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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall has to be my favorite season. The busyness of summer dog events has slowed a bit and the cooler weather is appreciated by both humans and dogs alike!

Our August obedience and rally trials in Enumclaw are in the books! A big thank you to all who helped - before, during and after the weekend. Kudos go out to our trial committee: Debby Warden, Kathy Lang, Shea Hughes-Gorman, Sue Cox, Jane Pitts, and Catherine Schaffer. Special thanks go to all of our stewards, several of which were first-timers. We had the best panel of judges: Debbie Addicoat, Stella Rowlett, and Mary Jane Shervais. All were fun to work with and helpful and encouraging to our exhibitors.

Our Audit/Budget committee (Karen Snee, Catherine Schaffer, Jody Woodruff, Betty Winthers, Sue Cox) recently met to perform the yearly audit of the club's finances. They also put together the club budget for 2024-2025. Many thanks!



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CLUB UPDATES

The Canine Fitness & Conditioning seminar is coming up October 12th. We are much obliged to Kathy Lang who will be hosting at Family Dog Training Center in Kent. For more information contact Kathy at AskKathyLang@aol.com.

New to the WSOTC events calendar is a TDU (Tracking Dog Urban) test that will be held December 1 in Seattle. If you are at all interested in tracking this is a great opportunity to learn by helping to put on a test. No experience necessary! For more information contact Sarah Kahn pwtdx3@gmail.com.

The thing that I love about this club is that there is something for everyone: obedience, rally, agility, tracking, scent work, seminars, social events! A survey will be sent out soon to find out which activities and events each of you and your dogs most enjoy. We would like to do all we can to help you get involved.

Best wishes!

Melissa Knapp

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

- **WSOTC Board Meeting** 9/16 at 5:30pm on Zoom
- **WSOTC General Membership Meeting** 9/18 at 7pm on Zoom
- **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

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CLUB UPDATES

WSOTC ScentWork Trial Planning

Sarah Kahn received notification from the AKC that our club is now approved to host Scentwork Trials! She is looking at locations and dates for 2025, and will be reaching out to anyone who noted on the survey that they are interested in volunteering for the planning committee. If you are interested but did not fill out the survey, let Sarah know at pwtdtx3@gmail.com.

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

Since the last report we have sent cards to:
Encouragement card to Pat Rennick
Get well cards to Leila Irvine and Gail McMonagle
Sympathy card to Holly Krohn for loss of her dog



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



Leila Irvine says thank you to club members for the lovely get well card! She had rotator cuff surgery in early August. There was a lot more damage than originally thought but she is home and starting exercises, hoping for a full recovery by December. Leila and Mystic are looking forward to returning to competition then.

CLUB UPDATES

WSOTC August Obedience and Rally Trial Report

The summer trial for WSOTC was a wonderful tribute to John Cox. Thank you everyone for making this trial one to remember!

Thank you to Sammamish Kennel for providing the venue for us at no charge. Many thanks to the wonderful committee members - Shea Gorman-Hughes chief ring steward and all his crew, Melissa Knapp for lunches, Kathy Lang for hospitality and Jane Pitts for trophies and ribbons.

We had three wonderful judges: Debbie Addicoat, Stella Rowlett and Mary Jane Chervais.

The goal I had for the trial was to "#BELIKEJOHN" and it was achieved, everyone was supportive and caring for one another. We were happy Sue was able to join us on Saturday.

Thank you to everyone who entered and came to the trial, you make my job as show chair enjoyable. I'm looking forward to next year!

Debby Warden, Show Chair



Saturday High Combined from the Regular Classes



Sunday Rally High Combined and High Triple Q

Thank you to Ingrida Robinson for the photos!

CLUB UPDATES

WSOTC August Obedience and Rally Trial Report



Sunday Rally Master qualifiers



Sunday Rally Novice A qualifiers



Exhibitor gifts

Sunday High Combined from the Preferred Classes

Thank you to Ingrida Robinson for the photos!



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~~

Working Spots Sold Out

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

AUGUST 5, 2024

Meeting Held Via Zoom@5:30

1. The meeting was called to order by President Melissa Knapp at 5:31. Attendees: Melissa Knapp, Nancy Light, Catherine Shaffer, Rhonda Forman, Neil Evans and Terrie Sato

2. Minutes from the 7/21/24 meeting were approved.

3. Report of the President: Melissa will discuss items at the meeting including new judges, matches and scent work.

4. Report of the Secretary: No report.

5. Report of the Treasurer: Catherine is investigating the annual cost of on-line QuickBooks. Elizabeth has renewed our use of Cheddar-up. We will have a disclosure added on the website noting the service fee charged to users for a transaction. Catherine presented an updated report which will be posted to the "members only" section on the website. Our money market funds have been receiving better interest than our previous savings account. Interest rates are better with short-term CD's.

6. Committee Reports:

Membership – No report

Budget/Audit – No report

Agility – Nancy Light has not received all the information to complete the financial report from the summer trial. For the 2025 trial, Linda Shea will be working with the Mulligans, who will be chairing the event.

Hearts and Flowers – No report

August Obedience and Rally trials – All stewards have been identified. Everything is on track according to Debbie Warden who is chairing the event.

Spring 2025 Obedience and Rally trials – Amanda Buse, chair of the event, reported that every thing is on track. Nancy Light will be working on the contract with Melissa from Fun Fur Paws.

Tracking – February 15 will be the TD/TDX. At the next General Membership meeting, judges will be presented, and club members will be asked to vote. Charlie Clarke has proposed that the club keep the December 1 date and hold a TDU, possibly to be held at a park in Shoreline. The board voted and approved this to be recommended to at the General Membership meeting along with a budget.

Scent Work – The application for a scent work trial was resent to AKC since they could not locate the original application.

Social Events and Programs – Catherine informally investigated a possible location for a holiday gathering.



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Seminars – registration is opened for the Patti Schaefer seminar which will be held on October 12 at Family Dog Training Center. Registration will open to non-club members on August 10. Terrie will contact Julie Germano to reserve her building for the Connie Cleveland seminar to be held on 9/12/2026.

Matches – Melissa will contact Debbie Addicoat to discuss a future sanctioned match to help prospective obedience/rally judges as well as holding a judges information session.

New Business: Melissa will be encouraging associate members to consider becoming full members when renewing their memberships for next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

Next Meetings:

Board Meeting – 9/16/24 at 5:30

General Membership Meeting 9/18/24 at 7:00

UPCOMING WASHINGTON EVENTS

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

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

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

Icelandic Sheepdog Association of America (Obed and Rally) 9/23 at Cowlitz County Fairgrounds

Walla Walla Kennel Club (Rally) 9/26 at Columbia Park, Kennewick

Evergreen Afghan Hound Club (Agility) 9/27-29 at Fun Fur Paws, Mount Vernon

Columbia Basin Dog Training Club (Obed, Rally) 9/27-29 at 4 Paws DogWorks, Richland

Spokane Dog Training Club (Obed, Rally) 10/4-6 at Spokane Dog Training Club, Spokane

Mount Hood Doberman Pinscher Club (Agility) 10/4-6 at Clark County Fairgrounds, Ridgefield

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

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 7, 2024

Meeting held via Zoom

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, Terrie Sato, Elizabeth Soule, Cathy Soule, Penny Broomer, Sarah Kahn, Dix Dixon, Charlie Clarke, Nancy Harney, Jill Petersen, Debbie Humble, Debbie Warden. Guests: Lexie Renouard, Jessica Webb

2. Minutes from the 6/19/24 General Membership meeting were approved.

3. Report of the Secretary – Rhonda reported that we have received communication from AKC that the July Agility Trial has been closed out with a reminder to submit the application and judges panel for next year 18 months prior to the event date.

4. Report of the Treasurer – Catherine presented an updated report which will be posted on the members only section on the website.

5. Committee Reports

Membership – one first reading for Jessica Webb as a full member.

Budget/Audit – The committee is scheduled to meet on August 24. Committee members are Karen Snee (chair), Jodi Woodruff (hosting) and Betty Winthers. Catherine Shaffer and Sue Cox will attend the meeting.

Hearts and Flowers – no report

August Obedience and Rally Trial – Debbie Warden reported that everything is on track. The Friday and Monday rent-a ring is canceled.

Spring 2025 Obedience and Rally Trial – Amanda reported that Don Rennick is working on identifying judges. Terrie said that she would be willing to head up run throughs (possibly on Friday evening). If there is interest, Terrie will check with Melissa (Fun Fur Paws) and Baray.

Tracking – Sarah Kahn reported that the tracking test (TD/TDX) will be held February 16, 2025, location to be determined. A list of potential judges will be made available for the membership to vote on. It was proposed that the old date, December 1, 2024, be used to hold a TDU (Urban Beginning Level). The membership voted and approved to proceed with the TDU planning.

Scent Work – Sarah Kahn reported that we are waiting for approval from AKC to hold a Scent Work trial.



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AUGUST 7, 2024

Social Events and Programs – Melissa discussed the possibility of having a holiday party. She asked if anyone has ideas for a location to please let a board member know. Other possible events that Melissa suggested were a summer outdoor gathering combined with a fun match. For programming, Melissa suggested holding a training again for stewards and one for people who may be interested in pursuing judging. It was recommended that we send out a survey to members to see what may be of interest.

Seminars:

Patti Schaffer (10/12/24) – 8 of the 10 working spots have been filled. On 8/10, this event will be open to non-members.

Fun Match (1/4/25) Terrie Sato has volunteered to chair this event. The membership voted and approved sending \$150 to reserve Country Classic Kennels.

Laurie Weaver (2025) – Exact date is TBD

Connie Cleveland (9/12-13, 2026) – the membership voted and approved sending \$150 to reserve Country Classic Kennels.

6. Unfinished Business – Elizabeth will send out a list of organizations recommended by the Donations Committee to be voted on at the next General Membership meeting on 9/18.

7. New Business – Melissa asked members to think about changing from being an Associate member to Full member when renewing this year. She will talk more about this at an upcoming meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

Next meetings:

Board Meeting: 9/16/24 at 5:30

General Membership Meeting: 9/18/24 at 7:00

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!



Arlette Davison and Aubrey

At the UKC show in Longview, Aubrey finished her UKC Conformation Championship and earned a Group 2 in the Companion (Toy) Group. Then, two weeks later, Aubrey went Best of Breed in a large class of Papillons at the OKC show in Enumclaw. We have had an amazing few months!