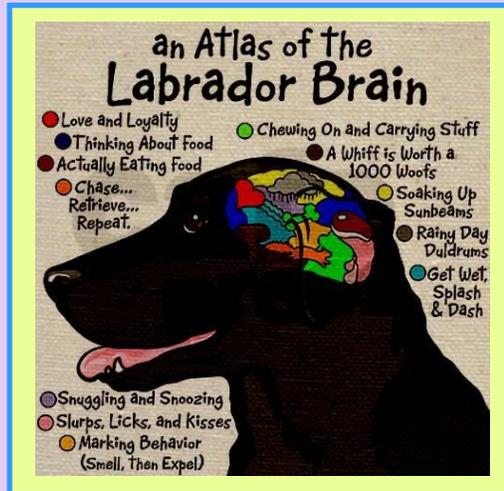


# The Retriever Believer

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## A Penny for Your Thoughts



March has come and gone! It was a busy month for PSLRA volunteers. The PSLRA booth at the Seattle Kennel Club and the Meet the Breed were deemed successful. Thank you to Kristen Reiter for the new booth construction and printing and framing the variety of pictures used in the display. Thank you to Marlys Swanson for organizing the Labrador Meet the Breed at SKC. This past weekend was the Fun Field Day which numerous volunteers contributed to create a very successful event. Liz Gibson and Jan Skewes chaired the event. I heard from many that the day was a lot of fun and we will be gaining some new members as a result.

Leslie Douglas is chairing two committees concurrently. One is clarifying the Breeders List requirements. Her committee is working with our web master, Cheri Wildes, to ensure a smooth process in 2019. I have asked Leslie to revisit the Litter Listing requirements as well. If you would like to contribute on this new team please contact her.

I have been approached a few times with questions and suggestions ranging from "Why does the club do things this way" to "Can we do it another way." Taking the information provided, I created a committee (Darlene Pado, Leslie Douglas, Cheri Wildes, with contributions made from the Officers and Board of Directors) to develop a survey to be presented to our members for feedback.

At the recent membership meeting it was announced that we are now ready to activate the new club survey on the PSLRA website. Please take the time to answer the questions and add your comments. The survey will be available until the end of day April 30, 2018. An email will follow the newsletter with the sign-in information for accessing the survey. Once the survey results are gathered the Survey committee and the Board will be sharing the results with membership. Big thank you to Cheri, Darlene, and Leslie for their efforts. Please direct any questions to me.

Continue to check out our new website for information on upcoming events, new articles, and ways to volunteer.

Happy Spring!

*Jill*

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# PSLRA Membership and Board of Directors' Meeting

Secretary's Minutes, February 21, 2018

Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association Board of Directors' Meeting

March 21, 2018

(Minutes have been modified and summarized due to space)

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm. Directors and chairpersons present included Jill Mahoney, Jen Hajny, Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Kristen Reiter, Cindy and Jim Olson, Stephanie Harris, Nina Mann, Shelah Frey, Diane Sullenberger, Marcy Johnson, Katie Somers, Sonya Dudder, Becky Dannaker, and Marlys Swanson.

Officers' reports were presented. There were no formal reports from the president or vice-president. Kris reported the receipt of two cards. One card was from Roy Fair, thanking the club for the judging assignment and hosting a well-run tracking event. The other was from Terrie Sato for the sponsorship of the obedience classes at the Western Washington Cluster. In addition, she received emails from the AKC verifying approval of our judges panel for our spring hunt test in May as well as approval for our sweepstakes and specialty in August.

Mary Jane reported that the books are all current with the insurance for the club and the payment for our donations to the University of Wisconsin still outstanding. Kris was delayed in providing the address and payment information, but all the necessary data is now available to write the checks.

Jill and Kris would like to acknowledge all the volunteers who worked in the breed booth at Seattle Kennel Club. Jill thanked Kris for building the new booth display. Marlys extended her thanks for the members who assisted with Meet the Breeds at SKC. Jill and Marlys will provide volunteer lists to Kris for inclusion in the newsletter.

The survey is nearly ready for review.

Nina reported on the Tracking Test. The weather held and there were four Labs that participated. The test ran smoothly.

Kris reported on SKC. The booth was well-received, as were the dogs. There were times that the booth could not be manned due to obligations in the ring, but for the most part there were representatives to meet the public and answer questions.

The Field Day was discussed. Jan Skewes has a list of volunteers and several boys from Ram's Boy Scout Troop will be in attendance to assist where needed. It is proving difficult to obtain birds, so live birds will be limited to two birds per participant and will be allowed to the Junior level dogs only (with Junior level being dogs that will go out and actually retrieve the bird). Allison has the flyer for distribution, but it hasn't been sent out yet. The flyer is also on the website. While we were discussing the event, Jen forwarded the flyer to all the board members for review. Jill inquired if the committee was planning on providing coffee and donuts in the morning. Jen will inquire. The lunch is advertised as a pot luck and information for the pot luck, training and meeting to follow (at noon) is on the flyer. There was an inquiry about whether we could offer a CC at the event as well. Stephanie expressed several concerns, the first being the proximity to the event. The addition of the CC would provide very short notice and undue additional stress on the organizers. It needs to be a part of the event planning and not an afterthought. The matter in which the training divisions were presented was confusing and there was concern expressed that the language might scare off members who have no experience in the field. MJ and Cindy clarified that the term "Junior" was used to depict a dog that had some experience and would retrieve the bird, as opposed to a pup or dog with no experience. This definition was provided on the flyer as clarification. Cindy reiterated that the event has been planned with the goal of training members and dogs with no experience and no knowledge of the sport, to increase awareness and enthusiasm for field work and to provide members with a means of getting their puppies on birds and start the path to a WC.

The Spring Hunt Test is proceeding according to schedule. The judges are secured and approved. The test will be limited to 60 dogs due to the difficulty in identifying available and willing judges. The Olsons will be ordering poppers next week. We still need to get insurance. Nina is the Marshal. Volunteers are still needed and appreciated and no experience is necessary. Jim needs to wait until he knows who is participating before he can secure and assign gunners. We can use the Field Day training coming up to help train volunteers for the Hunt Test. Cindy will put a post on Facebook, LabChat and the newsletter calling for volunteers, as well as request that Cheri add a volunteer link for the event on the website.

Marlys reported on the Supported Entry at Lynden. It is listed on the AKC site. She never heard back from the show chairperson regarding the ribbons and will try again. If we want to do them separately and the chair isn't responding, it was suggested to contact BaRay and do them ourselves. Sonya has the prizes done.

Marlys reported on the B Match. She is still awaiting confirmation that the grounds are available and she still needs to secure obedience judges.

There were no reports for the Spring Agility Trial as Jen has not heard from the chairperson.

The judges for the Specialty have been secured and confirmed. There are no further committee updates.

The Fall Hunt test is still in planning stages as the Olsons have been focusing on the Spring Test. Liz Gibson needs to chase down judges.

MJ reported on the health clinic. The specialists and location have been confirmed.

The Wenatchee Supported Entry is still waiting on a sweepstakes judge and it is hoped we can identify a local breeder judge. The poll for the judges went up this afternoon for the judges committee input.

There were no reports for the Fall Agility Trial as Jen has not heard from the chairperson.

Nina reported on the October Tracking Test. It has been decided not to host the test this year due to conflicting events that prevent volunteer attendance as well as issues they have with the grounds. The location is only suitable for straight tracking – we cannot run a TDU there. Jill expressed concern that we might have issues hosting the event again if we drop it this year. Nina was fairly certain it wouldn't be an issue.

There was no Rescue Report to present.

Discussion moved on to Old Business.

## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Please Submit Articles and Advertisements to:

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PSLRAnewsletter@yahoo.com.

**Submissions must be received by the editor by the 20th of each month.** Please use "newsletter content" in subject line.

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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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# PSLRA Membership and Board of Directors' Meeting

(Continued)

We are still in need of a chairperson for the Junior Scholarship committee. There is confusion regarding the duties of this committee. Marlys will summarize the responsibilities regarding the fundraising, paperwork, applicants, submission and selection and present it to the board for review. Once the board has had a chance to review it and add suggestions, it will be summarized and presented to the membership. The goal is to have the summary completed by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Judges Selection Committee currently has distributed a poll to its members. Judges chosen through this process will be selected for our upcoming events through the end of the year.

The letter from Darlene Pado was revisited. MJ reiterated the concern that volunteers are overextended and that our survey questions may help gain a better understanding of where our club members stand. Jen reiterated the need to discuss the letter at an upcoming meeting. It would be the perfect segue into discussion on the survey. Becky offered that twenty years ago the club branched out into alternative events as a means of providing our dogs the opportunity to compete locally. Now independent clubs are offering the same types of events in our region, deeming our own events redundant. As there are now greater opportunities available, perhaps PSLRA doesn't have to host as many events. Jill requested that Becky ask if Darlene would be present at our next membership meeting so she can present her thoughts and we can open the floor for discussion.

Nina expressed concern that there may be some confusion on the purpose of the committee that is reviewing the policies and procedures for the Breeders List and Litter Listing. Jill will check with Leslie Douglas and clarify the committee duties.

We are still in need of a Fall WC Chairperson. Jill will mention this need in her president's letter.

There was no further old business to discuss.

Stephanie quickly revisited the upcoming membership meeting and wanted to reiterate that it needs to be well publicized and that we need to make it extremely visible so we can get as much membership input as possible and not exclude anybody who would like to provide input.

Marcy presented information on Zoom, a teleconference platform that allows for video conferencing. AKC has already verified it is an acceptable method for hosting meetings. It is hoped that a switch to this platform will make our teleconferences easier to conduct and allow greater participation. The current meth-



od gets frustrating with the background noises and issues with voice delay which then has members talking over each other. Zoom is \$14.99/month. It allows the moderator to mute or unmute people as needed. Members can raise their hand and can offer input via the chat option instead of vocalizing it. Members can still just call in, they don't have to participate via video. The meetings can be recorded. Up to 100 members can participate and guests or members at open board meetings can be invited to join in. Our bylaws don't currently allow for video conferencing, but we could try it and see if it will work for us, then address the bylaw issue. Marcy will send the information to Jill so she can research its features. We may set up a practice run in a few weeks.

Mary Jane inquired on extending the length of term limits. This would require a change in bylaws. As we will have to revisit the bylaws to address the teleconference issue anyway, it was suggested that we form a committee to review the bylaws and propose the changes to accommodate our need for video teleconferencing and extended term limits.

The club also hasn't had an audit in a while. Members can audit the club, it doesn't have to be a paid accountant. Volunteers will be needed to get this done as well.

There was no further new business. Open discussion followed. Mary Jane inquired about the contract we have with BaRay for the specialty and when it is signed (2017) as she would like to see Dogzibit (ran San Joaquin this year) put in a bid. Jill has already requested a bid based on last year's numbers and Lorraine has not yet responded. We will need to follow up with Jill to see where she is with Lorraine on the bid.

There was no further discussion. The next board meeting will be April 18<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

\*Some Details Still Pending

### 2018 Calendar of Events

#### April 18

Board Meeting - 6:30pm

Tentative location IHOP, Issaquah

#### May 5 & 6

Hunt Test

Bob Pepper's Farm, Carnation, WA  
Liz Gibson (Chairperson), Cindy Olson  
(Hunt Test Secretary), Nina Mann  
(Chief Marshall)

#### May 16

Board Meeting Teleconference - 6:30pm

#### June 10 (Tentative)

B Match

Carco Park (Cedar River Play Park),

Renton

Marlys Swanson & Katie Somers (Co-Chairs)

#### June 10

Board and Membership meeting - directly after match (~2pm)

#### June 22, 23 & 24

Agility Trial

Fun Fur Paws, Mount Vernon

#### July 18

Board Meeting - 6:30pm

Teleconference

#### August 3-5

KISS and Specialty Show

Bay View State Park

#### August 4

Membership meeting, Board meeting (tentative)

#### August 15

Board Meeting - 6:30pm (tentative)

Teleconference

#### August 25-26

Hunt Test

Bob Pepper's Farm Carnation (Location tentative)

#### September 19

Board Meeting - 6:30pm

Teleconference

#### September 23

Health Clinic

Riverdog Canine Coaching, Issaquah

#### October 17

Board Meeting - 6:30pm

Teleconference

#### October 20

Supported Entry

Wenatchee

# Feature Focus: Form Builder Overview

**We strongly suggest that every Club Member read the following instructions for the implementation of new on-line Club forms. The instructions summarize process changes and improvements that will be managed using the new on-line forms relating to: sponsoring new Members, joining the Breeder Directory (includes sponsoring/volunteer verification), or renewing your Breeder Directory listing (volunteer verification), etc.**



## New PSLRA Website Feature Focus: Form Builder

As mentioned in the March 2018 newsletter, we are doing a series highlighting features that have been added to the new PSLRA website to extend its functionality.

This month we are highlighting the on-line Form Builder feature WPForms Pro, and the new on-line forms the Club is rolling out. WPForms Pro is a drag and drop form builder tool, used to easily create on-line forms that can be completed, submitted and tracked through a WordPress site.

Some of the form builder features the Club is using are: Form Templates, Surveys & Polls, Electronic Signature, Uploading Files as part of form Submission and more.

We are rolling out the following forms on the site over the next few weeks using WPForms Pro:

### 2018 PSLRA Membership Survey:

- We are using the Survey & Reporting capabilities available as part of the on-line form builder to administer our anonymous 2018 PSLRA Membership Survey.
- Once the Survey period closes, the system allows us to easily gather and present the results to the Club's Membership Survey using our own on-line tools.
- Results are stored on the site indefinitely, and we can run as many Surveys & Polls as the Club deems necessary.

### Membership Forms:

#### • PSLRA New Membership Application = Updated On-Line Form:

This form is for people who want to Join PSLRA.

It includes required fields where Applicant provides the names and email addresses of their two Club Member Sponsors.

Upon submission, the form automatically routes to the Membership Chair(s) and the two Club Member Sponsors email addresses provided by the Applicant.

This will allow Sponsors to easily Reply All to the Membership Chair(s) and the other Sponsor, letting them know if they Approve or Disapprove of the submitted New Membership Application.

Once the New Membership Application is approved the Membership Chair will:

Send the new Member a Welcome Email.

Send the Password and instructions for how the new Member can pay their membership dues using the Club's Shopping Cart.

We will not be accepting New Membership payments until after the application has been approved.

#### • PSLRA Membership Renewal Form = Updated On-Line Form:

This form is for current Club Members wanting to renew their annual PSLRA Membership.

It is NOT intended for Members who want to renew their annual membership PLUS their Breeder Directory Listing, or for current Members who want to JOIN the Breeder Directory.

It only focuses on the Standard Membership Renewal and is no longer combined with the New Member Application and Breeder Directory requirements.

This form is embedded as part of the Club's Shopping Cart.

Please complete and submit the form, then proceed to check out.

As part of the check-out process you can still designate to Pay by Check.

Using the Shopping Cart to process all types of payments, even Pay by Check, helps the Club to track all types of pay-

## Feature Focus: Form Builder Overview, Continued

ments through the Shopping Cart reporting features.

This form will also be used to update current Member information published in the Club's annual Membership Book.

- **PSLRA Membership & Breeder Directory Listing Renewal Form = New On-Line Form:**

This form is for current Club Members who are ALREADY listed in the Club's Breeder Directory, and who want to renew their annual PSLRA Membership PLUS their Breeder Directory Listing.

It is NOT intended for Members who want to renew their Standard Membership, New Member Applicants, or for current Members who want to JOIN the Breeder Directory.

It includes required fields where Member provides details summarizing how they met their annual Volunteer Requirement.

This includes providing the name and email address for the Event or Committee Chair, or the Board Member or Officer who can verify their Volunteer assignment.

Upon submission, this form automatically routes to the Web Master, and the Event or Committee Chair, or the Board Member or Officer based on the email address provided.

This will allow the person verifying the Volunteer assignment to easily Reply to the Web Master to confirm.

Once the Volunteer assignment has been verified the Web Master will:

Send the Password and instructions for how the Member can pay their annual membership dues PLUS the Breeder Directory Listing fee using the Club's Shopping Cart.

Again, as part of the check-out process you can still designate to Pay by Check.

Using the Shopping Cart to process all types of payments, even Pay by Check, helps the Club to track all types of payments through the Shopping Cart reporting features.

The Club Member will remain on the Breeder Directory on the Club's Website.

This form will also be used to update current Member information published in the Club's annual Membership Book.

**Please Note: Going forward, at end of November of each year the Web Master will send a link to this renewal form to Club Members who are currently listed on the Breeder Directory. This will allow Members to complete and submit the form and have their Volunteer assignment verified by January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

- **Upgrade Membership to JOIN the Breeder Directory = New On-Line:**

This form allows Current Members to Upgrade their Membership to JOIN the Breeder Directory. It is not for New Member Applicants, Standard Membership renewal or Members who are currently listed on the Breeder Directory.

**Please Note:** The Club's published requirements must be met to utilize this form/join the Breeder Directory.

It includes required fields where Member provides details summarizing how they met their annual Volunteer Requirement, and the names and email addresses of the two Club Members currently on the Breeder Directory who will act as Sponsors.

Upon submission, this form automatically routes to the Web Master, the two Club Member Breeder List Sponsors, and the Event or Committee Chair, or the Board Member or Officer for their annual Volunteer assignment, to the email addresses provided.

This will allow Sponsors and the Volunteer Chair to easily Reply All to the Web Master, and other Sponsors letting them know if they Approve or Disapprove of the submitted request.

If approved, and once the Volunteer assignment has been verified the Web Master will:

Send the Password and instructions for how the Member can pay their annual membership dues PLUS the Breed Directory Listing fee using the Club's Shopping Cart.

As part of the check-out process you can still designate to Pay by Check.

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Web Master will add Club Member's information to the Breeder Directory on the Club's Website.

**Please Note: Going forward, at end of November of each year the Web Master will publish reminders to all Club Members that the annual Breeder Directory process is open. If an existing Club Members, who meets the requirements, would like to JOIN the Breeder Directory, they should notify the Web Master. This will allow the Member to complete and submit the form and have their Volunteer assignment and Sponsorships verified by January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Coming Soon:** Once the Committee reviewing the Litter Listing, Breeder Directory requirements and Code of Ethics complete their work, and their guidelines are published, we will be implementing the following additional new forms.

## Feature Focus: Form Builder Overview, Continued

- **Litter Listing Form = New On-Line Form:**

Upon submission, this form will go directly to the Litter Listing Chair.

The form will allow those wanting to list a litter to embed OFA links directly in the form for both the Dam and Sire.

Assuming, both have all clearances that are required to meet the PSLRA Code of Ethics, and they are posted on the OFA website.

**Please Note:** The links must go directly to each dog's page, not the OFA Home Page.

Or, provide copies of the clearance documentation for each required clearance, for both the Dam and Sire.

These can be uploaded to the form as individual files, or as one a single combined file, and submitted with the form.

Once the clearance requirements have been confirmed for your Litter Listing, the Litter Listing Chair will:

Send the Password and instructions for how to pay the Litter Listing fee using the Club's Shopping Cart.

Once the Litter Listing fee is paid, the litter will be added to the Litter Listing on the PSLRA website.

It is the responsibility of the person posting the listing to regularly update the Litter Listing Chair on the number and sex of puppies they have available. Plus notify the Litter Listing Chair when all puppies have been placed, and the listing can be removed.

- **Older Puppies & Other Dogs Listing = New On-Line Form:**

Upon submission, this form will go directly to the Litter Listing Chair.

Once the form is received the Litter Listing Chair will:

Send the Password and instructions for how to pay the Older Puppies & Other Dogs Listing fee using the Club's Shopping Cart.

Once the Older Puppies & Other Dogs Listing fee is paid, the listing will be added to the Older Puppies & Other Dogs Listing on the PSLRA website.

It is the responsibility of the person posting the listing to update the Litter Listing Chair when the dog has been placed, and the listing can be removed.

- **New On-Line Event Registration Forms = For Events NOT Managed by 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Registration:**

Our form builder allows us to create on-line registration forms for Club events such as: Award Banquets, Fun Matches, the Show 'n Go, the WC, Field Days, etc.

For any club event not managed by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party where we want to track event registration and payments.

If the event requires attendees to agree to Terms & Conditions or to sign a Waiver, the forms support electronic signature, or captures a record of the acceptance of published Terms & Conditions.

Upon submission, event entries can be routed to Event Chairs and co-Chairs via e-mail, so they are notified when people enter their event.

Entries are also captured in the system and can be exported in to a spreadsheet to assist Event Chairs and co-Chairs with entry management.

Like some of the Membership Renewal Forms, Event Forms can be embedded into the Club's Shopping Cart.

Once the entry is complete, the form can be submitted, then the person entering the event can proceed to check out.

As part of the check-out process you can still designate to Pay by Check.

Again, using the Shopping Cart to process all types of payments, even Pay by Check, helps the Club to track all types of payments through the Shopping Cart reporting features.

We hope Club Members see the value of the addition of these new on-line forms, and the capabilities they have to offer. Our goal is to help streamline the various Club approval, verification and payment processes, and to assist Event Chairs, Committee Members, and Club Members overall with the management of these activities.

This information and instructions will be added to the Club's website and will be located in the Member's Only sections of the site once those features are implemented.

If a Club Member, Event or Committee Chair needs assistance with implementing an on-line form or has questions about the WPForms Form Builder features, please contact the Club's Web Master's Cheri Wildes or Darlene Pado.

**Next Month's Feature:** Event Management using Event Schedule plug-in.

Regards,

Cheri Wildes, PSLRA Web Master

# *We Need Your Help to Keep Cherry Valley Open!!!*

## **Send a Statement to Fish and Wildlife and plan to attend the meeting on April 24**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife has had some big turnovers since the first of Jan. The manager of area 4 is attempting to roll back the clock and ignore all of the work and meetings that went into 2017 negotiations to open the gate at Cherry Valley and wants to once again limit dog training to a very small piece of land in the Snoqualmie Valley. WSDTA is on it! Representatives have met with the Commissioners in Olympia to give public testimony. We have also met with the area 4 manager and his new boss, Fenner Yarborough. At this date the gate to the back ponds at Cherry Valley is open. However, last year dog trainers were allowed to use 65 acres at Cherry Valley and 11 acres at Crescent Lake. This out of over 2,700 acres of land available in the region! In addition, the majority of the 65 acres was leased (free) to a farmer who planted corn so the land was not truly available for dog training. A slight of hand by WDFW!

The historical use of land at Cherry Valley alone was between 125 and 200 acres depending on the trials, hunt test and tracking test needs. Fish and Wildlife is currently asking for public input into the use of these lands. Public users of the land are referred to as stakeholders. The land was purchased through a grant for outdoor recreation. Public input weighs heavily in the decision making process as to use of the land. I am enclosing a link to the public input area on the WDFW website. PLEASE send a statement in your own words as to the need for land in the Snoqualmie Wildlife Area to be open for dog training. If you have participated in events at Cherry Valley in the past, please note that in your comments. If you are new to bird dog training and looking for places to train your dog for the purpose of hunting, please state that. If you both hunt and compete please state that. If dog training on the grounds sparked an interest in nature and wildlife, please state that.

Your support is urgently needed. There will also be a meeting for public input at the Mill Creek Office on April 24. If you can attend, please do. It was the public meeting in April of 2016, where all but a handful of those in attendance were concerned about dog training in the area, that sparked the fire to get us as far as we have with the department.

Please, in your own words, provide public comment using the following link [https://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/sepa\\_comment\\_docs.html](https://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/sepa_comment_docs.html) with regard to your reasons for reopening the historical lands for dog training. If you are both a dog trainer and a hunter, it is important to let the department know that as well. If you are able to attend the meeting, please join us on April 24th in Mill Creek.

Thanks so much! It's been an uphill battle but one worth fighting.

Terrie Sato



*We Need Your Help to Keep Cherry Valley Open!!!*

## WDFW NEWS RELEASE

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<http://wdfw.wa.gov/>

March 30, 2018

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### WDFW schedules public meeting to discuss draft management plan for Snoqualmie Wildlife Area

OLYMPIA ♦ The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is seeking public comments on a draft management plan for the Snoqualmie Wildlife Area in northwest Washington.

WDFW will also host a public meeting next month to discuss the plan. The meeting is scheduled from 6-8 p.m., April 24, at WDFW's North Puget Sound office, 16018 Mill Creek Blvd., [Mill Creek](#).

The wildlife area consists of six separate units that cover 2,274 acres in King and Snohomish counties. The Snoqualmie Wildlife Area is located in a rural agricultural region of the Snohomish River watershed. The area provides habitat for waterfowl, eagles, and chinook salmon and provides recreational opportunities, including fishing, hunting, and wildlife viewing.

Over the past year, WDFW staff has worked with a citizen advisory group to develop a draft management plan that addresses the status of wildlife species, habitat, restoration efforts and public recreation on the wildlife area.

"We want to encourage people who are interested in the wildlife area to provide input on our plan, which describes how we'll manage habitat and public use in the area," said Cynthia Wilkerson, WDFW lands division manager.

The plan is available for review on WDFW's website at [https://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife\\_areas/management\\_plans/snoqualmie/](https://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/management_plans/snoqualmie/).

The public can submit comments online through April 26 at [https://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/sepa\\_comment\\_docs.html](https://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/sepa_comment_docs.html). Comments can also be submitted at the April 24 meeting.

The public comment period will be conducted under the State Environmental Policy Act, which is designed to ensure that Washington citizens can participate in governmental decisions that could affect the environment.

The department is revising management plans for the state's 33 wildlife areas to reflect current conditions and identify new priorities. WDFW is currently updating plans for Chelan Wildlife Area in Chelan and Okanogan counties and wildlife areas in the Blue Mountains region in southeast Washington. More information about those plans can be found online at [https://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife\\_areas/management\\_plans/](https://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/management_plans/).

*Persons with disabilities who need to receive this information in an alternative format or who need reasonable accommodations to participate in WDFW-sponsored public meetings or other activities may contact Dolores Noyes by phone (360-902-2349), TTY (360-902-2207), or email ([dolores.noyes@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:dolores.noyes@dfw.wa.gov)). For more information, see [http://wdfw.wa.gov/accessibility/reasonable\\_request.html](http://wdfw.wa.gov/accessibility/reasonable_request.html).*



*Thank you to all our volunteers!*

## TRACKING TEST

Franna Pitt  
Maggy Susan  
Fred Drennan  
Jan Palumbo

Darlene Pado  
Michelle Brown  
Nina Mann



*You guys are the  
bees knees!!!*

### *Non-member volunteers:*

Susie Stone  
Violeta Toma  
Dave Scudder  
Melissa Knapp

Judy James  
Sarah Kahn  
Pam Coffee  
Val Tangen

## Seattle Kennel Club Show

### *Breed Booth*

Dana Richmond  
Rick Tolhurst  
Linda Maffett  
Stephanie Harris  
Nancy Roy

Kim Hayes  
Stacy Gnyp  
Jill Mahoney  
Kristen Reiter

### *Meet the Breed*

Olivia Maffett  
Linda Maffett  
Cathy Hakola  
Stacey Parsons  
(and Daughter!)

Bea Ferguson  
Bruce Ferguson  
Tamaria Hartman  
Marlys Swanson



# *SKC Meet the Breed Volunteer Kudos!*

**Here's What the Organizer for Seattle Kennel Club's Meet the Breed Event Had to Say about the Meet the Breed Volunteers and their Dogs:**

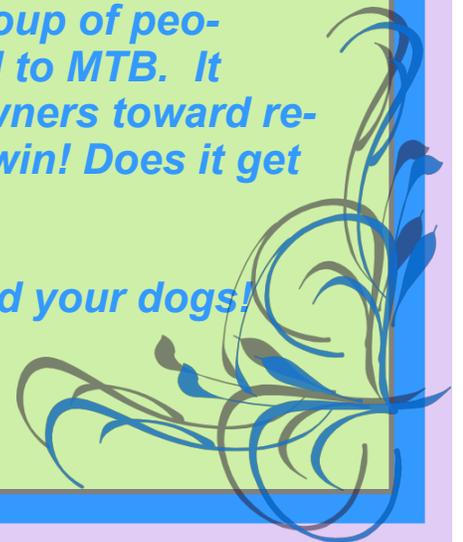
*"A huge thanks to everyone! Once again we had a constant stream of people visiting to learn about the breeds! I want to thank you for working your way through the crowds, setting up your spot, bringing such a lovely group of dogs, staying longer than your time slot, coming back for a second time slot, taking kids (and me) for cart rides (St Bernards) and all around being amazing!"*



*I feel so privileged to work with such a caring group of people. You are a big part of why I am so committed to MTB. It means a lot to me that together we can guide owners toward responsible choices where both dogs and people win! Does it get any better than that? You are the best!*

*I hope 2018 is full of great adventures for you and your dogs!*

*All the best,  
Cheri"*



# Volunteers Needed!

## Current Volunteer Opportunities

The following are current PSLRA Volunteer Opportunities. Please see the following pages for complete information on the volunteer duties or visit our website at [www.pslra.org](http://www.pslra.org) -> Events -> Volunteer. For more information about each opportunity, select the "Find Out More" link to access the complete details. You can sign up to volunteer by completing and submitting the Volunteer Sign Up form. If you want more information about volunteer requirements for a specific event, or learn more about an event prior to volunteer, please contact the Event Chair at the information provided.

### Spring Hunt Test Positions:

*Relief Marshal*

*Senior Hunter Marshal*

*Master Hunter Test Dog*

*Senior Hunter Test Dog*

*Junior Hunter Test Dog*

### Other Opportunitites:

*Local or Remote Document Formatting*

*Junior Scholarship Chair*



# Spring Hunt Test Volunteer Positions

## Master Hunter, Senior Hunter and Relief Marshals

**When:** Sat, May 5, 2018 or Sun, May 6, 2018—please see website for time slots available

**Where:** [Bob Pepper's Retriever Training Grounds, 10808 W. Snoqualmie Valley Road NE, Carnation, WA](#)

**Contact:** Nina Mann

**Contact Email:** [harbortoplabs@gmail.com](mailto:harbortoplabs@gmail.com)

**Contact Phone:** (360) 629-7619

### What is a Stake Marshal?

Stake Marshals are the person or persons responsible for keeping a stake at a Hunt Test running smoothly, and make sure the Judges and workers needs are met. They also are the point of contact for handlers who have questions that need to be addressed by the test Judges.

### Requirements:

Willingness to work day 1 or 2 of the event along with the Chief Marshal, to periodically relieve other Marshals working the various stakes at the PSLRA Spring Hunt Test.

### Please Note:

- If you are willing to work the entire day at one of the Master Stakes, please let the Chief Marshal: Nina Mann know in advance, and sign up for both Shift 1 and Shift 2 for that day.
- If you have no prior experience Marshaling, please let the Chief Marshal: Nina Mann know in advance so she can team you up with an experienced person.

### Responsibilities:

- Prior to the test coordinates with Chief Marshal as to which stake(s) Marshals will be assigned to.
- The morning of the test, checks in with the Chief Marshal to get Judges' notebooks & Marshal's clipboard for the stake.
- Helps with remaining physical set up of test/last minute test details.
- Hands out catalogs and checks in handlers as they arrive before the start of the test.
- Calls out numbers of which dog should be at the starting line, and which dog should be ready to run next (in holding blinds).
- Keeps test running by making sure dogs and handlers are ready to run.
- If there are 2 marshals at a stake, 1 person can stay at the line and the other can stay behind the gallery area letting handlers know when to get ready.
- Indicate which dogs have run by checking appropriate box on running order sheet.
- Rearranges running order as necessary for handlers that may be running dogs in other stakes.
- If there is a "no bird" the Marshal should put that dog back in line according to the judge's instructions.
- If any handler has a question about their dog's performance or a ruling by the judges, they should relay their question through the Marshal, who will ask the judges.
- Ensures gallery/spectators remain far enough from the line as not to interfere with the working dog(s) and handler(s), and that nothing is done to distract the dog's attention from its work, including excessive noise from the gallery.
- Delivers lunches and beverages to Judges and workers.
- Announces call backs for each series.
- Serves as main radio contact for particular test site.

### Additional Information:

- Lunch and drinks will be provided by the Club.
- Volunteer should bring a chair and other personal items needed for the day.
- Even if experienced, Marshals should review the AKC Rules for Hunt Tests prior to attending the test as a refresher. The rules are located at <https://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RHTRET.pdf>



# Spring Hunt Test Volunteer Positions

## Master Hunter, Senior Hunter and Junior Hunter Test Dogs

**When:** Sat, May 5, 2018 or Sun, May 6, 2018—please see website for time slots available

**Where:** [Bob Pepper's Retriever Training Grounds, 10808 W. Snoqualmie Valley Road NE, Carnation, WA](#)

**Contact:** Nina Mann

**Contact Email:** [harbortoplabs@gmail.com](mailto:harbortoplabs@gmail.com)

**Contact Phone:** (360) 629-7619

### What is a Test Dog?

A handler with a dog referred to as a Test Dog should be available during test setup/at the start of the so judges and handlers can see how the mechanics of the test will work.

### Test Dog Requirements:

- The Test Dog will run at the start of each test to show handlers who are entered in that stake the mechanics of the test.
- Test Dogs cannot be entered in the test and should be dogs trained at the level of that test.
- They shall not be over qualified, but should be able to accomplish the test. For example, Master level dogs should not run as Test Dog for a Junior test.

**Chief Marshal:** Nina Mann



# Junior Scholarship Chair Position



**Contact:** Kristen Reiter

**Contact Email:** [sundoglabradors@gmail.com](mailto:sundoglabradors@gmail.com)

**Contact Phone:** (360) 320-0941

Are you aware of the PSLRA Juniors Scholarship program? Unfortunately, we have many members who are not. To address this, we are looking for an individual or individuals interested in increasing the visibility and awareness of the Club's scholarship program—this includes identifying and implementing methods to encourage greater youth submissions and participation in the program.

If you are interested in helping PSLRA continue to provide this great benefit to our youth members, please sign up and we will contact you about the opportunity.

# Local or Remote Document Formatting



**When:** On Your Own Time

**Where:** Your Own Home

**Contact:** Cheri Wildes

**Contact Email:** [cheri@gunsuplabs.com](mailto:cheri@gunsuplabs.com)

**Contact Phone:** (425) 260-2338

There is continued interest in having PDF versions of PSLRA documents available for download on the new website, in addition to the actual posted text. The current versions are posted, but are out of date or lack consistent formatting.

We are looking for a volunteer to assist with re-formatting these documents so they have a consistent look and feel, in addition to making any required updates.

Volunteers will not be required to post documents on the website. They only need to provide Word or Word plus PDF versions of the documents to be posted by the Webmaster.

**Requirements:**

- Intermediate Word Skills: Including the ability to format text, add logos, and create form type layouts based on a predefined/standard format.
- Complete the project in approximately 90 days.
- WordPress Skills a Plus, but not required.
- On-line Form Creation Skills a Plus, but not required

This is a great opportunity for someone with these skills who would like to help the Club in general, or would like to meet the Breeder Directory Volunteer requirement from your home and on your own time. If more than one person is interested in helping, there is additional documentation we would like developed and formatted for the site. There is plenty of work for additional volunteers. The approximate deadlines for the additional assignments will vary based on workload.

# Bragg!

*Best of Winners at SKC!!!*



*Stonehouse Bonfire at Bray CGC RN*

Bray, Stonehouse Bonfire at Bray CGC RN was Best Of Winners on Saturday at the SKC show.

She is out of my girl IntCh Sunnydaze St. Bridget's Fire CGC RN BN THD CD and Ch. Hyspire Maritime Everything You Always Wanted.

This is my first dog to show in conformation, I've shown in Obedience for years. It has been wonderful to meet many of you, and thank you for helping a newbie! Especially thanks to Linda Maffett for trusting me with one of her wonderful pups and answering a lot of questions!

*Submitted by Nancy Roy*

# Bragg!

## High Scoring Preferred Dog in Trial at SKC!!!



*UKC Multi BIS CH WBCH-B Sunnydaze for Peep's Sake BN RN TKA  
FDC CQCA Pet Partner*

**The rOver Achiever Retriever continues her successes in and out of the show ring by earning three titles in March!**

Brach finished her RN at Seattle Kennel Club on Saturday with a class win and a score of 97. As she was already entered the following day, we went ahead and competed in Rally Novice B and were involved in a three-way tie for first with a score of 96. A mere eight seconds separated the three of us, and Brach ended up with second place.

Brach also finished her BN at SKC with a score of 192.5 and a second place ribbon. After much urging and prodding from our trainer, we upgraded our entry to the Preferred Novice class on Sunday. I held my breath as I removed her leash for the second half of the class as we'd never drilled off leash outside of home. She performed as though we'd done it at the convention center every day! She ended up scoring 192.5 (three points of which were deducted due to my improper hand position...oops!) and she won the class. We were further honored by being awarded High Scoring Preferred Dog in Trial.

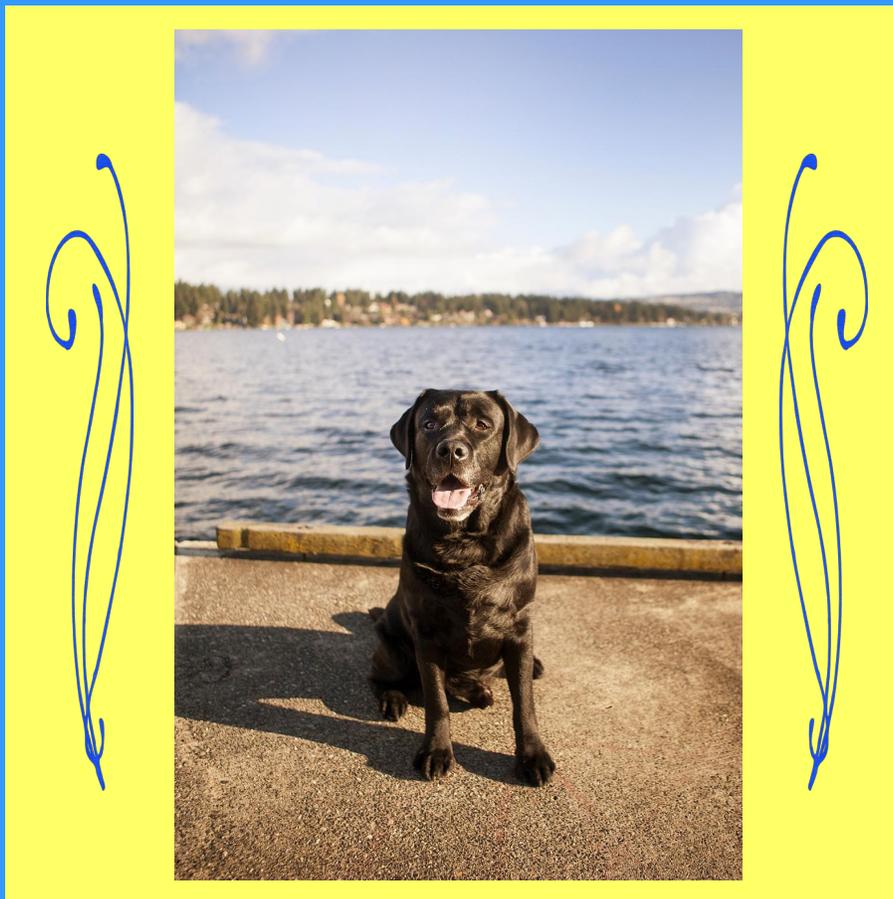
The following weekend we drove to Ridgefield for an IABCA show. There she earned two Best of Breeds, a Group 3, and a Silver in the Gold Cup invitational. As a result of her successes she is now an IABCA World Beauty Champion in Bronze.

Finally, we attended the two-day Chuckanut Dog Training Association's Farm Dog Certification at the end of March and passed with flying colors, earning our FDC. This dog never stops trying. Her work ethic is amazing; she's so willing to try new things. She had a great time at our Field Day figuring out the birds, so hopefully a WC is in her near future. But right now there are other priorities...we have our first Barn Hunt next weekend!

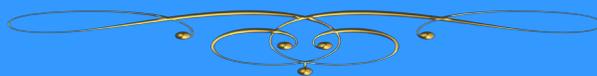
*Submitted by Kristen Reiter*

# Braqs!

*New Title!!!*



*Am/Can CH SHR ReiMur's Good Humor Man BN CD RA JH  
NAP OFP WC CGC Can JH/WC*



Larson finished his Rally Advanced (RA) title at the Peninsula Dog Fanciers Association show 3/24/18. He is now Am/Can CH SHR ReiMur's Good Humor Man BN CD RA JH NAP OFP WC CGC Can JH/WC and is owned, loved and trained by Darlene Pado.

*Submitted by Darlene Pado, ReiMur Labradors  
[www.reimurlabradors.com](http://www.reimurlabradors.com)*

## Past issues of Newsletters Needed

**Attention Club Members: If people have copies of old newsletters, I am looking for certain issues to fill in gaps we have in our archives. I moved all of the newsletters stored on the Yahoo Groups site (they are still there as well) to the web server, and once the members-only pages are implemented, people will be able to access newsletters from the club web site. If anyone happens to have the following issues, please send them to me:**



**December 2009**

**December 2008**

**Thanks, Darlene Pado**





## Rose City Labrador Retriever Club 2018 B-Match

Saturday, May 19, 2018



### LOCATION

At the home of Scott & Judy Chambers – Ghoststone Labradors  
10184 Ehlen RD NE, Aurora, OR

Judges: Conformation – Stacy Parsons  
Sweepstakes – Molly Scoggins  
Obedience and Rally – Donna Ford

Registration on day of show 8:30 to 9:30 AM  
**Judging starts at 10:00 AM**

Pre-entries: \$5.00 first class, \$3.00 additional classes, Juniors \$3.00  
Day of show entries: \$6.00 first class, \$4.00 additional classes, Juniors \$4.00

Pre-entries close May 16, 2018

Make checks payable to: RCLRC

Send to: Susan Huntzinger; 30940 SW Riverlane Rd; West Linn, OR 97068; [susan@riverlanelabs.com](mailto:susan@riverlanelabs.com)  
Show chair – Susan Huntzinger - [susan@riverlanelabs.com](mailto:susan@riverlanelabs.com)

<b>Sweepstakes:</b>	<b>Dogs/Bitches 3-6 mo, 6-9 mo, 9-12 mo, 12-15 mo, 15-18 mo</b>
<b>Conformation:</b>	<b>Dogs/Bitches 3-6 mo, 6-9 mo, 9-12 mo, 12-18 mo, Bred-By, Open</b>
<b>Juniors:</b>	<b>Novice and Open</b>
<b>Obedience:</b>	<b>Pre Novice, Novice, Open, Utility</b>
<b>Rally:</b>	<b>Novice, Advanced, Excellent</b>

~ A potluck will follow the judging. Please bring a dish to share ~  
Last names ending with A – M – Please bring salads  
Last names ending with N – Z – Please bring desserts  
The club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments and drinks.

### Directions

From I-5 North or South take the Donald/Aurora exit (exit #278)  
Turn west onto Ehlen Rd and head toward Champoege State Park (site of our Specialty)  
Once you are on Ehlen Rd come approximately 2.2 miles.  
You will go over a set of train tracks and past a truck weight station.  
The drive is on the R (north side) of the road.  
Green metal gate will be open, you will see a pond at the top of the drive.

If you miss our drive the next landmark is "Ryan Creek Wholesale Nursery" at this point the name of the road changes to Yergen from Ehlen.

If lost call Judy's cell phone 503-705-7099

Entries Close 12:00pm (PT) Wednesday, April 11, 2018

## PREMIUM LIST



Website Address: [www.lrcsocal.org](http://www.lrcsocal.org)

### Back - to - Back Specialties

#### “NO-FRILLS” SPECIALTY SHOW

Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes

Obedience and Rally Trials

Friday, April 27, 2018

Event # 2018156302, 2018156301

#### 47th ANNUAL CLASSIC SPECIALTY SHOW

Sweepstakes, Veteran Sweepstakes

Obedience and Rally Trials

Saturday, April 28, 2018

Event # 2018156304, 2018156303

Featherly Regional/Canyon RV Park  
24001 Santa Ana Canyon Road, Anaheim, CA

Show Hours: 7:00 am to 7:00 pm each day

This is An Unbenched Specialty Show. All Judging To Be Held Outdoors. Dogs Need Only Be Present For The Judging Of Their Class. Dogs Not Needed For Further Judging May Be Excused.

#### EVENT SECRETARY

Doris Bandoian

1220 N. Richfield Road, Anaheim, CA 92807-1812

(714) 996-1489 [doberpaws@gmail.com](mailto:doberpaws@gmail.com)

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS: The American Kennel Club Rules & Regulations will govern this event and exhibitors must make themselves familiar with the agreement on the reverse side of the official American Kennel Club Entry Form which is a part of this Premium List.



#### AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB CERTIFICATION

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club Regulations.

Gina M. DiNardo, Secretary

# Litter Listing

## LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 5/18/2017 that conform to the PSLRA Code of Ethics.

Information is as submitted by owners and provided as a service to the public. Listing of litters is in no way an endorsement by PSLRA 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 permanently certified on both the sire and dam.
- ◆ Current Eye clearances on both parents.
- ◆ At least one of each breeding pair must be tested and certified clear of EIC, CNM and RA or be shown as CBP.
- ◆ Heart and other 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 obtain a Litter Listing form from the PSLRA web site, to be used for ALL litters.** All Breeders must update their litters each week with Nina Mann via email (harbortoplabs@gmail.com) 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 or email the completed form to Nina Mann, 5706 312th St NW, Stanwood, WA 98292-9649. Please send the \$10 listing fee to Jill Mahoney, Treasurer, by check or PayPal.
2. Your litter notice will appear on the web site and 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, treasurer) to show your appreciation. These donations will all be used for Lab Rescue. Glossary: EIC: Exercise Induced Collapse, CNM: Centronuclear opacity, PRA: Progressive Retinal Atrophy, DD: Dilute clear, CBP: Clear by parentage.

Litter Listing as of March 22, 2018

Litter Born: 2/14/2018

6 Black males, 4 Black females

Available: 2 Black Males

Sire: CH Artesian's Moonstruck

Clearances: OFA24 E, OFEL24N, PRA - Carrier, EIC, CNM Clear, ACVO 11/2017

Dam: Misty Mountain It Might As Well Be Spring CD JH

Clearances: OFA24G, OFEL24N, PRA, EIC, CNM Clear, LR-EYE 3/2017

Breeder: Marlys Swanson

Phone: 425.422.4789

Email: Marlyss2000@gmail.com

Listed: 2/22/2018, updated 3/17/2018

Litter born 3/16/2018

Litter: 5 YM, 3YF

Sire: GCH Can CH UKC CH Annual's Nostalgic at Hilldreams

Clearances: OFA25E, OFEL25N, LR-EYE 10/29/2017, EIC,CNM,PRA, DD clear, Cardiac Normal

Dam: Aiyerbrothers Roopa CGC

Clearances: OFA24G, OFEL24N, LR-EYE

5/3/2017,EIC,CNM,PRA,DD Clear, Cardiac Normal

Breeder: Ramdas Vaidyanathan

Phone: (425) 283-3229

Email: aiyerbrothers@gmail.com

*About the Older Puppy and Other Dog Listing:*

Listing of available Older Puppies and Other Dogs offered by PSLRA members who are either the breeder or current owner.

Other Dogs listed Do Not need to conform to the PSLRA Code of Ethics. Prospective buyers are encouraged to ask about the needs of Other Dogs, and why the breeder/owner has decided to place them.

Many of the dogs listed have basic obedience and are house trained.

Listings of Older Puppies & Other Dogs is in no way a guarantee or endorsement by PSLRA of any breeder, or any one breeder over another.

The listing is updated by our Litter Listing Chairperson approximately every two weeks or as often as needed.

Other Dog Listing  
*Sorry, no dogs are available at this time.*



## CALENDAR

(Continued, yes we STILL have TWO columns of activities for your complete Labrador enjoyment!)

### November 2, 3 & 4

*Agility Trial*

Argus Ranch, Auburn

### November 17

*Board Meeting (Directly following WIKC dog show)*

Specific location to be determined, Monroe

### December 15 (TENTATIVE)

*Holiday Party*

Scott and Becky Dannaker's home

### December 19

*Board meeting - 6:30pm*

Teleconference

### January 12

*Board meeting - 5:00pm*

Best Western Premier Plaza Hotel, Puyallup

### January 12

*Supported Entry*

Puyallup Fairgrounds

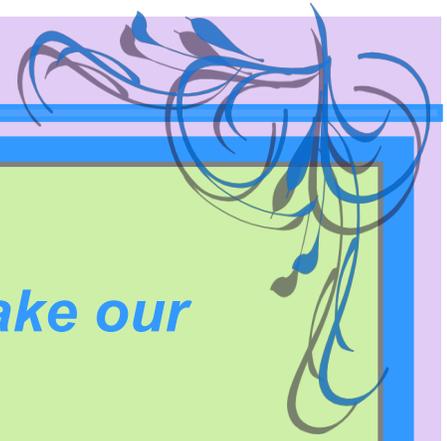
### January 12

Membership Meeting and Annual Awards Banquet

Best Western Premier Plaza Hotel, Puyallup

*Still pending is the Fall WC.*

# DON'T FORGET!



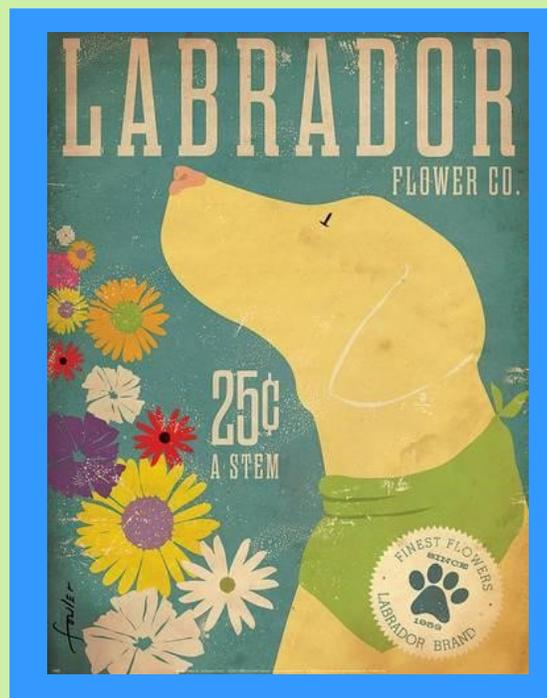
***Please visit [www.pslra.org](http://www.pslra.org) to take our membership survey.***

***The survey will close on April 30, 2018. Please let your voice be heard. Utilize the opportunities for commentary and provide your thoughts on how PSLRA can work better for you!***

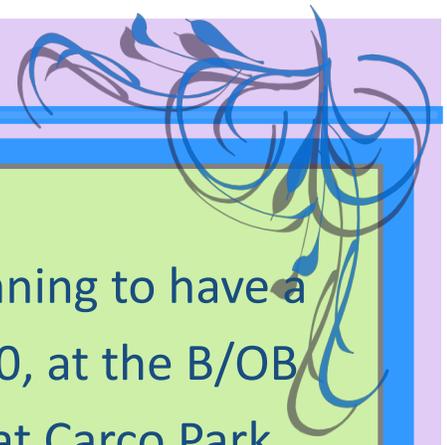
***Go to [www.pslra.org](http://www.pslra.org) —> Click the “Membership” tab —> Click the “2018 Membership Survey” tab***

***As the survey is limited to members only, it is password protected. The “Membership Survey” page will provide a blank for you to enter your password. We will email the password to the membership after the distribution of this newsletter.***

***We thank you in advance for your time and your thoughtful answers.***



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Julie Germano and Denise Beaumont are planning to have a Conformation Certificate (CC) class on June 10, at the B/OB Fun Match that Marlys Swanson is chairing at Carco Park (aka Cedar River Park) in Renton.

A CC gives you an idea of where your dog lies within the Labrador Retriever standards and is judged by an AKC judge. Dogs must be one year of age or older. Spayed/neutered pets are encouraged to participate, as well. There is a good description of what the conformation certificate involves and a checklist of what is judged on the LRC website <http://thelabradorclub.com> under events and programs, conformation certificate. A CC can be used as a step toward nominating a stud or dam for the LRC's Versatile Producer Award (also described under events and programs on the LRC site). More details to follow as the event approaches.



# What is a Conformation Certificate?

*(Information obtained from The Labrador Retriever Club website)*

The **Conformation Certificate** offered by the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. is a non-competitive conformation evaluation program open to all Labrador Retrievers, including spayed and neutered dogs.

A **Conformation Certificate** will be awarded to any Labrador Retriever over (1) one year of age that passes a conformation examination sanctioned by the LRC, Inc. and officiated by an approved American Kennel Club conformation judge or provisional for the the breed.

Labrador Retriever specialty sweepstakes judges or Sporting Group judges for American Kennel Club events are also eligible to officiate. Labradors will be judged in accordance with the Standard and it is hoped that exposure to such evaluations will help to promote an awareness of desirable Labrador Retriever breed type.

The evaluation should demonstrate that a dog possesses the **basic** attributes of a Labrador Retriever. The Evaluation Sheet contains nine (9) conformation and temperament categories for a judge to consider on a numerical basis. Each dog will be scored in each category using the one (1) through three (3) point system described.

To receive a **Conformation Certificate** a dog is required to have a total score of eighteen (18) or better and demonstrate in the mind of the judge a sixty-five (65) percent likelihood of conforming to the characteristic as described in the Standard. To assist in determining if a dog is worthy of receiving a CC, a judge should consider the following:

1. Does the dog possess the basic attributes of a Labrador Retriever?
2. Would the dog under examination exhibit a majority of breed characteristics?
3. Would the dog under examination be excused for lack of merit?
4. Does the dog possess any disqualifying characteristics?



General disqualifications apply, such as: freedom from lameness, blindness, deafness or change by artificial means. Dogs noted to possess a disqualifying fault shall not receive a Conformation Certificate. Disqualifying faults should be noted on the score sheets and all score sheets must be returned to the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. Program Coordinator.

Dogs that have not passed a Conformation Certificate examination at a prior event are eligible to participate in subsequent evaluations unless disqualifications are noted at three separate examinations by any combination of three different judges. Participants should be aware that, like the Working Certificate, not all dogs entered will qualify for a Conformation Certificate.

The Conformation Certificate is not an official title, but should be considered an accomplishment similar to the LRC, Inc. Working Certificate. It is an opportunity for owners of Labrador Retrievers who are not interested and/or familiar with competitive conformation events to have their dogs evaluated and recognized as having basic Labrador Retriever conformation characteristics.



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