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The Canine Post Oct. 2015

An AKC Member Club

Next Meetings

Sunday, October 11, 2015

After the Sanctioned match, probably about 1:30-2:00 (if that time changes, an email will be sent out Saturday) at Canine College
20515 NE Union Hill Rd, Redmond WA

Saturday, Nov. 14th

around noon, Obedience ring in the Arena, Evergreen Fairgrounds,
Monroe in conjunction with the WIKC show

Next Club Event

TDX Test

Sunday, December 6, 2015

Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) Military Base, Thurston Co. WA

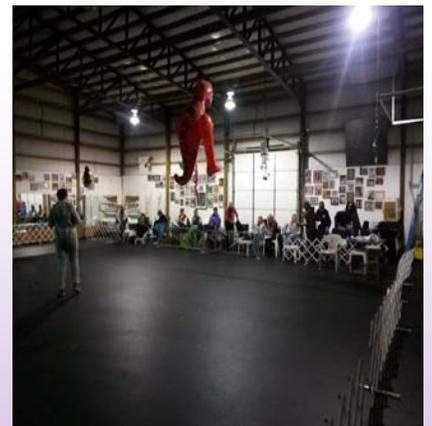
Premium [list](#)

Laura Romanik Seminar Report from seminar chair, Nancy Light

We had a wonderful time at the Laura Romanik seminar, held at Canine College on September 26-27. While I still need to think some about how to incorporate her ideas into my training, I can tell you that I have started using her “heeling grids” mostly with Jury and a bit with Tiki. I am quite pleased with how they are working with Jury, despite his not really being fully up to snuff due to a recent surgery to remove a tumor—which fortunately turned out to be benign. He is happy, heads up, bright eyed, and with better attention and joy. This has just been in my building, but I like what I am seeing and hope to take it on the road soon.



Laura Romanik at the seminar



Some of the participants

*Club Committees and
Chairs*

Agility- Wanda Diemert
 Audit/ budget- Don Rennick
 Awards- Wanda Diemert
 Hearts & Flowers - Gloria
 Newby
 Insurance- Sue Cox
 Laura Romanik seminar-
 Nancy Light
 Membership- Nancy Light
 Newsletter- Laura Burns
 Obedience Trials –Fall 2015-
 Kathy Lang
 AKC Sanctioned Match
 Chair-Sue Cox
 Obedience/Rally Trials-
 Spring 2016-Linda Shea
 Printing/Mailing-Nancy Griffin
 Programs-vacant
 Property/inventory- Don
 Rennick
 Tracking 2015- Nikki King
 Website-Ane Brusendorff

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Laura Romanik Seminar report, cont'd

I had no idea what the heeling grids were when we included them on the agenda of what we were to cover. I sort of thought it had something to do with mapping out the ring in doing small segments of heeling. What they actually are is a very systematic, organized yet seemingly random, but not at all random way of slowly increasing the amount of heeling you do without reward. Laura is very reward based trainer, who makes a lot of use of food, though systematically decreased to the point of transitioning into the ring. Ring transition is one of her “specialties” and she in fact used to write a rather long running column in Front & Finish called Bridging the Gap. She shared with us her experiences in taking chicken workshops with Bob Bailey (an international known behaviorist who has trained 140 species of animals with operant conditioning). This has influenced much of her training, though it’s the ability to fade the rewards which is needed for training dogs for the obedience ring at which I think Laura excels. I do have to add that I am probably more likely to use praise and voice rewards in addition to food than Laura might. Laura stayed at my house and we had many conversations about dog training, including this issue and she agreed that Golden Retrievers are probably more like to respond to voice rewards than her breed of choice, Shelties, so it’s just a more valuable tool (speaking very generally) with some breeds than others—just another tool in my box. She does use toys and play too, but finds the food rewards quicker and a little more efficient. Laura does use “aversives” but little more than “oops” and break off the exercise, than much in the way of leash pops. Even those who are more inclined to use aversives, I think, can fit that into many of the things she does. Isn’t that what most people expect out of seminars—a few things to add or use to their current way of doing things, or a new way of looking at what they do.

Laura gives a cafeteria of things she will cover in a seminar and the club selects what they want to emphasize. For us, Laura covered, in addition to the heeling grids, slow and fast pace, turns, sequencing, transition to the ring (building fluency and confidence, motivation, use of matches, show preparation, warm ups, etc) , recalls and stays. On Sunday, the working dog teams worked on some exercise or issue, which enabled us to see how Laura dealt with some of the other exercises we didn’t cover on Saturday, such as scent articles, fronts and finishes, dumbbell issues, and signals. I was impressed with how much effort she put into making sure everyone got what they needed, though it did result in the seminar ending a bit late.

WSOTC members were a majority of the participants, and all WSOTC members were a great help in making the seminar a success. Laurie Weaver let us use her wonderful building in exchange for a working spot, which was a very generous price, as well as overseeing it's use. Debbie Addicoat took in the entries, made up flyers, and turned Laura's handouts into a professional spiral book for the participants. Neil Evans was the parking supervisor, making sure we all fit into the limited parking area with room to spare. Judy Peterson worked the registration table and provided the name tags. Sharon Colvin and Jill Petersen oversaw the pot luck lunches, and Laura Burns and Jasmine Star handled the morning hospitality and coffee. Neil, Linda Shea, and Marilyn Ashby were there for set up on Friday. Terrie Sato, Mary Schurr, Marilyn, Gloria Newby worked both days at clean up, staying to the end, when of course everyone just wants to go home—the bitter end crew, I call them. I think all members contributed to the pot luck, which had some wonderful dishes and there was plenty of food, something the chair admittedly worried about beforehand.

Numbers still being crunched, but the report should be on the website soon and reflects a nice addition to the Club treasury. A few have said they would be happy to attend again if we had her back (and chose other things from her offerings), though I would also love to have someone new for a next seminar. I need a break from seminar chair, so I really hope we can find someone who would like to do this. The chair usually gets to select who they want to have, and I am sure WSOTC would be willing to support it.



Laura explaining heeling grids



Laura helping a working team

From the Membership Chair:

Please add the following change to your roster:

Nancy Griffin has an email address:

nancygriffin326@gmail.com

And please welcome Nancy to the wonderful world of the Internet!

From the President

The 2015-2016 Club budget should be up on the website by the time the Post is published and will be on the October 11 general meeting agenda for membership approval. Since the 2014-2015 financial report showed a net gain for the year, the Board has decided to donate \$1500 for a dog related charitable cause. Per the Standing Rules the Board will be appointing three members with the Treasurer completing the 4th position. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please notify me by November 9 as we will appoint at that meeting. In addition, if you have suggestions for the donations committee to consider, I will also take that information and pass it on.

Donations Committee Guidelines (1/05)

- a) The group must be recognized by the IRS as a 501(c) (3) charity.
- b) The group must be dog related.
- c) The work the group does should either improve the lives of dogs, or improve the lives of people through the use of dogs.
- d) Preference should be given to local groups, but national groups can also be considered.
- e) The groups should not be associated with radical animal rights organizations.

The Board is also looking for a membership chair, as I really only took this on “temporarily” and would like to pass it on to someone. The main duties of this position involve maintaining the membership records, receiving the applications for new members and reading those at the next membership meeting, making up ballots and managing the votes, keeping attendance records, keeping the membership roster updated (and sending changes to the web master and Canine Post). It’s not really onerous, but does require some organization, and being able to attend most membership meetings, though the tasks can be passed to someone else if you can’t attend. Please let me know if you are interested in taking this on.

Gloria Newby has agreed to take on the co-chair for awards. This means that WSOTC will now be awarding the Honor Plaques, Top Dog, and Club Achievement awards at the February awards meeting. Wanda Diemert will continue to do the bars and plaques for new AKC obedience, rally, tracking, and agility titles. Applications will be in the November and December Posts and on the website. Honor Plaques are perpetual awards for UD, OTCH, MX, MXJ, TDX, CT, RAE title completion and retained for the year by those earning those titles. The Top Dog is a prize given to those whose dogs have the highest three scores in Novice, Open, and Utility. As for the bars and plaques, participation points are required and these can be found on the application. The Club Achievement Award (Louis Prince) is awarded service to the Club, general attitude and conduct, and personal achievement, and nominated by the membership, voted by the Board.

The report for the Laura Romanik seminar is elsewhere in the Post. As mentioned there, the Club would really like to have another seminar hopefully in 2016, at least in 2017, and would very much support anyone who takes this on. So please make it known to the Board if you have ideas about who we might bring out.

AKC SANCTIONED OBEDIENCE MATCH

Sunday, October 11, 2015

Hosted by Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc.

To be held indoors at Canine College
20515 NE Union Hill Rd, Redmond WA

Open to all AKC breeds and AKC Canine Partners;
dogs must be at least 6 months of age on day of match. A flyer is on the website.

Pacific Northwest Obedience & Rally Judges Group

presents

Let's Get Together and Talk About Obedience and Rally—a Two-Day Seminar

This will be an informal gathering of exhibitors and local AKC obedience and rally judges discussing what every trainer and exhibitor should know about showing in obedience and rally. Greater knowledge of the Regulations leads to improved success in the ring! Obedience exhibitors will want to become familiar with changes to the Regulations taking effect on 12/1/15! There will be demos with dog and handler teams for both obedience and rally! Sign up for one or both days.

AKC Obedience will be the topic on Saturday, **November 28, 2015**

AKC Rally will be the topic for Sunday, **November 29, 2015**

9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days

Family Dog Training Center, 1515 Central Ave. South, Kent WA 98032

(visit www.familydogonline.com for driving directions and map)

Fee: \$18.00 if **pre-registration is postmarked by Nov. 18, 2015**. Registrations postmarked after that date: \$25 per day.

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH AND COLD DRINKS! Coffee and light refreshments will be served in the morning and afternoon. Some chairs are available, but we recommend you **bring your own comfy chair**. Bring along your AKC Obedience/Rally Regulations, too, including the obedience updates effective 12/1/15. We will have new Regulations available for purchase.

Pre-registration deadline: November 18, 2015. Make checks payable to **Sue Cox** in US funds and mail your payment and completed registration to Sue Cox, 18025 – 8th Avenue NW, Shoreline WA 98177-3542. For more info, contact Sue at 206-546-2230 or johnandsuzanne@comcast.net. Registrations will be acknowledged by email. If you do not receive acknowledgement, contact Sue.

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Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

I plan to attend Saturday _____ Sunday _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

Pre-registration deadline is November 18, 2015. Send registration and payment to Sue Cox.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Amanda Buse has applied for full membership and will be voted on at the November membership meeting. She lives in Yarrow Point and has a Pug and Newfoundland with multiple obedience and rally titles as well as water dog and draft dog titles. She is interested in seminars, stewarding for obedience trials, tracking events agility events, social events and newsletter and her sponsors are Debbie Addicoat and Nancy Light.

WSOTC Board Meeting Minutes September 2015

September 14, 2015

1. Call to order- Meeting was called to order at 7:22 pm by President Nancy Light on September 14, 2015, via Instaconference. Attending: Nancy Light, Janice Bergman, Ingrida Robinson, Terrie Sato and Debbie Addicoat, Absent Don Rennick

2. Review and approval of minutes- August Board minutes: Approved

3. Report of the President: As noted previously we will delay getting back to Standing Rules until October. Since Laura wanted to get out the newsletter this weekend, I had to set the date-- the next general membership meeting will be October 11 at the Sanctioned Match; time was not set but hope to do so after the match. We will know closer to the match what entries look like. We need to get membership input on not mailing Post (at the October meeting.) We need to appoint Gloria Newby as Awards co- chair.

4. Report of the Secretary: None

5. Report of the Treasurer: Balances on web site. Discussion about WSOTC changing our account from Bank of America to another bank due to problems such as the difficulties getting the transfer of Treasurer from Wanda Diemert to Ingrida Robinson. Ingrida and Wanda will investigate.

6. Committee Reports:

Agility 2016

Audit/Budget- Committee will be meeting at Wanda Diemert's house on September 15 at 7:00p

Awards- Gloria Newby has volunteered to do the Honor plaques, Top Dog and Club

Achievement Award(LouisPrince). Nancy Light will discuss with Wanda Diemert about changing application to include all awards in one form.

Hearts and Flowers- Contact Gloria Newby to send cards

Match-C/Sanctioned: Just a few entries so far, but hope to pick up later this month, maybe from the seminar. Will have general meeting after.

Membership: 30 Full and 43 Associate Members. Quorum is 6. Would like to find a new Membership chair

Newsletter- Post should be out this weekend. Will get input at October meeting about no mailed Posts. It costs about \$400 a year to print and mail out to 14-15 members only 5-6 don't have email), so dues do not cover cost.

Obedience Seminar- Laura Romanik. September 26/27. Had one cancellation for private with Laura, have not heard back from her if this is a problem. Possibly will get some others for privates from the seminar. Will be getting back to final organization details over the next few days.

Obedience Trials Fall 2015- Have received financial report and trial report from Kathy Lang, Profit of \$1500. Kathy and committee did a great job. We need a new Chair for fall 2016;

Obedience Trial Spring 2016- Linda Shea is working on trial, still needs some committee chairs, contact her if you can help. Nancy Light has mailed contract and check to Fun For Paws. Thanks to Debbie Addicoat for printing AKC trial manuals, one was given to Linda and Nancy has a copy.

Printing/mailing: Nancy Griffin should be mailing out Posts.

Programs/Meetings- October meeting at Sanctioned match October 11. November at Whidbey Island Kennel Club show in Monroe on Saturday.

Property/Inventory

TDX Fall 2015 -Budget for the TDX December 6,2015, at Ft Lewis was presented. Board discussed and is requesting further information on budget, and to have presented in established tracking budget format

Website: Send any updates to Ane.

8. Unfinished Business:

a. Proposed Standing Rules changes. On hold

9. New Business:

a. Appoint Gloria Newby Awards co-chair. Motion made and Approved

b. Discussion on mailing Canine Post - Put on hold awaiting membership input.

c. Lifetime Achievement Award- Nancy Light will send out and Email to membership to contact Debbie Addicoatwith choices .

11. Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Submitted by Janice Bergman , Club Secretary

Minutes from WSOTC October Board Meeting

October 5, 2015 7:30 pm via Instaconference

Call to Order- Meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm by President Nancy Light on October 5, 2015, via Instaconference. All Board members present

2. Review and approval of minutes- September board minutes approved

3. Report of the President- Doesn't look like we will be getting back to Standing Rule changes yet. Maybe November...Need to vote on Lifetime Award candidates, review financial report for Laura R., 2015-2016 budget. Still need Audit committee report.

4. Report of the Secretary- From AKC notice that Fall Trial is closed out. Next year's dates September 10-11, 2016

5. Report of the Treasurer- Balances on website are end of August, end of September should be on website in a few days. Ingrida Robinson discussed what she had learned from BECU about the accounts they offered. Board discussed. Motion was made to authorize Ingrida and Wanda Diemert to move accounts from Bank of America to Boeing Employees Credit Union. Motion was approved Until further notice check requests are to be mailed to Wanda Diemert and checks for deposit are to be mailed to Ingrida Robinson.

6. Committee Reports

Agility Trials 2016- No report yet

Audit/ Budget- Committee met at Wanda Diemert's house on September 15 to audit the books. Books were found to be in order, with no discrepancies. 2015/2016 budget was discussed

Awards- Nancy Light and Wanda Diemert will talk about revising the application to include title bars, Honor plaques and Top Dog Awards. Need to establish a budget for Top Dog. Need to get list from Don Rennick of Awards in storage and get list to Gloria Newby.

Hearts and Flowers- Jasmine Star fell and broke her wrist. Gloria has been notified Match- C/Sanctioned- 24 entries so far , pre-entries close October 7. Need Chair for Membership- 30 Full, 43 Associate. Quorum is 6. Would like to find a new Chair, contact Nancy Light if interested.

Newsletter- Discussed changes about mailing Post- members with email address with get Post emailed to them, members with no email address (4) will get one mailed to them. Debbie Addicoat has volunteered to print and mail them. Will discuss at membership meeting.

Obedience Seminar- Laura Romanik Sept 26-27- Seminar was a great success , lots of positive feedback. Thanks to Debbie for doing such a nice job on Laura's flyers (she was very impressed) Made over \$1500 on seminar. Would like to find someone to chair another for 2016 or 2017. Will have report in Post.

Obedience Trial Fall 2016- Still need to find a chair for 2016.

Obedience Trial Spring 2016- Linda Shea has submitted application and judges. Baray contracts coming. Have received signed contract from Fun Fur Paws. Linda still needs

Printing/Mailing- Nancy Griffin will mail when ready.

Programs/ Meetings- October at Sanctioned Match October 11. November at WIKC on Saturday. January on Saturday of the Puyallup cluster. February is Awards, date and Property/Inventory No Report

TDX Fall 2015- Revised budget sent to Board and approved via email by Board.

Premium up on website

Website- Ane has updated site

8.Unfinished Business

a. Proposed Standing Rule changes. On hold

a. AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards Board discussed and motion was made and approved to vote for Patti Strand- Conformation, John Cox- Companion Events and John Russell- Performance. Vote will

b. Review 2015/2016 Budget

Budget was discussed and motion was made and approved to recommend to General Membership at the October meeting. (Will have budget on website). Board approved making a donation of \$1500 for dog related charity. Volunteers needed for donation committee. Committee will appointed by Board in November.

Members may make suggestions for donations and will approve the final recommendations of the committee, probably at February general meeting.

11. Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm

Submitted by Janice Bergman, Club Secretary

The following page provides a report by the AKC Chairman submitted to AKC delegates at the September meeting. Please give it consideration as the club discusses possible donation areas.

Chairman's Report

Every September, we take to our local communities with the rallying cry of responsible dog ownership and host over 600 RDO Day events across the country. Together with our participating clubs, we educate the public about everything we can offer them to put them on the path to being the best dog owners they can be:

- AKC Canine Good Citizen Training.
- Pet Insurance from our sponsor, PPI.
- Micro chipping and enrollment in AKC Reunite.

But sometimes, even responsible owners have trouble meeting the needs of their pets. The plight of domestic violence not only threatens the lives of women and children, but places many pets at risk too. Nationwide studies have revealed that between 71 and 85% of women entering domestic violence shelters reported that their partner had threatened, injured or killed the family pet. In a landmark study by the University of Denver, more than 70 percent of battered women reported that their abusers had harmed, killed or threatened animals. Evidence has since shown that as many as fifty percent of battered women have delayed their decision to leave their abuser, or have even returned to that abuser, out of fear for the welfare of their pets. It is a tragedy to see a woman's health and dignity sacrificed in the face of the powerful human-canine bond. No one should be forced to choose between one's safety and one's pet. As one survivor told one of our grant recipients: *"Leaving my dogs was never an option. Family is family."*

Over the past several years, the AKC and the AKC Humane Fund have sought to chip away at the barriers that prevent victims of domestic abuse from seeking and finding shelter with their pets. It has been said that only about three percent of domestic violence shelters permit pets, primarily due to a lack of resources to care for and house them. In response to this generally unmet need, the AKC Humane Fund provides financial awards to not-for-profit shelters that can demonstrate a need for funding for the care of residents' pets, or the intention to build infrastructure for pets. Even shelters that can't house pets on site are eligible to seek support if they have fostering arrangements with local not-for-profit organizations.

To date, we have awarded 187 multi-year grants to domestic violence shelters in 33 states, totaling over \$190,000. As our grant recipients have reported again and again, keeping survivors with their pets is the first step toward healing for so many victims of domestic abuse. In a twenty-four hour survey, the National Network to End Domestic Violence found that U.S. domestic violence programs served more than sixty five thousand victims and answered more than twenty three thousand crisis hotline calls in one day alone. We don't know the number of victims who *didn't* come forward because their pet was their primary concern.

But if one in four women will be the victim of domestic violence at some point in her lifetime and 54.4 million households own dogs in this country we can all do the math: *there is a great need to pay attention to pets in the context of domestic violence.*

Around this time of year, we all start to see our mailboxes fill up with requests. Occasionally we get something that makes us reflect on the power of a small good deed. A handwritten letter came recently to AKC which said, *"I would love to thank you from the bottom of my heart for saving my dog. The Crisis Center in New Braunfels, Texas provided me with shelter out of a sixteen-year domestic-violence relationship. I didn't want to leave my dog. But I was able to take him with me. Now he is healthy and happy, and I am too. I am so blessed for this act of kindness and I will pay it forward."* To all the friends of the AKC Humane Fund, know that your support *has* made a difference.

Responsible Dog Ownership Days don't end in September. Next month, America observes Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

You can play a role by talking about this issue with your club membership. Remind them about the prevalence of domestic abuse and the sobering fact that many women can't escape violence at home when they own pets.

Your club can reach out to local women's shelters and tell them about the AKC Humane Fund grant. Encourage them to apply for funding so that they can open their doors to pet owners in need. Tell them about your club's rescue services, to forge fostering relationships if they are needed.

The best thing we can do as dog lovers is to shine a light on this important issue, and create a dialogue within our communities. It is said that domestic violence thrives in silence, so let's speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Thank you.