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## President's Message

*Thank you to all who attended the Specialty, and a special thanks to our volunteers and those that sponsored classes. Our Club cannot be successful without those members that continue to give their time and effort toward our events.*

*Our Fall season is fast approaching. Our annual Health Clinic is this month. Sign up now! See additional information in this newsletter. Sunday, October 4, is our Fall WC at Greenleaf's in Monroe. Our Fall agility trial is also coming up. Anyone interested in helping with the trial, please contact Kristi Clark who is the event chair. Our Tracking test is also on the horizon, Sunday, October 25, in Bow, Washington.*

*Please remember it takes a village, or in our case a club, of great people that help and volunteer at our events to keep us successful!*

*Cheers! Kimberly*



**IMPORTANT DATES**

**September 16,  
Board/membership  
meeti, Johnny's Fife  
September 27, Health  
Clinic, Nina Mann &  
Mary Jane Sarbaugh  
October 4, Fall WC,  
Greenleaf's, Chris &  
Kimberly Dotson  
October 25, Tracking  
Test, Bow, Wash.**

**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 August board meeting

August Board Meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at the home of Shelah Frey. In attendance were Kim Dotson, Brenda Hubbard, Lizzie Moir, Diane Sullenburger, Jill Mahoney, Nina Mann, Marlys Swanson, Stephanie Harris, Jen Hajny, Tamaria Hartman, Shelah Frey, Marcy Johnson, and Linda Maffatt.

**Officers Reports**

*President:* Kim Dotson – No report

*Vice President:* Marlys Swanson – Gig Harbor kennel club would like to boost entries, so PSLRA gave them a list of well-respected judges. If anyone else has any suggestions, let Marlys know. Marlys would like to suggest we do a supported entry for this club. She will do all the work for the 2016 show. We are receiving some feedback on BaRay as our Super for the Specialty.

*Secretary:* Jennifer Hajny - Close out for the 2015 specialty was received

*Treasurer:* Jill Mahoney - Treasurer report available upon request

**Acknowledgements**

—A big thank you to the following people for helping make the 2015 Specialty a huge success; Jill Mahoney, Lizzie Moir, Cindy Freeman, Christina Richmond, Michelle Brown, Nina Mann and ALL the others who helped!

—Thanks to Shelah for hosting PSLRA Board meeting.

—Thanks to Liz Gibson, Nina Mann, Cindy and Jim Olson for all their work preparing and working the fall hunt test.

**Committee Reports**

*Rescue Report:* Athena is a nine-year old black Lab who will be ready for adoption soon. Look for Athena's story in this newsletter.

*Specialty 2015:* Heat and Canopies - A lot of complaints were about the heat. Suggestion was made that we invest in "Aluminet" that will reflect the heat and keep it cool. Fans can also be rented, so that is something to keep in mind. There was discussion about show site for 2016 regarding the pros and cons of where we were. M/S/V to pay Enumclaw a deposit and stand in the same site as last year next

to the RV park. Motion passes 9/1, 2 abstaining.

*Fall Hunt Test:* Nina reported. Liz has been doing an amazing amount of work for this, and always needs lots of helpers.

*Health Clinic:* Everything is on track. Please send in paperwork EARLY - like as soon as possible! The BOD decided to continue using the same laboratories for the tests as we have in the past, and adding Paw Prints as an option.

*Fall WC:* Possible date change to October 4th. Kim Dotson is the chairperson. Watch for follow up information

*Fall Agility Trial:* Everything is on track

*Tracking Test:* M/S/V to approve tracking test budget. Motion carried.

*Christmas Party:* Coming fast...be ready!  
*Annual Awards Banquet & Election of Officers:* The banquet will take place at the Best Western again in Puyallup. Price of dinner will be increased.

**Old Business**

—Field Chair Needed. Please contact Kim Dotson for information.

—Officers for 2016. Nominations are coming up. Please consider stepping up and becoming a BOD member.

—Club budget. Regroup on Club spending, etc.; financial status of the Club and how to fix communication with BOD and club event chairs was discussed. Budgets MUST be submitted to the BOD for approval prior to event.

**New Business**

—Budgets. They must be submitted to BOD for approval. There was a discussion about the possibility of a budget template being created to help event chairs.

—BOD meetings, membership voting and how to amend the bylaws. There was discussion about different ways the BOD can meet via phone or videoconference so that more people might be able to take part in meetings that are not in the immediate Seattle area. Options were discussed about how to change meetings to include more members. Some ideas include join.me, Skype, WebX. We also encourage all members to come to any Board meeting. An ad-hoc Committee to be formed to review bylaws

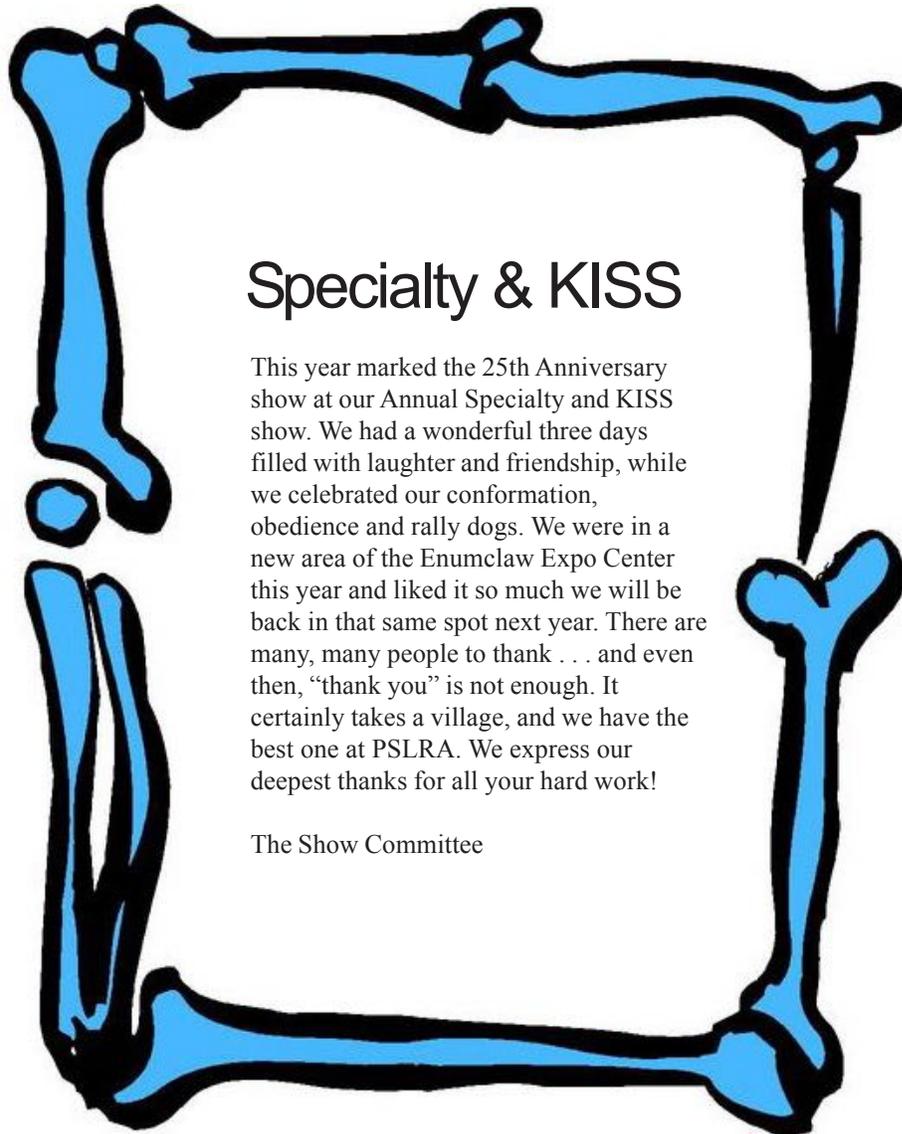
—Toy Orders. Attention Chairpersons. If you need to order toys for your event, please contact Jill Mahoney before placing an order.

—PayPal. Club is being charged a service fee in order to offer PayPal as an option. M/S/V to charge a 4 percent fee will be added to purchases. Motion carried. All persons using PayPal for club purposes will be charged a 4% service fee.

### **Open Discussion**

Membership meetings are coming up. Please put it on your calendar and plan on attending. Next member meeting will be September 16, at Johnny's in Fife.  
— Next Meeting: September 16- ALL MEMBER MEETING!

Adjourn 9:15



## Specialty & KISS

This year marked the 25th Anniversary show at our Annual Specialty and KISS show. We had a wonderful three days filled with laughter and friendship, while we celebrated our conformation, obedience and rally dogs. We were in a new area of the Enumclaw Expo Center this year and liked it so much we will be back in that same spot next year. There are many, many people to thank . . . and even then, “thank you” is not enough. It certainly takes a village, and we have the best one at PSLRA. We express our deepest thanks for all your hard work!

The Show Committee

**Bruce**

Finally, after six and a half years, Rainy earned her Master Hunter title at the Rainier hunt test on August 9. Thanks to our training friends for all your help along the way. What a fun journey with all of you.

By the way, as with the UKC tradition, Jim dumped a gallon of water on me when we received our ribbon!

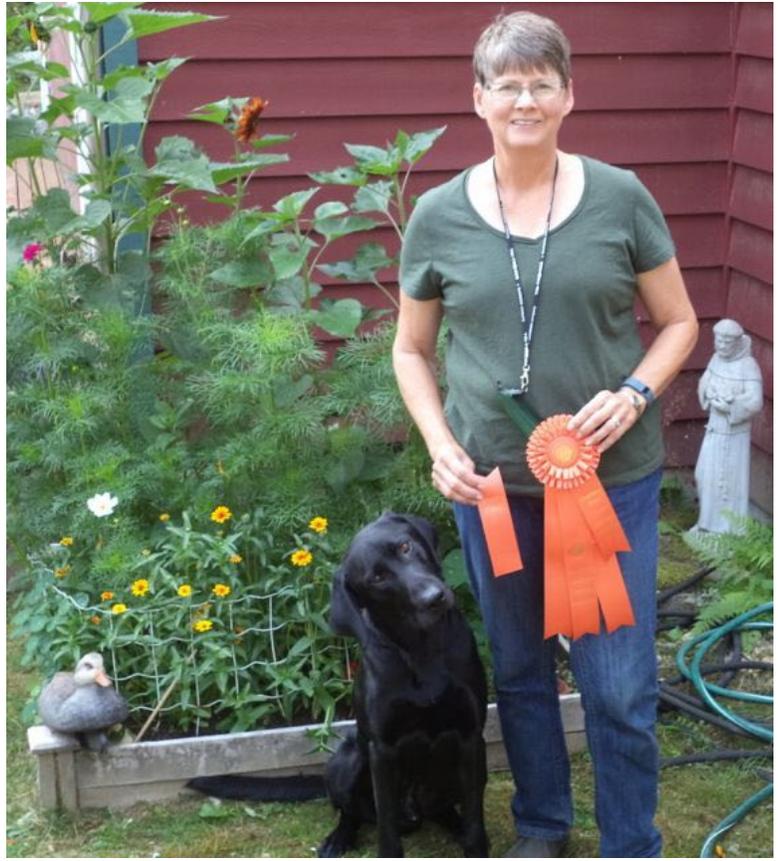
Nina, as you said, it was really special to finally get our title with the home crowd cheering for us.

Cindy and Rainy



Am/Can Ch B-Mor Max-Million, JH, RN (Max) earned his second Senior pass at the PSLRA Hunt test this past weekend. Very proud of his owner and handler, Bruce Ferguson, they make a great team. Bea Ferguson

Birdlands Go For Broke JH CD GN earned his sixth Master Hunter pass at the PSLRA hunt test on August 23 to complete his MH title. I am thrilled with Bravo. He is a fun dog to train and a fun dog to live with. He has personality to spare. Although I train alone quite a bit, it takes a village to earn a Master Hunter title. I owe sincere thanks to my Tuesday morning training group; Nina Mann, Fran Seagren, Cindy and Jim Olson, Barbara Hawley, Nancy Light, Dixie Humble, Kris Hansson and Sandy Rainaldo. We aren't all there every week, but we support each other's efforts through freezing cold and blazing heat. Many thanks also to PSLRA for supporting the hunt test venue and offering this last test of the season. It is always a favorite. Bravo is owned, trained and handled by Terrie Sato.  
Terrie



Bravo, Birdland's Go For Broke, finished his Graduate Novice title at the PSLRA Specialty in Enumclaw on August 1. He also earned two CDX legs at the Specialty with a first place in all classes. Special thanks to the club for the wonderful glass awards made all the more special because they were handmade by talented club members. This club truly makes the Specialty "special." Bravo is owned, trained, loved and handled by Terrie Sato. He hopes to see more of his Labrador friends in the obedience ring next year!  
Terrie

At the Whistling Wings Hunt on 8/15/15, Fergus earned the second leg of his HRC Upland (UH) title. Darlene Pado

# Brawls

So proud of Chuck and Maggie for their awesome QUALIFYING performance at the Canadian National Master Hunt Test, August 16 - 22, in Beautiful Bridal Falls, BC. The tests were very challenging and fair. The judges were awesome and the hosting club, BC Labrador Retriever Club, did an incredible job. The most fun event ever! We can't thank Bev and Butch Higgins enough for allowing us to have and LOVE this awesome girl! Sharon Hilton



Clipper, Winroc's The Flying Cloud, placed fourth in the Open All-age stake at the Great Salt Lake Retriever Club trial August 2. She was handled by Rob Erhardt. This was Clipper's first All-age placement! Clipper is owned by Vicky MacLean and bred by Lee Foote. Vicky

# Rescue Report



Athena is a nine-year-old black Lab who had been with the same owner since she was a puppy. Her owner's latest move, however, was to an unfenced property with lots of open country and woods around it. While Athena had never been one to roam and just likes to hang around the house, recently a pack of coyotes had been seen in the area and actually on the property. Her owner became concerned for Athena's safety as she spent her days outside. We were asked to help find a new home for Athena, and since we needed to move quickly to get Athena away from the coyote danger, we placed her in an SPDR foster home.

Athena has adjusted happily to her new, indoor, living conditions and gets along very well with the young golden retriever in her temporary home. She is a friendly, happy Lab who loves everyone she meets. She is on a diet and exercise program to regain a trim figure and has been enjoying trips to the beach and to local parks. Once she has achieved her weight loss goal, Athena will be ready to be a perfect companion for some lucky family.

As the photo shows, Athena's new canine friend, Sandwich, enjoys having a "grandma" in the house to snuggle with.



Hunt Test Chair, Liz Gibson(left), and Test Secretary, Cindy Olson(right). They appear to be happy in their work. Good job, ladies!

# Hunt Test Workers

Master hunt test marshals Sharon Collins(left) and Terrie Sato(right).

They made a tough test more fun for everyone by simply being themselves, not to mention doing an excellent job keeping the handlers lined up.



Master judges Jim Charbonneau, left, Ron Margiotta, right, and apprentice judge Ted de Looze



Liz Skillingstad greeting the participants at the PSLRA Fall Hunt Test.

**LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 8/30/2015 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](mailto: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 born: May 26, 2015****Available: 1 CF**

Sire: Alibi's Repeat Performance@ Quail's Run

OFA 24G, OFEL24N, LR\_EYE 10/2014

Dam: Taylor Creek's B Swift

OFA33G, OFEL33 N, ACVO 1/2015, EIC -CBP, Cardiac Echo Normal, PRA Carrier

Litter: 6 CF, 4 CM

Call: Kari Audette: (DAY)425-765-8821

(EVENING) 425-765-8821

Email Address: [kariaudette@yahoo.com](mailto:kariaudette@yahoo.com)

Listed: June 26, 2015, updated 7/24

**Litter due July 6, 2015**

Sire: GCH Nipntuck Chasin' Fame

OFA26E, OFEL26N, Cardiac Normal 2013, ACVO 7/2014, EIC clear, PRA-CBP

Dam: Can/Am Ch Mainland's Catching the Dream at Karuna,

BN RN WC CGC

OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 9/2014, Cardiac Normal, EIC Carrier, CNM clear

Litter: All blacks expected

Call: Kristi Clark (253) 709-8443

Email: [Kristiclark2001@yahoo.com](mailto:Kristiclark2001@yahoo.com)

Listed: June 20, 2015

**Litter due July 6, 2015:**

Sire: GCH Cambria's Gratitude

OFA LR-70 E, OFEL24N, Cardiac clear Echo, Optigen CBP

Dam: Northernrain's Serenading Lady Emma

OFA 24Ex, OFEL24N, ACVO 7/2014, Optigen clear, EIC clear; Cardiac clear,

Litter: All yellow expected

Call: Stacey Gnyp (360) 820-2537

Email: [staceynyp@yahoo.com](mailto:staceynyp@yahoo.com)

Listed: June 28, 2015

(Neither parent tested for CNM)

**Litter born July 26, 2015****2YM, 1YF available**

Sire: GCH Tampa Bay Thach Man Sea Beau

OFA26G, OFEL26N, OFALR-EYE 7/2015, Cardiac Echo Normal, EIC clear, Optigen A

Dam: Int CH Country Classic's Dancing With The Stars RN WC

OFA28E, OFEL28N, ACVO 1/2015, Optigen A, EIC Carrier

Litter: 2YM, 4YF

Call: Julie Germano (425) 330-9316

Email: [CountryClassicK9@aol.com](mailto:CountryClassicK9@aol.com)

Listed 8/25/2015

(Neither parent tested for CNM)

**Litter due October 6, 2015**

Sire: GCH CH Frakari's Kool As Kiefer

OFA28G, OFEL28N, ACVO 03/2015, Cardiac 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](mailto: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.

**Black Male****Neutered**

Fawnhaven One of A Kind JH RN CGC is a 6-year-old boy who would love a hunting home. Henry is too energetic for his 90-year-old owner, but would make a great companion for an active family seeking a loving, hiking, retrieving, hunting friend. Call Rose Goche: (360) 708-3945

Listed: July 6, 2015

## September Health Clinic

MJ and I would like to remind you to sign up as soon as you can for the September Health Clinic. It's very hard to schedule you properly if everyone waits until the last minute. There's no need to worry about the fees. We don't cash anyone's check until the day after the clinic.

If you would like to use PayPal instead of a check, the Board has agreed to that method of payment, but please add a 4 percent fee for the convenience so the clinic doesn't lose money. We try very hard to break even.

There was a little confusion this year about the various laboratories. Paw Print Genetics would like our business, but they are only economical if you do several tests. Their first test costs \$80, but they will give a 30 percent discount at the clinic, which would reduce the first test to \$56 and ditto for the second. We will accept your request to use them for the dilute and for HNPk, each at \$56 and OFA does accept their results. If we have five requests for the dilute, however, DDC will do the test for \$48.

We will continue to use the U of M for EIC and the French laboratory for CNM. Dr. Sullivan and Dr. Woodfield continue to help us with eyes and hearts. This year, when you check in, you will be provided with a colored raffle ticket showing whether you have paid for Auscultation or an ECHO so that it is clear what fee you are paying. Please remember to print out the OFA form to register your heart test so it will be ready for Dr. Woodfield's signature.

If you are getting a microchip, we will send in the included lifetime registration for you. Remember to fill in your veterinary contact.

Thanks! Nina Mann

Make checks payable to PSLRA.

Send **a copy of your AKC papers AND Fill in the form below for each dog :**

Mary Jane Sarbaugh 5062 Wynter PI Langley, Wa 98260

**WE NEED EVERY BLANK FILLED IN AND A COPY OF AKC PAPERS PLEASE!!!**

Owner \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Microchip or Tatoo # \_\_\_\_\_ Breed (if other than Labrador) \_\_\_\_\_

call name \_\_\_\_\_

Times: 8:00 - 9:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 - 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 - 11:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 11:00 - 12:00 \_\_\_\_\_

NO APPOINTMENTS AFTER 12

Please number in order of preference. Scheduled time is for eye drops. Your preferred time may not be available **confirmations will ONLY be sent via e-mail address.**

This dog will be: Eye Screened \_\_\_\_\_ Heart Auscultation \_\_\_\_\_ Heart Echo \_\_\_\_\_

CNM \_\_\_\_\_ EIC \_\_\_\_\_ DILUTE \_\_\_\_\_ HNPk \_\_\_\_\_

Micro-chipped \_\_\_\_\_ (TROVAN ONLY)

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



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*Health Clinic 9/27*  
*Are you signed up?*