

# The Retriever Believer

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## **President's Message**

*June is a busy month for our club. Our annual match will be held on Saturday June 18 at a new location, Cedar River Park in Renton. The match gives everybody a chance to exhibit dogs in conformation, obedience, and rally, and we have special classes for juniors and pee wees. Look inside the newsletter for more details and directions.*

*Toward the end of the month is our spring Agility trial starting on Friday, June 24 and continuing through Sunday, June 26. This event will also be at a new location, Sky River Park in Monroe. It is close to the city center and just across the river from Greenleaf's farm, where we hold field events. Please contact Cheri Levine (cherimlevine@hotmail.com), trial chair, if you can volunteer to help at the trials one day.*

*There are many people to thank for their help in making our Spring Hunt Test a successful event. As you probably heard, we had to cope with a lot of rain and mud, but we managed just fine, thanks to the dedicated cooperation of our volunteers and all of the handlers. Bryant Meyer was the test secretary, Cindy Meyer, chief marshal, and Paul Gilmore, gun captain. Jim Charboneau, Liz Gibson, Fred Drennan, Liz Skyllingstad were terrific stake chairs and often wore several hats during the weekend, multitasking AND running dogs. Marshals Katie Mearns, Cheri Levine, Anne Swindeman, Michelle Smith, Diane Clark, Marlys Swanson, Kimberly Dotson, Nina Mann, and Harvey Hazen kept things running smoothly. Mary Jane Sarbaugh provided the elegant judges gifts, which the judges loved receiving. Last but not least, thanks to our members who judged at the event: Darlene Pado, Liz Skyllingstad, and Sharon Hilton.*

*Like you, I wonder when the calendar says "Summer," why we don't seem to see much summer weather! For those of us who do a lot of dog training outdoors, we are facing a lot more challenges this year than most other years. Nevertheless, our dogs seem ready to learn and retain what we teach, which takes some of the cold edge off of the cool weather.*

*The premium for our annual specialty will be out soon, so it's time to think about getting our dogs ready to compete in conformation, obedience and rally at the show. The fall hunt test and fall agility trial won't be far behind.*

*I wish you well in successfully achieving your training goals. Keep at it!*

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**June 18, The Match,  
Cedar River Park,  
Renton, Sarah Fischer  
—June membership &  
board meeting**

**June 24, 25, 26, Spring  
Agility Trial,  
Skykomish River Park,  
Cherie Levine**

**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.

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club business

**May board minutes**

May 25, 2011, Hilton Garden Hotel, Issaquah. Present: Ron Perry, Jill Mahoney, Nina Mann, Terrie Sato, Bea Ferguson, Sarah Fischer, Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Stephanie Harris. Absent: Gail Gegg, Nancy Harney, Brenda Hubbard, Franna Pitt. Guest: Mathew Harris

**Officer reports:**

President Ron Perry reported briefly that we have a lot of events coming up in June and announced that the membership book has been mailed. There were a few errors in the book. Jill Mahoney offered to look at our procedures and see if they need updating.

**Secretary:** We have received various letters from AKC approving of the specialty, however the approval of a couple of judges may not be final. A letter from NAIA will be sent to the newsletter. Request from Lucy for donation to Lab Med quilt supplies for \$50 approved on email vote.

**Treasurer:** No report

**Acknowledgements:** to Ron Perry and the many members who helped at the hunting test so that it ran smoothly. To Ron for production of the membership books. Congratulations were extended to Barb Gilchrist on her Westminster judging assignment.

**Committee reports:****Rescue:** No report

**New members:** Welcome to: Kari and Andy Audette of Maple Valley, Barry Rose of Ogden, UT, Angela Rogalla, Sedro Woolley, and Joy and Lyndee Weeks, Langley.

**Spring HRT debriefing:** Finances are not complete yet, but the event was profitable. Thanks to MJ for arranging the judges' gifts. Thanks to our bird suppliers for helping way beyond their jobs with pulling out stuck people and giving rides to the judges through the mud. It was M/S/V to send them a thank-you card with a \$100 check included.

**Spring Agility Trial budget:** M/S/V approved the budget as amended.

**Match (June 18):** Everything on schedule. Stephanie will arrange some publicity for the collection of money or dog food for those in need. (See new policy below.)

**Ethics/litter listing committee review:** A report will be given at the match.

**Volunteer recognition committee:** A report will be given at the match.

**Old Business**

**Donation to research:** It was M/S/V to send \$1000 to Dr. Paula Henthorn to continue her search for the gene(s) causing Tricuspid Valve Dysplasia (TVD) in Labradors. PSLRA donated to her research last year as well.

**New Business**

**Gravel for Peppers** (approved on email) M/S/V to match RHRC's donation of \$560 for a truck load of gravel for the grounds at Peppers. Discussion ensued on the muddy conditions of the grounds in spring. Because of potential liability with injuries and damage to the grounds, various suggestions were made such as changing our hunting test to a later date or keeping the date and moving the test to Carlson's.

**Dog food donation:** It was decided that supporting one individual dog was not in keeping with the mission of our club. From now on, every PSLRA event will make provision to collect either dog food or money to donate to local shelters or food banks.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will have a date change. It will be held June 18 in conjunction with our match



Ron Perry shows off new family member, Diva.

# CORRECTIONS & ADDITIONS TO 2011 PSLRA MEMBERSHIP BOOK

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Nellie and owner/handler Bill Wolf at MH.

## Braggs

A very proud moment for “Mom Bea.” Am Can Ch Lady Daisy Delight, OAJ, OA, OAJP, OAP, RE, Pet Partner, CGC, and WC, earned her JH title at the Rainier hunt test. Last year at the age of 9 Daisy started field training. She received her first two passes last fall and finished this spring earning her JH going 4 for 4. Daisy turned 10 on Dec.11.



At the PSLRA hunt test on May 8, two year olds, Kiku and Envy, earned their fourth qualifications (in four straight tests) for JH titles. They are now WindyCanyon’s Kiku A Fuji Too CD RA JH and WindyCanyon’s Envy CDX RA JH.

At the German Shepherd Club of Wash. on May 14, Kiku also earned her second Q toward her CDX title with a fourth place and 189.5 score. This was only her third time in the ring. Tango (13 months old) finished her Rally Novice title with a score of 96, good for third place. She’s now WindyCanyon’s SweeTango RN. This was a particularly difficult trial setting for my retrievers and not just because I was running three dogs all in a matter of 30 minutes either. Seems the GSD folks can’t be happy “just” using bells, squeaker toys, voice, or clapping to double handle any more. These folks were using DUCK CALLS and WHISTLES too! Egads!

All girls are bred by, trained and handled to all their titles by their loving, yet “slave driving” owner, Anne Swindeman/WindyCanyon Labradors.

We had a big win at Potomac in April. A young boy I bred, Sunnydaze Running Across The Miles, was RWD at Potomac from the 12-18 yellow dog class. He currently needs a single point to finish obtaining all his CH points, including three majors and several BOB wins over Specials, in about 8 weeks of showing. He started out going Best In Sweeps under Lisa Butler, Snowberry at Hoosier LRC back in February. His latest win was RWD at Miami Valley LRC in May. Submitted by Linda Maffett /Sunnydaze Labradors

Am/Can CH Westriver Vino of Veritas, Cab, passed the first wing of his JH at the RHRC test on May 15. Owned, sort of trained, handled and loved by Liz Skyllingstad.

We are excited and proud to share that our Bode, Somersun Busy Bee at Orchard Run, won the 9-12month Yellow Dog Sweeps at LRCP in April! Bode was handled beautifully by co-owner Barb Gilchrist and Judged by Dan Clark. He was bred by and is also co-owned by Katie Somers.—submitted by Jen Snyder/Orchard Run Labs

Cheri Levine is very happy to announce that Dreammeyers Chocolate Addiction, Addi, received her first and second Master Hunter legs at the PLSRA and Rainier Hunt tests in Carnation. All the tests were very challenging, but all the judges were fair and great to work with. It is so exciting to work with your dog to achieve something this special!





June 18th, 2011

# PSLRA Labrador AKC Sanctioned B Match Sweepstakes, Conformation, Obedience, Rally

**Membership Meeting & Potluck** (to follow conformation)

Cedar River Park Play (Carco Park) field at the Henry Moses Aquatic Center  
1717 SE Maple Valley Highway. Renton, WA

### Entries

Puppies 4months of Age and older may enter

Enter Online: [www.pslra.org](http://www.pslra.org)

Online Entries Close June 11th at Midnight

Mail-in Pre-Entries: use form below

Mail-in Pre-Entries must be received by June 11th

Day-of Entries: 9:00am-9:30am

**Prizes - All Dogs Will Receive a Soft Toy**

**Sweepstakes:**

Best In Sweepstakes

Best Opposite In Sweepstakes

Cash % of Entries

1st 40%, 2nd 25%, 3rd 15%, 4th 10%

**Conformation:**

Best Puppy in Match

Best Opposite Puppy in Match

Best Adult in Match

Best Opposite Adult in Match

**Obedience: Qualifying Ribbons**

**Rally: Qualifying Ribbons**

### Schedule

9:00am-9:30am Day of Entries

10:00am - Juniors then Sweepstakes & Reg. classes

10:00am - Rally

11:30am - Obedience

### Directions

Cedar River Park/  
Henry Moses Aquatic Center

#### From I-405 Southbound:

Take exit 4 to merge onto WA-900 W/Sunset Blvd N toward WA-169 S/Maple Valley Hwy Turn left at WA-169 S/Maple Valley Hwy Turn right at Cedar River Park Drive, follow signs through parking lot to event at the softball field

#### From I-405 Northbound:

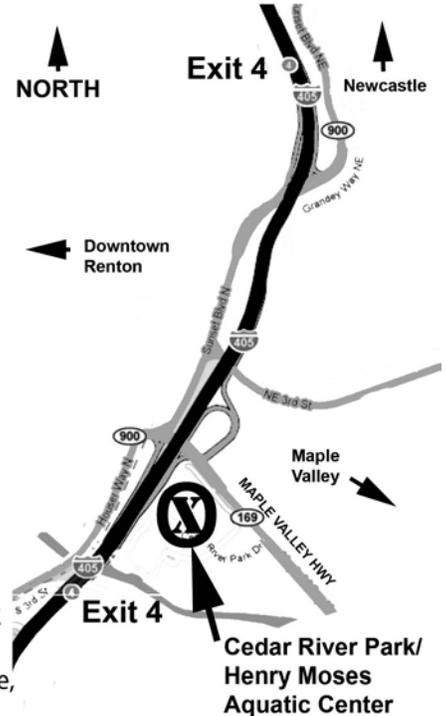
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### Membership Meeting & Potluck

Following conclusion of Best in Match Please join us and bring a dish to share, Non-Members Welcome!

The club will provide utensils and soft drinks

Please keep dogs on-leash and pick up after them



Entry Form (Use a separate form for each dog)

Dog's Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AKC# \_\_\_\_\_

Sire: \_\_\_\_\_ Dam: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Circle all classes entered

#### Sweepstakes

Dog / Bitch  
4-6mos  
6-9mos  
9-12mos  
12-15mos  
12-18mos

#### Regular Classes

Dog / Bitch  
4-6mos  
6-9mos  
9-12mos  
12-15mos  
12-18mos  
Novice  
Adult

#### Obedience

Novice A  
Novice B  
Open A  
Open B  
Utility A  
Utility B  
Jump Height \_\_\_\_\_

#### Rally

Novice A  
Novice B  
Advanced A  
Advanced B  
Excellent A  
Excellent B  
Jump Height \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Entries (Received by June 11th): \$8.00 Day-of Entries: \$10.00

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Per Class X \_\_\_\_\_ (Number of Classes Entered) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

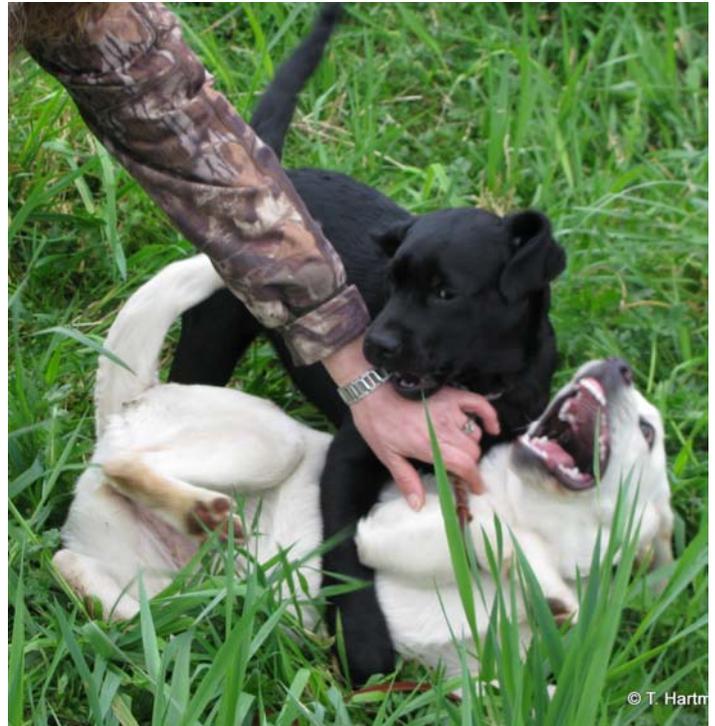
By signing this form I agree that I will hold PSLRA and it's members free from liability for any claim arising out of the entry of this dog(s) or it's presence at the event. Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Online Entries: [www.pslra.org/match.html](http://www.pslra.org/match.html)

Mailed Entries: Sarah Fischer 2716 Morris Ave S. Renton, WA 98055 - Checks payable to "PSLRA"

# Puppy/Play Stakes

We had a very successful puppy series in conjunction with the 5 Series. There were a total of nine Junior Puppies and eight Senior puppies. All the puppies ran well and learned something about birds, decoys, and blinds. Liz Skyllingstad and Cindy Meyer were the judges of the day with Nina Mann stepping in briefly so Liz could run her dog in the 5 series. Congratulations to the winners.



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Left, top to bottom, Gamble getting her ribbon; pup with bird; first place junior pup. Right, top to bottom, pups love to play; black pup checks things out; Lee Foote, second place pup.



Father and son winners - Larry Robertson with Molly won the 5 Series, and son, Kyle, got first place with his pup, Yeti, in the Senior Puppy Stake.



First place was Larry Robertson with 11 year old Molly; Second was Dale Worthington with Journey; Third was Jamie Graham with Meg. Fourth place not available for photo was Nancy Light with Tiki

Below, Anne Swinderman waiting to run.

## 5 Series



Jean Fowler(before the accident) and Abbey—ready, set, go—at MH



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# 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.

## Cranberry's Day in the Life

by Janine Prindle

Since many of you have indicated an interest in Cranberry and what she does for her "job," I have decided that I would let you know of a fairly normal day with Cranberry where she is doing more than just going to school and coming home.

Today, I needed to go to the optometrist's office to order some new glasses.

Cranberry and I took our Access bus to school and then my husband picked us up about 12:50 for a 1:00 appointment. After he dropped us off, he went back to work and Cranberry and I entered the office.

I was told where to sit and I had Cranberry lie down beside me, where she stayed, without moving, through my entire appointment. What a good dog! When I was finished, I stood and told Cranberry to get up. I took a hold of the handle on Cranberry's harness and directed her out the door. She moved to the door and waited for me to hold it open. I then gave her the 'forward' command and she moved out of the building and just a step or two beyond while I lined her up and prepared for her to guide me out to the sidewalk. As we approached the sidewalk, I could see the edge of it so did what is call, a "moving turn." I gave Cranberry the command to turn left without stopping. She did this perfectly and we were on our way home. We walked along this busy, two-lane street for less than a block, then turned left, still on the sidewalk.

Cranberry doesn't bat an eye when walking with traffic, whether it's coming from in front of her or from the back. Then, we walked for about eight blocks before our next turn. During this stretch, Cranberry had about six or seven cross streets to navigate. The corner sidewalks are rather odd. At each crossing, the wheel chair ramp, going down, faces the middle of the intersection. Cranberry has to navigate the slight right turn to go down the ramp into the street, make an adjustment left to keep her travel line straight and parallel to the street, then approach the up ramp, turn slightly to the

left, then turn slightly right to continue down the street. It sounds crazy, but Cranberry does it all perfectly. From standing in the middle of the intersection, these ramps are almost Y-shaped with the upper part of the Y at a right angle, going parallel with the intersecting streets.

So Cranberry was her usual careful self. Beside stopping for every street corner and making sure there were no cars coming, she would stop at any imperfection in the sidewalk. There are occasional bumps in the sidewalk where tree roots have lifted the concrete. Cranberry would either stop and wait for me to find the bump with my foot, or if it were just a small bump, she would proceed slowly until we were past the bump. There are also cracked places in the sidewalk where she will slow down as well. Each time she did this, I would praise her and tell her what a fantastic dog she is!

About half way home, we met a young mother and a child in a stroller, accompanied by their small white dog. The dog didn't bark or anything, but strained on the leash to greet Cranberry. Cranberry was slightly distracted, but with my encouragement and me saying "hup up," we passed without difficulty. We also passed a yard where a man was mowing the lawn with a power mower. Cranberry wasn't distracted by this, either.

On we went until we reached an intersection with a 4-way stop for the cars. I like this intersection as I know every car must stop and the drivers are pretty likely to see me. I was crossing the intersecting street, so again, we managed the crazy ramps and crossed in front of a stopped car, then, once on the other side, made a left turn. This sidewalk is another funny one as there are a couple of places where there are jogs in the sidewalk where the sidewalk goes around a pole or mailbox and the sidewalk must be wide enough to handle a wheel chair. Two blocks of this

street, then again, cross the street and make a right turn into my neighborhood, Melody Park. On this three-block section, there are several trees next to the sidewalk where the branches would hit me in the head if I didn't know about them. Cranberry made three perfect overhead clearance checks where she stopped me just short of the branches, waited for me to find them with my hand, then proceeded carefully while I leaned over to avoid getting hit in the head. We then met another young mom pushing a stroller (but no dog). At this point, Cranberry was walking right down the middle of the sidewalk. The mother pulled on to a driveway to give Cranberry and me enough room to pass. As we passed, I said that I was sorry that my dog was taking her half of the sidewalk out of the middle – the mother laughed!

At this point, we were just a couple of blocks from home and I could feel Cranberry pick up her pace. We walked by the house where a big black lab always barks at us, around the corner onto our street, under more branches, across the street and up our driveway. I tell Cranberry "find the garage," which she does every day. We have a keypad on the garage to open it without a key, so I punch in the code and in we go. Cranberry is always happy when she gets us home safely. I undress her (remove her leash and harness), open the crate door for my Duck Tolling Retriever and take both pups out in the back yard for playtime.

What a great half hour walk we had. We managed to miss the sprinkles, got out for some exercise and enjoyed the few rays of sunshine. Good Girl, Cranberry!!



# Rescued Princess Likes New Throne

by Brenda Hubbard

We would like you to meet Cherry, a darling older chocolate Lab, who ended up in the King County shelter as a stray in early May. She was picked up in a large regional park recreation area near Issaquah. It appeared that someone had lost his or her beloved geriatric dog. Her coat was perfectly clean and smelled of fresh shampoo. So off to the shelter for a 3-day stray hold, hoping someone would come forth and claim this pretty little girl.

No microchip was found and she didn't have a collar. No one claimed Cherry and she was put in the adoption ward. The shelter's vet gave her a thorough exam and discovered she had a grade III-IV heart murmur. He also judged Cherry to be approximately 9-12 years old. My husband Gary and I dropped by the Kent shelter to donate a blanket. We asked if they had any Labs for us to take a look at. We are a PSLRA/Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue/Lab Rescue foster home and often a liaison to the Kent shelter. Cherry was housed with an annoying younger dog that barked his head off. She got along well with him and just wagged her darling Labbie tail and used her soft, caramel-colored eyes to plead with us to take her home. The shelter can be very stressful to a homeless dog and more so for an older dog with a heart condition. Trying to place an older dog at the shelter is often tough, especially one like Cherry who would need to be adopted with a medical waiver due to her heart murmur. We let Edith Bryan, the PSLRA Rescue chairperson, know about Cherry and we had her home within a couple of days.

Cherry immediately let us know she had been very spoiled and that she was the new grand dame of our house. We just had to let the other three dogs we own in on her edict! The first evening Cherry was here she sauntered over to our family room couch, eyed the nice cushy towel on it where our little princess Sophie sleeps, and jumped up and made herself at home. I usually never let foster dogs on the furniture as not every potential adopter allows this behavior, but Cherry made sure she was the one exception to this rule. She turned out to be a good foot warmer when I watched TV that evening.



The Club's rescue funds covered a follow-up exam at our vet and Edith suggested getting a full blood panel. We didn't want to place a dog Cherry's age without knowing about other potential health issues. Her blood work turned out to be quite good except she was low on her thyroid count and needed a supplement.

Edith got right to work and wrote up a great review on Cherry and posted it along with her picture on the SPDR website. Cherry would be adopted as a special needs dog, being older and with a medical condition. Many of you are familiar with Old Dog Haven (ODH). They let us cross post Cherry's picture and description on their website.

The first day Cherry's ad went up on ODH's site, Edith got a call from a wonderful lady who had been "shopping" for an older Lab female. "S" specifically wanted a chocolate girl, at least 8 years old, who needed a home. She had owned Labs previously and had a lovely chocolate female who had lived to be almost 14. She had also owned a Labrador mixed breed girl, adopted from a local

shelter, who had died of cancer about a year ago. "S" was tailor made for our little character, Cherry! "S" called and we discussed Cherry and all her habits, good and not so good. We made an appointment for her to come meet Cherry. It was truly love at first sight and so Cherry was off to her new home.

"S" emailed me saying, "Cherry is a real jewel of a dog and I promise to give her a good home." She went on to say, "Cherry went to sleep on her bed in my bedroom when I went to bed and stayed there all night like a little angel. She has made herself right at home and has completely won my heart."

I'm sure Cherry has already figured out which couch she sleeps on, has let "S" know how spoiled she really is, and just what she wants and needs to keep up her little diva attitude!

Cherry has been micro chipped to make sure if she ever strayed again, everyone would know where her forever home is! Thank goodness for PSLRA's very active Rescue Program. It gives sweet girls like Cherry a second chance at having a wonderful life. We call them "Recycled Retrievers."

**LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 5/27/2011 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)**

**Born: 11/27/2010 (2YM Available) Litter Expected: 05/08/2011 (All Yellows)**  
 Sire: Cimarron Sam-I-Am Of Cougar Creek CD, RN OFA24E, OFEL24N, ACVO 3/2010, OFA Heart  
 Dam: Skyfire Cimarron's Redy or Not OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 9/09, OFA Heart  
 Contact: Laura Steward DVM 360-731-9017 Days 360-978-4742 Evenings  
 Litter: 5YM, 1YF  
 Email: laura@cimarronfarm.com  
 Listed: 01/25/2011, 3/29/2011

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  
 Listed: 04/10/2011

**Litter Born: 01/24/2011 (3BM Available) Litter Expected: 05/29/2011 (Blacks and Chocolates)**  
 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  
 Listed: 2/20/2011, 4/28/2011

Sire: WindyCanyon's Dark Ranger OFA26E, OFEL26N, CERF 2/2011, Optigen B, EIC Clear  
 Dam: Guss's Paisley B Good OFA30G, OFEL30N, CERF 1/2011, CMN Clear, EIC Clear, Optigen Normal  
 Contact: Kari and Andy Audette 425-432-3777  
 Email: kariaudette@yahoo.com  
 Website: www.taylorcreeklabradors.com  
 Listed: 5/27/2011

**Litter Born: 01/15/2011 (3BF, 1BM Available) Other Dogs That A Breeder Has Decided To Place**  
 Sire: Blackthorn Yellow Jacket O' Spiritwood OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 4/2010, Heart Normal, EIC Clear  
 Dam: Intl Ch Sher-Mi Eminent Joy of Aldebaran RN, CGC OFA26G, OFEL26N, CERF 11/2010, Heart Echo Normal, Patella Normal, Thyroid Normal, CNM Clear, Optigen Normal, EIC Carrier  
 Contact: Debbie Milks 509 520-0796 Days 509 529-7471 Eve  
 Litter: 1BM, 5BF, 2YM, 3YF  
 Email: rdmilks@charter.net  
 Listed: 03/05/2011, 4/28/2011

(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.

**Litter Born: 02/26/2011 (2YM, 1BF Available) Yellow Female 7 years (spayed)**  
 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  
 Listed: 05/10/2011

Beautiful older female looking for a forever home. She is very sweet. Lucy would fit into a single couple or an older family home. She is active and healthy.  
 Contact: Bruce and Mary Robinson 509 968-3144  
 Listed: 04/04/2011

**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

website: www.skyfirelabs.com

Listed: 12/6/2010, 12/30/2010

**Black Female 8 years (must be spayed)**

Sophie is laid back and reserved but very sweet. She must be spayed. She will not be bred again. She would do well with older couple or single woman.

Contact: Bruce and Mary Robinson 509 968-3144

Listed: 04/04/2011

**Black Male 6 years (neutered)**

Sam, "Adora The Taxman Not" is very sweet and loves attention. Needs older couple who can be with him all the time. Needs to be only dog.

Contact: Bruce and Mary Robinson 509 968-3144

Listed: 04/04/2011

**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

Note: Availability may have changed since information was submitted for publication.

## Summer Agility Trial

June 24 to June 26



June 24-26 at Skykomish River Park, premium available at [www.R2agility.com](http://www.R2agility.com)

If you can help out or if you have more questions, contact Cheri Levine at [cherimlevine@hotmail.com](mailto:cherimlevine@hotmail.com) or Donna Dykstra at [dykstradma@quidnunc.net](mailto:dykstradma@quidnunc.net).

*This poem was written by Ken Nagler, an obedience judge and director of the Canine Training Association in MD. (Permission received by author to republish)*

### Liquor Training

Now clicker training's quite the fad.  
 Results from some are not too bad.  
 The concept stemmed from Pavlov's hound  
 responding to some special sound.  
 The dog would start to salivate  
 before he got the food he ate.  
 The modern click does much the same  
 enhancing our dog's training game.  
 By causing Fido's hopes to raise -  
 anticipating treats or praise.  
 Sometimes you click to no avail,  
 and other methods also fail.  
 No matter how you plead or shout  
 sometimes the dog just won't put out.  
 When asked to sit or heel or stay,  
 thus giving you a rotten day.  
 It makes you feel quite like a fool,  
 and then you start to lose your cool.  
 But, if your methods fail for you  
 there's something else that you can do.  
 Try "liquor training" - that's its name,  
 to help you with your dog sport game.  
 "How does this method work?" you ask.  
 Well, first you get a little flask  
 Containing gin or other booze  
 of any kind that you may choose.  
 Each time your dog decides to goof,  
 you take a sip of 80 proof.  
 It helps the handler to relax  
 and minimize the stress attacks.  
 When handler's mood is more at ease,  
 the dog may sometimes try to please.  
 Or, then again may still refuse  
 to mind his training P's and Q's.  
 But whether foul results or fair  
 you liquor train - you just don't care.



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## Could Use Help at the Specialty

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))

**June 18—The Match & membership meeting, Cedar River Park, Renton, Sarah Fischer & board meeting**

**June 24, 25, 26—Spring Agility Trial, Skykomish River Park, Cherie Levine**