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Upcoming Events

**Monday, Sept. 24
7 p.m.**

**WKC Club Meeting
Old Post Office**

**Oct. 12-14
All Breed Agility Trial
Confluence State Park
Wenatchee, WA**

**Oct. 19-21
AKC Dog Show
Chelan Country
Fairgrounds**

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).

**September
2018**

BARN HUNT



Hay, there! Straw is here! Barn Hunt is another fast-growing sport open to dogs of all breeding. In Barn Hunt, dogs climb over, tunnel through, and search within a maze of straw bales to find rats that are safely ensconced in protected and ventilated tubes. Like other sports, there are specific equipment and training requirements involved—finding 20-80 straw bales, transporting bales to a WKC site, acquiring a dozen "friendly" rats plus a willing year-round rat care-taker, creating time and space for all of this to come together, and enticing instructors to hold a series of classes.

The logistics for holding "barn hunt" classes are mind-boggling. It's a real juggling act to put all program facets together in one location and timing convenient for instructors and students, plus the all-essential straw bales and the V.I.P. rats. One would not want to acquire rats without a willing care taker—and have some idea of transportation arrangements for the rats from their care-taker's home to the class site. Then there is the problem of acquiring a quantity of straw bales—specifically the smaller 80-pound bales tied with two twines. Most straw is put up in much larger bales which, even if available, would be way/weight too difficult to handle. And, if a source of straw is located, where can the bales be stored?

Barn Hunt (continued)

Last year the WKC "Barn Hunt" committee struggled with these elements—which comes first? Then Sunday, the final day of the Chelan County Fair, the first element appeared as a gift, ours for the taking! The Kids Zone operators at the fairgrounds were using straw bales for decoration. We offered to help close-out their exhibit at the end of the fair—and negotiated an affordable price for 18 bales—the max our pick-up would hold. Next, we checked with Betsy and Suzanne Metcalf if WKC could impose on storage space—a loaded question, implying class instruction would be held at the Metcalf ranch. Grinning at the absurdity of the surprise source of straw bales, they said "yes!" After investing Sunday assisting Linda Harbury with judging 4-H Dog Agility at the Chelan County Fair, Jack and Lynda Pheasant returned promptly at 5:00 p.m. closing of Fair to load the straw bales. Upon learning about the good programs and events WKC supports, Lisa Miller, Fair Board director of the Kids Zone, happily donated the straw bales. The WKC barn hunt program is one rat care-taker away! Any volunteers?

Please contact Linda Harbury or Betsy Metcalf re. donations and/or volunteering support for the eagerly anticipated Barn Hunt program.



Public Education Award

AKC is sending Leslie Fetzer, Director of Education, to present the Public Education Award to our club on Saturday, October 20, before the Dog Show group judging (shortly after lunch) at the Chelan County Fairgrounds in Cashmere. WKC is the second club to receive this award. Please plan to attend this "win-win" opportunity to cheer on our club and show off our club spirit.



Building Committee Report

We believe we are within days of the City of East Wenatchee issuing our Building Permit. Once that permit is issued, Western Ranch can order the building materials. Stay tuned as we plan to take the next step toward WKC's new home.

Building Committee Co-Chairs, Chuck St. John and John Njus





Louise's Corner

I am back!!! For a while, I thought I was never going to be able to say that, and I'm hoping fire season is over for my fire team for the year. However, we are an all-risk team and can be sent to hurricane duty also. One team from Washington has gone so far.

I want to thank Judy Paris, Linda Harbury, Chuck St. John, Carla Slabaugh, and Willard Fields for working on the dog show while I was gone. Judy kept asking what else she could do, and she did a lot of things and follow-up for me. Thanks, Judy, you are the best!

October is a very busy month for us, and every member needs to help in some way. We are a large club, and many of us have special talents that we can use to help make the job easier. We have the Agility Trial and Dog Show, both in October, and one week after another. Linda Harbury has posted a list on the Facebook page, and at the meeting I will have the sign-up sheet - no job is too small, even if it is just an hour of your time. I do have the sign-up sheet from the annual dinner, and that will be given to the chairs of the committees again, to refresh who wanted to help. Chuck St. John and I will be doing a steward class in October for those who would like to do that or get a refresher. If you would like to donate a trophy for your breed, please let me know; they are the same ones we had last year. You can still do that and your name will be in the catalog.

The premium is out. Many people contacted me to ask why it was not out sooner. Our proofs were sent in to the Superintendent in July, but many big shows were ahead of us, and fortunately we had ours out before the AKC deadline. Our Superintendent is helpful in getting our show together, but we are but one of many shows.

More great news - the lower Monitor property is no longer ours, and the check is in the bank. I was so thrilled to be able to take off from my fire and come sign those papers. So, it is forward with the new property. It is still in the building permit stage. We are getting questions, so we know they are working on it.

Louise Day, Club President





**WKC Members Meeting
Monday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.
Old Post Office**

Thinking about entering your dog to run the **Fast Cat**, or get his/her **Therapy Dog** certification, or try the **Weight Pull**, or maybe enter a **Barn Hunt** this fall, and just not sure how it all works? At our upcoming September WKC meeting, experienced club members will go over the basics of getting your dog signed up for one of these upcoming fun activities.



October 13 is our club raffle at the Agility Trial. We often make over \$1000, and this year it will be for the building fund! Please consider donating items to put in the raffle. Gently used items are fine. Dog related, food/drink related, something the men might like, or something for kids! Your name can be on it as donated by " ", or from a friend. Items can be left at the Intel building in the meeting room, or contact Lynne Benton (509) 630-2945. Thank you, together we are wonderful!

Everyone is invited to come watch/help at the agility trial Friday thru Sunday. On Saturday check out the raffle table. You don't have to be present to win, but the drawing will be after the trial on Saturday.





JAX
German Shepherd

Per Jax:

"Hi everyone!

Guess what? Here we go again. I thought that I had my birds all under control, but I was wrong.

I just love my birds and they always come to my backyard and love to hide in two of our bushes and just sit and wait for me to find them - and I always do. Then they fly out and we have a chasing game where I always win. It is so much fun. Even Mom is catching onto this game. Now I need some help here. If I catch one of my birds, what do I do. Can't remember if we have a class about that or not. Guess I will have the check the class schedule.

Until next time!

Carol

MEMBERSHIP

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Carol Sunada, Membership Chairman (509) 665-9987

Please welcome our new members to the Club who were voted in at the General Membership meeting on August 26, 2018

- Judy Carrick - Samoyed
- Katie Hamilton - Australian Terrier

The following application for membership has been received and reviewed by the Board of Directors:

Debbie Carroll - Golden Retriever

Upon her attendance at the next general membership meeting, her application will be presented for final vote. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Membership Chairman, Carol at (509) 665-9987.

We love new members! If you have a friend or family member who is interested in joining or learning more about our Club, please call Carol at (509) 665-9987 for further information.





International Championship

The International All Breed Canine Association offers shows all over the USA. I attended my first in Post Falls, Idaho, with two shows on Saturday and two on Sunday. There were many breeds, AKC and other rare breeds. Even spayed or neutered dogs can show in the companion class of their breed and get championships. You must have a 3-generation pedigree. Puppies as young as 3 months can be shown. There are also classes for Veterans of 6 years, and Super Veterans of 10+ years. You must pre-enter, no day of show entries.

Judges can be from the US or international, and give a written critique of 12 different parts of the dog's body and movement as judged by their breed standard. Dogs are given an overall rating, and more than one dog can get the top score (V-1) in a class. It takes 3 top scores to get an International Championship. Three scores of V-2 would earn a National Championship.

They also had an "express" ring, where you could get another judge's opinion and score if you did not like one of the other judges or just want one more score. Our own Pat Putman was the express judge.

Class placements are given and 'Best of Breed,' 'Best Bred by Exhibitor,' 'Best Companion,' and 'Best Puppy' are awarded. The group is judged right after all the breeds in that group are shown. Then the next show starts in the afternoon. Best of show, best puppy, companion and bred by awards are awarded at the end of the day for both shows. IABCA continues after the IntCh award, with the Honors Champion (bronze, silver and gold), World Beauty Champion (bronze, silver, and gold), World Cup Champion (bronze, silver, and gold), and World Super Cup Champion (bronze, silver and gold).

It was a fun show but busy as there was a lot of showing in a day. Comments on my dog were informative and positive. It was a beautiful outdoor setting but the rings could have been better; it was a challenge as several rings were on a side hill. Next WA show is in Ridgefield on Oct 20. Oops - that is the same date as our WKC show so don't go to it - but Lynden, WA will be Jan 5th and 6th, 2019.

My Rhodesian Ridgeback, Zenyatta got her International Championship, and also 3 Group seconds and a Group one, which put us in our first Best of Show class. Maggy Susman's Lab Hermione got her Championship and several of Carla Slabaugh's Vizslas got championships, and a Best in Show Bred By.

Betsy Metcalf



RATS!!!



“Rat!” was announced joyfully at the Barn Hunt Trial, September 7-9 at Argus Ranch by WKC members. Jan Flatten stopped by Friday on her way home from picking up a new Foster Dog at SeaTac. Tara Barrett, Katie Hamilton and Linda Harbury competed Friday and Saturday and bunked in Brutus Hall. Susan Summers, Judy Johnson, and John and Helen Njus pulled out in their motorhomes Sunday. A woofing good time was had by all.

Many thanks to Linda Harbury and the Metcalfs for introducing WKC members to this game last fall!

Katie Hamilton’s Touhee got her Novice title, with a 1st/high in class and a 2nd.



Otter, Tara Barrett’s girl, got her Novice Barn Hunt title, including a 2nd and a 1st/high in class. Otter also tried out ‘Crazy Eights,’ where she was a little confused by the concept of multiple rats (novice only has one). She initially tried to follow each rat out the gate, but cheerfully went back to the search when asked, finding 3 rats in each of 3 Crazy Eight trials.

Jan Flatten only had time for one run, but her Ginger used the time well, with a 3rd place finish and her Novice title.



Judy Johnson is pleased that Callie earned her Novice title and Shelby earned her Open title and, on her last run, first place and high in class. When she finished, she ran over to where Susan was taking photos to say, “Did you get my picture?”



John Njus is proud Evita earned a Rat Instinct Qualifying Score. He also added Rat Wrangler to his resumé.



Linda Harbury is smiling because Rico earned high in class on BOTH his Senior runs, earning his Senior Title – RATS! “Masters Division, here we come!” He also had very fun and excellent Crazy 8’s. Chena had a perfect Senior Run--except her owner leaned on the STRAW BALE so NQ: “Lots of fun though.”

What a great way to spend a fall weekend!

Thanks to Helen Njus for photos and info!



More News from Club Members



On Sunday August 5th, WindyCanyon Hermione of Blewett CD TD was awarded her International Championship and Best of Breed at the 2018 Spokane Valley Sieger Show, in Post Falls, ID.

Shown by Carla Slabaugh, trained, loved and spoiled by Maggy Susman & Dale Huber.

Carla Duncan: Zulu (Belgian Tervuren) had a good trip to five Skaha KC shows in Summerland, BC, August 31st thru Sept3rd. He was BOB four days and BOW at one show.



Louise Day: CH Stagedoor Set'r Ridges Walk In The Word JH (Spirit), taking a NOHS group 2 at Olympic Kennel Club August 19th. She also took NOHS at 2 specialties and 3 shows that weekend. Also, Select English Setter Bitch, all five shows, for 5 points each show.



Pictures (above) of Tabita Bull Mtn Set'r Ridges Eternity going Best Puppy at both shows at Willamette English Setter Fanciers Specialties. She also went Reserve Winners Bitch two days with 5 point majors from the 9 to 14 month class. Owned by Norm and Louise Day Set-Point Setters.



CH Stagedoor Set'r Ridge Walk In the Word JH (Sprit) winning both NOHS at the Puget Sound English Setter Specialties in Enumclaw to receive the first Gina Wellon Memorial Trophy. Presenters are Gina's family. Spirit competed with Gina and her dog, who was a litter mate, many times before her death. It was a great honor for us to be the first to receive it. The picture above is many of the ribbons Spirit won that week end.



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Mailing Label

CALENDAR

- **Board Meeting, First Monday of each month at 7 PM;** all members welcome
- **Current class schedules** and more info at www.wenatcheekennelclub.com.

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