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Upcoming Events

Members Meeting
WKC Training Center
6:30 p.m. Mon., Apr. 29

Fetch Dog Testing
WKC Training Center
April 20, 2024

WKC Hunt Test
Almira, WA
May 4-5, 2024

WKC Scent Work Trial
Chelan County
Fairgrounds
Cashmere
May 17-19, 2024

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).

**April
2024**

WKC Handler Discrimination Trial



Stormy and handler Paul Wickline start a novice Handler Discrimination search at the Wenatchee Kennel club.

The Wenatchee Kennel club held its first ever Handler Discrimination stand-alone scent work trials the weekend of April 6-7.

At least 16 teams earned their Novice Handler Discrimination titles, with 1 novice elite title, and at least 5 advanced and 1 excellent titles. Best of all - everybody, including the dogs, seemed to be having a wonderful time. Trial chair Jan Flatten's report follows ...

WKC HD Scent Work Trial

by Trial Chair Jan Flatten

WKC ROCKS! On Friday a wonderful volunteer crew showed up to construct boxes and clean all surfaces of any lingering odor. To do this we had to move all the equipment and chairs away from the walls and [Tracy Lloyd](#) jumped in, got the vacuum out and cleaned the entire perimeter of the floor which took most of the day - wow! The Friday crew had the place sparkling and ready to go when Judge Vicky Lovejoy arrived to set up Friday afternoon.



Everyone was there bright and early on both Saturday and Sunday to either run their dogs or volunteer. [Janet Evans](#) gets a special mention for being the judge's steward for all levels of all 4 trials. She clocked 12K steps on Saturday! She was on the ball with the next competitor's articles in their boxes (novice) to be put in place as soon as the previous competitor called alert on their second run! The trial ran fast and furious with almost no rest for our fabulous Senior AKC Judge Vicky Lovejoy. Vicky is so kind and caring with all competitors, and generous with the jewels of wisdom she imparts. And she's FUN! Because these trials were run concurrently, almost everyone was able to leave by 1PM to go have some fun in the sun for the afternoon.

Toohey tells handler Katie Hamilton "This is it!"

I had the joy of watching and cheering for the stellar Novice runs on Sunday (because they ran last). I looked back over the 4 trials and the Novice Q rate was 79%. That's amazing! It gets harder as you advance, so the Q rate for Advanced was 63%, Excellent was 50% and Master was 10%. It was the perfect small trial for people to get their feet wet in Scent Work. I know your instructors were watching and cheering for many the runs and they'll be able to give you direct feedback. And kudos to them because 90% of the teams who attended this trial were trained by WKC instructors!

These trials simply aren't possible without a rock star committee band: WKC Rockers! Thank you to [Pamela Pettit](#) (ribbons), [Diane Gallatin](#) (snacks), and jack of all trades: [Tara Barrett](#), and [Rich and Janet Evans](#). [Carla Slabaugh](#) once again stepped up as trial secretary and did a great job with all the pre, during and post-trial tasks (we got our results via email Sunday night)! During the trial, in addition to her normal secretary duties, she also Apprenticed under



Azuza searching for owner Pam Jenkin's article.



Vicky Lovejoy, and trained President [Louise Day](#) on the program because Louise will be the Trial Chair at her national show this fall. Thanks to Louise for assisting with the data entry too. Look for Carla to be judging in future trials in the PNW. As trial chair, I can tell you, other than watching our students run, the best thing ever was that, once I completed my chair duties and looked around, every single thing had already been picked up and put away. Thank you to EVERYONE who chipped in!

Gibbs carefully checking each box for handler Arlene Gibbs

We get to do it all again with our Odor Divisions Scent Work trial next month, May 17-19 at the Chelan County Expo Center. **Interested in learning more about scent work? We will need a lot of volunteers for the May trial. Volunteering is easy, and a great way to learn about the sport.** For people who want to enter the trial, it opens on Wednesday April 24th!



The April WKC Membership Meeting and Program will be Monday, April 29th at 6:30 pm. Louise and Norm Day will discuss the Hunt Test.

WKC Membership Pins

Years ago, the WKC gave out Club lapel pins for every 5 years of continuous membership. At some point in time the practice was discontinued, and a small inventory of lapel pins remained. An informal poll was taken recently, and it was determined that the majority of members are not interested in continuing the program.

There have been a few members that expressed they would like a pin.

If you are a WKC member and would like a pin, send an email to Carla Duncan, terv46@hotmail.com. This will last until the inventory is depleted. First come first serve. Let me know how many years you have been a member of WKC, and I will try to match with a pin.

Contact:

Carla Duncan – terv46@hotmail.com

WOW! WKC Keeps Growing

Who would have thought that within 5 years of moving into our new Training Center that we would undertake the first expansion? We need your help!

Thanks to a very generous donation in memory of club member Lynda Pheasant, an existing balance in our current Building Fund, and early financial commitments from several Board of Directors members, the Board approved a contract with Western Ranch Buildings to construct "Phase 1B." This will extend the office wing an additional 35 ft. to the east end of the main training building to provide a meeting room and room for smaller training classes. Click on the "Donate" tab on the WKC website www.wenatcheekennelclub.com to view a video shared at our January 2024 annual meeting. There is also a sketch of the current expansion and our future strategic building plan.

A down payment has been made with Western Ranch and the permitting process is underway. We are currently on a schedule to begin construction in September, but changes in the contractor's construction calendar may move that earlier.

Our preliminary budget for the project is \$190,000. This includes some contingency funds, and expenses that are outside the Western Ranch construction contract to complete the project. We currently have \$156,000 in the building fund, so we need your help! Any funds we receive above the expansion cost will be put in the Building Fund dedicated towards the final expansion of the building. There is no date slated for that yet, but some early planning is underway. More on that in the future.

You can donate directly through the "Donate" tab on the WKC website or drop payment in the mail to WKC, PO Box 805, Wenatchee, WA 98807. If you have questions, contact Chuck St. John, Fundraising Chairman at wincareco@genext.net.

Remember that WKC is a 501(c) (3) non-profit. Any donations will be documented for you to consider as deductions on federal taxes.

We ALL benefit from WKC and the Training Center. Consider a contribution to the Building Fund as an investment in not only our immediate future, but the future benefit of the "dog community" in North Central Washington. We have had, and will continue to have, an impact in our communities.

Excess Equipment Items at the Training Center

We need more storage. We are removing a number of items along the back wall to make room for another large storage shelf and free up some floor space.

These include a 4-drawer legal file cabinet (no key) , Yardman electric blower/vac (works), a wire shelf rack, a working pallet jack, some white wood shelving, a couple of garbage bags of sawdust, and an old hand painted WKC sign with a big red apple.

These, long with a few other items will be put outside the building, generally behind the big club trailer. If you want any of these, put a donation in an envelope and put in the black lock box by the instructor's table by the double doors. Please note on it "Equipment Payment."

Items NOT REMOVED by April 29 will be donated or hauled away. Questions may be directed to Chuck St. John, wincareco@genext.net



Adopt-A-Flowerbed 2024

Help maintain a flowerbed/area this season at the Training Center. Tasks include: removal of dead plants, dead heading, cleaning up edges, picking up trash, monitor watering and reporting any issues to John Njus, Chuck St. John, or Carla Duncan.

This is an uncomplicated way to stay active and a small way to give back to your club. All beds have had a spring cleanup, and 4 pickup loads of debris have been hauled off, so now it is in maintenance mode.

In the Crate Room there are:

- Gloves
- Hand tools in a carry bag.
- Yard waste or garbage bags
- Fiskars Collapsible Garden Waste Bag

A small shovel is kept behind the outdoor trash can.

A map of the grounds and a list of adoptees will be posted in the training room by the exit to the potty area. There are lots of spaces along 1st Street available. Plus 3 cement beds that will need attention.

Let Carla Duncan know what area/s you would like to Adopt. If you want to find a partner/family to share with, that would be great.

Contact Carla Duncan – terv46@hotmail.com to sign up or ask questions

WKC Tribute Plaque Sale

Honor a person, pet or program with a custom plaque to be displayed on a section of the WKC Training Center fence. Now that our outdoor practice rings are fenced, your donations will go toward operations. Currently the price is \$200/plaque. The price will be increasing to \$250/plaque as of June 1st, 2024. Order now on the WKC website,

<https://www.wenatcheekennelclub.com>

Select DONATE

Tribue Plaque Request



When we have 10 plaque requests, we will place the next order and add your tribute plaque to the fence. To see examples of the Tribute Plaques on the WKC fences, see the video "Do Fence Me In" (3 min:04 sec), which is also on the WKC website.

If you have any questions, contact WKC Tribute Plaque Coordinators Judy Johnson, 206-364-9368 or Susan Summers, 509-888-2133.

News from Members

Suzanne Metcalf: At McMinnville SW trials Astrid qualified in 3 out of 3 Exterior Masters. This completed her Master Exterior title AND her Master Level title.

Maggy Susman: Last weekend was amazing! Magic and I attended the Moses Lake obedience show held at Chelan County fairgrounds. The show was excellent and well-run. Volunteers did an outstanding job!

Magic completed her Beginner Novice title April 14th 2024! She earned 1st place.

Magic completed her Novice Obedience title! During the 3-day trial she earned first place all three days!

At the same 3-day trial, she earned her Rally Advanced Title. Her scores were 95 and above, however that's not high enough for a placement!

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She is an outstanding companion and an excellent performance dog.

Gail Roberts: Pakuk (Siberian husky, at right) earned his Scent Work Handler Discrimination Advanced title at our weekend SW event. Many thanks to all who made the trial fun. Everything ran so smoothly, plus a great judge and fun scent puzzles for the dogs.



Sara Wickline: Paul and Stormy (at left) got third place in HD, and a Novice title.

Judy Lindahl: Kit (at right) got her Novice HD title at our trials this month. This is her very first Scent Work title. She really does love this game.

Mr Murphy got his Trick Dog Novice title this month. He wants to keep up with his sister.





Shanna Davies: Ethel Grace (*left*) got her Advanced Handler Discrimination title on 4/7/2024.

Scrappy (*right*) got his Novice Handler Discrimination title on 4/7/2024.



Tara Barrett: Each search in Handler Discrimination, Iskie alternates between finding the judge's cotton ball and finding mine. So it took us 5 attempts, but she did finally get her Novice HD title last weekend. And now I know what we need to keep training on - if you see me hanging out at bus stops and parking lots around Wenatchee, asking random strangers to scent a cotton ball, you'll know why!

Sara Serra: Penny got her HD novice title last weekend with 2 faults for excessive enthusiasm.....but she is very relieved no more boxes from now on!

Brian Bourgeois: Sara and Sassy (*at right*) received their SHDN title at our trials. Bandit received his CGC at the end of the last session



Michelle Tevelde: We went to Greyhound Nationals in Louisville, where Boone got Best Veteran in sweepstakes, Sid earned 2nd in his puppy class, and his Junior Courser title. T was first place in singles lure coursing and Boone was 3rd.

At EMLKC show Icon got his Rally advanced title and first leg of excellent; Boone earned his Excellent title and got HIT on Sunday. Obsidian was awarded a 3rd in reg group and in NOHS.





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- **WKC Scent Work Trial** May 17-19 at Chelan County Expo Center
- **Current class schedules** and more info at www.wenatcheekennelclub.com.



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