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President's Message

Please come to our first event of the summer, our Conformation/Obedience/Junior Showmanship Sanctioned Match, on June 3 at Van Doren's Landing Park in Kent, Washington.

This event is for everyone: new members, old members, kids and dogs. In addition to the competition, there will be food, prizes, and an opportunity to meet new and old club members and to have a good time. This is a great time to meet club members in an informal and relaxed setting, so new members are especially welcome. Please see the flyer in this issue of the newsletter (there is also one in last month's newsletter) for more information and an entry form for the Match. You can enter on the day of the Match if you don't meet the pre-entry deadline. And you can come as a spectator without entering. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Our Hunt Test and Tracking Test were big successes in May. Thanks to the chair persons and secretaries of these events, Ron Perry, Cindy Meyer and Nina Mann for the Hunt Test and Nina Mann and Michelle Schraeder for the Tracking Test. Special thanks to the dozens of people, too many to name here, who volunteered to help. You all are the reasons these events were so successful and why we have such a great club.

Hope to see you at the Match!



Emmy Meyer enjoys an excellent view of the hunt test happenings as she waits patiently for her owner.

IMPORTANT DATES

**June 3 Conformation/
Obedience/Junior
Showmanship Sanctioned
Match, Van Doren's
Landing Park, Kent, Mary
Jane Sarbaugh,
labsix@whidbey.com**

June 28 Board Meeting

**July 8 Rally, Agility &
Obedience Fun/Training
Day**

**August 4-5 Specialty Show and
Obedience Trial, Langley,
Whidbey Island; WC Aug.6**

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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 other advertising of litters 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:
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club business

April board meeting minutes

The April meeting of the Board of PSLRA was held Wednesday, April 26, 2006, at the home of Becky Jack. Board members present were Jan Palumbo, Bea Ferguson, Dave Lawniczak, Chantel Nahoopii, Kristi Clark, Susie Sharp, Darlene Pado, Stephanie Harris, Becky Jack, Vicky Hoskinson, Cheri Levine, Ron Perry and Carole Jensen.

Secretary's Report: March minutes were approved by email.

The following correspondence was received from AKC: Agility Trial dates, location and judges panel are approved. Spring Hunt Test dates, location and judges panel are approved.

Treasurer's Report: Balance in checking and savings is \$14,300.57. The 5 series netted approximately \$580.00.

Acknowledgements: Thanks to Becky Jack for hosting the April board meeting. Thank you to Liz Skyllingstad and all of her helpers for the great job on a successful 5-series.

Committee Reports:

—*Hunt Test Committee:* Ron Perry announced that Cheri Wildes had to step down as Hunt Test chair for the Spring HRT and that Ron and Cindy Meyer would be co-chairing the event. Permission was given to combine equipment for the tests with Rainier HRC and to store the trailer at Mike and Rhonda Forman's for the week in between our test and Rainier's test.

—*Specialty Committee:* Vicky Hoskinson reported that AKC has approved the judge's panel. This year we will have a catered buffet at our after Specialty dinner instead of a potluck. There will be a form in the premium to sign up for the dinner. Susie Sharp will be handling the reservations. Kellie Harris has agreed to provide box lunches again this year with the pre-order form also being in the premium.

—*Match Committee:* Jan Palumbo reported for Mary Jane Sarbaugh that

the match will be held at Van Doren Landing in Kent.

New Business:

—Whistling Wings retriever club requested that we pay part of the expense of mowing at Cherry Valley. Jan will look into the cost and whether or not enough of the property will be mowed to be useful to us for the tracking test and report back to the board.

—A discussion was held about updating the webpage regarding the breeder's guide reference on what the buyer should expect to pay for a puppy from a reputable breeder. It was agreed that the disclaimer regarding PSLRA not endorsing any one breeder over another on the breeder's list needs to be reworded to make it clearer that inclusion on the PSLRA Breeder list is not a guarantee of any kind.

Submitted by Carole Jensen

Business Notes

Trophy Sponsorship

There are still twelve classes that need sponsorship for the August PSLRA Specialty. Please contact Nina Mann at 360-629-7619 or via e-mail at harbortop@netzero.net to find out which classes still need sponsors. In the past we have had 100 percent sponsorship of the classes. Let's keep it up!

Raffle/Auction

Please note that this year the funds raised from raffle and the auction at the Specialty will go to support rescue, research, education and other worthy Labrador causes. In the past these fund have been labeled solely for rescue. PSLRA supports many important Labrador causes, and these funds are badly needed to continue this support.

AKC Survey

The AKC is taking a survey on Rally and Obedience. If you compete in these venues and would like to express your opinion where it will do the most good, go to:
<http://www.zoomerang.com/recipient/survey-intro.zgi?p=WEB225BG8N529Y>
The survey only takes a few minutes and AKC wants to hear your thoughts.



Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association
Conformation/Obedience/Junior Showmanship Sanctioned Match
Saturday June 3, 2006



This year's event is being held at **Van Doren's Landing Park, in Kent, Washington.**
Immediately following the judging is a **pizza feed and brief membership meeting.**
PSLRA will provide **pizza and drinks.**

All judging is held outdoors; bring appropriate weather protection.

Professional handlers may show only their own dogs. Champions are not eligible for competition.

Sweepstakes Classes: 4-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-15, 15-18 months. **Best in Sweeps and Best Opposite in Sweeps. Conformation Classes:** 4-6, 6-9, 9-12 months. **Best Puppy and Best Opposite Puppy. 12-18 months, American Bred, Bred by Exhibitor, Open. Best Adult. Junior Showmanship Classes:** Peewee through the Best in Junior Showmanship will be the first classes offered. **Exhibition only: Novice Junior, Novice Senior, Open Junior, Open Senior. Best Junior Showman. Exhibition Only Classes:** Altered Dogs, Altered Bitches. **Obedience Classes:** Novice A and B, Open A and B, Utility A and B *High in Trial and High Combined rosettes awarded if applicable.*
Directions to Match: From the North or South on I-5. Take the S. 188TH ST. exit (exit 152) toward ORILLIA RD; Take the ramp toward ORILLIA ROAD; Turn LEFT onto S 188TH ST.; S 188TH ST becomes ORILLIA RD S.; Turn RIGHT onto RUSSELL RD.;
Van Doren's Landing Park, 21899 Russell Rd, Kent, WA 98032.

PSLRA MATCH ENTRY FORM

Day of Match registration from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. All judging to start at 10:15 a.m.

Sex: _____ 1st Class: _____ 2nd Class: _____

Registered name: _____ Call name: _____

Breeder: _____ Owner: _____

I agree to hold PSLRA and its members harmless from any claim arising out of entry in this match.

Pre-entry due by May 31 ~ \$7 first class, additional classes \$3 same dog.

Day of Match entries ~ \$10 first class, additional classes \$5 same dog.

Signature: _____ Total fee: _____

Mail your completed entry forms along with your check made payable to PSLRA to Jill Mahoney, PO BOX 7454, Covington, WA 98042.

If you have any questions, please call or e-mail Mary Jane labsix@whidbey.com 360-221-6121

Obedience: Introduction to obedience and answering of questions—at the obedience ring. Approximately 9 a.m.

Conformation: Introduction to conformation plus a small handling class in the conformation ring. Approximately 9:30 a.m.



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!!

PSLRA LABRADOR RESCUE, RESEARCH & HEALTH RAFFLE

The PSLRA 16th Annual Specialty is fast approaching which means...
The Labrador Rescue, Research & Health Raffle is fast approaching too!

**This year, like last year, we are finding it difficult to secure items from retail.
Therefore, we need to call on YOU our generous MEMBERSHIP
to donate an item or two to the raffle.**

**If you would like to try and secure a donated raffle item from your favorite doggy store, we can provide
you with a copy of our raffle letter which tells the retailer all about us.**

Donations are graciously encouraged and accepted to help make this one of our most successful fundraisers ever.
If you'd like to donate an item but aren't sure what, email us—we have plenty of ideas!

All funds raised benefit PSLRA Labrador Rescue as well as Labrador related research & health issues.

If you have an item, small or large, to contribute, please contact
Hugh Maffett tugzz@comcast.net / Linda Maffett sunnydazelabradors@hotmail.com
We'll even pick it up!!!

THANK YOU



Washingtonians cross to the Potomac



PSLRA members who traveled to the Potomac show in April include: top left, Lucy Isaacson-Logan and Els Crisafulli sit ringside; bottom left, Shelah Frey shows her dog, Boomer; top right, Vickie Hoskinson has Saucey nicely stacked; bottom right, Stephanie Harris baits Rebel for the judge.

Secret Agent Pup

As our story begins, Agent Nyah has been placed in a home of PSLRA members, the Nahoopii family. Her assignment: to decipher the behavior of the two legged beings and report back to other Labrador puppies.

Greetings, Agent Nyah (code name Pistol) reporting to you from the depths of Sedro Woolley, Washington.



The latest update from my new assignment. The two leggeds are an interesting bunch. The male figure gets up very early in the morning, before the sun, and is gone before the other two wake up. The youngest of the female two legged's feeds me every morning and night. She is very important. I have figured out that the kennel is where food is dispensed. The kennel is a good place.

Every morning, we walk to this large yellow thing with gapping doors and many more small two leggeds inside. It swallows her up, yet every day, it spits her out again in the afternoon. I hear rumors that she learns new things all day. I wonder if she is a secret agent, too. She must be very brave because she goes back every morning.

The older female puts me in this odd looking kennel with wheels and I quietly lie in wait until the rumbling stops. (Of

course, I'm not sure how she could hear me with that country music playing all the time, (she seems to have a thing for Carrie Underwood). The next stop is a strange place with lots of loud, tall two leggeds, but they seem fixated on me and always seem to have food in every pocket, like my own personal candy machines, no quarters required. When the

sun is high in the sky, we go to this huge green area, where the two legged walks and leaves these white, orange and green things with chew toys attached all over this green place. Then she gets the biggest of the four leggeds out and he runs repeatedly to these things. How careless of her to leave her things laying around and make someone else pick them up.

Our latest adventure has involved some water and some feathered creatures. Not exactly sure what they are, but I do know that I LIKE them, especially when she throws them for me. I have also discovered that the more times I bring them back, the more times she'll throw them. (Silly humans, so easy to master them!)

I will continue to collect data and report in. I had best sign off before the humans suspect that I have been using the computer....Will report again.

Agent Nyah #K9

Members at the Hunt Test talk shop. Shown below are Barb Ironside, Ron Perry, Sharon Hilton and Cindy Meyer going over last minute details while Nina Mann prepares ribbons.



Specialty Fund Raiser

It's coming, it's coming, *THE BATTLE OF THE BASKETS* at the PSLRA Specialty, August 4 and 5. So, start thinking of a theme and get together with a couple of friends and get creative. It's always the highlight of the evening and a good time is always had by everyone. Let's make this the best year yet.

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Braggs

American Show Record of **Can.Ch.Cedarwood Flt Of The Phoenix**, shown below.

Puyallup Dog Fanciers June'05 – Reserve Winners Dog 4 points

Mt. Baker K.C. June '05 – WD 1 point

Seattle K.C. 3/11/06 – WD/Best of Winners 3 points

Seattle K.C. 3/12/06 – WD 3 points

Peninsula Dog Fanciers 3/25/06 – WD/BOS 1 point

Timberland Dog Fanciers 4/8/06 – W.D./BOW/Best of Breed
over three champions 2 points

Walla Walla K.C. 4/30/06 – WD/BOS 1 point

Olympia Dog Fanciers 5/6/06 – WD/BOW/BOB 1 pt

Olympia Dog Fanciers

5/7/06 – WD/BOW

We were BLESSED

Sunday May 21 to

actually watch Phoenix
finish his AMERICAN
CHAMPIONSHIP going

Best of Winners with an
entry of 17 males and 28
females! His very young
daughter (14 months old
and linebred on

CH.Cedarwoods Master
Gunner,WC), Rose, was
awarded Winners Bitch
for her first two points.

Our prayer was for the
opportunity to attend the
show he finished at and

God couldn't have provided more perfectly. **Cedarwoods**

Almond Roca Divine won the open chocolate bitch class both
days over 2 1/2 and 4 year-olds (she's 17 months) and was
Reserve Winners bitch both days (Saturday's show was a 3 point
major in bitches and one bitch shy of a major on Sunday). Diann
Sullivan.

Dusti, **Ch SR Ms T's Dusti Winds Over Char-Don CD RN WC** finished her NAHRA Started Retriever title at CSHRC and passed the second day to qualify for the SW Regional. Dusti finished her NAHRA Started Retriever Title by qualifying four times at the WAGD and CSHRC tests in April, handled by me.

Dusti is owned and bred by Terry McFadden and Janet Schoonover. Onyx, **Kayo's CharDon Onyx at Ms T's**, owned by Terry and Janet passed at CSHRC for her second NAHRA Started leg. Tio (**BISS Ch Belgairn Pictionary RN JH**) took a Judges AOM at LRCSC on 28 Apr 2006 under Breeder Judge Marion Lyons. Dusti earned two Rally Advanced legs at LRCSC on 28 and 29 April taking two fourth places. Jennifer Schmitke and Tio (**BISS Ch SR Belgairn Pictionary RN JH**), owned by Terry McFadden, Janet Schoonover and Jenny) took Best Junior Handler at the LRC of Albuquerque Specialty and also took a Judges AOM from the Hunting Retriever class. This was the fifth year in a row for Jenny to take BJH at LRCA as she moved up to Open Senior. Tio had earned an Award of Merit at the



LRCSC specialty in April also, shown by Ron Kelly. My Dusti, (**Ch SR Ms T's Dusti Winds Over Char-Don CD RA**), finished her Rally Advanced title at the SFDOC trial and then moved up to Rally Excellent the next day. She earned a 99 and took first place. She had earned her first two RA legs at the LRCSC back to back specialties in April, handled by my friend, Jill Wallis. Terry McFadden.

From Anne Swindeman, WindyCanyon Labradors: At the Walla Walla KC obedience trials on April 29, **WindyCanyon's Sweetest Fuji CD RN CC**, Fuji, earned her first CDX leg with a first place in Open A obedience! **WindyCanyon's Northern Spy**, Mata, took a second place in Nov B to finish her CD title at just 14 months old. Mata also earned her second qual toward her RN title with a score of 99/100— also good for a second place! At the RHRC test, **WindyCanyon's Sweetest Fuji CD RN CC** Fuji earned her third Q toward her JH, and 15 month old half sister, **WindyCanyon's Northern Spy CD**, Mata, debuted and earned her first Q as well. It was a great Mother's Day for their mama Rosa and me with four WindyCanyon pups in all competing and qualifying at that test!

It was a dark day at Peppers field on Sunday. Gunners shooting fast at dark ducks thrown against a dark background. It would be a junior hunt test to remember. A day that would test the handler trust and preparation and test of our young dogs perseverance



It may have been a dark, dark day, but Mark Levine beams brightly as he waits in the holding blind with Strider at the PSLRA hunt test.

and natural talents. Strider and I passed the test to earn our third JH wing. Next, it was not Dark or Stormy. It was a Bright and Sunny and everything was perfect. That's how I'll remember Sunday when Strider earned his fourth JH wing. He is something special. He is **WindyCanyon's Dark Ranger JH CD RA NAJ** and he is now a PSLRA Versatility Dog. Mark and Cheri Levine.

Am Can CH ShaRay's Nikolas of Whidbey JH RN won his third Best in Show at Coeur d'Alene Dog Fanciers on May 29 in the company of multi BIS winners and the top pointed dog in the country. In the month of May, Nick won the Sporting Group four times (Mt. Baker KC on 5/20, Spokane KC on 5/27, and Coeur d'Alene DF 5/29 & 30) and took Group Second placements three times (Olympia DFA on 5/7, Mt. Baker KC on 5/21, and Spokane KC on 5/28). He was handled beautifully by Tonya Struble. **Nick** was bred by Sharon Edwards and Christy Hoagland. Co-owned by Ron Perry and Sharon Edwards.

Am/Can/Int CH Devonshires Bracken CD WC received the third wing on his JH on Sunday, May 14, 2006, at the RHRC test under judges Shelah Frey and Kristi Clark. He was handled by Bryant Meyer and supported by everyone. Thank you! Owned by Joni Willing.

Rocking M Emily AX AXP AXJ AJP P1 EAC EAC-V EJC EJC-V ETC OGC CGC Pet Partner finished her AXP with a first place run at the Seattle Kennel Club Agility trial in May and earned two more legs (both first places) toward her MJP. She also became a registered Pet Partner with Phyllis and renewed as a Pet Partner with Kate. **Winroc Racey Rosalie OA AXJ NAC NGC NTC Pet Partner** finished her AXJ in April with a first place run and got her first Excellent B JWW leg in May (also a first place run). Rosie became a registered Pet Partner, too, with Kate. Emily and Rosie's proud teammates are Kate Schottman and Phyllis Miller.

Can Ch Fawnhaven Indigo Jones RN WC, aka Indy, (Am Neth Intl Ch Raintree's Slippery When Wet JH X Can Ch Fawnhaven Ishtar O'Fercroft CD WC) bred by Barb and Don Ironside and Marilee Thacker, owned by Barb and Don and Rose Goche, finished his Rally Novice title on Saturday at Mt. Baker K.C. **Can Ch Fawnhaven's Double Shot JH RN** (aka Teddy The Bear) (Can Ch Fawnhaven Indigo Jones RN WC X Fawnhaven's Finest Brandy WC) bred and owned by Barb and Don Ironside, finished his Rally Novice title on Sunday at Mt. Baker K.C with the lovely score of 99!

At the PSLRA Hunt Test on May 7 **ShaRay's Clearly Artesian**, Koda passed his first JH test. May 14 Koda passed his second wing at the RHRC Test. Many thanks to Sharon Edwards for sharing Koda with us, he is so much fun! Koda is loved and owned by Sharon and the Swanson family.

Dixie Humble and **U-CD Little Miss Katie IV MH CD** passed the master test at both the PSLRA and Rainier hunt tests qualifying for the Master National to be held in California this year.

Windycanyon's Heavy Pack RN and his mom finished their RN title at the Walla Walla shows. We went three for three. Despite the ever-changing weather we had a great time and brought home a second place ribbon to finish things off. Bred by Anne Swindeman and owned and handled by Kim Hayes.

Dart qualified for his last Novice Rally leg so he now qualifies for the PSLRA All Around award. Dart's official name is now **Ch. Double Dutch D'Artagnion JH RN**. Owned, bred and handled by Els Crisafulli.

At just three years old, Tessa is now **Int. Ch. Winroc Quintessence, JH, TDX, AX, MXJ**. She earned her TDX at the PSLRA tracking test. Tracking can be difficult when the weather is warm, which is was starting to be by 11 a.m. when we ran our track. Tessa had an extra burden of puppies on board which were slowing her down a bit. She toughed it out through some hard parts and 25 minutes later and nearly half a mile from the start she came up with the glove! Owned, bred and handled by Lee Foote.



Judge Franna Pitt, Lee Foote, test secretary Nina Mann and judge Jill Jones pose with new TDX Tessa (holding glove) and Lee's daughter Clarissa.

Rocking M All That Jazz, finished her Junior Hunter title at the PSLRA spring hunt test, on May 7. Keith came home for a quick weekend to run her, and was very happy he did. She finished her title in four straight tests. Now, Keith is off on another deployment with the Coast Guard, so the training is left up to faithful wife, Beth. Beth and Keith Selthofer.

At the Rainier hunt test, **Windycanyon's Cosmopolitan Lad**, Cosmo, passed his very first Junior Hunt test and my first Hunt Test as a handler. It was not without suspense and hands wringing but one down, three to go. Owned, trained and handled by Sarah Fischer.

Romany Cimarron Satori CD NA completed his Novice Jumpers agility title at the SKC trial on May 21 with an awesome time and second place! (You just can't out-run those Border collies!) Tori is owned by Sandy Wasson and Laura Steward, bred by Laura.

Follow that track!

Have you always wanted to earn a title on your dog but been put off by the noise, the crowds and the long days at dog shows? Try Tracking! Tracking takes place in the early morning. By necessity, only a few dogs can run. Jeans, sweatshirts and boots are appropriate attire. Pass or fail, the PSLRA tracking test is always followed by a gourmet feast and a pleasant discussion with the judges. Labradors love to get out and follow a track, and the exercise is wonderful for their two legged companions, too.

Tracking tests begin the day before when the judges and track layers meet and plot the track. Early the next morning the track layers and judges meet again and the track layers go to work

walking the track that was set the day before. A glove is left for the dog to find at the end of the track.

Those running the test meet at a designated location and the judge explains the intricacies of the draw. The draw is the random selection and assignment of each individual track. Each track is assigned a number and no two tracks are exactly the same.



Chief track layer Jennifer Baerlocher and volunteer Carrie Carrothers review the tracking map.



Judge Franna Pitt explains the rules of the draw to participants.



Nina Mann wore two hats at the tracking test. As test secretary she kept the paper work organized and as track layer she logged miles in the field.



Tracking chair Michelle Schraeder (middle) prepares for the draw while judges Franna Pitt and Jill Jones are ready with their paper work.

From the Editor It Takes a Village

Recently, a good friend earned a Master Hunter with her dog. She called her breeder to inform her of the good news. Her breeder responded with congratulations and then made a startling statement. Her words were, "I hope you thanked all of those who helped you get there. You did not earn this title on your own. A lot of people have contributed to your success." As my friend shared her experience with me, she thanked me profusely for being a training partner. It has always been my pleasure to train with her and has been no hardship on me. My dogs get trained, too. However, she pointed out that it took people to man pop and throw stations, contribute equipment, give advice and suggestions, gunners to shoot flyers, clubs to put on tests and training days and a cooperative family as well as professional advice to help her obtain the MH initials for her dog. In fact, she could not possibly thank everyone involved.

At the Mt. Baker Kennel Club show the buzz went quickly through the performance building. Nick had won Best of Breed again. Purple shirts emblazoned with the logo 'Team Nick' came whipping out as club members donned their new duds in order to display their support for Am Can CH ShaRay's Nikolas of Whidbey JH RN. It is with pride that club members point to Nick, the back to back BIS winner at the Seattle Kennel Club shows. Ron Perry, Nick's owner is proud, too. Yet Ron will be the first to admit that he is only the humble owner of this fine dog. Sharon Edwards and Christy Hoagland are the breeders. Nick's breeders would be the first to admit that breeding a Best in Show Labrador, though every breeder's dream, does not happen overnight. It also does not happen without the knowledge and advice and support of peers, mentors and judges. Nick's owners and breeders have been gracious examples of good winners. They accept the accolades with a smile and thanks and then acknowledge those who have helped along the way.

Very few titles can be earned in a vacuum. Obedience competitors need distractions, places to train, people to act as judges, real judges, matches, dog shows and the watchful eyes of friends. Agility competitors need the same. Training partners share interesting articles and books. They discuss methods. They offer encouragement when we are frustrated. Even the nay-sayers play a part in the success of earning a title. Many people are as motivated by someone telling them it can't be done as they are by someone cheering them on. The more difficult the title, the more people it takes to make that title possible. In fact, it takes a village to earn an advanced title on your dog. In short, it takes a dog club. We are lucky to belong to a good one. If you haven't yet become a training partner to another club member, seek out someone who shares your interest. Build a training group. Become a mentor. Be part of the village. You won't regret it. The smile on a friend's face when those initials are added to their dog's name is a huge reward.

Terrie



Lee Foote draws the number of her TDX track from Michelle.

The tracks are run after an appropriate aging time. For those of you with dogs who like to run ahead when you go to the park, the dog is always out in front in this game. The handler holds the forty foot tracking line attached to the harness on the dog. The judges follow along behind. A whistle from the judge means the dog has lost the track. A glove in the hand of the handler means a track has been successfully completed.



Tracking chair Michelle Schraeder awards Lee Foote a record of Tessa's successful TDX track as Secretary Nina Mann and judges Franna Pitt and Jill Jones look on.

Interested in tracking? For more information, check with Nina Mann, harbortop@netzero.net

LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 5/26/06 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, Penn Hip or OVC clearance must not be bred before the age of 12 months, or 24 months with an OFA clearance.
 - Eye clearances on both parents annually. After the dog's examination at age 10, annual examinations are no longer necessary.
 - 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 Marlys if you need a Litter Listing form, to be used for ALL litters.**
 - All Breeders must update their litters each week with Marlys Swanson via email (marlyss982@aol.com) 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: **Marlys Swanson, 3512 – 93rd Place NE, Marysville, WA 98270.**
 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 Marlys Swanson) to show your appreciation. **These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue. LITTER LISTING FORMS** available from Marlys Swanson

Litter born 1/24/06**(Available 1 BF)**

Sire: Ridge Views Reit to Remember
OFA 26G, OFEL 26, CERF 9/17/05, Optigen Normal
CERF 3/1/2006

Dam: ShaRays Sounds Like Heaven
OFA 25G, OFEL 25, ACVO 3/17/06

Litter: 5 BF, 1 YF, 2BM, 1YM

Contact: Sharon Edwards (360) 341-1422 evenings

Email: sharay@whidbey.com Langley, WA

Listed 4/2/06, 05/19/06

Litter born 3/12/06**(Available 1 YM, 1 YF)**

Sire: Int. Ch. Mountain Star Magnum Calibur JH CC
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 3/19/06, OFA PRA normal,
OFA cardiac

Dam: Int. Ch. Mountain Star Ice Storm JH CC PennHIP 70%,
OFEL 24, ACVO 3/19/06, OFA PRA Normal, OFA cardiac

Litter: 1 YF, 4 YM

Contact: Barbara & Shawn Hazen (509) 833-9715/(509) 833-9705

Email: hazenlabs3@yahoo.com Wapato, WA

Listed 2/25/06, 05/22/06

Litter born 02/06/06**(Available 1 BM, 1 BF)**

Sire: Am/Can CH Skyfire's Oughta Be A Law JH CD WC
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, Wind-Morgan Hips, Elbows, Hocks &
Shoulders, Heart clear by Echo, CERF 9/05, Optigen A1
normal/clear.

Dam: Skyfire's Kodiak Bombshell
OFA Hips 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 9/25/05, Heart Clear 22 mo

Litter: 1 BM, 1 BF, 2 CF, 3 CM

Contact: Stephanie Harris (509) 925-1259 or (509) 929-5227

Email: stephanie@skyfirelabs.com Ellensburg, WA

Listed 3/29/06, 5/24/06

Litter born 3/30/06**(Available 1 YM, 2 BF)**

Sire: BISS Can Ch. Ghoststone's Boomtown, JH
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 01/2006, OFA Cardiac 1/22/05,
OFA PRA 1/27/05

Dam: Nipntuck Cimarron Saving Grace
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 9/25/05, OFA Cardiac

Litter: 3 BM, 3 YM, 3 BF

Contact: Laura Steward DVM (360) 876-6199 (Evening)

Email: Laura@cimarronfarm.com Port Orchard, WA

Listed 5/26/06

Litter born 03/03/2006**(Available 2 BM, 2 BF)**

Sire: BISS Ch ShaRay's Ezra CD JH
OFA 28G, OFEL 28, CERF 9/25/05, OFA Heart, Optigen Clear

Dam: Can Ch Timberline Victoria WC
OFA 27G, OFEL 47, CERF 9/25/05

Litter: 5 BM, 4 BF

Contact: Sharon Edwards (360)341-1422 eve

Email: sharay@whidbey.com Langley, WA

Listed 4/27/06, 5/19/06

Litter Born 4/19/06**(Available 1 YM)**

Sire: Int. Ch Cimarron Sam-I-Am of Cougar Creek CD CGC
OFA 24E, OFEL 24, CERF 6/30/05, Heart clear, Optigen clear

Dam: Am/Can. Ch ShaRay Fair Emma CD
OFA 24E, OFEL 24, CERF 9/25/05

Litter: 5 YM, 2 YF

Contact: Marlys Swanson (360) 658-7604

Email: mls swanson@verizon.net Marysville, WA

Listed 5/4/06, 5/19/06

Litter born 3/11/06**(Available 1 BF)**

Sire: CH HySpire Slim Shady
OFA 27 E, OFEL 27, ACVO 05/20/05, Heart OFA

Dam: Sunnydaze It's All About Mee, JH
OFA 24 G, OFEL 24, ACVO 1/26/06

Litter: Black expected

Contact: Linda Maffett (360) 961-5269

Email: Sunnydazelabradors@hotmail.com Bellingham, WA

Listed 5/6/06, 5/14/06

Litter born 4/20/06**(Available 2 YF, 2 YM)**

Sire: CH Lobuff Bobwhite At Chucklebrook WC
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, OFA Heart 3/6/05, ACVO 3/5/05,
Optigen Normal

Dam: Devonshires Jasmine
OFA 25G, OFEL 25 CERF 10/28/05

Litter: 5 YM, 5 YF

Contact Joy Windels (253) 854-1827

Email: classictail@comcast.net

Listed 5/22/06

Renton, WA

Litter born 5/15/06 (Available 1 BM)

Sire: Am/Can Ch Timberline Big Ben at Fawnhaven SH RN
PennHip 80th Percentile, GDC elbows clear, CERF
9/25/05, OFA Cardiac, Optigen clear
Dam: Interlochen Hurricane Hannah
OFA 29 E, OFEL 29, CERF 2/8/06
Litter: 4 yellow and 3 black
Contact: Diane McCowan (509) 466-8313 (Spokane)
Or Walli Roarke (253) 581-5024 (Tacoma)
Email: brianspo81@msn.com Spokane, WA
Listed 4/19/06, 5/16/06

Litter expected 6/7/06 (All chocolate)

Sire: Ch Belgairn Tom Jones
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 9/25/05, Heart OFA
Dam: Sunnydaze Wish Upon A Star
OFA 26G, OFEL 26, ACVO 9/8/05
Litter: Chocolate expected
Contact: Linda Maffett (360) 961-5269
Email: Sunnydazelabradors@hotmail.com Bellingham, WA
Listed 05/16/06

Litter Expected 6/9/06 (Blacks & Yellows)

Sire: Snoline's Caiman Dorado, RE, JH, CD
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 3/4/06, OFA Heart
Dam: Int CH Koa's Kauai Elegance, CDX, JH, WC, CGC, Delta
Society Pet Partner
OFA 24G OFEL 24, CERF 5/12/05
Litter: Yellows & Blacks
Contact: Chantel Nahoopii (DAY) 360-724-5227
(EVENING) 360-724-5227
Email: koalabs@msn.com Sedro Wooley, WA
Listed 5/15/06

Litter Expected 6/10/06 (All Chocolate)

Sire: Liberty's Broad Ridge
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 4/2005
Dam: Can Ch Cedarwoods Kauri at Makaila
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 4/12/05
Litter: All Chocolate
Contact: Diann Sullivan-August or Cheryl Young
(360) 592-5215
Email: r.l.august@netzero.com Bellingham, WA
Listed 5/4/06

Other 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 perspective buyers any known health and/or temperament issues and are on file with the Breeder Listing Chairperson.

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 eyes, hips, and elbows and the reason why the dog is being placed. The listing of other dogs in no way constitutes an endorsement by PSLRA. Price will vary.

Yellow Male, Born 10/2004**Intact**

Possible CH/MH potential. Available to approved working home only. Call for details. See pedigree for "Happy" at www.geocities.com/fclabs. Grandsires are Paddy and Iggy.
Contact: Bob Morris
Email: fclabs@foxinternet.net Eatonville, WA
Listed 3/29/06

Black Female, 12 months (as of 5/6/06) Intact (to be spayed)

Calm, sweet, fairly quiet girl. Crate trained. Loves kids and other dogs. Will be a very loyal companion. No health issues.
Contact: Laura Steward DVM (360) 876-6199
Email: Laura@cimarronfarm.com Port Orchard, WA
Listed 5/7/06, 5/18/06

Black Male, 4 months (as of 4/24/06) (Intact)

"Levy" is a sweet and loyal little guy. Swims and already retrieving in water. House broken, crate trained, very quiet and hates to be in trouble.
Contact: Vicky Hoskinson (360) 856-0649
Email: Cameolabs@comcast.net Sedro Woolley, WA
Listed 5/25/06

Yellow Female, 10 months (5/24/06) (Intact-must be spayed)

Very sweet and eager to please attitude; basic obedience, training started, very smart! Parents are both champions with all health clearances. Will make a wonderful little companion.
Contact: Cecilie Drege (360) 435-0456
Email: cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com
Website: www.cougarcreeklabs.com Arlington, WA
Listed 5/25/06

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Harbortop Shokora CD finished her CD at the Mt. Baker Kennel Club show on Saturday. Kora is 17 months old and is owned and trained by Fred Drennan.

Ljutic MACH, a beautiful female black lab pictured on the right with her owner, earned her MACH at the Seattle Kennel Club agility trial in Graham Washington on May 20. She is owned by Lori Vicari. She also was the fastest dog in the Standard class and second in her Jumpers class! What a great lab!





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