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The Monthly Newsletter of the Wenatchee Kennel Club

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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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Secretary: Erin Andersen

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

Upcoming Events

Members Meeting
WKC Training Center
March 26 at 7pm
**“Carting” with Erin
Anderson**

EMLK Dog Show
Moses Lake
April 15-16

WKC Hunt Test
Almira
May 5, 6, 7

WKC Scent Work Trial
Chelan County
Fairgrounds
May 19, 20, 21

Wing Extension

If we build it, they will come!



In September of 2015 when we kicked off our fundraising efforts for a WKC Training Center, we had the faith that we could achieve the dream of having our own facility and be of service to our members and the greater community.

Plans were developed over time with the input from all members of the club. The dream facility was a total of 15,000 sq ft with a clear span of 11,000 sq ft and a wing of 4,000 sq ft.

When property was made available, it was time to finalize the plans. The reality of construction costs dictated that we approach the building as a two-part plan. Phase 1 of the

Wing Extension (continued)

building would contain the space for the minimum requirements to provide a Training Center that would serve our training needs and provide "bare bones" support space (e.g., rest rooms, office, and storage). The building would be designed and constructed to be expanded at a later date.

Groundbreaking was October 2018. We moved in and started classes in our new Training Center in July 2019. WKC weathered the COVID pandemic. Class offerings have exploded from 15 - 17 classes per session to 42 class offerings for the March - April 2023 session. Space has become a limiter in what we are able to do.

We thought many activities that require small spaces could be carried on in a corner of the arena while classes such as obedience and rally were being conducted in the arena. That does NOT work. We need a smaller dedicated space for Board, instructor, and other meetings to take place and to hold classes such as beginning puppy and therapy dog.

Estimates have been provided by our contractor for expanding the wing on the 1st Street side of the building to the east end of the arena (a space of 35' X 32' or 1,120 sq ft). This would provide needed space for activities that don't require the entire arena, but currently don't have any other space option.

The estimate for this extension is \$150,000. The plan is to raise funds for the extension until we have enough in the building fund to proceed with construction. (We do not want to take on any new loans.)

Additional information will be shared at the March member meeting.

John Njus & Chuck St, John,
Building Committee Co-Chairs



<p>March Membership Meeting 7 pm Sunday, March 26 WKC Training Center Featured Topic: Carting with your Dog, presented by Erin Anderson</p>

WKC Tracking Test



The Wenatchee Kennel Club had a very successful Tracking Test this last Weekend with four Tracking Dogs earning their TD Titles. We had a beautiful day and WKC is very pleased with the results. Thank you to our wonderful judges Jill Jones and Cheryl Bavister for planning such great tracks! We were very lucky to have an experienced and "stinky" group of track layers, Pat Vetter, Maggy Susman, Marshall Brown, Betsy Metcalf, Tara Barrett, Gail Roberts and Sara Norris. Chief Track Layer John Njus kept the test flowing smoothly! Thanks to all who attended, participated and volunteered!

Pam Petit, Tracking Test Chair





Louise's Corner

I will venture a guess that spring is finally happening here in Wenatchee and at our training center. A lot of work has been going on around the center getting our plants ready for spring and summer. Thanks to the members who came and helped doing this chore. The board hired Chuck St. John as our building maintenance person to work part time keeping our building in top shape. This is a part time job only so our members still need to come and help on work days. Chuck will coordinate those work days for us as needed. Celeste Fink is still cleaning the inside of the building with Chuck doing the main room floors with the new floor cleaner between sessions. John Nijus is the coordinator with Chuck on items to be fixed. If you see something that needs to be fixed let Chuck or John know.

The board also approved the purchase of a new commercial vacuum for the center. The one we have is from the old center and we cannot get parts any longer. Plus, it leaks more dirt than it picks up sometimes. These are all large purchases but we need to keep our center in top shape.

With spring comes many activities. We had a successful tracking trial - thank you to all who helped in making that a success. We have the Hunt Test coming up the first weekend in May. I will need lots of volunteers for that. Then the Scent Work trial at the fairgrounds the second week in May. We sure are a busy and active club.

April 4th I will be doing an Urban Dog test at Firehouse Pets. Contact me if you would like more information.

Till next month

Louise



Online Registration for the May/June session of classes!

Next session we will be using an online registration system. The link will be posted on the website at 6 pm on the 17th of April. Please be sure to read ALL the directions. We have done a few test runs, and it should be fairly easy. You will be able to pay online with a credit card, or send in your check by mail. If you choose to use a credit card, there is a \$5 fee per class to cover the cost of the transaction. If you choose to pay by check, it must be postmarked no more than 3 days after you do your registration online. The system will send a reply to your email. If the class you would like to register for does not show up, that means it is already full. We will have an option for you to send us your information so we can put you on a waitlist for the class you wanted. Sometimes, we have the volunteers to add another class. You should also check the "registrations received" page on the WKC website to be sure you see your dog's name in the correct class.

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Urban Canine Test

I will be giving the Urban Canine test at Firehouse Pet store in downtown Wenatchee on April 4, 2023 from 10:00am until around 3:00pm. The costs will be \$10.00 to the club to take the test.

You must have taken and passed a Canine Good Citizen test to take this test.

The following are the items that will be evaluated:

- Entering and exiting doorway in a business building.
- Walk through a crowd on a busy urban sidewalk.
- Appropriate reactions to city distractions. (Bikes, skateboards, horns people running etc.)
- Crossing street stop at the corner and wait then walk with no pulling across street.
- Ignore food on sidewalk such as bags, cans, paper which food was wrapped in.
- Person walks up and pets dog carrying a bag.
- Walks under control in business and down stay in lobby or outside of store.
- Stairs and Steps under control
- House Trained (owner verifies this)
- Transportation - dog able to ride in car or other transportation method in crate or seatbelt.

Please let Louise Day know if you are coming for sure and what time you would like to come. I will also need people to stay and help with the many things we need to do during the test.

I need help with the following: Check in, street people with props, long sit and down stewards, distractions.

This is the first time we have offered this test so let's have fun and show off our well-behaved dogs while we do it.

Louise

Juniors' History



Part of the mission of the American Kennel Club is to “Take whatever actions necessary to protect and assure the continuation of the sport of purebred dogs.” The AKC’s Junior Showmanship Program is just one example of the kennel club’s commitment to fulfilling this portion of its charter statement.

In the late 1920’s a group of dog show exhibitors led by Mr. Leonard Brumby, Sr., decided to develop a special competition for children. The purpose of the competition would be to introduce a new generation of fanciers to the sport and to give children the opportunity to measure their skills against those of their peers. The children would be judged by how well they presented their dogs with respect to the nuances of the breed being shown. The first Children’s Handling class was held at the Westbury Kennel Association show of 1932, and quickly became a popular feature at other AKC events.

In 1949 the Professional Handlers Association donated a trophy in honor and memory of Mr. Brumby to the winner of the Children’s Handling Classes at the Westminster Kennel Club show. This trophy is still awarded to the winner of the Junior Handler competition at Westminster and is the most sought-after prize in the sport.

Children’s Handling classes were very informal when the program began. The judging of the classes would normally start whenever the first breed ring became available. The judges were usually professional handlers themselves, and the participants were allowed to use any dog that was available to them.

In 1951 the name of the competition was changed from Children's Handling to Junior Showmanship. Twenty years later, in 1971, the American Kennel Club recognized the virtues of Junior Handler competition and granted official recognition for these classes at AKC events.

The Junior Showmanship program has grown and changed in dramatic fashion since its humble beginnings in 1932. The AKC now has guidelines for participation and adjudication of this event. For example, juniors must be between 10 and 18 years of age to participate. They must win three first placements in the Novice class before advancing to the Open class. Judges must be approved by the AKC to judge Junior classes, and the dogs that the junior handlers exhibit must be owned by them, a member of their family, or a relative.

In 1989 the AKC National Junior Organization was developed to assist with the needs of Juniors in the sport.

In 1999 the Junior Showmanship program was expanded to include performance events. Currently, a Junior Handler that handles a dog to a performance title will receive a certificate from the AKC acknowledging this accomplishment.

The American Kennel Club Also awards Scholarships to deserving Junior Handlers to encourage them to continue on with their education. The AKC awarded 38 Junior Handler Scholarships in 2002. The Board of the American Kennel Club has just increased the Junior Scholarship Fund from \$60,000 to \$100,000. This can truly be seen as affirmation of the AKC's commitment to the youth of our sport.

Junior handlers become ineligible to compete in Junior Showmanship classes at the age of 18. In most cases, their participation in the sport of purebred dog does not cease once they have "aged out" of competition. From the ranks of Junior Handlers, we find the future breeders, AKC Club Members, approved judges and Registered Handlers who will be the caretakers of our sport in the future. We see many of these kids go on to pursue careers as veterinarians. One former Junior is now the CEO of the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals; others have gone on to serve as Board Members of the American Kennel Club. Still others have gone onto make their contribution to the sport as AKC employees.

While the Junior Showmanship program itself has gone through changes, the concept and reasons for its implementation have remained the same: to encourage participation in the sport by young purebred dog enthusiasts; to teach good sportsmanship, win or lose; and to educate the next generation of the fancy. So, the next time you find yourself at a show with a few moments to spare, stop by the Junior Showmanship ring to witness the AKC's commitment to its mission statement and the future of our sport



Membership Information

Brian Bourgeois, Membership Chair

Please welcome the following new member who was voted in at the last meeting:

Kelly Boreson - English Springer Spaniel and Golden Retriever

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



WKC Members News

Tami Woolsey: Thanks to all the WKC instructors who have helped us along the way, and to all the new friends we have made! Team Tolli and Woolsey got two Q's at the Moses Lake Agility Trial. Even though it was freezing cold, we had a lot of fun and learned so much.



Melissa Larson is very proud to brag that Kokopilli's A Ruby Red Star (aka Ruby), at left, earned her Masters Buried Title at Spokane Dog Training Club's Winter Scent Work Trial.

Betsy Metcalf: At the Moses Lake Agility Trial Astrid Suzanne's Vizsla got a novice Standard Q, a novice Jumpers Q for her title and 2 open Jumpers Qs.

Karen Haase: Bullet had fun earning his intermediate trick title 2/18/23. Linda Hessel and Gail Roberts were kind enough to let us join the trick class students being tested.

Sara Wickline: The Wickline clan has a new kid on the block! Meet Rocket (at right):



Tara Barrett: Iskie (below) went to her very first agility trial and she actually had fun.



So much tail wagging! So much running off to greet the bar setters! Many thanks to our very, very patient agility teachers Pam Petit, Jan Flatten, Linda Harbury, and Betsy Metcalf in helping us both learn agility skills and work through a lot of anxiety issues over the past three years.

Linda Hessel: Phenomenal!!! That is my Standard Poodle teammate Gigi. We competed three days at the Moses Lake agility trials and she was a happy, tenacious, thoughtful, cheerful, willing and "handler-goof-covering" canine partner! Bonus: she was enthusiastic and confident in the weaves.

We Q'd in seven of nine attempts —earning four firsts, two seconds and NEW Open preferred titles in both JWW and Standard.

The courses and arena footing were very nice; kudos and thanks to the trial organizers and secretary for a well-run show.

Jan Flatten is so proud of her girlies at the Cocker Spaniel Scent Work Trial this past weekend. It was definitely a mixed bag but they all came up with some Qs and titles. Ginger earned two Qs in Master Containers for her 9th Q. Just one more to go to earn her elite title. She also earned 2nd place in Excellent Handler Discrimination and her title in that. She also earned a Q in Master Exterior with a 3rd place.

Little Brandi earned Qs in Advanced Containers, Advanced Buried, Advanced Exterior and Novice HD. These earned her Advanced title in Buried and Novice title in HD.

Aspen earned 2 Qs in Exterior Excellent toward her Elite title (she already has her Master title and can't run in the same class as Ginger in Master so I moved her down as a warm up run for Detective). One was 2nd place, but I forgot to check results for the other - it was a great run, though! Her Qs in Excellent Handler Discrimination and Excellent Buried (finally! Buried is hard!) earned her titles in both of those and her overall title in Excellent. Three more Qs in Master Buried now separate us from her overall Master title! It and Detective will be our focus until WKC's Scent Work Trial in May! She did great searching and alerting in Detective, including one run where she found all but one hide (no other dog found it either- it was above a fireplace which was above a tall hearth). She also earned her first Master HD Q with a 2nd place. It was a super fun weekend!





Pictured GCH CH Set'r Ridge's Bellini of Set-Point JH (Tessa) going Best in National Regional Speciality on Widbey Island Weekend in November
Shown by Anne Oster owned by Norman and Louise Day

GCH CH Setter Ridges Belinelli of Set-Point JH pictured going Best of Breed at Portland Dog show.

She also got two BOS and a BOB at Puyallup. The other shows in the Rose cluster she took a Select and two best Opposites.

This young bitch is just starting her specials career and we are excited in her future as a special.

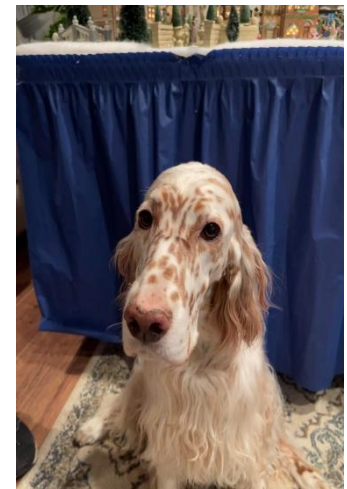
Handled by Christy Marley



GCHB CH Set'r Ridge's Bellini of Set Point JH (Tessa) shown getting her bronze Grand Championship
At Silver Falls Salem OR shown by Christy Marley owned by Norman and Louise Day

At right: GCH CH Bull Mtns Set'r Ridge's Eternity CDC TKN JH (Tabitha) owned by Norman and Louise Day and Paige Fink earned the following Q's at the ACT test: ACT1J third place. ACT1J 4th place for a title. ACT1 4th place ACT1 2nd place. ACT2 4th place. ACT2J 4th place.

Tabitha is actively working on her scent work titles and agility titles and we hope to have all her Novice titles done in the spring. Owned by Norman and Louise Day



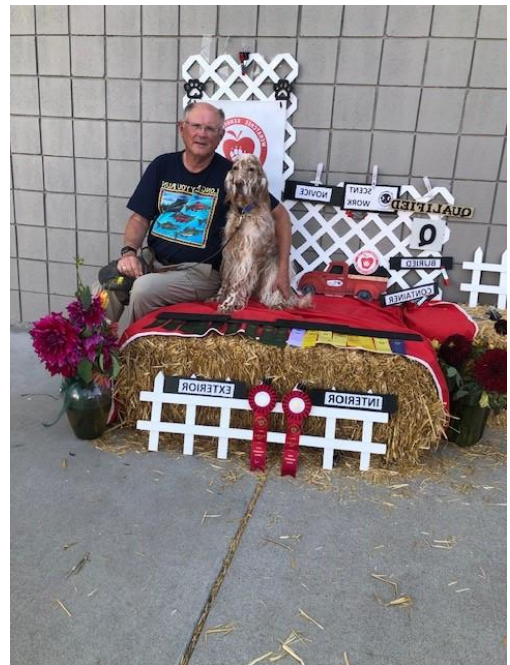


GCHB CH Stage Door Sett'r Ridges Eternity JH (Spirit) shown on three days at Wenatchee Kennel Club Scent Work trial finishing her Exterior and Interior titles and qualifying in 2 out.

Three of the container and Buried runs. Norman took her in for me as not able to make it.

He had never done scent work with Spirit before.

Owned by Norman and Louise Day and Melissa Newman





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