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Cherry Valley Access Secured!

A great thank you goes out to the following for their successful efforts in securing access for dog training and events at Cherry Valley and for future efforts to gain use of the Snoqualmie Wildlife Areas (For a more complete update, see page 4):

Terrie Sato
Jim and Cindy Olson
Barbara Hawley
Fran Seagren

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Club Business

Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes - April 19, 2017

The meeting was conducted via teleconference. Board members present included the following: Stephanie Harris, Shelah Frey, Kristen Reiter, Jill Mahoney, Becky and Scott Dannaker, Sonya Dudder, Brenda Hubbard, Nina Mann, Diane Sullenberger, Katie Somers, Marlys Swanson, and Ramdas Vaidyanathan, Marcy Johnson, and Field Chairpersons Jim and Cindy Olson.

There were no reports from the President, Vice-President or Secretary. The Treasurer's report was postponed to be addressed later in the meeting.

Jill presented acknowledgements for Jim and Cindy Olson, Terrie Sato and any others who have participated in the efforts to secure acreage and permissions to access the Cherry Valley lands for training and events. Kris will contact Terrie to verify the individuals involved.

Cindy and Jim presented the Field Chair report. The Spring Hunt Test is in two weeks. The budget is submitted, there is plenty of ammunition and most of the gunners are set. The entries are down in numbers, but there are still a few days for last minute registration as the event doesn't close until April 24th. Currently there are 43 entered in Master (limited to 60), 13 in Senior and 18 in Junior. Liz Gibson will post on LabChat and Facebook to advertise and remind members of the entry deadline. Volunteers are still needed. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Liz, with email being the recommended method of communication.



teer efforts would offer protection. Efforts are ongoing to gain access to the full 125 acres at Cherry Valley as well as acreage at Snoqualmie. A reminder to all who access these properties, the display of a Discover Pass or State permit is required. They are checking passes, and volunteers are not excluded, so be certain to keep it legal.

There were no pressing needs for the Tracking Test, so discussion was tabled for a later meeting.

Marlys presented an update on the B Match. It will be held June 17th. Jill has already submitted a deposit for the reservation of the grounds and insurance has been secured. One judge is secured, the Sweeps judge is pending. Toys and ribbons are still on the list to address. The match trailer is at Jill's. Marlys will coordinate with Jill to review inventory and determine what, if anything, needs to be purchased.

There were no updates provided on the Agility Trials.

Katie presented an update on the Specialty. Angela Rogalla is meeting with BaRay to

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Please Submit Articles and Advertisements to:

Kristen Reiter, Editor
160 W Crescent Harbor Road, Oak Harbor, WA 98277
PSLRAnewsletter@yahoo.com.

Submissions must be received by the editor by the 20th of each month. Please use "newsletter content" 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.

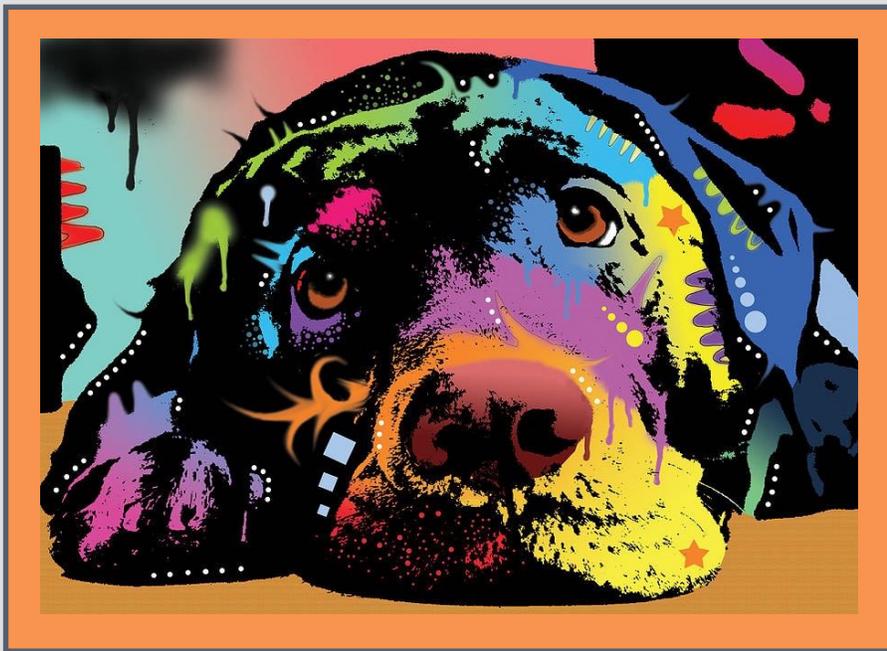
Membership in the PSLRA is open to anyone interested in Labrador retrievers. Annual dues are \$20 for individuals, \$25 for families. Junior memberships are \$10 (for a separate listing in the membership book and a separate newsletter). Please note that new members require the signature of two sponsors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



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work on the premium list. The stewards are assigned however Terrie will require stewards for the obedience and rally rings. An additional judge is needed for Sunday due to the addition of team obedience. Terrie is to contact Angela regarding this update. Paw Print Genetics will be on site to provide discounted panels. The grounds have been reserved and secured. The topic of the Health Clinic was tabled until the scheduled date approaches.

There are no updates for the Fun Field Day/Working Certificate Test. Marlys has offered to help so we can provide opportunities for a WC at the end of the day. Scott and



Marlys will collaborate to secure a date in September or October, obtain birds, etc.

The Holiday Party will be at the Dannakers, but no further discussion ensued.

The Tri-Club Trailer agreement has no further updates. Any pertinent information will be presented online. The trailer will be at Greenleaf's on the 29th and it was suggested that Scott swing by to learn how the trailer is organized and what it contains.

Kris reported that Chris Roth passed away in early March. Fran Seagren provided an obituary from the Tacoma News Tribune last week. She will check with Fran to try to obtain photos and ensure that it will be okay to reprint the obituary.

Jill reported that we received a very nice thank you card from Kawai for winning the scholarship presented at last year's specialty. Also, two thank you cards have been received from Old Dog Haven for the deposits from the Old Dog Runs held at our agility trials.

There was no further old business to conduct, and discussion opened for new business.

Marlys was approached by a member with a contact for a webmaster who has done several other club websites and can provide references. She will look into this contact, obtain a list of reference websites and see what kind of costs would be involved.

The Breeder Referral List procedures and processes are being reviewed by the board.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and is available upon request.

Brenda stated a Rescue Report would be submitted later by Edith.

Marcy brought up the topic of having a handler auction fundraiser at the specialty show to benefit the Junior Scholarship Fund. There has been interest in participation and Marcy was encouraged to bring the idea to the specialty chairs as quickly as possible as the premium will be submitted next Wednesday. Marlys is listed as the chairperson for the Junior Scholarship Fund, but is finding herself overextended and would like to defer to another volunteer. Marcy and Shelah volunteered to take on the task and will speak with Angela regarding the fundraiser so it can be included in the premium.

There was no further business to discuss. The next Board meeting will be on May 17th via teleconference and the next Membership and Board meeting will be in-person June 17th at the Match.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Something for Everyone!

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.



Cherry Valley Land Access Update

As many of you are aware, Cherry Valley has been limited to 15 to 35 acres of land for dog training for the last several years. The gates have been locked and there was no access to the ponds. Effective April 10th, we have 65 acres available, with access to the ponds and interior parking near the ponds. This is a temporary opening as the area is still too wet for the farmer to begin working the grounds.

Currently we are in the process of reviewing the Draft 2017 Bird Dog Training Plan and the proposed volunteer plan that is associated with it. WDFW apparently has some strict guidelines for allowing volunteers to enter and work on maintaining the property. We are considering our options for getting the grounds in a condition suitable for dog training. PSLRA, along with several other clubs, is checking on their commercial insurance policy to see if it allows work parties of this nature for helping to maintain the grounds.

In addition, the volunteer group will be trying to influence the plowing and planting plan for 2017 so that we retain 65 acres of useful training grounds with grass crops instead of corn.

Our goal for 2018 and beyond continues to look at 125 acres in Cherry Valley with an undetermined number of acres in Stillwater and Crescent Lake. One of the objectives here would be to have more areas for training so no one area has all of the impact of the dog training public.



Washington Sporting Dog Training Association (WSDTA) continues to grow with 18 clubs joining the association and representing much of the entire State. We have been working with the Eastern Region of NW Pointing Labradors to help them get a position on the Wildlife Area Advisory Committee (WAAC) for the Wenas Wildlife Area. This is another area where the dog training community is facing pressure with the needs of other user groups.

This continues to be a very fluid situation but WSDTA has the support of the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission and they are encouraging us to continue pushing for access to our historical training grounds in Snoqualmie Wildlife Areas (SWA). It continues to be a struggle as WDFW's Region 4 staff, State biologists and environmentalists as well as the SWA WAAC do not fully support our effort.

As we work out the details of our volunteer plan, we will be contacting WSDTA club members to come out for work parties for maintaining the grounds in a condition suitable for our dog training activities. In the meantime, feel free to train on Cherry Valley's 65 acres (see map attached) but be sure to always display your Discovery Pass or Vehicle Access Permit (received with a hunting or fishing license) in your vehicle window.

Submitted by Cindy Olson

Rescue Report

HERSHEY FINDS A HOME

Hershey is a friendly 6 year old neutered chocolate Lab in need of a new family after the death of his former owner. Hershey is great with other dogs and loves people, but he has some special needs. He was born with a neurological disorder that cannot be cured, although his condition is stable and he is in otherwise good health. Hershey had always been an indoor dog with almost constant human companionship. Although he adapted as best he could to more confined living conditions, Hershey clearly missed living with a family and showed his frustration by destroying any fabric or plastic items that he could find.

Just as we were wondering how we would possibly find a suitable home for Hershey, a couple came along who fell in love with Hershey from his photo on the SPDR website. They were made aware of all of Hershey's issues, but decided to adopt him anyway. His new mom and dad are previous adopters of two Labs through SPDR, and the last Lab that they adopted had many behavioral issues that they were able to address successfully. This convinced them that they could be equally successful with Hershey.

As it turned out, they really did not have many problems to address. Hershey immediately settled down happily in his new home and most of his behavioral issues melted away in the calm, loving atmosphere of his new family. He enjoys going for walks with his dad and he loves to snuggle in bed with his mom! Shortly after adopting Hershey, they wrote that "Hershey is definitely a keeper. He is so friendly to other animals and people! His tail just wags most of the time. We are the most blessed people you can imagine. Hershey is doing very well and he is so loved!" That's about as happy an ending as anyone could wish for.

Hershey



Braggs!



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Madison took a spin around the Beginner Novice obedience ring at the WSOTC trial at the lovely Fun Fur Paws facility in Mt Vernon. She thrilled me by qualifying both days with a 185 and a 193! One more leg to go for her second obedience title.

Bred, loved and spoiled by Chantel & Kawai

Volunteers Needed!

WEBMASTER

Do you know how to edit and manage a website? Our website www.pslra.org needs a webmaster who can update our events, litter listings and older dog placements on a routine basis.

Please contact Stephanie if you'd like to help the club and lend your expertise!

stephanie@skyfirelabs.com

509-929-5227

HOSPITALITY

Help is needed to supervise the lunch/refreshment table at the Spring Agility Trial June 24-25 at Fun Fur Paws in Mount Vernon. The duties include ensuring the judges and workers receive their free lunches while ensuring that non-workers/participants pay for theirs. Please contact Cheri Levine if you have time that weekend to help.

cherimlevine@hotmail.com

HUNT TEST

A few young individuals, ages sixteen or older are needed to work the poppers and participate as general helpers for our Spring Hunt Test on May 6 & 7 at Bob Pepper's Farm in Carnation.

Eager volunteers may contact Jim Olson.

cindyto@q.com

253-833-8739



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 RA 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 1CM, 1 CF 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

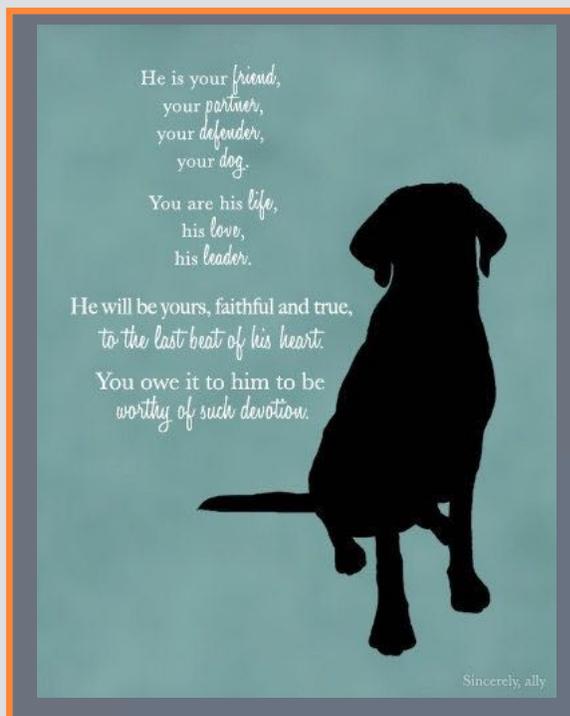
Litter born 3/6/2017 2 BF available
Sire: ClearCreek BonaVenture Dust In The Wind
OFA24G, OFEL24N, LREYE3/2016, EIC CNM & PRA clear
Dam: AM/Can CH Somersun Artesian Silk Stocking WC
OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO9/2016, EIC CNM ECHO clear
Six black girls, 2 black males
Call: Marlys Swanson 425-422-4789
Email: Marlyss2000@gmail.com
Listed 3/3/2017, updated 3/22/2017

Litter due 4/21/2017
Sire: Can CH Cedarwood Capability Brown @ Blackthorn JH WC
OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 3/5/2017, EIC, PRA & CNM clear, Cardiac Echo Normal
Dam: Kingsland Bree's Dolce Bella
OFA24G, OFEL24N, LR-EYE 10/5/2016, PRA, Cardiac Normal, EIC & CNM - CBP
Litter: All chocolates expected
Call: Karen Snee (206) 276-3199
Email: lolamom95@hotmail.com
Listed: 3/26/2017

Older Dog Listing:

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. Ha 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 4/30/2017



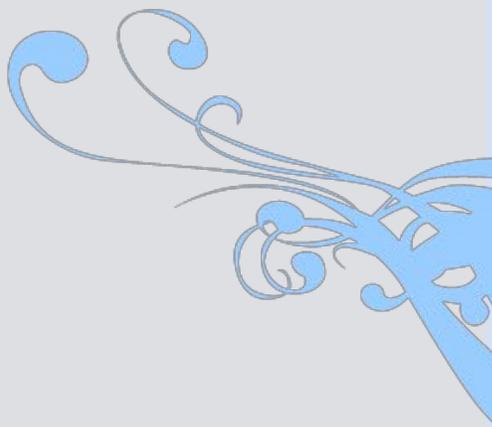
The PSLRA Spring Hunt Test will have a limited master series. There will be a 60 dog limit and we will have 9 slots open for members who will be

Entries Closed

working the event. These 9 slots will have a special code that will be provided to them for early registration.

There is an opportunity for younger members (must be at least sixteen years of age) to work with the poppers and provide general assistance.

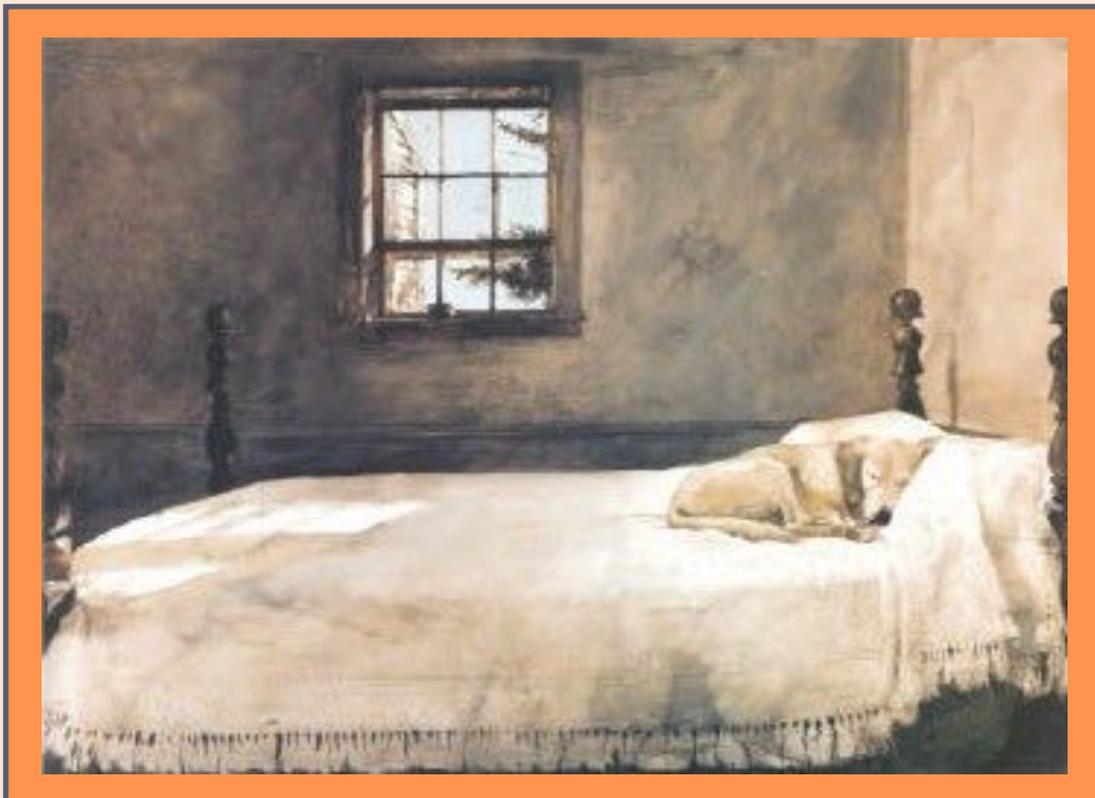
Interested in working the event? Contact Liz Gibson (Event Chairperson) or Cindy Olson (Hunt Test Secretary). Contact information can be found on (www.entryexpress.net).



Sleep Peacefully, Chris

Christine Louise Roth Age 77, passed away peacefully March 8, 2017 with her children by her side after a brief battle with lung cancer. Chris was born July 17, 1939 in Tacoma, WA and graduated from Lincoln High School and the University of Puget Sound. Chris was an avid reader and thoroughly enjoyed watching British television shows. Chris is preceded in death by her parents Don and Billie Hager and husband Neil Roth. She is survived by her two children, daughter Katherine Stoops (Allen) and son James (Kelly) and grandchildren Aaron and Tyler. Chris had several dear friends that meant the world to her. Per her request, there will be no memorial service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society on her behalf.

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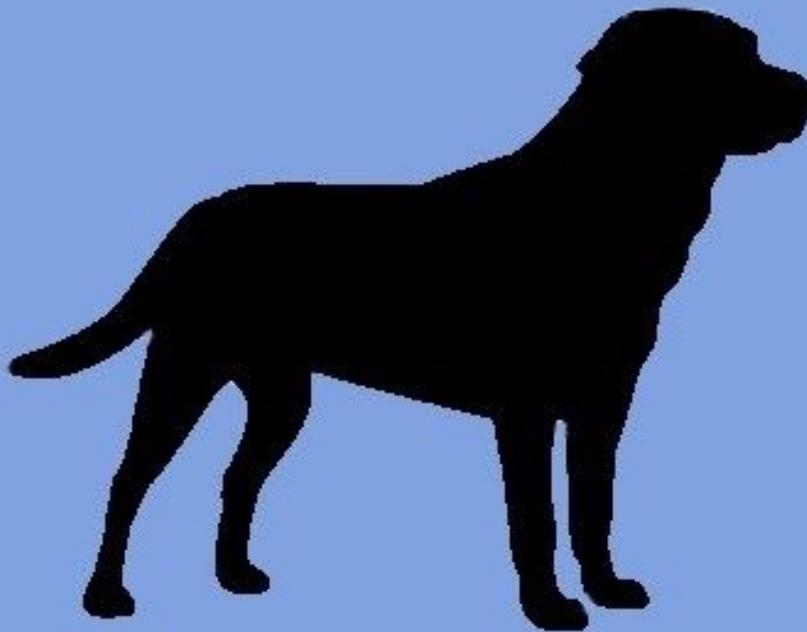


“As a well-spent day brings happy sleep, so a life well used life brings a happy death.”

- Leonardo da Vinci



COME FOR THE MEETING...



PSLRA
AKC
Sanctioned
B Match
AND
Membership
Meeting

June 17, 2017

Sweepstakes, Conformation,
All-Breed Obedience &
Rally

Carco Park
1717 SE Maple Valley Highway
Renton, WA

...STAY FOR THE FUN!

*Members are encouraged to attend our quarterly Membership Meeting to be held at 9:45am.
Come share ideas and have a voice in your club's mission and activities!*



June 17, 2017

PSLRA AKC Sanctioned B Match

*Sweepstakes, Confirmation, 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 & Junior Classes: Cathy Hakola
Sweeps: Bea Ferguson
Obedience: TBD
Rally: TBD

Entries:

Puppies 4 months of age and older may enter.
Watch for entry forms to be posted at
PSLRA.org. Please submit an entry form prior to
the show. Payment can be made at the match.

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:

9:00- 9:30 am day of Entries
9:45 – Membership meeting
10:00 – Juniors then Sweepstakes, Regular to
follow
10:00 am 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: \$15.00 per class.

**To facilitate record keeping we are accepting and encourage
pre-entries.**

Send entries to:

Marlys Swanson, 3512 93rd PI NE, Marysville, WA 98270
or email: Marlyss2000@gmail.com

Payments can be made during registration at the match.

Pre-entries close June 10.

ENTRY FORM - USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH DOG

Circle all classes entered

Sweepstakes		Regular Classes		Obedience (Circle class and A/B)		Rally	
Dog	Bitch	Dog	Bitch	Pre-Novice		Novice	A or B
4-6 mos	4-6 mos	4-6 mos	4-6 mos	Novice	A or B	Advanced	A or B
6-9 mos	6-9 mos	6-9 mos	6-9 mos	Open	A or B	Excellent	A or B
9-12 mos	9-12 mos	9-12 mos	9-12 mos	Utility	A or B		
12-15 mos	12-15 mos	12-18 mos	12-18 mos	Beg. Nov	A or B		
15-18 mos	15-18 mos	Novice	Novice	Jump Height ____		Jump Height ____	
		Adult	Adult				
Juniors (Circle)	PeeWee	Novice Junior	Novice Intermediate	Novice Senior	Open Junior	Open Senior	

Entry Form (Use a separate form for each dog)

Dog's Registered Name _____

AKC # _____

DOB: _____ Sire: _____ Dam: _____

Breeder(s): _____

Owner(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Pre-Entries: \$10.00 (\$5.00 additional entry, same dog) Double \$\$ for Day of Match Entries
 PeeWee and Juniors are NO Charge but we do need an entry form

\$_____ First Class + \$_____ Second Class\$_____ = \$_____ Total

By signing this form I agree that I will hold PSLRA and it's members free from liability for any claim arising out of the entry of this dog(s) or its presence at the event.

Signed: _____

Send Pre-Entries to:

Marlys Swanson, 3512 93rd PI NE, Marysville, WA 98270 or email: Marlyss2000@gmail.com

Payment for entries can be made at the match. Please send your entries early to lighten the work the day of match.



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AKC Basic and Advance Judging Seminar



Basic: June 2nd 2017
Advance: June 3rd and 4th 2017
Location: CRTA Goose Lake Property in Lost Hills, CA
Cost is \$50 for each seminar
Register at www.entryexpress.com