

The Retriever Believer

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Good August! Wow, summer is just flying by. Our annual Specialties are in a few days. It is a time most of us look forward to - seeing old friends and making new. Remember the membership meeting and dinner to follow on Saturday, August 4th. Check the PSLRA website for specific times.

At the end of August is the "fall" Hunt Test. After discussion with the board, the Working Certificate committee is considering hosting the "fall" WC at the same location after the Junior test. The reason for this consideration is that we are in need of someone to care for our WC birds if we are to keep the September 8th date. As of now, we may likely be forced to cancel the "fall" WC due to bird costs. If you are able or know of someone that may be able to care for some birds for the two weeks between the Hunt Test and the WC please let me know. We have the grounds, judge, and we think the crew to put the WC on. It's the complication of managing the birds that is controlling the decision.

I would like your feedback on renaming the Member of the Year award to the Ron Perry Award. For those who knew Ron, no explanation is needed. For those who didn't, Ron was a true lover of PSLRA, Labradors, and Hunt Tests. He gave endless amounts of time and effort to the success of PSLRA. He was familiar with all aspects of our club and was a passionate exhibitor, winning Best In Shows and achieving Master Hunter, Obedience and Rally titles. He either was chairperson or a participant in every PSLRA event. Please send me an email (chibrylabs@gmail.com) with your thoughts.

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We are considering a switch to an online membership book. The benefit of this would be frequent updates/ corrections/additions, with fairly easy access to the directory through the PSLRA website. For those who desire a paper copy, one can be printed from the online directory. This would save a lot of time and money for the club. Please let me know your thoughts, we won't be making any immediate decisions. This year's directory is being proof read and should be printed soon.

Cheers to successful Specialties and Hunt Tests!

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PSLRA Board of Directors' Meeting

July 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm. Board and Committee members present included Jill Mahoney, Jen Hajny, Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Kristen Reiter, Ram Vaidyanathan, Marlys Swanson, Shelah Frey, Katie Somers, Nina Mann, Brenda Hubbard, Linda Maffett, Jim and Cindy Olson, Cheri Levine, Stephanie Harris, Becky Dannaker and Diane Sullenberger.

Jill reported that while she sometimes struggles to create a President's report for the newsletter, she continues to write one monthly in order to maintain a personal link between board and membership.

Jen reported that she encouraged the committee chairs to participate in this month's teleconference.

Kristen Reiter reported that the AKC has provided a close out notice from the agility trial, acknowledged the dates and judges for our hunt tests, as well as the event approval notice for the fall agility trial. She also reported that she has been in communication with the Hunt Test committee and is sending out the contracts to those selected to judge.

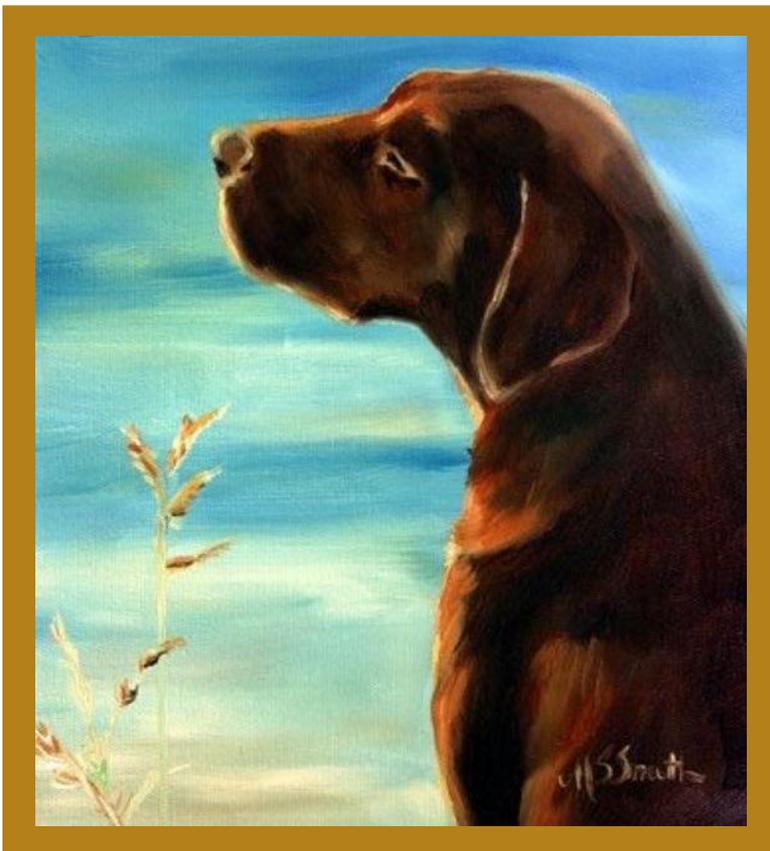
Mary Jane presented the Treasurer's Report which is made available upon member request. A concern was raised that the match budget was different than the submitted numbers. Katie explained that the judges' gift receipts have not been submitted for reimbursement as she was distracted by her surgery. She will send the information to Mary Jane.

Jill requested that committee chairs send acknowledgements for the hunt test and agility trials be sent to Kristen for publication in the newsletter.

Cheri Levine reported on the Spring Agility Trial. The event went well, they worked hard to keep it under budget and, as a result, they made money. The Old Dog Run was a big hit. It attracts exhibitors and makes our event stand out above the others. Jill asked that she submit a list of volunteers to Kris for recognition in the newsletter. Cheri mentioned an additional source of income is to have judges who can perform CGC and Trick Dog evaluations. A Golden Retriever trial recently earned \$500 just from these evaluations. It would need to be advertised and promoted, but the income potential is there. There were plenty of non-club volunteers and we had two club members help with the lunches to keep it under budget. They went through a lot of ribbons and will likely need to order more for the next trial. Cheri explained that people really like the ribbons we award and will actually wait for our trials in order to earn the ribbons. We also need to order flat first to fourth place ribbons. The New Title, MACH and bigger accomplishments will have the bigger ribbons.

Cheri then reported on the Fall Agility Trial. Mount Vernon is currently reserved for November due to the possibility of losing Argus Ranch to a real estate sale. The judges that draw participation in agility are long booked (well into 2020). Cheri said she will pick judges and secure them for the next few years. She mentioned that we can consider just hosting one trial instead of two, but she is willing to continue to manage two trials a year if it still makes money and volunteers are still willing to help.

Mary Jane questioned the Profit/Loss statement for the Match. Marlys explained that there was an extra charge for the grounds so instead of the \$150 budgeted, we actually owed \$200. She could not comment on the Conformation Certificate budget as Julie Germano handled that, but she believes the club charged \$15 plus an additional \$5 per entry



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Please Submit Articles and Advertisements to:

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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 Board of Directors' Meeting—Continued

which was sent to the Labrador Retriever Club.

Discussion moved to the topic of the Specialty. The hotel is clean and the rooms are spacious. We still have two camping spots to fill, perhaps a third. There are twenty people signed up for the whale watching cruise. Marlys reported on the class sponsorships. We have quite a few classes that are not yet sponsored and several of them are the higher dollar sponsorships. Obedience has received very limited sponsorship. She suggested that next year, we limit the classes that are sponsored to those that require larger prizes and not just flat ribbons. Chantel Nahoopii ordered prizes for every obedience class based on the fact that sponsorships were being sought for them. If the prizes go unawarded, we will inventory them and reuse them next year. There were issues with the way the premium was written as it appeared that all of the obedience classes were held both days when, in fact, some are to be held Saturday and some on Sunday.

Jen reported for Chantel. The ring stewards will be Nina, Michelle and Julie. The Set-Up committee and Hospitality can be the buffer between Obedience and Conformation. Chantel won't be on the grounds until late on Thursday, but she has informed volunteers who will be able to act in her absence. She also has a stand-by judge for team obedience if one will be needed.

Jim Olson reported on the Fall Hunt Test. It will be run August 25-26th with Juniors on Saturday and Seniors on Sunday. There is enough ammo and poppers for the event. Pepper's has been sold, but we have been assured its use this one last time. The availability of the property for future events is unknown. The judges are all local, which helps with the budget since there will be no travel or hotel expenses, but the panel we have will limit the Master entries which will limit our profits. The budget has yet to be submitted. Peppers increased the grounds fee to \$1500. We will offset the increase by charging \$40 for camping on the grounds. As an incentive, anyone who volunteers to help will have the camping fee waived. Mary Jane reported that the Boy Scout troop has not yet cashed their check from the last hunt test. Cindy will talk to Liz to see if they can determine why the check has not been cashed.

Mary Jane reported that we are all set with the Health Clinic. The flyer is already in the newsletter. Pawprint Genetics will not be at the event but they will offer a discount of 50% off testing.

Katie reported on the supported entry at Wenatchee. The judges have their contracts. Jennifer Snyder has submitted the paperwork for the sweepstakes.

Jill reported on the Fall Working Certificate. A new consideration is to run it in conjunction with the hunt test. The grounds offer enough room to run both events concurrently. Jill will check with Liz Gibson to see if this is an option. As of right now, we are in need of a volunteer to care for the birds between the test and the working certificate.

Brenda did not have a rescue report, but Kris has one from Edith that was submitted too late to publish in July so she will include that one in the newsletter.

Diane Sullenberger reported that the Specialty raffle planning and prize gathering is going well

There are no known applicants for the Junior Scholarship. It is usually awarded at the end of the school year. We haven't received any recent updates from Diann.

Jill reports no activity with the Policy and Procedures committee.

Kris expressed frustration with obtaining content for the newsletter. As editor, she feels she should not have to search Facebook, LabChat, secretary's minutes and other sources to find advertising, photos, acknowledgements, etc in order to create an effective newsletter that highlights our club activities. She requests that each committee chairperson take the responsibility of promoting their event by sending information to Kris for inclusion in the newsletter. It was suggested to make our main event calendar into a full page, as opposed to the column on the right alongside the minutes. Shelah will submit an article on her experiences at the Alaska shows.

The Junior Scholarship fundraising will take place at the Specialty in the form of a raffle and a stud dog donated to the Stud Dog Auction specifically to benefit the scholarship program.

Nina reports that we need to order more award medallions. We need to order 200 to get a cost break. They are ordered overseas and it takes six weeks for delivery. She may make a smaller order due to costs.

The membership book is in its fourth revision. It is not done due to issues with information that is submitted and whether payment has been marked as received. The information has been channeled to too many people and it has been difficult getting it all sorted out. Every year, the data is wiped and is re-entered. It is a monumental task to re-enter the information when it isn't included on the web site when members re-enroll. An electronic version of the membership book has been suggested.

Jill is working on regaining access to the survey results. She has been unable to forward the results to the board and will do so in the future.

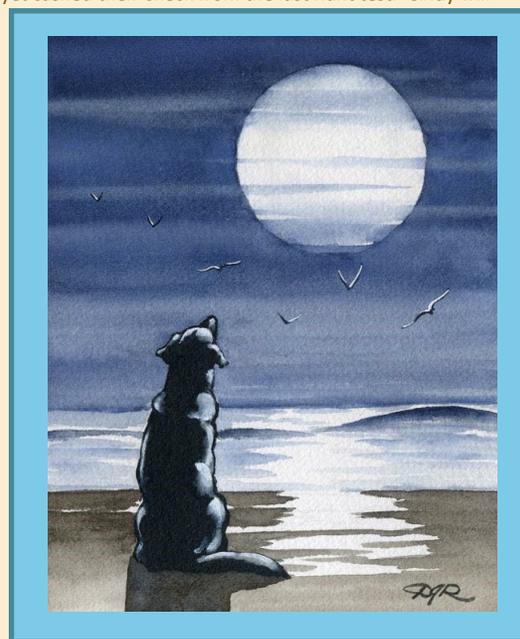
Jen reported on the persistent lack of communication from the event chairs to the board. She suggests a roles and responsibilities checklist and a one-on-one phone call at the onset of each chair's duties to outline their responsibilities, which include communicating with the board, submitting a budget, advertising on LabChat and in the newsletter.

Argus is for sale. The future of events held there is uncertain. Members are encouraged to seek out other appropriate venues in a southern location so we can continue to host events should Argus become unavailable. The same suggestion goes for Pepper's. We have been assured the property will be available for our hunt test this year.

Dianne Clark will be our representative for the Master National.

There are thirteen stud dogs donated for the Specialty Stud Dog Auction.

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm.



Getting to Know You

Jen Hajny Bla Top Labradors

As a little girl I loved the story of the Jungle Book with Mowgli- the boy who was raised by wolves. I just didn't think it could get any better than that. But as I have grown, I have come to the realization that Mowgli and I have similar stories- but instead of wolves, luck for me, I was raised by Labradors. My sister and I practically grew up in a whelping box. We were swinging on the conformation ring ropes and holding dogs in hunt test blinds at WC's by the age of 5. We lived on a farm in Oregon where we would take long walks with the dogs to the creek, and drop apples to them from the apple trees. Our dogs were never just "dogs", rather they have always been very much a part of our family. I truly can't remember a day in my life when I didn't have at least one lab at my side.

I was inspired at a young age by some very influential labrador breeders. Some of my fondest memories are of visits to



Somerset Labradors in Bakersfield, CA (that's where my mom got her first lab) and Blackthorn Labradors on Sauvie's Island. As a little girl, I loved listening to their conversations and tried to soak in any tidbit I could from them as they evaluated litters, picked out stud dogs, trained, and discussed health clearances. (Side note- there was one trip to Blackthorn where my sister got chased by an Emu. It's a great story- ask Barb about it sometime).

When I turned 10 years old I decided that I needed my own Lab...one that I didn't have to share with my sister... mine to raise, to train, to show. My mom brought two puppies home from the co-breeder and I got to pick the one I wanted. I put all the knowledge I had gleaned over the years and Wyntercreek Cushta came to be. From that day on, Cushta never left my side. Finally, a dog of my own! With the guidance of my mom I worked with Cushta- teaching her how to stand and look pretty, how to sit and stay, and that birds were a good thing. In

1986, at the Labrador National, with me at the end of the lead- judge Nancy Martin awarded Cushta Best in Sweepstakes. We also entered obedience and Cushta earned the final leg of her CD that day. I had just turned 11 years old and Cushta was 11 months old. Cushta led me down many more wonderful paths in her life including numerous 4-H state championships and a few Specialty Best Junior Showman awards. When I was 13 I broke my femur bone steer wrestling at our local fair. I had to spend a month in the hospital with my leg in traction. It was so boring, but one of the highlights was when my mom would put Cushta in a wheelchair, cover her with sheets, and "sneak" her in to see me. She always brought a smile to my face and was there for me through boyfriends, homework, pony club events, vacations, and many other adventures.

When Cushta retired, I REALLY wanted an Afghan hound- call my crazy. My argument was that I would never be competitive in Junior Showmanship at all-breed shows if I didn't have a flashy dog. My mom, being a groomer, put an end to that thought very quickly! The next breed I tried to get was a German Shepherd. And while I never did get one for myself, I did raise two sweet German Shepherd Guide Dog puppies. I have very fond memories of each dog that raised me.



Jen and Wyntercreek Cushta 1996

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I took a little break from showing and breeding to focus on college, but it wasn't more than a few months after I graduated that I brought a new puppy home- a yellow female I called Ryder who was the great, great granddaughter of my Cushta. That's when Blu Top Labradors was born. Ryder and I worked very hard together. Like Cushta, I trained and handled her in all aspects and Ryder quickly became Int. Ch.

Wyntercreek Ryder at Blu Top CD, WC, JH. I decided Ryder needed a friend and that's when I went to the dark side and brought home Skyfire's Phoenix- "Macy", a chocolate female. I had admired Stephanie Harris and her breeding program at Skyfire Farm's for many years, and felt very lucky to add Macy to our kennel. Both Ryder and Macy were great producers and companions. Adding to the Blu Top family is Flute. Barb and Bob Gilchrist called me one day and told me about a 12 week old bitch they decided to place that I should consider for my

program. Well when Barb and Bob call offering you a puppy - you don't say "no"! You say,

"when can I pick her up?" Barb and I co-owned Flute along with my mom, and dear friend Jill Mahoney (Chibry). Flute earned her American Championship at 2 years old and also earned her WC with literally NO training. Flute is my heart dog and very much a princess. Her son, BISS Can. Ch. Blu Top Hoity-Toity CD, WC is also part of the Blu Top pack.

The best thing about being a Lab lover is being loved by a Lab. I may have deviated from that path with desires of Afghans and German Shepards, but I have always known that you just can't go wrong with the love of a Lab in your life. The second best thing about being a Lab lover are the friendships we form because of them. I think it's dogs that bring us together initially, but the friendships are the icing on the cake! I have formed forever friendships in the dog community.

Besides dogs, I love to sing, bake, travel, and just be outside. I love sports and played rugby for Central Washing-

ton University where I also earned my BA in Spanish & Political Science, and got my teaching certificate. I now work for the Whidbey Camano Land Trust, a non-profit, that protects and preserves important lands on Whidbey and Camano islands. The best part is that every day is "take your dog to work day".

My most favorite thing to ever come out of Blu Top Farms is my son, Cash. He too has been raised in whelping boxes. At age 7, he handled Hoyt flawlessly to earn his WC. He has also won multiple Best Junior Showman awards at a number of labrador specialties. Like me, he has deviated a little bit from the Labrador path, but Hammer, the most adorable English Bulldog, thinks he's a lab and that's good enough for us. This dog thing has been a true blessing in my entire life. I can't imagine it any other way!



Wyntercreek Ryder at Blu Top CD, WC, JH



Oh happy day!

BISS Can CH Blu Top Hoity-Toity CD, WC
winning BISS under judge, Judy Heim

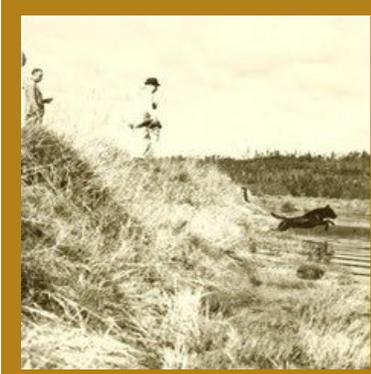


Cash winning Best Junior Showman at PSLRA

Getting to Know You—Board Bios

Brenda Hubbard

Hi there, I'm Brenda Hubbard, and I've served consecutively on the PSLRA Board as a director since Jan.

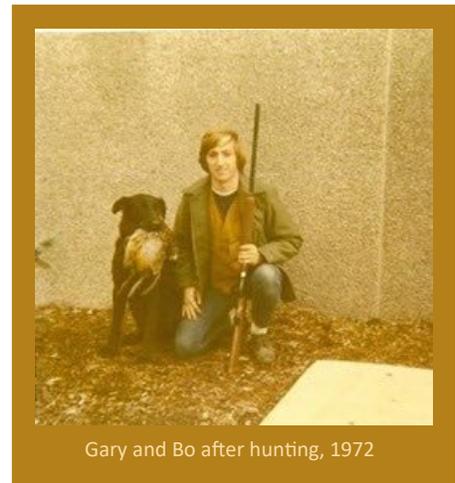


Hank Connor and Mike, 1960

2010. Both my husband Gary and I have a long history of owning and loving Labradors. We joined PSLRA in 1996. Gary's love for Labs began when he was about 10 yrs. old, in 1961, and lived next door to Hank Connor, who owned "AFC Black Mike of Lakewood", call name Mike. Owner Hank travelled with his job and Gary was paid .25 cents a day to take care of Mike and his sons Ringo and Little John. Hank mentored Gary and took him to field trials where Mike competed, and this developed a love for the working side of Labradors in Gary.

Gary purchased his own first Lab, "Bo", BM, in 1970, in Spangle WA, for \$50, while Gary attended WSU. He trained Bo

with James Lamb-Free's book "Training Your Retriever" and they hunted together for many years. Gary says it was as if Bo had read the book before Gary did and helped train himself. Bo was also entered in a field trial as a puppy and did very well. Bo lived until almost 11 and sadly passed away from cancer. Gary also owned a lovely Chesapeake Bay Retriever named "Babe", purchased from Dom Szechenyi of Nordom Kennels in 1976. Gary and I married in 1984 and I inherited Babe to love and care for.



Gary and Bo after hunting, 1972

I was raised with lots of dogs, mixed breeds and purebred, and have always been a dog enthusiast. My family loved the outdoors and had hunted for generations and so a



Misha and her puppies, March 1997

lot of the dogs I was around were from the Sporting Breed group. I fell in love with chocolate Labs after we lost Babe and we bought our 1st Lab together in 1995, "Misha", CF, age 1.5 yrs old. Pre-internet, we found her through an ad in the paper! She was intact and had AKC papers. She was such a sweetheart so we decided to breed her. Not knowing where to start, but wanting to do things properly, we looked through an AKC paperback book at our veterinarian's office for a quality Labrador breeder. We found Don and Barb Ironside of Fawnhaven Labs and Misha passed all her health clearances and gave us a lovely but small litter of 3 puppies in Feb., 1997. We kept Brooke, BF, for our own. Brooke's sire was the stunning Tucker of Fawnhaven Labs. Barb Ironside gave me a printed copy of "The Retriever Believer" and suggested that we

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join PSLRA in order to list our litter to find quality puppy buyers. Over time, Brooke earned her CGC and her WC, all the while we were managing care for Gary's aging and ill parents.

I'll admit I was quite ignorant and didn't know much about dog breed Clubs. Fascinated, I read each copy of the newsletter that came in the mail monthly and was particularly drawn toward an ad by Edith Bryan, telling about Lab Rescue and the need for foster homes. We applied to foster Rescue Labs in March 1998 and just passed our 20th anniversary of fostering this year. We also serve as shelter liaisons for Edith to check out potential foster dogs, if indeed they're purebred Labs, and



Current dogs: Sophie and Smoochie

Don and Barb Ironside were wonderful mentors before and after our litter arrived. When I trained Brooke for her WC, Cindy and Bryant Meyer were excellent mentors and I trained her under Cindy. Over our almost 22 yrs. in PSLRA, we've made lots of wonderful Labrador friends and have volunteered in a lot of venues for the Club. We currently own Sophie, CF, age 14, whom we adopted from Cecilie Drege in spring 2010, as an older dog. We co-own Blaze, BF, age 17 months with Marlys and Brad Swanson, of Artesian Labs. We also own a feisty but sweet liver and white Springer Spaniel, Smoochie, age 8, who came from a private adoption Rescue situation.

In addition to being on the Board, I also serve as Membership co-chair and new member greeter for the Club. I always encourage every new member to step up and volunteer, as it's the best way to meet people and make solid friendships in a large Club like PSLRA.



Brenda with Lab foster, Brick, and Dr. C, Fall 2014

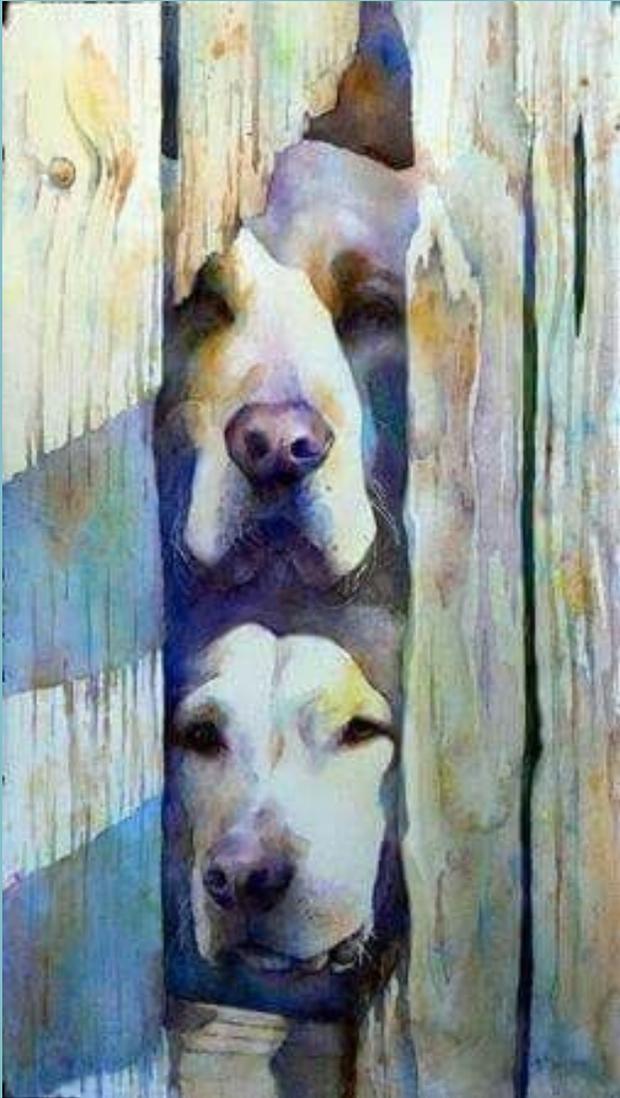
sometimes do transport even if we are not to foster the dog. We fostered dozens over the years and find it bittersweet as each is adopted. We've never mastered not getting too attached! We adopted two fosters for our own, Tanner, CM and Molly (Modi), BF.



Blaze, age 16 months, June 2018

Thank You to Our Volunteers!

*Our Agility Trial was a great success,
thanks to the help from the following
club members:*



Cheri Levine, Chair

*Julie Germano, Co-
Chair*

*Scott Beaumont**

*Denise Beaumont**

**As club members, Scott and Denise were available to help prepare lunches in order to reduce expenses and Scott was working all of the rings. The reason it was so special was these club members were there even though they didn't have any agility dogs running. That is what a volunteer means!*

PSLRA Specialty—Come! Show! Visit!

THIS WEEKEND!!!

Friday, August 3—Sunday, August 5th

BAY VIEW STATE PARK

10901 Bayview Edison Road

Mount Vernon, WA

CONFORMATION

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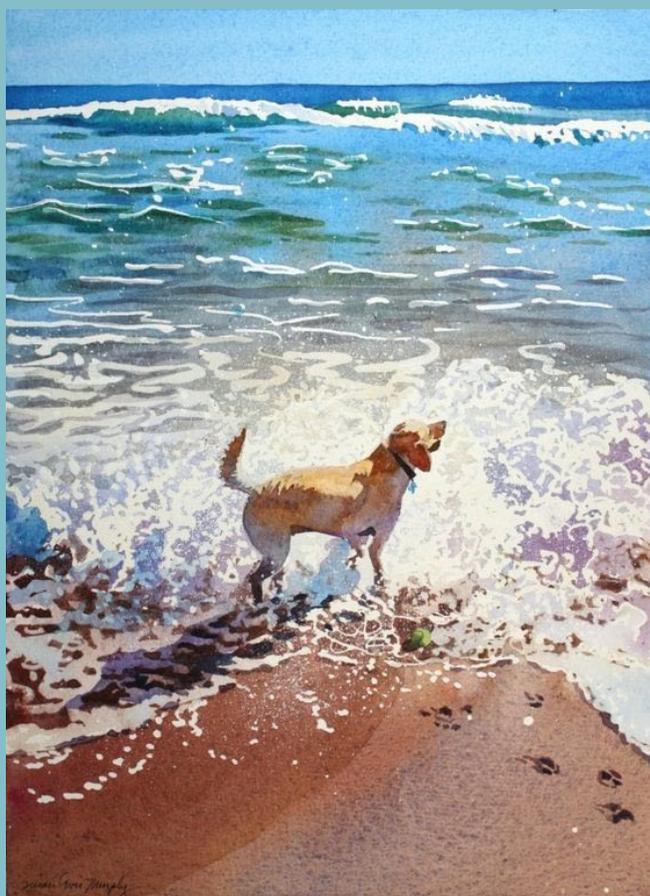
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COMPETITION

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FUN!



GOOD LUCK, EXHIBITORS!

PSLRA Membership Meeting

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SATURDAY, AUGUST 4TH**

BAY VIEW STATE PARK

10901 Bayview Edison Road

Mount Vernon, WA



*Don't miss a chance to be heard and
receive updates first-hand*

*The meeting and dinner will directly
follow the conclusion of exhibition*

PSLRA Specialty—Raffle

Hey Lab Peeps Near and Far.....

It's not too late! Our Specialty is this weekend, and we're getting things rolling for the Raffle.

Get together with friends and do a neat basket!

If you're at the store and you see something, grab it! Think of things you'd like to have for your dogs, and help the club out by donating it.

Please remember, this is not a garage sale!

Last year, thanks in part to donations for our raffle, our rescue program placed many wonderful Labradors into special homes where they had a second chance at a new life. Without the donations from caring people like you, this would not have been possible.

Thanks so much!

Sonya and Diane



Upcoming PSLRA Events

August 3-5	<i>KISS and Specialty Show, Bay View State Park</i>
August 4	<i>Membership meeting</i>
August 15	<i>Board Meeting - 6:30pm Teleconference</i>
August 25-26	<i>Hunt Test, Bob Pepper's Farm—Carnation</i>
September 19	<i>Board Meeting – 6:30pm Teleconference</i>
September 23	<i>Health Clinic, Riverdog Canine Coaching, Issaquah</i>
October 17	<i>Board Meeting - 6:30pm Teleconference</i>
October 20	<i>Supported Entry, Wenatchee</i>
November 2, 3 & 4	<i>Agility Trial, Argus Ranch—Auburn</i>
November 17	<i>Board Meeting (Following WIKC dog show) - Monroe</i>
December 15	<i>Holiday Party—Scott and Becky Dannaker's home</i>
December 19	<i>Board meeting – 6:30pm Teleconference</i>
January 12	<i>Board meeting – 5:00pm</i> Best Western Premier Plaza Hotel—Puyallup
January 12	<i>Supported Entry, Puyallup Fairgrounds</i>
January 12	Membership Meeting and Annual Awards Banquet Best Western Premier Plaza Hotel—Puyallup



Upcoming Shows

AUGUST

**ENUMCLAW, WA - Closing date Aug 1st
Thu Aug 16th, Sat 18th, Sun 19th.**

**SNOHOMISH, WA - Closing date Aug 8th
Sat Aug 25th and Sun Aug 26th**

SEPTEMBER

**ST. HELENS, OR - Closing Aug 15th
Sat 1st. Sun 2nd**

**ROSEBURG, OR - Closing Aug 22nd
Thu 6th, Fri 7th, Sat 8th, Sun 9th**

**GREAT FALLS, MT - Closing Aug 22nd
Sat 15th, Sun 16th , Mon 17th , Tue 18th**

**HELENA, MT - Closing Sept 5th
Thu Sept 20th, Fri Sept 21, Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd**

**CHEHALIS, WA - Closing Aug 29th
Sat 15th, Sun 16th**

**KENNEWICK, WA - Closes Sept 12
Sat 29th, Sun 30th**



Rescue Report

Frank



Frank was chosen by his owner as a puppy, and for 7 years was his faithful companion and hunting buddy. Sadly, his owner became unable to live alone and needed to move to an assisted living facility where dogs are not permitted. His daughter took Frank in, but was not in a position to keep him and asked SPDR for help in finding a new home for Frank.

Frank is a gem of a Lab - house trained, obedience trained, great with other dogs and a friend to everyone he meets. He loves to play fetch and has a very sweet personality. He is a "field type" Lab with lots of energy and we knew he would need an active new home.

Luckily, we had just heard recently from a retired Vashon Island couple who had adopted 4 Labs through our rescue program over the past 24 years. They were looking for a companion for their 9 year old rescued Lab and thought that Frank would be a perfect match: they especially wanted a dog that loves to retrieve. They met Frank with their Lab and knew immediately that he would be going home with them. It is such a perfect home for Frank - a large fenced property with plenty of room to chase squirrels and tennis balls, with nearby beaches for the dogs to explore and go swimming.

Frank's new owners wrote a few weeks later to say that Frank had settled down nicely with them and that he and his "sister" Lab are best friends. There have been a few bumps in the road - the funniest thing is Frank's reaction to phone calls. He barks like a fool whenever they are on the phone, they have to hide from him to make a phone call! A small price to pay for having a wonderful Lab like Frank join their family.

Submitted by Edith Bryan

Braqs!

NOHS SPORTING GROUP 2!



ReiMur Labradors—Larson and Luna

Larson and Luna were entered one day at the Western Washington Cluster in Puyallup and both had a good day. In her first show out of the puppy classes, Luna won RWB out of BBE and Larson won Select Dog and BOBOH under Richard Anton. Larson then went on to win a NOHS Sporting Group 2 under Lee Herr. Larson and Luna are both bred, owned, handled and loved by Darlene Pado

Braqs!

UKC Total Dog and Group 2!



UKC Multi BIS CH WBC-B Sunnydaze for Peep's Sake BN RN TKP RATN FDC CQCA Pet Partner

Brach and I attended the UKC Classic at Argus Ranch in July with the goal of proving her all-around capabilities. She did not disappoint! She went under four judges over the weekend to earn three Reserve Champion ribbons and kept me holding my breath until the very last class when she won the Championship that earned her the necessary Conformation win for Total Dog. Never my under-achiever, she progressed to the group ring for a Group 2 placement. Thank you to judge Valerie Piltz for her continued recognition of my girl.

While running back and forth between Conformation, Obedience and Rally was stressful, it was all worth the effort. Brach clinched the Total Dog title not with just one performance class, but with all four in which she was entered. She qualified in her Novice Obedience classes both days, earning two legs with scores of 193 and 191, as well as a first and second place respectively. She further proved her abilities by qualifying in both Rally Novice classes with scores of 99 and 97.

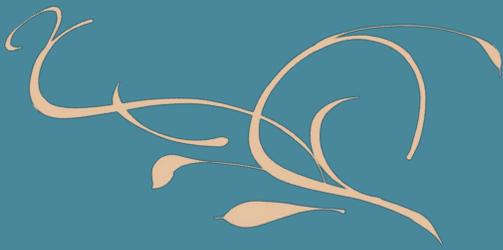
With these wins, she can now carry the title of "Total Dog" and has been invited to show at the United Kennel Club Premier in Kalamazoo, MI next June. It's time to plan a road trip!

Submitted by Kristen Reiter, DVM



Braqs!

Best in Sweeps/Best Opposite



GrCH Somersun Artesian Silk Stocking WC and CH Somersun Skyfire Six Shooter for Livewire RN

What a great time we had at Rose City this year. It started out with a wonderful Best in Sweeps under Fabian Negron by GrCH Somersun Artesian Silk Stocking WC, Kish. The best part was her littermate, CH Somersun Skyfire Six Shooter for Livewire RN, Ruger was Best Opposite as well. Very fun to share these wins with Stephanie Harris, Skyfire and their breeder Katie Somers, Somersun.

Kish also qualified in rally both days. We are hoping she will finish this title at our specialty.



Submitted by Marlys Swanson

Blast from the Past

PSLRA Specialty Circa 1990's



Team obedience, PSLRA Specialty, Whidbey Island

I think we were the Latte Team...three cappuccinos and an espresso! From left to right....Terry Massagli and Ollie, Terrie Sato and Puff, Nina Mann and Joe and Fred Drennan with Maggie.

The judge in the picture is Roberta Anderson.

Provided by Terrie Sato

PUGET SOUND LABRADOR RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION
Annual Health Clinic

RIVERDOG CANINE COACHING

Eye and Heart exams **limited to Labrador Retrievers (exceptions: other breeds owned by PSLRA members)**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

By pre-reservation only-closes when limits are reached or September 19th - whichever is first :

Eye clinic-limit of 100 dogs.

All other tests - no limit

Payment of all fees is required in advance before reservations are confirmed.

A \$5.00 fee will be charged for canceling after paperwork is completed--NO refunds on day of clinic.

REMEMBER: You MUST enclose a copy of each dog's registration papers or litter registration — AND type or print legibly your entry form!!!!

Eye clinic will be performed by Dr. Sullivan, DACVO, of Animal Eye Clinic of Seattle and is for genetic screening only. Do not bring dogs with eye injuries or other conditions requiring treatment.

Heart Screening will be performed by Dr. Woodfield, DACVIM (cardiology) of Northwest Cardiology Consultants. In consideration of confidentiality, please refrain from announcing screen results, either positive or negative while at this clinic.

PAW PRINT GENETICS will not be on site but we have Dr. Laura Steward to take DNA samples to send to them.

COSTS: Eye clinic: \$34.00

Heart Screening: (auscultation) \$35.00 Heart Echo \$195.00

Micro-chipping (TAKC Re-Unite): \$20.00 (includes registration with AKC/CAR)

50% off the Labrador retriever essential and/or supplemental panels.

30% off any single test orders. **DISCOUNTS WILL BE GIVEN WHEN YOU ORDER AND USE THE CODE.**

Your dog will be swabbed at the clinic.

TO GET THE DISCOUNT AND TO HAVE YOUR DOG SWABBED AT THE CLINIC, PLEASE USE THIS CODE

PSLRAHC18 WHEN ORDERING and PAYING AT WWW.PAWPRINTGENETICS.COM Print and bring paperwork to clinic.

EMAIL : MARY JANE labsix@whidbey.com FOR QUESTIONS

From I-90 exit 15, go south onto 17th Ave then right onto NW Gillman then first right at traffic circle onto 19th Ave.

If you have multiple dogs please bring an assistant to help you rotate dogs.

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PSLRA HEALTH CLINIC

September 25, 2018 RIVERDOG IN ISSAQUAH

Make checks payable to PSLRA.

Send a **copy of your AKC papers AND Fill in the form below for each dog :**

Mary Jane Sarbaugh 5062 Wynter PI Langley, Wa 98260

WE NEED EVERY BLANK FILLED IN AND A COPY OF AKC PAPERS PLEASE!!!

Owner _____ e-mail _____

Microchip or Tattoo # _____ Breed (if other than Labrador) _____

call name _____ sex _____ color _____

Times: 8:00 - 9:00 _____ 9:00 - 10:00 _____ 10:00 - 11:00 _____ 11:00 - 12:00 _____

NO APPOINTMENTS AFTER 12

Please number in order of preference. Scheduled time is for eye drops. Your preferred time may not be available **confirmations will ONLY be sent via e-mail address.**

This dog will be: Eye Screened _____ Heart Auscultation _____ Heart Echo _____

Micro-chip _____ (AKC Re-unite) Paw Print Genetics - sign up and pay online Y OR N

Amount enclosed _____

Visit Steady Companion at the Specialty

Pre- Event Self Service Booking Now Open!

For Booking Visit www.steadycompanion.com/services/appointments/#book-appointment

Brochure = www.steadycompanion.com/services/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/PSLRA-2018-Booth-Flier.pdf

STEADY COMPANION PSLRA SPECIALTY BOOTH

Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association
Specialty Show & Obedience Trial
Bayview State Park
August 3rd - 5th, 2018



Steady Companion is pleased to announce our booth at the upcoming PSLRA Specialty & Obedience Trial where we're offering Body & Energy Work Sessions from 9am - 6pm Daily.

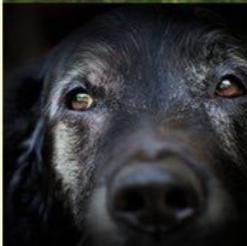
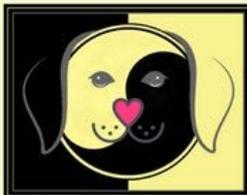
We are featuring Event Only Specials & Mini Sessions, plus our standard services & packages.

We will also have a variety of dog supplies available for purchase.

For more information about our Event Specials or for instructions for how to pre-book your dog's session visit our website at:

- [Current Specials Page](#)
- [Appointment Booking & Calendar](#)

HAVE DOGS WHO WILL BE HANGING OUT
WAITING TO SHOW?
BRING THEM TO OUR BOOTH FOR SOME TLC



SERVICE OFFERINGS

The following Specials are available through August 31, 2018. Mini Sessions & the BFF Package are PSLRA Booth Specials Only, and Only Available During the PSLRA Specialty.



PSLRA Event Only - Mini Sessions

Great for dogs new to body or energy work, or if you just want to give your dog a little TLC.

Choice of Services:

Canine Massage | Bowen Touch Balancing | Reiki

Emotional Freedom Techniques (EFT)

Cost: 20 Minutes @ \$25



Performance Dog Tune-Up Special

Reward your hard working athlete with a much deserved performance tune-up.

Services Include:

Canine Sports Massage, Trigger Point Therapy & Gentle Stretching

Cost: 60 Minutes @ \$60



Veteran/Senior Dog Appreciation Special

A perfect way to pamper the special senior dog(s) in your life

Services Include:

Therapeutic Massage & Gentle Stretching for Dogs 7 Years & Older

Cost: 30 Minutes @ \$25



PSLRA Event Only - BFF Package Special

We're unleashing our Zenergy Package in a whole new way!!

Choice of Services:

Canine Massage | Bowen Touch Balancing | Reiki

Emotional Freedom Techniques (EFT)

Cost: 6 Hours @ \$315

BFF Specialty Package applies toward any of our bodywork or energy healing services or a combination for up to 4 clients for up to 12 dogs.

Not Comfortable Using Our Self Service Booking System?

Give us a call, send an email or complete and submit our contact form

We're happy to assist you with scheduling a session!

Litter Listing

LIST OF LITTERS BORN OR EXPECTED AS OF 5/14/2018 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 June 29, 2018

Litter born 4/28/2018

Litter: 1 YM, 5YF

Sire: Can CH Blutop Hoity Toity CD, WC

Clearances: OFA24E, OFEL24N, LR-EYE 9/2017, CNM clear, EIC and PRA clear by parentage, Cardiac Normal

Dam: Aiyerbrothers Stupifyin' Jones TKN

Clearances: OFA24G, OFEL - Normal, LR-EYE 10/2017, EIC and PRA Clear by parentage, Cardiac Normal

Breeder: Ramdas Vaidyanathan

Phone: (425) 283-3229

Email: aiyerbrothers@gmail.com

Date Listed: 5/14/2018

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, there are no older dogs currently available



Connie Cleveland-Nolan Obedience Problem Solving Seminar



**WSOTC MEMBERS
ATTEND AT A
REDUCED RATE**



Sponsored by WSOTC
September 15 & 16 2018
at
Country Classic Kennels
9332 99th Ave NE
Arlington, WA 98223

We are delighted to welcome Connie Cleveland-Nolan back to the Northwest. Connie gives a two day theory/problem solving seminar. She will begin by discussing how dogs learn and then will work with the handlers and dogs attending. Connie's problem solving can include preparing dog and handler to enter the ring, getting the most from your training time and the importance of proofing.

Connie is an international recognized dog trainer who offers specialized weekend training seminars to competitive dog trainers and instructors around the country and overseas. Her own experience includes 10 Obedience Trial Champions (OTCH), 2 Field Champions (FC), 4 Amateur Field Champions (AFC), a UDT Maltese and a CDX Shih-Tzu. Connie's Golden, "Eli" and her Labrador, "Ezra" were the first retrievers to earn an obedience trial championship, a field championship and an Amateur field championship. Connie is also the owner of Dog Trainers Workshop, a full-service dog training and boarding facility near Geenville, SC. Dog Trainers Workshop features an array of classes, day and boarding schools, and private lessons for puppy owners, those starting out in obedience training, obedience competitors, and owners with problem dogs.

As important as Connie's achievements in training her own dogs is her passion for teaching others. At Dog Trainers Workshop Connie teaches obedience to more than 100 students each week. She conducts several webinars a year and has developed digital training products addressing puppy training, ring preparation, proofing and tricks that transition to obedience exercises. She is the author of a DVD series, "How Dogs Learn, The Connie Cleveland Method" and a book entitled "Dogs Are Problem Solvers, Handlers Should Be". She is a regular contributor to Front & Finish, The Golden Retriever News, and the Greenville Journal. For more information please visit www.dogtrainersworkshop.com.

20 working spots available. A \$100 payment holds a working spot. Final payment due Aug 1, 2018.

Cost:

\$250 for each dog/handler working team

\$225 for each dog/handler working team if a WSOTC member

\$100 observer both days

\$80 observer both days if a WSOTC member

The seminar will begin at 9 am on Saturday Sept. 15 and 8:30 am on Sunday Sept. 16. A continental breakfast and potluck lunch will be available both days. You may want to bring your own chair. For more information contact Terrie Sato at 425-788-6628 or wdsato@cablespeed.com.



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