

# The Retriever Believer

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## Let Your Light Shine!

I don't know about all of you, but I've been finding myself in a funk. It seems every time I watch the news, scroll through Facebook, engage in "water cooler" conversations (you get the idea), all I hear is negativity. Bombings, mass shootings, political posturing and nuclear threats, hurricanes, expansive fires and other devastations cause us worry, anger, sadness, and depression.

Sometimes, we just can't make sense of the losses suffered. We want an explanation, to understand, because we want to be able to prevent the event

from happening again, to feel that we are safe when we go about our routine daily lives. Good people can't justify evil, can't accept it...and shouldn't.

Remember, that sometimes evil exists in this world. It isn't your fault and it isn't something you can control. One thing you CAN control is how you respond to it. Refuse to let the darkness extinguish your light. Unplug from technology for a while; walk away from the negativity if you need to. Take your dogs for a swim, have coffee with a friend, reach out to someone you haven't seen in a while. The beauty in this world far outweighs the ugliness. Choose to embrace it.

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# PSLRA Membership and Board of Directors' Meeting

## Secretary's Minutes

September 20, 2017

DENNY'S RESTAURANT, 2131 S. 320<sup>th</sup> St, Federal Way WA 98003

Members in attendance: Stacey Parsons, Cindy Freeman, Barbara Gilchrist, Jennifer Hajny, Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Jim and Cindy Olson.

Directors in attendance: Nina Mann, Scott and Becky Dannaker, Brenda Hubbard, Jill Mahoney, Shelah Frey, Marcy Johnson, Marlys Swanson and Ramdas Vaidyanathan.

Stephanie Harris, president, couldn't attend so Jill Mahoney filled in for her and called the meeting to order @ 6:48 pm.

OFFICER REPORTS: No reports tonight.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: To Brenda for procuring this location for the meeting and taking notes for Kristin Reiter, secretary, who was unable to attend. To Jill for running the meeting. To Stephanie for stepping up to do checks while Jill was out for medical leave recently.

For the WC: Marlys, Bea Ferguson and Scott Dannaker. For the complete list of all our great helpers we want to thank, see the separate article by Marlys Swanson.

For the CC: Cheri Wildes, Chair, Julie Germano, Secretary, Nina Mann and Diann Sullivan judges. Once again, for the complete list of all our great helpers we want to thank, see the separate article by Marlys Swanson.

For the Hunt Test: Liz Gibson, chair and Cindy Olson. The Board would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped, both PSLRA members and others. Please see the complete, separate list elsewhere in this newsletter for the names of all who volunteered.

And a special thank you to Kris Reiter for taking on the newsletter when our former editor, Chris passed away last spring. Everyone commented what a good job Kris has been doing!

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Field Chair Report: no report.

Fall Hunt Test: By Cindy Olson; entries were down but those who attended has a great time. Entries have also been down in other clubs. Jim Olson noted there aren't many folks from the younger demographic coming out for the test. Discussion followed on having Rainier Hunt Club advertise our hunt tests.

Rescue Report: Brenda briefly noted there will be a wonderful Rescue follow-up elsewhere in the newsletter, by Edith Bryan, about Clara, a very old stray BF, who came to Rescue emaciated and with a lot of health problems.

Fall Agility Trial: Not much information on this. Jill will research it and follow up with the Board.

Health Clinic: Mary Jane Sarbaugh reported today was the deadline for signup and MJ shared she is a bit frustrated as there are many last minute people and it leaves her with lots of paperwork. It has piled up in MJ's email and she has to sort it all out. Discussion ensued to perhaps how we can improve online signup for participants. Also,

### NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Please Submit Articles and Advertisements to:

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Membership in the PSLRA is open to anyone interested in Labrador retrievers. Annual dues are \$20 for individuals, \$25 for families. Junior memberships are \$10 (for a separate listing in the membership book and a separate newsletter). Please note that new members require the signature of two sponsors on the application form. Requests for information, applications and/or payment of dues should be addressed to: Stephanie Harris, Membership Chair 341 Cross Creek Drive Ellensburg, Washington 98926 stephanie@skyfirelabs.com



# Secretary's Minutes (continued)

thank you to River Dog for letting us use their facility for this event.

Tracking Test: Nina reported it has been cancelled due to unavailability of getting a 2<sup>nd</sup> judge, especially one that would fall within our budget.

Holiday Party: Becky reported all is on track except the date has been changed to Sat. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> NOT Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> as stated on the Club's calendar online. Similar to last year, no dogs, potluck dinner w/ Club providing a main dish ham and beverages. There will be the usual routy gift exchange, too! Anyone who missed last year's party at the Dannaker's will want to make sure to attend this year's: it is outstanding. Brenda reminded Becky to place an advertisement in Nov.'s newsletter to remind members closing to the time of the party.

## OLD BUSINESS

Junior Scholarship Committee: Katie Dotson won the \$500 scholarship for her college attendance this fall. Also, \$465 was raised on this year's Specialty .

Specialty 2018: Jen Hajny requested an update. The new location is not yet confirmed. Angela Rogalla is working on it and she has the Specialty Committee assisting her. Quite a bit of discussion on the Enumclaw Fairgrounds ensued. There isn't much shade and they didn't want to cooperate to water our grassy area to make it more usable. The Board will get more updates from the Specialty Committee.

Health Foundation: Jen Hajny asked if the Board had donated where to give money for 2017 yet. No, but it has been discussed and the Board would like input on worthy research institutions. Discussion followed. Another discussion came up about helping donate to hurricane/flood relief for Labs in TX/FL. Scott Dannaker will look into a TX Lab Rescue group he knows about and will follow up with the Board.

Club's Database and notification of when new members sign up: Brenda brought up she hasn't been getting the automatically generated emails when a new member joins. She has learned of 2 who contacted her via Facebook. She can't follow through to check out payments, sponsors and greet them, as co-membership chair. Stephanie is aware of it and is working on it.

## NEW BUSINESS

Status of Annual Awards Banquet: We currently have no chairperson and it's scheduled for Jan. 13, 2018. Any takers to chair it? Stacey Parsons volunteered to help but not chair it again. Much discussion followed about possibly moving the location to make it more casual & less expensive as the Club's portion to help fund each members meal has risen a lot. Also, there has been a chronic problem of some members signing up, not paying ahead of time as requested the not attending. Some folks don't like it being in the later in the evening with such an early start time in the mornings at the Puyallup shows for Lab in the ring. The Club's bylaws require a January meeting to vote in the new Board. Some more discussion on procur-ing another interesting speaker for the Awards Banquet. Last year's speaker, Dr. Cindy Smith, was outstanding . Marcy will ask Dr. Cindy about doing another topic for us this year and will report back to the Board.

## OPEN DISCUSSION

Marlys passed out a handout from Cheri Wildes to do an update for the Club's website. If anyone has any comments, please reach out to Cheri.

NEXT MEETING: Teleconference, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Minutes submitted by Brenda Hubbard.



# Bragg!



## *BISS Am Ch Harlequin That Thing You Do*

Harlequin That Thing You Do, "Livvy" was Best in Sweeps under Jennifer Kelly, then WB, BOW at PSLRA under Judy Heim, for a 4 point major.

She then went out on the road with amazing Handler, Julie Romeo, and won 2 consecutive 4 point majors going WB/BOW, at the Mile High Sporting Club Show in Colorado on Sept 8, judge Ronald Spritzer, and Sept 9, judge Anne Shannon.

She also was Best in Sweepstakes both days at the Jersey Skylands LRC!  
>> At the North Star LRC Specialty in Rochester, Minnesota on Sept 15, Livvy was Best Opp in Sweeps under Linda Schiele, and then WB, BOW and BISS for 5 points, under Judy Heim of Hyspire Labradors, to finish her American Championship, at 13 months of age!!!!

Livvy is now BISS Am Ch Harlequin That Thing You Do!!!

Livvy is bred, owned and loved by Diane and Todd Sullenberger (GCh Nipntuck Blame It On Fame x Harlequin's Little Bird)

# Bragg!



## *IntCh WindyCanyon's Kanzi, CDX, BN, RE, JH*

Three-year-old Kanzi (IntCH WindyCanyon's Kanzi CDX BN RE JH) finished her CDX and JH titles in August making her my 6th generation WindyCanyon CDX JH titled girl!

The completion of the JH (4 for 4) also qualified her for the 2017 Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association's All-Around Labrador Award. Kanzi is owned, trained, bred and loved by Anne Swindeman of Yakima, WA.

# Brag!



## A HAPPY ENDING FOR CLARA

In the middle of this past year's cold, wet winter, a local farmer found a black Lab wandering in his field. After a few days, he was able to coax her to him and he very properly turned her over to animal control to search for her owner. The Lab was caked in dirt, bony and starving - and it did not surprise anyone when no owner showed up to claim her.

Estimating her age at around 12 years, the shelter asked our rescue group to help this sad old Lab lady. Briefly fostered by Brenda and Gary Hubbard, we soon turned the care of this Lab over to a wonderful woman named Les, who didn't care that her new friend was old and arthritic. All she knew was

that "Clara" (as she decided to call her) needed a home, and she had a great home to offer!

So Clara went home with Les and the other member of the family - a 12 year old Pug named Gertie. It took Clara a long time to settle into her new home. At first she growled at Gertie if Gertie ventured too close to her bed, but the two old ladies soon made their peace. Les often dog-sits for her neighbors, and although Clara didn't play with most of the visiting dogs, she became friends with a Golden retriever and the two would parade around the house carrying matching stuffed Lambchop toys - looking very pleased with themselves.

In spite of lots of loving care, Clara did not engage in play or ask for attention from Les for several months. Then one day, Clara brought her beloved Lambchop to Les, waited for Les to toss it across the room, and then retrieved it! From that moment the game was on, as Clara became more and more comfortable with her new surroundings.

Clara is no one's idea of a perfect Lab. She huffs and puffs and snorts and snores. Sometimes she is grumpy. She drinks and slobbers endless quantities of water all over the house. Sometimes she flinches when petted - is she in pain, or has she experienced the touch of unkind hands in the past? She has a gimpy leg and scars from old injuries. But Clara has more and more happy moments at time goes on, and she brings much joy at those moments to her new friend Les.

We are all so grateful to Les for giving Clara a loving home, and for finding the priceless gem of a Labrador hidden inside this forgotten stray. Here is a picture of Clara dressed as befits her new status as the queen of her home!



# Field Training Day and WC Recipients

I just want to send out a special thank you to my co-chairs, Bea Ferguson and Scott Dannaker. Also, our judges Darlene Pado and Cheri Wildes. We didn't have too many qualify but it was a great training day for many of us and gave our young dogs a chance to be exposed to guns and experience.

Thank you to our CC judges Nina Mann and Diann Sullivan for judging out CC, Julie Germano as secretary and Cheri Wildes for pulling this all together. It is a great idea and a success! .

Our gunners were amazing, Fred Drennan, Tony and Bruce Ferguson. Nina and Michelle did a fantastic job with helping with the young puppies, Michelle monitored the inventory for the trailer to ensure everything was returned. Fred handling the winger during training.

Our Marshalls that kept a steady flow of dogs going to the line. Cathy Hakola and Bea! Lori Taft for taking entries.

Jim and Cindy Olson thank you for your advice and help today. It is great having more experienced people at these events.

Diann Clark for dropping and picking up the trailer. It was so nice having everything there.

I was telling someone that this is probably one of the easiest events I have chaired as we had so many people offer to help and just jump in and help wherever needed. I greatly appreciate you all and please let me know if I have missed you. Without everyone's help we could never make these things happen. Thank you all!!

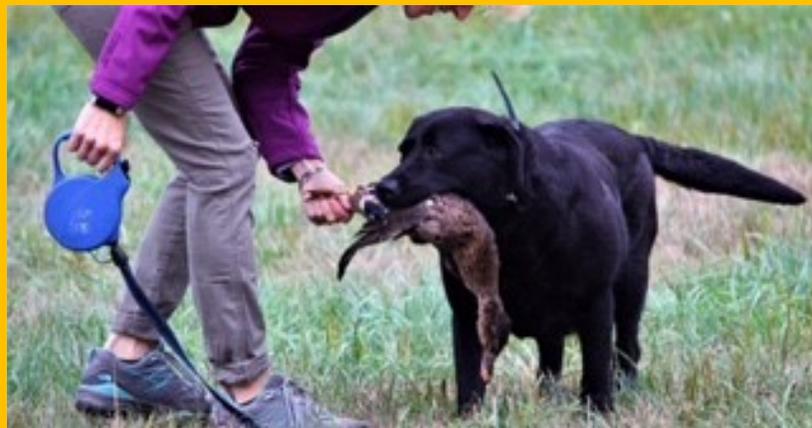
Thank you to all that entered and came out to play with your dogs. And, congratulations to our qualifiers.

Denise Beaumont - Country Classic Get This Party  
Julie Germano - Country Classic I'll Take The Dirt Road  
Michelle Orser - WindyCanyon's Lethal Weapon RA CGC  
Jan Skewes - Wyntercreek Yellow Iris, CGC  
Debbie Milks - Aldebarans Yellow Brick Road  
Bea Ferguson - B-Mor Teagan Circles The Moon, RN, CGC  
Barbara Marks - Halfmoons Charlotte  
Shelah Frey - Mainland's Pembroke Phinny  
Marcy Johnson - Soundviews Hopes and Dreams

*Submitted by Marlys Swanson*



# Field Training Day and WC Recipients



# What is a Conformation Certificate?

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The Conformation Certificate offered by the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. is a non-competitive conformation evaluation program open to all Labrador Retrievers, including spayed and neutered dogs. Labradors will be judged in accordance with the Standard and it is hoped that exposure to such evaluations will help to promote an awareness of desirable Labrador Retriever breed type. The evaluation should demonstrate that a dog possesses the basic attributes of a Labrador Retriever.

The Evaluation Sheet contains nine (9) conformation and temperament categories for a judge to consider on a numerical basis. Each dog will be scored in each category using a one (1) through three (3) point system, e.g., 1 = Poor, 2 = Acceptable and 3 = Good.

To receive a Conformation Certificate a dog is required to have a total score of eighteen (18) or better and demonstrate in the mind of the judge a sixty-five (65) percent likelihood of conforming to the characteristic as described in the Standard. To assist in determining if a dog is worthy of receiving a CC, a judge should consider the following:

- A. Does the dog possess the basic attributes of a Labrador Retriever?
- B. Would the dog under examination exhibit a majority of breed characteristics?
- C. Would the dog under examination be excused for lack of merit?
- D. Does the dog possess any disqualifying characteristics?

General disqualifications apply, such as: freedom from lameness, blindness, deafness or change by artificial means. Dogs noted to possess a disqualifying fault shall not receive a Conformation Certificate. Disqualifying faults should be noted on the score sheets and all score sheets must be returned to the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. Program Coordinator.

Dogs that have not passed a Conformation Certificate examination at a prior event are eligible to participate in subsequent evaluations unless disqualifications are noted at three separate examinations by any combination of three different judges. Participants should be aware that, like the Working Certificate, not all dogs entered will qualify for a Conformation Certificate.

The Conformation Certificate is not an official title, but should be considered an accomplishment similar to the LRC, Inc. Working Certificate. It is an opportunity for owners of Labrador Retrievers who are not interested and/or familiar with competitive conformation events to have their dogs evaluated and recognized as having basic Labrador Retriever conformation characteristics.

# Conformation Certificate Recipients

Congratulations to all the CC participants who received their Conformation Certificate from the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. at the PSLRA WC on September 9, 2017.

I would like to express my sincerest appreciation to Nina Mann and Diann Sullivan for judging the CC, and how encouraging and supportive they both were of all the dogs and handlers. You two made it a wonderful experience!

We had 11 dogs enter, and 11 dogs received their Conformation Certificates, with nice scores and some lovely comments from the judges.

Congratulations to:

**Bayside's Spice of Life** – “Zoie” – Bred by: Debra Ziegler, Owned by: Don & Cheri Wildes  
**Cimarron Rua Shenanigans** – “Riona” – Bred by: Laura Steward, Owned by: Pamela Gunderson  
**Country Classic's I'll Take the Dirt Road** - “Sawyer” – Bred by / Owned by: Julie Germano  
**Guns Up's Loaded for Bear** – “Teddy” – Bred by: Cheri Wildes, Owned by: Don & Cheri Wildes  
**Rainy Day Keepsake** – “Rainy” – Bred by: Val & Jay Walker, Owned by: Jim & Cindy Olson  
**Reimur's Marge Simpson** – “Margie” - Bred by: Darlene Pado & Barb/Don Ironside, Owned by: Liz O'Callaghan & Darlene Pado  
**Snoline Miner's Delight** – “Yukon” – Bred by: Brandy Burton-Tarantino, Owned by: Erin Callaghan  
**Trieven Rain Shadow** – “Shadow” – Bred by: Val & Jay Walker, Owned by: Jim & Cindy Olson  
**Windy Canyon's Fast and Furious** – “Moxee” – Bred by: Anne Swindeman, Owned by: Brandon Orser  
**Windy Canyon's Lethal Weapon** – “Macie” - Bred by: Anne Swindeman, Owned by: Michelle Orser  
**Windy Canyon's Ruby Pink** – “Ruby” - Bred by / Owned by: Anne Swindeman

We appreciate all the handlers and their dogs who were willing to participate, as well as for their patience as we juggled the CC Secretarial duties, around WC commitments. Many thanks to all those, including Cindy Olson, who stepped in to help.

The list of qualifiers was sent to LRC, Inc. and their names will be included in the 2017 Labrador Club, Inc. Year Book.

If you've ever been curious to experience what it is like to have a conformation judge examine your dog and provide feedback, in a very relaxed and casual setting, I encourage you to consider entering a future Conformation Certificate. Conformation or Field types, spayed or neutered, and dogs one year though senior, all are welcome. It is also a great socialization opportunity. Who knows it may entice you to enter your dog in an actual show...

*Submitted by Cheri Wildes*

# Litter Listing

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

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

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

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

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

### Litter Listings:

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

### Older dog listings:

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

6 month old Chocolate Female

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



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS Something for Everyone!

### October 18

*Board Meeting Teleconference - 6:30pm*

### November 4 & 5

*Agility Trial*

Argus Ranch, Auburn

### November 15

*Board Meeting Teleconference - 6:30pm*

### December 2

*Holiday Party*

Scott & Becky Dannaker's home

## NEWSLETTER CORRECTION

In her excitement to announce Madison's most recent accomplishments of a Beginner Novice title, CGC and a Junior Hunter wing in last month's issue, Chantel prematurely added the JH title to her name. Although I am certain this canine superstar will lay claim to the consonants faster than a New York minute (see what I did there?), Chantel wanted to be sure we made the name correction. Madison is officially Can CH / Int'l Multi BIS CH Koa's In A New York Minute, RN, BN, CGC



# Fall Hunt Test

Every event we host can claim success due to the dedication of our generous volunteers. PSLRA would like to recognize the following members and non-members who donated their time to help our Fall Hunt Test run smoothly.

Nelson Brown  
Sharon and Don Collins  
Fred Drennan  
Judy Dupree  
Bea Ferguson  
Jean Fowler  
Patti and Doug Gallucci  
Liz Gibson  
Brian and Barbara Hawley  
Tim Higgins  
Dixie Humble  
Mark Keen  
Holly Krohn  
Eric Marek  
Sue Meyring  
Tricia Murphy  
Cindy and Jim Olson  
Darlene Pado

Sandy Rainaldo  
Betsy Reali  
Liz Skylingstad  
Anne Swindeman  
Ann and Don West  
Linda Wiacheck  
Bill Woll

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Gavin McDermott  
Jaysun Winkler  
Andre Ameny  
Ethan Nelson  
Chase Young  
Nathaniel Middleton  
Anthony Fontes





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