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President's Message

Summer is almost here, and with it comes sunshine, long days, great weather and PSLRA summer events. The first is our Breed/Obedience Match and Fun/Training Day, at Remlinger's Farm on June 4.

This event is for everyone; new members, old members, kids and dogs. It is a combination Breed/Obedience Sanctioned Match and Fun/Training Day. In addition to the handling and obedience activities, there will be food, prizes, an opportunity to get our great new club clothing with our logo embroidered on it, and to see and buy the PSLRA resource book, A Dog for All Reasons. Plus it's a great opportunity to meet new and old club members and to have a good time. Please see the flyer in this issue of the newsletter for more information and an entry form for the match. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there!

May was a big month for PSLRA, with the hunt test and tracking test. Special thanks to the chair persons of each event, Cheri Levine and Michelle Schraeder, and 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.

2005 PSLRA 5-Series

The 5-Series was a lot of fun for all. The day would not have gone so well without the help of the following people: my co-chairs Cindy Meyer, Kristi Clark and Rhonda Lahey; Adult Series Judges Chuck and Sharon Hilton; Puppy and Junior Handler Judges Terrie Sato and Liz Scott.

Congrats to the following qualifiers:

Adult Series: first place Elaine Brock and Denali, second place Don Wildes and Ranger, third place Elaine Brock and Raven, fourth place Christine Robertson and Nike. Other qualifiers Don Aker and Jenny, Jim Charboneau and Willie, Kristi Clark and Amber, Chris Dotson and Hailey, Alice Ellis, and Lark, Lee Foote and Tessa and Tripper, Ben Hansen and Liz, Effie Henkle and Jo, Rhonda Lahey and James and Jessie, Nancy Light and Koki, Bryant Meyer and Gidget and Fire, Darlene Pado and Reilly, Ron Perry with Alex and Tara, Elizabeth Rudy and Frolic, Terrie Sato with Traveler and Clutch, Liz Scott and Hudson, Ann West and Duchess, Don Wildes and Trigger, John Willits and Riley. **Junior Handlers:** Katie Dotson and Jake, Jessica Dotson

with Toby and Hailey, Daniel Swanson and Penny, Josh Swanson and Penny.

Thank you to all that came out and made this such a GREAT event. See you next April. *Kimberly*



Winners of the 5-Series, by a run off, were Elaine Brock and Ch Bayviews Aliho Denali MH. Also in placements was Elaine's dog, Westwind's Raven of Aliho MH. A close second went to Don Wilde's dog Ranger, Interlochen's High Ho Silver SH.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 25 Board meeting

June 4 Breed/Obedience

Match, Conformation Handling/

Obedience Fun/Training Day,

Remlinger Farms, Carnation;

Match Chair: Kristi Clark,

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June 22 Board meeting

July 9 Rally, Agility & Obedience

Fun/Training Day

July 27 Board Meeting

August 5-6 Specialty Show and

Obedience Trial, Langley,

Whidbey Island

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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.

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club business

April board meeting minutes

The meeting began at 7:15 p.m. April 27 at Becky Jack's house. Board members Kristi Clark, Nina Mann, Carole Jensen, Ron Perry, Dave Lawniczak, Jan Palumbo, Cheri Levine, Stephanie Harris, Darlene Pado, Marlys Swanson, Becky Jack and guests Debbie Needham and Chantel Nahoopii attended.

Via e-mail the Board approved payment for 72 mugs for trophies and gifts, five dozen Zanie toys, tracking test expenses, hunt test rosettes, and trailer maintenance.

Randy Clark donated the field trailer maintenance work to the club.

Secretary's report: AKC approved our Rally obedience classes, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: The 5-Series did make money. The Treasurer is dealing with a few outstanding checks.

Acknowledgements: Thank yous for the 5-Series go to Sharon and Chuck Hilton, Liz Scott, Terrie Sato, Kim Dotson, Cindy Meyer, and the many volunteers.

—Thanks were extended to Becky for the use of her home and to Randy Clark for his work on the field trailer.

We will be selling PSLRA apparel at the hunt test. It was moved and seconded to purchase for resale a number of hats (to sell for \$15), hoodies, (\$30) and vests (\$30).

Hunt Test rosettes have been shipped, judges' dinner will be held in Fall City, and gun safety classes will be given by Kristi at the next hunt test.

Tracking—2006 judges already contracted.

Specialty—Kristi and Marlys agreed to do judges' ringside hospitality and lunch setup. Julie Kirk and Linda Maffet would like to donate a Best Veteran trophy.

Match—Becky Jack agreed to do PeeWees. The judges' selection committee needs to meet via e-mail and

pick conformation judges. We need to put a flyer for the match in the next newsletter. Remlinger Farm is the secured location. We need to get ribbons and trophies.

Fun Training Day July 9 at Julie Germano's—obedience, rally, and agility.

We need to check on the mass e-mail list and its status with Sirinda, also with Marcy for access to the website so more people are able to make changes.

—Adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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Oops

The chocolate pups pictured with Hayden Coulumbe on page 9 of the April newsletter were identified incorrectly. Those charmers are out of Int'l CH Harbortop Death By Chocolate CTC, WC, JH, Am/Can CD *Bailee*, owned by Heide Savidge, and Can CH Mynown n Makaila's Big Thunder WC, JH *Boomer*, owned by Nancy Ingraham.

Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association Breed/Obedience Sanctioned Match
Saturday June 4, 2005



***** Come Join in the Fun *****

This year's event is being held at **Remlinger Farms** in **Carnation**.
Please see below for directions and a description of our new **intro classes**.
Immediately following the judging is a **potluck and brief membership meeting**.
PSLRA will provide **pizza** and **drinks**. Please bring something to share.
Last names, A-L salads, M-Z chips or desserts.

Judges for the day: **Conformation**—Stephanie Harris, **Sweepstakes**—to be announced,
Junior Showmanship and Exhibition—Becky Jack, **Obedience**—Christi Dudzik

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. Only dogs/bitches winning first place in these classes may compete for **Best in Sweeps and Best Opposite in Sweeps**.
Conformation Classes: 4-6, 6-9, 9-12 months. These are considered puppy classes; only dogs/bitches winning first place in these classes are eligible to compete for **Best Puppy and Best Opposite Puppy**.
12-18 months, American Bred, Bred by Exhibitor, Open. These classes are considered **Adult** classes. Only dogs/bitches winning first place in these classes are eligible for **Best Adult**.
Junior Showmanship Classes: Peewee through the **Best in Junior Showmanship will be the first classes offered**.
Exhibition only: Peewee handler classes are divided into: Children under six and those over six but not yet 10 years of age.
Novice Junior, Novice Senior, Open Junior, Open Senior. Only the first place winners of the regular junior classes will be eligible for **Best Junior Showman**.
All children entered in Peewee, and regular junior showmanship classes will receive a beautiful participant rosette and a fun doggie gift.
Exhibition Only Classes: Altered Dogs, Altered Bitches. These dogs/bitches are not eligible to compete for any further prize.
Obedience Classes: Novice A and B, Open A and B, Utility A and B
High in Trial and High Combined rosettes will be awarded if applicable.

Directions to Match: Take Highway 203 and head towards Carnation. The turn into Remlinger Farms is located just south of the Carnation city limits, on the south end of the bridge over the Snoqualmie River.

PSLRA MATCH ENTRY FORM

Day of Match registration from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. All judging to start approximately 10 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 June 2 ~ \$7 first class, additional classes \$3 same dog.

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

Signature: _____ **Total fee:** _____

Please mail your completed entry forms along with your check made payable to PSLRA to Nina Mann, 5706 312th St. NW, Stanwood, WA 98292. If you have any questions, please call or e-mail Kristi at 253-946-5890 or kristiclarck2001@yahoo.com

~ Added Fun ~

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

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

What does it take to become a Senior Hunter?

by Chuck and Sharon Hilton

Attaining a Senior Hunter title is not an easy task. We would equate this accomplishment to going from the sixth grade straight into the twelfth grade of high school. Your retriever has to become proficient in a lot of different areas to pass a Senior test.

AKC guidelines are that dogs shall be tested in a minimum of four hunting situations that shall include one land blind, one water blind (that may be run as a double blind on land and water), one double land mark, and one double water mark. There shall be at least one diversion shot and at least one of the hunting situations should include a walk-up. In Senior tests, a double mark is defined as two marks presented before the dog is sent to retrieve. Blinds shall not be run between marks in Senior Hunting Tests.

1. Hunting situations shall be practical and realistic, make use of the natural hazards, numerous decoys and hunting equipment. When we set up Senior marks, we will use the natural terrain and other obstacles to challenge the dogs' marking abilities, which means the dog will have to show perseverance to accomplish the marks. Being avid hunters, we use decoys of all types in our tests around and to the area of the marks. The handler will be asked to carry a gun on all marks and handle it with proper gun safety.

2. Dogs shall be steady on the line. This means the dog must come to the line under control, without a lead or collar, preferably in a heeling position. A controlled break or creeping is allowed; however, a lower score in trainability will result. What is a controlled break? It is where a dog is watching the marks fall and it leaves the handler's side before both birds are down. The handler may stop the dog by a whistle or voice command and then wait for the final bird

to fall. Then we as judges will ask you to re-heel your dog and then release the dog for the retrieve. A creep is where the dog scoots on the ground a short distance but does not break. Both of these instances should be discussed at the time of the scenario to make sure the handlers understand the distance their dog could travel before being disqualified.



Liz Scott and dog Hudson wait in the holding blind.

3. A dog shall be required to honor a working dog at least once. The handler may quietly talk to the honoring dog as long as it does not interfere with the working dog's ability to successfully complete the retrieve. If the honoring dog breaks and interferes with the working dog in any way, the honoring dog will be disqualified and given a zero in trainability. All of the parameters of honoring should be explained at the time of the scenario.

4. As in all levels, the dog must deliver to hand. This becomes more important now that the dog is required to retrieve doubles. If the dog has a habit of dropping the bird from the first retrieve, then you may spend so much time and energy trying to get him to fetch the bird

that he may forget where the second mark has fallen.

5. A recast is allowed on marks, but only in cases of confusion. The definition of a recast is when a dog makes a start towards a marked fall, but stops within a short distance of the line (usually that distance is limited to 15 feet, unless you are on a water retrieve and then the distance could be much shorter) and returns or is recalled to the handler. The dog may be sent to retrieve again at this time with consent of the judges. This is most often attributed to confusion on the part of the dog as to whether it was actually sent to retrieve the first time. However, if the dog has gone to the area of the fall, fails to find the bird and returns (or is recalled by the handler), this is not considered a recast and the dog will get a score of zero for lack of perseverance. Another area where a recast might occur is when the dog is sent to retrieve a blind. However, there is no allowance for confusion on being sent on blind retrieves. If the dog has to be released more than once, then the dog will get a zero on trainability and be disqualified. The common term for this is the dog did a NO GO.

6. Handling your dog on marks. Now that we are in the first stages of the dogs' learning what handling means and we are now doing double retrieves, sometimes the dogs become confused and you will need to handle on a mark. There are no hard and fast rules as to what shall be allowed by the judges; however, your dog will receive a lower score on marking and perseverance than a dog that goes to the area of the fall and finds the bird unaided.

7. A *SWITCH* is a situation that no handler wants to see happen. What this means is the dog has been sent to retrieve one of the marks and has established a

Spring PSLRA Hunt Test

by Cheri Levine

hunt for that mark but has been unable to find it easily, so he decides to go look for the other mark because he thinks it could be easier found, or the first bird down was a 'live flyer' and the dog would rather get another 'warm' bird instead of a dead thrown bird. Once the hunt was established for the fall, then the dog cannot go to the other mark and expect to receive a qualifying score. The dog will be scored zero in perseverance.

8. Diversion shots shall be used and diversion birds may be used. The normal diversion shot is used along with indicating a blind needs to be picked up, also this shot will usually occur when the dog is returning from the last mark. A diversion bird, called a "bulldog" may be used. The diversion bird is usually thrown as the dog returns from the first mark and then the dog will pick it up prior to picking up the second mark. The diversion bird is not a mark but constitutes a trainability situation.

9. Blinds. The intent of having a dog pick up a blind is to see how well that dog will listen to whistle, voice and hand signal commands while being directed to the bird. Each judge has their own criteria for what needs to be done to get a passing score on a blind. Make sure you ask questions at the scenario.

10. Walk-up. This is where you will be asked to come to the line and as you approach the line the judge will call for the bird. The handler may give a verbal or whistle command to steady the dog at that time, however, only one command can be given at that time. Judges shall tell the handlers at the scenario when it is appropriate to give the command.

What we have covered to this point has been mainly directed at the dogs' abilities; however, the handlers must become familiar with and proficient in handling techniques to help their dogs get a qualifying score.

The success of our Spring hunt test is the story of the people who volunteered so much of their time so our dogs could do what they love to do! If you have never volunteered for a hunt test, you don't know the fun you're missing.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who stepped up to the plate and offered to help. Our hunt test secretary, Chantel Nahoopii is a wonder woman! What a great job! What a hard job: Putting all the dogs in the correct stakes, making last minute changes, and being there immediately following the finished stakes for awards!

Then there is Liz Scott, our Chief Marshal, always taking care of her volunteers. What a team she put together, Terrie Sato, Christine Robertson, Dixie Humble, Julie Stucker, Darlene Pado, Jan Palumbo, Laura Berger, Rhonda Lahey, Marlys Swanson, Bev Brown, Debbie Needham, Chantel Nahoopii and many relief marshals when needed. They all had their supplies ready and waiting for them each day. Thank you, Liz.

The stake chairs are special people who have a great deal of expertise or just great organizational skills. I called them our "grabbers." Take your stuff first before someone else does! Without them, we won't have any equipment or workers, and they always kept our judges happy. Ron Perry, Cindy Meyer, Mark Levine, Mark Hanson, Liz Skyllingsstad, Bob Gunther, Rhonda Lahey, and Kimberly Dotson.

I have to give a special thank you to Cindy and Bryant Meyer who were always

there but allowed us newbees to take credit for the work. They really know how a hunt test works and they make it look seamless while having fun.

Kristi Clark did a great job as our hospitality chair as well as the runner for whatever we needed from "home base."

Our judges were great to work with and had a good time. Saturday was overcast but pleasant and it never rained. Always good for the dogs to have constant shade. Sunday also turned out well and it did not rain until the last hour of the test. We had to put the equipment away in the rain and most of the awards were in the rain, but it was not bad.

To give you an update, we had 42 master dogs complete the tests, 16 senior dogs and 63 junior dogs. I saw a lot of happy junior handlers.

Again, what a great time I had as Hunt Chair. I am so grateful for all of you, (and you know who you are), for everything you did. For those of you who did not come and help or visit, you may think about coming out sometime. As my husband put it, "watching those master dogs run just gives me goosebumps." This is what a Lab loves to do!



Happy Master Hunt Test qualifiers smile for the cameras.

Juniors seem happy in Hunt Tests

by Terry McFadden

Until last year, I had had only one junior run a dog of mine in a hunt test, Emily Owen-Jones in October 2000. She ran Toadd at the National when it was last held in Washington. Toadd already had



Junior handler Ashlyn Abramson at the NAHRA SW Regional Field Test in April 2005.

his Junior Hunter but since Emily was a co-owner, I entered him in the JH test at Pepper's Farm. She had had him retrieve bumpers only once before the test. She had been involved with herding trials as her family bred cattle dogs so she was used to dogs in the field but shortly found out this was a whole different scene.

We went to the test grounds and she watched the other handlers until her turn. When she was up to the line with Toadd, she did great for a novice handler and he passed both land marks. Then came the handler error, which was really my error for not giving her instructions on what to do after she comes off the line. She stopped to talk to someone in the gallery. The next dog was at the line and the gunshot and bird went. Emily had no idea that Toadd would break away from her and go after the pheasant. Well, he did

and, needless to say, was disqualified. The judges were great though and let Emily run Toadd as test dog. They both did well and he retrieved both water marks for her. It was nice to see Emily handling the birds as on the first bird, she was kind of holding it with fingertips, but by the last bird (a wet and slimy duck), she was taking them from Toadd like a pro.

The next junior that I've worked with is Daniel Schmitke, Jennifer Schmitke's younger brother. When Dan Clark sold Bea (Tallant's Midnite Dakota Breeze) to their mother Kay, Bea was Daniel's pup to run in the field and Jenny's to show in the ring. While Bea was growing up, I put Daniel on my Desi (SR Ms T's Desert Wind of Char-Don JH WC), who was working towards her SH. Because Daniel was a co-owner, he could run Desi in AKC JH tests even though she already had her title. AKC allows youngsters under 18 to run a dog, no matter what the title, at

any test. The youngsters get an AKC junior number, then when they participate, they earn points under the Junior Achievement program toward scholarships, etc.

I had Daniel out training on several occasions, a little with Bea, but mostly with Desi. He would come to our formal training days as well as to the times when just a few of us would get together. Something as simple as giving him his first whistle was enough to create a smile that would make everybody else smile. That whistle was one of the first training issues. It's amazing that you have to teach someone how to blow a whistle, be it adult or youngster. It's like they don't want to make much noise. You have to explain that you need to blow it loudly for a dog to hear it, especially when the wind is blowing the other way. He still blows it

softer than I would like but he got louder as he gained more experience.

I entered him in a NAHRA (North American Hunting Retriever Association) field test (FT) with Desi before trying AKC. In NAHRA, you do five birds but they don't have to be delivered to hand, just across the line. This first test for him was a challenge from the start as he had to sit on a bucket, hold a handler, gun, and the dog. Desi delivered them all to hand with the exception of one. That one she dropped on the ground in front of his feet. Now came the training of how to make her pick up a bird that she dropped. Again, it's an issue of firmness of voice just like the whistle. With a youngster who is quiet, to try and get them to speak loudly and firmly, you have to be patient. In training it works better, but under the stress of a test, youngsters, I have found, tend to act shy with their commands with adults watching.

Daniel and Desi passed two AKC JH tests and four NAHRA Started Retriever tests between the fall of 2003 and fall of 2004 (only tests in Arizona). He was going for his brass band with NAHRA (four qualifying scores in a calendar year). He only needed one more test to qualify for the brass band and the SW Regional test (one pass had been in 2003). Now the heartache set in and this is the hardest thing to watch.





31 Daniel Schmitke and Desi experienced both success and frustration in their outings, shown at NAHRA test with ribbons.

Daniel and Desi went with Jon Rohrbach, our friend and owner of Rana, to the NAHRA FT in Camp Verde, Arizona. Daniel had qualified at the AKC test a week before with Desi. Well, Desi did the land beautifully, but when they got to water, Desi refused. Realize this is a dog that absolutely loves water. Jon said Daniel handled it like a pro, but the next day, the same thing happened. That was too much for Daniel and Jon brought him home, a sad kid. This had never happened before with Desi and Daniel was heartbroken. We went out and trained and Desi did great for him, land and water. So we entered Desi and Tio in the NAHRA test in Yuma the next month. Just before the test, we stopped at a spot on the river and threw bumpers and a bird. She had no problem retrieving either of them in a strong current and bringing them right back to him.

We got to the test and lo and behold, she refused again. Two feet in and then popped and wouldn't go further. I thought it might be something in his voice, though I couldn't see how, so I ran her the next day. She did the same to me. It was at least nice to be able to let Daniel know that it wasn't him. He had thought he was doing something wrong. It turns out she had been scared at the last AKC test on

the last bird on water (she passed but that's the last time she would go in the water at a test). So she is now retired. Jon is going to let Daniel run Rana and I'm going to let him run Tio. Hopefully, we'll be able to get him out on Bea this year, also. He will have seen the positives and the negatives of the field by the time he runs his own dog, Bea.

Our club (Copper State HRC) can run AKC as well as NAHRA, but the kids really like the NAHRA tests, as they can participate in the field, also. We teach the kids gun safety and then have them help throw birds or handle

the popper guns in the field. Every youngster who has been at a NAHRA test has asked to help, rather than waiting to be asked. Unfortunately, with AKC, they have to be older to be in the field, even if it is just to throw birds. When we ran our NAHRA test in Yuma, we gave a donation to the FFA at the local high school and they had high school students come out to help pop and throw birds at the test. Several of the youngsters expressed an interest after-wards in becoming involved in the sport.

At our last NAHRA test (Daniel had a baseball game), another one of our club members, had his nine year old daughter run a dog. From the first day to the second, the confidence and desire to participate intensified and you could watch the joy in her face. She passed both days with flying colors.

Daniel has now participated in FT, HTs, and has also enjoyed the skeet shoots that our club puts on every year. Our members that shoot skeet competitively take the time with our youngsters, teaching them gun safety and then how to shoot live shot at the clay pigeons. The next step will be taking Daniel and others out in the field at our pheasant/chukar hunts after some more training. At our booths at outdoor shows, we put out information aimed at youngsters as well as the adults. As with conformation, the youth are our continuation of the sport. We need to keep them involved as much as we can, but also remember that we can't force it. Hunt tests are definitely only for those who want to do it. It's not the thing for everybody.

Please sponsor a youngster with one of your experienced dogs if you have a chance. It's great for the youngster and the feeling you get watching him/her enjoy the interaction with the dog and the sense of accomplishment is a feeling that tugs at your heart.



Junior Handlers with their 5-Series ribbons, left to right: Clarissa Foote, Josh Swanson, Daniel Swanson, Katie Dotson and Jessica Dotson.

Braggs

Dusti, **Am Intl Ch Ms T's Dusti Winds Over Char-Don CD**, finished her Championship and CD the same weekend at Scottsdale in March. She earned her first NAHRA Started Retriever leg two weeks later at WAGD, and her first Rally leg, May 8. Dusti is owned, trained and handled by Terry McFadden. Tio, **BISS Am Intl Ch SR Belgairn Pictionary WC**, completed his NAHRA started at CSHRC in April. Jennifer Schmitke and Tio took an AOM at LRCSC in April, and Jenny and Tio took BJH at LRC of Albuquerque in May, the fourth year straight for Jenny. Tio is co-owned by Terry and Jennifer. Promise, **CharDon's Cross My Heart** (BISS Ch SR Belgairn Pictionary WC x CharDons Piece of Tyme) took 6 to 9 puppy bitch class at LRCA and then took Best Opposite in Sweeps under Barbara Ironside. Promise was bred by Janet Schoonover and is co-owned by Terry McFadden.

Int'l Ch Cougar Creek Paint It Black was WD at the Kiwanis show in BC, April 1. **Cougar Creek Cliche** was RWB from the puppy class at the Renaissance show in BC, on April 8. Mick and Cliche are loved, bred-by, and handled by Cecile Drege, Cougar Creek Labradors.

Rosie, **Fawnhaven's Winter Rose**, earned her Canadian CDX title at the Island and Pacific Labrador Retriever Club's obedience trial in Sidney, B.C. Rosie even took home the "high in class" award for Open A. Rosie is owned and trained by Jan Palumbo.

On April 17 at the EGRC hunt test, **Can Ch Fawnhaven's Midnight Rocket**, aka Nitro, qualified for the third wing of his JH, this time with his very novice owner Richard handling. Nitro is owned by Richard and Christina Ramay and bred by Don and Barb Ironside. Another Fawnhaven dog, **Fawnhaven's Madeline Rose**, Maddie, owned by Kenny Hubach, got her first JH leg. Both are out of Can Ch Fawnhaven's Indigo Jones WC owned by Rose Goche and Fawnhaven's Finest Brandy WC owned by Barb and Don Ironside.

Fuji earned her CD in three straight trials. Her first leg was earned in Walla Walla with a second place, and her second and third legs in Yakima with second and third placements and very nice scores. Fuji also qualified with high scores each day in Rally Novice B and titled in Yakima at the Monday show with a perfect 100, good for a first place. She is now **WindyCanyon's Sweetest Fuji CD RN** at just 17 months. Jazz, black littermate to Fuji, finished her Rally Novice title at the Yakima shows with nice scores and a third place. She also qualified in the Novice obedience ring with nice scores both days—she earned a 195.5, my personal highest obedience score ever, on Monday, beating her chocolate sister who "only" got a 194! Jazz is now **WindyCanyon's Fulla Jazz RN**. Fuji and Jazz are owned, loved and trained by Anne Swindeman.

Ginger Spice Girl IV received her final leg for her AX title. She now can start working for her MACH and Master titles in AKC Agility. She performed wonderfully and had quite a cheering crowd for her clean run! **Ginger Spice Girl IV** now has titles of **NA,NAJ, OA,OAJ, AX,AXJ and CGC**. What a great lab owned by Cheri and Mark Levine.

Dusti, **Ch Ms T's Dusti Winds Over CharDon CD**, earned a Novice B Rally leg. She had never been in a rally ring for practice or for real (just obedience) and had only practiced twice with five signs each at obedience class. She earned a 191 at the Greater Sierra Vista KC show. My boy, Hudson, did some very nice work in the senior test this weekend and we passed our second test towards our title. Both dogs are owned and trained by Terry McFadden.

Liberty's Stars and Stripes, Lola, (Ch Skyfire's Oughta Be a Law, CD, JH x Int. Ch Liberty's Spirit of N. America) went WB, BOW, BOB on the first day of the Walla Walla shows and went WB, BOS both days in Yakima. Lola is co-owned by Betsy Clagett and her daughter, Shannon and was bred by Misha Lynch and handled by Shelah Frey.

Romany Cimarron Leading Man CGC, was WD, BOW, and BOB over special at the Yakima KC show on May 2. Sean is

bred by Laura Steward, owned by Sandy Wasson and Earnie Robinson.

Twigs Fawnhaven Dancyn With Attitude SH WCI finished her Senior Hunter title on May 7. She is bred and owned by Bonnie and Gordie McGhie and co-owned by Barb and Don Ironside.

ShaRay's Tara of Whidbey CD SH earned her fourth wing in Master Hunter and **ShaRay's Nikolas of Whidbey WC CGC** picked up his second ribbon in Junior Hunter at the PSLRA Spring HRT and earned his third leg at the RHRC test on May 15. Bred by Sharon Edwards, owned/co-owned and handled by Ron Perry.

At the Olympia Dog Fanciers Association Show, May 7, **Sharay's Fair Emma** took WB and BOS. Emma is co-owned by Sharon and Ray Edwards and Marlys and Brad Swanson. Thanks to Sharon for sharing this wonderful bitch with us. **Angelwood Magic Penny CD, NAP** qualified for her first JH Wing at the PSLRA Hunt Test on May 8. Penny is owned by Brad, Marlys, Daniel and Josh Swanson.

Winroc Racey Rosalie NA NAJ NAC NJC NGC finished her Novice Agility Certificate at the NADAC trial on April 23 with a first place run that was eight seconds faster than the second fastest dog. She got an extra Novice Standard Q on April 24, also a first place run, and earned her first leg in Open Jumpers (first place). **Rachel Elana AX, MXJ, EAC, EAC-V, EJC, EJC-V- Outstanding, OTC, P1, Pet Partner, CGC** earned a Q in Elite Tunnelers at the NADAC trial on April 22. **Rocking M Emily AX, OAP, AXJ, AJP, EAC, EAC-V, EJC, EJC-V, OTC, OGC, P1, Pet Partner, CGC** earned a Q in Elite Standard (Veterans) at the NADAC trial on April 23. **Winroc Racey Rosalie NA NAJ NAC NGC NJC** earned her first Open Standard leg with a first place run at the Sno-King trial on May 7. **Rachel Elana AX, NAP, MXJ, NJP, EJC, EJC-Veteran-Outstanding, EAC, EAC-Veteran, OTC, P1, Pet Partner, CGC** finished her Novice Agility Preferred title and got an Open Preferred Jumpers leg (both first places) on May 7 and 8 at the Sno king trial. Rosie, Rachel and Emily

are owned and loved by Kate Schottman and Phyllis Miller.

Interlochen's Showdown SH Trigger received his fourth Master leg and **Interlochen's High Ho Silver SH** Ranger received his second Master leg at the spring PSLRA Hunt Test. We are very proud of our boys, owned and loved by Don and Cheri Wildes.

Daybreaks Chocolate Splash At Koa, CGC, Kainalu earned her first Junior Hunter wing at just under a year old at our PSLRA hunt test on Mother's Day. The Chocolate Rocket is proudly bred by Debbie Needham of Daybreak Labradors and loved and spoiled by the two and four legged Koa Labrador Gang. It was a good Mother's Day!

Bayview Amarillo At Daybreak CDX earned her first Junior Hunter leg at the PSLRA test on May 8. Rillo is owned, trained and handled by Debbie Needham.

Rocking M's Go for the Gusto KC went three for three to earn his Rally Novice

title. KC was bred by Cindy and Bryant Meyer and trained loved and owned by Kristi and Randy Clark. **Ranmar Benny and the Jets** bred by Randy and Dianne Clark, loved, trained and owned by Kristi and Randy Clark and handled by many finally got his last leg for his Junior Hunter title. **Rocking M's Sunfires Black Jade** bred by Bryant and Cindy Meyer and handled by Bryant and Cindy, loved and owned by Kristi and Randy Clark, earned her JH at the PSLRA Hunt Test.

Int'l Ch Merganser's Hi-Rollin Hudson JH earned his first Senior Hunter leg at the EGRC Hunt Test in April, his second at the PSLRA Hunt Test on May 7. Hudson is owned, trained and handled by Liz Scott.

Interlochen Clovercreek Comet earned a Junior Hunter leg at the RHRC test on May 15. Hailey was handled by owner Kimberly Dotson.

U-CD Little Miss Katie IV SH CD earned her first Master Hunter leg at the RHRC test on May 15. Katie is owned, trained and much enjoyed by Dixie Humble.

Shilshole's Shiftn Gears earned his first senior leg at the EGRC test April 16. He earned his second leg at the RHRC test May 14. Clutch is owned and trained by Terrie Sato and was bred by Bob Gunther. **U-UD HR Nomad Take The High Road MH UDX TD CC** earned his Master hunter title at the RHRC test May 15. Traveler is owned, trained and handled by Terrie Sato. This was his last hunt test and he finished with style. He is supposed to retire but it is hard to sit still and Rally is starting to look pretty appealing to the old boy.

Cambria's Sovereign Light, Guy, at eight months and at his first show, was winner's dog at the Palouse Hills Dog Fanciers show on April 22 under judge Cynthia Sommers. He finished the weekend with two Reserves under judges Dr. Asa Mays and Mrs. M. Rosalie Anderson. Guy (Priorise Tracker x Tapeatom Sovereign Reign) is owned by Lorraine Murray.

Lab lovers include many breeds in their extended families.

Member, dog nominated

Christi Dudzik, long time member of PSLRA, has shared that her Golden Retriever, Shug, has been nominated by Delta Society to represent Pet Partners in the Pedigree "Paws to Recognize" Award. Christi is the president of Healing Paws, Inc. and has helped train and test many Delta Society dogs. Shug makes visits to patients in need at Harborview Hospital. He is nominated for helping a young boy begin to heal emotionally from serious injuries that resulted from an attack by wild dogs.

Christi and Shug will be flown to New York City in August for the awards ceremony. If he is the overall winner he will have his paw print set in concrete at a special "Canine Heroes Walk of Fame" and will receive a medal. Shug asks that you visit the Pedigree web site, <http://www.pedigree.com/ptr/2005/vote.asp?SID=5679811> and vote as often and as many times as you like. His Labrador pal, Teddy, has taken on the job of campaign manager and wants PSLRA to know Shug would appreciate your vote. The voting runs through July. For more information visit www.healingpaws.com "What's New" page.

Members' other dog titled

Sharon Edwards and her Bernese Mountain Dog, Vinnie, recently earned their Novice Draft Dog title (NDD) on a very blustery day. Sharon says the thrill of victory warmed them right up.



LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 05/11/05 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

Litter born 3/24/05 (1 YM Available)

Sire: NFTCH* AFTCH AFC FC TNT's Mr Peabody Prairemarsh
 *2004 Canadian National Field Champion
 OFA 24E, OFEL 24, Cardiac 34, ACVO 12/5/04
 Dam: Cropper's Rd. Lk Royal Honey SH
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 2/02/05
 Litter: 1 YF, 4 YM
 Contact: Bob Gunther (206) 782-8081 (mesg)
 C: (206) 276-7644 Email: bgunthers@aol.com
 Listed: 2/17/05, 4/30/05 Seattle, WA

Litter born 04/25/05 (2 BF Available)

Sire: Desert Coal Train
 OFA 25G, OFEL 24, ACVO 2/27/05
 Dam: Rocking M's Blu-Chip Emerald SH
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 2/27/05
 Litter: 2BM, 2BF
 Contact: Bryant and Cindy Meyer (253) 846-9583
 Email: rockingmlabs@qwest.net
 Listed: 4/11/05, 5/10/05 Spanaway, WA

Litter Born 3/22/05 (3 BM, 4 CM, 1 CF Available)

Sire: BISS Ch Cressmoor's Iron Oxen
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 7/9/04
 Dam: Willcare Klasik Joyful Noise, WC
 OFA 26G, OFEL 26, CERF 3/02/2005
 Litter: 3BM, 4 CM, 2 CF
 Contact Perrin Christensen (907) 344-7769
 Email: perrinsk9s@ak.net
 Listed 3/29/05, 4/29/05 Anchorage, AK



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 prospective 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.

Litter born 3/30/05 (1 CM, 3 BM, 1 CF, 3 BF Available)

Sire: Skyfire's Just Lucky I Guess
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 9/11/04
 Dam: Willoridge's Cider House Rules
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 11/14/04
 Litter: 1CM, 5BM, 1CF, 4BF
 Contact: Greg Phillips (360) 392-6971 or (360) 201-0266
 Email: greg@willoridgelabs.com
 Listed 4/11/05, 4/30/05 Ferndale, WA

Yellow female, 6 mos. (intact)

She is as sweet as the day is long. Very mellow and used to kids and noises.

Contact: Vicky Hoskinson (360) 856-0649
 Email: cameolabs@comcast.net
 Listed 3/8/05, 4/30/05 Sedro Woolley, WA

Litter born 4/15/05 (Available 1 YF, 1 YM, 2 BM, 2 BF)

Sire: Skyfire's Just Lucky I Guess
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, OFA Heart Clear
 CERF 9/11/04. Optigen A1
 Dam: Skyfire Cookiecan Pecan Sande
 OFA Hips 30G. OFA Elbows 30
 CERF 6/29/04
 Contact: Stephanie Harris (509) 925-1259
 email: stephanie@skyfirelabs.com
 Listed 4/10/05 Ellensburg, WA

Black Female, 11 mos. (intact/must be spayed)

Socialized, basic obedience training, crated, has been shown, good size, sweet, moderately active girl. Both parents are champions with all health clearances.

Contact: Cecilie Drege

(360) 435-0456

Email: Cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com

Listed 4/6/05, 4/30/05

Arlington, WA

Black Male, 6 mos. (intact)

Very sweet, good looking boy. Ready for his own forever home. Great with kids, loves attention, crate trained, basic manners, always packing something in his mouth. Super companion and/or hunting prospect.

Contact: Stephanie Harris

(509) 925-1259

Email: Stephanie@skyfirelabs.com

Listed 4/29/05

Ellensburg, WA

Yellow female, 8 mos. (intact)

Sweet, loving, outgoing yellow girl. Great with kids. Crate trained, basic manners, wonderful family and/or hunting companion.

Contact: Stephanie Harris

(509) 925-1259

Email: Stephanie@skyfirelabs.com

Listed 4/29/05

Ellensburg, WA

Black female, 14 mos. (spayed)

Lily is very good at obedience. She would make an excellent obedience dog, not to mention she is crate trained and loves everyone and all animals.

Contact: Julia Wilson

(360) 332-4844

Email: juliaw8@juno.com

Listed 5/8/05

Blaine, WA

Puppy Stakes

Marlys Swanson's pup Koda learns fast at the puppy stakes.

Koda charges into grass as tall as he is to find the bird.



Found it!



Wow, this is big! How do I pick it up?



Got it! Here I come!



Sharon and Chuck Hilton judging at the 5-Series.



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