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Say Aah!

The Evergreen Golden Retriever Club is hosting a WC/WCX Sunday, September 4, at Greenleafs in Monroe, Wash. Labs are welcome!

Contact Jerry Leitch at jerryleitch@yahoo.com or call 206-999-7017.

The WC will be starting at 8 a.m. We will be offering a lab test as well.

IMPORTANT DATES

**September 21, Board
& Membership mtg.
September 25, Health
Clinic, Riverdog,
Issaquah, M J
Sarbaugh
October 30, TDX/
TDTracking Test,
Nina Mann
November 5, Fall
Agility Trial
December 3, Holiday
Party**

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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:

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club business

August membership meeting

The Membership Meeting was held on Saturday, August 6, 2016, at the PSLRA Annual Specialty. President Stephanie Harris welcomed all in attendance and introduced the Board of Directors. Jill Mahoney thanked all those involved in helping to make the Specialty weekend a success.

—Upcoming event reminders included the Fall Hunt test (Aug. 27/28), Health Clinic, Tracking Test, Fall Agility Trial, and Holiday Party. In regards to the Health clinic, please remember you must MAIL your submissions to Mary Jane Sarbaugh at 5062 Wynter Pl. Langley, WA 98260. There are no email submissions this year, nor will there be any tests added the day of. You can email your questions to labs@whidbey.com.

—Stephanie mentioned there have been some inquiries regarding the idea of

moving the Specialty date to another weekend either earlier in the year or later. There have been reports that some members believe our Specialty is too close to the RCLRC specialty and can cause financial difficulties for many, and that it is often too hot at our specialty.

Another reason for moving it was many of our dogs are out of coat. Moving the date to the fall might mean more entries. The discussion was very productive. Some of the concerns in moving the specialty are: kids are back in school, rain, and it will get dark earlier in the evening. No decisions were made and Stephanie encouraged members to let the show committee know your thoughts. At this time, our 2017 Specialty is still slated for the first weekend in August at the Enumclaw fairgrounds.

The meeting was adjourned.



Chris Dotson and Goose, High in Trial

My Debut as an Obedience Ring Steward

by Fran Seagren

My friend, Terrie Sato, asked if I could help as a ring steward for the Specialty obedience event. She said, "It will be fun and you will learn things." Terrie was absolutely right!

One of the first things I learned is what the word "exercise" means in regard to an obedience trial. For instance, when the judge says to the handler, "Exercise Over." It doesn't mean *everything* is over. Apparently, there are several instances while the handler is in the ring where the judge says, "Exercise Over." As this was my very first time near an obedience ring, when I heard, "Exercise Over," I thought the handler and dog were excused from the ring. So I jumped right in and started taking pictures! The (startled) handler, Chris Dotson, was very nice about the whole thing. After getting over his initial surprise, he was very accommodating. His dog, Goose, was a very good sport and happily posed for the photo shoot (typical lab). Goose didn't seem to care if the "exercises" were over or not. The judge appeared temporarily stunned. That's when I "sort of" got a clue – by the look on his face. But then, he didn't say a word. He stood there politely and waited while I positioned Chris and Goose for multiple pictures. When I (finally) left the ring, I heard the judge continue with the next "exercise." I looked back at the ring and realized what I had just done. Oops! Nobody said anything to me at first - probably didn't know what to say. "Uh, Fran, thanks for volunteering to be a ring steward, but" Actually, everyone was very nice. A handler did approach me on Sunday morning – my second day on the job as a ring steward. She asked if I planned to take pictures today, too. I thought she was going to ask if I could take a picture of her with her dog. With a big smile, I happily responded, "Yes, I am!" Then she said, "Could you please not take any pictures while I'm still in the ring?" Embarrassed, I explained that yesterday was my first day as an obedience ring steward and I would never do that again!



Terrie Sato with Bravo

First place in Open B and High Scoring Dog with a SH or higher title (silver plate) offered by Lee Foote, Marianne and Al Foote and Winroc Labradors.

I learned the term is not, "stand for *inspection*." But, seriously, doesn't "examination" and "inspection" sort of mean the same thing anyway?

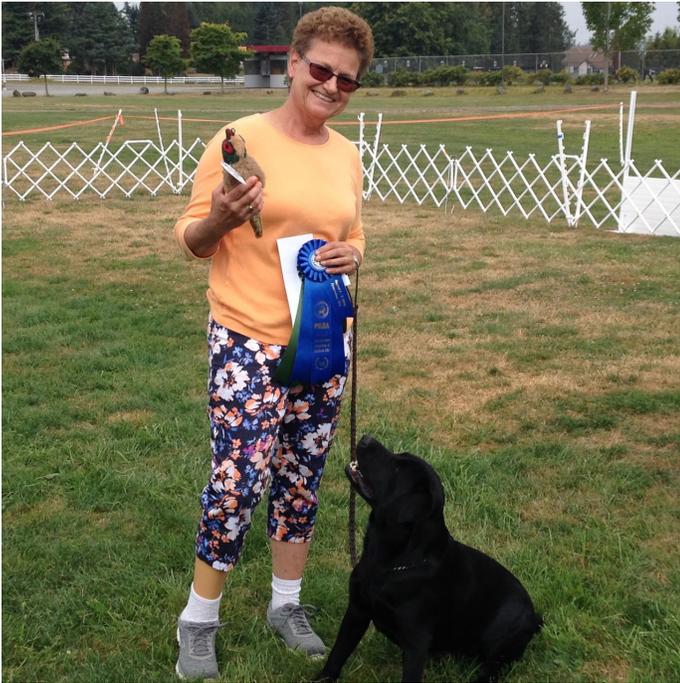
A significant thing I learned is there are multiple obedience levels you and your dog can enter depending on your skill and experience. As a matter of fact, I'm thinking Disco and I will join friends Nina Mann and Terrie in the "Team Obedience" event next year if there's still a space open. Of course, there will be some training time needed for Disco and me before then.

The judges, the competitors, and the other people helping to put on the obedience event were a lot of fun. I met new people, saw old friends, and laughed a lot. The dogs were awesome, of course.



Chris seems to be thinking, "This is weird, but OK, what the heck. It's obedience."

Obedience Ring photos, continued



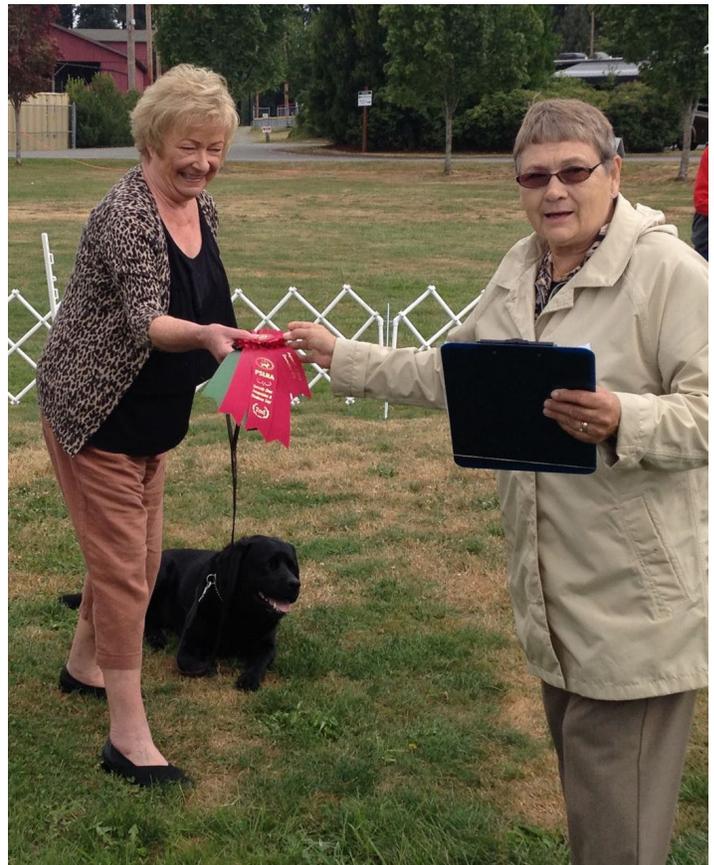
Anne Swindemann and Kanze



Clarissa Henry with Zest. High Scoring Junior Handler, High Scoring dog with an Agility title.



Lynne Pammler took second place in Open A with Brody and also High Scoring with a tracking title.



More Obedience photos on page 12.

With Darlene Pado's permission, we are reprinting her post from the LabChat Forum.

Field Events:

For those looking for events at which to work/prove your Labradors in the field (and thus be eligible for some of the club awards), we are very lucky to live in the Northwest as there are numerous events offered in this area.

PSLRA holds two AKC hunt tests per year, one in May and one in August. PSLRA often offers a WC (Working Certificate) but as with any event, without volunteers it will be a no-go. The Rose City Labrador Retriever Club hosts a hunt test in July and also offers a WC. In addition to the local Lab clubs, there are many local and regional Hunting Retriever Clubs that offer hunt tests. Rainier HRC offers two hunt tests per year, also in May and August (different weekends than PSLRA). Between May and late September, one can almost find a hunt test offered every weekend within Washington and Oregon, give or take a weekend or two. As with any other type of event (obedience, agility, etc.), this may require driving out of the neighborhood and putting in some effort – life is all about tradeoffs. Check out Entry Express for details on upcoming tests: <https://www.entryexpress.net>. Requirements for the various levels can be found at AKC.org.

In addition to the AKC tests, there are also several CKC tests offered within reasonable driving distance for those in the Puget Sound area. Check out BC Retriever News for Upcoming Events: <http://www.bcretrievernews.ca/schedule.htm>. The WC in Canada is an official CKC title and there are a handful of tests offered through the Retriever Clubs in BC during the summer. It is more similar to a JH test than the LRC WC. These events are usually held on gorgeous grounds and the clubs are very hospitable. I always enjoy the events North of the border.

In addition, there are several HRC (UKC) clubs that host not only events, but also training days. The Cascade HRC club hosts two licensed hunts in April (usually in Monroe), Whistling Wings usually offers two licensed hunts in the Spring and two in the Summer (usually in Carnation), depending on grounds availability and timing, and the Lower Columbia HRC offers two licensed hunts in June (usually on Sauvie Island, OR). The Olympic Rainshadow HRC offers events but they are not as easy to find. Check out <https://www.huntsecretary.com> for upcoming events. I am not sure if PSLRA accepts UKC titles for their awards, but given the Started title meets/exceeds WC requirements, I would think they could at least consider it. Requirements for the various levels can be found at <http://www.huntingretrieverclub.org>.

There are several local Retriever Clubs that host Working Certificate tests for their breeds (Irish Water Spaniels, Goldens, Flat Coats). Working with those clubs to incorporate our WC or even just running a dog in their WC might be an option (not sure but worth checking out). While the Lab WC requirements do not meet the standards for these other breeds, the WC test for these other breeds should meet and usually exceed the standards required by the LRC for their WC.

The Newaukum River Retriever Club is a relatively new club near Chehalis, and they offer regular training days and are starting to offer events. They are a fun group of people, and joining a training group is a good way to get started. Typically training groups require a fee or a good days' work, or both.

In addition, the LRC National will be held on the West Coast in California this October. They offer a hunt test and a WC, in addition to providing many other opportunities to title in performance events – agility, obedience, rally, tracking, etc. Yes, it is a drive, but given the number of events offered is a great opportunity. There are also two conformation shows so one can participate in that as well.

I think we are very lucky to belong to a club that offers as many events that PSLRA does - there are very few other than the LRC that offer the number and variety of events our club does. As with anything, participation in an area ebbs and flows with interest, but for those that are motivated there is more than one way to accomplish a goal.

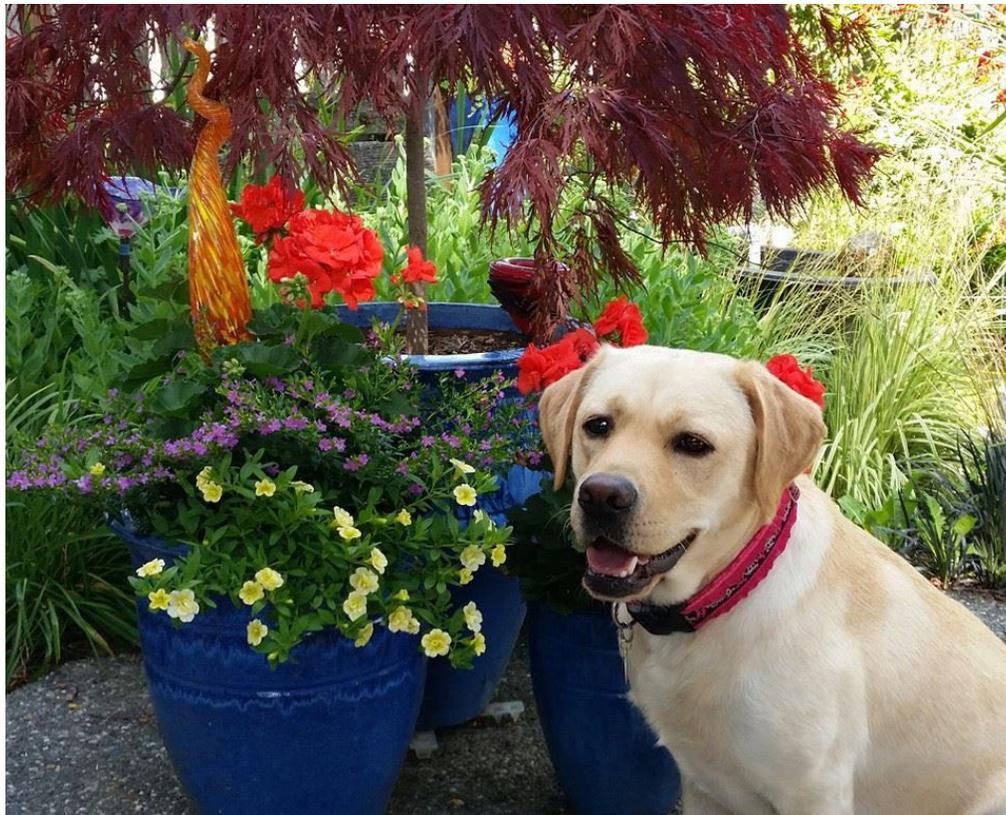
Darlene Pado

Note: I would like to add the Puget Sound Retriever Club, located on the Kitsap Peninsula, offers free monthly training days during spring and summer, as well as NAHRA field tests. (pugetsoundretrieverclub.com)

Brawls

Cash Hajny and his sidekick Ch. Wyntercreek Party of One CGC, Uno, at the PSLRA Specialty winning Best Junior Handler from the Novice Junior class. Big thanks to judge Alexzandra Erb!—submitted by Jennifer Hajny

Photo by Toni Leitao of Sirius6.



Pink, International Champion Country Classic Get This Party Started, has had a very busy spring and summer. In April, she completed her NJP and NFP titles in agility. In May, she achieved her RN title in three tries at Lynden and her NAP agility title. In June, Pink was High in Class, Novice Large Dogs at her first Barn Hunt Trial and achieved OJP and OAP titles at the PSLRA agility trial. In August, at Enumclaw, Pink qualified in back-to-back trials to get her RATN with one 2nd Place and her first open leg with a 3rd Place. To say I am so proud of this girl would be an understatement. She is game for everything we try and is so fun to have as a partner. Pink just turned two, so I look forward to many more years of fun and games. Thanks to Julie Germano for entrusting me with this beautiful, smart pup.—submitted by Denise Beaumont

The boys had another good weekend! At the Whistling Wings HRC test August 6, Fergus earned his fourth upland pass to complete his Upland Hunter (UH) title. He is now Am GCH Can CH UKC CH HRCH UH ReiMur's Juz Fulla Myself MH CDX RE CGC Can JH/CD/WCX. At the PSLRA Specialty Show August 7, Larson (Can CH ReiMur's Good Humor Man RN Am/ Can JH WC) earned the second leg of his Beginner Novice obedience title with second place.—submitted by Darlene Pado

Darlene Pado and Larson



Proud Fergus

Brace

AMGCH/Can CH Misty Mountain Diamond Head Hula Girl, CD, RN, BN, JH, WC, Laeahi, was Best All Around, Best Hunting Retriever Bitch and teamed up with her seven-month-old daughter, Koa's In A New York Minute, Madison, to get First in Brace at the 2016 PSLRA Specialty. We were the only brace entered in the Specialty, but to make it around the ring with a seven-month-old puppy in only her second time in the show ring was a feat in itself! I'm glad I entered it. Her brother, Koa's Brave New Adventure, Sammi, was second in his sweeps class and fourth in his regular class. Sammi is loved by Michael and Danielle Duncan.

The two, seven-month-old puppies had a great showing at Rainier Sporting dog and OKC last weekend as well. Madison thrilled me at Rainier Sporting Dog to go first in her sweeps class and her regular class and went on to RWB from the 6-9 puppy class. To say I'm thrilled is an understatement! Her brother, Koa's Brave New Adventure, Sammi, was Best In Sweeps and took a Puppy Sweeps Group 2 and was RWD both Saturday and Sunday at OKC. Their mom, Laeahi was entered in the Working/gun dog class and while she was the only one, the judge thanked me for supporting that class and wished more of us would. Laeahi was Best Gun Dog and Best Owner Handled, also at Rainier Sporting Dog.—submitted by Chantel Nahoopii.



Laeahi, First Place Hunting Bitches



Laeahi and Madison, First in Brace



Laeahi Best All Around, PSLRA



Chibry Calendar Boy At Wyntercreek, owned by Mary Jane Sarbaugh, bred by Jill Mahoney and Barb Gilchrist. Cal was Winner's Dog, Best of Winners, and Best in Specialty under Kendall Herr at the PSLRA Kiss Specialty.



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Pee Wee Fun



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Rescue Report

A HAPPY UPDATE ON HANK

About six months ago, we were contacted by an area shelter asking us to rescue a lovely four-year-old yellow male Lab. This nice fellow was not going to be offered for adoption by the shelter as he had some neurological issues including ataxia and urinary/fecal incontinence. He appeared to have suffered some kind of injury to his hindquarters and had significant atrophy of the muscles in his back and rear legs. He was a happy friendly boy who, however, loved to play with tennis balls and other dogs. He did not seem to notice his deficits.

He was named Henry once he arrived at his foster home. "Thank you," once again, to the staff at Canyon Pet Lodge for fostering and caring for Henry! A visit to the vet did not reveal any particular cause for Henry's troubles although it was speculated he had been hit by a car. It was thought with care and physical therapy his condition might improve, although there were no guarantees this would happen. We waited and hoped someone would take a chance on Henry - and someone did! A wonderful couple adopted Henry, changed his name to Hank, and committed themselves to giving Hank the best possible chance at a normal life. Following is their heart-warming report as they celebrated Hank's six-month anniversary with them:

Hank is such a sweet, loving and handsome boy. We are very proud of how far he's come, and he continues to have growth potential. The sky's the limit!

From a medical standpoint, we found out he has a vitamin B12 deficiency. He received a course of six weekly injections and we moved to a bi-weekly schedule for the foreseeable future. The injections have helped tremendously with his coat, weight and ataxia. He's at a robust 63 pounds, which is about where the rehab vet wants him and has increased the muscle mass in his legs. That said, the muscles in his back are still atrophied, but we're hoping for eventual regeneration. Fingers crossed.

Hank worked diligently and graduated from his therapy program today at ASCS. The work is far from over and we will continue his exercises at home with a recheck in October.

He is the most social dog and loves to ride in the car and take walks to the park. We've also gone on a few field trips including Molbaks Dog Daze of Summer and Bark in the Park night with the Everett Aquasox.

We are all delighted that Hank is receiving the gift of a happy and active life with his new family!



Annual Health Clinic—Sunday September 25, 2016

New Location: Riverdog Canine Coaching

1400 19th Ave. NW, Issaquah

Eye and Heart exams limited to Labrador Retrievers (exceptions: other breeds owned by PSLRA member)

All breeds and owners welcome for EIC, CNM and Microchips

By pre-registration only—closes when limits are reached or September 16—whichever comes first.

Eye clinic, absolute limit of 100 dogs—All other tests, no limit

Payment of all fees is required in advance before reservations are confirmed.

A \$5.00 fee will be charged for canceling after paperwork is completed—NO refunds on day of clinic

REMEMBER: You must enclose a copy of each dog's registration papers or litter registration and type or print legibly your entryform.

- ✪ Eye clinic will be performed by Dr. Sullivan, ACVO, of Animal Eye Clinic of Seattle and is for genetic screening only.
- ✪ Do not bring dogs with eye injuries or other conditions requiring treatment.
- ✪ Heart Screening will be performed by Dr. Woodfield, ACVIM (cardiology) of Northwest Cardiology Consultants.
- ✪ For confidentiality please refrain from announcing screen results, either positive or negative, while at this clinic
- ✪ EIC and CNM swabs and identification verification will be done by veterinarians who have donated their time

Costs: Eye Clinic: \$33.00; Heart Screening: (auscultation) \$35.00; Heart Echo: \$175.00; Micro-chipping (TROVAN): \$20.00, includes registration with AKC/CAR; Centronuclear Myopathy (CNM): \$50.00 (also called Labrador Muscular Myopathy) (www.labradorenm.com); Exercise induced Collapse (EIC) \$65.00—register on line and bring form (http://www.vdl.umn.edu); Dilute Color Gene: HNPk Gene by Paw Print Genetics: \$45.00 for each or \$70.00 for both same dog.

Email Mary Jane labsix@whidbey.com with questions

Directions to our new location: I-90 to exit 15...at exit turn right on 17th Ave. then right again onto NW Gillman. Take first right at traffic circle onto 19th.

If you have multiple dogs, it is good to bring an assistant to help you rotate dogs.

PSLRA HEALTH CLINIC

September 25, 2016 Riverdog in Issaquah

Make checks payable to PSLRA

Send a copy of your AKC papers and fill in the form below for each dog

NO E-MAIL ENTRIES THIS YEAR PLEASE—NO DAY OF CLINIC ENTRIES

Mary Jane Sarbaugh, 5062 Wynter PL, Langley, WA 98260

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

Owner _____ e-mail _____

Microchip or Tattoo # _____ 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 be sent via e-mail address ONLY.

This dog will be: Eye Screened _____ Heart Auscultation _____ Heart Echo _____

CNM _____ EIC _____ Dilute _____ HNPk _____ Micro-chipped _____ (TROVAN only)

Amount enclosed: _____



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