

The Retriever Believer



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Hello Members,

Just a couple notes. The club purchased a new storage trailer for matches and obedience. The old one is up for auction to members by silent bid. Bidding ends June 7th at 6pm. Bid by email to sharay@whidbey.com. Questions to Marcy at marcy_johnson@msn.com.

Also, there is an all-member meeting scheduled for the B Match on June 15th.

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MAY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Via ZOOM

May 15, 2024

Meeting called to order by VP Becky Dannaker at 6:32

(Marcy in attendance but traveling.)

Board members & officers present: Marcy Johnson, Becky Dannaker, Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Cindy Olson, Vicky Hoskinson, Denise Hetland, Brenda Hubbard, Rob Parkins, Sharon Edwards, Kimberly Dotson, Katie Somers, Jill Mahoney.

Officer's Reports:

- Secretary – MJ Sarbaugh - Received notices from AKC regarding CDC rule changes (border crossing rules).
- Treasurer – Cindy Olson - Balance of approx \$33,000 in checking/savings. Recent purchase of new Match trailer for \$7500. Financials are always available for any member from Cindy.

Acknowledgements:

- WC - Besides Marlys, Chantel, Cindy and Bryant Meyers, & Tamaria Hartman please add the entire Bryant family who turned out to make everything all day so special!!
- New Match Trailer - Sharon Edwards, Chantel, Cindy Olson and Wayne McGlothlen (new trailer to replace the old match trailer).
- Hunt Test - These members were invaluable for their help: Cheri Levine, Jean Fowler, Katie Mearns, Liz Gibson, Susan Bell, Cindy Olson, Liz Skyllingstad, Diane & Randy Clark, Doug Gallucci, Mark Keen, and Peter Gortner.

Committee Reports:

- Membership - Jill Mahoney. Please welcome the following new members. Peter Portner of Redmond and Jennifer Payne of Everett. Welcome Joanie Whitener who has rejoined.
- Supported Entries – Lynden (May 18) — Marlys Swanson..... Everything is ready!!
- Fall/Spring HT – Cindy Olson. Fall HT Susan Bell is the chair person. It will be held at Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds. Committee positions need to be filled. So please contact Susan or Cindy Olson if you'd like to volunteer. No previous experience required!!! Our Spring event Jr and Sr entries were down in number but there was a good Master entry. Birds are very expensive and left over birds were sold to people in attendance. Financially Cindy reported that we broke even in spite of costs going up.

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MAY MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

Committee Reports Continued:

- 2024 Specialties – Katie and Stephanie. Please contact either of the chairs to volunteer. Lots of workers still needed! Trophy donations for all three shows are available. Sign up for those through dogzibit.com. Get your RV & Camping space reserved and also sign up for the wine walk & order your wine tumbler through the payment portal on psdra.org. Plans are in the works to add “Fetch” test to the activities! Trick dog & CGC will also be offered.
- August Specialty Obedience/Rally – Marlys and Chantel Again contact one of them to volunteer at the specialty Both Marlys and Chantel would love to train a new chair for next year!!! Please contact one of them if you are interested!
- Match Trailer - New Trailer will soon be at Chantel’s for the big change. The old trailer will be offered to club members via a silent auction protocol. Watch for more info on that if you are interested.
- 2025 WC - Cindy Meyers and Tamaria Hartman have agreed to chair this event. THANK YOU for stepping up!
- Match & all-member meeting/potluck - Lisa McGlothlen. Flyer in Newsletter & on member FB page. Entry form is available on the PSLRA web page. Pre-entries (save \$5) are encouraged!
- Agility – Cheri Levine Chair. Mt Vernon at FunFurPaws! A great spot! June 21-23. Details on PSLRA Website.

Old Business:

- Show Trailer - Date for cleaning, inventorying and organizing will be set by Denise Hetland. Contact her if you have time to help!!
- AED - needs to be ordered and delivered in time for our specialty.
- 4th Specialty - NOTHING FINALIZED YET.

New Business:

- Rob suggested that we update our web page in particular for membership and payment information to include the PO Box address for those who wish to pay by check rather than through the PayPal portal. As it is now, that information is not readily nor easily found and it is a frustration. Rob will look into that with Cheri Wildes.

MAY MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

New Business Continued:

- New CDC Regulations beginning August 1, 2024 for bringing dogs into the United States from any outside country.
 - * PSLRA BOD acknowledges that this is a game changer for many and will require extra work and some getting used to at the very least.
 - * Although it seems to be a done deal please write to the CDC, AKC, CKC, LRC inc. Perhaps the more we give sound reasoning behind our “dismay” the better. It may fall on deaf ears but you never know!
 - * From AKC:

By AKC Government Relations
Published: May 13, 2024 | 1 Minute

CDC Dog Import Rules Published Today, Under Review by AKC – American Kennel Club

In today’s edition of the Federal Register, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published its newly finalized rule on the importation of dogs. The 123-page rule, which will become effective on August 1, 2024, is available at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-05-13/pdf/2024-09676.pdf>.

Last week, AKC published this post that alerted dog owners with a summary of the impending changes, which were reported in a letter from CDC to stakeholders.

The American Kennel Club’s Government Relations Department (AKC GR) has begun analyzing the new rule and will provide a summary of the requirements for owners and dogs once the analysis has been completed.

For more information, please contact CDC Staff:

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Dr. Emily Pieracci, D.V.M.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:33.

PSLRA CONFORMATION B MATCH

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"B" MATCH - JUNE 15TH 2024 - 10:00AM

TOLT MACDONALD CAMPGROUND

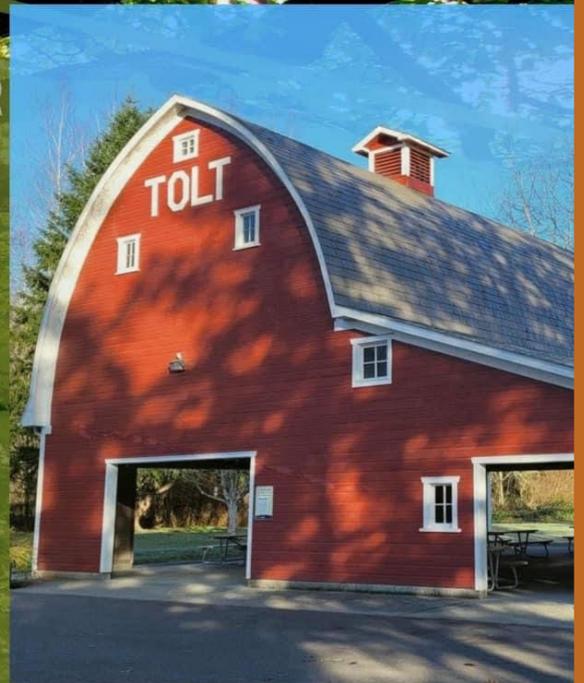
PRE-ENTRIES CLOSE JUNE 10TH

JUDGES:

- CATHY HAKOLA (LINCOLN VALLEY CREEK) | REGULAR
- WAYNE MCGLOTHLEN (RAINYDAZE) | SWEEPS
- VICKY HODGES HOSKINSON (CAMEO) | JUNIORS

CLASSES OFFERED:

- 4-6 MONTH PUPPY THROUGH OPEN ADULT
- JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP



PRIZES:

- BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES
- BEST OPPOSITE IN SWEEPSTAKES
- BEST PUPPY IN MATCH
- BEST OPPOSITE PUPPY IN MATCH
- BEST ADULT IN MATCH
- BEST OPPOSITE ADULT IN MATCH
- BEST JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

WE WILL HAVE A POTLOCK LUNCH AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE SHOW.

IF YOUR LAST NAME BEGINS WITH:

- A-G: PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER
- H-M: PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH
- N-Z: PLEASE BRING A DESSERT

DESIGN BY JCAM

PSLRA SPECIALTIES

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

4 Summer Days of dogs, fun, food, friends and our one-of-a-kind Venue!

2024



PUGET SOUND LABRADOR RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION

THE Farm, Arlington, WA
All judging outdoors

Thursday - August 1st, 2024

REGULAR, BEGINNER PUPPY AND JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP - Julie Jussaume, Maritime Labradors
ALL SWEEPS - Shannon Brown, Hyspire Labradors

Friday - August 2nd, 2024

REGULAR, BEGINNER PUPPY - Lori Bentine, Tremont Labradors
ALL SWEEPS - Kathy Gleason, Trinity Labradors
Junior Showmanship TBD

Saturday/Sunday - August 3rd & 4th, 2024

REGULAR, BEGINNER PUPPY - Jackie Hodge, Naiken Labradors
SWEEPS - Pam Mizuno, Lochinvar Labradors
Junior Showmanship TBD

Event Secretary, Dogzibit www.dogzibit.com

Event questions please contact:

Stephanie Harris stephanie@skyfirelabs.com

Katie Somers katie_somers@msn.com

PSLRA SPECIALTIES: ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

HELP NEEDED!

Our Fabulous Specialty is a little over [2] months away and we're looking for people who are interested in volunteering at the obedience and rally trial Saturday only this year.

Our goal is to find our replacement for next year. The Obed/rally chair IS able to compete as well as be the chair. We have found it's a little tough to chair the obed/rally and still attempt to compete in the conformation ring on the same day. It's possible, but ideally someone who is just in to performance or only doing performance at the specialty would be the least stressful to the chair. At this point we'd love anyone willing.

You could observe this year, we could mentor you this year to get you ready to take over next year. We are a huge club and in order to keep these events going, we need people to step up and be willing to chair. Our hope we can encourage new people to step up and try chairing these events. We want to be able to keep offering all of these events, so we need help.

~ Chantel Nahoopii

RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED!

ARE YOU READY! We are just about [2] months away from the PSLRA Specialty. It is time to start thinking about the raffle. We are looking for donations of new items that will help draw interest and funds. Kennels/crates, dog related items. Things that can be used ringside or after a show to relax. Be creative, but please keep it new and fresh items. Let me know what you can do, Thank you!

~ Denise Hetland

MEMBER PROFILE: JULIE KIRK

Julie is another founding member of PSLRA, joining in 1983, and served as club secretary in the 1980's. She lives in the Tri-Cities area of Washington, and her kennel prefix is Redwick. Thanks Julie!

How many years have you owned Labs? Over 41 years.

Do you breed? Not since 2009.

Why Labs? I've been a dog lover since age 5. Met Labs through two boyfriends before I could have a dog of my own. They're easy-going, easily cared for, quick learning, affectionate and handsome. The most versatile breed there is... if you don't want a dog that bites.

What dog sports or activities are you involved in and for how long? Obedience since 1983, hunt tests from 1984-2012 (until my training partner retired), conformation from 1990-1995, rally since 2006, and scent work since 2020.

If you do sports with your dogs, at what title levels have you competed? Senior hunter; RAE level in rally; Open obedience; Advanced Scent work in AKC and Superior in UKC.

What club volunteer roles have you enjoyed? My most enjoyable role has been as Working Certificate Coordinator for LRC, Inc. since 2005. In addition, I've been event secretary for two or three working certificate events at LRC National. I also stewarded for PSLRA and my local clubs, CBDTC and UNTC, and at the National, hunt test marshalled for PSLRA, RHRC and SSHRC (as well as being a founding member of all three), and marshalled at the National. I've been secretary for PSLRA and SSHRC, newsletter editor for SSHRC, and hospitality chair for CBDTC. I've also been a hunt test and obedience trial chair for the clubs I am in. Lastly, I've taught puppy, CGC, novice obedience and rally for CBDTC from 2010 to 2014.

Have you owned other breeds besides Labs? What breeds? My family had dachshunds and mixed breeds; since our first Lab, Molly, in 1982, I've had an Irish Water Spaniel and 3 mixed breeds besides anywhere from one to five Labs at a time (not counting puppies).

What hobbies/interests/career expertise do you have besides dogs? After 25 years as a civil servant, I ran a boarding kennel for 25 years and served as my husband's popper/thrower for the dogs he trained professionally for hunting and hunt tests. No other hobbies, just dogs!

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MEMBER PROFILE CONTINUED...

Tell us about your first Lab, or one you owned that is special to you. All of our dogs have been special to me, in their own ways. Our founder, MargaretZimbalonBrown CD SH taught us the basics, like what a Lab should look like, why to feed good food, use crates, and start training from Day 1. Her nose was too long and her ears were too big and she was straight in the rear. She was bossy with the other dogs, but with a velvet paw. She also housetrained herself and later when kenneled would not tolerate any pottying in her run. She got us into field work and OB. She was our first litter's mama. She also was our first dog with cancer.

Our second dog was Rainy, whose original job was to entertain Molly while we were at work. She was a conformation drop-out, she didn't eat veggies, she did eat birds. However with Molly's help we got her priorities straight enough for a WC, and later a CD. I spent hours walking the back roads of Union Hill with her. Our first rescue was Sultan, from very well bred field lines, Great hunting dog; hated training and hunt tests.

Odin, CH Harbortop's Redwick Valhalla MH, was our first conformation champion. And our second dog with cancer. Later we had Martha, who was a great receptionist, working with me to relax new boarding clients. Now we have Rudy, Opol's Rudy Red Seven CD RE SNI SNC SNB, who, besides acing all his nosework classes at the National, is the ESA/demo trainer for foster dog Roxy (a mixed breed) and self-taught service dog for my husband and me. He is a Harbortop x WindyCanyon boy. In between were DD (the IWS), Tora, Odin, Rosie, Charlie, Ellie, Cinder, Riser, Tucker (mixed breed), Scarlet, Jake, Max (Can CH Sunnydaze Black Max SH), Hawk, Thor, Ruby and Kyra. Most were hunting and/or obedience-rally titled and each presented their own training challenges.

Many of these dogs were re-homed to us; a few were re-homed by us. They're all my favorites.

What past dog (not necessarily owned by you) best represents the breed standard to you? Eng. Ch Sandylands Tweed of Blaircourt (who was born in 1958, so I know him only from pictures). Other dogs that stand out in my memory are Ch Timberline Big Ben of Fawnhaven, Ch Winterwind Glenn Plaid, Ch Kupros Marshall and of course Ch Romany Sun Jester MH. I like the looks of the current Dutch Hollow dogs pretty consistently and the dual purpose dogs of the 60's and 70's.

Biggest Pet Peeve? Short legs, short muzzles and immoderately heavy bone. The puppy look is not acceptable in an adult Labrador.

What dog-related product or book do you often recommend to people? Don't Shoot the Dog (Karen Pryor), Richard Edwards' book on Lab history, anything by Ken Ramirez, The Genius of Dogs (Brian Hare & Vanessa Woods), and Cetacea martingales.

What else would you like people to know? LABS RULE!

Out Standing in the Field: The Go Out Drill

These are also called ladder blinds. It's a good drill for dogs just getting started on cold blinds.

GO OUT DRILL

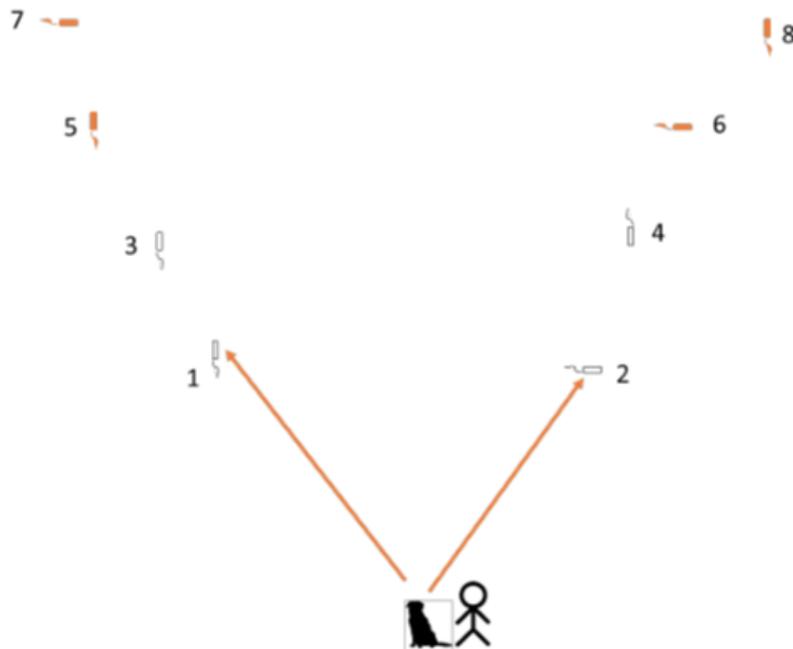
Purpose:

- Address confidence problems when sent to blind retrieve.

Requirements:

- 4 to 6 white bumpers
- 4 to 6 orange bumpers
- Moderate cover.

Procedure:



- Place white and orange bumpers along two lines. The first set of white bumpers should be visible from the start line, 20 to 30 yards away. Next sets are spaced 5 to 10 yards from the previous tier.
- Send for first white bumper on one side, then send to first white bumper on the other side.
- Alternate sides for subsequent bumpers. Don't use pressure.

Comments:

- Similar to the Salted Area drill I came up with this one to address confidence issues in dogs that are hesitant to leave their handlers when sent for cold blinds.

Source: Rainer Fuchs

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LABRA-BRAGS

International CH Country Classic's Rumor Has It CDX PCDX BN RE RAE2 RM2 NA MXP MJP2 NF XFP CC WC



“Rumor” had quite a spectacular showing in Rally at the Northwest Cluster Dog Show in Lynden on Saturday and Sunday. She and her handler, Janine, earned Triple Qs in all 4 trials with scores ranging from 93 to 99 points with two 2nd placements, three 3rd placements, and three 4th placements. She also earned her RAE2 and RM2 titles. Rumor will be 12 in July and just continues to happily play in the Rally ring with Janine.

Owned by Julie Germano and handled by Janine Hayes.

MORE LABRA-BRAGS

FLY UGWPCHUWPO AP5 CA RATN SPRINT ROM
UMBIS UMRBIS UBISS GRCH SUNNYDAZE FOR PEEP'S SAKE
CD PCD BN FDC CA DCAT THDN CGCA CGCU TKE SPOT-ON



ISN'T IT

GRAND



Brach earned her **UNITED GRAND WEIGHT PULL CHAMPION** at the Cascade American Pit Bull Terrier Club's conformation show and weight pull event hosted in March. She also won two Best of Breed placements, a Gam Dog Group 'Two and Group 'Three. With the performance qualifications and conformation placements, she earned another 'Total Dog' award!

In February, Brach traveled to Missouri to compete at the UKC Midwest Classic. She brought her A game, winning two Best of Breed placements and qualifying in Rally 3 and Masters all three days of competition. She earned legs in Rally 2 on two days, missing the third qualifying leg due to handler error. As usual, she gave her all, and earned her ticket to the **2024 TOTAL DOG INVITATIONAL!**

Brach is trained, handled and shown by Kristen Reiter of SandDog Labradors

MORE LABRA-BRAGS

WSD NI NC UJJCH USJ UJJ UEWPCH FLY UWPS VPE AP6 URO1 SPRINT CAX
URBIS GRCH SUND0G DON T CALL ME NYMPHODORA
SPOT-ON CAA DCAT RATN CGC TKP FDC VSWB FITB FITG FTN SD-1 LI-1 UL-1

NEW TITLES

FETCH NOVICE

FIT DOG SILVER

FIT DOG GOLD

TRICK DOG ADVANCED

TRICK DOG PERFORMER

NOVICE INTERIORS

NOVICE CONTAINERS

WORKING SHED DOG

In February, Tonks headed to the UKC Midwest Classic in Missouri. She won four Best of Breed placements, including a Gun Dog Group 2 and Group 4. She made her debut in Nose-work

Handler Discrimination and won her class! She earned two legs for that title. She earned both legs for her Novice Container title, earning third place in both of her classes and both legs, a fourth place and her title in Novice Interiors.

She held it together to earn two legs in Rally Obedience 2 as well! Actually, she held it together for all three classes, but handler error caused a disqualification on her last run.

These solid efforts and accomplishments earned Tonks her golden ticket to compete at the 2024 Total Dog Invitational - her fourth year receiving an invitation, and she only just turned four!

This Month, Tonks earned another two legs towards her Working Shed Dog title and a third placement at the North Idaho Shed Dog trial in Athol, ID. Her fifth and final leg was earned during a challenging hunt hosted by the Cascade Shed Dog Club this weekend in Sedro Woolley. It's been great fun getting into the field with Tonks. I am energized by her passion and drive!

Tonks is bred by and exclusively trained and handled by Kristen Reiter of SunDog Labradors

Tonks



Available Puppies

As of May 3rd, 2024...

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

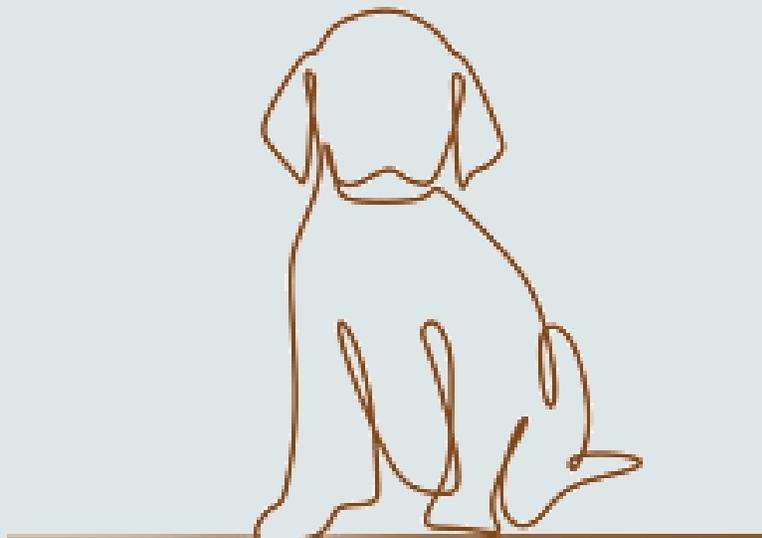
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