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# *The Canine Post* August 2014

*An AKC Member Club*

*Next meetings:*

August 30  
around Noon at Obedience Trials  
Family Dog Training Center  
Address: 515 Central Ave S Kent, WA

September 28, 2014, 3:00-5:00 pm  
Total Wines, 699- 120th Ave,  
Bellevue, WA 98005

## **WSOTC's New Summer Obedience Trial August 30-31, 2014**

Family Dog Training Center Kent, WA  
NEW TRIAL accepting entries  
beginning June 18th PAPER entries ONLY  
Secretary: Theresa Calter, direct [link](#) to premium  
on the K9Event's website  
This is a limited entry trial, but there is still room!  
Enter your dog today!

### *Stewards Needed!*

Linda Shea, Chief Ring Steward for our Summer trial, still needs stewards. Please contact her at [LindaShea@Walp.US](mailto:LindaShea@Walp.US) if you can help.

### *Other Ways to Help at our upcoming trial:*

Hospitality Chair, Cheryl Jackson, is organizing a pot-luck lunch both days. Let Cheryl know if you can help at the Trial and/or what you plan to bring – [Cheryl@jacksonmanor.com](mailto:Cheryl@jacksonmanor.com).

David Jackson is in charge of Grounds/Equipment and could use your assistance setting up on Friday (early afternoon). Contact David at [David@jacksonmanor.com](mailto:David@jacksonmanor.com) if you can help.

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## In Memory of Jean Rassbach

By Lee Boelter

*“Where she met a stranger, there she left a friend.”* Anon.

Jean was my very dear friend for 16 years. Many of you knew her long before that and also have wonderful memories of her during those times. Jean was very involved with WSOTC, serving on many committees as well as President for several years. She did Obedience, Rally, Agility, Tracking, Earthdog, Nosework, Therapy Dog, and was a member of the WSOTC Exhibition Team for a decade or more. She was also an AKC Obedience judge. She had numerous titles on her dogs, and I couldn't begin to mention them all. Throughout her life she also had lots of other accomplishments in areas outside of the dog world. Jean and her husband raised 3 daughters, and she was so proud of them as they grew up and had families of their own. These past few weeks have been both sad and difficult for Jean's family and friends as her health declined so quickly. It was an uncomfortable and painful time for her, but she handled it all with grace and acceptance. From the hundreds of e-mail and Facebook messages I've seen, the same thing has been said over and over about Jean. Everyone has expressed how kind and supportive she was to them. Each person had a story about how they took obedience classes from Jean, or did Agility, Tracking or Earthdog with her, and how she always encouraged them. It was so amazing to me to see how many lives she touched. It wasn't surprising, but to see it all in writing was almost beyond my comprehension. Jean left a legacy of kindness and generosity to all who knew her.

I first met Jean in the spring of 1998 when my first Border Terrier Oliver was 1 yr. old. I took him to an obedience class at the Magnolia Community Center, and when I walked in with him the first night, he was bouncing around like he'd had a few double lattes! There was Jean, the instructor, who seemed totally unconcerned about Oliver's ill behavior :) The first thing she said was "oh you have a Border Terrier, so do I." She pointed to Connor who was quietly lying on a mat in the corner of the room. I thought, wow – can I teach Oliver to do that?? I was shocked when she said he was only 2 yrs. old and behaving so nicely. Connor was the demo dog and he did all these wonderful things I had no idea dogs could do. She showed me a drop on recall, and I was in awe. But not surprising to Jean, Oliver and I did progress through her class and he eventually got much better. Jean and I became fast friends and of course we had the Border Terrier connection. She quickly invited us to a WSOTC exhibition, and asked me to join the club and the exhibition team. I couldn't even imagine that we could do those things, but we did and Oliver soon became quite an icon in the group. She then asked

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### *Jean Rassbach Remembered (continued)*

WSOTC has a beautiful new website at [www.wsotc.org](http://www.wsotc.org). Check it out! Ane Brusendorff has done a super job building our new site. She still needs pictures!

us to come to Bayview and try him out with therapy visiting, which we did, and he even passed the Delta Society therapy dog test the first time. From there she got us into one thing after another. We went to Obedience matches, trials and Earthdog tests together so I could learn the ropes. I had little confidence, but Jean thought we would do fine, and we did. Oliver got some titles, and soon my second Border Terrier Luke came along and earned even more! They both did well which I attribute to Jean's quiet confidence in us and her constant support and encouragement. During this journey of 16 years, we became close friends as we spent so much time together. We did our Therapy Dog visiting at Bayview once a week up until just a few weeks ago before she passed away. When Jean's brother spoke at her Memorial Service I had to smile, as several of the stories he told about their childhood, I had also heard from Jean. We spent lots of time in the car going to dog events, and she loved to tell stories. That's probably why we got lost a lot : )

I believe people come into our lives for a reason. I know Jean came into mine and so many other people's lives to spread her kindness and joy. I won't ever forget her and will miss her always.

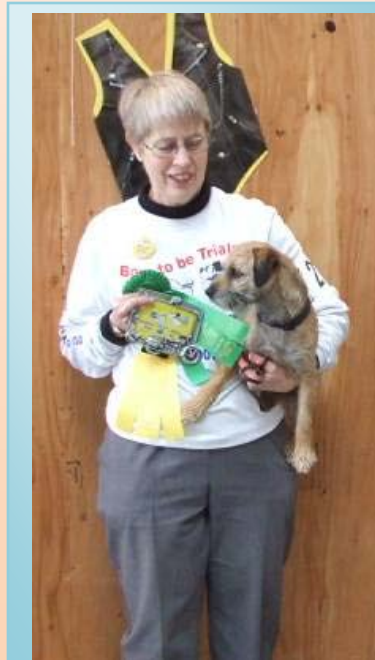
Lee Boelter

### **WSOTC has a Facebook page!**

You'll find it by searching on Facebook using "Washington State Obedience Trial Club" or just click on this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/170565146404616/>

The page is an "open group," which means you can view all posts. As a club member, we'd love to have you join! Just email a facebook member to get an invite.

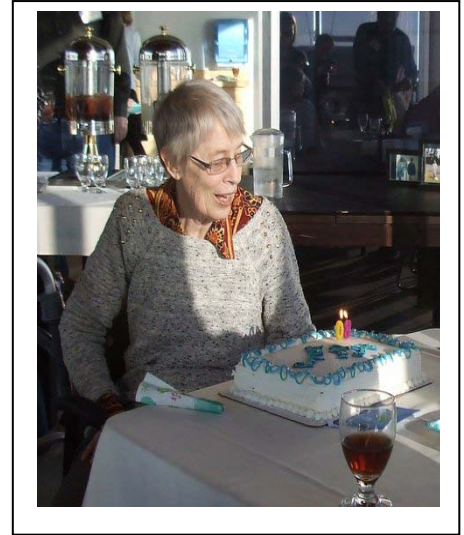




*WSOTC will be offering awards for plaques and titles plates earned in 2014 for AKC events. The rules and applications are on the WSOTC website, as well as attached to this newsletter.*

The AKC Board of Directors approved our new bylaws. They are on the members only section of the website.

*More photos of Jean*





*Editor's brag:* my wild and crazy Gordon Setter, Gael, recently passed her tracking certification. Fall tracking tests, here we come!

## **Proposed changes to Obedience, Agility and Tracking Regulations are available for reading on the AKC site at the following links.**

Please read through these proposed changes carefully and provide your feedback via the AKC link. The deadlines for feedback appear to be August 20<sup>th</sup> for all three venues:

Obedience link:

[http://www.akc.org/events/obedience/obedience\\_advisory\\_committee.cfm](http://www.akc.org/events/obedience/obedience_advisory_committee.cfm)

Agility link (with recommendation page provided in separate link):

<http://images.akc.org/pdf/events/agility/2013AgilityAdvisoryCommittee.pdf>

Tracking link:

[http://images.akc.org/pdf/events/tracking/Tracking\\_Rec\\_0714.pdf](http://images.akc.org/pdf/events/tracking/Tracking_Rec_0714.pdf)

## **Sale of WSOTC property**

The following items of WSOTC property are for sale:

1. Cargo trailer 2007 Load Runner Single Axle 3,500.00 pound capacity (Interior 4x8x5) rear ramp door. Gross vehicle weight of 2690 lbs. Rear drop door loading ramp. Very low mileage and always garaged. In excellent condition: \$1,500.00
2. Matting: \$1.00 a foot
3. Wood baby gates (unpainted). In excellent condition. One 10' section with two uprights: \$40.00

These will be available for pick up at Don Rennick's home in Lake Stevens. On August 22-23. If interested, please call him at 360-659-1418. First come, first served.

## WSOTC June Board Minutes June 9<sup>th</sup> 2014

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order on June 9, 2014 by President Nancy Light at 7:04 pm, per teleconference

**Present:** Nancy Light, Janice Bergman, Wanda Diemert, Claudia Hegdahl, Lynn Brimmer and Marta Brock

**Minutes:** Minutes of May Board Meeting as printed in the May Post APPROVED

**Report of the President:** We need to review the status on all upcoming events. Bylaws are in to AKC. Lisa Cecin said not to bother sending AKC the new Board after the elections until the AKC Board approves the changes presumably in July, as the composition will change anyway (with three retirements...)

**Report of the Secretary:** No report

**Report of the Treasurer:** Amounts were read and can be found on the Members Only page,

### **Committee Reports:**

*Agility Trials 2014:* Wanda says everything is on track

*Audit/budget :* Nancy said she has three volunteers. NOTION: to appoint Dori Ayala, Betty Winthers and Don Rennick as members of the audit/budget committee, with Don as Chair. APPROVED

*Awards:* Wanda will put notice in Post for requirements for awards (plaques and bars for AKC obedience, agility, rally, and tracking titles.) Discussion held on whether to award at general meeting or dinner, possibly appetizer buffet at meeting. Will discuss further at general meeting.

*Membership:* Current membership is 27 Full, 50 Associate. Quorum is 5.

*Match:* C match will be at Nancy's building on July 5, match is full. Deb Addicoat is keeping a waiting list.

*Newsletter:* June newsletter is out and posted on website. Laura had to do it early, so Board minutes will be in July. Will be a brief July Post.

*Obedience Trial Spring 2014:* All prizes distributed except Sharon's, will be given next Friday. Will do final financial report when we hear about AKC refund.

*Obedience Trial 2014-August-* Premium list is out and on the website. Opening day is 6/18. We expect will fill quickly.

*Obedience Trial Spring 2015:* I hope to get email out this week to committee members to start judges selection.

*Printing/Mailing –* Nancy G should be mailing out June Post soon

*Programs/Meetings:* The May meeting at Total Wines had good attendance, people liked, and may be used in the future. June Annual meeting on June 15, will be held at Ingrida Robinson's house. July is tentative . August at obedience trial. July and August meeting will be brief. Need ideas for September/October? Will ask at general meeting.

*Property/Inventory-* Marta said she didn't think the idea of having an on-line auction was going to work. One of her clubs did it and had major problems with bids. To make more manageable we may just do in sections, doing the major stuff—trailer, mats, jumps, and gates—first, setting a price , or best offer.. Will need someone to run—decide on prices and take bids. Prices can be announced on newsletter and/or website.

*Seminars:* Connie Cleveland June 21-22 at Dogworks in Monroe. Have 5 people running a second dog for an additional \$100. Total is 22 working, 6 auditors. Will be in the black, though not as much as budgeted.

Hospitality is being organized. Have set date for Lori Drouin at September 27-28, 2015. Will sign contract and send \$100 once we tie down a location.

*Fall TDX Fall- December 7, 2014-* Has been approved by AKC. December 7,2014 at Ft Lewis. Franna Pit and Kyla Smay judges.

*Tracking Committee:* Sil has organized a tracking workshop for July 19-20. It is full, waiting list kept.

*Website:* Ane is continuing to update

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm

Submitted by Janice Bergman, Secretary.

**WSOTC June General Meeting Minutes**  
**June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order on June 15 by President Nancy Light at 7:05, at the home of Ingrida Robinson

Quorum was present

**Minutes:** The minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed in the June Canine Post

**Report of the President:** This is the annual meeting and election. The changes to the bylaws included a change to reduce the size of the Board from 9 to 6, so assuming the AKC Board approves those changes at their July meeting, we will need to have three resignations (already arranged) We have several upcoming events which we hope you will enter and/or volunteer for—Connie Cleveland seminar, agility trials, C-Match, tracking Seminar, Labor Day weekend obedience trials. We need your input on how to dispose of the excess club property.

**Report of the Board:** The Board appointed an audit/budget committee and discussed property sale

**Report of Secretary:** No report

**Treasurer-** Report in Members Only section of website

**Announcements/ Committee Reports**

Agility Trials 2014: Wanda reported everything is ready

*Audit/Budget Committee:* The Board appointed Dori Ayala, Betty Winthers and Don Rennick as members of the audit/ budget committee, with Don as Chair. They will meet at Wanda's home in July after the financial report is complete.

*Awards-:* Club will be awarding plaques and bars for AKC obedience, rally, tracking and agility titles earned during 2014. Board discussed having presentations at a general meeting (February 2015) as opposed to as dinner, possibly an appetizer potluck, either at a home at a member or at Total Wines. Kathy Lang has volunteered her building for the meeting and will give the Board a list of dates for February/March. It will be a potluck. Requirements will be in the next Post--combination of meeting requirements and service to the Club.

*Match:* C match at Nancy's building on July 5 is full, with a waiting list. Debbie Addicoat is the Secretary

*Membership:* There were no first readings or voting on new members. Please consider asking your friends to join. Current membership is 27 Full, 50 Associate. Quorum is 5.

*Newsletter:* June Post is out, on website and mailed to those receiving hard copy

*Obedience Trial Spring 2014:* All bills are in, just awaiting final check from Baray (small) for AKC refund to complete financial report. Preliminary report on website

*Obedience Trial August 2014:* Opening date is June 18. We expect to fill quickly

*Obedience Trial Spring 2015:* In process of finalizing judges. Don will be calling this week-end. Still some need for committee. Please call Nancy if interested

*Programs/Meetings:* JULY meeting will be at Agility trial about 12 noon on Saturday. AUGUST meeting will be at obedience trials. Both July and August will be brief as usual at these event meetings. SEPTEMBER will be at a member's residence or Total Wines.

*Property / Inventory:* On-line auction will not be feasible. Suggestion was made to sell in sections—major items first—jumps ,mats, gates and trailer. Nancy took price suggestions from members present and asked David to do research on pricing the trailer. Discussion was held on how to list items—in Post or on website and how to handle pickup, certain time and date, first come first serve basis with cash in hand.. There will not be an auction—just commit to come and pick up. Will talk to Don about times.

*Seminars:* Connie Cleveland June 21-22 at Dogworks in Monroe. Seminar still has a couple more working spots. We ave committed to having a Lori Drouin seminar on September 27-28 2015. Nancy is working on location and other details. We are looking for other ideas for people to do seminars including agility.

*TDX Fall 2014* Jo Bott chair. Franna Pitt and Kyla Smay are the judges Location Ft. Lewis.

*Tracking Workshop :*July 19-20 Workshop is full with a waiting list.

**Election of New Members-**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

a.Election of Board of Directors: Election was held and the Board and AKC Rep were elected.



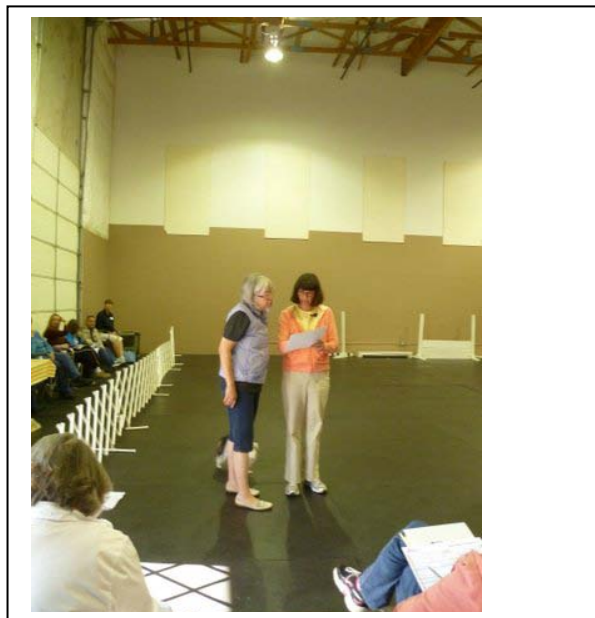
b. Discussion was held, do we want to start having programs at the general meetings again? Decided to wait to make sure attendance continues..

**Meeting adjourned:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm

Submitted by Janice Bergman, Secretary

### ***CONNIE CLEVELAND SEMINAR***

*The Connie Cleveland seminar held in June was a great success. Below are impromptu photos from the seminar, which focused on problem-solving various exercises with different dog/trainer teams, ranging from novice to utility.*





## AKC Canine Health Foundation Funded Research Suggests Potential Health Benefits to Dogs When Spay and Neuter is Delayed

07/29/2014

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) continues to be on the cutting-edge of canine health research with the funding of Dr. Ben Hart's landmark study which evaluates the health implications of early spay and neuter in dogs. Data from phase II of the study which looks at the early spay and neuter implications in Golden Retrievers and Labrador Retrievers as applied to common areas of canine health including joint disorders and cancer suggests that delaying the spay or neuter of dogs until they reach sexual maturity may provide long-term health benefits.

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According to Dr. Hart, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, "We found in both breeds that neutering before the age of 6 months, which is common practice in the United States, significantly increased the occurrence of joint disorders." In addition, Dr. Hart says, "The data, however, showed that the incidence rates of both joint disorders and cancers at various neuter ages were much more pronounced in Golden Retrievers than in the Labrador Retrievers."

"CHF is committed to funding research that will support the evidenced-based practice of medicine," said Dr. Shila Nordone, CHF's chief scientific officer. "Studies like Dr. Hart's help equip veterinarians and dog owners with information to make informed decisions about when to spay or neuter."

To arrive at these conclusions Dr. Hart and his team analyzed 13 years of health records from the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine for neutered and non-neutered male and female Labrador Retrievers and Golden Retrievers between the ages of 1 and 8 years of age. These records included 1,015 Golden Retriever cases and 1,500 Labrador Retriever cases. Among the findings in Dr. Hart's research, Labrador Retrievers are less vulnerable than Golden Retrievers to the long-term health effects of neutering, as evidenced by differing rates of certain joint disorders and devastating cancers.

This new comparison of the two breeds was prompted by the research team's earlier study, also funded by CHF and reported in February 2013, which found a marked increase in the incidence of two joint disorders and three cancers in Golden Retrievers that had been neutered. Results of the CHF-funded study now appear online in the open-access journal

PLOS ONE.

- See more at:

> <http://www.akcchf.org/news-events/news/Potential-Health-Benefits-When-SpayandNeuter-Delyed.html#sthash.HJa0DxGj.dpuf>

NAIA News

**IT'S A DOG'S LIFE**  
**BY JEAN RASSBACH**

I think I was born to be a dog person. My father was a Naval Officer, and we moved frequently as I grew up. When I was four we arrived at our new rental house and found a large, shaggy black dog tied to a tree in the front yard. A neighbor said that the former tenants had left the dog, hoping we would keep him. I remember him as a Newfoundland, but my mother said he was probably a Collie/Lab. He was too big for me, and frequently knocked me down. I remember lying on my back, looking into a red mouth with big white teeth, but I was not afraid. I just knew Blackie would not hurt me. Other dogs, who belonged to relatives with whom I lived for varying lengths of time, were Heidi, a German Shepherd, Jack, a Dalmatian, Kiko, a Smooth Fox Terrier, and Frisky, a Wire Haired Dachshund mix. A neighbor's Cocker had pups, and they said I could have one. I named her Peanut, and visited the litter every day after school. Unfortunately, there were no Distemper shots in those days, and the mother dog and all but one pup died. The owners wanted to keep the pup. A few weeks later, I was attacked and badly bitten on the arm by a Husky, but I still wanted a dog of my own. I read all the dog books in the local library, and walked dogs after school for a vet. I was 11 years old, and this was my first job. My father was gone most of the time fighting in World War 2. He came home on leave, and took me to the shelter to get a dog. I came home with Victory, Vic for short, a six month old Beagle mix. Within a few days Vic had distemper, and did not survive.

My aunt took my cousins and me to something cultural every Saturday. We went to concerts, plays, art Galleries, Museums, etc. One week we went to the local dog show. I was in heaven. I had found my calling. Now I didn't just want any dog, I wanted a show dog.

Christmas came, and I was sure there would be a pup under the tree. I had asked for a Fox Terrier because my mother frequently talked about the Fox Terrier she had as a girl, and I thought my best chance of getting a dog was to ask for a breed I knew she liked. On Christmas, I was bitterly disappointed when there was no pup under the tree. To add insult to injury, my mother told me to stay home and wash the breakfast dishes while she went to my aunt's house. A short time later, there was a knock on the door. I opened it, and there was my cousin with a pup in her arms. She held it out to me, and said "Merry Christmas". My mother came in then and explained that she had tried to find a Fox Terrier, but the closest pup she could find was a Welsh Terrier. I named her Penny. Distemper shots had arrived by then, and I made sure Penny had hers. I didn't want to lose another pup. I read a book on Obedience Training, and was proud when I taught Penny to Sit, Down, Stay and Come. I didn't have much luck with Heel.

The war ended, and my family moved to Oklahoma, where I was able to fulfill another wish, and got my own horse. Two years later, my father was sent to Japan. The horse was sold, and Penny was left with the next door neighbors, who offered to keep her for the year we would be gone. While we were away, the 14 year old daughter of the family who had Penny died of leukemia. A few months later, the mother died of a heart attack. Grandmother, who lived with the family, went to live with other relatives. The father wrote us a sad letter saying Penny was all he had left, and could he please keep her. My mother insisted that I give him Penny. In Japan I first met an Akita. After the war, there were only 14 purebred Akitas left alive. They were declared a national treasure. We had a gardener who had a neighbor with a pure bred Akita. She got out when she was in season, and mated with a street dog. Her owner drowned all the pups at birth except one that he left for her to raise. When the pup was five weeks old, and beginning to be weaned, he asked our gardener, named Sugi, to drown the pup. Instead, Sugi asked my father if he could give me a dog. My father, not quite understanding Sugi's broken English, came home and told me Sugi was going to give me a duck. I didn't really want a duck, and couldn't understand why he was giving me one. The next morning, the first day of summer vacation, I was sleeping in when the maid came in and said Sugi was in the kitchen with my dog. I said "not a dog, a duck". She said "no, it's a dog". I leapt out of bed and started for the kitchen but the maid grabbed me and told me to get dressed. Two minutes later I was in the kitchen cuddling a tiny puppy. I called him Akachan, which means baby. Later I changed his name to Taisho, meaning Admiral or General. My father complained he didn't want a dog who outranked him, but the dog remained Taisho. When Taisho was three months old, we were sent to

Seattle. I wanted to take him to an obedience class, but my parents refused to drive me, so I had to train him on my own. I taught him all the obedience exercises through Utility. Also, many tricks. He would give neighbor kids rides in a wagon. Two years later, just before my senior year in high school, we were sent to Newport, Rhode Island. We had been there about 8 months, when I came home from school one day to find a road crew working in front of our house. I brought Taisho out to run him through his training. One of the men said his brother was with the circus, and would like Taisho. He offered to buy him, and I refused. Two days later he disappeared. I never did find him. I always hoped he ended up a circus dog and not in a research lab which is where most stolen dogs ended up in those days.

The next summer we moved to England. I went to two years of college at an extension of the University of Maryland on an army base in Munich, Germany. Once, while visiting my parents in London, my mother was thrilled when I got an invitation to a tea for that year's crop of debutants, and would meet the Queen. I absolutely refused to go because it was the same day as Crufts Dog Show, and nothing was going to keep me away. My mother was very disappointed, and said "I don't want you to grow up to be one of those crazy dog people". I thought "Sorry Mom, but I already am one."

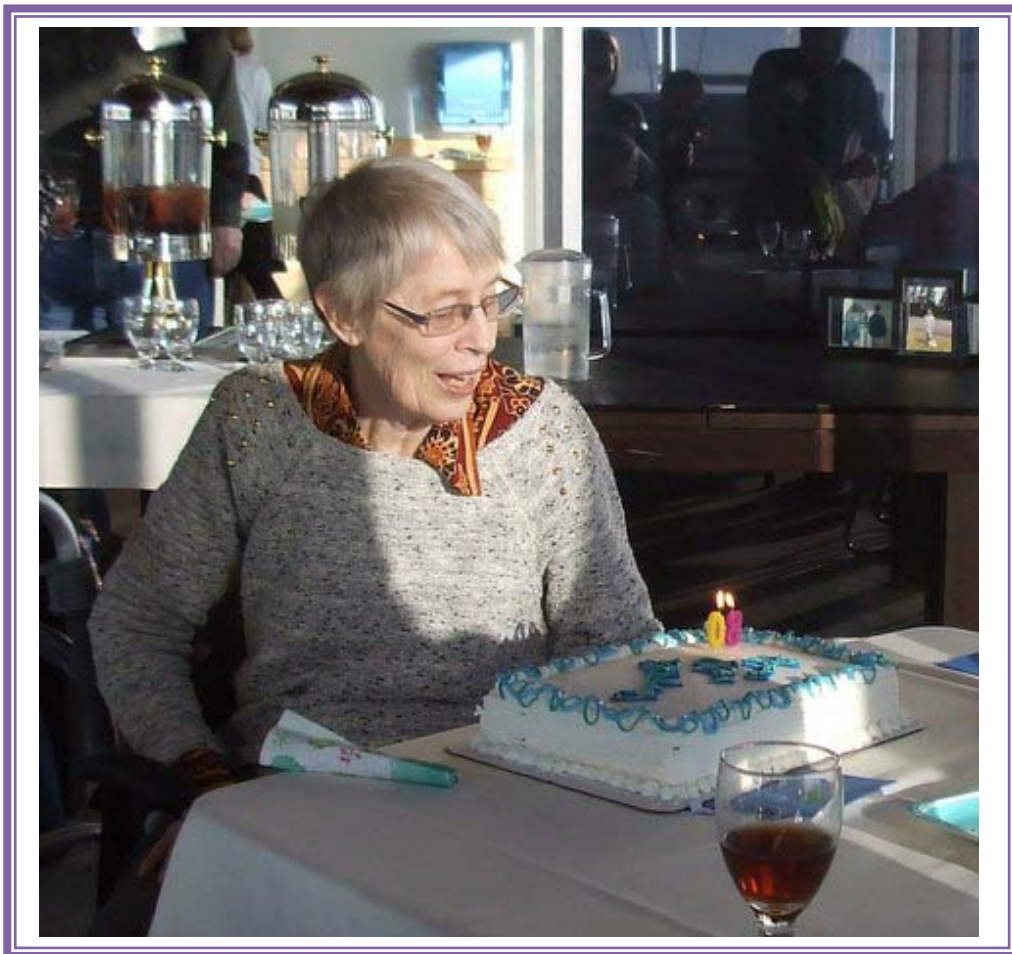
One day in London my parents saw a car with an American license that had what they thought were two Welsh Terriers in it. The owners came by just then, and said they were Lakeland Terriers. After some more conversation they invited my parents to bring me to their house for a visit. Their names were Pete and Ethel StPierre. Pete was about to retire, and they planned to move to Edmonds, build a kennel and raise and show Lakelands. About a year later, my father was sent to Seattle. I went to the University of Washington for two years. The StPierres had built a boarding kennel, and were raising Lakelands for show. They offered me a job working for room and board while I went to school. They taught me to groom terriers, and sometimes let me show a dog. They went on vacation for a month, leaving me in charge of the kennel. Every evening my boyfriend, Will Rassbach, would come for dinner. We were joined by my teen age brother and his friends who had been sent to chaperone me. We found that very funny because they would leave as soon as they finished dinner. Will must have liked my cooking because the following November we were married. The StPierres gave me a fine Lakeland bitch named Penny for a graduation present. She had pups- the only litter I ever bred. I sold all the pups, and parting with them was like parting with my own children. I knew then that I couldn't be a breeder. One of the pups, Alfie, was sold to an old lady who had a stroke six months later, and ended up in a nursing home. I took Alfie back. I used to take him to see his former owner in the nursing home. Therapy dogs didn't exist then, but I could see how much the residents enjoyed his visits.

Will joined the Navy, and was sent to Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. So we took Penny and drove to Rhode Island, leaving Alfie with my parents. When Will finished school, we went to Albuquerque, New Mexico for the summer. From there Will was sent to Okinawa, and I went to Seattle to stay with my parents until my daughter, Diana was born. Will and I had a new car but he told me not to bring it to Okinawa because the climate was hard on cars. So I sold the car to his parents. My father had a friend who had an old car he wanted to sell. He brought it to my house to show to me. He fell in love with Alfie and ended up giving me the car in trade for Alfie.

After Okinawa, Will left the Navy and we moved to Groton, Con. Our second daughter, Kathy, was born on Okinawa. I helped to start an Obedience Training Club in Mystic, Con. I became an assistant obedience instructor. The StPierres gave me another dog, Buddy. He was a group winning Champion who fought with other males. After I got him, he never had another fight. He was my first obedience dog. The StPierres retired and sold the kennel to Mr. Adix. It is still there, being run by WSOTC member Kristin Adix. We moved back to Seattle shortly before the birth of my third daughter, Jan. I began teaching obedience classes for the YMCA. Two students became close friends. Sue MacDonald (now Cox) and Ruth Sceva. We used to practice together almost every morning. Sue joined WSOTC, then sponsored me for membership. Ruth joined, too. The year was 1972. We all still belong to the Club. I began teaching classes for WSOTC. Buddy sired a litter, and I got one of the pups, Georgie Girl, for Diana. Diana trained her and earned her CD. Diana became a teenager and decided she preferred boys to dogs, so I took over and got Georgie's CDX. Jan wanted her own dog, and I decided a Sheltie would be a better dog for her than a Lakeland. I got a pup for Jan's seventh birthday from



Club members Bob and Marge Bodelson. Jan's birthday is St Patrick's Day, so we needed an Irish name. The kids chose Colleen. She was Jan's dog for playing and sleeping with, and my dog to train. Colleen became my first dog to earn a UD and the first to get a TD. She also was Jan's first 4-H dog. Later Will adopted Wonka, a Spaniel/Dachshund/poodle mix who was a stray that came to our door and stayed. Wonka was Jan's second 4-H dog. Marilyn Ashby and I were 4-H leaders of the Lake City Club. I was also very active in WSOTC, serving as President, Secretary, Treasurer, Board Member, Post Editor, Trial Chairman, Class Chairman, Training Chairman, Treasurer again, etc, etc. etc. I became an Obedience Judge, and judged until I retired at age 70. I also have trained service dogs, and have retired from that. When the Delta Society was formed I registered all my dogs as therapy dogs. I was the first Delta Society approved therapy animal evaluator in this area, but I was very busy teaching, judging, training service dogs, working for the Club and leading a 4-H group, so I was happy when other people became evaluators, and I could stop. Reiver is my best therapy dog. We visit the VA Hospital and Bayview Manor every week. JD goes to the Club exhibitions every two weeks. Other dogs I have trained are Merlin, UD and Kirby, UDX, both Shelties, Weegit my three legged Sheltie who was an excellent therapy dog. Sheena the Labrador clown who was a UD and TDX, Moon, an English Cocker, CD, TD, and Border Terriers Connor, UD, OA, OAJ, ME (Master Earthdog) He has 36 titles from AKC, UKC, CKC, TDAA and NADAC., Reiver, VCD1, CDX, TD, NAP, NJP, ME., and CH JD, VCD1, CD, TD, ME, OA, OAJ with 2 legs on a CDX and 2 legs each Agility Excellent and Jumpers, and some training for VST.



## WSOTC General Meeting Minutes July 12, 2014

**Call to order;** Meeting was called to order on July 12, 2014 by President Nancy Light at 12:50pm at ARGUS Ranch, Auburn, WA (WSOTC Agility trial)

**Minutes:** Not published yet, will approve next meeting.

**Report of the President:** Welcome to the general meeting. Thanks to Wanda for chairing this agility trial, and to all who are helping. Will make a few announcements, take any first reading. Waiting for AKC Board to approve bylaws changes, should be this month.

**Report of the Board:** See the Board minutes in the Post

**Report of Secretary:** See Board minutes in Post

**Treasurer-** See Member's Only page on website

### **Announcements/ Committee Reports**

- a. *Agility* - Thanks to Wanda for chairing. Trial is going smoothly.
- b. *Awards:* There should be a copy of the awards application in the Post with the awards criteria. We are only giving the plaque and bars, not the perpetual trophies) Members need 6 points to qualify—a combination of meetings and service to club. Photocopies of titles no longer required.
- c. *Audit/budget.* The committee will be meeting this month. Wanda has completed the 2013-2014 financial report, it will be up on the members only section of the website. The budget predicted a \$1,000 loss for year, but we ended up with over \$400 in the black.
- d. *Membership:* Please encourage friends in obedience and agility to consider WSOTC membership
- e. *Newsletter:* Will be July/August; probably published at the end of July or early August
- f. *Obedience Trials, March 2014.* Final financial report for obedience trials is up on the website
- g. *Obedience Trial-August 2014:* Entries about 60%, so still time to enter. Budget will be on website
- h. *Property/inventory* Next newsletter will have items to be sold with prices. Those interested can call Don Rennick and the pick up time will be August 22-23, 2014 at his home.
- i. *Seminars-* Connie Cleveland seminar a big success, financially and educationally. Thanks, Terrie. Lori Drouin coming next year, September 26-27, 2015. Thanks to Laurie Weaver for use of her building.
- j. *TDX test* December 7, 2014 Jo Bott chair. Franna Pitt and Kyla Smay are the judges Location Ft. Lewis.
- k. *Tracking workshop* July 19-20 is full.

### **Upcoming meetings/events Upcoming meetings/events**

August 30 about noon., at obedience trials, Family Dog Training Center 515 Central Ave. S. Kent, WA  
September 28 2014 7:00 pm Total Wines, 699 120th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98005

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm

Submitted by Nancy Light, acting Secretary

## WSOTC July Board Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2014

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order on June 9, 2014 by President Nancy Light at 7:03 pm, via teleconference

**Present:** Nancy Light, Janice Bergman, Don Rennick, Wanda Diemert, Marta Brock and Teri Sato

**Minutes:** Minutes of June Board meeting APPROVED

**Report of the President:** AKC Board of Directors meeting is July 21-22, presumably when the bylaws changes will be approved. The main topic for this meeting will include review of criteria for club awards

**Report of the Secretary:** E-mail received and passed on to Wanda from Connie Lodell, asking if she could set up a booth at the Agility Trial

**Report of the Treasurer:** Amounts were read and can be found on the Members Only page,

### **Committee Reports:**

*Agility Trials 2014:* Wanda reported the entries were 380 on Friday, 528 on Saturday and 473 on Sunday

*Audit/budget:* No date set yet. Don will contact committee

*Awards:* Discussion on removing requirement for a photocopy of the AKC certificate for the title plaque/bars—Board felt photocopy not necessary. MOTION: to add optional titling classes to bars APPROVED. Wanda will add these changes to the application and send to Laura for Post

*Hearts and Flowers:* As of this writing Jean Rassbach is in hospice and her situation is grave

*Membership:* Current membership is 27 Full, 50 Associate. Quorum is 5.

*Match:* Nancy reported the C match went very well and brought in over \$400.

*Newsletter:* Laura will be putting out a July/August newsletter in late July.

*Obedience Trial Spring 2014:* Final financial report is done. Loss is lower than budgeted. Report is in members only section of web site.

*Obedience Trial August 2014-* Premium list is out and on website. At last count about 60% full. Expected to be break even or better

*Obedience Trial Spring 2015:* Don has contacted judges and determined the assignments based on last year's entries. We have verbal commitments from John Cox, Pat Gannon, Rich Strong and Carol Callahan. Don will be sending contracts to be signed. At this time, location assumed to be new facility in Monroe. Nancy will be sending application to AKC after contracts returned

*Programs/Meetings:* July at Agility Trial July 12 about noon, August meeting probably at August trial. September meeting September 28th at Total Wines in Bellevue. Discussion on starting to have a program at meeting.

*Property/Inventory-* David Jackson researched prices and it looks like we can sell the trailer for \$1500. We will be selling the mats for \$1.00 a foot and the gates for half of what J&J sells them for. Wanda will research J and J prices. It will be first come, first served. Prices will be printed in the Post. Date set for August 22-23 for pick up and Don's home.

*Seminars:* Connie Cleveland. We had 24 working dogs, 5 of which were second dogs and 8 observers. Gain of \$1,083.12. Thank to Terrie Sato. Lori Drouin set for September 26-27 2015. Location will be at Canine College. Laurie Weaver will give it to us at no cost, except a working spot for her, as long as we do clean-up before and after. Use of heat would add \$50 a day (unlikely in September).

*Fall TDX Fall- December 7, 2014-* Jo Bott Chair. Franna Pitt and Kyla Smay, judges. Location FT Lewis

*Tracking Committee:* Workshop with Sil July 19-20 is full with waiting list.

*Website:* Ane is doing a wonderful job keeping it updated

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm

Submitted by Janice Bergman, Secretary.



## WSOTC INDIVIDUAL PLAQUE AWARD RULES AND APPLICATION -2014

### Obedience & Rally Form Only

The plaques are to be award annually at the February membership meeting to members who have received American Kennel Club (AKC) title(s) on their dog(s) during the preceding calendar year. The following rules apply:

1. Any or all tiles must be received while a member of WSOTC.
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3. The member must have acquired 6 events points by attending at least 2 membership or training meetings, and 2 service events, making up the last 2 points either by attending more meetings or helping with club events for service events totaling 6 events point in the year the title(s) was won. *Plaques will be made available at cost to those members not meeting attendance requirements, see cost below.\**
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6. One plaque per dog with first title plate will be awarded for the first AKC title earned in Agility, Obedience, Rally and Tracking. Only title plates will be awarded in subsequent years.

### APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL PLAQUE AWARD (use one form for each dog)

#### PLEASE PRINT

Owner of dog (registered owner): \_\_\_\_\_

Registered name of dog (do not list titles): \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ AKC # \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need a plaque (\$20.00, if requirements were not met): \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

#### Title Earned Please Circle:

Obedience: CD Scores: \_\_\_\_\_

CDX Scores: \_\_\_\_\_

UD Scores: \_\_\_\_\_

UDX \_\_\_\_\_ (#) Scores: \_\_\_\_\_

OTCH Scores: \_\_\_\_\_

Rally: RN RA RE RAE \_\_\_\_\_ (#)

Additional title plates for non AKC titles please list on additional sheet: ie: CKC, UKC, cost is \$6.00 per title plate.

**Please list how you have earned your six membership points:** List meetings, events, and trial dates that you attended and assisted:

Meeting dates \_\_\_\_\_

Event/trial & /date \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

#### MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Wanda Diemert  
15733 Midvale Ave N.  
Shoreline, Wa 98133

206 440 9948

[WEDIEMERT@YAHOO.COM](mailto:WEDIEMERT@YAHOO.COM)

***Please make checks payable to WSOTC***

# Deadline: 01/10/2015

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**Agility:** NA, NAJ, NAP, NJP, NF, NFP, OA, OAJ, OAP, OJP, OF, OFP, AX, AXJ, AXP, AJP, MX, MJ, MXP, MJP, XF, XFP, MXF, MFP, T2B, OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**Tracking:** TD, TDX, VST, CT \_\_\_\_\_

**Versatility:** VCDI, VCDII, VCDIII, VCDIV, VCCH \_\_\_\_\_

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