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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).

**February
2024**

President: Louise Day
Vice-President: Brian Bourgeois
Treasurer: Willard Fields
Secretary: Kelly Boreson

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

Upcoming Events

Members Meeting
 WKC Training Center
 7 p.m. Sun., Feb. 25

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
 Wenatchee
 April 6-7, 2024

EMLKC Dog Show
 Chelan County
 Fairgrounds
 Cashmere
 April 13-14, 2024

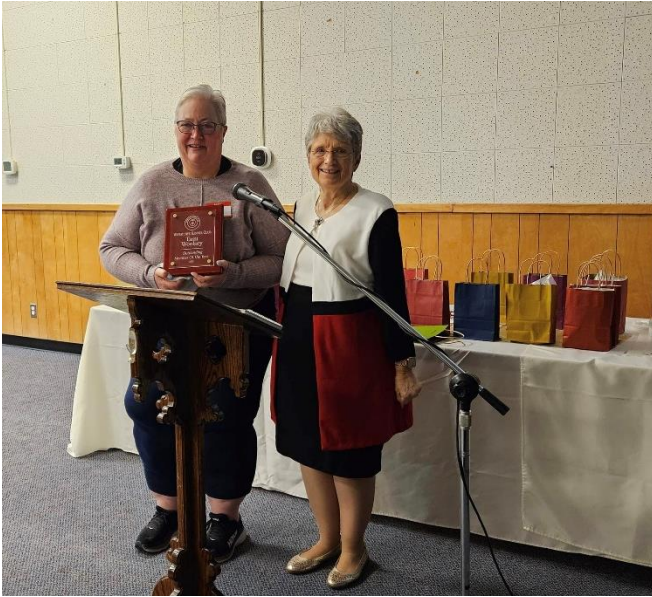
Wenatchee Kennel Club Annual Awards Banquet



From left: Jim Gearhart, John Njus, Willard Fields, Chuck St. John, and Cami Gearhart

The Wenatchee Kennel Club held its annual awards banquet at the Masonic Center on Saturday, January 27. One of the highlights of the evening was the announcement of the Phase I building dedication, honoring Walt and Marilyn Gearhart for their many contributions to the club. The photo above shows the temporary version of the dedication plaque that will go in the lobby of the training center; the Gearhart's son Jim and their daughter Cami were both able to attend the dinner. Among their many volunteer roles, Walt served as President and Past President for the club (2001-2013), and Marilyn served as Chairs for Rally (2004-2011), Agility (2003-2008), and Obedience (1997-2011). Our wonderful WKC Training Center, and the many classes taught within, would not have been possible without their commitment to the club and generous financial support.

WKC Awards Banquet (continued)

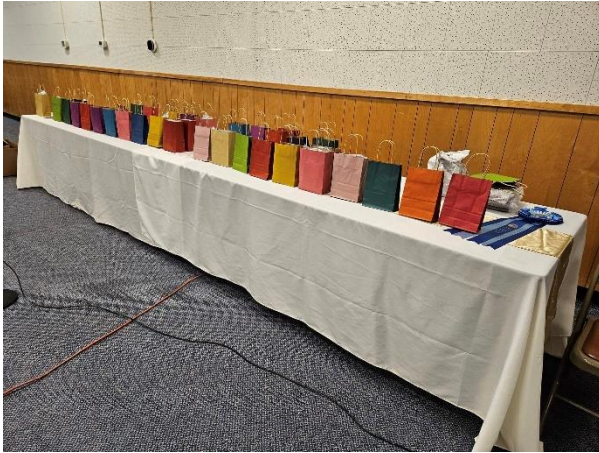


Club president Louise Day presented the 'Member of the Year' award to Tami Woolsey (*top left*), who volunteers as the registration coordinator (a huge task) for the club, as well as helping with many other events along with her husband Mark. The 'Best of Breed' award was presented to Tara Barrett (your newsletter editor), while 'Outstanding Service' awards were presented to Carla Duncan, Betsy Metcalf, and Jan Flatten (*clockwise from top right*). All members enjoyed the excellent dinner of lasagna, salad, and cheesecake, the dog-centric table decorations of toys and title ribbons (*at right*), and nifty souvenir Wenatchee Kennel Club pens.



WKC Awards Banquet (continued)

The elections were held for five WKC offices. Welcome to Brian Bourgeois (Vice President), Kelly Boreson (Secretary), and Carla Duncan (Director), and welcome back to Louise Day (President) and Willard Fields (Treasurer). A video commemorating the process of building the new training club was shown at the banquet, and it has also been posted on the WKC website – thank you to John Njus for creating and editing it.



And last, but not least, Wenatchee Kennel Club members celebrated their dogs' achievements in the year 2023 with a **lot** of new title bars (*photo at left*). Congratulations to all the talented WKC pooches and their humans!!! And a big thank you to Judy Johnson and Katie Hamilton for ordering and organizing all the new awards.



NEW WKC MEMBER T-SHIRTS coming your way! We plan to soon have a pop-up store available with multiple WKC logo design t-shirts available for purchase. Stay tuned for more details!

From Brian Bourgeois: Have you visited our website recently? We've listened and are doing our best to keep things current. Please take a look!

www.wenatcheekennelclub.com

I'd love to hear from you. Any and all suggestions or comments welcome. Shoot me an email:

wkc@wenatcheekennelclub.com

Subject: Website



Louise's Corner

Happy Spring! I know it is only February, but spring flowers have been seen in the area.

With Spring comes our many activities. We have Therapy Dog testing on March 2 at the training center. Please sign up ahead of time if you are interested. It is on the class page I believe.

The new class session (March/April) registrations will be out in the next few days - thanks to all who teach and put this together. As Willard mentioned at the annual meeting, these classes help with all the expenses of having the training center. It is hard to remember the old building we had. John's trip down memory lane sure brought it back to me.

April 6-7th will be the Handler Discrimination Scent Work Trial at the training center. If you are interested in doing this, then watch for the premium as classes fill fast. Registration opens March 6 at 8 a.m.

We will be doing a Fetch Dog test on April 20th. This is a new performance test with a title offered by AKC. We will be offering a Fetch Dog practice on March 30th. More will be published in next month's Pawprint.

Starting next month, I will be posting the general membership meeting agenda in each month's Pawprint. Was going to try and do it this month but with two litters of puppies, time ran out.

Our building fund raiser/donation drive kicked off at the annual meeting. Anyone wishing to donate please contact me, Willard, or John Njus. If you have any good ideas to help us raise money, please call us.

Till next month,

Louise

Zenyatta is a Star!

One of our WKC dogs was recently featured in the national magazine 'The Ridgeback,' in an article written by Zen's owner, Betsy Metcalf. You may remember that Zenyatta was the first WKC dog to earn her AKC Detective title at our fall Scent Work trial. But what we didn't know then was that Zenyatta was also the first Rhodesian Ridgeback to earn the coveted AKC Detective title! Here's a few excerpts from the article:



AKC started their Scent Work in 2017. Catcher (Zenyatta's granddam) got a few Qs as an old dog, and Zanadew (Zenyatta's dam) took off going to Excellent quickly before I lost her in 2019. Zenyatta knew the basics but was doing agility and lure coursing so was not seriously trialing yet. However, she was practicing difficult hides at home and learning odor behavior.

Our first Detective run was 2022 in a wind storm and we missed one hide. But it was fun and the fun continued the next day when Zenyatta got her TDX in almost as much wind. We finally got our first Detective Qualifying score (Q) that fall in Spokane and actually got another the next day! Now I am addicted! Qualifying scores in Detective are very precious: a weekend of 30 runs with 1 to 3 Qs is normal.

Our Detective journey took just over a year and we got our final Q at our home trial the day after my birthday. We were at the fairgrounds and between the beef and horse barns. Breeze into my face, Zen pulled me across the area. A critter? No, the first hide! Then back into the horse barn and into a room on the left: a hide on the shelves to the right. Zen leads me across the room to a hide on the left side. Out of that room, she checks under the tails of the two full-sized plastic horses in the aisle (really, Zen?). Back outside, she checks the stuff on the way to the beef barn: a hide on the door going into the beef barn. Inside, Zen circles around the trailers and equipment in the barn and finds two more hides. My heart rate is really high now as we are having a great run with time left. Zen says she is done, but I take her outside to check the left side of the barn for a start line threshold hide just to be sure. Finish? "Yes," says the judge, and the celebration starts! Detective Dog Zenyatta!

Zenyatta is also known as FC Int'l CH Arr Zenyatta Dew RA TDX SC AX AXJ NAP NJP NFP BCAT SWD SHDE RATO CGC TKA VCX.

And her pedigree is: GChP Bakari's Lor Vitra Caymus SC x. Ch Arr Zanadew Dreams TD, AX, AXJ, RA, SWA, RATN, TKA, SHDA, SCE, SIE, SEE, CGC.

Congratulations Betsy and Zen! (The full article is currently on display in the lobby of the training center.)

General Membership Meeting
Sunday, February 25@ 7 p.m.
WKC Training Center
Presentation on Tracking with Maggy Susman



Membership Information
Brian Bourgeois, Membership Chair

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

The Gerbig family (Laken, Virgil and Emmit) were approved at the February Board of Directors meeting.

They did an amazing job volunteering at our dog show in October and want to become more involved after taking "many" classes. They are ring steward trained and Laken wrote that she has a "handy husband for projects" - YAY!

The Gerbig's live in Cashmere, own a Doberman Mix, Corgi-Cardigan and a Cirneco dell'Etna and are involved or interested in just about all WKC has to offer!

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 Tracking Trial test is on Sunday March 17th

Tracking Test Limited to Six (6) Dogs

Tracking Test Excellent Limited to Three (3) Dogs

The Premium is posted on the WKC web site. **Note entries close Thursday, March 7.**



WKC Members - News

Karen Haase: Bullet earned his Advanced Trick dog Title 2/3/24. Just goes to prove you can teach an old dog new tricks. He'll be 11 this year. A big 'Thank you!' to Shanna for doing an outstanding job putting it all together.

Judy Lindahl: January and February were busy months for us. Kit got her ACT 1 Jumpers title. She ran a couple of NADAC Intro to Tunnelers courses and Q'd in both of them. She thought having all of those tunnels was pretty fun. She also got her Trick Dog Novice title (at right). Mister Murphy got his Star Puppy and is really enjoying AG1 this session.



Shanna Davies:

Team Scrappy (at left) got his CGC on 2/11/2024. Scrappy is going to be 11 years old this September.

And I become a Fetch Dog Judge on 2/7/24!



Tara Barrett: Photo above shows Otter just having a blast on the NADAC Tunnelers Course set up at the training center on Feb. 2nd. She got two Open Q's, but only because she's smart enough not to wait for her slow human to catch up with her. Twelve and a half years old, yet still a puppy at heart!

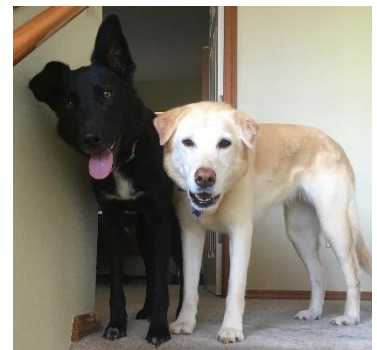


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CALENDAR

- **WKC General Membership Meeting** Feb. 25 at the Training Center
- **WKC Tracking Trial** March 16-17, 2024
- **WKC Handler Discrim. Trial** April 6-7, 2024
- **Current class schedules** and more info at www.wenatcheekennelclub.com.



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