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### New CAT Library items

*2005 FCI World Championship, all issues of Agility in Motion, Susan Garrett's new book Shaping Success, DVDs including Walking the Course DVD, Stretching the Performance Dog, 4 on the Floor, Go the Distance Vols. 1 & 2. Library information available at [columbiaagility.org](http://columbiaagility.org).*

### CAT Gear

*Shirts, caps, vests, sweatshirts, jackets, anoraks and parkas with CAT logos and names custom embroidered are available to order at [columbiaagility.org](http://columbiaagility.org).*

The objectives of the Columbia Agility Team:

- A. Support the sport of dog agility.
- B. Educate the members and the public about the sport of dog agility.
- C. Conduct training classes and informal and formal events associated with dog agility.
- D. Protect and advance the interests of dog agility by encouraging sportsmanlike competition and responsible dog ownership.

## News and Views from the President

Marilyn Watson

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I hope you like the new look for the newsletter and that through it we can keep you current on what is happening in the club. So read on for news on what issues the board is facing and why you might want to attend the next General Meeting.

The board members are a talented group of dedicated dog owners and agility enthusiasts. We met for the first time in February. There is not a shy one in the group! Discussions were lively and many perspectives were represented. The agenda we faced represented many of the issues for the year.

Our first task under Unfinished Business was to address the motion passed by club members at the October General Meeting. The motion required the board to review member benefits. At this meeting we reviewed the member trial discount.

The board voted unanimously to eliminate the member trial discount as of May 1, 2006. This was done for one reason. Member trial discounts were initiated to reward members for working at trials. At the time this was established, it took every member's help to run the one-ring trials. While we still need the participation of a large number of members to make a trial go, it is no longer true that every member attending a trial also works at the trial. It will be more fair if those who work at the trials get rewarded directly in the form of coupons that can be redeemed for lunches, raffle entries and future trial entries. Members and non-members will be rewarded for working at trials.

Next Board Meeting: We'll be discussing other member benefits. Come with your ideas and suggestions and join the discussion.

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#### **February NADAC**

*Barb Persson*

#### **April USDAA NW Cup**

*Jim & Carol Hibbard*

#### **June USDAA**

*Dick Watson & Barb Persson*

#### **August CPE**

*Bonnie Johnson*

#### **September NADAC Columbia Cup**

*Traci Bruchock*

#### **October USDAA Black Cat**

*Barb White*

### *2007 CAT Trial Chairs*

*Volunteers sought!*

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## Calendar

### CAT Board Meetings (7 PM)

Mar 14, Berklee Robins' home

Apr 18, Bridgeport Village Inn

### CAT General Meetings (7 PM, earlier for dinner)

Mar 19, Buster's, Tigard

### CAT Agility Trials

Apr 22-23, CAT USDAA Trial, local GP qualifier and Northwest Cup, Clark County Fairgrounds Vancouver (Ridgefield) WA

Jun 9-11, CAT USDAA Trial, Regional Grand Prix, Steeplechase, and Dog Agility Masters Team Tournament (and corresponding Performance events), Clackamas County Fairgrounds, Canby, OR

Sep 9-10, Columbia Agility Team NADAC Trial and Columbia Cup, Clark County Fairgrounds, Vancouver (Ridgefield) WA

Oct 14-15, CAT USDAA Agility Trial and Black CAT Costume Fun Run, Clark County Fairgrounds, Vancouver (Ridgefield) WA

### CAT Fun Matches

Forest Grove Barn. 9:00AM - Noon -- Agility Open;  
12:30 PM - 3:00 PM -- Agility Games. \$3.00/Run,  
2 runs for \$5. Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6, Jun 3, Jul 1,  
Aug 5, Sep 2, Oct 7, Nov 4

### Other Trials

Internet calendars include:

<http://www.peak.org/~helix/TDAA/TrialsNW2006.htm>

<http://www.cleanrun.com/agilityinfo/events/>

## Columbia Agility Team

### February 15, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes

Time 7:00 PM - 9:35 PM

Dick and Marilyn Watson's home

Subject to Approval

**In attendance:** Marilyn Watson, Dwight Cash, Karla Forte, DeAnne White, Barb Persson, Barb Stone, Karen McAllister, Judy Bluett, Berklee Robins

**A. President:** Marilyn called the meeting to order and welcomed the board members

**B. Reviewed and approved the minutes from the last meeting**

**C. Secretary:** New members voted in. Welcome to CAT: Ali White, Linda Tshida, Jan McCrae, Kari Duncan, Renee Cressa, Amanda Clark, Dr. Kimberly Boothe, Julie Life, Connie & Kevin White.

**D. Treasurer:** Karla reported the balance in the West Coast Bank and in the Columbia Funds account. She handed out a January Profit and Loss report. The report was approved.

**E. Training Director:** Winter classes are still running. Barbara will review the class structure and goals.

**F. Oversee Committee:** No report

**G. ASCA Update:** ASCA and NADAC are parting on 5/31/06. The February NADAC/ASCA trial will be CAT's last co-sanctioned trial.

**H. Financial Committee:** The board approved the following people to serve on the Financial Committee: Tanya Sacks, chair, Judy Bluett, board member, Karla Forte, , treasurer, and Bobbie Lyons.

### I. Unfinished Business:

1. Dog Aggression: The dog aggression incident at the USDAA Regional now has closure. The owner was notified in writing that dog involved in the incident needs to be crated at future trials. The trial chair, Lisa Klein, is pursuing the dog aggression incident at the January trial.

#### 2. Member Benefits

##### a. CAT member trial discounts:

**Motion:** The member discount on CAT Trials is reduced to 0% beginning May 1, 2006. **Passed**

**b. CAT bucks** In October 2005, the board voted to give CAT bucks, worth \$2.50, to trial workers for each class worked. These replace the lunch coupons.

**c. Package trial discounts** will be discussed at a future meeting.

**d. Travel to nationals' reimbursement** will be discussed at a future meeting.

### J. New Business:

1. Equipment purchase request: Reviewed equipment request submitted by Equipment Manager.

**Motion:** Approve purchase of wireless display upgrades and 2 rolls of fencing. **Passed**

2. Newsletter: Dwight & Marilyn will work with Matt Sachs on a reformatted version of the newsletter.

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3. New Software was requested. **Motion:** Approve purchase of Agility Unscrambled software for NADAC trials and Tim Varreli software for USDAA trials. **Passed**

4. CPE Trial: **Motion:** Approve a CPE trail on August 19-20, 2006 at the Forest Grove Barn.

**Passed - 1 no vote and 1 abstention**

It was requested that a larger facility be found for future CPE trials.

5. Trial issues: All dogs must be cleared from between rings when not running. Signs will be posted and an announcement will be made at future trials. Resetting of barriers will also help.

6. Due to the lateness of the hour, the following items were tabled for future discussion:

Membership dues and late fees

CPE Nationals - request

CAT gear

Credit Card Policy

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

DeAnne White



Photo: Matt Sachs

The CAT Board immediately following their election at the Jan 2006 annual meeting. From the left: Member at Large Barbara Persson; Treasurer Karla Forte; President Marilyn Watson; Member at Large Judy Bluett ; Member at Large Dwight Cash; Member at Large Karen McAlister; Secretary DeAnn White. Not Pictured: Vice President Berklee Robins; Training Director Barb Stone.

Want to have seminars?  
Who? When? How much? The CAT Seminar Committee wants to know. Fill out the on-line survey on the Training page of [www.columbiaagility.org](http://www.columbiaagility.org)

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