

# The Retriever Believer

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## President's Message

*Happy summer everyone — finally! June was really a big month for PSLRA and its members. The chat list and the newsletter are full of tons of brags from all of the different venues where our dogs competed: hunt tests, agility trials, all-breed dog shows, and our own match. You name it, PSLRA dogs and their handlers were there and winning big. Congratulations to everyone who competed and to those lucky enough to earn a qualification, a win, or a title of some sort. It seemed like every day on the chat list there was a new announcement of an achievement. It shows how much dedication and hard work all of you put into training and exhibiting your dogs. Not surprisingly, you bring home the titles, the Qs, and the wins.*

*Many thanks to Stephanie Harris, Sarah Fischer, and their crew of helpers who put on this year's match. Everyone raved about the new location, although the weather was a bit uncooperative.*

*The Spring Agility Trial was also held at a new location this year: Skykomish River Park in Monroe. Although the morning began with a rainy start, the weather cleared up for the next two and a half days of the event. Thanks to Cheri Levine for chairing the event, and to the many club members and others who volunteered to help make the trial run so well. Please read Cheri's report inside the newsletter for description of the trial's highlights.*

*Please welcome me in congratulating Hunter Coulombe, the first winner of PSLRA scholarship for juniors. Read his impressive story inside this issue.*

*The Keep It Simple Specialty (KISS) occurs on Friday, August 5. The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Specialty with Sweeps, Junior Showmanship, Conformation, and two days of obedience and rally trials are held on Saturday and Sunday, August 6 and 7. Remember, entries close at noon, PDT, on Wednesday, July 20.*

*We can use lots of help setting up on Thursday afternoon. If you can volunteer for that, contact me at perrylab@aol.com. Or if you can help during the event, contact Gail Gegg (mggegg@msn.com) or Franna Pitt (frannap@everranch.com), or Jan Palumbo (janpalumbo@earthlink.net) to steward in obedience or rally.*

*Even if you can't enter, please come out and watch. The Senior Showmanship competition is a big hit and a great way to raise money for a good cause.*

*I am looking forward to seeing all of our members and their Labradors at the Specialty. It is Lab heaven on earth!*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**July 27, Members/Board Meeting North, Nina Mann's, Stanwood**

**August 5, KISS, Specialty Show, Enumclaw Event Center, Gail Gegg**

**August 6-7- Specialty, Obedience & Rally**

**August 24, Board meeting**

**August 27-28 Fall HRT, Pepper, Carnation**

**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:

**Liz Moir, Membership Chair**

672 Forrest Napavine Rd W

Chehalis, WA 98532

lizzybster@gmail.com

club business

## June General meeting minutes

June 18, 2011, Cargo Park, Renton.

Present: Jill Mahoney, Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Sarah Fischer, Stephanie Harris, Gail Gegg, Nancy Harney, Brenda Hubbard. Absent: Franna Pitt, Ron Perry, Terrie Sato, Bea Ferguson, Nina Mann. PSLRA Members Present: Laura Steward, Leslie Douglas, Cathy Hakola, Marlys Swanson, Chris Dotson, Kim Dotson, Cindy Freeman, Joy Weeks, Stacy Parsons.

The General Meeting was called to order by Jill Mahoney (PSLRA VP). Jill extended a welcome and asked everyone to introduce themselves and reveal something "doggy" about themselves.

Gail Gegg discussed the upcoming Agility Trial for June 24-26 in Monroe and asked for help in a variety of positions. Gail informed the group of the upcoming PSLRA Specialty. The Specialty committee decided to send out postcards this year instead of premiums. Premiums are available upon request from BaRay.

Trophy donations are still needed.

Contact Marlys Swanson. Gail is looking forward to a set of great shows.

Marlys stated the WC will be offered August/September and asked if members would be interested in a WCX test.

Jill and Stephanie informed the group about their respective committees.

*Volunteer Recognition* – the committee is reviewing the way, what, when, and how we recognize PSLRA's volunteers. We are also assessing judges' gifts and establishing a procedure for them. Contact Jill Mahoney if you would like to be part of this committee.

*Ethics and Litter Listing* – the committee will be evaluating PSLRA's written ethics and litter listing policy. Contact Stephanie Harris if you would like to be a part of this committee.

Meeting adjourned. The next board meeting will be held July 28 at Nina Mann's.

## CORRECTIONS & ADDITIONS TO 2011 PSLRA MEMBERSHIP BOOK

### 2<sup>nd</sup> round of corrections

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Another successful Spring Agility gathering. Shown above left to right: Ed Parsons, Mark Levine, Cheri Levine, unknown, Nina Mann, Lee Foote, unknown, Julie Germano, Bea Ferguson. More photos of happy participants on pages 4 and 5.

## Agility Trial Super Success

WOW! We had a great agility trial this year. It was held at a very nice location in Monroe, Washington. If you haven't worked with the City of Monroe, you should! People were there twice a day to make sure we were taken care of. Our set up started on Thursday afternoon. We needed lots of volunteers, and they showed up! We had the rings set up, the trailer unloaded, and all the shade tents and tables set up in less than two hours. My thanks go to Julie Germano, Lee and Larisa Foote, Bea Ferguson, Terrie Sato, Ed Parsons, Donna Dykstra, and agility friends, Carlene, Pam, and Terry. Also, my husband, Mark, was dealing with changes where the rings were to be set up. Starting on Friday, the entire weekend went without a hitch. Lots of workers, friendly judges, and the weather improved from rain on Friday to a beautiful sunny day on Sunday. We heard tons of compliments all weekend. One small thing

really got a lot of positive feedback; instead of a small toy for each dog entered, we gave a package of poop bags. The highlight was our special awards – Highest Labrador in each class. Friday winners were, Novice Jumpers: Yellow Labrador Lily with Kari Manning. Open Jumpers: Yellow Labrador Max and Tony Hillis. Excellent Jumpers: Black Labrador Tripper with Lee Foote. Open Standard: Recon with Ed Parsons. Excellent Standard: Addi with Cheri Levine. Saturday winners were, Novice Standard: J-Lo with Julie Germano. Excellent Standard: Strider with Mark Levine. Novice Jumpers: Hannah ran by Julie Germano, owned by Bea Ferguson. Open Jumpers: Rion ran by Julie Germano, owned by Fred Drennan. Excellent Jumpers: Max with Tony Hillis. We were also able to raise \$105.00 for Labrador Rescue from participants parking at our location overnight. We

donated \$100.00 to Old Dog Haven. Old Dog Haven brought some of their 12-yr old dogs out for a little love. A special THANK YOU to my co-chair, Donna Dykstra who was instrumental in making this a great event. Submitted by Cheri Levine – Co-Chair, Spring 2011 PSLRA Agility Trial

# Braggs

Winroc The Flying Cloud SH , Clipper, got a Reserve JAM in the Amateur at the PRTA field trial in Twin Bridges, Montana on June 12. Clipper is proudly owned handled by Vicky MacLean. The breeder is Lee Foote. This was only our fourth Amateur having just moved up to the all age stakes this spring!

Clipper was supposed to be a hunt test and agility dog like her sire and dam. I got training with some field trial folks and things seemed to click; and we enjoy the challenge of running with the big guys! Submitted by Vicky MacLean



From Anne Swindeman, WindyCanyon Labs: Kiku had another great weekend on June 4 and 5 at the Yakima Valley KC obedience trials. On Saturday, she finished up her CDX title in just four attempts with a third place in Open A under judge Carl Lentz. On Sunday, she qualified again, this time winning her class AND High in Trial under judge Larry Tanner!

At just two years old, Kiku is now HIT WindyCanyon's Kiku A Fuji Too CDX RA JH.

Kiku is photographed here with her "loot," HIT doggy quilt and rosette, and yellow lab hand puppet and ribbons.

Laurglen Ardent Rogue at Hyspire,  
Rogue has had a great spring and summer.

WD- Lake Mathews Kennel Club, May 1,  
2011 Ms. Pluis Davern

WD/BOW/BOB (over specials!)-  
Antelope Valley Kennel Club,

May 30, 2011 Mr. Charles L. Olvis

WD/BOW- Kennel Club of Pasadena,

June 5, 2011 Mr. W. Everett Dean, Jr.

WD/BOW/BOB (over specials, then made  
the cut in the sporting group!)-

Kennel Club of Beverly Hills July 2,  
2011 under Mr. Dana P. Cline

WD/BOW (for a major!)- Santa Maria  
Kennel Club, July 10, 2011 Mr.

Christopher T. Neale

Owner/handler Julie Langhans

Breeder Lisa Cruanas



## Thanks

It's a bit belated but we wanted to thank all the Club members who donated dog food for the dog food drive held at this year's PSLRA Match on June 18 in Renton. The weather was a bit chilly and it poured rain a good deal of the day. But that didn't dampen our Club members' enthusiasm, not only to turn out for the match, but also donate over 270 pounds of dog food to be given to local food banks. Most people who are able to get food at local food banks have to fill out an application to qualify. They often have dogs and need dog food, too.

Gary and I just transported the food to the food banks, but Stephanie Harris and Sarah Fischer were the co-chairs of the match. They both put a lot of work into advertising about the drive to procure the donated dog food. Hats off to both Stephanie and Sarah for their hard work.  
Brenda Hubbard

# Hunter Coulombe wins PSLRA Scholarship

Hunter Coulombe, son of Karen and Terry, received the first scholarship from our Junior Fund, although there was a previous disbursement for Kawaii Nahoopii to attend Westminster.

Part of the criteria to be considered for a PSLRA Junior scholarship is to describe how Labrador Retrievers have made an impact on your life. Following is what Hunter submitted as part of his scholarship application.

## ***Q. How have Labrador Retrievers made an impact on your life?***

I was shaken awake at 2am. Even though I was only six, I knew right away what was going on. PUPPIES! I was so excited. I ran downstairs and there were already a few little blobs with their mother. I watched puppies being born all night long. As they grew there was one particularly LARGE hungry puppy, which earned his name, Tank. He stayed with our family and we grew up together. I took him to 4-H and dragged him around the backyard until somehow we both stepped off on the same foot together. I even matched my pants to his fur. I learned to put in the time to commit to excellence, as there were no shortcuts. Together he won titles and I piled up ribbons and an enormous trophy or two. This was my first taste of glory and I liked it. I've gone on to win in other areas of my life. My Labrador taught me to dream big, prepare thoroughly, and execute with confidence. This has served me well as an honor student, a varsity athlete, and a contributing community member.

Labradors have come and gone. I have cleaned up, helped with breedings, tossed bumpers, and walked dogs. Of all the Labradors in my life, my old friend Tank is the only one who earned a place on the center of my yearbook page. My childhood memories and all the things that made me who I am are on that page. This fall we entered our "senior year" together. As I prepare for my future, my old friend is still teaching me. This time, to enjoy life everyday as it will pass with "dog year" speed and one day you'll find yourself looking at a big bag of senior dog food wondering where the time has gone.



Dear PSLRA Scholarship Committee,

I truly appreciate the Scholarship Award from PSLRA, it will go directly into my college account for expenses. I am pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering this fall. Funny thing is that I have an allergy shot every month and have for years - I am allergic to DOGS! I did not want to find my lab a new home and shots aren't so bad. Now, with his help, I have a scholarship for college. Thank you PSLRA, I will use your gift well.

Sincerely,  
Hunter Coulombe

# LOVE THAT DOG!

Do you have a favorite dog story that others would enjoy? Just send it to the editor and it will be shared with all PSLRA dog lovers.



Happy Agility Dogs





**LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 7/15/2011 that conform to the PSLRA 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 PSLRA of any litter or any one litter over another. Litters are removed from the list after three months.

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 recently agreed to accept PennHip clearances that score in the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher, passing Wind-Morgan clearances, and clearances from the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) in Canada. Female Labradors (bitches) with a Wind-Morgan, Penn Hip, or OVC clearance must not be bred before the age of 20 months, or 24 months with an OFA clearance. Male Labradors (dogs) with a Wind-Morgan or Penn Hip clearance must not be bred before the age of 12 months, or 18 months with an OVC clearance, or 24 months with an OFA clearance.
  - Eye clearances on both parents annually.
  - Heart 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 contact Jill if you need a Litter Listing form, to be used for ALL litters.**
  - All Breeders must update their litters each week with Jill Mahoney via email (mahoney@wwdb.org) as to the sex and color of puppies you have sold. The listing will be deleted after three months from the first litter listing date unless she hears from you.
1. Mail the completed form and a check for \$10 (operating expenses for Breeder Listing and Puppy Referral Programs) to **Jill Mahoney, PO Box 7454, Covington WA 98042**.
  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 donation to PSLRA** (c/o Jill Mahoney) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue.

**LITTER NOTICE FORM (This information will also be available from Jill Mahoney)**

**Litter Born: 01/24/2011 (3BM Available)**

Sire: Am Ch. Skyfire's Oughta Be Haulin RN, CGC, WC

OFA24G, OFEL24N, OFA Heart Echo,  
EIC Normal, CERF 9/10

Dam: Spirit Full Of Grace

OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 9/2010

Contact: Laurie Weaver 206-919-7737

Litter: 1CM, 5BM

Email: [Lweaverk9@smn.com](mailto:Lweaverk9@smn.com)

Listed: 2/20/2011, 4/28/2011

**Litter Born: 05/20/2011 (2YF, 1YM, 1 BF 1 BM Available)**

Sire: ShaRays Nikolas of Whidbey JH CD,RN

OFA24G, OFEL24N, OFA Heart, ACVO 9/2010, Optigen B

Dam: ShaRays Artesian Water Sprite

OFA24G, OFEL24N, OFA Heart, ACVO 9/2010, Optigen Clear

by parentage, EIC Normal

Contact: Sharon Edwards 360-341-1422

Email: [sharay@whidbey.com](mailto:sharay@whidbey.com)

Litter: 5YF, 3YM, 1 BM, 1 BF

Listed: 07/17/2011

**Litter Born: 02/26/2011 (1BF Available)**

Sire: Am. Can. BISS Ch. Beechcroft's Study In Black OFA25G,

OFEL25N, CERF 11/2010, OFA Heart ECHO

Dam: Thistledown Party Girl

OFA31E, OFEL31N, CERF 4/2010

Contact: Irlanne Warren 360-352-9373

Email: [thistledownlabs@comcast.net](mailto:thistledownlabs@comcast.net)

Listed: 05/10/2011

**Litter Born: 05/31/2011 (2CM, 2CF Available)**

Sire: Gator Pt. Mick Dundee MH (DOB: 05/18/1990)

OFA24E, OFEL24N, CERF 5/2000 (10 years old)

EIC Normal, CNM Normal, (Frozen semen used)

Dam: Kingsland's Gentle Breeze

OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 8/2010, EIC Normal,

CNM Normal

Contact: Teresa Meredith 253 845-1311

Email: [kingsland\\_labs@hotmail.com](mailto:kingsland_labs@hotmail.com)

Website: [www.kingslandlabradors.com](http://www.kingslandlabradors.com)

Listed: 06/25/2011

**Litter Born 04/10/2011 (1BM, 1YM, 1BF, 1YF Available)**

Sire: Cimarron Sam-I-Am of Cougarcreek CD, RN

OFA24E, OFEL24N, OFA Heart Normal,

CERF 3/2010

Dam: Cimarron's Hannah

OFA26G, OFEL26N, OFA Heart Normal,

CERF 9/2010

Contact: Laura Steward DVM 360-978-4742

Email: [laura@cimarronfarm.com](mailto:laura@cimarronfarm.com)

Listed: 06/25/2011

**Litter Born 07/09/2011 (1 YM, 4 YF Available)**

Sire: \*Ch. Blackthorn's Yellow Jacket At O'Spiritwood WC

OFA24G, OFEL24N, OFA Heart Normal,

CERF 05/2011, EIC Normal, Optigen Normal

Dam: Mainland's Mulligan Bridget At Chibry WC, CGC

OFA24G, OFEL24N, OFA Heart Normal,

CERF 04/2011, (major pointed)

Contact: Jill Mahoney 253-630-4810

Email: [Mahoney@wwdb.org](mailto:Mahoney@wwdb.org)

Website: [www.blutopfarms.com](http://www.blutopfarms.com) (puppies)

\*pending AKC confirmation

Listed: 06/25/2011

**Litter Born: 05/08/2011 (All Yellows)**

Sire: Am/Can Ch Cedarwood's Flt. Of The Phoenix

OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 3/2011, Heart Normal -

Practitioner, Optigen Normal

Dam: Elisa's Sweet Dream "Austin"

OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 1/2011

Contact: Elisa Stout - Falling Fowl Labradors 253-222-7312

Email: [elisastout1465@msn.com](mailto:elisastout1465@msn.com)

Listed: 04/10/2011

**Litter Expected: 07/21/2011 (All Blacks)**

Sire: MBISS Am/Can Ch Nipntuck Yell King

OFA24E, OFEL24N, CERF 2/2011,

Heart Echo Normal, EIC Normal

Dam: MBISS Am/Can Ch Nipntuck Snapdragon

OFA24E, OFEL24N, CERF 9/2010

Contact: Linda Maffett 360 961-5269

Email: [sunnydazelabradors@hotmail.com](mailto:sunnydazelabradors@hotmail.com)

Listed: 06/25/2011

**Litter Expected: 07/21/2011 (Blacks and Yellows)**

Sire: Can Ch. Sunnysdaze Playing With Fire  
 OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 9/2010, OFA Heart Normal, EIC Normal, Optigen Normal  
 Dam: Sunnysdaze Indy Nile  
 OFA30E, OFEL30N, CERF 2/2011  
 Contact: Linda Maffett 360 961-5269  
 Email: sunnysdazelabradors@hotmail.com  
 Listed: **06/25/2011**

**Litter Expected: Early August (All Chocolates)**

Sire: Int. Ch. Ariste's Rusty Hudson of Cougar Creek  
 OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 8/2010, OFA Heart Normal, Optigen Normal, CNM Clear  
 Dam: Char-Don Shelby of Cougar  
 OFA24F, OFEL24N, CERF 06/2011, EIC Normal  
 Contact: Cecilie Drege  
 Email: cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com  
 Website: www.cougarcreeklabs.com  
 Listed: **07/17/2011**

**Other Dogs That A Breeder Has Decided To Place**

(Note) Owners of all dogs that are listed here have filled out and signed a PSLRA Listing Form disclosing to prospective buyers any known health and/or temperament issues and are on file with the Breeder Listing Chairperson.

These dogs are usually well socialized, frequently have some training, and are very desirable as companions. These dogs may not meet either owner's requirements for show or field performance or the code of ethics for breeding. Prospective buyers are encouraged to ask whether these older dogs have acceptable clearances on eyes, hips, and elbows and the reason why the dog is being placed. The listing of other dogs in no way constitutes an endorsement by PSLRA. Price will vary.

**Black Male 7 months (must be neutered)**

Curly is a very sweet, happy, typical Labrador boy. He is crate trained, has been well socialized and is quite smart. Good with dogs, cats, kids, etc. Both parents have hip, elbow, heart, & eye clearances. Curly has no known health or temperament issues, is current on shots and de-worming, is micro-chipped and is ready to move to his forever home.  
 Contact: Stephanie Harris 509-929-5227  
 Email: [stephanie@skyfirelabs.com](mailto:stephanie@skyfirelabs.com)  
 website: [www.skyfirelabs.com](http://www.skyfirelabs.com)  
 Listed: 12/6/2010, **12/30/2010**

**Black Male 1 1/2 years (intact)**

Doolie would do well as a single dog in an active family. He has a sweet disposition, easy going, and fairly laid back.  
 Contact: Mary Robinson 509 968-3144  
 Listed: **04/04/2011**

**Yellow Female 6 years young (spayed)**

"Zoe" has been a house dog and a well-loved family pet her whole life. She was returned to us because of a divorce in her family – so she is looking for a new home. Completely house trained. OFA hips excellent, Normal elbows.  
 Contact: Laura Steward DVM 360-9784742  
 Listed: **06/25/2011**

**Yellow Male 6 months (intact)**

"Jack" is a very sweet, fun, 6 month old puppy on the smaller side. Very friendly and well socialized. Good on the leash, crate trained. Has all shots and is microchipped. Jack loves kids, is good with all other dogs and cats too.  
 Contact: Laura Steward 360-978-4742  
 Listed: **06/25/2011**

**Yellow Female 2.5 years young (Spayed)**

Fergie is a very fun loving girl who gets along with other dogs of all ages. She grew up with us, born here and was not raised as a "kennel dog". She has all her health clearances. Her OFA hips were found to be "mild dysplasia". Fergie is very sound orthopedically – meaning she is very functional and athletic. She has a strong, well muscled rear assembly which I believe will serve her well in years to come.  
 Contact: Joy Windels 253-854-1827  
 Email: [classictail@comcast.net](mailto:classictail@comcast.net)  
 Website: [www.classictail.com](http://www.classictail.com)  
 Listed: **06/25/2011**

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# Help out at the Specialty—It's fun!

Volunteers are still needed for the Specialty, Aug 5, 6, 7 at the Enumclaw Fairgrounds. Thank you! Gail Gegg ([mggegg@msn.com](mailto:mggegg@msn.com))