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has been proof read and approved
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May Membership Meeting

MAY MUNCHIES

Bring Something to Share

REMEMBER TO COME AND VOTE!

May 15, 2016 - 7:00 pm

No Dogs Please - They always have the Munchies!

From the President

I would like to thank the following people:

-Rod Sabatini, who installed additional mirrors in the back room to essentially double their length.

-Tom Bandi, who repaired and painted the ugly inside of the back room double door. It looks WAY better!

-Lori Ritchey, who offered the services of her flooring business to carpet the kitchen area at a very reasonable cost to our landlord.

-Donna Latham, who coordinated our recent logo apparel sale.

-The Nominating Committee (Deb Aheimer, Amy Sandhagen, and Diana Squicciarini), for coming up with a good slate of candidates for the open officer positions for the May election.

-Janine Smith and Lucy McCloskey, who organized our Awards Banquet.

Speaking of the Awards Banquet, it was a very nice event with great prizes and awards. 49 KCTC dogs earned a total of 420 titles in 2015! This is a tremendous accomplishment. Congratulations to all our handlers and dogs who earned new titles.

Don't forget about our Teacup and Rally trials between sessions. (Note

- I erroneously called these our "Teacup and Agility trials" in a recent email to the membership.) Those trials are our main fundraisers, and we are counting on your help regardless of previous experience. We will teach you everything you need to know.

For Session III, we are tentatively planning to have an Introduction to Flyball class. This should be great fun for you and your dogs! This is a very popular doggie sport, and we will be the first club in the South Hills to offer it.

Please plan to attend our May 15 membership meeting. We will have an election for Training Director. The credentials of the two candidates are at the end of this newsletter. We will also vote on Bylaw changes. I will be sending those changes to you for your review prior to the meeting.

Doggie quote for the month:
See the cartoon at the bottom of page 2 for this month's quote.

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President



K-9er 2016 Schedule

April:

Saturday, April 9, the K-9ers are scheduled to perform @ Arden Courts in Jefferson Hills. PA 15025 - performance time is 10:30 AM.

Sunday, April 10, scheduled practice for the Doo Wop routine @ KCTC usual time 6:00 PM. The K-9ers decided to do the Doo Wop routine for the spring - summer season

Tuesday, April 12, demo for the children @ Tender Care Learning Center, 300 Weyman Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236 - performance time is 10:30 AM

Wednesday, April 13, the K-9ers are scheduled to perform the "Dog Wedding" for the Hill Toppers senior group that meets @ Covenant Community Presbyterian Church in Greentree PA 15220 - performance time is 1:00 PM.

May:

Saturday, May 7, demo @ the first building in the Country Meadows complex (Community Living Center) 3560 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017 - performance time is 2:00 PM.

Saturday, May 14, demo @ Riverside Care Center 100 8th Street, McKeesport 15132 - performance time is 2:00 PM.

Tuesday, May 17, demo for the children's group (Nature Club) that meets @ Community of Christ Church, 3492 South Park Rd, Bethel Park, PA 15102 - performance time is 7:00 PM.

June:

No June practice date set as of yet.

Saturday, June 11, demo @ Manor Care Nursing Facility, 60 Highland Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102 - performance time is 2:00 PM

Wednesday, June 22, The K-9ers are scheduled to perform a "Dog Wedding" for Prime Time Adult Day Care @ 44 Highland Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102

There is a demo request for the K-9ers from Juniper Village in Forrest Hills for a Saturday date in September. I have not been able to negotiate a demo date with the Activities contact as of yet.

Thank you,
Caroline

Teacup Agility April 30 & May 1 WCRL Rally Trial MAY 7 & 8

Many first-time exhibitors are amazed at the quality of both our raffle & buffet. Your support will keep up our reputation for quality trials. We need donations of raffle items or ready-made baskets, and buffet items, or monetary donations to help offset our expenses.

For monetary donations - place your donation in an envelope marked Teacup Agility or WCRL Rally Trial and place in the cash box in the office. Donations of food or drink of your choice - please put in the kitchen marked as above. If it is perishable please drop off the item at the club before the trial and put it in the refrigerator. If it is a frozen item, put it in the freezer.

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 trials!

Any questions, please e-mail or call: Chris Labee Trial Chair for Teacup Agility at labeefamily@verizon.net 724-942-5615 or Bonnie McKeown Trial Chair for WCRL Rally at mckeownbonnie@comcast.net or call 412-835-6692

Applying For Membership

Katelyn Massie and **Denver** her Pit Bull are applying for membership. Katelyn has taken puppy pre-school and puppy kindergarten. She is endorsed by Paula Shimko and Donna Latham.

Wendy Savrese and her Australian Shepherd **Jasmine** are applying for membership. They have taken Family manners II and Obedience reinforcement twice.

Wendy is endorsed by Pat Warnick and Clare Schmalz

Voted Into Membership

Sheryl Sanctis and **Doug** her standard Poodle were voted into membership at the March meeting.

Painting With A Twist #3

Sunday, August 7, 2016,
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Come Join club members at Painting with a Twist South for our third private party, painting your own pet's picture.

Cost is \$55.00.

You need to preregister via the link below using the password: 80716
<http://paintingwithatwist.com/events/viewevent.aspx?eventID=698943>

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Email for picture:

Studio124@paintingwithatwist.com



Keystone Canine Accomplishments

Dee Farrell is extremely pleased to announce that **Princess Pebbles O'Farrell** earned her fifth Championship title from the Teacup Dogs Agility Association on March 20, 2016, at the B&D Creekside Activity Center in Latrobe, PA. Congratulations, TACH5 Pebbles!

Dee Farrell

When getting the Blues is a good thing! **Lia** took 1st place in intermediate standard and Qualified in superior agility games.

She ran against a very seasoned games crowd so I didn't expect her to place but to qualify in G3 her first attempt was sweeeet!

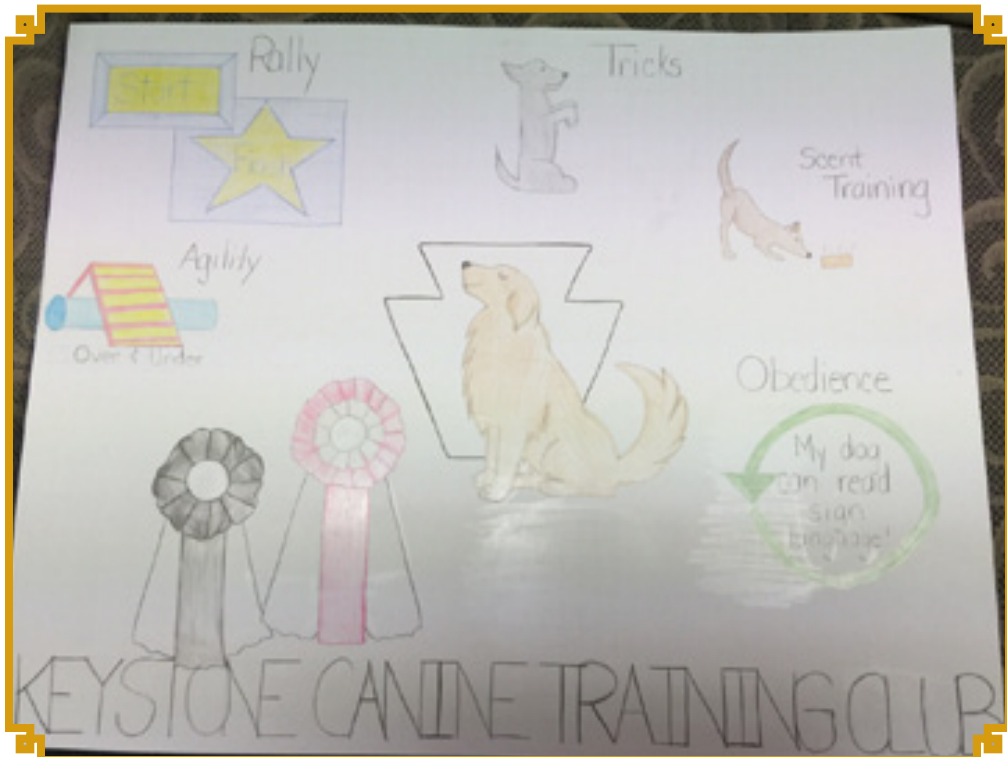
Joanne Kerfonta

A note of thanks to all of the members for my nomination into KCTC.

Doug and I are looking forward to our participation into the club and offering our hidden talents!

Many Thanks.

Sheryl Sanctis



A "Ruff" Draft of the Wall Mural

This is a "ruff" draft of the wall mural from the artist for our bare walls at the club. The goal is to show the various activities that we do. Please take a look and send me any comments, such as things to add, things to subtract, things to change, or any general comments. The final full-size version will be in the form of a painting or a canvas that can be mounted on the wall. (It will not be painted directly on the wall.)

I will collect the comments and send them to Jaqueline Gondringer, who is coordinating this project with the artist.

Dan Goldberg

How to Maintain Your Dog Between Grooms

As an Instructor at Keystone Canine Training Club, an AKC Evaluator, a Certified Master Groomer with International Professional Groomers Association and owner of Grand Slam Grooming, Inc., I am often asked "what is my favorite product in my tool kit?" After the comb my favorite product is Nature's Miracle Pet Wipes. It is great for keeping your pet maintained between grooms. Pet wipes keep your pet clean and odor free especially if you have an older dog that doesn't like baths. During the winter the wipes can be used to clean the salt and snow off of paws. If your pet has longer hair it's great for those dingleberries that hang from the hair after a potty break. For the brachycephalic dogs like my Boston terrier I use them to clean the folds in the face. I also like to wipe her down with the pet wipes because it puts a little moisture back into her coat.

I will discuss other general maintenance secrets on Sunday, June 26, 2016 from 1-4pm during the "How to maintain your dog between grooms" class.

Please see attached form for sign up.

PAT WARNICK

My name is Pat Warnick and I have been nominated for Training Director at KCTC. I look forward to the challenge. My dog training journey began in 1992. I had purchased a thirteen month old Yorkie that had spent his entire life in a crate. I took him to an obedience class and after one class we were both hooked. Within a year, I began assisting in classes and then teaching. Later we tried agility, however he had back issues and we did not go far. We did attend one of the first TDAA trials ever held. I taught at both Dogs R Us and Golden Triangle, where I was also involved with the enrollment process. Fast forward to Keystone in about 2010. My first class at our club was at the old building with a Shih Tzu named Joe. Howie came into my life in December 2011 and we attended our first class in January 2012; I joined as soon as we met the requirements. Like most rescues, he had/has issues. My philosophy on dog training is we keep at it as long as we are both having fun. It was hard to find something he liked, where he was having fun, but we kept trying and finally discovered that he likes Rally! We have attended classes in every discipline that is taught at KCTC: Obedience, CGC/TDI, Agility, Scent Work, Tricks, WCRL Rally and AKC Rally. He earned his CGC and TDI, a Novice and Intermediate Tricks titles, and most recently an ARCH in WCRL. We also enjoy doing Tail Waggin' Tutors at our local elementary school.

I think I started teaching at KCTC shortly after I became a member. I have taught Family Manners I and Family Manners II, Novice/Beginner Novice Obedience, WCRL Beginners Rally, and Obedience Reinforcement. I am currently teaching Family Manners I, Obedience Reinforcement, and Beginners Rally.

In my opinion, when a person chooses to join a club, there are responsibilities that go with that decision. It is important that I, as a member, volunteer my time and talents for the success of that club. I agreed to return calls to people that phone the club with questions. What an education that has been! It gives me a great perspective on the classes the public is looking for. In order to answer calls, I needed to have some knowledge of everything we teach. I had to learn the right people to call with questions, and of course I had to learn our Policies and Procedures. I love talking with the people, I am able to help them decide what class is best for their dogs and sometime offer them suggestions about problems they are having. They appreciate having something they can work on until their class begins.

For the last two years I have been helping Lucy, the current Training Director, with developing the calendar and schedules. Dan asked me to develop the Short Session. I did that for two years. Shortly after the online Enrollment system was developed, I began working with Deb by monitoring the system for classes that are full. I also troubleshoot things like non-members that register as members and duplicate registrations. Ironically, I spent thirty-nine years working at the University of Pittsburgh processing tuition payments and making certain that students were enrolled properly.

Working with the schedules, calendar, and enrollment is a big help in answering the calls. I can let people know what classes are full and which ones only have a spot or two left. I believe this same knowledge will carry through and be a good foundation if I am elected as your Training Director.

I think it is important that the Training Director work well with others and as part of a team. I believe my work for the club during the last three years demonstrates my ability to do both.

I hope to keep our classes growing and changing. We need to continue to examine our programs all the time. The day that we stop changing is the day we stop growing as a club. That will require an open mind and a willingness to change. I can't do it alone but with your help, we will succeed. I would appreciate your support.

Hello friends of Keystone,

My name is Toni Yurkovic and I am running for Training Director. I have been with Keystone at least 20 years and have been instructing for at least 15 years. Within all those years I was president for 5 years. I was instrumental in bringing Keystone forward in finding this building and moving here. Now we can have 2 classes in each room a day which has helped us to grow even larger. When I was president I helped in bringing in Teacup Agility, WCRL Rally and Nosework. This club does mean a lot to me, I would like to see it keep growing as much as possible. I really enjoy teaching and helping others. Just like other members at Keystone who really enjoy teaching, I also teach at other places. With the help of Sally Tress we have improved the curriculum for Basic 1, 2, and 3. I was the first instructor to start teaching AKC rally when it first came out. I did get titles on my Westies Buffy CD RE JE and CH Penngyll's White Fox RE EE.

***Junior Earthdog**

***Endurance Earthdog**

Moving forward I have some great ideas to help everyone continue their education in training and in instructing. I have been continuing my education by going to seminars for a long time. Some of the Trainers I have gone to are: Ian Dunbar, Victoria Stillwell, Denise Fenzi and Nicole Wilde just to name a few. I enjoy keeping updated on all the new techniques of dog training and want to help you be the best trainer you can be for your dog.

Thank you for your consideration for the position of Training Director.

Toni Yurkovic



KCTC'S FIFTH ANNUAL SEMINAR
HOW TO MAINTAIN YOUR DOG BETWEEN GROOMS
SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2016

This Seminar is designed to assist the dog owner to keep his/her dog looking good year round.
 Your dog will have a healthier and happier life.



This Seminar will show you how to have a well groomed dog:

Items of importance that will be covered are:

1. Proper equipment needed for your specific breed.
2. How to properly comb, rake, and/or brush your specific breed.
3. How to properly clean your dogs' ears, eyes, and teeth.
4. How to cut/grind your dogs' nails.
5. Other general maintenance secrets between grooms.



Seminar Size and Duration: Maximum of 10 students with **one dog** per individual. The class will be a 3 hour session.



Each Student Needs to Bring: All the grooming equipment that they have for their dog. Pad and Pencil for note taking.



Date: Sunday, June 26, 2016 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Cost: \$25 for KCTC members; \$30 for non-members; \$20 for KCTC instructors



Instructor:

DeAnne D. Orive
 412-221-5081
 Owner of Grand Slam Grooming Inc., Scott Township PA
 Certified IPG Master Groomer
 Certified Dog Obedience Trainer/Instructor, Penn Foster Career School

HOW TO MAINTAIN YOUR DOG BETWEEN GROOMS SEMINAR

Owner's Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email: _____ Dogs Call Name _____ Breed _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ KCTC Member Non-Member Instructor

Mail To: Keystone Canine Training Club, P. O. Box 921, Bethel Park, PA 15102
 Attn: Dog Grooming Seminar