

Washington State Obedience Training Club
An AKC Member Club

Canine Post

June 2013

Vote for Club Board of Directors

at June 20 Member Meeting at Wanda Diemert's Home

The WSOTC Nominating Committee has identified a full slate of nominees for the club's board of directors. Full members will vote on the nominees by secret ballot at the annual meeting on June 20, 2013.

WSOTC Board of Directors Nominees

	Officers	Directors
President	Nancy Light	Claudia Hegdahl
Vice President	Don Rennick	Jean Rassbach
Secretary	Janice Bergman	Marta Brock
Treasurer	Wanda Diemert	Lynn Brimmer Pat Rennick

For directions to Wanda's home at 15733 Midvale Ave N, Shoreline, WA 98133, go to page 7.

From the President

Nancy Light

Fellow members, WSOTC

As some of you may not have heard, it is with a heavy heart that I need to let you know that Dee Carlson passed away on June 6 of complications of brain cancer, which caused a blood clot and fluid in the lungs. This has been both a personal tragedy for our club as well as a profound blow to our survival, as she did so much for us. As of this writing, we have not heard of any plans for funeral or memorial services. The Board has also suffered losses of members with the retirement early this year of John Heinrich and James Wilkinson. Jean Rassbach may be out for a while as well with her health issues, including a broken hip.

In addition, as you are all aware, our club is having a difficult time getting enough members to participate. The Board realizes that many of you have complications in your life that limit your ability to help. With all of these challenges to our survival, we have been in contact with AKC trying to determine our available options

One of the options investigated is dissolution. However, it seems that it will be very difficult to actually have a vote for dissolution for WSOTC. AKC requires that we have 2/3 of the Full Members who agree to dissolve. This must be at a physical meeting with a written ballot. This would be 11. I can't remember the last time we had 11 Full members at a meeting. It might be possible to arrange this, but in any case, we have decided the best option is to continue for the 2013-2014 club year in a vastly reduced state. Here is what we plan to do. to

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Agility Trials 2013 – Wanda Diemert and
Nancy Light

Awards – Jean Rassbach

Audit/Budget – (chair needed)

CGC – Shari Wright

Training Chair – (chair needed)

Hearts & Flowers – Nancy Light

Historian – (chair needed)

Insurance – Sue Cox

Legislation – (chair needed)

Membership – Nancy Light (temporary)

Newsletter – Laura Burns

Obedience Trials 2013 – Claudia Hegdahl

Obedience Trials 2014 – Nancy Light

Printing/Mailing – Nancy Griffin

Programs – (chair needed)

Property/Inventory – John Heinrich

Public Education – (chair needed)

Publicity – (chair needed)

Phone – Wanda Diemert

Sanctioned Match – (as needed)

Tracking Committee – (chair needed)

TD/TDX – Fall 2013 -- Nova Berkshires

TDX – Spring 2014 – (chair needed)

Web Site – Kathy Weaver

Yahoo Page – Wanda Diemert WSOTC

Elections on June 20, 2013

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Next Post Deadline

Please send your articles, comments, announcements, brags, editorials, events, reports, or anything else for the next issue of the *Canine Post* to the new editor Laura Burns at ballylynn@yahoo.com. She will notify WSOTC members about the deadline.

Thanks!

Dee Carlson Passes Away

By Ken Carlson

It is with a very heavy heart that I tell you that Dee Carlson passed away at 8:35 a.m. on June 6, 2013. The cause was complications of the brain cancer which produced a blood clot, caused fluid in the lungs and her passing. This complication started around 6:30 p.m. June 5. EMTs rushed her to the hospital where it took until early morning to determine the cause of the intense pain she was experiencing. It also became apparent she was in a fight for survival. She fought hard, but couldn't overcome it in the end.

She had some extraordinary skills and did some unusual things during her life – including positions with the FBI, Maryland State Police K9 Officer, Marine Corp., several computer related business positions. I met her when she worked at PACCAR Inc. MIS. She finished her computer career at Ernst Home Centers and then on to dog training. She was a professional dog trainer for about 17 or more years. She truly loved this. She was very good at it. I have drawers and walls with many, many ribbons. And she was a proud member of the Sammamish Kennel Club and Washington State Obedience Training Club.

She was a graduate of the University of Maryland with a B.S. degree in Computer Science. She also held a M.S. degree in Computer Science from UCLA.

We were married August 20, 1988, 24+ years. I loved her very much. I will miss her terribly. Her children, myself and the family thank all of you for your prayers and support. May she finally rest in peace after a short but valiant struggle with cancer that began in January 2013.

To Dee -- Love Ken and Family - Don, Jenny, Chris and seven grand children

Dee Carlson Open House/Celebration of Life Planned

By Ken Carlson

I am holding an OPEN HOUSE/CELEBRATION OF LIFE at the home of Dee and Ken Carlson on SUNDAY JUNE 23, 2013 from 1 to 5 p.m. PLEASE COME AND SHARE IN HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS and EXCHANGE STORIES.

The address is 14207 192nd Ave NE Woodinville, WA 98077 in THE CROSSINGS at Cottage Creek. General directions are:

From the South - take I-405 N thru Bellevue to I-520 East to Redmond. At the end of I-520 continue straight down Avondale Road then turn right at NE 143rd Place – The Crossings entrance. Then turn right at the first street (192nd Ave NE). The house is located at the end of the street on the right just after the last group of mailboxes.

From the North - take I 405 to 522 East toward Monroe. Take the second exit toward Duval and turn right (East) onto the Woodinville-Duval Road (185th). Turn right at Avondale Road then turn left at NE 143rd Place - The Crossings entrance. Then turn right at the first street (192nd Ave NE). The house is located at the end of the street on the right just after the last group of mailboxes.

Parking will be along the street and may be tight.

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The only other gathering will be primarily for the family and close friends when Dee's ashes are put in the niche later in the summer.

People have asked about doing something for Dee. We have already received flowers and plants which have been appreciated. It is not necessary to do anything, but if you wish I suggest a token contribution to a program to provide food for animals or a food bank program such as Northwest Harvest, Food lifeline, etc.

If you need information, I can be reached at home 425.861.9030 or via email at kccrossings@comcast.net

Carlson Dedication

How about dedicating the specialty shows next year to Dee? Plus, individual contributors can donate toward a special trophy/prize in her memory to go toward some aspect of obedience trials/training that she especially liked.

If you do decide to do this, I will be happy to contribute.

Dalene McIntire

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The Latest on Jean Rassbach

By Lee Boelter

As most of you know, Jean Rassbach has had her share of struggles this past month, and she asked me to update everyone. About a month ago Jean fell and broke her hip, and had subsequent hip replacement surgery at Virginia Mason Hospital. It was successful, and she then went to rehab at the health center at Bayview Retirement Community on Queen Anne Hill where she still is residing.

Ironically this is the facility where she and I and our dogs have been therapy visiting weekly together for the past 16 years. She was even visiting there prior to when Oliver and I came on board, as her parents lived in an apartment upstairs from the health center. So she is familiar with the facility, and the staff all know her which is really nice. I've seen her a few times, and she is recovering well, and is upbeat and positive as of course Jean would be :) She is helping the PT train his new puppy, and she is loving that!

I saw Jean yesterday (June 13) and the latest news is that she will be moving upstairs in Bayview to an apartment this weekend, June 15th. She's still on a walker but moving pretty well. She showed me the apartment and it's very nice – a one bedroom, and has a small kitchen but she won't be needing that too much as she will have her meals in the dining room.

Unfortunately her "view" is of the parking lot and Queen Anne Ave., but she thinks maybe in the future she could move to another one with a West view of the city and the Sound. For now she seems happy with this.

One of her dogs, Widge, went back to her breeder in Pt. Angeles last weekend, and her other two Border terriers, Reiver and JD, will be with her at Bayview. They have a rule of one dog per person, but Jean was able to talk them into letting her having two :) It won't be easy as she is on the fourth floor and will have to take them out frequently, but she says she is up to it. She will figure it all out I'm sure.

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This is a huge transition for Jean, and I'm sure difficult to leave her home. She has lots of family in the area, and they are taking good care of her as well as all the endless details of such a move. Jean told me she would love visitors, so I do hope people will go and see her. It really isn't that hard to find, but those who don't know Seattle, it could be a challenge. We did lots of WSOTC exhibitions at Bayview, and people were able to find it, so it's possible :)

There are directions on the Bayview Retirement Community Web site. You'll find Jean at the Bayview RC in Apt. 409 on 11 West Aloha St., Seattle, WA 98119-3743.

The phone to Bayview is 206.284.7330, but when she moves I imagine she will have a direct line to her room. I'm sure they can transfer the call to her.

So that's the latest scoop with Jean, and we wish her all the best in her new "digs." I know she misses everyone, and I will be seeing her often when Luke and I do our therapy visiting. Please send cards or better yet make a visit! She would love to see you.

From the President

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1. Hold the already planned Agility trial on July 12, 13, 14, 2013. Wanda and I are filling in for Dee to take on the chair responsibilities. We definitely need your help to carry this out, especially for set up on Friday and take down on Sunday. If you can help, please contact Wanda by e-mail at wediemert@yahoo.com or call her at 206.440.9948, or contact me at kylahgold@aol.com or call me at 425.354.3609.
2. One TD/TDX test at Bow December 1, 2013. The committee is nearly in place for this, and the application about to be submitted. We can still use tracklayers and drivers. Contact Nova if you can help. Nova's e-mail is novaberkshires@comcast.net and her phone number is 360.943.8907.
3. Obedience trials March 30-31, 2014. This will be reduced in scope, limited trophies, fewer classes, and no frills. Help also needed, let me know if you can help with this. We need stewards, workers lunch, set up and take down, and other tasks. My e-mail is kylahgold@aol.com and my phone number is 425.354.3609.
4. Agility trials, July, 2014. We would likely turn over much of the work to R2 Agility. Limited work would be required by the trial chair as the Robins do most of it. There would be reduced profits, but far less work for us and easier to find a chair.
5. Fewer regular meetings. Although the bylaws still say six, AKC says we can go to four. June will be our fourth meeting. (It's a new location, at the home of Wanda Diemert, with directions below). Linda Shea may be doing a fun match in August or September, we'll hold a brief meeting there, which could then count as a meeting for people to apply for membership or be voted on. We might also hold a brief meeting at the agility trial and or tracking test, just to give people a chance to join.
6. No more obedience classes. We will need to clean out the Lake City Community Center storage—store at Don Rennick's for now, but we need help to get it moved. We have set a tentative date of June 25 at 6:00 pm. at 12531 28th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125. Please let me know if you can help with cleaning out our LCCC storage.
7. Eliminate awards (for titles, top dog, etc.)

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8. The Board has already gone to phone meetings only. Event committees will conduct their work primarily by phone and e-mail. We' will rely more on e-mails to the members for things that cannot be communicated in a timely way in the newsletter.

Some of these things could be reinstated if we have volunteers to take on the tasks. In fact, this has already happened. My original list included the cessation of sending the newsletters by mail to anyone. However, Nancy Griffin has stepped up to mail the newsletter to those who can't access online, so we can continue to do this. Since we have not gotten the names of people who are mailed Posts, the initial mailing will go only to those who have no email address in the roster. The Board will be compiling a list of all volunteers for each activity with assignments. The list will also include areas where we need additional help. We will provide the list to the entire membership.

At this time if you have volunteered for a position please make sure we have it correctly identified because we will be counting on you. If you have not volunteered and would like to we will be thrilled to add your name to as many positions as you would like. Finally if we still do not have enough volunteers for positions and your name is not included and we are not aware of a reason you cannot participate expect a friendly phone call asking for your support with at least one activity this coming year.

One of the keys to our survival is to increase our membership so that we have sufficient active members as our existing member's age. If you know anyone who might be interested encourage them to join. It should be easier to apply if we can hold brief meetings at our events. If there is a way you feel you can participate that isn't listed above please contact someone on the Board and let him or her know what you would like to do. Every little bit helps.

We will need to periodically reassess. If we are to survive as a club we need everyone to participate. Please contact a Board member with your input and suggestions. We would especially appreciate your attendance at the June meeting, our annual meeting and election. Due to Dee's passing, we need to replace her on the Board. Pat Rennick has graciously volunteered to take a position on the Board and her name will be on the ballot. Note that the location has changed from our usual at Meadowbrook. It will be at the home of Wanda Diemert, 15733 Midvale Ave N, Shoreline, WA 98133. Call her at 206.440.9948.

Directions to Wanda Diemert's Home

From SB I-5 take the NE 175th St. exit.
Turn Right, west, onto Hwy 99 (Aurora Ave North).
Turn Left, south, onto NE 160th
Turn Left, east, drive one block to Midvale Ave N.
Turn Right, south, onto Midvale Av N.
Drive 1/2 block to 15733 on the right.

From NB I-5
Exit on NE 145th St.
Turn Left, west, onto Hwy 99 (Aurora Ave North).
Turn Right, north, onto NE 155th.
Turn Left, east, just past the Chevron left onto Midvale N.
Drive 1/2 block to 15733 on the left.

Nancy

WSOTC Judges' List

The judges list will be voted on at the June 20 meeting. We can also add names to the ballot that are not on this list. Those who have signed up to work on the trials will be the committee and make the final choices.

Nancy Light
2014 Obedience Trials chair

WSOTC 2014 Trial Judges' List

Debbi Addicoat, WA, rally
Dianne Allen, IL, all obedience and rally
C.Z. Pat Alvarez, CA, all obedience and rally

Susan (Suzi) Bluford, CA, all obedience and rally

Betty Brask, HI, all obedience and rally
Carol Callahan, WA, all obedience
Terri Clingerman, NY, all obedience

Chris Cornell, WA, all obedience and rally
Sue Cox, WA, all obedience and rally
John Cox, WA, all obedience
Nancy Craig, CA, all obedience and rally
Marcia Dandridge, OR, all obedience and rally

Harold Doan, FL, all obedience and rally
Rose Doan, FL, all obedience and rally

Lynn Eggers, TX, all obedience and rally

Alvin Eng, CA, all obedience and rally
Greg Feathers, FL, all obedience and rally

Sharon Fulkerson, OR, all obedience
Pat Gannon, TX, all obedience
Edward Haas, IL, all obedience and rally

Sharon Hodgens-Wood, WI, all obedience and rally

Richard Wood, WI, all obedience and rally

Michele Illes, CA, all obedience and rally
Jerry Iermiero, FL, all obedience and rally
Joanne Johnson, SD, all obedience and provisional rally
Pat Kasten, MO, all obedience

Pat Knepley, WA, rally
Carl Lenz, OR all obedience and rally
Linda MacDonald, OH, all obedience and rally
Tom Masterson, OH, all obedience
JoAnn Mather, WA, all obedience and rally
Pam Murphy, CA, all obedience and rally
Deb Neufeld, FL, novice, open and all rally
Susan Oviatt-Harris, CO, all obedience

Mike Piefer, WI, all obedience
Chris Primmer, WA, all obedience and rally
Cynthia Rustad, MN, all obedience and rally
Phil Rustad, MN, all obedience and rally
Mary Jane Shervais, WA, all obedience and rally

Robert Squires, NY, all obedience
Earl Vaughan, WA, all obedience and rally
Pamela Weaver, OR, all obedience and rally
Betty Winthers, WA, all obedience and rally

Hero Dogs Awards

By Kathy Lang

I have nominated Cranberry for Hero Dog of the Year. We need your votes!!! Please go to the link below and vote for Cranberry. And forward this to all your friends and ask them to vote for Cranberry, too. Cranberry deserves to win Hero Dog of the Year.

<http://www.herodogawards.org/vote?nominee=24261919>

For more Hero Dog Awards info, visit: <http://www.herodogawards.org/>

Important Club Business at June 20, 2013 Annual Meeting

1. Vote on new board of directors
2. Review the list of judges for WSOTC 2014 Trial
3. Explore WSOTC's future

Welcome Laura Burns, new editor for WSOTC's *Canine Post*

Many thanks to Laura Burns for volunteering to take on the role of editing and publishing *The Canine Post* in the future. She will prepare newsletters for the members according to board decisions about communicating with the club. Please share your articles, comments, announcements, brags, editorials, events, reports, or anything else with Laura by sending her e-mail messages to ballylynn@yahoo.com or calling her at 425.222.6941. I wish you all a fulfilling future,
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