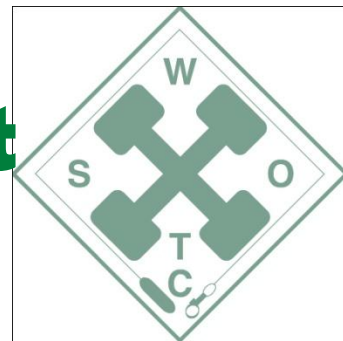


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Awards Banquet Includes Fun and Business

Proposed By-laws Changes

By Nancy Light

Twenty-nine people have reservations to join in the celebration at the WSOTC 2012 Awards Banquet on Saturday, February 16, at 5:30 p.m. at the Azteca restaurant in Southcenter. In addition to celebrating member accomplishments in 2012, this is also a notified meeting to vote on bylaws changes. A summary of the bylaws changes will be sent to those members attending the meeting.

The Azteca is located at 17555 Southcenter Parkway in Tukwila.

CGC Report

By Shari Wright, CGC chair

When classes ended in November we once again held the CGC test at Lake City Community Center. We had 17 students with the unusual number of purebreds being 17. We had only one failure. All instructors were pleased. Jean Rassbach's Border Terrier, Widget, passed with flying colors as did Bruce Crawford's Samoyed, Tiger. Congratulations to you both. I will not list the other 15 participants as time did not permit it. My apologies for the lateness of this report but because we were out of state for 2 weeks and with my persistent case of the flu for 4 weeks, time simply escaped. I do wish to thank the wonderful, capable evaluators; Kristin Adix, Janice Bergman, Bruce Crawford, Wanda Diemert, Nancy Griffith, Jean Rassbach and Jeremy Slocomb.

All reports were sent to AKC on time. Thank you everyone.

Disaster Preparedness for Pet Owners – Free Workshop

By Kathy Lang

Join Family Dog Training Center's Lee Cummings for an informative talk on Disaster Preparedness for Pet Owners on Saturday, February 23, from 10 a.m. to noon at Family Dog in Kent, WA. Lee will provide handouts and demonstrations so you can prepare for disasters that may impact your family (and pets). Learn what to do and where to go in the event of earthquake, fire, flood and more. Lee will show you how to make a disaster kit for your animals (in the event you need to leave your home) and discuss ways to make your home safer, and better prepared, in the event of a disaster. In addition, Lee will help you learn where to go if you need to evacuate with your pet, and talk about facilities that will care for pets if your animals cannot evacuate with you.

Lee is Trainer for Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and FEMA Disaster Training, a City of Renton Emergency Response Volunteer, member of Evergreen Golden Retriever Rescue and Senior Instructor for Family Dog Training Center. In her spare time she also trains and shows her own Golden Retrievers.

This is a free workshop for humans, so please leave pets at home. We would like to know how many people to expect, so please register online or give us a call to let us know how many people will be attending with you. For more info: <http://www.familydogonline.com/CartGenie/flyers/PP022313.pdf> and online registration: <http://www.familydogonline.com/prod-121.htm>

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

March 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
Monday, February 25, 2013.

Send your submissions to Nova Berkshires
at novaberkshires@comcast.net

Thanks!

WSOTC Board Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2013

Submitted by Janice Bergman, secretary

February 4, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:22 p.m. via phone conference.

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

Minutes

Minutes from the January Board meeting as printed in the Canine Post APPROVED

President's Report

Two people have applied for membership; we will be voting on the Louis Prince award tonight and appointing the nominating committee.

Secretary's Report

From AKC-Approval of judges for all three days of the Agility Trial. The Board discussed the electronic submission of the membership roster. Will be done after March 1, after we have final membership figures.

Treasurer's Report

Amounts were read on checking and money market accounts. Wanda reported that rent and storage for Lake City have been paid and that amount for replacement plaques have been paid. We still have about nine members that have still not renewed and a notice will go out in the Post reminding people that members have until March 1st to renew or their membership will lapse.

Committee Reports

Agility 2013

Dee reported via email that she received an email from the City of Monroe – they expect to finish the WSOTC application review by 8 February and get back to me shortly. Approval is expected. Still need to line porta potties and a few dumpsters

Awards

Jean has taken awards to be engraved and will have Louis Prince engraved when that recipient is chosen tonight.

Awards Dinner

The Board agreed that the two members applying would be invited with their dinners paid for since, with fewer meetings, the election process takes longer. They have paid their dues with their application. About 15 people have signed up so far.

Audit/budget

Classes

Wanda reported that KPT has 6 students, Basic has 12 and CGC 11.

Hearts and Flowers

Membership

Two members have applied-David and Cheryl Jackson, attended the November meeting. Their first reading will be at the February meeting, will be voted on at next member meeting.

Newsletter

Nova will try to get a short Post done before the awards dinner.

Obedience Trial 2013

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WSOTC February 4, 2013, Board Meeting Minutes

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Premium list has been sent to Sheila and should be mailed out soon. Only a couple of trophy payments are still outstanding. We will not be bringing the baby gates from storage, as it was too much trouble to bring the trailer. Baray will supply instead. So only need to bring ring steward supplies and a few other things. Claudia said she has hired 4-H dog group to help with clean-up from 4 to 6 on Sunday. Nancy reported she has not heard from Evergreen Fairgrounds yet on what will be the new food vendor that they have contracted with, so she will call. We will likely have the same vendors as last year. Dee reported via email that she has had several people volunteer to ring steward for the WSOTC. Will compile a schedule closer to the Trial dates and send a reminder to all volunteers.

Obedience Trial 2014

Nancy is thinking of chairing the Trial but as she wants to show, she will need a very good committee to help. She will be asking for committee volunteers and will withdraw her offer if there are too few offers to take on the committee chairs and too many people say they cannot help.

Programs

February is the awards banquet and voting on changes to by-laws. Board discussed briefly what meetings to have if we do six. Meetings will be set under new business

TDX Spring 2013

Test is cancelled, too late to do anything.

TDX Spring 2014

Need chair, but should try to get soon--the earlier planning starts the less pressure for the chair. The Board discussed possible people, John will contact.

Fall TD 2013

Nova chair with help from Laura Burns. Board discussed possibilities for Secretary.

Training Committee***Website***

Discussion on what to do with the Yahoo files since we have the member's only up on website and the same information is there.

Yahoo

We will be keeping the Yahoo discussion list. New files and changes (like roster and bylaws) will be on the members only section website. Nancy will talk to Kathy about the archives (old newsletters, etc.) in the Yahoo files.

Unfinished Business**New Business**

1. Louis Prince: Board will send their votes via email to Jean since she needs the information anyway since she needs the information anyway for awards
2. Nominating Committee: John will chair. Names discussed and John will call in order and let Board know who has agreed. Board can approve via email
3. Board set dates for general membership meetings for 2013: February, March, May, June, September, October, November. Generally third Thursday unless need to change, generally at Meadowbrook. March meeting, however will be March 14, and combined with trial committee meeting (the program) Board meeting dates set. Will meet every month but December, though if none needed at time may cancel. Dates: March 4, April 8, May6, June 10, July 1, August 5, September 9, October 7, November 4
4. The Board decided to not recruit for James' position, so will just leave his name on the Board.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm

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

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.

**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

**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/structureinaction.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

Volunteering for 4-H Equals Win-Win

By Michelle Christensen

The Snohomish County 4-H program needs volunteers for club sponsored dog events such as judging contests and participating in fairs. You do not need to be an AKC judge in order to judge 4-H obedience.

We also need dog and handler teams of all levels to demonstrate obedience exercises in a mock competition setting. This is a great opportunity to work your dog in a new scene.

For example, volunteers participate in a mock Novice trial. A 4-H leader will call the exercises like a judge. The audience includes 4-H kids busily taking notes on clipboards. By doing this they learn what to look for and how to express those observations in writing and later orally.

This is a great opportunity for someone who has never been in an obedience trial to get the butterflies out. It is also a great opportunity for your dog to work in a new location. Think of it as a free and quick fun match!

Since the kids are just learning, it is great to have absolute beginners as well as advanced handlers to compare. Trust me, we've had dogs just sit in one location while the handler walked the heeling pattern solo! The idea is that the 4-H kids are learning to catch and make note of mistakes, so it's a good place for handlers to make mistakes. It's also good to have an experience handler (ringer) to contrast, so anyone is welcome!

The 4-H leaders are needed to teach the skills, so we are hoping to get members of the community to help us with the "dog skills". Hopefully it will be a win-win situation. If you are able to help us out, we would greatly appreciate it. If you are interested in these opportunities please contact me, Michelle Christensen, for more information, or hopefully to volunteer. Send an e-mail to christensenml@hotmail.com

Last Call for WSOTC Membership Renewal

For people who have not yet renewed their WSOTC membership, you have until March 1, 2013, to send your dues to Wanda Diemert, 15733 Midvale Ave N, Shoreline, WA 98133

If you have questions about membership, contact James Wilkinson, membership chairman, 21118 NE 43rd Place, Sammamish, WA 98074-6016. Or call him at 425.868.3435 or send an e-mail to jwilkins@u.washington.edu

For more membership information and an application form, visit the WSOTC Web membership page: <https://wsotcorg.ipage.com/Membership.html>

Entry Deadline for WSOTC's March Trial

Entries Close for WSOTC's upcoming trial on March 13, 2013. The WSOTC AKC Obedience Trial happens at Evergreen Event Center, Evergreen Fairgrounds, Monroe, WA. Superintendent: BaRay

Here's the link to the premium list:

http://www.barayevents.com/docs/636/document_2330.pdf

Congratulations to 2012 WSOTC Awards' Achievers.



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