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PREZ'S MESSAGE

The year was 1946. Harry Truman was President. Donald Trump was born. Gas was 15¢ a gallon. Tupperware was introduced and the bikini made its debut in Paris. Troops were still coming home from the war.

The Cocker Spaniel was the most popular breed in America. AKC records show there were 26 obedience trials in the country that were not associated with all breed and specialty shows. The AKC recording fee was 25¢ and the hot topic for the AKC delegates was benched vs un-benched shows. Benched shows exhausted dogs and handlers who were required to stay for the duration but allowed the public to see the breeds and talk to the breeders. Un-benched shows were easier on the dogs. If anyone left a benched show early they were fined \$5 by the AKC.

In Seattle, the year 1946 is remembered for the Valentines Day earthquake. However, in August during that busy year, a small group of dog lovers got together and formed an obedience club. They named it the Washington State Obedience Training Club. The sport of obedience was just over ten years old and rapidly growing.

“Obedience is not a passing fad but something to be taken seriously,” were the words of Mrs. Helen Whitehouse Walker in 1934. At that time there was only one class. It consisted of heeling



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on and off leash, a sit for two minutes, a down for 5 minutes with the owner out of sight, a drop on recall, retrieve of a 2 pound dumbbell regardless of the dog's size and a 42 inch jump to retrieve a slightly smaller dumbbell again regardless of the dog's size. The good news is that the dog only had to attempt the jump and was allowed to scale the jump to pass. The 42 inches came from the European Schutzhund standard of one meter. In 1936 AKC approved regulations and divided the obedience competition into classes, one class for professionals and one for amateurs. It was felt that competing against professionals or experienced trainers would be too discouraging for the novice trainer. The UD may have been added at this time or in the early 1940's and included 'speak on command' and a tracking title but no jumping.

There was a decline in competitive dog sports during the war years as dogs for defense became the focus. However, by 1946 an increased interest in obedience led the AKC to call an Obedience Advisory Committee. This committee helped to standardize judging procedures. They defined the principal part of the exercise and removed tracking from the UD, making it a separate title.

AKC required a club to have at least 25 members and WSOTC started with only 15 so the little WSOTC club had a ways to go before applying to AKC. That did not stop them from eagerly learning about dog training. During their first meeting they included a program viewing a 16 mm film featuring Blanche Saunders called *Training You To Train Your Dog* (1946). The film was produced by Gaines Dog Food. Blanche Saunders along with Helen Whitehouse Walker are considered the founders of AKC obedience. Ms. Saunders gave clinics around the country and wrote The Complete Book of Dog Obedience The Guide For Trainers.

In the words of WSOTC's longtime member, Betty Winthers, Blanche Saunders' film set the tone for WSOTC's mission. I researched the AKC Archives from 1946 to 1952 to obtain some of the above information. I also used information gleaned from articles written by Bob Self Sr in several 2002 copies of Front and Finish. There is much more to the history of our club and of AKC obedience. I am very much looking forward to our Club's Diamond Anniversary in 2021 and will continue our club's history as it intersects AKC obedience in future newsletters. If you see corrections or have information to share please feel free to contact me.

- Terrie

CLUB COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

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EVENT UPDATES

WSOTC Practice Obedience Trial

November 7, 2020 8:30 - 4:00
Country Classic Kennels, Arlington

See the flyer on page 8 to sign up!



UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Board Meeting

October 19 at 7pm
Zoom

General Meeting

No meeting in October

Tracking Test

November 29
Jan Wesen's Farm

Curious about AKC's current guidelines around holding events for various sports?

While actual events are likely still a ways off here in Washington, you can read AKC's suggested best practices linked below to find out what to expect when we are able to hold events again.

[Click here for Obedience and Rally](#)

[Click here for Agility](#)

[Click here for Tracking](#)

You can find the links for all the sports on this page of the AKC website:

<https://www.akc.org/press-center/covid-19-updates-from-the-american-kennel-club/>

How Do Wildfires and Smoke Affect Our Dogs?

The AKC published an excellent article on wildfire safety for dogs, including information on how to protect our dogs when the air quality is poor and signs that your pet may have inhaled too much. It also includes suggestions on how to prepare an evacuation kit that includes everything your dog would need in an evacuation.

You can access the article by clicking this link: [How Do Wildfires and Smoke Affect Our Dogs?](#)

CLUB UPDATES

AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award 2020

Each year the AKC invites member clubs to nominate and award a member for outstanding sportsmanship. Using the AKC Code of Sportsmanship as a basis and after asking the Club for input, the WSOTC board came up with criteria for selecting our outstanding sportsmanship winner. These criteria include:



- ★ Participation in the sport
- ★ Gracious attitude - win or lose
- ★ Resilience and determination
- ★ Encouraging to others
- ★ Committed to fair play, honesty and courtesy in competition

The year 2020 has been a difficult year. The disappointment of cancelled events has affected us all. However, in early 2019 after our C Match, Jill Petersen turned to me and volunteered to chair the match in 2020. In January of 2020 Jill turned to me and said, “I have not forgotten.” Indeed the C match was one of the few



events we have been able to hold to help local competition obedience enthusiasts. Jill makes a point of attending General Membership meetings, often running from our meeting to the breed ring to show her Norwich Terrier. She competes at every level of obedience and is a cheerful face at many trials.

It is because of her positive commitment to the sport of dogs that the Washington State Obedience Training Club is proud to name Jill Petersen as the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award winner for 2020. Congratulations Jill!

Vice President Nancy Light presents Jill with the award during training class with COVID safety in mind.



Submitted by Terri Sato

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

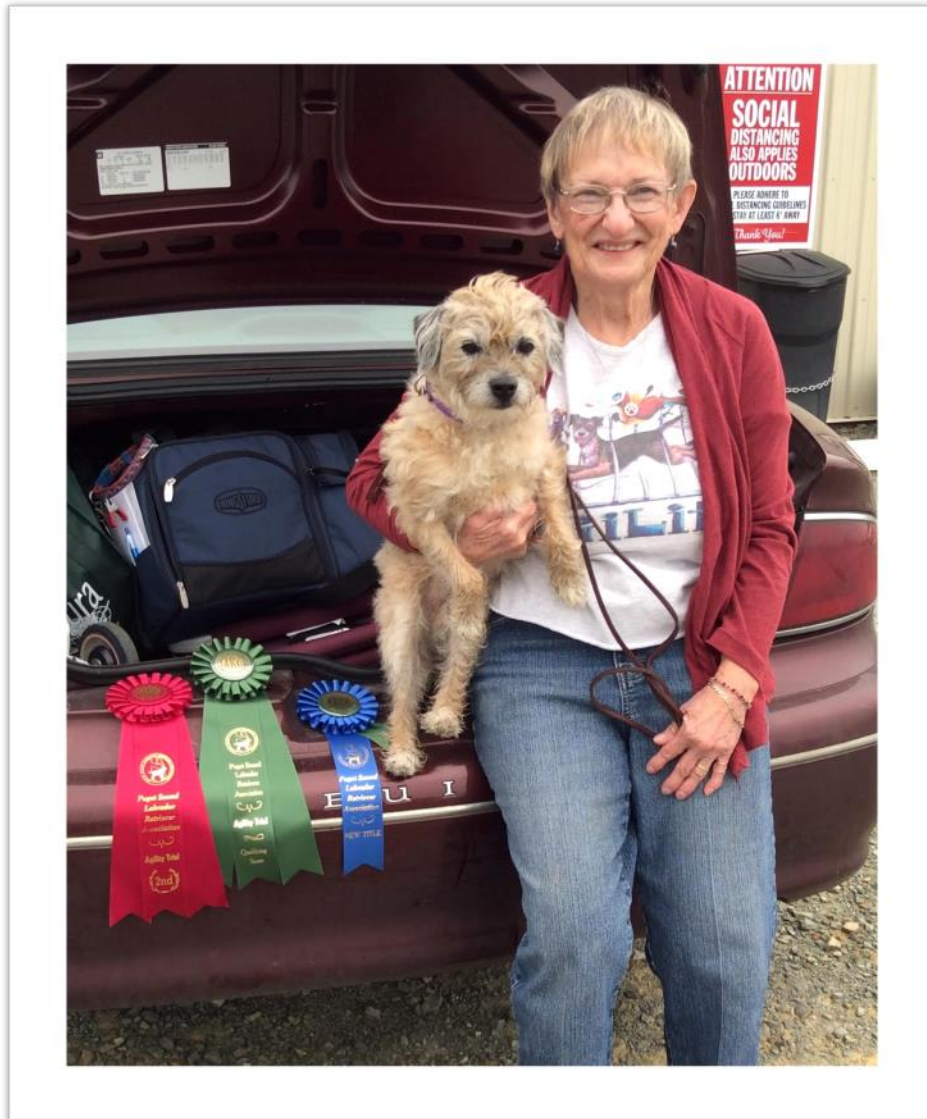
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order on Sept 15, 2020, at 7:05pm by President Terrie Sato via Zoom
Attending - Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Janice Bergman, Karen Snee, Neil Evans
2. **Minutes** - Minutes were approved as printed in the Canine Post
3. **Report of the President** - Thinking about the rest of 2020 and looking forward to 2021. Maybe having Fun matches or "practice dog" shows. When and how to have meetings.
4. **Report of the Secretary** - No report.
5. **Report of the Treasurer** - Sue sent financial report to the Board. She also reported that we have about 11 outstanding checks for trial refunds. Due notices will be sent out in early November
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Membership - Rhonda - No report. Terrie reported she has gotten a box of membership stuff from Susan Milligan and gave it to Rhonda.
 - b. Agility- We are using Fun-Fur-Paws for both the Obedience and the Agility Trials. Contracts should be out in Oct/Nov.
 - c. Trial Spring 2021 - Amanda is working on the Budget.
 - d. Hearts and Flowers - No report
 - e. Tracking Test - Will be in Bow at Jan Wiesens. Jan will be hosting the Judge.
 - f. Diamond Anniversary - Sue is looking into coffee mugs, green with gold printing, with WSOTC logo on one side and years on the other. Terrie suggested making banners to hang on the ring gates with logo and dates on them.
 - g. Seminar - Discussion on when to start promoting seminar and how in the age of Covid 19 to get information to training classes.
 - h. Facebook - Terrie asked for some questions to ask people requesting to join. Some suggestions were- Do you know a member of the Club, have you trained a dog and if so to what level, what is your interest in the Club?
7. **New Business**
 - a. Practice trial - Terrie is thinking of having a "practice trial" in Nov at Classic Canine Kennels in Arlington. Could have two rings, limit of 2 runs per person, with break for members. There would be an "in and out" door to limit contact and would have to wear masks in the ring.
 - b. Nancy said she would look in to French Creek Stables in Monroe.
 - c. It looks like Whidbey Island and Puyallup shows are going to be Conformation only.
 - d. Membership meeting—Sept 29 - Approve Annual Budget. Discussion on practice trials
 - e. Program Sept General Meeting - Sue had a suggestion for a program and Terrie will follow up on it.
8. **Meetings**

Board Meeting - Monday October 19th via Zoom
General Meeting - No meeting in October
9. **Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm
Submitted by Janice Bergman, Club Secretary



Celebrations!



Kathy Teufel + Danny

Danny, Ch Otterecho Frontier Rusty Roads, earned his OPEN FAST title at Fun Fur Paws!

Celebrations!



Arlette Davison +Breya

Breya earned her Rally Intermediate title with scores of 100, 99, and 97 (due to MY -3 point handler error).
CH Ezee's Princess Royal Breya RI CGCA TKA



WSOTC PRACTICE OBEDIENCE TRIAL NOV. 7, 2020

Location: Country Classic Kennels, 9332 99th Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223
Starting Time: 8:30am
Ending Time 4:00pm

Cost \$10/run
Utility and Open runs will be allowed 11 minutes
Novice runs will be allowed 9 minutes
Limited to two runs per person. WSOTC members receive one free run.

This practice will consist of run throughs for each class entered. Toys and food are permitted. Two exercises may be chosen for a repeat if desired. The purpose of this practice is to allow both workers and exhibitors to become comfortable with the ring routine that may be used in future trials due to the COVID pandemic. Let's bring obedience trials back to the Pacific Northwest!

Masks must be worn by all those in the building
No crating allowed in the building

Pre-registration Only/One form per dog

Name: _____ WSOTC member: Y N

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Dog Call name _____ Breed _____

Class and number of runs - Beg. Novice ___ Nov. ___ Open ___ Utility ___ Jump Ht ___ / ___

You will be assigned a time based on the number of entries in each class. The practice will begin with Utility and Open in the morning. Two rings will run simultaneously.

Make checks payable to WSOTC
Send registrations to: Terrie Sato, 31902 NE 139th St, Duvall, WA 98019
For questions contact Terrie Sato at 425-788-6628 or wdsato@cablespeed.com

I am available to help steward or judge: Yes No

Liability Waiver: To the best of my knowledge I do not have COVID-19 at the time of attending this event. I have NOT been in contact with or exposed to any known COVID-19 carrier withing 10 days prior to this event. I have not been tested and found to be positive for COVID-19. I agree that I am attending this WSOTC event at my own risk and take full responsibility for my own health and safety. I agree to hold harmless WSOTC and its board of directors and officers as well as Country Classic Kennels from any liability, loss or damage to property while attending this event. I further agree to accept full responsibility for the actions of any animal I bring on the property.

Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____