



TOTAL RECALL— MAY 2010

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NOTES AND REMINDERS.....

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: FRIDAY, May 21, 2010 @ 8:00 pm at the Bethel Boro Building in the Council Chambers Room

TEACUP TRIAL APRIL 24 - 25, 2010

Our April 2010 Teacup Trial was a big success. We had 27 dogs doing a total of 128 runs over both days. It was the first trial to use our beautiful new Teacup equipment. We also had delicious food and lots of raffle baskets. And luckily the rain held off for most of the weekend. Thanks to all our volunteers!

KCTC dogs that qualified (some more than once) include Molly (Pete Grandillo Sr.), Heidi (Sue Wray), Amber (Tom Bandi), Sadie (Lori Miller), Sadie (Emil Pohodich), Pixie (Dee Farrell), Tiffany (Tom Bandi), and Fox (Toni Yurkovic).

The top dogs at each jump height (according to TDAA) were:

4 inch: Amber, handled by Tom Bandi
8 inch: Sadie, handled by Lori Miller
12 inch: Gidget, handled by Mary Bartosh
16 inch: Sven, handled by Ken Hudak

Our next Teacup trial is tentatively planned for October 2010.

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To: The Absolutely Awesome Members of Keystone Canine Training Club

Thank you, thank you, and thank you. Because of each one of us, one team, one club, we had an absolutely terrific TDAA trial. Being our third trial, we have truly come together as a club and made this our best one to date. There are so many people to thank: Dan and Pam for being Trial Secretary and computer wiz's, Shelley, Darcy and Paul for handling everything from matting to equipment moving to raffles to course setting and much more, Mike for taking over the food again and doing it so well, Lucy for buying what we needed, Sharon for greeting and handling out ribbons in such a friendly manner, Paul, Ed and Tom for all their hard work getting the Potty area and Parking lot in shape, Wendy for taking great shots of our competitors, Barb, Lori and Paula for the timing and scribing, Denise, Dee and Linda for keeping the Gate running smoothly, and our ring workers, Walt, Emil, Don, Sue, Zoe, Karen, Phyllis, Pete Sr, Marsha. Last but definitely not least - the many many KCC members who donated baked goods to make our selection delicious, appealing and huge! Forgive me if I have left anyone out, it was not done purposely, it's just that my brain is a bit fried :-)

The bottom line is that everyone pitched in one way or another. That is something we can all be proud of. Thank you for that.

One of the comments I heard the most was "thanks for doing this, I had a really good time". To me, that means that each and every one of us did our job of being friendly and supportive to all our competitors. Again, thank you.

As I sign off, I will congratulate one and all again for being part of a wonderful trial....oh and keep in mind the next one will probably be in October.....so mark your calendars....we will be calling.....why? because KCC ROCKS!

From: Amy Wustin, TDAA Trial Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are offering the following new classes in Session III, starting in June:

Agility Training for the Soft (Timid) Dog

Class will start on Wednesday, June 2, at 8:30 pm.

This is for dogs that need to be motivated to run faster.

Beyond Beginners Agility

Class will start on Saturday, June 5, at 2:00 pm.

This is for dogs with some agility experience but not yet ready for Intermediate Agility.

Teacup Agility

Classes will start on June 7, at 3:00 and at 4:00 pm.

This is for Teacup-size dogs and will use our new Teacup equipment.

CLASS ENROLLMENTS

Session III classes are now open for enrollment. The schedule is shown at the end of this newsletter.

BRAGS

Brag from Tom and Phyllis Bandi:

During these past few months our Yorkshire terriers brought some sunshine into our lives.

Little Amber Star passed her CGC (Canine Good Citizen) and TDI (Therapy Dog International) tests. How proud we are of her.

The teacup agility trials at Splash and Dash in February gave Amber Star five 1st-place qualifying ribbons and earned her a title in TDAA Beginner Standard (TBAD) and two legs in TDAA Games I.

Tiffany had two successful runs with two 2nd-place qualifying ribbons and earned a title in TDAA Superior Standard (TSAD).

Now on to Washingtonville, Ohio, in mid April. Amber Star got two first-place qualifying ribbons and earned her TDAA Intermediate Standard (TIAD) title.

Tiffany had two successful qualifying runs in TDAA Standard Superior Champion.

On the last weekend in April we all had such a great time at Keystone with members and guests. We heard only positive comments about our trials, and everyone did such a good job of helping to make the weekend a success.

More brags about Amber Star, who got four 1st-place qualifying ribbons and earned her title in TDAA Games I (TG1).

Tiffany had her first qualifying 1st-place ribbon in TDAA Games III.

A big thank you to all the great instructors at Keystone for their help and encouragement in making this possible.

Now we look forward to summer and all the challenges yet to come.

From Rose Marie Nicotra:

My Rat Terriers, Moxie & Kit Kat both moved up a level when we went to the Morgantown, WV AKC agility trial on April 10. Moxie moved to Open and Kit Kat moved to Excellent. I'm so proud of my little rats, they try so hard. Both dogs had 1 first place ribbon; Kit Kat got a 3rd and Moxie a 2nd place ribbon in their other runs. We had 4 Q's that day.

Kit Kat ran against Pete's new dog "Bryce" and got her first place ribbon. Pete's dog ran 6 seconds faster but Kit Kat ran clean. I'm sure Pete will beat us next time, his dogs are really good.

Unfortunately, 8 days after the trial both dogs came down with a "contagious cough" most likely picked up at the trial. My vet said that it is similar to Kennel Cough and the Bordatella vaccination does not cover all of the types of viruses that cause this symptom. I was advised by my vet to also vaccinate against a type of H1N1 virus that dogs are susceptible to. They will be going back to the vets next week so I'll know more about this other vaccination. I've missed 2 of the last classes for my girls due to their illness. They have both recovered and are on their last day of antibiotics. I can't wait to start classes again.

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Pixie's First Agility Trial

By Dee Farrell



As many of you know, Pebbles is currently sidelined with a knee injury. She had TPLO knee surgery on March 22 and is doing well and may be able to return to agility in a few weeks. In the meantime, Pixie has unexpectedly become an agility competitor, too.

After taking "Intro to Agility" and completing some preliminary agility training in "Basic Obedience," I decided to enter her in an agility class where I was delighted to learn that KCTC's new Teacup equipment would be in use. Pixie had not previously attempted the contact obstacles, and I thought it would be a good learning experience. Pixie's class was scheduled to start the week after Pebbles' injury occurred, and I decided not to take Pixie because I didn't want to do agility without Pebbles. It was an emotional weekend for me, since Pebbles and I had to miss the CPE trial I had eagerly anticipated. With the permission of our instructor, Shelley Wolf, my husband, John, who had shown only a limited interest in agility prior to that decided to take Pixie to class if I would go also; and I decided to go if I could take Pebbles. So our whole family of four attended Pixie's first agility class. The plan was that John and I would take turns holding Pebbles and running Pixie.

Since the equipment was new for all the dogs, we started with obstacle familiarization; and John and I, while carrying Pebbles, together helped Pixie become accustomed to it. John agreed to take the first run with Pixie, and he liked it so much that he ended up doing all the runs with her that day. Since then, when people remark that I got him hooked on agility, I reply, "Not me! It was Pixie!" I cried the first time she went over the A-frame for John, partly because she did it so well and partly because Pebbles wasn't able to try it at the time. She went up the Teacup dog walk and A-frame as if she had been doing it all her life.

I was fairly content to hold Pebbles throughout Pixie's first class, as she especially needed me then; however, as the weeks progressed, I wanted to be involved with handling Pixie, too. It soon became apparent that as a "daddy's girl," Pixie performed better with John than she did with me. I, of course, did not like that at all. During the third week of class, John decided to take Pixie off leash, just to see what she would do. Amazingly, she stayed with him on the course. John didn't think that was such an accomplishment until I informed him that it had been years before I took Pebbles off leash in agility class. He commented that it was so much easier without the leash, and of course that's true if the dog stays with the handler, which Pebbles rarely did.

Pixie made progress with all of the obstacles except the teeter, as Shelley advised us to take that one more slowly in order not to frighten Pixie with the height, the movement, and the noise. I didn't realize how much John wanted Pixie on the teeter until one Saturday morning a few weeks later when he called me to come into our game room, and I was totally flabbergasted to see that he had built a "practice teeter" for

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Pixie. A simple board mounted on a flange so that it sloped upward from the floor only a few inches, it might not have been much of an accomplishment for a handyman type of guy; but the last thing I could remember John building was some bathroom closet shelves more than 20 years ago. Pixie became accustomed to the movement of the “practice teeter” and quickly learned that treats were awarded only when she went all the way to the end of the board. In class we still skipped the teeter on the course and only attempted it when our teacher was holding onto it so that Pixie didn’t have to balance it by herself and didn’t have to hear the loud noise it made as it hit the floor after her dismount. As the time neared for Keystone’s TDAA trial, I was looking forward to helping with it but also disappointed that I didn’t have a dog participating in it. I had gone ahead and registered Pixie with TDAA and decided to get her first measurement at our trial, but I really hadn’t thought about entering her since I didn’t think she was ready. Our instructor and classmates were so encouraging, though; and as the time neared, I began to think what part of the trial Pixie might be able to do. We had practiced a version of one of the games in class, and I thought maybe we could do that one and avoid the teeter. Then I read the description of “Helter Skelter” and realized it would contain only jumps and tunnels at the Games I level. I thought it might be an excellent introduction so that Pixie could experience the noise, crowds, and distractions of a trial and decided to enter her in both games. I chose to enter them to be scored rather than for exhibition only, just in case she would “accidentally” do something right. A picture of Pixie on the A-frame was featured in *The Almanac* with an article about Keystone’s upcoming trial, and that only added to my excitement.

I had calculated that Pixie was on the border between the four-inch and eight-inch jump heights and was anxious to see what she would actually measure. At our first class I had her jump at eight inches, but I moved her back to four for subsequent classes since it was easier not to have to change the jump heights just for her and since I assumed it would be a “long time” before she actually competed anyway. I didn’t know if Pixie would stand still to be measured or would assume her usual position of greeting someone by rolling over on her back to get a belly rub, but she actually cooperated. The judge was almost apologetic when he explained she would need to jump at eight inches. I wasn’t really surprised but was glad to know in advance, although then I thought it would have been good if we practiced more at eight inches.

On the day of the trial, I wasn’t nearly as nervous as I was at Pebbles’ first trial. I did my best to keep my expectations low. Pixie had been in training for only about six weeks at that point and had not even been on an agility course without treats before, so I had no idea what she would do. She did fine jumping the practice jump at eight inches. During Helter Skelter, as we neared the third obstacle, Pixie veered off toward the scribe and timekeeper; and I immediately had flashbacks of Pebbles’ trials where she had gone to visit anyone in the ring. But Pixie came back to me, and we kept going, jump after jump, through the chute, more jumps, and ending with a tunnel. Pixie completed all 13 obstacles! I was so delighted, and I scooped her up, amid thunderous applause. She was about three seconds over time, but on that game she was allowed to be five seconds over if she had no other mistakes; so Pixie actually Q’d on her very first run at her very first trial! We received not only a beautiful

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blue Qualifying ribbon but also a lovely yellow third-place rosette!

It became apparent that if we were to gather enough points in the second game, we would have to complete the teeter. During obstacle familiarization, I took Pixie out on the course on leash and tried the teeter. About halfway up, she jumped off the side; another try, same result. The next time I tried holding my hand in front of her face and “luring” her to the end of the board, even though there were no treats in my hand; and Pixie was successful! We tried again, and she completed it a second time. I consulted with Shelley, who was still hesitant for Pixie to attempt the teeter. I realized if I tried it too soon, I could traumatize Pixie for a long time. I decided we would try it and if Pixie balked at all, we would just go on and do the rest of the course and not reattempt it. I offered to let John run with Pixie, although I really wanted to do it; and he decided since she had done well with me that morning, we could try again. As we played Quidditch, Pixie completed the first three jumps, then the tire (fortunately, at the beginning level, I didn't have to stay outside the containment line), then the next three obstacles and the tire again. Then it was time for the teeter, first time off leash. Pixie ran right up with no hesitation and then followed my hand all the way to the end of the board! After she landed, the board banged loudly when it returned to its original position. Pixie looked back as if to say, “What on earth was THAT?” But I got her attention by directing her to the next obstacle, a tunnel, which she completed easily. After that there were two more jumps, then the tire, and then the table to stop time. She completed the first jump, but when we reached the last obstacle, Pixie ran everywhere around that jump except over it. She had completed the most difficult part of the course and then

didn't do the easiest part! Still she came awfully close to Qualifying, and I was delighted and amazed. Although Shelley refused to take credit for Pixie's performance, John was happy to point out that she “couldn't have done it without him.” And that's true, as he was the one who encouraged her to perform off leash. It was a team effort, and “Team Pixie” triumphed on our first attempt.

It will be interesting, I think, to see what happens at her next trial. Will Pixie regress before she improves? Will she become as good at agility as her littermate, Amber Star? And, more importantly to me, who will be the second member of her team, John or me? Stay tuned for the further exploits of Pixie the Agility Dog!

From Elaine Kelvington:

Sawyer aka CH Kelvington's Talisman CDX, RE, AX, AXJ, CGC, TDI got another leg towards his Masters' jww's title and two legs towards his Novice Fast title (with a first and third place) at the Mountaineer Kennel Club's agility trials.

Kelvington's Dancing 'N Moonlite aka Sharisse was Winner's Bitch and Best of Winners on Saturday, May 1 at the Magic Valley Kennel Club show under noted, sheltie breeder judge, Dorothy Christiansen for one point. That brings her up to 4 points and several reserves/major reserves.

Peter & Peggy Grandillo Sr. are very proud to announce that... At the Keystone Canine Training Club TDAA agility trial on April 24th, 2010, Suntera Molly Ann Grandillo earned two 1st place finishes resulting in her Games 2 Title. Also, Molly followed up the next day earning a leg towards her Games 3 Title.

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Peter & Yvette Grandillo are proud to announce that... Cammi and Bryce competed at the Mountaineer Kennel Club agility trial in Morgantown over the weekend of April 10th and 11th. Cammi competed in Excellent B Preferred for all four runs. In all four runs, Cammi came in 1st place. Bryce competed in Open for all four runs. In all four runs, Bryce qualified with three 1st place finishes, and one 2nd place finish. Given this is the first time Bryce competed in Open, we were thrilled with the results. For those who are wondering why I don't have any news for Dawson, Dawson was sidelined for the weekend after getting stitches removed from a soft tissue mass that had to be removed (non-cancerous) from his leg.

From Lisa Paciorek:

Sunday May 2, 2010, at Butler Dog Training Association Facility, Ellie (HER Majesty Queen Alice CD RN) earned her 1st leg toward her CDX title taking 2nd place.

Applying for Membership:

Robin Carson and her Cairn Terrier, Hershey, who have taken Small Dog Handling and Agility classes and are endorsed by Denise Letterman and Shelley Wolf.

Terry Younkins and her Airedales, Riley, Eli and Zeke, who have taken Basic Obedience, CGC, and Novice and are endorsed by Barbara Newman and Wendy Allison.

Edward Moore and his Airedale/Collie mix named Dewey who have taken Kid's Obedience and Basic II and are endorsed by Toni Yurkovic and Pauline Kitchen.

Ann Durham and her Shih Tzu, Gideon, who have taken Basic Obedience II and Introduction to Agility and are endorsed by Toni Yurkovic and Pauline Kitchen,

Carol Kauffman and her Golden Retriever, Gracie, who have taken Puppy Kindergarten and Basic Obedience. Carol and Gracie are endorsed by Marian Roznowski and Maryann Snyder.



Cindy and Joe Alexander were voted into the membership at the April meeting.

They have a Border Collie/Lab, Zeplin; a Shepherd, Bella; and a Shepherd/Husky, Zoe.

They have taken Shy Dog and Beginning Agility classes.

Mary Benedetti was voted into the membership at the April meeting. She has a Golden Retriever, Gemma, who has taken Puppy Kindergarten and Puppy Basic Obedience classes.

Mimi Clavir was voted into the membership at the April meeting. She owns JRT, Ricky-Doggy and they have taken Basic Obedience and the Terrier class.

PHOTO OP



Sarah Wiggle Butt
CGC, TDIEVA, TT, CDSA, CWS,
½ SHR

The casting call went out for a poster child of Boykin Spaniels and we submitted our resume' with the obligatory pictures enclosed. Within the day, the answer came back for us to prepare to be in the "Big Apple" for our debut on Animal Planet, Dogs 101. The trip to and from NYC is never without adventure and this trip was no different in the week following the failed car bomb terrorist attack. Ms Sarah and I arrived at the shoot over an hour late because of traffic but they had not even started so we could relax and wait our turn in the "green room" with various assorted other breeds, handlers, crates, TV crew and executives. After an hour and a half we got to do our "fifteen minutes of fame" which will "air" sometime this fall. We'll let you know specific time and date when we find out. Afterwards we rescued the truck from the garage and headed west for the "most livable city" but not until after getting lost at the Newark Air Port. Would I do it again? I'll have to think about that.

Ed Hanke

A time for beginnings and also for endings...

Next month will mark the ending for my time spent as Newsletter Editor for the Total Recall. It has been a great experience. As well as being a fantastic learning experience, it was 'fun' to do.

I've learned all about the activities that my fellow dog lovers are involved in with their wonderful companions. Not only are you proud of them, so am I!! I really feel your joy when both of you excel. I also feel your pain when you have a loss.

As most of you know, I lost my beloved cat, Summer in April of 2009; and then my beloved dog, Zach in January of 2010. Those losses were hard for me, but I loved having them in my life. In the meantime I have been given another kitten that I named Andy. Andy started out life as "Munchie". My friend thought she was a girl. Well, surprise, surprise. **She was really a boy!!** What did I know!? All the techs and Dr. Brad, the vet at Pleasant Valley had a good laugh about that. Andy has definitely helped fill the void left by my Summer and Zach. I hope in the not too distant future to acquire another doggie – it will be hard to find one quite like my Zach, so I'll give this some time.

Good luck to all of you in your future endeavors. I know the new editor will do a wonderful job with upcoming newsletters. Before I forget, I have to put in a word for my husband, Jack. Without him there would have been no pictures. He did most of the work, but I also learned how to use PhotoShop. You see my learning experiences just keep on going.

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Thanks to Dan Goldberg for the fine job he did of proofreading the newsletter. Thanks to all of you who helped by sending interesting articles, brags and pictures. And thank you to all of you for your patience while I was learning how to figure things out!

Thanks especially for being the wonderful pet owners that you all are. You all make this world a better place!

Hope to see you at KCTC, the finest dog club in town!

Mitzie Lever



**COMMUNITY
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FUTURE DEMOS:

**Hawthorne Woods Assisted Living –
April 10 – Doggie Wedding Theme**

**Birthday Party on May 8 – Doggie
Wedding Theme**

SCENT ARTICLES

Does anyone have a large set of metal and leather scent articles they no longer need and would be willing to sell?

Thanks,
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Notes from Caroline....



This is a picture of Caroline's newest granddaughter, Destiny. She is with her sister Samantha.

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KEYSTONE CANINE TRAINING CLUB
Schedule of Classes - Session III – 2010

Please note - No classes will be held July 2, 3, or 4

CLASS	DAY	TIME	START	INSTRUCTORS
Puppy Kindergarten <i>(Class open only to puppies up to and including 6 months of age).</i>	Friday	7:00 PM	June 4	Joyce Petrow (Lori Caruso, Barbara Newman, Wendy Allison, Linda Kuzbel, Shelley Wolf)
Shy Dog <i>(4 week class)</i>	Friday	8:30 PM	June 4	Joyce Petrow (Lori Caruso, Barbara Newman)
Basic Obedience	Saturday Sunday	11:00 AM 11:00 AM	June 5 June 6	Rod Sabatini (Paula Shimko.) Marian Roznowski (Lori Miller, Maryann Snyder)
Kid's Agility <i>(Children must be between 8 and 14 years of age and accompanied by an adult)</i>	Thursday	6:15 PM	June 3	Amy Wustin (Arden Reihing, Paula Shimko)
Puppy Basic Obedience <i>(Puppies 6 months up to 1 year old)</i>	Monday Monday	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	June 7 June 7	Ed Hanke, Toni Yurkovic (Pauline Kitchen) Ed Hanke, Toni Yurkovic (Pauline & Joanne)
Basic Obedience II	Monday	8:30 PM	June 7	Toni Yurkovic (Pauline Kitchen, Joanne Kerfonta)
K9ers	Sunday	6:00 PM	Ongoing	Caroline Chapman
Novice Obedience	Saturday	9:45 AM	Ongoing	Doris Reilly
TDI/CGC (5 Weeks)	Wednesday	6:30 PM	May 5	Pam Lewis & Dan Goldberg (Denise Letterman)
Rally Obedience	Tuesday	6:15 PM	June 8	Toni Yurkovic (Sue Wray)
Advanced Rally	Sunday	4:00 PM	June 6	Barbara Newman, Lori Ritchey
Intermediate Agility I	Wednesday	7:30 PM	June 2	Amy Wustin (Dan Goldberg)
Beginner's Agility	Thursday	7:30 PM	June 3	Terri Chasser, Pam Lewis, & Dan Goldberg
Beyond Beginner's Agility	Saturday	2:00 PM	June 5	Pam Lewis, Dan Goldberg & Amy Wustin
Intermediate Agility II	Thursday	8:30 PM	June 3	Pam Lewis, Dan Goldberg, & Terri Chasser
Agility Handling for Competition <i>(Small Dogs 16 and under)</i> <i>(Large Dogs 16 and over)</i>	Monday Monday	12:00 PM 1:30 PM	June 7 June 7	Shelley Wolf (Pete Grandillo Sr)
Teacup Agility <i>(Fun & Competition)</i>	Monday Monday	3:00 PM 4:00 PM	June 7 June 7	Shelley Wolf (Tom Bandi)
Advanced Agility I & II	Tuesday	7:30 PM 8:30 PM	June 1	Pete Grandillo Jr., Linda Dragoo
Soft (Timid) Dog Agility	Wednesday	8:30 PM	June 2	Denise Letterman (Terri Chasser)
Conformation (4 Weeks) Ring Preparedness	Wednesday	6:30 PM	June 9	Clara Marie Schmaltz