

The Retriever Believer

Newsletter of the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association

Volume 33, Number 5, May 2016



PSLRA Officers

President: Stephanie Harris
stephanie@skyfirelabs.com
509-929-5227

Vice President: Shelah Frey
shelahfrey@comcast.net
425-643-6884

Secretary: Jennifer Hajny
blutopfarms@hotmail.com
509-859-2241

Treasurer: Jill Mahoney
Mahoney@wwdb.org
253-630-4810

PSLRA Board of Directors

Kimberly Dotson
clovercreeklabs@msn.com
253-278-1116

Brenda Hubbard
brooke-lynn@msn.com
253-661-9443

Marcy Johnson
marcy@soundviewlabradors.com
206-510-3467

Linda Maffett
SunnydazeLabradors@hotmail.com
360-961-5269

Nina Mann
Harbortoplabs@gmail.com
360-629-7619

Lizzie Moir
lizzie.moir@gmail.com
360-827-1874

Marlys Swanson
Marlyss2000@gmail.com
425-422-4789

Diane Sullenberger
harlequinlabradors@yahoo.com
360-652-8271

Resource Contacts

LRC Western Time Zone Coordinator:

Nina Mann
Harbortoplabs@gmail.com
360-629-7619

Field Chair:

Jim Olson
cindyto@q.com
253-833-8739

Litter Listings:

Nina Mann
Harbortoplabs@gmail.com
360-629-7619

Public Information:

Cheri Wildes
cheri@gunsuplabs.com
425-397-0176

Labrador Rescue:

Edith Bryan
Bryan760@whidbey.net

Obedience



Go for the ribbons &
fun
See page 8

IMPORTANT DATES

**May 7,8, Spring HRT,
Peppers, Liz Gibson
May 18, Board
Meeting, teleconf.
June 11, B Match,
Jennifer Hajny & MJ
Sarbaugh
June 11, Membership
& Board Meeting
June 18, Fun Match,
Renton Park, Lizzie
Moir**

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

Fran Seagren

17816 SE Green Valley Rd

Auburn, WA 98092

e-mail: labrdrs@earthlink.net

Submissions must be received by the editor by the 20th of each month. Please use "newsletter ideas" in subject line.

The Retriever Believer is published monthly by the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association. Non-member subscriptions are \$20/year. Contributions in the form of articles, letters or money are always welcome. Letters to the editor should not exceed one page of typeset in the newsletter. It is our goal to provide an open forum where members can present their views to the club. The editor and the board of directors reserve the right to decline publication of advertising and other material submitted for publication.

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.

Editor: Fran Seagren

Layout: Chris Roth

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

club business April board meeting

PSLRA Board Meeting was held Wednesday, April 20, 2016 via Teleconference. Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Stephanie Harris. In attendance were Officers and Board of Directors: Jill Mahoney, Nina Mann, Diane Sullenberger, Stephanie Harris, Brenda Hubbard, Lizzie Moir, Kimberly Dotson, Marcy Johnson, and Jennifer Hajny.

Officers Reports

President: Stephanie Harris - As I have mentioned, it takes a lot of work and talent to keep a club our size, with the number of functions we hold, moving in a somewhat cohesive group throughout the year. We have several volunteer positions either currently available or coming available soon. Please take the time to read through the list of positions found elsewhere in this newsletter. This list is not exhaustive and I am sure there will be more key volunteer positions needing to be filled over the next nine months.

Vice President: Shelah Frey – No report.

Secretary: Jennifer Hajny – Correspondence received from AKC regarding recent events that have closed. Cleft Palate study to be sent to Facebook group, Chat, and Newsletter.

Treasurer: Jill Mahoney – Report available upon request.

Acknowledgements

The PSLRA Board would like to thank the following individuals for their volunteering efforts:

—Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Franna Pitt, Brenda and Gary Hubbard- *Renovation of the Match Trailer.* The Match trailer was in dire need of major TLC. This group spent over 20 hours gutting it, taking inventory, and reorganizing it. Hats off to them!

—Marcy Johnson- *Researching possible new specialty site in Shelton.* See more info below in New Business.

Committee Reports

Field Chair Report: Poppers have been purchased.

Rescue Report: Look for the report in this Newsletter.

Hunt Tests: Jill Mahoney reported that everything is on track. Nina Mann stated that they are looking for anyone wanting to volunteer. Volunteer positions that need

to be filled for the hunt test are Assistant Stake Chairs. A stake chair helps with setup of each test, lists equipment needed and then makes sure during the test that the gunners have ammo, that blinds are in position, that poppers and throwers are where they should be and that they have birds and ammo for the popper gun, etc. We also need marshals for each stake to check people in and call them to the line as needed so judges don't have to wait for them. Either a marshal or a volunteer is needed to run a test dog to start each stake. A test dog should be able to do the work of that stake but not be over qualified. For example, a senior test dog should either have that title or have a couple of legs on it, but not have passed master tests. If we had volunteers for poppers and throwers and blind planters, we would not have to pay young people to do these jobs as we do now. Please contact Nina Mann to sign up to help. The Hunt test is May 7 and 8.

Fun Match: June 18 at Renton park. Full slate of judges. All-breed obedience is being offered. We are encouraging all participants to pre-enter! Find out more info on the match flyer on our website and in the newsletter.

Agility Trials: No Report.

Specialty 2016: Everything is on track and approved. Please consider sponsoring a class or two. Please contact Zoelea Jones Vey (ezvey@mtaonline.net) to sign up for class sponsorships or find the list on the PSLRA Facebook page. We are also looking for a judges' liaison. This person is responsible for judges' transportation - to and from airport, show and hotel, sitting with them at lunch and taking them to dinner. Jill Mahoney moved and Marcy Johnson seconded a motion to give \$200 to purchase items to support the Specialty Raffle. Motion passed unanimously.

Health Clinic: September 25 at Riverdog in Issaquah. No other additional information at this time.

Fall WC: Mark your calendar for September 10. Kim and Chris Dotson are chairing the event. Watch for more details.

Holiday Party: This year it will be hosted by Scott and Becky Dannaker on Saturday, December 3, 2016.

Old Business

Event judges' contacts - Contacts are being updated by the BOD.

Stud Dog Auction - It was brought to the Board's attention that there are some members who had great concern over the vote at the last meeting regarding the removal of the last sentence in the code of ethics regarding the stud dog auction at our specialty. The concern was voiced that the motion that was passed is not valid because there was not a quorum of the membership. The Board took this into consideration decided that the motion at the last meeting was not valid and is thus null and void. Diane Sullenberger moved and Marcy Johnson seconded a motion that the stud dog auction allow stud dogs on prelims to be included in the stud dog auction this year, and will include a

disclaimer that PSLRA strongly encourages successful bidders to wait until final clearances are available before going through with the breeding per our Code of Ethics. All in Favor- 5, those opposed- 3. Motion passed.

New Business

New Specialty Site, Mason Lake - Marcy Johnson brought to the Board the possibility of a new specialty show site. There is a spot in Shelton that has great potential for our show. This site meets all of the criteria on our "wish list." There was discussion about the pros and cons of moving from Enumclaw. One of the draws to the Shelton site is that it is a more family friendly area. There is also more shade at this new site. There are more questions that need to be answered and Marcy will contact the park to discuss them. It was suggested

that the Board and the Specialty committee try to go out to the site. They will see about getting a group of people together for a tour.

Puyallup January Cluster - The Board discussed the idea of adding a specialty to the Puyallup Cluster in January. There are rules administered by AKC that make this a little bit more complicated. The Board decided that at this time, it is not a great idea. PSLRA will still have a supported entry and Sweepstakes Saturday of that cluster.

Open Discussion

The Board encourages members to watch for volunteer opportunities coming up!

—Next Board Meeting will be a Teleconference May 18, 2016

Adjourned: 9:12

Current Veterinary Clinical Trials

CLEFT LIP AND/OR PALATE



Background

- Cleft lip and/or cleft palate are developmental defects that result in the failure of the roof of the mouth to properly form. This results in an inability to properly nurse and often leads to euthanasia. The aim of this study is to identify the genes responsible for these birth defects and prevent them in future litters.

Participation Requirements

- Dogs with a cleft lip and/or cleft palate; or,
- Parents or littermates of dogs with a cleft lip and/or cleft palate

Procedures

- Collection and submission of a whole blood sample by you or your veterinarian for DNA analysis

Owner Responsibilities

- Submission of the blood sample

Benefits

- Although there are no direct benefits to participating in this study, understanding the genetic basis of such a defect will allow for the prevention of it in future litters.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Katie Lucot
kllucot@ucdavis.edu



Bannasch Laboratory
University of California, Davis
One Shields Avenue
4206 VM3A
Davis, CA 95616

www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/clinicaltrials/

Bravo

Birdland's Go For Broke MH CDX GN, below right, earned his first Versatility leg and two Graduate Open legs at the WSOTC obedience trial April 2 and 3 at Fun Fur Paws. Bravo took first place in all three classes. He is owned, trained, handled and loved by Terrie Sato.

Birdland's Go For Broke MH BN CDX GN earned color in a very challenging Qualifying stakes with a third place at the Tacoma Retriever Club field trial on April 22 at Canine Country Club in Fall City. We are very proud of Bravo for demonstrating marking, control, obedience and memory in a test that proved difficult on both land and in the water. Bravo is owned, trained and handled by Terrie Sato. In addition it was a good weekend for Bravo's Golden Retriever housemate. Topbrass Chipotle*** MH CDX RN, below left, was one of only a handful to complete all four series of the Amateur stakes earning a JAM. The boys did us proud! Thank you to my training friends for all your help. Terrie





The boys have been busy lately. Fergus (Am GCH Can CH UKC CH HRCH ReiMur's Juz Fulla Myself MH CD RE Can CD/JH/WCX), shown left, was owner-handled to his third CKC MH ribbon at the BCLRC Hunt Test April 23 under judges Don Wildes and Barry Kolodychuk. Not to be outdone, Larson (Can CH SHR ReiMur's Good Humor Man RN Am/ Can JH WC), below, went to the Palouse Hills Dog Fanciers shows with his pal Tonya Struble the same weekend and won WD/ BOS over a special April 22 under Greg Anderson and again on April 23 under Honey Glendinning.—Darlene Pado



Rescue Report

A PSLRA member saw a notice in her local newspaper about a purebred black female Lab for sale - for \$50.00. She contacted the owner and found that the lovely Lab was indeed a purebred that was living in less than ideal conditions and was no longer wanted by her owners. After paying a visit to the home to evaluate the spayed female, our Good Samaritan contacted Lab Rescue and we agreed that if the owners would release the Lab to her, we would cover the costs of rehabilitation. She ended up purchasing "T" from her own funds (our rescue program cannot purchase dogs) and took her home to foster.

"T" turned out to need quite a bit of medical care - in addition to updating her vaccines, we provided funds for extensive dental care, removal of a tumor on her eyelid, and treatment for her chronically infected ears. With the help of the PSLRA rescue fund, "T" is now happy and healthy and has been adopted to a wonderful family where she is receiving all the love, attention and exercise that she needs. We love happy endings!

LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME: This is Steve, a three year old neutered male recently listed with our rescue program. We hope to report that Steve has found his perfect new home very soon!





June 18, 2016

PSLRA Labrador AKC Sanctioned B Match

Sweepstakes, Conformation,
All-Breed Obedience and Rally

Membership Meeting prior to judging at 9:45

Please bring potluck SNACKS to share during judging

Cedar River Park Play (Carco Park) field at the Henry Moses Aquatic Center
1717 SE Maple Valley Highway, Renton, WA

Judges

Regular Classes: Angela Rogalla

Sweeps: Marcy Johnson

Juniors: Jill Mahoney

Obedience: Debbie Addicoat

Rally: Helen Dohrmann

Entries

Puppies 4months of age and older may enter

Entry Form Online For Print: www.pslra.org

Day-of Entries: 9:00am-9:30am

Prizes - All Dogs Will Receive a Soft Toy

Sweepstakes:

Best In Sweepstakes

Best Opposite In Sweepstakes

Conformation:

Best Puppy in Match

Best Opposite Puppy in Match

Best Adult in Match

Best Opposite Adult in Match

Obedience: Qualifying Ribbons

Rally: Qualifying Ribbons

High in Trial Obedience and Rally

Schedule

9:00am - 9:30am Day of Entries,
handling practice

9:45 Membership Meeting

10:00am - Juniors then Sweepstakes; Regular to follow

10:00am - Rally and Obedience (2 rings)

Directions

Cedar River Park/
Henry Moses Aquatic Center

From I-405 Southbound:

Take exit 4 to merge onto
WA-900 W/Sunset Blvd N
toward WA-169 S/Maple Valley Hwy Turn left at WA-169 S/Maple
Valley Hwy Turn right at Cedar River Park Drive, follow signs
through parking lot to event at the softball field

From I-405 Northbound:

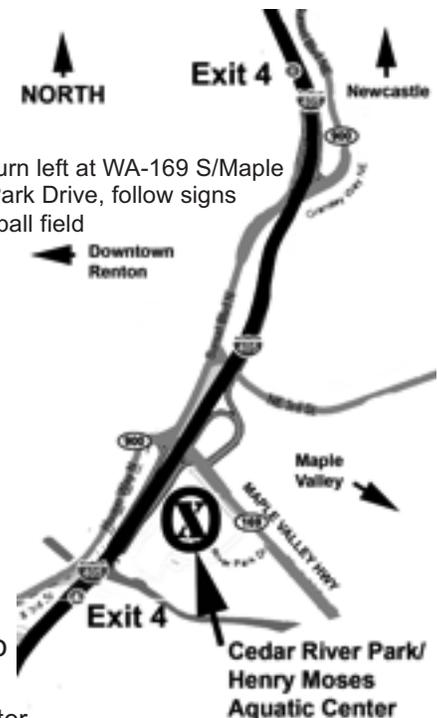
Take exit 4 to merge onto
WA-169 S/Maple Valley Hwy
Turn right at Cedar River Park
Drive, follow signs through
parking lot to event at the softball
field

Membership Meeting prior to
judging (9:45)

Please bring Potluck snacks to
share during judging!

The club will provide utensils and water

**Please keep dogs on-leash
and pick up after them**



ENTRY FEES: PRE-ENTRY - \$10.00 (\$5.00 additional entry, same dog)

DAY OF MATCH - \$20.00 (\$10.00 additional entry, same dog)

PEE WEE/JUNIOR - NO CHARGE

**SEND ENTRIES TO TERRIE SATO
31902 NE 139th St.
Duvall, Wa 98109
pre-entries close June 11**

Obedience Titles

Earning Obedience Titles: Setting Goals
by Terrie Sato

If you have begun your basic training for competitive obedience you will find that there are a number of titling opportunities offered by AKC. Setting a goal will help you to focus your training. After earning one title you can set a goal towards another title and soon you will find that you are a very accomplished trainer with a very accomplished Labrador.



The American Kennel Club has recently approved new titles and many dog clubs are now offering the opportunity to earn these titles. Some of these classes sound and are similar with subtle differences. It is important to know what to expect of each class before you enter the ring.

Beginner Novice is an optional titling class that was established in 2010. A dog club offering this class will offer a Beginner Novice A and a Beginner Novice B class. Beginner Novice A may be entered only by a handler who has never previously handled a dog that has earned an AKC obedience title. The dog entered must not have earned a previous obedience title. In other words, both dog and handler must be rookies. Beginner Novice B is for either dogs that have not earned an obedience title or any dog that has not earned a title beyond a CD and/or PCD. The handler will probably have had previous experience in the obedience ring. A Beginner Novice, or BN, title is the first basic obedience title to be earned.

The skills tested in the Beginner Novice class include heel on leash, figure eight on leash, a sit for exam, a sit/stay with the handler walking around the ring and an off leash recall. The judge is looking for the ability of dog and handler to work as a team.

The heel exercise is set up with signs similar to the Rally ring. There is often a 'Start' sign. The judge gives the forward command and the dog/handler team follows the signs which include turns and change of pace. The heel exercise ends with a halt/sit sign and the judges command, "Exercise finished." *In training it is a good idea to occasionally heel past signs propped up on the ground. It is especially helpful to practice a halt/sit in front of the sign as a dog may feel the need to check out a sign when they are no longer moving and may forget to sit.*

One of the wonderful benefits of this class is that there is a ten minute walk through with the judge in the ring at the listed class time. You may walk the course (without your dog), read and practice the signs as well as ask questions of the judge before you enter the ring to be scored. It is important in the Beginner Novice class to bring your dog into the ring and perform your heel exercise with a six foot leash. Just take up the slack leaving enough loose leash while performing the heel exercise to demonstrate to the judge that you are not tugging your dog around the ring. While performing the heel on leash you may give one single phrase of encouragement to your dog. How nice to praise your dog while he is working with you in the ring! Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity.

The figure eight is also a test of heeling skills where the dog weaves between two stewards in an eight pattern. *It is easy to train this exercise using poles, buckets or chairs, but be sure to include human posts as Labradors are well known for their fondness of people. In the ring you may be surprised to find that your dog may prefer visiting with a steward to performing a heel exercise with you if they have not worked heeling around human posts.*

A sit for exam is performed with the dog on a six foot leash. The judge will instruct you to sit your dog and leave when ready. As the handler you will be standing with your dog sitting in heel position. You may

give both a signal and verbal command for your dog to stay. Walk to the end of your six foot leash before you turn and face your dog. The judge will approach your dog from the front and place a hand briefly on the dog's head. You will be instructed to return to your dog. To return you must walk around behind your dog to heel position, gathering the leash as needed.

The sit/stay with the handler walking around the ring is one of the most difficult exercises in the Beginner Novice class. The dog must remain sitting while the handler walks the inside perimeter of the ring. No cutting corners! To receive full points for this exercise the dog must not move from the center of the ring or shift out of the sit position. The dog should not whine or bark. Many dogs like to watch their handlers and fail when they get up to see the handler walking behind them. *Be sure to practice walking behind your dog, introducing this concept carefully. Replace your dog if he moves while you are behind him. Stay close until you are sure your dog understands that he must not turn to face you as you walk around him.* This exercise is performed with the leash attached to the dog but dropped by the dog's side.

The recall exercise is performed off leash. The leash is removed and may be held, put in a pocket or draped it around the neck. The judge will instruct you to sit your dog, leave your dog and walk about 25 feet away. Your dog must stay until called. When called your dog must come briskly and sit in front of you, close enough to be easily touched.



If your dog has performed each of these exercises to the satisfaction of at least two judges in three different trials, you will have earned a BN after your dog's name as well as learned the foundation of many titles to come.

The **Novice** class comes under the category of the regular classes and is the traditional titling class for the beginner in obedience. The regular Novice obedience class is also offered as Novice A and Novice B. Novice A is a class for dogs and handlers who have never earned an AKC obedience title before. This class includes a walk through and instructions from the judge. The heel on leash is performed in response to the judges commands and includes halts, turns and a change of pace from normal to slow and normal to fast. A figure eight is performed on leash. The leash is then removed and handed to a steward. From that point on the dog is off leash. *At this point you will be happy that you worked to maintain your dog's attention while training. A dog that knows to watch his trainer will not stray around the ring.* Instead of a sit for exam, in Novice, the dog must stand for exam. You may assist your dog into the stand in a gentle manor if needed. The handler may give either /or voice and signal commands to stay and must walk six feet from the dog before turning to face the dog. *It is a good idea to know how many of your steps make six feet. At home stretch your six foot leash out to its full length and walk the length counting your strides. Now in the ring you will know just how many steps to take before you turn.* The heel free exercise follows the same routine that was used in the on lead heel exercise. The recall is performed across the ring. As with the Beginner Novice class the dog must wait to be called, come directly and sit in front of the handler. On the command to 'finish your dog' the dog must return smartly to heel.

The class ends with group exercises. The dog must sit in a row of other class competitors for one minute. This is followed by a three minute down. Recently there was a change made to the regular Novice class.



Now the leash is to remain on the dog and the armband is to be weighted by the leash. This was added as a safety feature to allow easy access to a dog that breaks its stay. *The stay is rarely a favorite exercise for the dog to perform so it is important to practice this new requirement. Your dog may try to entertain himself by playing with the armband while waiting for you to return!*

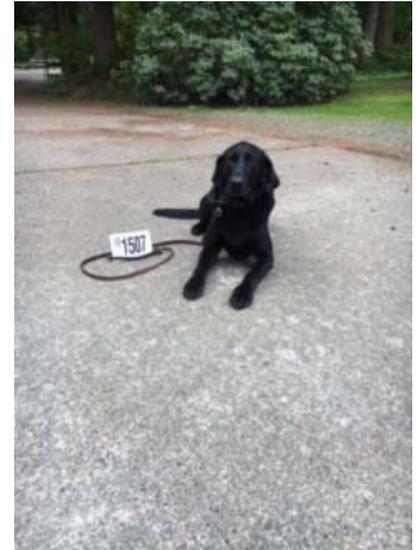
Successfully complete the exercises in the Novice class under at least two different judges in three obedience trials and your dog will have earned the companion dog title, CD.

A class recently added by AKC is the **Preferred Novice Class**. The Preferred classes are referred to as alternative titling classes. This class is available to dogs that have not earned a CDX or PCDX or a higher regular or preferred title. It is a bridge between Beginner Novice and

regular Novice and provides more ring experience for you and your dog before moving on the the higher levels. The Preferred Novice class also allows for a ten minute walk through prior to the beginning of the class. The exercises are the same as in the Novice class with one exception. There are no group exercises. The unique exercise in this class is the stay exercise. The stay will be either a sit or a down and will be posted by the judge 45 minutes before the class begins. This exercise is performed with the dog in the center of the ring and the handler positioning the dog when commanded by the judge. The judge will instruct the handler to leave and the handler will walk around the inside perimeter of the ring just as performed in the Beginner Novice class. When a dog has qualified in three different shows under at least two different judges the dog will have earned a PCD after its name.

Before you enter any class you need to read the rules and regulations for obedience trials. Under the Events category of the AKC website you will find a list of regulations that can be downloaded. The obedience regulations can be downloaded onto computers, notebooks or smart phones. You can also order a paper copy for a nominal fee. The rule book explains judging procedures and spells out qualifying and non qualifying performances. Knowing the requirements will help you train for success and confidence in the ring. Good luck and remember, the more you train, the luckier you get!

Thanks to Andy Sato and Bravo for agreeing to pose for the camera!



Volunteers needed

Sportsman show booth chair – four-day event at the Puyallup Fairgrounds in January each year. Responsible for transporting PSLRA booth to, setting up, tearing down, and storing or arranging transport and storage until SKC. Enlist volunteers for shifts to cover all four days.

Fun field day chair - Plan, oversee, and hold fun field training day. Should include general information on hunt test equipment (wingers, poppers, etc.) and an overview of what to expect at a hunt test and Working Certificate (WC). Set up stations to introduce puppies/young dogs/ novice handlers to birds, water, and gunfire. Must arrange grounds, birds, transport of all supplies and equipment needed. Arrange volunteers, communicate information with membership, coordinate with board including attending board meetings, submitting a budget, etc. Will coordinate with Field Chair (Jim and Cindy Olson). Optional – WC in the afternoon.

Other fun days - come up with ideas - pitch them to the board, including location, date, volunteers needed, budget needed, plan to chair event.

2017 Treasurer - (two year term) maintain clubs financial assets. Attend all board meetings and all events (or arrange other form of providing payment at events), produce monthly financial reports, coordinate with CPA for IRS filings, create and mail 1099s as required, interface with AKC on events regarding payment and fees. Work with each event chair to provide information to create a budget, and then help them create a budget for the current event. Tracks inventories of all assets.

2017 Secretary - (two year term) keeps and maintains all club correspondence and official records. Attends all board and club membership meetings, taking record of the events. Maintains list of policies, communicates with AKC regarding club in general and each event, and responds to general public as needed.

Mentors - be available and willing to attend a function(s) in your area of interest/expertise as a resource to new members, general public, and whoever. No self-promoting. Will no doubt build ongoing relationships requiring time, communication, and emotional investment.

Hunt test assistant chair - someone who will work with current chair, learn all the requirements for putting on a hunt test, take over chairing in the near future.

LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 4/30/2016 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) 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 due early May**

Sire: JRL Firebird of Cougar Creek
OFA24G, OFEL24N, LR-EYE 9/2015, Cardiac Normal,
EIC and PRA CBP
Dam: Cougar Creek It Is What It Is
OFA24E, OFEL24N, LR-EYE 9/2015, EIC and PRA CBP
Litter: All yellow expected
Email: CecilieDrege,cougarcreeklabs@frontier.com
Listed: 4/19/2016

Litter due 5/9/2016

Sire: GCH Gateway's Nothin' But Trouble
OFA24G, OFEL24N, LR-EYE 6/2015, PRA, CNM, EIC,
HNPK clear, Cardiac ECHO
Dam: Aiyerbrothers Roopa
OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 3/2016, Cardiac ECHO,
CNM, EIC, HNPK, PRA, thyroid clear
Litter: All yellow expected
Call: Ramdas Vaidyanathan (425) 283-3229
Email: AIYERBROTHERS@gmail.com
Listed: 3/30/2016

Litter due 5/18/2016

Sire: GCH Gateway's Nothin' But Trouble
OFA24G, OFEL24N, LR-EYE 6/2015, PRA, CNM, EIC,
HNPK clear, Cardiac ECHO
Dam: Cimarron Hema CGC
OFA28G, OFEL28N, LR-EYE 3/2016, Cardiac ECHO,
CNM, EIC, HNPK, PRA, thyroid clear
Litter: All yellow expected
Call: Ramdas Vaidyanathan (425) 283-3229
Email: AIYERBROTHERS@gmail.com
Listed: 4/20/2016

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.

None at this time.

2016 Specialty judges liaison - will transport four conformation and two obedience judges from accommodations to show site, to meals and to airport (if needed). Cannot be entered in the show.

2017 Specialty Show Chair - must successfully herd unicorns! Key volunteers (not known if they are returning) are raffle chair, obedience chair, rally chair, judges' liaison, setup, tear down, breakfasts, lunches, chief ring steward, after hours entertainment. Hospitality is huge. Coordinating transport of show and match trailers to show site and returning to location where stored, inventorying any remaining trophies, ribbons, awards. May include show location discussions.

Equipment/Trailer Manager - Inventories and maintains equipment trailers. We currently have three trailers - show, match/obedience, and hunt (shared governance with Rainer). This involves going through and inventorying trailers after events.

Social Media promoter - This person will promote upcoming events, provide information on the club, education posts regarding the breed, and general dog ownership and answer questions regarding the breed, purchasing puppies, and so on. Must be informed in social media protocols and accepted practices. Will use Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Flickr, Vine, and others. Experience with creating graphics, info-graphics, journalism, and marketing very helpful. Will not self promote personal dogs or breeding program.

Yahoo groups admin - This person will be notified of all new members - will invite them to use the chat list, provide the list rules, and maintain and enforce those rules. Every so often (possibly annually?) they will audit the list of yahoo group members and remove those who are no longer PSLRA members. Must have yahoo account and an understanding of mailing list administration.

PSLRA Webmaster - maintain, update, and create content for the PSLRA website. Must know HTML and provide examples of current work. No templates or advertising. Will interface with board, Vice-president, and committee chairs to get updates. JavaScript, jQuery, graphic design and search engine optimization experience helpful. Must have web design software (the club doesn't own any) or be able to write from code. Mobile app development a plus.

Website content - write or research and acquire new content for the PSLRA website, including educational articles, event write ups, club history, whatever... Interface with website manager to publish. Need to know copyright issues.

Breeders list chair - maintain list of volunteers throughout the year by contacting the chair of each event and getting a list of volunteers. During renewals, research each breeders list applicant to make sure they meet the rules of engagement. They must be a member for two years, and have volunteered the previous year. If it's the first time being listed, must have two sponsors. Contact sponsors to confirm and notify those who do not meet the requirements that they will not be listed. Create and track invoices for those who qualify to be listed. Confirm payment has been received, interface with Webmaster to get list updated on March 1 of each year. Make sure all information on breeders list is correct.



The Retriever Believer
Newsletter of the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association
Web: www.pslra.org
Fran Seagren, Editor
17816 SE Green Valley Rd
Auburn, WA 98092



Volunteers needed, see pg. 10, 11