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has been proof read and approved
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January Membership Meeting

Leftover Christmas Cookies

Sunday, January 17th @ 7:00 pm

KCTC Building

No Cookie Eating Dogs Please

From the President

We had a very successful WCRL Rally trial November 28 – 29, with over 190 runs. Thanks to Trial Chair Bonnie McKeown and Trial Secretary Pam Lewis for all their hard work. And congratulations to all the KCTC members who Q'd or earned new titles! Our next Rally trial will be May 7 & 8. On a related note, our next Teacup Agility trial will be the preceding weekend, April 30 – May 1.

I would also like to congratulate all the KCTC members whose dogs earned new CGC, CGCA, and/or TDI certifications during our recent testing.

KCTC participated in the pet adoption event at the Galleria on November 22. Lots of people stopped by our table and met some of our member's dogs (Jacqueline Saslawski and Flora & Henry, Lori Ritchey and Pinch, and Pattie Ennis and Merida). Bonnie McKeown also helped staff our table.

I would like to thank EVERYONE who volunteered to help out at all the events we held (or participated in) throughout the year, including the three events mentioned above. The Rally trial volunteers were there very long hours. We could not hold these types of events without your help!

We would like to expand the row of mirrors on the wall in the back room. If you have any mirrors you would like to

donate to the club, please contact me. If they are large, we can have them cut to the size of the others already on the wall.

Our next session of classes begins the first week of January. The schedule is provided at the end of this newsletter, **but you can't enroll until December 19.** We will send out a separate notification about enrollment, including revised instructions for on-line enrollment. We have had a number of people enroll in classes their dogs were not ready for, so we will be providing some prerequisites for some of our classes. The details on how this will work will be provided in the enrollment instructions, and will be built into the on-line enrollment form.

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, and wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year!

Doggie quote for the month (but you probably already know this): "It is a simple medical fact that the calming influence of the company of a dog reduces blood pressure and therefore the risk of heart attack." – Desmond Morris

Remember, have fun with your dogs! (I know the Rally trial competitors did!)

Dan Goldberg, President



K-9er 2016 Schedule

The K-9ers will be taking a break (vacation) from December 6, 2015 through January 2, 2016.

January 2016

Sunday, January 3, a practice will be scheduled (Country Western routine for January demos) @ KCTC @ the usual time 6:00 PM.

Saturday, January 9 scheduled demo @ Mount Vernon of South Park with a performance time 2:00 PM.

Saturday, January 16 scheduled demo @ Golden Living Center in Canonsburg with performance time 2:00 PM.

Saturday, January 30 scheduled demo @ Country Meadows Independent Living Center with; performance time 2:00 PM.

K-9er get together tentatively scheduled for Sunday, January 31 @ Calabria's Restaurant. Meeting there @ 5:30 PM.

February 2016

Sunday, February 7, Possible practice of a Valentine routine for the February demos @ KCTC @ 6:00 PM.

Saturday, February 13, scheduled demo @ Golden Living Center in Mt. Lebanon with performance time, 10:30 AM

March 2016

No requests have been received as of December 2015.

April 2016

A date will be scheduled for a practice some time in early April.

Wednesday, April 13, a Dog Wedding is requested for The Hill Toppers Group who meet I@ Covenant Presbyterian Church in Greentree with performance time 1:00 PM.

All the of the demos will be called with a final confirmation in January 2016.

Thank you,
Caroline

Voted Into Membership at the November Meeting

Jacqueline Gondringer and Gemma her American Pit Bull/Lab.

Katie Scheuring and Chloe her Toy Poodle

Lynn Uram and her Shelties, Spree and Dot

WCRL Rally Trial

I am so happy with the amazing volunteers that worked each day at our Rally trial! I tried to thank you all individually. It was wonderful to see the interest, responsibility and professionalism that were displayed for the entire trial. THANK YOU.

To all who donated food, items for baskets and baskets.... what generosity. The baskets were a beautiful sight to behold.

The food was varied, excellent and delightfully arranged.

The donations of treats and give away items are appreciated so much. This adds another perk to the trial.

The set up crew and the tear down crew also did a great job.

The Trial Secretary, Pam Lewis, did some extraordinary things the week before the trial to make the registration and scoring software program work well.

So to make this short, the club and I are blessed to have such members.

The judges were fair and so professional. We are also blessed to have

Phyllis Huber, one of the judges, as a member of Keystone.

Bonnie McKeown

Trial Chair WCRL Rally

APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

Cassandra Brandy and her Westie, Nola are applying for membership. They have taken Family Manners I & II. Cassandra is endorsed by Amy Sandhagen and Linda Irwin.

Pam Berman and Sophie her Goldendoodle are applying for membership. They have taken Puppy Family Manners twice. Pam is endorsed by Donna Latham and Lucy McCloskey.

Scott Anderson and Ellie his Westie are applying for membership. They have taken Puppy Classes and Family manners II. Scott is endorsed by Betty Camus and Rod Sabatini.

Awards Plaques Information

The order form for 2015 title plaques for the Award's Dinner will be sent out to the Membership the first week of January. We are using a new format this year. The form will use the same online forms program that class registration has been using successfully for the last several sessions. This will eliminate the problems with the Adobe form that a large number of members had last year, and it will eliminate any possibility that the form will be returned to the wrong email address.

Please watch your email the first week of January for the form. The link will also be posted on the Forms section of the website. For anyone who does not have email or computer access, we will have a paper option available at the Club. However, to ensure legibility, we prefer that the forms be typed, and would encourage people to try to utilize the online form.

After the plaque order forms are available, if you have any problems, please let Dan or Janine know as soon as possible. Forms will be due back by January 31, 2016.

The Awards Banquet Committee

Thank You!

Thanks to all of the KCTC members who gave me ideas and lent breed books for the Choosing the Right Dog workshop. Special thanks to Dan who made a 'guest appearance' and especially to the volunteers and their dogs who gave up their Sunday morning to be there: Linda Irwin and Ruffles, Diana Squicciarini and Glinda, Sandy McDowell and Larry, Matt Inman and Skylar, Donna Latham and Lucy, Cynthia and Chad with Sammy and Toby, and Kylee Holton and Braylee. Special thanks also Maryann Snyder for her help in setting up and cleaning up.



KEYSTONE CANINE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WCRL Rally Trial

11-28 and 11-29-15 at Keystone Canine Training Club, Pittsburgh, PA

A big THANK YOU to everyone who entered our trial. We are pleased to list your accomplishments. If we missed anyone, let me know at mckeownbonnie@comcast.net

COMBINED LEVEL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

Lucy McCloskey and Sonny ARCHMX – 13
Carolyn Martin and Dare ARCHMX - 4
Lisa Bauer with Jazz ARCHMX
Lisa Bauer with Indy ARCHMX
Tena Parker and Rio ARCHEX

INDIVIDUAL LEVEL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

Lucy McCloskey and Sonny RL3x15
Lisa Bauer and Jazz RL3X2
Mackenzie Hafen and Zuko RL2X1
Shari Caruso and Halo RLPX
Leslie Meyn and Drake RLPX
Joanne Schreiber and Skye RLVX

LEVEL TITLES

Pam Lewis and Laika RL3
Crystal Collins and Toby RL1
Nancy Cole and Andy RL1
Cris Gill and Gilbert RL1
Lori Ritchey and Pinch h RL1
Charlene Zeleznock and Stella RL1
Janine Smith and Comet RL1
Clint Conners and Shadow RL1

HIGH SCORING CLASS A TEAMS

Level 1 Crystal Collins and Toby
Level 1 Lori Ritchey and Pinch
Level 1 Leslie Meyn and Drake
Level Puppy Shari Caruso and Halo
Level 2 Cris Gill and Sandy
Level Veterans Crystal Collins and Toby
Level Veterans Tena Parker and Shayne
Level Veterans Bonnie McKeown and Ian
Level 3 A Cookie Nee and UneeQ

A great applause to our judges' Phyllis Huber, Carolyn Martin, our Trial Secretary Pam Lewis and our awesome volunteers.

We hope to see you at our spring Rally trial scheduled for May 7 and May 8, 2016. Our premium will be available at the Keystone Canine Training Club and the WCRL website soon.

Keystone Canine WCRL Rally
Addie's nose has been working

overtime during the past month. On Halloween, we took a road trip for our first Nosework trial hosted by Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club in Knoxville, MD. There wasn't any need for me to be nervous. All I had to do was to hang on to Addie's leash and let her do the work. Four times Addie gave me the paw, four times I called "alert", and four times the judge gave us the thumbs up. With the fourth thumbs up, Addie earned her NW 1 title. Many thanks to our trainers, whose efforts ensured that we were well prepared to attend our first trial. They provided us with a variety of training environments and situations that gave Addie the experience and confidence to be successful, and they broke me of some bad handling habits.

On November 21, Addie and I took another road trip for a Vehicles Elements trial in Leesport, PA. While we are experienced in searching cars and SUV's, this trial offered a bit of a twist – we searched farm vehicles, including tractor, cow transport truck, dump truck, forklift, and a quad. Addie can be timid around new things, so I wasn't sure if the unfamiliar types of vehicles would rattle her. It became very clear very quickly that the odd types of vehicles wouldn't be a problem. Addie sniffed out all four hides and earned her L1V title. She placed 7th out of 30 dogs overall.

On November 22, we attended a Containers Elements trial, also in Leesport, PA. Despite the cooler weather and windy conditions, Addie successfully earned the second leg for her L1C title.

3 titles in 3 weeks --- 3 cheers for my hard-working, scent-loving little girl!
LAURA M. LEONARD



M y collie,

Sara will receive the TDIAOV certificate from Therapy Dogs International (TDI), the letters TDIAOV stand for outstanding visitation. Sara completed her required 150 pet therapy visits on November 14, 2015. Sara also endured four surgeries on her back legs during an eight-month period in 2015.
Caroline Chapman

Barcole Light of the Silvery Moon, aka **Pearl**, passed both the Canine Good Citizen and Therapy Dog International tests. Congratulations team Pearl.
Betty Camus



Pinch earned her first title, RL 1, this weekend at our KCTC WCRL trial.
Lori Ritchey



Skye Schreiber earned her second Veteran's title at Keystone's rally trial on Thanksgiving weekend. She also earned 1 set of double Qs.
Joanne Schreiber

What a great weekend at KCTC!
Gilbert not only got his RL1 title but he did it with a 1st Place ribbon! He continues to out score his sister, **Sandy**, but she is close behind him. Looking forward to the next trials!!
Karen Fraser & Cris Gill

Congratulations to MACH 6 Buddington's Gen Stonewall Jackson!
Jackson earned his 6th MACH at the Crown Classic in Cleveland. That makes 3 MACH's for Jackson in 2015. He also recently earned his AKC Canine Good Citizen Title.
Deb Aheimer

KEYSTONE CANINE TRAINING CLUB

Session I, 2016 Schedule of Classes - Classes are for Seven Weeks Unless Noted

Rear Training Room Schedule

| Class | Max # Dogs | Day | Time | Start | Instructors |
|--|------------|-----------|-------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| Family Manners I | 8 | Sunday | 11:00 AM | Jan 3 | Marian R/Maryann S |
| Teacup Agility | 6 | Monday | 2:00 PM | Jan 4 | Tom B/Phyllis B |
| AKC Beginners Novice & Novice Run-thrus | 6 | Monday | 6:30 PM | Jan 4 | Diana S/Lucy M |
| Obedience Reinforcement | 8 | Monday | 7:30 PM | Jan 4 | Pat W/Bonnie M |
| Family Manners II | 8 | Monday | 8:30 PM | Jan 4 | Amy S/Carol S |
| Intermediate Scent Work | 6 | Tuesday | 6:30 PM | Jan 5 | Amy W/Dave J |
| Advanced Scent Work Level 2 & 3 | 6 | Tuesday | 7:30 PM | Jan 5 | Maribeth H/Debbie A |
| Puppy Family Manners | 6 | Tuesday | 8:30 PM | Jan 5 | Mackenzie H/John S |
| Intro to Conformation (5 Weeks) | 6 | Wednesday | Per Request | | Clare S |
| CGC/CGCA/TDI Prep | 8 | Wednesday | 6:15 PM | Jan 6 | Dan G/Mitzie L/Donna L |
| Teacup Agility (All Levels) | 8 | Wednesday | 7:30 PM | Jan 6 | Emil P/Amy S |
| Conformation Drop-in Class | | Wednesday | 8:30 PM | Website | Bill Colbert/Clare S |
| Grad Novice, Pre Open, Open Run-thru | 6 | Thursday | 5:30 PM | Jan 7 | Lisa P/Lucy M |
| Obedience Games & More Games | 6 | Thursday | 6:30 PM | Jan 7 | Lucy M |
| Advanced Rally (WCRL) | 6 | Thursday | 7:30 PM | Jan 7 | Lucy M |
| Family Manners I | 6 | Thursday | 8:30 PM | Jan 7 | Mackenzie H/Clint C/Patti E |
| Puppy PreSchool | 8 | Friday | 7:00 PM | Jan 8 | Paula S/Donna L/Lynda K/Lucy M |
| (for puppies 8 to 14 weeks old as of the date of the first class) | | | | | |
| Puppy Kindergarten | 8 | Friday | 8:00 PM | Jan 8 | Paula S/Donna L/Lucy M |
| (for puppies 15 to 20 weeks old as of the date of the first class) | | | | | |
| AKC Open Obedience Drop-in Class | | Saturday | 9:00 AM | Website | Julie Agosti |
| Family Manners II | 7 | Saturday | 11:00 AM | Jan 9 | Rod S/Betty C |
| Family Manners III | 8 | Saturday | 12:30 PM | Jan 9 | Toni/Rod |

Front Training Room Schedule

Jan 4

| Class | Max # Dogs | Day | Time | Start | Instructors |
|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|---------|-------|--------------------------------|
| Agility Flatwork I (6 Weeks) | 8 | Sunday | 6:30 PM | Jan 3 | Stacy P/Joanne K |
| Agility Flatwork II (6 Weeks) | 8 | Sunday | 7:30 PM | Jan 3 | Joanne K/Lynda K |
| WCRL Rally Advanced | 6 | Monday | 5:00 PM | Jan 4 | Lucy M/Imogene S |
| Foundations of Agility | 6 | Monday | 7:15 PM | Jan 4 | Amy W/Sharon H/Hope P |
| Foundations of Agility - Part 2 | 6 | Monday | 8:15 PM | Jan 4 | Amy W/Sharon H/Hope P |
| WCRL Rally Beginners | 6 | Tuesday | 6:15 PM | Jan 5 | Pat W/ Bonnie M |
| Premier Agility Run-thrus | 8 | Tuesday | 8:00 PM | Jan 5 | Terri C/Joe A |
| Advanced Std Agility | 8 | Wednesday | 7:30 PM | Jan 6 | Pam L/Lynda K |
| Intermediate Std Agility | 6 | Wednesday | 8:30 PM | Jan 6 | Fiona S/Dana S |
| Contacts and Sequence Skills | 6 | Thursday | 7:30 PM | Jan 7 | Pam L/Dana S |
| Teeter and Weaves | 6 | Thursday | 8:30 PM | Jan 7 | Dan G/Chris L /Pam L/ Janine S |
| Intro to Agility Sequencing | 8 | Friday | 7:30 PM | Jan 8 | Janine S/Joe A |
| Beyond Beginners Std Agility | 8 | Friday | 8:30 PM | Jan 8 | Janine S/Joe A |
| AKC Novice Rally (6 Weeks) | 6 | Saturday | 7:00 PM | Jan 9 | Diana S/Betty C |

Monday - Afternoon Advanced Rally (WCRL) - 5:00

Monday - Obedience Reinforcement is now on Mondays at 7:30

Tuesday - Beginners Nose Work not offered this session

Tuesday - Puppy Family Manners 8:30 - for puppies 5 months of age before the first class to one year

Wednesday - CGC/TDI Trial Prep at 6:15

Thursday - Puppy Family Manners I - Puppies over 6 months of age before the first class

Thursday - AKC Graduate Novice/Pre Open/Open Run-thru at 5:30

Thursday - Evening Advance Rally (WCRL) 7:30

Puppy PreSchool - for puppies 8 to 14 weeks old as of the date of the first class

Puppy K - for puppies 15 to 20 weeks old before the date of the first class

Saturday - 12:30 Family Manners III Class is being offered