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President's Message

As I sit here watching the beautiful falling snow (now at almost three inches in the last few hours), I'm having a lot of trouble accepting that it's spring. I'm not ready - can't believe it's already (technically) here, and it seems as though mother nature is on the same schedule as I am (one that's running late). However the calendar tells me it is indeed spring and no matter what mother nature or I say to the contrary it's time to start gearing up for the seasons ahead.

I'm pleased to say that our PSLRA event chairs and their hard working armies behind them are not having the same foot dragging problems I am and are well on their way with our spring and summer events.

In a little less than two weeks we have our 5 Series/Working Certificate April 5 at Greenleaf's. Terrie Sato wdsato@cablespeed.com is taking entries (form found on the PSLRA website) as well as coordinating the event. Please contact Terrie with any questions and/or to volunteer to help.

Following quickly on the Five Series' heels is our Spring Hunt Test May 3 and 4 at Pepper's in Carnation. This event is always well attended. If you've never had a chance to attend a hunt test - this is a great one to come on out and see what it's all about. The people are friendly, the site beautiful and the weather usually co-operates and reminds us why we live in one of the most beautiful places on earth. If you've thought about getting involved but just haven't quite taken that first step, I've always found the best seat in the house is the front row, and those front row seats are held by our workers :) Ron Perry perrylab@aol.com can set you up with an easy, front row seat - popping, throwing, or (as my kids tell me, my specialty) telling people where to be when.

Our spring agility trial has migrated to summer (when the sun almost always shines) and will be held June 21 and 22 in Monroe. I hear that there will be a photo op for agility Labradors that might involve a future calendar cover - so this is a do not miss event if you are a Labrador who does agility - make sure to bring your owner/handler, too. In addition the agility trial is looking for vendors for this event. Contact Cheri Levine retrieverfever@gmail.com for more information.

Our summer specialty has done some migrating of its own. Due to construction concerns the PSLRA Specialty will be held at Marymoor August 1 and 2. This move will be for 2008 only. Marlys Swanson has stepped down as specialty chair - Thank You Marlys for all the prep work you've done; as Linda said, "All the hard work is done," I'd like to thank Linda Maffett and Jennifer Hajny for so willingly being promoted to Chair and Co-Chair. Right now we are actively searching for a judges' liaison. If you know someone who might be interested and will not be showing please contact Linda, Jennifer or myself as soon as possible.

As always it is the wonderful members of PSLRA that make this club great!—Stephanie

IMPORTANT DATES

April 5, 5-Series and Working Certificate, Cherry Valley Wildlife Area, Contact Chairs: Terrie Sato wdsato@cablespeed.com or Jill Mahoney Mahoney@wwdb.org

May 3, 4, Spring Hunt Test, Pepper's Farm, Carnation. Contact: Ron Perry perrylab@aol.com

June 14, PSLRA Conformation & Obedience Sanctioned B Match, location TBD.

June 21, 22, Spring Agility Trial, Lake Tye Park, Monroe

Newsletter Information:

Publishing of an article or advertisement does not constitute endorsement or agreement by the PSLRA.

All submissions should be sent to:

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Submissions must be received by the editor by the 20th of each month. Please use "newsletter ideas" in subject line.

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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 other advertising of litters must comply with the PSLRA Code of Ethics.

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: Chantel Nahoopii, Membership Chair
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club business

February board meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order on February 27 at 6:30 p.m. by President Stephanie Harris at the Issaquah Highlands Fire Station; Stephanie, Terrie Sato, Ron Perry, Jill Mahoney, Becky Jack, Jennifer Hajny, Dave Lawniczak, Nina Mann, Kristi Clark, Susie Sharp, and Lucy Isaacson-Logen attended.

Officer Reports

President: No report

Secretary: Spring agility trials and fall tracking tests approved by AKC. Minutes from January 11 approved via e-mail.

Treasurer: Current balance in checking and savings is \$18,042.69, but does not reflect recent purchase of ammo and popper shells (approximately \$2,134).

Jill reported that the club incurs a fee whenever it receives payment in foreign currency. A motion was made and seconded to add the following to the club's policy standards: Payments for club events, membership dues, merchandise, and any other fees or charges shall be made in US currency only. After a brief discussion, the motion was approved.

Acknowledgements

Sportsman's Show - Kristi Clark, chair, and members who worked at the booth; Kristi also picked up the key for tonight's meeting room.

Annual Banquet - Jennifer Hajny, chair, Jill Mahoney, Mary Jane Sarbaugh and other volunteers.

Holiday Party - Linda and Fred Walkley and other volunteers.

Obedience/Rally Show n Go - Nina Mann and Jan Palumbo, co-chairs, and members who helped as volunteers.

Committee Reports

Spring Agility Trials: Cheri Levine and Lisa Selthofer are chairing. Dates are June 20-22 in Monroe.

Five Series and Working Certificate: Terrie reported the location is moved to Greenleaf's. Flyer will appear in newsletter. Date is April 5. Pre-entry prices are \$25 for 5 Series and for WC, \$10 for Puppy Stakes.

Annual Awards Banquet: A chairperson is needed for the 2009 banquet, which will be held again at the Muckleshoot Casino (deposit already made).

Hunt Test Judges: Ron circulated a list of potential judges for the spring and fall tests. A motion to approve the list of the potential judges was moved, seconded, and approved.

Judges Selection Committee: The committee submitted names for the board to approve for the "bare bones" specialty in 2009. Motions to approve the judges' slate were moved, seconded and approved. After discussion, a motion to hold the bare bones specialty on Friday (August 1), and the "regular" specialty on Saturday and Sunday (August 2 and 3) was moved, seconded, and approved.

Sanctioned Match: Becky Jack will chair. Date is June 14 at Tolt MacDonald Park, Carnation.

Specialty: - Lodging for the judges needs to be arranged.

Old Business

Sportsman's Show: Went well and a lot of people stopped at the club booth to pick up materials and ask questions.

Show n Go: Made about \$800 and was very well organized. At another board meeting, the board will discuss another show n go, which could be held on December 6.

New Business

2008 Membership Booklet: Chantel will soon send to the printer. After a discussion of the costs of printing the booklet, the board moved, seconded, and approved a motion that starting in 2009, the membership booklet will be sent to members in electronic format only, except for those who do not have e-mail access.

Check Writing Privileges: Jill collected necessary information to update.

Club Merchandise: Nina reported that the inventory is limited and small, It was moved, seconded and approved to purchase a small selection of hats, ¼ zips, and full zip sweatshirts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 26.

Sponsor an award at the 2008 Specialty! Contact Nina Mann, Sponsorship Chair, harbortop@netzero.net

Amateur Field Training

by Terrie Sato

The Training Group

Training your own dog to run hunt tests can appear to be a daunting task. You can purchase training books, teach your dog to sit, heel and come and you can hand throw a few bumpers. However, you will eventually need other people to throw marks as well as different grounds on which to train. Competition dog training requires help. A friendly training group is essential to amateur training.



Get out those camouflage rain jackets and boots, spring hunt training weather is here!

A good training group consists of a handful of dedicated souls willing to brave the elements to dog train. If you are new to the field game, it is a good idea to have at least one group member who has put advanced titles on a dog. An experienced eye is of value when it comes to both set up and dog behavior. If you join a group, be prepared to spend time out in the field throwing marks for the other dog/handler teams. The time investment is very worthwhile as watching the dogs work while you are out in the field is as educational as running your own dog. In fact, after watching a few dogs work out a difficult mark, you may be better prepared to help your dog be successful.

Your responsibility to the training group does not just include throwing marks. You should come to training with an idea of what your dog needs to learn. Set up is important in order for everyone to have a productive day of training. Most marking situations can be simplified so that even an inexperienced dog can find success. However, if you are finding a particular concept to be difficult for your dog, be sure to let the group know you'd like to tackle that concept during the training session.



On a typical training day, your friends pull up in their cars, get out to stretch their legs and get their dogs out to air. If another group is on the grounds, it is a good idea to check with them so that you do not interfere with each other's training plans. Training grounds do not come easy and sharing is essential. The grounds are examined with an eye towards the kind of marking situation that best suits the area in which you have to work. The needs of the dogs in the group are considered. Once ideas and possible scenarios have been discussed, everyone swings into action. Car doors slide open and a wealth of training equipment suddenly appears. One huge benefit of a training group comes from the equipment pool that is accumulated over time. Field training equipment can be expensive, but there is a share and share alike attitude in a good training group. Holding blinds, chairs, starter pistols, ear protection, radios, white, black and orange bumpers both large and small, camo umbrellas and even wingers are produced. Someone hollers, "I've got birds," and defrosted dead ducks, pheasants or pigeons are quickly divided up between the gun stations and the bumpers are tucked back into the cars. The dogs will be ecstatic to have real birds.



If you are out at a gun station throwing a mark, be sure to know where the mark is expected to fall. Stand where you can easily make the throw. Since more than one gun station will probably be manned, it is important to know in what order you will be expected to throw. This order may change with different dogs, so pay attention and ask if you are not told. Ideally, the dog about to be trained is sitting in a holding blind with your training buddy. Your friend radios instructions before bringing the dog to the line. You may be asked to sit down after your mark has been thrown or you may be asked to retire behind a camo umbrella or perhaps a nearby tree. In most training groups, you will not throw your mark until the handler signals you to do so. You may be asked to be prepared to help if the dog has trouble with your mark.

Training groups can bring people together from different breeds—Golden Retrievers, Labradors and Flatcoated Retrievers, to name a few.



Chuck Hilton holds a Junior Hunt Test dog at the line during one of last spring's HRTs.

Help for a dog having difficulty can come in many different forms. It is usually best to use as little help as is needed to have the dog be successful. Most dogs gain confidence when they discover the mark through the hunting process. Sometimes, as the gunner, simply standing up or unretiring works as a reminder to the working dog and is enough to refocus the dog on the mark. You may be asked to wave your arms or give a verbal 'hey hey' to bring the dog back to the area of the fall. You may be asked to walk slowly towards the mark to give the dog a bigger hint. It is

rarely beneficial for a thrower to point the mark out to the dog. Occasionally it might be necessary to pick the bird or bumper up and toss it in the air to help the dog, but only if all else fails. Gun stations do not offer help to a dog unless the handler requests it.

As part of the group, it is your responsibility to respect each member and do your best to help them train their dogs. You may not always agree with the techniques others are using, but resist the urge to tell them how to train unless you are asked. It is also important that the group respect your training needs. Use the group experience to practice the obedience needed at a hunt test.



Walking with your dog to the line is a critical part of training. Do not feel you need to rush through your turn. In a friendly group everyone is allowed the time they need to train their dog. Marks can be simplified by moving up to shorten the

distance, keeping the gun stations in sight and running them as singles. Marks can be made more difficult by increasing distance and factors (water, terrain) between the line and the marked fall. Memory marks are more difficult than single marks. Retired marks also add an extra challenge to the working dog. If you move up to shorten a mark, be sure to pick up your birds or bumpers so your discarded equipment will not interfere with the next working dog or get left on the grounds when the training day is done.

At the end of training, make sure the equipment is picked up and returned to the rightful owners. Radios should be turned off to

preserve battery power. Leave the starter pistols fully reloaded and ready for their next use. Bumpers should be counted and if something is missing, steps should be retraced until it is found. Fortunately, dogs are pretty good at hunting up lost bumpers and birds, but equipment that is lost through carelessness makes the next training session more difficult.

A great plan for the amateur trainer would include making notes on the group training session. Include the types of marks, the weather conditions and note the difficulty or ease with which your dog handled the marks. Did your dog need help? Did you handle or correct your dog? These notes will help you gain insight into problem areas that might need to be addressed on another training day. Reviewing these notes may tell you that your dog is ready to move on to more difficult scenarios next time. The nice thing about a training group is that 'next time' is a sure thing. Be sure to make plans to meet again before you all leave. Good company, nice training grounds and great dogs make for a wonderful way to spend a day and meet your training needs as an amateur.



Training groups allow for some relaxing down time between runs so pull up a lawn chair and watch other dogs run.

Hunt Training Terminology

For someone new to the sport of Labrador Retriever Hunt Training the terminology can be overwhelming. The commands and signals are different from Obedience or Agility and the dogs are working at significantly farther distances.

Have you ever gone to an event and wondered what other people were telling their dogs? Does it sound like gibberish when



There are many creative ways to disguise a gunner.

someone talks about their dog *Creeping* - "Isn't that what happens at 2 a.m. when my dog is trying to crawl under the covers?" or *Recast* "I think that's a fishing term." Well, all shall be revealed, or at least revealed in part. There are even more terms than listed here, but these will get you out into

the field without asking for a translator.

Labrador Retriever Hunt Training and Test Terminology

Airing: or Air Your Dog. A brief period before a test or training exercise to allow the dog to relieve itself, warm up, and get a feel for its surroundings.

Blind: A retrieve where a dog did not or is not allowed to see the fall and will need direction from the handler. (see fall, holding blind)

Holding Blind: Device which conceals dog and handler while waiting their turn to run at a test or during training also device which conceals gunners. (see gunners, blind)

Break: also Breaking. The moment a dog violates SIT by moving toward a retrieve before being given a command. (see controlled break)

Bring to the Line: Act of handler walking dog at heel from the blind to a sit at heel, either side. (see line)

Bumper: (or dummy) Retrieving object made of plastic or soft canvas. Typically has a throwing rope attached and is used in training for durability. There are three sizes, puppy, regular, and large. Different colors are used by advanced dogs to make marking more challenging. (see marking)

Call Back: Term used in hunt tests to inform which participants are allowed to continue on to the next series. (see series)



Sarah Fischer puts a lead back on Twister at last spring's PSLRA hunt test.



Sometimes the best part of training is relaxing play time afterwards. Travis Fischer makes a fashion statement by wearing bright green gloves to throw marks.

Cast: also casting. Signal by handler using arm or hand in a specific direction to change the route to a mark while the dog is on a retrieve. (see Handling Commands, Back, Over, ?)

Cheating: Term for when a dog violates standard, reasonable lines on a retrieve; i.e., runs along the bank on a water retrieve, avoids running through cover.

Controlled Break: Dog makes an attempt to break or breaks but is quickly controlled by the handler without force by using a verbal command.

Refusal: When a dog refuses to follow the command given by a handler.

Cover: Vegetation concealing a mark from the dog.

Creeping: Not to be confused with Breaking. When a dog moves its body away from the handler in the direction of a mark before it is sent.

Dead Bird: Bird which is deceased at the time it is used for a mark.

Dog: not animal. Term used by a Hunt Test judge to signal a handler when they may send their dog on a mark. (see judge, mark)

Duck Call: Type of whistle/call used to simulate a duck mating call. Mallard, wood duck, etc.

Dummy: (see Bumper)

Fall: The location of the mark once it has hit the ground. (see mark)

Flat Collar: Collar which is either quick clip or buckle made of nylon, leather or synthetic. Not braided, rolled, pinch prong, or choke.

Flyer: also Live Flyer. A live bird shot for a retrieve.

Gun Station: Area, typically behind a blind from which a Flyer is thrown and shot. (see blind)

Gun Shy: A dog unable to work due to fear of loud noises.

Hard Mouth: Act of dog utilizing too much pressure to hold a bumper or bird causing damage to object.

Honor: Dog waiting at sit while another retrieves, when the retrieve is complete the sitting dog has honored.

Hunt Test: Event during which dogs are tested against a standard (AKC, NAHRA) by Judges using a scoring system. The dogs are not judged against each other. (See judge)

Judge: Appointed evaluator select marks for a hunt test and evaluate each dog against its level's standard. (See hunt test)

Lead: also leash. Length of leather or nylon used to control the dog prior to being removed.

Line: The starting point from which a dog is sent on a retrieve.

Long Line: Long length of lightweight lead (leash) used to help guide dogs when learning to retrieve. Not a flexi-leash.

Mark: Term for bumper or bird thrown for retrieving where the dog is to see the object and its fall. (see fall)



The 5-Series is a great way to prepare young dogs for challenging single marks and to have some fun with older wiser dogs as Hunt Test season approaches. Terrie Sato brings Clutch to the line in this picture.

No-Go: also balk, could be a refusal. When a dog sent by a handler on a retrieve does not go.

Poison Bird: An object which is purposely planted as a distraction to a dog sent for a blind mark and which cannot be retrieved until the blind is recovered.

Pop and Throw: Device used to launch bumpers or birds using slingshot, or catapult mechanisms. The pop results from the sound of a blank powder cartridge.

Popper Gun: Not a toy and still powerful enough to severely injure, a popper gun simulates the sound of live shot using blank or popper cartridges. The popper gun is fired when a bumper or already shot bird is thrown as a mark.

Recast: Second attempt to send a dog on a mark, from the line position.

Send: When a handler sends the dog to a mark, i.e., saying the dog's name or back.

Series: A single test in a judged retrieving event, i.e., the 5-series consists of 5 individually judged tests or series. (see judge)

Single: A single mark thrown for retrieve.

Standard: Desired behavior formally established and considered when setting up and judging retrieves.

Walk-up: Act of a handler with dog at heel bringing the dog from the blind to a predetermined area where marks are thrown or shot. Not to be confused with bring to the line. (see bring to the line)

Basic Handling Command Terminology

Like all commands these are tailored to specific handler preference.

Back: Directional signal given to dog by handler. The handler arm and hand is

raised vertically telling the dog to move in a direct line away from the handler. Most common on blind retrieves but can be used as a term to send the dog on a mark. (see blind retrieves)

Delivery Command: Used when obtaining an object a dog is holding, the dog is to deliver to handler without dropping. An example term to use is Give or Drop.

Heel: Dog at

handler's side, not pulling forward or backward. Heel can be either side when hunting or at hunt tests depending on mark type. Most handlers heel at the left side for consistency.

Here: the dog is to come immediately and either sit or enter a tight area around the handler. At a distance a whistle to signal for Here is used.

Hold: Command telling dog not to release object until the handler gives release command.

Praise: Terminology used to verbally encourage the dog.

Over: Directional signal given to dog by handler. The handler's right or left arm and hand are raised horizontally from the waist telling the dog to move in the direction indicated by the arm. Most common on blind retrieves but can be used as a term to send the dog on a mark. (see blind retrieves)

Sit: Dog firmly planted in a seated ready position, feet underneath body, not leaving position except by handler

command. At a distance a whistle sit requiring the dog to sit and give the handler attention when sounded.

Release Command: Used to signal the dog when it is no longer working and can relax.

Basic Hunt Training Supplies

Basic supplies list for beginning retriever work

12-Bumpers

Whistle

Duck Call

Flat Collar, no tags attached

Long Line

Short length of hose, paint roller, or dowel – for Hold

Reward Treats

First Aid Kit

Other supplies should be based upon handler chosen training techniques; the PSLRA does not sponsor one training technique over another



Above, a few items a training group can collaborate on: winger(s), platform, chairs, bumpers and popper guns.

Below, Training groups can allow trainers to diversify by practicing methods not achievable when training alone.



2008 AKC Local Hunting Retriever Activity Calendar

Date	Hunt Test Club	Activity	Location	Contact
3/29-30	Sand & Sage	AKC HT	Mesa, WA	(509) 529-7471
4/5	Puget Sound Lab Ret Assoc	5-Series & WC	Greenleaf's, WA	(425) 788-6628
4/12-13	Rogue Valley Ret Club Double Header Junior & Senior	AKC HT	White City, OR	(541) 488-5660
4/12-13	Snake River Ret Trial Club	AKC HT	Springfield, ID	(208) 406-3094
4/19-20	Whistling Wings	UKC	Fall City, WA	(206) 362-4055
4/19-20	Idaho Retriever Trial Club	AKC HT	Payette, ID	(208) 938-9726
5/3-4	Eastern Idaho Ret Club	AKC HT	Springfield, ID	(208) 785-4318
5/3-4	Puget Sound Lab Ret Club	AKC HT	Carnation, WA	(206) 523-1615
5/10-11	Rainier Hunting Ret Club	AKC HT	Carnation, WA	Entry Express
5/17-18	Salem Retriever Trial Club	AKC HT	Gervais, OR	(503) 286-1716
5/23-26	Oregon Huting Ret Club, DH	AKC HT Two Tests	Sauvie Island, OR	(503) 621-1217
5/31	Idaho Retriever Club	AKC HT	Placerville, ID	(208) 938-9726
6/14-15	Umpqua Valley Ret Club Double Header Junior & Senior	AKC HT	Glide, OR	(541) 670-0739
6/21-22	North Idaho Hunting Retriever Club	AKC HT	Chewlah, WA	(208) 667-2347
6/21-22	Rainier Hunting Ret Club	10-Series	Carnation, WA	(253) 538-7972
6/23-24	North Idaho Hunting Retriever Club	AKC HT	Chewelah, WA	
6/28-29	Evergreen Golden Ret Club	AKC HT	Carnation, WA	(253) 538-7972
7/12-13	Oregon Retriever Trial Club	AKC HT	Sauvie Island, OR	(360) 687-1160
7/19-20	Salem Retriever Trial Club	AKC HT	Gervais, OR	(503) 286-1716
7/26-27	Rose City Lab Ret Club	AKC HT	Portland, OR	(360) 574-1434
8/09-10	Rainier Hunting Ret Club	AKC HT	Carnation, WA	Entry Express
8/16-17	Whistling Wings	UKC	Fall City, WA	(206) 362-4055
8/16-17	Greater Pacific NW Retriever Trial Club	AKC HT	Gervais, OR	(503) 366-9262
9/6-7	Puget Sound Lab Ret Association	AKC HT	Carnation, WA	(206) 523-1615
9/13-14	North Idaho Hunting Retriever Club	AKC HT	Chewelah, WA	(208) 667-2347
9/19-28	Master National	AKC HT	Hibbing, MN	(870) 739-3912



Dear Retriever enthusiast:

March 15, 2008

The Saskatoon Retriever Club is proud to have been selected to host the 2008 Canadian National Master Hunt Test, to be held August 18-24, 2008 on our 320 acre Club grounds in Bradwell, just East of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. We hope to bring together 60 to 75 of the best hunting retrievers from all over Canada and the U.S. to compete for the title of National Master Hunter.

Qualifications required to enter this event include:

a CKC Grand Master Hunter title, or

a CKC or AKC Master Hunter title and 2 CKC MH passes in the 12 months prior to the event.

Entry will be limited to 75 dogs, helping to make this a very enjoyable event

This is the first time this prestigious event has come to Western Canada, and the first time that the event will be open to AKC MH dogs. The Saskatoon Retriever Club is looking forward to showcasing our outstanding property, our enthusiasm for hunting, and our hard-working members. We would like for you to consider coming to Saskatoon to participate in this event. Premium lists and entry forms as well as more information are available on our website:

www.saskatoonretriever.ca

We hope you have a great trial season and we would love to see you in Saskatoon this August!

Sincerely,

Susan M. Taylor, Secretary, 2008 National Master Hunt Test, sue.taylor@usask.ca

PUGET SOUND LABRADOR RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION

5 SERIES SINGLES—Adult & Puppy Stakes

for all Retrievers, Irish Water Spaniels, Standard Poodles, and Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers

WORKING CERTIFICATE (Labradors Only)

WHEN: Saturday, April 5, 2008, starting 8 a.m.

START TIME FOR PUPPIES & JUNIOR HANDLER'S IS 10 a.m.

WHERE: Greenleaf's (just south of Monroe on HWY 203)

WHAT: 5 Series Adult Stakes: \$25.00 Pre-Entry \$30.00 Day of Event
(3 series/1 live bird guaranteed, second live bird for 4th & 5th series finalists)

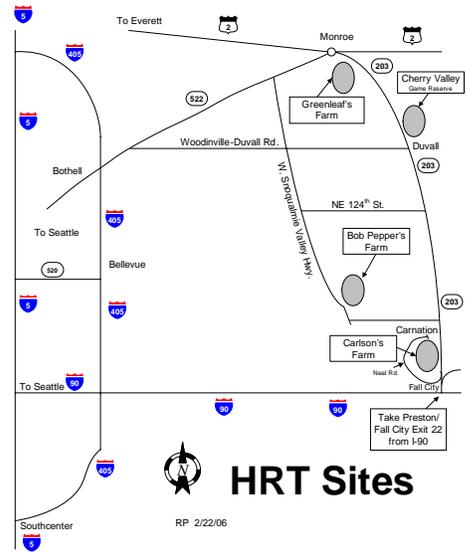
Puppy Stakes & Junior Handler: \$10.00 Pre-Entry \$15.00 Day of Event
(3 series total/1 live bird) (Jr. Puppy 4-6 mos.) (Senior Puppy 6-12 mos.)

WC: \$25.00 pre-entry offered for Labradors of any age \$30 Day of Event

AWARDS: 5 Series Junior Handler (18 yrs. or younger): Will receive Rosettes

5 Series Adults: Trophy for First Place; 1st, 2nd 3rd and 4th place Rosettes and Rosettes to all qualifying scores.

Puppies: Best Jr. Puppy, Best Sr. Puppy will receive Rosettes 1st, 2nd 3rd and 4th place and Rosettes to all qualifying puppies.



REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 70 DOGS

*******PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 1, 2008*******

Registration on day of event (April 5) between 7 a.m. & 8 a.m. ONLY
(Dogs registered on day of event will run *after* the pre-entry dogs)

Make check payable to PSLRA and send with entry form to Terrie Sato
31902 NE 139th ST Duvall, WA 98019 (425) 788-6628 E-mail: WDSato@cablespeed.com

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Dog's Registered Name: _____ Call Name: _____

Level(s) entered (check all boxes that apply) 5 Series Adult Jr. Puppy Sr. Puppy

Total Paid _____ Junior Handler: Yes No

I will hold PSLRA and its members free from liability for any claim arising out of the entry of this dog(s) or its presence at the test.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: ONE ENTRY FORM PER DOG

**Please make copies of this form to enter additional dogs. One dog per entry form.
WC Application Form (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)**

The Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. Working Certificate requires the following:

1. A land single retrieve of 50 yards in light cover
2. Back to back singles in water to prove willingness to re-enter the water
3. The dog is not required to be steady or deliver to hand. The judge(s) may designate an area for delivery.
4. The dog should not be gun shy.

**REGISTERED NAME OF
DOG** _____

Call Name _____

AKC # _____ **SEX** _____ **Birthdate** _____

Owner Name _____ **Phone** _____

Address _____ **e-mail** _____

I will hold PSLRA and its members free from liability for any claim arising out of the entry of this dog(s) or its presence at the test.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Total Paid for Working Certificate (only) _____

Make check payable to PSLRA and send with entry form to Terrie Sato, 31902 NE 139th St, Duvall, WA 98019 (425) 788-6628

Braggs

Cougar Creek Jazzy Josslyn, JJ, was RWB and best puppy in Cloverdale, BC on Feb. 29; from the 9-12 months puppy class. We are thrilled with her debut! JJ is owner/ breeder/ handled by Cecilie Drege, Cougar Creek Labradors.

Blackthorn's High Felutin, co-owned by Jen Hajny, MJ Sarbaugh, Jill Mahoney, and Barb Gilchrist won back to back Best in Sweepstakes, RWB, and Best Puppy at the SJVLR Specialty March 14 and 15. On Friday at the bare-bones specialty, Flute was Best in Sweeps under Kimberly Silva, and RWB and Best Puppy under Jean-Louis Blais. On Saturday, Flute won Best in Sweeps again under Coleen Kincaid. Flute was shown by Barb Gilchrist who always does an amazing job. I think we will be on Cloud Nine for a while!

BrownTrout Publications (the people who publish all the animal calendars) have chosen a local photographer, Creative Indulgence to submit a new calendar. In 2009 a Labrador Agility calendar will be

published. All the pictures are local labradors and I am very proud to announce that our Strider, **Intl Ch Windy Canyon's Dark Ranger MX MXJ JH RA CD**, owned by Mark and Cheri Levine, breed by Ch Skyfires Oughta Be A Law CD JH and WindyCanyon's Ima Pink Lady CDX SH OA OAJ will be in two of the months. These calendars are sold nationwide! We have ourselves a calendar boy! Maybe we should call him "Hollywood". Thank you Alibi and Rosa for such a beautiful boy! – Cheri Levine



Time to get those puppies out retrieving!



Don't miss out on spring weather for training! At Pepper's farm the geese are always around to taunt the would-be hunter.

LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 3/18/08 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 50th 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, Penn Hip or OVC clearance must not be bred before the age of 12 months, or 24 months with an OFA clearance.
 - Eye clearances on both parents annually. After the dog's examination at age 10, annual examinations are no longer necessary.
 - 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 Jessica if you need a Litter Listing form, to be used for ALL litters.**
 - All Breeders must update their litters each week with Jessica Meadows via email (labradays@aol.com) 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 **Jessica Meadows 17910 37th Dr NE, Arlington WA 98223**
 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 Jessica Meadows) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue.

LITTER NOTICE FORM (This information will also be available from Jessica Meadows)

Litter Born 1/24/08

(Available: 1BM)

Sire: CH Borador's By George
OFA 26G, OFEL 26, ACVO 12/7/07, Optigen Normal/Clear
Dam: Harlequin's Somethin' Ta Talk About
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 2/27/07
Litter: 2BM, 2BF, 1YM, 1YF
Contact: Todd and Diane Sullenberger (360) 652-8271
Email: harlequinlabradors@yahoo.com Marysville, WA
Listed: 1/20/08, 2/16/08

Litter Born 1/30/08

(Available: 1BM)

Sire: Am/Can CH Sharays Nikolas of Whidbey, CD JH RA
OFA 26G, OFEL 26, CERF 9/27/07, OFA Heart
Dam: Harbortop Kiwi, JH RN
OFA 28E OFEL 28, CERF 11/1/07
Litter: 4BM, 1BF
Contact: Nina Mann (360) 629-7619
Email: harbortop@netzero.net Stanwood, WA
Listed: 1/8/08, 2/16/08

Litter Born 2/12/08

(Available: 1CF or 1 CM)

Sire: Wilcare Leisure Suit Larry
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 4/18/07, Optigen Normal/Clear
Dam: Am./Can. Ch. Multiple BISS Willcare Klasik Joyful Noise,
WC OFA 26G, OFEL 26, ACVO 3/4/07, Optigen Normal/Clear
Litter: 4CF, 4CM
Contact: Perrin Christensen (253) 503-0874
Email: perrinsk9s@comcast.net Tacoma, WA
Website: www.klasiklabradors.com
Listed: 2/6/08, 2/16/08

Litter Born 2/13/08

(Available: 1CM)

Sire: Kingsland's Rocky Top, MH
OFA 24E, OFEL 24, ACVO 12/10/07, CNM Clear
Dam: Kingsland's True Blue
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 3/4/2007, CNM Clear
Litter: 1CM
Contact: Teresa Meredith (253) 845-1311
Email: kingsland_labs@hotmail.com Puyallup, WA
Listed: 1/27/08, 2/16/08

Litter Born 2/29/08

(Available: 3YM)

Sire: Am/Can Ch Timberline Big Ben at Fawnhaven, SH RN
PennHip 80th percentile, Elbows Normal (GDC), CERF
9/23/07, OFA Heart
Dam: Molly Dolly Golden Sunrise
OFA 43G, OFEL 43, CERF 10/16/07
Litter: 7YM, 5YF
Contact: Diane Jasper (509) 674-0889 Day (509) 674-8229 Cell
Email: jasperranch@cleelum.com Cle Elum, WA
Website: www.jasperranch.com
Listed: 2/19/08, 3/6/08

Litter Expected 3/10/08 (expecting black & yellow puppies)

Sire: Blackthorn's King Of The Beech
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 1/22/08, OFA Heart
Dam: Cimarron Jessica's Montana
OFA 25G, OFEL 25, ACVO 6/17/07, OFA Heart
Optigen Normal/Clear
Contact: Laura Steward DVM (360)731-9017 Day
(425)978-4742 Evening
Email: laura@cimarronfarm.com Ethel, WA
Listed: 2/27/08

Litter Expected 5/15/08 (expecting black & yellow puppies)

Sire: BISS Ch. Sunset Lubberline Spinnaker
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 12/1/07, Optigen Normal/Clear,
OFA Heart
Dam: Am/Can Ch Himoon Takes Twota Tango CD CGC
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 12/20/07, OFA Heart, Optigen
Normal/Clear
Contact: Cecilie Drege
Email: cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com Arlington, WA
Website: www.cougarcreeklabs.com
Listed: 3/18/08



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 years (neutered)

Parker is a loving lab with moderate activity level. Parker is good with other dogs, cats, horses and cows. Parker needs a family that is consistent with commands. Once Parker knows the rules, he abides by them. He has been used on quail and would make a great hunting dog. Parker is crate trained, vaccinated and neutered.

Contact: Debbie Milks (509) 529-7471

Email: rdmilks@charter.net

Walla Walla, WA

Listed: 1/5/08

Chocolate female, 3 years (intact, must be spayed)

She has OFA hips, elbows, heart and CERF. She has some basic obedience, is crate trained and current on vaccinations.

Contact: Cecilie Drege

Email: cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com

Arlington, WA

Website: www.cougarcreeklabs.com

Listed: 3/9/08

Yellow female, 1 year (intact, must be spayed)

Very pretty, athletic, healthy, active girl. Both parents have all clearances and are champions. She is sweet, but a bit timid. She would be best as an only dog.

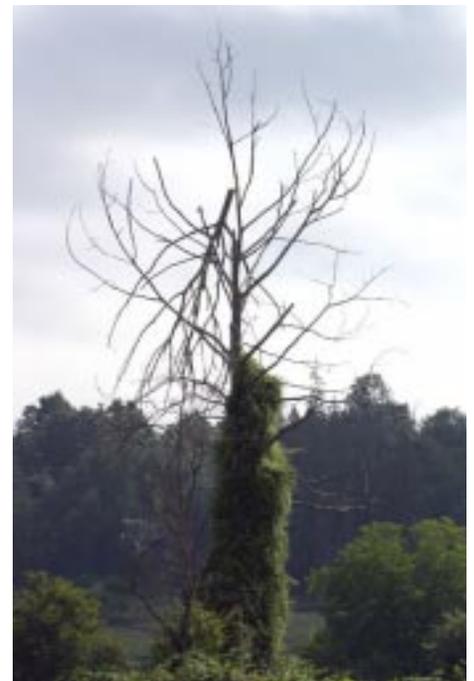
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Listed: 3/18/08



Spring can also be puppy time. The cuties shown at left are recent additions to the PSLRA family.



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5 Series/WC on April 5

Contact Terrie Sato at wdsato@cablespeed.com

Spring Hunt Test May 3 & 4.

Contact Ron Perry at perrylab@aol.com

The PSLRA Events Calendar can be found online at
<http://www.pslra.org/html/calendar.htm>