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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am excited to have been elected as the WSOTC President for the coming year! The board has already met and brought me up to speed on the club's upcoming plans and events. Thank you, Nancy, Rhonda, Catherine, Neil and Terrie for making me feel welcome.

Many thanks to Terrie Sato, Sue Cox and Karen Snee for their years of faithful service as President, Treasurer and Board Member, respectively. Terrie's seat on the Board will not go cold as she has transitioned to the role of Board Member.

The July Agility trials went off well according to Trial Chair Linda Shea. Many thanks to Linda and her committee and crew for a job well done! Chairing the 2025 WSOTC agility trials will be the dynamic duo of JoAnne and Susan Mulligan.

Our August obedience and rally trials are just around the corner on August 10-11 in Enumclaw. Chairperson Debby Warden, Chief Ring Steward Shea Hughes-Gorman, Awards Team Jane



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CLUB UPDATES

Pitts and Catherine Schaffer, and Hospitality/Decorations lead Kathy Lang have been working diligently to make this a special weekend for all. The trials are dedicated to the memory of long-time obedience judge John Cox with special activities to commemorate his contributions to the sport and to all who had the privilege to show under him. More information can be found at the Facebook group "[John Cox. Exercise Finished. Well Done.](#)"

Starting August 1 registration will begin for the seminar on Canine Rehab and Injury Prevention being presented by Dr. Patty Schaefer on October 12 at Family Dog Training Center in Kent. WSOTC members will have an early sign-up opportunity and a special payment rate. Information was sent out to all members in an email on July 27 and is also available on the club's website.

Look for information in upcoming newsletters and on the website about the new dates for the next WSOTC tracking tests as well as updated info about the possibility of holding scent work trials in 2025.

I hope to have the opportunity to meet you all at a future WSOTC event!

Melissa Knapp

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- **WSOTC Board Meeting** 8/5 at 5:30pm on Zoom
- **WSOTC General Membership Meeting** 8/7 at 7pm on Zoom
- **WSOTC Summer Obedience and Rally Trials**, August 10-11 in Enumclaw
- **Canine Fitness and Conditioning Seminar** with Dr. Patti Schaefer 10/12 at Family Dog Training Center.

CLUB COMMITTEES & CHAIRS

Agility: Sue and JoAnn Mulligan

Audit/Budget: Karen Snee

Awards: Nancy Light

Hearts & Flowers: Gloria Newby

Insurance: Sue Cox

Membership: Cathy Soule

Newsletter: Elizabeth Soule

Jan Fun Match: Rhonda Forman

Programs: vacant

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CLUB UPDATES

Summer Obedience and Rally Trials

August 10-11, 2024

We are looking forward to the WSOTC summer trial on August 10th & 11th! Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help! The trial this year is dedicated to John Cox and we have several special events planned to acknowledge Mr. Cox's contribution to the sport of obedience. Even if you're not entered we hope you will come and share your memories. We will have a book to put them in to give to Sue after the trial. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Debby Warden, Show Chair

Entry Counts:

Saturday: 71 entries in Obedience, 73 entries in Rally

Sunday: 69 entries in Obedience, 67 entries in Rally

Reimbursement Process Reminder for Club Members

Members seeking reimbursement for pre-approved WSOTC expenses such as budget expenditures should submit the following documentation to treasurer Catherine Shaffer to ensure their requests are processed smoothly:

1. Check Reimbursement Form. This form is available for download on the WSOTC website [here](#).
2. Supporting Receipts. The treasurer cannot provide checks for anything that is not supported by a receipt.

Thank you!

HEARTS AND FLOWERS



No new cards have been sent since the last report.

Submit requests to send Hearts and Flowers cards to club members by emailing Gloria Newby at glorianewby@gmail.com.

CLUB UPDATES

WSOTC Agility Trial Report

Hi All,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you all very much for helping out with the agility trials.

Once again, the trials were held at Fun Fur Paws in Mount Vernon. The grounds are clean and beautifully maintained. I even caught Dave and Melissa literally dusting off every single piece of equipment.

The beautiful flowers which were so graciously donated by Catherine Shaffer got many compliments.

The food was healthy, and plentiful so many people appreciated having food available. The food was arranged by our "Food Mavens" Sue and JoAnn Mulligan delivered as usual with smiles and grace.

The rings ran really well with so many people from our club jumping in to help. I know the judges appreciated the being able to run their rings efficiently. A special shout out to Larry Newby who isn't a club member for all of the ring help he provided!

A MACH ribbon recipient made sure we knew that he really loved the beautiful MACH ribbon. He is pretty much an expert as this was his 8th MACH!

The renting of the stalls was appreciated and hopefully will be available again as it was another hot July weekend for our trials and we were able to get the dogs out of hot cars. The collecting of the "rent" was super easy, everyone found me and paid.

The judges were great to work with and their courses were fun to run.

And, as trial chair two most appreciated parts were the folks stuck around so that we had many more than the 5 members required AND on Sunday afternoon after 3 long, hot days so many stayed to clean up until the very end.

Such special thanks to Nancy Light for doing the FFP contract, ribbons and the budget and all the other things she does for our club.

So much appreciation and thanks to you all for everything we ALL did to make these trials successful.

One more shout out to Sue and JoAnn Mulligan. I am possibly unavailable for next year's trials so they will be chairing, another much appreciated ask of two already very busy people! Thanks for stepping up again with smiles and grace!

Linda Shea, Trial Chair



Canine Fitness & Conditioning Seminar

Presented by Patti Schaefer, D.V.M., C.V.A., F.A.A.V.A.
Canisport Veterinary Services

Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: Family Dog Training Center, 1509 Central Ave. S., Kent, WA 98032

Dr. Patti Schaefer has 30 years' experience in canine sports medicine. She owns Canisport Veterinary Services, a holistic canine sports medicine and rehabilitation practice. Dr. Schaefer's lectures and workshops on canine sports medicine and performance injuries have been well received throughout the country. Dr. Schaefer is a Fellow of the American Academy of Veterinary Acupuncture, certified in veterinary acupuncture and spinal manipulation. Dr. Schaefer, a former professional horsewoman, has competed in agility and conformation, as well as canine musical freestyle with her Portuguese Water Dogs. Her services include: Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine, sports acupuncture, laserpuncture, laser therapy, myofascial therapy, sport-specific, conformation evaluations, as well as recommendations for conditioning, injury prevention, therapeutic exercise, nutrition and supplements. Her clients include multi-Best-in-Show winners, top-winning dock divers, police canines as well as dogs competing in all types of dog sports, canines of all ages rehabbing from injuries and senior dogs whose owners want to maintain good quality of life.

Seminar Overview

The seminar will begin with a discussion and evaluation of structure and gait, how they are related and important considerations for dog sports. Dr. Schaefer will provide written handouts and demonstrations with pre-selected demo dogs as a means of helping participants learn to examine and evaluate structure and gain in their own dogs. Dr. Schaefer will also discuss common injuries in performance dogs, and various treatment modalities, including acupuncture, chiropractic, cold laser, Chinese medicine/herbs, etc.

After the introductory discussion and demonstration, Dr. Schaefer will demonstrate and teach basic conditioning exercises and stretches to help prevent injuries and improve performance. All working teams will have the opportunity to learn these skills with their dogs during the seminar. Auditors may ask questions and participate in various discussions.

IMPORTANT NOTES: Handlers with working dogs understand that Dr. Schaefer may discuss their dogs' structure and condition in front of the seminar. If Dr. Schaefer finds that a dog is compromised/injured, she will recommend further diagnostics, and until a diagnosis is made, some of the exercises and stretches should not be attempted. Dogs must not be people, or dog, aggressive and they should be food motivated to facilitate learning. Bring a variety of soft treats – small and long pieces (such as string cheese, hot dogs, etc.) in a small cooler – that your dog really likes. Dogs need to be well-groomed, including feet and nails so they are safe and comfortable on equipment. All equipment needed for the seminar will be provided by Family Dog Training Center.

General Information

A maximum of 10 working teams will be allowed (one dog per handler). Dogs may be crated inside the facility (bring your own crate), provided they are quiet, or in the handler's vehicle. Note: Working teams give Dr. Schaefer permission to discuss their dog's structure, gait and condition in front of the seminar attendees.

Working teams will be given some pre-seminar homework via video showing simple foundation skills. The cost for WSOTC members is \$85; non-members is \$100.

A maximum of 20 auditors will be allowed (no auditor dogs permitted inside the facility). The cost for WSOTC members to audit is \$50; non-members is \$65.

Registrations are confirmed upon receipt of payment; to ensure you get a spot we recommend online registration and payment (see next page).

Coffee, tea and water will be available throughout the day. Lunch will be provided. The facility will open at 8:00 am so everyone can get settled, pick up seminar handouts and be ready to start right at 9:00 am.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR DR. SCHAEFER SEMINAR

Check all that apply:

I am a WSOTC club member

I am not a WSOTC club member

I am registering as for a WORKING SPOT

I am registering as an auditor

Cost:

WSOTC member to audit: \$50

Non-members to audit: \$65

WSOTC member in working spot: \$85

Non-members in working spot: \$100

Name _____

Mailing address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Cell phone _____

Email address _____

The following applies only to working teams:

Dog's Breed _____

Dog's Approximate Age _____

PAYMENT AND HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE

Online registration and payment is preferred: <https://canine-fitness-seminar-patti-schaefer101224.cheddarup.com>
Registration for WSOTC members only starts August 1. Registration for non-members opens August 10. Please note that an additional fee of 3.65% + \$0.90 cents is added to online registrations at the payment screen. Seminar will fill in the order registration and payment are received, or no later than September 21, 2024.

Payment by check: Make your check payable to WSOTC and mail to seminar chairman: Kathy Lang, 1920 Northwood Ave. NE, Tacoma, WA 98422. Questions? Email AskKathyLang@aol.com

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST READ AND SIGN BELOW

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Dr. Patti Schaefer, Family Dog Training Center, Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc., and their owners, board of directors, officers, agents, employees, instructors, and staff members, from any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of action or liability of any kind whatsoever, for death, personal injury or property damage in any way proximately caused by myself, my family members, my friends and/or any animal belonging to, or brought onto the premises by myself or any member of my family or my assigns. I further agree, on behalf of myself, my family and my assigns, to assume complete and sole responsibility for any and all actions of any animal belonging to, or brought onto the premises by myself, any member of my family or my agents or assigns.

I understand that there will be no refunds issued for any reason (other than seminar cancellation); however, a participant who is unable to attend may send someone to take his or her place provided permission is given in writing and a copy is submitted to Kathy Lang (AskKathyLang@aol.com). Returned or NSF checks are subject to a \$30 bank processing fee. Declined credit cards that result in late payment due to delayed processing are subject to a \$30 late payment fee.

Participant's

Signature _____ Date _____

WORKING DOG TEAMS MUST ALSO READ AND SIGN BELOW

As the owner of a working dog in this seminar, I give Dr. Schaefer permission to discuss my dog's structure, gait and condition in front of the seminar attendees.

Working Dog Participant's

Signature _____ Date _____

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 21, 2024

Via Zoom @7:00pm

1. The meeting was called to order by President Melissa Knapp at 7:00. Attendees: Melissa Knapp, Nancy Light, Rhonda Forman, Catherine Shaffer, Neil Evans and Terrie Sato.
2. Minutes from the 6/5/24 board meeting were approved.
3. **Report of the President:** This is Melissa's first meeting as President. She has several items that will be discussed throughout the meeting.
4. **Report of the Secretary:** Rhonda reported that the newly elected officers have been updated on the AKC website. She has received notification that the winter tracking test event application and slate of judges has not yet been submitted to AKC.
5. **Report of the Treasurer:** Catherine prepared a report that will be posted to the "member only" section of the website. Funds have been transferred to a BECU money market account where the club will receive a higher interest rate.
6. **Committee Reports:**

Membership: Cathy Soule – there will be 1 first reading at the next general membership meeting on August 7.

Budget/Audit Committee: Jodi Woodruff and Karen Snee have agreed to participate. We will identify 1 additional member and a chair.

Agility: Nancy reported that the trial went well. There was one small incident involving 2 dogs that was referred to the committee at the trial and reported to AKC. There were fewer entries than anticipated. It was a hot day, so crating indoors was appreciated by the participants. The board agreed to add to future premiums that the use of flexi-leads is prohibited at events. Linda Shea will not chair this event next year, so Susan and JoAnne Mulligan have volunteered to co-chair. Rhonda will follow up with them to see which one will be listed on the documents submitted to AKC.

Hearts and Flowers: No report.

August Obedience and Rally Trials: Terrie will post a reminder on Facebook prior to the entry closing date. Kathy Lang has also posted a reminder. The board voted and approved use of \$200 from this year's raffle to help fund the events to honor John Cox. Melissa has agreed to coordinate lunches.
Spring 2025 Obedience and Rally Trials: Amanda has agreed to chair.

Tracking: Sarah Kahn let Melissa know that they would like to change the dates of the tracking test from December 1 to February 16, 2025. Sarah is communicating with AKC. There were no objections from the board.

Scent Work: We have heard nothing back from AKC in response to the request to hold an event. Melissa will follow up with AKC.



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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 21, 2024

Social Events and Programs: We will hold off on trying to plan a club gathering this year and plan for something in 2025.

Seminars: Cheddar-up, the program the club uses for on-line payments is now charging an annual fee of \$120. The board voted and approved this payment. Catherine will ask Elizabeth Soule if she is willing to investigate possible alternative on-line payment options.

7. **Unfinished Business:** There was a discussion of how many years of financial records should be maintained on the website. We will need to collect financial reports from the chairs of past events. Melissa will contact Ane to add the club officer and board member names to the "Welcome" page on the website. A correction needs to be made to the standing rules related to the reimbursement amount to read \$400 to the club's AKC delegate.
8. **New Business:** We will discuss a website password change at the next general membership meeting. An updated approved judges list will be discussed at the January general membership meeting. Nancy will ask Ane to create a separate tab to access forms on the website.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Next meetings:

Board meeting – August 5 at 5:30

General Membership meeting – August 7 at 7:00

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

UPCOMING WASHINGTON EVENTS

Spokane Dog Training Club (Agility) 8/3-4 at Spokane Dog Training Club, Spokane, WA

Cascade Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club (Obed, Rally) 8/8-9 at St. Martin's University, Lacey, WA

Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club (Agility) 8/9-11 at Carrie Blake Park in Sequim, WA

Spokane Dog Training Club (Agility) 8/9-11 at Spokane Dog Training Club, Spokane, WA

Washington State Obedience Training Club (Obed, Rally) 8/10-11 at Enumclaw Expo Center

Mount Rainier Working Dog Club (Working Group limited Obed, Rally) 8/14 at Enumclaw Expo Center

Olympic Kennel Club (Obed, Rally) 8/16-18 at Enumclaw Expo Center

Irish Water Spaniel Club of Puget Sound (Obed, Rally) 8/24-25 at Fun Fur Paws, Mt. Vernon, WA

Evergreen Golden Retriever Club (Agility) 8/30-9/1 at Run Wild Dog Sports, Auburn, WA

Puget Sound Poodle Club (ISC Agility) 9/6-9/8 at Run Wild Dog Sports, Auburn, WA

Columbia Basin Dog Training Club (Agility) 9/6-9/8 at Horn Rapids County Park, Benton City, WA

United States Australian Shepherd Association (Agility) 9/6-8 at Fun Fur Paws, Mt. Vernon, WA

Bell Vernon Kennel Association (Agility) 9/13-15 at Fun Fur Paws, Mt. Vernon, WA

Timberland Valley Dog Fanciers Association (Obed, Rally) 9/13-15 at Southwest Washington Fairgrounds, Chehalis, WA

Portland Agility Club (Agility) 9/20-22 at Clark County Fairgrounds, Ridgefield, WA

Spokane Agility Club (Agility) 9/20-22 at Twin Willows Equestrian Center, Deer Park, WA

Sno-King Agility Club (Rally) 9/21 two trials, Country Classic Kennels, Arlington, WA

CDC Revises Requirements for Importing Dogs Older Than 6 Months from Low-Risk Countries

By [AKC Government Relations](#)

On July 22, 2024, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) provided an update related to new CDC requirements effective August 1 for importing or traveling into the United States with a dog older than 6 months of age.

The revisions to the rule no longer require an additional rabies vaccination form certified by a USDA-accredited veterinarian or an official government veterinarian in the exporting country. Instead, for dogs entering the U.S. from low-risk or dog-maintained rabies virus variant (DMRVV)-free countries like Canada, the revised rule simplifies entry by requiring one form—the CDC Dog Import Form—that does not have to be endorsed by a veterinarian. This form requires the dog’s microchip number, a picture, and an attestation that the dog has not been in a high-risk country in the past six months.

Additionally, instead of making travelers update this form for every entry, it will now be valid for six months. However, CDC will continue to require all dogs entering the U.S. to be at least six-months old and be microchipped.

As [stated in the update](#):

“To provide greater flexibility to the requirements for dogs coming from dog rabies-free or low-risk countries, when the rule goes into effect on August 1, 2024...., dogs that have spent the prior six months only in dog rabies-free or low-risk rabies countries will be able to enter the United States with a CDC Import Form online submission receipt as acceptable documentation.

This form can be filled out the day of travel and the receipt can be shown to airlines and border officials as a printed copy or by phone. The receipt will be good for travel into the U.S. for six months from the date of issuance, including multiple entries.

All dogs entering the United States must have a microchip and be over six months of age.”

The online CDC Dog Import Form, and other information regarding bringing dogs into the United States from low-risk countries [may be found on the CDC website](#).

AKC continues to be concerned with the disproportionate impacts the new rule will have on low-risk importations for dogs between 4 and 6 months of age. We urge you to send respectful comments to CDC and your members of Congress regarding this issue. [Read AKC’s previous alert](#) for talking points and more information on how to contact them regarding this issue.

For questions and concerns regarding the new CDC rule, contact CDC directly: (404) 498-1600 or cdcanimalimports@cdc.gov.

AKC Government Relations will continue to provide updates and information as it becomes available.

Celebrations!



Kathy Teufel and Douglas

Douglas (Cripple Creek Always Looking Up to the Frontier) now joins his housemate Ellie Rose by earning a Champion Trick Dog Master title. This is offered by Do More with Your Dog and includes 101 Tricks.

Celebrations!



 Kathy Teufel + Ellie Rose

Ellie Rose (Cripple Creek Adventure's Out There@Frontier) also earned her Hoops Title - Doglympics-Pentathlon Series

Celebrations!



Jane Pitts + Moxie

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel “Moxie” (Laughing Coup de Foudre) earned his Rally Novice title at the Evergreen State Shetland Sheepdog trials under judge Debbie Addicoat, with 3 scores of 99.

Celebrations!



Neil Evans + Jovie

On July 7th we welcomed a new member to our household, Cherryhill Aries - the breeder's name for her, but her call name is Jovi, as in Jon Bon Jovi. I liked his song and lyrics, "It's my life, it's now or never, ain't gonna live forever!"

I am hoping to do obedience and agility with her. We just started puppy kindergarten at Goldstar and she will begin puppy agility fundamentals in September. She has a sweet, happy, brave personality and she loves to greet people passing by our little fenced yard. She is starting to get Dylan to play with her! I'm afraid Jack is a lost cause!

She makes me smile!

Celebrations!



Debbie Fagala + Shasta

Shasta finished his CDX with a 1st place at the Mount Rainier Sporting
Spaniel show on June 15
ON TO UTILITY!!!