



RETRIEVER REVIEW

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General Meetings

Next Meeting

October 23rd, 2009 7:30p.m.

Meridian Park Hospital

CHEC Building

~ Club Officers ~

President: Barb Gilchrist

Vice President: Judy Chambers

Secretary: Deb Neal

Treasurer: Greg Huntzinger

Board Members

Ellen Sparks

Cindy Freeman

Nikki Berthold-Illias

Dan Neal

Committee Chairs

Kathy Fagundes—2009 Specialty

Nikki Berthold-Illias -

2009 Hunt Test

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President's Message



October President's Message:

The Nomination Committee has completed their task of securing names for next year's slate of Officers and Board Positions (two). The Officers will remain the same except for Deb Neal's Position as our Club Secretary. Deb has done a great job Thank you Deb! The Two Board Positions to be vacated are that of Dan Neal and Nikki Illius.

I want to make clear that with the coming November General Meeting any Club Member in attendance may propose a fellow Club Member as a Candidate for any of the Club's Positions and two Board Positions. The proposed person you Nominate at the November Meeting must be present at the meeting to accept in person the floor Nomination.

With the January Annual Meeting comes the Voting by secret ballot for the proposed Officers & Board Positions.... So I hope that if any of you would like to become more active in your Lab Club, you will speak up and get yourself nominated to help with the running of the Club.

November is the only time you can nominate or be nominated... Here is your 2010 Slated Officers & Board Positions, (remember you can propose any fellow Club Member for any of these Positions in November).

President: Barbara Gilchrist

Vice President: Judy Chambers

Secretary: Kathy Fagundes

Treasurer: Greg Huntzinger

Board Positions:

Julie Galbraith

Dave Illius

Your President Barb

September Meeting Minutes

RCLRC Minutes, September 18, 2009

Meeting called to order by Barbara Gilchrist.

In Attendance: Debbie Neal, Danny Neal, Barb Gilchrist, Nikki Berthold-Illias, Cindy Freeman, Ellen Sparks, Debbie Mueller, John Mueller, Bernie Meany, and Ken Jorgenson.

Minutes read and approved.

President's Report: AKC sent a letter about doing the Specialty Show Application online. The Club has a password.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Greg Huntzinger is still getting receipts from the Specialty Chair Kathy Fagundes.

Committee Reports:

HRT: Dave Illias thanked the Club members for all their support at the HRT. Nikki Berthold-Illias said that Master dogs did not have to be split saving money on judges.

2010 Specialty: Barbara Gilchrist reported for Julie Galbraith. All judges have been confirmed. Park reservations are still too soon to make. We need a co-chair for the 2010 Specialty and chair for B-Match.

Membership: Danny Neal moved to accept Gretchen Hyde as a member. Motion seconded and approved.

Working Certificate: Dan Neal thanked the Club members who helped with the WC. Dan volunteered for next year.

Old Business: Barbara Gilchrist said that Kathy Hakola is the Club's website new webmaster. Greg Huntzinger rewrote the code for the webpage.

New Business: None.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded and passed.

Submitted by Debbie Neal



Brags & Litter Announcements

CH. Blackthorn's King of the Beach and CH. Spiritwood's Lessons in Grace. All yellows males and females available. Litter due Oct. 20th. Contact Dan or Debbie Neal

503-366-9645

spiritlabs@aol.com

Hyspire Texas Hold 'Em x Riverlane's Sparrow of Laurlen

3 Black Males ~ 7 Black Females

Thanks~

~Julie Galbraith

503-689-4433

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BRAGS, BRAGS, BRAGS....

CH Skye's Big Black Guy JH WC was BOB at the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Denver Specialty on 9/26/09

BISS CH Orion's Riverlane Rendezvous WC (Ronnie) was BOS at the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Denver Specialty on 9/27/09

BISS CH Skye's Big Black Guy JH CD (Rosie) was BOB at the Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Denver Specialty on 9/27/09.

Ronnie and Rosie are mother and son.

Joanne Hanscom

5 POINT MAJOR!!!

"Watson" aka JonValer And What's The Rush (BISS Ch. Hyspire Adrenaline Rush X BOSS Am/ Can. Ch. Ducktales And On And On) went WD, BOW, BOB over 2 specials and on to a GROUP 3 in Boise, Idaho on October 8th under breeder judge Jo Fleming (Blackwater)

Watson is bred and owned by Valerie Jones, T. Keller & D. Villa.

Rock On—Watson!!!

For Sale: One year old chocolate male lab. Out of Wynwrwnd Kennel. A nice looking boy that would be an excellent hunting dog, companion, couch potato. Sweet disposition. Call **Lorna Brandt 503-738-7317** or wyrwrwnd@yahoo.com

Another Big BRAG.....

Ch. Breton Gate Phoenix completed his Junior Hunter Title. "Zip" is owned by Susie Morrill.

WTG you two!

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MBISS Ch Beechcroft's Study In Black mom, Devonshires Ticketeeboo born May 31, 2009 1 **Black female**. Parents have clearances.

Also **5 year old black female** available crate, leash & housetrained.

**Debbie Mueller**

**Oakleaf Labradors**

[www.oakleaflabradors.com](http://www.oakleaflabradors.com)

503-829-8009

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**OLDER FEMALE—**

An Adult black female for sale contact Betty Barkley 503 645-4187

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**A Real Sweetheart.....**

I have an eighteen month old female black Labrador looking for a great home. She is sweet and loving. Energetic and playful. Has all her shots and is micro-chipped. Attended six weeks of basic obedience and socialization class, Great body language and dog talk with other dogs. Will need to be spayed. Would you please place this ad in the news letter.

Randy Johnson

Rimrock Labradors

503-576-0322

Rimrock [Labradors@gmail.com](mailto:Labradors@gmail.com)



**2010 RCLRC**

**Specialty Update!!!!**

*HELP.....*

**We Need An  
Obedience/Rally Chairman**

The Judges have been selected; their contracts signed and returned, BUT we still don't have an Obedience/Rally Chairman! In order for us to hold these events at the 2010 Specialty, someone needs to volunteer for this honor.  
Or..... we won't be able to have Obedience or Rally next year.

**Please Contact:**

**Judy Galbraith**

**2010 Specialty Chairman**

**503-689-4433**

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**Thank You!!**





## 2009 Annual Awards

We will be giving out the Annual Awards at our meeting in January, 2010. If your dog has earned an AKC title in the field, obedience or conformation ring during the period of November 2008 through November 2009 and you are an R.C.L.R.C. member of good standing, you are eligible for this award.

If you have bred the dog, you will receive a "Breeder Award". The owner of the dog shall receive an individual award.

Your dog must have finished an American or Canadian Championship, obedience title, hunting title or working certificate to qualify. Dockdog, Flyball and UKC titles are also included!

Dogs that have finished their championship and earned a title in two different performance disciplines are eligible for the "All Around" Labrador award.

Dogs are also eligible for the "Versatility" Award or "Certificate of Achievement" Award.

"Versatility" Award a dog must earn a working title in two different areas from the following:

- A) Obedience – OTCH, UDX, UD, CDX, or CD
- B) Hunting – FC, AFC, MH, SH or JH
- C) Tracking – VST, TDX or TD
- D) Agility – MAX, MAD, OAD OR NAD
- E) Rally – RN, RA, RE, RAE
- F) Dock Dogs NJ, JJ, SJ, MJ, EJ

And in addition one certificate from the following: CGC, TDI, Delta Society, WC, WCX or TT.

Certificate of Achievement Award a dog must finish any one working title and one certificate from the above listings.

DOG'S FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER(S) NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

BREEDER \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Award or Certificate applied for

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date title or certificate was received

Please send all nominations to:

Cynthia Freeman  
7704 Creekside LN SW  
Rochester, WA 98579  
Email: [QRLabs@yahoo.com](mailto:QRLabs@yahoo.com)

# Heroic Lab saves family from fire

BY TODD ADAMS

(Reprinted from the Challis Messenger Newspaper)



A local dog lost his life early Monday morning, but saved his family from a house fire.

Duke, a yellow lab, woke his owner, 11-year-old Zack Rasmussen, by pulling him out of bed and barking while the fire blazed in Zack's bedroom.

Zack jumped out the window and his shouting woke up the rest of his family, parents Travis and Dotty Rasmussen and sister Haydin, 12, but the fire and smoke spread too fast for the family to rescue Duke.

We are very thankful. Dotty said. "Duke is a hero. He saved our family."

"That dog saved their lives" Challis Fire Chief Launna Gunderson agreed. Duke is a hero" Zack was in a deep sleep, probably due to the smoke and probably wouldn't have awakened on his own, she said.

Zack's reflexes got him out the bedroom window. As soon as he realized that Duke hadn't

jumped out, he ran into the living room and grabbed a fire extinguisher to try to save his dog. Dotty said.

Perhaps because he was too scared, Duke didn't jump out the window, Dotty speculated. Zack's shouting woke up Haydin, who in turn shouted "Zack's bedroom is on fire!" to awaken her parents, said Dotty. It was dark, the power was out and the house was filled with smoke. In the adrenaline-laced confusion, his parents thought Zack was still trapped in his bedroom. The door was locked, so Travis kicked it in. At that point, flames shot out over their heads and into the hallway, forcing a retreat, Dotty said.

The phone was out, so Dotty drove to one neighbors while Haydin ran to another. Joe Chester and Merritt Udy both called 911, Dotty said. Chester helped Travis fight the fire with a garden hose until the fire department arrived and took over.

Gunderson said the men were able to knock the fire down with the garden hose and fire extinguisher, which prevented it from spreading. The fire was very close to going through the whole house, the chief said. Without their action, the house probably would have been destroyed.

Duke died of smoke inhalation, Gunderson said. "We couldn't get to him in time."

The surviving family members all suffered some smoke inhalation and had headaches. The family's other dog, Freedom, a pit bull-boxer mix, also got out safely thanks to Duke, Dotty said.

The fire started in Zack's bedroom and was caused by a malfunctioning electric wall heater, Gunderson said. Zack had to jump out the window because flames blocked the door.

The family had the heater's thermostatic switch in the off position, but it got cold that night and somehow, the heater switched itself on. It ignited the back of a dresser, then spread to clothing and the wall, Gunderson said.

The dresser was temporarily in front of the heater because the family had moved it to store items for a relative, Dotty said.

The family has a smoke alarm in the living room, Dotty said, but Haydin was the only one who heard it, and that was after Duke had already awakened Zack and she heard her brother shouting.

The alarm sounded at 5:16 a.m. and nine volunteer firefighters and five EMTs responded with the first engine on scene by 5:27 a.m. Gunderson said. The ambulance, two fire engines, two rescue trucks and a tanker responded to the house which the Rasmussens rent from Mike Piva south on Highway 93, near the bridge formerly known as Steel.

While it wasn't the cause of the Rasmussen's fire, lint and dust can collect on electric heaters and ignite, so it's important to clean them before first use in the fall, Gunderson cautioned.

The biggest loss was Duke. The 19-month-old lab was a member of the family. Zack wants another yellow lab that reminds him of his hero, Dotty said, so the family is looking. The volunteers of the fire department told the family they want to buy Zack a new dog. Gunderson said the fire department is planning a posthumous award to honor Duke. A family friend, Nolan Prescott, buried Duke in a special spot where Zack and Travis go hiking, Dotty said.

There was extensive smoke damage to the house and its contents, Gunderson said, and the family has no renter's insurance to replace their belongings. Zack lost everything, because the fire burned hottest there.

Wells Fargo Bank, where Dotty works, has set up an account to help the family, said Manager Steve Rembelski. Those wishing to donate can write a check to the Rasmussen Benefit Fund and either drop it by the bank or mail it to

## New pup Duke is best therapy for Zack

BY TODD ADAMS

A week after a local dog died saving his family from a house fire, another Idaho family gave Zack Rasmussen a new puppy.

Duke, Zack's 19-month-old yellow lab, died September 28 after he woke the boy up by pulling him out of bed and barking as the bedroom burned. Zack, 11, was able to jump out a window and wake the rest of his family, but the fire spread too fast to save Duke, who died of smoke inhalation.

Jake and Susie Gorbet of Horseshoe Bend, along with daughter Tailer, 15, decided to donate one of their yellow lab pups after they heard about the tragedy.

Other acts of generosity have helped the Rasmussens - Travis, Dotty, Zack and Haydin - deal with the loss of Duke, their home and many of their belongings.

The new pup, one of a litter of 11 yellow labs, most reminded Zack of Duke. Like his namesake, the puppy squints his eyes and smiles at Zack and he likes to cuddle a lot.

New Duke immediately formed a strong bond with Zack, Dotty said. The first night, he went to sleep in Zack's bed and now follows Zack around wherever he goes. "We miss the old Duke very much—he was a once in a lifetime dog."

