successful again this year!!**

**Contact:**

**Stacey Gnyp**

**staceynyp@yahoo.com**

**360) 384-1280 or 360) 820-2537**



**LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 5/29/2014 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](mailto: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 16, 2014****1 CM Available**

Sire: Kingsland's Super Cooper  
OFA24E, OFEL 24N, EIC clear, CNM clear, Cardiologist  
normal, CERF 10/06/2013

Dam: Kingsland's Free Flowin River  
OFA24E, OFEL24N, EICclear, CNM CBP, Cardiologist  
Normal, CERF 10/06/2013

Litter: 3 CF, 3 CM

Call: Teresa Meredith (253) 845-1311

Email: [Kingsland\\_labs@hotmail.com](mailto:Kingsland_labs@hotmail.com)

Listed: 4/28/2014, updated 5/28/2014

**Litter born May 19, 2014****2 CM available**

Sire: Kingsland's Super Cooper  
OFA24E, OFEL 24N, EIC clear, CNM clear, Cardiologist  
normal, CERF 10/06/2013

Dam: Kingsland's Sweet Elsie  
OFA30G, OFel24N, EIC clear, CNM CBP, Cardiologist  
normal, CERF 10/06/2013

Litter: 3 CF, 9 CM

Call: Teresa Meredith (253) 845-1311

Email: [Kingsland\\_labs@hotmail.com](mailto:Kingsland_labs@hotmail.com)

Listed: 4/28/2014, updated 5/28/2014

**Litter due 6/3/2014**

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: All black expected

Call: Kristi Clark (253) 709- 8443

Email: [kristiclark2001@yahoo.com](mailto:kristiclark2001@yahoo.com)

Listed: 4/29/2014

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425.337.1719

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Interests - Therapy

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Everson, WA 98247

360.966.3442

Scarlaw Labradors

[www.scarlawlabradors.com](http://www.scarlawlabradors.com)

Family

Sponsors - Tamarina Hartman & Stacey Gnypp

Interests - Show, Hunt Tests

Kyle Kennison

[kyleofthecouv@gmail.com](mailto:kyleofthecouv@gmail.com)

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Bremerton, WA 98613

619.995.5522

Family

Sponsors - none supplied

Interests - Tracking, Field Trials, Hunt Tests,

Hunting, Therapy, Obedience, Rescue



June 14, 2014

# 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

**Judges**

Adult Classes: Scott Dannaker  
 Sweeps & Juniors: Alisha Barnhart-Johns  
 Obedience: Jan Palumbo  
 Rally: Julie Germano

**Entries**

Puppies 4months of Age and older may enter  
 Entry Form Online For Print: [www.pslra.org](http://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, handling class\*  
 10:00am - Juniors then Sweepstakes & Reg. classes  
 10:00am - Rally and obedience (2 rings)

\*Shelah Frey has agreed to provide a handling class, this is a great learning opportunity.

**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

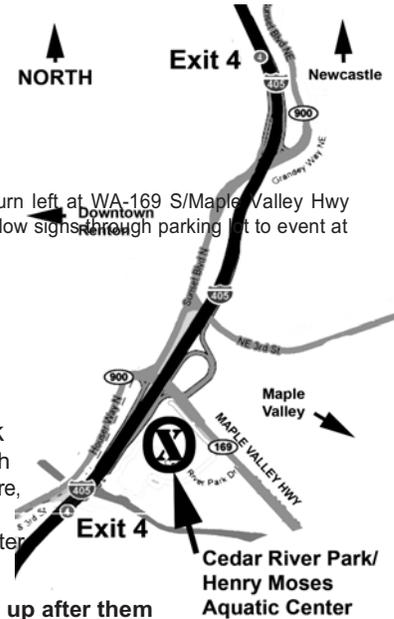
**From I-405 Northbound:**

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 water

**Please keep dogs on-leash and pick up after them**



Entry Form (Use a separate form for each dog)

Dog's Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AKC# \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Sire: \_\_\_\_\_ Dam: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle all classes entered**

Sweepstakes		Regular Classes		Obedience (Circle class and A/B)				Rally	
Dog	Bitch	Dog	Bitch	Novice	A or B	Pre-Novice	Grad Open	Novice	A or B
4-6 mos	4-6 mos	4-6 mos	4-6 mos	Open	A or B	Grad Novice	Pre-Utility	Advanced	A or B
6-9 mos	6-9 mos	6-9 mos	6-9 mos	Utility	A or B	Pre-Open	Versatility	Excellent	A or B
9-12 mos	9-12 mos	12-18 mos	12-18 mos	Beg. Nov	A or B	Jump Height		Jump Height	
12-15 mos	12-15 mos	Novice	Novice						
15-18 mos	15-18 mos	Adult	Adult						
<b>Juniors (Circle)</b>		Novice Junior	Novice Intermediate	Novice Senior	Open Junior	Open Intermediate	Open Senior	Master Class	

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 its members free from liability for any claim arising out of the entry of this dog(s) or its presence at the event.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



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