

TOTAL RECALL – APRIL 2011

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NOTES AND REMINDERS.....

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: FRIDAY APRIL 15 AT 7:00 PM IN THE BETHEL PARK COUNCIL CHAMBERS ROOM.

TDAA Teacup Trial, Saturday April 30 and Sunday, May 1, 2011

It's almost here! Our TDAA Trial is coming fast and we are really looking forward to a bigger and



better trial than ever. There will be a poster posted at the building for those who would still like to sign up to work AND we will be looking for food donations as well. Please remember, the more food stuffs donated, the less the club has to actually pay out for items. This is HUGE towards helping cut costs and increase our profit.

If you have any questions, comments etc., please feel free to contact me. My door is always open to ideas and help.

Thank you and Happy Easter!

Amy Wustin TDAA Agility Trial Chair

MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY

<u>New Committees</u> - We have established two new standing committees: (1) a Marketing Committee, to promote our club (at the suggestion of Rod Sabatini, who will initially organize the committee), and (2) a Community Affairs committee to coordinate our participation at community events (such as dog walks for charities and other causes). Linette Evancic volunteered to head up this committee. Please contact Rod or Linette if you would like to help on their committees.

<u>Website Links</u> - Pete Grandillo Jr. noted that we can increase the number of hits on KCTC when people do an internet search if our website is linked from other websites. Pete encouraged anyone who has a personal or professional website to add a link to our club, if appropriate.

<u>Black Mats in Back Room</u> - We thanked Mike Kuhlman and Rod Sabatini for pushing the black mats back together to eliminate the gaps that had formed between some mats.

<u>Voting Procedure</u> - Pete Jr. suggested that we clarify who is eligible to vote in our May election. See the article later in this newsletter.

<u>Donation Jar</u> - Rod suggested that we place a donation jar in the club, preferably for specific uses.

<u>New Members</u> - Eric Harpster and David Bailey were voted in as new members.

MAY MEETING ELECTIONS



During our May meeting, we will hold our annual election

for Officers and Directors whose terms are expiring. The candidates are:

President: Toni Yurkovic and Lucy McCloskey Treasurer: Pam Lewis Recording Secretary: Mike Kuhlman Office Manager: Dan Goldberg

You can nominate additional candidates from the floor at the April meeting. The nominee must be present and must accept the nomination.

Voting eligibility is as follows: If there was one name on your membership application or renewal form, that person gets one vote. For families whose membership application or renewal form listed two people, each get a vote. People whose name is not on either form are not entitled to a vote.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING DAYS AND TIMES

The results of the survey we took regarding membership meeting days and times indicated a preference for alternating between Fridays and Sundays every other month, at 7:00 pm. Therefore, starting with the May membership meeting, our membership meetings will be held on Sundays during odd-number months (May, July, September, and November for this year). We will assess whether to make this permanent after a 6-month trial period. We will continue to meet at the Bethel Park Municipal Building in the Council Chambers room. The April meeting will be on Friday, April 15 at 7:00 (our new starting time). The May meeting will be on Sunday, May 22 at 7:00 (first Sunday meeting per the new plan) instead of Friday May 20.

CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

LUCY MCCLOSKEY

I wanted to be on the ballot for President of KCTC for many reasons. The most important reason is that I believe in our club, what it stands for and the strength of our members. As Training Director, I have been involved with many of the aspects of running our club. I have worked closely with Toni and the Board and our instructors to help our classes become more of what the members are asking for and to make our classes interesting and exciting.

Because I have now brought two dogs through the various KCTC classes, I feel that I have a good understanding of the needs of our club. I am not an agility-only nor am I an obedience-only member. I have taught and/or trained and titled in Rally, Agility, and CGC/TDI, and am now starting Freestyle. I have been a member of the K-9er's for over 5 years. I believe that I can work with the Board members to help our club to continue to grow and expand. As Training Director, I have spent long hours working for the benefit of our club. In my tenure, we have increased both the number and variety of classes that we offer. I would like the opportunity to continue to bring ideas and positive changes to this wonderful club.

If elected President, I will continue to work very hard for the betterment of our club and its members. I try to take the time to listen to what our members are asking for and do my best to try and help to make it happen.

Thank you, Lucy McCloskey

TONI YURKOVIC

I started training Buffy eleven years ago at the Keystone Canine Club. We have accomplished a lot in those eleven years. Buffy is a stubborn Westie, and she made it as hard as she could for us to achieve that. I was very persistent, and we did finally get our Companion Dog Title, Rally Excellent Title and her Junior Earthdog Title. Buffy was a K-9er for a while so we also learned how to dance.

Fox is an 8-year-old Westie. When I got Fox I thought I knew a little bit more than I did with Buffy; but as you know, not all dogs are the same. We have also accomplished a lot together. We worked a long time to get his Champion Title, but the Rally Excellent Title and his Master Earthdog Title were easier to achieve. We have been doing some agility, but that isn't his bag; however, when doing 'nose works' he is great.

- I am a very active member of the Keystone Canine Club. I have been an instructor for a number of years and have been President of the club for three years.
- I am very active in the Baldwin Whitehall Service Employees Association. I have been in the union for 20 years. For four years of that I was a Food Service Representative. I have also been President of the 262-member union for the last three years.
- I am a very active member of the West Highland White Terrier Club of Western Pennsylvania. I have been President of that club for six years.

I believe I have strong leadership skills, proficient communication skills and the ability to make just decisions. I also believe that each person has a voice and that each person's opinion should be valued.

My decision to run again for President of Keystone is to make sure "OUR" club has every opportunity to succeed.

Thank you, Toni Yurkovic

BRAGS - REMINDER

We have a lot of members who compete in dog trials (obedience, conformation, rally, agility, etc.). Publicizing our competition successes enhances the image and reputation of our club! Please remember to send your brags to the newsletter editor. We will put all brags on our website, too.

ANGEL RIDGE DONATIONS

A belated thank you to all who donated items to the Angel Ridge Animal Rescue. They are in a big black bag in the



office. We now just need a volunteer to take the bag to Angel Ridge. Please let any Board member know if you can do this.

Thanks to Dave Wray for installing a sliding bolt lock on the door to the potty area from the rear room. We no longer have to worry about anyone being locked outside! Also there is no need to use the lock on the door handle itself anymore -- please just leave it unlocked.



April 2 – Riverside Care Center, McKeesport – Spring Demo

May 7 (AM) – Relay for Life, South Park – Doo Wop

May 7 (PM) – Fairhill Manor Christian Church – Doo Wop

May 12 – Community Life, Tarentum

June 4 – Baldwin Community Day – Stage Demonstration – Country Western

June 5 – Locust Grove Assisted Living, McKeesport – Doggie Wedding

Tuesday, June 14 – Prime Time Adult Day Care/Bethel park – Doggie Wedding

The K-9ers are considering performing for the Whitehall Community Day on August 27.



NEW MEMBERS VOTED IN AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING:

Jessica L. Reyes and her Yorkshire Terrier Elmo.

DeAnne D'Orive and her Boston Terrier Becky and her Boxer Brenda.

NEW MEMBERS VOTED IN AT THE MARCH MEETING:

Eric Harpster and his Rottweiler, Kaya

David Baily and his mixed breed, Ellie.

APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Bayard, Karen, Bay and Dory Johnson are applying for membership with their two Border Collies, Rosie and Rascal. They are endorsed by Marion Roznowski and Maryann Snyder. They have taken Puppy Kindergarten and Basic Obedience.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

KCTC will be participating in a number of upcoming events:

- Relay for Life at South Park - May 7

- Baldwin Community Day - June 4

- Tails for Trails dog walk at Montour Run - June 4

If you would like to help out at any of these events, please contact our Community Events Chair, Linette Evancic, at 724-941-5956 or <u>linette14@comcast.net</u>. Remember -- all members are required to help for at least one event per year.

READING PROGRAM

Keystone Canine Training Club participates in reading programs with their TDI dogs at the Peters Township Library on Saturday mornings and at the Bethel Park Library on Sunday afternoons. The next Peters Township date is May 14th from 10AM-11:40AM. The next Bethel Park dates are not yet established. If you would like to participate in either of these programs, please get in touch with Terri Chasser terric1@verizon.net or Pam Lewis samoyed4@verizon.net.

BRAGS From Dee Farrell:

Facing the prospects of snow, interstate closures, and losing an hour of sleep due to the return of Daylight Saving Time, our family headed to Washingtonville, Ohio, on March 11 for Pixie's first "big-dog" agility trial. The snow didn't arrive, and the interstate closure was not too disruptive to our plans. We did miss the hour of sleep, but the girls and I made up for that after our fun weekend at the CPE trial. Pixie was officially measured at 9.25" and began her adventures in CPE with a run in Jackpot. She got enough points in the opening but didn't get the gamble because she wasn't used to working at a distance. Pebbles did get the gamble but not enough points, so between them they had a good run. Then Pixie tried a Standard run. She had been hesitant about the A-frame sometimes, and I was only about 40% sure that she would do it. It took four approaches, but she made it over the A-frame successfully before running out of time. She did much better on Saturday, earning a 3rdplace Qualifying score in Standard (no problem with the A-frame) and a 2^{nd} -place Q in Colors. We were so happy that she had two Qs in her first five runs. Then her personal chauffeur took her home, and Pebbles and I stayed for the rest of the weekend. Due to an earlier soft tissue injury. Pebbles was not feeling up to par that weekend; but she still managed to earn a 1stplace O in Colors, and she missed a O in Jumpers by only three seconds. She also had fun visiting with friends, having "mommy and me" time, and getting extra treats. We love agility!

From Pam Lewis:

Crystal earned her Novice FAST agility title at Morgantown, VW, on April 10. And Icey earned two more legs towards her 5th Masters JWW agility title

From Lori Ritchey:



Gernie Ritchey earned his Rally Novice RN title at the Ashtabula, Ohio show on March 19th

From Elaine Kelvington:

Sawyer aka CH Kelvington's Talisman CDX, RE, AX, AXJ, OF, HT, VCX, TDI, CGC qualified in jww at the YABTC agility trial on March 20, 2011 for his 7th leg towards his Master's title.

From Paula Shimko:



Mika, Shane and I headed for Ashtabula, Ohio to title in Advanced Rally in one weekend. We accomplished this task with a 3rd place ribbon and 2 very pretty title ribbons. We are now going after our Excellent titles. There were quite a few Keystone members at this trial and everyone seemed to be succeeding in making our club look good! Congratulations to Barb and Copper for their title in Novice and also congratulations to Lorie and Gerny for their Novice title in Rally.

Total Recall <u>KEYSTONE CANINE TRAINING CLUB - CLASS PRICES</u> AS OF APRIL 9, 2011						
PUPPY KINDERGARTEN	\$30.00	\$100.00				
(price includes a book)						
PUPPY BASIC	\$25.00	\$90.00				
BASIC ONE	\$25.00	\$90.00				
BASIC TWO	\$25.00	\$90.00				
FUN OBEDIENCE	\$25.00	\$90.00				
NOVICE/OPEN OBEDIENCE	\$25.00	\$90.00				
KIDS BASIC / KIDS AGILITY	\$25.00	\$90.00				
FIDO FITNESS	\$25.00	\$90.00				
CGC/TDI	\$15.00	\$50.00				
PUPPY AGILITY	\$25.00	\$90.00				
SOFT DOG AGILITY	\$25.00	\$90.00				
ALL OTHER AGILITY CLASSES	\$25.00	\$90.00				
RALLY	\$25.00	\$90.00				
FEISTY FIDO	\$45.00	\$95.00				
SHY DOG	\$30.00	\$75.00				
(price includes a book)						
NOSE WORK	\$25.00	\$90.00				
CONFORMATION (DROP-IN CLASS)	\$8.00	\$8.00				
RUN THRUS	\$10.00 PER DOG	\$15.00 PER DOG				
	UNLIMITED RUNS	UNLIMITED RUNS				
DROP-IN CLASS	\$5.00 PER DOG	\$15.00 PER DOG				
WALK-INS (NOT REGISTERED)	ADD \$5.00 TO CLASS	ADD \$10.00 TO CLASS				
	QUOTED PRICE	QUOTED PRICE				

NOTES:

- These prices are for 6 or 7-week classes unless otherwise noted above.

- For 5-week classes, the member price is \$20 and the non-member price is \$70.

- For 4-week classes, the member price is \$15 and the non-member price is \$50.

- Please check website Schedule of Classes for the number of weeks for each class.

- Instructors and Assistants are entitled to one free class of any type (with one dog) for each class taught during the current session.

Revision 4-9-11

KEYSTONE CANINE TRAINING CLUB Schedule of Classes - Session III – 2011 Classes are for Seven Weeks Unless Noted

Classes are for Seven Weeks Unless Noted						
Specialty Classes - Rear Training Room						
Puppy Kindergarten (Class is open to puppies up to and including 6 months of age).	Friday	7:00 PM	May 6	Joyce Petrow (Lori Caruso, Barbara Newman)		
Shy Dog (5 Weeks)	Friday	8:30 PM	May 6	Lori Caruso (Joyce Petrow, Barbara Newman)		
TDI/CGC (4 Week Class) (Week 5- Testing)	Wednesday	6:30 PM	May 11	Pam Lewis & Dan Goldberg		
Conformation	Wednesday	8:30 PM	May 11	Bill Colbert, Clara Marie Schmaltz		
Nose Work Level 2 (6 Week Class)	Tuesday	8:30 PM	May 10	Doree Donovan		
Nose Work Level 3 (6 Week Class)	Tuesday	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	May 10	Doree Donovan		
Nose Work Level 3 (6 Week Class)	Wednesday	11:00 AM	May 11	Doree Donovan		
Nose Work Level 1 (6 Week Class)	Wednesday	12:00 PM	May 11	Doree Donovan		
Introduction To Conformation	Wednesday	8:30 PM	May 11	Clara Marie Schmaltz		
K9er's	Sunday	6:00 PM	Ongoing	Caroline Chapman		
Obedience Classes - Rear Training Room						
Class	Day	Time	Start	Instructors		
Puppy Basic Obedience (Puppies 6 months up to one year)	Monday Wednesday	6:30 PM 10:00 AM	May 9 May 11	Pauline Kitchen & Paula Shimko Ed Hanke & Rod Sabatini		
Puppy & Basic Obedience (Clicker Training Emphasized) (No age restrictions)	Thursday	7:30 PM	May 12	Ed Hanke		

(Cheker Hummig Emphasized) (100 age resultations)				
Basic Obedience	Saturday Sunday	11:00 AM 11:00 AM	May 7 May 8	Rod Sabatini Marian Roznowski (Maryann Snyder)
Basic Obedience II Basic Obedience II (Clicker Training Emphasized)	Monday Thursday	7:30 PM 8:30 PM	May 9 May 12	Sally Tress (Toni Yurkovic) Ed Hanke
AKC Beginners Obedience & Novice Obedience (7 weeks)	Saturday	10:00 AM	May 7	Rod Sabatini (Joanne Kerfonta)
Rally Obedience	Thursday	6:30 PM	May 12	Sue Wray & Clara Marie Schmalz
Advance Rally (Drop-ins Welcome)	Monday	8:30 PM	May 9	Barbara Newman

Standard Agility Classes - Front Training Room; Teacup Agility - Rear Training Room

Class	Day	Time	Start	Instructors
Puppy Agility	Monday	7:15 PM 8:15 PM	May 9	Amy Wustin & Sharon Hareza
Beginners Contacts & Weaves	Wednesday	7:30 PM	May 11	Lucy McCloskey & Dan Goldberg
Agility Games (6 Week Class) Drop-ins Welcome	Friday	7:30 PM	May 6	Sharon Hareza (Lucy McCloskey)
Beginner's Agility	Thursday	7:00 PM	May 12	Pam Lewis, Lucy McCloskey, Joanne Kerfonta, Linda Kuzbel
Beyond Beginner's Agility	Thursday Saturday	8:30 PM 5:00 PM	May 12 May 7	Pam Lewis & Lucy McCloskey
Intermediate Agility	Wednesday	8:30 PM	May 11	Terri Chasser (Lucy McCloskey)
Advanced Agility I & II	Tuesday	7:00 PM 8:00 PM	May 10	Pete Grandillo, Jr. & Amy Wustin (Pete Grandillo, Sr.)
Teacup Agility (Drop-ins Welcome)	Wednesday	7:30 PM	May 11	Emil Pohodich
Teacup Agility (Daytime Class)	Monday	4:00 PM	May 9	Dan Goldberg Tom Bandi