

# THE RETRIEVER BELIEVER

Newsletter of the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association



Volume 24, Number 5, May 2007

## PSLRA Officers

President: Dave Lawniczak

253-939-7984

Vice President: Stephanie Harris

509-925-1259

Secretary: Carole Jensen

360-856-2902

Treasurer: Jill Mahoney

253-630-4810

## Board of Directors

Jan Palumbo, Chair

206-362-2098

Kristi Clark

253-946-5890

Jennifer Hajny

509-962-8579

Becky Jack

425-483-8993

Nina Mann

360-629-7619

Jessica Meadows

360-657-1990

Chantel Nahoopii

360-724-5227

Darlene Pado

206-937-9765

Ron Perry

206-523-1615

Terrie Sato

425-788-6628

Susie Sharp

425-488-0772

## Field Chair

Bryant and Cindy Meyer

Rockingmlabs@qwest.net

## Western Time Zone Coordinator-LRC

Nina Mann

## Membership

Chantel Nahoopii

## Public Information

Ron Perry

## Litter Listings

Marlys Swanson 360-658-7604

mlswanson@verizon.net

## Public Puppy Inquiries

Merlyn Foote 425-402-1362

## Rescue

Edith Bryan 360-678-1556

## Newsletter

Sarah Fischer 206-265-1007

labradors@tynderlabs.com

## Web site

www.pslra.org

## President's Message

*Well, another hectic month has come and gone already. May is a busy month for our club as we hold not one, but two different AKC events. The first one is the Tracking Test. Once again our club did an excellent job and put on a first rate event. Congratulations to first time Trial Chair Jennifer Baerlocher. Thanks also to her trial committee and the rest of us who came out to wade through the sometimes chest-high grass at Cherry Valley. We only had three entries this year, and no Labradors, but we still had some first rate dogs with all three of them qualifying and earning their AKC TD title. The very next weekend was the PSLRA Spring HRT (hunting retriever test). Many thanks to Test Chair Ron Perry, his committee and all of the most excellent volunteers. It truly takes a "cast of thousands" (okay, that is a little exaggeration) to hold an event of this size, and once again, we came through and did an excellent job!!*

*Now, we get a small chance to catch our breath before our next club event, which will be our Breed/Obedience Sanction Match on June 16 at Van Doren's Landing in Kent. Watch for more information in the newsletter, on the website and probably in the chat lists. This event is being co-chaired by Darlene Pado and Marlys Swanson, so ask either of them if you have questions. We will also be holding a general membership meeting at that event, after the match is over and everything is put away.*

*Even though you won't receive this newsletter before Memorial Day, I hope that you all stop and remember the real reason for celebrating this holiday. For those of you still in the service and for all of the veterans, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your service. And to all who have fallen, I honor your commitment and respect your sacrifice for our great country. Thank you all.*



The PSLRA Sanctioned B Match is in June. Who will be crowned Best in Sweeps, Best Puppy in Match and Best Adult in Match? Zoe models her princess crown for a photo opportunity. Image by Mahrie Leshner.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**June 16 PSLRA Sanctioned B Match, Darlene Pado, Darlpado@aol.com**

**June 27 Board Meeting**

**July 7 Rally, Agility & Obedience Fun/Training Day**

**July 25 Board Meeting**

**August 3-4 Specialty Show & Obedience & Rally Trial, Sharon Edwards, sharay@whidbey.com**

**August 5, Working Certificate events calendar/flyers/premiums online @ pslra.org**

Newsletter Information:

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

All submissions should be sent to:

Sarah Fischer

2716 Morris Ave S.

Renton, WA 98055

e-mail: labradors@tynderlabs.com

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

*The Retriever Believer* is published monthly by the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association in the interest of providing information and promoting the Labrador retriever. Non-member subscriptions are \$20/year. Contributions in the form of articles, letters or money are always welcome. Letters to the editor should not exceed one page of typeset in the newsletter. It is our goal to provide an open forum where members can present their views to the club. The editor and the board of directors reserve the right to decline publication of advertising and other material submitted for publication.

*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**

**3413 Woodcrest Lane**

**Sedro Woolley, WA 98284**

koalabs@msn.com

club business

## April Board meeting minutes

The April meeting was held at Becky Jack's home on Wednesday, April 25. Present: Dave Lawniczak, Nina Mann, Jill Mahoney, Stephanie Harris, Jennifer Hajny, Becky Jack, Terrie Sato, Darlene Pado, Jan Palumbo, Carole Jensen.

**Presidents Report:** Dave signed a letter from AKC releasing our Oct. agility date to the Welsh Springer club for 2007 only.

—We have moved our fall agility trial to November to avoid conflict with the National Specialty in Portland.

**Secretary Report:** March minutes approved by email.

—Match committee reported that the judges have accepted the assignments.

**Correspondence:** AKC notice that they haven't received our application for the fall agility trial.

—AKC notice that our Specialty application has been approved.

—AKC notice that our Sweepstakes application has been approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have \$22,931.96 in checking and savings. Rescue helped fund medical costs for an owner released dog, and Jill will check with Edith to see if additional funds are needed. Our current CD is about to expire so Jill was given permission to roll it over and to check for maximum return. Jill gave out payment vouchers that she would like all event chairs to use for requesting reimbursements.

### **Acknowledgements:**

Thank you to Becky for hosting the board meeting; to Terrie and her great crew for a successful 5-Series; to Bryant Meyer for hauling the trailer up for the event; and to all members (sorry I wasn't given all the names) that participated in the hunt test trailer work party. Thank you to Stephanie for her continued hard work on the club website.

### **Committee reports:**

**Tracking test:** The test had only three entries.

**Hunt test:** Dave reported for Ron Perry that the entry was low at that point but the test hadn't closed yet. A question was raised as to when the

increase in fees for the Junior test was approved. A check of the minutes didn't show any record of board approval. A discussion was held about the necessity of premiums for all events being submitted to the board prior to sending them out.

**Specialty:** Dave Lawniczak reported that Mary Jane's daughter Jessica has agreed to be the judges' liaison again this year.

**Match:** Darlene Pado reported that all the judges have accepted their assignments with the exception of the Obedience judge who had to withdraw for health reasons.

### **Old Business:**

—Terrie Sato reported that the new format of two sets of judges was well received. We had 72 entries in the 5-Series, 11 puppies in the puppy stakes and four Junior handlers. Terrie suggested that we should consider raising the entry fee to \$25. She has compiled a very comprehensive manual for future chairs to use as a guide for putting on the 5-series.

—Stephanie Harris is still composing our educational ads to be run in the Seattle area newspaper.

—Further discussion was held on determining the location for our awards banquet in January. A show of hands to give an indication of support for the three current proposals was taken. While the majority was in favor of trying the Muckleshoot Casino, it was decided to table the proposal and to ask Perrin Christensen to check into some alternate venues. Jill Mahoney volunteered to assist her in the search.

### **New Business:**

—Stephanie Harris advised that we had a request to offer dog related items for sale on our PSLRA chat list. It was decided that this could be done on Fridays only and be dog related items but not puppies/dogs for sale.

—Stephanie also reported that the cost of renewing of the web domain was going to be more than previously reported but the increase was approved.

—Nina Mann reported that the club merchandise inventory is quite low in some areas and high in others so in an effort to level the inventory out, we will not be placing any club orders but she would take orders from individuals and place orders for just those specific items. There are minimums that must be met so she will hold orders until she has enough to order from the embroidery store. Meeting adjourned. — Carole Jensen



# Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association Conformation/Obedience/Junior Showmanship



Sanctioned Match  
Saturday June 16, 2007

\*\*\*\*\*  
**Come Join in the Fun**  
\*\*\*\*\*

This year's event is being held at **Van Doren's Landing Park, in Kent Washington.**  
Please see below for directions and a description of our classes.  
Between Sweepstakes and Conformation judging, there will be a  
**pizza feed and brief membership meeting.** PSLRA will provide **pizza** and **drinks.**

Judges for the day: **Conformation** – Laura Steward **Sweepstakes** – Bonnie McGhie  
**Obedience** - TBD **Junior Showmanship and Exhibition** – Devenne Drege

All judging is held outdoors; bring appropriate weather protection.  
Professional handlers may show only their own dogs. Champions are not eligible for competition.

**Sweepstakes Classes: 4-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-15, 15-18 months.** Only dogs/bitches winning first place in these classes may compete for **Best in Sweeps and Best Opposite in Sweeps.**  
**Conformation Classes: 4-6, 6-9, 9-12 months.** These are considered puppy classes; only dogs/bitches winning first place in these classes are eligible to compete for **Best Puppy and Best Opposite Puppy.**  
**12-18 months, American Bred, Bred by Exhibitor, Open.** These classes are considered **Adult** classes. Only dogs/bitches winning first place in these classes are eligible for **Best Adult.**  
**Junior Showmanship Classes: Peewee through the Best in Junior Showmanship will be the first classes offered.**  
**Exhibition only:** Peewee handler classes are divided into: Children under six and those over six but not yet 10 years of age.  
**Novice Junior, Novice Senior, Open Junior, Open Senior.** Only the first place winners of the regular junior classes will be eligible for **Best Junior Showman.**  
*All children entered in Peewee, and regular junior showmanship classes will receive a beautiful participant rosette and a fun doggie gift.*  
**Exhibition Only Classes:** Altered Dogs, Altered Bitches. These dogs/bitches are not eligible to compete for any further prize.  
**Obedience Classes:** Novice A and B, Open A and B, Utility A and B *High in Trial and High Combined rosettes will be awarded if applicable.*

**Directions to Match:** From the North or South on I-5. Take the S. 188TH ST. exit (exit 152) toward ORILLIA RD; Take the ramp toward ORILLIA ROAD; Turn LEFT onto S 188TH ST.; S 188TH ST becomes ORILLIA RD S.; Turn RIGHT onto RUSSELL RD.  
**Van Doren's Landing Park, 21899 Russell Rd, Kent, WA 98032, US**

## PSLRA MATCH ENTRY FORM

Day of Match registration from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. All judging to start at 10 a.m.

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Class: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breeder: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to hold PSLRA and its members harmless from any claim arising out of entry in this match.  
Pre-entry due by May 31 ~ \$7 first class, additional classes \$3 same dog.  
Day of Match entries ~ \$10 first class, additional classes \$5 same dog.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Total fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your completed entry forms along with your check made payable to PSLRA to Darlene Pado, 3048 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW Seattle, WA 98126  
If you have any questions, please call or e-mail Darlene Darlpado@aol.com 206-356-1732

### ~ Added Fun ~

Obedience: Introduction to obedience and answering of questions — at the obedience ring. Approximately 9 a.m.  
Conformation: Introduction to conformation and small handling class in the conformation ring. Approximately 9:30 a.m.

## Braggs

**Shilshole's Shift'n Gears** earned his third Master pass at the PSLRA test May 5-6 and his fourth at the Rainier test May 12-13. Clutch is owned, trained, handled and thoroughly enjoyed by Terrie Sato.

Valerie Jones, Idaho, reports her first Labrador Retriever Champion! **Ch. Ducktales And On And On**, aka Echo, finished her championship at Lewis Clark KC April 23, under Judge Charles E. Doran, Jr. Echo's sire is Ch. Waifin's Topform Conundrum and her dam is Ch. Ducktales And That's My Story. Echo was bred by Terri Keller and Diane Villa (Ducktales) and expertly handled by Ellen Cottingham. Also, Best Brace in Show was awarded to two of Valerie's youngsters: **JonValer's Best Dressed**, Riggs, and **Locust Groves Faith is Believing**, Faith, by Judge Don Rogers on May 6, at Utah Valley KC. Faith is co-owned with Sheila Fruge (Greenview). Faith and Rigg's sire is Ch. Ghoststone Hyspire Dressed to Impress, Armani, and their dam is Skyfire's Unnamed Melody, Melody, who is owned by Stephanie Harris of Skyfire Farms.

**Skyfire's Cyclone In the Dark**, Twister, passed her first two JH legs at the PSLRA and RHRC hunt tests in May. Twister is trained by Sarah Fischer and owned by Stephanie and Jessica Harris and Sarah Fischer. **Skyfire's Oughta Be Haulin**, Axle, owned, trained, and handled by Travis and Sarah Fischer, passed his first JH leg at the PSLRA hunt test.

**Int Ch Daybreaks Chocolate Splash**, CD, JH, WC, CGC was WB and BOW for another five points at Renaissance Dog Association in Chilliwack in April. Can CH Koa's Top Gun, WC and Kawai teamed up again for a first place in Junior Novice showmanship. Loved and spoiled by the Koa Gang. **Can CH Koa's Top Gun**, WC was first in Bred By and went on to RWD at the Mount Baker Kennel Club show in Lynden, May 20. He is bred, owned, and spoiled by us!

**Can Ch Mainland's Saratoga Passage**, Sara, won back to back Best of Breeds at Renaissance Dog Fanciers Association on Feb 16 and 17, to finish her Canadian Championship. Sara is owned and loved by Chris and Dean Fliflet, bred and handled by Shelah Frey. **Mainland Seasac Third-Times-A-Charm**, Cricket, won back to back

## Prepping for the Big Show Debut

by Stephanie Harris

I hope you all are planning on coming out and joining us on June 16 at Van Doren's Landing in Kent for the PSLRA B/OB match. Some of you may be wondering – just what is a B/OB match.... Am I supposed to be bringing my own.... No, no – I hate to admit but it took me a while to figure this out, too. B/OB stands for Breed/Obedience and a “Match” is a practice show. It's a great place to come out and see what dog showing is all about – or to bring out your young dogs that you want to get a little practice with before the summer show season starts.

I've been asked to give the “How To” for the conformation (Breed) portion of the morning before judging starts. Since I've made almost every mistake in the book, I guess they felt I was well qualified. I thought perhaps a little pre- how to might help tamp down some of the butterflies that we all get when we first get started in this game (and even after playing for years, some of us still have those nasty butterflies dancing around). Before the match (or any show) there are a few things to do at home to start preparing your future show star.

If you are planning on showing in conformation it's a good idea to read up on the Labrador Standard < [http://www.akc.org/breeds/labrador\\_retriever/index.cfm](http://www.akc.org/breeds/labrador_retriever/index.cfm) > to make sure that your Labrador(s) fits the breed standard and

Group One's at The Lower Mainland Dog Fanciers of B.C. on March 2 and 3. Cricket was only 13 months old, competing from the BBE class. There was also a BBE competition, Sara won the group by default. Cricket is co-owned with Nancy Clark and Shelah Frey. Cricket was bred by Shelah Frey and Craig Edwards.

Nick titled in novice obedience with a first-place finish in Walla Walla. Then he took his eighth Best in Show at Mt. Baker KC on 5/19, handled by Tonya Struble. **MBIS Am/Can CH ShaRay's Nikolas of Whidbey** JH RN CD. Co-owned and bred by Sharon Edwards. Obedience trained and handled by Ron Perry.

doesn't have any disqualifications. The standard is basically a written blueprint of our breed drawn up by the Labrador forefathers, approved by the national club and adopted by the AKC. All conformation shows are judged based on that breed's standard. The judge is to pick out the dog who in his eyes most closely represents the Labrador Standard.

You will be asked to present your dog to the judge. This will include gaiting (trotting not running) around the ring usually with the rest of the class; individual exam (hands on); individual movement (trotting with you alone) and baiting. To prepare you will want to make sure that your Labrador is leash trained and will walk and trot calmly beside you even if some strange hairy beast is running too close behind him or the cute neighbor puppy in front of him seems to be running off. Your Lab needs to stand calmly, too, for the exam which will include the judge looking at his head, checking his teeth, and usually a quick exam that will feel along his shoulders, topline, rear legs, tail, and if he's a boy they will check to make sure he has both. The last thing a judge does (and often the first as well) is to take a look at the group together in profile while the dogs are baiting. This means your (wild bronc) sweet darling puppy should stand and gaze adoringly at you so that the judge can see what a beaut he is!

Please don't be put off by all this – while it may sound like a lot of work ... we are talking Labradors here. They will do almost anything for food or love and quickly learn with just short five or ten minute sessions while dinner is cooking what you are asking them to do. You might find this article focuses on conformation – that's because I'm still learning ALL the mistakes I can make in obedience and will leave the teaching of that to others! Our match is always a TON of FUN, usually great weather – with wonderful PSLRA members! I hope to see many of you there!

# LRC National Specialty October 6 – 12, 2007

## Sauvie Island, Champoeg State Heritage Area & Hillsboro, Oregon

*Commentary by Nina Mann*

The National Specialty week this year will begin with the hunt test on the weekend of October 6 and 7. This is unusual scheduling, but all public lands in Oregon are closed for hunting after the first of October. Reeder's Ranch, a private gun club on Sauvie Island, has graciously allowed us to reserve their grounds for that weekend, and I am told they are really lovely grounds and far superior to the public lands so we are in luck. The Master and Senior stakes will run on Saturday, while Sunday will be a full day with the Junior stakes, the Working Certificate and the Conformation Certificate all taking place then.

Monday everything will move to Hillsboro, Oregon, and all the rest of the activities, except the Tracking Test, will be at the Washington County Fairgrounds there and at the headquarters hotel, the Red Lion Hillsboro, next door. These are

spacious grounds and we have rented a large area that will allow us to have all the rings together, making it much easier for everyone to watch the Agility. Monday we will have an optional seminar by Pat Hastings on the Puppy Puzzle, her popular seminar that emphasizes picking out the puppies at 8 weeks that will be most suitable for performance homes. We will also make available an option to take a wine tour in the Willamette Valley vineyards that day. In the late afternoon and evening, there will be an informal welcome dinner at the host hotel. Either before or after dinner (I am not yet sure of the lighting there) we will welcome the Top 25 Agility contestants, a popular feature at the National last year.

Tuesday, the events will pick up pace, with the Tracking Test at Champoeg State Heritage area, half an hour or so from the Fairgrounds, and the first of two Agility Trials in two rings at the fairgrounds. The

same judges will also preside over the Top 25 and will take turns judging the courses on Tuesday and Wednesday, including the new FAST courses. The LRC Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday at the host hotel.

The schedule of events is posted on the club web site. You will see that one Rally trial is on Tuesday and the other on Wednesday, before the afternoon sweepstakes. We will also have an Obedience trial Wednesday morning and the other one Thursday morning. Nonregular classes, including Team, will be held on Wednesday only as the focus shifts to conformation on Thursday with the dog and bitch classes leading up to Best of Breed on Friday and of course our Juniors. I hope there will also be time to call all the dogs into the ring who have qualified for the popular Dog For All Reasons award.



**T  
r  
a  
c  
k  
i  
n  
g  
  
T  
e  
s  
t**

## PSLRA Rescue to the Rescue!

by Edith Bryan

Here are some of the heartwarming stories of Labs who have received a second chance in life with the help of PSLRA rescue. "Saving one dog will not change the world...but surely, for that one dog, the world will change forever."

**ROSCOE**—Roscoe is a beautiful, purebred yellow Lab who had the misfortune to be run over by a delivery truck in his driveway. Although they rushed him to the vet, Roscoe's owners did not have the funds to pay for the surgery to repair his badly broken leg. The staff at the vet clinic persuaded the owners to



PSLRA helped pay for Roscoe's surgery and recovery after an accident with a delivery truck; he has been adopted by his loving foster family.

release Roscoe to the clinic. In short order, these caring professionals had arranged for a surgeon who could provide the expert repair of Roscoe's leg with plates and screws, and had found a foster home to care for Roscoe after the surgery. All that was needed now was a way to pay for the surgery. The vet clinic staff contacted PSLRA and we were happy to have the rescue funds available to contribute a substantial part of the cost needed to make Roscoe whole again. Roscoe came through the surgery with flying colors and, in a very happy ending, was adopted by his foster family!

**MOLLY**—The family that owned Molly needed to find a new home for her where she could receive the attention and exercise that a one year old Lab requires. Molly was soon matched up with one of our adoption applicants, and the young black Lab was settling happily into her new home. Here is a report from her delighted new family:

"Oh, Edith, everything is wonderful. Molly is blending in almost seamlessly with our family. She is puppy enough to thrill the

children and yet already mature enough to be a real companion for me. Molly is so friendly, yet smart and very obedient. She has the best manners in the car (yay!) and so we go everywhere together. Our family schedule is such that she is almost never alone, and so she has been to softball practice, soccer practice, my husband's work (school campus/office) and all around our neighborhood. We need to work on leash manners, but she comes, and sits, and does everything the way one would want. We are starting obedience classes soon. My 7 year old is so happy to throw the ball out in the yard and have someone to play with. When it's time to come in, she calms down nicely and will sit on my feet while I'm on the computer. She never begs at mealtimes, just lies down and watches us but isn't underfoot in the kitchen (what a pleasure!). We are so grateful for all your time and help. Our spirits are soaring now, having her to love."

**ELLIE**—Ellie is a lovely 5 year old purebred yellow Lab. Ellie's owners were unwilling to keep her any longer because she was "fighting terribly" with other dogs. Although we cannot accept aggressive dogs into our rescue program, we asked the owners to take Ellie to the Academy of Canine Behavior for a behavioral evaluation. They felt that Ellie was a nice Lab who could be easily rehabilitated in a different home. We did not feel that Ellie could go to an adoptive home "as is," however – obedience training and behavioral changes were urgently needed. Brandy Burton-Tarantino offered to foster Ellie and to provide an intensive "board and train" program for a greatly discounted price. Ellie was with Brandy for three and a half weeks and became a new dog! She has been adopted by a nice young couple and is being lavished with love, attention and training. After the new owners left Brandy's kennel with Ellie, they stopped at a busy PetSmart <yikes> for her to pick out some toys and treats. Ellie gave a couple of small barks at other dogs in the store, then proceeded to ignore all the other dogs and focus on the important business of shopping with her new owners. Whew! We are all delighted that our rescue funds could help Ellie become a well-behaved Labrador good citizen.



**TUCKER**—Tucker is a young black Lab that we rescued from PAWS. Tucker was a totally untrained and exuberant pup that needed a purpose in life. Tucker has found that purpose as a member of the UW's Conservation Canine Program, where he is the star of their orca whale scat identification team! Tucker now spends his days perched on the bow of a boat, following killer whale pods around and waiting for the whales to poop. When Tucker sniffs the wonderful (to him!) aroma of whale feces, he



Tucker found a new career in his second life helping University of Washington researchers find whales

goes into a paroxysm of excitement and the recovery team knows to close in on the area and collect a sample. From these samples, the researchers can gain a wealth of data about the health and diet of the whales. It is hoped that the information gained in this way will help researchers to determine the reasons for the decline in the orca whale population and suggest ways in which the whales can be helped to survive. What a great job for a rescued Lab!

**FRED**—Fred is another Lab who had a violent encounter with a vehicle, resulting in a badly broken leg as well as assorted gashes and bruises. Fred's owners also signed him over to a vet clinic rather than pay for his rehabilitation. Luckily, Fred found many friends and supporters and soon was able to have the surgery he needed and a nice foster home to recuperate in, complete with grandchildren to entertain him. Fred will probably always have somewhat of a limp, but he will be fully mobile and pain-free. Fred was quickly adopted by one



Fred, happy at his new home after being hit by a car, has fully recovered except for a slight limp.

of our Lab rescue applicants – who wouldn't want a great Lab like Fred? - and he is thoroughly enjoying his new family.

**SPENCER**—Our rescue program was contacted by a woman needing to retire her 10 year old service dog because he had developed diabetes and was unable to continue as a working dog. Spencer had been trained at the Purdy Prison program, but could not be returned there because of his new need for twice daily insulin injections.



Spencer, who has diabetes, has found retirement isn't half bad after leaving the PAWS service program at the age of 10. He now spends his free time working as a Delta Pet Partner and swimming at the beach.

As the Rescue chair, I said to myself, how are we going to place a 10 year old black male Lab with diabetes? The answer was easy – he can join our family! We had recently lost two elderly Labs and were missing the joys of having a senior Lab in our home. Spencer and his owner drove to Whidbey Island from Olympia so that Spencer could meet our two black Lab girls, and they all got along beautifully. So Spencer went back home for a final visit to his vet to have his insulin requirements checked, and for a retirement party at the office where he has accompanied his owner every day for the past nine years.

Last fall, Spencer arrived to begin his retirement at the beach. When he was here for his first visit, he was able to run off-leash for the first time in his life and went for his first-ever swim! Now he can do that every day. We are delighted that Spencer has been able to join us as a pampered pet for whatever years he has left. P.S. Spencer has also started a new career as a Delta Society Pet Partner!



1



2



3



4



5

**Spring Hunt Test**

1. It takes an army, of ribbons that is. The PSLRA table at home base displays qualifying ribbons for each stake while workers pack up the club trailer. Note: if you would like to purchase club merchandise, as seen in the image foreground, please contact Nina Mann.

2. Judges Doug Gallucci and Sandy Herring addresses the handlers at the conclusion of the Junior A Hunt Test. Photo by Claudia McDonnell.

3. Liz Skillingstad, Junior A Stake chair, and Judge Joni Willing wait for the next dog to come to the line. Photo by Claudia McDonnell.

4. A picturesque spot for gunning. Gunners for the Junior water series at this year's spring Hunt Test hunker down for the day. Photo by Claudia McDonnell.

5. Twister shows off her water entry during the Junior B water series.

# Labrapalooza 2007

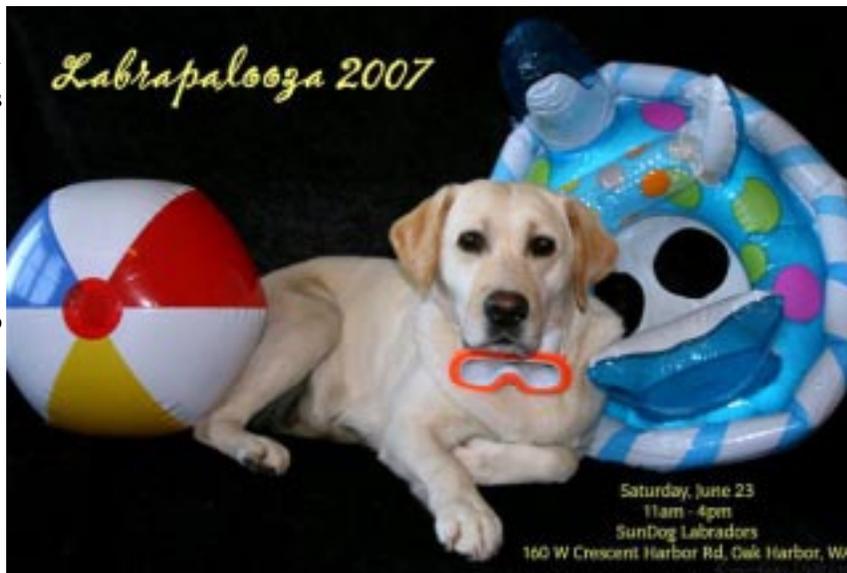
“Ready, Set, Party!”

*Editor's Note: Labrapalooza is not a PSLRA or AKC sponsored event; however, it looks like fun and the Board felt it was a good idea to let everyone know there was a party going on.*

By itself, one Labrador can be a load of fun...but imagine a hoard of them converging upon a single location for a day of tail wagging and field romping! That is exactly what Kris and Daren Reiter of SunDog Labradors had envisioned when they conjured up Labrapalooza. Originally organized as an informal reunion for SunDog offspring and clientele, Labrapalooza provides an annual outlet for Labrador owners to gather for the sole purpose of socialization. It is, essentially, a canine commemoration: a party to honor those silly dogs that captivate the hearts of their families and enhance their lives.

This year, SunDog Labradors would like to expand their guest list to include their “extended family” - namely, all current members of the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association (this means you!).

While this event is not a PSLRA event, it is definitely suitable for the enjoyment of all club members who would like to attend and is free of charge. Owners are expected to know the capabilities of their own dogs and to maintain proper control at all times. Off-leash play is allowed and expected, but fighting, biting or other “ruff” play will not be tolerated. This is not an event for dogs that do not play well with others. Quiet “time out” areas will be designated for those dogs that require some down time or a break from the festivities.



Chow hounds are encouraged. SunDog will provide beverages, typical picnic food items (ie Ham”bark”ers and hot dogs, “paw”sta salads, “arf”ichoke dip, etc) as well as canine cuisine. Participants with particular beverage preferences are invited to provide their own, with one exception: no alcohol will be allowed on the premises.

Photography is encouraged and Kris will be available intermittently to capture those candid moments, as well as formal portraits. Games have been scheduled to enhance the party experience, but participation is not required in order to enjoy the groomed ten-acre farm, doggie dunk pool, and, of course, the company of other Labradors and their owners. In addition, a raffle is planned and already includes many great Labrador and general canine items; there will be many opportunities to head for home with more than just the memories.

Labrapalooza 2007 will take place on Saturday, June 23, from 11a.m. until 4 p.m. at SunDog Labradors on 160 West Crescent Harbor Road, Oak Harbor, Washington. A head count will be necessary so the Reiters can ensure adequate provisions for all partygoers planning to attend. Please send your aRf!SVPs or direct your questions/request directions to Kristen Reiter either via email at kris\_daren@verizon.net or call and leave a voice mail on (360) 320-0941.

## Labrador Retriever Club Of Canada 2007 Annual Specialty

Location South Surrey, British Columbia

Working Certificate: July 19, 2007

Conformation, Junior Handling and Obedience July 20 & 21, 2007



Held in conjunction with British Columbia All Retriever Club-Judge TBD-on July 21, '07 & The Sporting Dog Club of British Columbia - David Hopkinson (Rocheby) on July 22, '07

National Website: <http://www.bclab.com/2007NationalSpecialty.htm>

More Information: Janet Healy email:jandorlabradors@shaw.ca

**LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 5/6/07 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, 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 Marlys if you need a Litter Listing form, to be used for ALL litters.**
  - All Breeders must update their litters each week with Marlys Swanson via email (mlswanson@verizon.net) 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: **Marlys Swanson, 3512 – 93<sup>rd</sup> Place NE, Marysville, WA 98270.**
  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 Marlys Swanson) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue. **LITTER LISTING FORMS** available from Marlys Swanson

**Litter born 11/26/06 (Available: 2 YF)**

Sire: Ch Ghostone Boomtown JH  
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 1/21/06, OFA Heart, Optigen Clear

Dam: Sunrise Get A Dream  
OFA 25G, OFEL 25, ACVO 8/19/06

Litter: 7 YM, 3 YF

Contact: Katie Somers (509) 398-1470, (509) 787-6093

Email: [Katie\\_Somers@msn.com](mailto:Katie_Somers@msn.com) Quincy, WA

Listed: 2/26/07, 4/11/07, 5/15/07

**Litter born: 4/27/07 (Available: 6BM, 2CM, 2BF)**

Sire: CH Niptuck Cimarron's Blue Moon  
OFA 24G OFEL 24, CERF 9/24/06, OFA Heart, Optigen Normal/Clear

Dam: Int'l CH Windycanyon's Fulla Jazz CD JH RN CC  
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 3/4/07, OFA Heart

Litter: 7BM, 2CM, 2BF

Contact: Anne Swindeman (508) 457-8392

Email: [windycanyonlabs@hotmail.com](mailto:windycanyonlabs@hotmail.com) Yakima, WA

Listed: 5/15/07

**Litter born 2/21/07 (Available: 1 CM)**

Sire: Stigs Out of the Rough  
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 2/5/07

Dam: Forest Lake's Trout's Angel Jo  
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 2/5/07

Litter: 4 CM, 1 CF

Contact: Craig & Sylvia Weber (253) 846-5227

Email: [fillweber@netzero.com](mailto:fillweber@netzero.com) Eatonville, WA

Listed: 2/22/07, 4/25/07, 5/15/07

**Litter due 5/6/07 (Available: Black and yellow)**

Sire: BISS Ch. Sureshot HySpire Impressive  
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 9/25/06, OFA Heart Optigen clear

Dam: Ch Devonshire's Abbey Lane  
OFA 25G, OFEL 25, ACVO 3/10/07, Optigen clear

Litter: Blacks and Yellows

Contact; Vicky Hoskinson (360) 856-0649

Email: [cameolabs@comcast.net](mailto:cameolabs@comcast.net) Sedro Woolley, WA

Listed: 4/25/07

**Litter born 3/8/07 (Available: 1 BF)**

Sire: BISS Ch. Sureshot HySpire Impressive  
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 9/25/06, OFA Heart Optigen clear

Dam: Am/Can Ch ShaRays Fair Emma  
OFA 24E, OFEL 24, CERF 9/26/06

Litter: 1 YF, 4 BF, 1 BM

Contact: Marlys Swanson (360) 658-7604

Email: [MLSwanson@verizon.net](mailto:MLSwanson@verizon.net) Marysville, WA

Listed 4/9/07, 5/15/07

**Litter born 5/17/07 (Available: 2BM, 2BF)**

Sire: Ch Skyes Riverlane's Token Republican  
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 8/8/06, Heart ACIVM Normal

Dam: Himoon Bossa Nova De Rio  
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, ACVO 11/20/06

Litter: 4BM, 4BF

Contact: Lucy Isaacson-Logen

(206) 362-8004

Email: [himoonlab@msn.com](mailto:himoonlab@msn.com) Seattle, WA

Listed: 5/6/07, 5/20/07

**Litter born: 3/19/07 (Available: 1CM)**

Sire: BISS Ch SR Belgairn Pictionary RN JH WC  
OFA 29E OFEL 29, CERF 5/12/06, OFA Heart, Optigen Normal/Clear

Dam: Char-Dons A Piece of Tyme  
OFA 24G, OFEL-24, Normal CERF 10/09/2006

Litter: 5CF, 3CM, 3BF

Contact: Terry McFadden (480) 834-4138

Email: [mstslabs@msn.com](mailto:mstslabs@msn.com) Mesa, AZ

Listed 3/30/07, 4/25/07

**Litter due 6/2/07 (Available Yellows)**

Sire: Can/Int. Ch. Himoon The Duke At Clovercreek JH CD  
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 9/26/06, OFA Heart, Optigen clear

Dam: Int. Ch. Interlochen Clovercreek Comet JH  
OFA 24G, OFEL 24, CERF 2/25/07

Litter: All Yellows expected

Contact: Kimberly Dotson (253) 538-7972/(253) 278-1116

Email: [clovercreeklabs@msn.com](mailto:clovercreeklabs@msn.com) Tacoma, WA

Listed: 4/18/07

**Litter due 6/1/07 (Available Yellows)**

Sire: Intl Ch. Interlochen's High Ho Silver MH  
 PennHip 70<sup>th</sup> Percentile 23 months, OFEL 28, CERF 9/26/07  
 Dam: Interlochen's Dakota II  
 OFA 27E, OFEL 27, CERF 1/30/07 Optigen A  
 Litter: All Yellows expected  
 Contact: Diane McCowan (509) 466-8313  
 Email: [Brianspo81@msn.com](mailto:Brianspo81@msn.com) Spokane, WA  
 Listed: 5/20/07

**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 perspective buyers any known health and/or temperament issues. Forms 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.

**Yellow Male 5 years (neutered)**

Beautiful sweet and loving 5 year old neutered male who is house trained, crate trained, obedience trained. Great with children and cats. Has all clearances would make a great 4-H project and wonderful companion.  
 Contact: Sonya Dudder 360-653-1852  
 Email: [dolcevitalabs@hotmail.com](mailto:dolcevitalabs@hotmail.com) Marysville, WA  
 Listed: 3/8/07, 4/25/07

**Black Male 3 years (neutered)**

Very sweet, mellow, small/stocky boy. Is a show champion, has OFA hips, elbows, CERF, cardiac normal, optigen normal. No health or behavior issues known. To a special, loving home only. We love him dearly.  
 Contact: Cecilie Drege (360) 435-0456  
 Email: [cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com](mailto:cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com) Arlington, WA  
 Listed: 3/9/07, 4/11/07, 5/15/07

**Black Male 3 years (DOB 3/13/04) (neutered)**

Funny boy, he climbs on things like a Billy goat. He also loves to cuddle. Placing because he is an Optigen carrier. OFA hips, elbows, CERF. See him cuddling Bea on his webpage.  
<http://www2.whidbey.com/sharay/Chevy.htm>  
 Contact: Sharon Edwards (360) 341-1422  
 Email: [sharay@whidbey.com](mailto:sharay@whidbey.com) Langley, WA  
 Listed: 3/25/07, 4/25/07

**Black Female, 4 years (spayed)**

OFA hip & elbow clearances, current CERF, Optigen Clear  
 Great house dog.  
 Contact: Barb Ironside 425-334-1076,  
 Email: [fawnhaven@comcast.net](mailto:fawnhaven@comcast.net) Snohomish, WA  
 Listed: 4/25/07

**Black Female 20 mo. (To be spayed)**

Very happy girl, crate trained, has some basic obedience but would highly benefit from a structured obedience class. Raised with kids, loves other dogs, travels well.  
 Contact: Linda Maffett (360) 961-5269  
 Email: [SunnydazeLabradors@hotmail.com](mailto:SunnydazeLabradors@hotmail.com) Bellingham, WA  
 Listed: 5/6/07

**Black Female, 1 year (must be spayed)**

Very sweet and gentle girl, great retriever, athletic. Some basic obedience training done, microchipped, and vaccinated. Both parents have all clearances and she will be sold with health guarantee.  
 Contact: Cecilie Drege (360) 435-0456  
 Email: [cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com](mailto:cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com) Arlington, WA  
 Listed: 5/15/07

**Yellow Female, 5 months (must be spayed)**

Very sweet, stocky, gorgeous light yellow girl with jet black pigment. Parents have ALL health clearances. She will be sold with health guarantee.  
 Contact: Cecilie Drege (360) 435-0456  
 Email: [cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com](mailto:cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com) Arlington, WA  
 Listed: 5/15/07



Versatile? Definitely. Alex is shown preparing for the log rolling event at the Logger's Jubilee this summer in Morton. Photos courtesy of Ron Perry.





*The Retriever Believer*  
*Newsletter of the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association*  
Web: [www.pslra.org](http://www.pslra.org)  
Sarah Fischer, Editor  
2716 Morris Ave S  
Renton, WA 98055

## PSLRA Specialty - August 3 & 4, 2007

For the past two years all trophies for the specialty have been fully sponsored. If you would like to help make it three years in-a-row and have your name listed in the catalog as a sponsor, contact Nina Mann [harbortop@netzero.net](mailto:harbortop@netzero.net) ASAP.

Conformation/Obedience/Junior Showmanship  
Sanctioned Match, Saturday, June 16, 2007  
Van Doren's Landing Park in Kent