

Sue MacDonald – One Year Director



George and I went to an agricultural event in Ellensburg back in 1988 and watched some herding demos on sheep and cattle. We talked to one of the people doing the herding demo, Bernie Miller, and she mentioned that the bitch she was working was pregnant, so I ordered a puppy on the spot. Pups were born and we drove to Athena and watched the trial there and picked up my puppy which I named Beaver. For the next year we traveled to all the trials we could to watch and talk to folks, most trials were in the Willamette Valley at that time. We had all of two trials here in western Washington then. The next year I was entering Beaver in the novice class and found that we were in the winners circle quite often. We ended up winning the novice year end award that year. I moved Beaver up to Pro novice and sold him at about the third trial I ran him at. I had by then acquired a second puppy named Jill and bought a pro novice dog named Kate. Kate ended up being more dog then I knew how to work, but I struggled on and she taught me a lot. Jill grew up and she was the first dog I ran in open. I've never looked back and have continued raising and training my own dogs.

We joined OSDS in 1988 and I was voted on to the board and served there for 3 years. We have been members of OSDS off and on since then. I have been with the WASH club since it's inception and plan on continuing to help the club grow and improve.