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PREZ'S MESSAGE

Hey Club Members! Have you entered the Spring WSOTC Obedience Trial yet? It closes on March 17. If you haven't visited the new BaRay site, be ready to set up a new account. I found I had to reestablish my password in conjunction with my email. However once I had selected our show and put in my dog's registration number I discovered his other entry information was still in the system. The entry and payment method were not difficult – just different from past experience.

Much work has gone into the trial planning. There will be a check in location where the current COVID-19 requirements will need to be met as well as separate entry doors and exits. **Only volunteers will be allowed to crate in the building stalls.** This is because the dogs of volunteers will need to be on the grounds much longer than those simply entered in the trial.

We are still looking for volunteers. You may contact



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CLUB UPDATES

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

Amanda (k9trbl@comcast.net) or myself (wdsato@cablespeed.com) if you would like to volunteer for the COVID team. We will be needing at least two people on the COVID team for check in each day. More than two would make the job easier. We would like to have someone keep an eye on the warm-up ring and it is expected that Club members will help make sure everyone follow the COVID distancing requirements. Sanitizer will be available in many locations. Be sure to get your dog used to being around sanitizer if you haven't already thought of this as proofing.

Just a note to the act of volunteering. It is well known that the best way to learn is through volunteering. More than that, no dog event would be able to be held without volunteers. I have had the good fortune to have been on the receiving end of the generosity of many volunteers over the years. To share time and experience so that all might enjoy our dog sports is the ultimate in sportsmanship. It is my hope that the members of the Washington State Obedience Training Club value their opportunity to continue their dog sports through the Cub and opt to give back to the sport by volunteering at the many activities available.

Terrie

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

Audit/Budget: TBD

Awards: Nancy Light

Hearts & Flowers: Gloria Newby

Insurance: Sue Cox

Membership: Rhonda Forman

Newsletter: Elizabeth Soule

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CLUB UPDATES

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.

We also need volunteers for the COVID committee. Some of the tasks these volunteers will assist with include:

Entrance door monitors for two doors - These volunteers will help ensure exhibitors have submitted their waiver, do temperature checks, and remind exhibitors of things like how rings are running, which doors they can enter/exit through (we will have signs and cones to assist), and monitor the total number of people in the building.

Parking Lot Runners - Help exhibitors who are waiting to show know when their class is close and when they can start entering the building for warm-up. They will also remind people to social distance.

Building support - Monitor distance and mask compliance, restock cleaning supplies at varying tables (includes ring tables), monitor warm up ring, etc.

We need at least 6 people throughout the days, so the more we have, the fewer shift hours folks will be asked to take.

You can [read the full COVID guidelines here](#), and [view a map](#) of the ring arrangement for the trial.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Board Meeting

March 21 at 7pm
over Zoom

Annual Awards and General Meeting

March 7 at 7pm
over Zoom

HEARTS AND FLOWERS

Gloria Newby, chair

A sympathy card was sent to Neil Evans for the loss of her dog.



WESTERN WASHINGTON NEWS

Upcoming Western Washington All Breed Trials

- ◆ **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)
- ◆ **Columbia River Agility Club (Agility)** 4/2-4/4 at Clark County Event Center
- ◆ **Washington State Obedience Training Club** (Obedience, Rally) 4/3-4 at Fun Fur Paws
- ◆ **American Manchester Terrier Club** (Agility) 4/17-18 at Argus Ranch
- ◆ **Bell Vernon Kennel Association** (Agility) 4/23-25 at Fun Fur Paws
- ◆ **Tacoma Kennel Club** (Obedience, Rally) 4/24-25 at The Tacoma Dome
- ◆ **Puget Sound Poodle Club** (Agility) 4/30-5/2 at Argus Ranch

The German Shepherd Dog Club of Washington State would like to share that they are hosting the following events this spring:

Sanction Match April 18 at Carco Park, Renton

All Breed Rally and Obedience

Entry form attached to newsletter email

Enter by April 11 (Day of match entries accepted)

Three Day All Breed Obedience and Rally Trial

May 14-16 at Carco Park in Renton

Secretary: BaRay—Closing Date 4/28/21



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 24, 2021

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm on January 24,2021 by President Terrie Sato via Zoom
Attending - Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Karen Snee, Neil Evans, Janice Bergman, Amy Reagan, Ingrida Robinson, Cathy Soule, Arlette Davison. Elizabeth, Soule, Rhonda Forman, Reggie Gausman, Jill Petersen, Nancy Harney, Holly Krohn, Joanne Mulligan
Guest- Ann Wright
2. **Minutes** - Minutes of the Dec 2, 2020 General Meeting were approved as printed in the Canine Post
3. **Report of the Board** - We are planning our events as usual for 2021 and hoping the health reports State wide improve and that our Governor allows all to go forward as planned
4. **Report of the President** - Thank you to all the many club members who helped out at our January Trial; Jill Petersen as Chair and her committee including Nancy Light, Holly Krohn, Ingrida Robinson, and Kathy Lang. Thank you to all the members who gave their time to steward, Sue Cox, Amy Reagan, Neil Evans, Arlette Davison, Cat Bailey, Barbara Reed-Stamp, John Heinrich and Nancy Light. Thank you to Don Rennick for handling and storing our equipment. Our Club put a great effort into this trial and it was a pleasure seeing every one again.
5. **Report of the Secretary** - From AKC; Approval for our Spring Trial Saturday 4/3/21 Obedience and Sunday 4/4/21 Rally
From the Wenatchee Kennel Club- Notice of their Tracking Test
6. **Report of the Treasurer** - Report was given, balances read will be sent to Ane for the website
7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Membership** - Rhonda had no report. Sue reported 2 members willnot be renewing and 4 members have not renewed yet. Sue is sending out reminder notices. Also 3-4 people picked up applications at the trial.
 - b. **Spring Obedience/Rally Trial** - Amanda is looking for a Covid committee- someone to Chair and 5-6 people to monitor doors, sanitize and make sure people are following the rules. Nancy is looking for a few more stewards for both days, will work around showing. Please contact her if willing to steward.
 - c. **Hearts and Flowers** - No report
 - d. **Agility** - Nancy expects to get contracts any day. The Robins have gotten the judges.
 - e. **Seminar** - We are moving the seminar to 2022, hopefully June
 - f. **Tracking Test** - Sil has asked to be allowed to use the same slate of judges that were approved last year. Test will be Dec 5, 2021
 - g. **January Trial** - Jill Petersen wants to thank everyone involved in the Trial, Family Dog for allowing us to use the building and judges Betty Winters and Sue Cox- for filling in for Chip Taylor. It looks like we made about \$500 on the Trial.
Sue wanted to thank Jill Petersen and pass along Betty's thanks for the embroidered pillow with the Corgi that she received and the vest with the Papillon that Betty received.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 24, 2021

h. **Diamond Anniversary** - Mugs and pens made their debut at the January Trial. Everyone seemed to like them.

i. **Awards** - Nancy has received the information and will have Karen do the engraving of the bars and plaques and Neil will get the Top Dog award

6. Old Business

a. **Chat List**- Elizabeth reports we have 42 members signed up for the chat list. Contact her for an invite to join

7. New Business

a. Betty Winthers has donated a silver bowl that was given to the Club by Blanche Saunders.

b. Zoom Meetings- Discussion was held on why more members are not coming to the General meetings on Zoom. Some reasons mentioned were not feeling comfortable using, not realizing you can attend and not use your camera, you can phone in, don't know how to sign up, time or dates not good for everyone. Suggestions were made to have individual test Zoom meetings to familiarize people with the process. Meeting on Zoom will probably extend beyond the time of Covid because you don't have to drive to a show to attend, you get to do it from home and you can hear everyone at the meeting.

8. Good of the Order

a. Amy Reagan said that the Puyallup show (Western Cluster) will be held outside - Conformation, Obedience and Rally in the fields behind the buildings

b. Terrie wanted to thank Elizabeth for keeping us updated on everything

9. **Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Submitted by Janice Bergman, Club Secretary



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 10, 2021

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by President Terrie Sato on Feb 10, 2021 via Zoom.
Attending - Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Karen Snee, Neil Evans, Sue Cox, Janice Bergman
2. **Minutes** - Minutes of the Jan 22 ,2021 board meeting were approved as printed in the Canine Post.
3. **Report of the President** - Concerns about Spring Trial details will be discussed
4. **Report of the Secretary** - From AKC notice of close out of the January 16,17,18, 2021 trial
5. **Report of the Secretary** - Financial report given. Bills read and approved for payment.
6. **Committee report**
 - a. **Spring Trial** - Amanda had some concerns about controlling access to the building, which doors will be in only and which doors will be out only?
How many people can we have in the building at a one time?
How and where will the Judges hospitality be handled?
Are we having a warm-up ring?
The possibility of having to mail the awards.
Discussion was held with Board members familiar with the building giving their input and will be passed on to Amanda.
 - b. **Membership** - We have an application from Patricia Lindquist - she attend the meeting in January 2020, but with the COVID restrictions, didn't send in the application until now. She will attend the March meeting via Zoom
 - c. **Agility** - Nancy had nothing to report but will be seeing the Robins in the next few weeks
 - d. **Hearts and Flowers** - Gloria sent Neil Evans a card
 - e. **Awards** - Karen reports she will be picking up the Bars and Plaques in the next few weeks
Neil has gotten the Top Dog award
Sue has taken the Blanche Saunders award to be mounted on a base and will have the Club Achievement award engraved
 - f. **Diane Bauman Seminar** - We will be refunding money for the June 2021 seminar rescheduled for June 2022
 - g. **Diamond Anniversary** - No report
7. **New Business**
 - a. **Top Dog Award** - Discussion held on having a consistent Top Dog Award instead of having to search for one every year
 - b. **Nominating Committee** - Discussion was held on who to select for the Nominating Committee. Motion was made and approved on selection of the following members:
Ingrida Robinson, Chair
Don Rennick
Laura Burns
Sarah Kahn, alternate
Jane Pitts, alternate
 - c. **Club Achievement Award** - Board voted on recipient and winner will be announced at the March awards meeting
 - d. **Meetings-Awards/General meeting**- Sunday March 7,2021- 7:00pm via Zoom
Board meeting-Sunday March 21,2021 7:00pm via Zoom
8. **Adjournment** - Meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm
Submitted by Janice Bergman, Club Secretary

AKC UPDATES



Club member Betty Winthers was nominated for AKC's 2021 Lifetime Achievement Award in Companion Events!

According to the AKC, "the purpose of this award is to celebrate individuals whose many years of dedication have led to significant contributions to our sport on a national level." [You can read the full announcement here.](#) Congratulations Betty!

Obedience Fix 'n Go—New Rules in Effect April 1, 2021

The Board VOTED to amend Chapter 2, Section 27 of the Obedience Regulations to allow obedience handlers to use the "Fix 'n Go" option while performing in the ring at obedience trials when a dog's performance does not meet their expectation. The "Fix 'n Go" concept allows the team to re-attempt one individual exercise, and then leave the ring. Using the "Fix n' Go" option will result in a non-qualifying score (NQ). "Fix 'n Go" will be offered on a one-year pilot basis in order to give the staff time to evaluate its impact. **This change will be effective April 1, 2021.**

Proposed (Line In) CHAPTER 2 OBEDIENCE REGULATIONS FOR PERFORMANCE AND JUDGING / JUDGING STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES Section 27. Training and Handling in the Ring. When a handler is using excessive verbal commands, this could indicate the dog is not under control and is not working with the handler willingly. The judge must determine if this dog should be released for a lack of control. The handler is not allowed to correct or discipline a dog and will be released from the ring. 23 FINAL FEBRUARY 9, 2021 When the dog's performance does not meet the handler's expectation, the handler may choose to use a "Fix n' Go" option once, which allows the exhibitor to immediately reattempt a single individual exercise. This allows the team to reattempt that one exercise, and then leave the ring. In a two-part exercise, the handler may choose only one part to reattempt. It is the handler's responsibility to tell the judge they are choosing to "Fix n' Go." Using the Fix n' Go option will result in a non-qualifying score (NQ). The handler may begin the reattempt from the start or at any point during the exercise. The judge will call the orders for the reattempted exercise as normal. If a jump needs to be reset, it will be set to the original height. The handler may choose to help the dog through the Fix n' Go exercise. Helping the dog may be accomplished using verbal encouragement, including additional commands and praise, and/or approaching the dog in a friendly/positive manner without touching the dog. Harsh verbal and /or physical corrections will not be tolerated. If there is any determination of harshness by the judge, the handler will be immediately released from the ring. Spectators form their opinion of the sport through seeing the action of the handler and the dog. Care must be taken to avoid any action that might reflect poorly on the sport.

There were other changes in the Obedience Regulations pertaining to later closing dates, etc. To read all the changes, click on the following link:

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn-origin-etr.akc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/23151902/Board-Minutes-February-2021-FINAL-PUBLISHEDv2.pdf>

Celebrations!



Kathy Teufel + Danny

Danny and I would like to celebrate his three new titles. Danny has earned his Do More with Your Dog Novice Masters Trick Dog (30 Novice level tricks), Intermediate Masters Trick Dog (20 Intermediate level tricks), and Advanced Masters Trick Dog (10 advanced level tricks)! Thank you to Diana Simonsen for helping us with zoom classes all along the way.

Celebrations!

Happy Birthday
Nahkohe!!!!



*T'DCH Nordic Wonder Bear w/Me, "Nahkohe,"
CDX, PCDX, GN, BN, RAE, RM, TKP, CGC, VHMA, WRD, DD3, TOD-D*

Amanda Buse + Nahkohe

Happy belated 14th birthday to my sweet Nahkohe (2/1/2007). She also has the added brag that this month marks 2 full years of maintenance melanoma vaccines (diagnosed and surgery 12/2018). No matter what life keeps throwing at you, somehow you overcome it or adapt. I am always in awe and thankful for your resiliency.

Celebrations!



🐾 Amanda Buse + Nahkohe + Sampson 🐾

"After living in my home for 13 years and 9 years respectively, I am glad to have official proof that it could not possibly have been my dogs who stole those donuts. Nahkohe and Sampson both earned their AKC Virtual Home Manners in February. Thanks Nahkohe and Sampson for always being willing to try some new (and sometimes crazy) training stuff with me."

VER1 CH Orchids de Oro Fantasy's Blue Sol, "Sampson," BN, RA, NAP, NJP,
TKI, CGC, VHMA, ATD

and

TDCH Nordic Wonder Bear w/Me, "Nahkohe," CDX, PCDX, GN, BN, RAE, RM,
TKP, CGC, VHMA, WRD, DD3, TOD-D

Celebrations!



Arlette Davison + Elsa

**Seattle Kennel Club
Obedience and Rally Trial Feb. 20, 21**

Arlette Davison and her Papillon Elsa earned their 1st leg in Novice B with a score of 196, and their 2nd RAE leg with scores of 96 and 97.



Dogs in ACTION



Have favorite action photos of your dog(s)? Share them with us! Let's celebrate our awesome dogs and their many talents.

Email your photos to souleea@gmail.com



Nahkohe, enjoying some snow. The Pug was probably buried under it (not really, but it was deep for him).

- submitted by Amanda Buse

COVID-19 Information for WSOTC Spring Trials

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. By attending these events, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

Adherence to all protocols written herein and/or requested verbally or in writing day of trial must be abided to by all exhibitors and event staff. Failure to follow any protocols asked of will result in refusal of building admittance and request to leave show grounds with forfeiture of entry fees.

Completed COVID-19 Waiver forms are required prior to grounds admittance both days.

MASKS THAT COVER BOTH THE NOSE AND MOUTH MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES BY EVERYONE IN THE BUILDING. NO EXCEPTIONS. If you are not able to do this, please do not enter the trials, as you will not be allowed to show your dog.

Please adhere to the **MINIMUM 6-foot** distance between yourself and other people.

The number of stewards and volunteers planned will be kept at a number below or at COVID event requirements.

To limit the number of people in the building, we will be following the below ring protocols.

ARRIVAL: All exhibitors will check-in at the designated check-in door (marked on map and marked by cones and signs day of). Each day exhibitors will check their name off on the exhibitor check-in sheet, submit their waiver form, and have a non-contact temperature check. Once completed and cleared of fever, exhibitors will receive a colored tape to tie around wrist or clothing indicating they have submitted all information and no fever detected. Exhibitors will need to wear tape for duration of the day to receive re-admittance into the building. **Please do not bring your dog to the arrival check-in table.**

ARMBAND: Exhibitors will notify individual ring check-in steward(s) of their arrival. Exhibitor will be directed to a coordinating ring table that will have their armband and rubber band for pick up. **Please notify ring steward of any scratches as soon as possible.**

WARM-UP RING: At this time, the club plans to offer a warm-up ring inside the building. Access to the ring will begin for each block of exhibitors 30 minutes before their ring run begins. There will be no more than two exhibitors allowed in the ring at the time. There will be ring protocols listed and they must be adhered to at all times. **The club reserves the right to close access to the warm-up ring if adherences to the rules are not followed.**

OBEDIENCE EXHIBITORS

NOVICE: Big cones for Figure 8. Only handlers touch the leash. Judge will sanitize hands between dogs.

OPEN: Big cones for Figure 8. Only handlers touch the leash. Dumbbells will be placed by the exhibitor into a sanitized container placed on a chair.

UTILITY: Scent articles and gloves will be placed by the exhibitor in separate, sanitized containers. Steward will utilize tongs for placements of articles and gloves. Judge will place scented articles from a clipboard.

CLASS ORDER: At this time, Versatility then the Utility A class will run first thing in the morning. That way, the Utility A handlers and dogs will be able to leave the trial site and those who are entered for UDX legs will be able to show in Utility B followed by Open B without waiting too long.

RALLY EXHIBITORS

RALLY: Walk-throughs will be limited in numbers. Depending on class size, this may affect ring times.

RIBBONS/ROSETTES: At the conclusion of each class, a designated ribbon/rosette table will be accessible with instructions for picking up a ribbon/rosette. Depending on size of class qualifiers, and number of people in the building, all qualifiers and/or placement qualifiers will be called back into the ring for a brief recognition. With the exception of higher awards (e.g., High in Trial) no ribbons/rosettes or trophies will be given in the ring.

FACILITY ACCESS

There will be separate doors, clearly marked, for entering and exiting the building. There will be no crating in the building, **with the exception of those exhibitors stewarding or volunteering**, so please be prepared to wait in your car until your class is called. All personal belongings must be removed within 15 minutes following the completion of your class. We realize that the weather can vary at this time of the year. Please plan accordingly for the weather. We are not planning to heat the building for these trials this year, so please be prepared for cold temperatures.

A limited number of handlers will be allowed in the building at a time for briefings. Run order for each class will be posted outside and it will be your responsibility to be ready with your dog. Only handlers will be allowed into the building with their dog no more than 30 minutes prior to their exhibit section time (this is different than class start time). The number of exhibitors and event staff allowed in the building will not exceed current (at time of show) state, county, local health department, and venue mandated maximum limits. The club reserves the right to keep total building occupancy lower than mandated maximum limits.

No hospitality for exhibitors will be provided during these trials. Limited hospitality will be provided to stewards, volunteers, and judges per current (at time of event) COVID guidelines and mandates.

Please bring your own food and beverages. All Washington State, Skagit County and Department of Health COVID-19 guidelines in place at the time of these trials must be followed. If you are asked to comply with a guideline, please adhere to the request. Failing to do so at any point during the trials may result in removal from the show and show grounds with forfeiture of all fees. These protocols may change as the event date approaches and may appear in writing and/or be verbally communicated at the trials.

