



RETRIEVER REVIEW

Issue 10—July 2009

General Meetings

All General Meetings are
Postponed for the Summer.
We will resume in September.

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President's Message:

Hi Lab Lovers

We are in the final s t r e t c h with the Club Specialty and Obedience/Rally Trial, HRT and W.C. almost here. Our actual Entry numbers for the Specialty are steady and given the economy, that's a good thing! Kathy Fagundes, our Specialty Chair for 2009 has been hard at work making sure all is ready for our big event. She will no doubt love any last minute help the first morning of the Show so if you haven't volunteered or done anything towards this year's Specialty, please volunteer to help. We will of course all meet up at Champoeg State Park on Wednesday July 8th at about 3 pm to unload the Club Trailer and set up the Rings and Tents. All hands on deck as it goes faster with a good turn out of workers. One other item I cannot forget about is the Baskets! They were a huge hit last year and we hope everyone brings their own basket brimming with their creativeness! Of course it's a great fund raiser for the Club so there's still plenty of time to make a Basket for the Raffle.

Nikki and Dave Illius have been working at organizing our Hunt Test which follows on the heels of our Specialty. I'm sure they will need extra workers as this huge undertaking gets underway. If you have never been out to watch our HRT...I challenge you to attend this year and see what it is to own a "Retriever". Watch them work and Volunteer!

Dan Neal is working on putting the W.C. (working Certificate) together and that is a fun event which also needs workers and what better way to get your feet wet in understanding your Labrador's natural instincts. Contact Dan as he is needing workers.

At the last General meeting it was brought up, motion made, and carried that we have a disclaimer at the top of our "Litters" page on our Club website. This has been forwarded to our Web Master for the addition.

In closing, I wish for all our Club Members safe travel to our upcoming events and good luck!

Your President,

Barb



No Meeting Minutes

Remember—all meetings are postponed until
September—See you at the Show!!

WC/WCX News !!

From Dan Neal“ Please announce the the WC/
WCX is to be held on August 15th only! Not two
days - just the one day - Saturday, August 15,
2008 at Renee Ivy's place in Dallas Oregon.. Folks
can contact me for directions or Renee Ivy. Also we
need you folks to volunteer to help out.

Thanks a bunch - Dan Neal (503) 366-9645

Litters & Brags -

I have a litter announcement as well as 2 older dogs
for placement.

Litter:

MBISS Ch. Beechcrofts Study In Black x Devonshire's
Ticketeeboo 2 black girls & 2 black boys available.
Born 5-31-09

Older dogs:

3 year old yellow female & 6 month old yellow male
both are leash broke & crate trained as well as house-
broke & up to date on shots. Will make great fam-
ily companions.

Thanks!

Debbie Mueller
Oakleaf Labradors
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Older Dog to place:

8 month old yellow Male
CH. Snowberry Blackthorn Bravissimo
Blackthorns Just Breezin By
Available to a pet home.
Dan & Debbie Neal (503) 366-9645

RCLRC Specialty Silent Auction ~ July 11, 2009

Please bring your
"Silent Auction Baskets"
first thing, on Saturday
morning , July 11

I will be setting the auction tables
up that morning, so you may drop
your donation off with me, at the
covered area. Please have the con-
tents listed, on a card, so nothing
gets missed or overlooked. You may
use anything to contain your items,
if you prefer not to use a basket ~
let your imagination fly!! ~ dog
crate full of doggy items , watering
can with gardening things, salad
bowl full of dressings, etc., etc.,
etc.

Please only bring your items, on
Saturday morning, because I will
not be able to store and lock them
up them overnight! Thank you and
see you soon !!

~Julie Galbraith
Silent Auction Chairman



Breakfast at the Specialty

Summer will be here before we know it and it's time to start thinking about bringing your favorite breakfast goodies to the RCLRC Complimentary Breakfast at the Specialty Show July 9-11. Your contribution of a brunch food such as fruit, pastry, or juice will be greatly appreciated. We will bring a hot dish; the club will provide muffins, bagels, and hot beverages.

Let's put together a wonderful complimentary breakfast to get our exhibitors and volunteers days off to a great start! If you have questions feel free to call

**Lili Lobingier at (503) 925-9212 or
Cathy Hakola at (360) 736-7449
Thanks for your help!**

Hi Club Members

Thought I'd tell you a little something about the "HRT" since it is on the heels of the Speciality.

Our "HRT" is July 25/26 on Sauvie Island. We are always looking for volunteers for a variety of jobs: i.e marshals, lunch/drink runners, pop/throw stations, etc. The more volunteers we can get from our club means less paid workers. And.... more profit for the CLUB. Please contact me if you are interested in helping out.

We have a great raffle of course put on by our "Raffle Queen" Marilyn Parker. We would gladly take any/all donations.

Hope to see all of you there.

Nikki
cell 503-367-3359

3 Days and Counting Until Your 2009 Specialty Shows

Thursday Start Time is 8:00am

Friday Start Time is 8:30am

Saturday Start Time is 10:00 am

Please be sure to remember set up at 3:00pm on Wednesday, we need all who can help to come.

Brunch will be available prior to the show each day.

Do not forget those parking permits, cars without will be ticketed.

We also will have a fund raising event each day.

BRING YOUR MONEY

For those who ordered lunches they will be available for pick up in the shelter each day during lunch break.

Your Chairpersons,
Bob & Kathy Fagundes

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Member Spotlight

Dan and Debbie Neal of Spiritwood Labradors, Well for us it started 27 years ago wow I'm getting old. The passion started with one of Debbie's college friends and a female she had named Spriggin what a retriever this dog was after our marriage we were stationed in Virginia and I started duck hunting the marsh areas around the coast with no dog and no real hunting gear (Waders) during those early poor days this one hunt that a friend of mine and I went on resulted in three ducks down on the ice. I was chosen to make the retrieve so off came the shoes out I went to get the birds. Back in the blind it was getting colder and starting to spit snow on us I decide that no jeans was better than wet jeans so off came the pants and there I was hunting in my skivvies. Two more ducks down and I waded out a second time to retrieve these two and after that the snow was coming down I was near hyperthermia so decided it was time to head in. I reached for my jeans and they were frozen solid so I decided to walk back to my rig in my skivvies when I got home I announced that I was getting a dog. Luckily Debbie didn't have an issue with that so we called her college friend and that is where I got Ranger our first lab. He was a great all around lab we showed him did obedience and even messed around with some hunt test. Our second lab was a yellow female that we had limited success with in the show ring but she did a lot to help with the training thing. She was a very stubborn lab that after about six months trying to strong arm her I decided that it was either time for a bullet or professional help. I still remember dragging her up the drive way at the trainers' bucking and choking herself and the trainer was running down her drive way shouting No! No! No!, I looked at that dog and said you are in for it now Boy was I ever wrong as the trainer was shouting at me. She took the lead from my hand and said these words that really changed the way I looked at dogs and life in general. "LETS HAVE FUN DOING THIS" Never were truer words ever spoken. Growing up on a farm and ranch in Texas if livestock, dogs or kids got outta line you kicked them back into line. Ranger my first lab allowed for my Ignorance Laurel however did not. After a few weeks with this trainer things got really good with this little girl however as faith would have it her hips were bad so we moved on. Over the next few years there were a few other dogs some heart breaks and some that were just good hunting dogs as we really didn't have a clue. After retiring from the Navy I was looking for a stud

dog for one of my females and was introduced to Nipntuck labs and Becky Jack. After our first meeting I am surprised that she ever spoke to me again I remember after seeing Archie for the first time and in my Ignorance I commented do they really like them that fat. I remember the look I got the tightening of the lips the deep breath and then the education I got a very positive informative meeting and I got invited back to look at her next litter that she felt would work for what I wanted to do with Labradors. Here is where I think god may have stepped in a little and we got the dog of a lifetime in Nipntuck's Raging Spirit our Kale, he is the one that raised the bar for us. It was through him we met all the wonderful folks and mentors of the Rose City Labrador Retriever Club and the PSLRA folks as well. Our second grand slam also came from Nipntuck was our Gracie (Brier/Scout) Gracie wasn't the show dog Kale was but she provided us with our first champion Emma and her greatest claim to fame came a few years ago when she was living with my oldest daughter in Denver. My grandson woke from a nap while his father was napping and managed to get out of=2 0the house and crossed a major intersection and walked ten blocks from his house before some folks took him in hand. Our beloved Gracie stayed with him the entire time and the info on her collar prompted the call to get him returned safely to my daughter we will just say that she doesn't sleep out much and my grandson doesn't have a full bed to sleep on at night. She also is the best hunting dog I have ever hunted over just a natural. Our current knight in shining armor is our Fletch "Aldan's strait as an Arrow" (Kale/himoon queens of hearts) I'd been watching this little girl from Himoon breeding for some time and ask about leasing her for our Kale on just a feeling. The breeding was a great success giving me Fletch and Mattie two great looking pups that we have had tons of fun with. He finished his Canadian Championship in just one weekend and is minored out for his American thanks to She-lah Frey who does such a great job with him. Also look for our new little girl coming on Blackthorns Spirit of Texas "Austin" she is cute as a button and just a joy to own.

Also thanks so much to all the folks that have mentored us over the years I know it is a tough job as I usually keep placing my foot in my mouth instead of watching listening and learning.

Thanks Dan Neal
503-69-4868



A Special Invitation to Our Friends in Oregon and Beyond

**Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association
Is excited to announce...**

~ New This Year! ~ TWO Specialty Shows!!!

Plus 2 Obedience Trials and 1 Rally Trial

**Fri. July 31st ~ KISS (Keep It Simple Specialty)
Sat. & Sun. August 1st & 2nd, 2009 ~ Specialty
King County MaryMoor Park, Redmond WA.
(our new more central location)**

Judges:

KISS Specialty #1 ~ Friday July 31st

Conformation ~ **Janis Grannemann**, JanRod
Sweepstakes ~ **Sherri Lazaruk**, Riversedge
Obedience ~ **Dalene McIntire**

Specialty #2 ~ Saturday & Sunday August 1st & 2nd

Conformation ~ **Barbara Nowak**, Broyhill
Sweepstakes ~ **Margaret Wilson**, Shadowglenn
Jr. Showmanship ~ **Carol Dawson**
Obedience (Saturday) ~ **Larry Tanner**
Rally O (Sunday) ~ **Richard Lewis**

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