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THE PAWPRINT

The Monthly Newsletter of the Wenatchee Kennel Club

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).

**December
2023**

President: Louise Day
Vice-President: Marshall Brown
Treasurer: Willard Fields
Secretary: Erin Andersen

Directors: Chuck St. John,
John Njus, Carla Duncan, Maggy
Susman

Upcoming Events

*Reminder: There is no
membership meeting in
December.*

**Annual Awards Banquet
Masonic Center
January 27, 2024**

**WKC Tracking Trial
March 16-17, 2024**

**WKC Scent Work Trial
(Handler Discrimination)
April 6-7, 2024**

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!



The WKC Christmas Party was a festive occasion that included photos with Santa and delightful desserts. Contributing to the success of the party were Carla Duncan, Betsy Metcalf, Tracy Lloyd, Katherine March, Erin Anderson and all the participants. President Louise Day joined Santa (husband Norm) for the first shot. Photographer Karen Haase snapped shots with the subjects' cell phone cameras.



Louise's Corner

The Holidays are quickly approaching, and our 2023 Kennel Club year is ending. What a year we have had!

I want to thank all our hard-working members that make this club such a success. I know you hear it often but sometimes I think we take our wonderful club for granted. I have belonged to many All-Breed clubs and Speciality clubs in my 50-plus years in dogs, and believe when I tell you this is the best one ever. Many of the show Chairmans will tell you that we are told this after our events. It is because of you and your dedication to our club that we can do so well.

To our instructors who put in many hours planning and conducting class. Because of you we hear from vets and students we are the best training around.

I want to also thank Marshall Brown for his many years of service on our Board of Directors and as my Vice President. We will miss you on our Board, but we will still be happy to see you busy at our many events throughout the year.

I also want to thank Tara for getting our newsletter out to all of you every month. This is one venue where we can reach our membership. She does such a great job with the newsletter.

Please remember our annual dinner at the Masonic center on January 27, 2024. This is a free dinner for all our members. I need your reply that you are coming and if you have any special needs for dinner.

Please come and enjoy the wonderful evening watching our members being recognized for their many achievements in 2023. Hopefully, you all have turned yours into Judy Johnson by now. We would also like you to get your pictures into Willard for the power point show. All pictures of your dog are welcome.

Also remember January classes will be out soon. Plan on getting out during the dark days of winter and keeping your dog entertained and your mind stimulated.

See you at our dinner!

Louise

Nominations for Club Office

The Club will hold our annual meeting this year on Saturday, January 27, 2024 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 19, 2024.

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 not be a candidate for more than one office. 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, Treasurer, and one Director. The following members are candidates so far:

President: 1-year term

Louise Day

Vice President: 1-year term

Brian Bourgeois

Secretary: 1-year term

Kelly Boreson

Treasurer: 2-year term

Willard Fields

Director: 3-year term

Carla Duncan



Membership Information

Brian Bourgeois, Membership Chair

Please welcome our new member:

Ann Fleming - Ann attended our October membership meeting and volunteered at our Therapy Dog seminar. Ann owns two Keeshonds, lives in Wenatchee, and is interested in Rally, Therapy and Agility training.

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

Community Recognition



WKC Board Members John Njus and Chuck St. John hang the 2023 World's Best Dog Training banner in the WKC Training Center Arena.

In 2002 the WKC vision statement developed by the Board of Directors was: *The Wenatchee Kennel Club will be the focal point for dogs and dog related activities in the greater Wenatchee area.* Many activities have contributed to changing the club's reputation from the once popular notion that WKC is a dog kennel to recognizing the club's mission is Education, Training and Competition. The club has grown to over 200 members who are involved in classes, trials and other canine-related activities. We have qualified for nonprofit, 501(C)(3) status, earned recognition for achievements from AKC, and established and own our Training Center in East Wenatchee. A testimony to our accomplishments is the Wenatchee World's annual World's Best contest. The fourth banner recognizing WKC as World's Best Dog Training business now hangs in our training arena.



CGC testing, Tricks testing, ACT testing

Canine Good Citizen (CGC) testing will be offered on Saturday, January 6, 2024. Start time is 10 am and end time is 12 pm. We will be testing up to 15 dogs for CGC and 15 dogs for CGCA at the WKC Training Center. The cost is \$10.00 for both tests.

Trick Dog testing will be on Saturday, February 3rd, between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The cost for Novice and Intermediate is \$10.00 per dog and the cost for Advanced is \$20.00 per dog. Both tests will be at the Training Center.

Please contact Shanna Davies if you need more information about the upcoming CGC and Tricks testing. The sign-up sheet (and payment options) for CGC and Trick Dog can be found on the Registration page of the WKC web site.

WKC instructor Jan Flatten (and helpers) will be offering Agility Course Tests (ACT1 and ACT2) on December 30th. ACT offers a chance to test you and your dog's agility skills in a trial-like setting, with courses that are a little shorter (and in a smaller ring) than regular trials. Check the WKC Facebook page for additional information and sign-up.

WKC Members News

Sara Elzey: Adventures with Abby 2023 - Well my unexpected Golden has blossomed into a fantastic dog who loves and is great at agility! I am so pleased with her! She is still very much a silly, bouncy, puppy, but when she settles down and thinks - WOW! She has great speed and drive and focus and truly loves the game. We had such fun this year doing trials for the first time, traveling around the state, and tent camping several times! My handling skills have been stretched as I figure out how to



communicate with a totally different dog. It's been so much fun! Abby earned her last Agility Course Test title, both Novice Agility Jumper Preferred and Novice Agility Preferred titles and both Open Agility Jumper Preferred and Open Agility Preferred titles. I am so looking forward to 2024 and all the adventures we will have! I love this silly, furry dog!

Adventures with Sunry 2023 - WOW. Words cannot express my feelings about this year and Sunry. She is truly an amazing dog! Always happy & playful & ready for anything

as long as we are together. I've loved many dogs in my life but for sure she is my heart dog. This year brought us continued, amazing, unexpected success in agility! I am in shock all over again as I look back on the year and write this article! Sunry earned her second Master Agility Excellent Preferred title (20 Q's); second and third Master Excellent Jumper Preferred (20 and 30 Q's) and both her Bronze (25 Q's) Master Bronze Agility Preferred and Master Bronze Jumper Preferred. We fell just short of earning our second Time to Beat title and achieving a Preferred Agility Championship. So we have some good goals for 2024! But the highlight of the year was going to Vizsla Nationals! It was held in Longview, WA this year instead of on the other side of the country like it usually is. Four of my friends from Alaska (where I came from) came down with 3 of their dogs to compete and hang out. We had so much FUN!!! And our dogs did great! The picture(s) are from that event. I look forward to seeing them all again sometime in 2024. I think we are all going to meet up for Agility Camp in the fall. I am grateful for all of the people I have met doing this fun sport and for all of



their support and encouragement and advice. I can't name them all but hopefully they know! Sunry (at right) and I would not be where we are without them. Merry Christmas to everyone and Happy 2024!



Maggy Susman and Kolfyre MALEFICENT of Blewett RN, BCAT, RATN, ACT 1, ACT2J, CGC:

Magic completed her Barnhunt Open title, RATO, at the French Creek trial December 8-10. She also passed her first senior run earning a 2nd place. Her next pass in senior she earned 1st place!

Magic and I also attended the Monroe show November 17, 18, 19. This was Magic's first obedience and rally show. Magic earned a perfect score of 100 each day in Rally Novice. She completed her title with a second and a first place ribbon. The day that five dogs earned 100, we did not make the placements! She also earned a 197.5 out of 200 possible points in Beginner Novice on Saturday and Sunday. Friday, Handler error (me pulling the leash) resulted in not qualifying! She's a joy to live with and train!

Jan Flatten: The Flatten girls continue to rock being "oldsters". Ginger (Right, 14yo) earned her Rally Master title in Monroe this past month after earning 3 straight Qs at the WKC Rally Trial in October. No title ribbons were given so you'll just have a picture of how cute she is. She also earned some more Qs in NADAC and hit her 1,000 lifetime points award. She's loved coming back to agility



league this fall after a several year hiatus. Brandi (Left also 14yo) took 3rd place for her division in the spring/summer agility league and really puts her heart into it. Although final results aren't in yet, she probably took 2nd in her division fall agility league. She also earned several Qs in NADAC, but she has definitely slowed down in agility this year. Aspen (Center) finally got her actual title ribbon for the Scent Work Master title she earned this summer (previous pix were with a borrowed title). She's had fun with agility league but her heart really isn't in it so she'll be taking a break. She did earn her Novice Chances title in NADAC and also her Novice Versatility title. I'm so lucky to have these partners!

Becky Smith: Harley Jo & Pete ran Fast Cat at the end of September in Richland and at the Wenatchee Kennel Club Fast Cat in October. They both earned their BCAT titles. In the breed stats at AKC for German Shorthair Pointers, Harley Jo ranks at 35th in the nation and Pete at 89th.

Tami Woolsey: I have forgotten to get in the newsletter that Tolli earned her novice agility preferred title at the October agility trial. We have also had a great time participating in the AKC agility league. Tolli appreciates the people who make that possible!

Tara Barrett: On Nov. 25-26, the dogs and I went to Run Wild (aka Argus) for a Barn Hunt trial. Miss Iskie Biscuit earned her Open title, and, more importantly, behaved like a little angel in the blind and was very good about ignoring the judge and wranglers in the ring. And 12 year old Otter?

On Otter's morning run on Sunday, I looked at the course map pinned to the blind perimeter and my heart sank. The entrance required an immediate left followed by three right turns. It was going to be dark in there, with no light visible past the 2nd turn. We were the last dog in the blind, so there was plenty of time to worry about that tunnel as we waited our turn.

Otter has tunnel issues. We've done remedial training 3 times this year, driving all the way to Monroe to practice. The training sessions, thanks to the wonderful Barb Krause, work very well, involving a light shown down the tunnel and lots and lots of Otter's favorite treats. Each time it leaves her happily doing multiple tunnel runs, with no prompting by me.

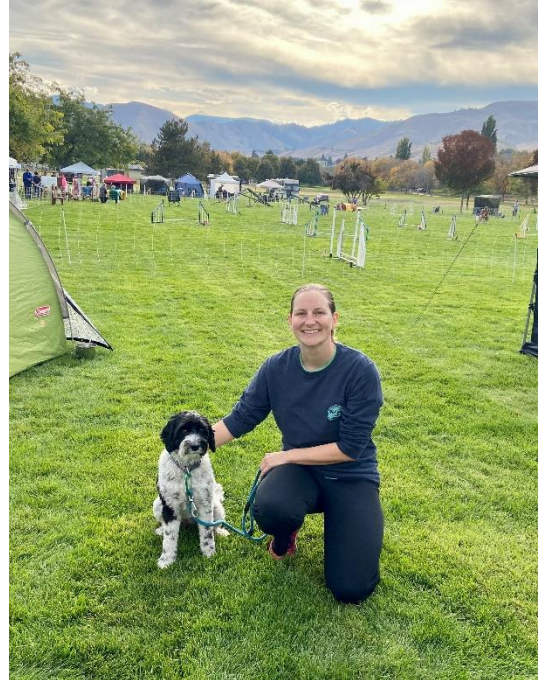
The previous day at Argus, Otter had done the tunnel 6 times in a row, leaving the judge and spectators laughing at my enthusiastic goof of a dog. But today was going to be different. She found all the rats, then spontaneously tried the tunnel. I held my breath, waiting, hoping to see her head pop out of the exit. There was a long, long wait, much longer than it should have taken, and then she came back out of the entrance instead, looking about as embarrassed as a Lab can look. One more attempt at the tunnel from the other side, and she turned around immediately and poked her nose out of the tunnel, watching me. I can guess what she was thinking: "Please don't ask me to do this again. It's dark in there. What if I get stuck? What if I get lost, and can't find my way out? And there aren't even any Treats here!"

In fairness to Otter, a hesitation in crawling into small dark confined tunnels was probably a reasonable survival strategy for her ancestors. We ask a lot of our dogs. Sometimes pushing them a little past their comfort zone can help them learn a new thing. And sometimes you just have to recognize that you are asking too much, and scale it back for them. We NQ'd the run, and when the afternoon run had the same tunnel set-up, I decided to scratch her run rather than stress her out.

Otter is fearless about so many things. She can walk calmly past a pack of huge dogs barking threats at her. She loves going out to watch fireworks with me on the 4th of July. She adores new experiences and getting to meet new people. So her Barn Hunt tunnel issue is an uncharacteristic oddity in an otherwise enthusiastic approach to life. We may set a new record in the Barn Hunt world by just how long it is taking us in our search of the elusive RATCH. I think we have reached about 40 Master-level NQs over the last 5 years! But despite the tunnel aversion, Otter still loves running around the ring and climbing over the hay bales. If all the various dog sports offered a "Dog that Had the Most Fun" ribbon at trials, Otter's lifetime collection would be staggering. So as long as she's having a good time, we'll keep trying. And now, writing this, I find I'm already looking forward to next spring!

Editor's note: My apologies - the following three brags were inadvertently left out of the November Pawprint.

Tara Callaway: At the WKC Agility Trial, Willow (at right) got 4 novice Q's with 2 in standard, 1 in FAST, and 1 in JWW. We had a wonderful time enjoying the fantastic weather and cheering on our fellow WKC members!



Kris Marohl & Pepper (at left) at the 2023 Wenatchee Agility Trial. On Friday, Pepper got a 3rd Standard Novice Q for a new Standard Novice title, and a 2nd Jumpers with Weaves Open Q. On Saturday, Pepper earned a 3rd Jumpers with Weaves Open Q for the Open Jumpers Title, and also a Q in Standard Open. On Sunday, Pepper had a 2nd Q in Standard Open, and a Q in Fast Open.



Sue Edick: At the WKC Dog Show, Lego (at right) earned his Novice Rally and Beginning Novice titles. One of his blue ribbons was for Saturday's Beginning Novice. Lego and I were the only ones who showed up, which as we all know is a big part of life.



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- **WKC Handler Discrim. Trial** April 6-7, 2024
- **Current class schedules** and more info at www.wenatcheekennelclub.com.



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