

# The Retriever Believer



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Hello Members,

Please send in reports, essays, and photos from the specialty for publication in the newsletter. The same goes for the hunt test, which starts August 24th. Have fun!

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# ALL AROUND AND VERSATILITY AWARD INFO

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It's that time of year again, time to get your dog's applications in for all around and versatility awards. Deadline for this year's awards is August 15th and it will be here before we know it, but there is still time to finish up titles and certificates for the annual awards. More info and submission rules can be found on PSLRA's web page. Questions or submissions: Mary Jane Sarbaugh — [labsix@whidbey.com](mailto:labsix@whidbey.com)

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The All Around Dog Award is part of the foundation of PSLRA and has been offered to qualifying dogs since 1983. By earning a title in multiple venues, these dogs have proven they are deserving of the PSLRA All Around Dog Award. To Qualify, a Dog must have earned the following three items:

1. AKC, CKC, International or other conformation championship
  2. AKC, CKC or other Obedience or Rally or Tracking or Agility Title
  3. AKC or CKC Hunt Test Title or JAM at a licensed field trial or Working Certificate.
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Versatility Dog Award; By distinguishing themselves in three different non-conformation categories, Versatility Dog Award winners truly demonstrate the “versatility” of the Labrador Retriever breed, and are deserving of this award. To Qualify a Dog must have earned a title in three of the following venues:

- Hunt Test or Field Trial
- Obedience or Rally
- Agility or Dock Diving
- Tracking, Barn Hunt or Nose Work
- Coursing, Fast Cat or Similar
- Weight Pull or Similar
- Therapy Dog Certification

# 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](mailto: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](http://www.dogzibit.com)

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# Pooch Perils of Summer: Cyanobacteria

## Watch Out for Blue Green Algae!

It's summer and warm weather conditions promote the growth of **cyanobacteria** that can make your pet seriously sick! Here's what to watch out for if your pet will be around bodies of water this season.



Dogs can become poisoned when they drink from or swim in contaminated water sources.



Cyanobacteria is most likely to thrive in bodies of water when the weather is warm (over 75 degrees) and sunny.

It is typically found in ponds and lakes, but can also be present in oceans, fresh water, damp soil, backyard fountains and even on rocks.

The bacteria itself is invisible to the eye, but water may appear pea-green in color or have a slime on surface.

**ASPCA**<sup>®</sup>  
Animal Poison  
Control Center  
(888) 426-4435

If your pet is exposed to blue green algae signs may develop in as little as a few minutes or may take up to 12 hours to arise. Your pet may present with signs such as drooling, disorientation, weakness, vomiting, panting, collapse, seizures, respiratory failure and even death.

For more information, please visit [aspca.org/apcc](http://aspca.org/apcc)

# Out Standing in the Field: A Drill for Casting

## LONG DISTANCE BLIND DRILL

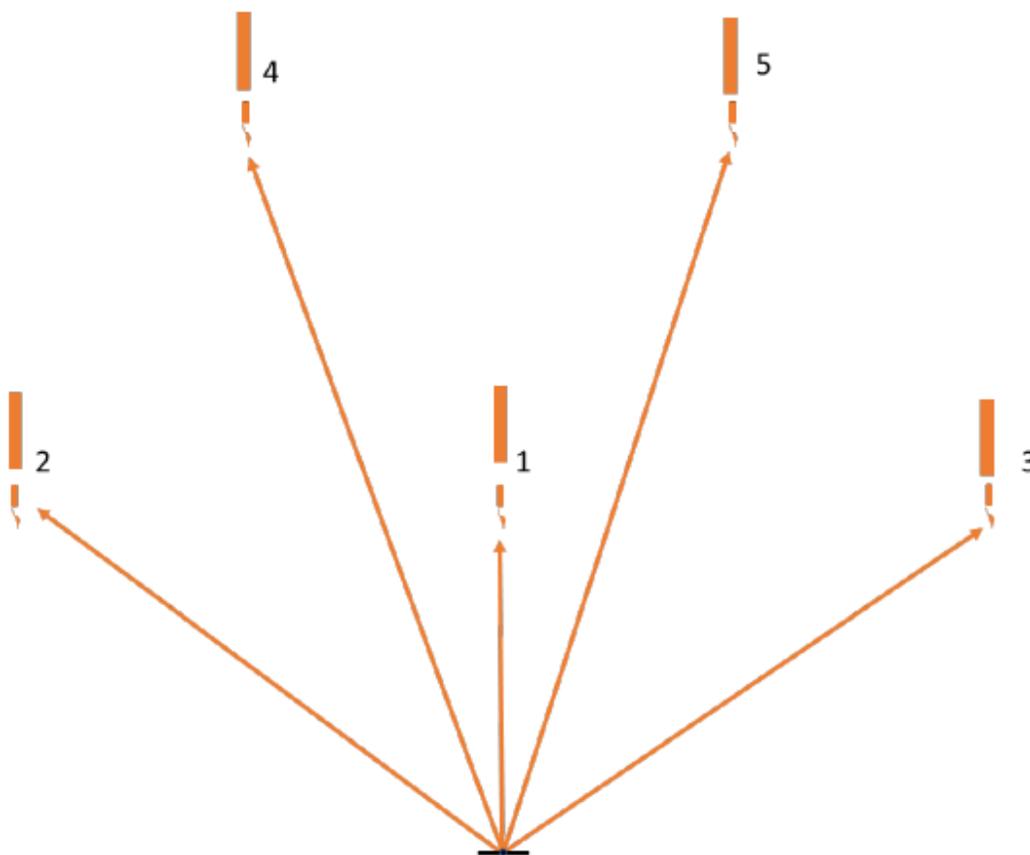
### Purpose:

- Refine casting skills in the field.

### Requirements:

- 5 orange stakes/flags
- 5 or more orange bumpers

### Procedure:



- Place orange stakes and bumpers out in an M-shaped pattern. First row about 100 yards from the line, second row 150 to 200 yards. For less experienced dogs leave one bumper at each of the closer stakes, for more experienced dogs you can leave a pile.
- Pick up the bumper that are closer first, then pick up the ones in the second row. If the dog tries to a previous blind, just handle out of that area. Younger dogs won't be rewarded if they disobey the casts because there's no bumpers there.

### Comments:

- More of a 5-peat in the field than a drill. Great for inexperienced dogs.

**Source:** Pat Burns workshop @ Bear Country Kennels, 2016

# LABRA-BRAGS

UEWPCH FLY UWPO VPE CA RATN SPRINT AP5 ROM

**UMBIS UMRBIS BISS RGRCH Sunnydaze for Peep's Sake**

CD PCD BN FDC CA DCAT THDN CGCA CGCU TKE SPOT-ON

**PREMIER NATIONALS**



**HIGH SCORING JUNIOR HANDLER**

**A WINNING TEAM IN WEIGHT PULL!  
Addison Marolt & Brach**

*I'm so proud of this duo! It was Addis first time exhibiting Brach in weight pull and the team logged several qualifying pulls ending up as the top junior for the day. In addition to this big win, Brach and I amassed a total of three triple qualifying scores in rally obedience over the course of the long weekend.*

Bred, Loved, and Trained by Kristen Reiter

# MORE LABRA-BRAGS



## **Int'l CH Country Classic's Rumor Has It CDX PCDX BN RAE2 RM2 NA MXP MJP2 NF XFP FTN CC WC**

At the English Springer Spaniel Rally Trial at Skagit Fairgrounds, "Rumor", with Janine's expert guidance, earned scores in the mid to high 90s and one perfect 100, and the 20th and last required triple Q for her Rally Championship. She brought home a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and two 4th placement ribbons and added to the points needed to complete the RACH requirement. They will have that RACH in no time. Atta girl! Also, just for fun, the EGRC club hosted a Novice Fetch event. Julie entered Rumor and she earned her Novice Fetch Title. **Owned by Julie Germano and handled by Janine Hayes.** Rumor is pictured on the right.

## **Int'l CH Country Classic's Leather And Lace BN RI AXP MJP OFP RATO CGC TKN FTN CC WC**

EGRC hosted a novice fetch trial at their show at Skagit Fairgrounds. "Stevie" and Scott gave it a try and earned the Novice Fetch title. Stevie always tackles every new thing with a lot of exuberance. **Owned and handled by Scott Beaumont.** Stevie is pictured on the left.

# MORE LABRA-BRAGS



## **Int'l CH Country Classic's I'll Take The Dirt Road RA OA OAJ AXP AJP OF XFP RATS CC WC**

“Sawyer” made his way back into the agility ring at the PSLRA Agility Trial after taking a long break from this sport. He didn’t skip a beat and earned the final 2 legs for his Excellent Fast Preferred Title with a 2nd and 1st placement. **Owned by Julie Germano and Handled by Denise Beaumont.**

# MORE LABRA-BRAGS

BA WSD NE NI NC UJJCH USJ UJJ UEWPCH FLY UWPS VPE AP6 URO2 SPRINT CAX

**URBIS UGRCH SunDog Don't Call Me Nymphodora**

SPOT-ON CAA DCAT RATN CGC TKP FDC VSWB FITG FTN WC SD-1 LI-1 UL-1

**PREMIER NATIONALS - TOTAL DOG!**

**CELEBRATING DOGS THAT DO MORE**



## **NEW TITLES!**

**Rally Obedience 2**

**Novice Nosework Exteriors**

**Beginner Agility**

## **ACCOLADES**

**Judge's Award of Merit**

**Reserve Grand Champion**

**Premier National Total Dog**

## **ADDITIONAL**

### **QUALIFYING LEGS**

**Nosework Vehicles x 1**

**Handler Discrimination x 2**

**Rally Obedience 3 x 2**

**Dock Diving:**

**110 Sr. Championship Points**

*I solemnly swear that I am up to no good.*

**Premier  
NATIONALS**

Bred, Loved, Trained and Handled by Kristen Reiter

# Available Puppies

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As of July 18th, 2024...

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Litter Born: 06/13/2024

**Available: 2 Chocolate Males**

**Sire:** Empress Escapade at Epoch

**AKC:** SS1682210

Hips = Excellent, Elbows = Normal, Eyes = 5/13/24, Heart ECHO/Auscultation = Normal/Clear, Prcd/PRA = Clear, EIC = Clear, CNM = Clear, HNPK = Clear, DM = Clear, Cystinuria = Clear, Dilute = Clear

**Dam:** Soundview's One Mint Julep

**AKC:** SS30015302

Hips = Good, Elbows = Normal, Eyes = 10/5/23, Heart ECHO/Auscultation = Normal/Clear, Prcd/PRA = Clear, EIC = Clear, CNM = Clear, HNPK = Clear, DM = Clear, SD = Clear, RD/OSD = Clear, Dilute = Clear

**Contact:** Denise Hetland

**Phone:** 425.346.1816

**Email:** hetlandcreek@msn.com

**Website:** www.hetlandcreek.com

**Date Listed:** 6/19/2024

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Litter Born: 06/07/2024

**Available: 1 Black Female, 2 Black Males, 1 Chocolate Male**

**Sire:** BISS GCH CH Hyspire Fade to Black "Fade"

**AKC:** SS12728102

Hips = Good, Elbows = Normal, Eyes = Normal/Clear 8/22/2023, Heart ECHO = Normal/Clear, Prcd/PRA = Clear, EIC = Clear, CNM = Clear, CT = Clear, HNPK = Clear, DM = Clear, Dilute = Clear

**Dam:** AM/CAN CH RainyDaze It's 5 O'clock Somewhere "Tipsy"

**AKC:** SS29752201

Hips = Excellent, Elbows = Normal, Eyes = Normal/Clear 9/24/2023, Heart ECHO = Normal/Clear, Prcd/PRA = Clear, EIC = Clear, CNM = Clear, CT = Clear, HNPK = Clear, DM = Clear, Dilute = Clear

**Contact:** Lisa McGlothlen

**Phone:** 425.512.7929

**Email:** rainydazelabradors@yahoo.com

**Website:** www.rainydazelabradors.com

**Date Listed:** 6/19/2024

# Available Puppies

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As of July 18th, 2024...

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Litter Born: 3/15/2024

**Available: 1 Yellow Male & 1 Yellow Female**

**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**

**Phone: 253.281.5398**

**Email: [aiyerbrothers@gmail.com](mailto:aiyerbrothers@gmail.com)**



# Available Dogs

As of July 18th, 2024...

**Available: 6-Year-Old Black Female. Name: Country Classic's Queen of the Nile "Nala"**

**Spay/Neuter Status:** Intact, will need to be spayed. **Health Information:** OFA Hips Good, Elbows Normal and up to date on shots.

**General Information:** Nala is active, but very sweet. Gets along with all dogs. Is a bit too much for small children, but older children would be perfect. Nala loves to play fetch. She has had limited agility training, but would likely do quite well in that venue. An avid hunting friend took Nala out in the field to see how she would do and this is what she said, "In the right hands and with training, Nala would be a phenomenal hunting dog." Nala will need to be spayed by her future family.

**Nala is not a rescue and is being sold to an approved home.**

**Contact: Julie Germano**

**Phone: 425.330.9316**

**Email: countryclassick9@aol.com**

**Date Listed: 07/16/24**



**Available: 5-Year-Old Chocolate Male**

**Spay/Neuter Status:** Intact, to be neutered. Or, may stay intact as possible co-own.

**Health Information:** "Finn" is very healthy and current on all vaccinations. Finn has been a stud dog, so has all health clearances (Hip, Elbow, Eyes, Echo Heart and all DNA testing is normal/clear). He has no known health problems.



**General Information:** Finn is a very sweet dog. He is a big boy (90lbs) is obedience trained/very obedient. He has no hunting experience. Finn gets along well with other dogs, cats and kids, but can sometimes be a little pushy when he wants something-like love! He is a naturally quiet dog. He is looking for a forever home where he can be a house dog, constant companion, running partner, hiking buddy, etc.

**Finn is not a rescue and is being sold to an approved home.**

**Contact: Teresa Meredith**

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**Date Listed: 6/09/2024**

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