

The Retriever Believer

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Where Did Summer Go?

The kids are back in school and the leaves are starting to change. Our large events for 2017 are behind us and becoming mere memories as we look forward to plans and dreams for 2018. Seriously, where DOES the time go? If anyone has any insight on that, let me know so I can hunt it down and bottle it up. There is always so much to do and so very little time. Need I mention that this newsletter is already two weeks overdue? Er, yeah, thanks for your understanding and patience on that!

We still have our final quarterly Membership Meeting next week, the upcoming Health Clinic, and one more Agility trial to see through. Our membership is vast, yet it seems we see the same group of people over and over again. If we haven't seen you in a while (or ever), would you please consider joining us at our meeting, let your presence be known and help us understand how our club can better serve your needs and encourage your active participation?

Board and Membership Meeting

*Wednesday, September 20, 2017
6:30pm*

*Denny's Meeting Room
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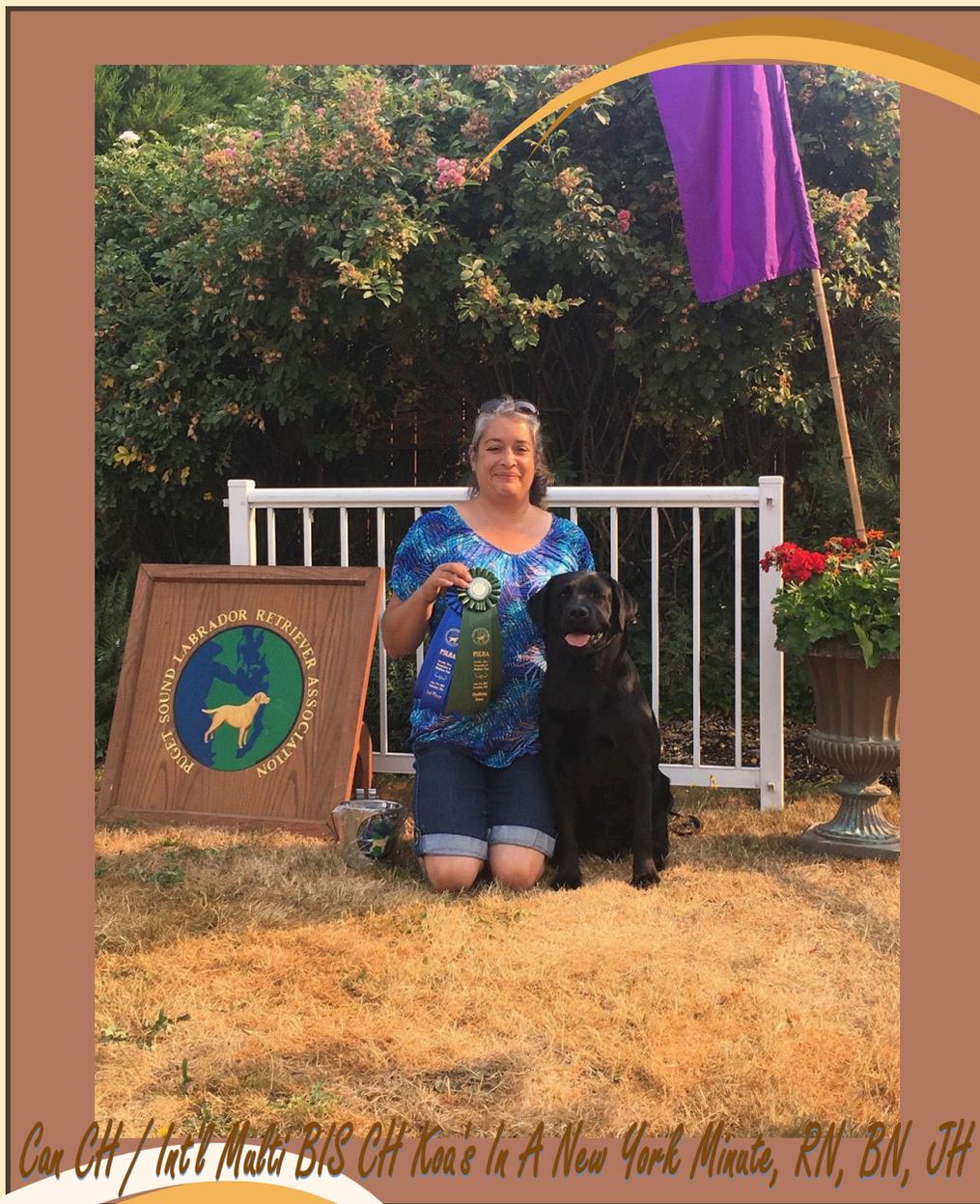
Brag!

Another fun Specialty in the books.

Madison thrilled me by adding two more performance titles to her name. She qualified both days in Beginner Novice for her title and an extra leg:-) She finished up the weekend by adding her Canine Good Citizen. She can now go by Can CH / Int'l Multi BIS CH Koa's In A New York Minute, RN, BN, JH

She never ceases to amaze me in what's she been able to accomplish at such a young age. We're heading back to the show ring now that her coat has come back and we'll keep training towards a Junior Hunter title.

Bred and loved by Chantel & Kawai



Can CH / Int'l Multi BIS CH Koa's In A New York Minute, RN, BN, JH

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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



Brag!

Ms. Madison had an amazing past couple of days playing in the show ring And the hunt test all in one weekend!

Saturday she was Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite under Faye Strauss at Sammamish Kennel Club. Then Sunday in the morning, she ran at the PSLRA hunt test under judges Dianne Clark and Ted DeLooze, to earn her first JH wing and followed up in the afternoon going Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, Best of Breed AND GROUP 2 !!

I was so proud to stand in that group ring as a breeder/owner/handler And get a Group placement on a Labrador who had also been proving her natural talents in the field the same day!!



Can CH / Int'l Multi BIS CH Koa's In A New York Minute, RN, BN, JH

August Board and Membership Meeting

PSLRA August 5, 2017

Members Present: Stephanie Harris, Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Marilyn Parker, Michelle Brown, Nina Mann, Julie Germano, Kristi Clark, Chantel Nahoopii, Buffie Gonzales, Debbi White, Paula Jeffers, Diane Sullenberger, Becky Dannaker, Everett and Debbie Winter, Colleen Doll, Scott Dannaker, Sonya Dudder, Marcy Johnson, Linda Maffett, Katie Somers, Bea Ferguson, Marlys Swanson, Cathy Hakola, Lucy Isaacson-Logen, Stacey Parsons, Barb Gilchrist, Lizzie Moir, Molly Scoggin, Allison Rogers, Ramdas Vaidyanathan and Angela Rogalla.

The meeting was called to order at 5:43pm. Stephanie provided an update on Jill's healing and advised members to keep the communications of encouragement flowing.

Any members who are not receiving their emailed newsletters were instructed to inform Allison in order to remedy the situation.

The Hunt Test is scheduled for August 26-27. The Working Certificate and Field Day will be in September. A date is yet to be determined.

The Health Clinic will be September 24. The flyer will be out next week. Pawprint Genetics will be available for genetic testing.

Mary Jane Sarbaugh suggested that any AKC working title should be accepted as a qualifier for the Versatility Award. This would include titles awarded to Obedience, Rally, Tracking, Dock Dogs, Earthdog, Carting, Coursing, etc. Discussion ensued as to which AKC titles would be eligible with particular concern to the Canine Good Citizen titles as these were considered more of a "token" title with minimal effort to obtain. The motion was clarified to state that a candidate would be required to earn AKC-recognized titles in any three different disciplines in order to qualify for the honor of the Versatility Award. Marilyn Parker seconded the motion. There was no opposition and the motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the possibility that the show venue at Enumclaw might not be available next year due to new fees and agreements. Discussion was tabled pending further information.

Kristen Reiter presented a letter from the AKC Canine Health Foundation urging clubs to donate for canine-specific veterinary medical research. This prompted discussion on the donation that our club makes each Fall. Members are encouraged to share information with the Board members about areas of research that they would prefer the club to support. The research chosen should be Labrador-related and be a university, peer-reviewed study. As the time for making a donation is approaching, ideas should be submitted soon.

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting was adjourned at 6:03pm.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS Something for Everyone!

September 20
Board and Membership Meeting—6:30pm
Denny's Meeting Room
Federal Way

September 24
Health Clinic
Riverdog Canine Coaching,
Issaquah

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 and Becky Dannaker's home



August 16, 2017 Board of Directors' Meeting

August 16, 2017 PSLRA Board of Directors' Meeting

Directors, officers and members present included Stephanie Harris, Kristen Reiter, Nina Mann, Katie Somers, Angela Rogalla, Jim and Cindy Olson, Scott and Becky Dannaker, Sonya Dudder, Linda Maffett, Marlys Swanson, Ram Vaidyanathan, Diane Sullenberger and Brenda Hubbard.

The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm. There were no reports from the President, Vice-President or Secretary. Stephanie presented the Treasurer's report for Jill. The account was made current prior to Jill entering the hospital; any income or expenses since that time are from the specialty. If any checks need to be written to cover club or event costs, Stephanie must be contacted well in advance of that need.

Stephanie called for any acknowledgements. Angela Rogalla will provide a list of specialty volunteers to Linda Maffett and Kristen Reiter.

Jim and Cindy Olson presented the field chair report. The Hunt Test is in one week. They are mostly ready and have all of the ammunition and poppers needed. The budget had anticipated revenues of \$13,000. The entries have closed and the numbers are lower than estimated, bringing in only \$10,000 in revenue. The committee is attempting to pare back the costs wherever they can in order to break even, including reducing the number of birds to just one per stake. The check from the entries will be delivered to Cindy. She will deposit it in the PSLRA account as soon as it is received. Cindy inquired as to how she should request the reimbursement checks as some of the totals to be paid out are currently unknown and the checks will be due the day of the event. Some checks will have to be left blank, to be filled out that day. It was requested that she submit a list of which individuals will be paid, the amounts to be reimbursed (if known and if not known, rough estimates of the amounts will suffice). Stephanie will be in Seattle Monday through Thursday and can drop off the checks when they are needed. The costs for the venue, purchasing and delivering the birds, and the reimbursement of judges' expenses will be addressed offline via email so that Jill can be carbon copied on the communication.

Cindy mentioned that Peppers may soon charge a \$20 fee per night for any trailers that remain on the property. This is not an issue for this year, but may be seen for events in 2018.

Additional volunteers are still needed for the Hunt Test to run the popper station so we don't have to arrange for paid help to do so. It will help cut the costs of running the event if more volunteers come forward - no experience is required. Stephanie suggested posting on LabChat and Facebook with an explanation of what poppers and shooters actually do. She suspects that some individuals are reluctant to volunteer simply because they don't understand what is being asked of them.

Marlys reported on the delivery of the birds. They are considering combining the shipment of the Hunt Test birds and the Working Certificate birds to conserve on delivery costs. She will speak to Pat to see if he will be able to help and care for the birds for the two weeks between the Hunt Test and the Working Certificate. She will require ten pigeons as well. Wendy will need to know in advance prior to the Hunt Test whether or not she needs to bring them.

There was no rescue report. Should there be any updates, they can be presented via email.

Any members who join the club now will retain their membership through 2018.

Marlys still has some receipts from the Match. Stephanie advised that any correspondence or receipts that would normally be sent to Jill should be sent to her instead. Please mail receipts to Stephanie at her Ellensburg post office address.

There were no representatives to discuss the Fall Agility Trial.

Angela Rogalla reported on the Specialty. The event paid for itself and brought in an additional \$4,000. There were some unexpected expenditures. Porta potties were put in place, fans were brought in to keep dogs and participants cool, the RV site charge was changed and the club had to cover the additional charges as the venue would not honor the original contracted \$9/site rented. Entries were down from previous years, earning \$1500 less than 2016. The show itself was well-run, the dogs stayed cool and many volunteers stepped forward to keep the event running smoothly. The stud dog auction brought in \$8250. Angela is waiting for photographs and will write up an article for the newsletter. Marlys did a great job securing sponsorships to help offset the costs.

Next year the venue at Enumclaw will cost \$1880 for just the grounds and the portapotties. Discussion ensued on the possibility of moving the specialty show to a different venue. Mount Vernon, Tolt Macdonald Park in Carnation and Bayview State Park were all considered. Carnation was ruled out due to the limited number of RV sites available. The

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amenities at Bayview were considered. The park has a nice setup and is right on the bay. We are the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Club, it would be appropriate that our specialty would be proximal to water. With that location, the temperatures would also be 10-15 degrees cooler than the show venues inland. There is a 1 ½ acre circle of twenty RV sites, with six sites that can accommodate up to 50' rigs. There are no low-hanging trees or archways to impede taller RVs. Showers and toilets are available on site, as are six cabins available for rent. The venue is private, provides shade, is affordable, guarantees cooler temperatures and is scenic. Of all the locations proposed, Bayview is a clear top choice. Angela will organize a list of fun places to visit while showing at Bayview. In addition, she will contact Olympia to verify we can host our event at the state park. Becky Dannaker will contact Tolt to inform them we will not be utilizing their park for 2018.

Stephanie proposed a change in offering refunds to bitches in season. When a bitch scratches, we still have to pay all the fees and lose money on superintendent and judges fees, etc. She also suggested a no refund policy on reserved campsites since people cancel their reservations at the last minute and we are stuck with an empty space for which the club must become financially responsible.

Mary Jane Sarbaugh reported on the Health Clinic. There had been an issue with doctor availability that has since been resolved. We will be offering evaluation and certification for eyes and hearts and PawPrint Genetics will offer discounted genetic testing.

Marlys and Scott reported on the Field Day planning. There will be a puppy/pigeon station for the very young puppies to be introduced to birds. There will be a winger available to provide an introduction and an opportunity to practice. Diann Sullivan will judge the Conformation Certificates. The Working Certificates will be limited to forty entries. The birds will be delivered from Omak and the committee is still working on a means for obtaining them in as economical a manner as possible. Scott explained that the cost of the Working Certificate was increased from \$25 to \$30, with a cost of \$35 for entries submitted the day of the event. It was decided not to offer the Junior Stakes this year. The cost of birds and portapotties will increase the budget needs and costs of ammunition and poppers will be incurred. The costs of the inventory will be run through future events when replacement supplies are needed. Scott is still working out the details for obtaining the trailer.

The Tracking Test was cancelled due to a lack of a second available judge.

The Holiday Party discussion was tabled for another meeting once the date is closer.

The Junior Showmanship Committee reported that a \$500 scholarship was awarded to Katie Dotson. Funds for future scholarships were raised through a benefit handler auction. It was not listed on the Specialty report, so the amount raised remains to be reported at a future meeting.

Stephanie met with Cheri Wildes to discuss the options with our club website. Cheri doesn't have the same program as the one utilized to construct our current site, so she will perform a complete re-design and get the new site up and running at no charge. Marlys will inform the other web designer who provided a quote for services that we are pursuing a different route.

Ram Vaidyanathan mentioned that he has made multiple attempts to join LabChat over the past few months. Stephanie cannot currently access her Yahoo account, but will communicate with Ram offline and try to troubleshoot the issue with a goal of getting Ram into LabChat by the weekend. Marlys offered to try to add Ram as an administrator.

Brenda raised a concern that she isn't receiving notification when a new member joins. Even when she tried to sign up as a new member, she did not receive any communication regarding her enrollment. Stephanie will research the issue to try to determine why the new member notifications aren't reaching Brenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 20th. This meeting is generally held at Johnny's in Fife. Brenda volunteered to secure the site and provide advertising to the membership for the upcoming meeting.

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.



2017 PLSRA Specialty Show...Trophies!



Photos courtesy of Bryan Brodowski

Perhaps recipients could submit win photos for our next issue???

PSLRA Supported Entry at Wenatchee!

Save the date, check out all the show details at www.barayevents.com! October 20th is Obedience and Rally Match with evening Fun Match including Pee Wees. October 21 and 22 will have a full slate of fun including Lure Coursing, Beginner Puppy Match and Health Clinic to name a few!

Your Supported Entry Committee has been working together to bring you another fun & social weekend! NEW this year is Puppy and Veteran Sweeps and please note that altered veterans ARE invited!!!!!!!

Cathy Hakola is chairman of the Potluck sub-committee for the annual Saturday evening Potluck....details to come from Cathy and it'll be delicious as usual!

Katie Somers, Jessica Smith and Jen Snyder are working on prizes and have fun themed Swag Bags planned! Yes it's in the premium but we wanted you to be in the know ASAP in case you'd like to participate! YES you get to participate if you are so inspired to!!! So thinking caps on...READ SET GO!!

PSLRA SUPPORTED ENTRY PRIZES

SATURDAY

THEME: "Apple Fun"

All sweepstakes entrants will receive a dog toy donated by Roger and Katie Somers, Somersun Labradors. Puppy BISweeps and Veteran BISweeps will receive an Apple Cider Donated by Shad & Jennifer Snyder, Orchard Run Labradors, and Apple Dog Treats donated by Jessica Smith, Westlane Labradors.

RWD RWB WD WB BOW BOS SD SB BOB

Each winner will receive a Swag bag with an Apple game or dog toy donated by PSLRA, BOB will also receive Apple Dog Treats donated by Jessica Smith, Westlane Labradors.

***Exhibitors are invited to bring Apple and/or game themed items to contribute to the prize swag in the bags as they are inspired to do so.

SUNDAY

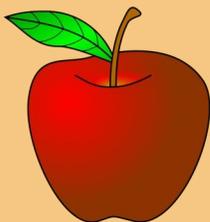
THEME: "Apples Treats"

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Each winner will receive a Swag bag with an Apple Jam, Jelly, or Sauce with a custom prize label donated by Sonja Short, Moon Creek Labradors.

BOB will also receive Apple Dog Treats donated by Jessica Smith, Westlane Labradors.

**Exhibitors are invited to bring Apple and/or Apple food themed items to contribute to the prize swag in the bags as they are inspired to do so.



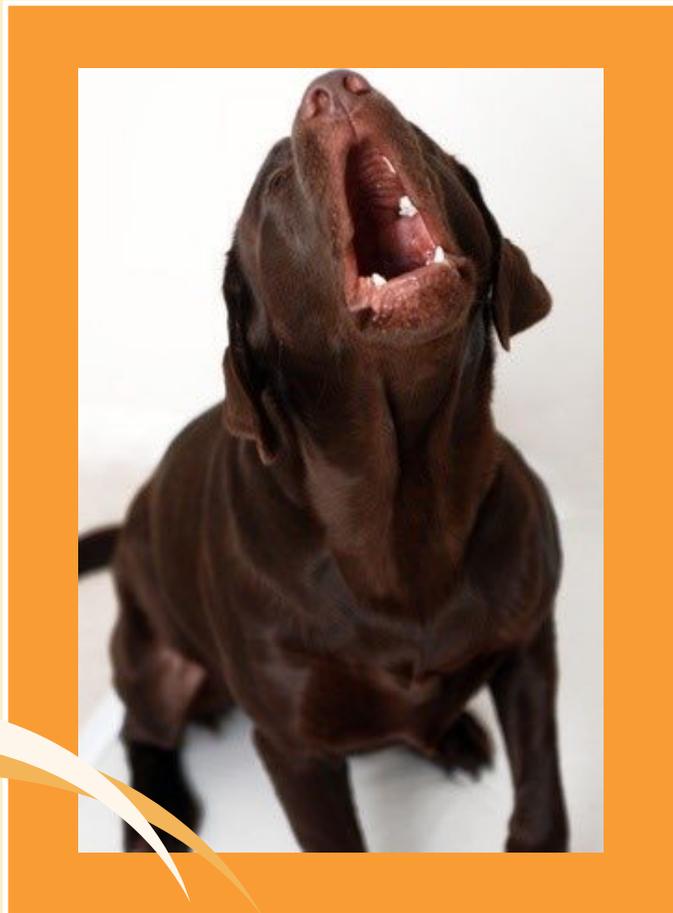
Cheers!
Your WKC Supported Entry Committee
Cathy Hakola
Jen Snyder
Jessica Smith
Katie Somers



You'd be barking mad...

...to miss this!

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ALL WELCOME!!!



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If only human school could appear this enticing!
Happy Fall, Everyone!

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