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Upcoming Events

Annual Awards Banquet
Masonic Center at 6 pm
Sat., Jan. 27, 2024

EMLKC Agility Trial
Grant County Fairgrounds
Moses Lake
March 1-3, 2024

WKC Tracking Trial
Palisades
March 16-17, 2024

WKC Scent Work Trial
(Handler Discrimination)
WKC Training Center
April 6-7, 2024

EMLKC Dog Show
Grant County Fairgrounds
April 13-14, 2024

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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).

**January
2024**

Wenatchee Kennel Club milestones during its 63 year history

By Willard Fields, January 12, 2024

This month the Wenatchee Kennel Club begins its 22nd year of offering regularly scheduled dog training classes. What follows is a partial history of the club and some of our other milestones.

It was back in 2002 that the WKC Board began looking for a building that could be a “home” for the club. Since the early 1960s the club had been meeting once a month at various places in the valley – sometimes a restaurant, sometimes a public meeting room at the Chelan County PUD, or Cascade Natural Gas, a fire station, the Wenatchee World, even a bank. But we were rarely allowed to bring dogs. Finally, in 2002, the Board agreed to try leasing a suitable place of our own where we could bring our dogs to meetings, have classes and special events, keep the club’s library and equipment, and generally be a gathering place for the area’s dog lovers. It was hoped that by offering dog training classes to the public, we could help solve dog behavior problems, build participation in dog sports, and attract more club members. And, hopefully, the building would pay for itself. So the search began.

In the fall of that year, a 5000 square foot building at 966 Valley Mall Parkway in East Wenatchee became available at a reasonable price (primarily because the building had been vandalized). It had an office, a small meeting room, a restroom, and two storage rooms, one of which took up the whole second floor. Best of all, there was a 59 x 55 clear-span room that we could use for dog training. The owner cleaned the place up and WKC signed a lease and moved in. Dog training classes began in January of 2003. The following year, WKC agreed to pay for half of the cost to upgrade the building and add heating and air conditioning, which, needless to say, made the place considerably more comfortable. Things went great until 2015 when the building was sold. The new owner informed us we would have to leave by November 1, 2017, which we did.

WKC History (continued)



A class at the old training center on Valley Mall Parkway in 2013.

For a while, our meetings and various classes were split between three different facilities in Wenatchee: 1) a building at the Appleatchee Riders property, 2) the Metcalf Ranch, and 3) the old post office on the ground floor of the federal building on Yakima Street (now City Hall). Some members were saying that, in addition to a building, we needed an outdoor training area. So the Board looked into the feasibility of buying land and constructing a brand new training center, made to order.

In 2015, WKC had become an IRS 501(c) 3 non-profit organization and a Washington State Charitable Organization. That helped us to raise funds which, along with a lease and a loan, allowed us to construct the current building. By July 2019, the new training center at 200 - 1st Street SE in East Wenatchee was completed enough to start holding classes. But just when things seemed to be going great, Covid-19 forced us to shut down classes from March to June of 2020 and severely limited classes for July/August. But other than that, WKC has offered regularly scheduled classes every two months for 21 years.

Fall Dog Shows

The earliest written information I have seen is that the WKC held its first American Kennel Club (AKC) licensed dog show on Sunday, September 15, 1963 at the Apple Bowl with 566 entries. In 1968, the show moved to Recreation Ball Park next to the Apple Bowl. In 1978, it was moved to the central open area of the Chelan County Fairgrounds for three years. In 1981 we moved to Lincoln Park for two years then Lewis & Clark Park for two years. Then it was back to Recreation Park from 1985-1990. By that time, Walla Walla Point Park had been completed and we happily held our show there from 1991-2010. The Chelan County Fairgrounds had just built a huge pavilion and, with the opportunity for us to have an indoor/outdoor show, we moved there in 2011 and have been there ever since.

In the beginning, WKC's fall Dog Show and Obedience Trial was only on Sunday. The Ephrata-Moses Lake KC held their show at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake on the Saturday before our Wenatchee show. When that show was over, the exhibitors would travel to Wenatchee for our Sunday show. But in 1986, EMLKC moved their Saturday show to Wenatchee so exhibitors could have two shows at the same location – a very popular option for exhibitors. Then in 1992, the Yakima Valley Kennel Club added their show to the site on Friday, creating a 3-day “cluster” and our Sunday entries climbed to over 1300.

But after 1995, AKC allowed clubs to hold back-to-back shows by the same club. This allowed WKC to hold two back-to-back shows in the fall and EMLKC to hold two back-to-back shows in the spring. Two years later, Yakima dropped out of doing a Friday show. So in 2015, we added Obedience, Rally, a match (practice show), health clinics, CGC test, FastCAT, and some other events on Friday. That gave Obedience and Rally exhibitors the chance to earn a title (3 qualifying scores) in one weekend. That was also the year we moved the show from September to October to avoid conflicts with the Chelan County Fair and hopefully avoid smoke-filled skies too.

WKC History (continued)

In 2020, we had to cancel the whole weekend because of Covid-19. Then in 2021, AKC allowed WKC to add conformation on Friday, re-creating the 3-day weekend we'd lost in 1995.

So the 2023 show weekend makes it the 60th annual fall Dog Show weekend.

Spring Shows

In 1982, WKC and EMLKC started to hold shows every April at the Grant County Fairgrounds in Moses Lake, in addition to the shared show site in Wenatchee in September. These two shows were part of the "Eastern Washington Circuit" or "Spring Circuit" which included clubs like Walla Walla KC, Palouse Hills Dog Fanciers, and more. But the logistics of putting on a show so far from home were difficult, especially mid-week when people were working. Because AKC allowed clubs to hold back to back shows in 1995, it was easier for both clubs if the two spring shows were put on by EMLKC in Moses Lake and the two fall shows were put on by WKC in Wenatchee. So the last time we shared a show site with Ephrata-Moses Lake KC was 1995. WKC has held 110 AKC Dog Shows (96 individual ones in the fall and 14 in the spring).

Tracking Tests

Wenatchee Kennel Club held its first AKC sanctioned Tracking Test (TD) in 1991. There had been 2 years of "practice" tests as required by AKC before we were allowed to hold a real test in which dogs could earn a title. (Those informal tests were held on top of Badger Mountain which seemed ideal. But in 1990, dense fog obscured marker flags, dogs, and people so the following year the test was moved to the Palisades area, where it's been held ever since.) In 1993, AKC allowed our club to have both TD and TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent) tracks at the test. To date, WKC has held 32 AKC TD Tests and 30 AKC TDX Tests.

Agility Trials

WKC started holding AKC sanctioned Agility Trials in April and October 2003 at Grant County Fairgrounds and Confluence Park (Sat & Sun). There was previously an AKC sanctioned Plan "A" Event in October 2000. The WKC had a two day spring Agility Trials at the Moses Lake Fairgrounds the same weekend as the EMLKC Dog Show from 2003 to 2005. Then in 2006 the spring Agility Trials changed dates with EMLKC having two days and WKC one day in Moses Lake. In October WKC held two trials at Confluence Park on Saturday & Sunday from 2003 through 2010 and then from 2007 to 2010 EMLKC added a Friday trial. Then in 2011 WKC started holding the 3 day October trials in Confluence Park. WKC has held 66 AKC Agility Trials.

Hunt Tests

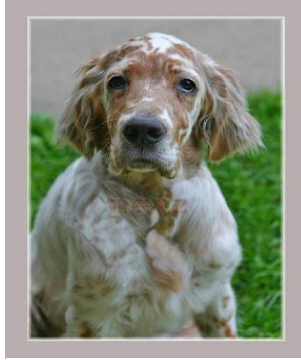
WKC started offering AKC Hunt Tests for Pointing breeds in early May of 2012. It went so smoothly that the following year, AKC allowed WKC to start having "double-double" tests (that's 2 tests for 2 days, for a total of 4 tests). Participation in these tests has been very enthusiastic since there are very few of these titling events held in Washington. WKC has held a total of 42 AKC Hunt Tests, all of which have been held in the Almira, WA area.

Scent Work Trials

Wenatchee Kennel Club's AKC Scent Work Trials began in 2017 and were held with the WKC Dog Show for three years. Then in 2020 the Scent Work trials became independent events, offered on separate weekends. They've been held at the Chelan County Fairgrounds and the WKC Training Center. WKC has held a total of 43 AKC SW Trials.

WKC Formation and Membership

WKC has an embosser with the words "Wenatchee Kennel Club, Inc Corporate Seal 1961 Washington" when WKC was incorporated as a non-profit. In 1966 there were 28 WKC members. By 1979 the membership had grown to 39. Then the membership was up & down a little over the years with 41 members in 2001. Once the WKC started offering classes in 2003, the membership increased on average 7 per year to 191 members in December 2023.



Louise's Corner

Remember our annual dinner and election of officers will be at the Masonic center on January 27, 2024. This is a free dinner for all our members. I need you to let me know if you are coming and if you have any special needs for dinner. Members should submit pictures of your dogs for the slide show to Willard right away if you want them shown at the dinner.

We will also have our club awards at the dinner. It is so great to acknowledge all the great titles our club members have earned in 2023.

Please attend this wonderful evening. It is so amazing how many achievements our members received in 2023. Hopefully, you all have turned yours into Judy Johnson by now. We would also like you to get your pictures into Willard for the PowerPoint show. All pictures of your dog are welcome.

Each month I ponder what to write in my corner that will be of interest to our members. This year we will be working on several events and projects for the club.

We have two scent work trials, one at our training center that is just Handler Discrimination and also the full spring trial (May 17-19) at the fairgrounds.

The double-double hunt tests are the first weekend in May. We are the only all breed club in the United States to do this test. Our events are at the Hughes Ranch outside of Almira, WA. It is a fun two days of working and watching pointing dogs do what they were bred to do. Tests involve us running two bird course events at the same time each day. We have many jobs from bird planters, gate stewards, and hospitality helpers. Lori, my daughter plans and cooks all the meals during the two days of the tests. She could use some help the whole weekend or just a day.

Looking forward to seeing you at our dinner!

Louise

Nominations for Club Office

The Club will hold our annual meeting this year on Saturday, January 27, 2024 and will also hold the Club election then. Nominations for candidates for office are open. If you want to nominate a candidate or candidates, please contact the nominating committee, Jan Flatten (509-782-2416) or Marshall Brown (509-664-6551). Committee nominations close on January 19, 2024.

You can nominate yourself and/or other members if you have their consent. Only senior members can hold office and they must be nominated to be elected. A member may not be a candidate for more than one office. A member may either be nominated by the nominating committee or nominated from the floor at the annual meeting. Members must be present at the annual meeting to vote.

The offices up for election this year are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Director. The following members are candidates so far:

President: 1-year term

Louise Day

Vice President: 1-year term

Brian Bourgeois

Secretary: 1-year term

Kelly Boreson

Treasurer: 2-year term

Willard Fields

Director: 3-year term

Carla Duncan



Trick Dog Testing Coming Up

Reminder that Trick Dog testing will be on Saturday, February 3rd, between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The cost for Novice and Intermediate is \$10.00 per dog and the cost for Advanced is \$20.00 per dog. Both tests will be at the Training Center. Please contact Shanna Davies if you need more information. The sign-up sheet (and payment options) for Trick Dog testing can be found on the Registration page of the WKC web site.

Agility Course Tests

by Jan Flatten



I've entered all the Agility Course Test data and want to congratulate everyone! All the dogs were awesome and almost every one of them earned at least one Q, quite a few earned titles, and several earned more than one! Here are the results:

ACT1, round 1 Qs: Jessup (Marie Boragine), Sniper ([Shannon Edinger](#)), Rio (Linda Potts)

ACT1, round 2 Qs: Bean (Claire Turner), Zuva ([Karen Sprague](#)), Jessup (and a **title!**), Sniper (and a **title!**), Tank ([Samantha Burns-gilmore](#)), Rio (and a **title!**)

ACT1J, round 1 Qs: Kit ([Judy Lindahl](#)), Jessup, Zuva, Rio, Tank

ACT1J, round 2 Qs: Kit (and a **title!**), Bean, Jessup (and a **title!**), Zuva (and a **title!**), Rio (and a **title!**)

ACT2, round 1 Qs: Ellie ([Kelly Richards Boreson](#)), Lyric ([Linda Harbury](#)), Quinn ([Lynne Wasson](#)), Hope ([Karen Robelia](#)), Rowdy ([Dave-Emylee Tolliver](#)), Tank, Zuri ([Karen Sprague](#)), Luna ([Paula Arno Martinez](#))

ACT2, round 2 Qs: Ellie (and a **title!**), Rowdy (and a **title!**), Zuri (and a **title!**), Tank (and a **title!**)

ACT2J, round 1 Qs: Bowie ([Susan Ellestad](#)), Lyric, Quinn, Tank, Rio, Archie (Chris Inmoseslake), Hope, Rowdy

ACT2J, round 2 Qs: Tank (and a **title!**), Hope (and a **title!**), Rio (and a **title!**), Rowdy (and a **title!**), Tabitha (and a **title!**)

Honorable mention goes to Quinn with the blistering fastest course time of 17.15 in ACT2J. 🏆

👉 Results will go in to AKC this week and you can probably expect them to be posted in a month or so.

These events can't happen without volunteers! Thank you to the club members who weren't even running dogs but volunteered all day: [Ellie Russell](#), [Karen Johnson Haase](#) and [Judi Voris](#) ([Pam Jenkins](#) also came and volunteered for the ACT2s). We had many others who were running dogs but volunteered whenever they weren't, bar setting, leash running and course building. My heartfelt thanks to all of you!

2024 Programs

Thanks to Carla Duncan, our WKC program chair, we always have interesting programs at our meetings. Here is the current line-up for 2024 so far:

JANUARY 27, 6PM AT MASONIC LODGE, ANNUAL BANQUET, DINNER, AWARDS, SLIDE SHOW

FEBRUARY 25, 7PM AT TRAINING CENTER, PROGRAM: TRACKING WITH MAGGY SUSMAN

MARCH 24 AT 7PM, TBA

APRIL 28, 7PM AT TRAINING CENTER, PROGRAM: HUNT TEST WITH NORM AND LOUISE DAY

MAY 12, 5:30-7 FOR RUNNING DOGS, 7PM FOR MEETING, AT METCALF RANCH, PROGRAMS: INTRO TO LURE COURSING & FASTCAT WITH BETSY METCALF, SNIFF & GO WITH JAN FLATTEN

JUNE 30, 6PM AT TRAINING CENTER, PROGRAM: INTRO TO BARN HUNT WITH LINDA HARBURY

JULY 28, 7PM AT TRAINING CENTER, SUMMER MEMBERS PARTY, PROGRAM: CELEBRATE AGILITY LEAGUE

AUGUST 25, 7PM AT TRAINING CENTER, PROGRAM: ALL ABOUT SCENTWORK WITH JAN FLATTEN

SEPT 29, 7PM AT TRAINING CENTER, PROGRAM: AGILITY & DOG SHOW WITH PROGRAM CHAIRS

OCT 27, 6PM AT TRAINING CENTER, PROGRAM IS HALLOWEEN PARTY

NOV 24, 7PM, PICTURES WITH SANTA

DECEMBER NO MEETING



Membership Information

Brian Bourgeois, Membership Chair

New application, to be voted on at the next membership meeting:

Marie Boragine - Marie owns a Lab and Vizsla and has taken agility classes over the last year. Marie lives in Manson and is interested in Tracking; Hunting; Obedience; Barn Hunt, Scent Work and Agility classes. Marie has experience training service dogs, working with reactive dogs and teaching basic obedience classes.

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

Fall Season Agility League Results

The final results for the Fall Season of AKC Agility League came out in December. The Wenatchee Kennel Club had two teams in the Limited (smaller spaces) division, a Senior team that finished 16th of 20 teams and a Sophomore Team that finished 7th of 15 teams nationally (and first for the Northwest region). We had multiple individual dog placement award winners. Clean Sweeps Awards (for zero faults in all six courses) went to Beth Blair and Riley, Kris Marohi and Pepper, Mark Woolsey and Tolli, John Njus and Evita, Jan Flatten and Brandi, Jan Flatten and Ginger, and Sara Elzey and Abby. Within the Limited Sophomore division, in the 8" Preferred Jump Height category, Kris and Pepper took first place and Mark and Tolli finished second place; in the 12" Preferred Category, Kelly and Ellia took a third place. Both of the WKC teams also had some top three individual dog placements by Breed, a new category this session, within their respective Divisions: Sarah Elzey's dogs were 3rd in Golden Retrievers (Abby) and 2nd in Rhodesian Ridgebacks (Sunny). Ellia was first for English Springer Spaniels, and Pepper, Percy, and Tolli finished 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in the All American dogs category. Most of all, everybody had fun and got in some great practice!



In Memorium



Carole Sunada, a member of the Wenatchee Kennel Club for 23 years, passed away recently.

Carole served as the WKC Membership Chair for many years. She is remembered by many WKCers for her friendliness and for providing a warm welcome to the club as she shepherded them through the application process at WKC.

She raised 4 AKC award winning German Shepards (Imka, Buddy, Tara, and Jax). Many may remember her monthly column always had a picture of Jax, her last dog, and a story of his antics with the birds.

There will be a Memorial Service:

JAN 26. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
St Joseph's Catholic Church
220 Mountain Park Blvd SW
Issaquah, WA 98027
Graveside service to follow



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TOTAL \$9,447

Includes \$1 to \$24 donations (class registrations donations and other gifts).

The WKC Training Center Arena has become a welcoming facility for our communities. Also, the club membership has grown substantially since we opened it. The need to extend the North Wing from the office to the east is apparent to accommodate additional classes and provide meeting space. Your generous donations of the past have helped the club become a vibrant part of our communities. Thank you! WKC is a 501(c)(3) organization so your gifts may qualify for an IRS tax deduction. Please consider donating to this new goal to raise \$150,000.

WKC Members News



Michelle TeVelde: At Puyallup, Sid (at left) went BOB Sunday and Monday, Winners dog on Saturday.

Timme (below, with Sid) took Best Opposite all three days. Boone earned first qualifying run on his Rally Excellent with a score of 89.



Karen Sprague: Zuri earned her ACT2 title last month at WKC. Zuva earned her ACT1 title during the same event. This was Zuva's first agility event, and her first title! They both earned a Q in the other classes as well. Thanks, Jan and everyone who helped make it happen!



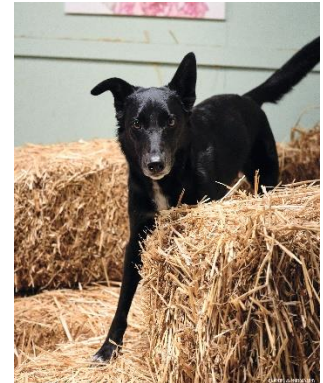


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- **Current class schedules** and more info at www.wenatcheekennelclub.com.



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