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President's Tribute to Ron Perry

As President of this club I never thought I would have to write a Tribute for one of the most important members, one we all depended on.

On February 26, 2013 Ron Perry passed away from a heart attack. Ron was walking to the bus on his way to work when he collapsed. The news stunned everyone, and as I write this I still don't want to believe it. Ron was the heart of this club and a perfect example of what a PSLRA member should be: a volunteer or chair at many events, a member that helps the new members and a mentor to the members wanting to be involved with the board.

I'm so thankful that Jeff and I were able to spend Saturday with him at the Fun Field Training day where he was doing what he loved. The club had a surprisingly large turnout this year – maybe we all secretly were saying our goodbyes. Again, Ron was doing his thing. He showed new members how to use the winger at pop-n-throw stations, and he gave his usual gun safety speech and demonstration.

When I took this position as PSLRA President – I wanted to say "no." But then Terri Sato said, "Oh you'll be fine, Cathy, Ron will help you." I was relying on Ron so much to mentor me through this year. When I saw Ron a few weeks later at our December board meeting he said, "Cathy, you'll do just fine; I will help you." Now that Ron is no longer here to mentor me physically – I know he is here with me in spirit. And when I hear that little inner voice, I know he is "helping me"!

*Death leaves a heartache
no one can heal, love leaves
a memory no one can steal.*

From a Headstone in Ireland



Ron, the club will miss you! I will miss you!

Note: President's regular message on page 3

IMPORTANT DATES

**March 9, 10, Seattle
Kennel Club show,
Sheila Frey, Cathy
Hakola**

March 27, board meeting

**April 6, 5 Series and WC,
Greenleaf's, Cheri
Wildes, Fred Drennan,
Nancy Harney, Angela
Rogella (WC)**

Newsletter Information:**Publishing of an article or advertisement**

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The Retriever Believer will publish brags (free) and Puppy Referral litter listings provided a club member owns either the sire or the dam and a \$10 listing fee has been paid to Puppy Referral. All litter listings and litter advertising must comply with the PSLRA Code of Ethics.

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Membership in the PSLRA is open to anyone interested in Labrador retrievers. Annual dues are \$20 for individuals, \$25 for families. Junior memberships are \$10 (for a separate listing in the membership book and a separate newsletter). Please note that new members require the signature of two sponsors on the application form.

Requests for information, applications and/or payment of dues should be addressed to: **Stephanie Harris, Membership Chair**
341 Cross Creek Drive
Ellensburg, Washington 98926
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club business

February board meeting

PSLRA Board Meeting Saturday, February 23, 2013, at Tuscano's Italian Kitchen, Monroe Wash. Members Present: Cathy Hakola, Kim Dotson, Nina Mann, Tamaria Hartman, Nancy Harney, Ron Perry, Cindy Freeman, Jill Mahoney, and Brenda Hubbard. Absent: Jan Palumbo, Shelah Frey, Fred Drennan, Julie Germano, Stephanie Harris, and Franna Pitt. Guests: Chris Jaeger, Jeff Hakola, Liz Moir, and Stacey Parsons.

Officer Reports

President: Cathy Hakola called the meeting to order midafternoon after the field day and thanked everyone for coming.

Secretary: Nina Mann reported for Secretary, Jan Palumbo, that we received a very nice thank you note from Edith Bryan, which was sent to the newsletter editors. Also received correspondence from AKC about approvals for Rally events at the August specialty.

Treasurer: Cindy Freeman reported that we have \$13,800 in checking, \$3,700 in savings and \$3,800 in our CD. After tax season she will be reconciling various accounts and exploring her options in producing reports through *Quicken*.

Acknowledgments

Thanks to volunteer judge Franna Pitt for the VST match and to tracklayers Dave Lawniczak, Fred Drennan, and Nina Mann; to Liz Moir for the Sportsman Show and her crew of volunteer staffers; to Fran Seagren for organizing the Field Training Day and to Liz Gibson, Bea Ferguson, Jim and Cindy Olsen, Karie and Wayne Fugate, and the other helpers, especially to Jeff Hakola and Ron Perry for picking up the birds; to Gary Hubbard who is working on the shelving inside the new trailer.

Committee Reports

Rescue: Brenda Hubbard reported the yellow girl with neurological and physical problems is making good progress.

New Members: Welcome to several new club members: Richard (Dick) Geving of Shoreline, Jeff and Mary Little of Salkum, Wash. and Deb Cox of Kent, Wash.

5 Series: The 5-Series flyer will be in the March newsletter. We will hold it in the traditional format this year with puppy stakes and a Working Certificate test.

Seattle Kennel Club: Cathy Hakola will set up the booth at the Seattle Kennel Club on Friday night. She still has a few openings for help at the breed booth. She asked for approval to buy a table and a rug for the booth. It was so M/S/V.

Variable Surface Tracking match: The VST match was successful in providing the paperwork that AKC requires to give us approval to hold an actual test. Three of our club Labradors attempted this most difficult tracking test and although none were able to pass, all did good work and were happy with the training received toward attempting an actual test.

Intro to Field Day: The field training day was a great success with a good turnout and very good luck with the weather.

Spring Hunt Test: The plans for the spring hunt test are in full swing. The judges have all been invited and we will have one out-of-towner, Laura Judd, from California who is also judging at Rainier the following weekend. We hope to share expenses between the two clubs. Ron is getting quotes on live ammo and has already received a good quote on a very large quantity buy which he is hoping to make in concert with other clubs.

June B Match: The June B match still has no chair, but Sarah Fischer has been asked to reserve the same Renton Park as last year. Judges have been chosen. It was M/S/V to approve the selection and invite them.

August Specialties: Jill announced that all judges have signed contracts except the Juniors Judge. It was M/S/V to invite Anna Quigley who lives close to the site to judge Juniors. Cathy reported for Linda Maffett that the site has been contracted for and that Gail Gegg will be the judges liaison. Everything is on schedule. An inquiry from Barb Marks as to whether we would like her to come as a vendor with coffee mugs painted with three Labradors was accepted enthusiastically.

National Specialty: Jill shared information on the judges whose names cannot yet be published, as AKC has not approved them. She asked if members would like to have T-shirts with full logo pictures to wear beforehand and publicize the National. Jill also asked for volunteers to serve on the various event committees

and discussed the banquet that is tentatively planned at the Gilchrist house. She feels we need \$500 more in funds than will be provided by LRC to make it a memorable event. Discussion ensued on a club contribution of \$250 and Cindy Freeman will talk to RCLRC to see how they feel about a matching donation. *Annual Donation* Tamarina asked for more time to research this.

Membership: The board has become aware that some who joined the club in 2012 have not been acknowledged or included in the newsletter list. The board discussed the apparent holes in our membership process and would like to

know more about how membership processing is supposed to work so that no one will fall through the cracks.

This led into a discussion of Pay Pal. Nina asked about using Pay Pal for Litter Listings and said that Stephanie is concerned about putting it in the directions because of the possibility that the listing was missing a clearance, which would be noted after the lister had paid. Since we are dealing only with club members, this was not felt to be a great risk.

New Business

—Our scholarship application will be in the March newsletter and we hope there will be some applicants this year.

—Shelah Frey would like to eliminate Sweeps and Supported entries starting in 2015. Cathy mentioned that these sweeps actually cost us money in terms of hotel bills, etc. As Shelah was not present, this discussion was tabled until the next meeting, along with a discussion of additional funds for the LRC National banquet. A discussion of how Pay Pal works was also tabled until Stephanie can be present.

—The next meeting will be by teleconference on March 27. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30.

President's Message

Boy, this month seem to fly by. Another winter month is behind us and I'm looking forward to daylight saving time and spring.

March will be a slower month for PSLRA events. PSLRA will be having a booth at the Seattle Kennel Club dog show March 9 (Saturday) and 10t(Sunday). The club still needs volunteers for this event – please contact me if your interest in volunteering hakolafarms@aol.com .

The first Saturday of April (April 6) the club will be hosting another 5 Series and Working Certificate. Please go to the PSLRA Website for details or contact Cheri Wildes cheri@gunsuplabs.com for the 5 – Series and Angela Rogalla rogalla2@comcast.net for the Working Certificate. This is a great club event so pencil the date in your calendar and join the fun!

Big Thank you to all the volunteers in the month of February! The PSLRA club had its first VST Match which was chaired by Terrie Sato. From what was reported to me it was a successful day.

Also Fran Seagren headed the Fun Field Training day Saturday February 23. It was a surprisingly great turn out! It was fun to watch the puppies get there “Ah Ha” moments and I also enjoyed watching a few Master level dogs work which always amazes me. Fran had many club members helping her with that event which is much appreciated.

Last but not least . . . PSLRA has many members and there are many events! To run these events smoothly PSLRA needs volunteers. If we could get every club member to volunteer once at a club event at least once a year – I would not have to continue to beg! PSLRA still needs a B-Match chair and a few shifts still need to be filled at the SKC Booth. Thanks ~ Cathy Hakola

Saying of the Month: “He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true.

To the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion.”-Anonymous

PSLRA 5 Series / Spring WC—Remembering Ron Perry

Many of us are still in shock and extremely saddened by the sudden loss of our dear friend and fellow club member Ron Perry. Ron was deeply committed to both PSLRA and RHRC and devoted much of his personal time to ensure both clubs remain successful. As a true ambassador for the club, Ron was one of the first to welcome us to PSLRA back in 1997 and we have been friends ever since. Ron helped the clubs, particularly PSLRA, in many venues and was especially dedicated to keeping the Field events going.

As you may know, there was some discussion about the prospect of discontinuing the PSLRA 5 Series. Ron genuinely wanted to keep the 5 Series or a comparable replacement event available to club

members and non-members. He needed help in order to do this and struggled to get volunteers to chair the event in recent years. Since Ron has been such a great friend, I responded to his request for assistance by acting as chair. I am very glad I did, not only for the club, but also because it gave me a chance to interact with Ron regularly over the past few weeks. As we all know, interacting with Ron was always a pleasure, and for this opportunity I will be forever grateful.

Bea Ferguson, Angela Rogalla and I combined forces to plan this year's PSLRA 5 Series and Spring WC, with the assistance of Marlys Swanson and Ron. As hard as it is to carry forward without Ron, we all know this is exactly what he would want us to do. We will all miss Ron's guidance, support and wisdom throughout

our planning. Most of all we will truly miss Ron's friendship and his presence at the event.

The PSLRA 5 Series and Spring WC will continue on in Ron's honor. As part of the event we would like to celebrate Ron's life, his devotion to the club(s) and his love of field events. If you have ideas or suggestions for Ron's memorial celebration, and/or would like to assist with the planning or volunteer in some way to support the 5 Series and Spring WC please contact me at cheri@gunsuplabs.com or 425.260.2338.

We have some big shoes to fill with the loss of Ron. Let's have a great turn out at this year's event to ensure its success, and make Ron proud!—Cheri Wildes, PSLRA 5 Series Chair

The 5 Series will be held this year in loving memory of Ron Perry



PUGET SOUND LABRADOR RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION 5 Series Singles & Labrador Retriever Working Certificate

April 6, 2013 / Greenleaf's - Monroe, WA

5 Series Adult & Puppy Stakes

5 Series Adult Stakes	5 Series Puppy Stakes
3 Series / 1 Live Bird Guaranteed	Junior Puppy: 4-6 months / Senior Puppy: 6-12 months
2nd Live Bird 4th & 5th Series Finalists	3 Series Total / 1 Live Bird
\$30.00 Pre-Entry / \$35.00 Day of Event	\$10.00 Pre-Entry / \$15.00 Day of Event
Entries Limited to 60 Dogs / Start Time 8:30am	Entries Limited to 30 Puppies Total / Start Time 10:00am
Judges: Chuck & Sharon Hilton / Don & Anne West	Judges: Darlene Pado & Marlys Swanson
Event Chair: Cheri Wildes - Phone: 425.260.2338 / Email: cheri@gunsuplabs.com	

5 Series Awards

- **5 Series Junior Handlers:** 18 yrs. or younger will receive Rosettes
- **Adult Stakes:** Trophy for First Place, Rosettes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th placements, Rosettes all qualifying dogs
- **Puppy Stakes:** Best Jr. & Sr. Puppies will receive Rosettes, Rosettes 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th placements, Rosettes to all qualifying puppies

Please Note: 5 Series Puppy Stakes will be combined with the Working Certificate (WC). Puppy Stakes will start after WC Land series.

Open to all Retriever Breeds eligible to enter AKC Hunt Tests.

Visit http://classic.akc.org/events/hunting_tests/retrievers/eligible_breeds.cfm for the complete list of eligible breeds.

Labrador Retriever Working Certificate (WC)

For Labrador Retrievers Only. Test will follow the requirements outlined by the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.

Land single retrieve of 50 yards in light cover	Back to back singles in water to prove willingness to re-enter
Dog is not required to be steady or deliver to hand. (Judges may designate an area for delivery)	The dog should not be gun shy
\$25.00 Pre-Entry / \$30.00 Day of Event	Entries Limited to 30 Dogs / Start Time 10:00am
Judges: Darlene Pado & Marlys Swanson	
Event Chair: Bea Ferguson - Phone: 360.403.9698 / Email: babfergie70@comcast.net	
Event Co-Chair: Angela Rogalla - Phone: 360.855.0957 / Email: rogalla2@comcast.net	

Volunteers: Live gunners, pop & throw, marshals and general assistance needed. Contact Cheri Wildes at cheri@gunsuplabs.com to volunteer.

Directions to Greenleaf's:

- From Monroe: Intersection of Hwy 2/Hwy 203 approximately .9 miles South on Highway 203, located on the West side of the Highway.
- From Duvall: Approximately 5.3 miles North on Highway 203. Located on the West side of the Highway.

*******PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 1, 2013*******

5 Series Singles Adult Registration on Day of Event (April 6th) Between 7:00am & 8:00am ONLY
Working Certificate (WC) & Puppy Stakes Registration on Day of Event (April 6th) Between 8:00am & 9:00am ONLY
 (Dogs registered on day of event will run after the pre-entry dogs)

5 Series Singles / Puppy Stakes & Working Certificate (WC) Entry Form

Use one entry form per dog entered and make check payable to PSLRA. Send check with entry form(s) to:
 Angela Rogalla: 708 Ferry St., Sedro Woolley, WA 98284 / Email: rogalla2@comcast.net / Phone: 360.855.0957

Name: _____ Junior Handler: Yes No

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Dog's Breed: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Dog's Registered Name: _____ Call Name: _____

Level(s) Entered: 5 Series Adult Senior Puppy Junior Puppy Working Certificate Entry Fee(s): \$ _____

Willing to Volunteer? Live Gunner Pop & Throw Marshal Other Please Specify: _____ Timing: AM PM Both

I 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: _____ Date: _____

Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association 2013 Scholarship Information

1. Applicant must be a member of the PSLRA or a child or grandchild of a current member and be a current high school Senior.
2. Applicant must have volunteered for at least one PSLRA club event
3. Applicant must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher. If the GPA is less than 2.5, and there are extenuating circumstances, the scholarship application must be accompanied with a letter from the applicant's PSLRA sponsoring member explaining these circumstances.
4. The completed application will include a 200-300-word single page essay describing how Labrador Retrievers have impacted the applicant's life.
5. The Scholarship for 2013 will be in the amount of \$500 and is to be used for post high school educational activities.
6. Application is due by May 15, 2013
7. Applications should be sent to:
 Kathleen Gibson
 PSLRA Scholarship Chair
 732 20th Ave West
 Kirkland, WA 98033
8. Scholarship winner will be announced in the July 2013 Newsletter

Scholarship Application-PSLRA

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

PSLRA Sponsor _____ Relationship to Sponsor _____

High School _____ Current GPA _____

Please indicate which PSLRA event (s) you have volunteered at, and what you did as a volunteer:

What are your plans after graduation?

On a separate page, attach a 500 word essay describing how Labrador Retrievers have impacted your life.

PSLRA VST match A success

by Terrie Sato

On Sunday, February 17, PSLRA successfully concluded their first VST test. I doubt you will find those initials in your texting dictionary, so let me explain. I am talking about Variable Surface Tracking. This test is designed to demonstrate an amazing set of skills that include a dog tracking across a multitude of surfaces such as grass, concrete, asphalt, dirt, gravel or bark. These tracks can run up or down stairs, turn in the middle of the road, meander along buildings or through wooded areas, and they are plotted in areas where the public is free to roam, drive and yes, even walk their dogs. In addition, the dogs are also required to find four items left by the tracklayer. One item is cloth and is often at the starting line, the other items include leather, plastic, and metal.

AKC requires a club to put on a match before it allows a fully sanctioned event. This gives the club a dry run of the process and allows for a learning curve. Though the match is a non-titling event, the participants have a great chance to practice a very difficult set of skills. This match was no exception as judges Franna Pitt and Sil Sanders designed some very challenging courses. Kathleen Ball and her Labrador, Buttercup, Lee Foote and Twister, and Jan Skewes with Mikey all accepted the challenge. Though no one officially passed their track, they all had a great experience and learned a lot.

This match could not have happened without the hard work of many people. First to be thanked is the PSLRA board for agreeing to add this event to a very busy club schedule. There are not many such tests offered on the west coast and our club has just made it possible for our dogs to have an opportunity to earn a very difficult but satisfying title. The VST committee, consisting of Nina Mann, Fred Drennan, Lee Foote,

Dave Lawniczak, Terry Massagli and Jan Skewes put a good deal of time into planning this event. I thank Jan for recruiting me for the position of secretary. Fred worked as grounds liaison and arranged for the VST to be held at Fircrest in Shoreline. He was also the chief tracklayer and took care of a multitude of details leading up to the test. Our tracklayers included Fred, Nina, Dave Lawniczak, and a lovely tracking enthusiast with a German Shepherd, Pamilia Maxwell. Lee and her family provided a wonderful smoked salmon and bagel brunch following the test.

Though the sky was gray and a chill was in the air, everyone had a good time and learned a great deal about scent work in dogs. I came away with a renewed appreciation for the abilities of the Labrador Retriever. With a nod from the AKC, our club will soon be able to offer a fully sanctioned Variable Surface Tracking test. Start training soon!



The picture of participants, judges and tracklayers: left to right ,Jan Skewes and Mikey, Fred Drennan, Nina Mann, Sil Sanders (judge), Lee Foote and Tripper, Franna Pitt (judge), Dave Lawniczak, and Kathleen Ball with Buttercup.



Summer Specialty

August 2, 3 and 4. Stan Hedwall Park, Chehalis, WA
STAN HEDWALL PARK, 1501 Rice Road, Chehalis, WA 98532

Lovely open grounds with a large covered kitchen area and parking right next to the rings.





The trail can be anywhere! Jan and Mikey working behind one of the buildings.



Lee and Tripper working across grass and then onto pavement.



Lee is letting Tripper work out the scent trail. Roads are interesting because scent rolls and asphalt does not hold scent well. A car had gone by and Lee had to pull Tripper in to wait and then let her re-find the scent. You can imagine the thorough search on the part of the dog to relocate the trail!

VST



Jan stands in the middle and lets Mikey work a perimeter around her to find the scent path on a corner in the middle of the road. The handlers have to be careful not to guide the dogs, but let them indicate they've found the trail.



Mikey finds his last object as judge, Franna, looks on. The dogs get praised for their finds and Mikey is pretty pleased. So is Jan.

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Woman has dual bond with her guide dog, friend



Cranberry leads Janine Prindle, who is legally blind, quickly across a street in Prindle's Enumclaw neighborhood on Tuesday. Prindle says Cranberry is trained to speed up her pace while crossing streets. Cranberry is not only Prindle's guide dog, but the two also compete in obedience shows. (PHOTOS BY JANET JENSEN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

Any story about Janine Prindle eventually becomes a dog story.

Prindle, husband Jack and sons Douglas and Aaron raised 30 guide dogs over a 15-year period beginning in 1985, socializing each animal and then giving it up to professional trainers near its first birthday.

When Prindle's 27-year fight with retinopathy left her legally blind in 2007, she stopped raising guide dogs and was given one – Cranberry, a yellow lab.

On the first walk the two took, Cranberry saved Prindle from walking in front of a car pulling out of a driveway. That began a bond that has led to three distinct relationships between owner and dog.

"Cranberry is a guide dog, but in the house with the harness off, she's a pet," said Prindle, watching Cranberry lie upside down in the family's Enumclaw home. "Competing in obedience trials, that's something we both enjoy."

Today, Janine and Cranberry will compete in an all-breed obedience ring at an Auburn dog show* In two weeks, they'll be in the big-time – the 75th annual Seattle Kennel Club Dog Show at CenturyLink Field Event Center March 9-10.

Cranberry will work her way through an obstacle course, following verbal and hand signals from Prindle, who can only see Cranberry when the dog is directly in front of her.

"I have no peripheral vision, I have central vision. I can watch her as she walks away from me, I just can't see her if she's at my side," said Prindle, who is 60. "I don't see her unless I look down directly at her, and if I do that, I can't see where I'm going."

That complicates each competition, but Cranberry and her owner have been climbing the ratings ranks for five years.

"Occasionally, I have to ask a judge if I'm headed the right way," Prindle said. "Cranberry has had trouble a few times, too, especially with hand signals at 45 feet. I'll signal 'down' and she'll lie down. I'll signal her to sit up, and sometimes she decides she's perfectly comfortable lying down and won't get up.

"That's why we practice."

Today, the two will be looking to win the title of utility dog, which only 13 percent of competitive dogs reach.

For all that, Cranberry's primary role in Janine's life is as a guide dog.

"We were in Auburn, near the transportation center there, and I was about to cross a street. I looked both ways and said 'Forward,'" Prindle said. "Cranberry didn't start, and when I did, she blocked my way by standing directly in front of me. There was a bus coming and I hadn't seen."

"They call that 'intelligent disobedience.' She wouldn't obey if it put me in danger."

On walks, Cranberry is trained to watch for small obstructions in their path that might trip Prindle. The dog even stops and looks up when they approach a low, overhanging tree branch.

"She did that the other day for a branch that was about forehead high on me," Prindle said. "I praised her, told her what a good dog she was. Then I stood up and walked right into the branch. My fault!"

"When she's in her harness, she's thinking about her job. People will run up and say 'I know I shouldn't pet your dog but I just have to!' I don't understand that. It breaks her concentration, and she's trying to focus on what's around us."

Off duty, with Prindle sitting in a favorite chair, Cranberry sprawls on the carpet, allowing a visitor to scratch under her chin.

"I've had pets all my life, and I tried to show my first dog when I was 12," Prindle said. "There were three of us in the competition – all kids – and none of us knew what we were doing. We all got third-place ribbons."

She couldn't have predicted the multi-faceted relationship with a dog she would treasure nearly 50 years later.

"Cranberry is special. She's my pet, and she's my guide dog."

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Read more here: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2013/02/23/2485973/woman-has-dual-bond-with-dog.html#storylink=cpy>



*Cranberry earned her UD on Saturday, February 23. To top it off, I transferred her Utility A entry to Versatility for Sunday and she qualified in that, too. It was a remarkable weekend for Cranberry and me—submitted by Janine Prindle

LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 2/27/13 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 10/20/2012

1 YM available

Sire: NAFC Cody Cut A Lean Grade (Grady)
OFA 24G, OFEL 24N, CERF 8/ 2012, EIC Clear,
Thyroid Normal

Dam: HRCH Ornbaun's Pearl Buck MH (Casey)
OFA 28G, OFEL28 Normal, CERF 9/2012, PRA
Normal, CNM Clear, EIC Normal

Litter: 3 BM, 1 BF, 2 YM, 1 YF

Call: Pete Markantes: (503) 789-7746

Email: pete@markantes.com

Listed 12/27/2012, 1/27/2013

Litter born 12/12/2012

1 YF available

Sire: Can/Int CH Shilohs Northern Lights of Cougar Creek
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 8/24/12, Optigen normal,
Heart normal cardiologist, CNM clear, EIC normal
by parentage

Dam: Cougar Creek Drama Queen
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 9/23/12, Optigen normal
by parentage, EIC normal by parentage,

Litter: 2BF, 1 YM, 4 YF

Email: cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com

www.cougarcreeklabs.com

Listed 10/20/2012, 12/19/2012, 1/27/2013, 2/26/2013

Litter Born 1/2/2013

2 YF available

Sire: Intl. CH Mtn. Star Rolling Thunder CD RA JH
OFA 24G, OFEL24N, CERF 2-19-12, Heart
Normal-Cardiologist, CNM Clear, EIC Clear, PRA
Clear by parentage

Dam: Kali Kelani at Jasper Ranch
OFA24E, OFEL24N, CERF 4-02-2012
Heart normal-practitioner, CNM clear, EIC carrier

Litter: 8 YF, 3 YM

Call: Diane Bartholomew (509) 674-0889

E-mail: doubledranch@cleelum.com

Website: www.familyyellowlabs.com

Listed 12/12/2012, 1/28/2013

Litter born 1/4/2013

2 YM, 2 YF available

Sire: Can. Ch Janlon's Bears Repeating RN WC
OFA24E, OFEL24N, CERF-10/2012, EIC-CLR, Heart
normal-Echo

Dam: Halfmoon's Amazing Grace
OFA-24G, OFEL-24N, ACVO-09/2012

Litter: 2 YM 4 YF

Call: Barbara Marks: 360-320-0891 or 360-969-5814

Email: halfmoonlabradors@hotmail.com

Listed: 2/6/2013, 2/25/2013

Litter born 1/13/2013

1 YM available

Sire: Tristar's Black Ice
OFA 24G, OFEL24N, Heart normal echo

Dam: Cimarron's Little Sister Sally
OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 3/2012, Heart-normal
(Cardiologist) EIC clear, PRA clear by parentage

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

Call: Laura Steward, 360-978-4742 or 360-731-9017

Email: laura@cimarronfarm.com

Listed: 1/26/2013

Litter born 1/26/2013

3 CF, 2 CM available

Sire: Kingland's Super Cooper
OFA24E, OFEL24N, ACVO 8/16/2012, CNM Clear,
EIC Normal

Dam: Kingsland's Sweet Elsie
OFA24F, OFEL24N, ACVO 10/7/2012

Litter: 6 CF, 5 CM

Call: Teresa Meredith (253) 845-1311

Email: kingsland_labs@hotmail.com

Website: www.kingslandlabradors.com

Listed: 1/4/2013, 2/8/2013

Litter Born 1/28/2013**1 BM available**

Sire: CH Belgair Troubleson
OFA31E, OFEL31N, CERF 6/9/2012, Heart normal
Echo

Dam: Nipntuck Kickin' Booty at Sunnydaze
OFA25E, OFEL25N, CERF 6/4/2012

Litter: 7 BM

Call: Linda Maffett (360) 961-5269

Email: sunnydazelabradors@hotmail.comWebsite: www.sunnydazelabradors.com

Listed 2/5/2013, 2/24/2013

Litter due**4/24/2013**

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: all chocolate

Call: Chris & Teresa Damoiseaux (253) 926-1035

Email: ctdamoiseaux@q.com

Listed: 2/27/2013

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.

Edith Bryan thanks the board

Following her recent heart episode, Edith Bryan received a get well soon plant from the PSLRA board. Below is Edith's response:

I was so surprised and delighted to receive the lovely gardenia plant (and the pretty ceramic planter) on Friday from all of my friends at PSLRA. Gardenias are one of my very favorite flowers and this plant is just loaded with flower buds, so I can look forward to the gorgeous flowers and heavenly scents in the weeks to come. Thanks so much to all of you at PSLRA for thinking of me! I am recovering well - although of course not quickly enough! I am so thankful that a very scary experience turned out to have a relatively benign ending. I hope to be back to all of my regular activities in the next few weeks. It is so nice to know that, in times of trouble, there are such wonderful friends in PSLRA always ready to send good wishes and healing thoughts. Your kindness was very much appreciated.—Sincerely, Edith

Yellow female**8 years must be spayed**

Molly is a beautiful tall 70 pound bundle of gentle devotion and love. Never a kennel dog. Raised with small children. Current CERF, OFA hips good. Totally healthy, active, up to date on shots, etc. Ready for a life of warm luxury beside a new forever friend. We love her but anticipate moving and will screen potential new homes.

Call: Diane Bartholomew, 2950 Ley Rd, Cle Elum 98922
(509) 674-8229

Email: doubledranch@cleelum.com

Listed 11/2/2012

Chocolate Female**5 months**

Maddie is a dark chocolate girl who is well socialized and a quick learner. She gets along with everyone and loves to retrieve. Both parents have all their clearances - dad is a top show dog and mom loves to hunt. Maddie will make an awesome family member.

Call: Stephanie Harris (509) 929-5227

Email: stephanie@skyfirelabs.comWebsite: www.skyfirelabs.com

Listed: 11/26/12

Black Female**5 months intact**

Very sweet, active pup. Very well bred, pretty puppy. Both parents have all health clearances. She loves kids, other dogs, fine with cats. Vaccinated and microchipped.

Call: Laura Steward 360-978-4742 or 360-731-9017

Email: laura@cimarronfarm.com

Listed:1/30/2013

Chocolate Female**3 years spayed**

Nally is a very sweet girl - looking for a home as a pet. She is very healthy - no problems. She has OFA Good hips and elbows, heart and eyes are normal. Loves kids and good with other animals. Fully vaccinated and microchipped.

Call: Laura Steward 360-978-4742 or 360-731-9017

Email: laura@cimarronfarm.com

Listed:1/30/2013



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*Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there; I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow,
I am the sun on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there; I did not die.
I am part of every Labrador you see.*

The original poem, *Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep*, was written by Mary Elizabeth Frye in 1932. The last line was added by Ron Perry in his tribute to Linda Walkley.