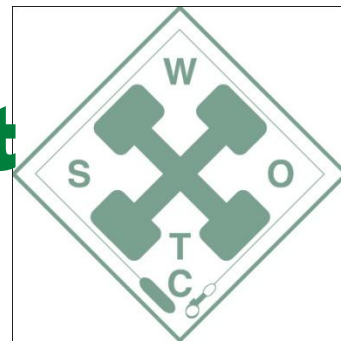


Washington State Obedience Training Club  
An AKC Member Club

# Canine Post

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## November 15 WSOTC Members' Meeting Features Veterinary Oncologist

Dr. Lisa Parshley, a veterinary oncologist from Olympia Veterinary Cancer Center, will speak on new canine cancer treatments on the horizon and some alternative medicine treatments. She presents this topic on November 15, 2012, at 8:00 p.m. at Family Dog Training Center, 1515 Central Ave. S., Kent, WA 98032.

For more information about Dr. Parshley, visit her Facebook page at:  
<http://www.facebook.com/olyvetcancercenter>

For directions to FDTC, go to:  
[http://familydogonline.com/CartGenie/pg\\_DrivingDirections.asp](http://familydogonline.com/CartGenie/pg_DrivingDirections.asp)

Thanks to WSOTC long-time member Kathy Lang, she will open the building for dog training at 6:30 p.m. Club members will have a short meeting at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Parshley will begin her presentation at 8:00 p.m.

Feel free to invite guests to this free presentation and enjoy social time with WSOTC members.

## Plaque Awards

If you have received a UD after 2006, a UDX after 1998 or an OTCH after 1990, please submit your name, dog's name, and date to Jean Rassbach at [jyedog@comcast.net](mailto:jyedog@comcast.net) so this can be added to the WSOTC honor plaques for those titles.

Honor Plaques are added to a perpetual trophy which lists all dogs earning those titles listed --you don't have to meet any requirements to have your dog's name listed there.

## Celebrate Awards Banquet

*By Dee Carlson*

At the WSOTC meeting on Thursday evening, October 21, 2012, the members decided to really celebrate the awards that were earned by WSOTC members and their dogs in 2012 by having an Awards Banquet at a Seattle area restaurant. This unanimous decision included a vote that our club will foot the bill for this banquet for **ALL** club members who care to attend.

And I was elected to chair the banquet which created a bit of a problem in that I am not familiar with too many Seattle area restaurants. In order to resolve this personal crisis, I would greatly appreciate it if ya'll would tell me your favorite Seattle area restaurant that has a room big enough to accommodate all of us. We also need to make sure it has a parking lot big enough to accommodate all of us.

Please send your restaurant suggestions to me immediately and get ready to send Jean Rassbach the awards that you and your hairy best friend earned in 2012 (when she asks for them).

Been a while since we all got together to celebrate anything – ya'll come! Contact me at [avalonp1@frontier.com](mailto:avalonp1@frontier.com)

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 Class Chair – Wanda Diemert  
 Hearts & Flowers – Nancy Light  
 Historian – (chair needed)  
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 Newsletter – Nova Berkshires  
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 Property/Inventory – John Heinrich  
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**December Post Deadline**

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

**Monday, November 19, 2012**

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

*Thanks!*

**WSOTC Board Meeting Minutes  
October 1, 2012**

Submitted by Janice Bergman, secretary  
October 1, 2012

President Nancy Light called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. via phone conference

**Present**

Nancy Light, John Heinrich, Janice Bergman, Wanda Diemert, Claudia Hegdahl

**Absent**

Dee Carlson, Don Rennick, James Wilkinson, Karen Snee

**Minutes**

Minutes from the September Board meeting as sent via email. APPROVED.

**President's Report**

Main topic of meeting will be to discuss the future of the Club

**Vice President's Report**

None

**Secretary's Report**

The AKC Board of Directors approved the changes to the WOTC Bylaws (from last November's meeting.)

**Treasurer's Report**

Balances on all accounts read. Lake City Community Center has been paid for Fall Classes, Management of the Community Center will be taken over by the North Seattle Chamber of Commerce and we don't know at this time if we can continue to hold classes there.

**Committee Reports**

<i>Agility 2012</i>	<i>Awards</i>	<i>Classes</i>	<i>Membership</i>
None	None	None	None
<i>Agility 2013</i>	<i>Audit/Budget</i>	<i>Hearts and Flowers</i>	<i>Newsletter</i>
None	None	None	None

*Obedience Trial 2013*

The application and judges have been sent to AKC. Prices for Baray are going up, we don't have a contract yet with them. Nancy has sent the application to Evergreen Fairgrounds. also Cost of the Event Center is going up from \$1600 to \$2,000. We will send check with the contract when we get that from them. Sue contacted regarding getting the insurance information to them. Nancy Light is working on trophies and will start soliciting trophies. Nancy Griffin has volunteered to also make calls.

*Programs*

The October meeting program will be the membership discussion on the future of WSOTC. Silent auction will be next year. November- Dr. Lisa Parshley, veterinary oncologist, at Kathy Lang's training center in Kent.

<i>TDX Spring 2013</i>	<i>TD-Fall 2012</i>	<i>Fall 2013</i>
None	John is working on the premium list	Nova

<i>Training Committee</i>	<i>Website</i>	<i>Yahoo</i>
	Nancy will be talking to Kathy about updates to the website	

**Discussion of Future of WSOTC**

Nancy will talk to Jim Smith, our Delegate, for ideas about how or if to contact AKC and what might be some of  
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our options. Problems include not being able to field a Board next year, ( we will lose at least two current members) and difficulty getting Club members to volunteer for positions as chairing events, and possibility of not having locations for classes. Attendance and participation is so low, it is often only the Board who attends general meetings so we have little idea of what the membership wants. Discussion of not actually dissolving Club, but continuing at reduced level with carrying on events/classes as we have chairs, location for classes. Some discussion of reasons for decline including that people are focused on personal health and economic issues, don't have time to help. Rise of Internet and social media give people the social contacts they need so they don't need Club for that. We have already changed the Bylaws to decrease the membership meetings to and 8 Board meetings. AKC allows a minimum of 6. Unclear if reducing meetings has any effect on attendance. Board members expressed some hope that October general meeting will give us input from the membership as to how to proceed.

**Unfinished Business**

Discussion on Bylaws changes suspended until future of WSOTC is clarified.

**New Business**

We will contact North Seattle Chamber of Commerce for information availability after January 1 for winter classes. Date of next meeting set.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm



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**WSOTC General Member Meeting Minutes****October 18, 2012**

Submitted by Janice Bergman, secretary  
October 18, 2012

The meeting called to order at 7:30 pm on October 18, 2012 by President Nancy Light at the Meadowbrook Community Center. Quorum was present.

Members approved minutes from the September general meeting on September 20, as printed in the October *Canine Post*.

**Report of the President:**

The main business of tonight's meeting is discussion of the future of the Club. Karen Snee advised Nancy that due to family and health issues she was resigning from the Board, from the fall TD chair and from the awards chair. Sil Sanders (who is judging) the test) has stepped up to the plate to organize the November 18 TD with Nova taking on the chair, and Lynn Brimmer, and Ricardo and Julie Ferado also volunteering. Non WSOTC members are also jumping in to help.

**Report of the Board-** The Board is looking for direction from the membership about their wish for the Club to continue or dissolve.

**Report of the Secretary**

**Report of the Treasurer** - Balances were read.

**Committee Reports**

*Agility 2013-* Dee reported that the trial was on hold due to the future of the Club being unclear. No point in doing the work of the trial just to have to give away the profits in the event of dissolution.

*Awards-* Jean Rassbach volunteered to replace Karen as awards chair. MOTION: to appoint Jean Rassbach as awards chair. APPROVED

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Audit/budget-Board will appoint in July.

*Classes-* -Wanda -Tuesday classes have started. Wednesday Novice and Advanced Competition classes were cancelled as the Maltby location was just too far for Dee's students to come. Nancy reported that North Seattle Community Center said we could continue with Tuesday classes in January. A second night was possible. Wanda then agreed to continue as Class chair for the winter session.

*Membership*-James

*Newletter* – Nova will be moving out of state sometime next year so we will need a Post editor.

*Obedience trials 2013*-Claudia –Claudia sent application for event and judges to AKC, awaiting approval.

Claudia discussed hiring 4H to help with set up and take down. Nancy requested a check for deposit on Fairgrounds in the amount of 2,000 to be sent in to them when they get the contract to us.

*Phone*-Wanda

*Printing/mailing* - Jean Programs –November Lisa Parshley, DVM, on canine cancer at Kathy Lang's training building, open at 6:30 for people to train. 7:30 meeting, program at 8:00.

*TD test Fall 2012*- John reported he contacted Sil Sanders and Sil stepped up and made ALL the arraignments for the test. Sil reported on people who have volunteered including some non WSOTC members from his seminars.

*TDX –Spring 2013*- John is starting to work on it

*TD Fall 2013-*

*Training*

*Trial Location*

*Website*-Kathy Weaver has made some updates.

**Brags** - Brags were made

**Election of New Member:** Laura Burns was voted in.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

- 1.MOTION: to approve \$2,000.00 for deposit to Evergreen Fairgrounds for 2013 obedience trial. APPROVED
- 2.MOTION: to approve budget for 2012-2013 as recommended by the Board. APPROVED
3. Discussion from membership on the future of WSOTC.

Nancy said the membership needed to decide if WSOTC was going to take up the issue of dissolution, which would involve distribution of the proceeds to a dog related charitable organization or if there was sufficient interest in continuing. There were several ideas that came forth. One came from our Delegate, Jim Smith, who suggested that we contact Novice A people from obedience trials and write a letter to them with an invitation to join WSOTC. This would be a way to bring in people new to the sport who would find value in meeting experienced obedience people.

Members discussed that we might have to continue in a smaller way, just concentrating on fewer events. If there is no one who volunteers as chair we cannot hold that event. One suggestion also was that we could partner with an all breed club and do their obedience trial.

It was suggested that since the Club has money that would just have to be donated if we ended, we should just spend it on things to make the membership more valuable. Rather than just hand out awards at a February

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meeting, for example, we could do this at a banquet and have the Club subsidize member dinners.

MOTION: to hold an awards banquet in February, with WSOTC picking up the tab for member dinners.  
APPROVED.

MOTION: to appoint Dee Carlson to organize the Awards Dinner. APPROVED

It was suggested that we should pay (non- Club member) stewards for the obedience trial.

Since some people have difficulty making meetings, it was suggested that we change the bylaws so that potential members could join WSOTC by attending an event rather than a general meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm 



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**Next club meeting:  
December 20, 2012**