

# The Retriever Believer

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*Brava Says,*



*Labs Love Obedience  
See page 5*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**March 12-13, Seattle  
Kennel Club, Meet  
the Breed, Club  
Information Booth,  
CenturyLink Event  
Center, Seattle**  
**March 23, board-  
membership  
meeting, Eastside.**  
**June 18, Match,  
Renton Park**

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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 Meeting was held via teleconference, Wednesday, February 17, 2016. Meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Stephanie Harris. In attendance were

Officers and Board of Directors: Shelah Frey, Jill Mahoney, Marlys Swanson, Nina Mann, Diane Sullenburger, Stephanie Harris, Linda Maffett, Brenda Hubbard, Lizzie Moir, Kimberly Dotson, Marcy Johnson, and Jennifer Hajny. Guests were Cheri Levine, Liz Gibson, and Jim Olson.

**Officers Reports**

*President:* Stephanie Harris—Nothing to report.

*Vice President:* Shelah Frey—Nothing to report.

*Secretary:* Jennifer Hajny—Specialty judges are getting approved.

*Treasurer:* Jill Mahoney—Report available upon request.

—There was discussion about the type of account that is being used for the Rescue funds. A motion was made by Nina to move rescue funds into main account and keep track as a line item, rather than to keep them separate. Brenda Hubbard seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

—There was a BOD discussion regarding events and how important it is that each event brings in enough revenue to support itself. The Club has administrative operations that will never make money, so dues and breeders list monies help offset these expenses.

**Acknowledgements**

The PSLRA Board would like to thank the following individuals for volunteering at recent club activities.

*Sportsman Show:* Chair Tamaria Hartman, Co-Chair Beth Wilkerson. Volunteers:

Kari Audette, Kim and Chris Dotson, Jeff and Cathy Hakola, Cheri and Mark Levine, Jill Mahoney, Elizabeth Moir, Bob Morris, Darlene Pado, Cheri Wildes, Everett (Bud) Winter.

*Field Chairperson,* Jim Olson.

*Puyallup supported entry:* Jennifer Hajny, Mary Jane Sarbaugh.

**Committee Reports**

*Field Chair Report:* Jim will conduct an inventory of what we have in our supplies. Bird crates that were purchased last year

will be sold. Need to purchase poppers and will get quotes for the Board.

*Rescue Report:* Look for the report in this Newsletter.

*Tracking Test:* Report from Franna emailed to the board: “Our third annual TDU and VST tests are coming up on February 27, 28. We will plot the tracks on Saturday, and run the tests on Sunday. Again, we’ll be at Fircrest School in Shoreline, and Bastyr University and St. Edwards State Park. Our judges are Sil Sanders and Stephanie Gonyeau—both have judged for us several times before. We have volunteer workers from within and outside PSLRA. Entries are still coming in. There is currently one Labrador in each test and enough other breeds that both tests are filled. Anyone is welcome to come and watch—we start at daylight on Sunday morning, gathering in Hamlin Park.”

—There was discussion regarding budgeting for judges’ gifts, and our club policy. Shelah motioned to approve budget. Motion seconded by Marlys—nine approve, two opposed, motion carried by majority.

*Spring/Fall Hunt Test:* Liz Gibson reported that six judges have been submitted to AKC for approval. Two Master, two Senior, two Juniors. Liz reviewed budget with BOD, birds are a bit more than last year. Numbers are estimated based on numbers from last year, although Liz is hopeful entries will be up this year. Motion by Nina to approve budget as submitted, Marlys seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously. Brenda motioned to approve the hunt test judges slate. Nina seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

*Match:* June 18 at Renton park. Sarah is checking on the park. Judges have been approved by Board via email. Three of the four judges have accepted. The rally judge submitted is not available, so we will go back to the judges selection committee. Application was submitted to AKC.

*Agility Trials:* Cheri Levine reported she would get a budget to the board in the near future. Nina made a motion to approve judges; Brenda seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously. Both judges have accepted assignments. Judges have

lowered the price they are charging per dog, so that is good news.

*Fall Agility Trial:* Kristi Clark will be chairing the Fall agility trial.

*Specialty 2016:* Judges are confirmed. RV spots can be reserved at any time, contact Jill Mahoney. We will hold a 4-6 month class like last year. There was discussion about allowing all-breeds to enter obedience at the specialty. Jill will contact Terrie Sato who is the chairperson for the specialty obedience and rally regarding adding other breeds and report back to the BOD.

*Health Clinic:* September 25. Venue is still to be decided. MJ is firming up doctors.

*Awards Banquet Recap:* Location was good. Everyone seems to think it went well. Next year's banquet will be at the same place in Puyallup.

*Sportsman Show Recap:* Tamaria sent recap via email: "I would like to send out a huge thank you to those that did volunteer your time (listed in acknowledgments) and heard many great reports and of some wonderful educational opportunities. We had a difficult time this year finding enough volunteers to cover all the hours the show was open, which left the booth sitting empty a few times. This was very unfortunate. This is such a wonderful opportunity for public education, and we pay nothing for the booth space; therefore, our expenses are extremely minimal for the amount of time we get. But if we cannot get the support from our members, we should really consider whether we, as a club, can commit to this event in the future."

#### **Old Business**

—*Seattle Kennel Club*—Marcy Johnson is the chairperson. Looking to add a few illustrated posters of the lab standard, as well as the accepted colors of the Labradors. Marcy will be looking for volunteers. Please contact her at marcy@soundviewlabradors.com if you would like to help by sitting in the booth.

—*Fun Field Day*—We are looking into dates and locations for this event. Finding birds is also going to be a challenge. Stay tuned for updated information.

—*Calendar*—The yearly calendar is being reviewed by the BOD and will be available for club members soon.

#### **New Business**

—Policy on judges' gifts was tabled until March meeting.

—Event judges' contacts —Jennifer asked that the Board review the current judges contracts for each event and be prepared to discuss any updates or changes that need to happen.

#### **Open Discussion** None

Next Meeting March 23. This will be a membership meeting on the Eastside.

Please watch for location update and plan on attending. Adjourned: 8:50

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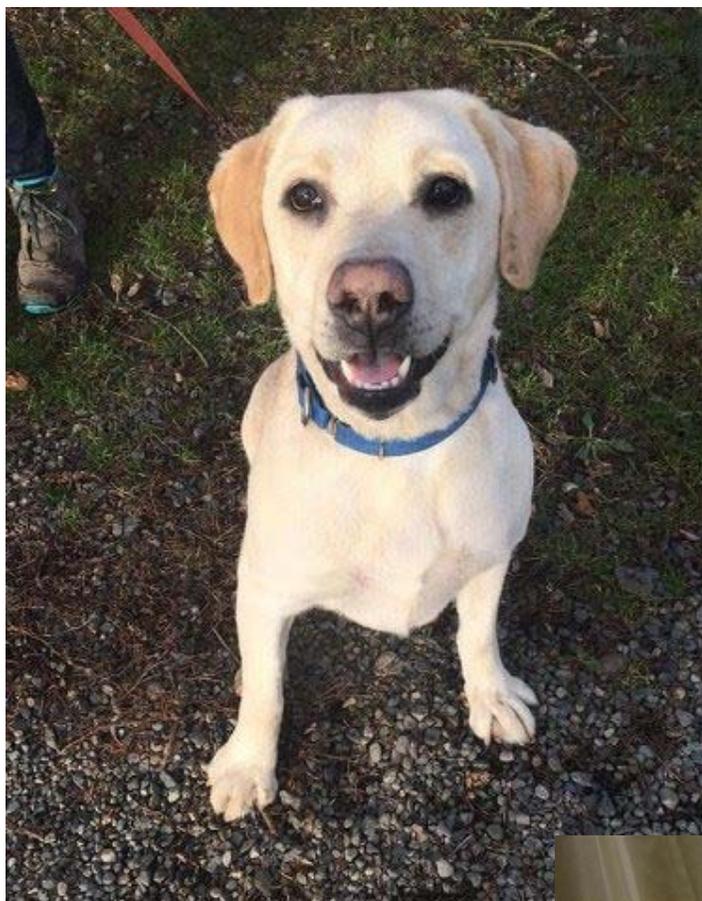
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# Rescue Report

## Two special rescue updates:



Henry

Henry - truly a “special needs” rescue - has found a wonderful new home! You may have read Henry’s full story in the January 2016 newsletter. It took a very special family to take on the responsibility for a Lab with an unknown injury, resulting in possibly permanent incontinence. But Henry’s new family were so taken with his exceptionally sweet nature that they did not hesitate to make him part of their family. They also have the resources to pursue the best possible medical treatment for Henry. We wish Henry all the best in his new life!

In the April 2015 newsletter we shared the story of Sweetie, a very senior Lab that we rescued from a local shelter. Sweetie was in poor health with many medical problems, and the most that we hoped for at the time was to provide love and comfort for whatever time she had left. But we just passed the one-year anniversary of her rescue from the shelter, and Sweetie is still in good spirits and enjoying life as the pampered princess in her new home!

Sweetie



# Got a Labrador? Try Obedience!

by Terrie Sato

Have you thought about training for competitive obedience?

The very first obedience trial was held in 1933. That obedience test had eight entries including three Standard Poodles, two Springer Spaniels, a German Shepherd and two Labrador Retrievers. The winner was a Labrador Retriever. Helen Whitehouse Walker, who raised Poodles and was the force behind competitive obedience trials, wrote a letter to the AKC Gazette stating, "Test classes could become popular-not only to prove the value of developing a dog's brain, but also in interesting the average visiting public at a show. The judging of dogs in the breed classes is a mystery to many, but a series of tests displaying the dog's brain is something they can actually see."

Obedience competitions have grown since that first trial in 1933 and so has the success of the Labrador Retriever. In 2015 at the Eukanuba National Obedience Championships three out of the four blue ribbon winners were Labradors; including the Masters winner of the highly competitive OTCH (Obedience Trial Championship) class. This year the winner of the very first obedience competition held at the Westminster Kennel Club show was a Labrador.

The obvious conclusion from these facts is that the Labrador Retriever is not only good at obedience, he excels at it. Why would that be? Labs are built to move soundly, be athletic and retrieve. As a sporting breed, the Labrador is bred to work. They are thinking dogs. With the last name 'Retriever' they can be obsessive about the fetch game. In the advanced obedience competitions there are two retrieves in the CDX (Companion Dog Excellent) class and three retrieves in the UD (Utility) class. These are often favorite tricks for the lab.

The AKC offers a number of obedience competition classes. Each one is a stepping-stone to the next. Even though these are referred to as competition classes, they are judged by a standard. There are placements, but every dog in the class can be a winner by meeting the standard and earning a leg towards a title.

Every dog should be able to perform the skills in the Novice class. Walking by an owner's side without pulling on the leash is the goal of the heel exercise. A 'stand for exam' is easy for any dog that has been in the conformation ring. It is a skill that makes vet visits and grooming enjoyable. A good recall is a life saving skill needed by every dog. Both the 'down/stay' and 'sit/stay' exercises are practical in every day life. Once mastered, the Novice (Companion Dog) skills are the foundation for the advanced competition classes.



Now is the time to get your training started! PSLRA is planning a fun match in June where you can practice your obedience ring skills. In August, PSLRA will hold its specialty with a full offering of obedience classes in which to compete. If you have a conformation dog and are looking to test the brains behind the beauty, plan on earning at least one obedience title. If you have a lovely pet Labrador, put his brain to good use and keep both your dog and yourself in good shape by training for obedience competitions. Give that hunting dog something to do in the off-season. Praise that puppy that just picked up an empty pop can and ran off with it. You have a budding Utility dog!

How do you begin to prepare for obedience competitions? Go to the AKC web site and download a current obedience rulebook. Find a competition obedience class near you. Form a training group with a couple of Labrador friends. Have a great time dog training and we'll see you in the ring this summer.

*Happy Hunting*



Jim and Cindy Olson's Rainy with her yellow Lab friend Colby and eight of the sixteen geese they retrieved on February 14 in Ocosta, Washington. A couple of tired Labradors!



Here's Ryan Moravec's girl, Bebop, with a group of teal, widgeon, and mallards from early this past season while hunting with Greg Hartman.

Ryan Moravec's other girl, Mya with a day's worth of birds - widgeon, mallards, and a merganser. Ryan and a friend had been hunting the Columbia River.



**LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 2/29/2016 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.
  - \* Current eye clearances on both parents annually.
  - \* At least one of each breeding pair must be tested and certified clear of EIC, PRA and CNM or be shown as CBP. 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 obtain a Litter Listing form from the PSLRA web site, to be used 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 sold. The listing will be deleted after 12 weeks from the first litter listing date.
1. Mail or email the completed form to Nina Mann, 5706 312th St. NW, Stanwood, WA 98292-9649. Please send the \$10 listing fee to Jill Mahoney, Treasurer, by check or PayPal.
  2. Your litter notice will appear on the web site and 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, Treasurer) 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, DD, dilute clear, CBP: Clear by Parentage.*

*Litter Listings:***Litter born: 12-29-2016                      2 BF available**

Sire: Artesian The Mikado of Veritas  
OFA25E, OFEL25N, Cardiac Echo Normal,  
PRA, EIC, CNM clear, LR-EYE 12/2015

Dam: Mykiss Knight Mves to Trekkinn  
OFA25E, OFEL25N Cardiac Echo normal, EIC,  
CNM clear, LR-EYE 12/2015

Litter: 1 BM, 4 BF

Call Bliss Gurney 360-305-7386

Email: [blissgurney@gmail.com](mailto:blissgurney@gmail.com)

Listed 2/25/2016

*Older dog listings:*

Older Dogs listed do not need to conform to the PSLRA Code of Ethics. Prospective buyers are encouraged to ask about the needs of these dogs and why the breeder/owner has decided to place them. Many of the dogs listed have basic obedience and are housebroken.

**Yellow Female    Must be spayed                      5 years**

Liza is a pretty daughter of Am/Can CH Gingerbred Celestial Thunder JH. She has OFA Good hips, elbows and eyes normal, cardiac echo, PRA/EIC clear. She loves to retrieve! Crate trained, basic obedience, sweet with people, a bit submissive, but loves everyone. Looking for a great retirement home.

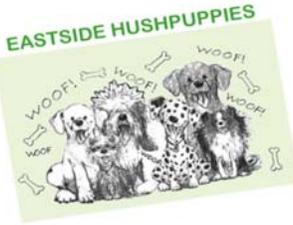
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Listed 1/2016, updated 2/25/2016



# THE OLYMPIC KENNEL CLUB & THE EASTSIDE HUSHPUPIES 4-H CLUB



## Sanctioned B Match with OC Obedience & CGC Tests



**SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016**  
 ENUMCLAW EXPO CENTER  
 45225 284TH Ave SE, Enumclaw, WA 98022

**ALL BREED CONFORMATION, OBEDIENCE, JR. SHOWMANSHIP & CGC TESTS**

**Check In & Day of Show Registration 8:30am-10:00am**

CLASSES		REGISTRATION & PRICING	
<b>10:00am</b>		<b>Pre-Registration</b>	
<b>Obedience - Show N Go:</b>	<b>Canine Good Citizen Tests:</b>	<b>First Class PER Dog</b>	<b>\$8</b>
Beginner Novice	CGC	<b>Additional Classes PER Dog</b>	<b>\$3</b>
Sub-Novice and Pre-Novice	CGC Advanced	<b>Junior Showmanship</b>	<b>\$4</b>
Novice		<b>CGC or CGC Advanced Test</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>11:00am</b>		<b>Day of Match</b>	
<b>Conformation (Sexes Divided)</b>	<b>Junior Showmanship</b>	<b>First Class PER Dog</b>	<b>\$10</b>
4-6 mos	PeeWee: Under 9 years old	<b>Additional Classes PER Dog</b>	<b>\$4</b>
6-9 mos	Novice Junior: 9-11 years old	<b>Junior Showmanship</b>	<b>\$4</b>
9-12 mos	Novice Intermediate: 12-14 years old	<b>CGC or CGC Advanced Test</b>	<b>\$10</b>
12-18 mos	Novice Senior: 15-18 years old		
Open	Open Junior: 9-11 years old		
	Open Intermediate: 12-14 years old		
	Open Senior: 15-18 years old		
<b>HUGE BASKET DRAWING</b>		<b>CONCESSIONS</b>	
<b>BAKE SALE</b>		<b>ALL PRE-ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 25, 2016</b>	

Mail Pre-Entries to:

ESH: DeNova Weaver  
 12128 SE 17th Pl  
 Bellevue, WA 98005

Questions:

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## THE OLYMPIC KENNEL CLUB & THE EASTSIDE HUSHPUPIES 4H CLUB

Sunday, March 6, 2016

### Sanctioned B Match

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Handler's Name (if different): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Registration Pricing		\$8 first class / \$3 each add'l class		\$4.00 each class		\$10/ test	\$	Office Use										
Day of Show Pricing		\$10 first class / \$4 each add'l class		Jr Showmanship (Indicate Novice or Open)		Canine Good Citizen	Amt Due	Arm Band										
Use Additional Form If Registering More Than 4 Dogs				Obedience (# of Runs)		Conformation (✓)		CGC or CGCA	Per Dog	1 per Dog								
Call Name	Breed	M/F	Beginner Novice	Sub-Novice	Pre-Novice	Novice	4-6 mo	6-9 mo	9-12 mo	12-18 mo	Open	Pee Wee	Junior	Intermediate	Senior	CGC or CGCA	Per Dog	1 per Dog

Please detach after completing Cash or Checks payable to ESH ESHP Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$



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