

The Retriever Believer

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A Great Many Thanks to our Co-Editors

All of us at the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Club were saddened by the resignation of "The Retriever Believer" co-editors Chris Roth and Fran Seagen.

The team worked well together, organizing our business, activities and news in an attractive and cohesive manner, ensuring that our great achievements landed each of us our "fifteen minutes of fame" if we desired to participate by submitting news and photos. I imagine it was a mostly thankless job, and we would like to be certain that the duo knows that we truly appreciated their efforts and hard work.

We thank you, Chris and Fran, for your hard work and service to our club.

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Club Business

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes - February 15, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Officers and Directors present included: Stephanie Harris, Scott and Becky Dannaker, Linda Maffett, Sonya Dudder, Diane Sullenberger, Ramdas Vaidyanathan, Katie Somers, Brenda Hubbard, Marlys Swanson, Shelah Frey, Nina Mann, Kristen Reiter, Jill Mahoney, and Marcy Johnson. Members and Field Chairpersons Jim and Cindy Olson were also present.

Officers' Reports

Stephanie commenced with the President's Report by welcoming new members to the board. The PSLRAboard Yahoo group is our main method of communication. She encouraged all to utilize the site and read the posts on a regular basis as it is the most effective means of staying abreast of current and upcoming events and decisions.

Shelah was called upon to present the Vice-President's Report. She had nothing new to report but did want to mention that she is interested in discussing the issues with the Breeders' List, namely tracking the volunteer requirements. She intends to compile a list of ideas to present at a future meeting.

Kristen had no new correspondence for the Secretary's Report, but wanted to clarify the amendments to the Minutes submitted for the January 14, 2017 Board and Membership Meeting. Sonya Dudder, Katie Somers and Becky Dannaker's names were omitted from the list of directors serving for 2017. Kris will submit the corrected minutes to Fran for publication in the March newsletter. Nina mentioned that the club needs to file the new officers with the AKC. Stephanie will address this issue.

Committee Reports

Field Chairpersons' Report:

Cindy Olson provided an update on the Washington Sporting Dog Training Association (WSDTA) which is an organization comprised of fifteen sporting breed and training clubs, one of which is PSLRA. The organization is focused on securing/protecting access to public lands in the Snoqualmie Wildlife Area for training, testing and other canine events. A summary of their efforts has been submitted and will be posted in the "Files" section on the PSLRAboard Yahoo group page.

Jim Olson is planning to organize the shelves of trial supplies.

There have been some proposed changes to the Hunt Test Trailer Agreement that exists between the Rainier Hunting Retriever Club (RHRC), Evergreen Golden Retriever Club (EGRC) and PSLRA. It was proposed to create a fund where a club will submit \$100 per each hunt test to serve as a source of money to be used to replace damaged or lost equipment. Shelah proposed the scenario that there may be no need to replace supplies for several years, and that perhaps a dollar amount cut-off be established. Jim mentioned several impending investments to upgrade equipment and provided cost estimates for said improvements. Cindy suggested writing the agreement to set a limit for how high the savings balance would be allowed to grow. It was decided that a \$1500 cap was reasonable. Cindy will contact Liz Gibson with the recommendations and make the revisions prior to re-submitting the Agreement for board approval.

Cindy began discussion on the Spring Hunt Test. There are no judges yet to evaluate Master B. As

such, entries may need to be limited if more judges cannot be secured. Discussion turned to the Fun Field Day. Scott brought up the issues with land being sold and the need to identify a dedicated space for the event, as well as commit to a date. The second half of October was proposed and suggestions were to host it alongside the Fall WC. Currently no chairperson has stepped forward to run the WC.

Acknowledgements:

Stephanie wanted to be certain that volunteers were acknowledged for their service to the club in the following events (volunteer lists will be emailed to Kristen to include in the minutes and to Linda for tracking requirements for the breeders' list):

Awards Banquet - Kim Dotson and Stacey Parsons

Supported Entry - Jen Hajny

Show N Go - Nina Mann and Michelle Brown: co-chair; stewards and judges: Marlys Swanson, Cheri Wildes, Amy Smith, Bea Ferguson, Kathy Jacson, and Terrie Sato

Sportsmen's Show - Shelah Frey, Stacey Parsons, Gary Hubbard, Tamaria Hartman, Bob Morris, Jack Prindle Janine Prindle and guide dog Royce, Jim Olson, Cindy Olson, Kimberly Dotson, Chris Dotson, Cathy Hakola, Jeff Hakola, Kristi Clark, Kari Audette, Kristen Reiter, and Brenda Hubbard, chairperson.

Spring Hunt Test:

There are currently no judges for Master B. The judges currently scheduled are local. Depending on whether judges can be obtained to evaluate the Masters, the club may need to reserve up to two hotel rooms to accommodate them. The fees have been submitted to the AKC but the premiums cannot be sent in until the judges are secured. The Spring Hunt Test will be May 6-7, 2017 at Bob Pepper's Farm in Carnation, WA. Liz Gibson is the Chairperson, with Cindy Olson serving as Hunt Test Secretary and Diane Clark as Chief Marshal.

Fall Hunt Test:

Cindy reports there has been no work on the Fall Hunt Test. The application must be submitted no later than May 26th, and the location and judges have to be secured. The proposed dates are August 26-27, 2017 at Bob Pepper's Farm in Carnation, WA.

Rescue Report:

Brenda has nothing to report but will keep Kristen informed and will update the newsletter editors.

Tracking Test:

Nina reports the budget was submitted in January and that all the testing slots for the Urban Variable Surface Tracking Test have filled and there is a backlog. The premium is listed on our website. The test will be held at the Fircrest School in Shoreline on February 26th. The second test, Tracking/TDX, will be held on October 29th at Chuckanut Farm in Bow.

B Match:

Marlys would like to change the date of the B Match as graduations, etc, always seem to interfere with entry turn-out as it is currently scheduled. The two dates proposed will not work due to conflicts with other events. Marlys will review other dates and revisit the scheduling issue.

Agility Trial:

The Agility Trial is scheduled for June 24th and 25th at Fun Fur Paws in Mount Vernon, WA. The deposit has already been sent in to reserve the loca-



New Editor, New Look

As your current Secretary and self-admitted sucker for volunteer positions (Ack! Did I really say that out loud?!) I have accepted the role of editor and will do my best to fulfill the duties that Chris Roth and Fran Seagren have left behind. Please feel free to provide feedback or suggestions.

Don't like the color scheme? Give me a shout (or better yet, call me on the phone so your neighbors won't realize you're crazier than they already think you are)! Want it more professional? I can do that, but it will be boooorrrring. It is YOUR newsletter and a means of connecting us all across the large territory this club covers. I'm fairly pliable. Let me know what *you* want to see.

We can't have a newsletter, well an interesting one anyway, without your help. If you have an experience to share: a show brag, field win, tracking accomplishment, search/rescue story, etc, or just want to share a memory or a hurdle overcome with your dog, please don't hesitate to share. Our membership consists of people who do all sorts of activities with their dogs. Your story might influence another to explore your preferred activity.

Please send your photos and written submissions to me: Kristen Reiter: PSLRAnewsletter@yahoo.com



February Meeting, continued

tion. The Fall Agility Trial is scheduled for November 4th and 5th at Argus Ranch in Auburn. Kristi Clark is the previous chairperson. Discussion from the floor suggested that she would be interested in chairing the event again.

Specialty Show:

The specialty show will be held at the Enumclaw Expo Center in Enumclaw on August 4-6th. All of the judges have been approved for the show and Jill was able to convince the obedience judges to decrease their fees. They are working on prizes and raffle items already. The show chairpersons, Angela Rogalla, Linda Maffett and Katie Somers, will organize the committees and report to the board with how we can provide assistance.

Health Clinic:

The health clinic is scheduled for September 24th. Denise Stringfellow of Riverdog is willing to host it again. Stephanie will contact Mary Jane Sarbaugh to see if she would be willing to spearhead it.

Fall WC:

Discussion for the Fall WC was postponed. There have been no volunteers to chair the event and without a chairperson, there will be no event. Should an interested party step forward, we can proceed via the Yahoo group or address planning during another meeting.

Holiday Party:

The holiday party is scheduled for December 2nd, with Scott and Becky Dannaker as our gracious hosts.

Old Business

The Trailer Agreement was discussed previously. The amended version will be submitted for review and email discussion. Stephanie encouraged all to participate with their thoughts and concerns after reviewing the document.

The Supported Entry for 2018 was discussed. We can accommodate up to four supported entries a year if we have the funds. The Puyallup event is the largest all-breed show in our area and is held at the same time as our annual banquet. The supported entry allows us to request later ring starts and provides us an opportunity to have some input on the judges chosen. Becky volunteered to chair the Supported Entry. Jill offered to help. The judges list needs to be resurrected and updated as there are some judges who

have passed on or retired, keeping in mind that versatile judges (those who can judge more than one breed or group) will be more attractive to the hosting clubs.

The Fun Field Day discussion was postponed to the fall and will be discussed via the Yahoo group.

Marlys is chairing the Seattle Kennel Club Meet the Breed, which is separate from the breed education booth (which Shelah and Marcy are co-chairing). The paperwork has been filed to participate in both. We have not been assigned the date and time for Meet the Breed. Marlys will list it on the LabChat page when the information is available and will take volunteers at that time. The educational booth is paid for and the volunteer list will be posted on LabChat as well once the event draws near. The Seattle Kennel Club will be March 11th and 12th.

Brenda provided a summary on the Sportsmen's Show. There was a lot of interest in the club and the breed and several new member applications were submitted as a result. Those new applications will be processed this week.

The Breeders' List requirements and tracking issues/techniques were postponed. We will utilize email discussion and revisit the topic at the next board meeting.

New Business

The calendar will be updated and verified based on the dates above. (See box at right for schedule).

The Breeders' List will be discussed at the next meeting. This will allow Shelah to organize her ideas for presentation. Stephanie sent Linda the information on how the list has been handled in the past.

There was no other new business to present.

As the Treasurer's Report had been skipped in the earlier part of the meeting, Jill was called upon to report. The Treasurer's Report is filed and is available upon request.

Jill mentioned that we will require a chairperson for the Awards Banquet. The general consensus is that the hotel is preferred to a restaurant in a different location. The cost for the banquet was \$2400, which is twice what has been paid in the past. The topic was postponed to emailed discussion, but a location needs to be determined soon or there won't be any options left open.

Stephanie reminded everyone to be certain to renew their memberships.

There was no further discussion and the meeting adjourned at 8:54pm.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Something for Everyone!

March 11 & 12

Seattle Kennel Club Show

Meet the Breed (Marlys Swanson)

Education Booth (Shelah Frey/Marcy Johnson)

March 22

Board and Membership meeting - 6:30pm
Issaquah Brewhouse, Issaquah

April 19

Board Meeting Teleconference - 6:30pm

May 6 & 7

Hunt Test

Bob Pepper's Farm, Carnation, WA

Liz Gibson (Chairperson), Cindy Hunt (Test Secretary), Diane Clark (Chief Marshall)

May 17

Board Meeting Teleconference - 6:30pm

June 17

B Match

Carco Park (Cedar River Play Park), Renton
Marlys Swanson & Cathy Hakola (Co-Chairs)

June 17

Board and Membership meeting - at match

June 24 & 25

Agility Trial

Fun Fur Paws, Mount Vernon

July 19

Board and Membership Meeting

Diane Sullenbuger's home

August 4-6

KISS and Specialty Show

Enumclaw Expo Center, Enumclaw

August 5

Membership meeting

August 16

Board Meeting Teleconference - 6:30pm

August 26-27

Hunt Test

Bob Pepper's Farm Carnation

September 20

Board and Membership Meeting

South side (location to be determined)

September 24

Health Clinic

Riverdog Canine Coaching, Issaquah

October 18

Board Meeting Teleconference - 6:30pm

October 29

Tracking/TDX

Chuckanut Farm, Bow

November 4 & 5

Agility Trial

Argus Ranch, Auburn

November 15

Board Meeting Teleconference - 6:30pm

December 2

Holiday Party

Scott and Becky Dannaker's home

Still pending are the Fun Field Training day and the Fall WC.



Brag!

Overachiever Retriever: P!nk

Fall and Winter for P!nk (INTCH Country Classic Get This Party Started) and I have been just as busy as last Spring and Summer. In September, she earned her CGC. In November, P!nk and I entered Beginner Novice Obedience just to see if we could do it. Thanks to P!nk, we earned our BN with 3 4th places in 3 attempts at the Chuckanut Obedience Trial. In November, we also completed our Agility AXP and AJP titles, and are now earning double Qs and points toward our PACH. In January, she finished

her Barn Hunt RATO title and 1st leg of her RATS title at the Arlington Barn Hunt Trial in Monroe. She also has her eye, heart, elbows, and hips OFA's. Am still so thankful to have this girl as my partner as we continue our adventures. She is simply awesome!

Submitted by Denise Beaumont

Newsletter Information

Please Submit Articles and Advertisements to:

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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 stephanie@skyfirelabs.com



IntCH Country Classic Get This Party Started, BN, AXP, AJP, RATO, CGC



Congratulations Ricky!!!



Silver Grand Champion Mainland Little Ricky Ricardo 2017 Westminster Kennel Club Best of Breed

Breeder: Shelah Frey

Owners: Paul & Jeleen Guttenberg

Handlers: Shea & Tiffany Skinner

New Canadian Champion!



Can CH Koa's In A New York Minute, RN

Koa's In A New York Minute, RN can now add Canadian Champion in front of her name. She was RWB at both shows on Thursday and went Winner's Bitch, Best of Winners and Best of Opposite on Friday to finish at 13 months entirely from the Bred By class. Saturday in her last all breed sweeps appearance, she won a Lovely class of 16 beautiful 12-18 bitches. She was a move up in breed on Saturday and thrilled me by going Best of Breed over the other Special. While we didn't do anything in the Group, we were happy to be out there playing.

Kawai and I are very proud breeders of this lovely puppy!

Submitted by Chantel Nahoopii

Come join us at the Brewhouse!



Membership and Board Meeting

Issaquah Brewhouse
35 W Sunset Way
Issaquah, WA

March 22, 2017
6:30pm



come. sit. stay.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Represent PSLRA at the SKC show March 11 & 12. Visit our LabChat Yahoo group or contact Shelah Frey or Marcy Johnson to volunteer in the educational Breed Booth, or contact Marlys Swanson to entertain the masses in the Meet the Breed ring.

Next Month:

- ◆ *Tracking Dog Urban & Variable Surface Track Event Coverage*
- ◆ *Lab Rescue Spotlight*

Litter Listing

LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 2/28/2017 that conform to the PSLRA Code of Ethics.

Information is as submitted by owners and provided as a service to the public. Listing of litters is in no way an endorsement by PSLRA 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 permanently certified on both the sire and dam.
- ◆ Current Eye clearances on both parents.
- ◆ At least one of each breeding pair must be tested and certified clear of EIC, CNM and PRA or be shown as CBP.
- ◆ Heart and other 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 (harbortoplabs@gmail.com) as to the sex and color of puppies you have available. The listing will be deleted after 12 weeks from the first litter listing date.

1. Mail 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 opacity, PRA: Progressive Retinal Atrophy, DD: Dilute clear, CBP: Clear by parentage.

Litter Listing:

Litter born 10/24/2016
1CF, 1CM available
Sire: MyKiss Chips Ahoy
OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 3/2016
Dam: Bailey Zipping Over The Moon
OFA39E, OFELL39N, ACVO 10/2015
Litter: 5 CM, 4 CF
Call: Alice Woo (425) 652-6000
Email: alice@alicewoo.com
Listed: 12/8/2016, updated 2/28

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.

Chocolate Male 2 years Intact Sweet natured boy. Has had some field training. Excellent drive. Would make a good hunting companion.
Call: Stacey Gnyp (360)384-1280
Email: Staceygnyp@yahoo.com
Listed 1/13/2017, updated 2.28/2017

Every once
in a while
A dog enters
your life
And changes
everything

PSLRA Hunt Test

May 6 & 7, 2017

The PSLRA Spring Hunt Test will have a limited master series. There will be a 60 dog limit and we will have 9 slots open for members who will be working the event. These 9 slots will have a special code that will be provided to them for early registration. Anyone interested in working the event can contact Liz Gibson (Event Chairperson) or Cindy Olson (Hunt Test Secretary). Contact information can be found on Entry Express (www.entryexpress.net).





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