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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Connie Cleveland-Nolan seminar went off without a hitch. Thank you to everyone who participated!

The volunteer help from our club was heart warming. Connie wanted me to note that we have fabulous cooks here! The weekend was chilly and the hot food was welcome. Special thanks to Christine Swinehart who volunteered to help with set up and check in as well as the potluck and to Rhonda Forman who kept the coffee pots ready to go all weekend, as well as to Nancy Harney who took care of the parking patrol.

So many jumped in to help with food set up and clean up that I can't even begin to name all who helped. What a great club! There have already been requests to have Connie back and we are looking to 2026 as a possibility.



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CLUB UPDATES

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I believe club members have been inspired to work through problems logically, help each other train, proof for the ring and use a reward marker to help build their dog's enthusiasm for their obedience exercises.

It is the time of year that the board will be looking to put a nominating committee together. If you are interested in serving on this committee please let a board member know. If you are called upon to serve, please consider it. Selecting club officers and the board is an important service.

March 17th is the date set for the awards dinner. This year it will be held at Spiro's restaurant in Shoreline. We need a head count so please RSVP by March 11. Guests are welcome.

Hope to see you there!

Terrie

UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

- **Board Meeting**, March 6 at 7pm on Zoom
- **Annual Awards Dinner** (and short membership meeting), Sunday March 17 at Spiros Pizza and Pasta in Shoreline from 4pm to 6pm. Join us for dinner and to celebrate the success of our members in 2023! A private room has been booked. Spouses and guests are welcome, separate checks.

RSVP to Sue Cox by March 11 if you plan to attend.

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

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CLUB UPDATES



Welcome to our new members!

- Gail McMonagle is from Puyallup and has a Border Terrier and a Parson Russell Terrier
- Tara Wheat is from Marysville and has a Mini Australian Shepherd, Australian Shepherd, and Mixed Breeds.

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

Summer Obedience and Rally Trials

August 10-11, 2024

The WSOTC Summer Obedience and Rally trials will be held at the Enumclaw Expo center in conjunction with the Sammamish Kennel Club breed show. Our Trial Chair for this event is Debby Warden.

If you would like to participate on the trial committee or if you are interested in stewarding, please reach out to Debby at debbywarden@gmail.com. Thank you!

CLUB UPDATES

Spring Obedience and Rally Trial

The 2023 Spring trials are **March 30 and 31** at Fun Fur Paws

Judges: Nancy Grimm, Gina Grissom, Laurie Rubin, Earl Vaughn

Call for Ring Stewards

We need lots of ring stewards to help make the trial a success! Stewarding is a great way to learn and gives you a front row seat. Haven't stewarded before? Give it a try! Your fellow stewards and the judges will help you out. Exhibitors can steward if they arrange their schedule with the Chief Ring Steward.

If you can help, reach out to our Chief Ring Steward, Betty Winthers at winthers.betty@gmail.com.

Judge Pick Up and Drop Off

The judges will arrive at SeaTac Airport or Paine Field (in Everett) on Friday March 29, and will need to return to the airport on Sunday, March 31. If you can help with transporting judges please let Amanda Buse know.

After Trial Clean Up

We need a dedicated crew to stay until the end of the trial on Sunday to help with clean up. Contact Amanda Buse if you are available to assist.

Stall Rentals for Crating

All stall rental inquiries and issues need to be sent to Fun Fur Paws event management, melissa@funfurpaws.com or 360-840-6362.

Amanda Buse, Trial Chair

Thank you to the 2024 Spring Obedience and Rally Trial Awards Donors!

Awards Donors

Our awards donors sponsored trophies and prizes for the spring trial including High in Trial, High Combined, and class placements.

Don & Pat Rennick	Anonymous	Terrie Sato
Jody & John Woodruff	Jill Petersen	Shea Hughes-Gorman
Kathy Teufel	Holly Krohn	Sue Cox
Sharon Colvin	Amanda Buse	Neil Evans
Karen Snee	Lee Boelter	Bark Box

Friends of Obedience Donors

We are very thankful for the generous monetary donations from these individuals whose contributions help cover the ribbons and prizes these obedience and rally trials. They, along with the trophy donors, allow us to continue offering top-notch trials.

Debbie Fagala	Lee Boelter	Nancy Brodie
Arlette Davison	Gloria Newby	Ronnie Sue Leith M.D.
Darlene Brown	Betty Winthers	Linda Shea
Judith Peterson	Marilyn Ashby	Terrie Sato
Debbie Bohn	Kathryn Wigner	Sandy Burr
Lorri Kraft	Amanda Buse	Dalene McIntire
Shea Hughes-Gorman	Reggie Gausman	Elizabeth Soule
Michelle Fuqua	Rhonda Forman	Karen Snee
Cathy Soule	Christine Swinehart	Kathy Teufel
Jane Pitts	Susan Mulligan	JoAnne Mulligan



WSOTC PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award recognizes outstanding membership and service within the club—the people who make WSOTC possible! Nominations for this year were should be sent to the board, who will make the selection at their February meeting. Previous recipients of the award are:

Glenn Ellen Sickles
Alice Trincherro
Harley Craig
Rozanne Pitzer
Janice R. Thomas
Betty Winthers
Josephine Sullivan
Floyd Cottrell
Carole DeLand
Irene Sorley
Anna Cottrell
Chuck & Lois Kletch
Ron & Pat Isham
Frank Jones &
Marilyn Jones (Ashby)
Jerry Foley
Edel Price
Eileen Childress
Jean Rassbach
Suzanne MacDonald (Cox)
Richard Ashby
Fred Marsh
Robin Munson
Gene Manfredi
Mary Stech
Laurie Snell (Weaver)
Marion Rivers
Jo Ann Mather
Carole Hapke

Becky Johnson
Nancy Phillips
Nancy Kaiser
Pat Shuler
Valerie Robbins
Janet Germeau
Nancy Griffin
Nancy Light
Lori Davis
Lisa Baldwin
Ron Perry
Walter Kilmer
Lee Boelter
John Heinrich
Jackie Lovette
Mary Schurr
Janice Bergman
Jean Rassbach
Wanda Diemert
Kathy Lang
Jill Petersen
Ingrida Robinson
Amy Reagan
Don Rennick
Sil Sanders
Terrie Sato
Amanda Buse*
Elizabeth Soule



*Amanda Buse was accidentally left off the list published in the February 2024 Canine Post.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 7, 2024

Via Zoom @ 7pm

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

1. Minutes: The board minutes were approved from the January 10, 2024 meeting.

2. Report of the President: Amanda Buse has sustained an injury requiring surgery and long-term recuperation. She will continue as Spring Trial chair “working from home” but will not be present at the event. This will require lots of back up help from club members. Nancy has sent some proposed updates to the standing rules regarding awards.

3. Report of the Secretary: Rhonda sent the slate of AKC Lifetime Achievement Award nominees to Board members. Jack Cadalso sent agility regulation updates. Jack also reported that the sub-committee on mentoring/helping new exhibitors is in process as well as discussions on advancement of juniors in the sport.

4. Report of the Treasurer: Sue presented an updated report. It will be posted on the “members only” section on the website. The certificate of insurance has been sent to the owner of Fun Fur Paws for the spring trial. We have 3 members who have not yet renewed their memberships.

5. Committee Reports

A. Membership: Cathy Soule – There will be a first reading for Ann Ferguson and a second reading for Gail McMonagle at the next General Meeting on 2/28.

B. Awards: Nancy – There was a discussion, review and editing of the standing rules regarding awards. Nancy will incorporate the changes and have them updated on the website after final approval from the Board. The Board voted and approved to make these changes retroactive for the 2023 Awards. It was decided that the Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday, March 17 at 4:00 at Spiros Restaurant located in Shoreline. Terrie is accepting nominees for the Personal Achievement Award.

C. Spring Trial: Amanda needs someone to be at the trial in her place. Sue Cox offered to take Amanda’s place on-site. Amanda would also like a back up for picking up and dropping off judges. Amanda will be sending ‘day of’ instructions. There is a special need for clean up on Sunday. Volunteers for clean-up can contact Amanda directly. Betty Winthers, who is the Chief Steward needs volunteers for stewarding both days.

D. Donations: Sue said the committee is still accepting nominations.

E. Hearts and flowers: Gloria sent cards to Karen Snee, Pat Rennick, Bev May and Tain Rose.



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F. Connie Cleveland Seminar: Terrie – There are 46 attendees. Connie is flying in Friday morning; there are lots of volunteers to help; Holly will have raffle tickets available.

G. August Trial: Debby Warden – No report.

H. Agility: Nancy – No report.

I. Fun Match – Rhonda reported that there was a net gain of \$179 from the Match held on 1/6/24.

7. Old Business

Guidelines for new exhibitors – Terrie said that Elizabeth Soule has volunteered to spearhead this project.

8. New Business

The Board approved to vote for the following AKC Lifetime Achievement Award nominees: Judie Howard for Companion Events and James (Jim) Corbett for Conformation.

Next meetings:

General Meeting: February 28 at 7:00

Awards Banquet: March 17, 4:00 at Spiros restaurant in Shoreline

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32

Submitted by:

Rhonda Forman, Secretary



AKC Companion Events Department

February 13

The Pathway to Judging (Part 1)

By [AKC Companion Events Department](#) on February 13, 2024

Here at AKC, we are looking for exciting new people who want to join our team of judges from Coast to Coast. Via this blog and our sport Facebook pages, we will offer tips on your path to success. If you have been involved in Obedience at least 6 years actively stewarding, teaching, training, and showing then the Obedience Judging Pathway is for you! If you have been involved in Rally at least 6 years, actively stewarding, teaching, training, and showing, then the Rally Judging Pathway is for you! In our next post, we will provide information to help those who are interested get started on the path to a judging career that will be both rewarding and exciting.

Exhibitors, Instructors, and Judges – We need your help! Please take time to identify people you know who fall into the above categories and encourage them forward.

The Pathway to Judging (Part 2)

By [AKC Companion Events Department](#) on March 1, 2024

Now that you have identified those in your K9 community with an interest in judging, we hope you have alerted them to these publications.

We want to provide all prospective judges an easy-to-follow pathway to becoming a well-respected judge, not only in your community, but for those clubs across the country who enjoy hiring judges from far away.

First on the list is the stewarding requirement. All clubs need stewards. There is even a Facebook page called “AKC Obedience Stewards” and they post all the time looking for people to help. Don’t be shy...ASK! “Do you need a steward?” Remember to keep a log of your stewarding assignments; note the club’s name, date of show, and the class or classes you stewarded in.

While studying judges, keep notes on both the good points observed and points you feel might be improved upon.

Pay particular attention to the following:

1. Is the judge giving the impression of being the one in charge of the ring and meeting his/her judge’s responsibilities?
2. Did the judge inspect the equipment; how were issues addressed?
3. What instructions are given to the stewards? Focus on learning how to communicate effectively.



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4. How does the judge set up and run their ring?
5. What kind of heeling pattern and/or courses are being used? Does the overall setup appear to have been well thought out?
6. What position is the judge in for observing and scoring the performance of the dog and handler in the ring?
7. Observe the overall management of the ring, time management and organizational skills.
8. Observe the scoring of performances.
9. How are the ribbon prizes presented?
10. How are the score sheets and judge's books managed?

Be sure to sign up to follow the Judge's blog, here is the link: <https://akcobedrlyjudges.wordpress.com/> Enter your email address on the right side of the page to sign up. Then you will automatically receive every new blog that comes out.

Judging is an exciting adventure. It can be anything you want it to be. The choices are yours; you can choose to judge only close to home, within a few hours' drive, or you can accept assignments in exotic places you have never visited before and meet new people from across the country and sometimes the world. So, let's get started on the path!

UPCOMING WASHINGTON EVENTS

- Seattle Kennel Club** (Agility) 3/8-10 at Fun Fur Paws, Mt Vernon, WA
- Columbia Basin Dog Training Club** (Obedience and Rally) 3/15-17 at 4 Paws DogWorks in Richland, WA
- Portland Agility Club** (Agility) 3/15-17 at Clark County Fairgrounds
- Old English Sheepdog Club of Greater Seattle** (Obedience, Rally) 3/16 at French Creek Pet Resort in Snohomish, WA (2 trials obedience and 2 trials rally)
- Wenatchee Kennel Club** (Tracking TD and TDX) 3/17 at KV Ranch, Palisades, WA
- Washington State Cocker Spaniel Club** (Obed and Rally) 3/22 at Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Bremerton, WA
- Boston Terrier Club of Western Washington** (Agility) 3/22-24 at Argus Ranch
- Peninsula Dog Fanciers Club** (Obed and Rally) 3/23-24 at Kitsap County Fairgrounds, Bremerton, WA
- Washington State Obedience Training Club** (Obed and Rally) 3/30-31 at Fun Fur Paws, Mt Vernon, WA
- Western Washington Weimaraner Club** (Agility) 4/6-7 at Run Wild Dog Sports, Auburn, WA
- Ephrata-Moses Lake Kennel Club** (Obed, Rally) 4/12-14 at Chelan County Expo Center, Cashmere, WA
- American Manchester Terrier Club** (Agility) 4/12-14 at Run Wild Dog Sports, Auburn, WA
- Spokane Agility Club** (Agility) 4/12-14 at Spokane County Fair and Expo Center, Spokane Valley, WA
- Bell Vernon Kennel Association** (Agility) 4/19-21 at Fun Fur Paws, Mt. Vernon, WA
- Puget Sound Poodle Club** (Agility) 4/26-28 at Fun Fur Paws, Mt. Vernon, WA
- Yakima Valley Kennel Club** (Obed, Rally) 4/26-28 at SOZO Athletic Complex, Yakima, WA
- Inland Empire Collie Club** (Tracking TD, TDX) 4/28 at Miller Ranch, Sprague, WA

Celebrations!



🐾 Kathy Teufel + Douglas + Ellie Rose 🐾

My Border Terriers Douglas (Cripple Creek Always Looking Up to the Frontier RI, BN, NW2, ACT and a bunch of other letters), and Ellie Rose (Cripple Creek Adventure's Out There @ Frontier RN, SCN) are celebrating earning their **TRICK DOG CHAMPION** titles from Do More with Your Dog! They earned their new titles on the same day!

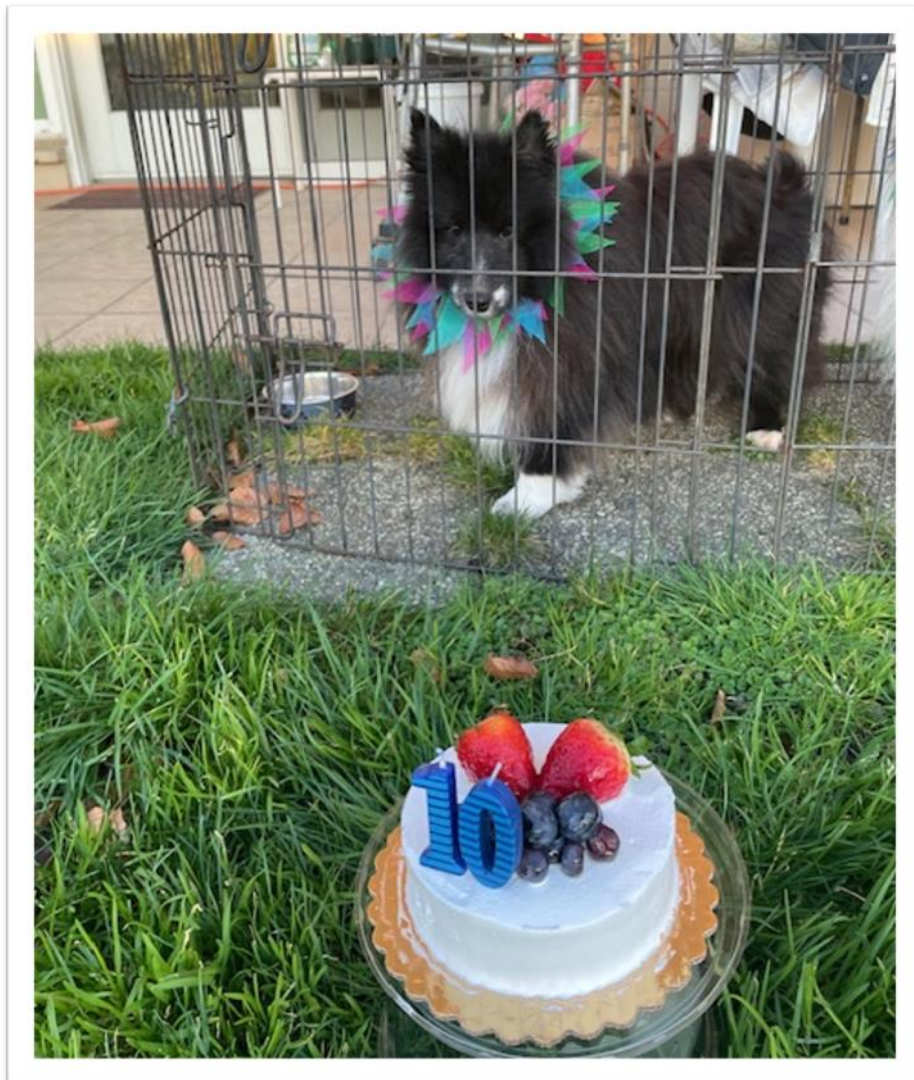
Celebrations!



 Catherine Shaffer + Diza

Diza earned the second leg toward her virtual AKC Rally Novice title with a score of 98!

Celebrations!



Neil Evans + Jack

Happy 10th birthday to Jack on 2/9/24!