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Upcoming Events

Members Meeting
WKC Training Center
7 p.m. Sun., March 24

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

Fetch Dog Testing
WKC Training Center
April 20, 2024

WKC Hunt Test
Almira, WA
May 4-5, 2024

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).

**March
2024**

WKC Tracking Test



The site of the tracking trial, in the beautiful Palisades area

Every March, the Wenatchee Kennel Club holds an AKC Tracking Test. Tracking is the art of a dog following the trail of where a person has walked. The "TD" test requires that a dog follow a track that is between 440 and 500 yards in length, with 3 to 5 turns, where the scent is between 30 minutes and 2 hours old, to find an article (usually a glove). The "TDX" test requires that the dog follow a track that is between 800 and 1000 yards in length, with 5 to 7 turns, where the scent is between 3 to 5 hours old, find 3 articles, and ignore cross tracks from 2 people at several locations - it is a very difficult test! On the following pages is the summary report of this year's tracking trial from Trial Secretary Heather Stiver.

WKC Tracking Test (continued)



At left: the judges watch as Maggy and Magic get ready to start their track at 8:30 am Sunday. At right: a little later in the day, participants and volunteers relax in the sunshine during the event.

Tracking Test Recap

Mar 17, 2024

The success of this event is attributed to the dedication and hard work of our volunteers who contributed significantly to its smooth execution. The recent tracking test was met with favorable conditions, enjoying beautiful weather throughout the duration.

Acknowledgements:

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all volunteers whose efforts were instrumental in making this tracking test possible. Special recognition is owed to John Njus for his exceptional management of the test, overseeing operations, and ensuring the seamless organization of volunteers and tracks. A sincere thank you also goes out to Paige Brown for generously providing the use of her side-by-side vehicle. Furthermore, I commend new Chairman Jeff Stiver for his support, driving the judges, providing refreshments, and stepping in wherever needed.

New Participants:

We welcomed several new track layers and cross-track layers to our team, including Callie Craig, Rich Evans, Jennifer Frese, Sara Norris, and Kaylee Pearsons. Their contributions were integral to the success of the event. Additionally, I would like to express gratitude to track layers Linda Harbury, Betsy Metcalf, and Katie Hamilton for their continuing dedication and hard work.

Special Acknowledgement:

A special acknowledgment is due to Tara Barrett for her consistent excellence in track laying, affectionately dubbed as "stinky feet," as she has laid her third consecutive TD pass. We are truly grateful for her continued commitment to our club.

Participants and Results:

Congratulations to Team Magic & Maggy Susman for successfully passing their TD. While we had five participants attempting the TDX, unfortunately, none were successful in passing their test. We extend appreciation to our judges, Roy Fair and Sarah Kahn, for their time and expertise.

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to all participants, volunteers, and contributors for their support and dedication to the success of the tracking test.

Heather Stiver
WKC Tracking Secretary

Editor's note: Also, a huge 'Thank you!' to Heather. She has just recently begun tracking with her dogs and had not even ever seen a Tracking Test in the past - and still did a great job as Tracking Secretary!



A new TD! Maggy (center) and Magic right after the conclusion of their successful track, with judges Roy Fair and Sarah Kahn (at right) and track layer Tara Barrett (at left).

VOLUNTEER



Louise's Corner

This month my column is on volunteering.

This kennel club exists because our members volunteer at our many events and teach our classes. We have almost 200 members that belong to the club enjoying the many benefits we receive from membership. However, only a portion volunteer for the many jobs we have. If you are a member, look at the events listed at the training center, plus in the Pawprint, and ask what you can do to help.

I used to be a conformation and obedience only person, and I will admit I was a purebred dog snob. Then I started to help at agility and hunt tests and soon realize that our dogs are remarkable and can teach us many lessons. They don't care what a dog's pedigree is, they want to play and socialize with each other. We really get to know each other by working on our events and can celebrate each other's successes. This is why we ask people who want to join the club to attend two meetings or work at events.

Now, having said all this, I am sorry I must add that we need to support those who chair and work on the committees. They do the best they can to put on the events for us and suggestions are always welcome if given in a kind manner. It is especially hard to put on a brand-new event as you have nothing to fall back on from previous events. Your support is needed by everyone doing these events.

We have the following events coming up, please contact the names listed to help out.

Fetch Dog Test Practice March 30 - Louise Day

Scent Work April 6-7 - Jan Flatten

Hunt Test May 3 set up; then four hunt tests on May 4 & 5 - Norman and Louise Day

At the March Board of Directors meeting, we discussed the poor turnout at our regular meetings lately. The attendance has been declining since Covid. I hear complaints that members do not know what is going on and have no say in club decisions. Decisions are made by the membership at the membership meetings. The Board has decided to try changing our meetings to the last Monday night hoping more of you will come. We will also start every other month to see if that helps. We hopefully will have most of the meetings fall between class sessions that way. Please see the meeting schedule sent to every member's email and posted in this Pawprint.

Louise

Monthly member meetings - Changes Coming!

Our member meetings are conducted to handle club business such as voting in new members, bringing up club projects or issues for member input and passing along news. The meetings typically include fun and short educational dog-related programs. It is also an opportunity to meet and socialize with other members outside of a class setting.

Our meetings have been held on the last Sunday of the month at 7pm. In an attempt to make the meetings more convenient for members to attend, the Board is making two changes:

- Meetings will be held on the **last Monday** of the month at **6:30 pm, starting April 29**. (March will remain on the old schedule - Sunday, March 24. The program will be about Scent Work Handler Discrimination with Jan Flatten.)
- Meetings will be moved to an **every other month** schedule (with two exceptions). The newly planned meeting months will be:
 1. January (Annual Banquet on a Saturday),
 2. February
 3. April
 4. June
 5. August
 6. October
 7. November (Santa photos)

Watch your email for specific dates, times, programs and minutes of the previous meeting.



A brief communications survey

To help the Board better understand our club communications, please share with Vice President Brian Bourgeois (509.670.2296 bourgeoisbe@hotmail.com) two things:

1. Your primary source of information about WKC news and events, and
2. What secondary sources of information you use.

Our current methods of sharing club information include:

1. Membership meetings
2. Newsletter: "The PawPrint"
3. Webpage: www.wenatcheekennelclub.com
4. Facebook Group: "Wenatchee Kennel Club"
5. Instagram Feed: "wen_ken_club"
6. Membership emails - both membership-at-large and specific performance related small groups
7. Other methods of communication

NEW WKC MEMBER T-SHIRTS WKC member shirts are now available for purchase. On-line store open until March 25th.



Membership Information

Brian Bourgeois, Membership Chair

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



John Njus: The WKC "Q Seekers" Senior Team competed In the Agility League Fall 2023 National Individual Dog Awards. John Njus & Evita placed 1st in the Limited Senior Veteran 8" division. The event is held across the country in various venues with 6 runs over 12 weeks.

Sara Serra:

On March 3 at Moses Lake agility trials Penny got her first AKC title ever in FAST novice and also 1st place in her third Q! She wants to thank all her agility teachers in the last 5 years who supported her, her friend Rio and all the friends at the WKC.



Jan Flatten: Aspen Flatten earned her Master title in Barn Hunt earlier this month at the Rat-A-Caters trial at French Creek in Monroe. She would have had two more Qs this weekend if her handler had called "clear" in time (you can't self-time in barn hunt so your internal clock has to be pretty good). She also earned 210 points toward her gold Crazy 8s title. She's now: Aussie Rescue's Aspenglow RN OAP AJP NFP ACT2 ACT2J SWM SCME SHDM RATM CZ8S TKI (AKC) and EAC EJC NCC TG-E TN-E WV-E GR-E (NADAC). Most all of this has been earned while she has been living with cancer. I'm so grateful to have this little rescue by my side. Photo by Campfire Photography



Karen Sprague: Zuri (right) earned her Novice Standard Preferred title at the Moses Lake trial this month. She also earned a Q in Novice JWW Preferred, with one more to go for her title. It was our third trial, and like the other two, the camaraderie and support at these local trials is amazing! We had a great time!



Sara Elzey: March 2024 - Adventures with Sunry

My heart is so FULL of love & joy as I write this article! My amazing, incredible, very special, Sunry (Alaska's Red Sunrise) earned her Preferred (Master) Agility Championship (PACH), and her Preferred Agility Excellent Title (PAX), and her second Time to Beat Title at Moses Lake! The PACH & PAX require 20 "double" qualifying runs which means we qualified on a Standard and on a Jumpers Master level courses on the same day. In addition, the PACH also requires 750 points which are earned one point per each second our time was less than the standard course time. Time to Beat titles require 15 qualifying runs and 100 points earned by the time difference between us and the fastest dog that ran the course (sometimes it was us!). These titles are the culmination of many hours of shared fun & practice, and of course, some challenges & frustrations! We started agility when Sunry was a wee puppy and have been moving towards this achievement through just over 3 seasons of competition, and 28 trials. I am still in a state of shock over it all! When I started doing agility, I wasn't even aware of these awards. I just wanted to have fun with my dog. What a journey it has been! It was also very special to share this great accomplishment with so many of my friends!! Two of my good friends from Alaska (my home) came down to share this with me. And so many of my new, dear friends from the Wenatchee Kennel Club were there. Sunry and I have been so blessed by so many people who have trained, encouraged, and supported us! Too many to name you all, but I hope you all know how much you mean to me. Thank you!



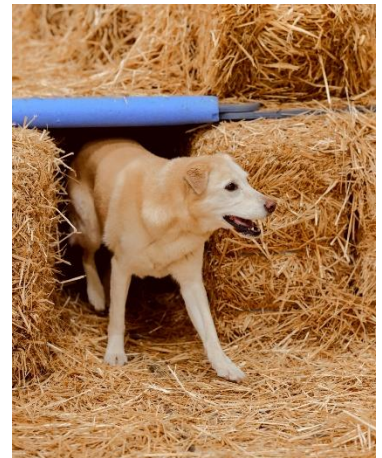


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Mailing Label

CALENDAR

- **WKC General Membership Meeting** March 24 at the Training Center
- **WKC Handler Discrim. Trial** April 6-7, 2024 at the Training Center
- **Ephrata-Moses Lake Dog Show** April 12-14 at Chelan Cty Expo Cntr
- **WKC Fetch Dog Test** April 20, 2024 at the Training Center
- **WKC Hunt Dog Test** May 4-5 in Almira, WA
- **Current class schedules** and more info at www.wenatcheekennelclub.com.



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