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has been proof read and approved
by selected Board Members.*



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 nice holiday party in early December – nicely decorated private room at the South Park Clubhouse, good food, good gifts for everyone, good raffle items, and good camaraderie! Thanks to Donna Latham, Janine Smith, and Lucy McCloskey for making all the arrangements.

Several members have mentioned that it is sometimes hard for people to hear their instructors, especially if the air conditioner or heaters are turned on in the back room. Therefore the Board approved the purchase of a professional-grade wireless microphone system. It has been set up in the back room, and is now available for use. Thanks to Emil Pohodich for doing the research on this, and for arranging the purchase.

In accordance with our Bylaws, the Nominating Committee for our May elections will be formally announced at our January 17 membership meeting. I have appointed Deb Aheimer to chair the committee, which will also

include Amy Sandhagen and Diana Squicciarini. If you are interested in becoming an Officer or Director, or know someone who you think would make a good candidate, please contact Deb or Amy or Diana. The following positions are up for election: Vice-President, Training Director, Corresponding Secretary, and Director-at-Large.

I am looking forward to another good year for KCTC in 2016. The calendar for the whole year is on our website on the CALENDAR page, and the dates for our two Teacup Agility and WCRL Rally trials have been set. Thanks to Lucy for putting this together. And our January classes filled up quickly, with many on the very first day!

Doggie quote for the month “Dogs are better than human beings because they know but do not tell.”
—Emily Dickinson

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President



K-9er 2016 Schedule

January

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

Sheryl Sanctis and Doug her Standard Poodle are applying for membership. Sheryl and Doug have taken Family Manners and Rally. She is endorsed by Betty Camus and Diana Squicciarini.

Awards Plaques

Reminder that the awards plaque form is now available on the website. Please fill out a form for each of your dogs that earned titles in 2015, and proofread them carefully because they will go to the engraver exactly as provided. Forms are due back no later than Sunday, January 31, 2016, as we will be placing the order with the engraver on February 1 to ensure they they are complete in time for a March dinner. We will not be able to accept late forms.

The online form is the preferred format. It is a new format that works the same as the class registration forms we have been using. After completing your form online you will receive a confirmation email letting you know it was submitted, which also affords a final opportunity to proofread your information. If you do not receive this confirmation, or if any changes are required after you have submitted the form, notify Janine Smith immediately. A paper form will be available at the club for anyone who does not have access to a computer. Paper forms can be turned in to Janine directly, or by leaving them in the cash box for her.

The Awards Banquet will be held on a Sunday in March or early April. The date for the dinner will be announced once the location is selected and booked. Suggestions for the restaurant are always welcomed.

Awards Banquet Committee

Paint Your Dog

Due to popular demand, we are having another Paint Your Dog party at Painting With a Twist, 250 Mt. Lebanon Blvd, Castle Shannon. If you missed the first one, here is your chance! The details are below.

Keystone Canine Training Club
****PRIVATE PARTY****
Sunday, February 28, 2016
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Cost is \$55.00

Come Join club members at Painting with a Twist South and paint your own pet's picture. You need to preregister via the link below using the password: 022816.

Everything you need to paint is included except your Beverage. It is BYOB.

We will have a variety of chip type snacks available and welcome any finger snacks you can bring.

Painting with a Twist – South, will need a picture of your pet so they can get the canvas preprinted and ready for you to paint on.

Any questions contact DeAnne 412-221-5081 or Painting with a Twist - South.

Here is the Registration link:

<http://www.paintingwithatwist.com/events/viewevent.aspx?eventID=593825>

Password: 022816

Email for picture:
Studio124@paintingwithatwist.com

How to Say Goodbye

Ian my dear Scottie passed on 12/14/15. He had scored a 210 in WCRL Rally in Veterans on 11/29/15. He visited Dormont Elementary on 12/4 for his 253 TDI visit. Then suddenly on 12/14/15 after a 3 day stay at PVSEC, he passed away when he got home.

He changed my life. As a puppy I started taking him to classes, and then I helped at an event which inspired me to enter competitions, take on different activities and meet new friends.

With much help from my friends with cards, e-mails, phone calls and flowers, I have gotten through a lot of sad days.

Thank you, Ian for almost 12 years of joy. Bonnie McKeown



KEYSTONE CANINE ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Lia had a super Christmas weekend with 4 first places, 1 third place & 2 teacup titles. TG1 & TBAD! So this means we are now in the land of intermediate purgatory ! Lol.



Merry Christmas to Mom, Love Rocky! What a gift this little guy is to me each and everyday and what a weekend we had. **Rocky** completed his Masters Jumper title this weekend along with two first places and two second places. Nice bow he has placed right on my heart.
Joanne Kerfonta



Laika (Poltergeists's Lake effect) earned her Elite Standard title at the ASCA trial at B&D Creekside on January 3rd. She needed a big rest that evening!
Pam Lewis



My Brag for 2015 is that "Orive's Becky th Buccaneer" call name **Becky** has received her Teacup Agility Champion 2 (TACH2) . Becky needed two standard qualifying runs which she received along with first place ribbons in Latrobe at B&D on December 20, 2015. Thank you Miss Becky for a wonderful 2015 and I look forward to 2016 when you will be a veteran, mostly because your mother needs those extra seconds to keep up to you. LOL
DeAnne Orive

I'm not sure whether or not this counts as news, but we just welcomed a new puppy into the family! His name is **Tristan**, and he is a Rough Collie.
Sandy Milligan



A December to Remember
Jackson and I had the most amazing December! We went to the IX Center in Cleveland the first weekend of December where Jackson earned his MACH 6! And the very next weekend we were in Orlando, Florida for the AKC/Eukanuba Invitational. Our first trip there. I could never, in my wildest imagination, have expected what was to come our way. We ran the warm up T2B and Q'd in that on Friday. Then on Saturday we ran the first 2 rounds clean and were in 12th place. On Sunday we ran rounds 3 & 4 and were clean again. We won Top Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and made it to the final round in 8th place. Then we ran in the finals and placed 5th out of 123 - 12" jumpers! I am extremely PROUD of Jackson! He is quite an athlete! Deb Aheimer

