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## IT'S TIME TO RENEW FOR 2024

Thank you to all of our wonderful WSOTC members for your participation this year! In 2023 we have put on two obedience/rally trials, an agility trial, a tracking test, a fun match, and held a demonstration at Seattle Kennel Club's event at Magnusson Park. Our fabulous volunteers also kept the club running behind the scenes as board members, committee chairs, and supporting logistics. We appreciate your dedication to AKC companion events and our club. We hope you plan to continue to join us for another year of dog sport community and fun!

This year we have added the option to renew your membership online for a small convenience fee. You can access the online renewal form here: [my.cheddarup.com/c/wsotc-renewal2024](http://my.cheddarup.com/c/wsotc-renewal2024)

Or if you prefer to renew using a paper form, we have attached it on [page 13-14](#) of the newsletter.

Thank you for supporting WSOTC!

# CLUB UPDATES

## UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

- **Board Meeting**, November 15 at 7pm on Zoom
- **General Meeting**, November 29 at 7pm on Zoom



## HEARTS AND FLOWERS

*Gloria Newby, chair*

Since my last report, we sent a sympathy card to Kathy Lang for the loss of her dog.

## Volunteer Opportunity: New Exhibitor Info Session

At recent club meetings we have discussed holding an event to help new exhibitors prepare for their first obedience or rally trial. Topics covered might include things like when to arrive, crate setup, check in and armbands, trial etiquette, etc. This could be either an in person or an online event.

To make this event happen, we some volunteers to coordinate it! If you are interested in helping to put this on, please let a board member know.



## 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

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# CLUB UPDATES

## WSOTC SPONSORED FUN MATCH

January 6, 2024

WSOTC is hosting an obedience fun match January 6, 2024 at Country Classic Kennels in Arlington (9332 99th Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223). The match will consist of run-throughs. Food and toys are allowed. Each run will be limited to 9 minutes.

Runs are limited to 2 runs for 1 dog. If entering two dogs, runs will be limited to 1 run each unless additional space is available. **Second run is free for WSOTC members!**

Volunteers may crate in the building. All others please leave when your runs are finished due to limited space in the building and for parking.

Pre-registration is required. Registrations are due by December 31, 2023.

[Register online](#) or print the fillable PDF registration form [on page 12](#).

Send questions about the match to Rhonda Forman at [rdlahey@hotmail.com](mailto:rdlahey@hotmail.com).

## 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!

For more information and to access the paper or online registration form, visit the home page of the WSOTC website [www.wsotc.org](http://www.wsotc.org).

## 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

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## WSOTC Spring Trial Awards

WSOTC Members,

The trial committee is busy planning for the WSOTC Spring Trials, March 30-31, 2024, and we are getting ready to place orders for awards. You have been generous in contributing to the trophy fund in the past and I hope you and others will be able to do so again. This year, Saturday awards will be items related to travel with dogs, including logo totes, blankets, first aid kits, bowls, towels. Sunday awards will be cash. The sponsorships for Saturday and Sunday are:

### OBEDIENCE

Highest Score in Obedience Regular Classes - \$80  
Highest Combined Score in Obedience from Open B and Utility - \$50  
Highest Score in Obedience Preferred Classes - \$50  
Highest Combined Score in Preferred Open and Utility Classes - \$50  
Obedience Novice A First Place - \$20  
Obedience Novice A Second - Fourth Placement - \$15

### RALLY

Rally Highest Combined Score Triple Qualifier - \$80  
Highest Combined Score in Rally Exc B and Adv B - \$50  
Rally Novice A First Place - \$20  
Rally Novice A Second - Fourth Placement - \$15

Multiple sponsors for one award is another way to pool resources and contribute. If you or your breed club would like to support a trophy or entries not listed here, please let me know.

Even though the trial is several months away there are many moving parts to be coordinated. Donating early will help it all come together more smoothly.

Please send donations in a check made out to WSOTC and mail to:

Jane Pitts  
3028 W Blaine St  
Seattle, WA 98199

Thank you for supporting the club and the trial!

Jane Pitts  
Trophy and Awards Chairperson  
WSOTC Spring Trials 2024

# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

## SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President, Terrie Sato.

Attendees: Terrie Sato, Sue Cox, Rhonda Forman, Neil Evans, Karen Snee, Cathy Soule, Elizabeth Soule, Lee Ann McNeil, Bev May, Melissa Knapp, Jane Pitts, Sarah Kahn, Jayne Walker, Nancy Harney, Debbie Bohn, Penny Broom, Holly Krohn, Kelli Armstrong, Lisa Witte, Pat Lindquist, Sandy Burr, Guest: Ginger McMillan

1. Minutes from the 8/21/23 General Membership meeting were approved.

**2. Report of the Board** - The budget committee presented the 2024 budget. It was suggested that the club make a substantial donation again this year. The budget was voted on and approved.

**3. Report of the President** - Terrie- At the last meeting, Terrie asked for members to think about the challenges our Club faces. Getting volunteers was the biggest challenge mentioned, followed by building a sense of community. Several possible solutions were suggested, and there will be an opportunity to discuss this later in the meeting.

**4. Report of the Treasurer** – Sue presented an updated report. The report can be found in the “members only” section on the website.

**5. Report of the Secretary** – Rhonda received acknowledgement from AKC for receipt of the application and judges slate for the spring obedience and rally trial.

### 6. Committee Reports

a. **Membership**- Cathy Soule – there were three second readings and the full members voted to approve new members Charlie Clarke, Lisa Witte, and Melissa Knapp.

b. **Agility** – the 2023 agility trial ended up making a profit. Linda Shea has agreed to chair the 2024 trial (with help). Linda and others will be working on forming a committee for the trial with the goal of 5 individuals.

c. **Hearts and Flowers** - Gloria – a card was sent to Holly Krohn and the club sent a card to Gloria Newby.

d. **Budget** – The 2024 annual budget was reviewed and approved.

e. **Spring trial 2024** - Amanda - March 30 & 31 -The judges are in place. The budget needs to be reviewed by the board and will be presented to the membership in November. Most of the committee is in place. The trial takes place on Easter weekend, which may affect entries. The members voted on and approved the amount of \$225 for trophies.



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# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

## SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

f. **Connie Cleveland Seminar** - Terrie - Feb. 10 & 11 2024 -no changes to date. Audit spots are open. Terrie has sent out confirmations to everyone with working spots.

g. **August 2024 Trials** - Debbie Warden - Debbie is getting judges and moving ahead in planning the trial next August.

### Old Business

**Junior Coordinator** - position still open

**Novice obedience/Rally trial prep workshop** - it was suggested this be handled as an online educational opportunity. Contact Terrie if anyone is interested in chairing the workshop.

### New Business

**Donation Committee** – Karen Snee, Neil Evans and Nancy Harney have volunteered to serve on this committee.

**January Fun Match** – The Fun Match will take place on January 6. Rhonda Forman volunteered to chair the match.

Terrie has received some ideas for both building a sense of community and for increasing volunteers which include:

- In person meet ups - social gathering, for example, a summer potluck at a park
- Educational meetings not necessarily included at the same time as a membership meeting
- Offer a webinar about the Club to take place following our trials
- Reward volunteers with a free seminar
- Create a place on our website for volunteer opportunities.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

*Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary*



# REGIONAL NEWS

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## Rent-A-Ring and Ten Minute Tickers

November 11 from 9am to 1pm at Donida Farm

Kathy Lang Coaching is excited to be able to offer four-ring events at Donida Farm in Auburn, WA. Two Ten-Minute Ticker (aka Run Through) Rings and two Rent A Rings will be set up in the big dressage arena on the packed dirt floor. Ten Minute Ticker (TMT) slots will be 10 minutes long and a "judge" will be provided to assist you -- putting your through a class or helping you work on select exercises. The cost for 10 minutes is \$12.

We'll also have two Rent A Ring (RAR) rings going on at the same time. No one will assist you in this ring; however, you are welcome to bring up to 3 friends and share the ring space. You are welcome to do Rally; however, you'll need to bring your own signs & holders, etc. The cost for 55 minutes is \$45. Jumps and figure 8 cones are provided for your use.

Advance registration is recommended. Day-of registration only if time/space is available.

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.kathylangcaninecoaching.com/tmt-rar>

## UPCOMING WASHINGTON EVENTS

**Chuckanut Dog Training Association** (Obedience, Rally) 11/4-5 at Northwest Washington Fairgrounds in Lynden. Two trials Saturday for both obedience and rally, one trial each on Sunday.

**Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association** (Agility) 11/4-5 at Run Wild Dog Sports in Auburn (Argus)

**Sno-King Agility Club** (Agility) 11/10-12 at Run Wild Dog Sports in Auburn (Argus)

**Inland Empire Collie Club** (Obedience, Rally) 11/10-12 at Spokane Dog Training Club. Two rally trials Friday, Obedience only Saturday and Sunday.

**Chuckanut Dog Training Association** (Tracking TD, TDX) 11/12 at Wesen Farm in Bow

**Whidbey Island Kennel Club** (Obedience, Rally) 11/17-11/19 at Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe

**Mount Hood Doberman Pinscher Club** (Agility) 11/17-19 at Clark County Fairgrounds in Ridgefield

**Samoyed Club of Washington State** (Agility) 11/24-26 at Fun Fur Paws in Mount Vernon

**Greater Clark County Kennel Club** (Agility) 12/1-12/3 at Clark County Fairgrounds in Ridgefield

**Washington State Obedience Training Club** (Tracking TD, TDX) 12/3 at Wesen Farm in Bow

**Greater Clark County Kennel Club** (Agility) 12/8-12/10 at Clark County Fairgrounds

**American Manchester Terrier Club** (Agility) 12/8-10 at Run Wild Dog Sports in Auburn (Argus)

**Greater Clark County Kennel Club** (Obedience, Rally) 12/9-10 at Clark County Fairgrounds, two obedience and two rally trials each day.

**Portland Dog Obedience Club** (Tracking TD, TDX) 12/10 at Johnston Dairy, Camas, WA

**Puget Sound Doberman Pinscher Club** (Agility) 12/15-17 at Run Wild Dog Sports in Auburn (Argus)

**Boston Terrier Club of Western Washington** (Agility) 12/29-31 at Clark County Fairgrounds

## AKC Obedience & Rally Judges October Board Meeting

from the AKC Companion Events Department

The minutes of the October Board Meeting have been published. <https://www.akc.org/about/minutes-reports/board-minutes/>

### Here is a synopsis of items that affect our sports:

**Catalog Class Order – Obedience:** The Board VOTED to approve a Staff recommendation to modify Chapter 1, Section 3 of the Obedience Regulations to state that the Regular and Preferred Open and Utility class entries may be listed together in the catalog, the same as they are in the judging program and judge's book. The Board VOTED to adopt the recommendation effective January 1, 2024.

### \$3.50 Recording/Service Fee for all Entries:

The Board reviewed a recommendation to adopt a consistent recording/service fee of \$3.50 per entry across all sports. Currently, all Performance Events are \$3.50 per entry, while Conformation and Companion Events are \$3.50 for the first entry and \$3.00 for all subsequent entries of a dog at the same event.

The change would result in consistency across all sports. Since July 1, 2013, all Performance Events have had a \$3.50 fee for every entry of a dog in the event. If the \$3.50 fee implemented in 2008 for Conformation was adjusted for inflation, it would be \$4.76 today. The Board VOTED (unanimously) to adopt the recommendation effective January 1, 2024.

### Parent Club Request for Three-Quarter Jump Heights in Obedience:

**Australian Terrier and Old English Sheepdog:** The Australian Terrier Club of America (ATCA) and the Old English Sheepdog Club of America (OESDCA) have submitted documentation to support their request to have the jump height requirement in obedience for their breed to be lowered to three-quarters the height of the dog at the withers.

The Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the requests of the ATCA and the OESDCA to have the jump height requirement in Obedience for their breed to be lowered to three-quarters the height of the dog at the withers. This change will become effective January 1, 2024.

## A Note on Rally Judging - Food and/or Elimination in the Ring

from the AKC Companion Events Department

If food is in the ring or the dog eliminates while in the ring for judging, the team will receive a non-qualifying score. If either of these issues occur during awards, the score is not changed from qualifying to non-qualifying.

At a recent event there was some confusion and a misunderstanding. This issue has been resolved.

As always, if you have questions, email [rally@akc.org](mailto:rally@akc.org). Please understand our first priority is communication with our judges and the affected parties.



# Celebrations!



## Terrie Sato + Hobbs

Hobbs earned his Graduate Open title at the Lab Nationals in Centralia on October 1 with a first place.

Grousecreek's The Natural CDX, MH, BN, GO

# Celebrations!



## Shea Gorman + Skye

Skye and I achieved our UD title at the Wenatchee Kennel Club! We won first place 3 times in a row with a score of 195 every day!

On the Lamb Skye II CD CDX UD

# Celebrations!



## Arlette Davison + Aubry

Aubrey was awarded her first major, at the Tri-Cities Cluster in Kennewick, on September 29 by Judge Lee Whittier. One major to go for her Championship title!

AUBRIELLE GISELLE FLEUR ROYALE CGCA TKN



# WSOTC Sponsored Fun Match

January 6, 2024

Location: **Country Classic Kennels**, 9332 99<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Arlington, WA 98223

Start Time: 8:30 AM End Time: 4:30 PM

The match will consist of run-throughs. Food and toys are allowed. Each run is limited to 9 minutes.

Cost: **\$10 per run**. Runs are limited to 2 runs for one dog. If entering two dogs, runs are limited to 1 run for each dog unless additional space is available. Second run is free for WSOTC Members!

Volunteers may crate in the building. All others please leave when your runs are finished due to limited space in the building and for parking.

Pre-registration is required. Registrations are due by December 31. Registration and payment are also available online at [www.wsotc.org](http://www.wsotc.org)

**One form per dog. Please print legibly.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ WSOTC Member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Dog call name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

Class and number # of runs:

Beginner Novice # \_\_\_\_\_ Novice # \_\_\_\_\_ Open # \_\_\_\_\_ Utility # \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Regular Class \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Jump Height (for Open, Utility, or Non-Regular classes with jumps) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Time Preference: 8:30 – 11 \_\_\_\_\_ 11 – 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 – 4:30 \_\_\_\_\_

I am available to help steward or judge: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Liability Waiver: I agree to hold harmless Country Classic Kennels, WSOTC and its board of directors and officers from any liability, loss or damage to property while attending this match. I further agree to accept full responsibility for the actions of any animal brought onto the property by myself.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Send registrations to Rhonda Forman, 3920 332<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE, Carnation, WA 98014

**Checks payable to WSOTC**

For questions, contact Rhonda at 206-930-5134 or [rslahey@hotmail.com](mailto:rslahey@hotmail.com)



# Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc.

## 2024 Membership Renewal

**Payment Due by January 1, 2024**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please CHECK the type of membership you choose for 2024:**

Check appropriate box

**Full Membership:** May vote and hold elected office. Must attend at least **three** general membership meetings per year and volunteer or provide **one** service to the club. *Please complete page 2 if you select Full Membership.*

\$25.00

**Associate Membership:** Non-voting member. This option is for individuals wishing Club affiliation but not able to regularly attend meetings. Associate members are encouraged to volunteer and participate at club events.

\$25.00

If you have been granted **Life Membership**, do you plan to participate next year as a Full Member  or Associate Member  ?

\$12.50

**Make checks payable to WSOTC and mail to:**

Sue Cox, 18025 8th Avenue NW, Shoreline, WA 98177-3542

**Roster/Mailing List Information Updates**

Check here if there are no changes to your information from last year.

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Add to Club Email List:

Breeds Currently Owned: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check activities you are interested in contributing to next year:**

- Agility Trials      Awards      Hospitality at Trials      Junior Handlers      Membership      Newsletter
- Obedience Trials      Publicity      Social Media      Public Education      Programs      Property/Equipment
- Rally Trials      Seminars      Club Social Events      Fun Matches      Tracking Tests      Officer or Board Member
- Stewarding      Website      Host a Training Group      Other: \_\_\_\_\_

The Canine Post newsletter and other official club notices will be sent by e-mail (except for members with no email address). This authorization releases the Club from any liability should the notification not be received due to circumstances beyond the Club's control. **I agree:**

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form with your dues payment by 1/1/2024.**

**IMPORTANT: If you are renewing as a FULL member, please complete page 2.**

	Dues	\$
Friends of Obedience and Rally Donation (Spring Trial prizes)		\$
Total Enclosed		\$



## Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc. 2024 Membership Renewal

**If you are renewing as a FULL member, please answer the following questions:**

Which meetings did you attend in 2023? (Your meeting attendance can be found in the members only section of the website and in the meeting minutes).

January 18, 2023 (Zoom)

March 14, 2023 (Zoom)

May 24, 2023 (Zoom)

June 26, 2023 (Zoom)

August 21 2023 (Zoom)

September 27 2023 (Zoom)

November 29, 2023 (Zoom)

List any trials, matches, or events you volunteered at and your role:

List any other services or roles you have held to support the club this year (i.e. newsletter, awards, board, committee chair, etc.)

Washington State Obedience Training Club Inc. thanks you for your commitment to our club, for your contribution to our continued success in dog training, and ongoing relationships with dog related awareness and public education.

Thank you!