

## WSOTC 101<sup>st</sup>/102<sup>nd</sup> Obedience and 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Rally Trials Report

By 2012 Obedience Trials Chair Nancy Light

A new location at the Evergreen Event Center at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds, a hardworking and talented trial committee, a great slate of fair-minded and congenial judges, an attractive set of trophies combined to make this year's trials a great success with an entry we have not seen in years.

There were many advantages to the show site that may have been one of the factors that attracted exhibitors. Natural light poured through the windows, and the high ceilings gave it a very airy feeling. It was about 1 ½ times larger than Magnuson giving lots of crating space. A lot of dog people, I think, live on the Eastside, so some may have found the location more accessible than driving into Seattle, especially the newer exhibitors, who might be more willing to enter a trial close to home. I talked to one person who lives three blocks from the Fairgrounds, and a couple of others who lived within a mile. There seemed to be quite a few with Monroe addresses.

The mechanics of dealing with the Evergreen Fairgrounds was easier than Magnuson. For 2012, the proposed lottery system in place for acquiring Building 30, made Magnuson virtually impossible anyway. It was fortunate that Evergreen had the new building on order and that it would be ready in time for our trials—with the Whidbey Island Kennel Club show giving us all a good look at it. The staff was good to work with and the maintenance crew extremely responsive to all our requests. While they likely will raise rates in the future, the charges were less than Magnuson, since they charged nothing for set up day. Considering the greater space, conditions, and heat, it seemed a bargain in comparison. One negative was that we were unable to have our usual pot luck lunch for workers and judges and had to deal with the concessionaire who had the exclusive contract with the Fairgrounds. I was underwhelmed with the choice and quality, but it appears they will be getting a new vendor for that. Despite the lack of cooperation from the cool and rainy weather, we stayed warm, most of the time anyway. The building did have a few problems with managing the computer controlled heat, and occasionally blew out cold air -- definitely and improvement on the unheated Hangar 30.

One nice touch, possible due to the extra space available was to have vendors. We had four with NW Paws at Play, selling dog toys and treats and other items, Windance with beautiful sweatshirts, other clothing items and custom portraits, Madeleine Boucher with Fantasy Enterprises, the trophy and judges gift provider, who kept telling us how much fun she was having, and Petscapes Photography, the official photographer. All gave us very nice donations, as we had not charged them to be there. I think the exhibitors really enjoyed having vendors there.



WSOTC President and Trials Chair Nancy Light tracks the show paperwork on top of everything else.

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### Committee Chairs

Agility Trials 2012 – Dee Carlson

Awards – Karen Snee

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CGC – Shari Wright

Training Chair – (chair needed)

Class Chair – Wanda Diemert

Hearts & Flowers – Nancy Light

Historian – (chair needed)

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Membership – James Wilkinson

Newsletter – Nova Berkshires

Obedience Trials 2012 – Nancy Light

Obedience Trials 2013 – Claudia Hegdahl

Printing/Mailing – Jean Rassbach

Programs – (chair needed)

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Public Education – (chair needed)

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Phone – Wanda Diemert

Sanctioned Match – (as needed)

Tracking Committee – Jackie Lovette

TDX – Fall 2012 – (chair needed)

TD – Fall 2012 – Karen Snee

TDX – Spring 2012 – John Heinrich

Web Site – Kathy Weaver

Yahoo Page – Wanda Diemert

### May Post Deadline

Please send your articles, comments, announcements, brags, editorials, events, reports, or anything else for the May 2012 issue of the *Canine Post*, by

**Monday, April 23, 2012.**

Send your submissions to Nova Berkshires at [novaberkshires@comcast.net](mailto:novaberkshires@comcast.net)

*Thanks!*

## WSOTC Board Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2012

Submitted by John Heinrich, acting secretary

WSOTC President Nancy Light called the board meeting to order at the home of Karen Snee on March 14, 2012, at 7:15 p.m.

Present: Nancy Light, John Heinrich, Dee Carlson, Wanda Diemert, Claudia Hegdahl, and Karen Snee.

Absent: Don Rennick, Jean Rassbach and Janice Bergman.

### Minutes

Minutes from February 16, 2012, board meeting as printed in the *Canine Post*: APPROVED.

### President's Report

Thank you to Karen for the use of her home for the meeting, and to Claudia for providing the wonderful and tasty dinner. Sue Cox has resigned as training chair and will need to be replaced.

Priority items for the agenda include appointment of the nominating committee, selection of the Personal Achievement Award (Louis Prince) (in executive session), and reducing face to face board meetings.

### Secretary's Report

*Incoming: None*

*Outgoing:* To AKC: forms to request approval for James Smith as our delegate; additional paperwork requested by AKC for our by-laws changes.

### Treasurer's Report

Balances for all accounts read. Wanda provided a semi-annual report comparing the current club expenditures and income vs the budgeted amounts as well as the corresponding amounts for last year. In most categories these were better than expected for individual categories as well as the total. We can make these available to Club members upon request.

### Committee Reports

*Agility 2012*

Dee presented a revised budget for the trial. The changes were due to higher AKC fees and having to pay sales tax on the equipment rental. MOTION: to accept the budget as approved and present to the general membership. APPROVED.

*Awards*

MOTION: that the award plaque for the Highest Scoring Club Member at WSOTC Obedience Trials be for the highest score in the regular classes. APPROVED. This will be presented at the May meeting.

*Class/Training Committee*

We need to find an instructor to replace Jean for the spring classes while she is in treatment. John will call Jean for suggestions. Dee discussed the need for some changes to the class descriptions and adding Utility to the Novice 2/Open class. She will get the changes to Kathy for the Web site. The board discussed needing to get the training class material from Sue. Dee will contact her.

*Hearts & Flowers*

Nancy brought get well cards for Lee Boelter and Nancy Griffin for the board to sign and will bring them for club members to sign tomorrow.

*Membership*

Wanda reported that we have 54 Associate Members and 18 Full members so quorum would be four.

*Newsletter*

The board discussed that some are finding the two column format difficult to read on line as well as the format

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**March Board Meeting Minutes**

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of articles continuing on other than the next page. Nancy will talk to Nova about a request from the board to do the April Post on a one column format, just continuing on to the next page, which may also make pagination easier.

**Obedience Trials 2012**

Nancy reported the entry totals for Rally and Obedience – comparison with last year in parenthesis: Saturday Obedience: 140 dogs, 168 entries (104,132); Rally: 102 dogs, 116 entries (70, 84); Sunday Obedience: 132 dogs, 160 entries (108,135); Rally: 99 dogs, 111 entries (68, 85).

Trial committee meeting March 21, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Marilyn Ashby.

**Obedience Trials 2013**

Claudia would like us to consider using the arena instead of the event center for our trials, though likely not till 2014. Nancy will contact the fairgrounds staff to check on availability. Our current date is not available, so this would involve a change of date for the trials. It would save money on matting since none would be needed.

**Tracking**

MOTION: to accept the budget for the TDX as presented to recommend to the general membership.  
APPROVED.

Karen reported all going well for fall TD, but still needs a secretary.

Need chairs for fall (winter) TDX for 2012 and spring TD and TDX for 2013.

**New Business**

The board appointed Jean Rassbach, Sarah Kahn and Nova Berkshires as nominating committee with Jean as the chair and Pat Shuler and Becky Johnson as alternates.

In executive session, the Personal Achievement Trophy (Louis Prince Award) nominees were read and discussed and a secret ballot taken. The trophy will be presented at the March general meeting.

The board discussed having future board meetings done partially by e-mail and partially by phone conferencing or with brief face-to-face meetings prior to general meetings to handle business that has to be done that way. This should make being on the board more doable for some. Nancy stressed that board members would need to respond promptly to requests for information and participation in online input.

Discussions on how to handle the loss of Magnuson for classes during the renovations from October 2012 – April 2013 were delayed till the next meeting as well as what to do about the club achievement plaques (for UD, UDX, TDX, MACH, etc) were also delayed.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. 🐾

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**WSOTC General Meeting Minutes****March 15, 2012**

Submitted by Janice Bergman, secretary

President Nancy Light called the meeting to order at Sharon Colvin's Training Center at 7:05 p.m.

Members approved minutes from the last general meeting on February 14, 2012, as printed in the February 2012 *Canine Post*.

**President's Report**

- ❖ Tonight's meeting will be short to accommodate more time for the program. Thank you to Sue for arranging this.

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**March Member Meeting Minutes**

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- ❖ Thanks to Karen Snee for the treats for tonight.
- ❖ See the board minutes for March for other announcements.
- ❖ There will be no general meeting in April.
- ❖ Positions that need filling are secretary for fall TD, chairs for December TDX, 2012, spring TD and TDX for 2013, and training class chair.

**Report of the Board**

- ❖ Appointed nominating committee of Jean Rassbach, Sarah Kahn, and Nova Berkshires with Pat Shuler and Beck Johnson as alternates. Please consider position on board if called.
- ❖ We will try having April board meeting via e-mail and phone conferencing.
- ❖ Approved Agility and TDX budgets to present to the general membership.
- ❖ Approved trophy for high-scoring club member from the regular classes to be presented at the May meeting.
- ❖ Still discussing what to do about the Club Achievement Plaques and how to handle the loss of Magnuson (October 2012 – April 2013). Board discussed some changes to classes for spring session, Dee will get new write ups to Kathy for Web-site.
- ❖ Approved selection of member for the Personal Achievement Award (Louis Prince).

**Secretary's Report**

See board minutes.

**Treasurer's Report**

See board minutes. Wanda has a year to date report comparing the income and expenditures with both the budgeted amounts and the amounts from last year. We are on target or better in almost all categories and overall. She will be happy to send this to any member upon request.

**Committee Reports***Agility 2012-*

Will approve budget under new business.

*Hearts & Flowers*

Please sign the get well cards for Lee Boelter and Nancy Griffin.

*Membership*

James reported that there are 47 associate members and 25 full members.

*Newsletter*

Deadline is March 19. Please consider the expenses of printing and mailing the newsletter in your decision to receive via online or mail.

*Obedience Trial 2012*

Trial committee meeting on March 21. Numbers are well up over last year: Saturday Obedience-140 dogs, 168 entries (last year, 104, 132); Rally, 102 dogs, 116 entries (last year, 70, 84)

Sunday Obedience-132 dogs, 160 entries (last year, 108, 135); Rally 99 dogs, 111 entries (last year, 68, 85)

*Programs*

No meeting planned for April.

Dr Rosenthal will speak on canine oncology for the May meeting.

*Trial location*

We are investigating the possibility of using the arena at the Monroe Fairgrounds for future trials.


**Old Business**

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**March Member Meeting Minutes**

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None

**New Business**

- MOTION to approve budget for July agility trials: APPROVED.
- MOTION to approve budget for spring TDX, 2012: APPROVED
- Presentation of club achievement award to Jean Rassbach
- Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
- Walking in Balance with Martha Jordan program held. 

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- Cancer Specialist Dr. Bob ●
- Rosenthal, DVM, will give a ●
- presentation on canine cancers at ●
- the WSOTC May 17, 2012, ●
- member meeting at the ●
- Meadowbrook Community ●
- Center, 10517 35th Ave NE in ●
- Seattle at 7:00 p.m. ●
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**Next WSOTC Board Meeting**  
**Board meets on Thursday, April 18, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. via phone conference**  
**No April members' meeting**

**Nominating Committee Report**

April 1, 2012

The Nominating Committee included Jean Rassbach, chair, Nova Berkshires, and Sarah Kahn with alternates Pat Shuler and Becky Johnson. They nominate the following slate for the 2012 -- 2013 club year:

OFFICERS:	BOARD	James Wilkinson
President: Nancy Light	Dee Carlson	
Vice President: John Heinrich	Claudia Hegdahl	AKC DELEGATE
Secretary: Janice Bergman	Karen Snee	James W. Smith
Treasurer: Wanda Diemert	Donald Rennick	

Members may nominate eligible candidates from the floor at the May 17 meeting. The elections will take place during the June 21 membership meeting.

**Personal Achievement Award Recipient**

The recipient of this year's Personal Achievement Award, more popularly known as the WSOTC Louis Prince Award, and awarded for service to the club, general attitude, conduct and personal achievement, has been a Washington State Obedience Training Club member since April 1972. Next month will be her 40th anniversary of joining WSOTC. She has held all the club officer positions at one time or another and has been a highly valued member of the WSOTC's Board of Directors for many years.

She is also a highly valued class instructor. She has trained innumerable people to teach their dogs basic obedience exercises and good manners. More than one dog in Seattle probably has a warm, safe home thanks to her years of dedication as an instructor. She has an uncanny ability to take a chaotic group of dogs and handlers in the first week of class and end up with well-behaved, happy dogs and handlers seven weeks later.

In addition, she assists in any way that she can at club agility and obedience trials. She often works in a ring checking people in, handing out arm bands, setting bars, straightening the chute, or being a "post." She is a wonderful gate steward for both Rally and Agility. When asked where she would like to steward, her reply is always "Put me where you need me," music to the ears of the Chief Ring Steward.

She is a retired AKC Obedience judge and many of us that show in Obedience were sorry to see her retire. It was always a pleasure to show under her. Walking into her ring, exhibitors were always greeted with a smile and "Good luck!" She was always a very professional judge, yet warm, welcoming and friendly.

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## Award Recipient

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One thing that we admire most about her is her smile. She never fails to smile when meeting others, no matter where or the circumstances. She has supported WSOTC in most ways possible for many years, and more than deserves the recognition that comes with this award. She is an invaluable member of Washington State Obedience Training Club and a one of a kind lady. Forty years of active, dedicated service to WSOTC is a very long time. The award this year goes to Jean Rassbach.

## Trials Report

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My committee was awesome. **Ron Perry** was invaluable as set up chair, getting the layout maps to the Superintendent, whose staff set up the mats and rings, and organizing the crew who came on Friday to get all the tables, chairs, signs, baby gates, etc up so all would be ready for the exhibitors on Saturday. **John Heinrich** came with the club trailer with the equipment we needed and worked hard along with **Dick and Marilyn Ashby, Janice Bergman, and Don Rennick**, who brought the chief ring steward boxes, having cleaned and repaired items in there. John was also in charge of Judges Hospitality, making sure we had all the flight and arrival information on the judges and making sure all had rides to and from the airport.

**Claudia Hegdahl** was the assistant chair and trophy chair, soliciting donations for the lovely stained glass and metal trophies from Fantasy Enterprises, as well as the HIT prizes of high quality chairs, which will be embroidered with WSOTC and the name of the HIT dogs. The first through fourth awards this year were the ever popular braided fleece tug toys. Claudia was also there all weekend, figuring out who won what, a pretty complicated and labor intensive task, considering all the many trophies that we offered. She was assisted in the days before by **Karen Snee**, who helped set up the boards to keep track of the awards and scores. Assisting Claudia during the trial was **Nova Berkshires**, who was one of the blessed few, (along with Dick and Marilyn, Don, Janice, and Claudia, who stayed long after the trials end to clean things up. Long time ribbons and rosettes chair **Marilyn Ashby** handled that task, making sure the order was in on time and that they got to the rings, along with the placement toys.

Making sure all the rings were staffed with competent help was **Dee Carlson**, who served as chief ring steward, always a challenge to get people to take a day or two out of a precious weekend, giving up, perhaps, a chance to show their own dogs, or to agree to staff a ring for part of a day, even though they are showing their own dogs. Dee was also the author of the theme for the trial—"Take me to the Fair(grounds)", a theme expressed superbly and creatively by **Mary Schurr** in her decorations of Western oriented piñatas, flower pots in blue jean materials, and cowboy hats serving as the candy dishes. **Sue Cox** took care of catalog ads, Pet Page and In Memorium, which brought in a few extra dollars, as well as RV parking, of which we actually had two take advantage of that amenity, something we could not provide at Magnuson. Sue also worked two full days as ring steward.

Our four outstanding judges also helped to make the trial run smoothly. Not only did they run their rings and score the exhibitors fairly and properly, but they were gracious and helpful to some new exhibitors and nice to their ring help as well. In addition, two made themselves quite useful to the trial in other ways: since we were a bit short of help to transport judges, **Carolyn Wray** picked up **Alice Peterson** from the airport, and took her and **Bob Margolis** back to the airport. She also took the judges to dinner and to and from the show grounds. As mentioned previously, **Don Rennick** helped with both set up and take down as well – after a long weekend of judging, and took the trailer back to his home as John was unable to take it back to storage that night.

Special thanks go to **Sheila Raymond** and the crew at Baray Event Services. Sheila did a lot of extra things for the club and was cheerfully and consistently available from start to finish, answering my many questions and requests for information. Thanks also to **Wanda Diemert**, who not only ring stewarded, but was there on Sunday to write checks, take in income, all with her usual calmness when things are happening all at once. The next day she already had the preliminary financial report to me.

We are still awaiting the final bill from the fairgrounds staff and need to collect a few outstanding trophy donations, but the final financial report should be complete soon. Although it will still be a loss, it appears not so much as anticipated.

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## Trials Report

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Claudia will be taking over as trial chair for next year. I know it will be in good hands. I hope you will consider giving her a call and volunteering to help with next year. I'm sure we can find a place for all whether competing or not. Even a little will help as the rule "many hands make light work certainly applies. Be thinking about judges too and get any suggestions to Claudia.

## Thank You Ring Stewards

*I would like to extend a very warm and sincere THANK YOU from Washington State Obedience Training Club, and from me personally, to each of you for giving your free time to ring steward for the Obedience and Rally Trials in Monroe. A special thank you to Nova who came up from Olympia and Ingrid who drove down from Bellingham in the snow on Sunday morning. The trial judges and exhibitors were most complimentary and appreciative of your services. Your support for these trials and the sports of Obedience and Rally allowed others a chance to meet their goals; I hope some of these same people are willing to steward when it is you in the ring hoping to meet your goals. It is an old and tired saying, but very true: These trials could not go on without each of you.*

*You have my sincere appreciation and that of WSOTC -- thank you, once again,*  
Dee Carlson

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## WSOTC 101<sup>st</sup>/102<sup>nd</sup> Obedience and 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Rally Trials Ring Stewards

Anne Goldenberger	Donna Sand	John & Suzanne Cox	Susan Downing-Thompson
Anne Weekes	Geri Orta	John Heinrich	Suzanne Bolwell
Dalene McIntire	Ingrid Grant	Laura Burns	Theresa Schaal
Dee Smiley	Jill Petersen	Lynn Brimmer	Tonya Gisselberg
Diana Simonsen	JoAnne Mulligan	Sue van Dyke	

## WSOTC Membership Status

The current roster is now on the Yahoo list. The final corrected numbers for membership are:

<b>Full</b>	<b>Full, Life</b>	<b>Associate</b>	<b>Associate, Life</b>
20	3	43	7



## Recent and Upcoming Member Meeting Programs

*By Sue Cox*

The March meeting program with Martha Jordan, a former WSOTC member, turned into a very interesting and helpful group of tips intended to help each of us learn to walk in a more relaxed fashion and to use our upper and lower body in the action of moving forward so as to project energy. For those showing dogs in obedience, it proved helpful in teaching them to move with more confidence and ease. For those not showing dogs, the same advice helped them move with greater comfort and energy. For the 10-12 members and guests participating in the program, I think Martha provided very helpful and valuable information. Using Sharon Colvin's training building for the program provided us with plenty of room to practice Martha's suggestions.

The next program will be presented at the May membership meeting and the plan is to have cancer specialist Dr. Rosenthal give a presentation on canine cancers. That meeting is scheduled to be at Meadowbrook Community Center in Seattle -- we'll use a larger room than we usually do for meetings. Plan to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more from an expert in the field of canine cancers.



## Upcoming Events

### Real Solutions for Canine Behavior Problems

**Saturday, June 9, 2012** – Dogs Will Be Dogs: Problem Behaviors Other Than Aggression (PNOTA)

**Sunday, June 10, 2012** – Reality Bites: Canine Aggression

Both seminars presented by Pat Miller, past president of APDT and author of her new book: *Do Over Dogs – Give Your Dog a Second Chance for a First Class Life*.

Presented by Puppyworks and co-hosted by Let's Talk Dogs at South Puget Sound Community College in Olympia, WA. For registration and more information go to [www.puppyworks.com](http://www.puppyworks.com) or call 917.699.6440.

### Newfoundland Club Fun Match

**April 22, 2012** -- It's A Dog's World Dog Training & Agility Center, 16024 60th St E Sumner, WA.

Questions: contact Michelle Fuqua at [bthodges@earthlink.net](mailto:bthodges@earthlink.net)

### WSOTC Agility Trials

**July 13 – 15, 2012** -- Argus Ranch, Auburn, WA.

For more information contact Dee Carlson at [avalonp1@frontier.com](mailto:avalonp1@frontier.com)

### Canine Good Citizen Test

**November 20, 2012** -- Lake City Community Center, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., \$5.00 at door or Free for current WSOTC class members.

### Area and National Event Links

**American Kennel Club (AKC)** [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

Search by state(s), event type, and time range. Information provided includes show and entry closing dates, club, location, approved breeds, entry fees, judges and show superintendent/secretary. Search results can be downloaded as a PDF file or an Excel spreadsheet.

<http://www.akc.org/events/search/>

**United Kennel Club (UKC)** [www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com)

Search by event type and month. Performance events offered include Agility, Obedience, Rally, Terrier Racing and Weight Pull. Spayed/neutered mixed breed dogs can be registered with UKC and shown in its performance events.

<http://www.ukcdogs.com/WebSite.nsf/WebPages/DogFindingAShow>



Janice Gunn and OTCH Tanbark's Orange Crush UDX OMI (Billie) win Sunday High in Trial after a run off with Kathy Lang.



OTCH Webshire's X-pecta Freeze UDX3 OM6 VER RE JH NA NAJ



Monica Buchstatter and Coppertop Settin' the Pace UD VER win High Combined on Sunday.



# April 2012 Brags

## Four Border Terriers Qualified at WSOTC's 101<sup>st</sup>/102<sup>nd</sup> Obedience Trials



Left to right: Caleb Campbell (junior handler in the Border Terrier Club of Puget Sound who made it to Eukanuba and Westminster in 2011 and is making a try for 2012, and Mullins; Kathy Teufel and Gracie; Dana De La Torre, BTCOPS secretary, and Norman; and Katie Morrell and Cruz

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