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## Upcoming Club Events

- **WSOTC Board Meeting** 10/7 at 5:30pm on Zoom
- **WSOTC General Meeting** 10/16 at 7pm on Zoom
- **TDU Tracking Test** 12/1 at Paramount Park in Seattle

## Club Committees & Chairs

**Agility:** Sue and JoAnn Mulligan

**Audit/Budget:** Karen Sneek

**Awards:** Nancy Light

**Hearts & Flowers:** Gloria Newby

**Insurance:** Sue Cox

**Membership:** Cathy Soule

**Newsletter:** Elizabeth Soule

**Jan Fun Match:** Rhonda Forman

**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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# Club Updates

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## WSOTC Scent Work Trial

Sarah Kahn received notification from the AKC that our club is now approved to host Scent Work Trials!

Our first trial will tentatively be held June 21-22. The location is not yet determined but will likely be north of Seattle. If you are interested in volunteering for the trial committee or on the day of the event let Sarah know at [pwtdtx3@gmail.com](mailto:pwtdtx3@gmail.com).

## Tracking Test Update

WSOTC will hold a Tracking Dog Urban (TDU) test in Seattle at Paramount Park on December 1. Melissa Knapp will chair and Lynn Brimmer will be secretary. Judges are Sarah Kahn and Lisa Klein.

We are looking at Workhoven Farms in Monroe for the TD/TDX trial on 2/16/25, with Jan Wesen's property as a backup location.

## Welcome to our new member!

- ★ Jessica Webb lives in Mount Vernon and has a German Shepherd and Mini long haired Dachshund.

## Hearts and Flowers

Since the last report we have sent:  
A sympathy card to Holly Krohn for the loss of her dog  
A get well card to Sharon Colvin

Submit requests to send Hearts and Flowers cards to club members by emailing Gloria Newby at [glorianewby@gmail.com](mailto:glorianewby@gmail.com).



# Board Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2024

Meeting Held via Zoom@5:30

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by President Melissa Knapp. Attendees: Melissa Knapp, Nancy Light, Catherine Shaffer, Rhonda Forman, Neil Evans; absent: Terrie Sato
2. The minutes from the 8/5/24 Board meeting were approved.
3. Report of the President: Melissa covered items below, including officer and committee reports as well as upcoming events and programs.
4. Report of the Secretary: Rhonda reported that AKC has extended the pilot program for 3-legged dogs participating in non-jumping rally and obedience through 6/30/25 (previous end date was 12/31/24). AKC also notified the club that the August obedience and rally trials have been closed out. Corresponding dates for 2025 are August 9-10; the judges panel for the 12/1/24 TDU event have been approved; no application has been received yet for the 2/16/25 tracking event (Melissa will follow up with Sarah K.).
5. Report of the Treasurer: Catherine reported that the Budget and Audit committee meeting was well run and efficient. Catherine proposed moving some of the club funds from the money market account to a 12-month CD with a 4.25% interest rate at BECU. The board voted and approved moving \$15,000 to a CD. An updated treasurer's report was presented and will be posted on the website in the "members only" section.
6. Committee Reports:
  - Membership - There will be one second reading at the next General Membership meeting (9/18).
  - Audit/Budget – The budget should be ready for presentation at the next General Membership meeting (9/18).
  - Agility – Nancy presented the financials for the July 2024 trial. The net gain was less than projected due to lower number of entries. The financials will be posted on the website in the "members only" section.
  - Hearts and Flowers – no report
  - August 2024 Obedience and Rally trials – Debby Warden reported that there will be a small net gain after applying funds from the club's raffle. In 2025, Debby and Melissa will co-chair this event. Debbie is currently working on a judges slate. Shea Gorman-Hughes has volunteered to be chief ring steward. Catherine Shaffer will assist Jane Pitts with ribbons.
  - Spring 2025 obedience and rally trials (3/29-30) – Melissa Burton (Fun Fur Paws) is working on the business insurance policy and will finalize our contract when that is completed.
  - Tracking – The TDU (12/1/24) There will be 3 TDUs. The event will be held at various Seattle park locations. Melissa Knapp will chair, and Lynn Brimmer will be secretary. TD/TDX is tentatively scheduled to be held on 2/16/25.
  - Scent Work (tentatively 6/21-22) – AKC has approved our club to hold scent work events. More information will be forthcoming.



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- Social Events and Programs – looking for a potential location and date for a club holiday party. We will discuss further at our next General Membership meeting on 9/18.
- Seminars – The Patti Schaffer seminar is coming up on 10/12. All working spots are filled. There are still 6 audit spots available and people can sign up on-line via the club website.
- Matches – The match will be held on 1/4/25 at Country Classic Kennels in Arlington. Melissa K. will follow up with Julie Germano to finalize the contract.

Unfinished Business – none

New Business – None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00

*Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary*

## Upcoming Washington Events

**Wenatchee Kennel Club** (Agility) 10/11-13 at Wenatchee Confluence State Park

**Puget Sound Poodle Club** (ISC Agility) 10/18-20 at Run Wild Dog Sports, Auburn

**Pacific Northwest Shetland Sheepdog Club** (Agility) 10/18-20 at Clark County Fairgrounds, Ridgefield

**Spokane Agility Club** (Agility) 10/18-20 at Twin Willows Equestrian Center, Deer Park

**Wenatchee Kennel Club** (Rally on Fri, Sat, Sun and Obed on Sat, Sun) 10/18-20 at Chelan County Expo Center, Cashmere

**Greater Spokane Shetland Sheepdog Club** (Agility) 10/25-27 at Spokane County Fair & Expo Center

**Evergreen Afghan Hound Club** (Agility) 10/25-27 at Fun Fur Paws, Mount Vernon

**German Shepherd Dog Club of Oregon** (Agility) 10/25-27 at Clark County Fairgrounds, Ridgefield

**Vancouver Kennel Club** (Obed, Rally) 10/26-27 at Clark County Fairgrounds, Ridgefield

**Spokane Dog Training Club** (Tracking TD and TDX) 10/27 at Miller Ranch, Sprague, WA

**American Manchester Terrier Club** (Agility) 11/1-3 at Run Wild Dog Sports, Auburn

**Chuckanut Dog Training Association** (Obed, Rally—2 trials per day) 11/2-3 at Northwest Washington Fairgrounds, Lynden

**Inland Island Collie Club** (Rally) 11/9 at Spokane Dog Training Club Facility, Spokane

**Inland Island Collie Club** (Obed) 11/10-11 at Spokane Dog Training Club Facility, Spokane

**Sno-King Agility Club** (Agility) 11/9-11 at Run Wild Dog Sports, Auburn

**Chuckanut Dog Training Association** (Tracking TD and TDX) 11/10 at Wesen Farms, Bow

**Whidbey Island Kennel Club** (Obed, Rally) 11/15-17 at Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe

**Mount Hood Doberman Pinscher Club** (Agility) 11/15-17 at Clark County Fairgrounds, Ridgefield

**Greater Clark County Kennel Club** (Agility) 11/29-12/1 at Clark County Fairgrounds, Ridgefield

**Samoyed Club of Washington State** (Agility) 11/29 - 12/1 at Fun Fur Paws, Mount Vernon

**Washington State Obedience Training Club** (Tracking - TDU) at Paramount Park, Shoreline

# General Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2024

Meeting Held Via Zoom @ 7pm

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Melissa Knapp. Attendees: Melissa Knapp, Nancy Light, Catherine Shaffer, Rhonda Forman, Neil Evans, Sandy Burr, Laura Day, Sue Cox, Lee Ann McNeil, Ann Ferguson, Karen Snee, Dix Dixon, Arlette Davison, Nancy Harney, Pat Lindquist, Sara Kahn; Guest: Lisa Stedman
2. The minutes from the 8/7/24 General Membership meeting were approved.
3. **Report of the President:** No report
4. **Report of the Secretary:** Rhonda reported that AKC has extended the pilot program for 3-legged dogs participating in non-jumping rally and obedience through 6/30/25 (previous end date was 12/31/24).
5. **Report of the Treasurer:** Catherine presented an updated report which will be posted on the “members only” section of the club website. She also reported that the club forms are now easier to access in the “history and forms” tab on the club website.
6. **Committee Reports**
  - Membership – There was a first reading for Lisa Stedman as a full member. There was a second reading and affirmative vote for Jessica Webb, as a full member.
  - Budget/Audit – Karen Snee and Sue Cox presented the committee’s report. It was determined that this report should go to the Board for approval at their next meeting (10/7/24), then presented again for approval at the next General Membership meeting (10/16/24).
  - Agility – The 2024 summer agility trial financials will be posted on the “members only” section on the website. The 2025 trial will be chaired by Susan and Joanne Mulligan, with mentoring from Linda Shea.
  - Hearts and Flowers: Cards were sent to Pat Rennick, Leila Irvine, Gail McMonagle and Holly Krohn.
  - August Obedience and Rally Trial- Debby Warden reported that there was a small net gain after applying funds from the club’s raffle. In 2025, Melissa Knapp and Debby Warden will co-chair. Debby is working on a judge’s slate. Shea Gorman-Hughes has volunteered as chief ring steward. Catherine Shaffer will assist Jane Pitts with ribbons.
  - Spring 2025 Obedience and Rally Trial - (3/29-30) Amanda has reported that everything is on track.



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Tracking – TDU will be held in Seattle at various parks on 12/1. Melissa Knapp will chair, Lynn Brimmer will be secretary. Judges are Sarah Kahn and Lisa Klein. The TD/TDX will be held at the Werkhoven dairy farm in Monroe on 2/16/25. The application still needs to be submitted to AKC.

Scent Work – Melissa reported that the trial will be held on 6/21-22 in the north end, possibly at the Monroe Fairgrounds.

Social Events and Programs – Melissa asked if anyone had ideas for a location to hold a holiday get together in December to let her know.

Seminars – the Patti Schaefer Seminar is coming up on 10/12 at Family Dog Center in Kent. Working spots are filled, but there are still some audit spots available.

Matches – The match will be held at Country Classic Kennels in Arlington on 1/4/25. Terrie Sato is chairing. Sue Cox suggested that upcoming obedience judges may want to participate to gain experience.

**7. Unfinished business:** Nancy Light heard from Betty Winthers that there are ongoing conversations regarding junior showmanship.

**8. New Business:** none

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02

*Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary*

Next Meetings:

Board meetings:

10/7/24 at 5:30

11/4/24 at 5:30

General Meetings:

10/16/24 at 7:00

11/20/24 at 7:00

# Celebrations!



Catherine Shaffer + Diza

Diza got her third leg for her Rally Advanced title on September 14. She got a blue ribbon on each leg! I am super proud of her.

# Celebrations!



## Reggie Gausman + Elle

My dog Gch Ch Wanderpond Giselle (Elle) won Best of Breed at our Specialty. She beat 70 dogs! The next day she won an Award of Merit.

We also were entered in Obedience and Rally but she did awful in Obedience, it was on grass and she doesn't like working on grass. We didn't finish because we won BOB and I was just too crazy to do any more!

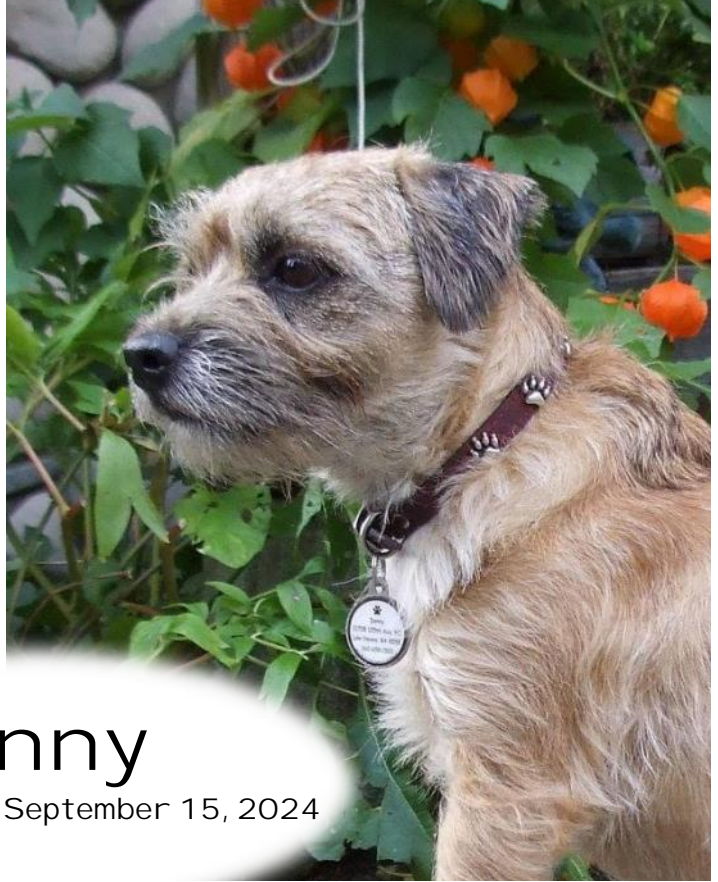


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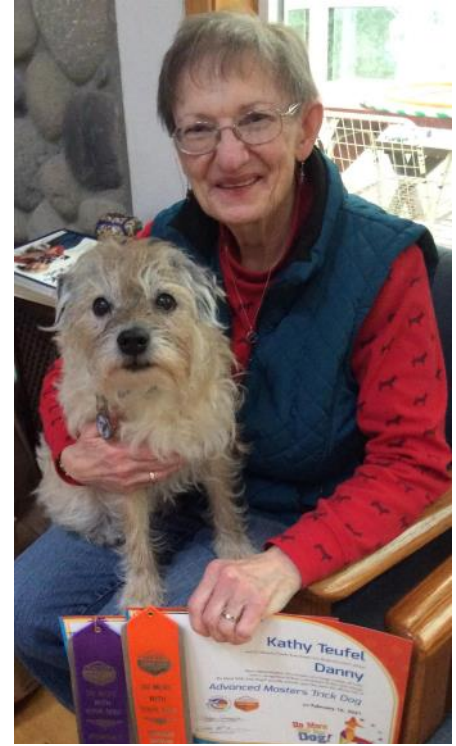
## Laura Day + Mika

Pemhill Uh Oh SpaghettiO aka Mika, my just turned 2 years old Pembroke Welsh Corgi, earned her Championship title on September 14th & 15th by winning two majors back to back!



# Danny

May 31, 2009 - September 15, 2024



CH OTTERECHO FRONTIER RUSTY ROADS RAE RATO BN PCD, ACT 1 OF OA OAJ, (NADAC) WGC, NTD - ETD, NTDM - ATDM, FENZI TEAM 1, CD, CGCA, Border Terrier Club of America VERSATILITY

We lost our dear boy, Danny, on September 15. He had a series of seizures.—Kathy Teufel

