



Pacific Northwest Scent Work Club

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PNW Scent Work Club – General Club Meeting Summary

PNWSWC Virtual General Club Meeting, Thursday, September 3, 2026 @ 7:30 pm

Attendees: Judi James, Nicole Wright, Donna Morgan Murray, Lauren Kuperstein, Jenny Barbee, Erin Rue, Diane Brown, Denise Langston, Julie Walker, Jackie Leung, Susan Smith

Motion to accept minutes from last meeting approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: Judi reported on the club's financial status, noting they had \$35,659 in the bank as of July, with the Albany event breaking even. Though, it will be about \$10,000 less after the close of the bills from the July show. Raffle money earned was \$475 dollars.

Membership Has Grown: 89 Members, 73 Full Voting Members

Scent Work Trials Planning Meeting

The meeting focused on planning for upcoming scent work trials and organizational updates. Judy reported that the Yamhill trial in November will be held at the fairgrounds with a \$5,800 rental fee, and the premium list will be finalized early next week. Diane outlined theme plans combining Halloween and Christmas elements for our upcoming Yamhill Event, including raffles and costume contests, while Judy announced that raffle proceeds will benefit Agave Dog Rescue. The board reviewed the 2027 event calendar, which includes trials at Gaston Schools in March, Grow Construction in Tualatin in June, Aurora Maplewood Grange in September, and Yamhill in November, with Judy emphasizing the need for new volunteers to help with leadership roles as the organization grows.

Community Engagement and Volunteer Updates

The group discussed successful community engagement efforts, including positive responses from local businesses. We had several 4-H volunteers at the Albany Event, as a thank you, the club gave a \$500 donation to the Linn County 4-H program. Our club received a letter from the county acknowledging the gift and thanking us for it. Nicole reported connecting with Christine from the Washington County 4-H group who offered 14 volunteers across three groups willing to help with trials in both Gaston and Tualatin. Judi also gave some updates for volunteer incentives such as; catered meals, free raffle tickets and now a full volunteer punch card gives you a free run at a future trial.

2027 PNW Scent Work Club Event Calendar

3/20-3/21 Gaston - School Days (2 trials no detective – but Judi and Nicole are going to talk to Sarah Miller and see if the high school is a possible site to add detective)

6/26-6/27 Tualatin - Dog Days of Summer: Grow Construction (2 trials no detective)

9/11-9/12 Aurora - Double or Nothing: Maplewood Grange (4 trials, Sat Novice & Advanced, Sun Excellent & Masters)

11/13-11/14-11/15 McMinnville - Spooky Santa Paws: Yamhill County Fairgrounds (2 full trials, Monday 2 Detective/HD)

Judge Certification and Training Updates

The group discussed the need for new judges in the area, noting that many current judges are aging out and the process to become certified takes significant time and paperwork. Nicole confirmed that PNW Scent Work Club would support anyone pursuing judge certification.

Follow Up Items:

Jenny

- Post the letter from the Linn County 4-H on the volunteer page of the club's website.
- Update the club's website events page with the 2027 trial calendar.

Judi's

- Finalize and distribute the premium list for the November Yamhill trial early next week.
- Confirm the AKC dates for the 2027 Gaston trial and submit the premium applications next week.
- Reach out to the Cascade Australian Cattle Dog Club about partnering for future trials.
- Work with the Yamhill fairgrounds to finalize RV parking reservations logistics.
- Adjust the 2027 Yamhill contract to potentially eliminate the arena and use only the 4H building and Lewis Pavilion for Monday's Detective and HD trials.

Nicole

- Connect with Julie Walker via email to provide volunteer signup information for the Yamhill trial.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM