

# The Retriever Believer

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## *You Are Appreciated!*

I give thanks for the people who give of themselves, who donate their time, who share their expertise, who reach out to the insecure and lend a hand to the needy. I am thankful for the patient and understanding, for those who are eager to teach and to let us learn from our mistakes without holding them against us. I am grateful for the volunteer who accepts the unwanted task, knowing it is a thankless job and that there may be unwanted criticism to accompany it.

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If your name has appeared in this newsletter this year, whether you chaired an event or provided assistance at one of our functions, we are appreciative of YOU!!! A club is only as strong as its membership and volunteers. With your help, our club is thriving and enjoying a truly successful 2017!

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# PSLRA Membership and Board of Directors' Meeting

## Secretary's Minutes

October 18, 2017

The teleconference meeting was called to order at 6:33pm. Board members and officers present included Stephanie Harris, Shelah Frey, Jill Mahoney, Kristen Reiter, Katie Somers, Becky and Scott Dannaker, Sonya Dudder, Brenda Hubbard, Marlys Swanson, Nina Mann, Diane Sullenberger, Angela Rogalla and Jim Olson.

The officers had no reports. Jill will email the Treasurer's report.

There were no acknowledgements to submit for the minutes or newsletter.

There were no updates from Field Chairperson, Jim Olson, as there have been no changes since our previous meeting.

Brenda commented that Edith has a new Rescue Report written and will send it to Kris for inclusion in the next newsletter.

The Fall Tracking Test has been cancelled for lack of a second judge. A second judge would have required the additional expense of airfare, as no local judges could be secured. Nina also suggested that the 2018 event be held on a different weekend due to issues with grounds availability.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Marlys Swanson and Cathy Hakola, will be contacting current and potential candidates for the 2018 board. It is asked and stressed that all who consider a position will evaluate their availability and commitment to participate prior to accepting a nomination.

The holiday party is scheduled for December 2nd at Scott and Becky Dannaker's home. Becky will submit an ad to Kris for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter.

Stephanie has been approached by membership with the concern that the Juniors' Scholarship is not being publicized enough and that it is defunct. She advised that we need individuals to serve on a committee to help arrive at a solution as to how to better support and publicize the program. One suggestion was to provide the scholarship its own link on our website page or place an ad on it somewhere, another was to increase awareness via posts on Facebook as well as the traditional approaches on LabChat and the newsletters. Another suggestion was to lessen the restrictions on the scholarship and perhaps open the application to active PSLRA Junior members who show dogs in general, regardless of whether they show a Labrador or not. Kris will place an ad in the newsletter calling for members interested in serving on the committee, with Kris and Stephanie serving as the contacts for interested parties.

The Banquet was discussed. Due to the lack of a Banquet committee or willing chairperson, a venue has not yet been secured. There are cost issues with using the Best Western, which will cost \$450 for the room, plus an additional \$150 charge if we don't use Mama Stortini's with whom the hotel has a catering contract. If we would want to venture out and hire Dickey's for barbecue, we would have to pay \$600 to Best Western for the room and the freedom to obtain food from our restaurant of choice. Last year, the plates were \$30 a head and the club still lost money. Attendance usually averages fifty participants. Several other catering and venue options were discussed and members are encouraged to research options and send links to Jill as time is growing short to reserve venues. Another suggestion, due to lack of interest in planning the

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Please Submit Articles and Advertisements to:

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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 341 Cross Creek Drive Ellensburg, Washington 98926 stephanie@skyfirelabs.com



## Secretary's Minutes (continued)

vent, was to take a simpler approach and consider pizza, bread and salad. A plate fee of \$30/person was set. Stephanie will place an announcement on LabChat for a chairperson.

Angela reported on the research on Specialty sites. She has been in communication with the WA State Parks about the availability and fees associated with renting Bay View. The site is cheaper than Enumclaw and will accommodate camping (including the availability of cabins and showers), plus the proximity to the water should provide cooler temperatures for our dogs. The grounds are conveniently located just fifteen minutes off of I-5. Angela is working on obtaining this information in written form from the State as thus far, the discussion and details provided have all been verbal. The details will be presented to the membership for review, input and opinions. Board members are instructed to be prepared to make an informed decision on specialty location based on membership input, with the hopes of coming to an agreement by the end of next month so reservations can be cancelled at one venue or the other. Currently both the Enumclaw Fairgrounds and the Bay View State Park are reserved for the dates of our specialty. The members want their voices heard and deserve a say in whether the specialty retains its location or if we try a new venue. It was suggested that cost comparisons be compiled because although we are a not for profit, we are also a not for loss organization. Angela and Stephanie will continue to work on the information and comparisons and have a presentation written up in the next week so that an announcement can go out to the membership.

Scott reported on the Supported Entries, stating that Jill was able to resolve the issue with the deadline for Sweepstakes, however AKC approval is still pending. There was information that was to be submitted to BaRay at the close of our teleconference to ensure all our ducks are in a row. Part of the reason for the complications experienced is that the AKC cannot approve our Sweeps until the show itself provides its approval, thus we can't submit too early and we can't submit too late. It was suggested to create a calendar for our events to include deadlines and planning goals so we can improve upon the process and prevent the club from missing future deadlines. Becky and Jill will address the pending information tonight. The Sweeps most likely has the approval it needs and will go through.

The processes employed on the Judges Selection Committee were discussed. The delay in identifying approved judges played a role in the postponement of the Sweepstakes submission. Stephanie suggested that the committee votes in their approved list of judges at the beginning of the year so that there is no last-minute scramble to identify judges to suggest for upcoming events.

This is the time of year to consider donations to help improve the health of our breed. Jill mentioned two studies that we could support, one focused on Tricuspid Valve Dysplasia and the other on Copper Storage Disease. The Health Foundation was another suggested recipient of funds. Scott mentioned a fund for the storm survivors in Texas. A post from the Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club in California was calling for assistance for club members affected by the fires. As we had several club members heading down to CA the following day, it was decided to purchase ten Costco gift cards in \$25 increments to be delivered to the Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club to disperse as needed. There were no opposed.

Although Ram was absent from the meeting today, he did submit a suggestion that could help provide workers for our hunt tests or other events. The Boy Scouts are looking for activities and organizations where they could volunteer their time and services so they can earn merit badges. They run their schedules three months in advance, so if we want their help for the hunt tests and shows, we need to contact them now with dates and an idea of what we would expect from them. A concern was raised about having youth inexperienced with dogs and guns helping at the hunt test. Jim Olson stated that there are plenty of ways the boys would be able to help that would keep them safe as they currently hire youth to do the work that the Boy Scouts could do, such as loading birds in the racks and running the poppers. They just can't handle the weaponry. By utilizing the Boy Scouts, we can put the boys to work and keep the costs down, the boys can accumulate volunteer hours and earn merits and everyone wins. The discussion was tabled to a future meeting when Ram is in attendance so he can clarify that our interpretation of the Boy Scouts' request is correct and feasible. Marlys added that if the boys donate their time, perhaps our club can make a financial contribution to their troop as a show of appreciation.

There was no further business to discuss. The next meeting will be November 15th at 6:30pm and will be held via teleconference. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.



# Bragg!



*IntCH Country Classic Get This Party Started  
BN RN MXP MJP2 MJPB NFP RATS CGC WC*

P!nk and I have continued to fill our days with lots of activities. In February, we earned our Master Excellent Jumper Preferred Title and in June our Master Agility Excellent Preferred Title. We then earned our Master Bronze Jumper Preferred Title in July. We continue to play agility, but switched to playing with birds and earned our WC in September. This month we played Barn Hunt. Received a 1<sup>st</sup> place and our RATS Title....and one leg toward our Master Title.

While we will continue agility and barn hunt, we are going to try out some nosework classes. P!nk is always ready for our next adventure. I can't imagine a more perfect and versatile partner to have fun with.

*Submitted by Denise Beaumont*

# Brag!



## *Ch Ms T's Char-Dox Echoes in the Wind*

Echo finished her Ch at 14 months old at AZ White Mountain KC 30 Sep, taking 2 BOB, after taking a major the weekend before. She is bred by and owned by Terri McFadden and Janet Schoonover. She's a granddaughter of Toni and Lorraine's BISS GCH Gingerbred Celestial Thunder RN JH.

*Submitted by Terri McFadden*

# Braggs!

## Country Classic Yellow Lotus RE, BN



At CDTA's November trial Country Classic Yellow Lotus RE, BN got his 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> RAE legs with 4 of the 6 runs having a 98 score. The last set earned him on Sunday "Rally High combined Score in Rally Excellent B and Advanced B" and his (and his mom's) first really big ribbon.

## Harbortop MistyMountain Phoenix Firebird RA

Harbortop MistyMountain Phoenix Firebird RA finished his Beginner's Novice title and RE title with two first places. He then went onto get his first two Novice B obedience legs towards his CD with two 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

Both dogs were really happy with all their toy prizes and ribbons for their various first places.



Submitted by their mom: Michelle Schraeder, DVM

# Brag!



## Gracie

Hi, my name is Gracie and I was born on February 1st, 2015. I was the product of a careful breeding chosen by Jill Mahoney of Chibry Labradors (Covington) and Lizzie Moir of SciFi Labradors (Chehalis). I spent my first year growing up with lots of my in-laws, who taught me important Dog Knowledge. Right from the start I have been a calm and collected girl, although I allow myself an occasional "crazy labrador" moment! I like to chase birds and search in tall grass for any kinds of critters I can find. I really love shoes, so if you come visit me please take your shoes off right away so I can carry them around for you.

I am a very pretty girl and everyone made a big deal over me when I got a prize at the 2016 Seattle Kennel Club Dog Show.

When I was a little over one year old, I went to live in Seattle with my new boy, Ken. We are a great team together. I've trained him pretty well and he knows how to give me a nice tummy rub on command. We go on long walks every day and I'm allowed to go off leash some times because I am very reliable and I come running

right away when he calls me. I like to go in the water just for fun, but don't care much about retrieving things out of it.

Because every dog should have a suitable job, Ken and I got certified this year as a Pet Partners therapy dog team. We practiced a lot for the test and did very well on both the obedience and therapy skills parts. For the obedience part, I showed off my excellent on-leash skills and demonstrated basic obedience tasks. I did really well in the therapy part of the test because I am very calm and I really like meeting people. Loud noises and rowdy people don't bother me at all, in fact I am often curious why they act that way. Now we go to Swedish Cherry Hill hospital every Tuesday to visit patients in the cardiology and neurology rehab unit. The patients, families, and staff enjoy patting me and it makes their hospital stay a bit happier.

Well, that's enough about me for today. Wishing you lots of good smells,  
Gracie



# Rescue Report

## *Mini Finds a New Home*

Two years ago, a beautiful black Lab puppy was unceremoniously dumped off in a rural area. The property owners found the frightened little Lab and decided to make her a part of their family. They provided "Mini" with appropriate veterinary care, had her spayed, and gave her lots of love. Mini is an amazing fetcher of balls and was easily trained to come to a whistle. Sadly, her rescuers now find themselves moving to a property where dogs are not permitted, so with heavy hearts they contacted SPDR for help in finding the perfect new home for Mini.

Mini joined her new family this week.. The family consists of a couple and their adult son, who recently lost their beloved Lab and were ready to bring another canine companion into their home. With three adults available for pats, walks, cuddles and - of course - lots of ball play, Mini is settling down quickly. She was already house trained and crate trained, gets along nicely with other dogs, loves children, and is well on her way to being the perfect ad-

diti on to her adoptive family. Her new family is planning to keep in touch with Mini's original rescuers, who were greatly relieved that Mini has found such a wonderful new place to call home. There will no doubt be some bumps along the road as Mini and her new family become better acquainted, but everyone is off to a great start. We wish them all a long and happy life together!



*Submitted by Edith Bryan*

# Call for Volunteers!

Are you aware of our Juniors' Scholarship program???  
Evidently, there are members who are not.

We are looking for individuals who are interested in increasing the visibility of the scholarship program and identifying methods to encourage greater youth submissions.

To sign up and help us continue to provide this great opportunity, please contact Kristen Reiter or Stephanie Harris (see contact information on the first page of our newsletter)



\*Disclaimer: The newsletter might be slightly exaggerating the funds available for this monetary award.



PSLRA Holiday Party

Saturday, December 2, 2017

At the Dannakers'  
12950 297th Place NE, Duvall

Party starts at 4:00

Farm tour at 4:30

Dinner at 5:30 with gift exchange to follow

Please bring a dish and a gift to share  
(under \$20)

The Dannakers will provide drinks and a  
main dish.



*Mark your calendars!*

## **Annual PSLRA Banquet and Awards**

Saturday, January 13, 2018

Best Western Hotel (same location as previous years)

No Host Beverages and Paws Game 5:15-6:00pm

BBQ Style Dinner (Ribs and chicken) 6:00PM

Possible guest speaker

More information and sign up flyer next issue

Questions? Contact Jill Mahoney [Mahoney@wwdb.org](mailto:Mahoney@wwdb.org) 253-630-4810

# Litter Listing



## LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 5/18/2017 that conform to the PSLRA Code of Ethics.

Information is as submitted by owners and provided as a service to the public. Listing of litters is in no way an endorsement by PSLRA of any litter or any one litter over another. Litters are removed from the list after 12 weeks. To publish **LITTER LISTINGS** in the newsletter, the following information must be available

- ◆ Elbows and hips must be permanently certified on both the sire and dam.
- ◆ Current Eye clearances on both parents.
- ◆ At least one of each breeding pair must be tested and certified clear of EIC, CNM and RA or be shown as CBP.
- ◆ Heart and other clearances will be included in the listing at the discretion of the breeder.
- ◆ A PSLRA member must own either the sire or the dam and must submit the listing for a non-member.

**Please obtain a Litter Listing form from the PSLRA web site, to be used for ALL litters.** All Breeders must update their litters each week with Nina Mann via email (harbortoplabs@gmail.com) as to the sex and color of puppies you have available. The listing will be deleted after 12 weeks from the first litter listing date.

1. Mail or email the completed form to Nina Mann, 5706 312th St NW, Stanwood, WA 98292-9649. Please send the \$10 listing fee to Jill Mahoney, Treasurer, by check or PayPal.
2. Your litter notice will appear on the web site and in the next PSLRA newsletter if it conforms to the Code of Ethics.
3. If you know that the Litter Listing and the Puppy Referral programs have helped you sell your puppies, please send a donation to PSLRA (c/o Jill Mahoney, treasurer) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue. Glossary: EIC: Exercise Induced Collapse, CNM: Centronuclear opacity, PRA: Progressive Retinal Atrophy, DD: Dilute clear, CBP: Clear by parentage.

### Litter Listings:

Litter born 8/11/17 1 YM, 1YF, 1 BF, 2BM available Sire: Skyfire's Chasin The Horizon OFA24G, OFEL24, ACVO 10/2016, Cardiac Echo Normal, CNM clear, EIC Clear, HNPK Clear, PRA Clear, Dilute Clear Dam: Skyfire's Duck Duck Goose OFA24G, OFEL24, ACVO 10/2016, Cardiac Echo Normal, EIC Clear, HNPK Clear PRA Clear, Dilute Clear Contact: Stephanie Harris Email: stephanie@skyfirelabs.com Listed: 9/23/2017

### 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.

6 month old Chocolate Female

Zoey is a sweet, happy easy-going girl. She is crate trained has, loves to play and gets along with other dogs, however – she likes to chase cats. For more information contact Stephanie Harris at Stephanie@skyfirelabs.com.



I know, not a Labrador...but it was too funny not to share!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS Something for Everyone!

Remember  
when this  
column was  
full? Where  
HAS the time  
gone???

**November 15**  
*Board Meeting  
Teleconference*  
6:30pm

**December 2**  
*Holiday Party*  
Scott & Becky  
Dannaker's home  
4:00pm  
(See Ad in this  
newsletter)





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