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PREZ'S MESSAGE

The General Membership meeting was well attended and as we discussed ways to build community in the club I mentioned that the online meetings have been a real benefit to membership attendance. It was nice to see so many of your faces. As the discussion went on and those participating seemed to thin, I looked over at the participants list and I discovered the down side of online meetings....you can mute yourself! Come on people. Unmute yourself and jump into the discussion! Your opinions matter.

One point made was that it would be nice to know ahead of time what was coming up and what volunteer possibilities are available. I have updated a Key Events schedule. You will find it in this newsletter.

Just an FYI to the membership, I am honored to have been asked to judge the Master National hunt test this year in Georgia. There



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are over 1200 dogs entered and I will be one of 18 judges, with two judges to a stake and 9 stakes I will have the privilege of judging 150 of some of the best dogs in the country. This means I will be gone from Oct. 18 through Nov. 6. I plan to be back in time to get my own dogs in shape for the WIKC obedience trial. I may be totally exhausted but I hope to see some of you there. Please say hello if you see me and don't be offended if I am nodding off to sleep while my dogs amuse and entertain the spectators. As a mentor has said:

"In the department store of Life, this is the Toy Store!"

Have fun with your dogs!!!

Terrie

UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

- **Board Meeting**, November 15 at 7pm on Zoom
- **General Meeting**, November 29 at 7pm on Zoom

Volunteer Opportunity: Junior Coordinator

WSOTC is looking for someone to volunteer as a junior coordinator. Since we don't have any juniors in our club currently, the person in this role could think creatively about how we could connect with youth. This could include things like awards for juniors at our trials, supporting juniors who may attend club events, or connecting with local 4-H clubs. If this interests you, please reach out to a board member!

CLUB COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

Agility: Linda Shea

Audit/Budget: Don Rennick

Awards: Nancy Light

Hearts & Flowers: Gloria Newby

Insurance: Sue Cox

Membership: Cathy Soule

Newsletter: Elizabeth Soule

'C' Match: Terrie Sato

Programs: vacant

Property & Inventory:

Don Rennick

Obedience and Rally Trial

Spring: Amanda Buse

August: Debby Warden

Tracking: Marta Brock

Website: Ane Brusendorff

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Welcome to our new members!

- ★ Charlie Clark lives in Seattle and has an Australian Shepherd and a mix breed dog.
- ★ Melissa Knapp lives in Granite Falls and has English Cocker Spaniels.
- ★ Lisa Witte lives in Seattle and has a Golden Retriever.



HEARTS AND FLOWERS

Gloria Newby, chair

Since my last report, we have sent a card to Holly Krohn for the loss of her dog. I also want to thank the members for sending us a card for the loss of Rio a couple of weeks ago.

Preparing for Your First Trial Educational Event

At recent club meetings we have discussed holding an event to help new exhibitors prepare for their first obedience or rally trial. Topics covered might include things like when to arrive, crate setup, check in and armbands, trial etiquette, etc. This could be either an in person or an online event.

To make this event happen, we some volunteers to coordinate it! If you are interested in helping to put this on, please let a board member know.

WSOTC Presents Connie Cleveland-Nolan

We are delighted to welcome Connie Cleveland-Nolan back to the Northwest for a two day theory/problem solving seminar February 10-11, 2024 at Country Classic Kennels in Arlington, WA. Working spots are now full, please reach out to Terrie Sato for information on joining the waitlist. There are lots of audit spots available for both club members and non-club members!

For more information and to access the paper or online registration form, visit the home page of the WSOTC website www.wsotc.org.

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WSOTC Spring Trial Awards

WSOTC Members,

We are busily prepping for the 2024 Spring Obedience and Rally Trials. At this time, we would like to remind members that you are welcomed to sponsor any standing trophies and awards, donate to Friends of Obedience and Rally, or donate a special award of your choosing (e.g., Juniors, breed, rescue, veteran dog or handler, etc.). Special awards can be donated by an individual, club, trainer/training business. Donor does not have to be a WSOTC member.

The items will again be handmade pottery from Stone Pony Pottery, beautiful and functional. <https://stoneponypottery.com/dog-shows/> Each piece will have the club logo on it.

The selection is as follows for SATURDAY:

Obedience High Score Regular Classes - \$80

Obedience High Combined from Open B and Utility - \$50

Obedience High Score Preferred Classes - \$50

Obedience High Combined Preferred Open and Utility - \$50

Rally High Combined Triple Qualifier - \$80

Rally High Combined Exc B and Adv B - \$50

Awards for SUNDAY will be CASH in the amounts above for each class.

Multiple sponsors for one award is another way to pool resources and contribute. If you or your breed club would like to support a trophy or entries not listed here, please let me know. There are many options to choose from the Stone Pottery collection.

There are special awards for Obedience and Rally Novice A:

Saturday First Prize: To be decided \$20

Sunday First Prize: To be decided \$20

Awards for 2nd through 4th placements Saturday and Sunday \$15 - awards to be decided.

Even though the trial is several months away there are many moving parts to be coordinated. Donating early will help it all come together more smoothly.

Please send donations in a check made out to WSOTC and mail to:

Jane Pitts
3028 W Blaine St
Seattle, WA 98199

Thank you for supporting the club and the trial!

Jane Pitts
Trophy and Awards Chairperson
WSOTC Spring Trials 2024

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2023-24 DONATION COMMITTEE

We are currently forming a donation committee. This committee reviews suggested organizations and determines which ones will receive WSOTC donations. Generally the committee meets over email. If you would like to participate, reach out to the chair, Sue Cox.

Donation committee role and responsibilities:

The Donations Committee shall be responsible for the investigation and recommendation of recipients of WSOTC excess fund donations.

Duties/Procedure:

1. The Audit/Budget Committee recommends an amount of funds available for donations and presents this to the board. With board approval to move forward, the amount is sent to the General Membership for approval.
2. The Donations Committee shall consist of four members and will be activated only in years that the Budget Committee allocates funds for donations. On or before the September Board meeting, the Board shall appoint three members to join the Committee. The current Treasurer will complete the Committee roster. The term of office will be one year (1/95)
3. The Donations Committee investigates all reasonable suggestions for donations of WSOTC funds.
4. Rules governing donations: a. The recipient must be recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) charity. b. The recipient must be dog related. c. The recipient's work 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 may also be considered. e. The recipient should not be associated with radical animal rights organizations.
5. The Committee makes specific donation recommendations to the Board and the Membership.
6. The Committee must maintain a file of past recipients of WSOTC donations

CLUB UPDATES

WSOTC Key Events for the Year

6 General Membership Meetings required per year

JULY

Board: Appoint Audit Committee (one Board, two non Board) who will audit the books and prepare and submit the yearly budget to be presented in August or September

General Membership Meeting: online or in person
present the AKC Good Sportsmanship Award

Events: Agility Trial

AUGUST

Board: Review tracking budget

Appoint agility chair for following year

Appoint tracking chair for following year

Appoint awards chair

Review financials from the agility trial

General Membership Meeting: Approve tracking budget

Present Past President Plaque if appropriate

Events: Fall Trial

SEPTEMBER

Board: Review audit report

Review annual budget

Review Fall Trial financials

Appoint Fall Trial chair

General Membership Meeting: Approve annual budget

Appoint donation committee if recommended by the budget committee

Events: none

OCTOBER

Board: Review Spring Trial Budget

Update membership renewal forms

General Membership Meeting: (optional)

Events: none

NOVEMBER

Board: Review donation committee recommendations

Place renewal and award applications in the Canine Post

Budget for Jan. Fun Match

General Membership Meeting: Remind GM to turn in awards

Remind GM to renew membership

Approve Spring Trial Budget

Approve Match Budget

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WSOTC Key Events for the Year

DECEMBER

Board: no meeting unless needed
General Membership: No meeting
Event: Tracking Test

JANUARY

Board: Review tracking test financials
General Membership Meeting: Approve tracking judges
Remind members to nominate for the Club Personal Achievement Award
Solicit stewards for the Spring Trial
review and approve donations
Event: Fun Match

FEBRUARY

Board: Elect recipient of Club's Personal Achievement Award (vote in executive session)
Appoint nominating committee
General Membership Meeting: Awards meeting
Event: none

MARCH

Board: review Agility Trial budget
General Membership Meeting: Approve Agility Trial Budget
Other: Nominating committee meets
Event: Spring Trial

APRIL

Board: Appoint Spring Trial chair
Review Nominating committee report (include AKC delegate) and send to the Canine Post
General Membership Meeting:
Event: Spring Trial if not held in March

MAY

Board: Send approved judges list to the Canine Post
Review Spring Trial financials
General Membership Meeting: Accept nominations from the floor
Ask for additions or suggested changes in the approved judges list

JUNE

Board: AKC Good Sportsmanship Award recipient chosen
General Membership Meeting: Annual meeting with election of Officers, Board of Directors and AKC Delegate
Event: none

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 by President Terrie Sato. Members in attendance: Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Rhonda Forman, Sue Cox, Neil Evans, Karen Snee, Betty Winthers, Cathy Soule, Elizabeth Soule, Jayne Walker, Nancy Harney, Veronica Ness, Sandy Burr, Catherine Shaffer, Penny Broomer, Kelli Armstrong, Sarah Kahn, Shea Hughes-Gorman, Lee Ann McNeil, Debbie Bohn, Holly Krohn. Guests: Melissa Knapp, Lisa Witte

The minutes from the 6/26/23 General Membership meeting were approved.

Report of the Board - The board is inviting Club members to share their thoughts on possible changes to the Novice Obedience Class. There will have an open discussion under new business.

Terrie thanked Don Rennick, Karen Snee, Jody Woodruff, Kelli Armstrong and Sue Cox, the audit/budget committee, who met August 9th and determined that the club finances appear to be in order. The report will be in the next newsletter. The Club also acknowledged with thanks, Debby Warden, Sue Cox, Vicki Hutchinson Niederkorn, Kathy Lang and Ingrida Robinson for all their hard work on the August obedience/rally trial. Full reports will follow at a later date.

4. **Report of the President** – Terrie attended an AKC zoom meeting presented by members of the Puyallup Dog Fanciers discussing ways their small club has used online programs to make their club more efficient. Though many of their needs do not match ours, there were some interesting points. A primary question they asked that Terrie thought would be good for our club to review was, “What are the challenges facing our club?” This will be discussed under “New Business”.

5. **Report of the Secretary** - Rhonda – No report

Report of the Treasurer - Sue provided an updated report. The report can be found on the “members only” section of the website.

Committee Reports:

Membership- Cathy Soule - First reading for Charlie Clarke, Melissa Knapp and Lisa Witte, all as full members.

b. Agility - Nancy/Linda Shea – waiting for final report from the trial.

c. Hearts and Flowers – Gloria – No report

d. August Trial - Debby Warden – no formal report other than the trial went well.

e. Tracking - Marta Brock – The budget was submitted and approved.

f. Audit/Budget - Sue – The committee met on August 9. Don Rennick has provided a report that will be published in the next newsletter.



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AUGUST 21, 2023

g. Connie Cleveland Seminar - Feb. 10 & 11 - Terrie - All working spots are full. A waiting list has been established. Audit spots are open to all.

Old Business

Junior Coordinator – information will be published in the upcoming newsletter. The club is looking for someone to volunteer for this position.

AKC Lifetime Achievement Award - The board recommended Judie Howard for Companion Events. Rhonda will submit Judie's name and bio to AKC prior to the August 28 deadline.

New Business

Proposed Donation to the Maui Humane Society- it was moved and approved to make a \$500 donation.

Thoughts on possibly changing Novice Obedience. Betty Winthers explained that this suggestion came from AKC staff and that there is a sub-committee that will look at possible changes. There was a good conversation about this topic. Nancy Light will take suggestions emailed to her and pass them to our delegate, Jack Cadalso.

Terrie asked the membership about their thoughts on challenges facing our club. There was a lively conversation that included suggestions about classes and/or training sessions. Terrie asked that additional thoughts/suggestions be emailed to her.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23

Next General Membership meeting is September 27th at 7:00

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

WSOTC Board Meeting Minutes 9/6/23

Via zoom 7 pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Terrie Sato. Members present: Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Rhonda Forman and Neil Evans

Minutes: Board minutes were approved from the 8/8/23 meeting.

Report of the President: No report

Report of the Secretary: Rhonda received notice from AKC closing out the August obedience trial; the nomination has been sent to AKC for Judie Howard for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Report of the Treasurer: Sue presented an updated report that can be viewed on the “members only” section on the club website.

Committee Reports

- a. Membership - Cathy Soule – There will be three, second readings for new members at the September 27 General Membership Meeting. The board agreed to allow these new memberships to be effective on 10/1 to avoid having to pay dues twice within 3 months and would cover the 2024 calendar year. This allows for compliance with the club bylaws.
- b. August obedience/rally trials - Debby’s report was reviewed.
- c. Agility - Nancy – No report
- d. Hearts and Flowers – No report
- e. 2024 Spring Trials – No report
- f. Budget - Annual budget review – the budget will be presented at the September 27 General Membership Meeting
- g. Tracking test – Marta – No report
- h. Connie Cleveland-Nolan Seminar – Terrie – No report
- i. 2024 August Rally/Obedience Trials - Debby Warden has graciously volunteered to chair the August trial again. This was voted on and approved by the Board.

Old Business

Juniors – There have been no volunteers to take on the Junior Coordinator position that was requested by AKC to promote the participation of Juniors in clubs.

Officer’s procedure – Terrie prepared a draft of the President’s duties. (apart from duties identified in the bylaws).



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SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

New Business

1. Novice/ Obedience/Rally trial prep workshop? Terrie will investigate possible locations to hold a workshop in 2024. Once a date and location are identified and secured, we will need to decide on what is presented, who presents, etc. It would then be posted on FaceBook and notify local obedience instructors, including The Humane Society, Petsmart, Petco, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

Next meetings:

Board Meeting: November 15 at 7:00

General Membership Meeting: November 29 at 7:00

UPCOMING WASHINGTON EVENTS

Mount Hood Doberman Pinscher Club (Agility) 10/6-8 at Clark County Fairgrounds in Ridgefield

Spokane Dog Training Club (Obedience, Rally) 10/7-8 at Spokane Dog Training Club

Wenatchee Kennel Club (Agility) 10/13-15 at Wenatchee Confluence State Park

Wenatchee Kennel Club (Obedience) 10/20-22 at Chelan County Expo Center in Cashmere

Wenatchee Kennel Club (Rally) 10/21-22 at Chelan County Expo Center in Cashmere

Pacific Northwest Shetland Sheepdog Club (Agility) 10/20-22 at Clark County Fairgrounds in Ridgefield

Spokane Agility Club (Agility) 10/20-22 at Twin Willows Farm in Deer Park

Puget Sound Poodle Club (Agility - ISC only) 10/27-29 at Run Wild Dog Sports in Auburn (*pending*)

Evergreen Afghan Hound Club (Agility) 10/27-29 at Fun Fur Paws in Mount Vernon

Greater Spokane Shetland Sheepdog Club (Agility) 10/27-29 at Spokane County Fair & Expo Center

Vancouver Kennel Club (Obedience, Rally) 10/28-29 at Clark County Fairgrounds in Ridgefield

Spokane Dog Training Club (Tracking TD, TDX) 10/29 at Miller Ranch in Sprague

Chuckanut Dog Training Association (Obedience, Rally) 11/4-5 at Northwest Washington Fairgrounds in Lynden. Two trials Saturday for both obedience and rally, one trial each on Sunday.

Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association (Agility) 11/4-5 at Run Wild Dog Sports in Auburn (Argus)

Sno-King Agility Club (Agility) 11/10-12 at Run Wild Dog Sports in Auburn (Argus)

Inland Empire Collie Club (Obedience, Rally) 11/10-12 at Spokane Dog Training Club. Two rally trials Friday, Obedience only Saturday and Sunday.

Chuckanut Dog Training Association (Tracking TD, TDX) 11/12 at Wesen Farm in Bow

Whidbey Island Kennel Club (Obedience, Rally) 11/17-11/19 at Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe

Mount Hood Doberman Pinscher Club (Agility) 11/17-19 at Clark County Fairgrounds in Ridgefield

Samoyed Club of Washington State (Agility) 11/24-26 at Fun Fur Paws in Mount Vernon

Greater Clark County Kennel Club (Agility) 12/1-12/3 at Clark County Fairgrounds in Ridgefield

Washington State Obedience Training Club (Tracking TD, TDX) 12/3 at Wesen Farm in Bow

REGIONAL NEWS

Portland Dog Obedience Club, Inc. presents:

Track Laying Seminar Saturday, October 21st, 2023

Presented by judges: Lisa Klein and Cheryl Bavister

9:00am – 1:00pm at Frenchman's Bar Park, Vancouver, WA
\$25.00 per person

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS FUTURE TRACKING TESTS HOSTED BY
PORTLAND DOG OBEDIENCE CLUB, INC.

If you are interested in Tracking, this seminar will teach you multiple skills for laying AKC regulation tracks in the field or urban environments. Volunteers are essential to help Tracking teams pass their test. This seminar will teach you valuable tracklayer skills towards this goal. Having good track laying skills can also help you to be a successful tracking trainer.

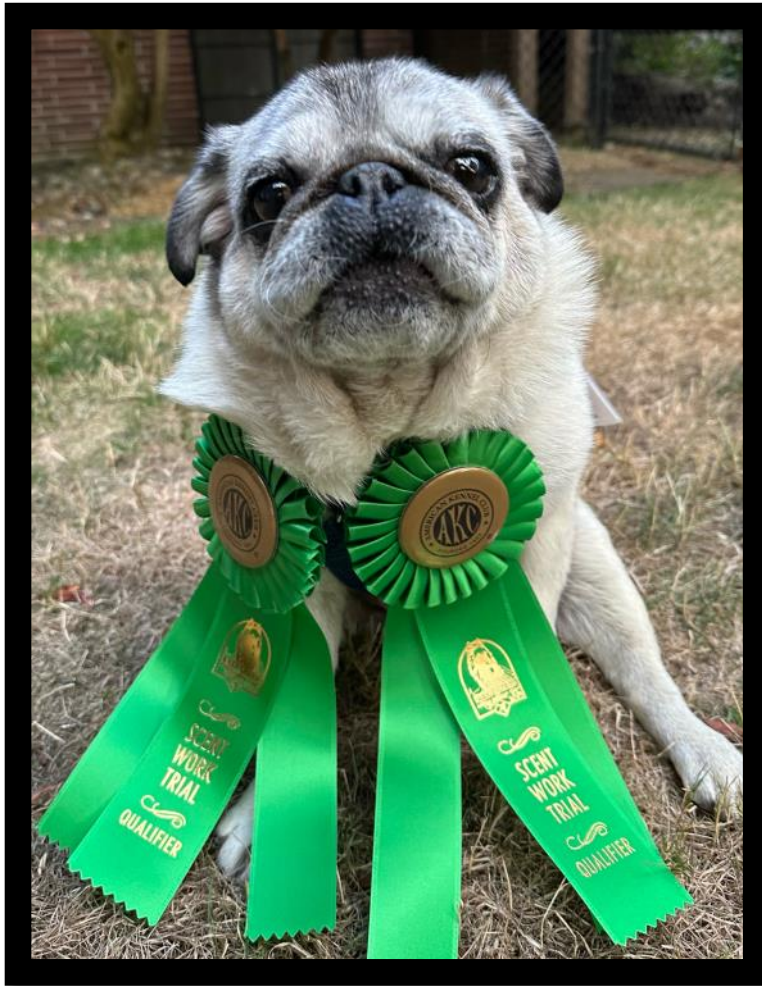
Topics will include:

- What directions to expect from judges
- Using sight markers effectively
- How to walk and turn steps into yards
- Map making
- How articles are used
- What to do if a mistake is made

To sign up or ask questions, please contact Lisa Klein at Biglildogs@gmail.com

Note: this seminar is for learning track laying, not for training a dog to track.

Celebrations!



Amanda Buse + Sampson

Sampson picked up two more AKC Novice Nose Work legs in Exterior and Interior towards his Novice Elite title at the Belgian Tervuren trials.

He also turned 12 years old on 9/13.