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**Prez's Message**

The Fall Trial is in the books and Ingrida Robinson and Kathy Lang went to great lengths to make it a fun and positive experience for all exhibitors. They put together a wonderful team of workers. Exhibitor's gifts were extraordinary, the potluck was lovely, the judges friendly, games and prizes were ongoing as was the positive feedback. Thank you so much for all of your work!

During the membership meeting at the trial we welcomed two new members, Cathy Soule and Lynn Grinnell. We are so glad to welcome these ladies to WSOTC! We also received applications and had first reading for Ronnie Sue Leith, Jane Pitts and Allison Clemons. Allison is completely new to obedience and came to the trial to see if she would like the sport, stayed for our meeting and applied for membership. It is good to see the club grow and know that a love for the dog sports is also growing.

Finally I want to remind all club members that 2021 will be our 75th year as an obedience club. Incredible! I have asked for a committee to plan our diamond anniversary celebration. If you have thoughts about the best way for the club to acknowledge the many years and many changes that have taken place over the years, please contact me. Let's make our 75th year the best year ever!!

*~Terrie~*



## Club Committee & Chairs

- Agility– Nancy Light
- Audit/ Budget– TBD
- Awards - Nancy Light & Holly Krohn
- Hearts & Flowers - Gloria Newby
- Insurance- Sue Cox
- Membership– Susan Mulligan
- Newsletter– Amy Reagan
- AKC Sanctioned Match Chair- Sue Cox
- 'C' March—Terrie Sato
- 2019 Obedience/Rally Trial Fall—Ingrida Robinson
- Programs—vacant
- Property/inventory - Don Rennick
- Obedience Seminar—Christine Swinehart & Bev May
- Tracking—Marta Brock
- Website—Ane Brusendorff

## Membership Report

*Susan Mulligan, Chair*

### First Reading at August Meeting

**Ronnie Sure Leith (Associate)**

**Jane Pitts (Full)**

**Allison Clemons (Associate)**

### Welcome New Members!

**Lynn Grinnell**

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**Cathy Soule**

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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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## *Did you know?*

January 13, 2020

Seattle Kennel Club clusters with Gig Harbor and Puyallup Dog Fanciers

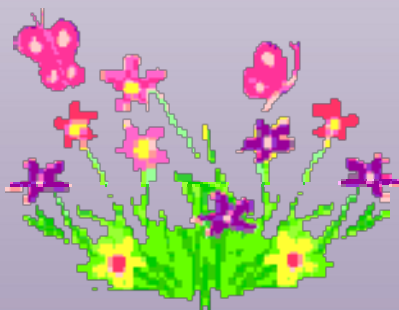
April 18 & 19, 2020

Tacoma Kennel Club moves to Tacoma Dome

### **Correction**

**In Loving Memory of Gracie her birth date is 2/8/05, not 2/2/2002  
My apologies to Kathy Teufel for the error.**

**Editor**



*Hearts and Flowers*  
*Gloria Newby, Chair*

No report

### **NEXT MEETINGS & EVENTS**

#### **Board Meeting**

September 16<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM @ Haggens  
Woodinville

#### **Next General Meeting**

Whidbey Island KC  
Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday  
Lunch Break

## WSOTC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 19, 2019

The August 19, 2019 Board meeting was called to order by President Terrie Sato at 7:00 p.m. at Haggens in Woodinville, WA. All Board members were present, though Janice Bergman arrived late due to a job conflict. Guest: Ingrida Robinson.

The minutes of the July 22, 2019 Board meeting were approved as distributed and published in the newsletter.

**PRESIDENT:** Terrie thanked the audit/budget committee for their work checking the club books and finances, and producing a budget for the current Club year. We have some budgets to review at this meeting.

**SECRETARY:** The AKC has approved the rally trials for the Spring 2020 trials.

**TREASURER:** The financial report had been sent to each Board member. A motion carried to pay the two bills presented for approval and payment.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Fall 2019 Obedience Trials: Chairman Ingrida Robinson reported Bob Self, Jr. was unable to fulfill his judging commitment and has been replaced by Dorin Ladd. The entries are not as high as budgeted, especially on Monday, so there may be a financial loss for these trials instead of the projected small gain.

Membership: Terrie stated the new roster is on the web site. At the September meeting, Susan Mulligan will present the application for Ronnie Sue Leith for the first reading.

Agility Trials: Chairman Nancy Light presented an updated financial report on the trials showing a net gain of \$4,404.55.

Audit/Budget Committee: Karen Snee, chair of the Audit Committee, presented her report stating all was in order with our financial records. The full report will be in the Canine Post and on our web site. Sue Cox had copies of the proposed budget for 2019-2020 and that will be addressed later in the meeting.

Hearts & Flowers: Gloria Newby sent a "get well" card to Arlette Davison, who took a fall from her horse.

Newsletter: Terrie stated Amy Reagan has been in contact with Elizabeth Soule a few times in an effort to make a smooth transition to Elizabeth as the new editor at the beginning of 2020.

2020 Spring Obedience/Rally Trials: Amanda had submitted a revised budget to be presented to the membership at the next general membership meeting on August 31<sup>st</sup>. This budget has a projected loss of \$2,706. Holly Krohn has volunteered to serve as Awards Chair for those trials. The judges have been secured: Linda Hause, Carolyn Wray and Bob Margolis. The Board agreed with Amanda's recommendation to eliminate the H.S.Dog in Group rosettes.

2019 Spring/Rally Trials: Amanda Buse submitted an amended financial report reflecting the \$213 refund from AKC/BaRay from the recording fees adjustment.

2019 TDX Test: Sarah Kahn is taking action with JBLM to secure a contract for land use for the TDX test being planned for later this year.

Brenda Riemer Seminar: It was reported that registrations at this time are very few, but the deadline is still a few weeks off. The dates are October 12 & 13 and a link to the registration form is available on the WSOTC web site - [www.wsotc.org](http://www.wsotc.org)

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The subject of getting a PayPal account came up once again with mixed feelings about having this system in place. Nancy will check with Ane (web site manager) to see about the risks and what needs to be done to update security on our web site.

With continuing inquiries about obedience training classes in the Greater Seattle area (pet and competition), we will set about updating the information on training sites which is currently on our web site. The existing list will be updated and presented to the membership in September in hopes members will have additional training classes to recommend to the public. The list will include obedience, rally and agility classes (probably tracking too).

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Sue had pointed out that WSOTC's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be in 2021. She had some ideas of ways in which this milestone could be celebrated and those ideas were tossed about. Planning will need to start early and Amanda Buse has volunteered to chair those trials. A motion carried appointing Amanda as Chair of the 2021 trials.

The next Board meeting will be held on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at Haggens in Woodinville.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

## RING STEWARDS NEEDED FOR FALL RALLY TRIALS

Thanksgiving Day Weekend Rally Trials (Fri-Mon) are in need of stewards at Family Dog Training Center in Kent, Wa.

Contact Amanda Buse and let her know if you can help as soon as possible and for which days.

### **WSOTC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING August 31, 2019 at Family Dog Training Center, Kent WA**

President Terrie Sato called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. Full members present: Susan Mulligan, JoAnne Mulligan, Jill Peterson, Holly Krohn, Terrie Sato, Amanda Buse, Sue Cox, Karen Snee, Neil Evans and Veronica Ness. Associate members present: Shelley Timbers, Bev May, Christine Swinehart, Arlette Davison. Guests present: Jane Pitts and Allison Clemons.

The minutes of the June 22, 2019 General Membership meeting were approved as published in the *Canine Post*.

**Report of the Board:** Terrie noted that critical to our function as an obedience club we need to continue to update and add to our list of approved Club judges. Many judges are being booked well in advance and it is not always possible to work from our current list. Please think about those judges who have been both pleasant to exhibitors and accurate in their judging and suggest names to add to our list for Club approval. It is better to have a large list to work from than to have to attempt last minute approval.

It is also noteworthy that the Audit/Budget committee met in a very timely manner and found our accounts in order. Our banking information is always available on the members only web page.

**Report of the President:** Terrie acknowledged the major efforts of Ingrida Robinson and Kathy Lang in chairing this weekend of obedience trials. There have been a few bumps along the way and they have navigated them with Ingrida making every effort to keep the board up to date. Also, thank you to Nancy Light for her work in making sure the very profitable agility trials went off without a hitch in July. The trick dog titling option has been a fun addition. She also wanted to acknowledge the WSOTC board members for being ever present via e-mail and at regular meetings. They give their insight and experience to keep the club running smoothly.

**Report of the Secretary:** Absent and no report was submitted

**Report of the Treasurer:** The financial report was distributed to the members; it's also available to view on our website. A motion carried to pay the one bill presented for payment.

## COMMITTEES:

Membership: Susan Mulligan read the applications receiving their first reading: Ronnie Sue Leith (Associate), Jane Pitts (Full) and Allison Clemons (Associate). Action will be taken on their applications at the November meeting (held in conjunction with the Whidbey Island KC show in November).

Fall Obedience Trials 2019: The trials were progressing perfectly; both Ingrida and Kathy were otherwise engaged during our meeting.

Hearts & Flowers: There was no report from Gloria.

Spring Trial 2020: Chairman Amanda Buse presented the budget for this event and a motion carried to accept the budget as presented. *Another motion carried to eliminate the awards for highest scoring dog from each of the groups (Sporting, Working, etc.) and H.S. All-American Dog.* Amanda and Holly asked the membership for their input on offering the same prize value for HIT and HC from the Regular Classes and HIT and HC from the Preferred Classes. This will receive more discussion and debate at a future meeting of the board and/or membership.

Tracking: Committee members are working on the contract with JBLM.

Brenda Reimer Seminar: Chairs Bev May and Christine Swinehart presented a budget for this event and a motion carried to accept the budget as presented. Only 6 are currently registered for this Club-sponsored seminar taking place in October. More will have to register to insure it will be held.

Election of New Members: The applications of Lynn Grinnell and Cathy Soule were read for the second time and both were elected to Full Membership. Welcome, ladies! We're happy to have you join us!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A motion carried adding Walter O'Brien (Texas, rally only), Bill Craig (MA, all obedience only), Nancy Watson (Florida, all obedience & rally), Karen Wrey (NY, all obedience & rally), and Stacia Gunderson (WA, rally only) to our existing list of Club approved judges.

As to updating our list of obedience classes in the area to publish on our web page, we currently will list PawsAbilities, Family Dog Training Center, Academy of Canine Behavior, The Educated Dog, The Puppy Perfectionists, InStep Dog Training, Positive Dog Training School and Skyriver K-9.

NEW BUSINESS: The year 2021 will be WSOTC's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an established obedience club (since 1946). Sue Cox had suggested celebrating this milestone at our events throughout the year and the plan has taken wing. At this point, the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration planning committee consists of volunteers Sue Cox, Amanda Buse, Karen Snee and Holly Krohn. More volunteers will be needed and welcomed!  
A motion carried accepting the Club's 2019-2020 budget as presented.

The next General Membership meeting will be held during the lunch break at Whidbey Island Kennel Club's obedience trial on Saturday of their November show weekend.



Meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.  
Sue Cox, Acting Secretary





WSOTC is excited to welcome back to the PNW  
**Brenda Riemer, PH.D.**  
**Mental Skills Training For Competitive Canine Handlers**

Brenda's Sport Psychology seminars have been such huge hits,  
Washington State Obedience Training Club is bringing her back to the PNW!  
Join us for a fun & educational weekend!

**Sat. October 12 & Sun. October 13, 2019**

**Saturday & Sunday Working Spot with Dog \$200 (Limit to 15)**  
**Saturday & Sunday Auditor \$150 / One Day Auditor \$85/ Discounts for WSOTC members!**



#### About Brenda

Brenda Riemer earned her PH.D. in Sport Psychology from Michigan State University in 1996. Since then, she has taught Sport Psychology at the college level and has worked with college and high school athletes. In addition, she has worked with top obedience competitors on their mental skills. Brenda's current dogs include Sheltie, Liza, OTCH, UDX5, OM9, PCDX, PUTD, RE, VER, CGC plus Dachshund, Zelda CD, BN, RN, RATI. Zelda is also preparing for her tracking debut. Brenda's prior dogs have earned UDXs, as well as other obedience, rally and agility titles. Brenda currently teaches at Eastern Michigan University. Check out Brenda's website and Facebook page:

<https://Mentalskills4caninehandlers.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/StressReductionDogHandlers/>

#### About the seminar

The philosophy behind this mental skills seminar is the fact that people are not born with perfect mental skills for the dog sports ring, just as dogs are not born knowing how to perform perfect heeling, fronts or finishes. Ring nerves can be overcome with practice – whether competing in conformation, obedience, rally, agility or any other dog sport.

#### Saturday will include:

- What competition is
- Why we can experience ring nerves
- Ways to reduce stress and anxiety
- Psychological skill training
- Imagery, goal setting and other related topics
- Multiple exercises for everyone to do during the seminar

#### Sunday will include:

Up to 15 dog / handler teams will prepare to enter the ring, do a brief run-through and then exit the ring in a mock trial. Brenda will coach and support the handler. Other seminar attendees will play the parts of judge, steward, audience, etc. It will be a great opportunity for everyone to see Brenda's mental training skills put into practice.

**More information:** The seminar will be held at Family Dog Training Center's 9,300 s.f. indoor facility at 1515 Central Ave. S. in Kent, WA. Seminar hours: 9 am to 4 pm. There will be plenty of room for participants, auditors and dogs registered for the seminar. (Auditors will need to leave their dogs in vehicles or at home.) Seminar and working spots will fill in the order full payment is received. No spots will be held without payment. A waiting list will be maintained. Refunds only if the seminar is canceled. If you cannot attend, you may sell your spot to a friend, provided you give Washington State Obedience Training Club written notice. Morning and afternoon refreshments and lunches (sandwich fixings, soups and salads), along with fruits, snacks and beverages will be provided each day. RV parking onsite is available (no hook-ups). A list of nearby motels will be provided with registration confirmation. See the back of this page for registration, or visit our website: <http://www.WSOTC.org>

**Seminar Contact:**  
[dogsPOV@comcast.net](mailto:dogsPOV@comcast.net)  
Bev: 425-757-2326



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## Brenda Reimer Past Seminar Comments



Love the relaxing techniques and idea of a goal.

Fantastic techniques Having done the seminar, if you practice the techniques, it really works. The best part? You don't feel helpless when anxiety hits. You have tools to conquer it.

I highly recommend taking this seminar I learned so much and am so excited to employ the knowledge acquired to my training and trialing! Brenda was excellent at explaining things and using examples that really put things into perspective. She was excellent at teaching these topics without talking down to you or making you feel like you didn't know anything!! HIGHLY RECOMMEND this seminar to anyone training a dog whether you are competing or not!

From her website:

If you want a fun, engaged, competition obedience focused mental skills seminar - THIS IS IT. I loved attending with my students and have been working to incorporate these skills into not only my own mental management strategies, but teaching them to my new students. If Brenda is there - GO! If she isn't, BRING HER IN! (Matthew Twitty)

I really enjoyed Brenda Reimer's Mental Skills Seminar "Conquering Ring Nerves". When I walked into the seminar I was quite surprised at the number of handlers attending. I couldn't believe there were so many others affected by nerves just like me. The atmosphere was very relaxed, casual, and I felt completely comfortable. What I love most about the seminar is Brenda gives a very organized (and yes at times comical!) look at a variety of techniques for you to explore to see what works best for you and calming your ring nerves. I also love that she encourages you to think about your goals and helps in getting you to unclutter your mind so to set yourself on a path towards achieving them. Best of all... she is there for you should you have questions, or need support in the future. Great fun and highly recommended!

(Wendy W)

I am still in awe of the feelings and sense of accomplishment I felt two years ago sitting in the chair as you talked me through my preparation for the day of show and then the Novice run with Rupert that had me in tears! That confidence I felt with my eyes closed was just amazing and I carry that feeling with me at the shows. (2017 Attendee)

The seminar was fantastic! You presented valuable material in a clear and organized way, and had a great way of doing it. Everyone in dog sports should try to get to this seminar if you can - you just can't deny the importance of the mental part of the human half of the team. The coached run throughs were my favorite part. Brenda, thanks so much for coming to PA!!! (A. Paul, 2016)

## Brenda Riemer October 12-13, 2019 Seminar Registration Form

Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### **CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**

Saturday & Sunday WORKING Spot with Dog\*: \_\_\_\$200 or WSOTC Member \_\_\_\$180

Transfer my registration to an AUDITOR spot (and refund the difference) if working spots are full.

Return my payment if working spots are full.

Saturday & Sunday AUDITOR WITHOUT Dog: \_\_\_\$150 or WSOTC Member \_\_\_\$135

One Day Only AUDITOR WITHOUT Dog: Saturday \_\_\_\$85 or WSOTC Member \_\_\_\$75; Sunday \_\_\_\$85 or WSOTC Member \_\_\_\$75

Please send me info about motels & hotels in the area  Please send me info about RV parking on site

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ US FUNDS Circle Payment Method: Check / Money Order / Cash

*WSOTC will process your registration in order payment is received.*

### **PARTICIPANTS MUST READ AND SIGN BELOW**

I understand that there will be no refunds issued for any reason (other than seminar cancellation); however, a participant who is unable to attend may send someone to take his or her place provided permission is given in writing and a copy is submitted to WSOTC. Due to space constraints participants should leave their dogs at home. Returned or NSF checks are subject to a \$30 bank processing fee.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Brenda Riemer, Washington State Obedience Training Club, WSOTC board and WSOTC members, Kathy Lang Dog Training Services, Inc., The Family Dog Training Center, and its owners, board of directors, officers, agents, employees, instructors, and staff members, from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action or liability of any kind whatsoever, for death, personal injury or property damage in any way proximately caused by myself, my family members, my friends and/or any animal belonging to, or brought onto the premises by myself or any member of my family or my assigns. I further agree, on behalf of myself, my family and my assigns, to assume complete and sole responsibility for any and all actions of any animal belonging to, or brought onto the premises by myself, any member of my family or my agents or assigns.

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Keep a copy of this page for your records. Make all payment to WSOTC. Mail registration with payment to:**

**Chris Swinehart, 1868 58<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Tacoma, WA 98422**

**We will send you a confirming email once we receive and process your payment.**

**Brenda Riemer Seminar Location: Family Dog Training Center / 1515 Central Ave S / Kent / WA**



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## WSOTC Fall Obedience Trials 2019 Recap

Report by Ingrida Robinson (Trial Chair) & Kathy Lang (Assistant Chair)

Thanks to everyone for helping make our six obedience trials over Labor Day Weekend a success! Minta (Mike) Williquette (SC), Debbie Addicoat (WA) and Mr. Dorin Ladd (CA) were our wonderful judges. Mr. Ladd's wife accompanied him on the trip and they arrived a few days early to sightsee, while Mike arranged for a few vacation days in Seattle post trial. We appreciated their positive energy and exhibitor friendly rings, along with their willingness to help us debut a couple of new classes we invented for these trials. As many folks know, the trial committee was faced with the task of replacing a judge just a few weeks before the trial closed when Robert T. Self, Jr.(IL) informed us that he was unable to fulfill his assignment due to a health matter. Thanks to Mr. Ladd for rearranging his schedule to join us.

This was Melissa Knapp's first year as our Trial Secretary (MSK Event Services) and she did a wonderful job handling entries, working with exhibitors and judges and fulfilling all of the other trial secretary duties. Amanda Buse returned as Chief Ring Steward and once again supplied the rings with plenty of well-trained stewards who helped everything run smoothly. Amanda is one amazing Chief Ring Steward and she is truly appreciated! Great stewards make for a great trial, and our crew included: Barb Fuller, Mary Griffith, Jim Franklin, Lee Ann McNeil, Veronica Ness, Mike Kriegel, Laura Cronin, Arlette Davison, Tia Elias, Steve Elias, Stacy Slade and Fedelia VanSteertegem. Several of these folks worked all three days of their Labor Day Weekend!

Shelley Timbers was our potluck maven once again, shopping, organizing, displaying and handling all aspects of the potluck lunch. Many exhibitors contributed home-made goodies, salads and desserts to augment the club-supplied sandwich fixings. This year we added a \$5 donation jar so folks who wanted to enjoy lunch could join us, even if they didn't bring food to share, and a number of folks did this. Shelley also arranged for the wine donation for the Whiner's Raffle. Thanks again to Mill Lane Winery in Tenino; they have donated multiple bottles of their wine every time we have asked. Very much appreciated!

Ingrida Robinson ordered the exhibitor gifts, ribbons, rosettes and awards. Chris Swinehart handled distribution at the trials. Bev May took care of judges and stewards with daytime hospitality. Don Rennick delivered and picked up the club's trial supplies including jumps and table steward supplies. Family Dog Training Center donated the use of their coffee and hot water pots and provided the signs and holders for the Beginner Novice classes.

This year we received very generous monetary donations from our primary sponsors (Wilderness Animal Hospital in Maple Valley, WA) and Christine York/EquuMet LLC which allowed us to purchase (on sale, of course) the wonderful soft-sided coolers that we gave as exhibitor gifts this year. Coolers were filled with a water bottle, pen, trial catalog and other treats. Stewards also received a cooler, as did our judges. We had enough coolers left over to sell some for \$10 each and several folks did their early holiday shopping. We also spent some of the donated money to purchase Swig Savvy stainless steel insulated bottles for our HIT/HC awards. A huge thank you to Gwen Blake for arranging for this fabulous monetary support!

Our do-it-yourself photo backdrop and sign were well utilized; we saw many posts on Facebook! We added a Positivity Posts Wall this year and invited exhibitors, spectators, stewards, judges (basically

everyone) to write something positive on a post-it note, put it on the wall and take a raffle ticket in exchange. Once the 30 spaces were filled, we did a drawing and then started over again. Thanks to Chris Swinehart for taking care of the prizes. It was fun to read the positive comments throughout the weekend.

Thanks to Family Dog Training Center for allowing the club to use their high speed copier for printing premium lists and catalogs (at cost), and to the staff members and students who assisted with cleaning and preparing the facility for the trials, stuffing exhibitor bags and numerous other tasks: Liz and Doug Fifield, Chris Swinehart, Karen Hoksbergen, Shelley Timbers, Bob Schutzner, Annette Franklin, Maggie Johnson, Karen Evans, Barb Vasey, Eric Chappell, Bev May and Olivia and Ashley from Donida Farms.

We offered two trials each day, with regular classes offered in both trials on Saturday and Sunday giving exhibitors the opportunity to earn titles (which many did!) and receive the very cool New Title Rosettes. We also offered the optional titling classes and preferred classes throughout the weekend, as well as some special classes we "invented" for these trials. In case you missed them, here's the class descriptions we included in the premium list; we hope to see them offered again in the future:

***Beginner Novice Brace Class.*** *The Beginner Novice Brace class will be for any two dogs that are eligible under these regulations and capable of performing the Beginner Novice exercises. The dogs need not be owned by the same person but will be handled by one handler. Dogs may be shown unattached or coupled (the coupling device will not be less than 6 inches in overall length). Whichever method is used will be continued throughout all exercises. A separate official entry form will be completed in full for each dog entered. Exercises, performances and judging will be as in the Beginner Novice class, with one exception: The heel on leash exercise will be performed with the judge calling orders; no signs will be used. The brace should work in unison at all times. Either or both dogs in a brace may be entered in another class or classes.*

***Beginner Novice Team Class.*** *The Beginner Novice Team class will be for teams of any four dogs that are eligible under these regulations. Five dogs may be entered, one to be considered an alternate for which no entry fee will be required. However, the same four dogs will perform all exercises. Dogs may be handled by the owner or any other person, need not be entered in another class at the same trial, and need not have obedience titles. A separate official entry form will be completed in full for each dog entered. No dog may be entered on more than one team. There will be two judges, one of whom will call orders while the other scores the team's performance. The teams will be judged one at a time.*

*The dogs on a team will perform the exercises simultaneously and will be judged as specified for the Beginner Novice class with the following modifications noted in italics: The heel on leash exercise will be performed on the order of the judge. No signs will be used. In the Figure Eight portion of the Heel on Leash exercise, five stewards will be used. The stewards will stand 8 feet apart in a straight line. Each handler, with the dog sitting in heel position, will stand about equidistant from each of two stewards with all members of the team facing the same direction. On orders from the judge, the team will perform the Figure Eight, each handler starting around the steward on his/her left and circling only the two stewards between whom he/she had been standing. The sit for exam exercise will be performed in the middle of the ring with dogs sitting approximately 6 to 8 feet apart. The sit stay exercise will be performed in the middle of the ring with dogs sitting approximately 6 to 8 feet apart. The recall exercise will begin with the dogs sitting approximately 6 to 8 feet apart. In the Recall exercise the handlers will leave their dogs simultaneously on order of the judge. The dogs will be called or signaled in, one at a time, on a sepa-*

*rate order from the judge to each handler. There will be no finish command; however, dogs must remain sitting in front until the entire team has been called and the judge orders "Exercise Finished."*

*In all exercises except the Recall, the teams have the option of executing the judge's orders on the team captain's repeat of the command.*

*Beginner Novice Team Class, Scoring. Individual dogs' scores will be based on the performance of the dogs and handlers individually plus team precision and coordination. Each dog and handler will be scored against the customary maximum for a team total of 800 available points. Individual dogs' scores need not be recorded. The exercises and maximum scores in the Team class: 1) Heel on Leash 160 points. 2) Figure Eight 160 points. 3) Sit for Exam 160 points. 4) Sit Stay 160 points. 5) Recall 160 points.  
Maximum Total Score 800 points*

Video snippets from these classes were posted on the club's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/170565146404616/>), along with periodic daily updates and reports. We hope the club will consider offering these classes again in the future; they were a lot of fun and a great way for younger dogs to get some ring experience.

We also offered some special awards for Veterans who wanted to show off their skills in Veterans Open and Utility; however, we didn't have anyone sign up for those classes.

We would like to also thank the club members and Family Dog students who helped put the facility back together after the trials were over: Neil Evans, Chris Swinehart, Bev May, Shelley Timbers, Sue Cox, Betty Winthers, Laura Cronin and Gwen Blake. Even the judges stepped in to help uncover the mirrors and put gates away, etc. At the end of a long, three days of trials, everyone worked hard; you are all very much appreciated!

A final thanks to everyone who entered our Labor Day Weekend Obedience Trials. We hope you'll join us in November (Thanksgiving weekend) for three Rally Trials (Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 1) where we'll be offering all the regular and non-regular classes. Judges are Chip Taylor, Sue Cox and Earl Vaughan. Watch for a premium list in the very near future!

Ingrida Robinson & Kathy Lang



## Brag & Announcements!



Jill Sundberg writes, "Our scores competing in 2018 AKC Rally Novice earned Bindi and I #1 Mixed Breed and #9 Overall for all dogs! I am so proud of us and so thankful for my awesome rally partner! I think it's also very worth noting that Bindi is the only mixed breed in the overall top 10 dogs."

**That is awesome & big congratulations!**





## *Brag & Announcements!*



**Meridian Papillons is proud to introduce two girls and one boy!**

CH Jareaux Why Not Me Laren X GRCH Meridian Treasure of the Sea,  
CGCA

Special thanks goes to Dalene McIntyre, her friend Connie and Sharon Colvin for the Puppy Aptitude Testing & videotaping on August 25th.





# 2019 Fall Trial



## HIT, HC & Preferred Winners

Monday  
HIT Preferred



Sunday HIT  
Trial 1



Sunday HIT  
Trial 2



To view all the photos from the Trial courtesy of Kathy Lang—  
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Saturday HIT & HC Trial 1



Saturday HIT Trial 2

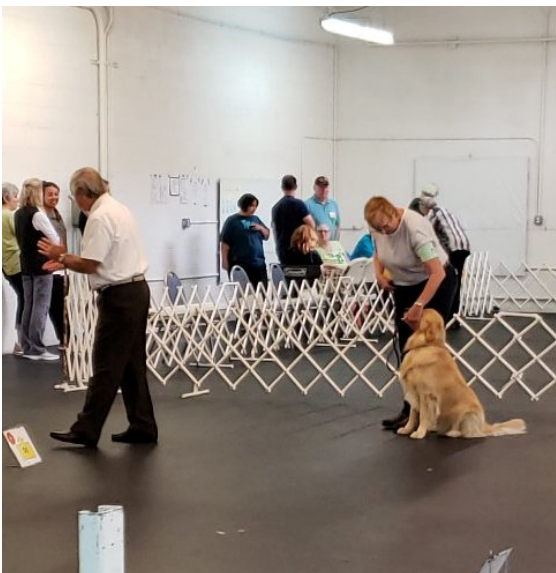
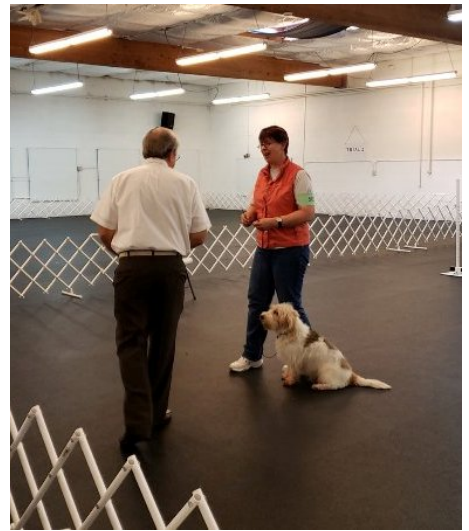


Monday Preferred HIT Trial 2



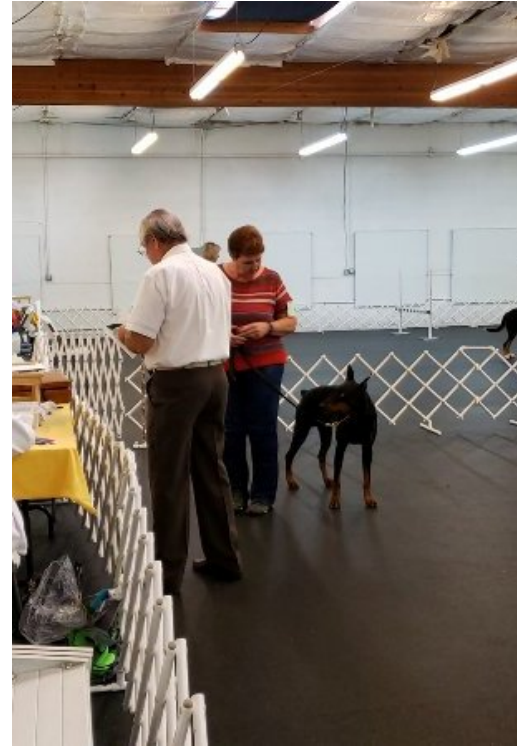


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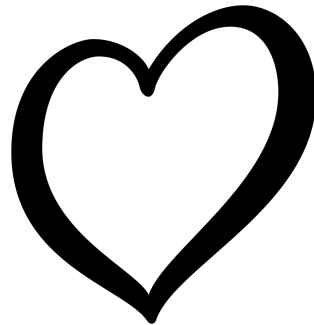


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Novice Classes





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Wild Card Novice

