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President's Message

Volunteers are needed! Next year is already taking shape and the November board meeting will focus on the 2011 events calendar. Many chair positions need filling. I am a firm believer in job sharing. No one person should be responsible for the same event year after year. Taking long standing procedures and infusing them with new ideas and a fresh outlook will make any event a success. So please don't be shy, contact me to volunteer to serve as an event chair.

We are winding down our events for this year. The tracking test was successful thanks to the efforts of Fred Drennan. The day was soggy, but four dogs followed their tracks to a glove reward and earned the coveted TD title. Thank you, Fred, for all of your hard work!

The fall agility trial will be held at Argus Ranch on Nov. 6 and 7. Contact Gail Gegg at 253-862-0877 or mggegg@msn.com to help out. It is important to have at least five PSLRA members on the grounds at all times. Set up begins at 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 5, and members will need to be on hand for take down on Sunday afternoon. Agility is fast paced and lots of fun so be sure to stop by and watch some of the action. The holiday party will be held on Dec. 11 at the City View Church in Renton. Brenda Hubbard is 'hosting' this party and would love to have help with decorations and set up. Contact Brenda at 253-661-9443 or brooke-lynn@msn.com to volunteer. The food is always great and the gift exchange is a hoot, so I hope to see many of you there.

It is membership renewal time. Send your \$20 single membership renewal or \$25 family renewal to Lizzie Moir at 672 Forrest Napavine Rd W, Chehalis, WA 98532. Lizzie is new to the job, so let's make her life as membership chair an easy one - renew soon! You can also pay dues via pay pal on the web site. Be sure to mark the renewal box on the form. And speaking of the web site, the much promised specialty survey can be expected soon. We have had a bit of a delay but some meaningful questions will be available soon, so please watch for the survey and share your opinions.

One final comment... I read somewhere that silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone. Our club could not function without our volunteers. I know the chairs and event committees are vital to the function of this club, but I think we have a whole lot more volunteers than the obvious workers. If you called a member and offered to drive to a function, you are a volunteer. If you encouraged a puppy buyer to join the club or attend an event, you are a volunteer. If you baked for an event, stood ringside to cheer for other club members, offered suggestions at a general meeting or on the chat list . . . you are participating, promoting the club, allowing the club to function and you are a valued volunteer. So in this month of giving thanks, allow me to thank each and every one of you. Volunteers are appreciated!

—Terrie

IMPORTANT DATES

November 6-7, Fall
Agility Trial, Argus
Ranch, Auburn, Gail
Gegg or Kristi Clark

November 17, Board
Planning Meeting

December 11, Holiday
Party, City View
Church, 255 Hardie
Ave. SW, Renton
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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

October board meeting minutes

October Board and Membership Meeting, Oct. 27 at Mitzel's Restaurant, Fife.

Attendance: Officers and Board Members present were Terrie Sato, Nancy Harney, Ron Perry, Dave Lawniczak, Nina Mann, Brenda Hubbard, Gail Gegg, Sarah Fischer, Stephanie Harris. Absent: Jill Mahoney, Shelah Frey, Mary Jane Sarbaugh, and Toni Leitao. Members and guests attending: Cathy Hakola, Kimberly, Chris, and Jessica Dotson, Cindy Freeman, Franna Pitt, John Harris, Travis and Ryan Fischer, Gary Hubbard, Joni Willing, Laura Castrilli.

Officer's Reports

President: Terrie greeted everyone and thanked them for coming. She announced that we still need a chair for the Sportsman's Show and the August specialty.

Secretary: Correspondence was received from Tracking Judge Sil Sanders enclosing a check in thanks to the club for supporting Tracking in the northwest and from Els Crisafulli and Valerie Walters expressing their appreciation for their judging assignments at our specialty in August.

Treasurer: With the current receipt of entry money for the November Agility trial, we have a lot of money in the bank. She also reported that the Health Clinic made a profit of \$159.

Acknowledgments

To Ron Perry for reserving the room for the meeting; to Fred Drennan, Chair of the Tracking Test, Sharon Edwards, Secretary, and to member tracklayers, Robert Henry, Ron Perry, Fred Drennan, and for hospitality, to Terry Massagli and Fred Drennan; to Liz Moir for great assistance with Rescue; and to Stephanie Harris for recent updates to the web.

Committee Reports

Membership: New members are Greg Meinhold from Everett, and James Cundy from Stanwood.

Rescue: Brenda gave a report for Edith Bryan on the recent adoptions of Abbey and Tuff and 12-year old Cammie, adopted by Edith herself.

Scholarship: They are working on two funds. 1) To help kids with entry money and expenses for Eukanuba and

Westminster. The kids are working on projects themselves such as selling refreshments at some of our events. 2) A scholarship for seniors with at least a 2.5 grade point average, or in the case of special needs kids, with a letter of explanation from an adult.

Tracking test: Very successful with four new TD titles earned.

Agility trial: We will once again make a donation to Olde Dog Haven of \$.50 for each rosette recycled. It is important that we have five committee members present at all times. The AKC rep will be attending the trial. The spring Agility trial will be on June 24-25-26 at the same place as the fall trial. Judges have been chosen and the AKC application has been sent in. There will be no FAST classes and the three-day trial will be for all levels, not just Excellent on the third day. The entry fee has been raised by \$1 for the first entry. Second entries will be the same as this year.

Hunting Test: Committee will meet on Monday and hope to soon have a slate of judges for both 2011 trials to present to the Board for approval. There will be a hunting test seminar in February in Scapoose, Oregon. There was a question raised as to whether we would like to have the spring test at Carlson's for variety, but it was M/S/V to hold both tests at Peppers and a deposit will be sent in at once to hold our dates. Westwind Farms submitted a bid for birds at the spring test. The price will be the same as last year and it was M/S/V to accept their bid, which is \$2 or \$5 lower than competing bids. Gail will send a deposit.

Holiday Party: The budget of \$220 was approved. The party will be in Renton and details and directions will be in the newsletter.

Specialty judges: There was a reminder from Jen Hajny that names need to be submitted to her by Nov. 1. The Specialty survey should be up on the web site within the next two weeks. A copy of some sample questions was circulated. The suggestion was made to ask if respondents would approve some of the raffle money going to the scholarship committee.

Web Site: It was again suggested to Stephanie that various members would be willing to act as web masters and relieve her of some of the burden of keeping it updated. We will be taking pictures at the Agility trial and she will post a merchandise page to the web site when she gets them.

Donations: Our annual donation was discussed. Suggestions were made for donations to epilepsy research, to TVD research as we have for the past two years, or to research on cruciate ligament rupture. Terrie will research some of these on the web sites. We can split our donation between more than one research if we want.

Other

Christy Dudzik has offered her training building for the November 17 meeting, as the fire station is not available on that day. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.—
Nina Mann, Secretary.



Jim Charboneau with Sadie and Paco

Master National Success at Last

by Jim Charboneau

This was my third Master National and by far the best run with fair and straight up tests. We had great judges that let the dogs put themselves out, not the usual cut and run events as I've seen in the past.

Sadie ran three very strong series and went out in the fourth on a bird in heavy cover where I couldn't see to help her. By the time I saw her, it was too late and she was thinking she knew better than me where the bird was. So after multiple cast refusals, I picked her up.

Paco had two handles in the first three series and then smacked the last three to bring home my first-ever Master National plate and qualifying ribbon! Paco's first owner got sick and couldn't train him. He ended up spending most of his first eight months in a kennel. I was a little hesitant to take him, but he turned out to be a fast learner. With 18 months of training, he went through Junior, Senior and Master in one year. This has been an experience I'll never forget. We're already planning our trip to next year's event on the east coast!

Note: More Master National reports and photos on pages 6,7 and 8.

From Car Accident to Canada—A Rescue Story

by Brenda Hubbard

Gary and I would like to introduce you to Abbey, an 11 month old black female Labrador we got from the King County Animal Shelter in Kent, on Sept. 10. Edith Bryan, the Rescue Chair, had contacted us about Abbey, after one of the animal control officers asked Lab Rescue to step in and help. An animal control officer had picked her up in early August in a rural portion of southeast King County, near Black Diamond. She had been hit by a car or a motorcycle and had a large gaping wound on her left side, about the size of a greeting card. The shelter estimated she might've been abandoned and alone for four or five days before they brought Abbey in. She also had a fractured left trochanter (upper thigh bone near the hip joint) and damage to her left knee and a possible ACL rupture. (X-rays were taken.) She was one very injured and frightened 9 month old puppy.

The vet at the shelter had to put Abbey under to properly clean up her large wound and stitch it closed. She was showing a lot of pain and lameness in her left hindquarter. The Kent shelter kept her calm and crated in isolation in their medical ward for five weeks. A poor little unwanted stray with no collar, no license, no microchip, no name, nobody. No one claimed her after the three-day stray hold. .

The shelter contacted Edith at this point, as they don't have funds or capabilities to rehab injured animals through a surgery and a long recovery period. Abbey was not adoptable in her current condition. So Gary and I took Abbey home to foster her through her recovery. The shelter spayed her a few days before we picked her up.

Abbey was examined and x-rayed again by our personal vet and then we took her by referral to a second clinic to have a radiologist read the films. In addition, a traveling orthopedic surgeon was brought in to look over both sets of x-rays and to personally examine Abbey to determine if she needed surgery for the ACL or trochanter injury. What a miracle! The rest and care Abbey had received in the shelter and in our home had begun a wonderful healing process and she didn't need surgery. Gary and I joked that Abbey didn't have a clue she had been "broken."

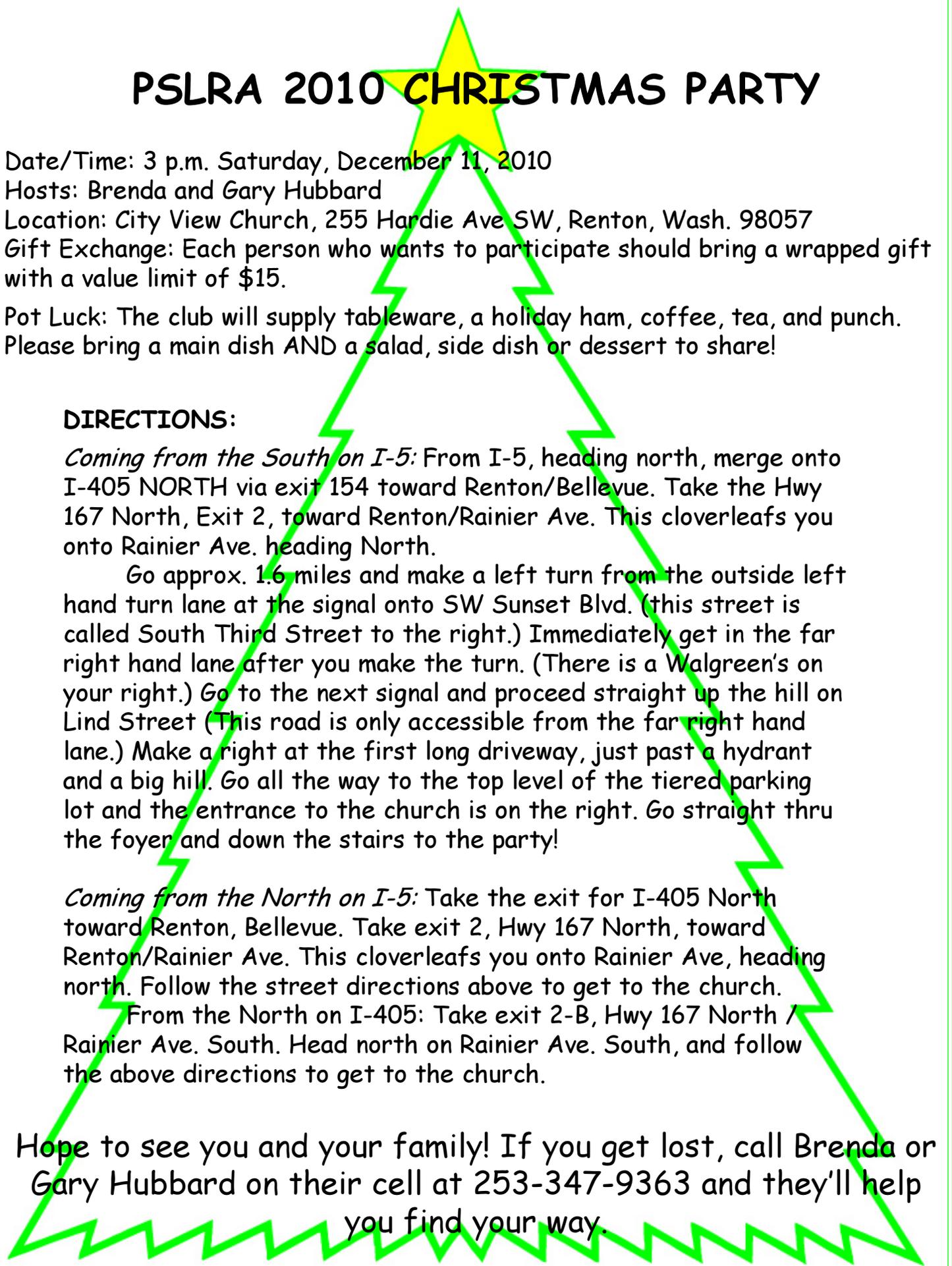


Edith diligently went to work shopping for an adoptive home from the current pool of applicants she had received from SPDR (Seattle Purebred Dog Rescue.) SPDR works hand-in-hand with PSLRA. Abbey was listed as a "special needs" dog, and would require extra care for her leash walks and crate rest for at least another month. She is expected to have a normal, long and healthy life.

We received a call from some young newlyweds who live in British Columbia whom Edith had referred to us. The young lady is an American, who had been raised in the Midwest, with a father who bred black Labs for hunting. It is approximately a three and a half hour, one-way trip from their home in Canada to our home in Auburn. The couple, shown left with Abbey, had seen Abbey's pictures via email and we talked on the phone prior to their trip down. Abbey has a gorgeous face and very sweet eyes. They were already smitten. The officer at the shelter had described Abbey as "so full of life and having a wonderful temperament." And, that she was a real ambassador for the Labrador breed and rescue.

We have three Labs of our own, but when Abbey left for her wonderful new home, it was sadly quiet at our place. How is it possible to get so attached to a temporary foster dog when you have such a busy life? We always say, the more abandoned and "broken" they are, the bigger their capacity for love, acceptance and kindness. Abbey was a bottomless pit of love and affection. It was rewarding to see her heal and have her number one priority be playtime, as a puppy should. Abbey left very large paw prints on our lives. Her new owners are completely happy with her and feel they got a real doll face of a girl.

Thank you to everyone who steps up to help raise and donate funds for the Rescue raffle. Without your support, Abbey wouldn't be where she is today. We always need more foster homes as many hands make light the work. You'll be rewarded by the love you get back a thousand times more than you expend.



PSLRA 2010 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Date/Time: 3 p.m. Saturday, December 11, 2010

Hosts: Brenda and Gary Hubbard

Location: City View Church, 255 Hardie Ave SW, Renton, Wash. 98057

Gift Exchange: Each person who wants to participate should bring a wrapped gift with a value limit of \$15.

Pot Luck: The club will supply tableware, a holiday ham, coffee, tea, and punch. Please bring a main dish AND a salad, side dish or dessert to share!

DIRECTIONS:

Coming from the South on I-5: From I-5, heading north, merge onto I-405 NORTH via exit 154 toward Renton/Bellevue. Take the Hwy 167 North, Exit 2, toward Renton/Rainier Ave. This cloverleafs you onto Rainier Ave. heading North.

Go approx. 1.6 miles and make a left turn from the outside left hand turn lane at the signal onto SW Sunset Blvd. (this street is called South Third Street to the right.) Immediately get in the far right hand lane after you make the turn. (There is a Walgreen's on your right.) Go to the next signal and proceed straight up the hill on Lind Street (This road is only accessible from the far right hand lane.) Make a right at the first long driveway, just past a hydrant and a big hill. Go all the way to the top level of the tiered parking lot and the entrance to the church is on the right. Go straight thru the foyer and down the stairs to the party!

Coming from the North on I-5: Take the exit for I-405 North toward Renton, Bellevue. Take exit 2, Hwy 167 North, toward Renton/Rainier Ave. This cloverleafs you onto Rainier Ave, heading north. Follow the street directions above to get to the church.

From the North on I-405: Take exit 2-B, Hwy 167 North / Rainier Ave. South. Head north on Rainier Ave. South, and follow the above directions to get to the church.

Hope to see you and your family! If you get lost, call Brenda or Gary Hubbard on their cell at 253-347-9363 and they'll help you find your way.

Master National Makes Happy Memories

by Ron Perry

After seven grueling days of very tough master tests, several PSLRA members qualified at the 2010 Master National Hunt Test held in Corning, Cal. The weather finally moderated, but most of the tests were run in 90+ degree heat, with lots of interference from large numbers of yellow jackets who swarmed on the dead birds.

Big congratulations to the PSLRA qualifiers who are:

Jim Charboneau
Jean Fowler
Barbara Hawley
Katie Mearns
Barbara Strauss

Congratulations also go to club member Dixie Humble and Bryant Meyer, who qualified to go to the Master National but did not make it all the way to the last series.

For information on many other NW participants, the results are available at the MN website: www.masternational.com and the *Retriever News* site:

<http://2010mnrcreport.theretrievernews.com/>

The Master National is a big event. To qualify to enter it, a dog must earn six hunt test passes at the master level between August 1 of the year before the test and July 31 of year of the test. The Master National Retriever Club (MNRC) consists of member clubs, such as PSLRA, from around the county. It is fun to meet people from all different parts of the country similarly devoted to the sport.

Each member club of the MNRC may send a delegate to the annual business meeting. As PSLRA's delegate, I attended this year's meeting where there were three major items of interest.

1. Kevin Bunnell of Roseburg, Ore. was reelected to a two-year term as Region 4 Director (West Coast).
2. Dave Illias (Rose City LRC) was elected as the Region 4 judge for the 2011 Master National in Maryland. (Wendy



Congratulations given to Katie Mearns!

Pennington was the other name on the ballot.) Dave was elected on the first ballot, but some regions required two or three run off ballots. Jim Morris was elected as the Region 4 judge for the third set of judges for 2011. He was unopposed. 3. The final item on the agenda was a constitutional amendment that would allow pro trainers/handlers to judge at the Master National. Currently only amateurs can judge but must meet all the requirements for MN judges. PSLRA, Rainier HRC, and Umpqua RC sponsored the amendment.

Discussion focused on whether clients of pro trainers would be excluded from entering since it could not be guaranteed that they would be in a group judged by someone other than their trainer/handler. After much discussion the amendment failed by a vote of approximately 2 to 1.

For detailed information about the tests, scenario diagrams and descriptions, call backs, etc., go to ww.masternational.com and the *Retriever News* web site, <http://2010mnrcreport.theretrievernews.com/>, which has lots of pictures as well. Look for familiar faces such as Chuck and Jean Fowler, Butch Higgins, John Lorenzo, and others.

Each test site has a nickname. Our group started out at "Not So Easy," so named because each of the three set-up dogs handled on a different mark when the judges laid out the test. Someone said, "This isn't so easy," and the name "Not

So" stuck. "Par 4" is near a golf course. It is a water double with a diversion bird.

To give you some idea of the difficulty of the scenarios, Flight C, my group, started with 120 dogs on "Not So" and only 86 were called back. However, only two dogs failed to qualify on the next series, "Par 4." The next series was a land triple and a blind, all with big rooster pheasants. After that series the callbacks numbered 79.

The weather all week was hot! Temps were in the 90s, with very strong winds 30+ mph and gusts that sent the canopies flying. Worse yet were the ubiquitous yellow jackets—nasty and biting dogs, handlers and workers.

Although it goes without saying, the dogs are amazingly talented and awesome to watch. One can learn a lot just from observing how the dogs attack their retrieves and blinds, and how the handlers guide them to success.

For a few of my pictures, go to gallery.me.com/perrylab/100240
Ron



Barbara Strauss with Kite



From Katie Mearns - "The tests were very technical and geared toward concepts. I thank Dom Szechenyi for his support, and for believing in Wind and me. I could not have done this without his help and experience. I enjoyed running in this Master National because each test was like a bridge game where challenges appeared at all times. Our Judges, Mary and Bill, were super great and very supportive of all of us. Mary came up and told me she was very proud to judge me and Wind—that we were the only team in this flight to complete the test without any handling on marks, and we had superb blinds. I am very proud of Wind. And, I want to say once more, much of what I have learned has come from Dom Szechenyi . The Northwest was well represented and very successful."



Jean Fowler with Abbey



Comments from Barbara Strauss:

This last year has been an amazing journey for Ravensridge High Flyer, Kite. First, her Master Title at 2 ½, then the next weekend she qualified for the Master National. For me it was a lot to comprehend—it happened so fast. Before I knew it, Kite was off to the Master National. All six tests were incredibly difficult, with bees, 25 mph gusts of wind, a quad with the last bird coming from behind the dog, over its head and landing right in front of the working dog in the water. And by the way the working dog was sitting on the top of a dike.

Many thanks to those who have encouraged Kite and me. However, the biggest thank you goes to Butch Higgins who picked Kite out of Raven's litter and has nurtured, trained, and handled her throughout this journey. They are truly a team. Kite and Butch completed the Master National with a qualifying score. Kite is now qualified for the Canadian National Master in August. Again a big thank you to everyone for their support.



Kite with Butch Higgins

Barbara Hawley running the Master National

Photos of Barbara Hawley and Tor in the 5th series of Flight A taken by Christine Robertson.



Watching the Mark



Sent for last bird down

It was a double with a bulldog/diversion bird thrown in their face. And, I do mean right in their face!

The first two pictures are of me lining Tor up, and sending her off. She was pretty stoked due to the long wait. The third picture is me lining her up on the second mark with the bird still in her mouth—to calm her down. Fourth picture, I'm lining again with bird in hand. The judges and I laughed because Tor went to the second mark, but not without doing a quick run around to blow off steam. I made the decision to pull her off the bulldog mark, which I usually never do. But because the second mark was causing problems with so many other dogs, I made the decision to put her onto the second mark right away, knowing that wanting that bulldog badly, she would not forget it. I never get into an argument on the line, but I did this time. I don't know if I made the right decision, because Tor did still have a slight hunt on that second mark. But, she nailed the bulldog. Upon completing, she lined up for another bird, thinking there must be a fourth one coming for sure. I had to call her off the line twice! Apparently, Tor was not done. Interestingly, in conferring with two Pros, they picked up the birds the opposite way (first mark, bulldog, second mark) and both had trouble and had to handle, and thought they should have done it the way I did. Who knows for sure what your dog will do. You make your best call and then work with it.

Tor was challenged with two incidents of hornet attacks on the same test (the "Never Again" test #3 or 2). Others had hornet problems, too. But being the little terror Tor is, she refused to be run off by them. Upon command, she dove back in to get her blind bird, shook off the hornets, and ran very fast! It was clear that nothing was going to stop her.

As with all Master tests, they were challenging and not without weather issues. We had the wind and the heat. The heat was really hard on the dogs, even though they provided water troughs. One day I was not sure Tor would get out!

It is an exhausting endurance contest, intense, but worth the effort. I wanted to do it once.

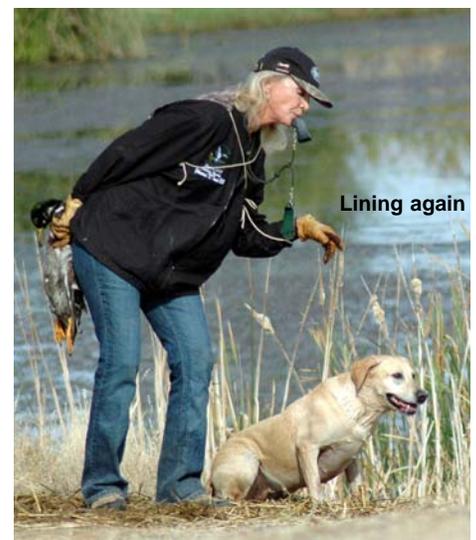


Lining up for the second mark

Tor ran well, even with her handler's errors. I learned (once again) that it is your time, your money, and therefore, take your time and calm your nerves. It is important to keep focused. Do not forget to breathe and move into the zone with just you and your dog communicating as a team. That is very special. Tor never let me down, ever, or gave up. She is a fine little dog and has taught me much. Our success came from a solid basic training of her and myself from Pat Murphy.

Tor would just like a "raise" of more food and opportunities to snatch coffee cake from the judges when leaving the line!

The event was well run, with hard working volunteers that moved things along quickly with few glitches. There are more stories—drama and laughter during the two weeks of training and running. I was very fortunate to have had a great training group that was exceptionally good at harassing. It was a good overall experience that basically is just a variation of life's lessons.



Lining again

Braggs



Submitted by Cecile Drege
 Our young girl, Karma, Cougar Creek Ima Tango Two, was RWB from the bred by exhibitor class, at the FVDF show in BC Oct. 11. Karma is bred/owned/handled by Cecile Drege, Cougar Creek Labradors.

Rocking M Emily, Emily, AX, OAP, AXJ, MJP, CGC, EAC, O-EJC, O-TNS-E, OCC, P1, Pet Partner, passed her Odor Recognition Test (held by the National Association of Canine Scentwork) for Birch on Oct. 3. Emily is

two months shy of 14 years of age and has limited vision, hearing, and mobility, but can still enjoy and succeed in Noseworks! Emily is handled by Kate Schottman and loved by Kate Schottman and Phyllis Miller.

From Anne Swindeman, WindyCanyon Labs:

On September 19, youngsters Envy, WindyCanyon's Envy CD RA, and Kiku, WindyCanyon's Kiku A Fuji Too RN, earned their third Qs toward their JH titles at the Sand & Sage tests in central Washington. They are both three for three this season in JH tests and will finish up titles next spring.

On October 2 and 3 at the CBDTC and Richland KC obedience trials, we made a nice haul! Kiku, 17 months old, started the weekend off by earning a perfect 100 score in Rally Advanced, good for a first place and an AKC doggy first aid kit—what a nice prize! I literally ran Envy to the Open Obedience ring where they were waiting on us. She was the only dog of 14 to qualify there with a score of 182; this was her second Q toward CDX, not bad for barely 22 months old! Then it was Kiku's turn again in Novice B obedience where she also won the first place with a 190.5 for her second qual toward her CD. Both girls won neat club logo-embroidered lap blankets for me. How nice of them to help me keep warm this winter!

Kiku earned another 190.5 score on Sunday (RKC), for her CD title. She's now WindyCanyon's Kiku A Fuji Too CD RN. Envy had a very nice run going for her CDX title, but then blew the broad jump! Oh well, it was a lot of fun playing hooky during apple harvest season . . . and there will be a next time!

Photo is of the girls with all their loot starting from the PSLRA Specialty through harvest time.



Submitted by Barb Ironside

Here are our braggs from the recent LRC National Specialty Events week:

New Champion Fawnhaven Celtic Woman O'Reimur JH RN won Winners Bitch at the LRC Go Green Specialty. Kelly is bred and owned by Darlene Pado and Barb and Don Ironside.

Fawnhaven Tribute To ShaRay JH RN qualified at both Senior Hunt tests and finished his Rally Novice title. Jerry was bred by Sharon and Ray Edwards and is owned by Barb and Don Ironside.

Left: In addition to Darlene, Don and Barb, the other people in the picture are Linda and Fred Walkley, and Renee St. Denis, who all have littermates of Kelly.

LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 11/1/10 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 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 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: 06/01/2010 (2BM Available)

Sire: Blackthorn's Yellow Jacket O' Spiritwood
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 4/2010
Dam: Sunrise Desert Rose
OFA30G, OFEL30N, CERF 2/2010
Contact: Katie Somers 509-398-1470 D / 509-787-6093 E
Litter: 3BM, 2YM, 4YF
Email: Katie_somers@msn.com
Listed: 08/11/2010, **9/28/2010**

Litter Born: 06/22/2010 (3YM Available)

Sire: Ch. Gaetacreek Joyfull Jasper
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF
Dam: Somersun Sharp Shooter
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 9/09
Contact: Jessica Somers Harper
509-398-5719 Days/Evenings / 509-710-3615 Evenings
Email: jessicaharper@eagles.ewu.edu
Litter: 5YM, 3YF
Listed: 09/07/2010, **9/28/2010**

Litter Born: 07/08/2010 (1YF)

Sire: BISS Ch. Nipntuck Stocking Stuffer
OFA24E, OFEL24N, Heart ECHO Normal,
CERF 9/09
Dam: Keesha Annes Heart of Gold
OFA29G, OFELN, CERF 6/2010
Contact: Sharyn Langston 360-794-7040 H
Litter: 1BM, 3BF, 1YM, 4YF
Email: sharynlangston1143@hotmail.com
Listed: 07/25/2010, **10/25/2010**

Litter Born: 08/14/2010 (2YM, 2BM Available)

Sire: Skyfire Cimarron's On The Run
OFA25G, OFEL25N, AVCO 3/2010, Heart Normal
Dam: Cimarron's Hannah
OFA26G, OFEL26N, ACVO 9/2010, Heart Normal
Contact: Laura Steward DVM
360-731-9017 Days / 360-978-4742 Evenings
Litter: 3YM, 2BM, 1YF
Email: laura@cimarronfarm.com
Listed: 10/10/2010, **10/25/2010**

Litter Born: 09/16/2010 (3BM, 2CM, 2BF Available)

Sire: Skyfire's Famous Amos
OFA37E, OFEL27N, AVCO 9/09, Heart Normal
Dam: Cimarron's Canela
OFA29G, OFEL29N, ACVO 9/09, Heart Normal
Contact: Laura Steward DVM
360-731-9017 Days / 360-978-4742 Evenings
Litter: 4BM, 4CM, 3BF
Email: laura@cimarronfarm.com
Listed: 10/10/2010, **10/25/2010**

Litter Born 09/27/2010 (3BM, 2YM, 3BF, 4BF, 1YF avail.)

Sire: Am Ch Devonshires Limited Edition WC
OFA25G, OFEL25N, Heart Normal, CERF 10/10
EIC Clear
Dam: Devonshires Ticketeeboon
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 6/2010
Contact: Christine Gamache 360-903-2683
Allison Hillius
Litter: 3BM, 4BF, 2YM, 1YF
Email: cjoygamache@yahoo.com
Listed: **10/25/2010**

Litter Born: 10/09/2010 (1YF Available)

Sire: Somersun Dangerous Snow Strom
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 9/09
Dam: Blu Top's Shiloh Abiding Peace
OFA24G, OFEL24N, Heart Normal, CERF 7/2010
Contact: Sandy Mowry 208-664-7316
Litter: 2YM, 1YM
Email: aslan9@roadrunner.com
Listed: **08/25/2010**

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.

Yellow Female 1 year (intact/must be spayed)

Pretty girl, some basic obedience training, crate trained, micro chipped, vaccinated, eye clearance, champion parents.

Contact: Cecilie Drege

Email: cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com

Website: www.cougarcreeklabs.com

Listed: 09/07/2010, **09/28/2010**

Black Female 5 years (Spayed)

Pippa is still very active, very healthy, she will make someone a great companion. Call for more information.

Contact: Laura Steward DVM

360-731-9017 Days 360-978-4742 Evenings

Email: laura@cimarronfarm.com

Listed **10/10/2010**



T-shirt seen at Master National

A Lab Brag—Not!

by Gail Gegg, PSLRA treasurer

My little 16-month old Weimaraner, Tsuki, went and PASSED the WCA Novice Shooting Dog Ratings test with ME, the “foo foo girl,” handling! She’s never been in the field except with Fran Seagren in the holding blinds at the Fall Hunt test.

Tsuki’s seen one live bird in a cage in my garage—that was the extent of her field experience. I got lucky to be braced with a dog that’s had some hunting training.



We got to the bird field and Tsuki saw her braced mate go on point. She started over to see what he was doing and I called her off so she didn’t interfere with his point. She stopped (“responsiveness to handler”), but watched him intently. She saw his bird fly away and I saw her nose twitch. And, then something happened. Tsuki started looking for her own bird. I

don’t think the judges saw her first find, but she did point, then nudged in and up it flew. I shot the blank pistol and she could have cared less about the gunfire. (“shows no shyness to gunfire”—another part of passing the test.) When Tsuki found her second bird she went on a solid point and did not flush. She held steady until I walked over and kicked up the bird and shot. She held so well, that it would have been considered a pass at the

intermediate level! It didn’t go very far, and she did pounce on it and picked it up. Since we were Novice, this didn’t matter that she got the bird before I sent her. What did matter was that she brought the bird right to me and softly placed it in my hand! A very exciting day for the showgirl in the field.



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Help Needed at Christmas Party: The party starts at 3 p.m. I need help decorating and setting up. Anyone who can help, please contact me at 253-661-9443 or brooke-lynn@msn.com.
THANKS. Brenda Hubbard

A special touch at this year's Christmas party: If you would like to contribute, please bring a non-perishable food item for the Salvation Army's food bank to help feed the hungry and homeless or bring a sack of dog food to be donated to the King County Animal Shelter.

Please bring a favorite dog show ribbon with which to deck the tree! (Make sure your name is on the back.)

