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The Monthly Newsletter of the Wenatchee Kennel Club

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The Wenatchee Kennel Club (WKC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Its purpose is to further the advancement of all breeds of purebred dogs and provide education for their responsible breeding; conduct events under the rules of the American Kennel Club and to hold other events as approved by the Wenatchee Kennel Club; and provide education, training, and information regarding the responsible ownership, care and exhibiting of all dogs. Those interested in becoming members are invited to contact WKC at (509) 886-DOGS (3647).

President: Louise Day
Vice-President: Marshall Brown
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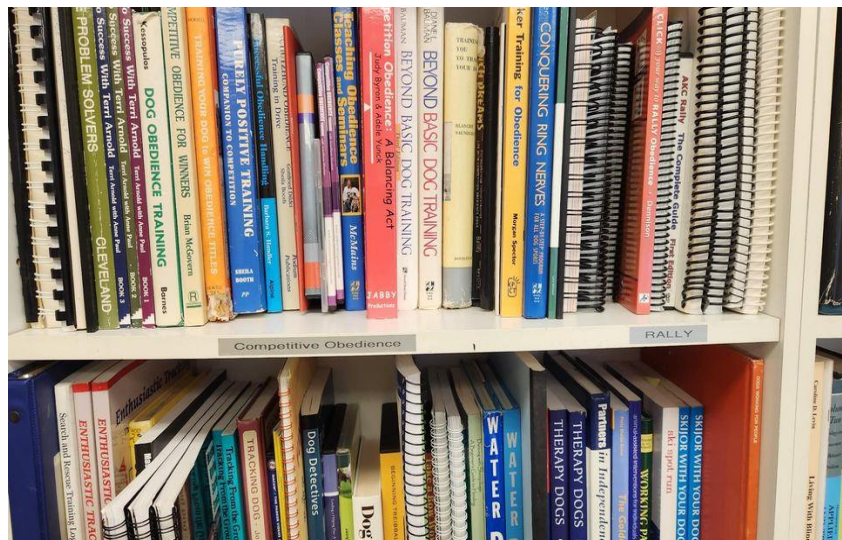
Upcoming Events

**WKC Awards Banquet
and Election
Masonic Lodge
Saturday
January 28**

**Ephrata/Moses Lake
Agility Trial
March 3-5**

**WKC Tracking Test
Palisades
Sunday, March 19, 2023**

Book, Books, Books!



The Wenatchee Kennel Club library has been updated and is now open. Members can once again check out materials from our amazing library! There are VHS tapes, DVDs, books, games and puzzles for your enjoyment and education. The shelves are labeled by interest subjects: breeds, breeding & structure, agility, puppies, kids and dogs, formal obedience, clicker training, tracking, other sports, general dog training, behavior modification, specific behaviors, health and nutrition, massage, memoirs and fiction. If you have books from the WKC library, please return them to the office so we can officially record them on our spreadsheet— and then you can check them out again if you wish. Thanks to Betsy Metcalf and the other library workers for getting the library ready to reopen!

Louise's Corner



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Happy New Year everyone!!

We will again be having our dinner at the Masonic Center in Wenatchee on Saturday, January 28th, 2023, at 6:00 PM. Please get your reservations and meal limitations to me by Friday, January 20th. I am overseeing the food for this dinner with the Eastern Star group this year. I have so much to do with the Kennel Club meeting and organizing the workers for cooking and serving I need a good count, so I know how much to prepare.

We will be having elections for our officers and a board of directors' position at that meeting. We welcome any member to come forward for any of the open positions - please contact Marshall Brown or Jan Flatten right away.

This last two months I have not been able to work my dogs in class due to a total knee replacement. Norman has taken over that fun duty. It has been interesting to watch him enjoy himself doing something other than his usual hunting training. He has really gotten the hang of scent work and agility and has even put 4 titles on two dogs.

So, why do I bring this up to all of you? Other than I am so blessed to have a great husband. But that would be bragging and should be in the brag column. It has really caused me to think about how much many of our members are missing if they do not try new things with their dogs and partners. As in the case with Norm and I, because we now have activities that we can do together instead of me doing mine and him doing his. Plus, it has opened new avenues for our dogs.

Four years ago, I would have never considered doing agility. It has made me a better person and formed a bond with my dogs I did not have with Conformation. Our club has so much to offer and so many wonderful volunteer instructors who work tirelessly to be sure their students have up to date instruction. They are also our greatest cheerleaders at all events.

So many clubs only offer one activity and have very few members, let alone their own building and grounds.

Louise

Agility Course Tests

Jan Flatten
AKC ACT Evaluator

In 2000, just before the start of the pandemic, AKC started a pre-novice agility competition called Agility Course Test (ACT) testing. Tests are designed to be entry level agility events to welcome beginner dogs and their handlers to AKC agility. There are two types of ACT courses: ACT and ACT Jumpers. Both are offered for beginner-beginners (ACT1 and ACT1J) and beginners (ACT2 and ACT2J). I became certified to evaluate ACT runs in January 2020 and offered WKC's first tests in February of 2020. AKC provides me with courses designed by competitive judges. Since then, we've offered tests on seven different occasions and the number of entries has steadily grown to the point where we had 124 runs during the tests this month! People even came from Spokane, Moses Lake, and Seattle!

ACT1 and ACT2 are beginning equivalents of Standard courses in competitive agility, but with fewer obstacles and less complexity. Because the weaves and teeter are usually the last obstacles a dog becomes proficient at, those are left off of the ACT1, but they are included in ACT2. Dogs navigate courses of 10-12 obstacles in ACT1 and 11-13 obstacles in ACT2 (including the weaves and teeter), within 60 and 70 seconds respectively. Both courses include a table, a-frame or dog walk, at least one tunnel and several jumps. To qualify, dogs must complete each obstacle in order in the time allotted, although unlike competitive agility, the dog can run around or stop in front of an obstacle without faults (up to three times, then they must go on). If a dog takes the wrong obstacle, the handler can go back and get the right obstacle in the order and incur a fault. Even with up to three faults, the team can qualify.

ACT1J and ACT2J are the beginning equivalents of Jumps with Weaves in competitive agility, again with fewer obstacles and less complexity. Both courses include jumps and at least one tunnel. ACT1J does not have weaves, but ACT2J does. To qualify, just like ACT1 and ACT2, each obstacle must be completed in order with no more than three faults, and within course time (50 and 60 seconds, respectively).

Like competitive agility, dogs can be eliminated or excused. At the ACT trial this month dogs were eliminated for knocking bars, failing to touch the contact zone on a contact and excused because the dog left the ring or the handler intentionally touched the dog. There are many other reasons for elimination or excusal in the regulations which are more detailed and specific about all of this information. Handlers are responsible for knowing them when competing.

ACT can also be done virtually for people who have access to equipment and a videographer. I had to do that with my dog Aspen because I'm the only certified evaluator in the area. Here she is from a screen shot doing ACT2 (she now has open titles in standard and JWW and I'm hoping for her excellent titles at a trial this coming weekend).



ACT gives new handlers confidence to move on to full trials! We had 86 qualifying runs at the January 2023 ACTs, and some of those teams may now be ready to go to their first full trial. The trial in Moses Lake (Ephrata-Moses Lake Kennel Club) in March is now open! You can find out more about upcoming trials under the event search at akc.org.



Inquiry For Property Maintenance Services

The Wenatchee Kennel Club is looking for a contractor to perform property maintenance services (building and grounds) for the Club at its Training Center. The work would average 10 to 12 hours per week. Duties include mowing lawns, weeding, trimming bushes and trees, snow removal, and maintaining the irrigation system (including minor repairs). The duties also include cleaning the floor mats in the building, minor repair of class equipment, and maintaining the HVAC system (changing filters, etc.). Must be qualified and able to operate heavy equipment such as a tractor, frontend loader, small machine with a snow plow attached, etc. Must be able to climb and work on high ladders.

The Training Center is located at 201 1st Street SE, East Wenatchee, Washington. If you are interested, please contact Marshall Brown at 509-664-6551 (please leave a message if your call is not answered). Thank you.



Nominations for Club Office

The Club will hold our annual meeting this year on Saturday, January 28, 2023 and will also hold the Club election then. Nominations for candidates for office are open. If you want to nominate a candidate or candidates, please contact the nominating committee, Jan Flatten (509-782-2416) or Marshall Brown (509-664-6551). Committee nominations close on January 20, 2023.

You can nominate yourself and/or other members if you have their consent. Only senior members can hold office and they must be nominated to be elected. A member may either be nominated by the nominating committee or nominated from the floor at the annual meeting. Members must be present at the annual meeting to vote.

The offices up for election this year are: President, Vice President, Secretary, and one Director. The following members are candidates so far:

- President: 1-year term **Louise Day**
- Vice President: 1-year term **Marshall Brown**
- Secretary: 1-year term **Erin Andersen**
- Director: 3-year term **Maggy Susman**



WKC Tracking Trial

The Wenatchee Kennel Club Tracking Trial will be held Sunday, March 19. The premium is posted on the web site and entries close on Thursday, March 9.



Membership Information

Brian Bourgeois, Membership Chair

The following membership application has been approved by the WKC Board and will be voted on during the January meeting / awards dinner:

1. Lewis and Kelly Wagman - Bernedoodle

Do you know somebody who would be interested in joining WKC? Information on applying for membership is posted on the WKC web site at:

<https://www.wenatcheekennelclub.com/membership-application-process>



WKC Members News

Maggy Susman: Magic and I earned our first titles in 2023. Magic passed the ACT1 & ACTJ1. I'm very proud of her. It was a long day and she was quite the trooper. Many thanks again to Jan Flatten, Linda Harbury, and Pam Pettit for arranging and volunteering for this awesome day.

Melissa Larson: Our big trial win (different kind of trial) was braving the cold to go outside & Go! We have been staying busy with Interior SW and learning new Tricks.





Pictured GCH CH Set'r Ridge's Set-Point Bellini JH (Tessa) going Best in National Regional Speciality

Shown by Anne Oster owned by Norman and Louise Day

GCH CH Bull Mtns Set'r Ridge's Eternity CDC TKN JH (Tabitha) owned by Norman and Louise Day and Paige Fink earned the following Q's at the ACT: ACT1J third place. ACT1J 4th place for a title. ACT1 4th place. ACT1 2nd place. ACT2 4th place. ACT2J 4th place.



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- **Current class schedules** and more info at www.wenatcheekennelclub.com.



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