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PREZ'S MESSAGE

Heading into the summer months we often find that our schedules are full of dog competitions and family activities. It can be crazy trying find a balance in our lives. When I find myself frustrated by conflicting schedules I like to remember one of my favorite writers...Gladys Taber. Never heard of her?

Gladys Taber wrote books and for magazines in the 50's, 60's and 70's. She lived in Connecticut on a very old farm called Stillmeadow Farms. I loved her stories about her farm, garden a her dogs.

She had Cocker Spaniels and Irish Setters and she earned obedience titles on her dogs as well as showed in conformation. She wrote of the balance in her life, her fondness of entertaining neighbors, raising her child, maintaining her old farm house and training and loving her dogs. The many adventures with her dogs are woven into most of her stories. They were simply part of her life as our dogs cannot be separated from the stories of our lives.

One of my favorite stories involved one of her Cocker's earning it's final CDX leg. She had struggled and struggled with the



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retrieve over the high jump. She had a jump set up in her barn to practice. Finally her dog completed the retrieve over the high jump and all of the spectators burst into applause. Those watching had understood the struggle and determination needed to achieve this accomplishment.

Most of us have found ourselves in similar situations with our dogs. A particular exercise is difficult. We struggle and get frustrated. We think about giving up. Hopefully we finally find success. Please share your struggles as well as your successes with your fellow club members. Let us be the ones bursting into applause as you and your dog find hard earned success. We all understand the effort it takes to overcome a difficult obstacle in the way of reaching our goals. As fellow members of WSOTC we would love to be a part of your story.

May your summer be balanced and full of success!

Terrie

HEARTS AND FLOWERS

Gloria Newby, chair



Since the last report we sent out cards to:

Get well card to Martha Jordan

Get well card to Robin Cohen

Sympathy card to Lynda Shea and Dave Walp for the loss of his father

Sympathy card to Linda Hall for the loss of her husband

Sympathy card to Sue and John Cox for the loss of their dog

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UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

- **Board Meeting**, June 7 at 7pm on Zoom
- **General Meeting**, June 26 at 7pm on Zoom

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! There is a particular need in the hospitality area for use snacks for the judges and ring crew (this can be simple). Flowers for the secretary's area would also be nice. Reach out to the trial chair Linda Shea at LindaShea@walp.us if you are available to help!

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.

Debby is still looking for several volunteers to fill out the trial committee.

- ★ A Chief Ring Steward to recruit and schedule ring stewards
- ★ A hospitality chair to coordinate judge and volunteer snacks and lunches
- ★ An awards coordinator on the days of the trials to ensure that awards are at the right ring at the right time. Jane Pitts has taken care of purchasing the awards.

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

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Recent News From the AKC

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Approval No Longer Needed for New Sites for Obedience and Rally

One of the goals of the AKC Sports & Events department is to make it easier for clubs to host events. The Companion Events department has modified the site approval process for obedience and rally events. Clubs do not need to submit a form with drawings when considering new sites, but must adhere to the requirements stated in the sport-specific regulations and in the [AKC Obedience-Rally Trial Manual UPDATE 5-2023](#).

It is the responsibility of the event-giving club to provide a site that will accommodate the ring requirements as specified in the sport-specific regulations. This includes minimum/maximum ring sizes and general ring conditions (See 4-32 in the Trial Manual). In addition, the building must be ADA-compliant, and provide sufficient parking and restrooms for the number of anticipated people. The club must be aware of inclement weather conditions, ensure water is available on site, and provide appropriate safe crating areas for the dogs. Performance rings should be as free as possible of any obstructions, such as columns and/or poles. If there are any unusual conditions exhibitors should be aware of, it is strongly recommended this information be published in the premium list.

Pilot Program for Three-Legged (Tripod) Dogs in Non-Jumping Rally and Obedience Classes

An 18-month pilot program, allowing tripod dogs to participate in the non-jumping obedience and rally classes, was approved by the AKC Board of Directors, beginning July 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2024. The sport specific regulation language in Chapter 1, Section 17 will be amended to read: Dogs disfigured as the result of accident, injury, or illness are eligible to compete provided the disfigurement does not interfere with functional movement. A dog that shows no signs of physical discomfort is to be considered fit to compete. The judge must excuse a dog as “unfit to compete” if the dog demonstrates sickness, discomfort, or pain while performing. All Obedience and Rally judges will receive notifications and regulation inserts will be published.

Update to Conflict-of-Interest Policies Related to Judges

The AKC Board of Directors at its May 2023 meeting voted to modify the exhibiting restrictions related to judges who teach conformation or obedience training classes and judges who use the services of a handler. In addition, the Board voted to establish a formal period of ineligibility for those who formerly co-owned dogs with judges. Modified the period of ineligibility in conformation for individuals and dogs who have attended conformation or obedience classes, in-person or virtual, taught by a judge from one year to six months. Modified the period an agent or member of their household may not exhibit dogs under a judge who has used their services of an agent from at least four to at least six months after working for the judge. Established a defined six



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month period of ineligibility for individuals who co-own dogs with judges after the end of all co-ownership arrangements. This applies to equally to members of the same household for the judge and/or co-owner.

Rally Choice - New Rally Class - Effective June 29, 2023

This class is required to be offered at all regular Rally trials. The Rally Choice class will be added to the panels of all Rally trials held on or after June 29, 2023.

UPCOMING WASHINGTON EVENTS

- Spokane Kennel Club** (Obedience, Rally) 5/26-28 at Spokane, WA
- German Shepherd Dog Club of Oregon** (Agility) 6/2-4 at Clark County Fairgrounds
- Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club of Washington** (Agility, Obed, Rally) 6/2-6/4 at Carrie Blake Park in Sequim, WA
- Greater Spokane Shetland Sheepdog Club** (Agility) 6/2-6/4 at Spokane County Fair and Expo Center
- Columbia River Agility Club** (Agility) 6/9-11 at Clark County Fairgrounds
- Samoyed Club of Washington State** (Agility) 6/9-6/11 at Fun Fur Paws
- St. Bernard Club of Puget Sound** (Obedience, Rally) 6/10-11 at Clarks Creek Park, Puyallup, WA
- Boston Terrier Club of Western Washington** (Agility) 6/16-18 at Argus Ranch
- Mt Rainier Sporting Spaniel Association** (Obed, Rally) 6/17 at Country Classic Kennels, Arlington, WA
- Mount Hood Doberman Pinscher Club** (Obedience, Rally) 6/17-18 at Olympia, WA
- Evergreen Shetland Sheepdog Club** (Obed, Rally) 6/18 at Country Classic Kennels, Arlington, WA
- Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association** (Agility) 6/23-25 at Fun Fur Paws
- Seattle Kennel Club** (Rally) 6/24 at Magnuson Park, Seattle, WA
- Spokane Agility Club** (Agility) 6/30-7/2 at Deer Park, WA
- Puget Sound Doberman Pinscher Club** (Agility) 6/30-7/2 at Argus Ranch
- 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

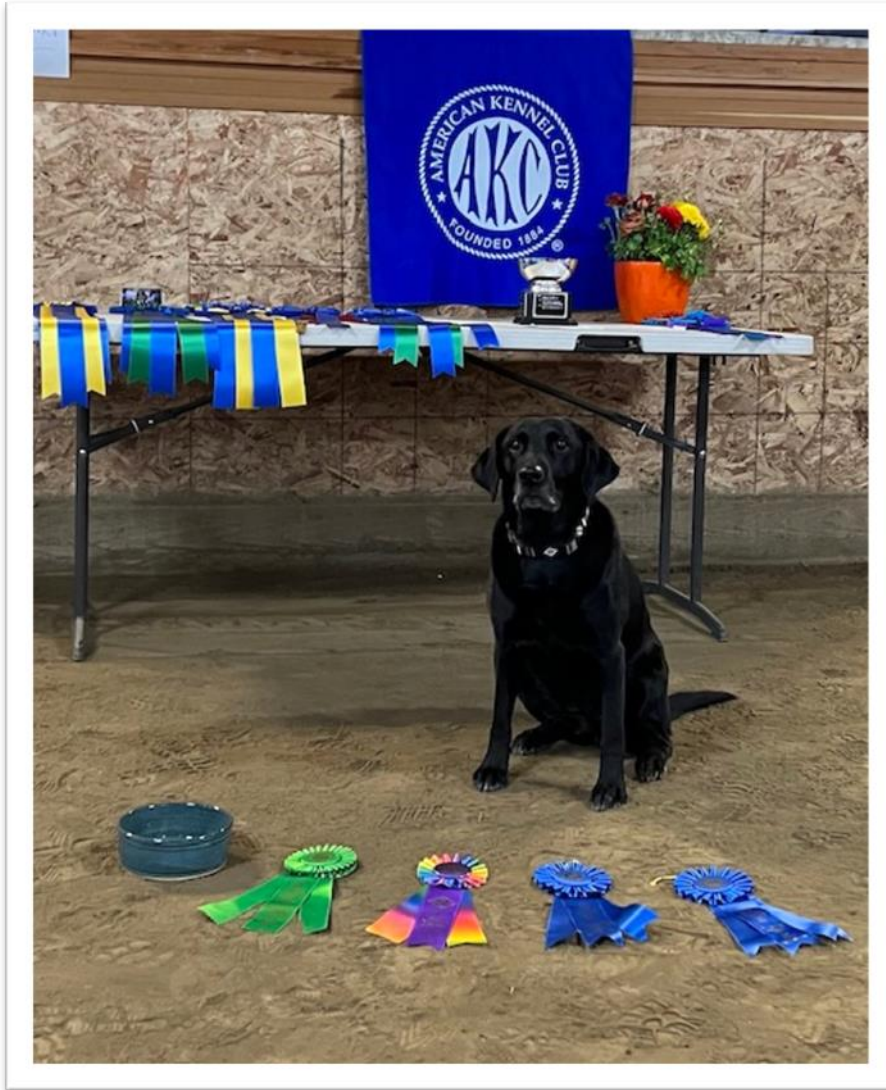
Celebrations!



Lorri Kraft + Electra

Trying something brand new! We recently started the Scentwork journey, with our first ever Trial in March. Electra had a brilliant day and earned herself a HIT the first day, and barely missed HIT on Sunday. We've done two trials since, earning the 3 Q's needed in all four Elements to get her **AKC Scentwork Novice** title. We're about halfway through the 12 Q's we need for her Advanced title. I'm so thankful for this amazing girl, she's best teammate ever!

Celebrations!



Rhonda Forman + Willow

Rattlinridge's Fearless Flier "Willow" earned her **CDX** on April 1 at the WSOTC trial showing under John Cox. Willow is owned by Rhonda and Mike Forman.

Celebrations!




Jayne Walker + Ryker

Sevaul's True Colors Von Aaron, aka "Ryker" earned his **AKC Farm Dog Certification** May 7, 2023 under Judges Sam Lietz and Elizabeth Bueller at SchaSam Farm in Stanwood WA.

Celebrations!



 Kathy Teufel + Douglas + Ellie Rose

A successful weekend of Scentwork! Douglas and Ellie Rose earned a collection of ribbons from various Scentwork passes, including Ellie's first two and two master passes for Douglas.