

WSOTC Fall Rally Trials 2019 Recap

Report by Ingrida Robinson (Trial Chair) and Kathy Lang (Assistant Chair)

Many thanks to everyone who helped make our Thanksgiving Weekend Rally Trials a success. Our judges were all local: Chip Taylor on Friday, Earl Vaughan on Saturday and Sue Cox on Sunday. We appreciate all of them sharing their weekend with us!

Chief Ring Steward Extraordinaire, Amanda Buse, put together a wonderful group of ring stewards who kept things moving along smoothly. Some of the stewards were club members, and one volunteered after hearing about our trials from one of Amanda's Facebook posts. At least one of our stewards drove 50 miles each way, every day, to be with us! Thanks to: Sher Yeuroukis, Arlette Davison, Kris Thompson, Kathy Gates, Wendy Neet, Lorri Kraft, Patti Burns, Carol Teather, Arthur Hallgren, Cheryl Ozbirn and PJ Pezzella.

Wonderful potluck lunches were organized each day by Shelley Timbers, with assistance from Maggie Johnson. Thanks to everyone who contributed delicious food, and thanks to those who contributed \$5 to our donation can. (The club made \$83 in potluck donations.)

Other hardworking committee members included Don Rennick (Equipment), Ingrida Robinson (ordered the ribbons and rosettes, and took care of the judges' gifts along with High QQQ and High Combined awards), Arlette Davison (Awards/Ribbons assistant), Neil Evans, Laura Burns and Arlette Davison (Judges' Daytime Hospitality), Kathy Lang (social media posts) and Family Dog Training Center Staff and Students (facility preparation as well as the loan of coffee pots, rally signs and holders). Thanks to Liz and Doug Fifield, Shelley Timbers, Carol Hess, Ingrida Robinson, Kathy Lang and Gwen Blake – and her Dad, Don -- for assistance with Wednesday set-up. Helping us put stuff away on Sunday afternoon: Neil Evans, Carol Hess, Kathy Gates, Ingrida Robinson, Kathy Lang, Maggie Johnson and Karen Snee. Our sincere apologies if we neglected to name someone.

It should be noted that, after a full day of judging, Sue Cox put on her Treasurer's hat and paid the outstanding invoices from the Trial. The Trial made a net profit of \$1,664 (\$1,200 more than budgeted).

Melissa Knapp continued as our Trial Secretary (MSK Event Services) and she did a wonderful job handling entries, working with exhibitors and judges, and fulfilling all of the other trial secretary duties. Thanks to Melissa a marked catalog will be posted to the club's website (www.wsotc.org).

The club was able to give every exhibitor a gift bag, catalog, pen and treats, thanks to donations and leftovers from previous trials. We continued the tradition of Positivity Posts, Do-It-Yourself Photo Booth and Whiner's Raffle as well.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the Trial atmosphere and location. Thirty-three new title rosettes were awarded over the long weekend. We had exhibitors from as far away as Sherwood, Oregon. It was great to see folks competing in Rally Pairs, Rally Novice Team and Rally Advanced Team.

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