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Upcoming Events

WKC Members Meetings

Sunday, Nov. 28 at 7 p.m.
WKC Training Center

Sunday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.
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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).

**November
2021**

October Agility Trial by Marti Darling, Trial Chair



Bullet and Karen Haase head for jump #9.

It turned out that 2021 was a great year to have our Agility Trial. Last year due to Covid-19 we were not able to hold a trial and cancelled in September.

This year was different. The three best ingredients for a successful trial are: great judges, great weather, great volunteers. We had all three.

October Agility Trial (continued)

Agility Dogs of the Wenatchee Kennel Club keeping their humans on their toes. Photos from top: (1) Jett with Lynda Pheasant; (2) Astrid with Suzanne Metcalf; (3) Boone with Michelle Te Velde; (4) Evita with John Njus; (5) Blitz with Emylee Tolliver; (6) Pakuk with Gail Roberts. Many thanks to Katherine March for the wonderful photos!



October Agility Trial (continued)

I want to correct the item in last month's Pawprint that said there was a shortage of helpers for the Agility Trial and it was causing stress for the chairperson. I was neither short of help nor stressed about the weekend. I was very excited about the agility trial and so happy and proud of the people I was lucky enough to work with.



We had a new agility trial secretary. Emylee Tolliver volunteered for one of the most complex and demanding jobs AKC hands out. Suzanne gave her instructions and the materials last spring. Emylee stood the test of "TRIAL BY FIRE" and survived. Thank you, Emylee, for your perseverance and dedication!

The chief course builder remarked on all the great help they got. It was much appreciated! (Especially by the third day.) And a special "Thanks!" to all the spouses who helped.



Covid-19 played a part in every decision I had to make, and one of the toughest was that AKC would not allow the usual Hospitality. So I called on Bev Jones, who is famous for her soups and breakfast sandwiches, to help me with food service for those who are pretty well stuck on the grounds during the trial. She stepped up with breakfast and lunch with soups on Saturday and Sunday. Because it was so close to Halloween, she bought individual packages of candies, cookies and savory snacks and let those who really needed a snack to take one of those and give a donation. She also provided coffee, tea and hot chocolate for anyone.

We had a record breaking 8 possible MACHs (Master Agility Championship) and PACHs (Preferred Agility Championship) that could have been awarded that weekend. Most years we have one possible championship. I tried all kinds of crazy stuff to help people decorate the jump bars if they won.

Financially, it looks as if our numbers are up from 2019, as Covid-19 caused us to cut some expenses. Much thanks to Lynne Benton and her team's efforts and contributions - we had a record-breaking MAJORLY SUCCESSFUL Raffle!

It takes a lot of people to make a successful agility trial FUN. I have noticed that people who are crazy about doing stuff with their dogs are really terrific people. I feel very lucky to belong to a kennel club that has so many fun-loving people. A month has gone by since this event and I have so many people to thank: the key people who had assigned duties including Trial Secretary Emylee Tolliver, data inputer Debbie Park, the club treasurer Willard Fields, "IT gal" and trial consultant/mentor Barb Benner, food service lead Bev Jones, and many others who gave hours and days to help, including the competitors who volunteered lots of time in the ring, the equipment people and course builders, and even the dog massage person – they all played important parts to make this a fun and successful event. Thank you everybody!





Louise's Corner

This month corner is an exceedingly difficult and sad one for me to write. We lost a very dedicated club member this month in the passing of Mike Barclay. His warm hugs and smile will be missed by all who knew him. There has been a deep sense of loss for all of us this last week not to see him at class.

Mike came to us from Alaska with his wife Jan and family Brian, Toddy, and two grand kids. They jumped right in and became valuable members.

Mike and Jan started the Scent Work program into the Wenatchee activities and worked tirelessly to establish the program we have today. They also have been spearheading the Ag Dog program. He left a great legacy to our club and his warmth and friendship will missed by all who knew him. Mike and Jan are both on our board of directors for the club.

Donations can be sent in Mike's name to SOAR ministries International.org or to the Kennel Club, whichever you would like. Mike and Jan have worked for 11 years for the SOAR ministries in Alaska, and it was very dear to him still.

Jan is also recovering in the hospital at this time, and we pray for her speedy recovery and that she will be home soon.

The scent work instructors have stepped up and covered the classes offered this session. I thank all of you for doing that for the club. There will be a review by the instructors for covering the upcoming sessions.

Till next month

Louise





JAX



German Shepherd

Per Jax:

"Hi every one! AND Oh my gosh - are you ready for the first snow. I know I am. I just to love to get out there in my backyard and kick the snow all over - it should not be too long now. It is sure fun to get outside with these fall days, full of sunshine and wind giving us all the leaves from our neighbor's trees. This now includes all of my birds again, and, oh yes, the squirrels have shown up and love to run my fence line. They seem to think that they own it or something.. Hope all of you are surviving - I know I am thankful for all the attention my Mom is giving me.

Now for Thanksgiving and setting up new traditions with Mom - to include the small turkey that she has planned with lots of mashed potatoes (which I really like). And I know (because she tells me) of the plans she is making for the Club's December meeting and our visit with Santa.

Have a great day - until next time.

JAX's Mom, Carol

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 October 31, 2021.

Paula Arno Martinez - Border Collie/Great Pyrenees and Border Collies Mix

Gayle Dow - Golden Retriever

The following applications for membership have been received and reviewed by the Board of Directors:

Meghan Grochala - Australian Shepherd/Husky mix

Jordan Pilgeram - Pitbull

Cassie Paxton - Border Collie/Heeler and Red Heeler

At the next general membership meeting, their applications will be presented for final vote. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Membership Chairman, Carol at (509) 665-9987. Don't hesitate to leave a message and I will call you back.

We love new members! If you have a friend or family member who is interested in joining or learning more about our Club, please ask them to attend the next General Membership Meeting, or please call Carol at (509) 665-9987 and leave a message and I will call you back.





2021 Bars and Certificates Info Needed

It is time to report your earned Title Bar information to Judy Johnson for 2021. Whether the Wenatchee Kennel Club has an awards dinner in January, or not, your earned titles will have been collected and ready to submit to Haglund's Trophies. Please send your information to "judyj@uw.edu" before Jan 8th, 2022. Haglund's Trophies requested to have the majority of the information by mid-December, but we can submit up until January 8th. WKC will provide each member with one initial Apple Plaque on which to hang your bars. The plaque is engraved with the owner's name and will accommodate multiple dogs. If you would like to purchase additional Apple Plaques they are \$50.00/each. Please indicate in your email if you need your first plaque or want to order additional ones. (I will have to reconfirm the Apple Plaque pricing with Haglund Trophies.)

- Titles earned in the year 2021.
- Your name
- The exact spelling of your dog's full name
- Dog's call name
- 2021 titles earned. Please state the full title of the award. Indicate if you want only a certificate and save the cost to the club.
- First plaque?
- Purchase additional plaque?

Send to judyj@uw.edu before Jan 8th, 2022.

If you do not get an acknowledgement back, please resubmit or call Judy.





*I am thankful for all
Our hard-working club
members.
Louise*



This last 6 weeks the club has put on three major events. Starting with the Scent Work trial, then the Agility Trial and finally the Dog Show and Obedience, Rally and Fast Cat events. All three-day events. It takes a lot of volunteers to do all these events.

Yes, it is challenging work, but it is also a great deal of fun with people who have the same love of dogs as we do. We also get to know our fellow club members as well and learn their interests and goals with their dogs.

The joy of volunteering has led me to find that I would like to try those sports with my dogs also. I have started two additional sports with my dogs because of working at other events. My dogs are enjoying doing the other sports as well. I am a better dog exhibitor as well, and more understanding of the additional events and what it takes to train and participate in them.

Our club is unique in that we do not have all the problems that many clubs have between members and we enjoy being together and working for the love of our dogs. Thanks to all and come join us for the fun!



Yes, Santa Dog, there will be a
December Kennel Club Meeting this
year!!!!



We will be having a meeting this year on December 19th at 7:00pm. It will be a short meeting with Santa present (Dr Ed Womack DVM) to hear all good dogs' wishes and have their pictures taken.

It will be a short meeting and finger desserts brought by members and lots of good cheer as we finish the year.





Editor's Corner

The dogs and I had fun at our various trials this fall, but the times that really stood out aren't actually the Q's – instead it was special moments: the dinner with friends, or seeing Otter loop-de-looping barn hunt tunnels, or watching Iskie overcome her fears to play in one of Argus Ranch's off-leash areas.

One of those special moments for me occurred at the Scent Work Trial in September. Mike Barclay came up to us where we were hanging out, waiting for the next set of searches to start. He kind of scruffed Otter around the ears and gave her a few pats.

Well, you know that totally made Otter's day – there was tail wagging. There's a lot of things Otter likes about scent work trials. Plenty of treats, guaranteed to bring happiness to her little Labrador Retriever heart (and stomach). Getting to use her nose to find things during searches. Just being out in the sunshine on a gorgeous early-fall day. But getting to say hello to her favorite people? That's the cherry on top of an ice-cream sundae sort of day for Otter.

As Mike turned away, he was smiling and he said to someone standing nearby, "You know, these dogs," and he gestured to Otter, "they're my dogs. They're all my dogs."

Well, and that totally made my day. Because I knew exactly what he meant. Otter was definitely Mike's dog. All of the dogs in Mike Barclay's scent work classes were his dogs. He took just as much joy in their successful searches as we did. And he was a lot more patient than we were when they struggled. "Did you see that?!" he'd say when a dog's head whipped around, catching the scent from a hide. He saw our dogs' behaviors more clearly than we did.

Jan and Mike started teaching scent work classes at WKC about four and a half years ago. Otter and I were lucky enough to be in those very first classes, and we all got to learn about the new dog sport together. And the Barclays kept teaching classes, adding more and more as demand grew. They organized the very first Washington State AKC scent work trial in 2017, followed by an annual WKC scent work trial, followed by twice-yearly trials. We have an entire scent work program at the club thanks to their efforts. Their patient, helpful, cheerful, positive, and enthusiastic efforts.

I think all of Mike's students are feeling pretty lost this week. But you know he'd want us to keep doing scent work: learning and improving and just having fun with our dogs. There's a little invisible "Thank you Jan and Mike Barclay" printed on every scent work ribbon we've earned, and that will be there in our future trials also.

As Betsy Metcalf posted, "Mike, you were an inspiration to us all to be our best."





WKC Members' News and Brags



Pam Pettit: Austin went to his first Scent Work trial in Richland this last weekend earning 5 qualifying scores out of 6 runs! Not so bad for this 13 month old pup! He also earned his first title in Novice Interior with a 4th place in the last interior run! So proud of him and am looking forward to his future, it's going to be a fun ride!

Karen Haase: At the clubs Agility trial Bullet and his human had fun and earned a Q and 3rd place in novice fast. Then the following weekend earned 3 Q's 2 2nds and a 3rd in Rally Advanced. His human was brought to happy tears as she never in her wildest dreams thought Bullet could ever go of leash around other dogs.

Thank you to everyone who has helped and put up with us on this journey. We truly do appreciate all your encouragement and patience.

Shanna Davies: Ethel Grace and I did the scent work trials in Richland, Washington on 11/13/21. We got our last qualifying run for Novice Exterior, and that also gave us our overall Novice Scentwork title too. We had two minutes to find the hide and Ethel Grace found it in 27.40 seconds, giving us 5th place.





Tugg (above left) earned 1 Q (after only one session of class) in Rally Novice in Cashmere.

Tolli also earned 2 Q's in Rally Novice in October at our trial in Cashmere



Tami Woolsey: Tolli (above) earned two legs of her novice FAST agility title at Argus the end of June. We were hoping to get that last leg at our agility trial in October but it didn't happen. We had a LOT of fun at the agility trial!

Jan Flatten: It was heartbreaking to get the news of Mike's passing today. This past week I had been messaging back and forth with him since he was in the hospital, asking how they were both doing and trying to cheer him up. He answered every day with a cheerful note and congratulated us on how well Ginger was doing at the CBDTC scent work trial. Scent work is his legacy to our club, and in his memory, I dedicate Ginger's titles in Excellent Interior, Advanced Exterior, plus her overall Advanced title to him. She rocked the trial, a testament to Mike's instruction. Rest In Peace Mike.

In other news, Ginger, Brandi and Aspen all earned their open tunnelers titles this past month. Everyone had a lot of fun. It's a great format for old dogs like Ginger and Brandi (no jumping!)

Aspen also earned her NADAC Open Barrelers title.

Our very best wishes for a speedy recovery to Jan Barclay.



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CALENDAR

- Board Meeting, First Sunday of each month at 7 PM
- Current class schedules and more info at www.wenatcheekennelclub.com.

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