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President's Message

Fall is definitely and defiantly here! As I'm writing this we are having our first fall storm with high winds and record rainfall including thunder and lightning. Per Weather.com it is supposed to start clearing up in a few days, just in time for Nationals. During Nationals week there is a little chance of rain. Let's hope that the weather forecast is correct and doesn't change!

Speaking of Nationals – the first event is starting this weekend. If you see Jill Mahoney, be sure to ask her, "How can I help?" Setting up at the RAC is Sunday 1:00 and don't forget to stick around for tear down on Friday. There are also the weekend events TD/TDX (this weekend) and HRT (next weekend). I'm sure Fred Drennan could always use last minute help with the HRT.

PSLRA held its annual Health Clinic September 22. From what Nina reported at our last meeting, it was very successful. Many thanks go to Nina Mann and Mary Jane Sarbaugh for their time on yet another successful event for the club. Thanks so much!

At the last membership meeting, Nina Mann reported on a new possible Specialty Site for 2014 (Bay View State Park). The site is in Mount Vernon and a State Park. Since the club had not lost the Stan Hedwell Park site, the search for a new location was a surprise to me and to many board members. There are still many unanswered questions concerning the possible new site like parking fees and parking by the rings. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will see a list of the Pros and Cons of both sites created by Jennifer Hajny. The list was also posted on the PSLRA Lab Chat. Many of our club members responded with comments and concerns, like other possible locations, changing the Specialty date, rotating the site each year (North, South, East), making the Specialty two days instead of three, and more. After seeing all these concerns, I think it is in the best interest of the club to form a Specialty Committee to go over all these great ideas. There is no reason to rush into anything.

I'm very excited for the upcoming Nationals week! I'm doing a few different events, hoping to finish a rally title, earn a WC, and bring home a ribbon from Conformation! I wish all fellow PSLRA members luck in their events at Nationals! Also, PSLRA can't thank Jill Mahoney enough for all her hard work and time on this event – Thank you, Jill, for bringing the Nationals to the Northwest!

Cathy Hakola PSLRA President

IMPORTANT DATES

October 6 to 13, National Specialty, Lacey, Chehalis, Pepper's, Jill Mahoney

October 23, Board Meeting

October 27, VST Test

November 2, 3, Fall Agility Trial, Argus, Kristi Clark

November 2-3, Pet Expo

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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.

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

PSLRA Board Meeting Wednesday, September 25, 2013, Denny's, Federal Way. Cathy Hakola, Nina Mann, Jan Palumbo, Cindy Freeman, Kim Dotson, Fred Drennan, Julie Germano, Nancy Harney, Stephanie Harris, Tamaria Hartman, Brenda Hubbard, Jill Mahoney. General members; Kristy and Randy Clark, Chris Dotson, Jennifer Hajny, Gary Hubbard, Lucy Isaacson-Logan, Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Jen Snyder, Marlys Swanson.

Officer Reports

President: Nothing to report apart from agenda topics.

Secretary: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: Cindy Freeman provided detailed reports showing PSLRA financial status. The club has the following in its accounts:

CD	\$3,830
Checking (Juniors)	2,142
Checking (other)	21,140
Savings (Rescue)	4,263
Total	\$31,376

Acknowledgments

For the Health Clinic: Co-Chairs, Mary Jane Sarbaugh and Nina Mann; others who helped, Jen Hajny, Jan Skewes and Liz Skillingstad, and the veterinarians who provided their services, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Woodfield and Dr. Dieden. For chairing the new Ethics Committee: Mary Jane Sarbaugh, and to Jen Snyder for setting up communications for the Committee.

Committee Reports

Rescue: Brenda reported on two rescues this month. See article in this Newsletter.

Membership: Stephanie reported there were no new members this month.

Fall 2013 Agility Trial: Kristy Clark reported that everything is on schedule and going fine.

Code of Ethics Committee: Mary Jane Sarbaugh reported the Committee is going topic by topic, first working on recommendations for the Breeder's List, and then they will work on revisions to the Code of Ethics.

Health Clinic: Nina Mann and Mary Jane Sarbaugh reported the Health Clinic was very successful. There were many walk-ins, about the same number as those who had registered. They managed to handle it, but it would be better if people

preregistered. There were 9 CNM tests, 9 EIC tests, 13 Echocardiograms, 7 heart tests, and 86 eye tests.

LRC National: Jill Mahoney reported that plans for the National are moving ahead. With the help of many people everything is coming together. People who live close by the site are needed for set-up. Arrive at 1 p.m. on Sunday. The people at the Regional Athletic Club are being very helpful and accommodating. Reminder to all to please be careful of these beautiful grounds, and leave them in good condition. The opening ceremony Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m. will have a remembrance of Ron. Bring your Kleenex for that. There will be lots going on at lunch and many vendors. Fred Drennan reported the Tracking test is full, with four TD entries, three TDX entries, and two alternates. Fred reported on the Hunt Test plans. Paid worker slots are being filled. On Saturday with MH, JH and the WC there will be lots of action. Anyone who wants to help should email Fred ASAP.

The Board approved providing up to \$600 for hospitality.

Pet Expo: Cindy Freeman and Cathy Hakola are arranging for PSLRA to have a booth.

Holiday Party: Will be lots of fun at Julie Germano's.

New Business

2014 Specialty site: The Board discussed the possibility of a new show site, Bay View Park near Mount Vernon. There was much discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of Bay View and of Stan Hedwell. The Board decided to survey the membership for their preference. Stephanie will make an on-line survey available to all club members. The survey will also appear in the newsletter.

Nominating Committee: A Nominating Committee for next year's Board and Officers is being put together.

Purchases: The Board approved the following two purchases: Obedience Ring Gates and Scanner for Health Clinic.

Banquet: Kimberly Dotson, Chair for the Annual Banquet, reported it would be held January 11, 2014, at the Puyallup Best Western Hotel.

Sportsman's Show: Tamaria Hartman volunteered to be the Chair for the Sportsman Show. Thank you Tamaria.

Heath Research Donation: The Board will discuss our annual donation for Labrador Health research at the next meeting. Anyone with any suggestions, please contact Tamaria Hartman.

- Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next two meetings: October 23, teleconference. November 20, teleconference.

Join your friends this coming October at the

LRC, Inc. National Specialty Event Week

October 6 – 13, 2013

In *“The Shadow of the Cascades”*

. . . the beautiful Pacific Northwest!

TD/TDX Tracking

October 6

Lintott/Alexander Park, Chehalis, WA

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Two Agility, Obedience & Rally Trials, & CC Evaluations

LRC, Inc. Judges' Education Workshop

“GO GREEN” Specialty and the NATIONAL SPECIALTY

ENTRIES CLOSE—September 11, 2013

Pat Hastings' Educational Seminar—

“A Glimpse of Structure in Action”

October 7–11

Lacey, Washington

All Companion Dog and Conformation Events will be held outdoors.

Superintendent: BaRay Event Services (barayevents.com)

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AKC Retriever Hunting Tests (Master, Senior, Junior),

WC & CC Evaluations

October 12–13

Pepper's Retriever Grounds, Carnation, Washington

Entry Express (www.entryexpress.com)

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Check the LRC website (thelabradorclub.com) for judges and further information.

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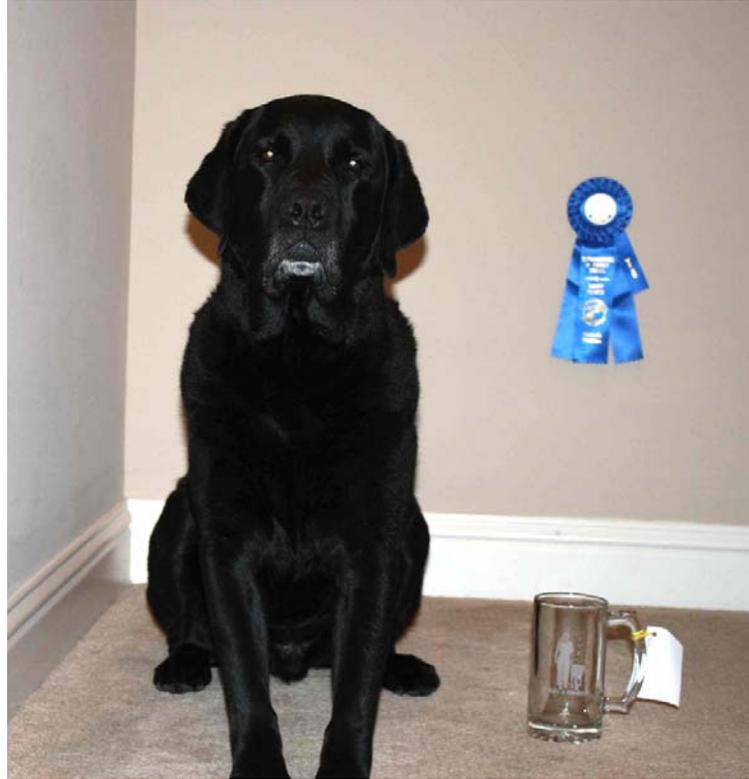
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Braggs

I'm happy to announce that my baby, Crash, achieved his UD at the Reno Kennel Club show on August 16. He is now ReiMur's Juz Crashin' Thru UD TDX JH RE CGC CC WC. Crash is my Novice A dog. I'm so proud of both of us!—submitted by Renee St Denis



My Montana, GCH Ms T's Char-Don Always Gonna Be Another Mtn WC, took Select both days at the AZ White Mtn KC on September 28 and 29. He took a Group 2 in the AKC Owner Handlers Series, handled by co-owner/co-breeder Janet Schoono ver. Montana's littermate, Ms t's Char-Don Life's A Climb WC (Miley) also took WB.—submitted by Terri McFadden

Mainland Little Ricky Ricardo won Best of Breed for his first win at the Fall Roundup Cluster in Helena, Mont. last Saturday. He followed that with a Reserve on Sunday. Thanks to Tiffany Skinner for showing him and to Shelah Frey for the great breeding. He is from Mainland Poisson D'Avril (Avril) and sired by Ch Ghostone's Boomtown RN JH (Boomer).—Paul Guttenberg



New Companion Dog CD Obedience Title!

I'm proud to share that Sailor, CAN CH Mainland Catch Me A Sailor JH, CD, RN, BN, WC, CGC, qualified for his third CD obedience title leg and a nice second place (class of eight) to earn his Companion Dog CD obedience title on August 17! Sailor qualified for all three CD obedience legs back-to-back quickly, with high scores and a second place placement (class of eight) and third place placement (class of ten) in his large classes. He earned his first and second CD legs back-to-back in one weekend on the first try! Sailor received many lovely compliments from his obedience judges. He also received another fantastic health clearance to add to his nice list of Health Clearances – Sailor is EIC CLEAR!—Kristin Smith of Seaside Labradors

WindyCanyon Labrador Brags:

Intl CH WindyCanyon's Roxbury Russet CD RA JH (aka Rotten Roxy), top right, finished her Junior Hunter title on June 30 and her Rally Advanced title on August 4 at the PSLRA Specialty. She also picked up her first two legs for her Novice Obedience title (CD) that weekend with nice scores. Roxy finished her CD at WKC on September 15. She took second places at all three trials and won High Labrador in trial at WKC, winning herself (well, actually me!) a Crystal Apple! How fitting.



Intl CH WindyCanyon's SweeTango CD RA JH (aka Terrible Tango), bottom right, finished up her Junior Hunter (JH) title on August 11. She's been "close, but no cigar" recently in the Open obedience ring, but having a good time regardless. Next year, Tango, next year.... — submitted by Anne Swindeman



National Update: driving instructions to the show site

I have been told that some GPS navigators are sending drivers to the wrong exit. The directions below are correct and from the RAC website. The driving instructions to the RAC show site were left out of the final printing of the Judges Program. They are included here and they will be posted on the LRC National Facebook and webpage. If traveling by RV or pulling a trailer please review Barb Ironside's, (RV/Parking Chairperson), park entrance suggestions.

—From I-5 Southbound (from Seattle / Tacoma) Take Exit 111 Marvin Road NE. Turn left at the top of the ramp onto Marvin Road NE. Go 1.2 miles. At traffic signal, turn left onto Steilacoom Road SE. Then turn right into the main gate.

—From I-5 Northbound (from Olympia / Portland) Take Exit 111 Marvin Road NE (southbound). From the right exit lane, bear right onto Galaxy Drive NE. Turn left onto Martin Way E. Turn right onto Marvin Road SE. Go 0.6 mile. At traffic signal, turn left onto Steilacoom Road SE. Then turn right into the main gate.

The Good, (The Great), The Bad, and The Ugly

by Fran Seagren

I ran my two labs, Disco and Sarge, in a double-header NAHRA (North American Hunting Retriever Assoc) hunt test in Dewatto this past July. Disco had three passes toward her MHR (Master Hunter Ret) title and she needed two more. It was Sarge's first "Intermediate" level hunt test. It takes four Intermediate passes to get a WR (Working Retriever) title.

Both my dogs have noise issues and that was my biggest concern. Not to mention Disco acts like a sled dog at hunt tests and appears to have no idea what "heel" means when walking to the line. In addition to the noise issue, I didn't know what to expect of Sarge, as I hadn't run him in anything serious before.

The GOOD part was, Disco passed both days and now has her NAHRA MHR title. She passed five-for-five. I was stunned. We weren't perfect, but we did it. I made mistakes – like not stopping on a "walk-up" when the bird was in the air. I just kept walking a few extra steps and, of course, Disco came along. Don't know what I was thinking. That almost put us out. Disco was pretty wild most of the times walking to the holding blinds and to the line. It was stressful for both of us. Then without warning, Disco would do some GREAT things - like one whistle a blind, or pin the marks, or resemble a "speedy bloodhound" on the tracking test.

Sarge was pretty quiet at the line for the Saturday test, but he made so much noise on the water marks Sunday morning, the judges told me if he made any noise on the next series - the land

marks - they would have to drop him. He picked up the water marks almost perfectly and one whistled the blind. I talked to Sarge after the water series. I told him he needed to "Be Quiet!"

When we came to the last holding blind for the next series, the land marks, I saw the judges look at each other. I knew what they were thinking. Just before we left the holding blind, I leaned over and in my toughest voice whispered once more to Sarge, "Be Quiet!" He heeled nicely, sat at the line, and checked out the field. He hardly made a peep when the double went down with a flyer as the go bird. I heard the judge say "dog" – and I sent Sarge. He made two nice retrieves. As I handed the second bird to the judge, he gave me a thumbs-up.

Sarge passed his intermediate level tests both days! Proof that miracles do happen. But, in between all my "good" and "great" things over the weekend, I had a few accidents and near accidents. On Saturday morning before the tests started, I was airing my dogs in the woods. I stepped on the end of a dead branch. The other end popped up and caught my foot as I was stepping over. I went down like felled tree. I almost did a "face-plant." But, somehow I got my arm in front of my face as I hit the ground. The breath was knocked out of me, my forearm was throbbing, but I seemed to be fine. The huge bruise on my forearm wasn't that bad, . . . considering. Considering what happened later that afternoon.



Disco, Fran, and Sarge

I was heading back to my truck to get Disco to run the water marks and I needed to find a “ladies room.” There was a fairly long path through the forest back to where I had parked. I found a small trail off the beaten track where I could have some privacy. But, just when I had started to, well you know, I looked down. I saw a hornet trying to “sting” my boot. Then, I saw a LOT of movement directly below and suddenly realized I was standing (and peeing) on a hornet’s nest! This is the UGLY part. You can imagine my horror. My brain went all directions at once. I instantly determined it was time to panic. I jumped up, yelping and squeaking and swatting away the bees with my hat. I was trying to pull my pants up as I was hopping and running as fast as I could out to and back up the main trail. I had pulled my pants up over top of hornets that were still stinging me. I was slapping myself and yelping when I heard one of the other handlers, Barb, yell from down the path, “Fran, is that you? Are you OK?” I pretty much had outrun, (or confused) the hornets by then. I answered back, telling Barb not to come up the path, yet. There were probably “mad guys” still looking for me. I couldn’t believe what just happened. I needed to change my pants. Luckily, I brought shorts in case it got too hot. Sure glad I didn’t have them on when I encountered the hornets. I continued back to my truck and took an antihistamine, changed my pants and grabbed Disco. I came out pretty good all in all. I had one sting on my eyebrow - that hornet died a horrible death. The rest of the four or five stings were located – well, it could have been worse. When I shook their “smashed” bodies out of my jeans, I didn’t feel bad at all, even if I was on their nest.

I forgot all about the stings when Disco did a great job on the water triple and blind. She even acted like she remembered what “heel” meant when we walked to the line.

After running Sarge on the water marks and blinds Sunday morning, we headed back to my truck. I was walking up and over that “same” trail – the one with the hornets nearby. When I walked past where I had my “close encounter of the worst kind” yesterday, I looked over to see if my camo-colored sunglasses were anywhere around. They got lost in the battle. But, seriously, trying to find camo sunglasses in thick underbrush? I gave it up and continued up the path. When the trail started to descend, it got rocky, was dry, and dusty. My old (no tread left) muck boots couldn’t get a grip and I started sliding – one leg forward and the other bent under and behind me. Sarge was clueless and as I was

going down, he just kept moving forward. I did an “old-lady splits” and then tumbled to my side. Sarge suddenly realized I was on the ground behind him and he came lunging back. Surely I needed a 70 pound dog on top of me, licking my face as I was trying to get my legs back in a normal position. My knee got a little “torked” and I’m still on ibuprofen, but I’m walking!

I was pretty much a magnet for calamity both days. I was saved from sitting on an old log covered with ants when Sarge and I were waiting to run the tracking test. As I started to sit down, I thought about those little red (biter) ants. I quickly looked around and sure enough, there they were! I could have had ant bites on top of bee stings. Later, after watching the test dog run, I was heading back to get Sarge and suddenly people were yelling my name. I stopped and didn’t know which way to look. I could hear “FRAN! STOP!” GOOD thing I stopped. Directly in front of me was a hidden narrow drainage ditch filled with water. The grass was high enough to hide it and one step over the short cover and a person would be knee to thigh deep in water. I probably would have fallen over, too!

The judges, club members, handlers and their friends and family were a great bunch of people to spend two days with. There were a lot of laughs and interesting conversations. Everyone seemed “especially” happy about Disco getting her title. So, when they were handing out the ribbons and it was announced that this was Disco’s title, it didn’t surprise me too much when everyone seemed to move forward along with me to pick up my ribbon. As I was shaking hands with one of the judges, I saw him look over my shoulder. From my peripheral vision I could see the group getting closer - maybe they were going to give me a “group hug?” Nope, not a group hug. Everyone started congratulating me by pouring ice-cold bottles of water over my head and shoulders! I think my heart stopped for a brief second. Being fairly new to this club, I had never been there when someone got a title; I did not know this was their custom.

As I drove the hour and a half home - wet, I was listening to eighties music, singing like I meant it, while Disco and Sarge happily slept in the back seat. I shared string cheese with them as we sat in traffic. They didn’t mind my singing voice as they snoozed most of the ride home. It was a weekend I’ll never forget. It was GREAT.

Remember the National

Join your friends in the beautiful Northwest at the 2013 LRC National Event week. There are many events to enter. Come earn the Dog For All Reasons, take the Challenge, get a CGC, have your dog’s heart echoed, enter both the catalog ad (closes on September 4) and the photography contests! Start the week off participating in Tracking (off site), Agility, Obedience, Rally, CC, CGC, and Conformation at the Recreational Athletic Complex (RAC) in Lacey. Finish the week with the Hunting Retriever Tests, CC, and WC at Pepper’s. Be sure to preorder and sign up for sweatshirts, dinners, and the Pat Hastings Education seminar. Food and coffee available on site everyday at the RAC. We hope to see you there! October 6 - 13, 2013.

Why I Volunteer

by Diane Burlingame

I am involved in many dog sports and I am currently learning the retrieving world. I am a lifetime member and officer of an AKC All-Breed Conformation/Obedience Club. I have trained in Obedience, Rally-O, and Agility. I have even done some herding and protection work with my dogs. What I found with all these activities is that it takes many people to organize and put on any of the events that we participate in as exhibitors or handlers.

To learn the different dog sports, it was always suggested to find a local club, join, and develop mentors within those clubs. Well, those clubs have a tendency to put you to work - right away! Many times you are put in areas in which you have no previous experience. I discovered that was probably one of the best gifts anyone ever gave me.

I found while chairing a new committee, ring stewarding for conformation, setting jumps for obedience or agility and now my newest venture - setting up wingers and blowing duck calls (Who would have ever thought!) rounded out my experience of working with my own dog, a Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever. I had the vision of my dog and myself in each activity from a handler's perspective. It turned out to be a fairly narrow field of vision.

As someone supporting each event - calling contestants for their turn or managing equipment, you get a different view from each task. You can feel the excitement and tension from the exhibitor. You synchronize your breathing with theirs as they enter the staging area for each test. You learn who, and how you want to be - or not. You are closely

involved with each contestant. What amazing insight to be had!

Another gift received from working the events, is the semi-private tutoring from the judges. They will often "think out loud" and answer your questions if tastefully asked. Clarification from judge's viewpoints will help better you for each test of any activity.

The best part of all of this is becoming a member of the community. You can travel to places you never imagined and you will have a community there for you. You will always find a friend with a common interest.

Volunteering at dog events has led to some of the best learning experiences in my life.

Proposed New Specialty Site

At the September club meeting a proposed new specialty site was presented. Following is a list of pros and cons for the new site, as well as for the 2013 site in Chehalis. The board would like to have member input on which of these two sites you feel might be the best fit for our club. Please keep personal feelings about how far you might have to drive out of your decision-making. We want to put what is best for the club first! There will be a poll up shortly asking you to vote on a site. Please don't delay in voting when the poll is out as there is a deadline to meet. Photos of both locations will soon be posted on the yahoo club site.

Stan Headwell Park, Chehalis, WA (88 miles south of Seattle)

<http://ci.chehalis.wa.us/parksandrecreation/stan-headwall-park>

Price for 2014- \$800.00

Pros

- Large park-like setting with plenty of room for rings, exhibitor pop-ups, vendors
- Mostly flat area for rings with level terrain
- Large covered picnic area
- On I-5 corridor
- Plenty of free day parking
- Full RV hook-ups around corner from show site (walking distance) in campground

- Hotel short distance from site
- River access for swimming
- Extra patrols by rangers for our benefit
- Local attractions include Mount St. Helens, Outlet Shopping, Great Wolf Lodge

Cons

- Condition of RV area was very dirty- cold showers you had to pay for; bathroom stalls with no doors, next to busy park road.
- Dirty bathrooms, no doors
- No shade at show site, some shade at RV
- Not private, many people through the RV sites daily
- Park Rangers were less than accommodating when asked for certain things (i.e. doors for the bathroom stalls, lights for the covered area)
- Could not leave show site overnight without supervision
- Traffic from North can be bad
- Some reports of severe swimmers itch after being in the river

Bayview State Park, Mt Vernon WA (73 North of Seattle)

<http://www.parks.wa.gov/parks/>

?selectedpark=Bay%20View&subject=all

Price for 2014- No charge for show site field, charge for picnic area

Pros

- Large park setting
- Beautiful view of the Puget Sound
- Twenty-one full hook-ups, RV sites that surround the show site
- Forty-six additional tent sites
- New bathrooms and showers
- Six rustic cabins close to show site, each sleep 4 (4 without bathrooms, 1 with shower, sink, and toilet, 1 with toilet and sink)
- Group tent camping for 8 tents
- Large covered picnic area accommodates 175 (not at show site, but at beach below site- walking distance)
- Many hotels in area
- Local attraction includes La Conner, Anacortes, Whale Watching Beach access

Cons

- Day Parking- still negotiating details to accommodate the number of spots we might need and cost. Might have to pre-purchase discover passes prior to coming to show, but the park is working on coming up with a flat daily rate.
- Terrain is not as "flat" as Stan Headwell. Similar to RCLRC site terrain.
- No natural division between obedience and conformation with picnic shelter- will use catalog, and trophy tables for division, similar to Lynden.
- No electricity at the picnic area
- No shade at show site
- Traffic can be bad from the South

Rescue Report

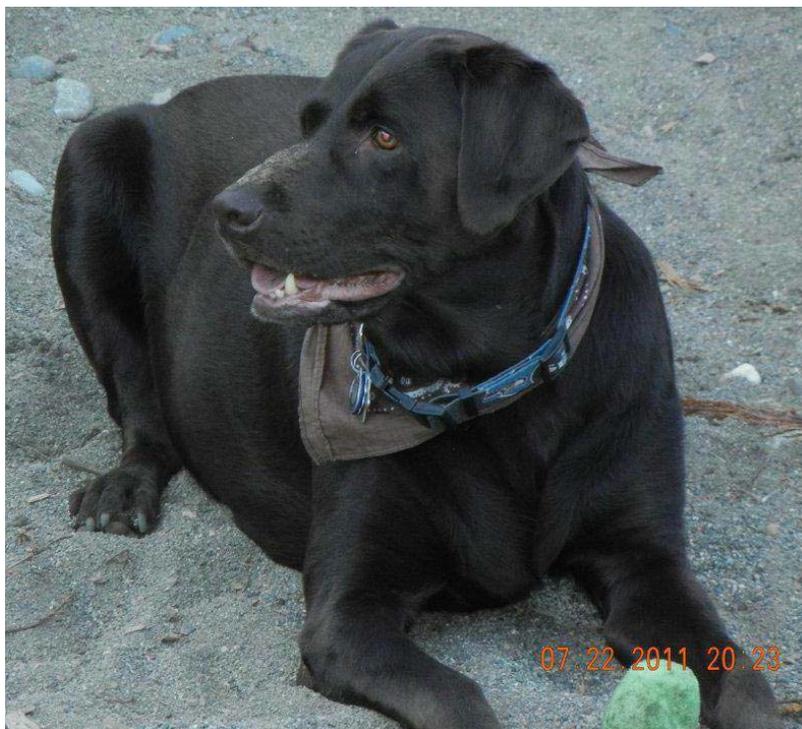
It has been a busy time for our rescue program! In addition to the “usual” placement of Labs from private homes directly into new adoptive homes, we have had several unusual situations. First there was Arthur, a chocolate male Lab that was rescued by an SPDR volunteer from a situation of extreme neglect. Once cleaned up in a foster home, Arthur’s friendly personality shone through and he quickly made friends with the resident dogs and people. Arthur was adopted by a family with small children who just adore him. We are grateful to Roncy Roehm of Canyon Pet Lodge in Puyallup for fostering Arthur.

After Arthur was settled in his new home, we received a call from the Kent Shelter. A lovely yellow female Lab had been returned to them a year after she was adopted - only now she was hugely overweight. (Only a Lab could gain that much weight in a year!) Annie is now on a weight-loss and exercise program and will make a wonderful companion for some lucky family once she has slimmed down again. Again - we appreciate Roncy’s foster help with Annie.

Then we received an emergency call about a chocolate male Lab that had seriously damaged his tail and was in need of immediate surgical help. His owner was about to take him to a shelter since she did not have the funds to provide the veterinary care needed. We decided to help fund the surgery for Joey to keep this purebred Lab out of the shelter and in his loving home. His owner is able to provide for Joey’s routine needs, but just could not afford the extra veterinary expense. Joey came through the surgery with flying colors and is back home with a short but still wagging tail!



Top to bottom:
Arthur, Annie, and
Joey



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LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 9/30/13 that conform to the PSLRA Code of Ethics. Information is as submitted by owners and provided as a service to the public. Listings of litters are in no way an endorsement by PSLRA of any litter or any one litter over another. Litters are removed from the list after three months.

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

Elbows and hips must be certified on both the sire and dam. Dogs and bitches whelped before 5/1/87 are exempt from elbow clearance requirements and will be marked OFEL N/A. Prelims are not acceptable! The board has recently agreed to accept PennHip clearances that score in the 50th percentile or higher, passing Wind-Morgan clearances, and clearances from the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) in Canada. Female Labradors (bitches) with a Wind-Morgan, Penn Hip, or OVC clearance must not be bred before the age of 20 months, or 24 months with an OFA clearance. Male Labradors (dogs) with a Wind-Morgan or Penn Hip clearance must not be bred before the age of 12 months, or 18 months with an OVC clearance, or 24 months with an OFA clearance.

Eye clearances on both parents annually.

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 Nina Mann if you need a Litter Listing form, to be used 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 sold. The listing will be deleted after three months from the first litter listing date unless she hears from you.

1. Mail the completed form and a check for \$10 (operating expenses for Breeder Listing and Puppy Referral Programs) to **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 donation to PSLRA (c/o Nina Mann) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue.

Litter born 6/22/2013

1BM, 1BF available

Sire: GCH Laurglens Ardent Rogue at Hyspire
OFA25G, OFEL24N, LR-EYE 4/2013, EIC clear, CNM clear, PRA Normal

Dam: Mainland's Pembroke Phinny
OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 11/2012, Cardiac Normal

Call: Shelah Frey (425) 466-6208

Email: shelahfrey@comcast.net

Listed: 8/24/2013 updated 9/28/2013

Litter born 7/10/2013

1 BM, 1 YF, 1 BF available

Sire: Cimarron's Just Red
OFA31G, OFEL31N, Cardiac Normal, ACVO 8/2013

Dam: Cimarron's Peppermint Patty
OFA25G, OFEL25N, Cardiac Normal, ACVO 10/2012

Litter: 1 YM, 2BM, 3 YF, 2 BF

Call: Laura Stewart

Email: Laura@cimaronfarm.com

Listed: 8/28/2013

Litter born 8/3/2013

1 BM available

Sire: AM Can CH Paradocs Obsidian
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 4/2012, PRA normal, heart normal ECHO, EIC clear

Dam: Can CH Somersun Artesian Silk Stocking WC
OFA24G, OFEL24N, EIC Clear, CERF 9/2012

Litter: 5 BM, 2 BF

Call: Marlys Swanson (425)422-4789

Email: Marlyss2000@gmail.com

Listed: 7/25/2013, updated 8/24/2013, 9/28,2013

Litter born 8/16/2013

4YF, 1BF, 2BM available

Sire: CH Lobuff Hollywood Wizard Of Oz
OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 6/2013, EIC clear

Dam: Devonshire Sundowner She's So Vain
OFA40E, OFEL 40N, ACVO 9/2013

Litter: Blacks and yellows

Call: Jami Roberts (206) 909-7405, (425) 377-9934

Email: jami.roberts@yahoo.com

Listed: 9/23/2013

Litter born 8/25/2013

2 YF, 5 YM available

Sire: Int. CH Mtn Star Rolling Thunder JH RA CD Pet Partner
OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 3/24/2013, Cardiac Normal

Dam: Kali Kelani at Jasper Ranch
OFA24E, OFEL24N, LR-EYE 8/6/2013

Litter: 5 YM, 5 YF

Call: Harvey Hazen, phone number 509 833-9705.

Email: doubledranch@cleelum.com

Listed: 8/12/2013, updated 9/24/2013

Litter born 8/30/2013

6 CM available

Sire: HRCH CPR WindRiver SST MH
OFA29G, OFEL24N, ACVO 7/2013, EIC clear, PRA

Clear, CNM clear by parentage

Dam: Kingsland's Sweet Madeline
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 4/2013, EIC carrier, CNM clear by parentage

Litter: 7 Chocolate males

Call: Teresa Meredith (253) 845-1311

Email: Kingsland_labs@hotmail.com

Listed: 8/24/2013

Litter born 9/10/2013

2YF, 6 YM available

Sire: GCH Can CH Gingerbred's Celestial Thunder JH
OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 9/2013

Dam: Mountain Star Oakley
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 3/2013

Litter: All Yellow

Call: Michelle Beaunau (509) 966-3840 or Harvey Hazen

Email: maple.way@gmail.com

Listed: 9/4/2013

Litter born 9/24/2013

Sire: Can CH Janlon's Bears Repeating RN WC
OFA24E, OFEL24N, ACVO , Cardiac Normal, PRA Normal

Dam: Halfmoons Amazing Grace
OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 9/2012

Litter: 4 yellow males

Call: Barbara Marks (360) 320-0891

Email: halfmoonlabradors@hotmail.com

Listed: 10/1/2013

Litter due 9/27/2013

Sire: Niptuck Customized
OFA 24E, OFEL24N, OFA Eyes 1/2013

Dam: Northernrain's Serenading Lady Emma
OFA24E, OFEL24N, OFA Eyes 6/2013

Litter: Yellows expected

Call: Stacey Gny (360) 820-2537, (360) 384-1280

Email: Staceygny@yahoo.com

Listed: 8/21/2013

Older Dogs That A Breeder Has Decided To Place

Note: Owners of all dogs that are listed here have filled out and signed a PSLRA Listing Form disclosing to prospective buyers any known health and/or temperament issues on file with the Listing Chair.

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 hips, elbows and eyes and why the dog is being placed. The listing of older dogs in no way constitutes an endorsement by PSLRA. Price will vary.

Black Female, 4 years old

Intact (must be spayed)

Karma is a show champion. She has all health clearances, is very healthy and wants a great retirement home. Crate trained, walks on lead nicely, travels well, loves to retrieve. Very beautiful girl. Cecile Drege, cougarcreeklabs@people.pc.com
Listed 8/21/2013

Ring Nerves

by Linda Koutsky

I was sitting outside of the Open ring with my Novice A dog on my lap. We were having a great day at the obedience trial. I was playing with her and scratching her butt. She loved her butt scratched. I was sitting there when a nervous Open A handler approached. The woman was such a basket case she was vibrating.

She said to me, "How can you be like that? You just FAILED!" I smiled and pointed to the side of the ring where a top, nationally known instructor was sitting with her OTCH students. I said, "See that group?" She nodded and said, "Yes" with great reverence. I said, "Well, you can't sit there until you learn how to fail."

She pulled up a chair. We talked about dreams, effort, success, and failure. We talked about the difference between title chasing and performance building. We talked about how wonderful dogs are, and how lucky we are to spend the day with them. And then this handler went into the ring and failed every single exercise. She came up to me afterward, smiled, and thanked me.

Today she's one of those OTCH students. She's still a bit of a basket case, but doesn't vibrate anymore. <giggle> And she's one of the nicest people you'll ever meet at an obedience trial.

I never go into a ring looking to win or Q. But I always go into the ring knowing we can because we're prepared. Before I walk into the ring, I take a moment to be thankful. I get to spend the day with great dogs and terrific friends. I think of how lucky I am because I got out of bed this morning; how blessed I am because I can walk.

I was six weeks post OTCH, winning everything in sight, when my left knee blew out on a halt in the UB ring. I was out of the ring and unable to walk or heel a dog for three years! Why, isn't important. What is important is the total joy I felt the day I stepped back into the ring. I remember I NQ'd that day. I can't tell you if or how I NQ'd the last time I showed, but I can remember that day. Tickie went down on the sit. He was working a 199.5 at the time. And I was so thrilled because we were back and working as a team!

Sometime this year I hope to earn my 100th HIT and HC. Looking at the rosettes, I can't remember most of them. I remember my first HIT; everyone should remember their first. I remember the day I finished my first OTCH. I know that rosette because there were no ribbons that day. Someone at the trial took a photo of me with the judge using a blue agility ribbon that they had stashed in their car. My OTCH HIT and HC rosettes came later in the mail. I can find my first 200 because it's huge and from our National Specialty. And I know which rosette was Tickie's last HIT. I cried that day. I cried in the ring and couldn't stop. Not because he won't win any more rosettes, but because our glorious ride together was over.

We have such a short time with our dogs. We're so blessed to be able to play this game. I've had years where I couldn't show due to health reasons, or financial reasons, or simply a lack of trials where we lived. So when I can show I make the most of it. I can't remember my wins. I can't remember my NQs. But I can remember my wonderful dogs and the incredible friends I've made along the way.

I can remember what I've learned about dogs, about the game, and about myself. I owe the sport, and the people in it, more than I'll ever be able to repay. The nerves have gone away, but they too were once part of the journey until I realized how much they got in my way.

I'm so lucky to be showing again. Once again, I get to take a dog into the ring. I get to see if the things we're working on in training are improving in the ring. Once again, I get to learn something. I get to spend the day with people and dogs that I enjoy and love. Showing is my drug of choice; it's my personal high. It's my chance to be one with my dog. The outcome is just another learning opportunity.—Linda OTCH/200



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