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President's Message

Fall is here. With the cool crisp days and cooler nights, it is one of my favorite times of the year with Pheasant Season, Duck Season and Deer Season on the horizon. And let's not forget the pumpkin pie!

We have some Club members making the trip to California for the Master Nationals. I want to wish each and every one of you good luck and great success! I'm looking forward to an update when you get back. This also goes for any Club member making the trek to Gettysburg, Penn. to attend the LRC National. Good luck and safe travels.

The Working Certificate was held this past weekend. I ran a couple of our dogs, which was great fun. What I enjoyed the most was watching other Club members who have been out training and working hard with their dogs. It's exciting to watch them run their dogs and see the success of accomplishing the marks and earning their certificate at the end of the day. For those who didn't pass, including one of my dogs, I encourage you to keep training. Next time I know you will have success. It will happen. I also encourage everyone to come out to the Spring WC, or, better yet, come out to the Field Training Day in March. I hope to see you out there. I know I will be there with some of our young dogs. It's not just for young dogs. Training Day is for dogs of any age, a great way to learn about the WC and also AKC Hunting Retriever Tests.

The following day was our Annual Health Clinic. We, as a Club, are so lucky to have this event offered to us. I can't THANK the people enough that make this clinic work. Mary Jane and Nina chair the event year after year. The doctors come out every year to help us keep our dogs updated on their clearances. Thanks to Jen Hajny for gloving up to swab our Labradors for EIC or CNM, and Sharon Hilton for holding the dogs when needed, and not to forget Liz Skyllingstad who year after year is there patrolling the parking lot so that upon arrival our dogs eyes are dropped immediately, and so keeping the day starting off on the right paw. I know I am forgetting someone who helped make this clinic a success once again. I apologize for that, but want you to know you are very much appreciated!

Our fall Tracking Test is in October. If interested in seeing what's involved, contact Lee Foote, lafrh@nwlink.com. November 1-2 is the Fall Agility test. If interested in helping, please contact Kristi Clark at kristiclark2001@yahoo.com.

Also, for our Members from the South, mark your calendars. We are having our next meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 6:30 p.m., at Johnny's in Fife, just off the freeway. Hope to see you there.

Finally, THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS! I know I say this a lot, but if people didn't step up and help, none of our events would happen. Our Club is successful because of people volunteering and asking, "How I can help my club?"

Kimberly, your President

IMPORTANT DATES

**October 15—Board/
membership meeting,
6:30 p.m., Johnny's in
Fife**

**October 19—Fall
Tracking Test, Lee
Foote**

**November 1,2—Fall
Agility, Kristi Clark**

**December 6, Holiday
Party**

Newsletter Information:**Publishing of an article or advertisement**

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**Membership in the PSLRA is open to
anyone interested in Labrador retrievers.
Annual dues are \$20 for individuals, \$25 for
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341 Cross Creek Drive
Ellensburg, Washington 98926
stephanie@skyfirelabs.com

club business**September board/members meeting**

PSLRA Board and General Membership Meeting, Bob's Burgers, Everett, Wednesday, September 17, 2014. Board Members present were Kimberly Dotson, Marlys Swanson, Jan Palumbo, Jennifer Hajny, Nancy Harney, Stephanie Harris (by phone), Brenda Hubbard, Linda Maffett, Jill Mahoney, Nina Mann and Angela Rogalla. General Members present were Chris Dotson, Leslie Douglas, Bea Ferguson, Gary Hubbard, Lucy Isaacson-Logan, Olivia Maffett.

Officer Reports

Secretary: No Report.

Treasurer: No Report.

Acknowledgments

Fall Hunt Test: Thanks to all who helped out at the Hunt Test. The specific names will follow in next month's newsletter.

Newsletter distribution: Thanks to Allison Rogers for volunteering to take on distribution of the Newsletter each month.

Committee Reports

Rescue: Brenda Hubbard could not give the planned rescue report (which is printed elsewhere in this Newsletter) because the wireless connection at the meeting location was down. Instead she reported on a yellow girl, Honey, who was found recently in Spokane, Washington. The person who found her will foster her and cover her medical expenses until we find a forever home for her. Thank you to this wonderful person.

Health Clinic: Nina Mann reported that the Health Clinic is really full with 110 signed up for the eye test, 15 for echocardiograms. Nina raised the issue of finances for the Health Clinic. The Club does not make money on the Health Clinic, but we try to cover our costs.

Using Pay Pal, which charges a 3 percent fee, is cutting into our funds for the clinic. The Board discussed the possibility of raising the fee to cover the Pay Pal expense. A suggestion was made to look into using VISA connection, which may be less expensive. No decision was made.

Fall WC: Angela Rogalla reported that there are 14 entries. We have paid for 30 live birds. This is causing the club to go \$600 into the red for this event. The Board discussed and OK'd selling the leftover live birds and the dead birds to recoup costs.

Fall Agility Trial: Kristi Clark reported by email that the judges are chosen and premium is done, and R2Agility will be used for equipment.

Fall Tracking Test: Lee Foote provided the following report by email after the meeting: Sil Sanders is one of the judges. The second judge is in the works, and the premium will be going out shortly. Volunteers for tracklayers are needed. Jan Skewes' generous offer to help is much appreciated.

Christmas Party: Date is December 6 at Julie Germano's Training Facility.

Annual Banquet: Kimberly Dotson reminded everyone that the Best Western Hotel in Puyallup banquet room has been reserved.

Officer Elections: These are coming up soon. Kimberly Dotson asked Board members to let her know a.s.a.p. whether or not they are staying on another year. The terms of the Treasurer and Secretary are up so we will need nominees for these positions. The suggestion was made that we extend the term of office for the treasurer beyond two years, as it is difficult to find a good treasurer. People generally favored this idea but no decision was made. This change would require a change in the by-laws.

Old Business

Hunt Test Equipment: Kimberly Dotson is meeting with members of Rainier to discuss equipment needs and sharing equipment.

Trailer: Shelah Frey is working on an ad for the Newsletter to sell the old match trailer. An ad for the trailer will be put in the Newsletter.

Changing Date of Specialty: The Board discussed pros and cons of moving the date of the Specialty to the second weekend in September. The Board asked Stephanie Harris how the results of the poll she had previously put out on Facebook on this topic were looking. She replied that they were running about 50/50. Some people did not like it that the poll was on Facebook because Facebook went to members and non-members alike and they did not want non-members voting on something that affected members, and we should be careful what we posted on Facebook.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to change the date of the Specialty to the second weekend in September, provided AKC determines that date is available. Jill Mahoney said she would contact AKC first thing in the morning to find out availability of the date and initiate the process for changing the date.

Update: In email messages after the meeting some board members were uncomfortable with the vote because not all Board members were present to vote on a topic that was very important to the Membership. Stephanie Harris said she would put out another survey, with a quick turnaround, including the pros and cons of the change, to get input from the general membership on this question. The results of the second survey were: Over 80 people responded, all but two were club members; 66 percent voted in favor of the second weekend of September; 34 percent voted in favor of the first weekend of August. In a special board meeting held by teleconference on September 26, all board members were on the teleconference except Brenda Hubbard. The purpose was to vote on whether PSLRA should proceed with the application to AKC to move the Specialty date to the second weekend in September. The Board voted to not proceed with the application, so the Specialty will remain on the first weekend in August.

LRC Letter to Judges: Our letter to LRC requesting that they send their “Call for Action” letter to Labrador judges has not gone out. It fell through the cracks in our humble secretary’s mind. LRC has sent out another letter to Labrador judges. Jan will provide the Board our unsent letter and Linda will provide the new letter from LRC so the Board can discuss what our approach should be.

Master National: Terrie Sato reported by email the following: There is a proposal to be voted on changing the judging requirements at the Master National. Currently a Master National judge should have judged at least eight Master tests, and shall have handled a dog at a previous Master National or have previously judged a Master National. The change: Before serving as a Master National judge in any given year, an individual must have handled a qualifying dog and passed said dog, (i.e. earned a plate), at a Master National Event within seven years of the date of the event. Current judges who do not meet this requirement have until January 1, 2016 to come into compliance. Discussion: I (Terrie) am not in favor of this amendment. It will bring the judging pool down to a very few people. The stats show that fewer and fewer amateurs are able to pass their dogs at the MN in comparison to pros who run the majority of the dogs. To run a

Master National is a good requirement, to require earning a plate every 7 years assumes that judges have dogs that are healthy and have the time and money to continually train and travel with their dogs. In region 4, only a little over 10 percent of eligible judges meet that requirement. Terrie also recommend John Kinnard and Dale Langhorne be selected as judges from our region. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept Terrie Sato’s recommendations against the proposed changes for judges’ requirements and for John Kinnard and Dale Langhorne as judges from our region.

Specialty Site: Jill Mahoney reported that Stacey Parsons volunteered to be in charge of finding a location for the 2015 Specialty. Lucy Isaacson-Logan and Angela Rogalla both presented some potential locations and will work with Stacey and others on the committee to find a suitable location. They will present their findings to the Board at next month’s meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 15, 2014, 6:30 p.m. This will be a combined Board/General membership meeting, to be held in the south end, at Johnny’s in Fife.

OPTIGEN OPPORTUNITY

For the benefit of those of you who need Optigen and/or were disappointed we did not offer it at the health clinic, Optigen has another Discount Days opportunity.

October 3, 2014, through October 20, 2014 - Fall Discount Days OptiGen’s Fall Discount Days promotion....online entries need to be made during this time using the code Fall14dog.

NOTE: entries can be made ONLY during this time frame for the maximum discount of 25 percent (includes online discount), then a client has up to 30 days from the date of entry to get samples to OptiGen for testing. For more information:

Contact: Becky Iddings

Email: genetest@optigen.com

Brava

Spring can't stop retrieving even after the test is finished! Misty Mountain It Might As Well Be Spring finished her JH at the Sand and Sage test, going 4 for 4. Thank you, breeders Lorraine and Tony, for sharing this fun girl with me. Spring is co-owned, trained and handled by Nina Mann



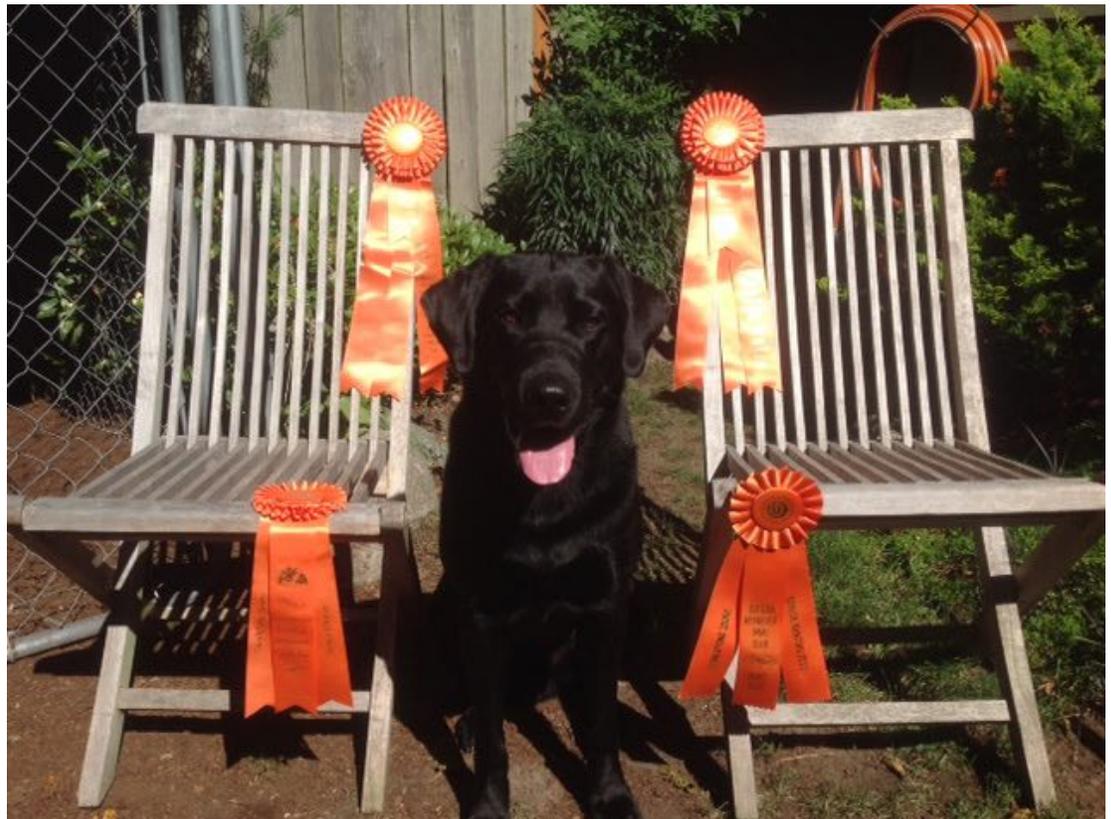
WindyCanyon's Kanzi (aka Baby Kanzi) finished her Rally Novice title at RKC and CBDTC at just 6 months and 8 days old. She not only qualified, but also earned a second (score of 98), fourth (score of 94) and third (score of 89) placements in classes of 7-10 dogs! I was most proud of her very first trial as she earned a 98 under Pat Knepley who put together a rather meaty course, and is known to be a very tough rally judge! Kanzi is out of IntCH WindyCanyon's Envy CDX RA JH CC and by Poplar Forst Jumpn Jck Synrgy MH. This is hopefully the first of many titles to come! From Anne Swindeman, WindyCanyon Labradors



At the ripe old age of 10 years, 5 months, and 4 days, Fawnhaven's Amazing Grace earned her UKC Hunting Retriever Champion title with two Finished passes at the Whistling Wings HRC hunt tests on August 16 and 17. Gracie is now officially retired as UCDX HRCH Fawnhaven's Amazing Grace SH CDX AX AXJ CC.

Gracie has been poked, prodded, lured, bothered, bewildered, encouraged, loved and along the way trained by Nancy Harney with tons of help from a large supporting cast of characters throughout the years. I am very grateful for all the help I received and the lessons Gracie has taught me. In the immortal words of The Grateful Dead, what a long strange trip it's been!

Waterdog's Bayou Detective, aka Eli, earned four Senior Hunter passes this summer. The fifth pass, along with his Senior Hunter title, will have to wait until next year. Eli is trained, handled and thoroughly enjoyed by Nancy Harney, who is learning what it feels like to go for a ride on a tornado!

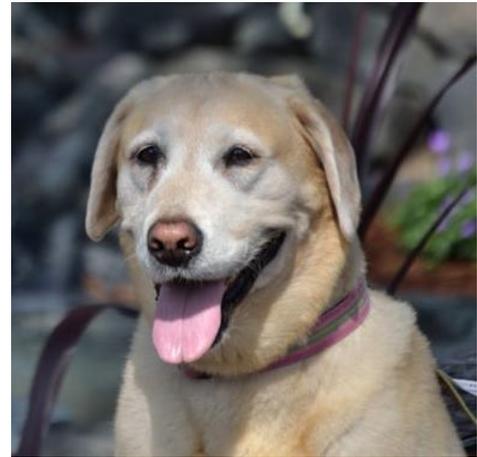


Rescue Report

DAISY

Daisy, a beautiful yellow Lab, was left homeless when her owner unexpectedly passed away. A relative took Daisy in for a few days, but none of the family members were able to offer her a new home. Unwilling to take Daisy to a shelter, the family contacted our rescue group to ask for help in caring for her. We were able to move her to one of our wonderful foster homes. Roncy Roehm of Canyon Pet Lodge was happy to provide a temporary home for Daisy while we looked for a permanent new family.

Daisy had an enjoyable time playing with all of the other guests at Canyon Pet Lodge. She is a typical friendly and sociable Lab who seems younger than the eight years that the family estimated as her age. It wasn't long, however, before Daisy was adopted by a wonderful family who live near a park where she can swim and play every day. Although Daisy was somewhat anxious about all of the changes in her life, she has settled quickly into her new home and she and her new family are looking forward to many happy years together. Her happy smile in the photo tells it all!



Fall WC successful

The Fall Working Certificate test was again a great event! Bea and I would like to thank all of you who participated and volunteered. And we want to thank our wonderful judges, Kristi Clark and Shelah Horne-Frey. Without you, we would not be able to hold our Club events. I was in complete awe at the sight of our wonderful Labradors and their owners participating in the WC. Some members strictly work their dogs in the field. While some cross over between other events and the field. But all shared a common goal, to see our dogs shine at what they love to do!

I would like to give recognition to all who attended the WC. It is important for us to remember that we all begin somewhere. It is this effort where we have begun to work as a team with our Labradors that is most important. Great job everyone! Thank you all once again.

Listed below are those dogs and owners that passed their Working Certificate test. Congratulations!

Everland Gone in Sixty Seconds to Clovercreek (Memphis)—Owner: Kim Dotson, Chris Dotson and Stacey Parsons
 Skyfire Maritime Hanky Panky (Gambit)—Owner: Stephanie Harris
 Cimarron's Olivia Peppernickel (Olive)—Owner: Christina Richmond
 Lincoln Creek Valley Higgins Stout (Higgins)—Owner: Richard Tilscher
 Brush & Marsh Look Out Taz is Coming (Tazzy)—Owner: Barbara and Mark Pilkington
 ShaRay at Meinhold Rockin' Memphis, JH (Memphis)—Owner: Greg Meinhold





Peeking out from the blind Greg Meinhold and Memphis



Big Air Dog! "Pearl" Cindy Freeman



I can fly too! "Nick" owner Cindy Freeman



I found it Mom! What now? "BB" owner Cathy Hakola

Hard work and training pays off.
"Olive" earns her WC. Owner
Christina Richmond



Yeah! You did it! "Addie"
owner Angella Rogalla



This is how you enter the water!
 "Higgins" owned by Richard
 Tilsher



Pre-launch pep talk. "Memphis" owners Chris and
 Kimberly Dotson



Reggie approved of Jan's retrieve. "Reggie" owner Jan
 Skewes

That bird! That bird right
 there. See the bird? That's
 the bird you go get! Go get
 the bird! "Baby Bean" Diann
 Sullivan



LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 9/20/2014 that conform to the P.S.L.R.A. 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 P.S.L.R.A. of any litter or any one litter over another. Litters are removed from the list after 12 weeks.

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 agreed to accept PennHip clearances that score in the 50th percentile or higher, and clearances from the Ontario Veterinary College (OVC) in Canada prior to May 2012. Bitches with a Penn Hip, or OVC clearance must not be bred before the age of 20 months, or 24 months with an OFA clearance. Dogs with a Penn Hip clearance must not be bred before the age of 12 months, 18 months with an OVC clearance, 24 months with an OFA clearance.
 - * Eye clearances on both parents annually.
 - * Heart, EIC, PRA and CNM 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 use the PSLRA Breeder Litter Listing Program format below for ALL litters.
 - * All Breeders must update their litters each week with Nina Mann via email (harbortop@netzero.net) as to the sex and color of puppies you have available. The listing will be deleted after 12 weeks from the first litter listing date.
1. Mail the completed form and a check (US funds only) for \$10 (operating expenses for Breeder Listing and Puppy Referral Programs) or email your PayPal receipt to: Nina Mann, 5706 312th St. NW, Stanwood, WA 98292-9649.
 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 \$10 donation** to PSLRA (c/o Nina Mann) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue.

Glossary: EIC: Exercise Induced Collapse. CNM: Centronuclear Myopathy. ECHO: Echocardiogram. PRA: Progressive retinal atrophy. CBP: Clear by Parentage.

Litter born 8/3/2014**1 BM available**

Sire: Blu Top Hoity-Toity(OFA24E, OFEL24N, ACVO 9/22/2013

Dam: Cimarron Hema OFA28G, OFEL28N, LR-EYE 3/12/2014

Litter: 2YM, 4YF

Call: Ramdas Vaidyanathan 253-200-4145, 425-283-3229 (cell)

Email: AIYERBROTHERS@gmail.com

Listed: 8/1/2014, updated 9/25/2014

Litter born 8/16/2014**1 BM available**

Sire: Folklor Breton Gate Curiosity OFA24G, OFEL24N, ACVO 8/2014, EIC clear, heart ECHO normal

Dam: Breton Gate San Lucca OFA24E, OFEL24N, ACVO 8/2014, Cardia c normal, EIC CBP

Litter: 7 BM, 2 BF, 1 YM, 1YF

Call: Betty Barkley 503-816-4794, 503-645-4197

Email: barkley61@comcast.net or beety.d.barkley@gmail.com

Listed: 9/12/2014, updated 9/21/2014, 9/25/2014

Litter born 9/6/2014**1 CM available**

Sire: CH Skyfire's Oughta Be Haulin OFA25G, OFEL25N, ACVO 8/2014

Dam: Kingsland Bree's Dolce Bella(OFA24G, OFEL24N, LR-EYE10/2013. LRCA-N,PRA-N, EIC-CBP, CNM-CBP

Litter: 2 CF, 4 CM

Call: Karen Snee 206-276-3199, 206-325-6590

Email: lolamom95@hotmail.com

Listed: 8/25/2014, updated 9/15/2014, 9/20/2014

New members

Starr Williams & Lisa Haisan

swilliams@narrows.com

11574 Jacobs Ln SE

Port Orchard. WA 98367

253.858.8171

Family

Sponsors: Tamaria Hartman & Paula Jeffers

Interests: Show

Joined: 9/10/14 (will be rolled over to a 2015 membership)

Brenda Voght

bbagility@comcast.net

3001 200th Pl SE

Bothell, WA 98012

425.487.6764

Individual membership

Sponsors: Julie Germano, Cherie Levine

Interests: Agility, Obedience, Rally

From: Ochoa, Laura

Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2014 10:19 AM

Subject: Join the KCAO Heart Walk Team

in Memory of Ron Perry

Dear friends and family of Ron,

Hope you are all doing well. We are writing to invite you to join us and members of the Auditor's Office for the 2014 American Heart Association Heart Walk in Seattle on October 11, 2014. King County is a participating organization in the event. As an office, we have chosen to walk in memory of Ron. We hope you can join us and if you would like, join our team and invite others too! Let us know if you have any questions.

Best, Laura & Chelsea

Pat Hastings

Structure in Action

- The basics of canine structure
- The weakest links in canine structure
- Evaluating structural quality of puppies & adults
(1 -2 litters of 7 – 9 week old puppies and 6 – 8 adult dogs with structural issues are needed. Please volunteer your litter or adult on the form below)
- How structure shapes activities your dog does
- Strengthen structure to reduce risk of injury
- Apply it all to individual dogs



Dog Evaluations

Pat will continue adult evaluations on Sunday if at least 10 sign up and pay the additional fee (participants may stay to audit). Sign your dog up!



Who is Pat Hastings?

AKC recognized Pat with a Lifetime Achievement Award for Pat's exceptional contributions to excellence in purebred dogs for over 50 years as master breeder, professional handler, multi-group judge, educator, and author including the great **Puppy Puzzle** DVD developed after evaluating more than 300 litters of puppies a year in multiple breeds plus books such as **Tricks of the Trade**. More info at www.dogfolk.com. Pat's books and DVDs will be available for purchase at the workshop

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9 am to 6 pm

Sunday – Nov 16

9 am to noon

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**A weekend with
Kathy Sdao**

October 25 & 26



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