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PREZ'S MESSAGE

This year, for the first time, I was able to watch some of the National Obedience Competition (NOC) on AKC TV. I was very impressed with the number of dog/handler teams, the variety of breeds and the absolutely chaotic atmosphere in which they performed. Inspiring! Our own Don Rennick was one of the judges. Congratulations to Don!

We have the sport of obedience due to the efforts of Helen Whitehouse Walker. An article written by Brynn White in the AKC magazine 'Family Dog', first published Nov. 12, 2018, tells that Ms. Walker convinced the AKC to acknowledge the sport of obedience in 1936. In 1937 she and Blanche Saunders remodeled a Buick to hold three dogs and pulling a trailer across



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10,000 miles performed demos through out the country for 10 weeks. This was the effort these two women put into developing enthusiasm for the sport of obedience. This is a sport that needs to be demonstrated to the public in order to grow. I know the first time I saw a demonstration of signals, gloves and scent articles I wanted to teach my dog to do that.

In 1946 WSOTC was formed and a Blanche Saunders video was shown at the first meeting. As the Washington State Obedience Training Club it is part of our responsibility to continue the work of Ms. Walker and Ms. Saunders to spread the word about the sport of obedience. Unfortunately so little of what we do is seen by the public. However on June 24th, Sarah Kahn and Kelli Armstrong represented our club at the Seattle Kennel Club event, Woof by Woofwest. These two ladies gave their time to demonstrate obedience and encourage others to try it. It is as important as ever to demonstrate dog training to the public and encourage others to participate in the sport of obedience if we want the sport to grow. Thank you Sarah and Kelli for taking the time to share our sport! Who knows what influence your demo might have? Your demonstration and encouragement might have convinced someone new to try obedience and perhaps we will be cheering on this someone new from our area at a future NOC.

Terrie



HEARTS AND FLOWERS

Gloria Newby, chair

Since the last report, we sent out a sympathy card to Terri Kaluza for the loss of her husband.

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

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CLUB UPDATES

UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

- **Board Meeting**, July 18 at 7pm on Zoom
- **General Meeting**, No meeting in July

Welcome to our new members!

- ★ Penelope Broomer lives in Snohomish and has Mini and Standard Poodles
- ★ Catherine Shaffer lives in Shoreline and has a Border Collie
- ★ Katheryn Wigner lives on Camano Island and has a Golden Retriever
- ★ Debbie Bohn lives in Port Orchard and has a Rough Collie

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!

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. WSOTC Members have first chance at working spots during the early registration period in July, with registration opening to everyone on August 1. Club members also receive a discount on working and audit spots.

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

CLUB UPDATES

WSOTC Agility Trial

July 14-16 at Fun Fur Paws

The WSOTC agility trials are coming up in July! Volunteers are still needed so we would love it if you could come up to help out! Reach out to the trial chair Linda Shea at LindaShea@walp.us.

Summer Obedience and Rally Trials

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

The WSOTC summer obedience and rally trials will be held at the Enumclaw Expo center in conjunction with the Sammamish Kennel Club breed show. The judges are Margaret Chandler, Richard Lewis, and Earl Vaughan. Our Trial Chair for this event is Debby Warden.

The rings are indoors, crating is outdoors under tents.

The new rally choice class will be offered at this trial!

Debby is still looking for a **hospitality chair** to coordinate judge and volunteer snacks and lunches. She also needs a volunteer to **coordinate the judges' dinner** Saturday evening.

If you can help out with these roles, please reach out to Debby at debbywarden@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to Steward so far! If you are able to steward reach out to Sue Cox.

Looking forward to seeing you there!
Debby

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 17, 2023

Via Zoom at 7 PM

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

2. **Minutes:** Board minutes were approved from the 4/12/23 meeting.

3. **Report of the President:** Terrie thanked the donations committee, Sue Cox, Karen Snee, Neil Evans and Jane Pitts for submitting excellent suggestions.

4. **Report of the Secretary:** Rhonda thanked Sue for taking minutes at the April 12th meeting. An email was sent out by AKC to update our officers and that the club should be sending an electronic roster of current members. Rhonda will check on the required format for the roster. There was a discussion about the frequency to post AKC updates related to obedience, rally, agility, etc. in the Canine Post. It was decided to post monthly updates, if relevant.

5. **Report of the Treasurer:** Sue – An updated report was presented. See the “members only” section of the website for details.

6. Committee Reports

a. **Membership** - Cathy Soule - there are 4 second readings and one first reading for the General membership meeting.

b. **Agility** – Nancy presented the budget for the upcoming agility trial which was approved by the board to present at the next General membership meeting.

c. **Donation** - Sue – the donation committee recommendations were presented and approved to present at the next General membership meeting. The organizations suggested are People for Animal care and Kindness \$650, Old Dog haven \$650, Doney Coe Pet Clinic \$700

d. **Hearts and Flowers** - Gloria sent cards to Linda Shea, Robin Cohen, Martha Jordan and Linda Hall.

e. **August Obedience Trial** - Debby Warden is still in need of help for hospitality, chief ring steward and someone to manage the trophies on site.

f. **Connie Cleveland Seminar Feb. 10 & 11, 2024** – Terrie is still working on a registration form. Early registration will be offered to WSOTC members.

7. Old Business

a. SKC June 24 event - Sarah Kahn to give an update at the General membership meeting.



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8. New Business

It was determined it is time to update the club password.

Next General Meetings: May 24 and June 26

Next Board Meeting: June 7

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:51

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 24, 2023

Via Zoom at 7 PM

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by President Terrie Sato.

Members in attendance: Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Rhonda Forman, Karen Snee, Neil Evans, Betty Winthers, Cathy Soule, Elizabeth Soule, Lee Ann McNeil, Sarah Kahn, Kelli Armstrong, Nancy Harney, Linda Hall, Christine Swinehart, Pat Lindquist. Guests: Catherine Shaffer, Penelope Broomer, Debbie Bohn, Paulette Porrazzo, Charlie Clark

2. Minutes from the 3/15/23 meeting were approved.

3. Report of the Board - the board reviewed the financial report for the spring trial and is happy to report a financial gain. Thank you to Amanda Buse and committee for an excellent job! There are two budgets to review and vote on tonight. Tonight, is also the time to accept nominations from the floor for officers and board members to be voted on at our June meeting. The board is interested in knowing if the membership receives notices from AKC via e-mail as for example the 18-month pilot program to allow tripod dogs to compete.

4. Report of the President – Terrie announced that Amanda has agreed to chair the spring trial in 2024. Debby Warden has been working hard to coordinate the August 12 & 13 trial. These volunteers need our help so please consider supporting them by serving on their committees.

5. Report of the Secretary – Rhonda – No report

6. Report of the Treasurer – Sue provided a verbal report. The written report can be found on the website under the “members only” section.



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7. Committee Reports:

- a. Membership- Cathy Soule – There was one first reading for Teresa Hunt and four second readings for Penelope Broomer, Catherine Shaffer, Kathryn Wigner and Debbie Bohn. All four were voted on and approved.
- b. Agility July 14, 15, 16 - Linda Shea/Nancy Light – Nancy presented the budget which was voted on and approved.
- c. Hearts and Flowers - Gloria – cards were sent to Martha Jordan, Robin Cohen, Linda Shea and her husband Dave, and Linda Hall
- d. SKC June 24 Event - Sarah Kahn is working to communicate with her SKC contact.
- e. Donation Committee - Sue - The donation committee submitted the following proposal for your approval: \$650 to Old Dog Haven, \$650 to People for Animal Care and Kindness, \$700 to the Doney Coe Pet Clinic – The proposed organizations along with amounts to be donated were voted on and approved.
- f. August Obedience/Rally Trial 8/12 & 8/13 - Debby Warden - Needed: chief ring steward and steward volunteers, hospitality chair to coordinate lunches and snacks, on site trophy person - Jane Pitts has arranged for all ribbons and trophies but cannot be on site this weekend. Several members attending the meeting tonight indicated they would volunteer. AKC has approved these trials.
- g. Connie Cleveland Seminar Feb. 10 & 11, 2024 - Terrie – Terrie announced that the registration form will be ready soon. Early registration will be offered to WSOTC members. When registration is open, people will be able to register online. Working spots will be \$275 for club members and \$300 for non-club members.

8. Nominations from the floor - nominations were open and could be accepted from anyone interested in serving as an officer or board member. There were no nominations from the floor. Our Club constitution allows for a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer as well as two board members. The nominating committee has submitted the following names:

President: Terrie Sato

Vice President: Nancy Light

Treasurer: Sue Cox

Secretary: Rhonda Forman

Board member: Neil Evans

Board member: Karen Snee

Jack Cadalso, AKC delegate was added at the meeting. Members voted and approved the slate.



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7. Unfinished Business – The December 2-3 tracking test has judges and will have a TD/TDX.

8. New Business

New password for the members only page to begin June 1st and will be emailed to all current members.

Next meeting: Board: June 7 @ 7 PM; Membership meeting (elections, good sportsmanship presentation) Monday June 26 @7 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 7 :47

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 7, 2023

Via Zoom at 7pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by President Terrie Sato. Board members present: Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Rhonda Forman, Karen Snee and Neil Evans

1. **Minutes:** Board minutes were approved from the 5/17/23 meeting.
2. **Report of the President:** No report
3. **Report of the Secretary:** Rhonda – No report
4. **Report of the Treasurer:** Sue - An updated report was presented. See the “members only” section of the website for details.

5. Committee Reports

- a. Membership - Cathy Soule - one second reading for the next General membership meeting.
- b. Agility - Nancy thanked Terrie for getting another volunteer for the trial.
- c. Donation committee – a vote will be taken at the next General membership meeting to make the disbursements to the organizations that were approved at the last General meeting.
- d. Hearts and Flowers – Gloria – No report
- e. August Trial - Debby Warden – Debbie has someone to handle the trophies on-site. Still needs a ring steward. We have a few club members who have volunteered to steward but could use more volunteers.



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f. SKC event - Sarah Kahn – Sarah is preparing an email to send out to all club members to attend the event. The board approved an allocation of \$100 for discretionary items.

g. Connie Cleveland Seminar – Terrie – No report

6. Old Business

1. Club password – Nancy will send the password to Ane to implement on the website.

7. New Business

1. Appoint Audit/Budget Committee – recommended club members for the committee are Don Rennick, Chair, Karen Snee, Jodi Woodruff and Kelli Armstrong. Rhonda will reach out to invite the group to serve on the committee.

8. **Appoint Junior Coordinator** – Terrie will ask the general membership at the next meeting if anyone is interested in serving in this role. We will also put this request in the Canine Post

Next Meetings:

Membership Meeting: June 26 at 7:00

Board Meeting: July 18 at 7:00

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

UPCOMING WASHINGTON EVENTS

Seattle Kennel Club, Gig Harbor Kennel Club, Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers (Obedience, Rally) 7/8-10 at WA State Fair Events Center, Puyallup, WA

Washington State Obedience Training Club (Agility) 7/14-16 at Fun Fur Paws

Portland Agility Club (Agility) 7/14-16 at Clark County Fairgrounds

Chuckanut Dog Training Association (Agility) 7/21-23 at Mount Vernon, WA

Tacoma Kennel Club (Obedience, Rally) 7/22-23 at Graham, WA (2 trials each day)

Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club (Obedience, Rally) 7/28-7/30 at Carrie Blake Park in Sequim, WA

Greater Spokane Shetland Sheepdog Club (Rally) 7/28 at Spokane Dog Training Club (2 trials)

Greater Spokane Shetland Sheepdog Club (Obedience) 7/29-30 at Spokane Dog Training Club

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

AKC UPDATES

AKC National Obedience Championship 2023 Results



2023 NOC Champion:
Kori Bevis with Baker,
NOC OTCH13 High Times Shake 'N
Bake UDX8 OGM SH

1st Runner Up:
Kim Berkley with Zayne

2nd Runner Up
Vicky Gillow with Kylee

3rd Runner Up
Sharri Sibert with Juicy

AKC National Obedience Championship
Judges:
Ronnie Bizer, Robert Knight, Donald
Rennick, Ken Kincaid, Rick Cox, Kathy
Walker, Thom Igiel, Celeste Meade Maurer

Source: AKC National Obedience Championship Facebook Group

Group Results

Sporting Group

1st: Kathy Klein with Stevie Ray, Golden Retriever
2nd: Petra Ford with Zayna, Labrador Retriever
3rd: Lois Ornat with Chewie, Golden Retriever
4th: Nancy Peterson with Tinder, Golden Retriever

Hound Group

1st: Meleta Galles with Austin, Whippet
2nd: Betsy Fortman with Fonzie, Dachshund

Working Group

1st: Sharon Wendelgass with Teekon, Siberian Husky
2nd: Sharon Clarke with Dash, Standard Schnauzer
3rd: Debbie Cuiffo with Will, Standard Schnauzer
4th: Marcia Dawson with Jessye, Standard Schnauzer

Terrier Group

1st: Martin Zarge with Abel, Miniature Schnauzer
2nd: Robin James with Quey, Wire Fox Terrier
3rd: Ingrid Butt with Star, Smooth Fox Terrier
4th: Adele Yunck with Jag, Border Terrier

Toy Group

1st: Nancy Muller with Micky, Papillon
2nd: Susan Nagel with PT, Papillon
3rd: Mary Waller with Rocket, Papillon
4th: Sherry Bennett with Bling, Chinese Crested

Non-Sporting Group

1st: Connie Kniseley with Opie, Lowchen
2nd: Kyle Johnson with Olive, Standard Poodle
3rd: Kerry Bell with Pixie Bell, Miniature Poodle
4th: Marion Crain with Fresca, Keeshond

Herding Group

1st: Kimberly Berkley with Zayne, Border Collie
2nd: Kimberly Berkley with Zuko, Border Collie
3rd: Barb Kelm with Bounce, Miniature American Shepherd
4th: Audrey Peterson with Doc, Border Collie

Misc/FSS Group

1st: Sue Kotlarek with Whirley, All American Dog

Visit the [AKC National Obedience Championship Facebook page](#) for photos of the winners.

AKC UPDATES

AKC Rally National Championship 2023 Results



Rally Championship Class Winners

2023 Rally National Champion:
Kim Berkley with Zayne

1st Runner Up
Kim Berkley with Zuko

2nd Runner Up
Rhona Magni with Ember

3rd Runner Up
William Abraham with Coach

AKC Championship Class Judges:
Shannon Jones, Karen Lamb, Roberta Horner, Danette Chorney

Source: AKC Rally National Championship Facebook Group

Group Results

Rally Master Class Winners

- 1st: Ann Marie Scripko with Rain, Border Collie
- 2nd: Samantha Scicchigno with Red, All American
- 3rd: Joanne Kazar with Chase, Shetland Sheepdog
- 4th: Rhona Magni with Trick, Border Collie

Rally Excellent Class Winners

- 1st: Belinda Cox with Joie, Miniature Poodle
- 2nd: Joanne Bockhorn with Zero, Golden Retriever
- 3rd: Mardi McGuire-Closson with Plenty, Golden Retriever
- 4th: Linda Brown with Cooper, Golden Retriever

Rally Advanced Class Winners

- 1st: Kathy Walker with Penny, Pembroke Welsh Corgi
- 2nd: Kerry Klokow with Sophie, Shetland Sheepdog
- 3rd: Emily Scott with Hype, Border Collie
- 4th: Belinda Venner with Percy, German Shorthaired Pointer

Rally Intermediate Class Winners

- 1st: Charlotte Bird with Dixie, Golden Retriever
- 2nd: Chris McKelvey with Sequoia, Vizla
- 3rd: Birgit Mantilla with Noah, German Shepherd
- 4th: Colleen Swierkocki with Chloe, Miniature Poodle

Rally Novice Class Winners

- 1st: Marcia Halliday with Demo, Golden Retriever
- 2nd: Ann Scripko with Wave, Border Collie
- 3rd: Carmen Hurley with Nate, Border Collie
- 4th: Mary Drexler with Raz, Samoyed

Visit the [AKC Rally National Championship Facebook page](#) for photos of the winners.

Celebrations!



Neil Evans + Dylan



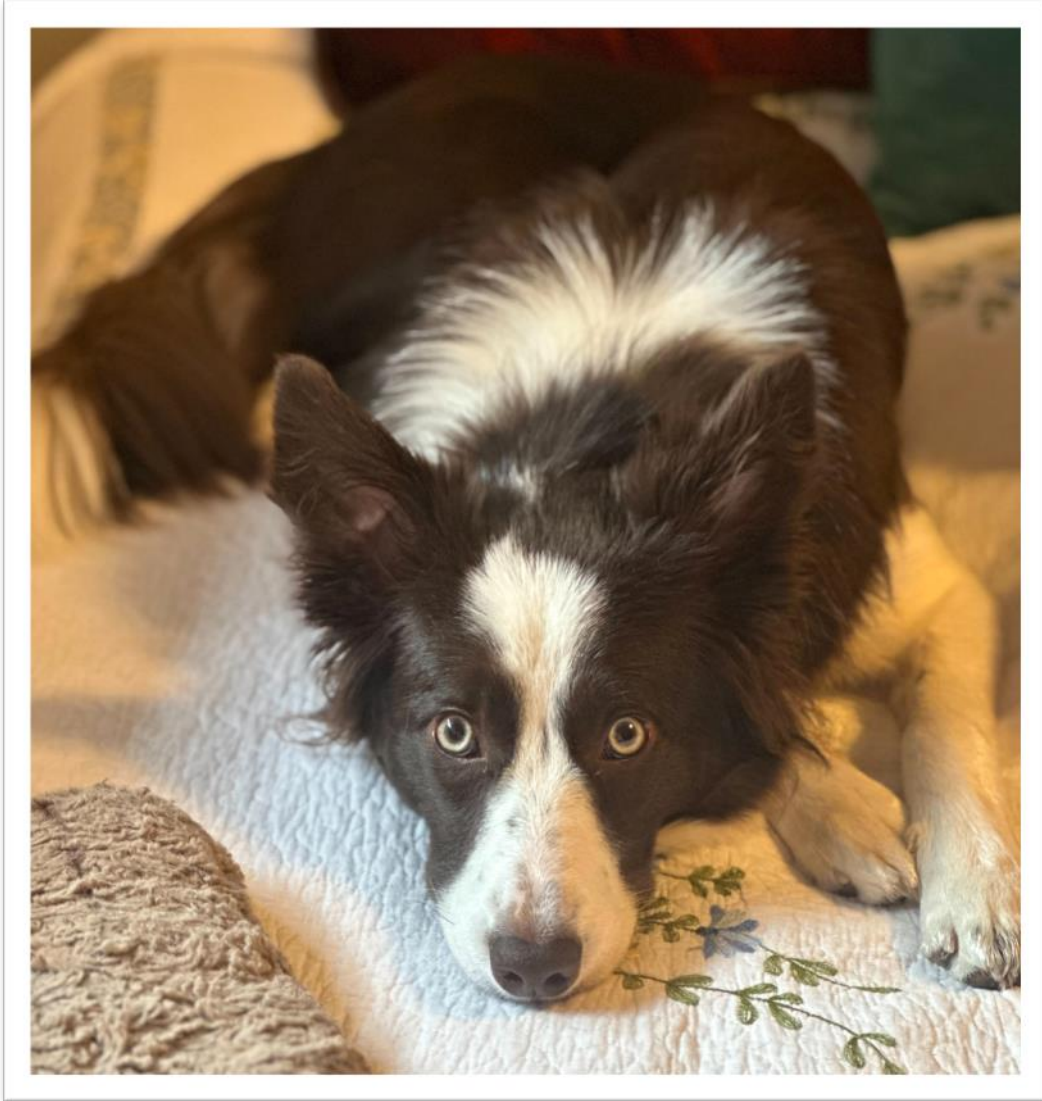
Dylan

New title! Open Standard P
HRKC June 4, 2023



Nina Sage
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Celebrations!



Catherine Shaffer + Diza

At 14 months old, Diza has already earned her Advanced Trick title, Performer Trick title, Advanced Canine Good Citizen and Urban Canine Good Citizen!

Celebrations!



Kathy Teufel + Ellie Rose

Ellie Rose (Cripple Creek Adventure's Out There on Frontier) earned her second Rally Intermediate leg at the Evergreen State Shetland Sheepdog Obedience and Rally trial in June!



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: