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PREZ'S MESSAGE

We are heading into the last quarter of the year and as daylight hours grow shorter I find myself looking back at our Club accomplishments in 2022. As a dog club we should all be incredibly grateful for all of the members who have stepped up to help during this year. WSOTC has a membership that stretches from Bow to the north to Vancouver to the south. We have members on Vashon Island as well as on the Olympic Peninsula. We truly encompass the whole of Western Washington.

We are a small club of 66 members. Some of our members have dealt with health issues. Some no longer have dogs to train but support us because they have enjoyed longtime membership. There are so many different ways to participate as a member of WSOTC. The Friends of Obedience donations that came with membership renewal were very generous and contributed to the Spring Trial.

Six Club members give their time every month on the board of directors. There is a meeting every month as well as Club activities and issues to discuss during the month via e-mail. A minimum of six times each year the board also plans and attends general membership meetings. We have a newsletter editor who



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also devotes time every month to communicating with our membership. Ten percent of our membership work for our club on a regular monthly basis!

Jody Woodruff helps with the bookkeeping on a quarterly basis and has willingly served on the audit/budget committee as well as the nominating committee. Committee chairs report to the board regularly. Gloria Newby, who handles the Hearts and Flowers, keeps tabs on our members and shares the Club concern for their well being. Rhonda Forman has recently stepped down as Membership chair to take the position of Club secretary, replacing long serving secretary, Janice Bergman. Cathy Soule immediately volunteered to take on the Membership chair position. Don Rennick handles our properties and makes himself available to bring equipment where needed and pick it up to be safely stored until needed again. These positions require an ongoing commitment to WSOTC. It is vital to be welcoming and make sure no one interested in WSOTC slips through the cracks.

Each of our events requires a chairperson. The match in January, chaired by myself and a very dedicated Nancy Harney, had many club members stepping in to help judge and steward. It also gave us the opportunity to meet several of our new members. A rough count shows that 21 members participated and worked at this event. WOW! The Awards committee handled Club recognition of last year's accomplishments thanks to Nancy Light, Karen Snee and Neil Evans. Who could forget Stella Rowlett's entertaining presentation on attending the Obedience Classic with Cherry Pie following the awards meeting!

Our Spring trial was chaired by Neil Evans. Her committee of Sue Cox, Jane Pitts, Susan and JoAnne Mulligan, Don Rennick and Amanda Buse dedicated months in preparation. Nancy Light handles all of the contracts for our events at Fun Fur Paws. The Agility Trial in July was chaired by Linda Shea who worked closely with the Robins during the busy three day trial. In August WSOTC ventured into new territory thanks to Kathy Lang and Ingrida Robinson for chairing the weekend obedience/rally trials at the beginning of the Olympic Kennel Club Cluster. Club member Geri Orta was the chief ring steward, Jane Pitts handled trophies. Debbie Addicoat and Don Rennick helped as local judges, Amy Reagan and Betty Winthers were

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CLUB COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

Agility: Linda Shea

Audit/Budget: TBD

Awards: Nancy Light

Hearts & Flowers: Gloria Newby

Insurance: Sue Cox

Membership: Cathy Soule

Newsletter: Elizabeth Soule

'C' Match: Terrie Sato

Programs: vacant

Property & Inventory:

Don Rennick

Obedience and Rally Trial

Spring: Amanda Buse

August: Kathy Lang

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instrumental in helping to coordinate this event. Betty and Sue have been volunteers at every event to date! As an aside, WSOTC is looking for a chair person for this event next year.

The final planned event of the year is the TD/TDX test coming up the first weekend of December. Sarah Kahn, Marta Brock and Sil Sanders have been working on this throughout the year. It gives Club members one more chance to volunteer and take part in Club supported activities.

All told I have counted that a total of 70% of our membership have physically been present and participated in our events this year. Many of those who could not be present participated by sponsoring trophies and through donations to Friends of Obedience or contributing their thoughts and ideas at meetings. All in all a very good job giving back to the sport and supporting the Washington State Obedience Training Club in 2022!

Terrie

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

General Meeting

Sept 26 at 7pm
over Zoom

Board Meeting

Sept 14 at 7pm
over Zoom



HEARTS AND FLOWERS

Gloria Newby, chair

No new cards were sent in the last month.

UPCOMING WESTERN WASHINGTON EVENTS

Timberland Valley Dog Fanciers (Obedience, Rally) 9/16 at Southwest Washington Fairgrounds

Bell Vernon Kennel Association (Agility) 9/16-18 at Fun Fur Paws

Portland Dog Obedience Club (Rally) 9/17-18 at Clark County Fairgrounds (2 trials each day)

Portland Agility Club (Agility) 9/23-25 at Clark County Fairgrounds in Ridgefield

Columbia Basin Dog Training Club (Obedience, Rally) 9/30-10/2 at 4 Paw DogWorks in Richland, WA

Evergreen Afghan Hound Club (Agility) 9/30-10/2 at Fun Fur Paws

Mount Hood Doberman Pinscher Club (Agility) 10/7-10/9 at Clark County Fairgrounds

Pacific Northwest Shetland Sheepdog Club (Agility) 10/21-23 at Clark County Fairgrounds

Wenatchee Kennel Club (Obedience, Rally) 10/21-23 at Chelan County Expo Center

Evergreen Afghan Hound Club (Agility) 10/28-30 at Fun Fur Paws

Portland Dog Obedience Club (Obedience, Rally) 10/29-30 at Clark County Fairgrounds (Sat: 1 Obed 2 Rally, Sun: 2 Obed 1 Rally)

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 10, 2022

Call to Order – Meeting was called to order by President Terrie Sato on August 10, 2022 at 7:03 via Zoom
Attending – Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Neil Evans, Karen Snee and Rhonda Forman

Minutes: Minutes from the 7/13/22 board meeting were approved as printed in the Canine Post

Report of the President: Thank you to Don Rennick, Karen Snee and Jody Woodruff for agreeing to serve on our Audit/Budget committee. I would also like to recognize Kathy Lang and Ingrida Robinson for their commitment to WSOTC in serving as chair for the upcoming August obedience/rally trial.

Report of the Secretary: Rhonda Forman - received correspondence from AKC that the 7/15/22 Agility event results have been processed.

Report of the Treasurer: Sue – Financial report was emailed to the board. Payment in the amount of \$115.00 was approved to Amanda Buse for 2023 trial application fees.

Committee Reports

- a. Fall obedience trial – No report
- b. Membership -Cathy Soule – No report
- c. Agility - Nancy - updated financials – Nancy will work with Linda Shea and present at the next meeting
- d. Audit/budget report - Karen/Sue – No report
- e. Hearts and Flowers - Gloria Newby - get well card was sent to Sil Sanders.
- f. Spring 2023 Obedience/Rally trials- Amanda – No report

Old Business

1. Still waiting to make by-laws changes as requested by AKC
2. Club copies of the latest Obedience regulations – they have not yet been received

New Business

1. Nancy Light will contact Ane to update the club website and new member application form with Cathy Soule's name
2. Meeting dates:
 - General Membership meeting – 8/31/22 on Zoom
 - Board meeting – 9/14/22 on Zoom
 - General Membership meeting 9/26 on Zoom

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:51

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

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August 2022 Obedience and Rally Trials Report

Ingrida Robinson once again came to my rescue when I asked if she would assist me with the trial chair duties. Thank you a thousand times over, Ingrida!

These trials were new for WSOTC. New dates and new venue (Enumclaw Expo Center/Fairgrounds). First time (to the best of my knowledge), for WSOTC to join a cluster. When Olympic KC and Sammamish KC decided to offer the building and equipment to WSOTC on the first weekend of the cluster (at no charge!), Ingrida and I had hoped someone from WSOTC would step up and agree to chair the event.

When no one stepped up, we reluctantly agreed to take on the job as a way of getting WSOTC's foot in the door and establishing a working relationship with Sammamish and Olympic Kennel Clubs. By AKC standards, we had very little time to make a decision and resolve a dozen details in time to make AKC's deadlines for document submittals. WSOTC was invited to participate in December 2021; shows and trials are usually planned a year or more in advance.

As much as Ingrida and I enjoy working together and supporting the club, we have decided that we will not chair this event next year (2023) if WSOTC is invited back. We have chaired a number of trials over the past 10 years and it truly is time for other folks to support the club, the club's members and the obedience community at large.

When we discussed the subject of 2023 trials with a few members in attendance, we heard comments such as "Well, if I chair the event I'll be too busy to show my own dog" and "I don't have time" and "I would rather just show my dogs." All members, new and old, students and instructors, should take the time to give service to the Club. That's why we all belong to the club; to give back to the sports we so dearly love. You will learn a lot. You'll make new contacts. You really will have fun (99% of the time!).

Continuing with our report, a huge thank you to Amy Reagan and Betty Winthers, who are both members of WSOTC and OKC, for their work behind the scenes to formally invite WSOTC to the party. Thank you to our esteemed judges, Debbie Addicoat, John Cox and Don Rennick. Debbie and Don are both WSOTC members, and John is a "member by marriage" as we say. Rings were run professionally, efficiently and right on schedule. The judges were encouraging to new exhibitors and it's easy to see how much all three enjoy judging and supporting exhibitors.

Thank you to Jane Pitts (Awards) for ordering the beautiful ribbons and rosettes. Jane also created some great spreadsheets so she could efficiently track scores to accurately determine the HIT/HC obedience, HIT/HC preferred obedience and HC/HighQQQ rally awards each day. Jane's organizational skills are amazing; she assembled bins with the needed ribbons for each ring in advance.

Because these trials were so special (yet required to be "low budget" by the WSOTC board) Family Dog Training Center's new owner, Liz Fifield, came to our rescue, donating \$100 allowing us to have special awards. Brainstorming with Ingrida and Gwen Blake, we decided to do engraved glass storage jars. Gwen donated her time, talent and equipment to engrave the WSOTC logo on the top of each jar. Gwen also engraved larger jars for each of our judges' gifts with images of each judge's favorite breeds.

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Thank you to our Hospitality crew, Bev May and Chris Swinehart, for keeping the judges and stewards hydrated and sugar-energized. Thank you for decorating the tables, for helping with set-up on Friday and putting WSOTC supplies away on Sunday afternoon. (And thank you for stewarding assistance when fill-ins were needed.)

Thanks to Don Rennick for taking off his judging jacket to become the club's Equipment Chairman and hauling heavy boxes back to his storage shed in the Sunday afternoon heat.

Lunches for the judges and stewards were conveniently available in the same hospitality area used by Sammamish KC. WSOTC reimbursed the club for those meals, and at some point Ingrida and I would love to know why we were told that our five committee members could not also partake of their lunch (unless they also stewarded). Maybe that could be resolved for next year's committee.

Thank you to Geri Orta, who agreed to be our Chief Ring Steward. This was in addition to working tirelessly for Sammamish Kennel Club and their three-day all-breed show. (Geri is on the Board of Directors for the all-breed club.) Geri had a very challenging time finding ring stewards, but with some assistance from Sue Cox and Debbie Addicoat, we did have enough stewards to cover our rings and help them run smoothly. A special shout-out to Jim Franklin who expertly headed up the rally ring, one of the more challenging stewarding jobs.

It was great to see some experienced obedience folks come out of retirement (their new dogs aren't quite ready to show yet) to steward. It was wonderful to see some brand-new folks (who have just begun their dog training journeys) stewarding. We would like to acknowledge and thank all of our stewards: Betty Winthers, Bev May, Chris Swinehart, Jim Franklin, Brenna Peterson, Pam Hollenbeck, Cindy Lee, Laura Cronin, Catherine Bailey, Nancy Doan, Lori Stock, Reggie Gausman, Veda Viles, Sherry Kimbrough, Yumi Johnson, Lee Ann McNeil, Carol Hess, Laura Burns and Sue Cox.

Huge thanks to Veda Viles, who is the Obedience Chairman for Olympic Kennel Club on the last weekend of the cluster, for giving up her weekend to steward, and consult with me on the questions that I've had over the past eight months. (Dealing with the protocols of the different clubs was a challenging road to navigate, but we figured it out!) Many thanks to Betty Winthers, who is spending all 10 days in Enumclaw as part of Olympic KC and the cluster, assisting with the conformation judges and their transportation. Talk about doing double duty!

When Ingrida and I chair trials, we do everything in our power to make them wonderful for the exhibitors. We try to create trials that we would like to attend. We rearranged the facility a bit, added three feet of "cushion" between exhibitors and the rings (thanks to Ingrida's handy surveyor's tape). We asked the cluster to add even more canopies for the exhibitors to use for crating outside so no one felt cramped and there was plenty of air flow. We posted inspirational signs on the walls to help everyone remember to smile, relax and enjoy the time in the rings with their dogs. We made sure the score sheets were posted promptly, and we attempted to get photos from every ring as exhibitors went in for awards.

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A note about the photographs. As part of the cluster, WSOTC needed to follow the guidelines, contracts and agreements in force with the cluster. Professional photographers, including Diana Han, Randy Roberts and Elaine Russell Rushton signed contracts with the clubs giving them the exclusive rights to take photos inside the rings of the shows and trials. (This information is always contained in premium lists.) This is why we posted casual photos of exhibitors who qualified returning to their rings on the WSOTC Facebook page. When exhibitors requested formal photos with the judge, we were required to do those outside the ring.

We (Ingrida, Bev and I) also decided to pay for RV parking for ourselves so we could make sure everything was properly prepared each day (\$150 each). Thanks to Sammamish KC for helping us get parking right outside the main door, which made it easier for us to check on our own dogs (who are now going crazy because they were crated in our RVs all weekend long).

Ingrida and I brought our computers and I brought my printer (thanks to Greg May for resolving my printer issue on Friday!) so we could finish the trial and financial reports on Sunday afternoon after everyone else had left. Huge thank you to Sue Cox for acting as Treasurer Extraordinaire, bringing the checkbook and paying our bills on Sunday afternoon.

Thanks to Sheila Raymond for her initial work on the trials and Chuck St. John for being our on-site superintendent. BaRay is the best and we really appreciate them.

Exhibitors came from as far away as California and Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The Canadian exhibitor finished her first OTCH at these trials and will be receiving a custom commemorative rosette to honor the accomplishment. (Unfortunately, I did not receive the email saying she was "OTCH-able" at the trials so we did not have a rosette ready for the exhibitor. Her photo and background information will appear in a separate area of the Canine Post.) Lots of photos can be found on the WSOTC Facebook page. Full trial results, awards and scores can be found on the BaRay website.

On Saturday we had 59 dogs with 77 entries (some dogs enter multiple classes) in Obedience and 66 dogs with 89 entries in Rally. On Sunday we had 56 dogs with 69 entries in Obedience and 63 dogs with 84 entries in Rally.

Our trials were profitable. By the time you read this the financial report will have been submitted to the Board.

Ingrida and I truly appreciate everyone's words, notes and messages of "thanks."

The best thank you of all would be for other club members to give back to the club. Grab a buddy that you work well with and co-chair next year's trials. We'll be happy to train and coach you, but it's time for us to put our own dogs first.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Lang, Trial Chairman and
Ingrida Robinson, Assistant Chairman

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NEW OTCH! On Saturday, Pauline Baldwin and her Golden Retriever Teal finished their OTCH from the Utility B class under John Cox.



Saturday Rally High Triple Q



Sunday Rally High Triple Q



Obedience High in Trial and High Combined Saturday and Sunday

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Saturday Rally High Combined



Sunday Rally High Combined



Sunday Rally Advanced B Qualifiers



Saturday Rally Master Qualifiers



Saturday Utility B Qualifiers



Saturday Beginner Novice A & B Qualifiers

REGIONAL UPDATES

Recent Retirements

Chuck St John, who worked as part of the team at Baray Events Services for many years is retiring at the end of the year. He worked tirelessly setting up rings, and was always pleasant and helpful. We appreciate his service to AKC Dog Sports.

Randy Roberts is also retiring end of this year. For many years he has served the Greater Pacific Northwest taking win pictures.

Pat Click, owner of 3 C dog show supply for our area of dog shows, has sold her business. Pat is always helpful with smiles for all her customers.

All three of these people have been a wonderful part of the dog show community. They will be sorely missed. We wish them a happy retirement!

Upcoming Obedience and Rally Events in the Pacific Northwest

COLUMBIA BASIN DOG TRAINING CLUB FALL TRIALS

Three All Breed Obedience and Rally trials Friday, September 30, Saturday, October 1, and Sunday, October 2, 2022 at 4 Paw DogWorks in Richland, Washington.

Entries close September 14, and the [premium list can be found here](#). The trial secretary is Christy Munden.

Judges are Dawn Antoniak-Mitchell, Robert Margolis, and Janice Anthes.

Breed specific prizes offered for Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, Labradors, Welsh Springer Spaniels. Prize for high scoring Junior Handler offered on Sunday.

PORTLAND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB

Obedience and Rally Trials Saturday, October 29 and Sunday October 30 at Clark County Fairgrounds in Ridgefield Washington.

These trials will feature **two** Rally Trials and one Obedience trial on Saturday, and **two** Obedience Trials plus **one** Rally trial on Sunday.

The Trial Secretary is Onofrio. The closing date is 10/12/2022.

Celebrations!



Sil Sanders + Twizzle

Twizzle and her teammate Sil earned her NACSW Nose Work Elite 1 title today, becoming only the fourth Westie to have the esteemed title. She took home 55 points out of a possible 100 and accumulated more than the 150 Elite points needed to earn the new title. She is now

GChB Camcrest-Rime Twizzle On Ice BN RA TDX TDU SWM
SHDE ELT1 NJP NFP ME RATCH

Celebrations!

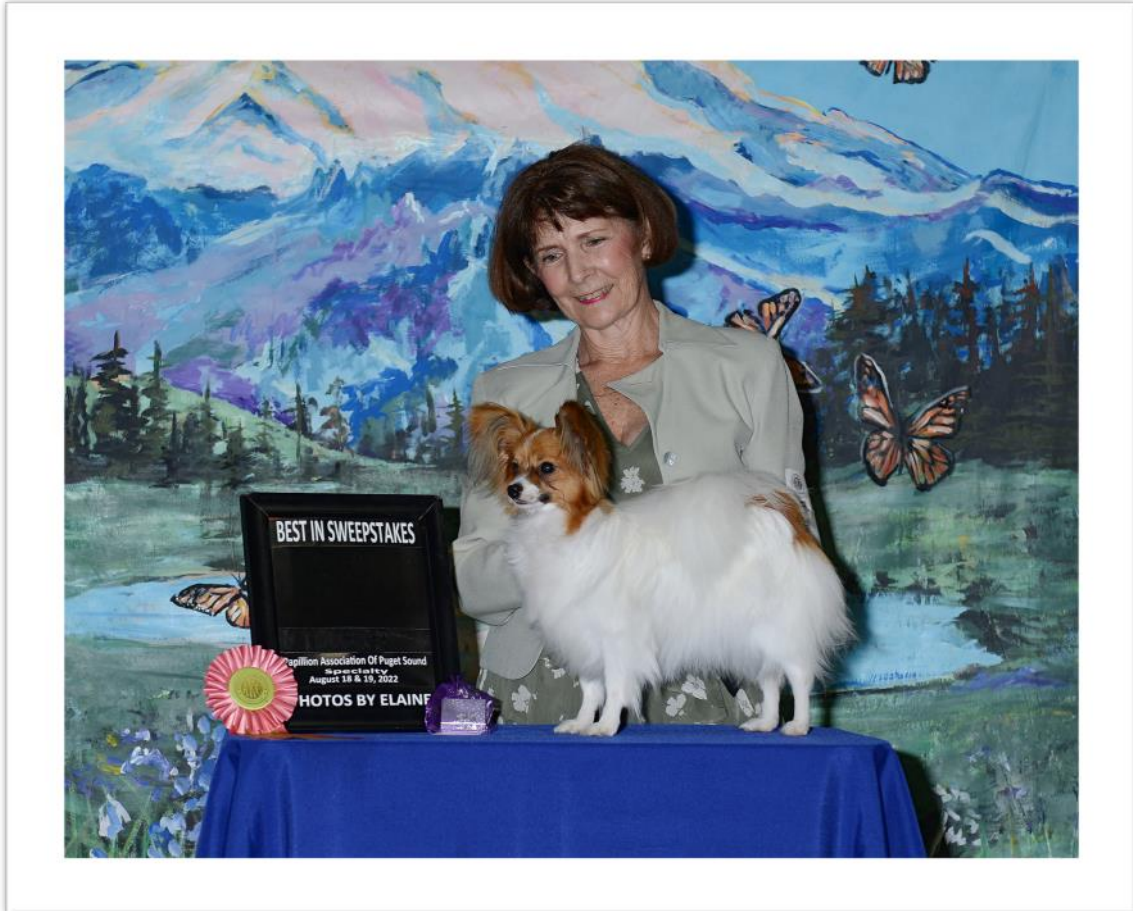


Arlette Davison + Elsa

At the Papillon Specialty Rally trial in Enumclaw on Friday, August 19th, "Elsa" was the High QQQ and High QQ winner with scores of 288/300 and 191/200 under Judge Dr. Ronnie Sue Leith.

GCH CH BLOOM AN LET IT GO CD PCD BN RM RAE CGCA
CGCU TKA

Celebrations!



Arlette Davison + Aubrey

At the Sammamish Kennel Club Conformation show August 15th, Aubrey was 1st place in the Bred By Exhibitor Puppy class (6-12 months). On August 18th, at the Papillon Specialty morning show she was 1st place in the Bred By Exhibitor Puppy class; in the afternoon show, she was Best in Puppy Sweepstakes and 2nd place in the Bred By Exhibitor puppy class.

Aubrielle Giselle Fleur Royale "Aubrey"

Save the dates! Brenda is returning to the Northwest in 2023!



Mental Skills Seminar

& Private Lessons with

Brenda Riemer, Ph.D.

June 10 & 11, 2023 – Seminar

June 12, 2023 – Private Coaching Sessions

Why Mental Skills?

How many times have you heard people say that the dog performs great in practice but not in the ring? What we don't realize is that many times the performance of the dog is negatively affected by our ring nerves. The purpose of this seminar is to help people develop skills for controlling stress and increasing self confidence for their chosen sport(s).

Topics and Working Spots

Seminar topics include reducing high arousal, imagery, goal setting, avoiding burn out, and more! Two-day seminars include second-day working spots. Working teams "show" in the ring, and Brenda works with them individually to help them recognize how their arousal impacts their performance. Brenda's seminars are geared towards all types of canine events, including conformation, musical freestyle, scent work and IPO. Although designed for dog handlers, the first day of the seminar has application to all types of competitive events.

About Brenda

Brenda has a Ph.D. in sport psychology and currently shows her dogs (Dachshund, working on her UD and Sheltie, starting her career). Brenda's previous dogs have achieved UD's, UDX's and an OTCH. She has also shown in rally, agility, and other canine sports. Brenda is an AKC obedience judge as well as a professor at Eastern Michigan University.

Visit Brenda's Website: <https://mentalskills4caninehandlers.com/>

You'll find links to her interview with Seattle-based author, Ranny Green, as well as her webinar with Connie Cleveland of the "Obedience Road." You can also read testimonials from previous attendees.

General Information

This seminar will be held at Donida Farm in Auburn, WA. The two-day seminar is Saturday and Sunday, June 10 & 11, 2023. Working teams (limited to 16) will be coached through actual ring performances by Brenda with observations for the other participants and seminar auditors who will assist in creating a show environment.

Monday, June 12, is reserved for private coaching sessions with Brenda (limited to 16).

Registration will open September 1, 2022.

The seminar is being sponsored by Family Dog Training Center.

Seminar coordinators are Kathy Lang & Ingrida Robinson.

Watch the Family Dog website and Facebook page for more information.

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