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President's Message

April showers bring May flowers – This is the time of year Washingtonians have been waiting patiently for. After spending many months in the rain, mud, snow and hail it is time to get our Labradors out and enjoy the weather the upcoming months will bring.

A Big Thank you to Cheri Wildes, Angela Rogalla, and Bea Ferguson for putting on a wonderful 5- Series, Puppy Stakes and WC! The weather was a little challenging, but it was still a fun day in memory of Ron Perry. Also, Jen Hajny put together a wonderful Italian potluck in honor of Ron. I know there were many other volunteers that helped behind the scenes. Thank you all!

The Spring Hunt test is May 4 & 5. I wish all who entered good luck with their dogs and encourage those who didn't enter to either volunteer or just stop by and support the event. It is fun to watch Labradors do what they are bred to do. Liz Gibson is the chair of this event, so if you have any questions or want to volunteer, please contact her at: liz@telopealabs.com.

The PSLRA B-Match or FUN Match is coming up June 15. There will be Obedience, Rally and Conformation classes. This is the time to practice with your labs on Obedience and Rally or get your puppy out and start training for the Specialties this summer. There will be a potluck and a club meeting afterwards. The B-Match is chaired by Stacey Parsons, everlandlabs@aol.com, and co- chaired by Marly's Swanson, marlyss2000@gmail.com. Please feel free to e-mail them with any questions.

After the loss of Ron Perry, I realize that it really does take "A village to raise a child"! I'm proud of the many hunt test members that have stepped up. I can't thank you enough. It is so important for all PSLRA members to continue to work together to make all PSLRA events run smoothly.

Thank you! Cathy Hakola, PSLRA President

Saying of the Month: In order to really enjoy a dog, one doesn't merely try to train him to be semi-human. The point of it is to open oneself to the possibility of becoming partly a dog. Edward Hoagland

IMPORTANT DATES

**May 4, 5, Spring Hunt
Test, Pepper's, Liz
Gibson**

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May 22, board meeting

**June 15, B/Fun Match,
Carco Park, Renton
Stacey Parsons,
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**June 15 potluck and
meeting after match**

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

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club business

March board meeting

PSLRA Board Meeting Wednesday, March 27, 2013, by Teleconference. Members Present: Cathy Hakola, Nina Mann, Jan Palumbo, Cindy Freeman, Kimberly Dotson, Fred Drennan, Shelah Frey, Julie Germano, Nancy Harney, Stephanie Harris, Tamaria Hartman, Brenda Hubbard, Jill Mahoney, Liz Gibson.

Officers Reports

President: No report other than what is already on agenda.

Secretary: Correspondence received in March: Letter from Colleen Doll on behalf of Island and Pacific Labrador Retriever Club offering condolences and memories of Ron. We received lots of correspondence from AKC approving many of our events. Of special note, approval of PSLRA to conduct VST tests (tracking) following our very successful VST match.

Treasurer: Cindy Freeman reported the following balances in PSLRA accounts: Checking- \$16,997 (includes \$1,900 for juniors and \$685 in donations in memory of Ron), CD- \$3,830, Savings- \$3,798.

—Cindy said that if anyone needs reimbursement for payment of club expenses they should send her an email with a PDF of the receipt. It is not necessary to send her the hard copy of the original receipt.

Acknowledgments

MJ Sarbaugh for driving to Auburn to pick up the new Specialty trailer and driving it to her place on Whidbey and storing it there; MJ and Jill Mahoney for all they did coordinating everything for the Memorial Service for Ron; Liz Gibson for stepping in to chair the Spring Hunt Test.

Committee Reports

Rescue: Brenda Hubbard reported that Lexi, 10-year old yellow lab, was adopted by a family who has another lab and children. Lexi now has a wonderful home and shares a bed with one of the children.

Five Series/WC: Cathy Hakola had a letter from Cheri Wildes, Chair of the Five Series/WC reporting everything was on track, including the memorial potluck in memory of Ron, which is being organized by Jen Hajny.

Spring Hunt Test: Liz Gibson is hard at work organizing the hunt test. It will be dedicated to the memory of Ron. MJ

Sarbaugh will do judges' gifts. Nina Mann will do ribbons. Nina will also be there to write checks for the kids who work, \$130 each for the weekend. The Rainier Hunting Retriever Club (RHRC) trailer (owned jointly by RHRC and PSLRA) is at Sharon and Chuck Hilton's. They will take an inventory and stock up the trailer the end of April. We need someone to do lunches and hospitality. Liz will put a message out on the chat list asking for volunteers.

—The Board discussed a trade that Ron had been working on between the RHRC, PSLRA and the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club (EGRC) for use of the Rainier trailer (owned jointly by Rainier and PSLRA). A member of EGRC wants to provide poppers at no cost to both RHRC and PSLRA in exchange for EGRC's use of the trailer for their hunt test at the end of June. Last year RHRC charged EGRC \$200 for the use of the trailer. This year poppers would be provided to both clubs in exchange for use of the trailer. Liz and Nancy Harney will iron out the details of this exchange.

Spring Agility Trial: No report. Need to make sure we have received AKC approval. We will check with Cheri Levine.

B-Match: Stacy Parsons will chair, and Marlys Swanson will co-chair. AKC approved the application.

Specialty 2013: AKC has approved all judges. *LRC National and Donations:* No Report.

New Business

PSLRA Trailers: The Board discussed the status of club trailers. PSLRA currently has four trailers: new specialty trailer at MJ Sarbaugh's, old specialty trailer also at MJ's, match/agility trailer at Franna Pitt's, and old hunt test trailer at the Meyer's. Match and agility equipment will be transferred into the old specialty trailer. Ron told the Meyers to sell the old hunt test trailer. Cathy Hakola will talk with the Meyers and find out the status. We will wait a couple of months to decide whether to sell the old match/agility trailer. When we know for sure what Rainier plans to do with the trailer, we will share those plans. *Membership Directory:* Stephanie reported that the Directory is almost ready. She just needs to decide how many to print, where to get them printed, and

how to pay for it. Decided to have Costo in Fife, who printed them last year, do the printing. Brenda will pick up the printed copies. Cindy said to have Costco contact Cindy for payment. Brenda and Stephanie will figure out the details of printing, payment and distribution. Thanks to Stephanie for updating the database so quickly and keeping it updated.

—The Board had a lively discussion about the merits and demerits of having hard copies versus electronic copies of the Directory. Strong opinions expressed on both sides. We will probably offer both next year.

Other topics

Meals at National: We had discussed at a previous meeting whether we would subsidize meals for the banquet at the National. Cindy said that LRC would decide this, not us.

Sweeps at the Puyallup Show: The Board discussed whether we should discontinue supporting Sweeps at the Puyallup Show. Topic was tabled - no decision made.

Judges for 2014 PSLRA Specialty: We have not selected obedience judges yet. The conformation judges have been selected but offers have not been made. Jill will provide Jan with a model letter to send to the judges who are to be asked.

April board meeting

PSLRA Board Meeting Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at IHOP, Issaquah. Members Present: Cathy Hakola, Nina Mann, Jan Palumbo, Cindy Freeman, Nancy Harney, Brenda Hubbard, Kimberly Dotson, Fred Drennan, Shelah Frey, Stephanie Harris, Franna Pitt. General membership present: Chris Dotson, Leslie Douglas, Gary Hubbard, Lucy Issacson-Logan, Cheri Levine, and Jacob Perkins.

Officer Reports

President: Included as agenda topics.

Secretary: Need quick approval of minutes so they can get published in Newsletter. Letters inviting judges for 2013 and 2014 judges will go out week of April 29. We need to pick obedience judges. The Board decided to do it by email.

Treasurer: Cindy Freeman reported that the Club funds are in good shape. She provided detailed reports showing assets, income and expenditures. The following are balances of PSLRA accounts: Checking- \$18,165.33 (includes juniors' fund of \$ 1,920.17), CD- \$3,830.55, Savings- \$3,798.75 (includes special rescue funds).

Acknowledgments

Thanks to Cindy Freeman for putting together a very detailed and clear Treasurer's Report and Stephanie Harris for getting the Membership Directory ready for printing. We want to thank the WC/5-Series co-Chairs Cheri Wildes, Bea Ferguson, Marlys Swanson, Angela Rogalla, and judges Darlene Pado, Sharon and Chuck Hilton, and Don and Ann West. Thanks to Jen Hajny and MJ Sarbaugh for the Ron Perry Memorial Event.

Committee Reports

Rescue: Brenda Hubbard reported on behalf of Edith Bryan that, (another) Lexi, a 5 year old yellow girl who had been through much trauma, celebrated her one-year anniversary in her forever home and is enjoying a good life.

Spring Hunt Test: Entries are OK, but lower than normal due to the double header hunt test in Nevada on the same date.

B Match June 15: Everything is on track. The B Match has been approved by AKC and will be at Carco Park in Renton, same place as last year. There will be no advance registration. Register on site when you get there.

Specialty 2013: No report. Cathy Hakola has reserved hotel rooms for the judges at the Best Western Holiday Inn.

Fall Hunt Test: Liz Gibson will Chair. It will be at Pepper's. There was discussion of moving the fall hunt test to a location in Chehalis next year. A few club members have seen the site and like it. It is near the site for the Specialty. During the Specialty, some members will check out the grounds and make a decision whether to move our fall 2014 hunt test there.

Fall 2013 Agility Trial: No report. AKC has approved the Trial. Judges are lined up but have not been submitted to AKC for approval.

Spring 2013 Agility Trial: Cheri Levine reported that everything is on schedule for the trial and going well. Cheri and Donna Dykstra are co-chairs. It will be in Monroe, at Skykomish River Park. The premium is out and judges lined up. There will be a new food vender, Gidyup Express. There will be an award for High in Class for Novice, Open and Excellent, Labs only, in both Jumpers and Standard. The Board also agreed to continue to donate to Old Dog Haven the amount of money saved by exhibitors not taking a ribbon but instead returning it to the club for reuse.

LRC National: Cheri reported that the agility trial at the LRC National is set. The grounds are great. Judges and equipment are lined up. There will be a special event for the top 25 agility Labradors.

Old Business

Sweeps at Puyallup: The Board discussed the pros and cons of discontinuing our

support of Sweeps at Puyallup. Board decided to continue support, but ask that judges pay their own expenses, and limit judges to those who are actively seeking a judge's license.

Membership Directory: It is ready to go. The mailing cost is a big expense. It was discussed that next year the Directory should default to being sent electronically. Members who wish a printed copy can receive one on request. Jacob and Stephanie will make sure that privacy is protected if the list is made available electronically, and that only members will have access to names and addresses. A request was made to make the newsletter available on the web site. Another said that the newsletter is a benefit of membership and should not be available to non-members. No decision made on this topic.

Club Trailers: A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize Bryant Meyer to sell the old Hunt Test trailer for whatever he can get. Bryant has been storing it on his property.

—The contents of the Match trailer will be transferred to the now-empty old Specialty trailer at the B Match in June, thus transforming it into the Match Trailer. Shelah or Cathy will store the former Match trailer, now the Empty trailer, until we are sure the club does not need it. Then we will sell it. We agreed that PSLRA and Rainier should put in writing an agreement with the Rainier Club about sharing and joint responsibility for the hunt test trailer to prevent any misunderstandings by either club. Meanwhile, our Match Trailer and Hunt Test Trailer (which PSLRA shares with Rainier) do not have brakes and are hauled with peril. The new Specialty trailer is our only trailer with brakes.

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Braggs

Bogie, Mykiss Hope Floats on the Bogachiel, at just over a year won WD at Peninsula Dog Fanciers on Saturday, March 23, and then two weeks later earned his WC.—submitted by Tarmaria Hartman



Cash Hajny did an amazing job handling his dog, Hoyt, in the WC. Hoyt is now Blu Top Hoity-Toity CD WC—submitted by Jen Hajny



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The Board authorized Franna to ask Dave to look into the possibility of retrofitting them with brakes.

New Business

Website: The Board discussed having someone assist Stephanie Harris in managing the website as it is a lot of work. Stephanie would like to continue doing it herself and asked people to email her with changes. Nina Mann would like to have our Club Wear listed on the website. Nina said she would look into getting someone to do

this and get the information to Stephanie. Jacob Perkins is going to look into how to password protect information that club members want to keep private.

Master National Judges: The Board accepted the recommendations of the small hunt test subcommittee for nominations for 2014 master national judges, Wendy Pennington and Julie Cairns. The information was passed along to Bryant Meyer, who submitted our nominees to the AKC.

New Contact for Master National: The Board discussed the need for someone to replace Ron as the contact between the club and our delegate for AKC Hunt Test and Master National matters.

Ammunition Order: A motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase 15 cases of ammunition for \$1,065, which will last the club about 3 years. The Board also voted to buy any ammunition left over from the LRC hunt test.

Red Cross Blood Mobile: A club member requested the club consider allowing a

A first time handler

by Fran Seagren

Although Joanie had run in many retrieving events in her almost 9 years, her handler and new owner, Katie Postlewait, had not. As a matter of fact, the PSLRA 5 series was Katie's first experience at running a dog in anything, ever.

Katie convinced Kate Johansson to give her Joanie about a year ago. A couple months ago, I suggested Katie should run Joanie in the 5 series. I briefly went over the rules and what to expect and Katie, who loves challenges, decided to enter Joanie.

In the weeks prior to the 5 series, Katie practiced a few times with Joanie. On the day of the event, Katie, along with her husband, Scott, arrived early so she could watch a few dogs run before it was their turn. To add to Katie's learning experience, Kate Johansson suggested Katie also run Kate's dog, Ruby (daughter of Joanie).

Not only did Katie Postlewait have a wonderful time running Joanie in her first competition, but they also received a qualifying ribbon! Those of us that love playing these games with our dogs are always thrilled when a "newbie" gets THE BUG. A big "congrats" to Katie and Joanie! Welcome to the club of retriever fanatics!



Above top, Katie and Joanie; bottom left, Katie at the line with Joanie; center, practice makes perfect; right, friends Kate Johansson (original owner/trainer) and Fran Seagren, flank Joanie holding new ribbon.

Red Cross Blood Mobile to be parked at or near our spring Agility trial for blood donations. The Board had concerns. Cheri Levine will check with Jan Skewes, who handles club insurance questions. Generally, the Board thinks the Club should not have any involvement with this activity, even if it takes place outside the show grounds.

Tracking: There was a discussion about tracking events PSLRA wants to put on each year. A suggestion was made (only for Fall, 2013) to hold a VST test on

October 20, 2013, our corresponding TD/TDX weekend. Afterwards, we would hold annual TDU/VST tests in the late winter/early spring and TD/TDX tests in the fall. In 2014, the combination TDU/VST test would be on Feb 16, 2014, (corresponding to our 2013 VST A Match) at Fircrest School in Shoreline. The Board accepted the suggestions. The TDU (Tracking Dog Urban) is a new test available starting in January 2014, and is on par with the TD, except in an urban setting similar to the VST, and must

include non-vegetated surfaces as well as vegetated surfaces. The Fall 2013 VST was suggested in lieu of the TD/TDX because the LRC will be having a TD/TDX two weeks earlier in conjunction with the National. These events are contingent upon getting commitments for committee persons and workers. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Upcoming Meetings: May 22– Teleconference and June 15 at B Match.

Ron Perry Memorial Trust

by Pat Murphy

As mentioned at the 5 Series and WC memorial for Ron, Fred Drennan, Doug Galluci, Angie and I have set up a trust for Ron's beloved dogs, Nick, Diva, and Brady. Angie and I are committed to fulfilling Ron's wishes for the dogs to the best of our ability. We will continue with field training and titles for Brady and Diva, and will enter Nick in the 2013 PSLRA Specialty and the LRC National Specialty held locally this year.

Money donated to the trust will support any unexpected or catastrophic medical expenses that may arise during their lifetime as well as covering any fees to enter them in tests or shows. We will personally fund their day-to-day care and feeding.

Angie has opened a checking account at US Bank and will initially be administering the account. Long term, Fred and Doug will manage the funds and approve any expenses paid out from the trust. It is important to all of us to manage the funds correctly, and avoid even the slightest appearance of impropriety. As such, we felt the need to establish the independent over-site of the trust by Fred and Doug.

If you would like to contribute to the trust, we are now accepting donations. You can contribute one of two ways:

1. Until the account is updated to Fred and Doug's names, checks can be written to Angie Murphy "For Deposit Only," and include the following account number: 153565562805. Angie



Emma Murphy with Diva and Brady

will deposit any checks she receives on your behalf. Mail check to: Angie Murphy 4961 326th Ave NE Carnation, WA 98014.

2. Go to your local US Bank branch; write a check to bank account number 153565562805 "For Deposit Only" and your donation will be added directly to the trust.

As an update, Diva and Brady have made a smooth transition into the Murphy household, and are much loved family members. Nick happily remains with his breeder and co-owner Sharon Edwards. We will continue to provide photos and regular updates about the dogs.

As we all know, Ron was totally dedicated to the Retriever community and gave it his all. Many of us benefited directly or indirectly from Ron's efforts. Establishing the trust is just one opportunity to give back, as it allows us to show our support for Ron's canine family members. Another is to volunteer to chair or assist in some way with PSLRA, RHRC or LRC field or non-field

events. Ron was critical to the success of many club events, and it will take a commitment from many to fill Ron's very big shoes.—Pat & Angie Murphy



Left, Pat Murphy with daughter Emma and Nick; above, Pat and Nick at the line; right, Nick returning with the bird.

Ramblings from a great day in the field

by *Tamaria Hartman*

It's very early, dark, unseasonably cold, windy, and rainy when the alarm rings out. My house is filled with good friends and Labradors. We stumble and hustle around tending to the dogs, loading the last minute essentials, and adding a few extras due to the current weather conditions. At last we load the lucky dogs that have been chosen for the day's adventure. Then, we're off on a two-hour drive to the test grounds.

We arrive to a field filled with busy volunteers and many happy dogs. Our skilled and graceful leader lays out the day's agenda. And then after some words from the heart, we all share a moment of silence in memory of a lost club member and dear friend to many, Ron Perry.

At last, the birds are a flight, the shots echo out and, instantly, each dog is brought to full alert, hearts beating rapidly with anticipation.

As I watch the dogs and handlers ahead of me, my mind races over the hours of practice, replaying my role in leading my team to success. I'm hearing the words of encouragement from one whose presence I feel surrounding me. Finally, it's our turn. Heading to the line, my heart is pounding. The bird flies, the shots ring out, the judge gives the word, and suddenly time comes to an incredible crawl. I call his name as my hand on his collar opens. Like a streak of lightning, he bolts toward his quarry. As he hunts and searches, I hold my breath. Then, at that

moment when time seems to stand still, he raises his head from the cover and pure joy overcomes me as I realize his face is barely visible. He has the bird! That breath I had been holding for what seemed like an eternity now fills the whistle as he races towards me. In this moment, all is right in the world of one whose heart has been captured by a Labrador Retriever.

I wish to thank ALL those who gave their time and efforts in to making our Club's 5 Series, Puppy Stakes, and Working Certificate day a huge success. To say the weather was challenging is an understatement. But there were a few moments when the skies parted and I know Ron was shining down on each and every person and canine there!

Congratulations to ALL: to those that volunteered, to those that cheered, to those that succeeded, and to those that gave their all for trying. For you are ALL winners because just being there was truly being the person your dog thinks you are!

I would first like to congratulate my very best friend, traveling buddy and training partner, Lizzie - Elizabeth Moir. She did an amazing job handling to her very first Working Certificate, with Birdie, and a great learning experience in the Puppy Stakes with Freya.

Second, I am thrilled that my boy, Bogie, successfully earned his WC and that my exuberant boy, Rainer, earned a very respectable third place in the Senior Puppy Stakes!



Ron Perry Memorial 5-Series, Puppy Stakes & WC

by Cheri Wildes

We had a great turn out at our 5 Series, Puppy Stakes and Working Certificate this year. We weren't without our glitches and the weather gave us a bit of a wild ride, but overall we were able to declare the event a success.

Our apologies to those who had to leave before the afternoon memorial portion of our event. Due to the decision to complete the Puppy stakes first, we started the memorial later than planned. We hope you had a chance to enjoy the potluck before your departure. We promised our puppy handlers a live flyer, and several of our gunners could only commit to working half a day. We needed to coordinate our very few remaining gunners around running the Puppy stakes and then releasing them to run the fourth and fifth series. So, we chose to run the Puppy stakes and postpone our official break until the puppies were finished. Aside from coordinating the gunners, it was important to take advantage of the break in the weather to get the puppies running their marks before the next downpour or hailstorm. We felt that Ron would have wanted us to put the dogs first, especially the puppies.

The 5 Series and WC Event Chairs would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to help us make the event possible. I would like to highlight a few people who not only helped during the event, but who were also part of our planning efforts:

Fran Seagren stepped up as co-chair for the 5 Series when we lost Ron. She was an amazing asset and a total pleasure to work with. Fran helped with overall planning, gathered volunteer workers, assisted with the running order, acted as a stake chair, helped with set up and tear down, worked the pop and throw, and mentored some of our new volunteers. Fran kept me sane throughout both planning and the actual day's events. Fran, you are a rock star!

Jen Hajny took the lead on our "Ron Celebration" with assistance from her mother MJ. They gathered pot luck items, planned the lovely morning dedication and memorial tribute, including the speakers, song, gun salute, balloon

release, and along with other volunteers made sure the potluck ran smoothly. MJ also arranged for the judges' gifts. They did a wonderful job creating the memorial book that we will be adding to throughout the year during future PSLRA events. Jen, as always, you are a great event planner!

Pat Murphy arranged for us to have plenty of birds for the event (more than once). He ran our test dog Nick Perry, assisted as a gunner, spoke during the memorial, and along with Larry Robertson, did our gun salute. Pat juggled all of this while running Brady and Diva in the Adult stakes on behalf of Ron. Pat coached our new Junior Handler, Emma Murphy, with running Brady and Diva in the WC where they earned their titles. Like Fran, Pat provided great moral support during planning and gave me a dry place to sort the ribbons. Even though later I locked the ribbons and Pat's keys in his truck, he was un-phased as he helped me come up with a solution to get the truck unlocked. All the while, he helped with throwing birds and shooting along with Randy Clark at the Puppy stakes. Pat, you are obviously a wonderful father and a true friend to Ron and us all!

As a past 5 Series Chair, Fred Drennan shared materials to help with planning, acted as a stake chair, helped with set up and tear down, worked the pop and throw, mentored some of our new volunteers, and was our awards photographer. Fred also read the poem and led our moment of silence during the morning dedication. Thanks so much, Fred, for all your help. We know you had a lot going on yourself and we really appreciate you coming through for us!

A special thanks goes to our Judges. Our 5 Series judges, Chuck and Sharon Hilton, and Don and Anne West did a great job setting up the marks, judging and scoring the dogs. They presented the awards and helped with set up and tear down. Chuck and Sharon also brought the club trailer to and from the event, and even donated dead ducks to both the WC and Adult water stakes.

WC and Puppy stakes judges, Darlene Pado and Marlys Swanson, did a great job

setting up the marks, judging and scoring the dogs, presenting the awards and helping with set up and tear down.

We had an amazing turn out of volunteers. We had handlers and non-handlers, experienced people and newbies, all helping run our event. Everyone was willing to wear many hats and help as needed with marshaling, score keeping, pop and throw, live gun, hospitality, gathering other volunteers, set up, tear down. You name it, they did it all with a smile and a great attitude!

Our awesome worker team for all stakes consisted of Fran Seagren, Fred Drennan, Rhonda Forman, Diane and Randy Clark, Cindy Olson, Liz Skillingstad, Kate Johansson, Betsy Reali, Keo Louis, Katie Mearns, Barbara Hawley, Nancy Light, Nancy Harney, Sandy Rainaldo, Michelle Brown, Chris Braswell, Nina Mann, Carol Jensen, Jan Skewes, Jill Mahoney, Kristi and Randy Clark, Missy and Ron Bendzak, Cathy Hakola, Bob Green, Ryan Forman, Chris Carlson, Larry Robertson, Jim Cooper, Dennis White, Alan Billingsley, and Sharon Edwards, who spoke during our memorial and brought Nick to run as test dog. I also want to thank everyone who brought so many tasty potluck items!

If I forgot anyone, or did not recognize other contributions you may have made, please know that your help was greatly appreciated.

We are pleased to announce our 5-Series Adult and Puppy Stake placements, new WC title holders and Junior Handlers Awards:

5 Series Adults Placements:

1st Place: Larry Robertson & Duke
2nd Place: Sandy Rainaldo & Cozy
3rd Place: Cheri Levine & Addie
4th Place: Pat Murphy & Diva, Chris Braswell & Jetta and Sharon Collins & Jett (we chose not to do a run off as all dogs did such a great job!!)

5 Series Junior Puppy Placements:

1st Place: Larry Robertson & Bella
2nd Place: Chris Braswell & Tipsy

5 Series Senior Puppy Placements:

- 1st Place: Bruce Larson & Bandit
- 2nd Place: Julie Germano & Rumor
- 3rd Place: Tamaria Hartman & Rainier

Junior Handlers Award Winners:

- Cash Hajny & Hoyt
- Emma Murphy with Diva & Brady

New WC Title Holders:

- Julie Germano & Cha Cha
- Julie Germano & Rumor
- Elizabeth Moir & Birdy
- Bea Ferguson & Morgan
- Bea Ferguson & Max
- Greg Lagreid & Luca
- Debbie Milks & Bee
- Ron Milks & Marty
- Ron Milks & Vinnie
- Emma Murphy & Diva
- Emma Murphy & Brady
- Jan Skewes & Mikey
- Tamaria Hartman & Boagie
- Dick Geving & Thor
- Cash Hajny & Hoyt
- Mary Jane Sarbaugh & Banjo

Well done and congratulations to everyone!

Since many of you had to leave early from the event, Chuck and Sharon Hilton and I did the Sport Chair drawing for two chairs so everyone's chances to win doubled! I am pleased to announce our lucky winners were Michelle Brown, who chose the black chair and Lisa Weber who chose the camouflage. Congratulations!

Although it was sad to not have Ron and others we've lost with us at the event, we would like to think they were all there in spirit. To quote Missy Bendzak, "He was probably watching us from the best seat in the house!" I'm sure Linda, Chelsea, Terra and Alex, and our other angels Linda Walkley, Sonny, Artie, Sadie and Big Guy where there alongside Ron.

Since we've all lost so many of our four-legged family members, it's nice to imagine that they needed more help on the bridge and Ron was the right soul for the job. Perhaps he and co-angels Linda Perry, Linda Walkley and all the others in our Retriever community who left us way too soon, are taking care of our beloved pups on the bridge until we are reunited. They are probably coordinating dog

shows, field events, obedience, and agility trials where all the dogs go Best of Breed, get qualifying ribbons, or first place! They were certainly winners themselves and wonderful friends to us all.

Sincerest Thanks from Cheri Wildes, 5 Series Chair, Bea Ferguson, WC Chair and Angela Rogalla WC Co-Chair

Note: I still haven't heard from anyone who left a camera at our event. Please contact me at cheri@gunsuplabs.com if you are missing a camera.



Bella, first place puppy



Above, some of the 5 series winners; top right, Larry with Duke, right, Sandy with Cozy, second place winner;



Note: We didn't get individual photos from everyone that placed or qualified in the 5Series and WC, but would love to put them in our next newsletter if people send to them to us.

*Photos from
rainy
5 Series by
Toni Leitao.*



LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 5/01/13 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 3/29/2013

Sire: CH Belgair Troubleson
OFA31E, OFEL31N, CERF 6/9/2012, Heart normal Echo
Dam: Can CH Sunnydaze Blazin' Romance
OFA 29G, OFEL29N, CERF 2012
Litter: 5 BF, 2 CM, 1 CF
Call: Linda Maffett (360) 961-5269
Email: sunnydazelabradors@hotmail.com
Website: www.sunnydazelabradors.com
Listed 3/27/2013

Litter born 4/21/2013

3BF available

Sire: Kingsland's Rocky Top MH
OFA24E, OFEL24N, EIC Normal, ACVO 10/12/11
(Frozen semen breeding from deceased dog)
Dam: Rattlinridge's Jazmine
OFA24F, OFEL24N, CERF 10/7/2012
Litter: 1CF, 1CM, 4 BF, 1BM
Call: Teresa Meredith (253) 845-1311
Email: kingsland_labs@hotmail.com
Web site: Kingslandlabradors.com
Listed 4/22/2013, 4/29/2013

Litter born 4/28/2013

2CM available

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: 5 CF, 4 CM
Call: Chris & Teresa Damoiseaux (253) 926-1035
Email: ctdamoiseaux@q.com
Listed: 2/27/2013, 4/28/2013

Litter due 5/9/2013

Sire: CH Gaetacreek Joyful Jasper WC
OFA24F, OFEL24N, EIC clear, PRA clear, Heart ECHO clear, ACVO 8/2012
Dam: CAN CH Mainland's Catching the Dream at Karuna WC
CGC RN
OFA24G, OFEL24N, EIC Carrier, Heart clear cardiologist, ACVO 8/2012
Litter: Blacks and yellows expected
Call: Kristi Clark (253) 709-8443
Email: kristiclark2001@yahoo.com
Listed: 4/17/2013

Litter due 7/1/2013

Sire: Can CH Shiloh's Northern Lights of Cougar Creek
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 9/2012, Cardiac Normal, PRA clear, EIC clear, RD/OSD clear, CNM clear
Dam: Can CH Cougar Creek Ima Tango Too
OFA27G, OFEL27N, CERF 8/2012
Litter: Yellows and blacks expected
Email: Cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com
Web site: www.cougarcreeklabs.com
Listed: 4/27/2013

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.

Chocolate Male

7 months

Charlie is a dark chocolate boy who is super sweet and a quick learner. He gets along with everyone and is looking for a family of his own. Both parents have all their clearances--dad is a champion and mom is linebred on CH/MH. Charlie will make an awesome family member.
Call: Stephanie Harris (509) 929-5227
Email: stephanie@skyfirelabs.com
Website: www.skyfirelabs.com
Listed: 4/5/2013

Black Male

3 years

Buster is a happy, outgoing boy who has never met someone who was not his friend. Buster is smart and willing and learns quickly. He gets along with other dogs. Both parents have all their clearances.
Call: Stephanie Harris (509) 929-5227
Email: stephanie@skyfirelabs.com
Website: www.skyfirelabs.com
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