

The Retriever Believer



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Hello Members,

Happy Spring! It looks like training season is ramping up. Time to get out for the working certificate, make sure you pre-enter. The newsletter has a new feature, member profiles, if you would be willing to be profiled please email for a questionnaire. Hopefully members can get to know each other better through these profiles since the club covers such a large geographical area and range of dog events.

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MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Saturday March 23, 2024.

Called to order at 2:06 pm.

In person at The Yacht Club Broiler in Silverdale, WA.

Board members & Officers present: Katie Somers, Marlys Swanson, Vicky Hoskinson, Marcy Johnson, Denise Hetland, Lisa McGlothlen, May Jane Sarbaugh.

Members and Guests present: Mike & Sherri Moran, Kerry Edinger, Cathy Hakola, Tamaria Hartman, Wayne & Liam McGlothlen, Colleen Doll, Jen Hajny, Lucy Issacson-Logan, Jennifer Payne.

Officer's Reports:

- President – Marcy Johnson – Thank you for attending our meeting!!!!
- Vice President – Becky Dannaker
- Secretary – MJ Sarbaugh
- Treasurer – Cindy Olson

Acknowledgements for Peninsula supported entry:

- Hard working Marcy Johnson (chair).
- Thoughtful Judges gifts and on-going support ~ Vicky Hoskinson.
- Beautiful win prizes ~ Denise Hetland.
- Sweeps Judges ~ Chante Gonzales, Martin Glover.
- And ALL who entered! Majors in both sexes!

Committee Reports:

- Supported Entries:
 - Bremerton (March) — Marcy Johnson
 - Lynden (May 18) — Marlys Swanson. Saturday of a 4 show weekend. The judges are Judy Chambers for regular and Denise Hetland for Sweeps.
 - Wenatchee (October 19) — Katie Somers. Saturday of a 3 show weekend.
 - Puyallup (January 11) — Jessica Baker. Saturday of a 3-4 day (?) show weekend.
- Fall/Spring HRT – Chair is Liz Gibson.... May 4-5 Please contact Liz to volunteer!!
- Rescue Report – Brenda. No report this month.
- 2024 Specialties – Katie and Stephanie. All dates, events, location, judges approved. Please contact either of the chairs to volunteer. Lots of workers still needed! Some discussion regarding fund raising. Tamaria suggested the online raffle, with good advertising works great. We will need to decide the best way to go about it.
- August Specialty Obedience/Rally – Marlys and Chantel. Again contact one of them to volunteer at the specialty.

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MARCH MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

- WC – Marlys and Chantel. April 20th at Meyer’s farm in Enumclaw. Check out the flyer on the club website event page. Training starting at 10 in the morning with WC to follow. Chili dogs and fixings provided by the club. Pre-entry deadline is April 12th.
- Match – Lisa McGlothlen. June 15th. Duvall McDonald Park. Cathy Hakola is judging Regular and Wayne McGlothlen is judging sweeps. Ages 4 months to adult dogs. Junior showmanship and Peewees will also be offered. No Obedience or Rally. Watch for Flyer!
- Agility – Cheri Levine, Chairperson. Mt Vernon at FunFurPaws! A great spot! June 21-23. Details on PSLRA Website.
- Annual meeting (banquet, awards, voting) – Jen Hajny, Chairperson. Puyallup. Jan 11, 2025. Charlie’s of Puyallup. You KNOW it will be fun!

Old Business:

- AED – Marcy. Kerry Edinger is trained with the AED so the club will be able purchase a unit to have at our events.
- 4th specialty. Jessica Baker is fact finding. Still in the planning stages. Stay tuned!
- Match and Show Trailers. Both are in desperate need of cleaning and organizing. Chantel has the Match trailer and Denise has the show trailer. They have been asked to set a date and let us all know when to come help. Watch for that call!!!!!!

New Business:

2024 CALENDAR! 2024 Calendar of all events will be posted on the web page shortly. It will be updated frequently as details become available. Watch for it!!

CHAIRS — PLEASE ADD DETAILS TO THE PSLRA WEBSITE EVENT PAGE AS YOU DEVELOP YOUR PLAN FOR YOUR EVENTS. SEND YOUR ADDITIONS TO CHERI WILDES AND SHE WILL UPDATE FOR YOU!

Other Business/Discussion:

- December and February minutes approved.
- Cindy Olson and Jan Skewes can issue insurance certificates.

Adjourned by Marcy at 2:53 pm.

PSLRA WORKING CERTIFICATE INFO

About Membership:

Membership in PSLRA is open to anyone interested in Labrador Retrievers. Annual dues are \$20 for individuals, \$25 for families. Junior memberships are \$10. Please note that new members require the signature of two sponsors on the application form.

About the Newsletter:

The Retriever Believer is published monthly by the Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association.

Contributions in the form of articles, letters or photos are always welcome.

It is our goal to provide an open forum where members can present their views to the club. The editor and the board of directors reserve the right to decline publication of advertising and other material submitted for publication.

Submissions are due by the 20th of each month by email. Please put "newsletter" in the subject line and send to newsletter@pslra.org

PSLRA Working Certificate (WC)

For Labrador Retrievers Only.

Location: Bryant & Cindy Meyer's Property Rocking M Boarding Kennel

Address: 33406 50th Ave E, Eatonville, WA 98328

Starting Time: 10:00 AM

Entries Limited to 30 dogs

Pre-Entry Fee: \$35.00

This Event is Pre-Registration Only. No Day Of Entries.

Judges: Cindy Meyer | TBD

Event Chairs: Marlys Swanson & Chantel Nahoopii

Test will adhere to the requirements outlined by the Labrador Retriever Club, Inc. as follows:

Land single retrieve of shot flyer (pigeon or duck) of 50 yards in light cover

- Dog is not required to be steady or deliver to hand (judges may designate delivery area)

Back to back singles in the water (ducks)

- Dog should display willingness to reenter water
- Dog should not be gun shy

Questions? Contact Event Chairs: Marlys Swanson (marlyss2000@gmail.com) and Chantel Nahoopii (Koalabs@msn.com)



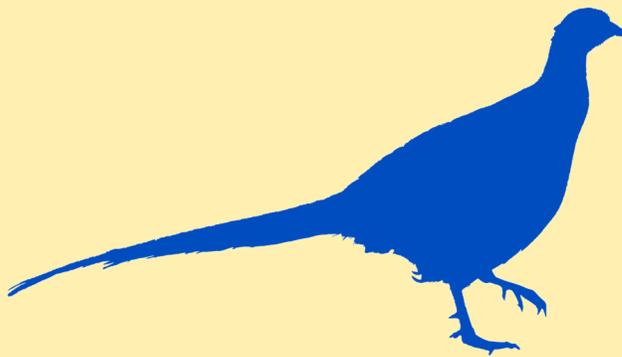
See the PSLRA Website Events Tab for an entry form!

APPLY FOR A JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP NOW!

Interested in Applying for a Junior Scholarship Award?

PSLRA Junior Scholarship Application process:

- Completed Application must be sent to the Junior Scholarship Contact listed on the Application.
- Completed Applications must include the 300 to 400 word essay, and be received by May 15th annually.
- Scholarship winners are notified by the end of June annually.



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JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP — DEADLINE MAY 15!

Junior Scholarship Application-Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

P S L R A Member Sponsor _____

Relationship to Sponsor _____

High School _____

Current G P A _____

Please briefly tell us which PSLRA event (s) you have volunteered at and/or participated in. (How you contributed; what your role was)

What are your plans after high school graduation?

On a separate page, attach a 300-400 word essay describing how Labrador Retrievers have influenced your life and vice versa.

Send this application and completed essay by May 15th, to
Marcy Johnson. marcy_johnson@msn.com

MEMBER PROFILE: FRANNA PITT

Franna was one of the first members of PSLRA and helped write the club's Constitution and Bylaws as well as serving as a Director in past. She lives in the Tri-Cities area of Washington and her kennel prefixes are Normandy and EverRanch.

She was kind enough to answer some questions so that the newsletter could kickoff this feature. We can hopefully all get to know each other a little better. Thanks Franna!

How many years have you owned Labs? Since 1972.

Do you breed? Probably not any more.

Why Labs? I came for the hunting, and stayed for the versatility, trainability, biddability, and wash and wear care.

What dog sports or activities are you involved in and for how long? Conformation, obedience and tracking since 1968. Picnic (Field) Trials since 1973-ish to when Hunt Tests started. Agility since 1994-ish. Rally and Hunt Tests since their start. Scent Work since 2016. New things as they come along. We're trying Farm Dog in a couple of weeks. We've done lots of tricks, CGC's, tried a bit of herding, looking at Fast CAT and Fetch Dog. I currently judge all levels of Tracking tests, am "retired" from judging Agility and am "inactive" as a Retriever Hunt Test judge. I'm newly approved to judge Fetch Dog tests.

If you do sports with your dogs, at what title levels have you competed? CH, UD, TC, AX, AXJ, RE, SH, Scentwork Excellent, TKP.

What club volunteer roles have you enjoyed? Judge, Events Chair, Board of Directors, and many committees.

Have you owned other breeds besides Labs? What breeds? Rough Collies way back, 1 Sheltie in the 80's, now Welsh Springer Spaniels with the Labs.

What hobbies/interests/career expertise do you have besides dogs? I have degrees in Animal Technology (Associate), Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering (BS, MS, PhD), and finished my career doing Manufacturing Research and Development with Boeing. My work resulted in 8 patents related to titanium manufacturing. I became a Master Gardener in 2021. My longest standing hobby – even longer than dog sports! - is fiber crafts – knitting, spinning, dyeing, weaving, crochet, etc. We even have a small flock of sheep, started in 2002.

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MEMBER PROFILE: FRANNA PITT

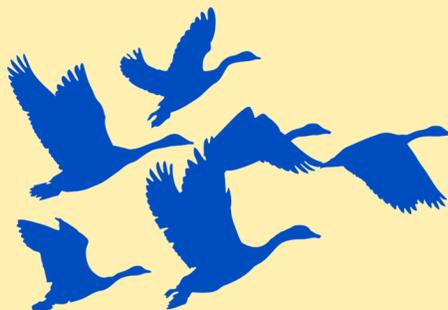
Tell us about your first Lab, or one you owned that is special to you. They're all special. I choose... Jenny – Int. CH Winroc Clan Evrrnch Jenna, BN RA ACTI ACTIJ SWN, SBA TKI CGC – we lost her almost a year ago, at age 9 to osteosarcoma. She was 1 of 6 puppies born into my hands as the result of breeding our CT Int. CH Winroc Winsome Winifred, CD BN RE TKN WC to GCH Aquarius Stonewall Stuart (co-breeding with Lee Foote). She was not my pick, or Lee's, but she was Dave's favorite, so she stayed. It turned out to be a fantastic choice. She was a wonderful Labrador, great hunting partner, loved social gatherings and training practice, was a good mom to her 3 boys and willing to do whatever was asked of her. We had more things to do and places to go.

Memories that stand out: At the IABCA shows, one of the judges had us go down and back twice, not because she didn't gait well; it was just the opposite. The judge explained – “she was so perfect down and back that I wanted to see her do it again”.

Another – at a Scent Work trial (advanced) exterior search in cold, windy conditions, Jenny was the only dog to qualify. She methodically searched along the side of the building, checking each object in the area, making one find, then continuing to the end of the building where she immediately caught the scent in a depression in a graveled area, an area that the other dogs skipped over. She was the last dog to run that search, so had quite an audience who gave her a standing ovation.

Another - at one point I trained her to wait on the opposite side of the bed while I got dressed, and I tossed cookies to her. She was a great catcher! One day as we were walking in our pasture, the dogs surprised a (harmless) bull snake. Jenny went in for a sniff and it struck at her! From that day on, she dramatically shied away from tossed cookies. Yes, dogs can have PTSD.

And to share a final memory - her last weekly Scent work practice, with a group of friends that's been meeting together for years, Jenny got to do 2 easy searches, and afterwards everyone loved up on her and gave her treats. I hope she enjoyed it as much as it looked like she did. Godspeed, Jenny.



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MEMBER PROFILE CONTINUED



Franna and a young Jenny at the Sportsman's Show booth.

What past dog (not necessarily owned by you) best represents the breed standard to you? Tough question! Ron and Sharon's Nick.*

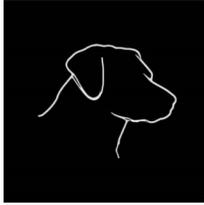
Biggest Pet Peeve? I give this one a pass. Wait! Cowlicks on the face - "zippers". Our current Lab, Marlin, has one and he just reminded me.

What dog-related product or book do you often recommend to people? Modern Enthusiastic Tracking by William (Sil) Sanders.

What else would you like people to know? I thoroughly enjoy being part of the Labrador community, cherish the friends from over the years, and seeing updates on what you all are doing. Since moving to Eastern Washington, I miss being closer to the PSLRA events and people. Social media helps, and I look forward to reading these profiles from other members.

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\* Editor's Note: This would be multiple BIS winning CH Sharay's Nikolas of Whidbey JH RN CGC WC, born in 2003, bred by club member Sharon Edwards, co-owned with the late Ron Perry.



## Marking Chart by Danny Farmer & Judy Aycock

### V. Introducing Retired Guns

Once the dog has had enough marks to know something about how to hunt and an idea of marking you can start retiring the gun by just having the gun step behind a tree, hay bale, holding blind etc. Have the gun retire very close to where he was standing to throw the bird so that he can easily step out and help the dog if needed. The gun should retire as soon as he throws the bird. Do this on both long and short marks. When starting to introduce retired guns (this will be on singles) send the dog before the gun steps out of sight. As the dog becomes comfortable with no visible gunner you can start holding the dog for a couple of seconds before sending him. If you start retiring guns early in the dog's training I think you will find they are not bothered by them. If you have problems remember to simplify and always keep the dog's attitude positive.

### VI. Cheating Singles

1. Simple Cheating Marks
2. Simple Water Marks
3. Advanced Cheating Marks
4. Advanced Water Marks

### VII. Beginning Triples

### VIII. Interrupted Set-Ups

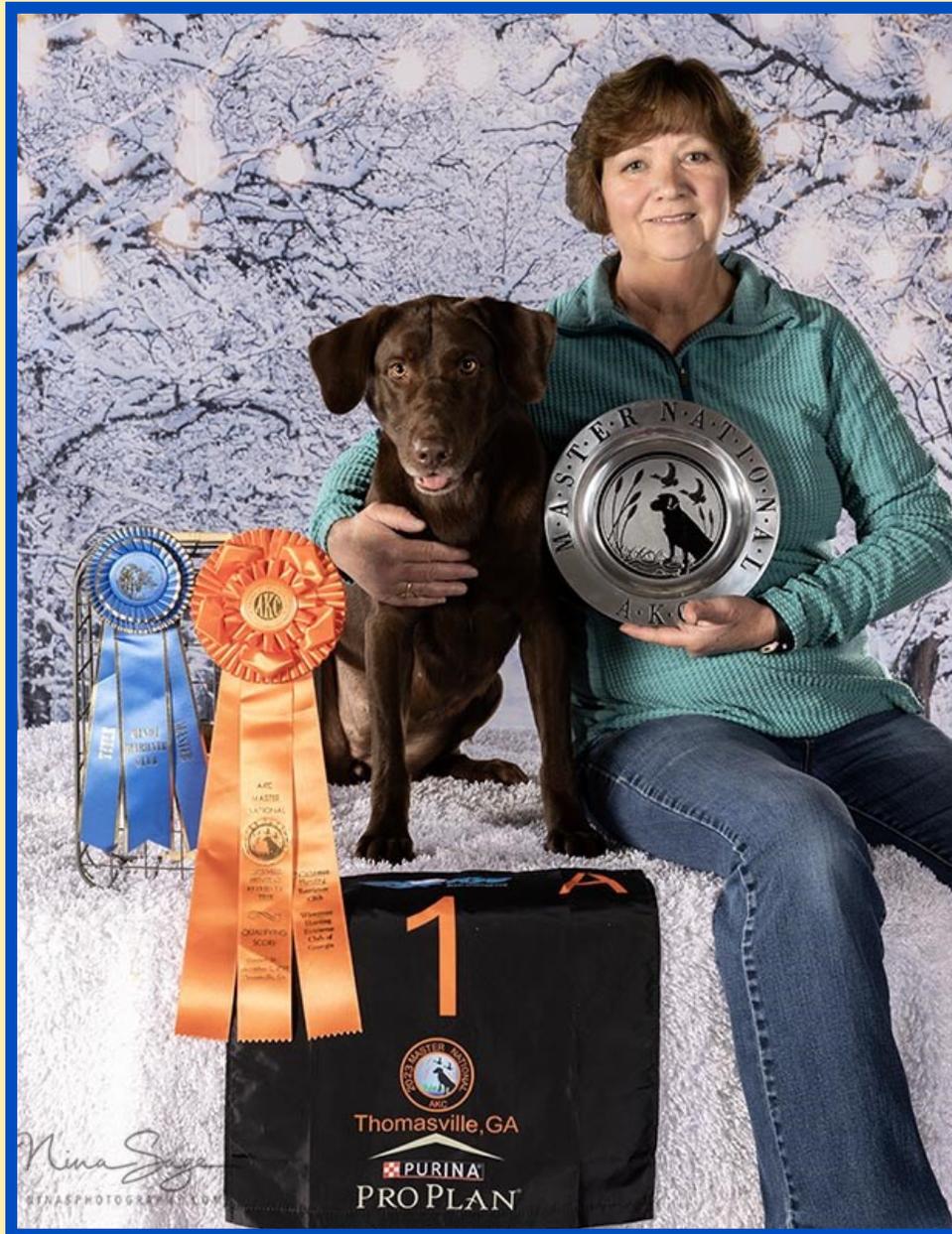
### IX. Advance to more complex Marking concepts ( Land & Water) *Including Wind & Terrain*

*“Do I want to challenge the dog or have success? That will determine my setups.” Danny Farmer*

# LABRA-BRAGS



## Big Mamou's Good Deal Lucille MH



Lu ran the Master National hunt test in Georgia and passed to receive her plate and a Master National title. 5 series and all clean. She makes me so proud.

~ Cheri Levine

# MORE LABRA-BRAGS

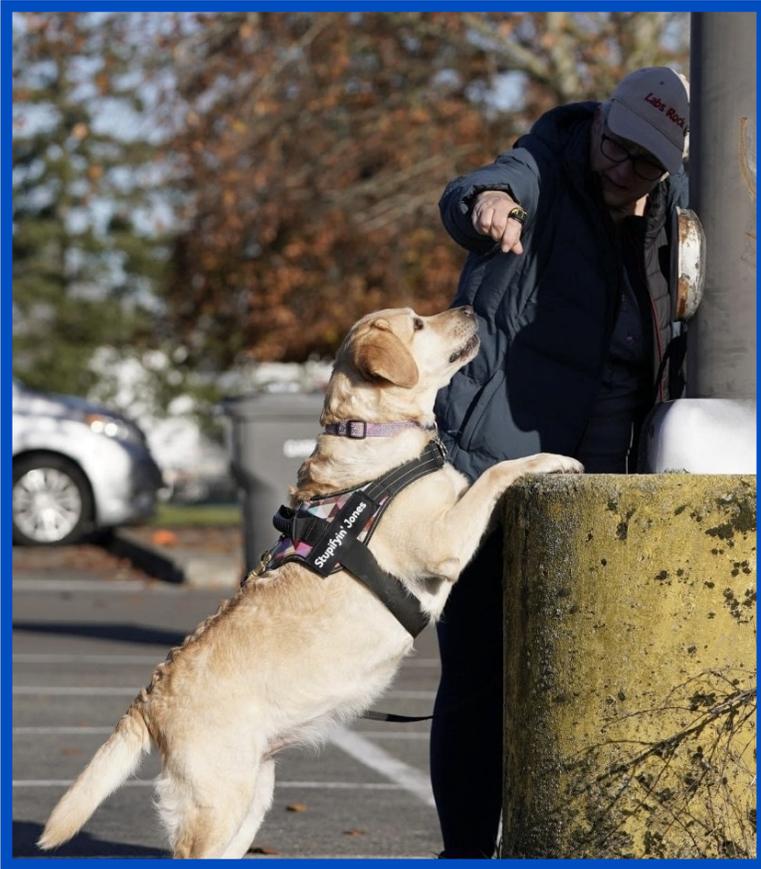
Int'l CH Country Classic's Leather And Lace BN RI AXP AJP OFP RATO CGC TKN CC



Stevie played in the Rat-A-Caters March Barn Hunt trial and blew me away with how well she did after having a year off and only a couple of months of training prior to the trial. She earned 20 points in her first ever Crazy 8s run (she was crazy...she found most of the 8 rats, but neglected to let me know). This was her first trial in Open and she had a 1st with high in class, 2nd, another 1st and her Open Title. I didn't move her up to Senior, so she had a bonus Open run with a 3rd place. Super proud of this exuberant girl. Owned and handled by **Denise Beaumont**.

# MORE LABRA-BRAGS

## ELT-CH Aiyer Brothers Stupifyin Jones



On March 17, 2024, Jonesy earned a total of 1039 elite trial points to become the 95th Labrador to achieve the NACSW title of Elite Champion.

Since beginning nosework in February of 2018, Jonesy and I have competed in 37 trials in Washington and Oregon. It's an honor to be thumbs to such a focused and talented partner. Jonesy frequently places in the ribbons and is a sniffing rock star!

Developed in 2006, The National Association of Canine Scentwork (NACSW) is the gold standard for recreational scentwork. The founders had a vision to create a sport for dogs and their handlers that would build on a dog's natural abilities while creating opportunities for handlers to build stronger bonds with their canine partners. Since 2010, 33,004 dogs have been

registered in all 50 states, the District of Columbia as well as several Canadian provinces. There are currently 7,105 active members, with Labradors being the most represented breed.

NACSW is all inclusive and at its core holds that all breeds can benefit from and succeed at nosework. But much like the real-world professional dogs, Labradors excel in NACSW. The first official trial was held in November 2009, and the first and second place finishers were Labradors. To date, there are 1,548 Labradors holding the Odor Recognition Test Title.

NACSW trial hosts go the extra mile to provide interesting and stimulating environments to hold competitions. From Schools and churches, to museums, movie sets, water parks and camps, the creative environments and thoughtful hide placements are what sets NACSW apart from most scent work organizations.



~ Turena Koontz

# MORE LABRA-BRAGS

**Int. CH Bringan's Weave Me The Sunshine BN CC**  
**Int. CH U-GRCH SHR Windycanyon's Royal Russet CD BN GN RA JH TKN CGC CC**  
**Int. CH Rhumblin's Before The Wind CD JH ACT<sub>1</sub> CGC CC**



Weaver, Russell, and Tuula all finished obedience titles in March!

Weaver, two years old, earned her first obedience title, in beginner novice, with three qualifying scores in a row and finishing up March 23rd at the Golden Spike Dog Training Club's Layton, Utah trial.

Tuula, three years old, earned her first obedience title, in novice, with three qualifying scores in a row, and overcoming a strong desire to take a nap during boring group stays, also finishing up at the GSDTC trial.

Nine year old Russell finished his graduate novice title with back to back qualifying scores at the Idaho Capital City Kennel Club trials in Boise on March 10th. This is probably his last obedience title. He has only NQ'ed once in his whole obedience, rally and hunt test career, when he had to leave a girl in season at home, so I'd say that's a pretty good record.

All owned, trained, and handled by **Laurel McCord**.



# Available Puppies

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As of April 1st, 2024...

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Litter Born: 3/15/2024

**Available: 4 Black Females, 1 Black Male, 1 Yellow Male & 2 Yellow Females**

**Sire:** GCHG CH Atlantic's Thunder Road at Ghoststone "Bruce"

**AKC:** SS11277901

Hips = Good, Elbows = Normal, Eyes = 4/30/2023, Heart ECHO = Normal/Clear, Prcd/PRA = Clear, EIC = Clear, CNM = Clear, CT = Clear, HNPK = Clear, DM = Clear, Dilute = Clear

**Dam:** Aiyerbrothers Juno Moneta Regina

**AKC:** SS20114201

Hips = Good, Elbows = Normal, Eyes = 03/03/24, Heart ECHO = Normal/Clear, Dilute = Clear

**Contact: Ram Vaidyanathan**

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**Website: [www.aiyerbrothers.com](http://www.aiyerbrothers.com)**

**Date Listed: 4/1/2024**

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Litter Born: 01/06/2023

**Available: 3 Black Males**

**Sire:** Am/Can Ch Wyntercreek I Like My Coffee Black WC

**AKC:** SSI033503

Hips = Good, Elbows = Normal, Eyes = 09/24/2023, Heart ECHO/Auscultation = Normal/Clear, Prcd/PRA = Clear/Normal, EIC = Clear/Normal, CNM = Clear/Normal, Dilute = Clear/Non-Dilute.

**Dam:** Wyntercreek A Bit O Malarkey at Blu Top WC

**AKC:** SSI1301805

Hips = Good, Elbows = Normal, Eyes = 9/24/2023, ECHO/Auscultation = Normal/Clear, Prcd/PRA = Normal/Clear, EIC = Normal/Clear, CNM = Normal/Clear, Dilute = Clear/Non-Dilute.

**Contact: MJ Sarbaugh & Jen Hajny**

**Phone: 360.221.6121**

**Email: [labsix@whidbey.com](mailto:labsix@whidbey.com)**

**Website: [www.blutoplabs.com](http://www.blutoplabs.com)**

**Date Listed: 02/20/2024**

# Available Dog

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As of April 1st, 2024...

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**1 Year Old – Black Male**

**Name:** Artesian's Under the Neon Moon "Kyx"

**Spay/Neuter Status:** Intact and will need to be neutered at 2 years.

**Health Information:** Kyx is up to date on vaccinations (DHPP + C 12/2023) and is rabies vaccinated.

**General Information:** Kyx is the sweetest dog, easy to work with and loves everyone, especially kids. He loves to retrieve and be with his people. He has his Puppy of Achievement award. He will make someone a great companion, but will require limited activity. He would not be a good fit for a very active house hold.

**Please Note:** Kyx is not a rescue and is being sold to an approved home.

**Contact:** Marlys Swanson

**Phone:** 425.422.4789

**Email:** marlyss2000@gmail.com

**Website:** www.artesianlabradors.com

**Date Listed:** 3/16/2024



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