

# THE RETRIEVER BELIEVER

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## President's Message

It is May and the hunt test season has begun here in the Pacific Northwest. One of the perks, if you will, of volunteering at a hunt test is that workers get first pick of that valuable training tool, dead ducks. So it was while wrapping said dead ducks in newspaper in preparation for freezing that a darling puppy picture caught my eye. I did not recognize the breed. Looking closer, I realized I was looking at an advertisement for a designer dog. The ad's claim, 'award winning pedigree designer breed...bred for best personality and health.' The price for these pups was listed at \$975-\$1350. I was shocked. Whose award winning pedigree would be behind two dogs used to produce mixed breeds? How could these people guarantee temperament and health when they were mixing two breeds with entirely different structure and purpose? To think that the public actually and quite literally buys into the idea that a mixed breed dog is healthier, smarter and a better companion than a purebred dog!

As a breed club, what can PSLRA do about this situation? My answer is that action speaks louder than words. The public perception needs to be changed. People need to see our well mannered, physically fit dogs training in parks, going for walks on lead and sitting politely when their owners stop to chat. A dog that is six or seven should move as easily as a two year old dog. Our breeding stock should have long careers so that we can truly claim 'award winning pedigree'. PSLRA has long been the promotor of the All Around Dog, The Versatility Dog and the Dog For All Reasons. Our statement of purpose addresses this. We recognize members, breeders and the dogs who earn multiple titles through our All Around Award and our Versatility Award. Science is helping us prove that our dogs have the genetic material to live long healthy lives. Now we need to get our dogs out there and show the public that the purebred dog is an intelligent, sweet tempered, loyal companion. The next few months are busy ones, with lots of opportunity to work on performance titles. I'm looking forward to seeing our membership participating in our upcoming events.

I would like to introduce our new newsletter editor, Fran Seagren. She is joined by copy editor Chris Roth and distributor Ron Perry in working hard to get the newsletter out to you. I know that Fran encourages our entire membership to contribute to the newsletter through articles, stories, photos and brags. Fran can be reached at labrdrs@earthlink.net or 253-880-6773. Thank you to Sarah Fischer, our retiring newsletter editor, for doing an outstanding job over the past several years!

I also want to recognize our new membership chairperson, Lizzie Moir. Lizzie joined our club in 2009 and enthusiastically volunteered for this job. Lizzie can be reached at lizzyster@gmail.com or 770-696-3784. Please remember to give Lizzie your full support, especially when it comes time for membership renewal in the fall. Thank you to Jen Hajny for working hard as membership chair last year and getting those membership books out in a timely manner.

We are fortunate to have another new volunteer in Tamaria Hartman. Tamaria along with Lizzie Moir is currently working on next January's awards banquet. I'll bet you didn't know that the ground work for that event needs to be laid early in the year so that we can relax and enjoy ourselves on awards night. If you have party ideas to share, contact Tamaria at meluvlabs@gmail.com or 360-888-4941.

The PSLRA hunt test will be held on the Pepper Retriever Grounds on May 8 and 9. Please contact Ron Perry to volunteer at perrylab@comcast.net or 206-523-1615. Volunteer and you and your dog may be the lucky recipient of your own dead ducks! See you there.

—Terrie

## IMPORTANT DATES

**May 26 Board meeting**

**June 12-13 Rainier 10-Series, Cindy Meyer, Greenleaf's**

**June 19 PSLRA Match & membership meeting, Jill Mahoney, Gold Creek, Woodinville**

**June 23 Board meeting**

**June 25-27 PSLRA Agility Trial, Lake Tye Park, Monroe, Cheri 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

## April board meeting minutes

Meeting held April 28, 2010, at Issaquah Fire Station. Officers and Board Members present: Terrie Sato, Gail Gegg, Ron Perry, Nancy Harney, Nina Mann, Brenda Hubbard, Shelah Frey, Dave Lawniczak, Stephanie Harris, Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Sarah Fischer, Jill Mahoney; absent, Tony Leitao; guest, Jennifer Hajny.

### Officer Reports

**President:** In lieu of a report, Terrie asked all breeders to send their puppy buyers to our web site for all the valuable information included there.

**Secretary:** Correspondence presented from AKC approving our obedience and rally trials, asking for more information on the fall Agility trial and approving Rally at our spring match.

Contracts have been signed and returned by all 2011 judges.

**Treasurer:** April income \$2,380, expenses \$3,662.56. Balance in checking and CD \$10,227.53.

**New Members:** No report

**Acknowledgments:** Thanks to Fred Drennan for chairing the 5-Series, to Sarah Fischer for her time as newsletter editor, to Shelah Frey for setting up the club Facebook page and to Jan Skewes and Ron Perry for arranging the Insurance certificates.

### Committee Reports

**Hunt Test:** Ron Perry is revising the budget as entries come in. Everyone is invited to the judges' dinner Friday night on the grounds. We will only need two groups for Master and probably will not split either the Seniors or Juniors. Stephanie Harris moved and Dave Lawniczak seconded to approve the budget as presented. So voted.

**Match:** MJ Sarbaugh reported that AKC has approved all the events. Jill Mahoney submitted a budget. Ron moved to approve it, Dave seconded and approval was voted.

**June Agility trial:** No report, but the grounds contract with Monroe was received in the mail. Terrie Sato will sign and return it.

**Specialty:** Jennifer Hajny reported that the specialty has been approved by AKC, the judges' airfares that we are buying have been purchased and the premium is being revised. She submitted a budget which the

Board approved. There was a discussion about dropping some classes which was resolved by three separate votes. Dave Lawniczak moved and Gail Gegg seconded a motion to drop the Breeders Cup class. A vote passed this motion. Shelah Frey moved to drop the Novice class. There was no second so the motion failed. Shelah moved and Mary Jane seconded a motion to drop the Field Trial class. The vote was no on this motion.

**Tracking Test:** Nina reported that one of our judges would like to withdraw in order to be able to run dogs in the test. On a motion by Shelah, seconded by Sarah, the Board agreed to let the Tracking Committee see if they can find a new judge in California prior to a cutoff date of June 15. The resulting increase in budgeted expense for the test was approved.

**Health Clinic:** We will not offer Optigen testing this year at the clinic. Requests for this testing have dropped to around six, so we can no longer muster the 20 required for a 20/20 clinic. Also Optigen now offers Discount days several times a year. This year they are already scheduled for May 31- June 6 and, July 26-August 1. During these periods an individual can get the same discount as we offered at the clinic. There was a discussion about which microchips to buy for the clinic. Jill moved and Sarah seconded a motion to get the box of Trovan chips we are entitled to under the program. It was voted that these microchips will be for the clinic only and we will no longer offer microchips to individual club members.

**Five Series wrap up:** Everyone seemed to appreciate having both ducks and pheasants. The WC which was held in a separate area was very successful. There weren't enough volunteers to pop and throw, so it would have been difficult to keep things moving without the paid help. The puppy trials turned into training sessions with no placements but a lot of fun for all. The event made a profit of \$531.63 even with paid help. There were no day-of-test entries as the event filled in advance.

### Unfinished Business

**Scholarship committee report:** No report

**Litter listing requirement:** Stephanie reported that discussions are taking place, but the committee is not yet ready to make

a recommendation. Terrie requested that an immediate correction be made to an error in the current requirements. The OVC certification is made at 18 months, not 12. Ron or Stephanie will fix the mistake.

**PSLRA Facebook page:** Shelah has set it up and she will monitor it. Information on the page will be public and anyone can access it. Shelah will watch for puppy sales and delete them if they come up. It is intended that the page be event driven.

**New Business**

**Judges' gifts.** Mary Jane suggested that the chairs of events contact her and let her know if they want her to select gifts or if they prefer to do it themselves.

**Hunt test judges selection committee:**

Ron submitted a draft proposal of a method for choosing hunt test judges for Board members to read.

There was a discussion of the best method of responding to the requests from Oregon to rescue dogs. It is difficult for us to handle out of the area dogs and we will request that Edith's phone number be given out for the Puget Sound area rescues only.

In regard to nominating a judge for the 2011 Master National, Jill moved and Dave seconded a motion to nominate Ellen McNeil. Approval was voted.

Newspaper ads for PSLRA were discussed. Stephanie will make one up and place it this summer.

The list of driver's licenses for anyone who drives the club trailer needs to be updated.

Jill mentioned that a lot of litters are mentioned on the chat list that are never listed on the litter listing and asked if she should put a reminder about the litter listing on the chat list. Stephanie reminded her that the chat list only goes to our members while the web site is read by thousands of non members.

It was suggested that we remove the pro-handler exclusion for sweepstakes. Dave so moved, Gail seconded and the vote was to approve the suggestion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

# 5-Series Adult, water mark



Terrie Sato's golden Chip, brings back his prize, and takes third place doing so.



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Contact us at [info@steadycompanion.com](mailto:info@steadycompanion.com) to register.

# Five Series, Puppy Series, and Working Certificate—April 10 at Greenleaf’s in Monroe

by *Fred Drennan*  
 It was a 3-ring circus that PT Barnum would have been proud of. It didn't rain, tons of people volunteered to work, birds flew, and some great dog work was demonstrated. It's hard to have a better day than that, especially for retriever breeds and PSLRA Labradors. In the center ring were 66 entries in the Adult 5 Series judged by Boyd Ulsh and Rhonda Forman [starting on land] and Spence and Lyn Saunders [starting on water]. For the initial cutoff, the land series had two singles and the water series a single. Dogs on land had a live shot duck/pheasant and a pop and thrown dead bird, and faced medium height grass and swales. Dogs on the water had a pop and thrown duck, and a water entry/reentry and marsh to hunt in. Scoring was tight, and 24 dogs were invited to the fourth single. The mark was a live shot rooster with a water entry, an uphill run, a strong crosswind, and a road. Seven dogs survived and were challenged with a land/water/land/water 100+ yard crosswind swim as the final single. While a number of dogs ran the bank, the winning dogs took honest lines and fought the factors. Dixie Humble had a great day with her young girl Miley getting a first place, and Katie (Miley's mother) getting second. Terrie Sato with her young dog Chip got a third, and Larry Robertson with Duke placed fourth. Other qualifiers included John Willits with Roger, Barbara Hawley with Tor, and Fred Drennan with Rion.

In the east ring was the Puppy Series judged by Sharon Hilton and Shelah Frey. Fifteen puppies ranging from 3 months 2 days to almost a year had a great training experience, but the judges decided not to award placements. Puppies were exposed to pigeons and ducks. They showed true retriever desire [necessitating some challenging work on the part of the handlers to entice them back].

In the west ring was the Working Certificate (WC), again with Sharon and

Shelah judging the test. Seven dogs started with two water singles with pop and thrown ducks to demonstrate the water reentry skills. A live shot pigeon on land at a good distance followed the two water marks. Four dogs completed the event and received their certificates. Congratulations to Hannah and Daisy [Bea Ferguson], Chief [Joan Sharpe], and Phooka [Jeff Baker].



WC Judges.



5 Series qualifiers and judges (l-r) Larry Robertson 4th place, Ronda Forman judge, Terrie Sato 3rd place, Boyd Ulsh judge, Dixie Humble 1st and 2nd places, Lynn and Spence Sauders judges.

No event like this occurs by itself. My apologies if I miss anyone, but workers were incredibly self-organizing and just stepped in and got it done. Specific thanks go to the marshals Katie Mearns, Cheri Levine, Terrie Sato, Barb Ironside, Nina Mann, Anne West and Marilyn Mark. Gunners were Paul Gilmore, Larry and Randy Robertson, Nelson Brown, Morris Worsham, Bryant Meyer, Ralph Smith, Alan Billingsley, and Don West. Pop and throw stations were covered by Tom Irwin, Jake Lund, Ron Perry, and John Willits. Everybody helped with setup and takedown, especially Bryant and Cindy Meyer, Paul Gilmore, and Ron Perry.



Doolin alertly awaits his turn with Mike Foreman at the 5 series adult water marks.

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*Name Correction in Membership Book:*

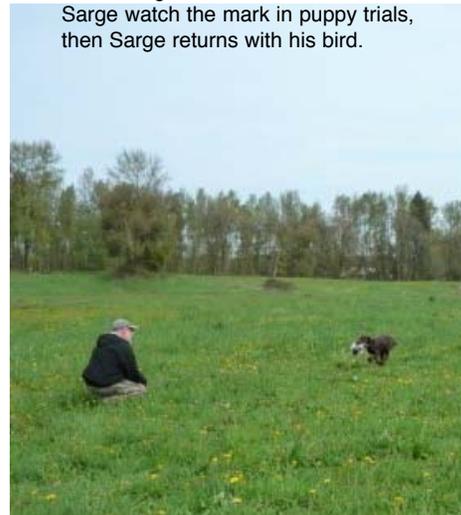
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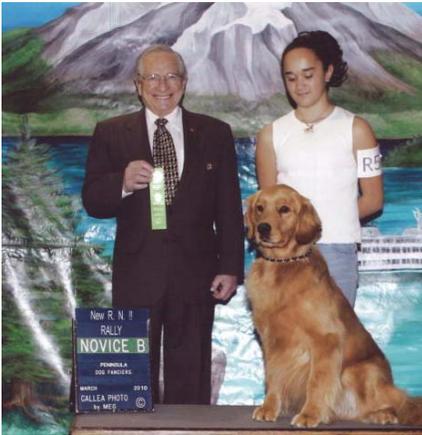
Scott Seagren and four month old Sarge watch the mark in puppy trials, then Sarge returns with his bird.



# Braggs

I'm thrilled to report on a great weekend at Bremerton. Dawson and I qualified on Saturday (after a very long day!) in Rally Novice to earn our first ever title together, other than showmanship. Dawson is now Rush Hill's That's The Scoop, RN. We followed up Saturday with our second Open Intermediate win. (Man those intermediate classes are huge!) Dawson was bred by Tonya at Rush Hill and spoiled by us.

Submitted by Kawai Nahoopii



Thanks to Meg Callea for the photo of Kawai and Dawson

Chantel Nahoopii would like to give thanks and recognition to Brad Aker who took the great photos we published last month of Kawai at the Seattle Kennel Club Junior Showmanship event.



Alan Billingsley and Hunter at 5 series adult water mark.

# Special Thanks!

from Mike Forman

In addition to those of you that volunteer at our field events, who are greatly appreciated and much needed, there is one group that works diligently and tirelessly in the background – they are the people that supply birds to our hunt tests. Club members who work in more obvious positions are often thanked and recognized as ribbons are given out. They are also recognized and thanked individually and through our newsletter. So, I want to take this opportunity to give a special thanks to Wendy Hensarling and her family for their services at our club's hunt tests.

Currently, Westwind Farms located in Riverside, Washington is our bird supplier. On behalf of PSLRA, I want to say Thank you, Wendy, Jim, and family, for all of your hard work and dedication. Without you, our retrieving events would not be what they are today. You and your family not only provide quality birds, you also provide stewardship services, use of your UTV, shooting at the live gun station, and help anywhere else you're needed. And, throughout it all, you always have a smile on your face and a positive attitude.



Wendy Hensarling with "Sonja."

Wendy and Jim have raised birds for more than 25 years. Jim raised Ringneck pheasants in the '80s for field trials and Wendy had a few ornamental pheasants.

Wendy and Jim met at a bird club meeting.

They have raised a wide variety of ornamental and endangered pheasants, quail, and partridge. They have also done propagation studies with the San Diego and Woodland Park zoos and are federation game bird judges and have judged across the United States and Canada.

The family moved to eastern Washington in 1997 at which time they expanded their operation to include waterfowl. Currently, they live on 46 acres in Riverside, Washington and raise alfalfa, grain, cows, and birds, in addition to labradors and French brittany's. They own five labs that compete in field trials, hunt tests and NAHRA events. Wendy and Jim provide birds to over 20 clubs, which include field trials, hunt tests, NAHRA, HRC, and pointer trials.

Their son Aaron, has been a huge contributor and asset to their business. He was active in FFA when in High School. The birds were his project. They helped him to achieve such honors as his state FFA degree and American Farmer degree. He was the recipient of the 2008 State Star Placement award.

Aaron is now at Walla Walla Community College majoring in Agricultural Education and will transfer to University of Idaho at the end of next year. He is still actively involved in helping with the family business and will be running his own dog in NAHRA events this year. He is also an accomplished ATA Trapshooter.



**Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association**  
**Conformation/Obedience/Rally/Junior Showmanship**  
**Sanctioned Match**  
**Saturday June 19, 2010**  
**Pre-entries due June 9**



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

**Gold Creek Tennis and Sporting Club, Woodinville, WA**

Judges for the day: **Conformation** – Rick Mullin (Bakerbay) **Sweepstakes** – Cindy King (Bakerbay)  
**Obedience/Rally** – Terri Kaluza **Junior Showmanship and Exhibition** – Jennifer Hajny

- Day of Match registration 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., judging to start at 10:00 a.m.
- All judging is held outdoors; bring appropriate weather protection.
- Professional handlers may show only their own dogs. Champions are not eligible for competition.
- Immediately following judging and clean up there will be a **potluck and brief membership meeting**.
- PSLRA will provide **plates, utensils, and bottled water**

Any Match questions, contact Match Chairpersons:  
Jill Mahoney Mahoney@wwdb.org and Kristi Clark kristiclark2001@yahoo.com

- **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 of Opposite Sex 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 of Opposite Sex 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 and Best of Opposite Sex 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 9 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.*
- **Conformation 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.*
- **Rally Classes:** Novice A and B, Advanced A and B, Excellent A and B

**Directions to Match:** Gold Creek Tennis and Sports Club in Woodinville, 15327 140th PL NE Woodinville, WA 98072.  
[www.goldcreektennis.com](http://www.goldcreektennis.com)) **Directions from I-405 Northbound:** Take Exit 20B - NE 124th St Exit, Turn Right. Continue on NE 124th St. Turn Left onto Woodinville-Redmond RD NE, Turn Right (straight) onto 148th Ave NE. At the fork in the road, head left onto 140th PL NE, the show site is on the left. **Directions from I-405 Southbound:** Take Highway 522 Exit Eastbound, from Highway 522, take 131st Ave NE exit, turn Right on 131st Ave NE (south), Turn Left on NE 175st St, Turn Right onto 140th AVE NE continue for about 3 miles; the show site will be on the right.

**PSLRA MATCH ENTRY FORM**

Day of Match registration from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. All judging to start at 10:00 a.m.

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> Class: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Class: \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Class \_\_\_\_\_

Obedience Class \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dog's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Handler's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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 June 9th ~ \$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 MJ Sarbaugh, 5062 So. Wynter PI, Langley, WA 98260  
If you have any questions, please call or e-mail Mary Jane labsix@whidbey.com 360-221-6121  
~ Added Fun ~

**Obedience/Rally:** Introduction to obedience and answering of questions — at the obedience ring. Approximately 9 a.m.  
**Conformation:** Introduction to conformation plus a small handling class in the conformation ring. Approximately 9:30 a.m.  
**Obedience/Rally and Conformation will be run simultaneously.**  
**Judging will start at 10:00am with Junior Showmanship and Obedience Utility**

# Old Dogs Make Great Memories

by Fran Seagren

As our dogs get older and the focus is more on their comfort, I like to remember all the great times we've had.



Zoe lounging with Jonz watching a movie

My older guy, Jonz, now 12 years old, was such an agile character in his younger years. He was (and still is) always looking for attention. He would show off sometimes when returning with a bumper by tossing it in the air and catching it without changing his stride. It would always make me laugh.

Jonz has always had a love for the empty toilet paper rolls. He keeps track of when

the toilet paper is getting low and makes sure he's "there" with whoever uses that last bit so when the tube of cardboard is replaced with a new roll, he gets the "empty." He carries it around like some sort of prize. The other dogs really don't want it, but he seems to think they do and he struts around like he's got something special.

Jonz is also one of the best babysitters of all our dogs. Whenever our 2 year old granddaughter, Zoe, is at our house, she is under Jonz's care. He couldn't be happier than when she is hanging with him. And lucky for us, she's our next generation of dog lovers. Jonz was the one who helped Zoe go from crawling to walking. She used him as her crutch and he loved every minute of it.

Besides a ton of great hunting memories, Jonz and his mother Cleo were always fun to run in the 5 series events. One year they both placed with a second and a third. That remains one of my best memories.

If you have or had an "old dog," I'll bet you've got some "great memories," too. I invite you to share those with us. Please send me your pictures and memories so everyone can share in what these dogs do best—bring joy to our lives.

## Old Dogs Rule

One of the best *old dog* stories I know really belongs to a friend of mine. The dog, Sugar Bear, was getting along in years when a puppy joined the family. Bear was being very tolerant of the youngster's play, letting it hang from his ears and nip at his heels while they kept their owners company in the large yard. Then the human family members realized they could no longer see the two labs and they began searching, gradually broadening the search area. Suddenly, they spotted Bear bounding happily down the alley—alone and looking quite pleased with himself. Continued searching led to a nearby park where children were laughing and playing with the lab pup—and where Sugar Bear had been very happy to lead the pesky puppy and even happier to leave him and return home alone.

—Chris Roth



Fran with Jonz and Cleo at a 5-series

Ron Perry with Tara at the line





Alex, top left. This picture was taken about three years ago when Alex qualified at the PSLRA Five Series. Ron can't remember how many times he qualified at the 5 Series. Alex qualified several times at the Rainier 10 Series. When he was not even 18 months, he took second in the Rainier 10 Series, missing first place by only half a point! Since then, he qualified about nine more times, and took third place twice.

Left, Alex turned 12 in April. Shown here lying down to enjoy his birthday present.

Lower left. Alex has always been an extraordinary marker, and an excellent hunting dog. Even at his current age, he can find birds that other dogs pass over.

Alex is owned and loved by Ron Perry.

Below left, Jan Palumbo with Rosie, 12, smiling about Rosie's UD. Below right, Huxley, also 12, proud and happy to be with Jan's godson and favorite junior handler, Geoffrey Harper. Both old timers have given Jan many great memories.



**LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 5/1/10 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. 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. 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 Jill if you need a Litter Listing form, to be used for ALL litters.**
  - All Breeders must update their litters each week with Jill Mahoney via email (mahoney@wwdb.org) as to the sex and color of puppies you have sold. The listing will be deleted after three months from the first litter listing date unless she hears from you.
1. Mail the completed form and a check for \$10 (operating expenses for Breeder Listing and Puppy Referral Programs) to **Jill Mahoney, PO Box 7454, Covington WA 98042**.
  2. Your litter notice will appear in the next PSLRA newsletter **if** it conforms to the Code of Ethics.
  3. If you know that the Litter Listing and the Puppy Referral programs have helped you sell your puppies, **please send a donation to PSLRA** (c/o Jill Mahoney) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue.

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

**Litter Born: 01/22/2010 (1BM, 1YM Available)**

Sire: Hiltonhall Sammy From Sundog  
OFA24G, OFEL24N, OFA Heart Normal, CERF 9/09,  
EIC Normal, CNM Clear

Dam: Kihei V  
OFA34F, OFEL34N, ACVO 11/09

Contact: Jon Cuddeback 206-909-6998

Email: [jon@alexanderlending.com](mailto:jon@alexanderlending.com)

Listed: 04/20/2010, **5/1/2010**

**Litter Born: 01/28/2010 (1BM, 1CM Available)**

Sire: Polish Jr. CH., Am Ch Figero Da Foz Herbu Zadora  
OFA27F, OFEL27N, Heart Echo Normal, CERF 4/09

Dam: Can CH Willoridges Bring It On  
OFA33G, OFEL33N, CERF 4/09, OFA Heart

Contact: Stephanie Harris

Litter: 2BM, 2CM

Email: [stephanie@skyfirelabs.com](mailto:stephanie@skyfirelabs.com)

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

Listed: 03/18/2010, **5/1/2010**

**Litter Born: 03/16/2010 (1BM Available)**

Sire: Int. Ch. Shilohs Northorn Lights of Cougar Creek  
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 9/09, OFA Heart Normal,  
Optigen Normal, RD/OSD Normal, EIC Normal, CNM Normal

Dam: Miron's Sophie De Cougar Creek  
OFA27E, OFEL27N, CERF 3/2010, OFA Heart Normal

Contact Cecilie Drege

Litter: 4BM, 3BF

Email: [cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com](mailto:cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com)

Listed: 03/09/2010, **5/1/2010**

**Litter Born: 03/28/2010 (8 YF Available)**

Sire: Somersett Dakota Star  
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 9/09

Dam: Somersett Center of Attention  
OFA24F, OFEL24N, CERF 9/09

Contact: Jennifer Foote 360-678-4267

Or Merlyn Foote 360-331-2805

Email: [Jennifer.najenjo@whidbey.net](mailto:Jennifer.najenjo@whidbey.net)

Email: [Merlyn.somersettlabs@whidbey.com](mailto:Merlyn.somersettlabs@whidbey.com)

Litter: 8 YF, 1YM

Listed: 4/12/2010, **5/1/2010**

**Litter Due: June 9, 2010**

Sire: Am/Can Ch Timberline Big Ben at Fawnhaven SH RN  
Penn HIP DI.39 (80<sup>th</sup> percentile), GDC22G, OFA Heart  
Normal, CERF 9/09, EIC Clear, Optigen A

Dam: Kelli and Erin's Licorice Surprise  
OFA26F, OFEL26N, CERF 4/2010

Contact: Nathan or Elisa Stout 253-222-7312

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

Listed: 4/20/2010, **5/1/2010**

**Blacks and Yellows**

**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 & Yellow 15 month Males (intact)**

Sire: Castle Creek Mischievous Maximillian SHX (yellow)  
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 2/08, CNM Normal,

Dam: Rocking M Kiss Me Kate JH (Black)  
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 2/08

**Black Male**

Jet is friendly, has a great temperament, and is up-to-date on shots. He has started training towards a Junior Hunting title. More information is available on training from breeder.

**Yellow Male**

Rocky has a great temperament and loves to retrieve. He is up-to-date on shots. He has started training towards a Junior Hunting title. More information is available on training from breeder.

Contact: Judy Holmes 253-303-2043 C / 253-843-0186

2<sup>nd</sup> Contact: Cindy Meyer 253-318-2723 C

Email: [jlh3343@comcast.net](mailto:jlh3343@comcast.net)

Email: [rockingmlabs@rockingmlabs.com](mailto:rockingmlabs@rockingmlabs.com)

Listed: 3/4/2010, 5/1/2010

**Light Yellow 1 year Female****(intact)**

Very pretty pale yellow girl with a sweet temperament and very healthy. Parents are both multi-champions with all health clearances. Some basic obedience, crate trained. Micro chipped, dew claws removed, beautiful face.

Must be spayed.

Contact: Cecilie Drege

**Email:** [cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com](mailto:cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com)

**Website:** [www.cougarcreeklabs.com](http://www.cougarcreeklabs.com)

Listed: 5/1/2010

**Yellow 1 year Male****(intact)**

Very sweet and gorgeous light yellow boy, has OFA Prelims good hips, elbow, current eye clearance, EIC and PRA clear/normal. Avid retriever, both parents are multi-champions. Crate trained, micro chipped, all vaccines are up-to-date. Some obedience training started.

Must be neutered.

Contact: Cecilie Drege

**Email:** [cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com](mailto:cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com)

**Website:** [www.cougarcreeklabs.com](http://www.cougarcreeklabs.com)

Listed: 5/1/2010

# Rainier Hunting Retriever Club

## Mark Wickham Memorial 10 Series Singles

**Note:** *This year we are using two sets of judges to make the event run smoother. This will be a two day event. Puppies will be on Saturday ONLY.*

**WHEN:** June 12 and 13, 2010 - 10 Series Adult dogs 9:00 AM both days  
Puppy and Junior Handler at Noon: Saturday

**PLACE:** Dr. Greenleaf's (just south of Monroe on HWY 203)

**EVENTS:** 10 Series Adult Stakes

**10 SERIES REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 65 DOGS**

**\*\*\*\*\*PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS June 9, 2010\*\*\*\*\***

**If 65 dogs have Pre-Registered, there will be no Registration the Day of the Event**

Judges: **Group 1 Darren Proctor & Doug Gallucci**  
**Group 2 TBD**

\$25.00 RHRC Members \$35.00 non-members  
Guaranteed 5 series and 2 live shot flyers

Puppy and Junior Handler Stake Judges: **Ralph & Michelle Smith**

SR Puppy 6 - 12 months: JR Puppy 4 - 6 months; and Junior Handler (18 yrs and under)

\$10.00 RHRC Member - \$15.00 non-members for puppies and junior handlers.

**AWARDS:** 10 Series Adult Stakes - Trophy 1<sup>st</sup> place, Rosettes for 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place and for all qualifiers.  
Puppies, senior and junior: In addition to placement, all qualifying puppies will receive Rosettes.  
Junior handlers will receive Rosettes.

DAY OF EVENT REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 7:30 AM.

ALL DOGS REGISTERING ON THE DAY OF EVENT WILL RUN AFTER ALL PRE-ENTRY DOGS.

Make checks payable to **RHRC** and send with signed entry form to Cindy Meyer, PO Box 5242, Spanaway, WA 98387  
[rockingmlabs@rockingmlabs.com](mailto:rockingmlabs@rockingmlabs.com) cell # 253-318-2723

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dog's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Level \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Level \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Level \_\_\_\_\_

Total Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Handler: Yes\_\_ No\_\_

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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