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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
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Treasurer: Willard Fields
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John Njus, Carla Duncan, Maggy
Susman

Upcoming Events

WKC Scent Work Trial
Chelan County
Fairgrounds
May 19, 20, 21

Members Meeting
WKC Training Center
June 4 at 7 pm
"Tracking" by Maggy
Susman

2023 WKC Hunt Test - May 6 & 7



We have finished another successful double-double pointing breed hunt test. The WKC has been putting on Pointing Breed Hunt Tests since 2010.

Following our first hunt test, at the urging of AKC evaluators, we started doing double-double hunt tests. That involves 4 complete events, allowing a dog to earn a title if qualifying in 4 tests. This year the entries were way down from previous years. But as usual we put on a quality event. We had almost 100 extra chukar, but have managed to sell almost all of them to competitors and dog handlers.

We are doing some research and checking on how to bring our entries back up to pre-covid levels. One way is to do a walking field trial the day before. That is different than a hunt test, as the dogs are graded on different skills, conformation, and time limits. Walking will eliminate having to rent horses.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard putting this event on - you are the best. We had a lot of help, particularly from newbies. If I start mentioning names, I will forget someone. To those that helped, you made the WKC shine in the eyes of the competitors. **THANK YOU ALL!**



ACT Tests - April 22, 2023



On April 22, AKC Agility Instructor Jan Flatten evaluated teams for the Agility Course Test (ACT). Congratulations to all! Results included:

ACT I Round 1:

8" 1st Blue (Kari Gilje), 2nd Lorelei (Susan Mulligan), 3rd Inga (Kari Gilje); 12" 1st Ellie (Kelly Richards Boreson); 20" 1st Sniper (Shannon Edinger)

ACT I Round 2:

8" 1st Lorelei, 2nd Blue, 3rd Inga; 12" 1st Ellie.

ACT I TITLES: Blue, Inga, Lorelei, Ellie

ACT II Round 1:

8" 1st Lorelei; 12" 1st Ketcher (Kay Acres), 2nd Magic (Magnolia Susber)

ACT II Round 2:

4" 1st Dingus (Tracy Lloyd); 8" 1st Lorelei; 12" 1st Ketcher; 20" 1st Luna (Paula Arno Martinez)

ACT II TITLES: Lorelei, Ketcher

ACT I Jumpers Round 1:

1st 4" Bowie (Susan Ellestad); 8" 1st Inga, 2nd Blue; 12" 1st Ketcher, 2nd Ellie; 20" 1st Sniper

ACT I Jumpers Round 2:

4" 1st Bowie; 8": 1st Blue, 2nd Inga; 12" 1st Ellie, 2nd Ketcher; 20" 1st Sniper

ACT I JUMPERS TITLES: Bowie, Inga, Blue, Ellie, Ketcher, Sniper

ACT II Jumpers Round 1:

4" 1st Dingus; 8" 1st Lorelei; 12" 1st Ellie, 2nd Ketcher, 3rd Magic; 16" 1st Abby (Ayla Dylan); 20" 1st Luna

ACT II Jumpers Round 2:

4" 1st Dingus; 8" 1st Lorelei; 12" 1st Ketcher, 2nd Magic, 3rd Ellie; 16" 1st Abby; 20" 1st Luna

ACT II JUMPERS TITLES: Dingus, Lorelei, Ellie, Ketcher, Magic, Abby, Luna

Additional titles may have been earned by teams that had qualifying runs in earlier tests.

Thank you to all the helpers; we couldn't have done it without you!





The East Ring



The east Training Ring looking toward the East. Probable location of storage shed for Agility equipment.



The east Training Ring looking toward the Southwest

Progress toward two outdoor Training Rings is happening. The sod on the East Ring is beginning to “green up” and be ready to use. The clean up continues and rocks abound that need to be removed. Having easily accessible outdoor Agility equipment is a dream almost come true. You all can help by pulling a few weeds before and/or after class or coming to a workday. Many thanks to all who continue to make the WKC Training Center dreams come true. If you have questions or suggestions talk to Chuck St. John (509-421-8585) or John Njus (509-630-5057).



“Fence Me In” Plaques



Honor a person, pet or program with a custom plaque to be displayed on a section of the WKC Training Center fence. Your donations help pay for the fences that secure our outside training rings. Order now on the WKC website, <https://www.wenatcheekennelclub.com>, at *donate/tribute plaque*.

The next plaque order will be placed by Friday, June 30th. If you have any questions, contact Judy Johnson, 206-364-9368 or Susan Summers, 509-888-2133.





Louise's Corner

The East and West Fields are open!!!

Please be sure to reserve the fields if you wish to use them. You can reserve on the website, and it is easy to do. The charge is the same as using the building and you can put your money in envelopes in the black box in the training room.

We have finished another double-double pointing dog hunt test event. This year the entries were way down from previous years, but as usual we put on a quality event. I am doing some research and checking on how to bring our entries back up to pre-covid levels. One way is to do a walking field trial the day before. That is different than a hunt test, because the dogs are graded on different skills, conformation, and time limits. Walking will eliminate having to rent horses. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard putting this event on - you are the best.

Up next is our three-day scent work trial. Lots of volunteers are needed for this event also. Come out and work and watch all the dog's work. It is amazing to watch them from the novice to the detective level. What a fun sport this is. The thing I enjoy about this club is that everyone is happy for each other. When you come out the door with your green qualifying ribbon cheers are heard for you and your dog. If you don't qualify someone is there to listen to how you messed up (our dogs never mess up).

I cannot tell you how proud I am of this club and its members. I believe a lot of my dog friends from other clubs are tired of hearing how great all of you are. I don't think many of you realize what a great thing we have here in Wenatchee. Many clubs have fighting factions and members that only take part in one sport and do not even think of helping another sport. We are lucky to have a great building, grounds, and instructors who care about you and your dog.

Remember that our flower beds need tending now. So, contact Carla Duncan if you don't have one assigned. If you have one, it is time to start pulling again. If you don't want to sign up for a bed, feel free to reach down and pull a weed or two while waiting for class or a meeting. We have beautiful grounds so let's keep it that way.

Louise





Remembrance of Ch Set-Point Once Upon a Dream JH (Owen)

It is with great sadness that I need to report that my trusty and exceptional upland bird hunter and close companion of 12 years (Owen) passed on Tuesday following an almost yearlong battle with renal failure, high blood pressure and gastral issues. He also had a portion of his lungs removed 7 years ago caused by a severe inflammation in his lungs, likely due to cheatgrass (or similar irritant) working its way into his lungs. His chest was cut open and then wired closed. His x rays were impressive showing the butterfly wire knots. Owen continued to hunt with passion (including this past hunting season), but you could hear his raspy breathing.

Owen's littermate, Carter, drowned in a hunting accident 4 years ago. I usually hunted Owen and Carter together. They worked well as a team. Owen was a better pointer and Carter was better at retrieving downed birds. The picture above is of Carter (left) and Owen (right) on stakeout at a Pointing Breed Hunt Test.

Until his last day, Owen was always following me around the house and outside. If I was in the home office working on the computer, he would be curled up in the corner of the room. When I was outside doing yardwork, Owen would follow me around, while also watching out for a bird to fly past that he could chase.

Louise and I knew his last day was not very far away, so we took him with us to the Wenatchee Kennel Club's Hunt Tests this past weekend (May 5-7, 2023). While at the hunt test his condition worsened, and we could tell he was in some pain and had stopped eating. I decided we should take him to the veterinary when we returned home to put him down. Following the conclusion of the hunt test, Brian and I took Owen into one of the bird fields to let him have his last chance at doing what he loved most; upland bird hunting! He pointed two chukar and retrieved one (I missed one of the chukars). The photo on the following page is one of his points. He was steady as a rock until I could flush the chukar.

Owen and Carter will be remembered for their outstanding bird hunting abilities, and unwavering companionship.

Norman & Louise Day
Set-Point Setters



p.s. So, which of our dogs will take Owen's place as our number "one" bird hunter? Following Carter's death, I started hunting Owen and Spirit together on most hunts. Spirit can do it all, solid points, long retrieves, and backing. The photo at right shows Spirit backing Owen, who is pointing a pheasant.

In addition to Spirit, we have three other younger English Setters (Tabitha, Tessa and Desi) that show promise. Desi is the youngest and is still working on her Junior Hunter title.



Membership Information

Brian Bourgeois, Membership Chair

Jessica Sandahl was approved by the BOD and our general membership.

Jessica lives locally and has been grooming pets since 2013. Jessica has attended handling classes, wants to be more involved and is interested in agility and conformation.

Do you have a friend or family member who is interested in joining the Wenatchee Kennel Club? Information is available at the membership tab on our web site: www.wenatcheekennelclub.com



WKC Members News

Alex Sanchez:

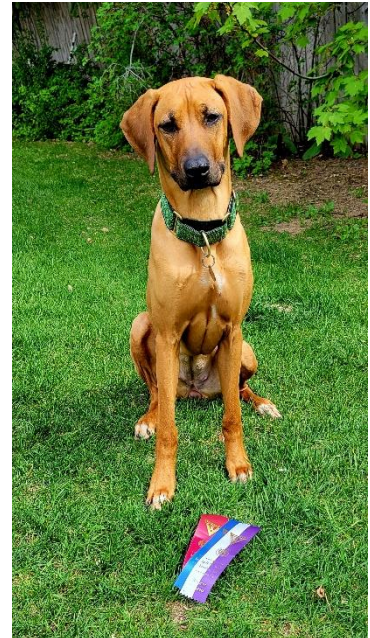
At the Yakima Dog Show, on Saturday Venus (at right) got a 5 point major, Best in Breed and on Sunday Venus got a 4 point major, Best Opposite.

Owners Alex Sanchez and Carmen Ponce



Kelly Boreson:

(At left) Hi, my name is Ellie and I needed a nap on the couch after earning my VERY FIRST TITLES ever! It was great fun! I earned my ACT1, ACT1J and ACT 2J. My Mom is soooo excited and proud of me! A heartfelt thank you to our awesome and encouraging instructors: Pam J, Pam P, Jan, Betsy, Sara and Hannah.



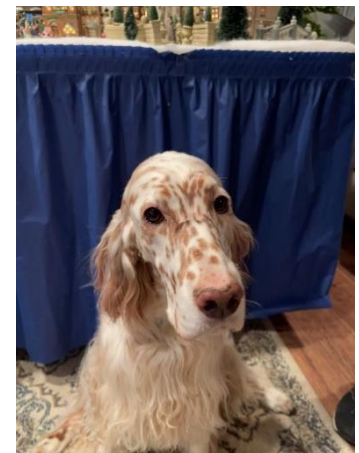
Karen Sprague: Zuva (at right) went Reserve Winners in the show in Moses Lake on April 15 and Reserve Winners in Lewiston on April 23. We're just starting out in the show world, so I was very proud of her. Thanks to Louise Day and Pam Sage for the advice and help in the Sunday handling classes!

Karen Haase: At the Moses Lake Rally Trial April 15 & 16 Bullet got 3 Q's on Sunday as well as Saturday in Masters, Excellent and Advanced. He needs 10 Q's for his Master Title. 3 down 7 to go He's looking forward to the scent work trial.

Norm and Louise Day: GCHB CH Set'r Ridge's Benelli of Set-Point (Tessa) Went Best of Breed both days at Moses Lake then on to a Sporting group 2 and Sporting group 1. Tessa is handled by Christy Marley and owned by Norman and Louise Day



Tessa going Group 4 at Yakima she also took two Best of Breeds and a Best Opposite.



Tabitha GCH
CH Set'r Ridge's Eternity JH ACT1
ACT1J received an CGCU title this last
month.



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CALENDAR

- **WKC Scent Work Trial** May 19,20,21 at Chelan Cty Fairgrounds
- **May Members Meeting** 7 pm June 4 at the Training Center
- **Current class schedules** and more info at www.wenatcheekennelclub.com.

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