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# *The Canine Post* April 2016

*An AKC Member Club*

## **NEXT MEETINGS & EVENTS**

**May 1, 3:00 pm**

A Canine College  
20515 N.E. Union Hill Road  
Redmond, WA 98053

**June 11, around noon**

June membership meeting  
Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers obedience trial

**July 15, 16, 17**

WSOTC Agility trial

*Please attend our May meeting at Canine College, as we'll accepting nominations from the floor on our slate of officers for next year. Practice will also be possible for the hour before the meeting.*

*Our June meeting is even more important, when we will need a quorum to vote on our nominated officers. Please plan to attend both of these important club meetings.*

### *The Nominating Committee's Slate for Officers and Board 2016-2017.*

**Officers :**

President - Michelle Fuqua  
Vice President - Nancy Light  
Secretary - Janice Bergman  
Treasurer - Ingrida Robinson

**Board :**

Terrie Sato  
Amanda Buse

AKC Delegate - Jim Smith

**Nominating Committee :**

Lee Boelter, Chair  
Sharon Colvin, Nancy Griffin

*Club Committees and Chairs*

Agility- Wanda Diemert  
 Audit/ budget- Don Rennick  
 Awards- Awards- Gloria Newby and David Jackson  
 Hearts & Flowers - Gloria Newby  
 Insurance- Sue Cox  
 Membership- Nancy Light  
 Newsletter- Laura Burns  
 AKC Sanctioned Match Chair-Sue Cox  
 Obedience/Rally Trials- Spring 2016-Linda Shea  
 Printing/Mailing-Nancy Griffin/Debbie Addicoat  
 Programs-vacant  
 Property/inventory- Don Rennick  
 Tracking 2016- Nikki King  
 Website-Ane Brusendorff

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## REPORT FROM WSOTC SPRING OBEDIENCE TRIAL

Greetings all,

As chair of WSOTC's spring trials, held April 2&3<sup>rd</sup> at Fun Fur Paws in Mount Vernon I would sincerely like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make this event possible. My help was so competent that both days when off with not a hitch, I am very thankful. Being a rookie chair that was exactly how I had hoped it would go and it did!

Our judges were lots of fun, very competent and made the trials the best possible for each exhibitor. As an added bonus they sing!!!! Who would have known? I just loved that they offered to sing both anthems as that was a little piece that befuddled me in putting together. I believe that as a requirement when choosing judging panels for future trials we should be sure that they can sing!

On another note: Trish Rohner aka Magic Maker was our hospitality person. She kept the judges and stewards well fed. She was amazing!!! Trish is not a WSOTC member we owe her many thanks as she organized, prepared, and did clean up all weekend beginning with a feast for the judges on Friday night. All they while you all thought stall no 1 was just another stall little did you know it was a 4 star restaurant. Incredible, I so owe you Trish!!!

All weekend long there were so many compliments about everything included the new site which is a little piece of doggie heaven.

It is with this year's trials behind us that I once again thank everyone who had any part whatsoever.

Most Sincerely,

Linda Shea

WSOTC Trial Chair, Spring 2016



The Rings!



Our wonderful stewards!

*More scenes from the WSOTC  
Spring Trial!*



Our incoming president warming up her Newfie, Gustav, in the practice ring.



Debbie Addicoat, rally judge, giving out the ribbons.



Our judges' hospitality, thanks to Trish Rohner. Would somebody give that woman a WSOTC application??



Articles in the Utility A ring!

*In Memory*

Sad news has been reported that Susan Kevin has passed away. Many of us remember her as a gracious woman who showed beautiful poodles in both obedience and agility. Her love and enjoyment of her dogs was evident in all of these sports. She will be missed. Her obituary can be found through this link: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/seattletimes/obituary.aspx?n=susan-kevin&pid=179580457>.

## *From the President*

Hi WSOTC members,

We are nearing the end of the Club year, which means elections are around the corner. The nominating committee picks for the slate of officers and Board are in this Canine Post. The May meeting, which is May 1 at Canine College, is the meeting that we will be taking nominations from the floor. The election will be at the June meeting, which we call our "Annual Meeting" at the Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers show, at the obedience rings (in the Pavillon) at the Western Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup.

Of course our big event this month was our Spring Trials, held for the first time at Fun Fur Paws in Mt. Vernon. As noted by Linda in her report, this venue turned out to be a great success, with many compliments received. There were many advantages to this facility, with accommodations for our judges on site, room enough to have a warm up ring, and a dirt floor, which greatly reduced our costs since we did not have to pay the Superintendent to mat the rings. While not everyone prefers this, others like it better due to good footing for the dogs for jumping. Our entry was just a little lower than last year and we hope that the word gets out about what a nice trial it is, so we can attract more entries next year. Even so, for the first time in memory, the Spring Trial has produced a net profit, instead of the considerable losses incurred at previous trials, especially at the Evergreen Event Center. Big kudos to trial chair Linda Shea for a job well done, as well as all those who helped.

Plans are underway for next spring, so we would like to get started on selecting judges, hopefully at the June meeting. So if you have some judges you would like to see asked, bring your suggestions to the May 1 meeting, or send to me so I can add them to the current judges list, which we will publish ahead of the meeting. If you would like to work on the trial, we have a spot for you. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer.

The Board is working on committee chair job descriptions, which used to appear in the Standing Rules. The new Standing Rules excluded them to make them less unwieldy. So if you are a committee chair, we may be calling on you to help us tune those up. The goal is to have something clear so that new people can take on the duties more easily.

You all should have received by now the new password to get into the members only section of the website. This is how you can access the updated roster, Club documents such as bylaws and Standing Rules, forms such as check request forms and budget forms for events, and budget and financial reports for events and for the Club as a whole. I will have some printed rosters at the May 1 meeting.

Please also note that the deadline for WSOTC members to claim their priority for working spots in the Lori Drouin seminar in October is approaching. April 30 is the last date for this. Thank you to Jill Petersen, for all her planning and hard work on this.

And finally, we are reminding people, especially new members, that WSOTC has a Yahoo discussion group. It's an optional way to direct messages to fellow club members, though only about half of the membership are enrolled. The usual way to join is to email the administrator, Wanda Diemert, but to make things easier, Wanda is emailing all of the members not currently enrolled with an invitation to join the group. If you wish to join, respond to the email. If not, just ignore it. If you want to stop your membership, email Wanda Diemert at [wediemert@yahoo.com](mailto:wediemert@yahoo.com). The list can be used for general announcements such as upcoming fun matches or seminars, brags, training tips, or obedience items for sale.

Nancy Light

## Press Release

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Date:** March 24, 2016

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### ***THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ADDS NEW EVENT WITH Fast CAT***

**New York, N.Y.** – The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest dog registry and announce the launch of a new event called Fast CAT.

The Fast CAT test is a timed 100-yard-dash where a dog chases a lure. Dogs are run one at a time. It is a fun and healthy activity for dogs and their owners that answers the intriguing question – how fast can my dog run? The event is open to all dogs that are at least twelve months of age and are individually registered or listed with the AKC (registered purebred, FSS, PAL or AKC Canine Partner).

“The popularity of the coursing ability test demonstrates the enthusiasm of a dog when their inner instinct is awakened,” says Doug Ljungren, Vice President for Sports & Events. “Now that same enthusiasm can be timed to determine how fast your dog can run. Who knows, you many have a national caliber track star sitting next to you. The national rankings by breed will show how your dog compares.”

All AKC clubs currently licensed to hold lure coursing trials or coursing ability tests are automatically licensed to hold Fast CAT and can begin to hold events immediately. All other AKC member or licensed clubs may apply to the Performance Events Department ([PerformanceEvents@akc.org](mailto:PerformanceEvents@akc.org)) to become licensed to hold Fast CAT, provided they have the experience, equipment and location to hold a safe event. Another option is for clubs that have a suitable location but may not have the knowledge or manpower to hold Fast CAT to consider partnering with an existing AKC lure coursing club to hold Fast CAT in conjunction with their event. Fast CAT may be held as either a stand-alone event or in conjunction with other AKC events. In all cases the Fast CAT test must be applied for as a separate event with its own event number.

Additional information is posted on the AKC's Fast CAT webpage - [www.akc.org/events/fast-cat](http://www.akc.org/events/fast-cat).

### **LORI DROUIN SEMINAR!**

WSOTC is excited to offer a weekend with Lori Drouin! The seminar - Proofing the Pieces, Perfecting the Partnership - will be held October 22-23, 2016 at Canine College in Redmond, WA, Lori will also be offering limited private lessons on the following Monday, in Duvall, WA. Priority for working spots will be given to WSOTC members who volunteer to serve on the committee (i.e. help with seminar associated tasks!), followed by others offering help. The priority for WSOTC members for working spots ends on April 30, so get your applications in by then

You can find the flyer for the seminar on the WSOTC website: <http://www.wsotc.org/docpub/lorirouinflyer.pdf>. For further information, please contact Jill Petersen at [dchipster1@yahoo.com](mailto:dchipster1@yahoo.com).

### *From the Membership Chair*

Holly Krohn has been elected to membership. Her information is in the new roster, now available in the members only section of the website.

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Nancy Light

**Minutes from WSOTC April Board Meeting  
April 18, 2016 7:15 pm at Haggens in Woodinville, WA**

**1. Call to Order-** Meeting was called to order by President Nancy Light at 7:25 pm, April 18th 2016 at Haggens, Woodinville WA

Present- Nancy Light, Janice Bergman, Ingrida Robinson, Terrie Sato, Don Rennick. Absent Debbie Addicoat

**2. Review and approval of Minutes-** Minutes of the March Board meeting approved as printed in the March Post

**3. Report of the President-** Have asked Gloria to send a condolence card to Susan Kevin's husband and for Laura to publish her obituary in the Post. Board needs to address a donation of \$100 for Old Dog Haven in her name. I have completed the membership section for the new job description document, and we will review under new business. Old Standing Rules are in the new "archive" section of the members only section. We will be moving sections of the old Standing rules into the job descriptions document as they may fit better there. Thank you, Linda for a fine trial.

**4. Report of the Secretary-** From AKC: reminder that they haven't received Judges Panel or application for Fall Trial.

To AKC: Notice that we will not be having a Fall Trial in 2016

**5. Report of the Treasurer-** March 31 balances on website, working on the half yearly(2015/2016) report. Received a thank you note from AKC for our donation of \$500 for the AKC Pet Disaster Relief Trailer.

**6. Committee reports**

*Agility Trial 2016*-July 15,16,17. Judges- Susan Leither and Franna Pitt.

The Robins will be contacting people for Chief ring steward, Chief course builder and others tasks. Joan Cook will provide hospitality.

*Hearts and Flowers-* Condolence cards sent to David Jackson and Susan Kevin's husband. Card sent to Sue Cox.

*Membership-* 14 Full and 70 Associate members, quorum is 3. Roster has been updated to reflect changes in membership and is in the members only section. Nancy Light is having about 20 copies made to be available to members at meeting. Nancy will also be sending out the new password to website soon.

*Newsletter* Will be out soon.

*Nominations-* Nominating Committee has selected the following slate for 2016/2017:

President Michelle Fuqua, Vice President Nancy Light, Secretary Janice Bergman, Treasurer Ingrida Robinson, Board members Amanda Buse and Terrie Sato. AKC Delegate Jim Smith.

Nominations from the floor at the May Meeting, elections at the Annual Meeting in June.

*Obedience Seminar-*Lori Drouin, October 22/23 at Canine College, Flyers on website. Working spots full, but still holding for WSOTC members (currently 8 or 9) until April 30.

*Obedience Trial Spring 2016-* Ingrida received comments on the Trial and Board will discuss in New Business.

*Obedience Trial Spring 2017-* Linda Shea has agreed to Chair the 2017 trial on the condition that she can get help with the following: Hospitality for the judges Friday night, Saturday and Sunday morning breakfast, Saturday and Sunday lunch, Trophies, Grounds, Set-up/Take down. We think most volunteers will repeat their jobs.

*Programs/Meetings-* May general meeting on May 1 at Canine College in Redmond at 3:00pm (for nominations from the floor). June: Annual Meeting at Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers on June 11 near obedience rings. July general meeting at Agility trial July 16 at Argus.

*TDX Fall 2016-* December 4. It is on the AKC website. Judges Jan Wesen and Stephanie Gonyeau. Ft Lewis.

*Website-* New archives section in members only Please review. Will put newsletters in the archives after 3 years.

## **9. New Business**

- a. Discussed changes to Membership chair job description, as presented by Nancy
- b. Assigned several Committee descriptions from Standing Rules to Board members to update and present at next Board meeting for discussion. Committee descriptions to be addressed include Audit and Budget, Canine Post, Insurance Advisor, and Property,
- c. Discussed comments on Spring Obedience Trial and what changes could be made for next year.
- d. Set next Board meeting date and time. May 9, 7:15 pm at Haggens.
- e. MOTION: to donate \$100 to Old Dog Haven in the name of Susan Kevin. APPROVED

**11. Adjourn-** Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm  
Submitted by Janice Bergman, Club Secretary