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PREZ'S MESSAGE

As we head into August obedience and rally trials are in full swing. Our August trial has a very nice Novice A entry for Saturday August 12. It is heartening to see so many new obedience competitors joining the ranks of enthusiasts. As WSOTC members, and therefore supporters of the sport, please watch the Novice A class, cheer for them and welcome them to the obedience world. Thank you to Debbie Warden and her committee for giving everyone the opportunity to meet their obedience/rally goals by working so hard to put this trial together.

Our club also needs to applaud Linda Shea and Nancy Light for chairing the July Agility Trial. The financials are not yet in but it was by all accounts a successful trial. WSOTC members stepped up to help. New club member Catherine Shaffer came and worked all three days even though she was not entered. Thank you ladies for giving your time to our club!



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CLUB UPDATES

I am excited that 18 of the 20 working spots for the Connie Cleveland-Nolan seminar in Feb. have been filled by WSOTC members! There will be plenty of space for auditors, the only limiting factor will be parking. I will be starting a wait list for working spots in case someone is unable to attend as planned. Connie is an incredible presenter and those attending will enjoy the experience!

Stay safe and cool this summer!

Terrie

UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

- **Board Meeting**, August 8 at 7pm on Zoom
- **General Meeting**, August 21 at 7pm on Zoom



HEARTS AND FLOWERS

Gloria Newby, chair

Cards were sent to Ingrida Robinson and Debbie Addicoat.

Welcome to our new member!

☆ Teresa Hunt lives in Tacoma and has a Golden Retriever.

CLUB COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

Agility: Linda Shea

Audit/Budget: Don Rennick

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: Debby Warden

Tracking: Marta Brock

Website: Ane Brusendorff

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CLUB UPDATES

Summer Obedience and Rally Trials

The 2023 Summer trials are **August 12-13** in Enumclaw

The WSOTC summer obedience and rally trials are at the Enumclaw Expo center in conjunction with the Sammamish Kennel Club breed show.

For Saturday, there are 78 total Obedience entries and 76 Rally entries. On Sunday, there are 66 total Obedience entries and 88 Rally entries. The start time will be 9:00am both days.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to Steward!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Debby

WSOTC Presents Connie Cleveland-Nolan

We are delighted to welcome Connie Cleveland-Nolan back to the Northwest for a two day theory/problem solving seminar February 10-11, 2024 at Country Classic Kennels in Arlington, WA. Working spots are now full, please reach out to Terrie Sato for information on joining the waitlist. There are lots of audit spots available for both club members and non-club members!

See pages 15-16 for more information and the registration form, or register online at <https://wsotc-presents-connie-cleveland-nolan.cheddarup.com>

Volunteer Opportunity: Junior Coordinator

WSOTC is looking for someone to volunteer as a junior coordinator. Since we don't have any juniors in our club currently, the person in this role could think creatively about how we could connect with youth. This could include things like awards for juniors at our trials, supporting juniors who may attend club events, or connecting with local 4-H clubs. If this interests you, please reach out to a board member!

CLUB UPDATES

AKC Good Sportsmanship Award 2022

Marta Brock has been chosen by WSOTC to receive the AKC Good Sportsmanship Award for the year 2022. Her name has been added to the list of member club award winners [on the AKC website](#).

Marta has been a member of WSOTC since 1986. As a long time club member Marta has participated in many WSOTC events including obedience competitions, volunteered as ring steward and chaired the WSOTC tracking tests. Marta is so dedicated to our club's tracking test that she drives up from California to chair our TD/TDX tests. She bakes and provides hospitality for our tracking judges and participants.



Marta's willingness to volunteer, her years of quiet service and her unfailing support of dog sports all go to demonstrate the qualities that make her the ideal candidate for the AKC Good Sportsmanship Award. Congratulations Marta and thank you for all you've done for the Club!

WSOTC Donation Committee Update

We have received thank you notes from the recipients of our donated funds:

From People for Animal Care & Kindness: We know you have a lot of choices when it comes to donating and are so grateful you chose to donate to our cause. Thank you so much for your generous donation!

Terri Johnson

From Old Dog Haven: To everyone at Washington State Obedience Training Club, Thank you so much for your very generous donation to Old Dog Haven! We are so grateful for your continued support.

From all of us at Old Dog Haven, Alexandra, volunteer

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 26, 2023

Via Zoom at 7 PM

The meeting was called to order by President Terrie Sato. Members in attendance: Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Rhonda Forman, Neil Evans, Penney Broomer, Sarah Kahn, Lee Ann McNeil, Veronica Ness, Debbie Warden, Elizabeth Soule, Dix Dixon, Tain Rose, Cathy Soule, Pat Lindquist, Marta Brock, Betty Winthers, Sandy Burr, Holly Krohn, Nancy Harney. Guest: Charlie Clark

2. The minutes from the 5/24/23 meeting were approved.

3. Report of the board: The board has selected an audit/budget committee consisting of Don Rennick, Karen Snee, Jody Woodruff and Kelli Armstrong. Terrie thanked them for agreeing to serve on this committee. The board voted to allow a \$100 budget for WSOTC to use at the SKC event if needed.

3. Report of the President: Terrie indicated there had been a few bumps in communication as to our participation in the Seattle Kennel Club event on June 24th. The opportunity to demonstrate dog obedience to the public is rare and we owe a huge thank you to Sarah Kahn and Kelli Armstrong for sticking with this project. Terrie also thanked Lee Ann McNeil for helping and Charlie Clark for providing dog treats. Terrie hoped everyone got a chance to view some of the NOC competition on AKC TV. She mentioned how inspiring it was to see so many dogs working so well in such a busy environment!

4. Report of the Secretary - Rhonda – No report

5. Report of the Treasurer - Sue – Sue provided an updated report. The report can be found on the website under the “members only” section. The members voted and approved to increase reimbursement to our AKC representative, Jack Cadalso from \$300 to up to \$400 for AKC meeting attendance. Standing rules will need to be amended.

6. Committee Reports -

Membership- Cathy Soule – There was a 2nd reading and affirmative vote for Teresa Hunt.

Agility July 14,15,16 - Nancy Light/Linda Shea – Nancy reported that entries are open, and the insurance certificate has been ordered.

August Trial (August 12 & 13)- Debby Warden – the budget was voted on and approved. The premium is up on the Baray website. Workers will be reimbursed for parking. Kathy Lang has volunteered to take care of hospitality. Sue Cox, chief ring steward may need help with set up on Friday. Someone is still needed to coordinate the judges dinner.

d. Hearts and Flowers - Gloria Newby – No report

e. Donation Committee – members voted and approved donations to the following: \$650 to Old



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Dog Haven, \$650 to People for Animal Care and Kindness, and \$700 to the Doney Coe Pet Clinic.

f. Connie Cleveland Nolan Seminar Feb. 10 & 11, 2024 - Flyer is ready to post. WSOTC members will have first opportunity to register for working spots. Twenty working spots are available. Fees will be the same as they were for the Janice Gunn seminar. The flyer will be posted on the club Facebook page and website the first of July for club members. Registration will be open to all beginning August 1st.

g. Tracking - Marta Brock - the tracking budget has been submitted. It needs to be reviewed by the board. It will be presented to the membership at the August meeting. Judges have been retained.

7. The slate of officers and board of directors was voted on and approved:

Terrie Sato – President

Nancy Light – Vice President

Rhonda Forman – Secretary

Sue Cox – Treasurer

Board of Directors:

Neil Evans and Karen Snee

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

Junior Coordinator - AKC has asked for clubs to appoint a Junior Coordinator to handle any juniors either joining the club or exhibiting in our events. Betty will send Elizabeth AKC guidelines related to junior coordinators.

Terrie presented the AKC Good Sportsmanship Award to club member Marta Brock, who has been and active club member since 1986.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 18, 2023

Via Zoom at 7 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by President Terrie Sato. Members present: Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Rhonda Forman and Karen Snee

Minutes: Board minutes were approved from the 6/7/23 meeting.

Report of the President: Terrie had checked the website and the new password works. The membership list looks up to date and the information on our home page is current. Terrie suggested that the 2 club award winners, Elizabeth Soule (WSOTC Club Achievement Award) and Marta Brock (AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award) be posted on the website and everyone agreed.

Report of the Secretary: Rhonda – The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award medallion has been mailed to Marta Brock and her name has been posted on the AKC website under 2022 awardees. The club officers and board members information has been updated on the AKC website. 2023 AKC Lifetime Achievement Award nominations are open.

Report of the Treasurer: Sue presented an updated report which can be viewed on the “members only” website.

Committee Reports

- a. Membership - Cathy Soule – there will be one first reading at the next general meeting for Charlie Clark.
- b. Agility - Nancy – The trial was successful. Entries were a little lower than budgeted, but corresponding costs will be lower as well. There was an incident in the parking lot on the grounds of the trial. A committee was convened, the incident was documented, and a report submitted to AKC.
- d. August Trials - Debby Warden – Sue (chief ring steward) is getting close to having enough stewards for the trial.
- e. Hearts and Flowers - Gloria Newby - cards were sent to Ingrida Robinson and Debbie Addicoat
- f. Tracking – the budget was submitted and the board approved it to be presented for approval at the next General Meeting.
- g. 2024 Spring obedience trials - Amanda – Nancy will get the trial on the Fun Fur Paws event calendar.
- h. Connie Cleveland-Nolan seminar - 15 club members have signed up for working spots with one more making inquiries. Two club members have signed up to audit. There are only 5 working



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spots left and three of those will be filled the first of August. We need to send the signed contract and down payment to Julie Germano to hold the date.

i. Audit/Budget committee – a date has been set for the committee to meet in August.

7. Old Business

a. Junior Coordinator – no volunteers yet.

New Business

Written Procedure for officer and board duties – Terrie asked that each officer and board member write a description of their duties.

Do we have anyone that we want to nominate for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Award? Terrie asked that we think about it and discuss at the next meeting. Nominations close on August 28.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51

Next meetings:

Board meeting – August 8 at 7:00

General meeting - August 21 at 7:00

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

UPCOMING WASHINGTON EVENTS

Cascade Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club (Obedience, Rally) 8/10-11 at Olympia Hotel at Capitol Lake

Olympic Kennel Club (Agility) 8/11-13 at Enumclaw Expo Center, WA

Spokane Dog Training Club (Agility) 8/11-13 at Spokane County Fair and Expo Center, WA

Washington State Obedience Training Club (Obedience, Rally) 8/12-13 at Enumclaw Expo Center, WA

Mount Rainier Working Dog Club (Obedience, Rally) Working Group Only 8/16-17 at Enumclaw Expo Center, WA

Olympic Kennel Club (Obedience, Rally) 8/18-20 at Enumclaw Expo Center, WA

Evergreen Golden Retriever Club (Agility) 9/1-9/3 at Argus Ranch in Auburn

United States Australian Shepherd Association (Agility) 9/8-9/10 at Fun Fur Paws in Mt. Vernon

Columbia Basin Dog Training Club (Agility) 9/8-9/10 at Horn Rapids County Park in Benton City

Pacific Northwest Sussex Spaniel Club (Rally) 9/9 at Olympia Hotel at Capitol Lake

Timberland Valley Dog Fanciers (Obedience, Rally) 9/15-16 at Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Chehalis

Bell Vernon Kennel Association (Agility) 9/15-17 at Fun Fur Paws in Mt. Vernon

Portland Agility Club (Agility) 9/22-24 at Clark County Fairgrounds in Ridgefield

Spokane Agility Club (Agility) 9/22-24 at Twin Willows Farm in Deerpark

Walla Walla Kennel Club (Rally) 9/28 at Columbia Park in Kennewick

Evergreen Afghan Hound Club (Agility) 9/29-10/1 at Fun Fur Paws in Mt. Vernon

Columbia Basin Dog Training Club (Obedience, Rally) 9/29-10/1 at 4 Paws Dog Works in Richland

AKC UPDATES

AKC Recommended Best Practices for Encouraging Junior Handlers in Companion Events

- Appoint an AKC Junior Coordinator
- Add a Youth Membership - age 18- 21 years of age – upon proof of continuing education, the date the membership will automatically convert to regular membership will be age 21. Youth Membership will be a non-voting/non office holding type membership
- Become involved with your 4-H obedience program for your county.
- Allowing 4-H/Juniors to participate in your classes free of charge.
- Sponsor trophies for the 4-H obedience county fair show.
- Invite 4-H/Juniors to attend free of charge any club sponsored seminars.
- Invite 4-H/Juniors and their family to club's Annual Awards Dinner, and to honor youth with awards for any AKC Titles that they may have earned.
- Reduced entry fee/ or no entry fee if club can afford for Junior's entering your trials.
- Sponsor Junior Showcase event.
- Mentor the 4-H children/Juniors in the various events they will be participating in.
- Educate the 4-H/Junior on becoming a steward at your events
- Encourage participation from the 4-H/ Junior's parents
- Assign a 4-H/Junior to mentor with Trial Secretary, Trial Chairmen, and Chief Ring Steward for your events.
- Assist any 4-H child who does not have the resources to participate in their local 4-H obedience, rally, agility, and conformation program.
- Assist any 4-H/Junior with finding a breeder who is willing to allow the child to participate with one of their dogs.
- Encourage your local All-Breed club to be sure and select a judge for Junior Showmanship who really enjoys judging Juniors.



Celebrations!



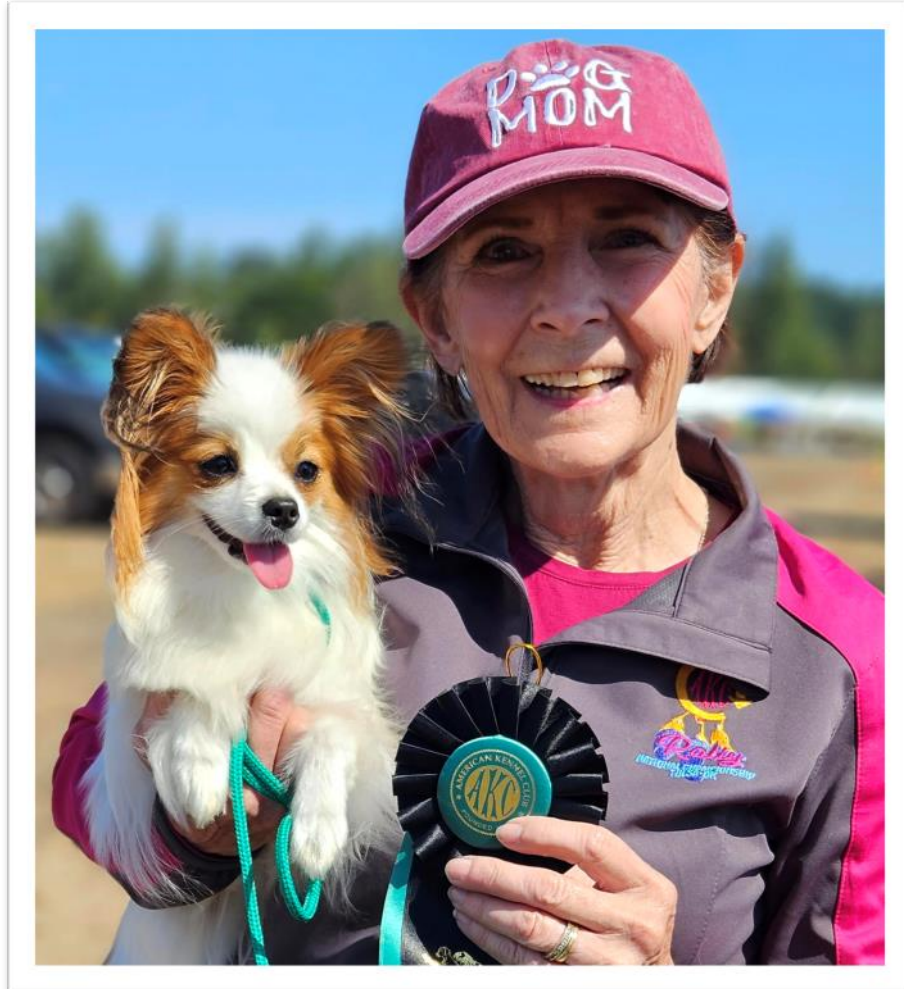
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Stella Rowlett + Cherry Pie

Happy retirement dearest Cherrie Pie!

Celebrations!



Arlette Davison + Maddy

Maddy earned her BCAT title in FastCat at the HRKC trial on July 28, with two final runs over 19 mph.

Madeleine Margaux Fleur Royale BCAT

Celebrations!



Arlette Davison + Aubrey

Aubrey was WB/BOW, from the Bred by Exhibitor class, at the Tacoma Kennel Club show in Graham on July 22.

Aubrielle Giselle Fleur Royale CGC TKN

Celebrations!



Elizabeth Soule + Dylan

At the Seattle Kennel Club trial during the Puyallup Cluster, my daughter Elizabeth handled my Toller, Dylan, in the Rally Masters class earning second place out of 20 dogs! This was Dylan's first time back in the ring after having Bi-lateral TPLO surgery last August and it was wonderful to see him moving freely with a wagging tail and a big smile on his face!
- Cathy Soule

QuinnCreek's Just a Warning, UD, GO, RM, TKA, CGC



WSOTC PRESENTS CONNIE CLEVELAND-NOLAN

February 10 & 11, 2024

At Country Classic Kennels

9332 99th Ave NE

Arlington, WA 98223

We are delighted to welcome Connie Cleveland-Nolan back to the Northwest. Connie is an internationally recognized dog trainer who has been teaching and coaching dog obedience students for over 3 decades. Connie gives a two day theory/problem solving seminar that can include preparing both dog and handler to enter the ring, getting the most from your training time and the importance of proofing.

In 2019, Connie launched The Obedience Road, a complete online resource for obedience competitors. Utilizing written & video content, monthly webinars, community forums and personalized video review, Connie coaches obedience newcomers and experienced competitors alike.

Connie competes in both Obedience and Retriever Field Trials, having finished 12 Obedience Trial Champions (OTCH), 2 Field Champions (FC), 5 Amateur Field Champions (AFC), a UDT Maltese and a CDX Shih-Tzu.

(For more information, please visit www.ObedienceRoad.com)

20 working spots are available. A \$100 deposit holds a working spot. Final payment is due January 12, 2024.

Cost: \$300 for a working spot
\$275 for a working spot for WSOTC members
\$100 to audit both days
\$80 to audit both days for WSOTC members

The seminar will begin at 9AM on Saturday Feb. 10 and 8:30AM on Sunday. A continental breakfast and potluck lunch will be available both days. You may want to bring your own chair. For more information contact Terrie Sato at terriesato@gmail.com or call 425-788-6628.

Connie Cleveland-Nolan Registration Form

Please print legibly. If mailing your registration for a working spot please notify me at terriesato@gmail.com. Mail registrations and checks to Terrie Sato, 31902 NE 139th St., Duvall, WA 98019.

Payment can be made online at the wsotc website: wsotc.org. Be aware that there is a fee charged by the service. Scanned registration forms sent by email are acceptable.

Name _____.

Address _____

WSOTC Member: Yes. No. (Circle one)

Email _____

Phone: _____ Do you accept text? _____

Dog name _____ Age ____ Breed _____

_____. Working spot

_____ Audit both Days

_____ Audit one day only

If applying for a working spot please add the following information:

Training level: Novice____ Open ____ Utility____. UDX ____ OTCH ____ Pre Novice ____
Puppy _____

Goals:

Problem exercises: