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President's Message

This weekend is our Fall Working Certificate test at Greenleaf's. As I am planning what needs to be done and coordinating the volunteers, I'm thinking a lot about how we PSLRA members work with each other. As a Club we need a lot of volunteers to run the multitude of events we sponsor each year. All of you have heard me ask, plead, and you could say "beg" people to volunteer at events. Thankfully, many of you continue every year to chair and help at our events and fill positions on our board, but what about the rest of our members? Why don't we see those folks coming forward and offering to help? We know our love of Labradors is what binds us together as a club. But, what can we do differently, or do more of, to encourage every member to volunteer at something each year? When working together on an event or a committee, are we being good team members that listen to each other? When someone has a new or different idea of how to do things, are we giving that serious consideration?

I remember when I was new to the Club. I was a little nervous about volunteering because I didn't want to look stupid, or make mistakes on things that "everyone else" already knew how to do. I also felt that maybe there were groups of people that were already close friends; and I didn't want to appear to try and push my way in. What I found was that, "yes" I did have a lot to learn and, "yes" there were groups that were already friends, but most people were willing to take me under their wing. I just needed to ask the questions and be willing to listen and learn. Now that I'm more experienced with most areas of this Club, I try to not forget what it felt like to be new.

My message this month is to put out a challenge to our more experienced members. When working at an event, look around for any new members. Talk with and encourage them in whatever they are doing with their Labs. Invite them to help at an event. For those people that are new to Labs, or just new to hunt tests, agility, tracking, or conformation, my challenge to you is to get more involved!

Whether we are more experienced members, new or in between, we can all benefit by reaching out to each other with encouragement and kindness. Since Chris and I joined PSLRA, we've met so many great people and had such great times with our dogs. Thanks!

Cheers! Kimberly

IMPORTANT DATES

**October 4, Fall WC,
Greenleaf's in
Monroe, Chris &
Kimberly Dotson**
**October 21, BOD
meeting**
**October 25, Tracking
Test, Bow, Wash.**
**October 31,
November 1, Fall
Agility Trial, Kristi
Clark**

Newsletter Information:**Publishing of an article or advertisement**

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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/members meeting

September Membership Meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at Johnny's in Fife.

In attendance were BOD members:

Marlys Swanson, Nina Mann, Brenda Hubbard, Stephanie Harris, Jill Mahoney, Lizzie Moir, Kim Dotson, Shelah Frey, Jennifer Hajny, Marcy Johnson, Tamaria Hartman. General Members: Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Stacy Parsons, Chris Dotson, Ram and Anu Vaidyanathan.

Officers Reports

President: Kimberly Dotson - See Bylaws Committee information below

Vice President: Marlys Swanson- No report

Secretary: Jennifer Hajny - Membership inquiry from member regarding breeders list. Tamaria will follow up with the member.

Treasurer: Jill Mahoney - Report available upon request. As a note, the BOD decided, under advisement of our CPA that the financial reports not be listed in the newsletter. They are always available to PSLRA members at any time. To request copies please contact Jill Mahoney.

—Fall Agility budget submitted, under review.

—Fall WC budget submitted, M/S/V. Motion carries.

Acknowledgements

The BOD would like to thank the following individuals for their services to the club: Fall hunt test chairperson Liz Gibson, as well as test secretary Cindy Olson. Also thanks to Jim Olson, Liz Skyllingstad, Nina Mann, Nancy Harney, Barbara Hawley, Michelle Brown, Sharon Collins, Terrie Sato, Don Collins, Doug Gallucci, Mike Marks, Debbie Milks, Bea Ferguson, Darlene Pado, Barbara Marks, Ryan Moravec and all the kids.

Committee Reports

Rescue Report: An approximate 10-year old black male named Fivel. See article about Fivel elsewhere in the newsletter.

Health Clinic: Paperwork is coming in. This will be MJ's last year to co-chair.

Anyone who is interested in helping next year, contact the BOD.

Fall WC: Birds are ordered. Pre-entry is not required, but preferred. Day-of entries will be \$35.00, pre-register is \$30.00.

There will be a training session in the morning from 10:00-12:00. WC will start promptly at 12:30. Kim and Chris Dotson are the chairpersons for this event. The WC is October 4 at GreenLeaf's Monroe.

Fall Agility Trial: Trial is on track.

Budget will be revised, and resubmitted to the BOD for approval.

Tracking Test: Everything is on track.

Christmas Party: This year's Holiday Party still needs a location that will allow us to bring our dogs. Watch for updates. The party is being held on December 5.

Annual Awards Banquet & Election of Officers: This will take place in January in conjunction with the Puyallup shows (January 16, 2016). The location is still being determined.

Show N Go: It will only be one day and no Rally. Date is January 9, 2016.

Sportsman's Show: Coming end of January. Tamaria Hartman will Chair this event.

Old Business

—Field Chair Needed. Please contact Kimberly Dotson.

—Ron & Jennifer Kelly. CPA advised that we are not allowed to donate to any person who will get financial gain, so we are unable to make a donation from the club. Also note that it is against the IRS rules 501C7. Per the Kelly's request, they are extremely grateful for the generosity of their "dog family," but ask that donations should be donated to the community at this point.

New Business

—Facebook Page. Discussion consisted of what the club allows on our Facebook page. The purpose for the Facebook page is to communicate with and educate the general public regarding Labradors in all avenues. The club will be posting an educational piece once a month. It was also suggested to create a policy regarding the posting of rescue dogs to include only dogs that are listed with our club through SPDR. Mary Jane Sarbaugh will talk with Edith Bryan and come up with a suggestion.

—Bylaw Committee. A committee has been formed to start a process of changing the bylaws that will revise the way club members can vote on issues, as well as

how the BOD holds meetings in an effort to include more of the membership.

Open Discussion

—Jill requested the Breeders List fee be taken off of PayPal to eliminate those who do not qualify. The request has been taken into consideration and it will be addressed before the first of the year.

—Terrie Sato made some recommendations via the Yahoo chat group. One was that we hire a Webmaster to update and maintain our webpage, as it is a huge endeavor to ask a club member

to do this as a volunteer. There is concern from the BOD about the cost of outsourcing this position. Topic was tabled for the time being. Another idea was regarding the selection of judges. Terrie also brought up a suggestion that club policies be updated on the club website. Jennifer Hajny will look into this.

—It was recommended that our club talk with other clubs to get more ideas on tightening budgets and other things.

—Nominating committee is being formed to fill vacant Board positions. The BOD has

appointed Marlys Swanson to head up the Nominating Committee.

—The BOD would like to encourage the general membership to be active members of PSLRA. Members are welcome to contact the BOD members with questions at any time. Remember we are here for the same reason, THE DOGS. Let us support one another!
Next Meeting - BOD, October 21, location TBD

Adjourn 9:07

Please note new address for Stephanie Harris.

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Thanks!
Stephanie Harris
Skyfire Labradors
<http://www.skyfirelabs.com>



Bruh

WindyCanyon's Ruby Pink RN, Ruby, finished her Rally Novice title at the CBDTC/Richland KC trials on September 27 before she was even eight months old. Ruby started off her Rally pursuits at PSLRA at days past six months with a 95 score and finished locally with a 97. We have high hopes for Miss Ruby as JH (and more Rally/obedience titles) will be in her future next spring/summer.—Owned, trained and bred by Anne Swindeman, WindyCanyon Labs





WindyCanyon's Kanzi CD BN RE, Kanzi, finished her Rally Excellent (RE), Beginner Novice obedience (BN) and Companion Dog Obedience (CD) titles at a mere 18 months old at the Richland Kennel Club/Columbia Basin Dog Training Club trials on September 25-27. She is from my breeding between Poplar Forst Jumpn Jck Synergy MH and IntCH WindyCanyon's Envy CDX RA JH CC.

Kanzi went on to move up into the Open Obedience class on Sunday, and qualified there as well, with a first place ribbon despite only being introduced to jumping her height the week before! Kanzi also won High Labrador in Trial with her open debut on Sunday! To say I'm thrilled with this pup is an understatement.—Anne Swindeman, WindyCanyon Labradors, Yakima Washington.

Rescue Report

Fivel is an older black male Lab who ended up in a shelter after his owner passed away. He was very thin and run down, but his wonderful Lab temperament made him a favorite with the shelter staff.

He then went into one of our foster homes and gained some much needed weight and appeared to be in good health, although he is somewhat hard of hearing. We determined him to be about 10 years old. He goes up and down stairs easily and does not seem to have any problems with arthritis. He loves to go for walks and has very nice leash manners. He also enjoys riding in the car.

We knew Fivel would be a great addition to any family looking for a well-behaved, loving and calm companion. He is great with cats, chickens, goats, cows, and other dogs, even puppies. He let the puppies in his foster home chew on his neck and jump all over him! Fivel loves to be with people of all ages and was hoping to find a home soon where his sterling character will be appreciated.



Fivel before Kristin's care.

Last weekend he was adopted! His foster mom, Kristin Tarnowski said this: "I am so happy to announce Fivel has found his home! He left us this weekend to join a very nice, young family. I am confident Fivel is going to live out the rest of his life one happy dog! I am honored I was able to be part of Fivel's life and finding him the perfect home.

We at Lab Rescue want to heartily thank Kristin for volunteering to take Fivel in as a foster, via a special request on the Club's Facebook page, when all of our other foster homes were full. She stepped up to the plate to rehabilitate Fivel in his broken down condition and got him well enough to enjoy a wonderful life.

Article by Edith Bryan and Brenda Hubbard



Fivel now. Photo courtesy of Kristin Tarnowski, Pieces of the Universe LLC."

LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 9/28/2015 that conform to the P.S.L.R.A. Code of Ethics.

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

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

- * Elbows and hips must be certified on both the sire and dam. Dogs and bitches whelped before 5/1/87 are exempt from elbow clearance requirements and will be marked OFEL N/A. Prelims are not acceptable! The board has agreed to accept PennHip clearances that score in the 50th percentile or higher, and clearances from the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) in Canada prior to May 2012. Bitches with a Penn Hip, or OVC clearance must not be bred before the age of 20 months, or 24 months with an OFA clearance. Dogs with a Penn Hip clearance must not be bred before the age of 12 months, 18 months with an OVC clearance, 24 months with an OFA clearance.
 - * Eye clearances on both parents annually.
 - * Heart, EIC, PRA and CNM clearances will be included in the listing at the discretion of the breeder
 - * A PSLRA member must own either the sire or the dam and must submit the listing for a non-member.
 - * Please use the PSLRA Breeder Litter Listing Program format below for ALL litters.
 - * All Breeders must update their litters each week with Nina Mann via email (harbortop@netzero.net) as to the sex and color of puppies you have available. The listing will be deleted after 12 weeks from the first litter listing date.
1. Mail the completed form and a check (US funds only) for \$10 (operating expenses for Breeder Listing and Puppy Referral Programs) or email your PayPal receipt to: Nina Mann, 5706 312th St. NW, Stanwood, WA 98292-9649.
 2. Your litter notice will appear in the next PSLRA newsletter if it conforms to the Code of Ethics.
 3. If you know that the Litter Listing and the Puppy Referral programs have helped you sell your puppies, **please send a \$10 donation** to PSLRA (c/o Nina Mann) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue.

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

Litter Listings

Litter born September 3, 2015

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

Litter due October 6, 2015

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

Older dog listings:

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

Chocolate Female

Dolly is a very sweet, smart, chocolate girl who is shopping for her forever home. She swims, gets along with dogs, cats, and learns quickly. Dolly's parents are OFA hips, elbows, eyes, hearts clear. Contact Stephanie Harris, Stephanie@skyfirelabs.com or Website: www.skyfirelabs.com
Listed: Sept. 6, 2015

Five Months



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