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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When we are active in our communities everyone benefits, things get done and the results are positive. Case in point ... the WSOTC Spring Trial!

Thanks to the organizational skills of Amanda Buse, the WSOTC Spring Trial ran beautifully in spite of the fact that Amanda could not be present. Thank you to Sue Cox for stepping in as 'on the day substitute chair'. The entire committee worked hard to make this trial special. Don Rennick brought the judges from the airport. Decorations provided by Catherine Shaffer added springtime color. Set up and clean up was handled by club member volunteers. Jane Pitts supplied lovely awards and ran her legs off from set up day through Sunday keeping the rings supplied with ribbons and prizes. Susan and JoAnne Mulligan once again worked miracles in supplying hot food and snacks for judges and workers throughout the weekend. Betty Winthers and Shea Hughes-Gorman lined up stewards and filled in where needed.

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Many WSOTC members took turns as stewards throughout the weekend. Comments I heard from exhibitors included, "This is one of my favorite shows!" And "I always look forward to this show!" That would be thanks to the many many WSOTC members who make it so!

"When you resolve to be a participant you focus on solutions, not problems."

I'm not sure where this quote is from but once again, WSOTC members make it true. Holly Krohn came up with an idea to raise funds to be dedicated this year to the August Trial. Holly, as a committee of one, brought the idea of a Visa card raffle to the board. The prize to be a \$200 Visa gift card. Holly sold tickets at the match in January, the Connie Cleveland Seminar in February and at the Spring Trial. She raised a little over \$500 to be used as discretionary funds for the August Trial.

We have other proactive members. Sarah Kahn is looking into the possibility of adding AKC scent work to the WSOTC roster of events. Betty Winthers is working on Junior Showcase for our club. Elizabeth Soule has volunteered to chair the 'preparing new exhibitors to show' committee. Karen Snee is looking into the possibility of a Rally match. Kathy Lang is looking into the possibility of having well known veterinarian, Patti Schafer of Canisport Veterinary Services give a seminar.

These are just a few of the behind the scenes workings this year for our club. If you see a problem, resolve to be a participant and turn it into an opportunity. Let's focus on solutions and make our club even better.

Terrie Sato

UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

- Board Meeting, April 17th at 7pm on Zoom
- Special General Meeting, April 17th at 8:15pm on Zoom

CLUB COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

Agility: Linda Shea Audit/Budget: Don Rennick Awards: Nancy Light Hearts & Flowers: Gloria Newby Obedience and Rally Trial Insurance: Sue Cox Membership: Cathy Soule **Newsletter:** Elizabeth Soule 'C' Match: Terrie Sato

Programs: vacant Property & Inventory: **Don Rennick** Spring: Amanda Buse August: Debby Warden Tracking: Marta Brock Website: Ane Brusendorff

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WSOTC Board Nominations

This year's nominating committee has been hard at work lining up candidates for our upcoming election. Here is the slate of candidates they will put forward to the general membership:

President: Melissa Knapp Vice President: Nancy Light Secretary: Rhonda Forman Treasurer: Catherine Shaffer Board Members: Terrie Sato & Neil Evans AKC Delegate: Jack Cadalso

Thank you to nominating committee members Holly Krohn, Sharon Colvin, and Nancy Harney!

WSOTC Agility Trial July 12-14

The WSOTC Agility Trial will be 7/12-14 at Fun Fur Paws in Mount Vernon. We are looking for volunteers to help in the rings (gate steward, timing, ring crew, etc) and with hospitality. There are many jobs that are simple and easy to learn. If it's your first time volunteering at an agility trial we are happy to teach you! Volunteering gives you front row seats to the action and you will be amazed at the skill and speed of our local agility teams.

Fun Fur Paws is close to I-5 and is a beautiful facility with several off leash areas. We hope club members will also plan on entering the trial!

If you can help, reach out to the trial chair Linda Shea at LindaShea@walp.us



Welcome to our new members!

- Ann Ferguson is from Snohomish and has a Rough Collie.
- Penny Harvey is from Sandy, OR and has Border Collies.
- Jamie Houston is from Sandy, OR and has an Irish Wolfhound.

Summer Obedience and Rally Trials August 10-11, 2024

The WSOTC Summer Obedience and Rally trials will be held at the Enumclaw Expo center in conjunction with the Sammamish Kennel Club breed show. Our Trial Chair for this event is Debby Warden.

If you would like to participate on the trial committee or if you are interested in stewarding, please reach out to Debby at debbywarden@gmail.com. Thank you!

AKC Scent Work Interest Survey

WSOTC club member Sarah Kahn is looking into what it would take for our club to host AKC Scent Work trials. At this point she is in the research stage, investigating the level of interest in our club and checking with the AKC to see what we need for approval to host such a trial. Please take a couple minutes to fill out this survey to help her out! This survey is only for WSOTC club members at this time.

If you have questions or would like to share your thoughts in more detail, reach out to Sarah at pwdtdx3@gmail.com or 206-227-4977.

Click here to take the survey: <u>https://forms.gle/7wMB4Hf36K7HEZdS6</u>

HEARTS AND FLOWERS



Since my last report we sent get well cards to Amanda Buse and to Karen Snee.

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Submit requests to send Hearts and Flowers cards to club members by emailing Gloria Newby at glorianewby@gmail.com.

Just a few scenes from the Connie Cleveland-Nolan seminar February 10-11 at Country Classic Kennels in Arlington.



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 28, 2024

Via Zoom @ 7pm

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02. Meeting attendees: Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Rhonda Forman, Karen Snee, Neil Evans, Jayne Walker, Betty Winthers, Cathy Soule, Elizabeth Soule, Arlette Davison, Lee Ann McNeil, JoAnne Mulligan, Penelope Broom, Debbie Bohn, Linda Hall, Lisa Witte, Shea Gorman-Hughes, Jill Petersen, Sarah Kahn, Pat Lindquist. Guests: Jaime Houston, Penny Harvey.

2. **Report of the Board** - Terrie reported that our Spring trial chair has been injured and surgery to repair her knee will mean she won't be able to attend the trial. Sue Cox has agreed to step in as day chair. She said we will be needing extra support from club members to smooth over any unanticipated issues that might come up. Terrie asked members to please be ready to step up if asked to help. The WSOTC Spring trial closes March 13.

3. **Report of the President** – Terrie thanked all who helped make the Connie Cleveland-Nolan seminar a success. She especially thanked Christine Swinehart, Rhonda Forman, Nancy Harney and Nancy Light for helping with the many jobs from set up to clean up!

4. **Report of the Secretary** - Rhonda reported that we received approval from AKC for the July Agility Trial.

5. **Report of the Treasurer** – Sue presented a detailed report that can be viewed on the "members only" section of the website. We have 4 people who did not renew their membership. A new roster will be published soon.

6. Committee Reports

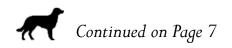
Membership- Cathy Soule - First readings for Ann Ferguson, Penny Harvey and Jaime Houston. There was a 2nd reading for Gail McMonagle whose membership was voted on and approved.

Spring Trial 2024 - Amanda - We may need back up help for driving judges to and from their airports. We are in need of ring stewards. Also, clean up on Sunday will require designated volunteers. Double checking the grounds and stalls for garbage and dog poop is a must. There was discussion on ways to improve the poop scooping issue. Hand out poop bags at check-in; Jayne will set up an "adopt a poop" raffle. Jayne said this has been successful at other events.

Hearts and Flowers – Gloria – No report.

Agility - Nancy - There have been some suggested changes to the agility regulations. These were noted in the last club newsletter. The contract has been signed for the July trial. Crating at the July trial in the stalls will be available for a \$10 charge for the 3-day trial.

Donation Committee – Sue said 2/29 is the deadline for recommendations.



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Awards - Nancy - A head count is needed for the reserved banquet room at Spiros in Shoreline, which will be held on March 17. Nancy asked people to please RSVP and keep in mind that guests are welcome. Sue will keep track of attendees. The awards are finished being engraved. Karen will pick them up and bring them to the awards dinner.

Connie Cleveland Seminar wrap up - Terrie - The seminar was a big success both financially and educationally. Twenty-two WSOTC members attended. Sixteen club members worked their dogs. Terrie is talking to Connie about the possibility of another seminar in 2026.

August Trial - Debby Warden - the budget has been sent to the board. It will be ready for the membership to review at the March membership meeting on the 17th.

7. Old Business

Guidelines for New Exhibitors – Elizabeth asked for ideas for possible topics and building responses. She asked for people to contact her who are interested in working on this. Betty and Karen volunteered at the meeting.

Junior Showcase - Betty is working to sort this out with AKC. It may not be ready to include at the August obedience trial.

Raffle – Holly sold raffle tickets at the Connie Cleveland seminar and will have a table set up to sell tickets at the Spring trial as well as hold the drawing.

After trial run throughs Sat. March 30 - Terrie is receiving requests for run through spots, and several people have volunteered to help. Terrie expects there will be some who sign up day of but doesn't think these run throughs will run late on Saturday with three rings ready to go. Terrie said will need to be sure all equipment used is put back where it was left at trials end Saturday.

8. New Business

Rally Match - It has been suggested that the club hold a Rally match. It was agreed that there would be a lot of interest. We need to identify a location, date, and chairperson.

Nominating committee – There were no volunteers at the meeting to serve on this committee. The board will put together a nominating committee at their next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03.

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 6. 2024

The Board met via Zoom on March 6th. All Board members were present except for Rhonda Forman

The minutes of the February 7, 2024 Board meeting were approved.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: A Nominating Committee needs to be appointed at this meeting.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY: No report. Sue Cox is taking the minutes for this meeting.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: The current report was read. The Board approved payment of the bills presented (awards expenses). Sue still plans to visit BECU to discuss options on our savings account funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Cathy Soule reported there was nothing new since the last membership meeting. We have two applications to vote on at the next Membership Meeting.

Awards: At this point only 10 have signed up for the awards banquet at Spiro's on March 17th. Elizabeth Soule will be asked to send another announcement to the membership.

Spring Trial: Amanda Buse reported there are a few volunteers to help with set up on Friday and clean up on Sunday.

Hearts & Flowers: Gloria Newby sent a card to Amanda Buse following her surgery.

Seminar: Terrie Sato has submitted the financial report on the Connie Cleveland-Nolan seminar showing a very nice financial gain. Sue has yet to review the figures with what's shown on the books.

Agility: Nancy Light reported the contract with Fun Fur Paws has been signed. It was noted that WSOTC will be able to have the stalls available for exhibitors for \$10.00 for the weekend, which has usually not been allowed for agility trials. Linda Shea has requested the money for the deposit be sent (Sue-it has been). Nancy and Linda will be working on the budget.

Donations: Sue Cox will be putting together the list of suggested recipients of donated funds and forwarding it to the committee members for their input and recommendations.

August Trial: Debbie Warden submitted her budget, which the Board approved and recommends to the membership for their approval.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Exhibitor Guidelines: Elizabeth Soule did not have a report at this time.



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NEW BUSINESS:

Rally Match: Karen Snee has begun working on a date and location but is open for additional suggestions. Neil Evans will contact Terri Kaluza about the availability of her training building.

Nominating Committee: The following individuals were suggested to serve on the committee and will be contacted to get their approval: Sharon Colvin, Nancy Harney, Jill Petersen and Amanda Buse. Additional candidates include Debbie Fagala, Holly Krohn and Jane Pitts.

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17th. There will be no membership meeting scheduled for April. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Sue Cox, Acting Secretary

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 17, 2024

The March 17, 2024 Awards Membership Meeting at Spiro's Pizza in Shoreline was called to order by President Terrie Sato at 4:10 p.m.

Members present were Sue Cox, Karen Snee, Neil Evans, Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Shea Hughes-Gorman, Jill Petersen, Lee Ann McNeil, Ingrida Robinson, Kathy Lang and Catherine Shaffer. Guests present: Dan York, Mike Sato, Tyler Hughes-Gorman, John Luke and Cynthia Howard.

PRESIDENT Terrie Sato stated this would be an abbreviated meeting for the purpose of conducting a few items of business. It was determined a quorum was met for conducting business.

MEMBERSHIP: It was the second reading for applicants Ann Ferguson, Penny Harvey and Jaime Houston and all were elected to membership. Welcome to our three new members!

AUGUST 2024 TRIAL: The budget for this trial was presented to and approved by the membership.

SEMINARS: Terrie presented the information on a follow-up seminar with Connie Cleveland-Nolan in 2026 on September 12 and 13. A motion carried approving the \$300 deposit to secure the seminar for those dates. There was discussion on other seminar presenters for a 2025 seminar.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. and the presentation of member awards followed.

Sue Cox, Acting Secretary

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INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Arlette Davison

Aubrielle Giselle Fleur Royale (Aubrey) Papillon BN RN, CGCA,TKN(2022)

Madeleine Margaux Fleur Royale (Maddy) Papillon BCAT, CGC TKN

<u>Neil Evans</u> Trilliant Rolling Thunder (Dylan) Shetland Sheepdog RN, OAP, OJP

Rhonda & Mike Forman Rattlinridge's Fearless Flier (Willow) Labrador Retriever CDX

<u>Shea Hughes-Gorman</u> On The Lamb Sky II (Skye) Border Collie CDX, UD

Nancy Light

Rio Ranch Leap Into Action (Lia) Golden Retriever RM, SH, MHU

Skylight's The Jury Is In (Jury) Golden Retriever MXP2, MJP2, MJPB, MXPB, MXP3, PACH, PAX MJP3

Pat Lindquist Calliope It's All Oboe Me (MeMe) Golden Retriever UDX3, RM2, RAE2, RACH, AGCH, TQX, T2B5, SWN, SWA, SWE, SWHDE, SWHDN, SWHDA, ORT, NW1, NW2, NW3, L1V, L1C, L1E, L1I, L2C, L2I RATCHX3, CZ8PB,CS8PG Calliope Just What the Doctor Ordered (Justi) Golden Retriever RA, MACH, TQX, MFB, MJB,MXB,T2B2,ADHF

<u>Jill Petersen</u>

Dignpop Hollywould Sunshine (Halo) Norwich Terrier CH, NE

Dignpop Star of Hollywood (Wally) Norwich Terrier RE

Donald Rennick & Patricia Rennick Baar's Traveling Man V Rennick (Hobo) Rottweiler UD

<u>Tain Rose</u> Hayaikaze's No. 1 Hero Bakusatsu-Ou (Bakugo) Kai Ken RN, SCA, CM, DCAT, CAA SCN, RAT1, RKN (2021) CA, BCAT, TKI, CGC (2022)

Swifty's Flippin Tables (Nare) German Shepherd Dog mix SCN, SIN, ATD

Yamabushi No Octave Melody (Tavi) Kai Ken RA, SBN, SEN, SWN, FCAT, CAX NFP, NJP, NAP, OJP, OAP, FMD(2022)

William (Sil) Sanders

Camcrest-Rime Ice Dancer (Dancer) West Highland White Terrier SWN, RATS

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Camcrest-Rime Twizzle on Ice (Twizzle) West Highland White Terrier

VST, CT, NACSW Elite 3, RATCHX2

<u>Terrie Sato</u> Sagagious Hometown Hero (Cooper) Labrador Retriever BN, CD

Grousecreek's The Natural (Hobbs) Labrador Retriever GO, VER

<u>Jody Woodruff</u> Kalahari"s Intrepid Explorer (Bensen) Leonberger UDX1, UDX2, OAP

RAE/RACH

Arlette Davison Bloom An Let It Go RAE

Pat Lindquist Calliope It's All Oboe Me RAE

MX/MXJ/MACH /PACH/AGCH (AGILITY MX, MXJ, & MACH HONOR PLAQUE)

Nancy Light Skylight's The Jury Is In PACH

Pat Lindquist Calliope It's All Oboe Me AGCH

Calliope Just What The Doctor Ordered MACH

PERPETUAL PLAQUES

UD (UTILITY DOG HONOR PLAQUE)

Donald Rennick & Patricia Rennick Baar's Traveling Man V Rennick (Hobo)

Shea Hughes-Gorman On The Lamb Sky II (Skye)

UDX (UTILITY DOG EXCELLENT HONOR PLAQUE)

Jody Woodruff Kalahari"s Intrepid Explorer (Bensen)



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CLUB AWARDS

TOP NOVICE DOG

SAGAGIOUS HOMETOWN HERO Terrie Sato 196, 193.5, 181

TOP OPEN DOG

BAAR'S TRAVELING MAN V RENNICK Donald Rennick & Patricia Rennick 197.5, 200, 199

TOP UTILITY DOG

ON THE LAMB SKY II Shea Hughes-Gorman 195.5, 195, 195

CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

RHONDA FORMAN









Survey on New Classes to Prepare for Novice Obedience

The AKC delegate Companion Events Committee has sent out a survey to clubs and obedience exhibitors to see whether there is interest in additional entry level Obedience classes to help prepare for the regular Novice Class.

Please provide your thoughts by filling out this survey: <u>https://forms.gle/CaT6kJkbibDgw1MZ6</u>

UPCOMING WASHINGTON EVENTS

Bell Vernon Kennel Association (Agility) 4/19-21 at Fun Fur Paws, Mt. Vernon, WA Puget Sound Poodle Club (Agility) 4/26-28 at Fun Fur Paws, Mt. Vernon, WA Yakima Valley Kennel Club (Obed, Rally) 4/26-28 at SOZO Athletic Complex, Yakima, WA Inland Empire Collie Club (Tracking TD, TDX) 4/28 at Miller Ranch, Sprague, WA Sno-King Agility Club (Agility) 5/3-5 at Fun Fur Paws, Mt. Vernon, WA Spokane Dog Training Club (Tracking TD, TDX) 5/5 at Miller Ranch, Sprague, WA German Shepherd Dog Club of Washington State (All Breed Obed, Rally) 5/10-12 at Golden Willow Ranch in Orting, WA Chuckanut Dog Training Association (Agility) 5/10-12 at Fun Fur Paws, Mt. Vernon, WA Spokane Dog Training Club (Agility) 5/10-12 at Sontag Park, Nine Mile Falls, WA Puget Sound Poodle Club (ISC Agility) 5/10 at Run Wild Dog Sports, Auburn, WA Mt. Baker Kennel Club and Bell Vernon Kennel Association (Obed, Rally) 5/17-20 at Northwest Washington Fairgrounds, Lynden, WA Seattle Kennel Club (Agility) 5/17-19 at Run Wild Dog Sports, Auburn, WA Spokane Dog Training Club (Obed, Rally) 5/18-19 at Spokane Dog Training Club, Spokane, WA Spokane Kennel Club (Obed, Rally) 5/24-26 at Spokane County Fair & Expo Center, Spokane, WA Olympic Kennel Club (Agility) 5/24-26 at Run Wild Dog Sports in Auburn, WA German Shepherd Dog Club of Oregon (Agility) 5/31-6/2 at Clark County Fairgrounds, Ridgefield, WA Olympic Kennel Club (Agility) 5/31-6/2 at Run Wild Dog Sports in Auburn, WA Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club of Washington (Obed, Rally, Agility) 5/31-6/2 at Carrie Blake Park Baseball Fields, Sequim, WA Greater Spokane Shetland Sheepdog Club (Agility) 5/31-6/2 at Spokane County Fair & Expo Center, Spokane, WA Rainier Sporting Dog Association (Sporting only, 1 Obedience and 2 Rally trials) 6/2 in Olympia, WA Samoyed Club of Washington State (Agility) 6/7-9 at Fun Fur Paws, Mt. Vernon, WA Columbia River Agility Club (Agility) 6/7-9 at Clark County Fairgrounds, Ridgefield, WA St. Bernard Club of Puget Sound (All Breed Obed, Rally) 6/8 at Clarks Creek Park, Puyallup, WA







Jam and I earned his TDU (Tracking Dog Urban) on March 3rd in windy conditions at the Chuckanut Dog Training Association tracking test in Bow, WA.







Shasta finished his Graduate Novice title at the WSOTC trial! On to Open!

Blue Heavens It Hasta Be Shasta CD, GN, CGC, TKI

. Celebrations!





At the WSOTC Obedience trials Lia had a pretty good weekend. On Saturday she captured that elusive 3rd leg in Open to complete her CDX. We've been training all along in Utility, so I moved her up to Utility for Sunday, and to my delight she managed to do the principal part of all the exercises and garner our first Utility leg. It is clear we have a lot of work to do on attention and details, but I am motivated to try to improve on all fronts. She is now:

HR Rio Ranch Leap Into Action CDX BN RE SH MHU OAP AJP XP TKI WCX CCA

Celebrations!







So pleased to report my BC Diza got her Rally Novice title on Saturday at the WSOTC trial. That was her very first time in a live trial ring. Then on Sunday she got her first ever placement ribbon in Rally Novice. Celebrations!

THE DAVISON GIRLS HAD AN AMAZING MONTH OF MARCH

March 16, 17 at the IABCA show in Ridgefield, Aubrey did two Conformation shows each day in regular group and also Bred-by-Exhibitor. Eight entries = 6 Toy Group 1's, 1 RBIS, and 2 RBIS BBE.





March 22nd at the WA State Cocker Show in Bremerton, Breya earned a Rally Excellent title and Aubrey earned a Rally Advanced title. For the 12 rally classes from Novice through Excellent, Breya's average score is 98!

March 24 at the Peninsula Dog Fanciers Club show, Aubrey was awarded her first points toward her GCH...and a major!



March 30, 31 Aubrey and I entered a UKC show in Longview, in Conformation. She received a Group 2 Saturday and RBIS on Sunday.

