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President's Message

Happy November everyone! Here come the holidays adding even more to our busy calendars. December 5 is our Christmas Party (a flyer will be posted to the chat list soon), and the Membership Banquet comes in January—see the flyer in this newsletter. With our daylight hours shorter and our weather into fall rain, it's harder to get outside on a regular basis with our dogs. But, I encourage everyone to make that effort. I'm hoping to take my own advice, too! There are so many venues available to us—for instance, the tracking events. Be sure and read Maggy Susman's account of our Fall Tracking Test in this newsletter. What an exciting and challenging game. Another game that our Labs were born to do!

As most of you know by now, I really enjoyed our Fall Working Certificate test this year. It's no secret what really made my day. It was the willingness of every person there to help. What a great team we made, and what a great day we had!

As we all know that "communication" is key to having a successful and efficiently run club, we are discussing how to make our meetings more accessible to those that can't attend in person. We really need each of you to participate and add your voice to our planning and decisions. I'm looking forward to hearing more from all of you!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving! — Kimberly

IMPORTANT DATES

**December 5,
Christmas Party,
Shelah Frey, River
Dog, Issaquah
January 9, Show N
Go North, Country
Classic Kennels,
Arlington
Awards Banquet &
Officer Election,
January 16, Mama
Stortini's, Puyallup**

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

Requests for information, applications and/or payment of dues should be addressed to: **Stephanie Harris, Membership Chair**
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club business

October board meeting

October Board Meeting was called to order 6:30 p.m. via teleconference on Wednesday, October 21, 2015. In attendance were Stephanie Harris, Jill Mahoney, Tamaria Hartman, Jennifer Hajny, Diane Sullenberger, Kim Dotson, Marcy Johnson, Nina Mann, Brenda Hubbard, Lizzie Moir, Marlys Swanson, and Sonya Dudder.

Officers Reports*President:* Kimberly Dotson - No report.*Vice President:* Marlys Swanson - No report.*Secretary:* Jennifer Hajny -

Correspondence from a study of CCL tears at WSU - post to chat and Facebook.

Treasurer: Jill Mahoney - Report

available on request.

—Fall Agility budget M/S/V to approve budget; motion carries.

—Deposit made to Mama Stortini's in Puyallup for Annual Banquet.

Acknowledgements

The BOD would like to thank the following individuals for their service to the club: Health clinic Chairpersons Mary Jane Sarbaugh and Nina Mann, Dr. Laura Steward, Jennifer Hajny, Dr. Woodfield, and Dr. Sullivan;

—WC Chairpersons Kim and Chris

Dotson. Please look for more

acknowledgments in this newsletter.

—Supported Entry for Wenatchee Kennel Club Chairpersons Jen Snyder and Katie Somers. Trophies were unique, fun, and functional. Great job promoting and organizing.

Committee Reports

Rescue Report: Finch, Zeke, Coda and Gabby are four lovely Labs featured in this month's Rescue Report by Edith Bryan. Please see their stories and pictures elsewhere in the newsletter.

Fall WC: Huge success. Lots of helpers. It was a great turn out!

Health Clinic: The health clinic was a big success.

Fall Agility Trial: Budget was approved.

By Law Committee: Committee members are working through the By-Laws at this time.

Christmas Party: Shelah Frey was looking into reserving River Dog in Issaquah for this year's Christmas Party. Please watch for information to come. Date is December 5.

Annual Awards Banquet & Election of Officers: January 16 at Mama Stortini's in Puyallup. Plan on coming out!

Show N Go – North: This is a one-day event on January 9 at Country Classic Kennels in Arlington.

Sportsmen's Show: Tamaria Hartman is chairing the event, January 27-31.

Information to come.

SKC Educational Booth: Chairperson needed. Marlys Swanson will be the Chairperson for *Meet the Breed* at this event.

Nomination Committee: Working on getting nominations, but going well.

New Members: Stephanie Harris will send a report to the Newsletter gurus with updated new member information! Note the following changes in membership contact information:

Rick Mullen & Cindy King

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Old Business

—Field Chair needed!

—Show N Go – South - Jill Mahoney is looking into this and will make a recommendation to the Board.

—Breeders List- Tamaria Hartman has sent letters to some who have inquired recently about not being on the breeders list due to failure to volunteer. As a reminder, one of the criteria to be on the breeders list in 2016 is you must have volunteered for the club during 2015.

New Business

None at this time

Open Discussion

—It was suggested the BOD define what it means to "volunteer" in regards to the club and being on the breeders list. This issue will be explored more.

—A recommendation was made to the By-Laws committee to make Board meetings more accessible to those who may not be able to make meetings in person. The By-Laws committee has been looking into this and is in contact with AKC regarding the matter.

—Next Meeting - November 18 at Shelah's home

Adjourn 7:35

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND...



Annual Membership Banquet

January 16, 2016

NEW LOCATION: Mama Stortini's
3207 East Main Avenue, Puyallup, WA 98372

Social Hour: 5:30 p.m.

Dinner, Awards & Entertainment: 6 p.m.

PSLRA Members \$25, Non Club Members \$50

Please send your reservation with check

Payable to **PSLRA** to Kimberly Dotson

2503 - 174th Street East, Tacoma, WA 98445

OR email me at clovercreeklabs@msn.com

Name: _____

Number attending: Member _____ x \$25
 Non Member _____ x \$50

Any questions: Please email Kimberly Dotson at clovercreeklabs@msn.com or 253-278-1116

Sign-up Deadline January 1, 2016

Bruh

The boys and I had a fun time at the LRC National Specialty held at Purina Farms in Gray Summit, Missouri. Not only did we get to do a lot of sightseeing on our drive across the country, but the boys had some success at the show, too. At the Parent Club Specialty October 7, Fergus won Best in Veteran Sweepstakes under Els Crisafulli and won the Hunting Dog Class under Robert Shreve. He also earned his CGC. Larson placed second in Open Black to the eventual WD. At the National, Larson won the Hunting Dog class under Pluis Davern and placed fourth in Open Black. Larson also qualified in Rally Novice B with nice scores all three trials to earn his RN title.—Darlene Pado, ReiMur Labradors



Counter clockwise from top left: Fergus Best in Veteran Sweeps RC Specialty, Larson RN Title, Larson LRC National Hunting Dog, Boys at Purina Farms; next page The Crew.



Happy Hunter

Here is Max showing off his catch for the day with Bruce and nephew Morris. They had a really good day. Bea Ferguson



“Some recent rescue happy endings and new beginnings...”

Finch did not have the right personality to be a service dog, so he has changed careers and now is in the running for the world’s best family companion! His new life includes daily swimming, playing fetch and snuggling with his family.



Rescue Report

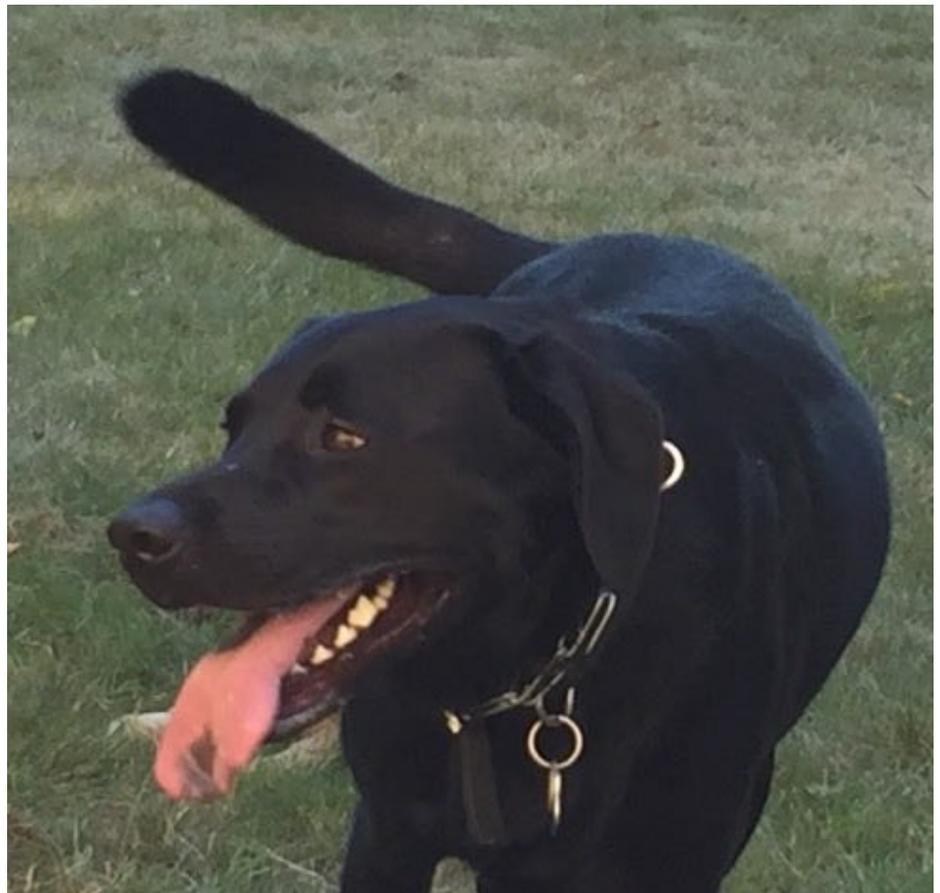


Two-year-old Coda was in need of a new family, and one of our previous adopters had just lost her beloved rescue Lab to old age. It has been a match made in heaven!

Coda has filled the empty space in her new owner’s life and has settled down happily in her new home.



Ten-year-old Gabby is one of the sweetest Labs ever! She has found a family to love her and cherish her for her senior years, along with the company of another Lab of the same age. Gabby is being loved and pampered as she deserves and has a lot of love to give in return.



Zeke is a three-year-old black male Lab whose family was unable to give him the exercise and attention that all Labs need. He now has two young girls to entertain and an active family to keep him busy.

AKC Tracking—2015 TDX Final

One of the performance events that PSLRA sponsors is AKC TRACKING. Every year, we have a TD/TDX in the fall [October] and a TDU/VST in the winter [February]. All of these assess the dog's ability to follow a scent trail and test stylized search-and-rescue skills. Requirements for the tests are as follows:

- For a Tracking Dog [TD]: a 440-500 yard track in a field aged 30-90 minutes with two articles scented and then dropped by the tracklayer;
- For a Tracking Dog Excellent [TDX]: an 800-1000 yard track in a field with cover changes/obstacles aged 3-5 hours with cross tracks [made by two different people] laid 90 minutes in, and four articles for the dog to find;
- For a Tracking Dog Urban [TDU]: a 400-500 yard track in an urban setting with multiple possible crosstracks, non-vegetated areas, aged 30-90 minutes with two articles;
- For a Variable Surface Track [VST]: a 600-800 yard track in an urban area interacting with buildings, multiple potential crosstracks and multiple types of non-vegetated areas [e.g. asphalt or concrete] and four articles.

These are tough tests, and acknowledged as such by the AKC, which requires only one pass in a test for a title. For TD and TDU, dogs need to also pass a certifying test before being able to enter a licensed test.

Tests are hard on judges and the workers. The preliminary work done by the secretary and chair includes identifying judges, adequate grounds, and then building a team of tracklayers for the event. On the day prior to the test the judges plot the tracks. Tracklayers [both club and non-club members] walk with the judges to identify the track, the sites of article drops, relevant landmarks, and make their own maps. The morning of the event is early- tracks start being laid around 7-7:30am, and dog/handler teams start running those as soon as they are ready. A draw for tracks occurs at the start of the event, as dog catalog #1 may not run track #1- depends on the draw.

The PSLRA TD/TDX test was held in Bow, Washington on October 25. We had two great judges in Jill Jones and Karla Curtis, both from Oregon. They laid fair but challenging tracks for both TD and TDX tracks. PSLRA had a full test, four TD tracks plus one alternate titling track were laid and run (including two Labrador Retrievers who both passed!) and three TDX tracks were laid and run (which included one Labrador Retriever). Congratulations to Idylwood's Coal TD (Chocolate Lab) owned and handled by Martha Skewis, Winroc Been Strut N His Stuff TD (Black Lab) owned and handled by Kathleen Ball, and Baywood's Norse Legend TD (Portuguese Water Dog) owned and handled by Sarah Kahn. There were no qualifiers at the TDX level, which is really tough!

A Tracking test takes a lot of dedicated volunteers who spend two nearly full days setting and then running the test. Our PSLRA track layers were: Lee Foote, Robert Henry, Michelle Brown and Fred Drennan plus four non-members, Diane Blackburn-Lappin, Debby Dowd, Abby Gorham, Kevin Klucher,

The TDU/VST test will be held in Seattle on February 28, 2016. Please contact Nina or Fred if you are interested in helping or watching.... or keep working with your dog and ENTER! Labs get preference—
Respectfully submitted by, Maggy Susman
Chairperson/Secretary PSLRA TD/TDX

Martha Skewis & Coal





Kathleen Ball & Bubba

Sarah Kahn with Portuguese Water Dog



LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 10/28/2015 that conform to the P.S.L.R.A. Code of Ethics.

Information is as submitted by owners and provided as a service to the public. Listings of litters are in no way an endorsement by P.S.L.R.A. of any litter or any one litter over another. Litters are removed from the list after 12 weeks.

To publish **LITTER LISTINGS** in the newsletter, the following information **must be available**:

- * Elbows and hips must be certified on both the sire and dam. 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 agreed to accept PennHip clearances that score in the 50th percentile or higher, and clearances from the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) in Canada prior to May 2012. Bitches with a Penn Hip, or OVC clearance must not be bred before the age of 20 months, or 24 months with an OFA clearance. Dogs with a Penn Hip clearance must not be bred before the age of 12 months, 18 months with an OVC clearance, 24 months with an OFA clearance.
 - * Eye clearances on both parents annually.
 - * Heart, EIC, PRA and CNM 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 use the PSLRA Breeder Litter Listing Program format below for ALL litters.
 - * All Breeders must update their litters each week with Nina Mann via email (harbortop@netzero.net) as to the sex and color of puppies you have available. The listing will be deleted after 12 weeks from the first litter listing date.
1. Mail the completed form and a check (US funds only) for \$10 (operating expenses for Breeder Listing and Puppy Referral Programs) or email your PayPal receipt to: Nina Mann, 5706 312th St. NW, Stanwood, WA 98292-9649.
 2. Your litter notice will appear in the next PSLRA newsletter if it conforms to the Code of Ethics.
 3. If you know that the Litter Listing and the Puppy Referral programs have helped you sell your puppies, **please send a \$10 donation** to PSLRA (c/o Nina Mann) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue.

Glossary: EIC: Exercise Induced Collapse. CNM: Centronuclear Myopathy. ECHO: Echocardiogram. PRA: Progressive retinal atrophy. CBP: Clear by Parentage.

Litter born September 3, 2015

Sire: Devonshire Huckleberry Finn
OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 2014, EIC clear
Dam: Devonshire Sundowner She's So Vain
OFA40E, OFEL40N, ACVO 5/2015, EIC carrier
Litter: 2 YF, 2 YM
Call: Jami Roberts (206) 909-7405
Email: jami.roberts@yahoo.com
Listed: 9/24/2015

Litter born September 30, 2015**3 CF available**

Sire: Skyfire Maritime Hanky Panky
OFA 24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 9/2015
Dam: Intl CH Harbortop Kiva At Last RN WC
OFA24G, OFEL24N, OFA EYE 3/2015, EIC and PRA
CBP, DD clear
Litter: 8 CF, 2CM
Call Nina Mann (360) 629-7619
Email: harbortop@netzero.net
Listed: 10/25/2015

Litter born October 11, 2015**1 YF available**

Sire: GCH CH Frakari's Kool As Kiefer
OFA28G, OFEL28N, ACVO 03/2015, Cardia ECHO
Normal, EIC Normal, PRA Clear
Dam: Cimarron Hema CGC
OFA28G, OFEL28N, LR-EYE 03/2015, Cardiac ECHO
Normal, EIC clear, CNM clear, DD-dilute clear
Litter: All yellow 3F 1M
Call: Ramdas Vaidyanathan (425) 283-3229
Email: aiyerbrothers@gmail.com
Listed: 8/18/2015, updated 10/25/2015

Older dog listings:

Older Dogs listed do not need to conform to the PSLRA Code of Ethics. Prospective buyers are encouraged to ask about the needs of these dogs and why the breeder/owner has decided to place them. Many of the dogs listed have basic obedience and are housebroken.

Chocolate Female**Five Months**

Dolly is a very sweet, smart, chocolate girl who is shopping for her forever home. She swims, gets along with dogs, cats, and learns quickly. Dolly's parents are OFA hips, elbows, eyes, hearts clear.

Contact: Stephanie Harris,
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Listed: 9/6/ 2015

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Star of October's Halloween photo?



Photo is of our "Sailor" - Can. CH.
Mainland Catch Me A Sailor, JH, CD, BN,
RN, WC, CGC
Photo by Kristin Smith.



Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association
Promoting the All-Around Dog

A Dog For All Reasons

The Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association is proud to congratulate these dogs owned and/or bred by our members on earning their All-Around Awards

2015 All-Around Awards

CH Can CH HRCH B and M Meinhold Col. Hawker MH RN WC
bred by Barbara Pilkington,
owned by Greg and Sandra Meinhold

**Intl CH PACH Country Classic Award Winner CDX RE MX MXJ MJB
MXP3 MXPB MJP4 MJPB PAX OF WC**
bred/owned by Julie Germano

Intl CH Country Classic Blue Grass CD RE JH OA NAJ NF NAP NFP
bred/owned by Julie Germano

Intl CH Country Classic's Dancing With the Stars RN WC
bred/owned by Julie Germano

Intl CH MACH Country Classic's Maid to Order CD RA JH MX MXJ NAP NFP
bred/owned by Julie Germano

Intl CH Classic Country Rumor Has It RN WC
bred/owned by Julie Germano

GCH Can CH Harbortop's Belle Nicole CD JH WC
bred/owned by Nina Mann

Am CH Can GCH Jandor Meadowmist Can JH RN WC
bred/owned by Janet Healy

Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association, Seattle, Washington

Fall WC a Winner

PSLRA Fall Working Certificate was very successful. We had a GREAT turn out, outstanding weather, and OUTSTANDING volunteers! I think just about everyone that attended asked at least once prior or during the event, "How can I help?" THANK YOU! I also wanted to give Katie Somers a BIG "thank you" for picking up the birds in Wenatchee on Friday night, driving them over the pass on Sunday, and delivering them to the grounds. I want to thank our gunners Barb Gilchrist, Ryan Moravec, Shelah Horne Frey, Mark Pilkington, and Tony Newhouse.

"Thank you" everyone who helped move equipment to water series and helping in the pre WC practice, Jill Mahoney for taking entries, and Bea Ferguson for marshaling. I have named some of the people that helped, but please know everyone who attended did something at the WC. I am extremely grateful to everyone. You are all the reason the WC was successful. I can do all the planning, but you all make it work and run smoothly. THANK YOU EVERYONE.

Congratulations to the qualifiers!

Barb Gilchrist/Gussy; Julie Germano/Jared; Ann Josten/Maple; Kathleen Ball/Bubba; Marlys Swanson/Addie; Tamaria Hartman/Chip; Mark and Barb Pilkington/Diva; Jessica Smith/Ducky and Kindle;

To all the other exhibitors, please don't give up. You and your dogs are so close . . . keep training! And again, THANK YOU to all that participated in the 2015 PSLRA Fall WC. (Oops! I was trying to remember everyone and forgot our Judge, Chris Dotson. Thank you, Chris, for judging and encouraging all the handlers. See you all in spring for the next PSLRA Working Certificate—Kimberly Dotson



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Happy Holidays



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