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WSOTC UPCOMING EVENTS

- **WSOTC Board Meeting 3/3** at 7:00pm on Zoom
- **WSOTC General Membership Meeting 3/19** at 7:00pm on Zoom
- **WSOTC Spring Obedience and Rally Trial 3/29-30** at Fun Fur Paws
- **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 Annual Awards Banquet

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, April 13, 2025

The annual awards banquet recognizing member achievements in 2024 will be held at Spiros Pizza in Shoreline, WA at 4:00 pm.

Address: 18411 Aurora Ave N, Shoreline, WA 98133
Menu: ilovespiros.com

This is where we held the event last year. You order off of their menu and pay for your own meal. Guests are welcome, please include them in your RSVP count.

Even if you won't be receiving an award yourself, help us celebrate your fellow member achievements and get a chance to see each other in person!

We do need an RSVP as early as possible so if you plan to attend please contact Nancy Light at kylahgold@aol.com or (425) 354-3609 as soon as you can.



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Newsletter: Elizabeth Soule

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CLUB UPDATES

WSOTC Spring Obedience and Rally Trials

The WSOTC Spring obedience and rally trials are coming up on March 29-30 at Fun Fur Paws in Mt. Vernon.

Volunteers Needed!

- 1-2 more stewards for obedience and rally on both days. Contact Shea if you can help.
- Volunteers for the warm-up ring. This is a good task for someone who will be at the trial and wants a “sit down” position or for those with some free time between runs. We must have the ring covered with volunteers throughout the trials. Anytime we do not have someone able to watch the warm up ring, the ring will be unavailable. Contact Amanda if you can help.
- Sunday afternoon grounds clean up. The more hands we can get, the faster we can wrap up. We will need several people to do poop check outside of the venue in all areas of the venue. Indoor needs help with sweeping, cleaning up any garbage, clumps of fur, taking down ring gates, tables, chairs, etc. Making sure all stalls are clean of garbage and items.

Junior Handler Awards

We are also excited to share that in addition to our regular awards, we will also have some special rosettes and prizes for junior handlers in Obedience and Rally!



Highest Scoring Junior Handler in Novice A or B — Peacock & Dark Purple Pompom Rosette offered by John and Suzanne Cox - Saturday Only

Highest Scoring Junior Handler in Beginner Novice A or B — Peacock & Orange Pompom Rosette offered by John and Suzanne Cox - Saturday Only

Highest Scoring Junior Handler in Rally (from all classes) — Peacock Blue Rosette offered by Amanda Buse (both days)

Highest Scoring Junior Handler in Rally - Rosette & Water Canteen offered by Amanda Buse, in Memory of Nordic Wonder Bear w/Me, Nahkohe

CLUB UPDATES

Welcome to the new members who joined at the January and February meetings!



- Lexie Renouard joined as a full member. She is from Shoreline and has an All American dog.
- Sheila Leitch joined as a full member. She is from Monroe and has miniature American Shepherds.
- Betsy Fortman joined as an associate member. She is from Duvall and has Dachshunds.

HEARTS AND FLOWERS

Since the last newsletter, a card was sent to Jayne Walker.

Submit requests to send Hearts and Flowers cards to club members by emailing Karen Snee at lolamom95@hotmail.com.



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.

Open Training Practice Session

Friday March 14 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Melissa Knapp will be hosting an open practice session at Country Classic Kennels (9332 99th Ave NE, Arlington, WA)

Come ready to practice around other dogs. There will be jumps and ring gates available for anyone to use. Handlers may bring multiple dogs but must bring your own crates. The charge is \$20 to help pay for the building rental. Drop in and stay as long as you like. I will be there to help out and will be working my own dogs as well.

Spread the word! I hope more dates and locations can be added in the coming months.

Questions? Email Melissa Knapp at melissa.s.knapp@gmail.com

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 3, 2025

Washington State Obedience Training Club
Board Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2025 on Zoom

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President Melissa Knapp. Attendees: Melissa Knapp, Nancy Light, Catherine Shaffer, Rhonda Forman, Neil Evans and Terrie Sato
2. The minutes from the 1/6/25 meeting were approved.
3. **Report of the President:** Melissa commented that a primary goal for 2025 for the club is to improve the rate of qualifications at trials. To achieve this goal, the club will support and encourage fun matches, rent-a ring events, and open practice sessions.
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:**

Membership - there will be three second readings at the next General Membership meeting (2/19). There are several people who have not yet renewed their membership. Members who have not renewed by March 1 will be considered lapsed and must reapply for membership.

Hearts and Flowers – No report

Nominating Committee – The Board discussed potential members for the nominating committee. There will be three members and one alternate. Melissa will contact those recommended to see if they agree to serve.

Tracking – TD/TDX entries close on 2/4. There are currently 2 TD and 7 TDX entries. The test will be held in Bow at the Wesen Farm. Marta Brock is chair, Sarah Kahn is secretary and Lynn Brimmer is chief track layer. Judges are Lisa Klein and Suzanne Schwab.

TDU (11/30) – The Board voted and approved Melissa Knapp as chair.

Spring 2025 Obedience and Rally trial (3/29-30) – Melissa will confirm the time that Baray will be setting up the rings on Friday. She will also clarify with Amanda about who will be doing hospitality.

August 2025 Obedience and Rally trial (8/9-10 at Country Classic Kennels) – Everything is on track. Melissa will be submitting the application to AKC. Nancy brought up the July 1 AKC



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FEBRUARY 3, 2025

requirement for displaceable jumps. Melissa said that the owner of the venue is aware of the requirement. The event chair, Debby Warden will need to confirm that the displaceable jumps are ready for the event.

Scent Work (6/21-22 at the Monroe Christian School) - The budget will be submitted in March.

Agility – Catherine will follow up with Linda to confirm that she will work with Susan and Nancy on a budget.

Social Events and Programs - Terrie complimented Melissa on her presentation at the General Membership meeting on tracking. At the next General Membership meeting on 2/19, we will show a Ken Kincaid video on stewarding. Nancy will add Elizabeth as co-host for the Zoom meeting so she can set up the video.

Matches – Terrie presented the January 4th match financials. The report can be found on the “members only” section on the website.

There will be a Rent-a -Ring on the Friday before the Spring trial. More information to come. Awards – The deadline for members to submit their application is today (2/3). We will discuss at the next General Membership meeting if we have a gathering in person, or Zoom for the award presentations. The Board discussed nominees for the Club Achievement Award. Each Board member will email Melissa with the nominee they support.

Next year, Scent Work titles will be included in the titles that the club will pay for to appear on plaques. The Standing Rules will need to be updated to reflect this change.

7. **New Business:** The Board discussed ways to enhance the club funds to make it possible to increase our donations to organizations in the future. Melissa reminded the Board that the Scent Work trials are likely to add to our net gain for this year.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

Next Meetings (on Zoom):

General Membership Meeting: 2/19/25 at 7:00

General Membership Meeting: 3/19/25 at 7:00

Board Meeting: 3/3/25 at 7:00

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 19, 2025

Washington State Obedience Training Club
General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2025 on Zoom

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President Melissa Knapp. Attendees: Melissa Knapp, Nancy Light, Catherine Shaffer, Rhonda Forman, Neil Evans, Terrie Sato, Sandy Burr, Karen Snee, Cathy Soule, Lisa Stedman, Sue Cox, Sarah Kahn, Elizabeth Soule, Tain Rose, Penny Broomer, Christine Swinehart, Betty Winthers, Amanda Buse, Jayne Walker, Linda Wiseman, Ronnie Sue Leith, Arlette Davison, April Caron, Charlie Clarke, Lexie Renourd; Guest: Diane Longstreth
2. The minutes from the 1/29/25 meeting were approved.
3. **Report of the President:** Melissa thanked everyone who helped put on the TD/TDX event.
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:**

Membership - there was one first reading for Diane Longstreth and two second readings for Sheila Leitch and Betsy Fortman. Both were voted on and approved.

Budget – No report.

Newsletter - submissions are due by February 23rd for the March newsletter.

Website – Elizabeth Soule, chair of the website committee suggested to use only 1 address for the club website (info@wsotc.org), versus the several that were used for the old website. This was voted on and approved by the membership. Shea was away on vacation, so he was unable to attend this meeting. At a future meeting, he will walk us through the new website and answer questions, as well as explain the process to access the members only section. Hearts and Flowers – Cards were sent to Jill Petersen and Catherine Shaffer.

Social Events and Programs – Welcome Spring! The awards dinner will be held at Spiro's restaurant in Shoreline on Sunday, April 13th. Nancy Light needs to receive rsvp's as soon as possible.

After the close of the meeting tonight, we watched a Ken Kincaid video on Stewarding, lasting 8 minutes. We will continue to show a video at the conclusion of each upcoming General Membership meeting.



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FEBRUARY 19, 2025

Matches/rent-a-rings/run throughs – there will be rent-a-rings available on the Friday after noon prior to the spring and summer obedience trials:

March 28th at Fun Fur Paws 4:00 – 7:00 and August 8th at Country Classic Kennels.

There will also be two open practice sessions coming up. The first will be held on 2/24, 10:00 – noon in Bow at Jan Wesen's (\$10); the second will be held on 3/14, 10:00 – noon at Country Classic Kennels in Arlington (\$20). These are not WSOTC club sponsored events.

Tracking – TD/TDX (2/26) Sarah Kahn reported they had 17 volunteers (about half were club members), and 7 tracks. There were 4 TDX and 3 TD entries with 2 TD qualifiers and no TDX qualifiers. The financials will be presented at a future meeting.

Spring 2025 obedience and rally trials (3/29-30 Fun Fur Paws) – Amanda reported that all of the trophies are covered and that \$1,100 was donated to Friends of Obedience. The venue will open about noon on Friday, Terrie Sato and Melissa Knapp will be there for setup with Baray. Melissa K. will notify Melissa B. in advance of the time of set up. Jodi Woodruff can pick up any equipment we need that is stored at Don Rennick's; Shea Gorman Hughes is the chief steward and Amanda said she will touch base with him; Nancy Light is assigning RV spaces; checks for RV spaces should be sent directly to Melissa Burton. Amanda still needs volunteers on Sunday to do clean up; there will be a special junior recognition - Elizabeth Soule will post this in the upcoming newsletter; the club has 3 stalls reserved; Sue Cox reported that she has obtained the certificate of insurance.

Scent Work – (6/21-22, Monroe Christian School) - Melissa reported that everything is on track. Nancy said that award plaques in 2025 will include scent work titles. The Board will update the club Standing Rules to reflect this change.

Agility – Nancy reported that everything is on track. Judges have been confirmed.

August 2025 Obedience and Rally trial (8/9-10 Country Classic Kennels) – Melissa reported that everything is on track.

7. **Unfinished Business:** The Board proposed to the membership to make a \$500 donation to the AKC Reunited K-9 Relief fund. The membership voted and approved the donation.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

Next Meetings (on Zoom):

Board Meeting: 3/3/25 at 7:00

General Membership Meeting: 3/19/25 at 7:00