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Upcoming Club Events

- 6/17 General Membership Meeting at 7:00pm, Zoom
- 6/20-21 WSOTC Scent Work trial in Monroe
- 7/6 Board Meeting at 7:30pm on Zoom
- 7/10-12 WSOTC Agility Trial at Fun Fur Paws
- 7/15 General Membership Meeting at 7:00pm, Zoom
- 8/8-9 WSOTC Summer Obedience and Rally Trial at Country Classic Kennels
- 8/15-16 Anita Sipes-Cook Agility Seminar at Lisa Witte's house in La Conner
- 9/12-13 Connie Cleveland-Nolan & Kelsey Wehr Seminar at Country Classic Kennels

Club Committee Chairs

Agility 2026

Linda Shea

Audit/Budget

Sue Cox

Awards

Nancy Light

Donations 2025-26

Nancy Harney

Hearts & Flowers

Karen Snee

Insurance

Sue Cox

Membership

Cathy Soule

Newsletter

Elizabeth Soule

January Fun Match

Terrie Sato

Property & Inventory

Don Rennick

Obedience and Rally Trial March 2026

Amanda Buse

August 2026

Looking for a volunteer!

Scent Work Trial 2026

Sarah Kahn

Tracking

Marta Brock

Website

Volunteer Needed!

Content Updates

Melissa Knapp

Volunteers make our club and sports possible! If you would like to help with an event or committee, reach out to the committee chair. Have an idea for something new? Contact a board member. You can find contact information for all club members in the roster in the Member's Only section of the website.

AKC Delegate

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Welcome to our new members!

The following members were voted in at the May 2026 general membership meeting:

Jo Chinn was voted in as a full member. She is from Sequim, has Flat-coated Retrievers, and is interested in obedience, rally, and tracking.

Dezmond Garner was voted in as an associate member. He is from Enumclaw, has a Standard Poodle, and is interested in agility, obedience, rally, and tracking.

Come volunteer and have fun at the WSOTC Agility Trial 7/10-12!

WSOTC's agility trials are coming up. We can always use help, there are many on the spot training jobs. It is usually a hot, sweaty, dirty weekend and there will be an endless supply of watermelon. Please plan on being there, it is always fun, we have amazing agility teams in our area. WSOTC appreciates your support!

Needed: person to bring flowers to the trials on Friday. Email Linda Shea at lindashea@walp.us if you can help.

Volunteers needed for WSOTC Scent Work Trial, 6/20-21 in Monroe

WSOTC will be hosting our second Scent Work trial in June! 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.

If you haven't volunteered at a Scent Work trial before, 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.

Please reach out to Sarah Kahn if you can help or if you have any questions at 206-227-4977 or by email at: pwtdtx3@gmail.com.



WSOTC Presents A Working Seminar with Connie Cleveland-Nolan & Kelsey Wehr September 12 & 13, 2026

at
Country Classic Kennels
9332 99th Ave NE
Arlington, WA 98223

We are delighted to welcome Connie Cleveland-Nolan back to the Northwest along with her associate Kelsey Wehr. Connie is an internationally recognized dog trainer who has been teaching and coaching dog obedience students for over 3 decades. Kelsey is known to all on the Obedience Road as she can be seen working with Connie. In 2019, Connie launched The Obedience Road, a complete online resource for obedience competitors. Utilizing written & video content, monthly webinars, community forums and personalized video review, Connie coaches obedience newcomers and experienced competitors alike. (For more information, please visit www.ObedienceRoad.com)

The working seminar format will give participants multiple opportunities to work their dogs with feedback from both Connie and Kelsey. Two rings will be set up allowing for Novice participants and Advanced participants to work simultaneously. For example on Saturday the basic group will work on Novice and Open heeling with attention while the advanced group will work on Utility heeling and signals. You choose the best group for your dog. There will be three sessions on Saturday focusing on heeling, retrieving and jumping exercises. Two sessions on Sunday will focus on position changes and preparing to show. There will be discussions held between working sessions. You may bring up to two dogs and pick which sessions would be appropriate for each dog or a single dog would participate in all five sessions.

The seminar will begin at 9AM on Saturday September 12 and 8:30AM on Sunday. A continental breakfast and potluck lunch will be available both days. You may want to bring your own chair.

18 working spots are available. The cost for the weekend:

WSOTC members working spot: \$375

Nonmembers working spot: \$400

WSOTC member auditor: \$125

Nonmember auditor: \$175

All working spots are now full

Audit spots still available

Registrations for WSOTC members will begin on May 21st and WSOTC member only will be able to register through May 30th. Registration for all will open June 1, 2026.

For more information contact Terrie Sato at terriesato@gmail.com or call or text Terrie Sato @ 206-550-9335.



**WSOTC Presents A Working Agility Seminar
with Anita Sipes-Cook
August 15 & 16, 2026**

The WSOTC welcomes Anita Sipes-Cook to the Pacific Northwest for 4 half-day sessions, Saturday, August 15, and Sunday, August 16, 2026. The seminars will be held at Lisa Witte's home in La Conner.

Anita is a passionate and accomplished professional dog trainer, coach, and competitor. In the sport for over 25 years, Anita and her border collie, Veuve, were chosen to be members of the 2018 WAO USA Team and made the short list for the USA AKC World Team. Veuve made the USA 2020 AKC European Open and is a two-time UKI National Champion. Competing in venues across the US, Anita and her dogs have won and been on the podium in AKC, UKI, and USDAA competitions.

Here is a video of team Anita in action:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQuAY1b__6c

Anita has been coaching and training agility teams for over 15 years, teaching every level from Sport foundation to International handling and everything in between. Anita's main influences come from her many years competing in agility, teaching, and attending seminars, including many international seminars with top trainers from around the world. Anita's winning combination for success pairs building a strong, trusting

relationship with your dog with teaching a solid foundation, with a focus on consistent training and handling. She has a great eye, is very detail-oriented, and loves to help teams problem-solve to reach and exceed their goals.

7 working spots will be available in each 4-hour session. 10 additional spots for auditors will also be available. Each topic can be adjusted for teams of any skill level as needed.

Prices

WA now requires us to charge sales tax. Prices below include 8.8% tax.

Working Spots:

WSOTC Members

1 session \$190.40 | 2 sessions \$327.49 | 3 sessions \$491.23 | 4 sessions \$654.98

Non-Club Members

1 session \$217.60 | 2 sessions \$374.28 | 3 sessions \$561.41 | 4 sessions \$748.54

Audit Spots:

WSOTC Members

1 session \$54.40 | 2 sessions \$93.57 | 3 sessions \$140.36 | 4 sessions \$187.14

Non-Club Members

1 session \$65.28 | 2 sessions \$112.28 | 3 sessions \$168.42 | 4 sessions \$224.56

Working spots still available!

Registration

A special registration period for WSOTC members will open on June 2. Registration for any remaining spots will open June 7, 2026, to non-club members.

Online registration available at <https://wsotc-anita-sipes-2026.cheddarup.com> (processing fee of 3.65% + \$0.90 cents is added to online registrations at the payment screen).

Paper registrations are also available for download on <https://wsotc.org/>

When you mail your registration or submit online, notify Lisa at creativelisa123@gmail.com or text her at (206) 832-9868 to help her manage session capacity.

The sessions will be as follows:

Saturday 8 am-noon Novice/Intermediate Coursework. Join Anita to learn about course analysis, reading dog and handler lines, and perfecting your handling to advance your skills.

Saturday 2-6 pm Advanced Skill Building & Short Sequences (All levels). In this skills seminar, we will build and elevate your team's skills in backside slices, backside wraps, threadle slices, threadle wraps, and more.

Sunday 8 am-noon Masters Coursework. This session will concentrate on pushing your handling skills on more challenging courses. We will focus on course analysis and making handling choices that set the best lines for your team.

Sunday 2-6 pm Layering and Building Distance Skills. This session will challenge your dog to focus forward and build independence for lateral distance.

Lodging in La Conner that accepts dogs:

The Heron Inn, Fidalgo Country Inn, The La Conner Inn, and Hotel Planter.

Lodging in Burlington (about 20 mins away):

The Candlewood Suites, Comfort Suites, Motel 6, La Quinta Inn, & the Hampton Inn.

There are also a variety of VRBO/Airbnb units available.

A good resource for finding available pet-friendly lodging is [**bringfido.com**](https://www.bringfido.com).

Lisa's home is located at 14485 Channel Drive, La Conner, WA 98257.

General Meeting Minutes - April 15, 2026

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by President Melissa Knapp. Attendees: Melissa Knapp, Nancy Light, Rhonda Forman, Neil Evans, Terrie Sato, Sue Cox, Betty Winthers, Sandy Burr, Pat Edwards, Cathy Soule, Holly Krohn, Pat Lindquist, Tara Curtis, Ronne Sue Leith, Laurie Southard, Penny Broomer, Lisa Witte, April Caron, Lisa Stedman, Erika French, Jill Petersen, Debbie Bohn, Karen Snee, Laura Day, Lee Anne McNeil, Joyce Brombaugh, Bob Robinson, Tain Rose, Jayne Walker; guests: Cyran Kahn, Diane Flynn, Kathy Mead, Jo Chinn, Rachel Clemens, Dez Garner
2. The minutes from the 2/18/26 meeting were approved.
3. Report of the President: Melissa reported that the WSOTC spring obedience and rally trial and the rent-a ring were very successful. She recognized all of the volunteers and especially thanked Amanda Buse, Jane Pitt, Linda Shea, Nancy Light and Melissa Burton.
4. Report of the Secretary: No report.
5. Report of the Treasurer: No report.
6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Membership – There were three first readings for Jo Chinn, Katy Perez and Dez Garner. The full membership voted and approved the second reading for Diane Flynn, Cyran Kahn, Rachel Clemon, Katherine Mead and Victoria Searcy.
 - b. Newsletter and Website – Melissa said she has been keeping the calendar on the website up to date.
 - c. Hearts and Flowers – No report. Karen said she will have a report for the April meeting.
 - d. Donation – The committee made their recommendations at the last General Membership Meeting to 5 local organizations in the amount of \$500 each. The organizations presented were Old Dog Haven, Assistant Dogs Northwest, Brigadoon Service Dogs, AKC Humane Fund (Jubilee Women’s Center -Seattle) and CARES Shelter (serving Burien, Des Moines, Federal Way). There will be additional information on each of these organizations in the next Canine Post. The recommendations were voted on and approved.
7. Events:
 - a. Matches and Rent-a Rings:

Rent-a Ring – There will be a rent-a-ring on Friday (8/7) before the summer obedience trial.

Scent Work – (6/20-21/2026, Monroe Christian School) – contact Sara Kahn to volunteer to help at the trial.

Agility (7/10-12, 2026, Fun Fur Paws) – Nancy Light presented a budget which was voted on and approved.

Summer Obedience and Rally trials (August 8-9, Country Classic Kennels) - On track.
 - b. Seminars:

Connie Cleveland (September 12-13, 2026, Country Classic Kennels) – Terrie Sato presented a budget which was voted on and approved. WSOTC members will have a

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2 week priority to register for 18 working spots. Handlers can split their time between 2 dogs. The cost will be \$375 for members and \$400 for non-members. Auditor cost will be \$125 for members and \$175 for non-members.

8. Old Business:
Nancy Light reported that the awards celebration worked out very well with 14 attendees at the Olive Garden in Kirkland. The award recipients will be listed in the next Canine Post. Melissa thanked Nancy, Jill, Neil and Karen for their work on the awards.
9. New Business:
- Lisa Witte announced that she has installed an agility course at her home in LaConner. During the summer, she has invited an agility trainer to stay at her home. She will be offering to put on a seminar and do private lessons. More to come on this at a future meeting.
10. Announcements:
Betty Withers announced that AKC was successful in having a lawsuit filed by PETA dismissed. After discussion, it was agreed by the membership that Rhonda will send thank you note to the AKC president, Gina DiNardo for AKC's efforts on this case. Rhonda will also ask Elizabeth to put information about the case in the Canine Post.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

Next Meetings (on Zoom):

Board Meeting: 5/4/26 at 7:30

General Membership Meeting: 5/20/26 at 7:00

Board Meeting May 4, 2026

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Melissa Knapp. Attendees: Melissa Knapp, Nancy Light, Catherine Shaffer, Rhonda Forman, Terrie Sato and Neil Evans
2. The minutes from the 4/6/26 meeting were approved.
3. Report of the President: No report.
4. Report of the Secretary: No report.
5. Report of the Treasurer: Catherine presented updated reports for April and May that will be posted in the members only section on the website. The Board voted and approved to have the club transfer the monthly payment for QuickBooks from Catherine to the club beginning June 1.

6. Committee Reports:

- a. Nominating Committee – Melissa will ask Elizabeth to publish the slate of nominees in the Canine Post and to send out an email with the nominees to the membership.
- b. Obedience Judges Committee – Melissa updated the list which will be presented at the next General Membership meeting.
- c. Spring 2026 Obedience and Rally trial (3/28-29, Fun Fur Paws) – The financial report was reviewed and will be posted on the website in the members only section.
- d. Summer Obedience and Rally trial (8/8-9/2026, Country Classic Kennels) – Melissa presented the budget that was voted on to be reviewed and voted on at the next General Membership meeting.
- e. Agility Trial (7/10-12, 2026, Fun Fur Paws) – No report.
- f. Scent Work Trial (6/20-21) – No report.
- g. Awards – The Board voted and approved for Nancy Light to chair the 2027 Awards Committee.
- h. Seminars

Connie Cleveland (9/12-13, Country Classic Kennels) – Terrie Sato reported that registration will open on June 1 for WSOTC members and will open to others on June 11 for working spots. She will ask Elizabeth to post the registration form and email the form membership as well.

7. Unfinished Business:

Standing Rules – The Board voted and approved the changes that Terrie emailed to the Board. Board members will email their revisions to Rhonda.

8. New Business:

Catherine discussed holding an agility seminar at Lisa Witte's home in LaConner on 8/15-16 facilitated by Anita Sipes-Cook who is an agility trainer from Arizona. Lisa would chair the event and will present a budget at the next General Membership meeting. The Board voted to approve the concept of the seminar.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

Next Meetings (on Zoom):

General Membership Meeting: 5/20/26 at 7:00

Board Meeting: 6/1/26 at 7:30

General Membership Meeting: 6/17/26 at 7:00

General Meeting Minutes - May 20, 2026

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, Sue Cox, Betty Winthers, Sandy Burr, Pat Edwards, Cathy Soule, Holly Krohn, Laurie Southard, Penny Broomer, Lisa Witte, April Caron, Lisa Stedman, Jill Petersen, Debbie Bohn, Lee Anne McNeil, Joyce Brombaugh, Tain Rose, Jayne Walker, Shiela Leitch, Cyran Kahn, Janet Elliott, Elizabeth Soule, Nancy Harney, Debbie Fagala, Erika French, Diane Flynn, Kathy Mead, Rachel Clemans; Guests: Jo Chinn, Dez Garner.
2. The minutes from the 4/15/26 meeting were approved.
3. Report of the President: Melissa recognized and thanked all the current officers and board members.
4. Report of the Secretary: No report.
5. Report of the Treasurer: Catherine presented updated reports for April and May which will be posted in the members only section of the website.
6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Membership – The full membership voted and approved the second reading for Jo Chinn and Desmond Garner. Elizabeth asked if new members have been able to sign into the member’s only section on the website. If anyone is having difficulty, they can contact Melissa. (melissa.s.knapp@comcast.net).
 - b. Newsletter – The deadline for the next Canine Post is June 7 and will cover two months.
 - c. Website - Melissa will investigate how people can access old Canine Posts on the website
 - d. Hearts and Flowers – Cards were sent to Sandy Burr, Nancy Light, Linda Shea and Lorri Kraft.
 - e. Donation – Nancy Harney (chair) reported that one of the organizations that the committee recommended (Jubilee Women’s Center) to receive a donation contacted her to let her know they do not accept pets at the shelter. There was a motion that was voted on and approved to allow the committee to determine a replacement for the Jubilee Women’s Center \$500 donation with another Washington organization for domestic violence victims that accept pets. There was a “friendly amendment” to also consider the AKC Humane Grant Fund or the Doney Coe Clinic in Seattle.
 - f. Nominating – The slate of nominees was published in the Canine Post. There were no nominees from the floor. It was voted on and approved to close nominations.

Nominees are:

President – Melissa Knapp
Vice President – Nancy Light
Secretary – Rhonda Forman
Treasurer – Catherine Shaffer
Board Members: Terrie Sato and Nancy Harney
AKC Delegate: Jack Cadalso

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g. Judges – Melissa presented the list of Obedience and Rally judges that were voted on and approved.

7. Events:

a. Matches and Rent-a Rings:

- Rent-a Ring – There will be a rent-a-ring on Friday (8/7) before the summer obedience trial.

b. Scent Work – (6/20-21/2026, Monroe Christian School) – contact Sara Kahn to volunteer to help at the trial. Entries are closed. Sue Cox recommended that either a committee or Board member assist Melissa with the random draw.

c. Agility (7/10-12, 2026, Fun Fur Paws) – No report

d. - Summer Obedience and Rally trials (August 8-9, Country Classic Kennels) - Melissa presented the budget which was voted on and approved.

e. Seminars:

- Connie Cleveland (9/12-13, 2026, Country Classic Kennels) – Terrie Sato announced that the registration form is posted on the club website. Additionally, Elizabeth sent it to the membership. Terrie requested that the entries be sent to her and not to Elizabeth. The seminar will also be posted on the club Facebook page.

- Anita Sipes-Cook Agility Seminar (8/15-16, 2026, Lisa Witte's home, La Conner) – The membership voted on and approved the budget and holding the seminar at Lisa Witte's home. Lisa will chair the event. The seminar will be open to all levels and registration will be taken on the website using Cheddar Up with club members having priority. Lisa will check on her home liability insurance.

8. Unfinished Business:

- Rhonda reported that she sent a thank you email to Gina DiNardo, president of AKC regarding AKC's effort and ultimate success in having a lawsuit dismissed that was filed by PETA.

9. New Business:

- Sue Cox announced that the newest rally rules have been published in the AKC regulations. Melissa will order the 5 copies with the blue cover for club use.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

Next Meetings (on Zoom):

Board Meeting: 6/1/26 at 7:30

General Membership Meeting: 6/17/26 at 7:00

Board Meeting Minutes - June 1, 2026

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 by President Melissa Knapp. Attendees: Melissa Knapp, Nancy Light, Rhonda Forman and Neil Evans.
2. The minutes from the 5/4/26 meeting were approved.
3. Report of the President: No report.
4. Report of the Secretary: Rhonda reported that she sent a notice from AKC to Elizabeth to post in the upcoming newsletter regarding a change in the wording "must run" in the regulations and replace it with, "Fast" which means that the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably accelerated speed. This change is effective 6/1/26.
5. Report of the Treasurer: Catherine was absent but had sent an updated report which will be posted in the members only section on the website.
6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Summer Obedience and Rally trial (8/8-9/2026, Country Classic Kennels) – Melissa reported that there was some confusion between Baray and herself about the date entries were to open. It was originally thought they would open on 6/1. Melissa is working with Baray to determine the date entries will open. In addition to serving as the on-site secretary, April Caron volunteered to do hospitality. Melissa still needs to identify a chief ring steward.
 - b. Agility Trial (7/10-12, 2026, Fun Fur Paws) – Nancy reported that Linda Shea is handling stall rentals.
 - c. Scent Work Trial (6/20-21, Monroe Christian School) – Melissa is in the process of sending out invoices to everyone who entered. As of today, the trial is not full.
 - d. Seminars

Connie Cleveland (9/12-13, Country Classic Kennels) – All working spots were filled by club members. Auditors can sign-up using Cheddar Up or send entries directly to Terrie.

Anita Sipes-Cook (8/15-16, Lisa Witte's home, La Conner) – Registration information is forthcoming. The flyer and registration form will be sent out to all club members and they will be given entry priority.
7. New Business:

The Board discussed this year's AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award recipient. The Board voted and approved a recipient which will be announced at the June General Membership meeting.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

Next Meetings (on Zoom):

General Membership Meeting: 6/17/26 at 7:00

Board Meeting: 7/6/26 at 7:30

General Membership Meeting: 7/15/26 at 7:00

Obedience Regulations – Redefining the Meaning of “Fast”

The AKC Board of Directors at its May 2026 meeting voted to remove the words “must run” from the regulations and replace with, “Fast” which means that the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably accelerated speed. This change is effective June 1, 2026.

Agility Regulations – Moving Entries Laterally

The AKC Board of Directors at its April 2026 meeting voted to allow the move of entries laterally from Regular to Preferred classes and vice versa per the club’s policy for move-ups. The move up regulations in Chapter 1, Section 20 of the Agility Regulations must be adhered to. This change to the Agility Regulations is effective June 1, 2026.

PETA Lawsuit Against AKC Dismissed by New York Supreme Court

Dear Delegates,

In July 2025, the American Kennel Club was served with a Petition filed by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) in New York Supreme Court. The Petition asked the Court to require AKC to take action in response to PETA’s complaints under our Charter and Bylaws, and to rule that AKC acted improperly in choosing not to do so. It also sought to stop AKC from continuing to use the official breed standards for the Bulldog, French Bulldog, Pug, Dachshund, and Chinese Shar-Pei.

On September 5, 2025, AKC filed its Motion to Dismiss PETA’s Petition arguing, amongst other things, that Article 78 does not apply to the Petition’s claims and PETA does not have standing to bring the Petition. PETA opposed AKC’s Motion to Dismiss.

We are pleased to report that today, AKC received an Order from the Court granting AKC’s Motion to Dismiss PETA’s Petition and accordingly, denying PETA’s Petition. The Court confirmed that AKC is a private, not-for-profit organization and that PETA, because it is not a member of AKC and is not governed by AKC, does not have standing to bring this case. We view this as a meaningful win for the organization, our breeds, and our Parent clubs, allowing us to stay focused on what matters most: advocating for purebred dogs and the people who care for them.

Gina M. DiNardo
President and Chief Executive Officer

Celebrations!



Laura Day + Mika

GCH CH Pemhill Uh Oh Spaghetti CGC, RE scored a 99 in Rally Advanced B and achieved her RAE that same day, at the Spokane shows.

Now on to Masters...

Celebrations!



Shea Hughes-Gorman + Skye + Kronk

Skye won 2 high in trials, 3 High Combined and 5 first places. She also achieved her Rally Novice title. Kronk achieved his CDX.



Erika Brennan + Monty

Monty competed at the Canine Performance Events (CPE) Nationals last month at Run Wild.

I have to thank Erika Brennan for her wonderful handling of Monty these past few weeks, they really have become a wonderful team.

He Qd 6 out of 9 runs and placed in 5 of those Qs with Erika handling. The other three NQ runs were a team effort by him, myself & Erika. He knocked a bar, I stopped moving after sending him out to weave away from me and Erika tried to push him instead of pulling.

The great thing about agility, obedience or any sport with your dog, all they care about is that they get to play with the people who mean so much to them. My goal at the very beginning of this agility journey has been that my dogs have fun, if they come off the course happy, WE BOTH WON! Ribbons, medals, and all the other awards are great for showing off your dog's talents, but it means nothing to them, it's about the play and, with my guys, the treats.

The many people from all the clubs and all the volunteers working so hard, so we can have fun with our dogs do a FANTASTIC job organizing and pulling it all off, I cannot thank them enough.

I forgot to mention that he also earned his CT-ATCH.

Celebrations!



Kathy Teufel + Douglas

Douglas has earned his SCENT WORK EXTERIOR MASTER. One more title to go...and Douglas is only 12 1/2!