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**SUCCESSFUL PSLRA TRACKING TEST!
SIX NEW TD TITLES!**

Pictures and an article next month.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 5-6, Fall Agility Trial, Argus Ranch, Auburn, Jill Mahoney
December 3, Holiday Party, Dannakers' house, Fall City
January, weekend of Puyallup Cluster, Annual Banquet, Kimberly Dotson, Best Western, Puyallup

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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 litter advertising must comply with the PSLRA Code of Ethics.

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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.

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club business

October board meeting

The October meeting was called to order at 6:48, Wednesday, October 19, 2016, via teleconference. In attendance were Board of Directors and general members Stephanie Harris, Shelah Frey, Jennifer Hajny, Jill Mahoney, Marcy Johnson, Brenda Hubbard, Linda Maffett, Kimberly Dotson, Diane Sullenberger, and Lizzie Moir.

Officers Reports

President: Stephanie Harris - None at this time

Vice President: Shelah Frey - None at this time

Secretary: Jennifer Hajny -

Correspondence from AKC with events closing.

Treasurer: Jill Mahoney - Available upon request.

Acknowledgements

We would like to thank the following for their willingness to help at our events:

Health Clinic: Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Jennifer Hajny, Jill Mahoney, Laura Steward, Shelah Frey, Liz Skillingstad, Olivia Maffett, Jan Skewes, and Denise and the River Dog crew!

Committee Reports

Rescue Report: None at this time

Tracking Test Report: Nina Mann submitted budget for approval. Budget will be approved via email.

Nominating Committee: Stephanie reported that the committee has been formed to include Darlene Pado, Jen Snyder, Kristi Clark. If anyone is interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please contact one of those committee members listed above via email.

Fall Agility Trial: Stephanie reported the budget would be submitted to the board for review. Everything is on track. Agility trial is being held Nov. 5-6 at Argus Ranch.

Specialty 2017: Specialty chairperson for 2017 is Angela Rogella with Katie Somers and Linda Maffett as co-chairs. Specialty will be held at the Enumclaw Fairgrounds again.

Holiday Party: The party will be held at the home of Scott and Becky Dannaker in Fall City. This will be a no-dog party. Mark your calendars for Dec. 3. Look for more information in this newsletter.

Annual Banquet: Kimberly Dotson will be the chairperson. There was discussion

about hosting an educational speaker during the meeting. Marcy Johnson will look into this. Banquet will take place at the Best Western, the weekend of the Puyallup Cluster in January. Brenda Hubbard moved and Diane Sullenberger seconded a motion to purchase dinner for the guest speaker, if applicable. As a note, the club will be sponsoring a supported entry again, as well as holding sweepstakes on Saturday of this cluster.

Old Business

Barn Hunt: Lizzie Moir reported that in order to hold a trial, we have to do it in conjunction with a club that is a member of the Barn Hunt Association. There was discussion about PSLRA participation in holding barn hunts and what the pros and cons are to this. Lizzie will put a proposal together on how the club could get involved.

Chairman Wrap-Ups: Jennifer Hajny explained that it would be great if each event chairperson could do a write-up on each event with results, highlights, and volunteer information. It would be great for those who were not able to attend the event. Stephanie will make this a part of her discussion with current and future chairmen.

Sportsman Show: Brenda Hubbard will be the chairperson. Information about this event will be coming soon.

Washington Sporting Dog Assoc: The Board is still looking into this club. We are hoping to get more information soon and have more discussion. (See press release information in this newsletter.)

New Business

Stephanie reported that she came across a new software product called "Zoom" that would be helpful for audio and videoconferences with Board meetings. It is less expensive than the conference call service we use at this time. Stephanie will get more information and report back. Jill mentioned it is against AKC rules to use video conferencing for Board meetings, so this type of communication will be for audio conferencing only.

Open Discussion: None at this time

Meeting adjourned at 7:48

Next Meeting - Board Meeting
 November 16 via teleconference.



Holiday Party

December 3, 2016, 4 p.m.

Home of Becky and Scott Dannaker

12950 297th Place NE

Duvall, Washington 98019

(no dogs this year)

The club will provide the main meat dish as well as pop and water. People should bring salads, side dishes or desserts.

There will be a gift exchange for those who wish to join in (\$20 gift limit).

Brags

Tamaria Hartman's proud brags below and opposite.



Chip is jumping for joy at how well his young get did at the LRC National & Parent Club Specialties. Bred by Jessica Smith. At just under 7 months old. Littermates showing in the 6-9 AOAC class;

Wonka - Westlane's Candyman

3rd - Reg. Jean-Louis Blais

1st - Sweeps Katherine Mines

1st - Reg. Sue Willumsen

Emma - Westlane's Quicker with Brown Liquor V Kalhof

3rd - Sweeps Nancy Brandow

2nd - Reg Jean-Louis Blais

3rd - Sweeps Katherine Mines

Tempest - Joint Venture's Maiden Voyage

2nd - Sweeps Katherine Mines

4th - Reg Sue Willumsen





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Chip ~ BOSS, BISSW Mykiss Chips' Ahoy WC made his first trip to the LRC National a very memorable one. Earning a JAM at the Parent Club Specialty under Jean-Louis Blais of Chablais Labradors of Canada. And also earning a JAM at the National Specialty under Susan Willumsen of Willcare Labradors which also earned him a Qualification Certificate to CRUFTS 2017 in Birmingham, England!

Washington Sporting Dog Training Association

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, September 9, 2016

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Representatives from many of Washington State's premiere non-profit sporting dog clubs which are affiliated with the nation's two largest dog registries - the American Kennel Club (AKC), and the United Kennel Club (UKC) - announced today the creation of the Washington Sporting Dog Training Association, according to Cindy Olson, a member of the Washington Retriever Club and the Corresponding Secretary of the new statewide Sporting Dog Training Association.

Marty Thenell, who participated in the formation of the new dog training association for sporting dog owners, but who is not currently active in any of the AKC or UKC local clubs, stated, "This umbrella organization brings together, and will assist and advocate on behalf of, dog enthusiasts in our state who own and train sporting dogs.

"Some of the folks are people like me who are avid bird hunters and train their dogs on their own. Although I am a former board member of the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Washington, and still a member in good standing, I'm not currently active in the club. Other owners have dogs skilled in disciplines such as tracking. The great majority of sporting dog owners brought together by this effort are members of local clubs affiliated with the AKC and UKC that focus on training sporting dogs for hunting, competition and home. All told, with the clubs that have come to the table, I would estimate we are already at several thousand sporting dog owners who are training maybe twice that many dogs," said Thenell.

Jean Fowler, a member of the Rainier Hunting Retriever Club said, "The organized communities of sporting dog enthusiasts – including both AKC and HRC clubs – have enjoyed good working relationships for many years. But now they are coming together in a more formal way under a very big tent.

"This new Dog Training Association for the owners of sporting breeds creates a major, unified voice that can advocate more effectively to ensure state and federal agencies are responsive to the dog training needs of owners of sporting dogs. We've seen way too many of the historical dog training locations here in Washington State – including properties that were purchased for dog training – diverted to other uses, or restricted so severely that they've become inadequate for dog training. The historical dog training uses for those properties need to be respected, and restored. It's a big tent issue that is drawing a lot of concern and attention from both individuals and other sporting dog clubs who are interested in being a part of this effort, and the new Sporting Dog Training Association welcomes their active participation and support," said Fowler.



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Thursday, September 8, 2016

Terrie Sato, who is a member of the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association and a long-time participant and judge for AKC sanctioned hunting-related retriever events, said, “For years the Department of Fish and Wildlife had a campaign called *Hunt with a Trained Dog!* When you look at the Department’s website, they emphasize the importance of bird hunters using well-trained dogs:

“It’s impossible to estimate how many dead and crippled ducks and geese would be lost every year if it weren’t for the hundreds of thousands of hard-working retrievers that accompany their masters throughout the waterfowl season. Waterfowl often drop into deep water, thick cover, or far away from the hunters who shoot them. Without a boat they would be impossible to retrieve were it not for the hunter’s dog. To most hunters, a dog pays for itself every time it retrieves a bird that would otherwise be lost. If you don’t have a retrieving dog, you shouldn’t hunt anywhere that you can’t wade or boat to retrieve your game.”

http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/waterfowl/hunting_dogs.html

“But it’s impossible to go hunting with a well-trained dog if there isn’t any place to train your dog before you go hunting,” said Sato, “which is why this is such an important issue, and why so many of the clubs, their members and other individuals who own sporting dogs, who hunt, and who are committed to ethical conservation of wildlife, are interested in helping with this new Sporting Dog Training Association.”

Jim Olson, a member of the Rainier Hunting Retriever Club and a long-time volunteer for the Department of Fish and Wildlife, said, “This new association of folks who own and train sporting dogs will be a big benefit to the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Department is facing possible cuts to its budget of more than 10 percent. For years, many of us have volunteered out in-the-field to help the Department. And we’ve raised money to pay for activities like mowing that is necessary to keep public lands accessible and useable. With the Association, we will be able to coordinate even more volunteer service hours for the benefit of fish, wildlife and outdoor enthusiasts who buy hunting and fishing licenses.”





Labrador weather!



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Happy Thanksgiving

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