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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Board Meeting, May 15 at 7pm on Zoom

General Meeting, May 29 at 7pm on Zoom - Officer and board nominations accepted from members.

Board Meeting, June 5 at 7pm on Zoom

General Meeting, June 19 at 7pm on Zoom

WSOTC Agility Trial

July 12-14 at Fun Fur Paws

WSOTC Summer Obedience and Rally Trials

August 10-11 at Enumclaw Events Center



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 Event Center (formerly the Fairgrounds).

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 Sue Cox to volunteer at johnandsuzanne@comcast.net or 206-546-2230 and let me know which day(s) you'll be available. Shea Hughes-Gorman and I are co-chairing the Chief Ring Steward duties for these trials. 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

CLUB UPDATES

WSOTC Board Nominations

This year's nominating committee has been hard at work lining up candidates for our upcoming election. Here is the slate of candidates they will put forward to the general membership at the May 29 meeting:

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 nominating committee members Holly Krohn, Sharon Colvin, and Nancy Harney!

AKC Scent Work Interest Survey

WSOTC club member Sarah Kahn is looking into what it would take for our club to host AKC Scent Work trials. At this point she is in the research stage, investigating the level of interest in our club and checking with the AKC to see what we need for approval to host such a trial. Please take a couple minutes to fill out this survey to help her out! This survey is only for WSOTC club members at this time.

If you have questions or would like to share your thoughts in more detail, reach out to Sarah at pwtdx3@gmail.com or 206-227-4977.

Click here to take the survey: <https://forms.gle/7wMB4Hf36K7HEZdS6>

HEARTS AND FLOWERS



Since my last report we have sent a sympathy card to Debbie Fagala for the loss of her dog, a get well card to Sue Cox, and a sympathy card to Stella Rowlett for the loss of her dog.

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 17, 2024

Via Zoom @ 7pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 by President Terrie Sato. Attendees: Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Rhonda Forman and Neil Evans

Minutes: The Board minutes were approved from the 3/6/24 meeting.

Report of the President: Terrie thanked the Spring Trial committee, Amanda Buse, Catherine Shaffer, Jane Pitts, Betty Winthers, Shea Hughes-Gorman, Don Rennick, JoAnne and Susan Mulligan and substitute day chair, Sue Cox, for a well-run trial. She also thanked the nominating committee, Holly Krohn, Nancy Harney and Sharon Colvin for a job well done.

Report of the Secretary: Rhonda received notification from AKC that the spring obedience trial has been closed out. Dates for the 2025 spring trial are March 30-31. She also received a notice from AKC that the summer obedience trial application and judges panel has been received. Betty Winthers sent a thank you card to club members for recognizing her many years of service to WSOTC, and AKC.

Report of the Treasurer: Sue presented an updated report which will be posted in the “members only” section on the website. We will be moving money into a CD with funds from the club savings account after our elections take place and we have new signers for our bank accounts.

Committee Reports

a. **Membership** - Cathy Soule – No report.

b. **Spring Trial wrap up** - Amanda/Sue – financials will be presented at a future meeting.

c. **2024 Agility trial** - Nancy/Linda Shea: The board voted and approved the budget which will be presented at the next General Membership (taking place following tonight’s board meeting) meeting for approval.

d. **Donations:** Sue – No report.

e. **Nominating committee** - Holly - the committee has completed their task and submitted a slate for the membership to review. Nominations from the floor will be taken at our May General Membership meeting.

f. **Hearts and Flowers** - Gloria - a card was sent to Amanda. Note that Julie Germano has severely broken her arm. Though she is not a Club member, the board agreed that it would be nice to send her well wishes as we use her facility on several occasions each year.

g. **Seminars** - Kathy Lang has volunteered to check with Patti Schafer as to a possible hands-on seminar on rehab and injury prevention possibly this fall. Other suggestions include Laurie Weaver



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and Forrest Micke. The board approved pursuing a Laurie Weaver event sometime in 2025.

h. **August Trial** - Debby Warden - Ribbons have been ordered.

Old Business

a. Rally Match - Karen had reported earlier that some club members have questioned the wisdom of a rally match as there were very few rally entries at the FFP run throughs. It was agreed that we will not pursue at this time.

New Business

a. New Treasurer – the new treasurer will be bonded by the club’s insurance policy. Sue Cox will continue to manage the club’s insurance policy.

b. AKC Good Sportsmanship Award – there was a discussion about who to name for the award.

c. The board voted and approved to pay \$155 to renew our 501(c)(3) status.

d. Sarah Kahn and Elizabeth Soule are working together to determine if there is interest in a possible scent work trial. Elizabeth will be sending out a survey to club members.

Next meeting dates:

Board Meetings: 5/15/25 at 7:00; 6/5/24 at 7:00

General Meetings: 5/29/24 at 7:00; 6/19 at 7:00

The 5/29 meeting will include nominations from the floor

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

Quick GM to follow – the purpose is to vote on the agility budget.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 17, 2024

Via Zoom @8:15pm

The meeting was called to order by President Terrie Sato at 8:18. Meeting attendees: Terrie Sato, Nancy Light, Sue Cox, Rhonda Forman, Neil Evans, Elizabeth Soule, Cathy Soule, Nancy Harney, Sarah Kahn, Jayne Walker, Catherine Shaffer, Lisa Witte, Lee Anne McNeil, Melissa Knapp.

Committee Report

Agility – The agility trial will be held at Fun Fur Paws, July 12-14. Nancy reported that crating will be permitted in the stalls for a fee and stalls need to be shared. The premium is coming out and will list Linda Shea as managing the stalls. Looking for volunteer helpers. The agility trial budget was voted on and approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:27

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary



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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DOG SUPPLY RUMMAGE SALE

SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH. 9AM - 3PM

GOLD STAR DOG SCHOOL

1530 22ND ST NW SUITE 103, AUBURN, WA 98001

Attention Sellers:

If you have new or used (in good condition) dog equipment and/or supplies that you're looking to rehome, here's your opportunity! Indoor booth spaces are 10 x 10 (\$20.00). Reserve your spots online. Bring your own tables and displays. Set your own prices and collect the money directly from the buyers.

Attention Buyers:

Cash only (although some sellers may be willing to accept a personal check). Items must be removed from the facility at the time of sale. Partial list of items that will be for sale:
Crates - wire, plastic (suitable for air travel), and soft sided.
Obedience/rally practice jumps. Dumbbells. Scent Articles. Scent Article Bags.
Training Bags.

Sign up to sell online under the Events Tab
goldstardogschool.dogbizpro.com/public

Questions? Contact Ingrida at 4ingrida@comcast.net or Kathy at askkathylang@aol.com

AKC REUNITE REMINDS OWNERS TO INCLUDE THEIR PETS IN THEIR DISASTER PLANS ON NATIONAL ANIMAL PREPAREDNESS DAY

Raleigh, NC- May 8th is National Animal Preparedness Day and AKC Reunite wants to remind you to include your pets in your disaster preparedness plans. Storms, flooding, and wildfires across the country have been heartbreaking for owners and their pets. But it is prior to disasters like these that the need for emergency preparedness is evident. It's important for pet owners to ensure they are prepared with the supplies they need should they have to evacuate their homes.

To celebrate National Animal Preparedness Day and raise awareness about disaster preparedness for animals, AKC Reunite suggests the following tips:

NEVER leave your pet behind and stranded in a hazardous situation!

Always make sure your pet's microchipping records are up to date.

Add an Alternate Contact (who is out-of-state) to your pet's record in the event you and your pet are separated, and you become unable to be reached because phone lines are down.

Pack a "Go-Bag" for you and your pet so you can immediately follow all emergency management directives.

Follow all local Emergency Management directions.

Refer to the AKC Reunite Emergency Planning Guide for more information and guidance on how to keep your pet safe.

AKC Reunite has donated funds to support the work of rescues and shelter organizations that save and reunite pets with their owners during natural disasters and has donated 111 trailers nationwide to assist communities in caring for pets during these difficult times. The AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer is stocked with essential supplies to house at least 65 pets the critical first few days after a disaster is declared. A generator is on the trailer as well as crates, pet carriers, bowls, collars and leashes, microchips, a microchip scanner, fans, cleaning supplies, maintenance equipment, administrative supplies, training materials and much more to allow emergency personnel to put together co-location or lost-and-found pet shelters.

For more information on pet preparedness during national disasters, visit <https://www.akcreunite.org/disasterpreparedness/>.

To learn more about AKC Reunite or AKC Pet Disaster Relief, visit www.akcreunite.org/relief.

AKC Reunite

The way home for lost pets.

AKC Reunite, an affiliate of the American Kennel Club®, is the largest non-profit pet microchip identification and recovery service provider in the United States. Since 1995 AKC Reunite has helped pet owners reunite with their lost animals via identification and 24/7 pet recovery specialists, enrolling over 10 million companion animals and recovering more than 650,000 lost pets. AKC Reunite microchips are a popular choice of pet professionals throughout the country for permanent pet identification.

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AKC Reunite has donated more than \$10 million since 2002 for pet-related causes including disaster preparedness and relief like the AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer donation program. AKC Reunite also has the Adopt a K-9 Cop matching grant program to help police departments acquire new K-9 officers. For more information visit www.akcreunite.org or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/akcreunite).



UPCOMING WASHINGTON EVENTS

Mt. Baker Kennel Club and Bell Vernon Kennel Association (Obed, Rally) 5/17-20 at Northwest Washington Fairgrounds, Lynden, WA

Seattle Kennel Club (Agility) 5/17-19 at Run Wild Dog Sports, Auburn, WA

Spokane Dog Training Club (Obed, Rally) 5/18-19 at Spokane Dog Training Club, Spokane, WA

Spokane Kennel Club (Obed, Rally) 5/24-26 at Spokane County Fair & Expo Center, Spokane, WA

Olympic Kennel Club (Agility) 5/24-26 at Run Wild Dog Sports in Auburn, WA

German Shepherd Dog Club of Oregon (Agility) 5/31-6/2 at Clark County Fairgrounds, Ridgefield, WA

Olympic Kennel Club (Agility) 5/31-6/2 at Run Wild Dog Sports in Auburn, WA

Hurricane Ridge Kennel Club of Washington (Obed, Rally, Agility) 5/31-6/2 at Carrie Blake Park Baseball Fields, Sequim, WA

Greater Spokane Shetland Sheepdog Club (Agility) 5/31-6/2 at Spokane County Fair & Expo Center, Spokane, WA

Rainier Sporting Dog Association (Sporting only, 1 Obedience and 2 Rally trials) 6/2 in Olympia, WA

Samoyed Club of Washington State (Agility) 6/7-9 at Fun Fur Paws, Mt. Vernon, WA

Columbia River Agility Club (Agility) 6/7-9 at Clark County Fairgrounds, Ridgefield, WA

St. Bernard Club of Puget Sound (All Breed Obed, Rally) 6/8 at Clarks Creek Park, Puyallup, WA

Boston Terrier Club of Western Washington (Agility) 6/14-16 at Run Wild Dog Sports, Auburn, WA

Mt. Rainier Sporting Spaniel Association and Evergreen Shetland Sheepdog Club (Obedience, Rally) 6/15-16 at Country Classic Kennels in Arlington, WA

Greater Clark County Kennel Club (Obedience, Rally) 6/15-16 at Cowlitz County Fairgrounds in Longview, WA

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

Celebrations!



Nancy Harney + Archie

Skookum Creek's Tough Ombre Archie earned his CD and fourth place at the WSOTC trial on March 30, 2024. We're not seeking perfection, just a good time! Archie is trained and handled by Nancy Harney.