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Mark it on your calendar!!

Awards Potluck Dinner

March 4th

Sue Cox's Home

5:30 PM

In conjunction with *General Meeting*

Club Committee & Chairs

- Agility– Nancy Light
- Audit/ Budget– Janice Bergman
- Awards - Nancy Light & Holly Krohn
- Hearts & Flowers - Gloria Newby
- Insurance- Sue Cox
- Membership- Nancy Light
- Newsletter– Amy Reagan
- AKC Sanctioned Match Chair- Sue Cox
- Obedience/Rally Trials– Fall 2017—Kathy Lang
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- Programs—vacant
- Property/inventory - Don Rennick
- Obedience Seminar—Terrie Sato
- Tracking - Nikki King
- Website—Ane Brusendorff

From Membership Chair

*Don't forget to get your renewals to
Sue Cox.
It is located on the website.*

*~ Nancy Light ~
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**Keep the date open!!
September 15-16, 2018
WSOTC will be sponsoring Connie
Cleveland at Country Classic
Kennels, Arlington, WA**
[http://www.wsotc.org/docpub/
connieclivelandflyer2018.pdf](http://www.wsotc.org/docpub/connieclivelandflyer2018.pdf)



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From your Editor

*Do you have any brags, articles or special
interests that you would like to see in the
Post?*

*Please don't hesitate to email or call me.
Send me candid photos of your dogs or I
can fill up the entire newsletter with
Papillons...LOL!*

*Happy Training!
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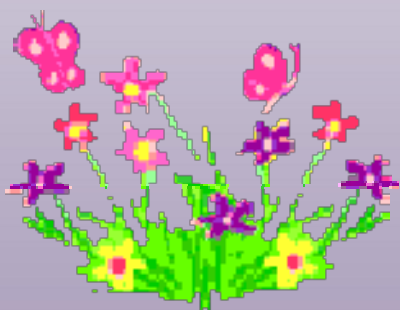
Ring Stewards Needed!!

**WSOTC 2018 Spring Trial
March 31st—April 1st, 2018**

- Looking for ring experience
- Love to be with fellow trainers
- A great way to develop and check your rules and regulation knowledge
 - Looking to become a judge?

Please consider helping the club by volunteering.
Stewards CAN show their dogs too!
All levels of experience welcomed.

Contact Nancy Light at kylahgold@aol.com



Hearts and Flowers

Gloria Newby reports no cards mailed for December.

NEXT MEETINGS & EVENTS

Next General Meeting

January

General Meeting at Puyallup Show
on January 13, 2018 in Obedience
Bldg around noon

Next Board Meeting

January 8th

7:00 PM

via Teleconference



From the Awards chair:

The application for Awards for your 2017 accomplishments are in this newsletter and also on the WSOTC website. You should note that the Board has changed the rules so that you can apply for the Top Dog and the Perpetual Honor Plaque awards without any attendance or service requirements. The individual plaque and bar (plate) awards for titles earned in obedience, rally, and agility still have the point requirements as described in the Standing Rules:

Members applying must have acquired four (4) club participation points during the year. Participation points are earned by:

1. Attendance at least one general membership meeting (one point each) during the year
2. By providing service (1 point each) ex. chairing or working on a committee, serve on the board, volunteer at event

Even if you don't meet these requirements, you may also apply for these if you pay for the costs which are \$20 for the plaque and \$6.00 for the plate. For all awards—individual, perpetual and Top Dog, you must still meet the following requirements:

1. Member (full or associate) in good standing.
2. Dues paid for the year.
3. Must have earned an AKC title during the previous calendar year.
4. Titles must be received while the owner and/or handler/trainer is a member of WSOTC.
5. Dog must be owned or co-owned by a WSOTC member.
6. Dog must be trained and/or shown by a WSOTC member.
7. Even if you do not want to have the plaque or bars, or take possession of the Perpetual Awards, you should still send in the application, so you can be recognized at the awards meeting. There is a place on the form to note this.

For those who are not familiar with the Perpetual Honor Plaques, these are to recognize those dogs that have achieved advanced titles in obedience, rally and tracking. These are:

UD, PUTD, UDX, PUDX, OTCH, POC, MX, MXP, MXJ, MJP, MACH, PAX, PACH, CT, TDX, VST, RAE, RACH

Also, please consider submitting a nomination for the Club Achievement Award (Louis Prince) to a Board member. Past recipients are included in this Post.

The awards meeting will be held on Sunday March 4, 2018 at 6:00 pm at Sue Cox's house. It will be a pot luck dinner.

<http://www.wsotc.org/docpub/2017fillableawardapplic.pdf>

~Nancy Light~



Anyone with perpetual trophies should return them to me by January 14, 2018. I will be at the WIKC meeting Nov. 18th and the Obedience Workshop on Dec. 9th and the Puyallup shows on January 13 & 14. Thank you!

WSOTC Perpetual Award Louis Prince Award Outstanding Achievement

This award recognizes outstanding membership and service in the club—the people who make WSOTC possible. Get your nominations into the a Board Member by January 31 and include the reasons you feel this persons should receive the award. The board will make the selection at its' February meeting. Previous recipients include the following contributors.

Glenn Ellen Sickles
Alice Trincherro
Harley Craig
Rozanne Pitzer
Janice R. Thomas
Betty Winthers
Josephine Sullivan
Floyd Cottrell
Carole DeLand
Irene Sorley
Anna Cottrell
Chuck & LoisKletch
Ron & Pat Isham
Frank & Marilyn Jones
Jerry Foley
Edel Price
Eileen Childress
Jean Rassbach
Suzanne MacDonald
Richard Ashby
Fred Marsh
Robin Munson
Gene Manfredi
Marion Stech
Laurie Snell

Marion Rivers
Jo Ann Mather
Carole Hapke
Beck Johnson
Nancy Phillips
Nancy Kaiser
Pat Shuler
Valerie Robbins
Janet Germeau
Nancy Griffin
Nancy Light
Lori Davis
Lisa Baldwin
Ron Perry
Walter Kilmer
Lee Boelter
John Heinrich
Jackie Lovette
Mary Schurr
Janice Bergman
Jean Rassbach
Wanda Diemert
Kathy Lang
Jill Peterson
Ingrida Robinson

2018 AKC All Breed Companion Events

(Specialties not included)

January

- 5, 6, & 7—Portland Agility Club
- 7—Pacific NW Portuguese Water Dog Club (Tracking)
- 12—Evergreen Afghan Hound Club (Agility)
- 13 —Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers
- 14 —Gig Harbor Kennel Club
- 15—Tacoma Kennel Club
- 16 —Gig Harbor Kennel Club



February

- 16, 17 & 18 —Spokane Dog Training Club
- 17 & 18—Nisqually Kennel Club
- 17 & 18—Evergreen Afghan Hound Club (Agility)
- 18—Western WA Hound Association (Agility)
- 23, 24, & 25—Chuckanut Dog Training Association (Agility)
- 25—Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association (Variable Surface Tracking & Tracking Dog Urban)

March

- 2, 3, & 4—Evergreen State Shetland Sheepdog (Agility)
- 10 & 11 —Seattle Kennel Club
- 11—Wenatchee Kennel Club (Tracking)
- 16, 17, & 18—Portland Agility Club
- 31 & 1—**WSOTC**

April

- 31 & 1 —**WSOTC**
- 13—Inland Empire Collie Club
- 13 & 14—American Manchester Terrier (Agility—All Breed & All American)

May

- 6 & 7—Wenatchee Kennel Club (Hunt Test only)
- 19, 20 & 21 —Bell Vernon Kennel Club
- 20 & 21—Spokane Dog Training Club
- 21 & 22—Mt. Baker Kennel Club
- 26, 27 & 28—Evergreen Belgian Tervuren Club (Agility)
- 27 & 28 —German Shepherd Dog Club of Pacific NW

June

- 9 & 10—German Shepherd Dog Club of NW (Rally—All Breeds & All American)

2018 AKC All Breed Companion Events

(Specialties not included)

July

- 7, 8, & 9—Puyallup Cluster
- 13, 14 & 15—**WSOTC Agility Trials**
- 27 & 28—Belgian Sheepdog Club of America (Agility—All Breed & All American)
- 29—NW Bearded Collie Club of Puget Sound (Agility—All Breed & All American)

August

- 25 & 26—Sammamish Kennel Club (Obedience -All Breeds & All American)
- Nisqually Kennel Club
- Olympic Kennel Club (Agility)
- Olympic Kennel Club

September

- 21, 22 & 23—Portland Agility Club

October

November

December

All events are from AKC website. If they are not posted on AKC, I do not include them. Any Corrections, Updates or Additions would be appreciated.

Best Practices Series

Compiled by Members of the AKC Delegate Companion Events Committee

Submitted by Dr. Joyce A Dandridge, Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, DC, Inc.

Issue: Many Clubs are experiencing an Aging Membership
Many Clubs feel that they are not regularly attracting new, younger members

Response: Certain Activities may appeal to a younger audience of potential Members

Regular communication with the Club Membership about a variety of dog related activities helps to keep an interest in the Club. A regular Newsletter helps to achieve this goal. Welcoming Parties for new members, at which they are warmly greeted by long term members as well as programs which Demo/Showcase all of the Training opportunities offered by the Club, such as Flyball, Freestyle, Rally, Obedience and Agility.

- Additional activities to consider are:
- Discounts offered to Juniors taking Classes
- Actively facilitate 4H Groups, and youth organization participation
- Class offerings for Juniors at Trial Events
- Allow Junior Members to participate in Classes with Adult Mentors
- Visit Schools, Libraries with Information and Demos
- Provide Demos in Public Parks, at Parades, and other such Community Events
- Visit Hospitals, Schools, and Nursing Homes
- Use Social Media
- Include Fun Classes, and Trick Classes
- Ask New Members what they hope to achieve from the Club
- Keep in mind that there may be other ways to do things, and younger Members may have some innovative ideas.
- Offer some Perks, such as reduced fees for Instructors, or free attendance at Seminars
- Assign jobs to new Members, and then not micro-manage
- Advertise Club activities at Veterinarian Offices, Family Pet Fairs, and Expos
- Focus on Member's strengths. Career skills might translate into Club jobs, such as Treasurer, Website maintenance, or Newsletter design
- Offer Vouchers giving a discount to Club Volunteers
- Establish a Mentoring Program, whereby a long term Member mentors a newbie for a year
- Open some slots at Seminars to non-members
- Broaden the content of meetings and newsletters to involve more people
- Open the Training Facility on Sunday
- Conduct an Annual Open House
- Offer College Scholarships to students in a field pertaining to Animal Care

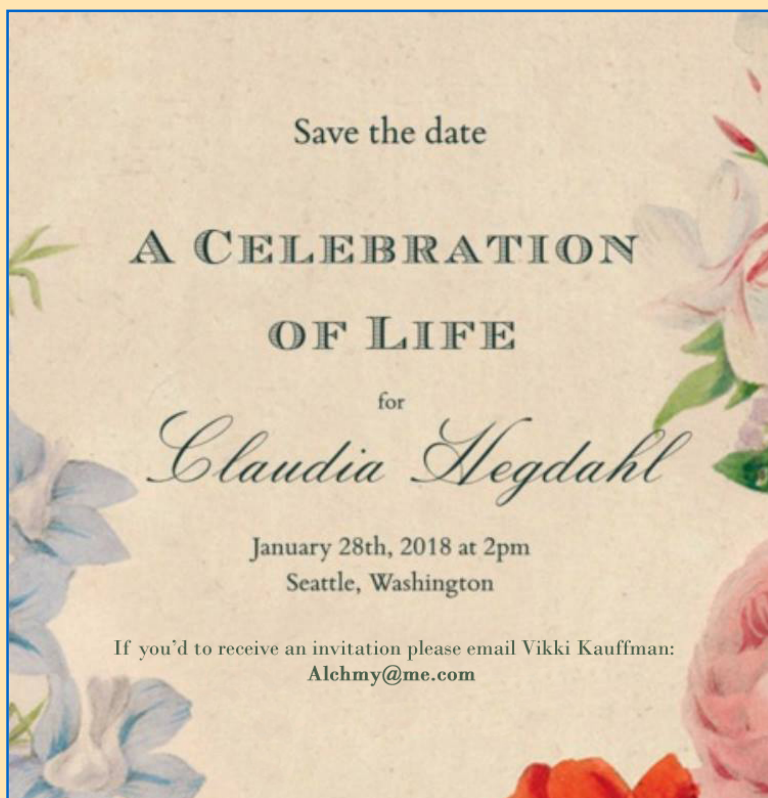
Best Practices Series

Compiled by Members of the AKC Delegate Companion Events Committee
Submitted By Betty M Winthers, Olympic Kennel Club

Issue: Recruitment of New Club Members; Invigorating Current Members
In some Clubs, new Members are few and far between. Often, too, many current members are rather inactive...the same few seem to do all of the work

Response: Develop strategies to re-invigorate Club Membership

- Look for non-members who are actively showing in Companion Event activities and ask them to consider Club Membership; invite them to a meeting
- Have meetings at Dog Shows
- Offer Seminars that will appeal to your target audience
- Offer Matches, Run throughs, and Show-N-Go's
- Encourage current members to recruit their friends
- Encourage current members to be open, friendly and welcoming to potential new members. Present a positive image of the Club. Divide up tasks so that inclusivity is encouraged, and the same few people aren't overwhelmed with the bulk of the work.
- Develop a Mentoring Program to help new Members get acquainted with the Club, its Members, and its Mission
- Personal contact and outreach are more effective than blanket announcements in Newsletters





Obedience Workshop Summary



OBEDIENCE REGULATION CHANGE WORKSHOP/SEMINAR – Held on December 9th, this program offered by WSOTC was a big hit with exhibitors anxious about the many new changes coming on May 1st, plus learning a great deal about existing Regulations in the effort to make for better prepared and more knowledgeable trainers. Attendance totaled 41, with 21 being WSOTC members. It was great to see such a good turnout of club members! We have Laurie Weaver to sincerely thank for allowing us free use of her building. She even arranged for it to be sparkly clean for us! The event was budgeted to realize a small gain (\$55), but in the end that didn't turn out to be the case as we paid \$50 towards the building heating costs (it was very, very cold that Saturday!) and then Terrie presented speaker John Cox with a gift card as a thank you gift. I also chose to print and distribute the AKC's Regulation insert with all the May 1st changes when they became available a few days prior to the workshop. In the end, the net expense to the club was \$96.08. Others agreed it was money well spent. Investing in furthering education usually is a sound investment. The event was excellent PR for the club, too! The detailed financial report will be found on the Club's web site.

Thank you to all who attended, plus to those who brought goodies to add to the refreshment table. Many of you stepped in to help where needed (especially Jill Petersen vacuuming at the conclusion) and I thank you for doing that.



Sue Cox, Chairman



A great turnout of both members and non-members!





Obedience Workshop Summary



As posted by John Cox with permission on Facebook -

Our little chat on the Obedience Regulations went pretty well. It was aimed at both the new exhibitor and the experienced exhibitor. We started out briefly covering Chapters 1 & 2 for a basic understanding in how these two chapters (mainly Chapter 2) relate to ALL the exercises in the titling and non-titling classes. Plus the four (4) new (May 1, 2018) exercises were discussed in detail. By having the basic understanding of a few of the critical sections in Chapter 2 helped with understanding the new exercise's descriptions and scoring sections. The devil is in the details, knowing what verbiage is **in** the description and scoring sections and not assume otherwise.

We covered the Novice Class exercises first which included two of the future Novice exercises (Sit Stay - Get Your Leash & Group exercise). This gave the exhibitors a viewpoint of the future class flow in its entirety. The same was done with the two future new Open exercises (Command Discrimination & Stay - Get Your Leash).

During the discussions of the different classes levels we kept referring back to the beginning Chapters (1 & 2) and the foundations exercises (where they applied) as they are the building blocks for the advanced classes. The workshop ran a little over 6 hours with a break for lunch. There were 41 in attendance.

A special THANK YOU to [Laurie Weaver](#) for letting [Washington State Obedience Training Club](#) use her building. Laurie and Jim have now moved to Mexico and this was the last event held at their place before the final closing of the property. It was sad to pull off the property after the seminar ended knowing this is a last time of a chapter in our lives. Also a shout out to [Sharon Colvin](#) for hauling sections of ring gating and a set of jumps so we could have a ring. Thank you to the handlers for bringing their sidekicks for demonstrations, you guys made it work for needed visuals.

As with anything new there will be a learning curve for exhibitors and judges. Learning the devil in the details, new Judge's Orders and what works best for an efficient ring setup is on the "To Do" list for all of us. We have time to practice and that will include the Judges. I hope Judges will also attend a few training classes, or practice sessions, and experiment what will work best for them before May 1st. Let's all have patience with each other during this curve. This is a Sport and not World Peace hanging in the balance. "Forward", have some FUN and meet the challenges, be open-minded and enjoy the journey for that makes the best stories in the future, especially after a couple glasses of wine. 😊 Cheers!

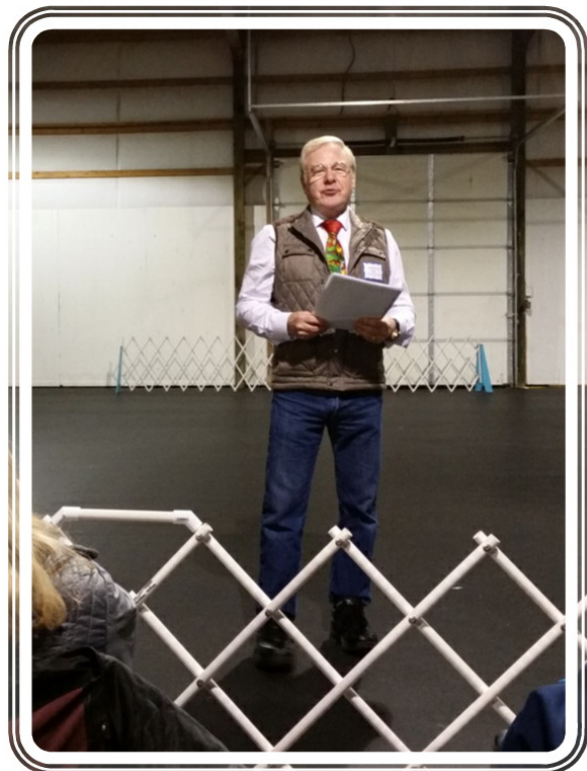
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Obedience New Regulation Workshop



Okay now,
listen up and
pay close
attention!



Ummm....let's see
which is the hurdle
and the boards?
Can't find a good
steward?
Call the Coxes!





Obedience New Regulation Workshop



Group Sits

- Back-to-Back Demonstration
- 6ft apart (side to side and behind)
 - 4ft from ring barriers
 - 6ft leash!!





Obedience New Regulation Workshop



Group Downs

- Back-to-Back Demonstration
- 6ft apart (side to side and behind)
- 4ft from ring barriers
 - 6ft leash!!

Sits and Downs judged as ONE exercise. Group Judging is done after ALL individual exercises have been completed.





Obedience New Regulation Workshop



Dog was left on a DOWN, handler walked 15ft.

Command Discrimination



At 15ft handler is ordered to Sit her dog.



*Whoo-Hoo!
Nice Demo by Nancy & Tiki!*

At 30ft handler is ordered to Stand her dog.

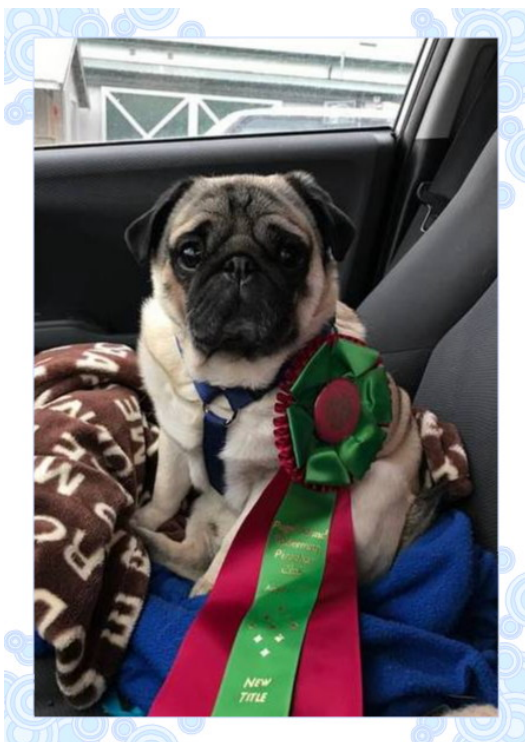




Brag & Announcements!



**Practicing Group
Stays at Dogwoods**
It'll be an exercise of
the past, but we are
here to brag that our
dogs do it well!
WHOO-HOO!



Amanda brags—Sampson and I end both of
ours first year exhibiting in agility on a high
note. Our (My) goal was to get both a Stan-
dard and Jumpers title this year. Sampson
earned his NJP earlier in the year, but we
were struggling with Standard. At the Puget
Sound Doberman Pinscher Club's December
agility trials, Sampson picked up his last
Novice Standard leg!

What a way to end the year!



TDX 2017 Report Nikki Kling

WSOTC's annual TDX was held on December 3, 2017. We were fortunate again to have the spectacular fields on Joint Base Lewis-McCord Military Base, (JBLM) near Yelm, WA. We had 10 entries for the 6 tracks allowed. No one withdrew until the last 2 days and those were the alternates 1 & 2. They lived a distance away and were aware the chance of getting to track were very slim. All the others were at the test site on Sun.

Saturday had lots of rain & wind. We all arrived to Area 15 by 8AM for our plotting day. Judges Meg Azevedo, Elk Grove, CA and Judy Stromquist, Harrisburg, OR did a beautiful job of plotting the 6 tracks as well as 1 alternate. TDX tracks (each 1 is unique) are approximately ½ mile long, difficult and at least 3 hrs. old.

Sunday was completely different..perfect tracking weather, cloudy/sun spots, no wind & damp. The day began at 6:30AM with tracklayers, cross-trackers out following the maps that they made at judges' plotting on Saturday. Exhibitors that were lucky to have had their names randomly drawn 3 weeks prior, were gathered at hospitality rvs at 10AM. There, they each drew a # for which order they would run their tracks. All dogs were talented & knew what to do. Unfortunately, each one had a little "oops" and we had no passes. Breeds entered were Portugese Water Dog, Weimaraner, Bernese Mt Dog, English Cocker Spaniel, Golden Retriever, German Shepherd Dog. 4 of these were from Canada.

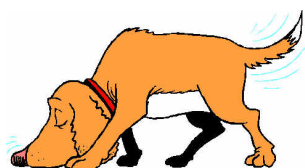
Hospitality had home- made breads, soups/chili, grilled cheese sandwiches, pulled-pork sliders, veggies & hot coffee and more!

It requires a great deal of manpower to put on a TDX.

Tracking tests are known as "non-money makers". There are only 6 entries for income. Judges cost lots of money, as well as porta-potty, printing/postage, AKC fees and food. Hospitality rvs are donated 2 days as well as majority of food. AND track-layers/cross-track-layers, drivers DONATE time, gas and motels. So, here are names of the "city". Many of track-layers & cross-track layers were from Canada.

Chair, Marta Brock: Chief track layer, Sil Sanders: Secretary, JBLM liaison, Nikki King: Hospitality, Marta Brock, Nikki King: Equipment, grounds, John Heinrich: Plaques, Ric Ferado: Drivers, Jo Bott, Barbara Reed-Stamp, Sil Sanders. Track-layers & cross-track-layers: Michelle Fuqua, Sarah Kahn, Susan Highton, Mary Berry, Carla Baker, Debby Dowd, Marsha Skewis, Melissa Knapp, Marjorie Walter, Lori Daniels and Joanne Kinney.

We all volunteer because we love tracking, learn more about tracking, and pay-back for all the times we entered tests manned by volunteers.



2018 Spring Trial

March 31 & April 1, 2018

It's not too early to think about the Spring Trial!

2018 Spring Show Committee

Show Chair—Amanda Buse

Show Assistant—Sue Cox

Judges—Don Rennick

Grounds— Don Rennick

Hospitality—Joanne & Susan Mulligan

Chief Ring Steward—Nancy Light

Trophies & Awards—Amy Reagan

Decorations—Linda Shea

Trophies:

We are in need for sponsors for our wonderful trophies. Our aim was to find practical and usable awards that everyone could enjoy!

Judges:

Saturday

Debbie Addicoat

Novice A & B, Beginner Novice A & B, Preferred Novice, Graduate Novice

Margaret Chandler

Utility B, Open A, Preferred Open, Graduate Open

Aimee Kincaid

Rally, Obedience Team

Ken Kincaid

Utility A, Open B, Preferred Utility, Versatility, Obedience Team, Future Open 1

Sunday

Debbie Addicoat

Novice A & B, Beginner Novice A & B, Preferred Novice, Graduate Novice

Margaret Chandler

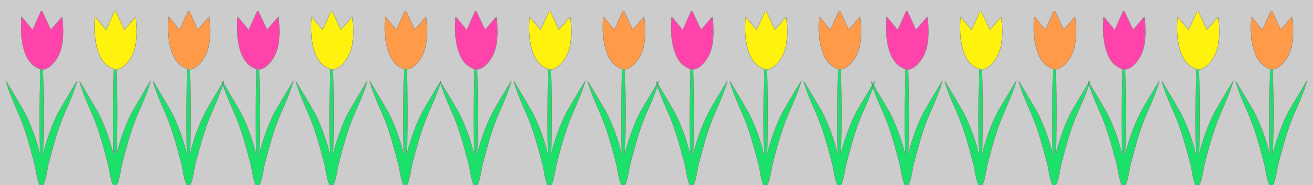
Utility A, Open B, Preferred Utility, Versatility

Aimee Kincaid

Utility B, Open A, Preferred Open, Graduate Open, Future Open 2

Ken Kincaid

Rally, Rally Novice Team



2018 Spring Trial

March 31 & April 1, 2018

Donations to our Friends of Obedience fund is always welcomed!

Trophies Offered Both Days

High Scoring Dog from Regular OB Class	Logo Embroidered Duffle (Black) Bag w/HIT & Date
High Combined Score from OB Open B & Utility	Logo Embroidered Travel Poly/Fleece Blanket w/HC & Date
Rally Triple Q	Logo Embroidered Duffle (Black) Bag w/Triple Q & Date
High Combined from Rally Excellent B & Advanced B	Logo Embroidered Travel Poly/Fleece Blanket w/Triple Q & Date
High Scoring Dog from Preferred OB Class	Logo Embroidered 12-can Cooler Bag w/logo only
High Combined Score from Preferred Open & Utility	Logo Embroidered Bath Towel w/logo only
High Scoring All American from Regular Class	Logo Embroidered Shopping Tote Bag w/logo only
Highest Scoring Toy Dog from Regular Class	Logo Embroidered Shopping Tote Bag w/logo only
Highest Scoring Working Dog from Regular Class	Logo Embroidered Shopping Tote Bag w/logo only
Highest Scoring Herding Dog from Regular Class	Logo Embroidered Shopping Tote Bag w/logo only
Highest Scoring Terrier from Regular Class	Logo Embroidered Shopping Tote Bag w/logo only
Highest Scoring Sporting Dog from Regular Class	Logo Embroidered Shopping Tote Bag w/logo only
Highest Scoring Non-Sporting Dog from Regular Class	Logo Embroidered Shopping Tote Bag w/logo only
Highest Scoring Hound Dog from Regular Class	Logo Embroidered Shopping Tote Bag w/logo only
High Scoring Poodle from Regular Class	CASH
Highest Scoring Poodle from Preferred or Optional Class	CASH



2018 Spring Trial Non-Regular Open Class As explained by Nancy Light

Hopefully, as most of you know, there are some significant changes coming to the obedience classes, particularly Novice and Open, starting May 1, 2018. The group stays in Novice are substantially changed and they completely disappear in Open. The substitution for the group exercises in Open includes a new exercise called Command Discrimination, a one minute sit or down (individual) and a new exercise, in which the handler leaves the dog on a sit or down, retrieves the leash outside the ring and returns to the dog. In the command discrimination, in Open A, the dog has three position changes—stand, down, and sit, done in heel position, at 15 feet, and at 30 feet. In Open B, there are four possible position changes—stand, down sit; stand, sit, down; down, stand, sit; and down, sit, down.

Since the WSOTC trials take place prior to that, we will be under the current regulations. However, in order to give folks a chance to try these out under show conditions, we are offering the classes as a non-regular class. On Saturday, it will be like Open A, and on Sunday, like Open B, except that in order to offer to more people, as in Preferred, the handlers will be given an option to lower the jumps for their dogs with no penalty. For a more detailed description of the regulation changes, follow the link to the AKC website. A description will also be in the premium list for the trials, and will be out in February.

WSOTC Non-Regular Open classes offered at Spring Trial March 31 and April 1, 2018

- **Future Open 1 (Saturday)**

The Future Open 1 class is a non-regular class that is for all dogs.

All exercises and scoring will be as described in the Open A class under the AKC Obedience Regulations, as Amended to May 1, 2018 (shown in Addendum 1), except that for the Retrieve Over the High Jump and the Broad Jump, and at the discretion of the handler, the jumps may be set at any height or distance, down to ½ that required for those jumps in the Regular Open A class. Handlers who choose to have their dogs set at less (or more) than the minimum required height or distance will neither be penalized nor receive extra consideration. Ties for placement will be determined by performing the Novice Heel Free exercise.

- **Future Open 2 (Sunday)**

The Future Open 2 class is a non-regular class that is for all dogs.

All exercises and scoring will be as described in the Open B class under the AKC Obedience Regulations, Amended to May 1, 2018 (shown in Addendum 1), except that for the Retrieve Over the High Jump and the Broad Jump and at the discretion of the handler, the jumps may be set at any height or distance down to ½ of that required for those jumps in the Regular Open B classes. Handlers who choose to have their dogs set at less (or more) than the minimum required height or distance will neither be penalized nor receive extra consideration. The order of the exercise will be at the judge's discretion and announced approximately 45 minutes before the start of the class. Ties for placement will be determined by performing the Novice Heel Free exercise.

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For the Love of Reading



Chet and Bernie are not centered around dog shows but a murder mystery that is told in the 'eyes of the dog'. A fun and easy read as well.

1. Dog On It
2. Thereby Hangs a Tail
3. To Fetch a Thief
4. The Dog Who Knew Too Much
5. A Fistful of Collars
6. The Sound and the Furry
7. Paw and Order
8. Scents and Sensibility



Books are available in Hardback, Paperback and Kindle on Amazon.
(I have no financial interest)

