

# THE RETRIEVER BELIEVER

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## President's Message

*Summer slips into fall, which is traditionally the quiet season at my house. However, for PSLRA the autumn months are only slightly calmer than the dizzy days of summer. The specialty has come and gone as has the fall hunt test, and already plans are gearing up for next year's events. Thank you to Jennifer Hajny, Toni Leitao and the entire specialty committee for the hard work that produced a very entertaining specialty. A huge debt of thanks also to Fran Seagren and Rhonda Forman for chairing the successful fall hunt test. Thank you to all who stepped up to help. Special acknowledgment goes to test secretary Nicole Nelson and stake chairs Ron Perry, Scott Seagren and Chris Dotson as well as Richard Ramay, the ever-present "set up" guy.*

*Sept. 25 and 26 is the weekend of the WC and health clinic. Be sure to get your clinic forms into Nina Mann soon. Remember that we are offering EIC and CNM testing as well as the CERF exams. This is a good opportunity to check your breeding dogs to determine if they are carriers of these genetic conditions. Knowledge is your friend and will help to keep the future Labrador generations healthy. The WC will be held at Greenleaf's outside Monroe. There will be training available before the actual testing. Contact Marlys Swanson (mlswanson@verizon.net 360-658-7604) or Bea Ferguson (babfergie70@comcast.net 360-403-9698) for information, to register or to volunteer.*

*Oct. 24 is the date of our tracking test. It will be held at Canine Country Club (Carlson's) between Fall City and Carnation. Tracklayers will be needed. Please contact Fred Drennan (FMDrennan@netscape.net 425-486-4293) to volunteer for this event.*

*October will also be the month for our general membership meeting. It is the south end's turn to host our general meeting. The location is yet to be determined, but mark your calendars for Wednesday, Oct. 27 and please plan to attend.*

*Finally, good luck to those PSLRA members qualified to compete in the Master Nationals as well as those entered in the LRC Nationals. Both events will be held in California this year. We are proud to have you represent our club at these national events. We are all cheering for you! — Terrie*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**September 25, Training/  
Working certificate,**

**Bea Ferguson,  
Greenleaf's**

**September 26, Health  
Clinic, Cascade**

**Kennels, Woodinville,  
Nina Mann**

**September 22, Board  
Meeting**

**October 24, Tracking  
Test, Carlson's**

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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.

Requests for information, applications and/or payment of dues should be addressed to:

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club business

## August board meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. Aug. 25, at the Issaquah Highlands Fire Station by President Terrie Sato.

Officer/board attendance: Terrie Sato, Ron Perry, Gail Gegg, Stephanie Harris, Shelah Frey, Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Nancy Harney, Dave Lawniczak, Brenda Hubbard, and Sarah Fischer. Absent: Jill Mahoney, Nina Mann and Toni Leitao.

**Votes approved on e-mail:** Board agreed to support an amendment to Master National rules that would enable discussion of allowing professional trainers to be judges at the Master National.

### **Officer Reports**

*President:* Terrie greeted everyone and launched into the evening's agenda.

*Secretary:* AKC acknowledged close-out of the spring agility trial. The club received a thank you from Old Dog Haven for the contribution from the spring agility trial.

*Treasurer:* Current balance in checking is \$17,675.10. The specialty will likely lose money, but financials have not been closed. The Rescue raffle made about \$1,100.

### **Acknowledgements**

Thanks to specialty co-chairs Jennifer Hajny and Toni Leitao and their whole crew of volunteers. To Mary Jane Sarbaugh for her efforts as Sunshine chair and for putting together the HRT judges' gifts.

### **Committee Reports**

*Membership:* No new members.

*Specialty:* There will be a "post-mortem" meeting to identify ways to improve the next show. Suggestions include making the conformation ring larger, and coordinating the presentation of High in Trial awards each day.

*Fall Hunt Test:* Terrie provided entry information for the test on August 28, 29. While master hunter and senior entries are somewhat low, junior entries are higher than previous levels: 57. Kimberly Dotson will replace Liz Gibson as senior hunter judge. There will be two master stakes, one senior, and one junior. No consumption of alcohol is permitted on the premises while a test is in progress.

*Scholarship Committee:* Kathy Gibson gave a detailed report. Other committee members are Dianne Sullenberger, Karen Colombe, Linda Maffett and Jill Mahoney. The fundraiser at the specialty earned over \$200. Kathy said the

committee discussed the ideas of scholarship support and stipends to junior handlers. It was felt that there would not be much money initially for college scholarships, but that there would be more interest and participation if dollar stipends were given to juniors who had qualified to go to special events such as Eukanuba or Westminster. The committee is considering the criteria that applicants will have to meet in order to qualify for a monetary award, such as an essay describing the person's involvement with Labradors. Also under consideration is a club-sponsored juniors' day that would include fun events and a pizza party. An article for the newsletter will be submitted

**Fall Working Certificate:** Bea Ferguson and Marlys Swanson, co-chairs, are planning the event to be held at Greenleaf's on September 25. A training day will precede the WC.

*Health Clinic:* Don't forget to send in the application on page 6 or from the last newsletter. September 26 is the date.

*Tracking Test:* It will be held at Carlson's on October 24. The premium has been mailed.

*Fall Agility Trial:* To be held at Argus on November 6 & 7. Gail Gegg presented the budget and discussed the idea of lower first entry fees from \$22 to \$20 and raising additional entries' fees from \$10 to \$12. It was moved, seconded and approved to adopt the proposed budget as amended with the revised fee schedule. A volunteer to arrange the judges' dinner is needed.

*Annual Awards Banquet:* It will be at the Muckleshoot Casino banquet rooms in January.

### **Old Business**

*Hunt Test Judges Selection Committee:*

Ron mentioned that there had been one change that would allow the committee chair to substitute judges as needed, such as when a judge was unable to keep the assignment and asked to be replaced. The board agreed with this change. Most of the discussion focused on a requirement that a proposed judge be "actively handling" a dog at the level they would judge or higher. No one could agree what the term meant or how it should be interpreted. Terrie suggested that she appoint a committee to finalize the wording and move the process along.

*Sweeps at the January Puyallup:* Shelah nominated a judge for the Sweeps. It was moved, seconded and approved to invite the person to judge, pending approval by AKC.

*Donation to Lab Lifeline:* It was moved, seconded, and approved to donate a t-shirt and a sweatshirt to the fundraiser.

*Specialty Survey:* Linda Maffett will develop the survey with the specialty committee and submit it to the board for review. Stephanie will work on making it a web-based survey.

*Merchandise Page on Club Web Site:* Stephanie and Toni are working on developing a web page that enables online sale of club merchandise.

**New Business**

*Master National Delegate:* The club’s dues for the Master National Retriever Club are due to be paid. The dues form designates who the club’s delegate to the annual business meeting will be. It was

moved, seconded and approved to designate Ron Perry as delegate.

*Master National Hats:* A club member offered to donate hats with the club’s logo to be given to all members who are qualified to enter the 2010 Master National. There was a motion and second to do so, but the motion failed. It was suggested that the club should consider recognizing the qualifiers in some way.

*Master National Shotgun Raffle:* Last year the club donated \$100 to the shotgun raffle to benefit the host club of the Master National. This year the rules for the raffle changed, and club’s offering donations will be given raffle tickets.

Therefore, a club could win the shotgun and decide whether to use it for its own fundraising. It was moved, seconded and approved to donate \$100 to the 2010 raffle.

*Custom Embroidery Inventory:* The company that has been doing embroidery work for the club is closing and wishes to

sell a small inventory of approximately 15 articles, which include eight youth size hoodies. It was moved, seconded and approved to purchase the inventory and give the clothing to the scholarship committee to raise funds for the scholarship fund.

*Nominating Committee:* Terrie asked for a board volunteer to serve on the Nominating Committee. Dave Lawniczak volunteered.

*Google Ad:* Stephanie is researching the possibility of a Google ad in which a search on “Labrador Retriever” would result in a link to the club’s website.

**Other**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 22 at the Issaquah Highlands Fire Station.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m. The October meeting will include a general membership meeting.

Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association Training Day and Working Certificate (Labs only)  
Saturday, September 25, 2010 Start time: 10:00 AM Training 12:30 Working Certificate  
Greenleafs – just south of Monroe on Hwy. 203  
Pre-Registration Deadline is September 11, 2009 Registration on day of event 10:00 to 12:00  
E-mail: mlswanson@verizon.net

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dog’s Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Paid: \_\_\_\_\_  
I will hold PSLRA and its members free from liability for any claim arising out of the entry of this dog(s) or its presence at the test.  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: ONE ENTRY FORM PER DOG WC Application Form**

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

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

Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
AKC # \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Team Obedience at the 2010 Specialty TEAM TRIBUTE

by Ron Perry

In July, Marlys Swanson began contacting people to see if they were interested in forming an obedience team to compete at the 2010 PSLRA Specialty. After a number of e-mails, Marlys enlisted Julie Germano, Nancy Harney, and me to participate. Although Nancy had never been on an obedience team before, the rest of us had, and Julie and I had been teammates several times in the past.

Our biggest obstacle was finding time for all four of us to practice at the same time. Due to schedule conflicts, we didn't actually get the entire team together until early August. Before that, two or three of us would meet in order to train, and we trained individually. All us have competed in ring obedience for a number of years.

The next task at hand was to give our team a name and to adopt a scheme for our attire. Those of you who have competed in team obedience know how very important these things are.

Luckily, Julie was several steps ahead of us. She suggested the theme TEAM TRIBUTE as a way of honoring our older dogs that had passed away, some of them within the past few months. No one debated the suggestion; we readily agreed to it.

Next came the matter of attire or uniform. There again Julie was our muse. She suggested putting pictures of our old dogs on the T-shirts. And we thought medium blue T-shirts with khaki shorts would be a nice combination. Julie, bless her soul, took care of everything from purchasing the T-shirts to applying the pictures. All the rest of us had to do was send a favorite picture.

Our team:

From left to right, is Julie Germano with Balouie, Country Classic Blue Grass CD OA NAJ JH RA; Marlys Swanson with Penny, Angelwood Magic Penny JH CDX NAP NJP NFP RA WC CGC CC; Nancy Harney with Grace, U-CDX SHR Fawnhaven's Amazing Grace JH CDX AX OAJ; and Ron Perry with Nick, MBIS Am/Can CH Sharay's Nikolas of Whidbey JH CD RE.



Our T-shirts gave tribute to our beloved, departed dogs. Julie paid tribute to Reba (U-CD CKC-CDX Cedarwood Country Diva UD MXJ MX RE NFP Delta Pet Partner CGC 9/6/97-6/7/10).

"She was my heart dog. She loved her work and never thought of it as such. Reba was always ready to please. I have been on the team since the beginning. Reba now has two kids on the trophy, Queen, Country Classics Award Winner CDX MXJ MX RA OF CGC WC, and this year, Balouie, Country Classic Blue Grass CD OA NAJ RA NF JH CGC WC. Balouie did a great job. I smile every time I look at one of them for I can see visions of Reba.

Maryl's said, "Timber was half lab, half 'something else' that my husband had before we were married. Timber was a wonderful dog that helped to teach our kids the joy dogs bring into our lives. He was a constant companion that went with us everywhere. He was born October 1998 and we loved him until 2002. Timber is truly missed."

And Nancy remembers Mariah. "Mariah was my first lab and she introduced me to the wonderful world of dog training. She was the first dog I ever trained in competitive obedience and agility, so she had to suffer through my lack of training know-how and my huge learning curve. Obedience was not her favorite subject, but she did it with a wagging tail and a smile on her face. I am forever grateful to her for her patience and willingness to please."

Ron paid tribute to Tara, ShaRay's Tara of Whidbey MH, CD, and Delta Society Pet Partner - 1996-2010. "Tara was my first master hunter, and she was also a great therapy dog. Sweet to a fault, she was very protective of her pack, as if the bigger boys couldn't take care of themselves."

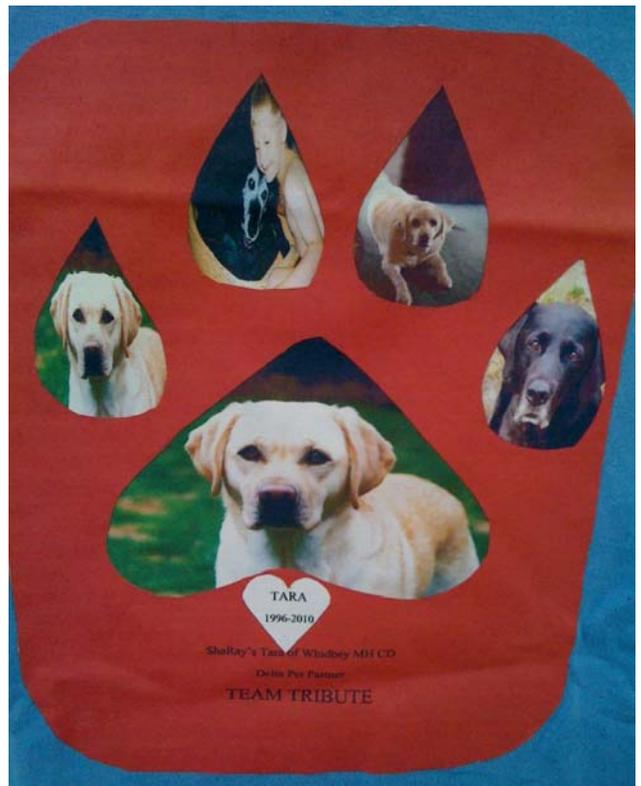
Ron added, "I also want to pay tribute to Chelsea, ShaRay's Chelsea of Whidbey CDX, JH, and Delta Pet Partner, with whom I did team obedience before Tara replaced her."

While practicing as a complete team, Julie noted that three of the four dogs on the team had the same sire, CH Chablais Singing in the Rain JH, Tenor, so in a way, the team was also a tribute to Tenor.

With a little practice and a little luck, our team prevailed in fighting off some really stiff competition. (OK so we were the only team entered.) We were handsomely rewarded with first place ribbons, prizes, and the Team Obedience Trophy dedicated to the memory of my late wife, Linda Perry, who actually once competed in team obedience.

Since Julie and I have both had possession of the trophy in previous years, we suggested Nancy take it home and later pass it on to Marlys.

We all hope you enjoyed our team's performance and had as much fun as we did. We issue our perennial challenge to club members to begin forming your teams now and practicing for next year's Specialty. We look forward to the challenge of having an opponent!



Savannah Harper, 10 months old, received the imaginary award for "The Youngest Spectator" at the PSLRA Specialty on Aug. 8. Savannah is the granddaughter of Katie Somers.

# Braggs



Is everybody happy?

Shelah Frey “at the rodeo” in the brace class at the PSLRA Specialty.



Shelah’s brace in perfect synch!

## PUGET SOUND LABRADOR RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION

Annual Eye, Heart, Microchip, Centronuclear Myopathy and Exercise Induced Collapse

CASCADE KENNELS, 20004 178<sup>th</sup> N.E. Woodinville

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2010

By pre-reservation only—closes when limits are reached or **September 15** — whichever is first.

**COSTS:** Eye clinic: \$16.00, Heart Screening: (auscultation) \$30.00— Heart exam w/ echo \$150.00, Micro-chipping (TROVAN): \$20.00 (includes registration with AKC/CAR), Centronuclear Myopathy (CNM) \$50.00, Exercise Induced Collapse (EIC) \$65.00

**CALL or EMAIL NINA OR MARY JANE FOR QUESTIONS**

Make checks payable to PSLRA. Send fees along with **this form (TYPED) OR a copy of your AKC papers** to:  
Nina Mann 5706 312th Street N.W. Stanwood, WA 98292 Questions? Email harbortop@netzero.net

**WE NEED EVERY BLANK FILLED IN PLEASE!**

Owner \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

AKC Registered Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call Name \_\_\_\_\_

AKC # \_\_\_\_\_ Tattoo # \_\_\_\_\_

Microchip # \_\_\_\_\_ Breed (if other than Labrador) \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Times: 8:00 - 9:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 - 10:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 - 11:00 \_\_\_\_\_ 12:00 \_\_\_\_\_

- Please number in order of preference. Scheduled time is for eye drops. Your preferred time may not be available.

**Confirmations will be sent via e-mail address.**

This dog will be: Eye Screened \_\_\_\_\_ Heart Auscultation \_\_\_\_\_ Heart Echo \_\_\_\_\_

CNM \_\_\_\_\_ EIC \_\_\_\_\_ micro-chipped \_\_\_\_\_ (TROVAN ONLY)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/breeder/handler Becky Jack with Coal, Judge Val Walters and a bunch of PSLRA folks.

Coal, CH Nipntuck Stocking Stuffer, was Best of Breed at the PSLRA Specialty. Coal was also BOB and received a Group III at HRKC on July 31. Coal's daughter, Eva, Nipntuck I Believe, was WB, BOW, and Best BBE both days at RCLRC.

Our young male, Dually, Nipntuck Scootin By, was RWD and BOS in sweeps at RCLRC, and was also BOS in Sweeps at PSLRA.



Another brag from Montana! Clipper, Winroc the Flying Cloud, owned by Vicky MacLean and bred by Lee Foote, won the Qualifying stake at the Eastern Idaho Retriever Club field trial August 21. There was an entry of 40 plus dogs. Clipper was handled by trainer, Rob Erhardt. This is her fourth ribbon out of five trials this summer. Hunt tests seem to have gone by the wayside for now.—Submitted by Vicky MacLean

Envy, WindyCanyon's Envy CD RA, at 20 months old, earned her first Q toward her Open Obedience (CDX) title on Saturday at the PSLRA Specialty with a score of 187 for third place. Envy also finished her Rally Advanced (RA) title with a first place and score of 97 on the same day.

Kiku, WindyCanyon's Kiku A Fuji Too RN, at 15 months old, earned her first Q toward her Novice Obedience (CD) title at the same trial with a score of 193 for first place! Kiku also finished her Rally Novice (RN) title with a first place and score of 97 on the same day.

Both dogs earned their first JH passes at the RHRC test!—Submitted by Anne Swindeman, WindyCanyon Labs

PSLRA was fun this year. Multi BPIG, BPISS Can CH Koa's Hilton Waikoloa, RN, WC won a nice All Around Bitch class and went on to win Best All Around. This is Koa's first time on this trophy and we're pretty excited since she was bred, owned and handled by us.

Kawai teamed up with Am/Can CH Artesians Water Bug, WC (Huge thank you to Marlys for allowing Kawai to co own her after a rough year) to win Best Junior this year. There are some fantastic Juniors out there! Sure glad I don't have to play in that ring.

Int'l CH Koa Maui Da Hawaiian Supaman, RN, CD, JH, WC, CGC came out to play in Veterans this year after a five year show ring hiatus. He came away with a fourth in Veteran sweeps and second in the All Around Dog class.—Submitted by Chantel Nahoopii.

At the PSLRA Specialty this year, our 6-9 puppy bitch, Lincoln Creek Valley What about Love, took Best in Sweeps under Els Crisafulli. Then, the next day our 9-12 puppy bitch, Lincoln Creek Valley Super Soak Me, took Best Puppy under Val Walters. We are very proud of our youngsters!—Cathy and Jeff Hakola, Lincoln Creek Valley.

U-CDX SHR Fawnhaven's Amazing Grace JH CDX AX AXJ earned her Excellent JWW agility title at the Olympic Kennel Club trial on August 20, 2010. It took awhile, but we finally put it all together and finished that title! Gracie is trained, handled and entertained by Nancy Harney.

To Chip (Golden Retriever - but we don't let him look in the mirror so he doesn't know he's not a Labrador) and to Clutch, Saturday and Sunday were "good Duck Days." They love Duck Days and both picked up Master passes at the RHRC hunt test.—Submitted by Terrie Sato

Fawnhaven Tribute To ShaRay JH, bred by Sharon and Ray Edwards, owned by Barb and Don Ironside, won WD/BOB/Group 3 at the Sporting Dog Spectacular in July up in Canada. He qualified for his first Senior Hunter Wing at the Rainier Hunt Test on Aug. 14.

Fawnhaven One Of A Kind, bred and owned by Rose Goche and Barb and Don Ironside got his first Junior Hunter wing on Aug. 15 at the Rainier Test. Henry is trained and handled in the field by Chuck and Sharon Hilton—Submitted by Barb Ironside

# LRC National Specialty

On behalf of the LRC Inc. and the three regional clubs providing support and assistance, San Diego LRC, High Desert LRC, and LRC Southern California, I invite you to the 2010 LRC Inc. National to be held at Prado Regional Park and Prado Dog Training Center in Chino, California. The theme is "California Fun Unleashed."

The 2010 National Specialty Events week begins on Saturday, Oct. 9, with the hunting retriever/working certificate tests and ends with the National Specialty Best of Breed competition on Friday, Oct. 15, 2010. A GO GREEN Simplified Regional Specialty will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 13. The Top 25 Agility Exhibition will be held on Wednesday and the Inaugural Top 20 Conformation Tribute & Exhibition will be held on Thursday.

The LRC Inc. 2010 National Combined Events Premium List is posted on the LRC Inc. website ([www.thelabradorclub.com](http://www.thelabradorclub.com)) and on Jack Bradshaw, Dog Show Superintendent's website ([www.jackbradshaw.com](http://www.jackbradshaw.com)) The Premium List WILL NOT BE MAILED due to its 56 pages and postage costs. Postcards have been mailed to exhibitors publicizing the National and listing the Premium List websites.

The National rotates across the time zones each year. This is the FIRST TIME the National will be in Southern California. The National is a time to applaud and recognize achievement in conformation and performance events. As Labrador enthusiasts, let's work together to ensure the National's success. Here are some things you can do:

- Volunteer to serve as a steward in the Rally Ring or help with the raffle, T-shirt or catalog sales, hospitality, decorations, and event setup/take down.
- Volunteer to help with hospitality at the morning coffee table or Friday lunch.
- Bring a basket or item for the Raffle Table.
- Pre-order T-shirts, sweatshirts, and catalogs on order form in Premium List.
- Reserve tickets for Mexican Fiesta on Wednesday and BBQ Banquet/Live Band on Thursday on order form in Premium List.
- Attend the educational seminar on EIC on Tuesday at the Doubletree Host Hotel.
- Attend the "Meet and Greet" at the Doubletree on Tuesday evening.
- Reserve room at the Doubletree Hotel or camping spot at Prado Regional Park
- Enter the Hunt and/or Working Certificate Tests.
- Enter the GO GREEN or NATIONAL Conformation Competition

Information for all of the above events is in the Premium List posted on the websites. All of the evening dinners and events will be held at Prado Regional Park. The seminar and "Meet and Greet" will be held at the Doubletree Hotel. The National Committee has worked hard to keep all of the events affordable. Contact me at 619-444-5829 or [Bnowaklabs@aol.com](mailto:Bnowaklabs@aol.com) to volunteer a few hours of your time. ENTRIES CLOSE SEPTEMBER 15, 2010. HUNT TEST ENTRIES CLOSE SEPTEMBER 29, 2010.

The National is a celebration of Labrador friendships and the versatility of our breed. Enter your Labrador, join the fun, and enjoy "California Fun Unleashed" with us. — Barbara Nowak, 2010 National Chair

## A Mom's Brag

by Kimberly Dotson

The Pierce County Fair in Graham, Washington, ran Thursday, Aug 12 through Sunday, Aug. 15. This is Jessica and Katie's first year, so it's been a learning curve for all, but a lot of fun, too. Thursday kicked off the fair with Junior Showmanship. Katie won a blue ribbon—which means she will be going to State Fair in September because she had already received a blue ribbon in obedience at one of the qualifying shows. Katie also received RESERVE CHAMPION and JUDGES AWARD OF MERIT in her age group.

Jessica also had a great day as she too won a blue ribbon and received a JUDGES AWARD OF MERIT in her age group. The Award of Merit is given if your score is 95 or more. Jessica will also be going to state fair because she too had previously qualified in obedience. If I understand the State Fair schedule correct, both girls will be at the fair on Sept 15 or Sept 21. I will know more, as we get closer. Please come by and say, "Hi"!

I have also attached a link to the *Tacoma News Tribune*. Katie and Callie's photo is on the front page of the local section. Needless to say, Katie and Jessica are floating high. Chris and I are so very proud of our girls. <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2010/08/13/1299807/a-blue-ribbon-day-to-kick-off.html>



Photograph by Lui-Kit Wong/Staff Photographer as seen in *The News Tribune*, Friday, August 13, 2010

# Specialty Success

by Jennifer Hajny

It's been said that it takes a village to raise a child. The same principal can be applied to putting on the PSLRA Annual Specialty Show & KISS. The same handful of people who seem to always find time to volunteer, stepped up to the plate, made this year's show a big success. Our new site at the Enumclaw Expo Center was well received by many. We had great reviews from exhibitors on both hotels that were listed in the premium. And the weather was "dog friendly."

The specialty committee had a few new volunteers who jumped feet first into tough "callings." For example, Jan Skewes and Christina Bunn headed up our raffle rescue, which brought in \$1,105.00. Way to go! Kathy Gibson is another one who dove into a new position heading up the Junior Fund Committee. She organized the concessions booth the proceeds of which went to help our junior club members. I know Kathy had lots of help to make this a success. Our new Senior Showmanship Showdown proved to be a big hit. Between the "M" pattern and the judge getting handed a beer, it was a hoot! I know there is already strategizing for next year's competition to win the coveted "Toot Your Own Horn" Challenge Trophy.

Another highlight of our show this year was the wonderful hospitality—starting from the tasty breakfast offered each morning, the Friday Night Potluck, the Saturday night Mexican feast, and the catalog bonus bags—those who helped in

the hospitality did a wonderful job making all exhibitors feel at home.

And what would a specialty be with out our beautiful Labradors. They came on planes and they came in cars. The major highlights include:

## Friday KISS- Judge Jean-Louis Blais

BOB- Ch Skye's Big Black Guy CD JH  
BOW- Eagertrievers Meant To Do That  
BOS- Ch Laurglen's Ostentatious  
SD- Ch Hyspire Shahli Hotter Than Blazes  
SB- Ch Cimarron Slippery Shoes  
JAM's- Ch Hyspire Shahli Hotter Than Blazes, Ch Nipntuck Stocking Stuffer, & Ch Blackthorn Spirit of Texas  
Best Puppy- Sunnydaze Gandhi With The Wind  
Best BBE- Dolce Vitas Kickin' It Up A notch  
Best Veteran- Ch Cimarron Slippery Shoes  
WD- Blackthorn's Yellow Jacket O'Spiritwood  
WB- Eagertrievers Meant To Do That  
Friday Sweeps- Judge Ron Kelly  
Best In Sweeps- Hyspire Mainland Petal To The Medal  
Best Opp. in Sweeps- Nipntuck Watchin The Cheerleaders  
Best Veteran Sweeps- Ch Cimarron Slippery Shoes  
Best Opp. Veteran in Sweeps- Ch Ghoststone's Boomtown JH

## Saturday-Sunday Annual Show- Judge Valerie Walters

BOB- Ch Nipntuck Stocking Stuffer  
BOW- Somersett Free N Easy

BOS- Ch Blackthorn Spirit of Texas  
SD- Ch Hyspire Shahli Hotter Than Blazes  
SB- Ch Mainland Seasac Third Times A Charm  
JAM's- Ch Nipntuck Jumpstart, Ch Ghostone The Devil Wears Prada, & Ch Sharays Lady Daisy Delight Oa OAJ RE NAJP OAP  
Best Puppy- Lincoln Creek Valley Super Soak Me  
Best BBE- Laurglen's Sophistication  
Best Veteran- Ch Ghoststone's Boomtown JH RN  
WD- Somersett Free N Easy  
WB- Hyspire Mainland Pedal To The Metal  
Saturday Sweeps- Judge Els Crisafulli  
Best In Sweeps- Lincoln Creek Valley What About Love  
Best Opp. in Sweeps- Nipntuck Scootin' By  
Best Veteran Sweeps- Ch Sharays Lady Daisy Delight Oa OAJ RE NAJP OAP  
Best Opp. Veteran in Sweeps- Himoon The Duke At Clovercreek SH CD RN

## Sat Obedience/Rally- Judge Pam Weaver

HIT- Winroc Sister's Evening Sun UD

## Sun Obedience/Rally- Judge Earl Vaughan

HIT- Winroc Sister's Evening Sun UD

There really are TOO many people to thank individually! To all those who helped, Thank you! Thank you! The planning has started already for next year—our 21st Coming of Age Specialty. Plan on attending!

Daisy, AmCanCh Sharays Lady Daisy Delight, OAJ, OA, OAP, OAJ, RE, Pet Partner, CGC, WC, received a JAM ribbon at the Specialty. Also, last weekend at the Rainier Hunt Test, Daisy qualified in her first-ever hunt test! I am so proud of her.—  
Submitted by Bea Ferguson



**LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 9/2/10 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.
  - 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: 5/4/2010**

**(4 BM Available)**

Sire: Skyfire Cimarron On The Run  
OFA25G, OFEL25N, OFA Heart, Cerf 3/2010  
Dam: Harbortop Skyfire Oughta Be Tops  
OFA28G, OFEL28N, OFA Heart, Cerf 9/09  
Contact: Stephanie Harris  
Litter: 1BF, 9BM  
Email: [stephanie@skyfirelabs.com](mailto:stephanie@skyfirelabs.com)  
Website: [www.skyfirelabs.com](http://www.skyfirelabs.com)  
Listed: 5/29/2010, 8/25/2010

**Litter Born: 07/08/2010**

**(1BM, 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](mailto:sharynlangston1143@hotmail.com)  
Listed: 07/25/2010, 8/25/2010

**Litter Born: 06/01/2010**

**(3BM, 1YM, 2YF 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](mailto:Katie_somers@msn.com)  
Listed: 08/11/2010, 8/25/2010

**Litter Born: 07/09/2010**

**(1BF Available)**

Sire: BISS Ch. Elhid's Average Joe  
OFA24E, OFEL24N, OFA Heart Normal,  
CERF 6/09, Optigen Normal, EIC Clear,  
Dam: AOM, Can/Int.  
Ch. Cougar Creek Takes One Ta Know One  
OFA24G, OFEL24N, OFA Heart Normal,  
CERF 9/09, Optigen Normal by Parentage,  
EIC Clear  
Contact: Cecilie Drege  
Litter: 4BF  
Email: [cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com](mailto:cougarcreeklabs@peoplepc.com)  
Website: [www.cougarcreeklabs.com](http://www.cougarcreeklabs.com)  
Listed: 7/16/2010, 8/25/2010

**Litter Born: 06/03/2010 (1BF Available)**

Sire: Blackthorn's Pale Ale  
OFA24G, OFEL24N, CERF 11/07 –Frozen Semen  
Dam: Thistledown Calliope  
OFA26G, OFEL26N, CERF 3/2010  
Contact: Irlanne Warren 360-352-9373  
Litter: 2BF, 1YF  
Email: [thistledownlabs@comcast.net](mailto:thistledownlabs@comcast.net)  
Listed: 08/17/2010, 8/25/2010

**Litter Expected: October 9, 2010**

**(All Yellow Litter)**

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  
Email: [aslan9@roadrunner.com](mailto:aslan9@roadrunner.com)  
Listed: 08/25/2010

**Litter Born: 06/07/2010**

**(1BM, 1BF, 1YF Available)**

Sire: Int. Ch. Cimarron Sam-I-Am of Cougarcreek CD, RN  
OFA24E, OFEL24N, Heart Normal, CERF 7/2010  
Dam: Nipntuck Cimarron's Remember Me  
OFA27E, OFEL27N, Heart Normal, CERF 10/10  
Contact: Laura Steward 360-731-9017 D, 360-978-4742 E  
Litter: 4BM, 1YM, 2BF, 1YF  
Email: [laura@cimarronfarm.com](mailto:laura@cimarronfarm.com)  
Listed: 08/11/2010, 8/25/2010,

**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 P.S.L.R.A. Price will vary.

**Black Male - 2 JH legs completed (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

Jet is friendly, has a great temperament, and is up-to-date on shots. 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: Judy [jlh3343@comcast.net](mailto:jlh3343@comcast.net)

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

Listed: 7/13/2010

**Yellow Male - 3 JH legs completed (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

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

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

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

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

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

Listed: 7/13/2010

**Yellow Female 2 ½ years (Intact)**

Very loving and sweet girl. Lacy will be a lap lady if let to be. Will do well with other animals and kids. Is somewhat timid. Micro-chipped and current on vaccinations. Will need to be spayed.

Contact: Bruce or Mary Robinson 509-968-3144

Email: [robinsonfamily@fairpoint.net](mailto:robinsonfamily@fairpoint.net)

Listed: 08/25/2010

**Black Male 4 months (Intact)**

This beautiful black puppy needs a forever home, he's healthy and current on his shots, including Rabies with written certificate and micro chipped. Ernie has basic puppy skills, sleeps in a crate and comes when he's called. He's a sweet boy and loves other dogs and people.

Contact: Shelah Frey at 425.466.6208

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

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

Listed: 08/25/2010



Our hunt test was enjoyed by all and we'll share details, and photographs, in our October newsletter.

Don't forget:  
September 25, Training Day and Working Certificate at Greenleaf's  
Application on page 3  
September 26, Health Exams at Cascade Kennels  
Application on page 6  
(For more details, see August newsletter)

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