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President's Message

We had a great turnout for our field fun training day on February 25. Although the weather was challenging in different parts of Puget Sound that day, a lot of people attended and had a great time. Our thanks go to Sharon Edwards and her crew of club members who kept the event fun and lively.

By the time you read this, we will be close to the weekend of the Seattle Kennel Club show. Cathy Hakola organized club members to staff the club booth and to talk about Labradors in the Meet The Breed event. Thanks to the volunteers, especially Travis Fischer and Cheri Levine, who set up the booth on Friday afternoon.

Our next two big events are field events. On Saturday, April 7, we will hold our annual Five Series and Working Certificate tests at Carlson's Farm in Fall City. (See flyer in this newsletter.)

The Five Series is a fun event and great training opportunity. It consists of five single retrieves (land and water). Each retrieve is scored by a pair of judges, with a maximum score of 20 points per retrieve. At the end of the event, we present a trophy to the winner and ribbons for placements and all qualifiers.

The Working Certificate test gives one an opportunity to get an entry-level (non-AKC) field title on your dog. The test involves a live-shot flyer on land at approximately 50 yards, and then two short back-to-back retrievers on water. The test is designed to prove that the dog will retrieve on land and water, will re-enter the water after the first water retrieve, and is not gun shy. On all retrieves the dog must bring the bird back to its handler across the line where it started, but it does not have to deliver the bird to the handler's hand.

Please consider volunteering to help at this event and contact either me at perrylab@comcast.net or Dave Lawniczak at dalawniczak@comcast.net.

On the first weekend of May, hunt test season begins locally. Our AKC hunting retriever test will be held at Pepper's Farm near Carnation on May 5 and 6. The test involves all levels of performance: Master Hunter (Saturday and Sunday), Senior Hunter (Saturday), and Junior Hunter (Sunday).

We need your help to put on this event, and no prior experience is needed. If you would like to volunteer, please email me at perrylab@comcast.net. We have many jobs to fill, and we will try to keep the shifts as short as possible. If you cannot volunteer, you should still come out and watch the event. It is a great opportunity to see some great work by our dogs and their handlers. This is a true performance event where the dogs must accomplish several retrieving and other tasks. The first time I came out to watch a hunt test, I was awestruck at what the dogs were capable of doing. And I was also hooked on the sport, knowing that I wanted to learn all about it and how I could train my Lab to do such incredible things that they were bred to do.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 11, All Breed Tracking Test/Excellent, Wenatchee KC, KV Ranch, Palisades, Wash

March 10-11, Seattle Kennel Club, Meet the Breed

March 28, Board meeting

April 7, 5 Series and WC, Carson's, Fall City

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:

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club business**February board meeting**

PSLRA board met February 22, 2012, via Teleconference. Present: Ron Perry, Nancy Harney, Jill Mahoney, Fred Drennan, Cathy Hakola, Franna Pitt, Stephanie Harris, Shelah Frey, Nina Mann, Kim Dotson, Tamaria Hartman, Brenda Hubbard, Sarah Fischer. Absent: Gail Gegg. Meeting Started at 6:33 p.m.

Officer Reports:

President's Report: All judges for the spring and fall HRT tests have accepted pending AKC approval.

Secretary's Report: No AKC business for this month to report.

Treasurer's Report: TOTAL Bank Accounts: \$25,266.70 (including Junior fund \$1,437.73 and rescue \$3,796.17)

Acknowledgments:

—PSLRA welcomes the support and cooperation of the Rose City Labrador Retriever Club in "hosting" the 2013 National Specialty of the Labrador Retriever Club.

Rescue donation: Thanks to the Curran Family for their \$150 donation to PSLRA Rescue in memory of Linda Perry and her Labradors, Andy, Chelse, Tara, and Alex. —Hunt Test Judges Selection Committee —Sportsmen's Show Workers, chair Tamaria Hartman, co-chair Lizzie Moir and especially Stacy Parsons and Chris Dotson for stepping in at the last minute so that Tamaria could attend the January Board meeting.

—Jill Mahoney for offering to chair the 2013 National Specialty

—Stacey Parsons for helping with the supported entry at the Western Washington Cluster

—Tamaria Hartman for offering to improve the breed booth

Committee Reports:

Sportsmen's Show: Tamaria reported the show went well. Many handouts were given and many compliments by patrons were received. After the event, Tamaria has volunteered to update the PSLRA breed booth this year with large image collages.

Field Training Day: \$500 Budget for the event was approved by vote. The majority of the cost is for pigeons. Leftover birds will be returned to the training facility this year and not sold at the event.

SKC Booth and Meet the Breed: Cathy is taking names for volunteers and will be making a schedule to work around the Labrador conformation time. The Meet the Breed event will occur on Sunday this year. Setup will be Ron Perry, Travis Fischer, and

Cheri Levine. Takedown is Cathy Hakola. Transportation is needed to take the booth and booth materials to the Centurylink Convention Center.

Match: Sarah contacted the City of Renton and received a contract and price to rent the Cedar River Park play field for the Match on June 16. It was voted and approved to pay the City of Renton \$225 for the field rental. The fee includes the softball outfield, restrooms, and garbage removal. Sarah Fischer and Stephanie Harris have volunteered to chair the Match this year. Shelah Frey has volunteered to be the juniors judge.

Specialty 2012: Jill is searching for a juniors judge to add to the Brown Bag specialty, the club has not offered a Junior Showmanship competition at the Brown Bag specialty before. The judge would need to be selected and accept immediately. **Rescue:** Brenda reported 160 labradors were helped in 2011 by the PSLRA/SPDR Rescue Program.

Ethics/Litter Listing Review Committee: Stephanie reported the committee did not meet in the month of February. The committee will discuss the idea of hosting a PSLRA paid teleconference.

5 Series/WC: The good news is that Dave Lawniczak will be chairing the WC. For the 5-Series Ron will be finding workers, gunners and judges because a chairperson has not yet been found and the event is on April 7 at Carlsons Farm. A volunteer chairperson would be welcome for this event.

Old Business

LRC National: A motion was seconded and approved to create a \$500 petty cash fund to help fund miscellaneous site committee expenses. These expenses may include helping to provide gas cards or phone cards to members traveling long distances to research potential sites. Funds used for phone cards would be reimbursed by the LRC. The petty cash fund was approved by vote. The idea of adding a brown bag-specialty was discussed, however it is believed that AKC is not allowing any new shows. Jill will call AKC for clarification of the rule and report findings.

New Business:

Rally signs: The AKC is altering and re-numbering rally signs. A new set needs to be purchased. Nina has offered to find the signs. A motion to purchase two new sets of rally signs was voted and approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 28, by teleconference. Adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

PUGET SOUND LABRADOR RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION 5 SERIES SINGLES

ADULT & PUPPY STAKES for all Retriever breeds. These breeds are eligible to enter AKC hunt tests:

American Water Spaniels, Boykin Spaniels, Chesapeake Retrievers, Curly-Coated Retrievers, Flat-Coated Retrievers, German Shorthaired Pointer, German Wirehaired Pointer, Golden Retrievers, Labrador Retrievers, Irish Water Spaniels, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers, Spinone Italiano, Standard Poodles, Vizsla, Weimaraner, Wirehaired Pointing Griffon

WHEN: **Saturday, April 7, 2012**
ADULT STAKES start at 8 a.m.—**SENIOR AND JUNIOR PUPPY STAKES** start at 10 a.m.

WHERE: **Carlson's Farm, Fall City**

WHAT: **5 Series Adult Stakes: \$30.00 Pre-Entry \$35.00 Day of Event**
(3 series/1 live bird guaranteed, second live bird for 4 & 5 series finalists)
Puppy Stakes: \$10.00 Pre-Entry \$15.00 Day of Event
(3 series total/1 live bird) (Junior Puppy: 4-6 mos.) (Senior Puppy: 6-12 mos.)

AWARDS: **5 Series Junior Handlers** (18 yrs. or younger) will receive Rosettes
5 Series Adult Stake: First Place trophy; Rosettes 1, 2, 3 and 4 place, and to all qualifying adult dogs.
Puppy Stake: Best Jr. &, Best Sr. Puppy receive Rosettes 1, 2, 3 & 4 place, and all qualifying puppies.

REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 60 DOGS

*******PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 3, 2012*******

5SS Registration on day of event (April 7) between 7 a.m. & 8 a.m. ONLY
(Dogs registered on day of event will run after the pre-entry dogs)

5 SERIES SINGLES ENTRY FORM [NOTE: ONE ENTRY FORM PER DOG]

Make check payable to PSLRA and send with entry form to Betsy Reali

23123 E Main St, Sammamish, WA 98074 Email: bnb_reali@msn.com Ph: 425-392-8170

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Dog's Registered Name: _____ **Call Name:** _____

Breed: _____

Level(s) entered 5 Series Adult Senior Puppy Junior Puppy Junior Handler: **Yes** ___ **No** ___

Entry Fee: \$ _____

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 test.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Please make copies of this form to enter additional dogs.

PSLRA Working Certificate for Labradors only

1 p.m. Saturday, April 7, 2012

Carlson's Farm, Fall City

\$25.00 pre-entry; \$30.00 day of Event. Registration from 10 a.m. to 12 noon or until bird limit is reached

*******PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 3, 2012*******

Certificate Requirements [from the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc]: The minimum working certificate requirements shall be designed to establish that the dog is not gun-shy: accordingly, the dog will be expected to retrieve a shot game bird at a distance of 50 yards, the dog will be expected to retrieve back to back singles in water to prove willingness to re-enter the water. Steadiness is not required so a dog may be held on line; however, the dog may not be released for the retrieve until the bird has fallen. Any reasonable command and gesture may be used to direct the dog to retrieve and return. The judge(s) may designate an area for delivery. Pigeons and/or ducks will be used (birds will depend on availability). Dogs registered on day of event will run after the pre-entry dogs; Judges to be announced.

Contact information: Dave Lawniczak, dalawniczak@comcast.net

WORKING CERTIFICATE APPLICATION FORM [NOTE:ONE ENTRY FORM PER DOG]

Make check payable to PSLRA and send with entry form to Betsy Reali

23123 E Main St, Sammamish, WA 98074 Email: bnb_reali@msn.com Ph: 425-392-8170

Dog's Registered Name: _____

Call Name _____ **AKC #** _____ **SEX** _____ **Birthdate** ____/____/____

Owner's Name[s]: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Email address: _____ **Entry Fee:** _____

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Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

*****Please make copies of this form to enter additional dogs*****

Braggs

Laeahi and I, right, continue to have fun in the puppy classes. February was filled with four Best Puppy in Breeds, three Best of Opposite and Best of Winners, and one Best of Breed to finish her Canadian Championship! Laeahi is now known as MBPIB, BPIG Can CH Misty Mountain Diamond Head Hula Girl, WC. Hard to believe she'll be a year old next weekend! Thank you to Toni and Lorraine for letting me sneak her out of the whelping box. We're all thrilled with her.—
Chantel Nahoopii



Somersun's One Big Blonde BB, went Best Opposite in Sweeps at High Desert Specialty. BB was bred by Katie Somers, left, and owned by Cathy and Jeff Hakola.

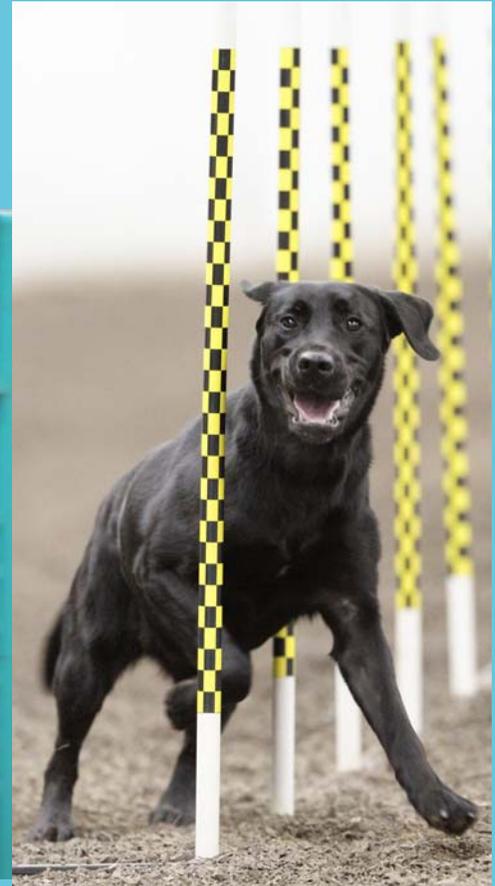
Scorch, Ch Duckdogs Too Hot To Handle (BISS Ch Sunnydaze Playing With Fire x Duckdogs Bellagio), right, was BOB and Group second on February 25 at the Mt Cheam Dog shows. He was BOS on the February 26 to his half sister (also by Arson), Sunnydaze Blazin' Romance. Blaze won WB that day as well as BOB and a Group fourth. Arson had a good representation that day.

At the Auld Lang Syne shows in December, Kesler, Duckdogs Seventeen At Center, was WD his first weekend in the show ring.

Submitted by Cathy Mitchell



Snoline Fleur-De-Lys, Lily, EJC, TN-E, OAC, HP-O, NCC, below and at right, has earned three new NADAC Agility Titles in the last three months. She completed her Elite Jumpers Title at the Zooming Agility Pups Trial on November 26, 2011, and her Open Hoopers and Open Regular Titles at the Canby, Oregon NADAC Fundraisers in January and February. Lily truly lives to run and is loved, trained, and owned by Annette Kuhls.



Himoon Freedom, Will, won BOB and BOW out of the Bred By class at the McKenzie Cascade Dog Fanciers show in Albany, Oregon on February 27. Himoon Casablanca, Ilsa, won RWB at the Friday show that weekend. Will won Best Bred By dog at the Saturday show. Ilsa was RWB at the Sunday show. Will and Ilsa are owned, handled, and loved by Lucy Isaacson-Logen, Himoon Labradors.

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Editor's note

I want to thank everyone who submitted copy and pictures for this issue. It was the end of February and we had almost nothing for our March newsletter. I put a request for your help on our LabChat website and, wow! The response was overwhelming. We received so much good stuff; that not everything would fit in this issue. Now we have a great start for our April issue. Hope everyone enjoys the newsletter. You, the members, are the ones that make it so much fun. Fran Seagren ☺

More Brags

Shilshole's Shift'n Gears MH RA CDX, see right, earned his final leg and CDX title at the Overlake Collie Club Show at Argus Ranch on February 25. Clutch had a nice score in the Open B class of 196 ½. Clutch is owned, trained and loved by Terrie Sato. He was shown for his final leg by Sharon Colvin. On to Utility!



On February 14 at Westminster Kennel Club, Madison Square Garden, New York, NY, our own homebred boy GCH Sunnydaze Running Across The Miles, show right and below went Best Of Opposite Sex under Barb Gilchrist. Needless to say, we were THRILLED! Watch for Miles at Specialties this spring and summer. If we're lucky, he might even run West!



Also, at Mt. Cheam Dog Fanciers in Chilliwack, our own girl Sunnydaze Blazin' Romance was WB and BOS on February 25 and was WB, BOB and Group 4 on February 26!—Linda Maffett, Sunnydaze Labradors



Update on Mable

Mable is showing progress. Her fur is growing back where she once had large bald spots. She is being listed on SPDR's website very soon as a "special needs" adoption and is still in foster care at our home. The "special needs" status is due to what will probably be a life long routine of medications to help manage a low thyroid condition and to keep the allergies under control that caused the extreme skin conditions shown in last month's newsletter. Mable had been on a low dose of prednisone since December 2011. That level was just reduced by a third. We're happy to report that so far no new scratching has occurred. Her skin continues to improve each month and soft blonde fur is growing in.

Mable is very gentle and extremely biddable and will make the perfect companion Labrador for her soon-to-be forever home. A big thanks to all of you who donate to Rescue and help with fundraisers such as the Specialty Rescue raffle each summer. Without your gifts, the care for sweethearts like Mable wouldn't be possible. Mable sends a high five paw salute to all of you!—Brenda Hubbard

Veteran Performance Dogs

by Terrie Sato

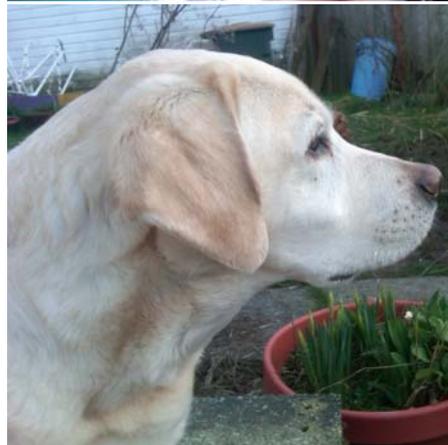
“You know he’s eight and is an old dog now. His mind is going and you can’t expect him to work well anymore.”

These were the words of my training buddy as my yellow Lab, Clutch, and I were discussing the out of site group exercises. Really? Hmm. Clutch couldn’t do his group exercises when he was five; my frustration was that after years of training, I still couldn’t seem to get him to understand his job. This was my problem, not the sudden onset of doggy dementia. In fact, my Labs have done some of their best work as veteran dogs. I am not alone in realizing this. A number of PSLRA members have discovered that the way to keep their dogs (and themselves) young is to train with the goal of earning titles.

The Oldest Dog to Earn a Performance Title trophy winner in 2011 went to Els Crisafulli’s Sassy. Sassy, or MACH2 Double Dutch Sarsaparilla CD RE PAX NFP, completed her RE (Rally Excellent) title in May of 2011. She was born on February 4, 1999. Incidentally, Sassy was also last year’s winner. Els reports that she is now really retired, though not happy about it.

Following close on Sassy’s heels is Robbie, top right, owned by Leslie Douglas. Robbie is Int. Ch Himoon’s Touch of Frost RN CGC. He was born on May 1, 1999. Robbie finished his Rally Novice title at the 2011 Seattle Kennel Club show and earned his CGC at the PSLRA 2011 Specialty. He loved going to Rally classes and being back in the dog show scene.

MACH 5 Skyfire’s Ellietta Ica, Ellie, middle right, earned her OAP and AXJP in 2011. The AKC Preferred Agility classes offer the opportunity for our veteran dogs to keep working the sport they love with lower jumps. They get to show off their skills without the extra physical stress of full jump height. And with a MACH 5 to her credit, it is obvious that Ellie has skills! Ellie was born June 15, 2000 and is owned, trained and



handled by Ed Parsons and Donna Dykstra.

PACH2 Ginger Spice Girl VII MX MXJ MXP8 MJP10 PAX2 OF NFP, above, simply answers to the call name Ginger

when called by Cheri and Mark Levine. Ginger is ten years old and received her PAX (Preferred Master Agility Champion) title at the Rose City Classic on Jan. 22, 2011. Cheri had a big struggle with Ginger and almost gave up, but it is hard to quit when both dog and handler build a bond while training. With the discovery of the Preferred classes, Cheri was able to revive her faith in their partnership and as she says, “The old girl can still run and have fun!”

Another hard working veteran Labrador is Spring of Labs A Leap’n Farm NA RN RA Pet Partner, born on Oct. 4, 2002. Spring earned her Novice Agility title as well as becoming a Pet Partner in 2011 with Christina Bunn at the helm.

Nancy Harney reluctantly admitted that her Gracie now falls into the veteran category with a birth date of March 13, 2004. Gracie earned her HRC Seasoned title in 2011 and is currently hard at work pursuing a SH and UD. Good luck to Gracie and Nancy in 2012!

Janine Prindle reported that her dear Lab, Guide Dogs’ Cranberry GN CDX RE, is not quite a veteran with a birth date of 2005. But Cranberry is quickly accumulating performance titles including Rally Excellent in March of 2011, Graduate Novice in September of 2011 and Companion Dog Excellent in November of 2011. Cranberry’s most important job is as Janine’s guide dog and she will continue working well into old age. It is obvious that Cranberry enjoys doing double duty as a performance dog!

As for Clutch, Shilshole’s Shift’n Gears MH QAA RA CDX finally held his stays and finished his CDX title in the obedience ring. Oh yes, we will also continue working well into old age as long as he is still races to the door, cries, “Take me! Take me!” and circles the car trying to find a way in without me. Retirement is definitely not an option!

Who will be the oldest dog to earn a performance title in 2012? I hope you give your veteran Lab a chance to shine and earn a place on the trophy. Old dogs love new tricks.

PSLRA Field Day

by Sharon Edwards

What a great day we Lab lovers had the end of February! It might have been a bit cold and a bit damp, but over 50 people braved the elements to either introduce their Labs to bird work, or awaken their dogs hibernating love of birds. You will notice in the photos, hot pink surveyors tape on the arms of quite a few people. The idea was to identify the workers during Field Day. That way participants would know where to ask questions. It seems to have worked, because my 12-year-old granddaughter told me three



Chuck Hilton with Sharon Edwards dog Ricky

different people asked her where different scenarios were located. You will also notice tracking poles with flags in some pictures. The poles identified where the education stations were located. We had an almost overwhelming turn out of help and new participants. It was wonderful! If the weather had been nice, 70 birds would not have been enough. Speaking of birds, if we didn't have Ron Perry involved in all field events, our club would be in trouble. Ron's connection with Pat Murphy (<http://www.northwestperformedogs.com/>) is our supply to our flying training tool. Ron also drove to Fall City to pick up all the field equipment needed to make our training day happen. Someone should take a picture of the inside and top of Ron's

vehicle and send it to Ford. He is quite the advertisement for versatility in a Ford Expedition.

There were many willing, and wonderful club members (and friends) who made the day happen. We started the day with an intro of our presenters and the people in pink. We actively tried to get everyone present to sign the release form, so Bea Ferguson was recruited to approach everyone present to sign in. Bea is a great little Terrier. Missy Bendzak provided our

coffee, cocoa, doughnuts, and also helped sign people in. The first part of our introduction was our gun safety, presented by Brad Aker. He showed what a popper shell can do to a

“real gun”. That demonstration proved that theory wrong. Next, Ron Perry demonstrated the how to, and safe use of a “winger.” Again a potentially dangerous item if not used with respect. Chuck Hilton shared his method of teaching a young dog to “hold and give,” with the dogs on a table and Chuck wearing leather gloves. His education was received quite well, with many positive comments by newbies and oldsters alike. Fred Drennan, Nina Mann, Marlys Swanson and Kristi Clark all worked with young dogs and the introduction to retrieving. Nancy Harney spent most of the day marshaling, keeping people in order to run their dogs at the live shot flyer station. Our acting judge and coach at the live shot flyer station was again Ron Perry, with help from Liz Skyllingstad. Our live gunners were Brad Aker, Laura Berger, Jessica Harris and Shelah Frey with Paul Gilmore throwing. The pop and throw station was manned by Jim and Cindy Olsen, including new member and also new to the field, Steve Hulteng. Teach Steve to get a dog from me. I recruit! I need to thank my cute little 12-year-old granddaughter, Breann Edwards. This is not the first year she has helped at this event, and she is getting quite skilled at handling live and dead



Nancy the Marshal. She didn't even know she was going to be a helper.

liter of water, by blowing it off a stand. Some people think a popper gun is not a

birds, holding dogs, getting dogs, taking pictures, setting up and cleaning up. We all need to nurture that next generation to keep our events happening. We also had a donation can by the refreshments

with people donating over \$25.00 to the Juniors fund.

There were so many people who volunteered and stepped up the day of the event, I just know I have missed names. If you pitched in and aren't getting recognition, I am so sorry. All help was

certainly appreciated. It is obvious by this list that none of these events just happen, and this event is one of the easiest to orchestrate. As far as I am concerned it is also one of the most fun. It is very

few new members to the club after sharing the day. This is what our Labradors were bred to do, and they certainly seem to understand that concept very well.



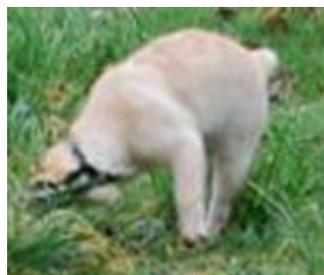
Nina Mann and a rescue dog learning about pigeons

enjoyable to watch many of these young Labradors meet their first bird. The pleasure is only equaled by the joy on the owners' faces, when they see their dogs having such a good time. We welcomed a



Ron helping the rescue dog Luca and his thrilled owner Greg.

New members learned the ropes at Field Day



Shown here is one of Marlys Swanson's puppies with new owner, Doug Henrikson. Fred Drennan is helping Doug teach Dakota the beginning basics of a retrieve. Dakota is a determined student. Doug and Lars Henrikson are new PSLRA members.

LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 02/29/2012 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 Jill if you need a Litter Listing form, to be used for ALL litters.**
 - All Breeders must update their litters each week with Jill Mahoney via email (mahoney@wwdb.org) 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 **Jill Mahoney, PO Box 7454, Covington WA 98042**.
 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 Jill Mahoney) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue.

LITTER NOTICE FORM (This information will also be available from Jill Mahoney)

Litter Born: 11/05/2011 (1YM, 1YF, 1BF Available)

Sire: Int. Ch. Cimarron Sam-I-Am of Cougar Creek CD, RN
OFA24E, OFEL24N, OFA Heart Normal, ACVO 8/2011
Dam: Cimarron's Hannah
OFA26G, OFEL26N, OFA Heart Normal, ACVO 9/2010
Contact: Laura Steward DVM 360-731-9017/360-978-4742 Eve.
Litter: 2YM, 1BM, 2YF, 1BF
Email: laura@cimarronfarm.com
Listed: 12/23/2011, 01/18/2012

Litter Born: 11/13/2011 (1YM Available)

Dam: Ch. Gaetacreek Joyful Jasper
OFA24F, OFEL24N, ACVO 11/27/2011, Heart ECHO
Normal, EIC Clear, Optigen Normal
Sire: AmGrCh/Can Artesians's Water Bug WC CGC
OFA27G, OFEL27N, CERF 09/2011, Optigen Normal.
Contact: Marlyss Swanson 425-422-4789 day/360-658-7604 Eve.
Litter: 5YM, 3YF
Email: marlyss2000@gmail.com
Listed: 12/03/2011, 02/29/2012

Litter Born: 11/26/2011 (2BM Available)

Sire: Ch. Mtn Meadow Big Bang
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 8/11, EIC clear, Optigen Normal
Dam: CH Somersun Blackthorn Temptress Tish
OFAG26, OFEL26N, CERF 8/2011, Optigen Normal
Contact: Katie Somers 509-398-1470 Litter: 3BM, 2BF, 1YF
Email: katie_somers@msn.com
Listed: 01/18/2012

Litter Born: 11/29/2011 (1YM, 1YF Available)

Sire: Am. GrCh/Can Ch Gingerbred Celestial Thunder JH, WC
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 9/2011, Heart ECHO Normal,
EIC Clear, Optigen Clear
Dam: Can/Int. Ch Cougar Creek Jazzy Josslyn
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF '12/2010, OFA Heart Normal,
EIC Clear, Optigen clear by parentage
Contact: Cecilie Drege
Litter: 5YM, 2YF
Email: cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com
Website: www.cougarcreeklabs.com
Listed: 11/20/2011, 01/18/2012

Litter Born: 12/07/2011 (4BF Available)

Sire: MBISS Am/Can Ch. Nipntuck Yell King
OFA27E, OFEL24N, CERF 2/11, Heart ECHO Normal,
EIC Normal
Dam: Can Ch. B-Mor's Artesian Spring Water*
OFA33E, OFEL33N, CERF 9/11, Heart ECHO Normal,
EIC Carrier
*AKC Major Pointed
Contact: Bea Ferguson 360-403-9698
Litter: 3BM, 7BF
Email: babfergie70@comcast.net
Listed: 12/03/2011, 02/29/2012

Litter Born: 1/25/2012 (2BF, 2CF Available)

Sire: Kingsland's Rocky Top MH
OFA24E, OFEL24N, ACVO 10/12/11, CNM-Clear, EIC-Clear
Dam: Rattlinridge's Jazmine
OFA24F, OFEL24N, ACVO 1/12/12, CNM- Clear
Contact: Teresa Meredith 253-845-1311
Litter: 1BM, 2BF, 2CM, 3CF
Email: kingsland_labs@hotmail.com
Website: kingslandlabradors.com
Listed: 01/18/2012, 02/17/2012

Litter Born: 02/07/2012 (5CM, 3CF Available)

Sire: Int. Ch. Windycanyon's Raising The Bar RN
OFA25G, OFEL25N, CERF 09/2011, Heart Normal,
Optigen Normal, CNM Clear, EIC carrier
Dam: Guss's Paisley B Good
OFA30G, OFEL30N, CERF 1/2011, CMN Clear, EIC
Clear, Optigen Normal
Contact: Kari and Andy Audette 425-765-8821
Email: kariaudette@yahoo.com
Website: www.taylorcreeklabradors.com
Listed: 2/17/2012

Litter Born: 02/14/2012 (1BF Available)

Sire: Ch. Mtn Meadow Big Bang
 OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 8/11, EIC clear, Optigen Normal
 Dam: Somersun Sharp shooter
 OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 01/2011, Optigen Normal
 Contact: Jessica Harper, Jessmick Labradors 509-989-3458
 Email: Jessicaharper@eagles.ewu.edu
 Contact: Katie Somers, Somersun Labradors 509-398-1470
 Email: Katie_somers@msn.com
 Website: Wwww.somersun.com
 Litter: 1BF, 1YM, 1YF
 Listed: 01/18/2012, 02/24/2012

Litter Expected: 02/29/2012 (All Yellows)

Sire: Am/Can Ch Cedarwood's Flt. Of The Phoenix
 OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 3/2011, Heart Normal -
 Practitioner, Optigen Normal,
 Dam: Elisa's Sweet Dream "Austin"
 OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 1/2011
 Contact: Elisa Stout - Falling Fowl Labradors 253-222-7312
 Email: elisastout1465@msn.com
 Listed: 01/18/2012

Litter Expected: 03/01/2012 (Blacks and Yellows)

Sire: MBISS AmGr Ch./CanCh Waifin's Fly Cabot to Tornгат
 OFA24G, OFEL24N, Heart Card. ECHO, Optigen Normal,
 EIC Clear
 Dam: MyKiss Rebate Floats R Boat WC,CGC
 OFA35G, OFEL35N, CERF 3/2010
 Contact: Tamaria Hartman 360-888-4941
 Email: meluvlabs@gmail.com
 Listed: 01/18/2011

Litter Expected: 03/06/2012 (All Chocolates)

Sire: Kingsland's Super Cooper EJ
 OFA24E, OFEL24N, ACVO10/2011, CNM-Clear, EIC- Clear
 Dam: Kingsland's Sweet Madeline
 OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO10/2011, CNM-Clear
 Contact: Teresa Meredith
 Email: kingsland_labs@hotmail.com
 Website: kingslandlabradors.com
 Listed: 01/18/2012

Litter Expected: 03/17/2012 (All Chocolates)

Sire: Kingsland's Super Cooper EJ
 OFA24E, OFEL24N, ACVO10/2011, CNM-Clear, EIC- Clear
 Dam: Damoiseaux's Everlasting Elsie
 OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 8/2011
 Contact: Teresa or Chris Damoiseaux 253-926-1035
 Email: ctdamoiseaux@q.com
 Listed: 02/24/2012

Other 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 and are on file with the Breeder Listing Chairperson.

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 eyes, hips, and elbows and the reason why the dog is being placed. The listing of other dogs in no way constitutes an endorsement by PSLRA. Price will vary.

Black Female 7 years old (spayed)

Multi Champion girl looking for exceptional retirement home. Very sweet, calm temperament, very healthy, all health clearances, basic obedience, crate trained, travels well, good with kids and other dogs. She is wonderful!
 Contact: Cecilie Drege 360-435-0456
 Email: Cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com
 Listed: 09/18/2011

Black Male 2½ years old (neutered)

Mac knows basic obedience, is crate and house trained. Great with kids and tolerates cats :) Mac is looking for his new forever home. He loves people and is eager to please. Very, very sweet boy. Please contact me for more information on Mac.
 Contact: Katie Somers 509-398-1470
 Email: Katie_somers@msn.com
 Listed: 01/18/2012

Yellow Male 1½ year old (intact)

Levi is crate trained. He has been shown and has one point. Levi would make a great family companion or a show prospect. Please contact for more information on individual dogs.
 Contact: Katie Somers 509-398-1470
 Email: Katie_somers@msn.com
 Listed: 01/18/2012

Chocolate Male 8 months old (intact)

PJ is looking for his forever home. PJ and his sister Ruby were born here but now it's time to get serious about finding PJ a loving family who has the time and patience to finish raising him to adulthood. PJ is crate trained at night time, potty trained and leash trained. He's actually of very nice quality, dare I say show quality however I would rather find him a companion home where he will be doted on and go on lots of hikes, camping and all the fun activities Labradors love to do with their people. PJ has been vet checked, Microchipped and in excellent health !! If you want to see photos, pedigrees and watch him grow up, please visit my website @ www.classictail.com
 Contact: Joy 253-854-1827
 Email: classictail@comcast.net
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Black Male 1 1/2 old (intact)

Abe is a sweet, happy, easy going boy. He is crate trained, gets along well with other dogs, cats, kids and has been exposed to cows, horses, and other farm animals. Both parents have hip, elbow, heart & eye clearances. Abe has no known health or temperament issues and is current on shots and deworming, is microchipped, and is ready for his forever home.

Contact: Stephanie Harris 509-929-5227

email: stephanie@skyfirelabs.com/website: <http://www.skyfirelabs.com>

Listed: 01/18/2012

Black Male 4 1/2 month (intact)

Single Black Male, looking for a relationship. :-) Born 9/10/11. He eats and sleeps in a crate. Walks on a lead, microchipped, CERF'ed, vet checked and vaccinated. Comes when he is called like any juvenile. He is a very sweet cuddle boy, who has learned it is wise to ignore cats, but loves children. Loves retrieving toys.

Pictures on Facebook @ Sharon Edwards page. The Sharon Edwards with a yellow lab for a profile picture.

Contact: Sharon Edwards 360-341-1422 after 5:00 PM

Email: sharay@whidbey.com

Listed: 01/23/2012

Chocolate Female 5 years young (spayed)

Hailey is a big beautiful dark chocolate 5 year old spayed female. She has advance obedience training, field training, and she has hunted both upland and duck. She is very relational and loves to retrieve. Hailey is a house dog with no bad habits and she gets along well with other dogs and children. Hailey has OFA hip and eye cerf., no health problems, and is now looking for her forever home.

Contact: Teresa Meredith 253 845-1311

Email: kingsland-labs@hotmail.com/Website: kingslandlabradors.com

Listed: 02/17/2012