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WSOTC Upcoming Events

- **WSOTC Board Meeting** 6/2 at 7:00pm on Zoom
- **WSOTC General Membership Meeting** 6/18 at 7:00pm on Zoom
- **WSOTC Scent Work Trial** 6/21-22 at Monroe Christian School
- **WSOTC Agility Trial** 7/11-13 at Fun Fur Paws
- **WSOTC Summer Obedience and Rally Trial** 8/9-10 at Country Classic Kennels

Club Updates

WSOTC Agility Trial

The 2025 WSOTC summer agility trial will be 7/11-13 at Fun Fur Paws in Mount Vernon. We need volunteers! There will be "on the job" training, first time volunteers are welcome! Indoor crating will be available for workers. Stalls are available to rent for others. Please reach out to Linda Shea at LindaShea@walp.u if you want to volunteer or if you want to reserve indoor crating.

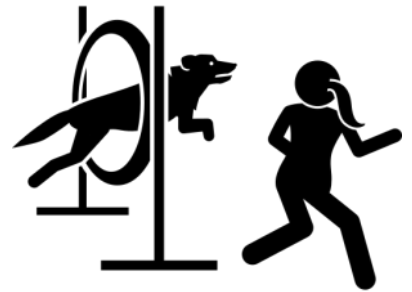
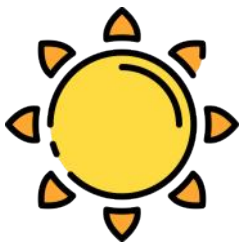


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WSOTC Summer Obedience and Rally Trails

The summer obedience and rally trials have been approved by the Board and will be held August 9-10. Due to Sammamish Kennel Club moving their shows to Tenino, we are changing the venue. This year our trial will be held at Country Classic Kennels in Arlington. Debby Warden and Melissa Knapp will co-chair. Please reach out to Debby debby-warden@gmail.com or Melissa

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Club Committees & Chairs

Agility: Sue and JoAnn Mulligan

Audit/Budget: Karen Snee

Awards: Nancy Light

Hearts & Flowers: Karen Snee

Insurance: Sue Cox

Membership: Cathy Soule

Newsletter: Elizabeth Soule

Jan Fun Match: Terrie Sato

Programs: vacant

Property & Inventory:

Don Rennick

Obedience and Rally Trial

Spring: Amanda Buse

August: Debby Warden

Scent Work Trial: Sarah Kahn

Tracking: Marta Brock

Website: Shea Hughes-Gorman

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Club Updates

First WSOTC AKC Scent Work Trial

Our first scent work trial is on course for June 21 and 22 in Monroe, Washington. We would love to have you join us as an exhibitor and/or volunteer. If you have never been to a trial, it is a great opportunity to watch and learn.

For our first trial, we are starting off small and offering novice and advanced levels with all four elements (containers, buried, interiors, and exteriors).

We can teach you on the job, and we will certainly answer any questions that you may have. We would love to have help on the committee as well. We are hoping that this will be a successful event for the club and club members are what makes it happen.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions. I can be reached at 206-227-4977 or by email at: pwtdtx3@gmail.com.

Sarah Kahn
Trial chair

WSOTC Website Member's Only Access

Need help getting access to the Member's Only section of the WSOTC website? First, make sure you subscribe to the website by [following this link](#) and entering your email address. Shea will receive a notification when you sign up and send you a link to create your username and password (this may take some time). You will have your own username and password moving forward. The shared `wsotc_members` login no longer works.

If you already have an account set up, follow these steps to sign into it and access the member's only materials:

1. Click on the user account icon in the top right of the screen, then click Sign In.
2. Enter your username and password and click sign in (if you forgot your password use the Reset Password option to get an email with a link to reset it).
3. Click on the More drop down menu at the top right of the page and then click on the Member's Only page option.
4. You will now see the list of member's only files.

If you need help with creating your account, reach out to Shea at sheagorman@icloud.com.

Club Updates

WSOTC Board Nominations for 2025-26

Committee Members: Sue Cox, Chair, Jayne Walker and Karen Snee

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of officers, board members and AKC Delegate to serve WSOTC in the club's 2025-26 year, which begins on July 1, 2025:

President: Melissa Knapp
Vice President: Nancy Light
Secretary: Rhonda Forman
Treasurer: Catherine Shaffer
Board Members: Terrie Sato and Neil Evans

AKC Delegate: Jack Cadalso

If these names seem familiar, that's because this same group is presently serving the club in the same positions. At the May membership meeting, nominations will be taken from the floor and any Full Member is encouraged to consider serving WSOTC in one of the positions of officer or board member.

The By Laws are specific as to how nominations are accepted: "c. Additional nominations may be made at the May meeting by any Full Member in attendance provided that the person so nominated does not decline when his name is proposed, and provided further that, if the proposed candidate is not in attendance at this meeting, his proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying his willingness to be a candidate, except for the position of AKC Delegate. No person may be a candidate for more than one position, and the additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from among those Full Members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nominating Committee."

If you are an Associate Member and wish to change to Full Membership to qualify as a candidate to be nominated, you must have attended 3 Club meetings in the past 12-month period and completed one service to the club. Additionally, you must notify the Treasurer (Catherine Shaffer —catherine.shaffer@yahoo.com) in writing of your desire to change to Full Membership.

Sue Cox

Board Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by President Melissa Knapp. Attendees: Melissa Knapp, Nancy Light, Catherine Shaffer, Rhonda Forman, Neil Evans and Terrie Sato.
2. The minutes from the 4/7/25 meeting were approved.
3. Report of the President: No report.
4. Report of the Secretary: No report
5. Report of the Treasurer: Catherine presented an updated report that will be posted on the "members only" section of the website.
6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Membership – No report.
 - b. Hearts and Flowers – it was suggested that we send cards for happy events as well as our current protocol. Melissa will have this on the agenda at the next general membership meeting.
 - c. Nominating Committee – The Board reviewed the report from the nominating committee. The report will be included in the next newsletter.
 - d. Tracking – No report
 - e. Spring 2025 Obedience and Rally trials (3/29-30) – The financial report will be reviewed at a future meeting. Melissa will follow up regarding the 2026 event chair.
 - f. August 2025 Obedience and Rally trial (8/9-10 at Country Classic Kennels) – The Board reviewed and approved the proposed budget (pending a few minor updates) and will present it at the next general membership meeting.
 - g. Scent Work (6/21-22, Monroe Christian School) – All supplies and ribbons have been ordered. Sarah Kahn and Melissa Knapp will be touring the site. Melissa will follow up with Sue Cox for the insurance certificate. The premium is out, entries open May 20th and there will be a random draw. The committee will be meeting on Zoom next week.
 - h. Agility – Nancy reported that everything is on track.
 - i. Social Events and Programs – The Board discussed the possibility of a summer picnic. We will be looking at potential sites and dates.
 - j. Awards – The financial report will be reviewed at a future meeting. Melissa thanked the committee Nancy Light, Karen Snee, and Neil Evans for their work this year and for volunteering again for serving on the 2026 committee.



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k. Website – Catherine will ask Shea to add the August trial dates and to remove the spring trial from the website. She will also ask how to access the archived files. Suggestions related to the website should be addressed to Elizabeth Soule, chair of the website committee. Terrie will ask Elizabeth to post in the newsletter how members should communicate proposed additions, changes, etc. to the website.

7. Unfinished Business:

Melissa will draft a list of judges to be posted in the newsletter. She will also check to see if Elizabeth has the list in Excel.

We postponed a discussion about potentially holding a members only obedience match.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

Next Meetings (on Zoom):

General Membership Meeting: 5/21/25 at 7:00

Board Meeting: 6/2/25 at 7:00

General Membership Meeting: 6/18/25

Minutes from the May General Membership Meeting were not ready in time for publication.

Celebrations!



Tara Wheat + Lulu + Gus



Lulu earned 6 QQQs, RM title, RAE title, 3 High Triple and 2 High Combined awards at the BVKA/Mt Baker cluster!

Gus earned 5 QQQs, RAE title, 2 High Triple and 2 High Combined awards!

Celebrations!



Arlette Davison + Breya

Breya earned her 2nd and 3rd RAE legs at the Papillon Regional & National Specialty in Spokane Valley on May 19, with scores of 90, 97, 97, 100!

GCH CH Ezee's Princess Royal Breya CDX PCD BN RE CGCA TKA

Celebrations!



Nancy Light + Jury

At age 12, Jury is still bringing home ribbons from the AKC Hunt Tests. He is usually the oldest male running and second oldest dog. This was from Rainier Hunting Retriever Club.

Celebrations!



Nancy Light + Riser

After 6 years, I now have a new puppy. Her name is "Sunfire's Rise Up! , otherwise known as "Riser". She is definitely keeping me busy.

Celebrations!



LeeAnn McNeil + Ebby

Ebby has now earned her AKC Advanced CGC and Urban CGC!