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An AKC Member Club

*January meeting: Saturday, Jan. 11th
at the Puyallup show cluster
Meeting Time: "Noonish"
in the obedience building*

STEWARDS NEEDED FOR WSOTC OBEDIENCE TRIAL MARCH 29-30th

Please contact Linda Shea at lindajshea@comcast.net if you can help steward. Stewarding is a great way to give back to the sport of obedience, and if you're new, to learn more about the various class levels. Linda will be happy to find a stewarding assignment for you that fits you best!



WSOTC members meeting
after the TD/TDX test.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

FEBRUARY MEETING: February 15th, 2014

AKC "C" Match Saturday 2pm-6pm
WSOTC Meeting & Potluck – 6pm
to 7pm

MARCH MEETING: March 29th, time TBD

At WSOTC obedience trial, March
29-30th.

**Chuckanut Dog Training Association's Spring TD test will be held on
March 2, 2014 at Jan Wesen's Chuckanut Farms in Bow, WA.**

The premium and entry form are available from CDTA's website:
<http://www.chuckanutdogtraining.org/> Entries close Feb. 19.

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WSOTC FALL TD/TDX TEST

Dec. 1st 2013

The fall WSOTC Tracking test, which offered both TD and TDX tracks, went exceptionally well with 19 TDX entries for 4 tracks, and 17 TD entries for 6 tracks. No TDX teams passed, but we had 4 TD passes. We had wonderful help from both club members and those in the tracking community. Sil Sanders, Stephanie Gonyeau and Jan Wesen were our cheerful, knowledgeable judges, Lynn Brimmer was our capable chair, Nancy Light supplied the food, and the beautiful plaques were created on site by Richard and Julie Ferado. Committee member John Heinrich also laid track, along with many other tracking community members. Thanks to everyone for a great test!

The 4 TD passing teams were:

Lavender Hills Midsummer Night's Dream Com
Bernese Mountain Dog
Owner/Handler: Margaret Jezek

Maplemor's Dark Knight
Rottweiler
Owner: Cory Peters
Handler: Rod Peters

Tailgate Spotted Eagle
Basset Hound
Owner/Handler: Robert Lopez

Trouvailles Globe Trekker
Belgian Sheepdog
Owner/Handler: Peggy Miller



Judges and the 1st team wait for the track to properly age.



Hospitality back at the test head-Quarters.



The first TD team heads out on their track.

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Comparing Tracking and Nose Work by Joan Fetty



Outdoor search with Tom Ogle and his Golden Retriever, Encore.



Encore indicates the find with a sit for Tom



Tom and Encore working an Odor Recognition Test (ORT). Note all the boxes are identical.

Many WSOTC members and people in the dog community have asked me “What’s the difference between K9 Nose Work and Tracking?” I began an interest in tracking when the TDX was beginning to come on the scene as an AKC title! Now Tracking has expanded to many wonderful titles! My first golden retriever earned American and Canadian TDX titles and from that point , all my dogs have earned tracking titles until my recent hip replacements slowed me down. Then along came NACSW with a new nose work venue! My love of dogs doing nose things had found a new day! Whether a dog is doing Tracking events or Nose Work, the number one requirement is that the dog has the drive and intensity to find with its nose. In Tracking, the dog’s search is for a leather glove or other item the tracklayer has dropped on the track. In Nose Work the dog searches for a hidden scent of Oil of Birch, Anise or Clove. The difference is the Tracking dog searches outdoors over a large area following a person’s foot step trail until the item is found. While the K9Nose Work dog searches in four different locations, identifying the places where scented items are hidden in an interior room (classroom ,office, laundry, etc) or on a vehicle in a parking area. The scent is also hidden out doors in a playground, park, patio or open storage area . And in an inside area filled with numerous containers of which one or more hold a small amount of the scent. The Tracking dog has no time limit for its search as long as it is continuing to work. The nose work dog is given a specific time to work’ usually two minutes or as long as five or six based on how difficult the task is. A “Timer” will tell the handler when the time is up if the dog still cannot locate the odor. The Tracking dog handler waves his arm in the air to show that his dog has found “IT”!! The dog is given a great deal of praise for good work. The Nose Work handler raises her hand in the air and says Alert” when the odor is found, and the judge allows the person to reward the dog with a treat or a toy. In both tests, if the dog fails. It is given a chance to be successful in its search, but does not receive a title. In both disciplines, the dog must prove it can pass the test in order to qualify to enter a trial. The Nose Work dog goes to an odor recognition test entitled an ORT. It must indicate which box in rows of white identical boxes contains the odor. In tracking, the handler makes an appointment with a certified tracking judge who lays a mock tracking test which the dog must successfully complete in order to be certified to enter an official tracking trial! In both K9 Nose Work sponsored by NACSW or the new nose tests presented by UKC, or Tracking tests presented by AKC or CKC, there are many levels of difficulty and complex tests. Research each organization’s requirements and rules to prepare yourself and your dog for the various challenges! No matter what you do it is important to seek out a mentor or an instructor to guide you and your dog. In each case, your dog must develop the drive, excitement and understand the use of its nose to accomplish the test. I have found no dog sport that bonds handler and canine into a team like Tracking and Nose Work! You learn how to read even subtle moves of your dog’s behavior and your dog discovers how to communicate effectively with you. The dog’s joy of searching with its nose with you forges that love between you!

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy New Year to you all,

I wish you the best of times and good health to you and your dogs.

I think WSOTC will be having an eventful year, including the extra meaning of that word, full of events. We have meetings planned for January, February, and March, all at events. This has proven more successful than having the general meetings at Meadowbrook on Thursday nights as it gives us an opportunity to change the locations to include both north and south, as well as having most of these on weekends which seems more accessible than a week night. I think we will not be having an April meeting, and I am not sure what we will do with May, since there are not really any nearby Obedience trials that month and we do need to have a meeting—it's the month we have nominations from the floor for the Board. We may need to go back to Meadowbrook for that. We appoint the Nominating Committee in February, so please let me know if you are willing to either be on that or might like to try being on the Board.

We have had to change the bylaws to accommodate the change in meeting days, a point which AKC actually recommended. If you are not aware, AKC did not approve the last set of bylaws we submitted, the one which was approved by the membership last February. Thanks to Betty Winthers and Don Rennick, who have helped put together a new set of changes, which have responded to AKC's concerns. When the Board approves that with any further changes, we will send it off first to the AKC staff to insure that they do not have any additional issues. I think once the staff approves the changes, we will be far more assured that the AKC Board of Directors will also approve it. Of course first we will need membership approval, via a notified meeting. Once the Board approves, I will have the proposed changes put on the website so that you can see what we are sending to the AKC staff. Most of the changes are either "housekeeping" or are related to membership criteria or financial issues. Feel free to contact me if you have any concerns you would like to see addressed. Unfortunately, the format of the new membership meetings, since they are held at events, doesn't allow a lot of time for discussion there, but I'll do my best. Just a phone call or email to me or other Board member would also be welcome.

If you have not sent in your renewal notice, please do so as soon as possible. As always, consider your ability to attend membership meetings as you decide to renew as Full (voting) or Associate (non-voting). We still need to make quorum to decide issues. In addition, I know some of you do have email addresses that are not listed in the roster and hope you will decide to put that in your renewal form, or to contact me, as Membership chair, to add it. I occasionally need to email the membership with time critical things that can't wait till the Post is out. Also consider not having the Post mailed to you if you do have computer access as it does cost the Club time and money to do this. Keep in mind that the Post will be available on the website very soon after it is published, so you can read it without having to download or print it. I don't think many people are keeping paper copies of the Post and the archives are also available on the website, since the beginning of 2012.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)*

Regarding the website, our new web manager, Ane Brusendorff, has created a test site for a redesign: <http://home.comcast.net/~anbrus/>. She will likely be attending the January meeting and is very eager to get input on the new design. Please feel free to contact her at anbrus@comcast.net or 425-788-8029 for your suggestions. One thing I would like to see is more pictures, but of course that can't happen unless people send pictures. Pics of your dogs, especially doing performance activities, but any cute ones at all would be welcome. Remember to bring your camera to Club events too as those are especially welcome.

You will find upcoming meetings and events elsewhere in the Post, but I really hope you will be attending these and sign up soon for the Connie Cleveland seminar in June. I have been to two of her previous seminars, and possibly more than most, find them useful in presenting material I can use in training afterward, even if I am not using her specific techniques. I also want to put a word of thanks in to Kathy Lang who has been instrumental not only in bringing some new members to the Club, but also offering her building not only for the C match in February, and in organizing a second obedience trial Labor Day weekend at Family Dog, one that is planned to be in the black. The matches, second set of trials, and seminar are fund raisers needed to offset the high cost of the Spring Trial as well as the loss of classes as income. Thanks go as well to Linda Shea, who has also brought in new members, and made her building available for the match last October. Both of these ladies are also making significant work contributions to the Spring trials. The C matches have been very popular and we would be happy to sponsor more, so let me know if you would be willing to organize one.

I think I have previously mentioned that there appears to be a new facility being built in Monroe, which may be ready by the time of the 2015 Spring Trials, which would result in significant savings to the Club. Stay tuned on this one. Also, there are a couple of jobs still needed on the Spring trials, like set up and hospitality so let me know if you can help. Still working out some details with the Fairgrounds.

I hope there will be a report on the December TD/TDX test in this issue, but there were many members who volunteered for that, with particular thanks to Lynn Brimmer who took over the chair position at a late date and pulled off a particularly challenging test, complicated by three judges and many tracks to lay.

As some of you know, I have found the possible demise of this Club very disheartening and sad. I am so pleased that in the last year, things seem to have turned around with all these new events and new members joining and jumping right in to help. I hope that you all value your membership in WSOTC and find a way to contribute that brings to you personal satisfaction and pride that you are helping the sport of dogs. Thank you all, from the bottom of my heart.

Nancy Light

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

The following members were elected at the December membership meeting. Please add them to your roster.

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WSOTC General Meeting Minutes November 2013
November 16, 2013 at Evergreen Fairgrounds, Arena, Monroe, WA

The meeting called to order by President Nancy Light at 12:05 at WIKC show Monroe WA, November 16th 2013. A quorum was present

Minutes: The minutes were approved as printed in the Canine Post.

Report of the President : Welcome to the General Meeting. We have several readings for new members and elections for 5 new people who had first readings last month.

Announcements:

1. Please look at the new website, many things have been updated. New codes will be sent soon via email for the member's only section.

We have a new webmaster who will be designing a new site. If anyone wishes to serve on a small committee or has any suggestion or improvements please contact Nancy Light. We need pictures and submissions from the membership of their dogs doing agility, obedience, tracking or any other sport.

2. We will have brought in 13-14 new members after the December meeting, which is very encouraging.

4. Nancy is doing hospitality for the tracking test and needs someone to bring salads and desserts.

5. Kathy Lang has volunteered her building for a C-match on February 15th, 2014 from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. Flyers will be forthcoming.

Upcoming meetings/events

1. December 1-TD/TDX, general meeting after the test is over, at Jan Wesen's place in Bow, about 1:30.
2. January 11, 2014- Puyallup show, in obedience building around noon
3. February 15, 2014- C-Match, Kathy Lang's Family Dog Training Center in Kent, WA
4. March 29/30- WSOTC obedience trials, Evergreen fairgrounds, meeting on Saturday about noon.

Obedience Trials 2014

Kathy Lang will be doing exhibitor bags for the 2014 trial. There was discussion about what might go in such as putting "surprises" in random bags(gift cards, free entry to next years trial). If you have any ideas, please contact Kathy.

Claudia Hegdahl is the Trophy Chair for the 2014 trial. There was discussion about having a trophy fund, since we are not doing breed trophies, just HIT/HC, and money would go towards these trophies so we could have nicer trophies for those prizes

We need stewards, someone to be in charge of set up on Friday and the Saturday night dinner. Please contact Nancy if interested (or Linda Shea for stewarding.)

Membership

First readings for Geri Orta, Terri Sato, Ingrida Robinson, and Amy Reagan.

Election of New Members:

Debbie Addicoat, Suzanne Bolwell, Gloria Newby, Judith Peterson and Linda Shea were voted into membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35

Submitted by Janice Bergman, Secretary

WSOTC November 2013 Board Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2013

The meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by President Nancy Light via teleconference
Present: Nancy Light, Wanda Diemert, Janice Bergman and Marta Brock

Minutes Minutes of October Board Meeting as printed in the November Post APPROVED

President's Report: : Main Items of discussion include the website changes, the Connie Cleveland seminar and budget; ideas for by-laws changes and arranging for transportation of Club property from SeaTac to Don's house.

Secretary's Report: No report

Treasurer's Report:: Amounts were read. The C match at Linda Shea's made approximately \$180.

Committee Reports

Agility 2013 Trial made \$1,900

Agility 2014 -Wanda is working with R2 on plans

Awards -

Audit/Budget

Membership- Nancy : Dori Ayala was voted in at the October meeting. We had readings for 5 new members-- Suzanne Bolwell, Linda Shea, Gloria Newby, Debby Addicoat and Judy Peterson. We have received an application for Geri Orta, but she hasn't attended a meeting yet, will be at November meeting so will have first reading there along, with Terrie Sato, Madeleine Boucher and Amy Reagan. That makes about a dozen new members in the last year or so. Hope Board and others will mentor the new members.

Hearts and Flowers

Newsletter -Nancy – November newsletter is out.

Obedience Trial 2014: Nancy : Trial flyers will be out for WIKC(thanks to Debbie Addicoat). Kathy Lang has offered to put together gift bags for all the exhibitors (sort to take place of all those trophies no longer offered); discussion on putting gift cards or

something "special" in random bags. Hope to get people to share donations for HIT/HC trophies.

Printing/Mailing-

Programs/Meeting : November-Saturday 11-16 at WIKC. December- Sunday, 12-1 at TD/TDX. January at Puyallup Show, January 11th. February at Family Dog Training Center,date to be announced. March at WSOTC trial, Saturday, 3- 29.

Seminar: MOTION: to approve the budget for the Connie Cleveland seminar APPROVED. Will have Flyers at WIKC

Property/Inventory

Fall 2013TD/TDX: Have 6 TD and 7 TDX entries so far

Fall 2014 tracking: Discussion held on possible chairs

Tracking Spring 2015: Marta Brock is looking into a site for 2015. It would only be available in the Spring and is south of Tenino. Will get back with Board

Website – Ane Brusenforff (new website person) has added updates and has some ideas for changes to the website.

Board approved her to start working on the changes. Ane submitted a contract for her services. MOTION: to approve the contract between Ane Brusendorff and WSOTC for her duties as webmaster of our website. APPROVED

Yahoo — Wanda -

Unfinished Business

1. By-Laws-Don and Nancy will meet to review previous submission with changes suggested by AKC.
Nancy asked Board to review changes and give any input they have.

New Business

Good of the Order

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm

Submitted by Janice Bergman, Secretary.

WSOTC General Meeting Minutes December 2013

December 1, 2013 at Jan Wesen's Training Building, Bow WA (at conclusion of TD/TDX test)

The meeting called to order by President Nancy Light at 2:58 pm. A quorum was present

Minutes: Minutes will be approved in January

Report of the President : Welcome to the General Meeting. Thank you to Lynn Brimmer, Marta Brock, Laura Burns, Julie and Ricardo Ferado, John Heinrich, and Sil Sanders for all your help on the tracking test. Thanks to all of the non Club members who helped laying track. Thanks to Nikki King, Terrie Sato, Jan Wesen, Francis and Anne for hospitality items contributed. And thanks to judges Sil Sanders, Jan Wesen and Stephanie Gonyeau. Congratulations to all the participants whether passing or not.

We will have election of new members for 4 people who had first readings at the November meeting. I'll do several announcements, election of new members, take any new or old business, take any questions and then we'll adjourn.

Announcements:

a. Ane is continuing to make updates to the website and is working on a redesign. If you would like to review and have input on the website, let me know and I will give you the URL to the test site. We do need pictures and need submissions from the membership of their dogs doing agility, obedience, tracking or other sports, or just appealing photos of your dogs, please send to Ane. I have already sent an email out with specifications for pictures. All members should have received codes for the members only section.

b. In addition to volunteering her building for a "C" match in February, Kathy Lang has also volunteered her building and also volunteered to chair a second weekend of AKC obedience trials on Labor Day weekend 2014. Jill Peterson, who will be renewing her membership soon after being gone a couple years, is working with her on this. If you can help at either the match or the trials contact her. It will be limited entry, two rings, two judges, no rally.

c. The Spring Obedience trials also needs help-, someone to be in charge of set up on Friday, and the Saturday night dinner, so let me know if you can do this. Claudia is thinking of having portraits done for HIT winners. Will likely share sponsorship among several people since we're not doing other awards. Please contact Claudia for donations.

d. There is a new facility being built in Monroe that WSOTC is considering for 2015 obedience trials and possibly agility as well. It looks like it will have substantial cost savings. Stay tuned.

e. Don, Betty and I will be working on bylaws changes since AKC rejected our last offering. If you have any interest in this, please let me know or how bylaw changes might address some of our new needs, let Nancy know. John suggested that Glen Ferguson might be a good person to involve for wording issues.

f. The Connie Cleveland seminar sign up is going well. Perhaps we might try to have seminar once every year or two. Send your ideas for future seminars to any Board member.

Upcoming meetings/events

January 11-Puyallup cluster, in obedience building, about noon.

February 15 2:00 -6:00 pm Family Dog Training Center, Kent, WA (meeting if needed)

March 29 -30 WSOTC obedience trials, Evergreen fairgrounds. Meeting on Saturday about noon

April, probably no meeting. We need to have a May meeting for nominations from the floor.

Membership

Election of New Members:

Gerri Orta, Amy Reagan, Ingrida Robinson and Terrie Sato were voted into membership.

Old Business

New Business

Nikki King suggested that with the resurgence of members, we reactive the tracking committee, which will recruit chairs for upcoming tracking tests. She will submit a brief proposal for the January Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm

Submitted by Nancy Light, Acting Secretary