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The Canine Post November 2013

An AKC Member Club

Next meeting: Saturday, November 16th, 2013

Time and Location for November meeting:

November 16th, 2013
Whidbey Island Kennel Club show
Evergreen Fairgrounds, Monroe WA Obedience Building
About noon

**FALL TRACKING TEST
COMBINED TD, TDX
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST**

Meeting to follow test, around noon

Registrations are coming in fast and furious for our Fall tracking test, which is a combined TD and TDX. Our meeting will follow the completion of the test, in Jan Wesen's obedience building at Chuckanut Farms 7210 Worline Road, Bow, WA 98232. Please let Lynn or Laura know if you can help!

**CONNIE CLEVELAND
SEMINAR**

Plan ahead for this exciting WSOTC seminar:

Dates: June 21-22
Location: Dogworks Training Center in Monroe, WA
Price: \$200 for a working spot, \$100 for auditing
Priority for working spots goes to workers. If interested in volunteering, contact Nancy Light
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A flyer is attached later in this newsletter!



Tracking on an early fall day..

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MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT SEPT. 2013

Welcome to new member **Dori Ayala**. Dori has a Samoyed and a German Shepherd Dog. She is involved in 4-H with her daughter and both helped out at the agility trials last July. Please add her to your roster:

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Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043
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The following have applied for membership with a first reading on October 19, and to be voted on at the general membership meeting November 16 at the WIKC meeting:

- **Debbie Addicoat** from Carnation Wa has a Corgi and a Sheltie. Her sponsors are Nancy Light and Mary Schurr
- **Suzanne Bolwell** from Bellevue WA has Golden Retrievers. Her sponsors are Nancy Light and Mary Schurr
- **Goria Newby** from Redmond, WA has a Golden Retriever and Shelties. Her sponsors are Nancy Light and Mary Schurr
- **Judith Peterson** from Snoqualmie WA has a Doberman . Her sponsors are Nancy Light and Mary Schurr
- **Linda Shea** from Sammamish WA has Belgian Tervurens and a Pom. Her Sponsors are Nancy Light and Mary Schurr

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

HOPE

As you know, WSOTC has been on life support, in true jeopardy of folding, over the last few years. A dwindling, aging, and health challenged membership, declining interest over the years in obedience, and so many opportunities for dog people in other dog sports, have taxed the Club's survival to the limits. But in recent months, there has been cause for me to have hope that WSOTC will in fact go on and perhaps even prosper. At the last meeting, we had first readings for five new members, who should be voted in at the November meeting. We elected one new member, Dori Ayala, who applied in July, with four new members in the year before that—this after a two year hiatus with no new members at all and very few in the 3-4 years prior. And I know of two people who will be submitting their applications for membership at the November meeting.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT (cont'd)

Part of this has been due to a change in the way we are conducting meetings. Asking people to come to the Meadowbrook facility on a week night with little to offer but dull business meetings was not a way to attract interest in the Club. So it seems our plan of having brief meetings at events people might already be interested in was the way to go. This began with the meeting held at our July agility trial, and continued with the October meeting at the C match held at Linda's building. Linda, who is rejoining after an absence of a few years, was kind enough to donate her building and help organize this. (And thanks as well to Mary Schurr as well for taking on the difficult task of taking entries and organizing the time slots.) Not only did the match give us a little profit, it offered a chance for people to engage in a well received and useful obedience activity. We could not accommodate all of the people who wanted to enter. People expressed interest in having more of these, and Kathy Lang has offered the use of her building for a similar match in February. We also plan a "December" meeting following the conclusion of the tracking test in Bow on December 1, and can hopefully get the people applying in November on board. The January meeting will be likely held at the Puyallup cluster, February meeting at the match at Family Dog, and March at the WSOTC trials. These meetings are short, with the agenda primarily consisting of announcements, critical votes, first readings and election of new members. This will generally mean that more of the business of the Club will be carried out by the Board, so if any of the new (or old) members would like to get involved in that aspect, they could certainly consider running for a Board position. At least as of now, Board meetings are conducted by phone conference.



Cute corgi at the C match; Debbie Addicoat judging

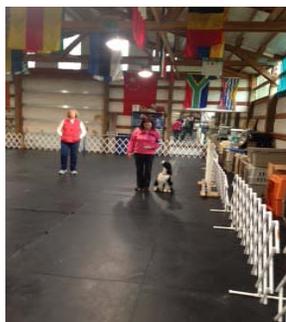
Another exciting event we are planning in the Connie Cleveland seminar held on June 21-22 2014. This is going to be not only a great opportunity for you to gather the wisdom of one of the most preeminent dog trainers in the country, but a chance for you to offer your services to the Club, which will also assure you of one of the limited working spots. We are still working out the positions, but feel free to contact me if you would like to volunteer. The seminar and matches will be helping us to recoup the hole in our budget from no longer being able to offer obedience classes.

Our other activities are coming along well. Lynn Brimmer made quick work of the need to replace one of our judges (Stephanie Gonyeau for Franna Pitt, whose recovery from surgery was slower than expected). Entries are still being taken, but it does look like we do have sufficient workers.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONT')



Prospective member Lisa McCoy and her springer Booth and judge Kathy Lang at the C match

The obedience trial seems to be going OK. We could still use another chair or two (mainly the set up on Friday) and of course we will be needing stewards.

We have a new web manager. Her name is Ane Brusendorff, and not a member, so she is being compensated for her time. For now, we are just having her do updates and keeping the site current, but some changes to the site to liven it up a bit are possible later. Please submit any items that need to be put on the website to me.

That is about it for now. As always, I am open to your ideas and suggestions.

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Fearless WSOTC leader Nancy Light and Tiki at the C match, with prospective member Gloria Newby

WSOTC General Meeting Minutes October 2013 October 19, 2013

Submitted by Nancy Light, Acting Secretary

The meeting called to order at 12:25 pm at Linda Shea's Training Building in Issaquah WA by President Nancy Light. A quorum was present.

Report of the President The President thanked all for coming and reminded people that since business meetings, for the time being would include only limited announcements, so best to keep up via the Canine Post (including Board minutes) and the website for details on Club news. We are focusing on carrying out Club events—next ones will be the TD/TDX on December 1, 2013 and the Obedience trials, March 30 and 31. The next meetings are: Whidbey Island Kennel Club in the Obedience building on November 16, around noon; just after the TD/TDX ends on December 1 and likely on Saturday at the Puyallup cluster, also in the obedience building. As at this meeting, they are short, covering announcements, first readings for prospective members, Election of New members, and any other important items to vote on. This means that the Board will be conducting more of the business, but can stay in touch as noted via the newsletter and website, and via emails or phone calls to the Board to bring up issues.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Meeting Minutes continued (Nov. 2013)

Committee Reports

Membership: First readings for Debbie Adicoat, Suzanne Bolwell, Judy Peterson, Gloria Newby, and Linda Shea

Obedience Trial 2014: Trials are in place, will have judges listed on the website. Flyers will be out hopefully by WIKC. Trophies will be far more limited—just HIT, HC and 1-4th place. People who want to donate can combine so we can have nice trophies for those prizes. Kathy Lang offered to put together goodie bags for all exhibitors so all would have something nice to take away

Property -We will be moving property from SeaTac storage to Don Rennick's, volunteers needed. No date set.

Website – We are in transition to a new webmaster. Website may be down for a few days while this is happening.

Election of New Members:

Dori Ayala was voted into membership.

Kathy commented on how we need to have more C matches like this one and offered her building for a date TBD. (Likely we will conduct a short meeting there). It was suggested that we also hold one in December, but no specific plans were made.

The meeting was adjourned.



Your editor with Linda Shea and Journey, the Irish Water Spaniel, having fun at the C match.

PLANS FOR EARLY 2013 MEETINGS (please mark your calendars):

JANUARY

January 11

Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers
Western WA Fairgrounds,
Puyallup, WA, Obedience
Building
Time: TBD

FEBRUARY

Date TBD

C Match
Family Dog Training Center,
Kent WA
Time: TBD

MARCH

March 30

WSOTC Obedience Trials,
Evergreen Event Center,
Evergreen Fairgrounds, Monroe,
WA
Time: TBD

Late flash!

Website has been updated with new information. www.wsotc.org. Codes for the members only page will be sent via email.

CHANGES TO AKC OBEDIENCE, RALLY AND AGILITY REGULATIONS

The AKC Board recently voted on changes to obedience, rally and agility regulations, effective January 1, 2014. Some of them include changes to the rally ring dimensions, allowing for a more rectangular ring shape; permitting the carrying of dogs into the ring for awards; requiring a refund for bitches in season; and more! Click on this link to find the full minutes:

http://images.akc.org/pdf/board_minutes/2013_Oct.pdf



*Editor's photo pick for the
WSOTC C Match:
John Cox and May*

Canine Post
Laura Burns
36014 SE Fish Hatchery Rd.
Fall City, WA 98024



Connie Cleveland Obedience Problem Solving Seminar



Sponsored by WSOTC
June 21 and 22, 2014
at
The Dog Works
154 Village Court, Monroe, WA 98272

We are delighted to welcome Connie Cleveland back to the Northwest. Connie gives a two day theory/ problem solving seminar. She will begin by discussing how dogs learn and then will work with the handlers and dogs attending.

Connie Cleveland was born in Lansing, Michigan and received her B.S. in Engineering from Michigan State University. She spent 10 years as the Training Director for Dogs for the Disabled. Currently, she lives in Fountain Inn, South Carolina, where she owns and operates Dog Trainers Workshop, a training and boarding facility. Connie teaches obedience to over 100 students each week. Connie's obedience experiences include 9 Obedience Trial Champions, a UDT Maltese and a CDX Shih-tzu. Currently, she shares her home with a variety of retrievers and a Shih-tzu and is competing in both field trials and obedience with AFC OTCH Topbrass Caleb UDX OM2 and Goldstar Micah CDX***. She has been a frequent contributor to Front and Finish and The Golden Retriever News. She is the author of Dogs are Problem Solvers. (For more information, please visit Dog Trainers Workshop homepage at www.dogtrainersworkshop.com where you can check out her blogs and training videos).

This seminar is limited to twenty four (24) working spots. There will be room for observers. Those wanting working spots must attend both days. Connie will work with each dog/handler team at least once during the weekend.

Cost:

\$200 for each dog/handler working team

\$100 observer both days

\$60 observer one day

The seminar will begin at 9 am on Saturday June 21 and 8:30 am on Sunday June 22. A light breakfast and lunch will be available both days. You may want to bring your own chair. For more information contact Terrie Sato at 425-788-6628 or wdsato@cablespeed.com.

Send checks (made out to WSOTC) and registration to:

Terrie Sato
31902 NE 139th St
Duvall, WA 98019

Connie Cleveland Obedience Problem Solving Seminar

Registration:

Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____ E-mail _____

Dog Breed _____ Call Name _____

Age of Dog _____

Current Training Level _____

What are your training goals? _____

What problems are you encountering?

Are there other issues you would like to address?

Liability waiver (must sign)

I agree to hold harmless The Dog Works, WSOTC, its board of directors and officers, from any liability, loss or damage to property while attending this workshop. I further agree to accept full responsibility for the actions of any animal brought onto the property by myself.

Print name I accept the conditions above (signature) Date