

# Fall Newsletter- Dec. 2015

President-Jeanne Bulkley \* Vice President-Jan Stebbins \* Treasurer-Rita Snodgrass \* Secretary-Dana Ingalls



From the WSDA President -- Jeanne Bulkley

I don't know where this year went but I do know what I was fortunate enough to spend much of it doing. Working with my dogs and working with this amazing bunch of people in the WSDA. We finished out 2014 with 43 members in our Association and 2015 we have 71 members and are well on our way to topping that for 2016. We started off with an all new board this last winter and were lucky enough to pick up Dana Ingalls as an Interim Secretary when Joan had too much on her plate. I can tell you that Rita, Cindy and Dana were an efficient machine when it came to getting things done.

WSDA organized several trials this year, the State Fair, Laramie Fiber Festival, Great American Cowboy, and two Winter Series trials at Gillette. Not to mention the trials that our members put on their own, Joni and Blake Tietjen at Clearmont with two trials, Lennie Kempenich in North Dakota, Fort Bridger FFA Trial, Jamie Spring and Laura Hicks in South Dakota with two, David and Cindy Soppe in the Bighorns and Open Lock had our first trial this year. It is truly a great opportunity we have to show off our dogs in the trial field but we also had an opportunity to bring out our more inexperienced dogs and handlers to get help in areas we needed through David and Cindy Soppe. They welcomed us all to their place, allowed us to work their sheep and shared their knowledge with us. They and other more experienced handlers were available for questions and to discuss training methods and stories, eat good food and have a wonderful weekend. We had several clinics in our region with renowned dog handlers also. They filled in a heartbeat so I think that is something that we should look at doing more of given the amount of interest.

The WSDA sponsored some promotional money last year and will again this year to help someone who wants to have an event that helps promote the working stockdog. Last year's awards went to Lennie Kempenich and David and Cindy Soppe. The applications have closed for this first period but you still can submit for the July through December 2016 time frame. All members are encouraged to apply if you want to do something to publicize our dogs. It doesn't have to be a trial, can be a workday or a clinic or anything that gets the dogs appreciated. We are looking at ideas for the promotional money auctions for 2016. I would like to thank Mike and Tammy Merriman for so generously supporting last year's auctions with the winning bids on the crook and the blanket. Also Lennie Kempenich won the very nice TV trays with Barb Ross' art work.



Your board is discussing taking out advertising for our trials and clinics. As anyone who has purchased advertising knows this is not an inexpensive proposition so we would like to get the members input as to whether they feel we would see cost effective benefits to advertising or if we should carry on as we are. Would we pick up more members or participants in our clinics and trials? And would it be our most effective means of promoting the stockdog? There are some no cost options to get our message out there like community calendars and perhaps some radio spots promoting the WSDA and the working stock dogs. Dana suggested forming a promotional committee to deal with this so if anyone would like to work with her on this please contact any of us. Many of you members may have more ideas on this and your board would welcome hearing them.

At this point in time we are looking at probably the same trials other than the Laramie trial. We had voted to move the Casper trial to a different location so we can expand that trial to include more dogs and be under less time constraint. Joni and Blake donated the use of her arena if we would like. Also I would like the members to consider moving the annual meeting to this trial instead of trying to fit it in before the trial in our short winter days. Something to ponder.

Our elections were held at the annual meeting and Rita Snodgrass is continuing as our treasurer and overall miracle worker at the trials. We have a great appreciation of all this lady manages to accomplish as well as running her dogs. Dana Ingalls is now our elected secretary (no more of this interim title!) She has already had a bunch of great ideas and the energy to implement them. I feel Dana's experience will be a boon for this Association. Jan Stebbins is replacing Cindy Soppe as our Vice President. Cindy did an amazing job last year of working these trials. She was on the committee of the State Fair trial and the driving force behind the Laramie trial, not to mention their own trial and work day. She also was always ready to jump in and volunteer for everything that needed done. Thank you so much for all you did this year Cindy. Jan we welcome you and look forward to working with you and hearing your ideas for the WSDA. And again I have been fortunate enough to be elected president of this neat group. Thank you and I would like to thank my husband Dale for all he has done to allow me this time to do what I enjoy so much. I will continue to do all I can for the stock dogs and this organization.

I have been told numerous times that we are not just about trialing and that is very true, but like any sport or lifestyle, the way we celebrate those accomplishments is through competitions. So while many of our events are competitions I do not want anyone to feel that we are excluding anyone who does not wish to trial or feel comfortable there. It is our goal to celebrate all aspects of the working dog and we know that at the ranch and farms and in our hearts is where they prove their true value.

Merry Christmas everyone and a wonderful New Year!

Jeanne Bulkley





### Secretary Minutes from December 12, 2015

On December 12, 2015, 9:30 am, the annual WSDA meeting was called to order by President Jeanne Bulkley.

Approximately 25 WSD members were present. An agenda was passed out to all in attendance.

Secretary's Report was waived because it had been published on the WSDA website.

Rita Snodgrass provided a treasurer's report. A financial summary was provided on all 2015 WSDA sponsored trials.

#### Old Business:

Wyoming State Fair Trial / Douglas, WY: Dana Ingalls made a motion to have an earlier start time so that people could get to other trials. Wendy Auzqui seconded. Motion passed.

Wyoming Fiber Trial / Laramie, WY: During discussion, items like location, assistance with trial, and quality of sheep were concerns. Cindy Soppe made a motion to table the Wyoming Fiber Trial. Dorrance Eikamp seconded. Motion passed.

GAC / Casper, WY: Rita Snodgrass gave a summary of the 2015 trial. Her points of concern were time constraint, cost of facility, and the inability to grow the trial. Joni Tietjen said that if the membership wanted to move the trial, that the WSDA could use their indoor arena free of charge. Tammy Merriman made a motion to keep the GAC title and move it to a different venue. Joni Tietjen seconded. Motion passed.

Rita Snodgrass agreed to put a link to Facebook on the WSDA website.

The 2015 Promotional Money was divided between Southern Big Horn Trial and the Northern Plains Stock Dog Trial. Currently, Joni Tietjen is the only applicant for the 2016 January through June Promotional Money. Deadline is December 16, 2015.

Dana Ingalls, Secretary, reminded members to keep their mailing and email addresses current.

David and Cindy Soppe's practical work day was a huge success. Membership would like to have more workdays in 2016.

There were 3 Silent Auction items for 2015. The last silent auction item, a wool blanket, was donated by Cindy and David Soppe with Tammy Merriman being the last bidder at \$375.00.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Two new Fiber Festivals for 2016 were discussed. The date for Fiber Festival in Thermopolis conflicts with the date of the Wyoming State Fair Trial and the Casper Fiber Festival in mid September. September is a very busy month of already scheduled trials. Putting on a trial at either location is not a possibility. If anyone wants to put on a demo during the Thermopolis Fiber Festival or the Casper Fiber Festival contact a WSDA board member.

Dana Ingalls made a motion to accept Barb Ross's nomination, Pat Litton and (Posthumously Gene Litton) for Honorary Membership. Donna Cole seconded. Motion passed.

Jeanne Bulkley, President, received a request for help at the USBCHA Finals in Carbondale, CO. Terry Murray wants the members of WSDA to help with the "Ask a Handler" program. Final decision will be made at the Gillette Trial, January 9, 2016.

Setting up a trial "slush" fund was discussed. It would be used for unforeseen expenses that people who put on trials didn't budget for. Rene LaBree made a motion to add \$2.00 to each entry to be deposited into such a fund. Jan Stebbins seconded. Motion passed.

Final item of new business was the election of officers. They are as follows: Jeanne Bulkley (President), Jan Stebbins (Vice President), Dana Ingalls (Secretary), and Rita Snodgrass (Treasurer).

With no further old or new business, the meeting was adjourned.

Dana Ingalls, Secretary



## Calendar of WSDA Events

**January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016:** WSDA Winter Series, Barn #3-Complex, Gillette, WY Contact Information: Jeanne Bulkley 307-868-9990 [openlockranch@gmail.com](mailto:openlockranch@gmail.com).

**January 9<sup>th</sup>:** NCA Benefit Clinic, Cheyenne, WY Contact information: Bob Wagner 970-420-2336 [bob@wagner-ranch.com](mailto:bob@wagner-ranch.com) Tim Gifford 308-631-0387 [gifford\\_tim@ymail.com](mailto:gifford_tim@ymail.com).

**January 10<sup>th</sup>:** NCA Benefit Classic, Cheyenne, WY Contact information: Bob Wagner 970-420-2336 [bob@wagner-ranch.com](mailto:bob@wagner-ranch.com) Tim Gifford 308-631-0387 [gifford\\_tim@ymail.com](mailto:gifford_tim@ymail.com).

**January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016:** Slash J Arena Novice Stock dog Training Clinic Contact Information: Jeanne Bulkley 307-868-9990 email: [openlockranch@gmail.com](mailto:openlockranch@gmail.com)

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>:** NWSS Cattle dog Trial Denver, CO Contact Information: Bob Wagner 970-420-2336 [bob@wagner-ranch.com](mailto:bob@wagner-ranch.com). FULL

**January 24<sup>th</sup>:** Bar Double J Cattle dog Trial Bennett, CO Contact Information: Bob Wagner 970-420-2336 [bob@wagner-ranch.com](mailto:bob@wagner-ranch.com).

**January 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>:** Bozeman Winter Series #1 Belgrade, MT Contact Information: Barb Moe 406-350-1910 [barbmoe.c5ranch@gmail.com](mailto:barbmoe.c5ranch@gmail.com) Jeannie Biggers 406-580-8098 [jbiggers@gotdogagility.com](mailto:jbiggers@gotdogagility.com).

**February 13<sup>th</sup>:** WSDA Cattle dog Trial-Complex Gillette, WY Contact Information: Penny Allemand 307-660-2648.

**February 14<sup>th</sup>:** WSDA Winter Series #2 Gillette, WY Contact Information: Jeanne Bulkley 307-868-9990 email: [openlockranch@gmail.com](mailto:openlockranch@gmail.com).

**February 15<sup>th</sup>:** Cattlemens Classic Kearney, NE Contact Information: Jeff Mundorf 712-621-1912 [jmundorf@metins.net](mailto:jmundorf@metins.net).

**February 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>:** Bozeman Winter Series #2 Belgrade, MT Contact Information: Barb Moe 406-350 1910 [barbmoe.c5ranch@gmail.com](mailto:barbmoe.c5ranch@gmail.com) Jeannie Biggers 406-580-8098 [jbiggers@gotdogagility.com](mailto:jbiggers@gotdogagility.com).

**March 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>:** Bozeman Winter Series #3 Belgrade, MT Contact Information: Barb Moe 406-350 1910 [barbmoe.c5ranch@gmail.com](mailto:barbmoe.c5ranch@gmail.com) Jeannie Biggers 406-580-8098 [jbiggers@gotdogagility.com](mailto:jbiggers@gotdogagility.com).

**April 9<sup>th</sup>:** NCTA Spring Cattle dog Trial Curtis, NE Contact Information: Kelly Poop 308-367-7127 [lazykp@yahoo.com](mailto:lazykp@yahoo.com).

**April 28<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>:** National Finals Benefit SDT Carbondale, CO Entries 2/1 to 3/15. Contact Information: Bridget Strang 970-963-2319 (hm) 970-948-2391 (mb) [www.strangranch.com](http://www.strangranch.com).

**May 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>:** Hotchkiss Sheep Camp SDT Hotchkiss, CO Entries open 2/1. Contact Information: Richard Bailey 970-399-7538 [www.hotchkissdogtrials.com](http://www.hotchkissdogtrials.com).

**June 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>:** NCA National Finals Meeker, CO.



## Secretary Highlights

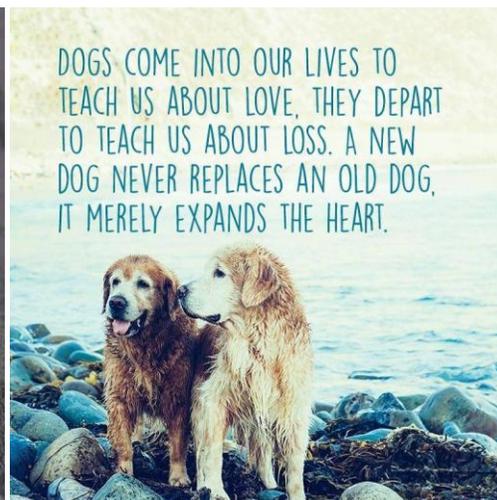
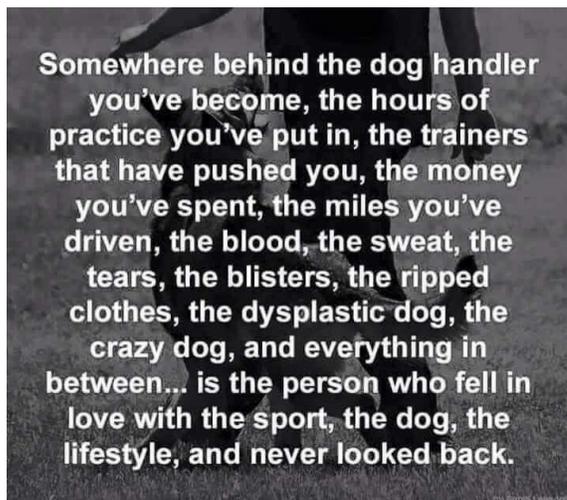
Christmas is coming and 2015 will soon be in the books. There have been many WSDA events held and many good times had by all. 2016 is sure to be a great year with all the great dogs that are being trained and new handlers gaining experience. Being officially elected as secretary brings a set of responsibilities that I hope to fulfill. Beyond the office title, as a WSDA member I am excited about where this association is heading.

Article II in the WSDA by laws states:

The objectives of this Assn. shall be to collect and preserve the history of the stock dog to promote stock dogs through obtaining, maintaining and disseminating information pertaining to their breeding and training as working dogs; to promote dog trials, exhibitions, publicity for stock dogs, and to work specifically for the improvement and preservation of working stock dogs.

There are many ways to promote the stock dog. One facet is through publications. There is a newspaper in Wyoming called "The Wrangler." It is primarily a horse related newspaper but is a wide spread publication that reaches around 9000 households throughout 6 states. It has an online version that can be accessed after the printed issue has been sent out. The Wrangler is handed out free of charge at large events like the Black Hills Stock Show and the National Western in Denver CO. There are many ways to handle the cost of using such a publication. One way is to have each member pay for a subscription of only \$8.00/year. The other way is to get a sponsor that would be willing to pay so much an issue for the entire year. Either way, it would allow the WSDA to reach an additional 9000 households and spread the news about the great stock dogs we have in the area and all that the WSDA is about. Please let me know what you think about such a venture. My email is [Ingalls@atcjet.net](mailto:Ingalls@atcjet.net) or call 307-290-2208 (mb). Looking forward to our next trial in Gillette!!!

Dana Ingalls-Secretary



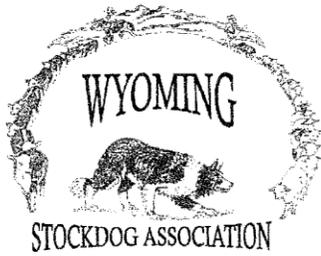


## Trial Etiquette for Novice Handlers-Tips from Pros and USBCHA

- \*\*Don't allow your dogs to bark while others are running.
- \*\*Keep your dog under control both on and off the trial field/arena.
- \*\*A sheep dog trial is there basically to provide a shop window for good dogs....you are there to show your dog's ability and to beat the course not the people.
- \*\*To criticize the trial and its organization etc. is to jeopardize the future of trialing. Without these people there would be no trialing....HELP don't criticize. Be polite and friendly and above all be sportsmanlike.

## Helpful Showmanship Tips from Top Handlers

- \*\*When entering the arena/field, the handler should introduce themselves and their dogs to the judge/scribe upon entering the arena/field.
- \*\*Taking dogs out in the arena/field during the handlers meeting could get them disqualified.
- \*\* Any contestant who receives assistance of any kind while running his dog may be disqualified.
- \*\*Any contestant wishing to have the course explained or have any other point clarified must question the Course Director before he starts his run. Contestants cannot ask questions once their run is started.
- \*\*Neither contestants nor any others shall take dogs onto the trial course before the competition starts except with permission of the Course Director or trial management.
- \*\*Do not wave your crook around when the sheep are turning the post, have it out steady to block the side you do not want the sheep to pass on.
- \*\*Make it a point to walk STRAIGHT to the post (your dog will pick up on this as the direction to look for the sheep).
- \*\*Be standing beside or a step in front of the post when you send your dog. (some judges will deduct points if you are behind the post)
- \*\*After sending your dog on its out run make it a point to stand on the correct side of the post. (You stand on the side of the post that the sheep should NOT pass around). If it is a RIGHT hand drive you would stand on the RIGHT side of the post, the sheep would pass around the LEFT side of the post. A LEFT hand drive would put you on the LEFT side of the post with the sheep passing on the RIGHT side of the post. By standing on the correct side of the post it cuts down on the chance of the sheep going around the post wrong away.
- \*\*As the sheep are approaching the post you can step away from the post (step to the side you do NOT want the sheep to pass on). Then follow the sheep around the post as they are turning, making sure not to cut them off or spook them. It is accepted to be no more than a crook's length away from the post when enacting your turn at the post.



# 2015 Membership Application

New Membership  Renewal

Individual (1 vote) \$20  Family (2 votes) \$30

You may pay for your membership for five years if you wish, please check here and multiply the individual or family membership fee by five

Your membership information **will** be listed on our web (www.wyomingstockdog.com) site unless you check here

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Member's Names \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Work Cell

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Use this area to tell us what you would like to see the WSDA do. Any changes to the website, things you would like to see in the newsletter, etc

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Please do not hesitate to call our secretary with any questions: Dana Ingalls (307) 290-2208

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