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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).

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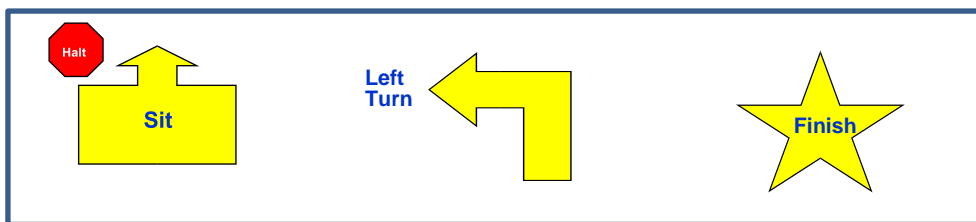
Upcoming Events

WKC Scent Work Trial: July 31 – Aug 2, WKC Training Center

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Welcome to Virtual RALLY!



Earn an AKC title in Rally Novice

by Suzanne Metcalf (and Vicky Hobbs), WKC Rally Instructors

What is Rally? It is a team sport of obedience with voice and/or hand signals allowed.

Unlike traditional obedience, which is called by the judge and where only minimal signals are allowed, Rally novice has a course of 10 - 15 signs, chosen out of 42 possible signs, and communication from the handler to the dog is encouraged. The AKC web site (<https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/>) shows the 42 signs and there are links to videos of how to perform each of them. The rules and regulations are also posted there.

For a novice title, it is now possible to set up one of their courses, perform it, video it and send it in along with an application and fee. With 3 qualifying scores comes a title. This program will run until December of 2020.

RALLY! (continued)

Rally has been taught at WKC since the old training center opened. Countless titles have been earned: novice, advanced, excellent and masters, by many breeds of WKC dogs. It does take some fun training time to show nice heeling on a loose lead, ready sits and downs, change of pace and changes of direction. The signs become more challenging as the levels progress and the dogs perform off lead. Paul Wickline has put Rally titles on 4 Scotties including 1 advanced and 1 excellent. So yes, any sound dog may participate. Carla Slabaugh had to wait for Cherry to become 6 months to earn her Virtual Rally Novice title last week.

Before "stay at home," WKC was teaching 3 classes weekly. I started teaching Rally probably about 2003 (?) with Maggie Susman. Soon thereafter Vicki Hobbs came on board as the small dog expert and she has always been the Problem Solver. First comes the mastering of the exercises, then putting them together on a course. The judges are looking for smooth teamwork. No tight leads, no leading the dog around, no luring and no intimidation.

The hardest sign to teach is a 180 degree pivot to the left in advanced. Small dogs get it faster than large dogs! So saying, one of Pat Vetter's Irish Wolfhounds was spot on.

My favorite thing is students succeeding. Becoming in tune with their dogs. Smiling faces and wagging tails. Earning titles. Even if people choose not to compete. Bonds are formed.

Vicki's greatest joys: Seeing dogs focus in on owners and the light bulb moments of "got it". Solving the puzzles of what works with different dogs. One of the best teacher rewards is when a doggy mom after taking her dogs through rally says that her entire relationship with her dogs has changed to a completely different and more personal relationship.

Happy Training!

Problems? Call Suzanne Metcalf 509-663-3635 or Vicki Hobbs 509-782-1928

The monthly club meeting for May has been cancelled. The June Membership meeting is still on the calendar. The Program will be Dr. Chandra Villano, ND, speaking on CBD for humans, dogs, cats, and horses.



Louise's Corner

I was hoping that May would bring more answers about when we will be able to start classes again. But our State continues to be locked down, so we are not able to go forward. Our May membership meeting has been canceled.

Work continues to be done on the landscape and irrigation system. We received an extension on our occupancy permit because no one can do the inspection.

The video training sessions are going well, and members and students are keeping their dogs active and engaged during this time. Lots of titles are being worked on and approved for Trick Dog, and now Rally has been approved by AKC for courses by video. A big thank you to our trainers for your time and love for our club and training center.

Jan and Mike Barclay are doing scent work classes via video now so sign up if you are interested in doing this remotely. It is great how they have the classes planned out. I am doing one and Hayden is loving it!

Just a few words on the plans for the building. At the last board meeting it was decided to curtail the spending on the outdoor work to just what needed to be done for the occupancy permit. This is because we are using our reserves at an alarming rate. On that note, the building committee will be entering a new phase on the outdoor planning. This will look a lot like what we did for the building during the planning stages. It will be visualizing what and where we as members want the training areas, shelters, and out buildings for equipment storage in the long term. In other words, think and plan rather than just do piece meal, and plan the priorities. Chuck and John will mark off outdoor rings etc. So be thinking about our wishes and dreams for this area.

Louise



We need someone to mail out around 20 hard copies of the Pawprint each month to members that do not have email and a few vets and stores.

Please contact Louise Day if interested in helping.



JAX

German Shepherd

Per Jax:



"Hi everyone!..I just have to say what fun it is to run on my lawn and go after all the birds that have come just to me (I'm sure) to say "HI JAX" and I get to chase them all I want to.

I am watching them build their nests and letting me know that I have to stay away - Oh well, Then I get to run my fence line and chose that rascal squirrel that seems to run faster then me, and how or how can that be because I am fast.

Not much to report until we can get back into our Kennel Club which I am hoping will be real soon. So in the meantime, I am just helping Mom with playing more inside with all my great toys - she really likes it when I think she is not looking and I just calming go off in the house and hide the toy. Until next time!

Carol

MEMBERSHIP

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Carol Sunada, Membership Chairman (509) 665-9987

The following applications for membership have been received and reviewed by the Board of Directors. At its April meeting, the Board voted to approve these applications and waive the "attendance at two membership meetings" requirement because of the uncertainty of the COVID-19 situation. Under these special circumstances, the following people will become full members if no concerns are brought forward by the membership. If you do have any questions or concerns, please contact Carol Sunada, the Membership Chair, at (509) 665-9987.

Judi Voris - Weimaraner

Nora Cross - Miniture American Shepherd

Lurie Dawson - Lab and Cattle Dog mix

Tracy Soreano - Golden Retriever and French Bulldog

Cody Beeson and Jordan Harwood - Miniature Poodle and Samoyed

Kathy Grignon - mixed breed

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.





WKC Building Report COVID-19 impacts WKC Building Progress



The impact of COVID-19 is very evident in the progress of the final stages of the required landscaping for fulfilling our temporary occupancy permit. The final grading/fence /irrigation location looks different in "real life" rather than the flat page of the initial planning, so the landscape plan for the south side of the property was resubmitted to the city for approval. With the City of East Wenatchee offices closed and employees working from home, we are still awaiting final approval of the revised plan (as of the time of writing this) for all the final plantings to proceed.

To accommodate the delay, the city extended our temporary occupancy permit until July 30.

Hopefully we will have approval by the time you read this article and we can proceed to planting! The final installation of the fence along the south side is also on hold due to COVID-19. The City is proposing that the City Planning Commission approve a building code change to allow 6' fences setback 5' from commercial property boundaries. The current code requires a 10' setback for a 6' fence. The March and April commission meeting were cancelled with no meetings rescheduled at the moment.

AND the final planning and design of the complete outdoor area of the WKC Training Center is on hold until we can meet together (post COVID-19) and discuss what we need and want to have outside. As you

recall, we spent time as a club discussing and prioritizing what we wanted for the building itself. We need to do the same sort of process for the outdoors.

To facilitate the beginning of this process, the approximate corners of "Phase 2" of the building are marked on the east side (per the original plan of the building). The approximate location of a 100 x 100 foot training area is also marked on the east side. **These locations are not final**, but are intended to give some visual perspective to the area. A potential training area is marked on the west side, too. Each wooden stake will have a sign with what is marked.

Until we can meet as a group, you are encouraged to stop by any time and walk the grounds to get a feel for the relative sizes of the areas, then begin to think and dream about what you'd like the outdoor areas to look like and include.

Some ideas to get your creative thoughts going might be: How big do we need the outdoor training "rings" given how they "fit" into the space we have; how should they be positioned; what do we want to define the "rings" - permanent fencing, temporary fencing, a combination; what do we need outside the rings for classes - temporary canopies for shade, a permanent shade structure, both; storage building (s); picnic table(s); trees (where); do we want grass everywhere else or other landscaping - rock, bark, bushes; do we need to designate areas specifically for Scent Work or Barn Hunt; dog potty areas - where, permanent fencing, grass, bark, gravel; signage for the various areas; maintenance considerations; irrigation considerations - type of turf sprinklers (size of head at ground level), other water availability; a designated off-leash area; location of a fence from the east and west sides of the property to the building; what type of fence for that front facing the parking lot; access gates for vehicles; access from the building to the upper east end - gentle slope, steps, designated walkway; on the bank - grass, shrubs, or other; gating/security/access to the outdoor areas; club trailer parking; maintenance - mowing, irrigation, weeding, etc.; what might we want if we hold any events outdoors; etc.

The lack of class revenue the past two sessions has impacted the club's finances, and the budget for completing the outdoor training areas. The Board has directed the Building Committee to minimize any expenditures not needed to complete the required landscaping and to focus on the planning, design and budgeting for the outdoor training areas. Completion of those areas will be contingent on the club's overall financial status.

Now it's up to you. We have time between now and when COVID-19 allows us to reconnect in person to dream about the outdoors. If you have any questions about what is happening outdoors, please contact John Njus or Chuck St. John. They'll be glad to meet and give walking tours of the outside.



Your Generosity Supports Progress on Training Center



Your gifts to the Building Fund have resulted in forward outdoor progress even in this strange COVID-19 time. Since January 1 friends and members of WKC have contributed \$5,099 to the Building Fund. Thank you!

The expenses continue as we need more dirt and earthwork and additional landscaping, outdoor dog potty areas and amenities, etc. Please continue to support this beautiful (but currently lonely) project.

Designate your gift "Building Fund".

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Giving Bracket	Donors	Contributed
\$10,000 Plus	4	\$670,498
\$5,000 to \$9,999	5	\$36,663
\$2,500 to \$4,999	4	\$12,194
\$1,000 to \$2,499	22	\$29,409
\$250 to \$999	22	\$10,260
\$5 to \$249	112	\$7,853
Totals	169	\$766,876



WKC Members' News and Brags



Jan Flatten: Team Flatten Aussies have been having a lot of fun training and trialing this past month thanks to both WKC instructors offering trick dog test evaluations and NADAC offering video runs. Proving once again that old dogs can learn new tricks, almost 13-year-old Cody passed his trick dog intermediate test and 10-year-old Ginger passed her trick dog advanced test (shown at left doing moving leg weaves), earning those titles pending AKC approval.

New kid on the block Aspen earned her Introduction to Novice Jumpers title from NADAC and already has two Qs toward her Novice title in the same. 10-year-old Brandi earned both her Open and Elite Jumpers NADAC titles and Ginger

earned her Open jumpers title. Brandi also earned her Novice Touch and Go and Open Regular NADAC titles.

Doing these video runs takes a lot of time and discipline. Setting courses correctly by yourself is time consuming and you may only submit your FIRST two runs per dog for each course, although you can certainly return to the course and practice, but not count, them. In addition to running the courses correctly, you must video you and your dog coming to the start line and leaving on leash, with no collars, food or toys allowed. We burned through all the available courses that would fit my yard and equipment availability to achieve this (i.e. lots of NQs, particularly with Aspen!). It doesn't help matters when the dog next door comes rushing over - NQs on all of those! Can't wait for the next courses to come out! Add to this starting the WKC online scentwork class and we are staying busy!

Wanda Cottam: Maako got his Intermediate, Advanced and Performer Trick Dog Titles this month! I am so proud of this little man!

Maggy Susman: Hermione and I have earned two legs towards our Intro Weaver's title and one leg towards our Intro Standard Novice title, from NADAC.

Gail Roberts: Pakuk (Siberian Husky) earned his Intermediate AND Advanced Trick Dog titles! This continues to be a lot of fun and I encourage our members to participate!

Tara Barrett: Eighteen-month old Iskie (below) earned her very first AKC title - Novice Trick Dog. It helped that at the novice level, several agility objects (jump, tunnel, and walking a plank) count toward the Trick title. Thanks to Gail and Wanda for being our WKC Trick Evaluators!



Linda Harbury: My dogs and I are LOVING learning and competing via video. We'll be ready for Scent Work trials when we can do them again thanks to WKC's online Scent Work classes. They are fun and really keeping us on track for learning.

Since the lockdown started, Darby Do has earned 12 qualifying runs through NADAC's video agility submissions.

Here's the breakdown of the 8 Q's and 2 titles earned this month.

- 3 Novice Regular for his Novice Regular TITLE (NAC)
- 2 Novice Jumpers for his Novice Regular TITLE (NJC)
- 1 Novice Touch&Go
- 2 Novice Chances

Rico has earned 3 qualifying runs through NADAC's video agility submissions.

- Open Touch&Go
- Elite Weavers
- Elite Chances



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

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