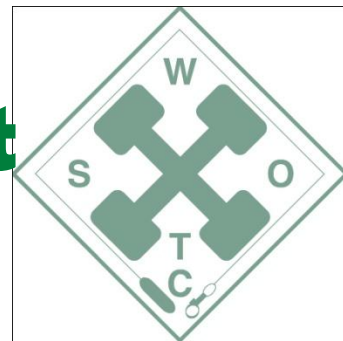


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# Canine Post

January 2013



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## Awards Banquet and Member Meeting Invitation

*By Dee Carlson*

Our meeting on Saturday, February 16, 2013, features an awards banquet for current members\*. The club will pay for member's dinners to let you know we appreciate your membership and as part of our effort to bring the club together.

The banquet starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Azteca Mexican Restaurant located at 17555 Southcenter Parkway, Tukwila, WA 98188. Members are welcome to bring guests at their own expense.

In addition to the awards banquet, this is a notified meeting that includes voting on changes to the bylaws. To review the proposed changes, visit the Members Only pages in the club's Web site at <http://www.wsotc.org/>

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## From the President

*Nancy Light*

While the turnout for the October and November general meetings were not great, we did get a better than usual attendance of non-Board members at both. At the November meeting, we actually had more guests than members at the Family Dog site, but the program was wonderful. In October, our "future of WSOTC" meeting, members and Board members had a positive attitude, and proposed some great ideas. One thing we decided was that since the club has a fairly healthy bank account now, and since dissolution would only mean we'd be giving it all away, we are going to try some things to increase the value of the membership that will cost a little money. For example, for our awards in February, instead of doing it at a boring meeting, we will present the awards at a dinner, scheduled for a weekend, and WSOTC will be footing the bill for your dinner (excluding alcoholic drinks). Details are forthcoming.

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## WSOTC's Fall TD Test Report

*By Sil Sanders*

Twelve tracks were offered at the club's test in Bow, WA, on November 18, 2012 and they filled with no alternates. However, due to passes at two nearby tests the weekend before, there were only eight dogs to plot tracks for. Congratulations to the passing dogs:

Track 1. Ch Wynfield Music by Meriadoc, a Beagle bitch owned by Doug Flatbush and Lori Bulmer. This bitch followed her track on rails with efficient searching on the corners and good commitment on each leg.

Track 6. Melchris Royal Bard CD RN new TD, an English Springer Spaniel Dog owned by Laura Burns.

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## Join the celebration at WSOTC's awards banquet on February 16, 2013

### February 2013 Post Deadline

Please send your articles, comments, announcements, brags, editorials, events, reports, or anything else for the February issue of the *Canine Post*, by  
**Tuesday, January 29, 2013.**

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

*Thanks!*

# WSOTC General Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2012

Submitted by Janice Bergman, secretary

November 15, 2012

The meeting called to order at 7:35 pm November 15, 2012 by President Nancy Light at the Family Dog Training Building Kent WA

Members approved minutes from the October general meeting as printed in the November Canine Post.

## Report of the President

Thank you to Kathy Lang for the use of her building for our meeting. Welcome to our guests.

We will try to complete meeting by 8:00 so we can start our program as soon as possible.

## Report of the Board

The Board has approved some preliminary changes to the bylaws. We will tweak again in January and present to membership in January Post to be voted on by the Club in February. At the October general meeting many ideas were presented to help WSOTC survive. One is to have an Awards Dinner at a restaurant, with the Club picking up the tab, instead of an Awards meeting. Another is to contact new people showing in Beginners Novice A and Novice A with a letter inviting them to join. Please contact Nancy or Dee if interested in helping with this project. Jean Rassbach has been appointed as Awards Chair (Thank you Jean)

## Report of the Secretary

From the AKC: 1) Request for donation to the AKC Humane Fund. 2) Approval for date and location of the March 30-31 2013 obedience and rally trials

## Report of the Treasurer

No report

## Committee Reports

### *Agility 2013*

Dee is waiting for signed contracts back from Judges before putting in the application to AKC.

### *Awards*

Jean reported that the application for individual award plaques is on Yahoo.

### *Awards Dinner*

Will likely be at a Southcenter area restaurant on a Saturday in February.

### *Audit/budget*

### *Classes*

We will have winter classes at Lake City Community Center on Tuesdays. North Seattle Chamber of Commerce will put us on their website. Wanda has agreed to stay on as Class Chair.

### *Membership*

### *Newletter*

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

### *Obedience trials 2013*

Claudia – We have received the contract from Evergreen Fairgrounds and will send in soon.

### *Printing/mailing*

Jean

### *Programs*

Tonight's program is Lisa Parshley, DVM, on canine cancer. No meeting in December or January.

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**WSOTC November 15, 2012, Member Meeting Minutes**

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**TD test Fall 2012**

Test is this weekend. Thank you to all the WSOTC members and the non-members who are making this happen.

**TDX – Spring 2013****TD Fall 2013****Website**

Kathy Weaver has added a Members Only section to the Website along with some other updates. Codes will be sent out.

**Brags**

Brags were made.

Election of New Member: Laura Burns was voted in.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

1. Ballot for Jean Rassbach to fill vacancy on the Board. APPROVED

2. MOTION: to approve fall TD test budget. APPROVED

3. Nancy reported on changes to the bylaws that the Board would be recommending to the membership for vote at February meeting. These include adding an option to apply for membership by attending and working at a WSOTC event instead of a business meeting. Also, it is proposed that we reduce the current nine member Board to seven. The amount of dues would be stated at a maximum of \$40 and leave the exact amount to the Standing Rules (There is no intent to change the current dues).

At the request of Kathy Lang, Nancy gave a quick overview of WSOTC for the benefit of several guests.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm 🐾

**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 perpetual trophies which have plates for all dogs earning that title. You don't have to meet any attendance or service requirements to have your dog's name included.

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## **WSOTC January 2013 Board Meeting Minutes**

### **January 2, 2013**

Submitted by Janice Bergman, secretary

January 2, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. via phone conference.

Present: Nancy Light, Jean Rassbach, John Heinrich, Janice Bergman, Wanda Diemert, Claudia Hegdahl, Dee Carlson, Don Rennick, James Wilkinson

**Minutes**

Minutes from the November Board meeting not available.

**President's Report**

The TD test went well despite some unprecedented challenges. Discussion tonight will be on proposed

**Secretary's Report**

Received from AKC notice about electronic submission of membership. We will do after March 1. Secretary needs to send AKC change notice for Board member Karen to Jean.

**Treasurer's Report**

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**WSOTC January 2, 2013, Board Meeting Minutes**

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44 out of 81 members have renewed so far. Amounts for accounts were read. Our intent is to put amounts in the Member's Only section of the website.

changes to by-laws, changes to awards, and replacement of James on the Board.

**Committee Reports***Agility 2013*

Dee has sent budget to Nancy but needs to make some changes. Contract is not approved with Monroe for site. She has signed contracts with two judges, Carol Mount and Franna Pitt. The caterer still needs to be determined.

*Awards*

Jean reported that the up-dated honor plaques are ready; the past President's plaque has been located and given to Jackie. Jean has received 9 award requests.

A member has asked if we are offering a bar for Therapy Dog, since it is an AKC title. MOTION: "To include Thd as one of the bars that WSOTC will pay for" APPROVED

Since CGG will become AKC title in 2013, and we offer classes, discussion also held on bars for this title. MOTION: To include CGC as one of the bars that WSOTC will pay for, starting in 2013. APPROVED. The Club Achievement Award (Louis Prince) will be awarded at the awards Dinner. The list of prior recipients and notice to send nominations to any Board member stating why the person nominated should be in the January Post, with the Board selecting at February Board meeting.

*Audit/Budget**Classes*

Wanda reported classes are filling slowly. On board to teach are Dee, Jean and Kristen if enough puppies. Janice can come occasionally to assist.

*Hearts and Flowers**Membership*

James will get Laura added to the roster. Other updates will be added after March 1 when we know the final figures. We need to look for new membership chair as James will not be able to attend meetings.

*Newsletter*

Nova will be staying on as editor. January Post should be out mid-January.

*Obedience Trial 2013*

Claudia reported that she has some positions filled Mary Schurr will do decorations, Dee Carlson is chief ring steward. Claudia still needs help with several things, one of which is picking up judges the airport and transporting to Monroe, to the Fairgrounds, etc. We also need someone for judges hospitality. We have the same vendors as last year; contact Claudia for any others. There will likely be a food vendor change, the Fairgrounds is currently negotiating on this, should know in the next week or two. It was possible they would allow a potluck, but Claudia and the Board believe this would not work out well in that venue. Many awards have sponsors, Nancy will let membership know which are still available. Most sponsors have paid already. We still need budget for the trial.

*Programs*

February is the awards banquet, possibly no meeting in March. Board discussed briefly what meetings to have if bylaws changing to 6 general meetings a year is approved.

*Fall TD 2012*

Waiting for final financial report.

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**WSOTC January 2, 2013, Board Meeting Minutes**

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*Fall TD 2013*

Nancy has talked with Nova and she is still planning to chair this.

*Training Committee*

*Website*

Files from Yahoo have been moved to members only section of the website. Proposed changes to the bylaws will be added here. Nancy will send letter to membership via email announcing these and other updates. Members without Internet access will have theirs mailed.

*Yahoo*

We will be keeping the Yahoo discussion list, but will be taking down the files section of Yahoo since that information is now on the members only section of the website.

**Unfinished Business**

The Board reviewed by-laws changes discussed previously with some additional changes proposed by Nancy.

MOTION: To approve the proposed by-laws changes and submit to general membership for approval at the February general meeting APPROVED. The February general meeting will be the Awards banquet scheduled for February 16 and will be a notified meeting.

**New Business**

Due to James change in work schedule, he will be unable to attend meetings, so we need to replace. It seems most of Board meetings are via phone, so it may be easier to find someone. Anyone interested should contact a Board member.

Next Board meeting will be February 4.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm



**No WSOTC Member Meeting in  
January 2013.**

**Awards Banquet and Member Meeting Invitation**

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The purpose of the changes, other than a couple of housekeeping items is to streamline some things about finances, open up the requirements for membership, reduce the number of meetings as well as the number of people on the board to more realistic levels. Deletions in the bylaws have strike throughs, and the added language is in red.

If you have any questions or comments on the changes, feel free to contact Nancy Light at [Kylahgold@aol.com](mailto:Kylahgold@aol.com) or call her at 425.354.3609. You may also contact any other board member.

Those wishing to attend the awards banquet and meeting should make a reservation by February 11. Call Dee Carlson at 425.861.9030 or send her an e-mail at [avalonp1@frontier.com](mailto:avalonp1@frontier.com).

Jean Rassbach accepted award applications until January 14. Come to the banquet to applaud the recipients. Of course a member in good standing has paid dues, so be sure to submit your renewals to Wanda as soon as possible.

\*Current members must have their 2013 dues paid before the banquet.

**Awards Banquet****February 16, 2013, 5:30 p.m.****Azteca Mexican Restaurant, 17555 Southcenter Parkway,  
Tukwila, WA****Reservation Deadline: February 11, 2013**



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## From the President

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We are also going to be proposing some bylaws changes which will open up membership to people who cannot attend meetings, but would still like to become members and help out at events. So people who want to be Associate members can do so not just by attending a meeting but also attending a WSOTC event at which they help. They will of course, still need two sponsors. We will likely be holding fewer general meetings during the year. The logistics for many people are just too difficult on week nights. What is most important for our club to survive is to have successful events and activities. If we can get people to chair and volunteer for our events, that would supersede meeting attendance. It will mean that more power will be ascribed to the Board of Directors, but I am guessing that people may be OK with that, if it means our survival. The Board meetings themselves are more and more going to phone conferencing, to make that more attractive to take on that responsibility. As I have said before, there is much that you can do to help with activities and functioning that do not require physical attendance at meetings or events, though we certainly need that too. I will be happy to discuss ways you can help the club—just call or email.

We need to attract young people, and will be working with a 4-H group to help with take down and possibly set up at our trials. We are already giving a break to those under 18-years-old for entry fees, and will reduce that further for kids who help. And we have contacted some Novice A people entered at local shows and invited them to attend WSOTC functions or meetings by sending a letter or email to folks listed in the catalog. Those are folks who might benefit from being in a club with experienced obedience folks.

We can use your help at recruitment too. Please consider folks in your breed clubs that participate in obedience and might want to join WSOTC. A personal invitation goes a long way.

One of the things that is giving the Board some optimism is the way that members, Sil, Nova, Lynn, Nikki, Julie, Rick, John, Marta, and some wonderful people from the tracking community who are not members, stepped up to the plate to help with the November tracking test. Fall classes went well, and we will proceed with Tuesday night classes in January. Jean Rassbach has been wonderful. Not only has she taken on the duties of the awards chair, but also is teaching classes and has volunteered to fill the vacancy on the Board.

The 2013 obedience and agility trials are well underway. Your help is vitally needed for those events so please contact Claudia Hegdahl and Dee Carlson if you can help with those events. Response on trophy donations has been gratifying, and most people have already sent their payments. There are a few open trophies available, including breed trophies, now offered both days. Contact me if you would like to donate, though the deadline is just days away.

Another proposed bylaws change will be to reduce the size of the Board from 9 to 7 as well as eliminating the position of the past president automatically being on the Board. That might have worked well when we had 250 members but with a reduced membership size the ratio is just too great, and also makes recruiting that many people to be on the Board too difficult.

We are not without continuing challenges, but the current intent of the Board is to go on as best we can. If there is no chair for an event, we cannot hold it. There is plenty of help available from past chairs if you will consider taking on one of these— Obedience trials 2014?

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## WSOTC's Fall TD Test Report

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Today was this dog and handler's day. The dog stayed close to the track, searched each corner and quickly committed to the next leg.

Track 8. Lookout Wind and Rain and Fire CD NA OAJ OF RA CGC new TD, a Portuguese Water Dog bitch owned by Valerie and JP Tangen. The only dog to have a little sun while tracking. The dog stayed close to the track, circled the second and third corners and found its glove handily.

A GSD, two BMDs, a Terv and a B&T Coonhound all ran into trouble with some combination of short cover, wet ground, and 10-25 mph winds. I am sure they will do better at their next test.

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## WSOTC's Fall TD Test Report

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Several of the people who volunteered to put this test on had health emergencies themselves or within their family. So many Club members and non-club members stepped forward to keep the test on track and successful.

- ❖ One of the original judges had to withdraw on the Wednesday before the test due to family illness and Stephanie who was already coming from the other side of the state to lay track took over as judge.
- ❖ The original secretary/chairman had to withdraw due to family illness about a month ago and Nova volunteered to chair her first test and Julie who had never even been to a tracking test graciously filled in as secretary.
- ❖ So after making all the arrangements and getting everything and everyone organized, Nova fell on Thursday night, hurt her back and had to withdraw Friday evening.\* Marta who was already acting as hospitality chair filled in as chairman for Saturday and Sunday. And Nikki got up very early Saturday morning to drive the equipment up from Olympia to Bow.

Well the rest of us seemed to stay healthy. So a huge Thank You to our volunteers without whom this tracking test would not have happened:

- ❖ Chairmen – Marta Brock and Nova Berkshires
- ❖ Secretary – Julie Downing
- ❖ Chief Tracklayer – Lynn Brimmer
- ❖ Tracklayers – Laurel Whatney, Maureen Fielding, Joe Gonyeau, Joan Beilfuss, Theresa Coles, Corinna Calogiros, Lynn Brimmer.
- ❖ Hospitality – Marta Brock
- ❖ Drivers – Pattie Moon & Joan Beilfuss
- ❖ Trophies – Julianne & Ricardo Ferado
- ❖ Equipment Delivery – Nikki King
- ❖ Backroom AKC Interface – John Heinrich
- ❖ Backroom Secretary Mentor – Anne Sanders
- ❖ Backroom Volunteer Solicitation – Sil Sanders
- ❖ Judges – Stephanie Gonyeau & Sil Sanders

\*Editor's Note: My fall resulted in two fractured vertebrae and immobility but Nikki and Marta immediately responded to my calls for help. Their valiant efforts on the eve of the test made everything else possible.

## Welcome New WSOTC Member Laura Burns

At the October 2012 meeting WSOTC members voted for Laura Burns to become a new member of the club. A month later Laura titled her English Springer Spaniel Melchris Royal Bard CD RN with a tracking dog title at the club's test on November 18, 2012, in Bow, WA. Laura's contact information includes her home address at 36015 SE Fish Hatchery Rd, Fall City, WA 98024, plus her telephone at 425.222.6041 and e-mail address at ballylynn@yahoo.com.

## Awards Plaques Update

*By Jean Rassbach*

On January 3, 2013, I picked up the new award plaques for Agility MX, MXJ and MACH. The TDX plaque has been found, and a new tracking plaque is now available for TDX, VST, and CT. There is an OTCH plaque that has not been updated since 1999. And there is a RAE plaque with only two dogs on it: Walter Kilmer's Duncan and my dog Connor. Please let me know if you have a dog that should be on any of these plaques. Contact me at 206.284.6371 or send me an e-mail at [jyedog@comcast.net](mailto:jyedog@comcast.net). See the Plaque Awards form on the Members Only WSOTC Web site: <https://wsotcorg.ipage.com/MembersOnly/Docs/PlaqueAward-ATV.pdf>  
WWW.WSOTC.ORG



## Louis Prince Award Recognizes Outstanding Achievement Nominations Due January 31, 2013

*By Nancy Light*

Since we do not have a membership meeting in January, I am also using this opportunity to remind you to get in your nominations for the Club Achievement or Louis Prince award. This award recognizes outstanding membership and service in the club — the people who make WSOTC possible. Get your nominations in to a board member by January 31, and include the reasons you feel this person should receive the award. The board will make the selection at its February meeting. Jean Rassbach won this award for a second time in 2012.

Previous award recipients include the following contributors and achievers:

Glenn Ellen Sickles	Janine Prindle	Hans & Eva Philipps
lice Trincherio	Jean Rassbach	Pat Shuler
Harley Craig	Marilyn & Keith Wittmeyer	Valerie Robbins
Rozanne Pitzer	Suzanne MacDonald	Janet Germeau
Janice R. Thomas	Richard Ashby	Nancy Griffin
Betty Winthers	Fred Marsh	Nancy Light
Josephine Sullivan	Robin Munson	Lori Davis
Floyd B Cottrell	Gene Manfredi	Lisa Baldwin
Carole DeLand	Marion Stech	Ron Perry
Irene Sorley	Laurie Snell	Walter Kilmer
Anna Cottrell	Marion Rivers	Lee Boelter
Chuck and Lois Kletch	Jo Ann Mather	John Heinrich
Ron & Pat Isham	Carole Hapke	Jackie Lovette
Frank & Marilyn Jones	Becky Johnson	Mary Schurr
Jerry Foley	Nancy Phillips	Janice Bergman
Edel Price	Nancy Kaiser	Jean Rassbach
Eileen Childress	Gerry Bocker	2013 ?
Gale and Pauline Osterloh	Barbara & Gerald Gaines	

## AKC Selects 2012 Breeder of the Year

### WSOTC's Delegate James W. Smith Honored

James W. Smith of North Collins, NY was honored with the 2012 AKC Breeder of the Year Award for his Absolutely Smooth Fox Terriers at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship on Sunday, December 16, 2012. The annual award honors those breeders who have dedicated their lives to improving the health, temperament and quality of purebred dogs.

“Congratulations to Jim,” said Michael Canalizo, AKC’s Director of Event Management. “The American Kennel Club knows that the breeders of purebred dogs are the backbone of our sport, so we’re proud to honor them each year at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. Being recognized as Breeder of the Year is one of the highest honors achievable.”

Each year, one honoree is chosen from each of the seven groups: Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, Non-Sporting, and Herding. From those seven, one Group winner is selected as "AKC Breeder of the Year" during the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, which was held this year in Orlando, Florida on December 15 and 16. The Breeder of the Year ceremony will be included in the show’s telecast on ABC Network Television on Saturday, February 2, 2013. Check local listings for air times.

As the 2012 AKC Breeder of the Year recipient, Jim will be honored with a commission from a canine portraitist to memorialize a prominent dog from his kennel and his name will be inscribed on a perpetual trophy. They will remain on permanent display at the AKC headquarters in New York City.

Read the complete story at: [http://www.akc.org/press\\_center/article.cfm?article\\_id=4799](http://www.akc.org/press_center/article.cfm?article_id=4799)

## Looking for a Performance Puppy?

Sire: FC-AFC OTCH Can FTCH-AFTCH OTCH  
TNT'S STANLEY STEAMER UDX OS FDHF OBHF  
Can MH WCX

Dam: HRCH URO2 U-CD ADIRONDAC'S KOURA  
TIKI UD BN GN GO VER TDX AX AXJ OF RE MH  
WCX VCX CCA NAC NWI Can CD TDX WCI

Stanley: Multiple perfect 200 scores in the obedience ring; The only dog to achieve four Championship FIELD TRIAL TITLES plus Am and Can OTCH titles all by five years of age! Qualified for US Amateur National; Qualified for both Open and Amateur Canadian Nationals. Tiki's 38 titles at 4 years old, with more to come, are illustrative of her versatile talents. Trains easily, very cooperative, with plenty of style. At home—affectionate, cuddly, playful, loves everyone, very much the social butterfly. Dark reddish gold with lighter feathering.

<http://home.comcast.net/~skylightgoldens/> Nancy Light  
kylahgold@aol.com 425/354-3609



Proud mother, Tiki, gave birth to five golden males and two females on January 18, 2013.

## Ring Stewards Needed for Upcoming WSOTC Rally and Obedience Trials

*By Dee Carlson*

Rally and Obedience ring stewards are needed for the WSOTC Obedience and Rally Trials on March 30 and 31, 2013, at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe.

Please let me know your preferences in classes and which days and times you would like to steward. Ya gotta hurry before someone else grabs the classes that you have been longing to steward for all these years!!

Feel free to either call me, 425.861.9030, or send me an e-mail at [avalonp1@frontier.com](mailto:avalonp1@frontier.com). Our trial judges and the trial chair will be eternally grateful to you. Me, too!

## Members Only Web Site Updates and Other Member Info

*By Nancy Light*

We are really making use of the "Members Only" section of the WSOTC Web site. For example, you will find the half yearly financial report there thanks to Kathy Weaver's efforts. If you need the user name and password, contact me at 425.354.3609 or [kylahgold@aol.com](mailto:kylahgold@aol.com).

Another member update involves our membership chair, James Wilkinson. Due to changes at work, he cannot continue on the board, so we are looking someone to replace him. Please let me know if you are able to take on this role. It seems that most of our board meetings are being done via teleconference so that may make it more viable for you to serve.

## Thank You WSOTC

I started taking obedience classes thru WSOTC in 1980. Over the years have taken various classes taught by other obedience schools and have been disappointed in their teaching methods.

Just finished the canine good citizen class taught by Sherri Wright. It reminded me what a great group of instructors volunteer their time to teach [some from back in the eighties] these classes.

When I read that you may have to dissolve the club it was sad to think that others wouldn't get to benefit from the knowledge of WSOTC instructors. I know you are looking for ways to bring new blood into the club. Maybe at the beginning session of classes you could talk to the new students about the club and get some new interest. I am signing up for the winter session and hope for more in the future. Best of luck.

Mary Kirkness, [rotterd@netzero.com](mailto:rotterd@netzero.com)

## Upcoming Events

### All Breed Obedience and Rally Trials, February 23 and 24, 2013, Argus Ranch, Auburn, WA

Hosted by Collie Club of WA, Inc. and Overlake Collie Club. For premium information link to <http://www.overlakecollie.com/documents/2013PremiumList.pdf>

Entries close February 6, 2013. For more information contact Ann Akerill, show secretary, at (H) 503.722.3806, or fax at 503.656.4300. Send e-mails to [showsecretary@anarek.org](mailto:showsecretary@anarek.org).

### Beginning Level Treibball Training Workshop, April 13 and 14, 2013, It's a Dogs World, Sumner, WA

American Treibball Association trainers Dianna Stearns and Hilary Lane lead workshop for all levels of trainers and instructors. Learn game rules, training basics, treibball skill-building training exercises and games. For more information visit [www.goodtimecanines.com](http://www.goodtimecanines.com)

### Structure in Action One Day Workshop, March 16, 2013, Paws-Abilities, Fife, WA

[Pat Hastings'](#) Puppy Puzzle Presentation plus discussion of the value of structurally evaluating adult dogs that are being considered for a breeding program, working trials or performance competition, along with a veterinarian's perspective on how to reduce the risk of structural injuries in working and performance dogs. For more information visit <http://everydoghas.com/calendar/workshops/structuralinaction.html> and for registration form: [WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM](#)

### Focus, Motivation and Team Building for Dog Sports, June 29 and 30, 2013, Puppy Perfectors Dog Training and Agility Center, Seattle, WA

Presenter Nancy Tanner, CPDT, focuses on creating motivated, focused and willing competition dogs. For more information visit [www.goodtimecanines.com](http://www.goodtimecanines.com)

## AKC New Titles

### CGC Award Becomes New Title

In celebration of dogs with good manners at home and in the community, beginning January 1, 2013, passing the AKC®'s Canine Good Citizen® test can be recognized as an official American Kennel Club® title for all dogs.

Since the program began in 1989, the CGC® has been considered an "award." Dogs that passed the 10-step test received a certificate, but CGC was not listed on the dog's title record. Now as a result of frequent requests from dog owners and instructors, owners of dogs registered or listed with AKC will be able to use the CGC suffix after the dog's name and include Canine Good Citizen on their dog's official title record.

"The CGC program tests the skills that make dogs a joy to live with and many owners have expressed the desire to officially add this 'badge of honor' to the end of their dog's official AKC name," says Mary Burch, PhD, director of AKC's Canine Good Citizen program.

For more information visit:  
<http://www.akc.org/events/obedience/>

### New AKC Masters Class Criteria

The American Kennel Club® announced a new Masters Class added to the inaugural AKC Obedience Classic slated for December 2013 in Orlando, Florida. The inaugural 2013 AKC Obedience Classic will take place December 14-15, in conjunction with the 2013 AKC/Eukanuba National Championship and Agility Invitational.

It will offer four class levels: Novice, Open, Utility and Masters, open to all dogs who meet the qualification criteria in the qualifying period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. During the qualifying period, the eligibility requirements for the Masters Class include the following:

- a. Must have earned a minimum of the UD title.
- b. A dog must earn six (6) qualifying scores of 193 or better in Open B during the qualifying period; and
- c. A dog must earn six (6) qualifying scores of 193 or better in Utility B during the qualifying period.
- d. OTCH titled dogs may enter this class.

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