

November 2023

# WICHITA KENNEL CLUB, INC. NEWS FOR THE DOG FANCIER

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## *From the Editor:*

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## **Words From Our President    Mike Williams**

October 30, 2023

It is hard to believe that Leanne and Tom Chase have moved to California, but they have. I miss them already a lot. I find myself frequently at the phone to call Tom & Leanne for something. In any club or organization, you have change. At John Deere one time we had an annual meeting entitled "The Challenge of Change". Change IS challenging but can be met and overcome.

I am happy to report that Pam Watkins has agreed to be our club's new treasurer. She and Tom met before he went to California and did all the necessary paperwork that had to be done. Pam is in the process of purchasing the necessary software so she can start her job as WKC treasurer. Thank you, Pam, for stepping up to do this job.

I am also happy to report that Lori Hays and Patricia Swearingen have volunteered to be CO-Chairs of our Membership Chair Committee. Patricia is working already on the Christmas booklet we each receive at our Christmas Party, and I would remind each of you to read Lori Hays letter with instructions on getting your title information to her by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, Lori and Patricia, for taking on the Membership Chair Committee.

I am also pleased to report that Nikki Winzer has stepped up to do our monthly newsletter until such time as we find someone to do our newsletter. Thank you, Nikki!!!

Leanne was our Cluster Treasurer and the new Cluster Treasurer is Velva Imel out of Hutchinson, KS.

Many of us attended the Cluster meeting this past Saturday, 28 OCT 23 and there were many changes made. I will publish to the membership all the changes voted on at the meeting hopefully by our general meeting date of 14 November 2023.

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**Words from Our President Mike Williams**

Our next major event is our Scent Trial on 1, 2, and 3 December. If you can come out and help us, please do so. We need all the help we can get. This trial is filling up fast.

Our Christmas Party is something you will not want to miss. The date is 10 December at 5:00 p.m. I think I have the time correct. See our newsletter for correct time. The club will furnish the meat entries and each member is asked to bring a side dish and or a desert.

Our Barn Hunt practices have been going very well. I made one of the practices with Chico and we did well. Thank you, Simone and Kim and Charlotte and Matt, and Rachel and Ann and everyone that has helped make these practices quality. The hay Simone captured for us is working out very well. Simone has a beautiful place to conduct these Rat Hunt practices.

See you all at our general meeting at 7:00 p.m. on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

I thank each and every one of you for your hard work at our events. Without you we cannot be a success.

Mike Williams



Happy  
Thanksgiving





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## **WKC Program & General Membership Meeting**

November 13, 2023

Lisa Smith

“All About the Dobermans”

Wichita Kennel Club, Inc.  
3448 N Emporia St.  
Wichita, KS 67219

7:00 PM

Snacks and Drinks Provided

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***December General  
Membership Meeting  
& Christmas Party***

***5:00 PM  
Sunday, Dec. 10***



***Remember our Veterans  
on Veterans Day  
November 11***



Winners of the 2nd Annual WKC Halloween Costume contest are from left to right Tom Chase with Mermaid River, Pat Swearingen with Mermaid Vanna, and Nikki Winzer with Mermaid Farrah (3<sup>rd</sup> Place) Debbie Snyder with Gracie & Johnny as Bride & Groom (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), and Kevin and Lori Hays with Sky, as the WOLF, with Jazz & two baby pups dressed up as Three Little Pigs. They came with their houses (1<sup>st</sup> Place). This was also the night we celebrated Tom and Leanne Chase for all the good years and good times! We will miss them! It was a wonderful evening!

**WKC PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS**

Beverly McLean has met the requirements for membership and needs to be voted in as a new member at the November meeting.

Keelyn Hanlon, Carody Bryan, Dustin Baker, and Leah Rutherford are in progress to completing their requirements for membership.

Please welcome and get to know Beverly and the other upcoming new members. We are happy to add them to the WKC Family!

**2023 WKC CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Sunday, Dec. 10, at 5:00 PM. --- More details to be announced  
WKC furnishes the meat, and we ask all coming to bring a potluck entrée, vegetable, or dessert.

Our Christmas parties are a lot of fun as we have a Dirty Santa gift exchange (\$15 - \$20 limit), we recognize an outstanding member with a service award, a member with the outstanding breeder award, and we recognize our members that have placed any titles on dogs.

**WICHITA KENNEL CLUB INC. MEMBERSHIP DUES TIME!**

*Please see the membership form at the end of this newsletter.*

*Membership renewals are due by 12/31/2023*

*Please send your renewal and \$20/person dues to:*

*Wichita Kennel Club  
c/o Pam Watkins, Treasurer  
3448 N. Emporia  
Wichita, KS 67219*

*The list of committees and/or positions available to members begins on Page 4.*

**WKC MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET UPDATE  
&  
LOOKING FOR NEW CHAMPIONS**

Dear Wichita Kennel Club members,

An email was sent to gather information about any titles (performance, companion, conformation and/or championships) that you have completed with your dog/dogs in the year 2023. It is also designed to allow for contact information updates.

Contact information needed:

Name

Address

Phone

Email

Dog breeds currently owned

\*Are you a breeder? What breeds?

Titles and/or championships - please write these in words:

Dog's name with prefix and suffix titles/championships attached - as abbreviated.

1 picture per dog

**THE DEADLINE FOR THIS INFORMATION IS NOVEMBER 15th AT MIDNIGHT**

Please send the above information to Pat Swearingen in an email. Her email address is:

[patandskip@att.net](mailto:patandskip@att.net)

Thank you!

Lori Hays and Pat Swearingen  
WKC Membership Chairs



Here is the list of committees and/or positions available to members:

**AWARDS DINNER:** Plan annual Awards Dinner. The awards go to members who have bred or own a dog that has completed a championship or an AKC performance title. Committee duties include arrangements (menu, entertainment, program, etc.) & maintaining an adequate number of club medallions. Two (2) sub-committees (made up of past honorees) determine winners of the Breeder & Service Awards.  
(Budget: Printing, postage, program, flowers, meals, plaques, etc.)

**BUDGET:** Meets at least once during the year & examines past income & expenditures. Considers budget needs for the coming year and presents proposed budget to the WKC Board of Directors in January of each year for approval. Researches & makes recommendations to the Board as to investing club funds. Normally chaired by the Treasurer.  
(Budget: Copy work and postage)

**BUILDING MANAGEMENT:** Includes sub-committees that oversee Building & Grounds; Landscaping & Improvements; Lending Library; Security; Kitchen Management & Finance

**CONFORMATION CLASSES:** Organizes classes, conformation training and/or socialization, to teach ring procedures, etc. Duties include setting fees, printing & mailing registration forms, advertising.  
(Budget: Self funding)

**EYE CLINICS:** Responsible for the annual Eye Clinic. Duties include securing building, arranging for the certified Ophthalmologist, setting fees, scheduling workers.  
(Budget: Self-funding)

**FUND RAISING COMMITTEE:** Look into ways of raising funds.

**HISTORIAN:** Responsible for organizing all WKC records including minutes, show catalogs, photographs, news articles & other information of historical note.  
(No Budget)

**JUDGES SELECTION:** Responsible for hiring judges for our annual dog show. Responsibilities include soliciting suggestions from members, researching judge availability, correspondence, assigning judges, completing & mailing judges' contracts. (Budget: Phone, postage, printing.)

**LENDING LIBRARY:** Responsible for cataloging & maintaining the collection of books & video tapes owned by the WKC, distribution & record keeping of items checked out or loaned to members. (Budget: acquisition of new materials)

**LEGISLATIVE:** Made up of representatives to monitor and report to AKC any local legislative initiatives that may affect the interest of our members. Works with Newsletter editor to keep membership informed. (Budget: Phone, postage, copy work, travel to legislative hearings & meetings, where appropriate & approved by the WKC Board)

**MATCHES (SANCTIONED):** Responsible for setting dates, arranging for sites, securing approval from AKC, hiring judges, printing & mailing entry forms, arranging equipment & overseeing WKC's matches, accepting entries, setting up rings & management of matches. (Budget: Self-funding)

**MEMBERSHIP:** Greets visitors to WKC meetings, maintains monthly meeting roster, presents new membership applications to the board, & interfaces with Newsletter editor on potential new member's publication. Corresponds and cooperates with Treasurer regarding flowers for illness or memorials in the event of the death of a member or a death in a member's immediate family.  
(Budget: Postage, copy work, flowers or memorials)

**NEWSLETTER:** Compiling & publishing monthly newsletter. Duties include soliciting information, printing, e-mailing, and mailing. Newsletter is used as monthly Membership meeting notice, and should reach members five days prior to meeting date. (Budget: Postage & Printing.)

**NOMINATING:** This committee, appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors, meets to select a slate of officers & Board as prescribed by the By-laws.  
(No Budget)

**PROGRAM:** After interfacing with the President and/or the Board (who have set the calendar for the year), arranges for all programs presented at the monthly membership meeting. Duties include selecting topics, finding speakers or films, scheduling programs & informing the Newsletter Editor of upcoming program subjects. (Also follows up in the next newsletter with report on program if not covered as a news item by the Newsletter Editor.) (Budget: Phone, postage, approved program costs, equipment rental.)

**PUBLIC EDUCATION COORDINATOR:** Arranges with local organizations (schools, hospitals, nursing homes, etc.) to conduct dog-oriented programs. Receives AKC PEC information for club. Duties include selecting members/dogs for visits and organizing the demonstrations and other public events. (Budget: As approved by the Board)

**PUBLICITY:** Responsible for acquiring publicity for all WKC events, such as matches, special programs, classes, etc. and works with local media to promote WKC. (Show publicity may be handled separately) (Budget: As approved by the Board)

**BREEDER REFERRAL SERVICE:** Maintains a printed list of reputable breeders in the immediate & Midwestern areas covering as many AKC breeds as possible. Also maintains a list of national breed clubs & other organizations, addresses & phone numbers which may be helpful to the phone volunteers in serving the public. This committee deals directly with the public & members. Person **MUST** be knowledgeable of various breeds, AKC rules, registration matters, etc. Committee members (on assigned weeks) access the WKC phone recorder & return calls to the public. (Budget: phone bills, copy work, postage.)

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**REFRESHMENTS:** Responsible for providing (at WKC expense) refreshments for all regular meetings. (Budget: Cost of food, soft drinks, coffee & paper supplies)

**SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT:** This committee is responsible for buying, maintaining & the inventory of office & show equipment owned by the WKC and/or Sunflower Cluster & stored in the WKC building or in the Sunflower Cluster cargo trailer or items occasionally stored in individual members homes. This committee also has the responsibility of making recommendations to the Board or Cluster for further purchase of needed equipment & the ordering of same. (Budget: As approved by the Board)

**WDTC REPRESENTATIVE:** Upon appointment & presentation of letter from the WKC Board stating that such person has been asked to attend the board meetings of the Wichita Dog Training Club. This individual attends WDTC board meetings and reports back to the WKC board at their monthly meetings or by verbal reports to the WKC President. (This is an effort to maximize communications between the two clubs.) (Budget: None)

**WORTHY PROJECTS:** This committee reviews & researches dog-related organizations/projects which might qualify as recipients of WKC funds so as to further the charter of our organization. The committee makes recommendations to the Board of Directors. (Budget: Yearly sum plus special gifts approved by the Board)

**WEBSITE:** Updates website on a regular basis. Maintains website with current information and activities of the club. Visits other websites in order to keep the club website current and up to speed. Insures that the website is submitted to all major internet search engines.

**SHOW COMMITTEE:**

April Show - Sunflower Cluster Chairman is appointed by the President with Board approval. This committee is in charge of the Annual Spring show, including applying for the AKC approval of show dates & judges, ring stewards, trophies, working with the Cluster Coordinator and the other cluster

**SHOW COMMITTEE Continued:**

clubs. This committee involves a great deal of work before the show dates as well as on the show weekend. They will compile the premium list information, arrange for trophy purchase and donations, local catalog advertising sales, local publicity, etc. This committee is comprised of several smaller sub-committees that deal only with the Wichita show, i.e. ring stewards, trophies, local advertising & publicity, house & grounds, crating, catalog ads, catalog sales, hospitality, security, telephone, speakers stand, etc. (Budget: Self-Funding)

**SUNFLOWER CLUSTER COORDINATOR:** The Coordinator is appointed by the President with the Board approval.

The coordinator is responsible for the things that affect all four (4) clubs in the Sunflower Cluster, maintaining a good working relationship with the KS Pavilions staff, being sure our dates are reserved well in advance & that all the building arrangements have been made. Is responsible for the appointment of the committees chosen from all four clubs. The list of committees should be presented at the summer Cluster meeting for approval by the Cluster clubs. The committees include but are not limited to: Judges' Liaison, General Facilities (Building, Grounds & Sanitation), Trophies, Reserved Crating, Free Crating, Security & Parking, National Advertising, National Publicity, Hospitality, Agility, Obedience, Other Performance Events, Ring Stewarding, Vendor Booths and Breed Seminars. The Cluster coordinator interfaces with the Art Show at the Dog Show Chairperson, Show Veterinarian, Show Photographer, etc., sets the dates for the Cluster meeting and distributes the agendas for the cluster meetings to the appropriate persons. Submits the portion of the Premium list that deals with Cluster activities and its special events. Submits Cluster committee information as required to the Superintendent in a timely fashion accordingly to our deadlines. (Budget: copy work, postage, supplies for cluster as needed.)

Please see attached membership renewal form.  
Place an X on the line of the committee you wish to join and/or chair and initial.

## **Upcoming Scent Work Trial**

December 1-3  
Friday through Sunday  
Set up on Thursday!

S&P Sports Complex

Judges Christie Dalman, Roger Lutt, Khara Schuetzner, and Peter Betchley.

Trial Chair: Charlotte Norris  
Secretary: Nikki Winzer

## **Wichita Kennel Club General Meeting Minutes October 9, 2023**

Attending tonight's meeting were 18 members and 6 guests. The guests were Jack Norris, Anne Hawpe, Keelyn Hanlon, JD Montague, and Pam & Tim Burns.

Tonight's program was a "GOING AWAY DINNER" for Tom & Leanne Chase plus a parade of our loved Fur-Babies, "The Pet Costume Contest"!

The Meeting started at 6:49PM.

**Mike Williams - President** - We are losing two of our foundation members, Tom and Leanne Chase. Tom was responsible for getting the grass mowed and he is the WKC Treasurer. Leanne prepares the WKC newsletter and is the treasurer of the Kansas Toy Dog Club plus the WKC Scent Work Secretary.

**Nikki Winzer - Corresponding Secretary** - Nothing to Report

**Nikki Winzer - Recording Secretary** - Nothing to Report

**Tom Chase - Treasurer** - Nothing to Report

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mike Williams - President** - We have a new member to vote in, Maria Ciski. Mike asked if all were in favor of voting in Maria Ciski into the WKC membership. It passed unanimously. Maria Ciski is now a member!

The cluster meeting will be October 28th in Salina at Martinelli's. Lunch is at 12pm. You can buy your own lunch and then the meeting will follow at 1:30 PM. There will be several items that will be discussed and voted on.

### **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mike Williams asked if there were any other committee reports and any New Business or unfinished business to come before the kennel club. There being none, Mike entertained a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Tom Chase moved to adjourn the meeting and Simone Klien seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:53PM.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Nikki Winzer  
Wichita Kennel Club, Inc.  
Corresponding & Recording Secretary



**Wichita Kennel  
Club Officers and  
Board**

Mike Williams,  
President

Jackie Storer,  
Vice President

Pam Watkins,  
Treasurer

Nikki Winzer,  
Recording Secretary

Nikki Winzer,  
Corresponding  
Secretary

Treva Faires, AKC  
Delegate

Pat Deshler  
Treva Faires  
Charlotte Norris  
Lori Hays  
Pat Swearingen

**We're on the Web!**

*See us at:*

[www.wichitakennelclub.com](http://www.wichitakennelclub.com)

# The Cocker Spaniel

Interesting Fact:

## Sniffing out illness

In 2004, researchers successfully showed that dogs could identify cancer by scent alone.



**COCKER  
SPANIEL**

Smart, Happy,  
Gentle



Nikki Winzer, Editor  
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Augusta, KS 67010

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

# WICHITA KENNEL CLUB, INC.

## 2024 DUES NOTICE AND COMMITTEE SIGN UP SHEET

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY & STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_ (WORK) \_\_\_\_\_ (FAX) \_\_\_\_\_  
 BREED(S) OF DOGS OWNED \_\_\_\_\_

**Wichita Kennel Club dues are payable by January 1, 2024**      **Dues are \$20.00 per member.**

Note: All members (unless they live outside Kansas) are expected to **ACTIVELY SERVE** on at least one Standing Committee and **TO WORK IN SOME CAPACITY** in the Spring All Breed Dog Show.

Please indicate your preference to serve as a **chairperson or member by putting an X on the line of the committee(s) you wish to join along with your initials.**

I would like to volunteer to work on the following:

<u>COMMITTEES AND PROJECTS</u>	<u>CHAIRMAN</u>	<u>MEMBER(S)</u>	_____	_____
Awards Dinner	Nikki Winzer		_____	_____
Budget and Finance	Pam Watkins		_____	_____
Building Management			_____	_____
Building & Grounds	Mike Williams		_____	_____
Furnaces & A/C			_____	_____
Landscaping & Improvements	Mike Williams		_____	_____
Lending Library	Pat Behrns		_____	_____
Security	_____		_____	_____
Kitchen (Organization & Maintenance)	_____		_____	_____
Finance (Budget, Bill Payment)	Pam Watkins		_____	_____
Fund Raising	Jackie Storrer		_____	_____
Conformation Classes	Karen Clausing		_____	_____
Eye Clinic	Treva Faires		_____	_____
Historian	Pat Behrns		_____	_____
Judges' Selection	Treva Faires		_____	_____
Juniors' Project	Alyssa Mosley, Pat Deshler, Tiffany Hiebsch, Mike Williams		_____	_____
Legislative Committees	_____		_____	_____
Matches (Sanctioned)			_____	_____
Membership	Lori Hays, Pat Swearingen		_____	_____
Microchip Clinics			_____	_____
Newsletter			_____	_____
Nominating Committee	Mike Williams		_____	_____
Program Committee	Nikki Winzer		_____	_____
Public Education Coordinator	Kat Farres		_____	_____
Publicity	_____		_____	_____
Refreshments (Meetings)			_____	_____
Supplies and Equipment	Mike Williams		_____	_____
Trophies, Spring Show	_____		_____	_____
WDTC Representative	Mike Williams		_____	_____
Website	Stephanie Sexton		_____	_____
2023 Sunflower Cluster Coordinator	Treva Faires		_____	_____
2023 Spring Show Secretary	Mike Williams		_____	_____

A brief description of committee duties is included with this form

**Please mail this form and your dues check made payable to the Wichita Kennel Club, Inc.**

**Mail to: Wichita Kennel Club, Inc., C/O Pam Watkins, Treasurer, 3448 N. Emporia, Wichita, KS 67219**