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Come to the next Membership Meeting for AWESOME APPETIZERS

Sunday, January 19 @ 7:00 pm

KCTC Building

No (Appetizer Eating) Dogs Please

From the President

Keystone had a very good year in 2013. I am again grateful to all those who have volunteered to help the club in any manner. Just a reminder (especially for new members) -- our Bylaws state that each member is expected to volunteer for at least one event a year. It is something that our members enjoy doing. And it is a good way to meet other members, help the club, have some fun, and feel good doing it! As you know, we are an all-volunteer club and we rely on our members to make our club successful.

Please feel free to continue to send me suggestions on things you would like to see, or ways that we can improve the club.

Many of you have already done that. I cannot promise to implement all suggestions, but I do promise to consider all suggestions (with input from the Board, as necessary), and send you a reply.

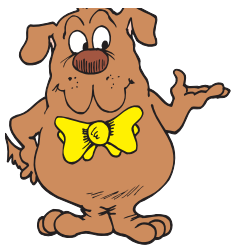
I have enjoyed serving as your President since my election in May, and I am looking forward to 2014. I hope to see you at our January 19 membership meeting, featuring Amazing Appetizers.

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President

Sheltie Club Show

Our friends at the Tri-Rivers Sheltie Club are having their Specialty show, including Conformation, Obedience and Rally, on February 1 – 2 at the Washington County Fairgrounds. You can find the Premium on their website, www.TRSSCGP.org. Closing date for entries is January 15.



Winter K-9er Demos

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the Keystone Members!!

The K-9ers have confirmed a demo request for the residents of Arden Courts. The K-9ers will be performing a "Doggie Wedding" on Saturday, January 11 @ 1:30 PM.

Thank you,
Caroline Chapman

KCTC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I'm really excited to announce that **Jade** has successfully managed to receive her Master JWW and Standard titles, now she has to run with the big dogs.

Moxie and **Kit Kat** have received their Master Bronze JWW titles too.

Rose Nicotra

At the Crown Classic shows in Cleveland earlier this month my Siberians **Islay** and **Feidh** both obtained 2 legs toward their novice rally titles. Islay's high score was a 98 and Feidh's was a 95. It was their first time ever showing outside of the breed ring and they did wonderful.

Thanks to my rally teachers :)
Kristen Murray

At the Cleveland agility trial in December, **Laika** earned her JWW Open title and her STD Excellent title. And Crystal had two double-Qs in Masters. Crystal also won the Samoyed Club of America (SCA) award for the top Rally Samoyed in the SCA.
Pam Lewis

Thoughts From A 15 Year Old

By Icey Lewis

Hi! My name is Icey and I love agility. My dad Dan Goldberg started me in agility after I got kind of bored with basic obedience training, and my mom Pam Lewis picked it up after that. Our first instructor, Amy Wustin, said we should try competing. At first we resisted, because we were doing agility just for fun. But we finally tried it and it was great (except for my first-ever trial, when I ran out of the ring!). But my mom stuck with it and I became her first-ever competition dog.

We learned from each other and eventually we truly became a team. It was a great way to bond, and we had a lot of fun. Together we earned nine Masters titles.

Last year I turned 15 and, although I am still in good shape physically, I have to admit I am getting a little stiff and don't run as fast as I used to. So my mom (and best friend) made the wise decision to retire me from competition last fall. She is very proud of me and my long agility career, and I am the oldest Samoyed to ever earn a Masters title (MJP7 at age 14!).

I miss competing, but my mom still lets me do jumps and tunnels and weave poles just for fun at KCTC. And we are now taking a Scentwork class! You are never too old to have fun.

For all you young doggies out there, I highly recommend that you get active in a sport that you and your best human friend like. It will greatly strengthen the bond between you!



Wanted - Any old luggage &/or backpacks or gym bags. Nosework is looking for these items to train on. Please put anything you bring back in the "Nosework" room.
Many thanks, Amy Wustin