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Come to the next
Membership Meeting
for
MAY MUNCHIES
Sunday, May 18 @ 7:00 pm
KCTC Building
No (Munchie Eating) Dogs Please

From the President

Congratulations to Lucy McCloskey and Sonny, who won the AKC National Rally Championship! See the article about their accomplishment later in this issue.

Our April 6 Open House was a big success! We had lots of visitors, and standing room only at our demos. We also had well-attended workshops. The building looked great with many nice displays of our dogs, handlers, and ribbons! And we also had lots of freebies and snacks. I'd like to thank the many KCTC members who volunteered to help out before, during and after the event, including those who participated in the demos and workshops. There are way too many to mention individually. And

a special "Thank You" to DeAnne Orive, who organized the entire event.

Our next big events are our WCRL Rally trial (May 10 – 11) and our Teacup Agility Trial (May 17 – 18). Bonnie McKeown and Amy Wustin are the Trial Chairs for these events.

I hope to see everyone at our May 18 membership meeting. Elections for officers and directors will be held that night too, followed by May Munchies.

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan

Applying for Membership

Faith Martonik and her Australian Shepherd, **Ollie** are applying for membership. Faith and Ollie have taken Family Manners I and II. They are endorsed by Rod Sabatini and Betty Camus.

Also applying for membership is **Tyrance Williams** and his Sheltie, **Dexter**. Tyrance and Dexter have taken Family Manners I and II and Beginners Foundation Agility. They are endorsed by Sharon Hareza and Amy Wustin.

Spring Greetings

Since we are all thinking "green", this seems like the perfect time to remind all members that the trials for WCRL Rally on 5/10 & 5/11 and Teacup Agility on 5/17 & 5/18 are approaching. For the past year, we have been able to give members a break and use the monies we had saved to pay for trial food etc. Now the coffers are low and we are asking for donations of food and monetary gifts. We will be calling the members the last week of April for donations. But if you would prefer to help us minimize our calls by committing to a donation of cash or food beforehand, it would be GREATLY appreciated.

Items needed:

- 4 containers Egg Scramble (at GFS)
- 2 pulled beef containers (GSF) or 5/6 lb. beef roast – shredded for 5/10
- Homemade chipped ham BBQ (5-6 lbs.) with Islay's sauce for 5/11
- 4 packs of Hamburger buns for 5/10 & 5/11
- 20 pounds of hot dogs for the 4 trials - this can be thru donations of any amount - 5# etc
- 4 packs of Hot dog buns for 5/10 & 5/11
- 4 packs of Hot dog buns for 5/17 & 5/18
- 2 containers pulled chicken (GSF)
- 2 containers pulled pork (GFS)
- 4 packs of Hamburger buns for 5/17 & 5/18
- 8 salads for 4 trials - Pasta salad, Chinese salad etc
- 5 Artisan Mac 'n cheese (GFS)
- 1 container of Mediterranean Penne Pasta (GFS)

Please note - any of the above items could be store bought or homemade. We all understand that most of us have busy lives and not many actually cook anymore.

- Small breakfast pastries (GFS or elsewhere)
- 2 boxes of Assorted Chips - variety pack
- Assorted desserts for the 2 trials – we have the cookies donated **easy to eat items are best**
- Pop – diet & regular
- Iced tea
- Small bottles of water
- Coffee creamers
- Dinner plates
- Salad bowls
- Napkins

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WOW, this list really seems huge, but this is the normal amount of what we sell for each trial! Please remember that the money we make on the food is usually quite good and we have a wonderful reputation for serving delicious food :)

Please e-mail Amy or Bonnie with your food or drink donation. By contacting us, we save you time, effort and expense due to possible duplications.

Your help with the above would be so appreciated,

Amy Wustin,
Trial chair, Teacup Agility
Amy Wustin eandme@rusenko.com

Bonnie McKeown,
Trial Chair, WCRL Rally
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Spring K-9er Demos

April 5 - Riverside Care Center - Troop Routine with performance time 2:00 PM

April 6 - KCTC Open House - Troop Routine with performance time also 2:00 PM

May 8 - Tender Care Learning Center visit and demo - performance time 10:30 AM

June 7 - Harbor Senior Living - Troop Routine with performance time 2:00 PM

June 10 - Prime Time Adult Day Care - Dog Wedding with performance time 11:00 AM

Thank you,
Caroline

Dog Tricks Class

In early 2013 Lucy McCloskey brought to the attention of her students between Saturday night agility and rally classes that there was a program in which a dog could earn titles for dog tricks. We started to practice and earn titles through that organization-Do More With Your Dog-a program originated by dog tricks advocate Kyra Sundance. Kyra wrote many fine books on the subject, which became the basis of the curriculum I adapted for formal dog tricks classes at KCTC.

Now going forward, Dog Tricks classes have been taught for nearly four sessions with great success.

How does one earn a title? One needs a person to witness the completion of the assigned number of tricks. Then the applicant must send in paperwork and a fee to DMWYD to receive an official diploma/title and posting on DMWYD website.

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Dog Tricks continued

The owner and dog work at their own pace and become witnessed when they are ready. The witness must have knowledge of what comprises good execution of the trick-and should only witness at that time.

The four witnessed title tiers are:
NTD (Novice Trick Dog)
ITD (Intermediate Trick Dog)
ATD (Advanced Trick Dog)
ETD (Expert Trick Dog)

Then the highest tier - which needs a video sent to DMWYD to pass:
TDCH (Trick Dog Champion).

The following are official titlists from KCTC:

Lucy McCloskey/Sonny: ETD

Tom Bandi/Amber Star: ETD

Phyllis Bandi/Tiffany: ETD

Deb Aheimer/Jackson: ETD

Deb Aheimer/Blaze: NTD

Diane Valley/Missy: ITD

Pam Lewis/Laika: ITD

Mary Benedetti/Gemma: ITD

Diana Squicciarini/Glinda: TDCH

Congrats to All!

Do More With Your Dog and have fun!!!

Diana Squicciarini and Glinda



*Happy
Easter!*



Lucy & Sonny National Champions!

Congratulations to Lucy McCloskey and her 6-year old Border Collie, RNC Hamilton's Mystic Lord of the Dance CD BN GN RAE3 AX AXJ NAP XF CGC CGCA (call name Sonny), who won the AKC Rally National Championship on March 28 in Harrisburg, PA. Sonny earned 394 out of a possible 400 points in four runs, beating over 90 other dogs. Lucy and Sonny are the first team from KCTC to win a National Championship!

Lucy adopted Sonny when he was 2 years old, and was a very high-energy (and borderline unruly) young dog. Lucy worked very hard with him, and the result is a well-behaved, friendly companion. Lucy and Sonny have numerous AKC titles (see above), and they have also earned titles in many other venues such as WCRL Rally, ASCA Agility, CPE Agility, Tricks, and Freestyle Dancing. Sonny is also a Certified Therapy Dog, who with the KCTC K-9ers, visits nursing and retirement homes, and participates in the Paws for Reading Program.



Lucy has been our long-time Training Director, Board Member and Instructor. She puts together all of our class schedules, teaches and/or assists in numerous classes each week and also spends countless hours doing other things for our club. In addition, she has a full-time job, yet somehow still finds time to continue to work and play with Sonny! KCTC is very proud of Lucy and Sonny's terrific accomplishment.

Keystone K9 Accomplishments

Open House



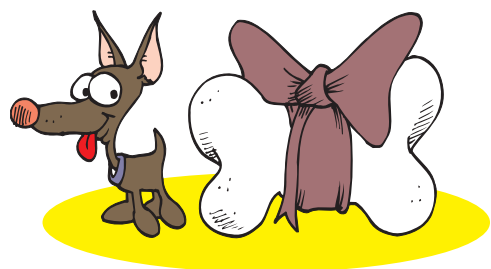
In 2013 my Papillon, **Glinda**, earned her Novice (NTD), Intermediate (ITD), Advanced (ATD) and Expert (ETD) Trick Titles thru **Do More With Your Dog**, the official sanctioning and organizing body for the sport of Dog Tricks. Thanks You Lucy McCloskey and Linda Kuzbel for witnessing her for these titles!

I am excited to announce that Glinda (after submission of her video application to DMWYD) in February 2014 earned her Champion level dog tricks title. She is now **TDCH Medlee's Ruby Slippers CGC**. She is only the second Papillon to earn a dog tricks champion title. I am so proud of her.

The journey to a TDCH has been a fun and wonderful adventure. I wish all my students in KCTC Dog Tricks class will travel on!

Thank you KCTC members for encouraging us in our quest for this highest tier title. I also thank KCTC for giving me the opportunity to teach dog tricks classes. In teaching we all learn. Always Do More with Your Dog!
Diana Squicciarini

At the TDAA trial at B&D in Latrobe on March 30, **Pixie** earned her TACH2 title, while **Pebbles** earned her TMAG4 title!



Laika earned her AKC Open FAST agility title at the Zanesville trial in March.

She also earned her ASCA Gamblers Open agility title at the Washingtonville trial

Crystal earned her Tail Waggin' Tutors Award from Therapy Dogs International

(TDI). This award is for her 100th visit in the Children Reading to Dogs program.

Pam Lewis

On Saturday, March 29th our two little Yorkies, **Tiffany** and **Amber Star** had a successful day competing in a Teacup Trial at B&D Creekside Activity Center in Latrobe. Tiffany had four qualifying runs with a first place. She also earned her TMAG 8 title and her TAM 9 title. Amber Star shocked us by qualifying five of her five runs and received five first place ribbons – What a day! Amber also earned her TACH 3 title. We are so proud of all of their accomplishments.

Tom and Phyllis Bandi.



Tiffany



Amber Star

I would like to thank all our members that participated, spread the word, helped set up and take down and just showed up to support the club. We had a beautiful sunny day!

The demos were great! And using the opposite side of the room for the seating area worked very well. There were a couple people that never left their seats the whole time.

The awards on the walls showing off our club members' accomplishments were special.

I already had two emails from my clients: one is interested in NoseWork and the other wants training so she can become a TDI dog and join our K9er's and agility competitions. (Very ambitious lady)

A big Thank You to the Workshop Instructors: Ed, Marian and Rod.

Clare & Stephanie received a couple of people interested in conformation! Yeah.

(But I am really happy that Richard brought his chocolate chip cookies..... Otto thanks to you too!)

Our Kid's Corner looked good, just needed a few more visitors. Something for me to work on for the next Open House.

The best part is how many people said they were interested in training. Sandy put their names on a spreadsheet so we can email them or send our next schedule to them when it comes out!

She updated the volunteer list so everyone will receive your Bonus Bucks!

Thank you again and I hope everyone had fun! I already have some new fun ideas for the next Open House in a couple years.
DeAnne

Candidate for Vice President

Hello, I'm Pat Zapf. For those of you who have not met me, I'm usually being followed around by some black tri Australian Shepherd. Really just pick any name; Trump, Diamond, Corona, Minx, it is probably one of them and you won't offend me by guessing.

This year I'm running for Vice President of Keystone Canine Training Club. I've been a member of Keystone for a short while, and have a strong devotion to the club and a desire to see the club sail to even greater heights. Like everyone who adores our club and the group of people in it, I want it to flourish and for that I think I have a unique skill set and viewpoint that can help. I want to help our board members work as a team to see our club expand and to continue to support the community and their four legged friends.

I've been active with my dogs for over 10 years now. I started volunteering at the Western PA Humane Society; of which I was a member for many years. While there, I specifically worked with aggressive dogs doing rehabilitation and personality evaluations. I adopted my first dog from there, and I later got involved with Australian Shepherds. Since then, I have been showing and competing with my Aussies. I have competed in conformation, agility, rally, obedience, and lure coursing. I have spent many years within my breed, devoting my life to its preservation and expansion.

On a professional level, I'm a small business owner. I own and operate a boarding and grooming kennel. Not only am I a member of Keystone, but I'm also a member of the United States Australian Shepherd Association, Australian Shepherd Club of America, and have been a contributor to the Toby Foundation and Aussie Health and Genetics Institute for many years now.

In short, my goal for running for Vice President is to continue the growth of the club and to keep the interest of our members at the forefront. I would appreciate your vote for Vice President.

Candidate for Director at Large

Hi, I'm Mackenzie. I am running for the position Director at Large. I believe that I can contribute to a positive expansion of KCTC. I will bring fresh ideas for events, seminars, classes, and advertisement to bring in new members and keep them interested and engaged, as well as our current members.

I work at a doggie daycare, and have been for almost three years. I also help with the German Short Hair Pointer Rescue group of Western Pennsylvania. Working at the daycare has given me opportunities to learn about different breeds of dogs, their behavior and their developmental stages.

I own a German Shepherd Dog and recently we've been trialing in Agility and Rally. Every new experience that I have with a dog, whether it is my own or a friend's is a new opportunity for us both to evolve, and that's what I can bring to KCTC.

I will continue to express new ideas, help others, and volunteer for events, even if not elected. I want to also encourage our members to share their ideas and opinions on things so we, as a club can become even stronger. I would appreciate your vote.

Keystone at the Galleria

