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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On July first there will be a small change in the leadership of our club. It has been a privilege to be the President of WSOTC for the past seven years. My fellow club officers and board members have been a pleasure. However, it is time for WSOTC to have some fresh leadership. I am looking forward to the ideas and organizational skills that Melissa Knapp will bring. Thank you Melissa for taking on the job of club President.

Another change will come as Sue Cox turns the roll of treasurer over to Catherine Shaffer. Catherine joined the club in 2023 and has been an active participant, competing in Rally with her Border Collie, attending general membership meetings, seminars and stewarding. She will make an efficient treasurer. The Club owes Sue a huge thank you for taking on the position of treasurer seven years ago. The treasurer has a responsibility to maintain the financial records, pay the bills and report the finances to our club. Sue has been diligent in her duties and has done an excellent job of keeping us all on track for the benefit of the Club.



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Her many years of experience as a WSOTC member has proven to be a valued contribution to the Board.

The Board will miss Karen Snee who will also be leaving after seven years service to WSOTC as a board member. Karen has contributed in so many ways, sharing her thoughts, volunteering on the awards committee, the donation committee, stewarding... a good solid voice for our club. Karen is well versed in the use of her phone and quickly looked 'stuff' up to answer many a question at board meetings.

I'll not be going far as I will continue to serve on the Board taking Karen's position. I hope to focus on my passions and help provide more training opportunities and matches as well as seminars for WSOTC members. The difficulty with matches is often location, location, location, so if you find a great spot to gather to train, please reach out to me.

A quick reminder that we will sponsor a seminar on canine rehab and injury prevention on Oct.12 at Family Dog. More information will be coming soon. Keep the date!

Have a great summer, keep cool and good luck with your events!

Terrie

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- **WSOTC Agility Trial**, July 12-14 at Fun Fur Paws in Mt. Vernon
- **WSOTC Summer Obedience and Rally Trials**, August 10-11 in Enumclaw
- **Save the Date:** Patty Schafer canine rehab and injury prevention seminar October 12, 2024. Details and registration coming soon.

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:

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Obedience and Rally Trial

Spring: Amanda Buse

August: Debby Warden

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CLUB UPDATES

Summer Obedience and Rally Trials

August 10-11, 2024

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEER RING STEWARDS!

WSOTC's August obedience and rally trials are in need of volunteers to help ring steward one or both days. These trials will be held indoors in conjunction with the Sammamish Kennel Club conformation shows at the Enumclaw Expo Center.

Parking will be reimbursed and lunch of your choice from Panera's will be provided. If you plan to be an exhibitor (obedience, rally or conformation), we'll make an effort to work with your schedule. Dog crating will be outside under a large tented area. Judging is likely to be finished up by mid-afternoon.

This is an excellent opportunity to be of valuable service to YOUR club and do your part in making these August trials a success.

Contact Shea Hughes-Gorman at sheagorman@icloud.com if you are able to help out. We'll be looking forward to hearing from YOU with your offer to steward!

WSOTC Agility Trial July 12-14

The WSOTC Agility Trial will be 7/12-14 at Fun Fur Paws in Mount Vernon. We are looking for volunteers to help in the rings (gate steward, timing, ring crew, etc) and with hospitality. There are many jobs that are simple and easy to learn. If it's your first time volunteering at an agility trial we are happy to teach you! Volunteering gives you front row seats to the action and you will be amazed at the skill and speed of our local agility teams.

Fun Fur Paws is close to I-5 and is a beautiful facility with several off leash areas. We hope club members will also plan on entering the trial!

If you can help, reach out to the trial chair Linda Shea at LindaShea@walp.us

Also contact Linda if you would like to reserve space to crate your dog in a stall.

CLUB UPDATES

2024 WSOTC Officer and Board Elections

At the Annual Meeting on June 19, the club elected the following members to officer and board roles:

President: Melissa Knapp
Vice President: Nancy Light
Secretary: Rhonda Forman
Treasurer: Catherine Shaffer
Board Members: Terrie Sato & Neil Evans
AKC Delegate: Jack Cadalso

Thank you to Sue Cox for her many years of service as the club's treasurer, Karen Snee for serving as a board member, and to Terrie Sato for her leadership of the club as president over the last seven years!



Welcome to the new members who were elected at the June 19th club meeting!

- April Caron has joined the club as a full member. She is from Shelton, WA and has Australian Shepherds and a Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever.
- Leila Irvine has joined the club as a full member. She is from Arlington, WA and has Australian Shepherds.

HEARTS AND FLOWERS



A card was sent to Karen Snee.

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

CLUB UPDATES

My Journey with WSOTC

Betty M Winthers

I brought my first Purebred Dog Von Winthers Betina, UDT, a German Shepherd Dog, in 1955. She was just six months old and I knew she would be big and needed training.

My husband and I had a small Dry-Cleaning business in the University District in Seattle. One of the neighboring businesses in the next block had a grocery/butcher shop where I did some of my groceries shopping. One of the owners mentions to me that he walked by my shop and noticed a GSD laying by the window. He was Roy Dernburger, a member of WSOTC and had a Standard Poodle, named Cindy. In our conversation about my dog, I told him she is my watch dog and will need training. Roy then mentioned WSOTC.

I attended the first meeting, as Roy's guest, I think it was in March, 1956 and following that to the training classes at the Old Armory in the Pike Place Market (no longer there). Thought I died went to Heaven seeing all the dogs there – Novice Classes in four corners of the Armory. Next meeting I applied for membership.

At my first meeting as a member, President Lilly Fowler asked for volunteers to put on a match for the North City Summer Event – You guessed I volunteered. Next meeting I helped with meeting hospitality. Glenn Ellen Sickles and I served on the Newsletter (The Canine Post) committee, where we ran the mimeograph machine and mailing committee. As a new member I also learned to deal with the club Treasurer and how to use club funds.



Next, I signed up for apprentice for the Novice Class. One of the instructors did not want me to be her apprentice as she felt I was too new, however, Class Director, Harley Criag, found another instructor, Barbara Gonder, who welcomed me. She was one of the top trainers and competitors in obedience, with her top scoring Sheltie, many HIT – I am so grateful to her and learned so much from her as my instructor. After three apprenticeships with the instructor's approval I then became a trainer for the club. I taught the club's classes for 12 years.



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Betty M Winthers

From then on, one after another club activities went on and on to the present day. Rather than to list all the committees I had served or involve with I will just highlight some of the pertinent ones:

- Introduced Tracking Tests – with seminar
Judges George Ellison and Carl Spitz
- Obedience Trial Chair, Tracking Test Chair
- Obedience Seminar Chair – Koehler Method, and Kindergarten seminar
Served as Training Class Chair
Introduced Utility Class
- Spearhead for WSOTC to be member club of AKC so the Obedience Club would be recognized and have voice in the matter of obedience. It took at least four or five-years consistently in touch with AKC before admitted as member club of AKC.
- In the early 2000s the club no longer held training classes – lack of facility and members as trainers.
- Served on the Audit committee – 2017/16 (?)

Then President, Nancy Light asked would I serve on the audit committee. She alluded to the fact that the club may disband due to lack of interest from the membership. I told Nancy that can't be – she asked what I suggest. I told her we needed to have something that would be useful and interesting for the members. I suggest a training seminar – she start to contact Connie Cleveland. It was an instant success. Which saved the club. Since then we have had other seminars.

Hence the club is now doing well with seminars, obedience/rally trials and agility trials. With the guidance from the president and the entire Board of directors, the future is bright.

Betty M Winthers,
Life member



Betty's first GSD Von Winthers Betina, UDT (TOP) and first homebred champion Am/Can Ch. Von Winthers Flirtstion. CDX, TD



Betty was awarded the Louis Prince (now the WSOTC Personal Achievement Award) in 1965.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 15, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00. Attendees: Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Rhonda Forman, Karen Snee, Neil Evans
2. Minutes from the 4/17/24 meeting were approved.
3. Report of the President: Terrie - no report
4. Report of the Secretary: Rhonda – Received AKC approval for the August obedience trial.
5. Report of the Treasurer: Sue presented a brief report which will be posted in the “members only” section of the website. The board approved bills to be paid.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership – Cathy – No report
 - b. Agility trial – Nancy – No report
 - c. Donation committee: Sue – A report will be made at the next Board meeting.
 - d. Hearts and Flowers: Gloria – Cards were sent to Stella Rowlett, Sue Cox, Karen Snee and Debbie Fagala.
 - e. August Obedience Trial - Debby Warden – No report
 - f. Seminar - Terrie proposed a date in October (TBD) to be held at Family Dog for a canine rehab and injury prevention seminar. The Board approved pursuing the seminar.
 - g. New exhibitor committee – Elizabeth – No report
7. Old Business
 - a. Good Sportsmanship Award – recipient for the award was agreed upon.
 - b. Linda Shea has agreed to manage the stall rentals at Fun Fur Paws for the upcoming agility trial and the spring obedience trial.
8. New Business
 - a. Registered Agent – Sue has been, and will continue to be the club’s contact person for the State and will also continue to be responsible for filing our annual report to the State.



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APRIL 17, 2024

- b. Trophy in memory of Cherry Pie – The Board discussed options for a trophy. This will be on the upcoming General Meeting agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

UPCOMING WASHINGTON EVENTS

Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association (Agility) 6/21-23 at Fun Fur Paws, Mt Vernon, WA

Spokane Agility Club (Agility) 6/28-30 at Twin Willows Farm in Deer Park, WA

Puget Sound Doberman Pinscher Club (Agility) 6/28-30 at Run Wild Dog Sports, Auburn, WA

Puget Sound English Springer Spaniel Association (All Breed Obedience, Rally) 6/29-30 at Skagit County Fairgrounds, Mt. Vernon, WA

Boston Terrier Club of Western Washington (Agility) 7/5-7 at Run Wild Dog Sports, Auburn, WA

Spokane Dog Training Club (Agility) 7/6-7 at Spokane Dog Training Club, Spokane Valley, WA

Gig Harbor Kennel Club, Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers, Seattle Kennel Club (Obedience, Rally) 7/6-8 at Washington State Fair Events Center, Puyallup, WA

Puget Sound Poodle Club (ISC Agility) 7/12 at Run Wild Dog Sports, Auburn, WA

Washington State Obedience Training Club (Agility) 7/12-14 at Fun Fur Paws, Mt. Vernon, WA

Portland Agility Club (Agility) 7/12-14 at Clark County Fairgrounds, Ridgefield, WA

Inland Empire Collie Club, Greater Spokane Shetland Sheepdog Club, Inland Empire Golden Retriever Club (Rally) 7/19-21 at Spokane Dog Training Club, Spokane, WA

Chuckanut Dog Training Association 7/19-21 at Fun Fur Paws, Mt. Vernon, WA

Tacoma Kennel Club (2 Rally Trials, 2 Obed Trials both days) 7/20-21 at Frontier Park, Graham WA

Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club (Rally, Obed) 7/26-28 at Carrie Blake Park, Sequim, WA

Greater Spokane Shetland Sheepdog Club 7/26-28 (Fri - Rally, Sat & Sun Obed) at Spokane Dog Training Club, Spokane, WA

Puget Sound Poodle Club (ISC Agility) 7/28 at Run Wild Dog Sports, Auburn, WA

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

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 29, 2024

Via Zoom @7:00 pm

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00. Attendees: Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Rhonda Forman, Karen Snee, Neil Evans, Melissa Knapp, Jayne Walker, Cathy Soule, Sandy Burr, Joanne Mulligan, Catherine Schaffer, Ann Ferguson Sarah Kahn, Debbie Warden, Penny Broomer, Lisa Witte, Nancy Harney, Tain Rose, Jill Petersen, Shea Gorman-Hughes, Debbie Bohn
Guests: Walter Kilmer, Leila Irvine, April Caron
2. Minutes from the 3/17/24 meeting were approved.
3. Report of the Board - WSOTC will be offering a canine sports medicine seminar Oct. 12. A flyer will be coming out soon. A new challenge trophy will be added to our Spring Trial to honor Stella Rowlett's Cherry Pie. This would go to the highest scoring WSOTC member at the Spring trial on Sunday. Terrie reminded everyone attending tonight that nominations for officers and board members will be taken from the floor at this meeting.
4. Report of the President – Terrie expressed how we were all shocked and saddened by the sudden loss of John Cox. There have been several suggestions as to how we can honor John's memory. Club member suggestions are welcome and can be communicated to Terrie.
5. Report of the Secretary – Rhonda - No report
6. Report of the Treasurer – Sue presented a report which will be posted in the “members only” section on the website.
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership- Cathy Soule - first readings for April Caron and Leila Irvine who are both applying for full membership.
 - b. Agility - Linda Shea/ Nancy – Trial dates are 7/12-14. Ribbons will be sent on June 24th. The Mulligans agreed to provide the snacks. A notice will be posted on the club Facebook page about crating in the building.
 - c. Hearts and Flowers – Gloria – A card was sent to Sue Cox.
 - d. August Trial - Debby Warden – Trial dates are 8/10-11. The trial will be a tribute to John Cox, with the theme “Be Like John”. Sue and Shea will be co-chief ring stewards.
 - e. Donation Committee – Terrie indicated that we are in need of a chairperson and Nancy Harney volunteered. Suggested donation recipients include Canine Cancer Alliance, Summit Assistance Dogs, National Canine Cancer Foundation, Adams Pet Rescue, Old Dog haven, AKC Canine Health Foundation/Hemangiosarcoma research, Washington State University School of Veterinary Medicine Foundation. All of these are confirmed 501c3 charities. \$5000 is available for donations.



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f. Seminar - Terrie announced that Patti Schafer will present a seminar on canine rehab and injury prevention on Oct. 12 at Family Dog. There will be 10 working spots and 20 audit spots available. Spots will be available first to club members. The budget for the seminar was presented and approved. A flyer will be posted soon on the website.

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Junior Showcase - Betty Winthers - Betty is continuing to try to get help from AKC to clarify this event. Currently it is a separate class(es) from the regular classes offered.
- b. Scent work trials - Sarah Kahn – The responses from the survey that was sent out to members to gauge interest in holding a scent work trial have been reviewed. Fifteen people responded and most indicated they would be willing to volunteer if WSOTC put on an event. Sarah will continue to research the possibility of putting on a trial and the Spaniel Club (Melissa Knapp) said they would be willing to mentor WSOTC.

7. New Business

- a. Terrie announced that nominations from the floor would be accepted. There were none, therefore, nominations from the floor were closed. The members present voted and approved the slate of nominees: President, Melissa Knapp, Vice President, Nancy Light, Secretary, Rhonda Forman, Treasurer, Catherine Shaffer; Board Members: Neil Evans and Terrie Sato; AKC Delegate: Jack Cadalso
- b. Ideas for honoring the memory of John Cox - challenge trophy, scholarship, hold more matches so that up and coming judges can obtain more experience. Other ideas should be directed to Terrie.
- c. Next meeting: Board June 5 at 7 pm, general membership and election of new officers June 19 at 7pm.

For the Good of the Order:

Walter Kilmer announced the Irish Water Spaniel Specialty Obedience and Rally trial will be held on August 24-25 at Fun Fur Paws and will be open to all breeds.

Shea shared information about the new CDC regulations for bringing dogs into the country from Canada to the U.S. The CDC form should be available on July 15. Shea will let us know when there is additional information to share.

Shea Gorman and Mitzi Johanson will be teaching Obedience Novice, through Utility every Sunday beginning June 2nd at the Academy of Canine Behavior. If interested, the website is <https://pawsitivedogtrainingschool.com/>

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20

Submitted by Rhonda Forman

Celebrations!



Holly Krohn + Dash

This spring Dash Krohn earned both his AKC Senior Hunter and his HRC Seasoned title.

Celebrations!



Jaime Houston + Lewis

We earned our BCAT title on Saturday, June 1 in Eugene!

Bainbridge Distinguished C.S Lewis CD TKI FDC BCAT UCD

Celebrations!



Debbie Fagala + Shasta

Shasta got two legs towards his CDX title at the Lynden trials in May!!

Celebrations!



Arlette Davison + Aubrey

At the Spokane shows last month, Aubrey finished earning her conformation Grand Champion title with back-to-back Best of Breed, 5 point majors! We were also awarded Owner Handled Toy Group 2.

GCH CH Aubrielle Giselle Fleur Royale BN RA CGCA TKN

Celebrations!



Catherine Shaffer + Diza

Diza got her Rally Intermediate title in style at the Lynden show, with a blue ribbon!