

# UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB



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### Regular Meeting

October 16, 2025  
7PM at Smitty's

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Our Agility Trial is October 24-26, 2025  
At Wind River Arena

Setup will be October 23, 2026, at 7PM

We will need 2 volunteers to pull the trailers to  
the arena by 6:45PM on Thursday, October 23,  
and on Sunday, October 26 after the show  
(~2PM)

Please contact Bryce Hammond if you can pull  
a trailer: 503-476-2894

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Free to good home for small dogs: a set of single bar  
utility scent articles - well used - and a set of double bar  
utility scent articles. Please text Cheryl for more  
information: 208-970-9492

## Club Member of the Year Nominations

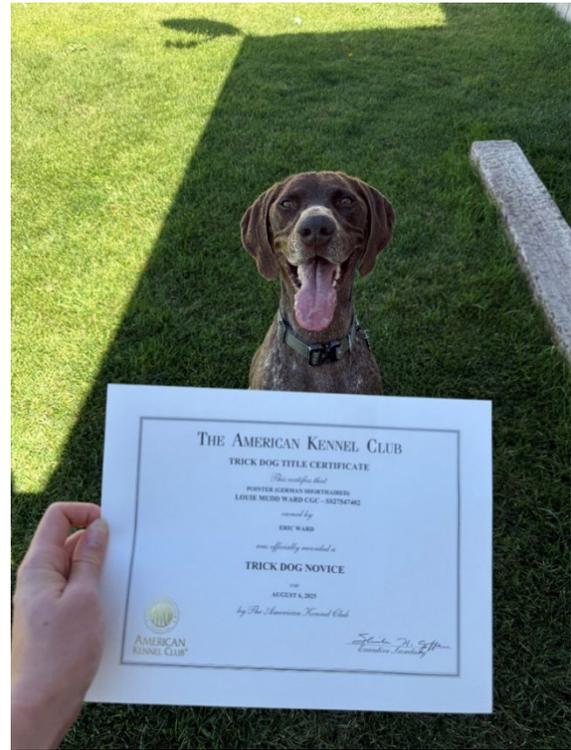
- I am nominating Tiffany S. as club member of the year for her excellent work as chair for the Obedience trial along with the volunteer work she has done for classes, trials and supportive role as representing the club to newcomers.
- I am nominating Shelby T. for 2025's member of the year for her constant positivity at club events and keeping stewards at agility trials volunteering happily. Her newsletters are always so helpful, and she brings so much positivity to events along with a wealth of information!
- I would like to nominate Christina Krieger for club member of the year. Christina has spent her life dedicated to dogs and responsible dog ownership. She is dedicated to the club putting in most of her hours behind the scenes, because she is not one to draw attention to herself. She did a wonderful job this winter teaching a Basic Obedience class with great success. She maintained good attendance to the end and all of her student pups, who took the CGC, passed. She serves as a member of the board offering fresh ideas and is willing to put the time in to execute them. She shows up willing to set-up, steward, and take-down at any trial her work schedule allows even when Mozzie is not entered. She served on the Obedience Trial committee which required her attendance during all trial hours over three long days and stayed busy keeping the trial running during those hours filling any need that arose.
- I would like to nominate Shelby Tornblom for club member of the year. Shelby always brings a smile wherever she goes and her enthusiasm is contagious. Her approachability and willingness to welcome and help club members is a valuable asset to those who come to train and compete. She keeps that smile through our agility trials as chief steward, which requires a lot of moving parts and has made the process fun with her innovative incentive system. She also does a great job making sure our newsletter gets out every month, so we all know where we need to be and when.
- I would like to nominate Tiffany S. for club member of the year. As a newer member of the club, she has jumped into a big role as Obedience Trial Chair, and she has done an amazing job. I have seen the hard work she has put in along with a lot of time and energy. She really cares, and it shows with everything she has helped with for the club.

## Member Accomplishments

Mozzie earned his Trick Dog Advanced Title and his Farm Dog Certificate!



Louie earned his Trick Dog Novice Title!



Zip and Tinsel earned their Farm Dog Certificates!



Itza earned her Open JWW Title!



Jesse and Kelly had a lot of fun at the Carson City shows!  
Morning Specialty - they made the cut.  
Afternoon Specialty - BOB/BISS  
Saturday Supported Show - Select  
Sunday Specialty Show - Select



## USRVDTTC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date 9/18/2025

The regular bi-monthly board meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club was called to order by President, Nicki Bowden, on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 7:15pm at the Papa Kelsey's in Idaho Falls.

Previous Board Minutes Read/Dispensed: Motion to accept board minutes as they were printed in the June newsletter.

Motion by: Suzanne Belger

Board Members Present:

Lacey Moon Nicki Bowden Cheryl Loomis Richard Brizzee Suzanne Belger Christina Krieger

Visitors/Members Present:

**Report of President:** None

**Report of Vice President:** None

**Report of Secretary:** Lacey received: Regulations for Agility Trials, Dealing with Misconduct, Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline books as well as forms for Disqualifications for Attacking, Dog Aggression, Report of Agility Trial and Junior Handling forms from AKC in the mail. She gave them to Suzanne.

**Report of Treasurer:** YTD income: -\$4,373.72 Total Equity: \$104,510.48 Balance Sheets are filed with secretary notes and available upon request.

### **Report of Committees:**

Classes –

- Obedience classes are going well. There are 14 people in this class.
  - Rally is going well. 4 people in class doing very well.
- Scentwork class on Tuesdays. We're in week 2. 5 people have been coming.

We need to decide if we're doing classes during the winter. If we have enough interest, we'll work to find a location.

CGC – 10-8-2025. We'll need lots of volunteers for the testing.

Scentwork – Trial set to go 10/11-12 at the Elk's Lodge. The trial is full and we have 10 people on the waiting list. Some of the rules changed for buried so we'll work to keep up with those changes. The judge said there are still questions as to how to adhere to the rules so she'll make sure we don't have problems. We still need volunteers – this is a great opportunity for those wanting to get into scentwork.

If anyone has interest in a March trial and has any ideas for a place to have the Scentwork trial get in contact with Nicki. The paperwork has to be filled out by October so we need to act quickly.

Seminar –Hally McMullin wants to do a scentwork seminar in January 10-11,2026. We'd like to have this as a more advanced class (not beginner). We still may have another scentwork trial in the spring March/April. We are also looking into combining some Agility seminars with the club in Jackson Hole (3 in Jackson, 2 in Idaho Falls). Suzanne is also going to look into some Rally/Obedience seminars for next summer.

### **Unfinished Business:**

#### **New Business:**

Nicki – We need to really look at the fees we charge for trials. The AKC just raised the fees per run on each trial. They'll be going up \$1 per run in 2026 and another \$1 in 2027. **Suzanne**

**moved we change the fees from \$21(First Run) and \$13(additional run) to \$22(First Run) and \$14(additional run) and to take this change to the club for approval. Seconded by Richard.**

Cheryl - Would like the board to plan a "year long celebration" for the club's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2027. She wants to have things to give out at trials, maybe get t-shirts for the club members to wear to events and make a display at trials. She thinks it may be fun to make another quilt. If anyone has any ideas get them to Nicki.

Christina - Can we add Fit Dog to our club events? Suzanne is going to look into what it takes to become an evaluator and how we get our club involved in it. It may be a good opportunity for members who want to do "dog" things but can't do sports.

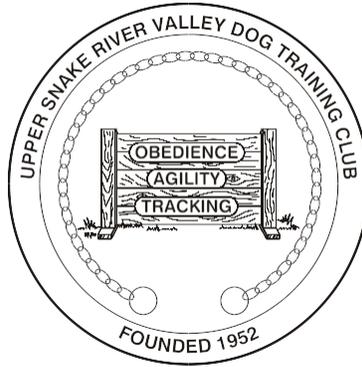
Christina - Christina talked with the judge at the obedience trial to see what her club does to get new people in the club and she mentioned a Responsible Owner Day with dog-friendly stores, vets, groomers, trainer/behaviorists, boarders, animal shelters to bring awareness of responsible dog ownership and club promotion. Christina is going to check interest with some of the business owners.

Motion for Adjournment: Christina Krieger

Seconded by: Suzanne Belger

Time Adjourned: 8:11pm

AGILITY FUN DAY  
COME HELP US TEST THE BARN FOR A FUTURE TRIAL SITE  
All-Breed AGILITY TRIALS  
**Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club**  
Member club of the American Kennel Club, Inc.



**Sunday, October 19, 2025**  
(All Standard and JWW)

350 indoors on dirt, 1 ring 95' X 100'  
**Trial Hours:** 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM MT

**Brighton Performance Horses**  
**1074 E 129 N**  
**Idaho Falls, ID 83401**

USRVDTC is holding a "practice" agility fun day. We will be offering Master/Excellent, Open, and Novice Standard courses and Master/Excellent, Open, and Novice JWW courses. Equipment will be our competition equipment. When you arrive, you will sign in for the classes/heights you wish to run.

It is expected that you will be there to help set up and clean up. If you come late, leave early, or do not help you will be charged \$10 per run.

Bring your own food and drink as none will be available on site.