



# Keystone Canine Training Club

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has been proof read and approved  
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## November Membership Meeting Pumpkin Anything

Sunday, November 15th @ 7:00 pm

KCTC Building

No Pumpkin Eating Dogs Please

## From the President

I was sorry to hear about the passing of two of our beloved K9ers – Russell (a Westie), owned by Clare Schmalz, and Tiffany (a Yorkie), owned by Tom and Phyllis Bandi. They both had many years of Therapy Dog service, and brought joy to many senior citizens. They were great ambassadors for KCTC.

I was glad to hear about the great performance by Sadie (a Maltese), owned by Barb and Emil Pohodich, at the Teacup Agility Petit Prix. Sadie finished 5th overall (out of 81 dogs). Way to go Sadie and Emil!

Our next big event is the WCRL Rally trial November 28 – 29. KCTC has a great reputation for putting on events like this, but it cannot happen without our members who volunteer to help. Please contact Bonnie McKeown if you can help out that weekend.

We are also participating in a doggie event at the Galleria in Mt. Lebanon on Sunday, November 22. Please let me know if you can help staff the KCTC table.

As previously announced, we are doing a seminar on “Choosing the

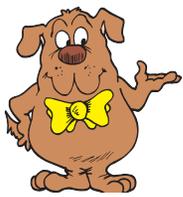
Right Dog” on Sunday, December 6, from 11:00 to 1:00. Marian Roznowski will be in charge. It is free and open to the public. Please tell anyone who is thinking about getting a dog not to miss this seminar!

Our annual Holiday Party will be Monday, December 7, at the South Park Clubhouse. As usual, there will be good food and gifts for everyone. More details will be coming.

Doggie sign for the month (on a bulletin board): “Puppies for sale: the only love that money can buy.”

Remember, have fun with your dogs!





## K-9er 2015 & 16 Schedule

### November, 2015

**Saturday, November 14**, another DOG WEDDING routine @ Golden Living Center in Mt. Lebanon with performance time 10:30 AM.

**Sunday, November 22**, a CHRISTMAS PRACTICE @ KCTC @ usual time 6:00 PM.

### December, 2015

**Saturday, December 5**, a CHRISTMAS ROUTINE @ The Greenery in Canonsburg, performance time 10:00 AM.

**December 6 through January 2, 2016 K-9er vacation.**

### January 2016

**Sunday, January 3, 2016:** Possible practice for Country Western Routine  
**Saturday, January 9**, @ Mt. Vernon of South Park (Country Western?) with performance time 2:00 PM.

**Saturday, January 16**, @ Golden Living Center in Canonsburg (Country Western?) with performance time 2:00 PM.

**Saturday, January 30**, @ Country Meadows (Independent Living Center) in Bridgeville (Country Western?) with performance time 2:00 pm.

**Sunday, January 31** Tentative date for a K-9er Get-Together @ Calabria's Restaurant @ 5:30 PM.

### February 2016

**Sunday, February 7**, Possible Valentine Practice @ KCTC @ usual time 6:00 PM.

**Saturday, February 13**, Valentine Routine @ Golden Living Center in Mt. Lebanon with performance time 10:30 AM

Thank you, Caroline Chapman

## APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

William & Jan Puhl & William Pulh Jr. are applying for membership. They have taken Family Manners II and Puppy Manners with their Flat-coated Retrievers, Chance & Shelby. They are endorsed by Pat Warnick and Amy Sandhagen.

## WCRL Rally Trial

WCRL Rally Trial is November 28 – 29. Many first-time participants are amazed at the quality of both our raffle & buffet. Your support will keep up our reputation for quality trials.

For monetary donations - place your donation in an envelope marked Rally trial and place in the cash box in the office. A few salads or side dishes for the two day trial would add that special touch.

Basket donations - please place them in the bin at the entrance to the front room.

Please know that all donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Your hours spent helping the club both meet your membership requirements and go towards earning "Bonus Bones" which entitle you to free classes. See you at the Trial!

Any questions please e-mail or call:

**Bonnie McKeown**  
**mckeownbonnie@comcast.net**  
**or call 412-835-6692**



**KCTC**  
**Holiday Dinner**  
**Save the Date**  
**Monday, December 7**  
**See attached Details**

## DECEMBER SHORT SESSION

We will shortly be sending out the December Short Session schedule. We will have a variety of classes, games, seminars, etc. The cost for most nights is \$5 per dog, although some will be free. Hopefully these classes will give you and your dogs something to do during the holiday season, and carry you over until our regular classes start in January.

Like last year, there is no formal registration or enrollment form required. All you need to do is email the Instructor(s) for the class(es) you wish to attend, so that they know who is coming and how many to prepare for. We will send you their email addresses when we send out the schedule.

## AGILITY LESSONS

Donna Rohaus will be coming to KCTC on Sunday, December 20, for private or semi-private agility lessons. Donna will train your dog at any level (puppy to beginner to advanced competition), and on any particular thing you want to work on (handling skills, contacts, weaves, etc.). The rates are \$85 for one hour, \$65 for 45 minutes, or \$45 for a half-hour. If you have a friend at the same level, you can share your time slot and each of you would pay half the above amounts. She will start at 9:30 AM and go as late as the demand warrants.

If you would like a slot, please email Dan Goldberg (samoyed4@verizon.net) the approximate time slot you would like, and for how long (one hour, 45 minutes, or one-half hour).

## CLEAN RUN MAGAZINES

Rod Sabatini has kindly donated a number of Clean Run magazines to the club. They are on top of the file cabinet in the office, and are yours for the taking. Clean Run is the most popular magazine about Agility, and each issue contains useful tips on drills for training, handler skills, dog health, course sequence analysis, etc.  
**Help yourself!**

# KEYSTONE CANINE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Hi everybody, It's me, **Howie**. Pat took me to a WCRL Rally trial last weekend. We did two runs and I Q'd in both. I got fourth place in the first one. Then I got first in the second, I was the only one that qualified. I also got my RL2 title and that was our goal. It was a fun weekend. I got to see my some of my dog friends and some of my favorite people were there. Thanks to all the nice people at SNDK9 for a really nice trial. Pat Warnick

Dee Farrell is extremely happy to announce that both of her Yorkies attained their championship goals in CPE agility this year. On May 30, 2015, **Pebbles** earned her CT-ATCH title at Splash 'n Dash's trial at B&D Creekside Activity Center in Latrobe. On October 10, 2015, **Pixie** earned her C-ATCH title at Furs-A-Flyin' Agility's trial at the WVU Farm Arena in Reedsville, WV. Dee, Pebbles, and Pixie wish to thank all of their KCTC friends who have encouraged them along this journey.

We certainly have some recent accomplishments we would love to share. We were at Splash n Dash on October 24&25 for the rally trials. **Sandy** placed third and with two more "Q's" she did receive her title in RL1. And a first time experience in the ring, **Gilbert** placed fifth the first time, which did include a runoff, and fourth in the second round!!! Can't wait for Keystone so he can get his title too!! Karen and I are so proud of them!! Special thanks go out to Pat Warnick and Lucy for the support and training expertise!! - Cris and Karen

**Skye Schreiber** earned a Veterans A Title at Splash n Dash WCRL trial in October. She also earned two Qs in Level 1b and 1 Q in Veterans B. She barked her way through Level 2a. Joanne Schreiber

On October 31st at B &D Creekside Activity Center in Latrobe Team **Glinda** achieved the WCRL Rally RL1X2 Individual Championship title with two Q's. Got that Rainbow Rosette! Thanks Glinda for being such an enthusiastic teammate!! Luv, Diana Squicciarini

McKeown "Kids" Update  
Our youngest **Adina Maya** got her first WCRL RL1 title at Splash 'n Dash on 10/25/15.  
**Aiden** received his first Veteran A title at B&D Creekside on 11/1/15. He also continues to work toward other WCRL titles.  
**Ian** has all his Veteran titles but continues to keep his paw in Veterans B. With his Therapy Dog work, this rounds Ian out nicely.  
Good Going Gang,  
Bonnie McKeown

I would like to share, October 30, 31 and November 1 AKC trial in Morgantown WV.  
**Declan** had a really good 3 day weekend with 6 out of 9 Q's with 5 first place and 1 second place placement. It was so much fun to hang with fellow Keystone friends that also attended and the highlight was Declan earned his AXJ- onto Masters Jumpers!! Declan's weaves with this weekend were awesome compliments of Dan's contact and weave class, Thanks!  
Lynda, Logan & Declan



**Ben** started competing at six months. He got his Rally Puppy Championship at seven months. He started competing in agility in January at the age of 15 months. He received his Novice Jumpers Title in ASCA, his novice Jumpers title in AKC and his AKC Novice Fast title. In CPE he received his Novice CL1, R, H, S and F. He moved on to open and received his first Q.  
I am so proud of you Ben!  
Donna Latham



# KEYSTONE CANINE ACCOMPLISHMENTS - Continued



*Painting With A Twist!*



At the 2015 TDAA Petit Prix Teacup Nationals held October 16 through October 18, 2015, after three rigorous days of agility competition on some very difficult courses, **Sadie** achieved 3rd place in the 8" division (which was the largest group), and 5th place overall of all the dogs of all sizes in the competition. She also won "High-In-Trial Therapy Dog" for being the Therapy Dog in the competition with the most points, and the "Mystery Pair" competition where you are secretly teamed up with another dog in your competition height and

the winners are the two dogs with the highest score for the day. She was also next to the oldest dog in the competition. For everyone who knows Sadie and her infamous "start-line stay", we have to note that on Call, Direct and Send, where the challenge was for dogs not to cross the start line before the handlers were within the containment area which was three jumps away, Sadie

actually stayed. Emil slowly walked backward keeping eye contact with her and telling her not to move. We don't know who was ready to explode first, Sadie or Emil! The whole time on the line Sadie was shaking and had the look of a firecracker waiting to go off, but she stayed. Later we saw the video and heard someone comment, "Wow, she's staying on the line"! We want to congratulate everyone from Keystone that competed at the Prix and look forward to next year. Emil & Barb Pohodich

Team **Flurry** worked really hard this year getting ready for our first Petit Prix (TDAA Nationals) in October and couldn't be more proud to have made it into the Top 25 dogs. She placed 21st overall, 12th in her jump height, and earned her TMAG3 title. Well done, my friend!  
Stacy Podplesky

## *In Loving Memory*

Thank you everyone for your kind words and beautiful cards over the loss of our little Tiffany. She will be forever loved.

Tom and Phyllis Bandi





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# *HOLIDAY PARTY*

*Monday, December 7  
6:30 p.m.*

*South Park Clubhouse*

2200 Brownsville Road  
South Park Township, PA 15129

*The cost is \$30 per person.*

*Dinner Menu:*

*Salad, Dinner Rolls, Prime Rib, Chicken Parmesan, Pecan  
Encrusted Tilapia, Potato Cheese Casserole, Steamed Broccoli,  
Choice of Beverage (coffee, tea, or soft drink), and Cake.*

*A cash bar will be available.*

*\*Accommodations will be made for dietary needs (Vegetarian, gluten free)*

*Please respond by **November 23, 2015***



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# *HOLIDAY PARTY*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Any dietary needs/requests? \_\_\_\_\_

*\*You will be contacted to make arrangements for your meal.*

Please respond by **November 23, 2015**  
by returning to the cash box in the KCTC office,

or mailing to:

Donna Latham  
771 Mill Street  
Bridgeville, PA 15017