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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the 2004 events calendar winds down, it is time to thank everyone who contributed to recent club events and to look forward to next year.

The 2004 Agility Trial was truly a fun event. Dave Lawniczak, chair, and his crew of talented organizers put on a first class event. Club members and non-club members raved about our hospitality, friendliness, and added touches that made the event so memorable and joyful. The event judges, too, received lots of praise for their handler-friendly demeanors and challenging courses. Special thanks to our good friend, Marcia MacDonald of EGRC and WSOTC, who organized the very popular workers' lunch buffet. The Saturday night barbecue was also quite popular. Over 60 people attended, about 20 more than last year. We can hardly wait for next year's event, to be chaired by Lee Foote.

Mary Jane Sarbaugh and Merlyn Foote processed the lengthy paperwork and organized the annual eye clinic last month. We thank them and Dr. Tom Sullivan of the Animal Eye Clinic of Seattle, who performed ophthalmology exams, Dr. Michael Salewski, who gave several dogs chiropractic exams, and Dr. Jerry Woodfield, who did cardiology exams.

In the next few weeks, we still need to fill some important chair person posts. At the top of the list is the chair of our annual Specialty. We will also need hunt test chairs. If you are interested in chairing, please keep in mind that there are many club members that will help you with an event. Our past specialty chair, Barb Ironside, has collected job descriptions for all of the major committees associated with the specialty, and these will help in organizing next year's event.

As you will read on the inside of the newsletter, the Nominating Committee is looking for new board members and officers for next year. Please call or e-mail one of the committee members if you have an interest in serving on the board.

Watch next month's newsletter for details about the December 4 Holiday Party and the January 15 Annual Awards Banquet. These events are a nice way to cap off a year of hard work and events and to celebrate our accomplishments and our future. I hope to see as many of you as possible at these two festivities.

Hope all of you are enjoying the autumn weather with your Labs. --Ron



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IMPORTANT DATES

October 22, 23, 24 Maureen Foley Tracking seminar see www.hot4dogs.com

November 6 MVDTC Obedience Fun Match, Monroe Fairgrounds, preregistration only see www.mvdtc.org

December 4 Holiday Party, Everett Skills Center

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September Board Meeting Minutes

The regular September meeting of the PSLRA Board of Directors was called to order on September 22, 2004, at 6:45 p.m. by Ron Perry, President, at the home of Fred and Linda Walkley.

President's Report: Ron reported that a puppy is up for bid at one of the DU auctions. He has told them it's against the law in King County and he will keep us posted.

Secretary's Report:

—No new members.

—Sixteen page memo received from AKC on proposed agenda for regulation changes to the hunt test rules. Bryant Meyer will receive our recommendations as to how to vote.

—We had an email from our Sweeps judge for 2005, accepting our invitation to judge. The Board agreed by email to waive the six month non-judging requirement for the week she will be short of it.

Acknowledgments: To Fred and Linda for hosting the meeting. To Carole Jensen for making a bag to hold parts for the booth. To Ron Bauman for helping us buy more wingers.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$12,583.30 in cash, checking and CDs. This includes \$1,969.13 in special rescue funds.

Committee Reports:

—*Agility Trial:* Dave Lawniczak reported by email that the trial is nearly full both days and wanted to remind everyone that the white board at the trial will list any available jobs. Workers will get free lunches.

—*Eye & Health Clinic:* Everything is ready and Mary Jane Sarbaugh is busy typing the forms.

—*Tracking Test:* We have two co-chairs for the test, Michelle Schraeder and Jan Skewes. The date has been changed to May 16, 2005, which unfortunately conflicts with the probable date for the RHRC test. We have signed contracts from two judges for that date. Safety of Cherry Valley has been questioned by the new Tracking Rep. Jan Skewes will investigate and find a new location if necessary, possibly on Whidbey. It was M/S/V to approve the change in dates.

Old Business:

—*Trailer shelves:* MJ Sarbaugh is seeking a final bid from the people on Whidbey Island.

—*Wicket Purchase:* Merlyn contacted AKC who referred her to a Mr. James who makes these. He will sell it to us for

\$175. M/S/V to approve the purchase. As he will be at the National Specialty, we will be able to discuss with him there the further purchase of a measuring device for Agility.

—*Specialty Trophies:* There is still quite a lot of the blue glassware available, including 24 wine glasses and 24 water goblets at \$2.50 and small bowls at \$5 each. It was M/S/V to buy all Bill Kokesh's leftover inventory to be used for the specialty and for supported entry trophies.

New Business:

—*Nominating Committee:* Ron announced that Beckie Jensen will chair the committee and will be assisted by Barbara Ironside and Terrie Sato.

—*Proposed HRT regulation changes:* The proposed changes were discussed at length and the Board agreed with Rainier on the changes and will vote with them. Bryant Meyer will be our delegate to this meeting.

—*Equipment Chair:* MJ Sarbaugh has volunteered to fill this position.

—*Audit Committee:* Linda Walkley, Darlene Pado and Lee Foote were suggested as members of this committee.

—*Holiday Party:* This year will be held in Everett at the Skills Center on December 4. Karen Coulombe and Heide Savidge are chairing this event.

—The awards banquet will be on January 15, 2005. Beckie Jensen is checking with the new management at Anton's and also with the Holiday Inn.

—We need to get chairs for all the 2005 events to help the new officers. Hugh Maffett has offered to chair the raffle at the 2005 specialty.

—The Board M/S/V to approve our usual donation of smoked salmon to the *Everyone Wins* raffle at the National Specialty. Linda Walkley will buy it and carry it down.

Open Discussion:

—It was M/S/V to support both Sammamish and Puyallup in January. We would then not support either show in the summer. Trophies will be offered for BOB, BOS, BOW, WD, WB, RWD, RWB, and High Scoring Labrador Retriever. Nina will write the secretaries to confirm this.

—The meeting was adjourned at 9:30. The next meeting will be on October 28 at the home of Fred and Linda Walkley. Nina Mann, Secretary.

Judge's Evaluations

PSLRA Specialty

(July 30 and 31, 2004)

by Janice Prichard



I thoroughly enjoyed judging your club show. The atmosphere was excellent and I sensed a great deal of bonhomie around the ringside and even more at the after show dinner! On the Sunday it was good to watch the club's working certificate take place, it was a working test aimed at encouraging dual-purposeness in the breed. In the UK the use of live game in this way would be frowned upon, we would probably use fresh cold game or have an actual natural shoot day.

In the show classes I noticed that the depth of quality was lacking in several of the dog classes. There were more good bitches to go over and worldwide this tends to be the case in Labradors. This said there some top class dogs to go over in the higher classes and I thought the yellows were very pleasing, better than on the east coast (dare I say this?). The chocolates still need to be improved. The BOB class was a bit disappointing because the standard of champions varied so.

It was great to see that a lot of the show dogs had gained working certificates, with JH, SH, MH or CDX etc. after their names, well done!

DOGS (6 to 9 months)

1. *Blackthorn Devonshire*

Yellow, 7 months old, his superb movement helped him win this class. Particularly liked his clean lines, level top line and good tail set. Head is a bit cheeky and would prefer tighter jowls with a shade more length of muzzle. It is early days and this head will change. Dog of medium length, well made and well bodied for age with good strong hindquarters. Scored on movement and outline.

2. *Blackthorn Frankly My Dear*

I see this was a black littermate to 1. He has a superb coat and it was in glorious condition, but tail could be better, this may well improve with age. Medium size, compact body, shorter coupled than brother. Nice head, a fraction more length of muzzle would improve it, lovely eye colour and expression. Good reach of neck, a little heavy on the shoulder, good fore-chest, average hindquarters. Sound mover.

3. *Kayo's Every Now And Then*

DOGS (9 to 12 months)

1. *Tapeatom Gentry*

Mature yellow 11 months old, lovely size for age. Well boned, excellent substance, but not overdone, carrying just the right amount of weight for the show ring, strong hindquarters. Has a double coat of correct texture. Head is masculine but not too heavy, good eye colour, kind expression. Has sufficient length of neck but could be cleaner over the shoulders, although his front angulation is quite good. Has good substance and spring of rib, hindquarters are above average. Would prefer a better tail shape, but this could come with age. He moved well and he showed better for his handler as the class went on.

2. *Himoons Piano Man at Drayton Harbor*

Another yellow, 10 months old and a smaller male. Generally well made, well angulated. Quite a nice head, will improve with

age, well pigmented, calf lick (ridge of hair) just spoils expression somewhat. Has a very good double coat and a pleasing otter tail. Moved well, with good length of stride. Generally a good type of dog but would like to see a bit more size at this stage.

3. *Harbortop's Magical Coal*

I must say that this immature 9 months old youngster could have won this class had he been shown much better. He is a big dog with a glorious coat, shown in great condition. He has a super head, great bone, medium body length, good well shaped hindquarters and moved well. Top line could be better and more expert handling would improve this. Well shaped tail, though a little short in length.

4. *Nipntuck Moon Diver*

Black, not quite as well boned and longer coupled. Good head and length of muzzle with good eye colour. Well coated and moved soundly. Has a lovely neck and top line but not so strong through the hindquarters and inclined to stand a bit tied in at the elbows.

DOGS (12 to 18 months)

1. *Himoon The Duke at Clovercreek*

Yellow who scored in type and general conformation, he has good substance, depth of body, very well turned hindquarters and good spring of rib. Correct double coat and nicely shaped tail but could be thicker. Good neck and top line. Excellent pigmentation. Found him a little padded in cheek and for me this spoils his head. Moved very soundly.

2. *Decoys Black Jack*

Black youngster, just 12 months of age, he could have put more into his showing as he was feeling the heat today, however he is well made, though I noticed that he moved close behind. Has a thick double coat of good texture, tail a bit short in length. Lovely head, with good eye colour. Generally well made, just watch that he does not carry too much weight over his shoulders. A good prospect.

3. *Spiritwoods Red Dog Ale*

DOGS (Bred by Exhibitor)

The standard of movement in this class was disappointing, many moved close behind.

1. *Skyfire's Just Lucky I Guess*

Smallish black, I would prefer a little more length of leg on him. Carries a heavy double coat which looked a bit rough, had he just been bathed? Well shaped tail. Good breed type, excellent round bone down to tight feet. Short coupled body with good spring of rib. Head OK, but rather wide between the eyes and I would like a shade more length of muzzle. He showed actively but moved close behind.

2. *Fawnhaven Indigo Jones*

A bigger and heavier dog than the winner, longer coupled and not so clean in outline. Tail set a bit low and therefore not so good in top line. Coat in excellent condition, reasonably good tail shape. Thought he was carrying a bit too much weight over the shoulders. Preferred his head proportions to winners, he has more length of muzzle, good eye colour. Also moved close behind.

3. *Willoridge's Bodhi Dharma of Riley*

DOGS (American Bred)

A nice class, I liked all four of the placed dogs.

1. *Balrion Weathertop Tailor*

Youngest in the class, biggish dog with a lot of substance, well shaped head, not over done at this stage but I hope it does not get any stronger, good eye colour. Very good double coat with the right texture, quite a good tail. I liked his hindquarters and turn of stifle. Nice level top line and good tail set. I was pleased with his movement. A promising young dog, who when not feeling the heat will look even more the part, today he was so hot.

2. *The Flying Fortress Hunts-On CD JH*

Very nice yellow, I first thought would be my winner. Lovely head, eye and expression, good reach of neck. Short double coat, quite a good otter tail. I was very pleased with his movement, he is sound and covers the ground well. Hindquarters not as good as the winner's. Generally a very nice type with a lot to like.

3. *Harbortops Odin's Shadow SH*

DOGS Open (Black)

This was such a strong class, I thought the first 4 placed dogs were top class and had lots of quality and breed type, it was a difficult decision putting them in order, it was probably movement that was used as the deciding factor, so I am going to give each one a brief write up.

1. *Himoon's Touch of Frost (RWD)*

An excellent quality dog, so typical and not overdone. Very nicely made throughout and he moved very well.

2. *Nipntuck Cimarron's Blue Moon*

Another excellent dog, perhaps not quite as pretty in head as winner. Very good coat and otter tail; he too moved with lots of drive.

3. *Blackthorn Floats My Boat*

Standing, this dog was my winner, so lovely. Excellent coat and tail and the best of heads in this class, he also has the kindest of expressions. Super well balanced outline and showed to perfection. Hind action needs to improve and I am sure it will.

4. *Winnies Man Power*

Black with lots of potential. He is a really good type of youngster who just needs time and then I am sure he will go to the top. Lovely head, excellent coat, nice tail. Carrying a bit too much weight for me, which made him look too deep in body.

I hope that all 4 of these blacks will gain their titles, in my opinion they deserve to do so.

DOGS Open (Chocolate)

1. *Caorunn Hilander at Fawnhaven*

Better type than others in the class, good coat, quite a good eye colour. Slightly long coupled. Moved and showed well.

2. *Lavender Hills JP Sir Thomas*

Excellent coat colour but rather upright in front construction and straight behind. Nice bone and coat but tail too short. Head OK but would like to see more refinement in stop.

3. *Fawnhaven Mischief Maker Delphi JH*

DOGS Open (Yellow)

Another strong class.

1. *Timberline Big Ben at Fawnhaven SH (WD/JAM)*

Such a yellow would do very well under many judges in the UK. He is a quality dog with great scope. Masculine head that is in no way overdone, but pity about the calf lick (ridge of hair),

excellent eye colour, excellent pigmentation too. Good clean reach of neck, which is always needed in a working Labrador. Very good front construction, which I found lacking in many of the exhibits at the show, he has correct angulation in both shoulder and upperarm. Medium length, neither short nor long which gives him the advantage of covering the ground so well when he moves. Carries a short, thick, straight double coat and has one of the best otter tails. Strong well-turned hindquarters and he uses them so well to go round the ring with style, drive and obvious soundness. In my opinion a very worthy title holder. He struck me as a high quality Labrador who is built to work.

2. *Davoegs Dictator*

Paler yellow who has so much quality. Has super bone and substance together with lots of quality and breed type. He is very well made and has excellent hindquarters, top line, tail set, coat and tail. Carries a double coat and has a thick tail, though slightly feathered. Head is a bit cheeky. Also moved very well.

3. *Devonshire My Majestic Rain*

DOGS Veteran (7 to 9 years)

1. *CH. Chartwell's Crown Jewels CDX NA NAJ*

Typy black of good size, shown in good body condition. Lovely outline, liked his head, eye colour and kind expression. Well constructed behind, a shade upright in upperarm. Good coat texture, but I would like to see a better double coat and thicker otter tail. Moved soundly.

2. *CH. ShaRay Abraham of Greenbank VCD*

Pale yellow with a thick double coat, though texture a bit soft. Lovely head, good reach of neck, not quite as short coupled as winner, he also has a good top line. Well boned. Dentition slightly uneven at this age. Moved wide in front and close behind, but overall a nice type of dog with quality.

3. *Winroc XLT Funnel Cloud VCD1 TDX MH MX MXJ*

DOGS Veteran (9 to 11 years)

1. *CH. Nipntuck Arncha Bold JH CD*

Medium sized black, is well balanced, deep bodied and has a good outline. Well-shaped hindquarters. Lovely type and very well made. Liked his head and kind expression. Mouth perfect for age. Short double coat, nice tail. He moved steadily and soundly. Overall a good quality moderate dog who is so typical of the breed.

DOGS Veteran (11 years and older)

1. *Sunnydaze Black Max*

12 year old dog of nice type and size. Has a good double coat and well-shaped tail. Fairly good head and kind eye. Body is nicely balanced, has good bone and substance. Moved unsoundly front and rear and no longer has well-shaped feet. Won on his overall type.

DOGS Hunting Retrievers

1. *CH. Fawnhaven Hard Act to Follow CD MH*

Veteran dog who is so typical of a quality moderate Labrador designed to work. We do see dogs like this in the UK and they do very well. Medium length of body, covers the ground well on the move. Short thick double coat and nicely shaped tail. Lovely head with a kind expression. Good reach of neck and well made throughout. Showed beautifully and his movement was very good. I liked him a lot.

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2. *CH. Hiltonhall Sammy's Keepsake JH*

Another good veteran who pushed the winner hard. Very typical dog with a super coat and in great condition. Head has a lovely expression, not quite as clean in outline as the winner and a bit more upright in front construction, which was probably the deciding factor in this class. Lovely depth of body, good hindquarters with nice turn of stifle. He too moved very well. Liked him a lot and found him in super condition.

3. *Harbortop Odin Shadow SH*

BITCHES (6 to 9 months)

1. *Skyfire Lucky Be a Lady Tonite*

Clean cut yellow with lots of quality, type and personality plus. Well balanced, super bone, nice length of leg. Super hindquarters and good angulation front and rear. Movement is spot on. Lovely immature head that will only get better, great dark pigmentation. Excellent sound mover. Thought her just right for age. Would like to see more spring of rib as she is rather slab-sided. Coat was far from its best today, but it is a double coat with correct texture. Well shaped tail, though a bit short in length, with good tail set. Do trim her tail at the end as the twist looks untidy. A very promising puppy.

2. *Ghostone's Remington Java Mama*

Quality chocolate, also just right for age. Well made, though not so clean or long in neck as winner. Well coated. Moved very soundly.

3. *Cambridge Shhhhhhhh*

BITCHES (9 to 12 months)

1. *and BEST PUPPY Devonshires Taylor Made*

Big mature, quality yellow, she is very well made. Not short coupled but she is well balanced, has splendid hindquarters and has a clean eye catching outline. She has lots of bone and substance, down to well shaped feet. Strong head, but not overdone and still feminine, great reach of neck, super front angulation, excellent spring of rib and depth of body, good length of leg. Thick double coat of correct texture and she has a true otter tail. Excellent mover, she has such drive and soundness. I think this bitch will have no trouble going straight to the top in the show ring.

2. *Sunnydaze It's All About Me*

Lovely black of pleasing breed type, shown in glorious coat, although her tail was not as good as the winner's. Well made, medium length, strong hindquarters. Very good mover. She has lots of quality. Lovely head and eye colour. She showed well in the heat.

3. *Nipntuck Just A Sweedie*

BITCHES (12 to 18 months)

A big class that was difficult to judge, as I had to make some close decisions.

1. *Ghostone's Joan Jet*

High quality bitch of super breed type. Clean in outline with a lovely reach of neck. Nice length of muzzle, but a bit wide between the eyes, lovely eye colour. Front angulation was reasonable, good length of body. Thick double coat of correct texture, well shaped otter tail. Moved excellently and held her outline so well as she went round in profile.

2. *Cimarron Slippery Shoes*

Similar type of bitch, very good shape and outline. Preferred her head to that of winner's, it was prettier and better in stop. Medium length of body, excellent hindquarters. Thick double coat and well shaped otter tail. Moved soundly, but does not have the stunning presence of Joan Jet. A close decision as she is also top class.

3. *Nipntuck Miss American Pie*

BITCHES Novice

1. *Wyntercreek Ryder at Blu Top CD*

Cream yellow with good reach of neck. Medium length of body. Attractive head with good dark pigment and correct length of muzzle. Average hindquarters, quite well made in front, moved soundly. Would prefer more undercoat.

2. *Thornwood's WWW Cannon in D.*

Medium sized chocolate of good coat colour, eye colour satisfactory. Not quite the balance or good outline of winner, she needs to drop in loin. Sympathetically handled, fairly good mover.

BITCHES Bred by Exhibitor

1. *Nipntuck Congeniality*

I loved this bitch, she is so well balanced and is made so very well. Excellent front construction and well angulated hindquarters that are broad and strong. Lovely depth of body and length of back, excellent coat, thick otter tail. Best of heads. Extremely sound mover.

2. *Whistle Stop Perfect Harmony*

Bigger black bitch, not quite the clean lines or balance as winner but still a good one. Beautiful head and expression. Superb coat, which was in glorious condition, well shaped tail. Moved well. Overall a substantial bitch of good breed type.

3. *Belgairn Bodega Bay*

BITCHES American Bred

1. *Nipntuck Graceful Spirit*

Small to medium sized yellow bitch, well constructed throughout. Has excellent round bone down to her good feet. Super hindquarters, moved fairly well. Excellent short thick double coat and a very good otter tail. Liked her head and overall type, in type she reminded me of the Poolstead Labradors.

2. *Asgards Prairie Schooner*

Young black of good size. Kind eye of good colour, her expression is slightly spoiled by having a calf lick (ridge of hair) but head is well shaped head and feminine. Average front angulation, deep body of medium length. Coat and tail not at their best today but undercoat was present and texture was good. Very sound mover with good drive and length of stride.

3. *Himoon Poet Laureate*

BITCHES Open (Black)

This was a strong class and there was little between the top bitches. First and second were particularly difficult to separate as both were lovely bitches with plenty of scope. I preferred the head and expression of Charmer, she looked directly at me and seemed so intelligent! Also excels in coat and tail. Quite well angulated in front, good spring of rib, strong hindquarters. Moved a little close behind. Handler got the best out of her at all times, keeping her on her toes and straightening up her top line.

Grace is very well balanced, being a shade wider between the eyes and flatter in stop. Today she was a bit heavy and this made her move wider in front. Has a splendid coat, tail not at its best today. She has lots of type and quality.

1. *Whistle Stop Bee Charmer (WB/BOW)*
2. *Traycn's Spinney Point Grace*
3. *Skyfire Nipntuck Havin' a Ball*

BITCHES Open (Chocolate)

1. *Nipntuck Skyfire Too Much Fun*

Bitch of excellent type, substance and quality. Ideal eye colour, lovely head and expression. Good reach of neck, short coupled body. Rather a low turn of stifle which gave the hindquarters an unusual angulation, but she moved very well. Good double coat of correct texture, tho' slightly wavy, good otter tail. Under carriage could be tidier and she would look even better with less weight. A very nice bitch indeed.

2. *Sunnydaze Auburn Shade*

Pressed winner hard. Another quality bitch but not quite as pretty in head as winner, she is flatter through the stop, good eye colour. Good front construction, good reach of neck. Short deep body but also carrying a bit too much weight and could be tidier in under carriage. Nice bone and well shaped feet. Has a good coat and tail. Slightly straight in hock and stifle but her movement was sound. A very good type of bitch.

3. *Remington's Classic Clove*

BITCHES Open (Yellow)

A pleasing class, it was easy to pick the good ones.

1. *Blackthorn's Chatty Cathy*

Young medium sized bitch with an excellent thick double coat plus a super otter tail. Well angulated both front and rear, strong hindquarters, short coupled body carrying no excess weight. Sufficient reach of neck and such a pretty feminine head. Just right for bone and substance. Showed to perfection, I was always seeing a well balanced picture and super outline. Moved actively. Given time should gain top honours in the show ring.

2. *Davoegs Beautiful Britney*

Her coat troubled me as she had been bathed and this made the coat softer and uneven, something it can do without especially as she is naturally heavy coated and a bit too long in coat. However she is a very good bitch with a lovely head, good bone and substance. She has a short coupled body with good spring of rib. Moved very soundly using her strong hindquarters. Would like to see her carrying less weight.

3. *Devonshire's French Kiss*

BITCHES Veteran (7 to 9 years)

1. *Bakerbay Gertrude*

This bitch won the class easily. Very good type, she excels in hindquarters having very good turn of stifle and breadth of rear. Carries a super Labrador coat and has a good otter tail. Well boned, deep body with good spring of rib. Good head, but rather spoilt by her deep calf-lick (ridge of hair) which detracts from the cleanliness of her stop, good eye colour. Found her slightly upright in front construction. Moved very well behind, pins a bit in front, as did others in this class. I liked this bitch a lot and found her in lovely condition.

2. *CH. Twigs Dancing with My Shadow CD SH*

A bigger bitch, longer coupled than the winner and does not have her presence. Shown in good condition, well coated and has a good otter tail. Moved with good length of stride.

3. *Tiderip's Warrior Princess NA JH*

BITCHES Veteran (9 to 11 years)

SORRY NOTHING RECORDED ON THE TAPE

1. *Bayviews Ramblin Rose CD NAJ NA JH*
2. *CH. Decoys Wigeon*
3. *Bayviews Gusta Wind CDX JH*

BITCHES Veteran (11 years and older)

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1. *ShaRays Christian Joy CD*
2. *Rosewood's Best of Luck*

BITCHES Hunting Retrievers

1. *CH. Twigs Dancing With My Shadow CD SH*
2. *Timberline Annie Get Yr Gun JH CD*

Liked her clean outline and reach of neck. Average front, good hindquarters. Would prefer to see more undercoat. Shown in fit condition.

3. *Tiderip's Warrior Princess NA JH*

BOB (INTERSEX) COMPETITION

BOB CH. Dos Rios Aim High

I liked this black dog immensely, he took my eye straight away. Big dog, wonderful coat, well shaped tail. Well constructed without being overdone or exaggerated in angulation. Super bone, substance and good feet. Clean outline, good top line and tail set. Moved with drive and looked good in profile. Showed with attitude. Lovely male head, clean, strong, good length of muzzle, kind expression with good brown eye colour. Shown in great condition, no excess weight. He had quality and is of the type I love. He would get made up in the UK.

JAMs:

- CH. ShaRay's Jeremiah*
- Timberline Big Ben of Fawnhaven SH*
- CH. Nipntuck Arncha Bold JH CD*
- CH. Nipntuck Twinkle In Our Eyes*
- CH. Blackwaters Nipntuck Cheerleader*

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CORRECTION

We regret that a transcription error was made in last month's newsletter. The Best Veteran Bitch should have read Bayviews Ramblin Rose CD NAJ NA JH owned by Carole Jensen.

The Clutch Chronicles



Clutch celebrated his first birthday during the summer. He is no longer eligible for the excuse, "he's only a puppy!" However, I believe the phrase "young and foolish" is definitely an appropriate description for this dog.



Clutch, about 12 weeks, finds willing playmate in Dickens.

In one short year of life he has grown from a healthy fifteen ounces at birth to approximately 65 pounds and 23 inches at the shoulder. He has become a member of my family and is continuing to learn the family rules. In a year's time, Clutch has learned that it is inappropriate to relieve himself in the house. He has learned to chew on his toys and not the furniture. Though he still teases the older dogs, he has learned to respect their moods. Clutch throws toys into the lap of any person seated in the family room and quickly moves away hoping for a game of catch. If the toy is not thrown, Clutch nudges it. If he is still ignored, his chosen playmate is likely to get a face washing with a long pink labrador tongue. Clutch is hard to ignore.

Clutch's vocabulary has increased to include the basic obedience commands of *sit*, *down*, *heel*, *stand* and *come*. He understands praise words such as *wow*, *excellent* and *perfect*. These words cause him to lick his lips in anticipation of a reward for work well done. He understands a release word in the context

that he can finally get up and get a toy he has been coveting, but is just as likely to release himself when he feels he has held a position long enough. In fact, *stay* has proven to be the most difficult concept for Clutch to master. He can sit or down in anticipation of another action or reward, but to hold a position while I walk away and hang out elsewhere in the room does not make sense to him. He believes we should be together and when together we

should be doing something. On the other hand, he is testing the *come when called* command and has been corrected for failure to respond promptly when called. I can not afford to be lazy with my training. This is the time when bad habits are easily formed if I am not prepared to enforce my commands. It is my hope that someday Clutch will be a canine good citizen. Though he has no trouble ignoring another dog and walking on a loose leash while heeling, he needs "meet and

greet" practice. His idea of a proper greeting is to bounce up to people and give them a kiss. He would rather lean against people and melt into them then sit for petting. On a recent walk an elderly woman wanted to pet Clutch and informed me that he needed obedience training. I sighed and agreed with her. We are still very much a work in progress.

It is hard to believe that a year ago, Clutch was a tiny puppy valiantly dragging back ducks that were as big as he was. Now he responds to cues while sitting by my side in the field. The word *mark* has him scanning the skyline for birds. *Easy* cues him that the retrieve will be close. *Way out* has him intently pushing his gaze past the short gun station to the guns in the

distance. He continues to learn the mechanics of complicated single marks and has moved on nicely to doubles. He has worked T patterns in my field and has demonstrated adequately that he understands an electronic collar correction. Though we live in the Pacific Northwest, a land known for its lakes and rivers, it is still difficult to find good training water. The dry summer made water training a challenge but we still managed to work our T pattern on the water and add swim-by to our drills. Clutch once again demonstrated his ability to problem solve and quickly adapted the skills learned on land to the water.

It has been fun to share the experiences of Clutch's first year with my friends at PSLRA. The year has been filled with ups and downs. There have been adjustments made as is always the case when a new member is added to the family. I believe that Clutch's story is typical of any labrador puppy and hope that he has helped smooth the way for those of you with pups in your household. Investing time in a puppy's first year gives dividends in a lifetime with a loyal companion. Clutch has looked at me with his big brown eyes and begged for a little anonymity so his story in print will end here. However, as time goes on look for



Puppies can be exhausting for everyone, including Dickens.

his name among the club brags. We plan to continue the good work we have begun in this first year together. There are memories to build and stories yet to tell.

Braggs

Can. CH. Himoon Takes Twota Tango, CD, CGC, finished her CD at GHKC show on 9/19/04 (going three for three with excellent scores) and made her reentry into the breed ring (after a summer litter) going WB, BOW, and BOB! Tango is owned, trained, handled, and ADORED by Cecilie Drege, Cougar Creek Labradors.

Bayview Amarillo at Daybreak, WC, CD qualified for her second leg of her CDX with a score of 191 and second place. The coolest part is this is only her third time in the ring and she's not even two years old. Very proud mommy is Debbie Needham!

We are truly celebrating! Our "Champion, Master Obedience Trial Champion, Working Certificate Excellent and Master Hunter" **Ye Olde Chimney Sweep of Twigs** is now a GRAND MASTER HUNTER. Sweep finished his 15th Master Hunter Qualifying Leg to claim the title when only two of the 16 starting Master dogs would finish and qualify. He remains the only Labrador in Canada with this combination of titles. He did so well last year in Obedience, finishing the year as Third High Point Labrador in Canada in Obedience, but really topped it and made 2004 the year of the Grand Master Hunter.

Not to be out done, one of our young girls, **Twigs Smoke and Cinders** (Cinder) finished her Senior Hunter Title as well.

Bonnie and Gord McGhie
Twigs Labradors

Angelwood Magic Penny CGC WC received a coveted double Q at the agility trial on Sunday. We successfully completed Preferred Novice Jumpers (only four tries to complete the weaves correctly) and a clean run in the Preferred Novice Standard. Penny wasn't the fastest but, still managed to place second in both events. Penny is owned and handled by Marlys Swanson.

CH Sharays Ezra WC earned his first leg toward his CD at the national specialty. His score ended up a 184½ for a third place and High Scoring Champion of Record! Ezra is owned and trained by Sharon Edwards.

Harbortop Hunts-On Shock and Awe CGC, WC, CD "Boomer" completed his CD at Gig Harbor going three for three with scores all in the 190s, earning two high scoring placements in Novice B and High Scoring Bred-By Exhibitor dog with a 195½. "Boomer" is co-bred, co-owned, and co-loved by Nina Mann and Karen and Hudson Coulombe.



PSLRA members at the National Specialty in Colorado.

Nominating Committee

It is time to establish the PSLRA officers and board for the 2005 year. The nominating committee is being chaired by Beckie Jensen and also includes Barb Ironside and Terrie Sato. There are a number of positions opening up this year, so if you have been considering taking a more active role in the business and organization of our club, please contact a nominating committee member and let your interest be known. Nominations will be read at the general meeting held in conjunction with the holiday party on December 4, and voting will take place during the general meeting at the annual banquet on January 15.

To contact committee members:

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PSLRA Newsletter Input: *LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 10/4/04 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 3 mos.*

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 Swanson 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 3 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 born 10/7/04 (2BM & 3BF Available)

Sire: Can Ch Ghostone's Boomtown, JH
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 10/19/03
Dam: Can Ch Sunnydaze Supernatural
OFA 54G, OFEL 24, CERF 7/05/04
Litter: 2 BM and 3 BF
Contact: Linda Maffett (360) 961-5269
Email: sunnydazelabradors@hotmail.com
Listed 9/24/04, 10/7/04 Seattle, WA

Litter expected 8/18/04 (1YM Available)

Sire: Lobuff Bobwhite at Chucklebrook
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 02/26/04
Dam: Himoon Poetic License
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 10/19/03
Litter: 1 YF & 1 YM
Contact Lucy Isaacson-Logen (206) 362-8004
Email: Himoonlab@msn.com
Listed 08/03/04, 9/16/04 Seattle, WA

Litter born 05/28/04 (1 BF Available)

Sire: Chompen T Rex JH CGC WC
OFA 54E, OFEL 54, CERF 02/06/04
Dam: Rocking M's Gardening w/ Pearl JH CD WC CGC
OFA 25G, OFEL 25, CERF 02/06/04
Litter: Black
Contact: Mark & Sharon Hansen (253) 862-9735
Email: hansenzoo@prodigy.net
Listed 7/20/04, 9/26/04 Sumner, WA

Litter expected 8/27/04 (2YM & 2YF Available)

Sire: Lobuff Bobwhite at Chucklebrook
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 02/26/04
Dam: Himoon Dance Music
OFA 28G, OFEL 28, CERF 09/12/03
Litter: 4 YM & 3 YF
Contact Lucy Isaacson-Logen (206) 362-8004
Email: Himoonlab@msn.com
Listed 08/03/04, 9/16/04 Seattle, WA

Litter born 06/01/04 (2 BM Available)

Sire: AM/Can CH Hiltonhall Sammy's Keepsake JH
OFA 24E, OFEL 24, CERF 10/19/03
Heart cleared 28 months
Dam: Hiltonhall Athenian Knight
OFA 27G, OFEL 34, CERF 10/20/03
Heart cleared 22 months
Litter: 1 YM, 1 YF, 1 BF, 5 BM
Contact: Jason and Neva Pursel (425) 397-6279
Email: jason@pursel.org
Listed 7/23/04, 9/17/04 Everett, WA

Litter born 9/4/04 (1YM & 1 YF Available)

Sire: Am/Can CH Sharay's Jeremiah CD
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 10/19/03
Heart normal 24 months
Dam: Somerset Sea Star WC
OFA 27G, OFEL 27, ACVO 10/19/03
Litter: 3YM and 3 YF
Contact: Jennifer Foote Phone: (360) 678-4267
Email: najenjo@whidbey.net
Listed 08/10/04, 9/16/04 Coupeville, WA

Litter expected 12/8/04 (Expect Chocolate and Black)

Sire: Ch Belgairn Polo, JH
 OFA 24F, OFEL 24, ACVO 2/20/04
 Dam: Int Ch Sunnydaze Auburn Shade
 OFA 31F, OFEL 31, CERF 7/05/04
 Litter: Chocolate and Black expected
 Contact: Linda Maffett (360) 961-5269
 Email: sunnydazelabradors@hotmail.com
 Listed 10/2/04 Seattle, WA

Litter born 8/8/04 (Available 3YM & 3YF)

Sire: Cougar Mountains Doin' Justice, SH
 OFA 24F, OFEL 24, ACVO 1/22/04
 Dam: Bayviews Majestic Shasta, WC
 OFA 34 G, OFEL 34, ACVO 9/26/04
 Litter: 3 yellow males & 3 yellow females
 Contact: Karen Ensor 509-990-9899
 email: fyrcrestlabs@msn.com or
 Kim Tyler (360) 941-5227 email: bayview@pugetsound.net
 Listed 10/7/04 Bow, WA

Litter expected November (Yellow & Black)

Sire: Lobuff Bobwhite at Chucklebrook
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 02/26/04
 Dam: Can Ch Himoon Poet Laureate, CGC
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 1/24/04
 Litter: Yellow & Black expected
 Contact Cecilie Drege (360) 435-0456
 Email: cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com
 Listed 10/07/04 Arlington, WA

Litter expected 10/27/04 (Yellow & Black)

Sire: Can Ch Ghostone's Boomtown, JH
 OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 10/19/03
 Dam: Hinoons Little Britches
 OFA 26G, OFEL 26, ACVO 8/9/04
 Litter: Yellows and Blacks
 Contact: Kelli Revior (970) 556-0366
 Email: highnoonlabs@hotmail.com
 Listed 10/14/04 Loveland, CO



Darlene Pado's Reilly and Murphy earned WCs at the LRC National Specialty. PSLRA's Barb Ironside, left, was one of the judges.

**OTHER DOGS THAT A BREEDER HAS DECIDED TO PLACE**

(Note) Owners of all dogs that are listed here have filled out and signed a PSLRA "Listing Form" disclosing to perspective buyers any known health and/or temperament issues and are on file with the Breeder Listing Chairperson.

These dogs are usually well socialized, frequently have some training, and are very desirable as companions. These dogs may not meet either owner's requirements for show or field performance or the code of ethics for breeding. Prospective buyers are encouraged to ask whether these older dogs have acceptable clearances on eyes, hips, and elbows and the reason why the dog is being placed. The listing of other dogs in no way constitutes an endorsement by P.S.L.R.A. Price will vary.

Black male, 9 mos. (intact)

Sweet, calm, well behaved. Going to be a small dog. He has been well socialized, raised with kids, cats, other dogs. Crate trained, great traveler. No health issues.
 Contact: Laura Steward, DVM (360) 876-6199
 Email: cimarronlabs@earthlink.net
 Listed 08/19/04, 9/21/04 Port Orchard, WA

Yellow female, 7 mos. (intact)

Sweet, loves to swim and retrieve. Loves kids and play. Crate trained.
 Contact: Vicky Hoskinson (360) 856-0649
 Email: cameolabs@comcast.net
 Listed 9/21/04 Sedro Woolley, WA

Yellow male, 4 mos. (intact)

Very smart and sweet, loves kids and loves to play. Crate trained, working on retrieves on land and water.
 Contact: Vicky Hoskinson (360) 856-0649
 Email: cameolabs@comcast.net
 Listed 9/21/04 Sedro Woolley, WA

Black male, 9 yrs. (neutered)

Available is the SWEETEST 9 year old black Labrador neutered male. He is still active, house broken, likes his doggie door, travels well and prefers the security of a fenced yard. He loves children, other pets, his tennis ball but prefers to wade not swim.
 Contact: Linda Maffett (360) 961-5269
 Email: sunnydazelabradors@hotmail.com
 Listed 10/2/04 Seattle, WA

Yellow female, 12 mos. (intact, must be spayed)

Very sweet, very active girl. Has basic obedience and crate trained. Possible hunting, competitive obedience/agility potential. Quite athletic! Both parents have all health clearances.
 Contact Cecilie Drege (360) 435-0456
 Email: cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com
 Listed 10/07/04 Arlington, WA



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Important Dates to Reserve

December 4, PSLRA Holiday Party
January 15, PSLRA Awards Banquet

Watch next month's newsletter for details.