

# The Retriever Believer

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## Just Do It!



I was preparing to send the newsletter off to be posted online when I realized this front page was still missing it's typical address to the membership, letter from the President or Editor, or some other form of written outreach. I sat staring at a blank page for about twenty minutes before I said, "Self," because sometimes you've just got to call yourself that, "You don't have to solve the world's problems (thank goodness for that because it's a veritable train wreck right now!), you just have to reach out to a group of dog people, *your kind of people*, and let them know what the club is up to.

As you can see from this newsletter, activities are picking up. We have board meeting minutes, an announcement from the Nominating Committee, an educational article compliments of Dr. Julie Oghigian, an invitation to a Fun Match to benefit a brand new Labrador club, a report on the PSLRA Working Certificate submitted by Terrie Sato and even several brags! Kudos to all of the club members who are getting out with their dogs again. I was fortunate to recently experience my first dog show since March and was surprised that my dog actually seemed more excited than I to be back in a show venue! That means she was *super* excited because I was practically doing cartwheels!

Until we are back up and running like normal, consider the online titling options that AKC has available. Video submissions of Trick Dog, Rally and Agility will help keep your title tracks from going stagnant, and there are online dog shows that can be a fun distraction. If you have found yourself short on your required volunteer hours for the Breeders' List, consider the contribution of an article to the newsletter. I'd love to start featuring introductory articles to events such as dock diving, barn hunt, coursing, weight pull, nosework, etc.

Stay Happy and Healthy,

*Kris*

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# Secretary's Minutes

Terrie, Marcy, Sherrie, Cindy, Jim, Jill, Brenda, Scott and Becky

Start 6:41

President's report—specialty was great.

Treasurer's report, balance, reported, Cheri did a great job on the agility trial and it made a lot of money. All Covid guidelines were followed.

Acknowledgements Specialty and agility

Specialty went great, good choice to move them to the new site. Even without the stud dog auction we came close to breaking even. Trophies did not quite get covered.

Approved Terrie's budget for the WC Oct 3.

No Fall hunt test but hopeful for the Spring. Governor may allow it when classified as an agriculture event.

Agility trial went well, lots of people.

Puyallup has cancelled obedience.

Health clinic has 65 eyes and 40 hearts already. Will try to work around the Enumclaw show.

Wenatchee show cancelled.

Rescue report, none.

Old Business

Judges selection, Jill thanked the club for asking her to judge.

Breeder's list, may not be able to do their volunteer time because so many events are cancelled. We will do our best to work with people.

Adjourn 7:30

# 2020 Calendar of Events

**November 15** Board Nominations DUE

**November 18** *Board Meeting—6:30pm*  
Teleconference

**November 21** *Mt Rainier Labrador Retriever Club Fun Match*  
DaPaws Place, Rochester, WA

**December 16** *Board Meeting—6:30pm*  
Teleconference

Do you have an event approaching? Please submit your dates to me at [PSLRANewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:PSLRANewsletter@yahoo.com) so we can update this calendar.



Ooh! A FUN  
MATCH!!!!  
Who's going???

# Nominating Committee

*Melissa - 6/10*

**PSLRA elections are coming up for the 2021 Board of Directors and Officers.** The 2021 Nominating Committee consists of Rob Parkins, Chair and Board representative, Jan Cameron, Lisa McGlothen, and Stacey Gynp. Please contact any Nominating Committee member immediately if you are interested in serving as a Director or Officer for 2021. According to PSLRA's By-Laws, the Board (BOD) shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and at least eight other persons who shall be members in good standing and whom shall be elected at the Club's annual meeting in January. Every member is encouraged to read/reread the By-Laws, Constitution, and Policies and Standards on the PSLRA website, if they have any questions. If you are considering serving on the board, please keep in mind the time commitments regarding monthly in-person and phone meetings.

**DEADLINE:** Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall, before November 15th, notify each member in writing of the candidates so nominated.

**DEADLINE FOR LATE NOMINATIONS:** Additional nominations may be made at the December meeting by any member in attendance provided that the person so nominated accepts when his or her name is proposed, and provided further that if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his or her proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his or her willingness to be a candidate.

## **2021 Nominating Committee Recommendations:**

President: Scot Dannaker  
Vice President: Jill Mahoney  
Secretary: Terrie Sato  
Treasurer: Cindy Olson

## **Board Members**

Brenda Hubbard	Angela Rogalla
Cheri Levine	Terrie Sato
Linda Maffett	Kate Somers
Jim Olson	Diane Sullenberger
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# MRLRC Fun Match

It is my pleasure to introduce a newly formed Labrador Club located in the Pacific Northwest called the "Mt Rainier Labrador Retriever Club". Formed as a compliment to the two neighboring Lab clubs located north and south equally distanced (RCLRC and PSLRA) with a majority of its members who reside in and around the Counties of our City of Olypmia WA. We are currently in process with the AKC for Sanction, with ultimate goals of hosting Specialties and Hunt Tests/WC and health clinics. Wouldn't it be wonderful to come up and attend another Specialty during our beautiful cool fall weather in September? As a group, this Membership is only too happy to create and give back to the Lab community with these goals in mind. As you can see with our Flier and entry form, we invite and hope you can join us for a Fun Match where we can get together and work our puppies and enjoy some good old fashioned fun with the modern twist of Covid guidelines of course!

Sincerely,

Barb Gilchrist

# Fun Match

November 21, 2020

Offered Classes (Same for both sexes):

Puppy Sweepstakes:

4-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-15, 15-18.

Best in Sweeps

Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps

Regular Classes:

4-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-15, 15-18, Bred By,  
& Open.

Best (& Best Opposite) Puppy in Match

Best (& Best Opposite) Adult in Match

Judges  
Sweepstakes:  
Curtis Lake  
Regular Classes:  
Anna Quigley

Location:

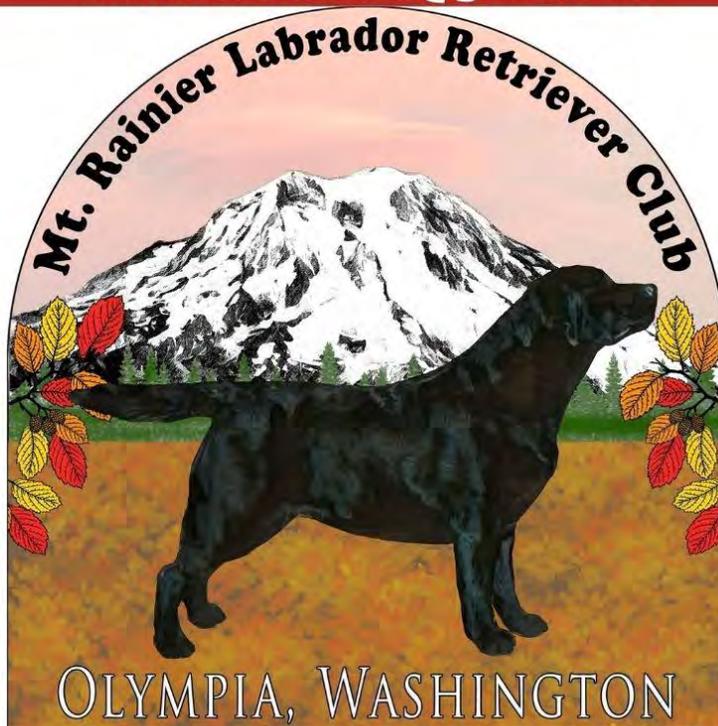
DaPaws Place 19019 Roseburg St SW Rochester, WA

Cost:

Entries are \$10 for the first class & \$5 for each additional class for the same dog.

Pre-entry greatly appreciated. Email forms to :  
clovercreeklabs@gmail.com

When:  
Saturday  
November 21,  
2020  
Entries  
Accepted at  
9AM.  
Match Starts  
at 10 AM.



## COVID-19 Guidelines

- Masks will be required while inside.
- No Chairs provided, please bring your own.
- No food or drinks provided, please bring your own.
- Contact tracing will take place.

Contact Kim Dotson with any questions:  
clovercreeklabs@gmail.com



# Fun Match Entry Form

Dog Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Entering: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10)

Second Class Entering: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$5)

Owner:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email:

\_\_\_\_\_



# Labwork...

## PANOSTEITIS

DR. JULIE A OGHIGIAN, DVM

*Now that I have been in private veterinary practice for over a decade, I have also been able to pursue my interests in veterinary acupuncture. It has given me a wonderful chance to be able to oversee some very interesting and challenging cases, as well as continue to strive to become an even better veterinarian.*

*That leaves me wondering, with all of the interesting and sometimes cutting-edge veterinary topics out there, what information would readers like myself would find useful? Like any breed, Labradors will always have health problems. And Labrador exhibitors, trainers and breeders, for the most part, have been doing a wonderful job of minimizing these problems. But it is still imperative that we all stay educated on these topics.*

Panosteitis or “Pano” as we so affectionately refer to it, is a disorder many of us have had experience with. It occurs during growth and development of many young, medium-to-large-breed dogs. It may be seen in a single puppy/young adult or in multiple puppies from a litter. Many find it more often in puppies from breedings where either/both parents, or even grandparents were affected when they were young. Usually, puppies are affected between 5-18 months of age, though cases have been seen as early as 8 weeks of age or as late as five years.

Pano can be extremely painful, but thankfully, it's what is known as a “self-limiting” process. That is, it typically goes away on its own, given time. The process affects the long bones such as the

ulna, radius, humerus, femur, or tibia (in decreasing order of frequency), can affect one or multiple limbs, and pain can also shift from one limb to another. The sometimes severe pain and often shifting limb lameness can mimic many other problems, such as elbow/hip dysplasia, osteochondritis dissecans (OCD), fractures, or even an immune-mediated or tick-borne disease - like Lyme disease.

There is no known cause for pano, though infection (especially viral infection, which appears to carry some weight as a cause), allergies, parasites, and hereditary factors have all been considered as causes, and as well as metabolic, endocrine, and auto-immune disorders. Certain diets or nutritional status also seem to be linked to development of panosteitis.

A diagnosis of panosteitis is usually based on radiographs (x-rays) and clinical signs in an affected puppy or young adult dog. The marrow cavity of the long bones radiographically will usually appear to have a higher density than in a normal bone of a dog the same age and breed. An affected puppy or dog may have a low-grade fever, poor appetite, mild depression, or weight loss in more severe cases. It may also show some degree of muscle weakness or atrophy (loss) due to abnormal weight bearing on the affected limb.

Sometimes when a complete blood cell count is performed, there will be an increased eosinophil count, which is one of several types of white blood cells. Clinically, significant pain will be detected on deep palpation/firm pressure along the entire shaft (diaphysis) of the long

bone in an affected limb. It is important that muscles are avoided during palpation. Otherwise, pain or discomfort from pushing on the muscle can be confused with perceived bone pain. If a puppy or young dog is lame without any distinct signs detected during physical examination or on initial radiographs, it is recommended that it be re-examined 4-6 wks later to evaluate whether or not signs have developed or changed.

Treatment is symptomatic and involves good nursing care (rest, adequate nutrition, keeping well-hydrated) and pain control, usually with non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). Rarely, a case can be so severe as to require a tapering dose of steroids for the inflammation. It is important to remember that both of these types of drugs can cause gastrointestinal problems including ulcers.

Acupuncture or medical “cold laser” therapy may also help relieve discomfort. In severe cases where a puppy has had a prolonged fever and/or hasn't been eating, it may require fluid therapy. Pain and lameness can last for several weeks, and can commonly recur up to two years of age. Because pano can mimic many other diseases, it is important to monitor for development of additional problems.

# Working Certificate



## PSLRA Working Certificate - A Successful Day!

It was a foggy Saturday morning, October 3, when club members gathered to test the retrieving instincts of their labradors. The grounds were donated through the generosity of property owner, Jerry Leitch. Pigeons were donated by professional trainer Tim Higgins. These two donations were critical to the financial success of this event.

Twenty dogs were entered, brought by eleven PSLRA members. The Labrador WC as defined by the LRC includes retrieving a live shot flyer at 50 yards and retrieving a duck in the water twice.

Line manners are not judged and though the dog has to bring the birds back to the handler, they do not have to deliver to hand.

Co-chaired by Terrie Sato and Amy Smith, the WC was carefully orchestrated for social distancing. The check in table included a waiver signed by all present as well as gloves, hand sanitizer, sanitizing spray and wipes. All were required to wear masks when in close proximity to others. Holding blinds were placed at least 10 feet apart to allow safe distance for those running their dogs. Cathy Hakola graciously agreed to pick up the pigeons and bring them to the test. Mark Levine and Colin Ching were excellent gunners. Darlene Pado and Terrie Sato judged and enjoyed watching the dogs enthusiastically go after their birds. Mark Levine also gave the all important gun safety talk.

Amy Smith did a great job of assigning volunteers. Thank you to Jeff Thompson, Scott Corley, Brandon Orser and Jennifer Hajny for volunteering to man the pop and throw stations. The messy job of drying birds and hanging them was taken on by Mark and Barb Pilkington. Brandon and Michelle Orser, Cathy Hakola, Chantel Nahoopii and Marlys Swanson all took turns as marshals and kept the event running smoothly.

Fifteen labradors earned their WC. Congratulations to Candy, Joe (MJ Sarbaugh), Blue, Zeke, Mako, Enzo, Scout, Pig, Joe (Jan Skewes), Keeper, Otter, Laeahi, Iris, Boss and Button!

Nicely done!

Clean up was a snap as every person attending contributed to the job. What a wonderful group of participants and volunteers! It was a fun day for both dogs and owners.



*Amy Smith handling the sign in COVID safety table*



*Diann Sullivan sends Otter after his flyer*

# Working Certificate



Jan Skewes sends Iris as Darlene Pado, Terrie Sato and Mark Pilkington look on.



MJ's youngster enthusiastically returns with the bird



Brandon Orser calls for the flyer as his dog watches for the bird.



Scott Corley sends his boy after the water mark



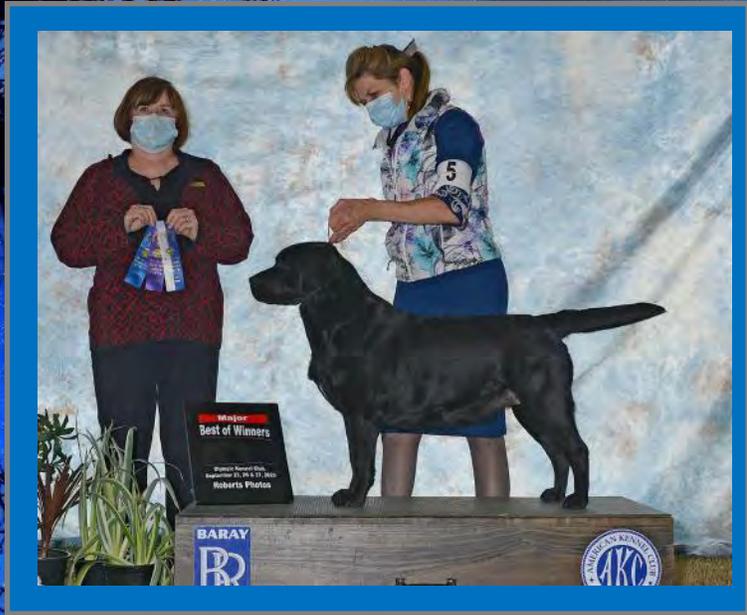
Cathy Hakola's dog ready to retrieve with gusto!



Mark Pilkington readies his dog for the water mark.

# Braggs

## SHR ReiMur's March Madness JH DN WC CC



Luna (SHR ReiMur's March Madness JH DN WC CC) was shown all 5 days at the Enumclaw shows and won her large Open Black class 4 days, won WB/BOW for her first major under judge Leta Graham on 9/23/20 and won WB/BOW for her second major under judge Eugene Blake on 9/27/20. The following weekend she won a major reserve under judge Rick Gschwender at the Filer, Idaho shows. Luna needs 3 single points to finish her AKC Championship. Luna is bred, owned and loved by Darlene Pado.

*Submitted by Darlene Pado*

# Braggs

International CH Country Classic's Rumor Has It  
CD PCDX BN RA NA OAP OJP NF XFP CC WC

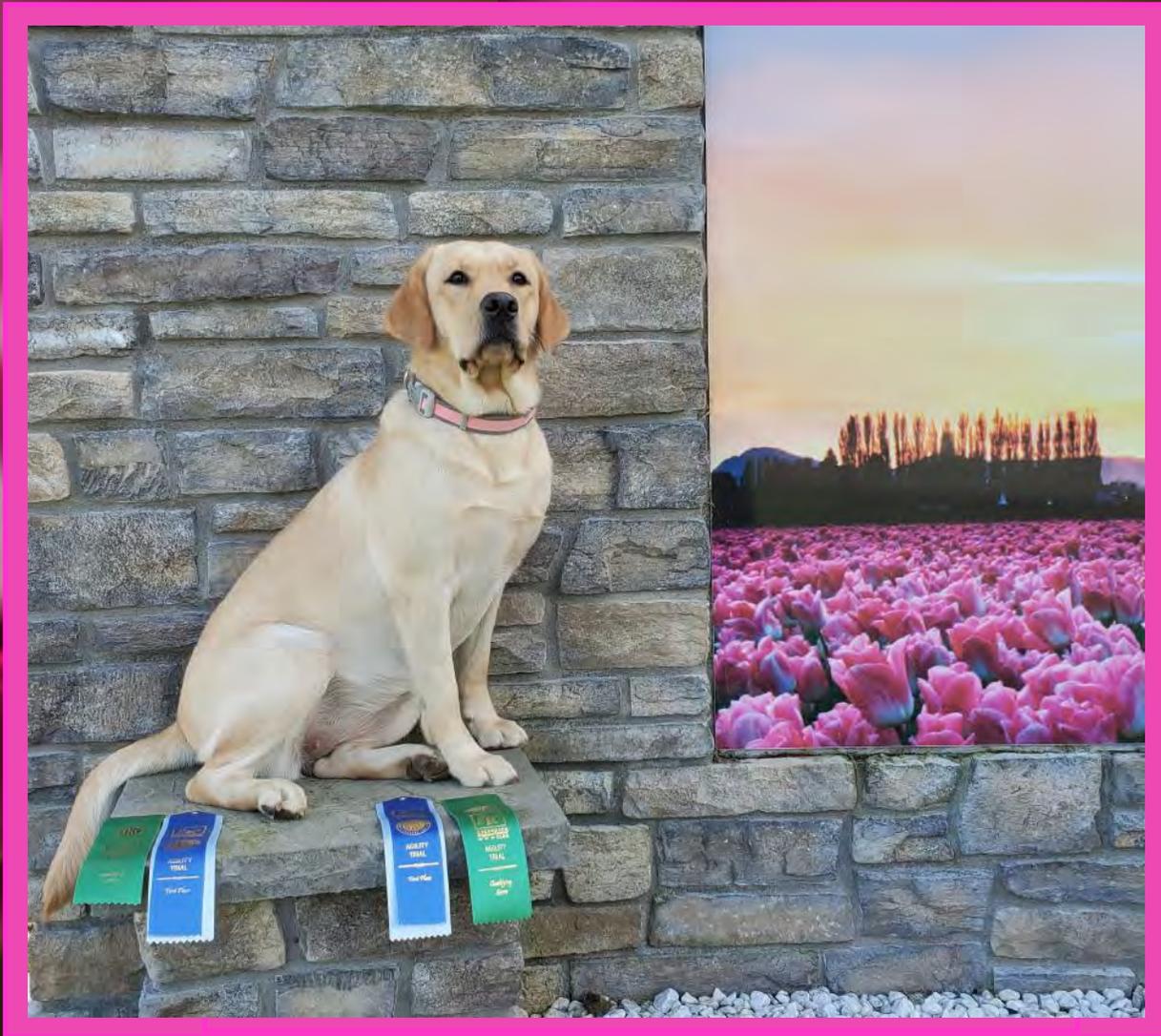


Rumor earned her Excellent Fast Title in March pre-COVID with a 1st place. Fast forward to the PSLRA September trial where she achieved two 2nd places toward her Master Fast Title....proving that Rumor still has it!

*Rumor is owned and shown by Julie Germano.*



## Country Classic's That Girl RATN RN RI ACT1 ACT2



Marlo has been busy during COVID competing in virtual classes. She achieved her agility titles of ACT1 and ACT2 and her Rally titles of RN and RI. As of this weekend at the Afghan Agility trial, she qualified with a 1st place in Novice Fast and also a 1st place in Novice Standard for her first two legs toward agility titles.

Marlo won't be two until next February and is really showing her versatility already. Good job, baby girl!



*Marlo is owned and shown by Julie Germano.*



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