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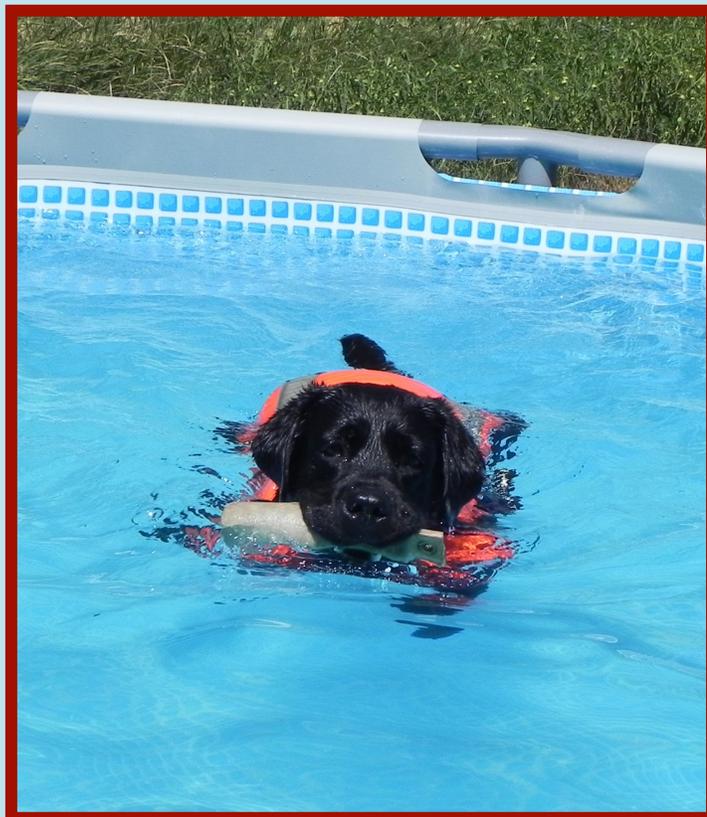
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Hello Members,

Check the August Specialty Announcements pages for information about RV parking and trophy donations for the upcoming specialty, the deadline for those is coming up fast!

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PSLRA AGILITY TRIAL RECAP

PSLRA had its annual agility trial June 23-25. We had a good showing. One of our competitors earned her Agility Grand Championship which takes years to accomplish. Of course, it was a Lab! We also had the Old Dog Run to benefit Old Dog Haven. I have included the group photos of the old dogs in attendance and the ODH volunteer who attended with her rescue dogs.



For its newsletter, Old Dog Haven wrote:

The Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association, a long-time generous supporters of ODH, once again held the Old Dog benefit run at their AKC summer agility trial. Cheri Levine presented a check for \$500.00 stating "all proceeds from these runs will directly benefit Old Dog Haven. This is a great way to celebrate all those dogs that have helped to make the sport what it is today. ODH also received \$315.00 from private exhibitors at the trial.

Thank you, PSLRA, and Co-Chairs Cheri Levine and Julie Germano.

~ Cheri Levine



ALL AROUND AND VERSATILITY AWARD INFO

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

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

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

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PSLRA SPECIALTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

YOU CAN PAY FOR RV CAMPING ON THE PSLRA WEBSITE—DEADLINE JULY 17TH!

RV Camping Wednesday – Sunday: 2024 Specialty Show

\$150.00

All RV Camping for the PSLRA 2024 Specialty Show is Pre-Assigned.

Camping will be dry. No water or electric hookups or gray or black water dumping.

Payments are \$30 a day Wednesday July 31, 2024 through Sunday August 4, 2024



TROPHY SPONSORS NEEDED!

July 17th	CLASS SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS DEADLINE (to be listed in the catalog) Please contact Rob Parkins • rob@rpoutside.com • 208-569-5397 with your information. Your financial support is needed, and appreciated, to help defray the expenses related to this specialty. All class sponsorships must be received by July 17 th to be listed in the specialty catalog. Available classes to sponsor can be viewed and paid for at https://www.dogzibit.com/product-category/pslra/
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MORE SPECIALTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

HELP NEEDED!

Our Fabulous Specialty is a little over [1] 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 [1] 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

Out Standing in the Field: Salted Area Blinds

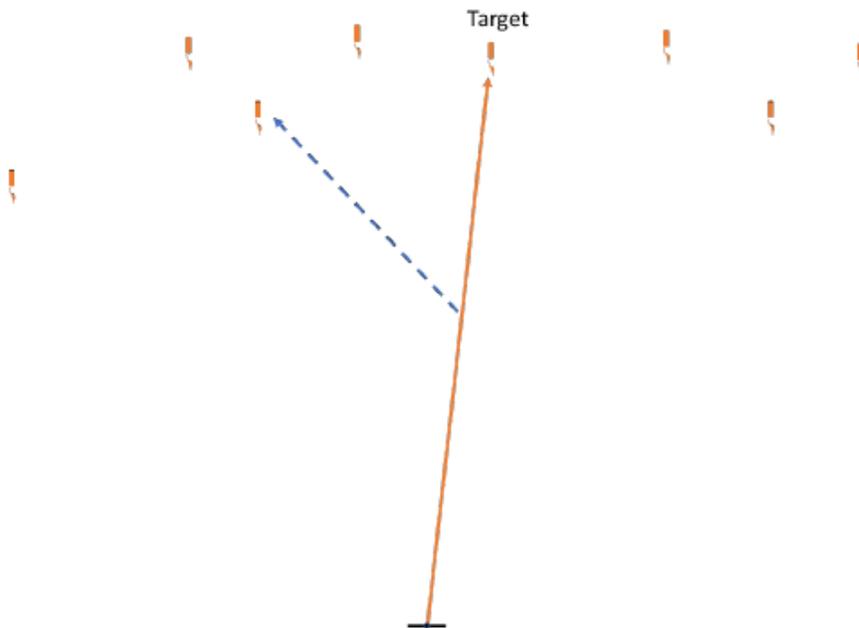
SALTED AREA BLINDS

Purpose:

- Develop confidence and desire during transition from pattern blinds to cold blinds.

Requirements:

- 6 to 10 orange bumpers
- Field with no or modest features



Procedure:

- “Salt” the area near the actual target (100 – 200 yards from the line) with the bumpers. Don’t put them too close together. There should be at least 6 to 10 yards between each of them.
- Send and handle to blind.
- If you see great go-out momentum from the start line, let him go and even pick up the wrong bumper initially, to reinforce confidence and desire.
- If you notice that response to casts gets sluggish and confidence seem to wane, allow the dog to go to one of the extra bumpers instead of the original target. The dog should be excited to find something!
- Repeat the blind once or twice.

Comments:

- Some dogs seem to lose (or never gain) confidence when they go from pattern blinds to cold blinds. I came up with this drill to give them more opportunity to “succeed”. For dogs that leave willingly, run with confidence, and respond well to stops and casts, this drill would be unnecessary.
- If the dog shows little desire to even leave the handler for fear of the unknown, you may want to start this drill even very close up, e.g. 30 yards or so.

LABRA-BRAGS

NEW SENIOR HUNTER TITLE!

Int'l CH Rhumblin's Before The Wind CD SH ACT1 CGC CC



“Tuula” did it! Picking up back to back senior passes in June at Eastern Idaho Retriever Club’s double header test weekend in Island Park, Idaho to finish her senior hunt test title.

Amateur Owner Trained and Handled by Laurel McCord.

MORE LABRA-BRAGS

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

Tonks

SUNDOG'S VERY FIRST WORKING CERTIFICATE

Thank you to Rose City Labrador Retriever Club for hosting the Working Certificate test on Sayvie Island this June. Judge Sherilinn Whitman and the club members provided helpful advice and encouragement and I even had an opportunity to work the blind. Best yet, it was a great day in the field with my dog and she earned her Working Certificate! This rounds out her resume—conformation, performance, and now, hunt!

Respectfully Submitted by Kristen Reiter DVM

MORE LABRA-BRAGS

International CH

**PACH2 Country Classic Get This Party Started BN RA MXP7 MXPG
MJP9 MJPG PAX2 MFP T2BP RATM CZ8B CGC TKN CC WC**



In May at the Evergreen Afghan agility trial, “P!nk” earned her Master Standard Preferred Gold Title, which I didn’t realize until the certificate showed up in the mail. Oops. This past weekend, she earned her Rally Advanced title at the Evergreen State Shetland Sheepdog Club trial. We will now take a break from Rally and find something new and exciting to play, and continue with agility, our first love.

Owned, Handled and Very Much Loved by Denise Beaumont.

MORE 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 another fantastic showing at both the Mount Rainier Sporting Spaniel and the Evergreen State Shetland Sheepdog Rally trials. At the Spaniel trial, Rumor had scores of 97, 99, and 100 and earned the High Triple and High Combined awards. At the Sheltie trial, she had 3 scores in the high 90s, which earned her another triple Q. Go Team Rumor!

Owned by Julie Germano and Handled by Janine Hayes.

MORE LABRA-BRAGS

Int'l CH Country Classic's Singing In The Reign RN ACT2 ACTIJ WC



“Reign” earned her Rally Novice B title with a 3rd place at the Mount Rainier Sporting Spaniel trial. At the Evergreen State Shetland Sheepdog trial the following day, she earned her first leg with a 2nd place in Rally Intermediate and 4th place in Beginner Novice. Miss social butterfly is learning to work and not visit. She is fun to watch and really does love to work.

Owned and Handled by Julie Germano.

Available Puppies

As of June 19th, 2024...

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

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Date Listed: 6/19/2024

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 "Topsy"

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

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Date Listed: 6/19/2024

Available Puppies & Dogs

As of June 19th, 2024...

Litter Born: 3/15/2024

Available: 1 Yellow Male & 1 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

Date Listed: 4/1/2024

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.

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

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