

The Retriever Believer



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In Loving Memory Of



Don Ironside

of Fawnhaven Labradors

"May his laughter forever echo in our hearts"

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OCTOBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

PSLRA Board Meeting

Wednesday October 16, 2024.

Start time: 6:32pm

By Zoom

Board members & officers present: Marcy Johnson, MJ Sarbaugh, Linda Maffett, Sharon Edwards, Brenda Hubbard, Cindy Olson, Denise Hetland, Kimberly Dotson, Becky Dannaker, Lisa McGlothlen, Marlys Swanson, Diane Sullenberger, Jill Mahoney, Vicki Hoskinson

Members and guests present: Stephanie Harris.

Officer's Reports

- President – Marcy Johnson.
- Vice President – Becky Dannaker.
- Secretary – MJ Sarbaugh. Correspondence from AKC Humane Fund asking for donations to increase pet-friendly domestic violence shelter, assist more volunteer rescue efforts, and award bigger scholarships every year. After discussion it was moved and seconded to send a \$1000 donation, \$500 of which to go toward the domestic violence shelters and \$500 of which to be used as needed within the Humane Fund. Passed unanimously.
- Treasurer – Cindy Olson. Balance on hand \$40,000.

Acknowledgements

- Health Clinic: Lisa, Marlys, Denise, Stacey Gnyp, Kerry Edinger, Barb Pilkington, Cascade Veterinary Center, Dr. Kice, and Dr. Woodfield.
- October Newsletter — Kristin Reiter for stepping up as substitute for Laurel.

Committee Reports:

- Supported Entries: Wenatchee (October 19) – Katie Somers Ready to go!
Puyallup (January 11)— Jessica Baker no report.
Peninsula (March) - Marcy Johnson - - working on judges.
Lynden - Marlys Swanson - - working on judges.
- Rescue Report – Brenda- Several in the loop. Edith will send report to newsletter. Looks like Cedar has found a permanent home!! YAY! HUGE thanks to Jan Skewes for her trip to evaluate him and get the ball rolling towards finding him a foster home...
- Membership - Jill - no new member applicants.
- 2025 Specialties - Stephanie/Katie. Judges have accepted but we are still waiting on AKC approval.
- November 2024 Specialty - Jessica. Donations are being accepted for trophies and operating.... Please contact Vicki Hoskinson. We will also be holding an on-line raffle for Valerie Jones donation of cabin stay in Idaho.
- Annual Banquet Jen and MJ - Charlies of Puyallup January 11th Finalizing menu. Will be \$20 per member \$40 per non-member, and 16 and under no charge. Flyer and reservations soon.

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

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

Old Business

- Jill: Bank's response to Zelle and Venmo inquiry. We will be setting up as alternate way of making payments to the club.
- 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 Dotson.

Denise Hetland. Vicky Hodges-Hoskinson. Brenda Hubbard. Jill Mahoney.

Linda Maffet. Lisa McGlothlen. Rob Parkins. 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. December 14th. If any 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.

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

New Business:

- MJ - Original of the Dog For All Reasons print. We will add this to our annual specialty raffle.
- Marlys - Ideas for membership engagement were brought forward. One was asking speaker at our annual banquet and so this will be pursued. Please let one of the board members know or if you have any thoughts or ideas.
- Members are reminded that our board meetings are open to any member. Contact a board member for the Zoom log-in info.

Online business/discussion:

Health clinic budget presented and approved.

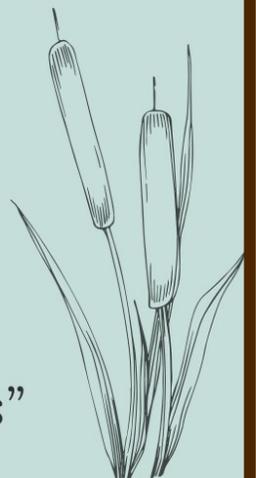
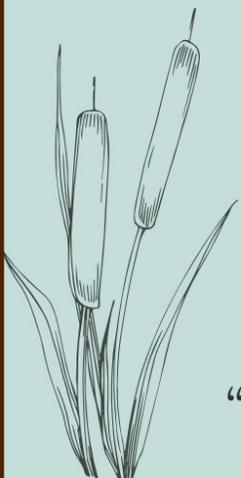
Adjourned at 7:35pm.

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MEMORIES OF DON IRNSIDE

PSLRA lost a beloved mentor and friend on September 18 with the passing of Don Ironside of Fawnhaven Labradors. Don, along with his wife of 50 years and soulmate Barb, was a lifetime member of the club who encouraged new members and guided them along the way.

Don volunteered at countless club events and made everyone feel welcome. I remember his fun sense of humor, the twinkle in his eye, and the easy rapport he had with everyone – he could sit down next to anyone at an event and make them feel like an old friend. Both he and Barb were strong proponents of the All-Around Labrador and owned and bred many, many All-Around Labradors over the years, including their Champion/Master Hunter Jack. He owned all 3 colors of Labrador but started with and had an affinity for chocolates. He loved zippers. He always wanted to know if my keeper pups had a zipper. Some did.

I met Don and Barb when I was looking for my second Labrador and thought I might like a chocolate. I waited through several litters until they said there was a boy out of Shooter and a Shooter great granddaughter that they would share on a co-ownership, if I was interested. I was, and that was the beginning of a lovely friendship and mentorship. They did not just share Murphy (Don called him Murph the Surf) with me, but encouraged my involvement with the club, got me involved in field work and dog shows and eventually, breeding. They were mentors in the truest sense of the word – they walked the walk and were very hands-on.

I told Barb one of my favorite memories was of Don in his waders standing in a pond at what was then called Greenleaf's helping me teach baby Murphy to swim. I remember days out in the field, in all kinds of weather, training dogs. I remember the cheerleading at the 2004 National when my boy Reilly finished his CDX. I remember the long hours of support when it was necessary to bottle feed my first litter. I remember Don delivering dog food orders to me at the office. I remember his yummy cooking and sitting around holiday tables enjoying JJ's wine. Afterwards I would pour through years of their Labrador Quarterly magazines. I remember fun visits at various Nationals and the joy of sharing Kelly's WB and new championship in 2010. Most of all, my memories are of a kind, sweet soul that I will miss but always remember. The memories here are personal to me, but I know Don touched a lot of people and I invite everyone to share their memories of Don as well.

~ Darlene Pado



Don Ironside and Murphy,
who became Can CH SHR
Fawnhaven Mischief Maker
Delphi CD RN SH WC CGC
Can JH/CD/WC.



MORE MEMORIES OF DON IRONSIDE

I have been so fortunate to have Don and Barb as mentors in Labradors. They were one of the first breeders I contacted when we were moving to Snohomish and were looking to add a Labrador to our family. We were looking for a yellow male as a hunting dog and family companion. Since they didn't often breed yellow, they referred me to other breeder friends. One was Walli Roarke of Interlochen Labradors who had recently bred a litter to Fawnhaven's Sonny Boy "Sonny" the sire of our beloved Trigger. Walli and the Ironsides encouraged us to join the club and try hunt tests.

We wanted to meet Sonny so Don and Barb invited us over to meet him and Fred and Linda Walkley his owners. It was the beginning of some wonderful friendships and wonderful memories.

One such memory is the WC that both Trigger and Sonny titled, and Don Ironside ran Sonny. When they were leaving the line after Sonny's run, the next dog's series started and when Sonny heard the gun go off he headed toward the bird almost dragging Don into one of the nearby ponds. We all had a good laugh including Don.

Later when I wanted a yellow female out of Fawnhaven's the Sorceress "Magic" they invited me to help whelp the litter. There was a puppy who was struggling to get started and Don took the puppy. Barb looked at me and said "Don't worry, it is Don's job to get them going and he's good at it." He worked and worked on that puppy until it was breathing on it's own. That is the litter where I got my soul sister Fawnhaven's Chantilly of Guns Up "Lacey".

When they only lived 10 minutes from us, Don would come over and help me with breeding's for a dog that wasn't even a Fawnhaven, that is how generous he was with his time and always willing to help and mentor.

Or the Mexican restaurant dinners we would meet up for on many a Friday night were Don the foodie would talk about wonderful meals he had at other places. If you were traveling anywhere he would ask what route we were taking and encourage us to stop at this or that place because the food was great! To this day, if we have a good meal somewhere we always say, "Don would love this place!"

These are just a few memories of a great guy and a great friend who is truly missed. I'm sure many of his dog world friends we lost before Don where there to greet him, as were all the wonderful Fawnhaven dogs waiting at the bridge. All hoping he brought plenty of dog cookies, and I'm certain he did.

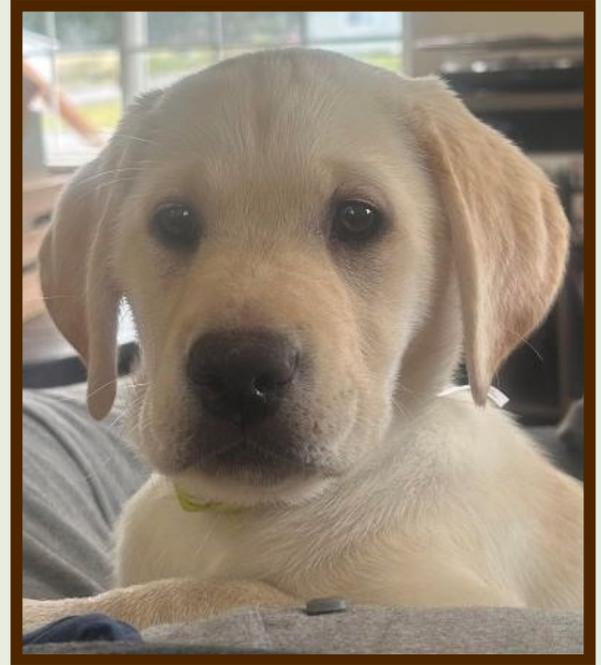
We continue to send much love to Barb as we share fond memories of her dearest Don.

~ Cheri Wildes

EDITH'S RESCUE REVIEW

The great majority of the Labs that we place through our rescue program are between 4 and 7 years of age. However, this summer we have had a run of young Labs in need of new homes.

First up was Olivia, a 5 month old yellow female puppy. Her family had two other dogs who did not welcome Olivia, and the family had forgotten how much work it is to raise a puppy! Needless to say, we were able to quickly find a wonderful new home for Olivia. Her new family thinks she is perfect!

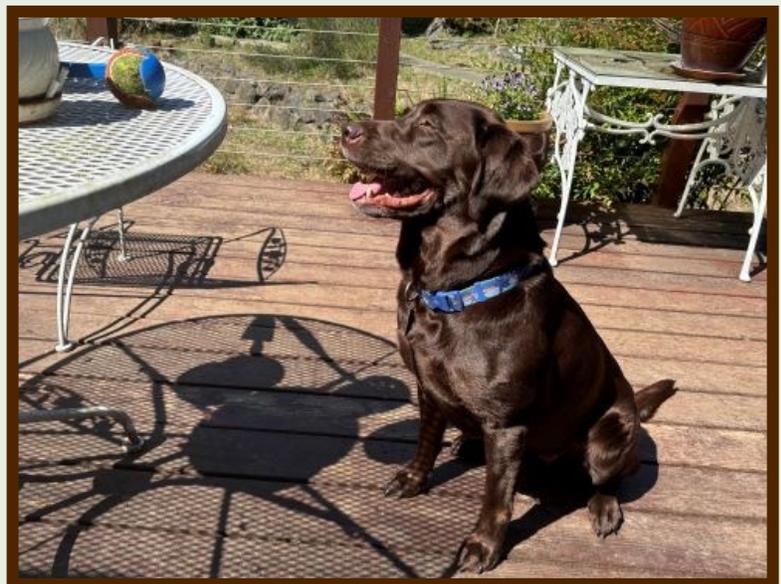


Next we were contacted about two 2 year old yellow Labs, Apollo and Nadya. Due to a divorce, their owner no longer had enough time to spend with his dogs. They were very well trained, having been through a board and train program at the Academy of Canine Behavior in Bothell. After some discussion, we decided that these littermates would do well in separate homes. Apollo was adopted first, and before Nadya was placed her owner took her on a two week vacation to the beach. Both Apollo and Nadya are thriving in their new homes. Here's Nadya:



before finalizing an adoption. Chloe is good with other dogs and loves children. Like many Labs, her favorite activity is chasing a ball!

In August we heard about Chloe, a three year old chocolate female. Her owner had acquired Chloe from an online website, but quickly realized that Chloe was too strong and active for a senior citizen. Chloe was not yet spayed, so we are waiting for her surgery



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RESCUE REVIEW CONTINUED

One year old Allo's owners were moving and unable to take Allo with them. Allo was reported to be good with other dogs and was friendly with adults and children. His new family has re-named him George and he has settled down nicely into his new home. He loves to play fetch and cuddle on the couch. George's family have been working with an obedience trainer and have seen great improvement in his sometimes rowdy teen-age behavior!



We currently have three more Labs under the age of two listed with us and we are looking for the perfect new homes. Luckily we have lots of adoption applications. It looks like our busy summer will continue into a busy fall!

~ Edith Bryan, Rescue Chair

JUNIOR LABRA-BRAG

Lorelei Binnendyk-Payne Wins Best Junior at LRC National!



Lorelei Binnendyk-Payne (#2 Lab Junior as of 9/30/24) won Best Junior Handler at the Pawtucket River LRC Pre-National specialty and at the LRC National in Brooklyn, CT last month handling “Smooch”, GCHB Quail Run's X's & O's to Savidge BN RN RATN DN UL-II LI-II TL-I SD-I CGCA TKN ATT FTI WC, owned by Cindy Freeman, Linda Coogan, and Stephanie Nichols.

Lorelei was also recognized at the Annual Banquet as a Top 5 Conformation Lab Junior Handler for the 2023-2024 year rankings.

Outside of the Juniors Ring at the LRC National, Lorelei's puppy Zuma won his 6-9 black puppy dog class in sweeps and regular. Lorelei also handled LRC board member Joanne Hanscom's girl “BB”, GCH Skye's Classic Red Ryder CGC, all week, culminating in BB going Select Bitch at the National.



MORE LABRA-BRAGS

**Int'l CH Country Classic's Leather And Lace
BN RI AXP MJP OFP T2BP RATS CGC TKN FTN CC WC**



At the October French Creek Rat-a-Caters barn hunt trial, “Stevie” earned her Senior Title in 4 tries (need 3 qualifies to earn the title). She had 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placements in the trials she qualified. She also earned 50 more points toward a Crazy 8s title. She’s been a lot of fun to play with in this venue. On to the Master’s ring!

Owned and Handled by Denise Beaumont.

MORE LABRA-BRAGS

Big Mamou's Good Deal Lucille MH



Owner Cheri Levine reports,

“My dog, Lu, earned her 2nd plate at Master Nationals Hunt test in Paducah, Kentucky. I am a very proud mommy! Special thank you to Brooke Vandebroke for handling her. We took a trip out to watch.”



Editor's Note: The 2024 Master National was held from September 21 – October 2.

JUST FOR FUN: AKC'S TOP TEN POPULAR DOG NAMES OF 2024

Top 10 Girl Dog Names

1. Luna
2. Bella
3. Daisy
4. Lucy
5. Willow
6. Stella
7. Maggie
8. Sadie
9. Lola
10. Rosie

Top 10 Boy Dog Names

1. Milo
2. Max
3. Teddy
4. Charlie
5. Cooper
6. Bear
7. Toby
8. Finn
9. Tucker
10. Ollie



Available Puppies

As of October 27th, 2024...

Litter Born: 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 Born: 09/17/2024

Available: 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 Dogs

As of October 27th, 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

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Date Listed: 6/09/2024



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