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PREZ'S MESSAGE

How is the training going in the time of COVID? Classes are much smaller, there are waiting lists, some classes are on again/off again depending on the governor's message every couple of weeks. The weather is cold, wet and often windy making the thought of training outdoors a real challenge.

I am working on detail training inside the house. Some exercises that work well inside are signals, straight fronts and finishes, cleaning up the dumbbell hold and pick up, scent articles, pivots and stays. After the recent January trial I discovered that I have not spent enough time on my stays. I would love to hear from you all on your winter training focus. Please share your thoughts and struggles with Elizabeth in our next newsletter.

Be sure to join us on March 7 at 7 pm for the annual awards banquet via Zoom. Though many events were cancelled in 2020, there are members who earned titles in obedience, rally and agility. Fire up your computer screens and help celebrate the success of club members who were able to complete a title during this tough past year! Though we will not be able to potluck as usual I can just see us all eating a favorite dessert and showing it off while we cheer our successful friends.



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Prez's Message *(Continued from Page 1)*

If you are unfamiliar with using the Zoom, please contact either Nancy Light (our zoom administrator) at kylagold@aol.com or Elizabeth Soule (our unofficial club tech support) at souleea@gmail.com for a practice walk through. You don't even have to be seen on video if you would rather not turn on your camera — though I still want to know about your dessert! We hope to have a guest speaker but that has yet to be confirmed.

I hope you are planning to enter our Spring Obedience/Rally trials April 3 & 4. We still need steward volunteers and a COVID team. To volunteer as a steward contact Nancy Light at the above e-mail, and to serve on the COVID team contact Amanda Buse at k9trbl@comcast.net.

See you March 7!

Terrie

Membership renewals were due on January 1

If you have not sent in your renewal yet, please do so ASAP. There is a 60 day grace period, but during this time you are not considered a member in good standing and are ineligible to vote. The membership renewal form is at the end of the newsletter if you need to print a copy. Please mail forms to Sue Cox.

New WSOTC Email Group

Since Yahoo groups ended in December, we have moved our email group to the platform IO Groups. The email group can be used to ask questions, hold discussions, or share news with all club members who belong to the group.

- ★ To sign up, send a blank email to wsotcmembers+subscribe@groups.io.
- ★ Once you've joined, you can send an email to the group by sending to the address wsotcmembers@groups.io. Need help getting started? Email Elizabeth at souleea@gmail.com.

CLUB COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

Agility: Nancy Light

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WSOTC 75th Anniversary Obedience and Rally Trials

April 3 and 4, 2021
at Fun Fur Paws in Mt Vernon

Entries close **March 17**

Online entry and the premium list are now available on
<https://www.barayevents.com/>

We are still looking for stewards! If you are interested in
stewarding, reach out to Nancy Light at
kylagold@aol.com. Stewarding shifts can be scheduled
around classes you are competing in.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Board Meeting
February 10 at
7:30pm over Zoom

**Annual Awards
and General
Meeting**
March 7 at 7pm
over Zoom

Upcoming Western Washington All Breed Trials

- ◆ **Mt Rainier Sporting Spaniel Association** (Agility) 2/12-2/14 at Argus Ranch
- ◆ **Evergreen Afghan Hound Club** (Agility) 2/19-21 at Fun Fur Paws
- ◆ **Seattle Kennel Club** (Obedience) 2/20 at Tacoma (Win-Star Bed & Biscuit)
- ◆ **Seattle Kennel Club** (Rally) 2/21 at Tacoma (Win-Star Bed & Biscuit)
- ◆ **Evergreen Belgian Tervuren Club** (Agility) 2/26-2/28 at Fun Fur Paws
- ◆ **Linn County Kennel Club** (Agility) 2/26-2/28 at Clark County Event Center
- ◆ **Puget Sound Doberman Pinscher Club** (Agility) 3/5-7 at Argus Ranch
- ◆ **Chuckanut Dog Training Association** (Tracking) 3/7 at Chuckanut Farm
- ◆ **Seattle Kennel Club** (Agility) 3/12-3/14 at Fun Fur Paws
- ◆ **Old English Sheepdog Club of Greater Seattle** (Obedience, Rally) 3/13 at Chuckanut Farm
- ◆ **Portland Agility Club** (Agility) 3/19-21 at Clark County Event Center
- ◆ **Columbia Basin Dog Training Club** (Obedience, Rally) 3/20-21 at Richland
- ◆ **Wenatchee Kennel Club** (Tracking TX, TR) 3/21 at Palisades (K.V. Ranch)
- ◆ **Washington State Cocker Spaniel Club** (Rally) 3/26 at Kitsap County Fairgrounds
- ◆ **Boston Terrier Club of Western Washington** (Agility) 3/26-3/28 at Argus Ranch
- ◆ **Collie Club of Washington, Inc.** (Obedience, Rally) 3/27-28 at Oak Harbor (Gorveatt Farm)
- ◆ **Washington State Obedience Training Club** (Obedience, Rally) 4/3-4 at Fun Fur Paws

CLUB UPDATES



Highlights of the History of WSOTC

originally written by Keith & Marilyn Wittmeyer for our 50th trial

The membership of Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc. is happy to share this 75th anniversary with you at these January 2021 trials. The club was founded in August of 1946 by a small group of fifteen responsible dog lovers interested in promoting excellence in dog obedience when they held its first meeting to establish this club. Each of the fifteen recognized the difficult tasks that lay ahead before the newly formed club could hold an AKC trial. At this meeting, Mr. K. Durkoop was elected president and Mrs. Janet (Hank) Wilcox was elected as secretary. The program for this first meeting was Blanche Saunders' movie on novice obedience.

In preparation for an obedience trial, it was necessary to hold two matches; these were held in July and November of 1947. Then in February 1949, WSOTC held its first AKC licensed obedience trial in association with the Washington State Associated Specialty Clubs at the Seattle Civic Auditorium (on what is now the Seattle Center grounds). The membership soon became enthusiastically involved in a training program and in the early years classes were free of charge. Charging for classes started in 1953, the year WSOTC was incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of Washington.

For a period of time in the 1950s the club held training classes in an armory, which was large enough for four classes at one time, one in each corner of the hall. This made it possible to conduct eight classes an evening. After the armory was no longer available, the club purchased an old church on Stone Way in Seattle. This was sold within two to three years, because rapid growth of membership caused the training area to become inadequate and the building was in need of considerable repairs.

In the 1950s membership steadily grew and the community began to recognize WSOTC as a service and educational organization. One of the outstanding programs was the show for children at Children's Orthopedic Hospital. The group of approximately 20 dogs was organized by Mrs. Ila Clark. The dogs played games with the children such as Ring Around the Rosy and Drop the Hanky, and owners and dogs even did square dancing. Dogs were also trained to push doll carriages and pass out balloons among the children. Another group, called the "Circus Shoe," entertained at high schools with eight to ten dogs, which were taught to disobey their masters. A drill team of some thirty dogs performed at such places as Sick's Stadium, Seattle Kennel Club and Olympic Kennel Club shows and for groups of Boy and Girl Scouts. For many years Club members have shown obedience trained dogs in exhibitions primarily at nursing homes, schools and shopping centers.

In 1956 the Club conducted a ten-week course of novice obedience on television. One lesson was presented each week and these sessions were offered for several seasons. In 1958, in conjunction with the Humane Society, Merle Marsh took telephone calls from the public and helped people with dog-related problems and in locating lost dogs, a service which the Club continued for several years. In 1958, the Club held its first obedience clinic, presented by Blanche Saunders. In the years since, WSOTC has sponsored many such obedience training seminars presented by outstanding, nationally known obedience trainers. The year 1958 also saw the appearance of the Club's monthly newsletter, the *Canine Post*, whose first editor was Louis Prince.



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Highlights of the History of WSOTC

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Betty Winthers, a member of WSOTC since 1957, was one of the pioneers of tracking in this region, and the Club held its first AKC tracking test, with eight entries, in October 1964, at Marymoor Park. Over the years the Club has held yearly Tracking Dog and Tracking Dog Excellent tests. In the early 1970s, WSOTC was one of the first clubs to introduce Scent Hurdle Relay Racing to the Northwest and, about the same time, Kindergarten Puppy Training classes were initiated into the regular training class program. In line with the Club's continuing program of service to the community, various Club members and outside guests helped present a television series on Channel 3 Cablevision in 1974-75 covering many aspects of dog ownership and training.

Our membership during the 1970s to 1990s totaled around 200; at that time there were several members who had been members for 40 years or more. The Club's membership included a large number of AKC obedience and tracking judges. Our membership these days is much smaller, just over 60 (7 of whom are AKC judges). We are always interested in welcoming new members.

(Updated by Sue Cox 2021)



Betty Winthers has donated the Blanche Saunders trophy back to the club in honor of the 75th anniversary. It was originally donated to WSOTC by Blanche Saunders when she gave a seminar to the club.

Terrie is working on putting the silver bowl on a base so names can be added to it as a record of winners. One idea under consideration is to award it to the WSOTC member with the highest aggregate scores over the weekend of the spring trail.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 22, 2021

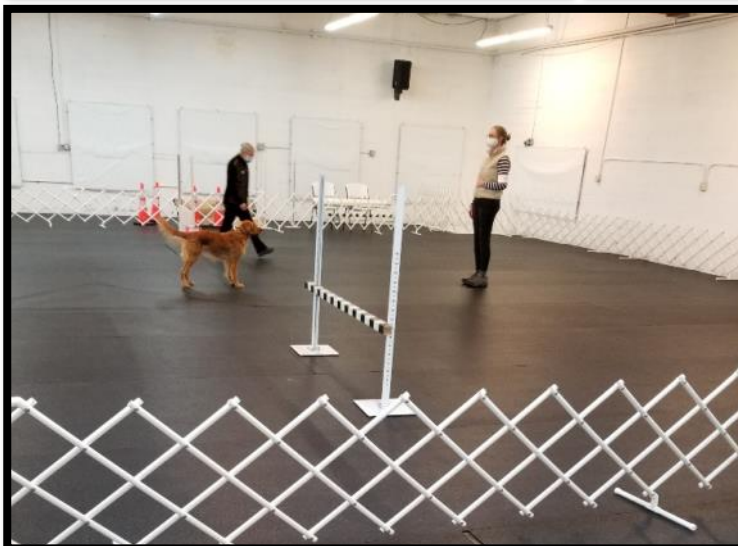
1. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order on January 22, 2021 at 7:04pm by President Terrie Sato via Zoom
Attending - Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Neil Evans, Karen Snee, Janice Bergman
2. **Minutes** - Minutes of the December 2, 2020 Board meeting were approved
3. **Report of the President** - No report
4. **Report of the Secretary** - From AKC; Approvals for Sat 4/3/21 Obedience and Sun 4/4/21 Rally Trials
From Wenatchee Kennel Club—Premium for Tracking Test
5. **Report of Treasurer** - Financial report was presented. Board had a discussion on January trial expenses
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **2021 January Trial** - Terrie said she got a lot of positive feedback, thanking us for putting on a Trial "Even if my dog didn't do well." Covid protocols were successfully followed. There was an incident at the trial but the Committee determined there was no cause to take action.
 - b. **Spring 2021 Obedience/ Rally Trial** - Amanda would like a COVID-19 team of volunteers to help with sanitizing and ensuring people are following the rules. She would also like the Board to come up with a cancellation/refund policy for the Trial.
 - c. **Awards** - Nancy said she didn't get many applications. Will list in Canine Post after March Awards meeting.
 - d. **Membership** - Sue said that 6 members have not renewed yet but she thinks that 3 or 4 will still renew. She will send out another reminder notice. March 1, 2021 is the final deadline. Discussion held on why people are not attending Zoom Membership meeting and if a lack of familiarity with Zoom is causing people not to attend
 - e. **Agility** - Nancy is still awaiting contracts from Fun-Fur-Paws for both the Agility and the Obedience Trials. She hopes to have them soon. She reports the Robins have gotten the judges.
 - f. **Seminar** - Nancy has talked to Diane Bauman and she is very flexible about moving the seminar to next year. Nancy has also talked to Janice Gunn about what she is doing with her seminars to get ideas. Board discussed moving Diane to 2022.
 - g. **Diamond Anniversary** - Sue said she is very impressed with the mugs and pens that were handed out at the Trial. She is updating the history of WSOTC for the Spring Trial. Terrie has found a place to that will do banners for a good price.
7. **Old Business**
 - a. New Chat Line- Elizabeth says that 42 members have signed up
8. **New Business**
 - a. Meetings: Board—Wed Feb 10th 7:30pm via Zoom
Awards/General—Sun March 7th 7:00pm via Zoom
9. **Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm

Submitted by Janice Bergman, Club Secretary

WSOTC Obedience and Rally Trials

January 16-18, 2021

Family Dog Training Center



CANINE HEALTH UPDATES

New Lymphoma Treatment Conditionally Approved by FDA

On January 11, 2021, the US Food and Drug Administration conditionally approved the drug Laverdia-CA1 in tablet form to treat dogs with lymphoma, a cancer of the lymph nodes and lymphatic system. Laverdia-CA1 works to prevent certain proteins from leaving the nucleus of cancer cells, thereby allowing these proteins to control the growth and prevent the spread of cancerous cells in dogs.

Conditional approval allows veterinarians to access needed treatments while the drug company collects additional effectiveness data, such as through trials with client-owned dogs. The reasonable effectiveness of this drug was established in a study of 58 client-owned dogs with B or T-cell lymphoma who were followed for at least 8 months. This study showed some very encouraging results with a drug that is so much easier and cost effective than prior IV treatments.

So if you have a dog that is been diagnosed with lymphoma, please make your veterinarian aware of this new treatment.

NC State College of Veterinary Medicine New Osteosarcoma Clinical Trials

January 12, 2021, a press release from NC State College of Veterinary Medicine was shared that offers another new approach in treating Osteosarcoma that is now in clinical trial. The SBCA has supported the early research in this project via our participation in the Morris Foundation Osteosarcoma Program.

As many of you know, canine osteosarcoma is a particularly awful cancer. Not only do tumors destroy bone and are horribly painful, but cancer cells spread quickly via the bloodstream and invade the lungs.

The trial that has now started is treating a new drug, XRD-061C which is showing good promise in enhancing the power of radiation therapy to treat a range of cancers in humans and canines. The first participants were accepted to the trial in November, but it is still open to participants until June 2021. This treatment is particularly important to our giant dogs, this is a form of treatment that does not necessitate amputation.

Need exams or an OFA?

Breeder's Veterinary Service mobile clinic will be at the Clark County Event Center on March 13 & 14





AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB

Dear Club Officers and Delegates,

During the pandemic, there has been an increase in phishing attempts across every industry. Once again, we are reminding you that it is very common for Clubs to receive “phishing” and “spear phishing” attacks. Just today, we were notified of a fake email to clubs requesting a membership annual update and asking for information. The subject line reads “License Update.”

Spear phishing attempts are customized emails that target a specific individual (often executives) and can be made to appear to come from another specific individual. They usually convey a sense of urgency and are requesting a specific action to be done. For example, the email may appear to come from the Club President to the Treasurer requesting a wire transfer to a 3rd party.

If you receive any emails of this nature, you should immediately confirm the authenticity of the email with the person from whom the email appears to be sent. Do not do this by replying to the email, as it may go right back to the phisher and can subject you to the possibility of further cyber-attacks. Instead, call the person directly who allegedly sent the email. If you are unable to reach them, **wait until you do**, prior to transferring any money or completing any action (i.e. clicking links in the email). Sophisticated hackers access the calendars of their targets and will often send the attack email when they know the person that they are impersonating is traveling or otherwise difficult to reach.

It is very important to know the warning signs of a fraudulent email. These emails may not only ask for funds, but they may provide links or attachments that install malware or coerce the recipient into providing their login information. If you receive any suspicious email, we recommend you a) do not click any links in the email; and b) do not reply to the email. Delete it immediately and advise your fellow officers in a separate email. [This document highlights social engineering “red flags”](#) that you may find helpful. Feel free to distribute to other club officers and members as you see fit.

Also, please note that AKC is unable to monitor and cannot control phishing emails sent to any Clubs by a third-party actor. This is true even when such emails appear to come from an AKC employee. In such instances, the individual mailbox owner is the primary line of defense and must remain ever vigilant.

Best Regards,

Dennis B. Sprung

Celebrations!

WSOTC OBEDIENCE & RALLY TRIALS JANUARY 2021



Menta earned her CDX title with scores of 195 and 194.5



Menta earned her RM6 title with a score of 97



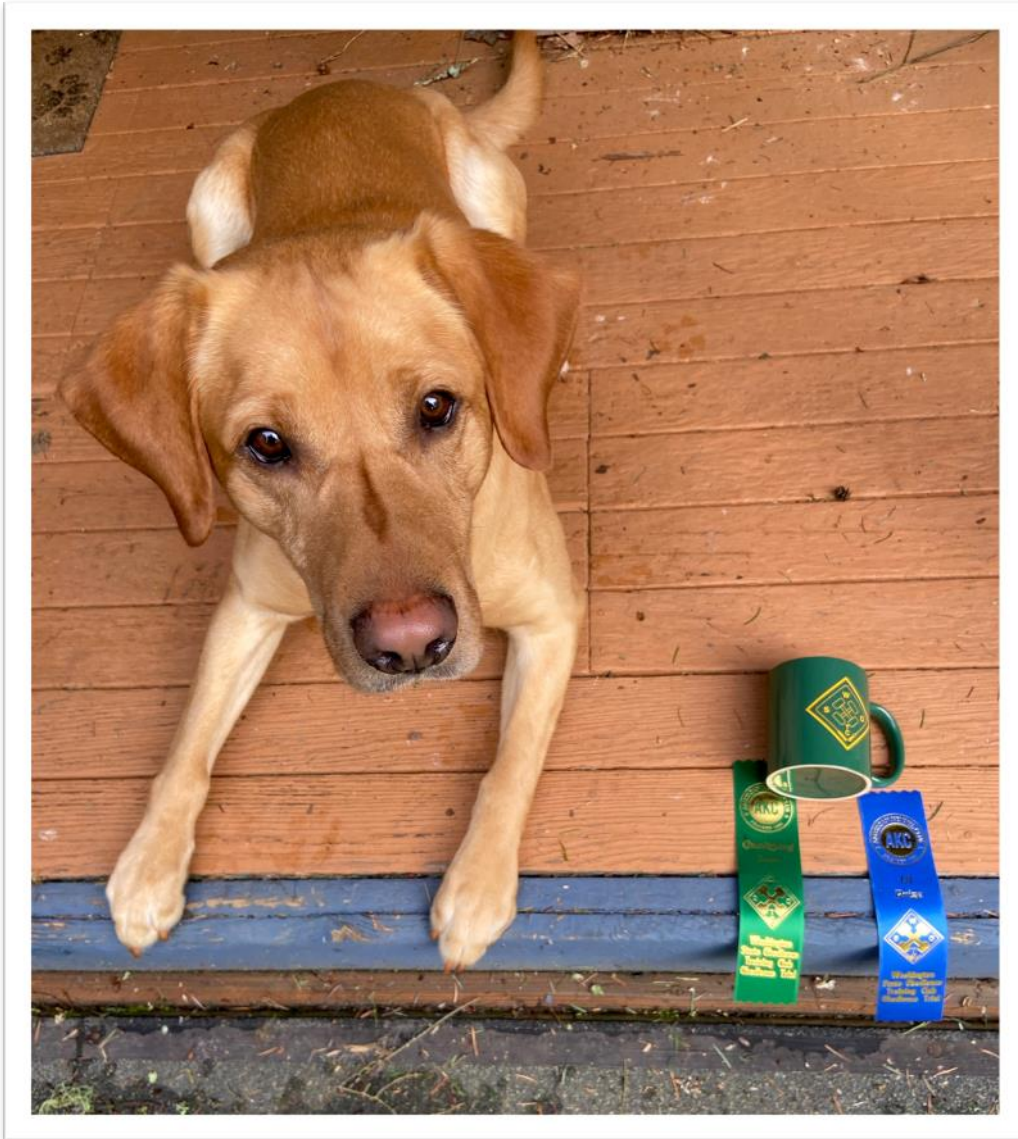
Elsa's first RAE leg with scores of 94 and 96

Menta is now:

RACH2 Sunshine Butterfly Ornamenta CDX PCD BN GN
RM6 RAE5 CGCU TKA



Celebrations!



Terrie Sato + Hobbs

Hobbs earned his first leg in Novice B on Saturday at the January WSOTC trial with a 197 and first place!

Celebrations!

Lorri Kraft + Electra

Ch Neu-Rodes You're The One That I Want CD BN RN CS CS-T CI
NDD DD TKN CGC

"Electra" At the
WSOTC Trial
winning the
Advanced B
Class against 20
super talented
and fierce
competitors for
the second leg
of her RA.
All four
placements in
this class had
scores of 100!



"Electra" at the Leonberger test
about to head out for the 1 mile
freight haul.



"Electra" (and her best
friend and training buddy,
"Bishop" with owner
Wendy Neet) earning
Drafting titles at the Fall
Leonberger Draft Test in
October with Judges
Tony Scott and Amanda
Buse.