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Baby New Year!



We are a few days into the year 2021, and oddly, nothing appears to have changed. We are still practicing the art of social distancing and our calendars continue to show event dates as “tentative.” It feels great to say that we have the challenges and hardships that defined 2020 behind us, but honestly, what difference does the progression of time from yesterday to today make (other than we are 24 hours older and are writing a different year for the date)? The truth is, today is no different than yesterday, or the day before that. The turning over of a new year changes nothing—but our outlook and attitude does.

Change is not a passive action. If we have a litter of puppies, we don't sit back and let them raise themselves. We interact with them, we stress socialization, we ensure their nutrition and veterinary health through deliberate actions and intervention. We take an active role in order to ensure the success of each and every pup. Think of this new year as a litter of puppies. What we put into it is what we will get out of it. I'd really hate to get deep into 2021 and discover it acting like a Tasmanian devil at the end of a flexi-leash because of our lack of care! Let's all do our part to help make this year the best ever. Volunteer to chair a committee (see the ad for the Working Certificate committee chairperson in this newsletter). Attend a virtual meeting via Zoom and share your ideas and inspirations. Set a goal to earn an All-Around or Versatility Award this year. Teach your dog a new discipline. Earn a title online. The year is just a baby right now. Treat it right, be an active participant, and help it become a Champion!

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2021 Calendar of Events



NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Please Submit Articles and Advertisements to:

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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:

Membership: membership@pslra.org

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| January 20 | Board Meeting |
| January ?? | Show N Go Delayed until Spring
(watch for updates) |
| February 17 | Board Meeting |
| March 17 | Board Meeting |
| April 21 | Board Meeting |
| May 8-9 | Hunt Test
Carnation, WA |
| May 19 | Board Meeting |
| June 16 | Board Meeting |
| June 25-27 | Agility Trial
Mount Vernon, WA |
| July 21 | Board Meeting |
| August 6-8 | Specialty, Rally, Obedience Trial |
| August 18 | Board Meeting |
| August 28-29 | Hunt Test
Carnation, WA |

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September 15 Board Meeting

October 20 Board Meeting

November 5-7 Agility Trial
Argus Ranch, Black Diamond, WA

November 17 Board Meeting

December 15 Board Meeting

January 15 Rally Trial



**Do you have an
event approaching?
Please submit
your dates to
PSLRANewsletter
@yahoo.com**

2021 Board Elections



The cancellation of our Holiday Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet (pesky COVID), has interfered with the elections for the 2021 Officers and Board.

We will most likely host the elections during a Zoom virtual meeting of the membership. Further information will be disclosed in a future communication (newsletter or email blast).

Thank you for your patience!



2021 Membership Announcement

Due to the current economic and COVID-19 situation, the PSLRA Officers and Board of Directors have voted to forgo Membership Renewal Dues for 2021, for all PSLRA Members who are current as of 2020 and in good standing.



This decision to forgo Membership Renewal Dues for 2021 is a one-time occurrence.



PLEASE NOTE:

The furlough of Membership Renewal Dues will not affect any years of membership, nor accumulation toward Life Time Membership. All membership calculations will proceed as if membership was paid in 2021.

2021 Breeders' List Update



As this year has made it difficult for members to participate in events, much less volunteer, the Board has voted to forgo the volunteer requirement for 2020 to be eligible for the 2021 Breeders List. This only affects Club Members who are currently on the 2020 Breeder List. This decision to forgo the volunteer requirement for the Breeder List renewal is a one-time occurrence.

The \$15.00 annual Breeder List Renewal fee will continue to be due as of January 31, 2021. Members currently on the Breeders List will be included on the 2021 Breeder List after paying the \$15.00 annual fee.



Club Members who were not on the 2020 Breeder List, but have met all the qualifications to join effective 2021, may apply through the PSLRA website as usual at Join PSLRA Breeder List

Please Note: You must be logged in as a Member to access this page on the Club's website.

LabChat Alternatives



With the dissolution of Yahoo Groups, our Lab-Chat communication system will no longer be available.

The club is considering options for member communication and outreach, including suggestions which range from the utilization of a private group page on Facebook to not replacing the communication option at all.

The Board would appreciate member feedback regarding the importance of a replacement and are collecting ideas and preferences of platforms.

*Please send your insights to
Cindy Olson at cindyto@q.com*



Chairperson Needed!



PSLRA WORKING CERTIFICATE procedure for chairperson

DOWNLOAD THE WC RULES FROM THE LRC WEBSITE

1. **Select Date**

Date is dependant on conflicts with PSLRA events and grounds availability (suggest May - October)

2. **Select Location**

Jerry Leitch property; Monroe, WA - Jerry does not charge for property use but availability is limited contact: 206-999-7017

Cherry Valley Wildlife Area - available from April through Sept. 1; requires use permit

Contact WDFW in Mill Creek 425-775-1311 Cost \$50 - parking permit required

Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds - may not need to reserve - \$15/dog for each entrant

Scattercreek Wildlife Area - possible if water is available- Contact WDFW in Ridgefield 360-696-6211 for test in Central WA location

3. **Present budget to PSLRA board:**

Income: expected number of entrants x registration fee (determined by bird cost and grounds cost)

Expenses:

Cost of grounds

Cost of Sani-can

Cost of popper shells and live ammo

Cost of birds

Judges gift

Possible gift to property owner

Printing and paper

Cost of moving trailer if needed

Hospitality (optional)

4. **Birds:** Contact club field chair for advice in obtaining pigeons. Field chair contact information is available in the newsletter and on the web page. Possible source of information: Pat Murphy 206-660-6890. Ducks or chukars can be ordered from Wendy Henslinger of Westwind Farms 509-322-1917. Ducks are approx. \$15/each

5. **Judges:** Arrange for two judges (at least one AKC approved)- make judges books (sample in folder) Check with the club field chair for advice if needed or refer to the AKC website under Events, retriever judges directory for local judges.

6. Put flyer together (sample flyer in folder)

7. Arrange for 2-3 gunners - contact field chair for information

8. When taking registrations send the checks to the club treasurer. Be sure to keep a record of the check numbers and amounts as back up.

9. Obtain an insurance certificate from Jan Skewes - this should be done as soon as date and location are scheduled.

10. Make a running order (acts as a catalog)

11. Make certificates (sample in folder)

12. Workers needed: gunners, marshals, 2-4 pop and throw workers,

13. Arrange for club trailer to be delivered

14. On site you will need garbage bags, holding blinds in the trailer, bird rack, club sign, LRC certificate information

15. Keep track of club workers and send to membership chair

16. Submit your expenses to the treasurer

17. Write up for the newsletter - be sure to take pictures



Litter Listing



About the Litter Listing:

- The listing is of litters bred by PSLRA members born or expected as of the date noted.
- All litters listed must conform to the PSLRA [Code of Ethics](#).
- The owner of the Sire or Dam must be a PSLRA member.
- The information is submitted by the Breeder and provided as a service to the public.
- Listings of Breeders and litters on this site are in no way a guarantee or endorsement by PSLRA of any breeder/litter, or any one breeder/litter over another.
- The listing is updated by our Litter Listing Chairperson approximately every two weeks or more frequently if needed.

Litter Born: 11/11/20

- **Available:** 2 Yellow Males, 2 Yellow Females
- **Sire:** Harlequin's I Don't Give a Damn
- **AKC:** SS00929602
- **Hips** = OFA24 Excellent, **Elbows** = OFEL24 Normal, **Eyes** = 09/20, **Heart ECHO** = Normal, **prcd/PRA** = Clear, **EIC** = Clear, **CNM** = Clear **HNPK** = Clear, **DM** = Clear, **RD/OSD** = Clear, **SD2** = Clear, **Dilute** = Clear
- **Dam:** Brae's Delta Dawn
- **AKC:** SR95360102
- **Hips** = OFA25 Good, **Elbows** = OFEL25 Normal, **Eyes** = 11/20, **Heart ECHO** = Normal, **prcd/PRA** = Clear, **EIC** = Carrier, **CNM** = Clear, **Dilute** = Clear

Contact: Tami Giles
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Date Listed: 12/27/2020



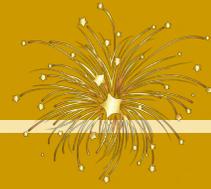
Braggs



SHAKIRA

Shakira, won her dock diving championship in the veterans class. This was for the northwest region and she was 4th place overall in the United states.

Owned, shown and loved by Cheri Levine



Hobbs



Hobbs and I got to go hunting and though there were not many ducks coming in, the grounds were beautiful and Hobbs did get to put his skills to good use retrieving a big Mallard green head. Thanks to Mike Forman for inviting us on a hunting adventure.



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