

The Retriever Believer

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Best laid plans...this newsletter was complete and ready to distribute on October 1st. When I went to save it as a PDF, my computer refused to open it. Somewhere along the line, the file was corrupted and I had to recreate the entire issue. Way to go, guest editor! So, sorry for the delay. Perhaps it's better the second time around than it was the first time.

I hope you all are enjoying the change in season, getting out with your dogs and making memories.

Kristen Reiter

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SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AGENDA

PSLRA Board Meeting

Start time: 6:37

Wednesday Sept 18, 2024

VIA ZOOM



Officers Reports

- President – Marcy Johnson - - None
- Vice President – Becky Dannaker. None
- Secretary – MJ Sarbaugh - - CDC rules have loosened.
- Treasurer – Cindy Olson. Financials are available to any member wanting to see them. Contact Cindy.
Balance on hand \$39,823

Board members & officers present: Marcy Johnson, Becky Dannaker, Cindy Olson, Mary Jane Sarbaugh, Jim Olson, Kimberly Dotson, Jessica Baker, Sharon Edwards, Lisa McGlothlen, Brenda Hubbard, Diane Sullenberger, Denise Hetland, Linda Maffett, Katie Somers, Marlys Swanson. Jill Mahoney.

Members and guests present: Stephanie Harris

Acknowledgements. Thank you to all these members who turned out to help and support our events

Fall HT - Liz Gibson, Cindy Olson, Katie Mearns, Mark Keen, Liz Skyllingstad, Peter Gartner, Jean Fowler, Chantel Nahoopii, Cindy Freeman, and Susan Bell

Nominating Committee: Kimberly Dotson chair. ,Jennifer Payne, Cindy Freeman and alternate Anne Swindeman

Committee Reports:

• Supported Entries –

Wenatchee (October 19) – Katie SomersSaturday supported entry with Sweepstakes and Sunday supported entry. If you want to park in RV area as a group send \$\$ to Katie ASAP. She has to submit it by October 7th

Puyallup (January 11)— Jessica BakerSaturday supported entry with sweepstakes

There was discussion regarding the lack of willingness of these all-breed shows (Puyallup, Lynden, Bremerton, and Wenatchee) to work with us (ie: breeders judges) as we support their Labrador entry.

HRT – Cindy Olson.... We had a successful Fall HT and showed some profit which overrode the spring HT loss :-).

Two pending issues (with Rainier Hunting Retriever Club) were brought forward and at Cindy's suggestion and our Field Committee chairperson's (Jim Olson) recommendation PSLRA will not support the purchase of gas guns. (We still have plenty of popper shells for a number of years to come) and we will not support the payment of \$150 per each WC and or training day that we hold. (Our income does not warrant the extra payment on top of the annual shared trailer expense.)

HT committee will be looking for a new HT Spring and Fall chairperson(s) and new Field Committee chairperson

Please see Volunteers Wanted Column in this and future newsletters!!

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Nominating -- Kimberly Dotson....

The following have been nominated to serve as officers and board members for the 2025 year:

2025 PSLRA Nominations

President: Becky Dannaker Vice President: Stephanie Harris

Secretary: Mary Jane Sarbaugh Treasurer: Cindy Olson

Past President/Chairman of the Board: Marcy Johnson

Board Members: Jessica Baker. Scott Dannaker. Kimberly Dots

Denise Hetland. Vicky Hodges-Hoskinson. Brenda Hubbard

Jill Mahoney. Linda Maffet Lisa McGlothlen

Rob Parkin Katie Somers. Marlys Swanson. Diane Sullenberger

Nominations from the floor will take place at the December Christmas party being held at the home of Scott & Becky Dannaker. If anyone club member would like to join the board or run for an officer position, you can do so at this time. Please bring written nomination to the party. If you have any questions please contact me at clovercreeklabs@gmail.com or 253-278-1116.

Rescue Report – Brenda.... A busy month in Rescue! There are currently 6 pending adoptions. Edith will have an updated Rescue report article in this issue, or the next.

Membership - Jill Membership list has been updated as of September 17th 2024

2024 Specialties – Katie / Stephanie. Good and positive feedback from exhibitors judges those attending. Profit of \$12,000 because of \$14,000 brought in from the various fund raisers

2025 Specialties — What's new!!! We lost our show venue that we have enjoyed for a number of years in Arlington.

Thanks to extensive research and searching we now have a:

New location !! Run Wild in Auburn, Wa.

New Dates!! June 13,14,15 pending AKC approval

Working on Judge Selection

Obedience and Rally if a new chairperson or two step up!!!

Please see Volunteers Wanted Column in this and future newsletters

Jr's all three days, Wine Walk, PeeWees Lots more exciting things planned!

We are reminded that because the date is 2 months sooner so will all the deadlines be 2 months sooner!!!

Health Clinic - Lisa, Marlys Coming up and ready to go!

2025 B- Match - - Stephanie looking into a new location and new dates! Stay tuned!

Old Business

AED – Now located at Denise Hetland's home. Chairpersons may check it out from her for any PSLRA event.

4th 2024 specialty.... Jessica Baker Thursday of Monroe(Whidbey Island KC) .
Susan Huntzinger regular class judge

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Katie Campbell Sweepstakes and Juniors

Watch for more information as this event is planned. Please contact Jessica if you'd like to help!!

Sharon brought up that we need detailed job descriptions for each aspect of any given event, It will help to make them run smoother because everyone will know what they are supposed to be doing or overseeing. Board was in agreement with this. Suggested that each committee or sub-committee chair make up an outline for their own area. And for new opportunities to volunteer! Please remember that this is a volunteer club! No volunteers we all suffer.

New Business:

Review and update reimbursement protocol -- Reimbursement form found on Web page. Will need to be used to submit receipts. Expenses must be approved in advance through chairperson of event and or the Board before disbursements will be made.

Motion passed to set up a VENMO account giving members an added means of making payments to the club. BE SURE to indicate on any payment (check, PayPal or Venmo what the payment is for!) Jill will take care of setting up the VENMO account.

Online business/discussion:

September 5 MOTION was passed to change the date of the 2025 Specialty to June dates and to be held at Run Wild (used to be ARGUS)

August 21 MOTION passed to approve \$500 deposit to Charlies of Puyallup towards our annual awards banquet & Membership meetings in January 2025

August 17 MOTION passed to approve August 2024 HT budget

July 26 Discussed the newly named "Nina Mann Dog For All Reasons Award" and passed a MOTION to send up to \$400 annually to LRC to help defray expenses for that.

July 19 MOTION passed to approve cost up to \$570 for salmon dinner at 2024 specialty

July 14 MOTION passed for PSLRA to fund the Tri-Club HT trailer annual storage \$240 our share

June 22 MOTION passed to donate \$250 to RCLRC 2024 specialty trophy fund.

June 19 MOTION passed to donate one free HT entry in 2025 to support Rainier Hunting Retriever Club

June 18 MOTION to update our insurance plan for the two PDSLRA club trailers

Adjourned

Adjourn time: 8:10

Next Board Meeting. October 17th 6:30 Via ZOOM

Next membership meeting October 19th Wenatchee



UPDATED MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

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

The PSLRA Membership Directory has been updated. Please visit the following link:

<https://www.pslra.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/2024-September-PSLRA-Membership-Directory.pdf>



Laryngeal Paralysis Study Update



Friends –

My apologies, as I just realized this email got stuck in my drafts folder earlier this summer. But on behalf of the UW School of Veterinary Medicine I want to thank you for your past support of laryngeal paralysis research being led by Dr. Susannah Sample. Along with Dr. Sample, a dedicated team of individuals continues to conduct research to better understand this terrible and debilitating disease. Today, we invite you to an update about the work Dr. Sample and team have been doing (please see the attached). We hope this helps you better understand the impact your support has made possible and once again, thank you.

Sincerely,
Kristi V. Thorson
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Associate Dean for Advancement and Administration
University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine
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Laryngeal Paralysis Update April 2024

Hello! It's been a very busy year for our team! The laryngeal paralysis studies have been coming along well, and we continue to move forward. There are a lot of paralleled studies happening, which all overlap but have their own trajectories.

Genetics: We continue to work with a genetic variant that has been discovered in a very promising gene. We are bullish that we have the correct gene, I'm just not sure we have the correct variant. The reason is that the variant we have found explains about 80% of laryngeal paralysis cases in Labradors; which is pretty good but not as great as I'd like. Although on the flip side, I am beginning to suspect that even within the Labrador breed, the disease we call "laryngeal paralysis" is not a single disease but rather more than one condition that presents in the same way. That is certainly the case for humans with similar disease conditions, and we already know that "laryngeal paralysis" in other breeds are caused by different gene mutations. But regardless, we are still looking hard in the area to be sure we are happy with the variant we have found. There are a few "next step" studies that we want to undertake to see how the variant that we have found could be changing the structure of DNA.

Neuropathology: We have been working for a few years now on large neuropathology and electrodiagnostic studies. We were able to combine this work into one large paper that was recently published! The article is available publicly; here is a link if you are interested! <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/cne.25596>

We are still working in this area; we want to investigate more about what is happening at the level of the nerve/muscle interface, and to understand what gene pathways are being altered throughout the nerve. To help with this we have reopened our body donation program to help collect more samples for analysis.

Laryngeal Paralysis Study Update

Biomarker for diagnosis or progression: We were hoping to find that a biomarker in blood called neurofilament light chain (NfL) might be a way to help with the diagnosis, severity or progression of laryngeal paralysis in dogs. NfL does work for some (but not all) types of disease in humans that are similar to laryngeal paralysis in dogs. Sadly, our experiment showed that this biomarker doesn't work well in dogs for laryngeal paralysis. But we will keep looking to find another we can try to look at more! We did publish these findings as well. Here is a link to that paper! <https://avmajournals.avma.org/view/journals/ajvr/85/4/ajvr.23.12.0292.xml>

Mechanism of disease: To really try and find a means of treated dogs with laryngeal paralysis, we are going to need to find a way to get into drug options that are being developed for humans with the same type of disease as laryngeal paralysis; these diseases are collectively referred to as peripheral neuropathy. The reality is that big pharma doesn't spend million/billions on creation of drugs for dogs, but they do for humans!! Fortunately, pet dogs that have certain types of disease are more commonly being used as models for similar human conditions, particularly for cancer and neurodegenerative diseases. Dog models can be used for drug treatment trials, which then can benefit both dogs and people. However, to make laryngeal paralysis a potential model, we must know a lot more about what is really causing the disease, beyond just the gene and mutation. Our lab's current graduate student, Ryan Anderson, is moving this forward by creating a means to study the diseased cells in normal aged dogs and dogs that have laryngeal paralysis. Ryan can now take a small piece of skin that is collected when a dog is having surgery for something unrelated and transform those skin cells directly into motor neurons. We can then study what is happening to the motor neurons in dogs that have laryngeal paralysis compared to healthy control dogs. The method to make that transformation happen has just been figured out, so we are moving forward with this body of work now.

Overall, we are moving things forward very well! I hope to have a paper out in the summer/fall that goes through how we have created those motor neurons, and then a paper discussing the genetic basis of laryngeal paralysis soon too. We want to make the genetics paper as impactful as possible, and there always seems to be more to do in this realm. But we will get there soon!

Thank you for all your support on this journey.

Gratefully yours,

Susie Susannah Sample, DVM, MS, PhD
Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Surgeons – SA
Assistant Professor
School of Veterinary Medicine University of Wisconsin-Madison



VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Obedience Chairperson for the 2025 Specialty in June

Rally Chairperson for the 2025 Specialty in June

Marlys Swanson or Chantel Nahoopii can give you all the instruction and guidance you'd need to take these options over

PSLRA Field Committee Chair (FCC)

This is an ongoing position

Description of Duties:

Coordinates field activities. Assists designated Hunt Test Chair in an advisory capacity.

Select a gun captain for hunt tests with input from the Hunt Test Chair. Facilitate securing the gunners for the event.

Coordinate placement of equipment in the field and ensure that everything is returned to the trailer at the end of the event. Also make sure the grounds are free of litter and trash at the end of the event.

Maintain current inventory of field gear belonging to PSLRA. Ensures gear is maintained and in working order. Winterize gear at end of season. FCC delegates tasks to other field committee members resulting in shared workload. Ensures items in the trailer that need to be dry are stored properly.

Participating in a Tri club meeting with regard to maintaining equipment in the trailer and providing cost estimates for the restocking of the trailer.

Keeps current on new field equipment that PSLRA should consider purchasing for hunt tests.

Also advise the board of supplies such as ammunition, repair parts, and other consumables that need to be restocked in the trailer. Major purchases (over \$50.00) made only after PSLRA board approval.

Assists in organizing workshops/seminars for training field personnel including gun safety.

FCC should have a close working relationship with all PSLRA officers but is directly responsible to the PSLRA President.

The following are volunteer opportunities for each of our two Hunt Tests (One in the Spring and one in the Fall)

Hunt Test Chair

Hunt Test Secretary

Head Marshall

Gun Captain

Stake Marshall

Stake Chair

Bird Steward

We have job descriptions for each of these. Please contact Cindy or Jim Olson for more info. They will be more than happy to mentor you for success!

It is important to note that with each of the above positions...if they are not filled we will no longer have the ability to hold Hunt Tests, Obedience Trials, or Rally Trials.

'24 SPECIALTY CHALLENGE TROPHY BRAG

Highest Scoring Labrador In Obedience With a SH or Higher Hunt Test Title



We are so proud and pleased to share that
Windycanyon's Son To Sea Arlo CD BN MH CGC CC
is the recipient of the
PSLRA Specialty 2024 Winroc Challenge Trophy

Owned and handled by Lili Lobingier. Bred by Anne Swindeman

LABRA-BRAGS

GCH Stonehouse Bonfire At Bray BN RI CGCA WC



I'm thrilled to share that two days we entered Mt Rainier Labrador Retriever Club in Chehalis we had success!

Bray was Best Veteran In Sweeps under judge Martin Glover. She also received BV that day under Judge Kathryn Sneider.

Submitted by Nancy Roy

LABRA-BRAGS

GCH Stonehouse Fiery Irish Girl BN RI TKN THDN CGC WC



Bray's daughter Mari received Select Bitch under Judge Kathryn Sneider and also the next day under Judge Linda Vaughn.

**Thank you MRLRC for a great speciality!
Nancy Roy**

LABRA-BRAGS

**International CH Country Classic's Leather And Lace
BN RI AXP MJP OFF RATO CGC TKN FTN T2BP CC WC**



At the United States Australian Shepherd Trial, Stevie earned her Time 2 Beat Preferred title in agility. The next day she also qualified in T2BP for her first leg toward her second T2BP title with a first place. Then we switched gears and she got her first leg of Rally Advanced A with a 1st place at the Sno-King Agility Club Rally trial.

Good girl, Stevie!

Owned/Handled by Scott Beaumont and Denise Beaumont

LABRA-BRAGS

URX NTD UGWPC H FLY2 UWPO UPA CA RATN SPRINT AP7 ROM
UMBIS UMRBIS UBISS RGRCH *Sunnydaze for Peep's Sake*
CD PCD BN FDC CA DCAT THDN CGCA CGCU TKE SPOT-ON



Brach has had the immense honor of being retroactively awarded the new
United Kennel Club title of
NATIONAL TOTAL DOG

She earned this award through her success at the 2023 Total Dog Invitational
by placing in conformation and qualifying in obedience, rally and weight pull
events (and in the process won third overall in the nation).

And she's not done adding to her alphabet! She attained her United Rally
Obedience Excellent title at the Washington Classic this August.

Owned, trained and loved by Kristen Reiter DVM

LABRA-BRAGS

NE NHD BA WSD NI NC UJJCH USJ UEWPCH FLY UWPS VPE AP₆ URO₃ 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



Tonks rocked the UKC CAPBTC show earlier this summer, grabbing two **Group 2** placements, a **Group 3** and a **Group 4**. She also maxed out in weight pull, hauling 28 times her body weight in all six shows. These efforts earned her **three Total Dog awards**.

At the UKC Western Classic in August, we could only attend one day, but Tonks made it worthwhile by earning a **Reserve Grand Champion** in conformation, a **perfect score** and **first place** in beginner agility, two dynamic agility tunnels legs, and a rally leg to finish her **Rally Obedience 3** title. This resulted in a **regional Total Dog award** and her **THIRD** invitation to the **2024 Total Dog Invitational**.

Among the title certificates we recently received from Premier, I discovered one that I didn't realize we attained. Our schedule was also so crazy, I didn't get to check if we even placed, so when the certificate arrived, I decided to check the results page. Tonks finished her **Novice Handler Discrimination** title with a **first place** win at the **UKC Premier Nationals!**

I love, love, love this powerhouse of a dog!

Owned, trained and loved by Kristen Reiter DVM

Available Puppies

As of September 21, 2024...

Litter Expected: 09/27/2024
Expected: Yellow & Black Puppies

Sire: Cougar Creek Jazzman
AKC: SS00933001

Hips = Excellent, **Elbows** = Normal, **Eyes** = Normal/Clear (08/02/24), **Heart ECHO/Auscultation** = Normal/Clear, **Prcd/PRA** = Clear, **EIC** = Clear, **CNM** = Clear, **Dilute** = Non- Dilute (Clear)

Dam: Cougar Creek A Very Sage Jazz
AKC: SS16060904

Hips = Excellent, **Elbows** = Normal, **Eyes** = Normal/Clear (8/02/24), **Heart ECHO/Auscultation** = Normal/Clear, **Prcd/PRA** = Clear, **EIC** = Clear, **CNM** = Clear = Clear

Contact: Cecilie Drege

Phone: N/A

Email: cadrege@gmail.com

Date Listed: 9/13/2024



Litter Expected: 09/17/2024
Expected: 1 Black Male, 3 Black Females

Sire: BISS GCH CH Skyfire's Monster
AKC: SS12305301

Hips = Excellent, **Elbows** = Normal, **Eyes** = Normal/Clear (10/24/23), **Heart ECHO/Auscultation** = Normal/Clear, **Prcd/PRA** = Clear, **EIC** = Clear, **CNM** = Clear, **Dilute** = Non- Dilute (Clear)

Dam: Clovercreek Redock's New Beginning
AKC: SS34776502

Hips = Excellent, **Elbows** = Normal, **Eyes** = Normal/Clear (9/24/23), **Heart ECHO/Auscultation** = Normal/Clear, **Prcd/PRA** = Clear, **EIC** = Clear, **CNM** = Clear = Clear

Contact: Greg Phillips/Kimberly Dotson

Phone: 360.201.0266

Email: gregphillips98225@yahoo.com

Date Listed: 9/13/2024

Available Older Puppies and Dogs

As of September 4th, 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.

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

Contact: Teresa Meredith

Email: chocolab90@gmail.com

Phone: 253.376.3635

Website: kingslandlabradors.com

Date Listed: 6/09/2024



Available: 5 Month Old Yellow Female

Spay/Neuter Status: Intact.

Health Information: “Sugar” has had her puppy wellness checkup at 8 weeks, has been wormed, microchipped and 3 sets of parvo shots. Will still need her rabies shot.

General Information: Sugar is a healthy, active, sweet girl. She is good with other dogs, cats, chickens and my horse. Sugar loves to retrieve and loves to swim. She would make a great addition to any family.

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

Contact: Cathy Hakola

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Date Listed: 09/04/24



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