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Upcoming Club Events

- 5/20 General Membership Meeting at 7:00pm on Zoom
- 6/1 Board Meeting at 7:30 on Zoom
- 6/17 General Membership Meeting at 7:00pm on Zoom
- 6/20-21 WSOTC Scent Work trial in Monroe
- 7/10-12 WSOTC Agility Trial at Fun Fur Paws
- 8/8-9 WSOTC Summer Obedience and Rally Trial 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 April 2026 general membership meeting:

Cyrah Kahn was voted in as a full member. She is from North Bend, has Rottweilers, and is interested in agility, obedience, rally, and tracking.

Diane Flynn was voted in as a full member. She is from Sequim, has a Greater Swiss Mountain Dog, and is interested in obedience, rally, scent work, and tracking.

Rachel Clemans was voted in as an associate member. She is from Shoreline, has a German Shepherd and Belgian Malinois, and is interested in tracking.

Victoria Searcy was voted in as an associate member. She is from Seattle, has a Cattle Dog and Border Collie, and is interested in obedience and agility.

Kathy Meade was voted in as an associate member. She is from San Antonio, TX but visits the Seattle area regularly. She has Golden Retrievers and is interested in obedience.

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: pwtdx3@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

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.

2026-27 Officer and Board Nominations

The Nominating Committee (Jayne Walker, Holly Krohn, Penny Broomer, Chair Sue Cox) submit the following list of nominees to serve for the 2026-27 term:

President: Melissa Knapp

Vice President: Nancy Light

Secretary: Rhonda Forman

Treasurer: Catherine Shaffer

Board Members: Terrie Sato and Nancy Harney

AKC Delegate: Jack Cadalso

It should be noted that Jack is delighted to continue to serve as our delegate and that our present expense reimbursement arrangement is satisfactory to him.

Per the By Laws: "Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Secretary shall, before April 15th, notify each Full Member in writing of the candidates so nominated. 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. 6 d. Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than provided in this Section."

Our committee's work is done! Now it's your job to follow through with notifying the membership.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Cox, Chair Nominating Committee

2026 Spring Obedience and Rally Trial Report

Amanda Buse, Trial Chair

We had a wonderful spring Obedience and Rally Trials. Entry numbers were solid and once again, we needed a 4th judge to cover coverage in Rally. Don Rennick was gracious enough to serve as our last-minute 4th judge for the Rally rings.

Our trials could not happen if it were not for our wonderful show superintendent, BaRay. We also appreciated greatly that Fun Fur Paws lets us return each year to their beautiful show grounds. Both Melissa and Dave Burton do a great job of working with us each year.

We would like to thank our judges, Debbie Addicoat, Don Rennick, Ronnie Bizer, and Marjorie Geiger. Congratulations to Marjorie for completing her first assignment as an AKC Judge at our trials.

Thank you again to Campfire Photography, Cynthia Kelly, for another year of fabulous photos. If you have not checked out the photos, visit <https://www.campfirephotography.com/>.

As always, these trials cannot be held without lots of people pitching in and we want to take a minute to thank everyone that helped. We may accidentally leave some names out, but do know, we appreciate everyone's contributions and support of these trials.

Trophy and Awards Chair – Jane Pitts did another fabulous job at finding useful trophies and beautiful rosettes for our Juniors, OTCH, and RACH rosettes. This was the first year all our RACH rosettes were awarded! Time to stock up again. Jane does a great job of watching the financial cost of rosettes. This year she made a small change by offering qualifying flat ribbons which was a great financial savings.

Co-Chief Ring Stewards – Melissa Knapp and Linda Shea stepped in late to cover our stewards this year and we are greatly thankful for their quick efforts to find stewards to cover not only the rings, but also the warmup ring, and clean up/tear down volunteers. This is a huge job as it requires a lot of juggling. This year, we had a few stewards requesting specific jobs as they are hoping to become judges. Melissa and Linda did a nice job of completing these requests as we want to support future judges.

Judges' & Grounds – Don Rennick is my secret weapon as he covers all things judges from helping select judges, suggesting class assignments, transportation, and finding those last-minute judges when we overload. Don also brings club supplies and equipment each year.

Club Updates

2026 Spring Obedience and Rally Trial Report

Hospitality – JoAnne and Susan Mulligan knocked it out of the dog show arena again. I cannot say enough good things about both. They do a fabulous job keeping our judges well fed throughout the weekend. They also make sure there are munchies for everyone. Joanne and Susan work very hard all weekend and somehow find time AND energy to exhibit.

Decorations – Jody Woodruff spoils us once more with beautiful ringside flowers. This year she added some additional fun signs and decorations. Snack bowls at each ring and the warmup ring were stocked with bits of munchies to help stewards, judges, and exhibitors have a tad more energy throughout the weekend. Thank you Jody, for adding a bit of fun, color, and spring to our trials.

Stewards – We would like to thank the many stewards that come out to help us keep our rings running smoothly each year. The days can be long, and we greatly appreciate all the hard work. We are fortunate to have many friends of the fancy who do not exhibit and/or are non-WSOTC members, as well as our many club members, assisting.

Stewards:

Cat Bailey
Betty Winthers
Laura Cronin
Laura Day
Erika French
Rhonda Forman
Shea Gorman & Gabriel

Neil Hall
Shannon Kelly
Cyrah Khan
Nancy Light
Tami Mattox
LeeAnne McNeil
Ken Norman

Laurie Southard
Tracy Thorleifson
Kathy Teufel
Jessica Webb
Terrie Sato



Linda Shea was the Highest Scoring Club Member for Sunday

2026 Spring Obedience and Rally Trial Report

Friends of Obedience:

We would also like to thank our many Friends of Obedience Donors, as well as our sponsors for trophies and awards.

Debbie Bohn
Lee Boelter
Nancy Brodie
Darlene Brown
Amanda Buse
Arlette Davison
Neil Evans
Debbie Fagala
Ann Ferguson
Rhonda Forman

Erika French
Michelle Fuqua
Jaime Houston
Becky Johnson
Melissa Knapp
Lori Kraft
Holly Krohn
Sheila Leitch
Ronnie Sue Leith
Susan Mulligan

Jane Pitts
Tain Rose
Terrie Sato
Catherine Shaffer
Karen Snee
Cathy Soule
Elizabeth Soule
Katherine Teufel
Kathryn Wigner
Betty Winthers

Trophies and Awards Sponsors:

Anonymous
Lee Boelter
Amanda Buse
Sharon Colvin

Sue Cox
Don Rennick
Catherine Shaffer
Elizabeth Soule

Kathy Teufel
Betty Winthers

Finally, thank you to our many wonderful exhibitors who come back each year to these trials. We also welcomed lots of A level exhibitors and some Junior handlers. We look forward to watching our A dog teams and Juniors continue with their performance goals. It was another great year for Rally, and just like last year, we had 9 Rally Teams having a great time with their best 4-legged friends and 2-legged teammates.

The club had a great time honoring two long-standing local judging giants and WSOTC members as we recognized their years of service as they retired from Performance judging, Betty Winthers and Sue Cox. Thank you both for all you have given to the fancy.

We look forward to the 2027 trials at Fun Fur Paws and seeing familiar faces and new ones.

Respectfully submitted by,
Amanda Buse
2026 WSOTC Obedience and Rally Trials Chair

2026 Spring Obedience and Rally Trial



The club celebrated the retirement of Sue Cox and Betty Winthers from judging. Thank you for your many years of service and contributions to the sport of dogs!

Thank you note from Sue Cox

Dear WSOTC board members, Amanda and the trial committee,

I cannot begin to thank you for the tremendous pleasure and honor experienced at the trial on Saturday when my retirement after 40 years as an AKC judge was acknowledged and celebrated! I'll treasure the cards and notes, and the catalog page! And to add to those was the very delicious special cake and the beautiful pot of spring flowers created by Jody Woodruff. It's in a place on the front patio where I see it all the time.

Already that day I'd received so many hugs, greetings and kind words and then was totally surprised with the celebration of my retirement. It was the very best day I've had in a long time and I thank each of you so much for bringing me so much joy. My years as an AKC judge were a huge part of my adult life. There were great and not-so-great days while officiating at obedience and rally trials, but overall it was



2026 Spring Obedience and Rally Trial

Thank you note from Sue Cox continued

rewarding and fabulous, and I'd do it all again. I'm just a bit sad that John wasn't physically present to share the day.

My membership in WSOTC since 1972 is another source of great joy, pride and satisfaction. I thank the Club for all the opportunities my membership presented for me to learn and enjoy, plus form lifelong friendships. THANK YOU!

Sincerely,

Sue (MacDonald) Cox

Thank you note to stewards from Linda Shea

I am very appreciative of all those who stepped up to steward at the WSOTC spring trials.

Please accept my very heartfelt thanks for your time, effort and smiles throughout the weekend!

Well done, thank you all again!

Thank you note from Lorraine Paglini

Just a short note from me, Lorraine and the little lappies. I wanted to send you many thanks and gratitude for a wonderful obedience trial. Everything was great. Kudos to you and your club. Hopefully I can do it again next year.

WSOTC AWARDS 2025

WSOTC club members celebrated members who earned titles and achieved annual awards recognition on April 11. The 2025 WSOTC Club Achievement Awards was also presented to Debby Warden in recognition of her service to the club.

All awards are 2025 and AKC unless otherwise noted.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Joyce Brombaugh
Cascade Sun's Roxy Road (Rox)
Border Collie
NAP OAP NJP OJP

Link (Link)
Havanese
PACH2 PAX2 MXJP5 MXJP6
MXP5 MXP6 BCAT

Zelda (Zelda)
Havanese
MXJP5 MXP4

April Caron and Diane Burlingame
BlueSky's Midsummer's Dream @ Deercreek (Scully)
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever
RA RE

Arlette Davison
Aubrielle Giselle Fleur Royale (Aubrey)
Papillon
GCHS

Nancy Harney
SKOOKUM CREEK'S TOUGH HOMBRE ARCHIE (Archie)
Labrador Retriever
CDX RI

Melissa Knapp
CedarWing Ruff And Ready (Gunner)
English Cocker Spaniel
SWE

CedarWing Gold As The Raven Flies (Raven)
English Cocker Spaniel
RM RAE

CedarWing Run For The Roses (Rosie)
English Cocker Spaniel
BN RN RI SH

Lorri Kraft
Neu-Rodes You're The One That I Want
Rottweiler
SWM AC AI

Lorri Kraft, Curt Kraft
Von Marc's Quickstep
Rottweiler
RN SWN SWA TKN TKI NC NI
NV

Nancy Light
Rio Ranch Leap Into Action (Lia)
Golden Retriever
AXP

Skylight's The Jury Is In (Jury)
Golden Retriever
MXP5 MJP6 PAX2 PACH2

Pat Lindquist
Calliope It's All Oboe Me
Golden Retriever
OTCH 2 OM5 MACH 4 MXS2
MJS2 SWD SBME SWME
SHDME L3I L3C ELITE2
ELITE CH (NACSW)
RATCHX5 RATCHX6 REMX3
CZ8P2S CZ8P2G (BHA)

Calliope Just What The Doctor Ordered
Golden Retriever
CD MACH 2 PADP MJG MXG
SHDE SHDM L2I L3I ELITE2
ELITE3 (NACSW) RATCH
CZ8PS CZ8PG (BHA)

Lee Ann McNeil
Sirrics Adele's Second Act (Ebby)
Shetland Sheepdog
RI RA CGCA CGCU TKN FD

Jill Petersen
Dignpop Hollywould Sunshine
Norwich Terrier
PCD CD

WSOTC AWARDS 2025

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Jane Pitts

**Laughing Coup de Foudre
(Moxie)**

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel
2024 RN RI
2025 BN CD RA

Tain Rose

**Hayaikaze's No. 1 Hero
Bakusatsu-ou (Bakugo)**

Kai Ken
SEN SIN ORT

Yamabushi no Octave

Melody (Tavi)

Kai Ken
SCA SIA

Catherine Shaffer

Hob Nob Sienna Diza (Diza)

Border Collie
CD RAE2 RM4 RC3 NA NF
NADAC NAC RALLY-FREE
INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED
SKILLS

Katherine Teufel

Cripple Creek Always

**Looking Up To The Frontier
(Douglas)**

Border Terrier
VALENTINE, 20 WITH 1,

Cripple Creek Adventure's

**Out There @ FRONTIER
(Ellie Rose)**

Border Terrier
BN, VALENTINE, 20 WITH 1,
SPEEDTRICK, K9
EISENSTEIN

PERPETUAL PLAQUES

AGILITY

WASHINGTON STATE
OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB
MX MXJ MACH AGCH
HONOR PLAQUE

LINK PACH2 MXP6 MXJP6

HAVANESE
JOYCE BROMBAUGH

ZELDA MXJP5 MXP4

HAVANESE
JOYCE BROMBAUGH

RALLY

RALLY ADVANCED
EXCELLENT/RALLY
CHAMPION HONOR
PLAQUE

CEDARWING GOLD AS THE

RAVEN FLIES RAE
ENGLISH COCKER SPANIEL
MELISSA KNAPP

HOB NOB SIENNA DIZA

RAE2
BORDER COLLIE
CATHERINE SHAFFER

SCENTWORK

WASHINGTON STATE
OBEDIENCE TRAINING CLUB
SCENTWORK HONOR
PLAQUE

NEU-RODES YOU'RE THE

ONE THAT I WANT SWM
ROTTWEILER
LORRI KRAFT

CALLIOPE IT'S ALL OBOE ME

SWD SWME SHDME
GOLDEN RETRIEVER
PAT LINDQUIST

CALLIOPE JUST WHAT THE

DOCTOR ORDERED SHDM
GOLDEN RETRIEVER
PAT LINDQUIST

Club Updates

WSOTC TOP DOG AWARDS

TOP NOVICE DOG

CALLIOPE JUST WHAT THE
DOCTOR ORDERED
PAT LINDQUIST
(3 scores = 594.5)

TOP OPEN DOG

SKOOKUM CREEK'S TOUGH
HOMBRE
NANCY HARNEY
(3 scores = 572)

TOP UTILITY DOG

CALLIOPE IT'S ALL OBOE
ME
PAT LINDQUIST
(3 scores = 570)

CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

THE CHAMPION JUST TORVALD THAT'S ALL, U.D. (LOUIS PRINCE)
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Debby Warden

FUN MATCH

Sunday, June 14, 2026
Outside - rain or shine

Location: Buckley, WA (Private Residence)

Parking: Plenty available

Dogs: Must be leashed and under control except in the ring

Shade: Limited—bring water and coverings for your dogs

Clean Up: Please pick up after your dog



**All-Breed
Obedience & Rally**

**Newfoundland
Conformation**

Obedience Rent-A-Ring

- 15-minute slots: \$14 each (\$10 for NCS members)
- Additional slots: Add "Guests" to your registration
- Equipment provided
- Judges available on request

Newfoundland Conformation

- Time: 12:15 PM in Ring 2
- Entry Fee: \$10

Rally Rent-A-Ring

- 10-minute run-throughs: \$12 each
- Equipment provided

Ring 3

- Excellent/Masters 9 am - 1 pm

Ring 4

- Advanced 9 am - 11 am
- Novice 11 am - 1 pm



Don't miss our NEWF RODEO
- more info here:

<https://www.newfclubseattle.org/event-6663437>

How to Register

1. Go to: [Newfoundland Club of Seattle](http://www.newfclubseattle.org)
2. Find the event on the homepage
3. Register & pay for your slots
4. Check your email for confirmation and links to sign up for time slots
5. Your confirmation email will include the event address

**Click here for the
registration link!**

Board Meeting Minutes - March 2, 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 2/2/26 meeting were approved.
3. **Report of the President:** No report.
4. **Report of the Secretary:** Rhonda reported on correspondence from AKC regarding several of the club's events: Scent Work trial pending receipt of application and judges panel; August Obedience and Rally trials pending judges panel; The application and judges panel was approved for the July Agility trials; Close out notice of February Tracking Tests and next year's corresponding date (2/28/27).

Rhonda also received an update from AKC with an regarding agility regulations which she forwarded to Elizabeth Soule for publishing in the Canine Post.

5. **Report of the Treasurer:** Catherine presented an updated report which will be posted on the "members only" section of the website.
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Membership – No report.
 - b. Hearts and Flowers – No report.
 - c. Tracking - TD/TDX (2/22/26, Bow) – The test went well, with 4 TD passes and no TDX passes.
 - d. Spring 2026 Obedience and Rally trial (3/28-29, Fun Fur Paws) – Melissa reported that they are looking for a few more volunteers to steward. Donations for all the trophies are funded. The rent-a-ring on Friday will have a self-serve online sign up which will be available soon on Cheddar Up.
 - e. Summer Obedience and Rally trial (8/8-9/2026, Country Classic Kennels) – No report.
 - f. Agility Trial (7/10-12, 2026, Fun Fur Paws) – Linda Shea (chair) and Nancy Light are working on a budget.
 - g. Scent Work Trial (6/20-21) – Melissa prepared a budget which the Board voted and approved to present to the general membership at the next meeting.
 - h. Newsletter – No report.
 - i. Website – No report.
 - j. Awards:
 - Awards Dinner: Nancy will ask Elizabeth to send out a reminder with March 6 as the deadline for responses from those planning to attend the dinner. The engraver has finished work on the perpetual trophies.
 - k. Donation Committee – The committee will report at the next General Membership meeting.
 - l. Nominating Committee – Rhonda will contact nominees prior to 4/15.

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- m. Seminars
 - Judges Seminar – No report
 - Connie Cleveland (9/12-13, Country Classic Kennels) – There was discussion about the logistics of the seminar. Terrie Sato is creating a budget to be presented at a future meeting.
- 7. **Unfinished Business:**
 - Rhonda will resend out the Standing Rules document to each Board member for review and updating.
 - Rhonda will contact Elizabeth to see if she made a change to the club Facebook page allowing for those other than admins to post.
- 8. **New Business:**

Nancy suggested discussing at the next General Membership Meeting letting event and committee chairs know that they are permitted to use the club Zoom account to hold meetings.
- 9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

Next Meetings (on Zoom):

General Membership Meeting: 3/18/26 at 7:00

Board Meeting: 4/6/26 at 7:30

General Membership Meeting: 4/15/26 at 7:00

General Meeting Minutes - March 18, 2026

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Melissa Knapp.

Attendees: Melissa Knapp, Catherine Shaffer, Nancy Light, Rhonda Forman, Neil Evans, Terrie Sato, Sue Cox, Betty Winthers, Elizabeth Soule, Sandy Burr, Pat Edwards, Cathy Soule, Nancy Harney, Holly Krohn, Pat Lindquist, Tara Curtis, Amanda Buse, Sheila Leitch, Sara Kahn, Ronnie Sue Leith, Penny Broomer, Laurie Southard; guests: Victoria Searcy, Cyrah Kahn, Diane Flynn, Kathy Mead, Jo Chinn.

2. The minutes from the 2/18/26 meeting were approved.
3. **Report of the President:** No report.
4. **Report of the Secretary:** No report.
5. **Report of the Treasurer:** Catherine presented an updated report which will be posted on the members only section of the website.
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Membership – There were five first readings for Diane Flynn, Cyrah Kahn, Kathy Mead, Victoria Searcy and Rachel Clemons. The full membership voted and approved the second reading for Janet Elliot.
 - b. Newsletter and Website – The deadline for the next Canine Post is March 27. Melissa has been keeping the calendar up to date on the website and she has posted the upcoming rent-a-ring schedule on the front page.
 - c. Hearts and Flowers – No report.
 - d. Annual Awards – The awards dinner has been rescheduled due to inclement weather. The new date and location is Saturday, April 11 from 4:00 – 6:00 at the Olive Garden restaurant in Kirkland. People will need to RSVP again to Nancy.
 - f. Donation – Nancy Harney, committee chair presented the committee's donation recommendations. The committee is recommending 5 local organizations in the amount of \$500 to 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 general membership will vote on these recommendations at their meeting in April.
7. **Events:**
 - a. Matches and Rent-a Rings:
 - Rent-a Ring - Friday, March 27, Fun Fur Paws – All of the spots for the rent-a-ring are filled. Terrie, Melissa and Holly will be there to monitor the rings.

General Meeting Minutes - March 18, 2026

- b. Tracking: Sil Sanders is working on a list of tracking judges for the club to review and approve.
- c. Scent Work – (6/20-21/2026, Monroe Christian School) – Sara Kahn reported that they will be seeking volunteers to help at the trial. The budget was voted on and approved.
- d. Spring Obedience and Rally trials (3/28-29, 2026, Fun Fur Paws) – Amanda is waiting to hear from Baray to confirm their set up arrival time. There are a high number of entries, requiring an additional judge. Don Rennick has agreed to judge both days. Melissa and Linda Shea are finalizing the steward schedule. Amanda requested food donations for breakfast, lunch and snacks, including some vegetarian and gluten free options.
- e. Agility (7/10-12, 2026, Fun Fur Paws) – No report
- f. Summer Obedience and Rally trials (August 8-9, Country Classic Kennels) – No report.
- g. Seminars:
 - Connie Cleveland (September 12-13, 2026, Country Classic Kennels)
 - Terrie Sato reported that there will be 18 participant spots with two rings. Connie and her associate, Kelsey Wehr will work with the participants, with each person having 5 opportunities to work in the ring. WSOTC members will have the first opportunity to reserve working spots. Terrie will have additional information to present to the Board at their April meeting.

 - Judges Seminar – Sue Cox reported that her judges group met at Terri Kaluza’s building. She thanked Catherine Shaffer for coming and arranging the Zoom call. Sue said she thought 3 or 4 judges might participate in a seminar put on for exhibitors. They still need to identify a location and date.

8. New Business:

- Nancy Light announced to anyone chairing an event or committee, that the club’s Zoom account is available for their use by contacting Nancy ahead of time.
- 9. Ronnie Sue Leith presented a fascinating report of her judging assignment that took place in Puerto Rico.
- 10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

Next Meetings (on Zoom):

Board Meeting: 4/6/26 at 7:30

General Membership Meeting: 4/15/26 at 7:00

Board Meeting Minutes - April 6, 2026

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 by President Melissa Knapp. Attendees: Melissa Knapp, Nancy Light, Rhonda Forman, Terrie Sato and Neil Evans
2. The minutes from the 3/2/26 meeting were approved.
3. **Report of the President:** No report.
4. **Report of the Secretary:** Rhonda reported that Betty Winthers sent a thank you card and Sue Cox sent an email to the club for their recognition and contributions to the sport at the spring obedience and rally trial. She also reported that AKC has sent correspondence approving the scent work trial application and judge panel.
5. **Report of the Treasurer:** No report.
6. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Membership – No report.
 - b. Hearts and Flowers – No report.
 - c. Tracking – The financial report from the February tracking test will be posted on the website. The Board agreed to ask Marta Brock to chair the 2027 TD/TDX.
 - d. Spring 2026 Obedience and Rally trial (3/28-29, Fun Fur Paws) – Melissa reported that the trial was a great success and was well attended. She thanked all the volunteers. The financial report will be forthcoming. The rent-a-ring on Friday went well. Next year, we should be able to start earlier given that Baray completed their work by 1:00. It took them 1.5 hours to set up. In the future, we should put cones in front of the rings we are not using for the rent-a-ring.
 - e. Summer Obedience and Rally trial (8/8-9/2026, Country Classic Kennels) – Melissa reported that everything is on track.
 - f. Agility Trial (7/10-12, 2026, Fun Fur Paws) – The Board voted and approved the budget to be presented at the next General Membership meeting which was prepared by Nancy Light and Linda Shea.
 - g. Scent Work Trial (6/20-21) – Melissa reported that the committee has met twice. Everything is on track. Volunteers will be needed.
 - h. Newsletter – No report.
 - i. Website – No report.
 - j. Awards – The dinner will be held on April 11 at the Olive Garden restaurant in Kirkland. Nancy has received 11 RSVPs.
 - k. Donation Committee – The general membership will vote on the committee's recommendations at the April 15 meeting.
 - l. Nominating Committee – Melissa will send out the committee's nominees to the general membership prior to the May 20 meeting.

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- m. Seminars
 - Judges Seminar – No report
 - Connie Cleveland (9/12-13, Country Classic Kennels) – The Board voted and approved the budget to be presented at the next General Membership meeting as prepared by Terrie Sato.

7. **Unfinished Business:**

- The Board reviewed and made updates to the Standing Rules.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22

Submitted by Rhonda Forman, Secretary

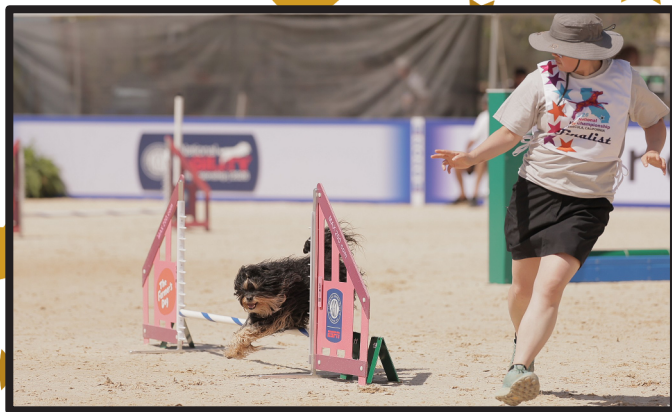
Next Meetings (on Zoom):

General Membership Meeting: 4/15/26 at 7:00

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

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

Celebrations!



Joyce Brombaugh + Link + Zelda

Link and Zelda and I went to CA in March to participate in the AKC National Agility Championship. This is my first time traveling to a large event and I didn't have any expectation except to enjoy the event.

Link was absolutely amazing and gave me his all even in 100 degree heat. We placed Third in the 8" Preferred class. It has been an unforgettable experience.

Celebrations!



Tara Curtis + Lulu

Lulu earned her RACH at the March trial at Fun Fur Paws and will be on her way to 2026 Rally Nationals in Ohio!

Celebrations!



Amanda Buse + Banksy Boo

Banksy Boo has officially earned his AKC Rally Novice title. He earned his 3rd leg under Don Rennick at the WSOTC Trials.

Celebrations!



Debbie Fagala + Shasta

Here's Shasta, celebrating his new Advanced Tricks Title, posing with his props!

Blue Heavens It Hasta Be Shasta, CDX, GN, FDC, CGCA, TKA, ATT

Celebrations!



Arlette Davison + Aubrey + Juliette

We had many successes at the Olympia Dog Fanciers conformation show May 1,2,3: Aubrey was Best of Breed May 2 & 3, and her 1/2 sister Juliette was Winners Bitch May 1st. Not to be left out, Juliette's brother Remy is closing in on a Fastcat BCAT title.