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March Membership Meeting

PIZZA - PIZZA - PIZZA

March 20, 2016

7:00 pm

No Pizza Eating Dogs Please!

From the President

Congratulations to the following KCTC teams who passed their tests on February 27:

Phyllis Bandi and Diamond

TDI and CGC

Bonnie McKeown and Maya

TDI and CGC

Sharon Hareza and Firefly

TDI and CGC

Alice Roberts and Abby

TDI

Sheryl Sanctis and Doug

TDI

Katie Scheuring and Chloe

CGC

Our Awards Banquet will be held on April 3 at Peters Place. We recently sent out reservation forms. The deadline for signing up is March 20.

Our spring trials are coming up – Teacup Agility April 30 – May 1, and WCRL Rally May 8 – 9. As usual, we will need many volunteers for

these trials. Please contact the Trial Secretaries if you can help: Chris Labbee (labeefamily@verizon.net) and Bonnie McKeown (mckeownbonnie@comcast.net), respectively.

Due to popular demand, we are bringing back two other events: Grooming Seminar on June 26, and Paint with a Twist on August 7. More details will be coming.

As usual, our classes remain very popular. As of this writing, 17 of our Session II classes are full.

Doggie quote for the month:

“Whoever said that diamonds are a girl’s best friend never owned a dog.” -- Unknown

Remember-
Have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President



K-9er 2016 Schedule

April - Spring Routine

Saturday, April 9 @ Arden Courts with performance time @ 10:30 AM.

Tuesday, April 12 @ Tender Care Learning Center Weyman Road, Pittsburgh PA 15236 - performance time 10:30 AM.

Wednesday, April 13 doggie wedding demo for the Hill Toppers group @ Covenant Community Presbyterian Church - performance time 1:00 PM.

May - Spring routine

Saturday, May 7 @ Country Meadows (1st building in their campus complex) - performance time 2:00 PM.

Tuesday, May 17 performing for The Nature Club group that meets @ Community of Christ Church in Bethel Park – performance time is 7:00 PM.

June - Spring Routine

Saturday, June 11 @ Manor Care Bethel Park - performance time 2:00 PM.

Please think about the dates Sunday April 17 and Sunday, May 29 as possible practice dates.

We can use both or one of them.

Thank you, Caroline Chapman

APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

Jack Bittner, Jr. and his German Shorthaired Pointer, **Sammy** are applying for membership. Jack and Sammy have taken Family Manners I twice.

They are sponsored by Marian Roznowski and Amy Wustin.

WCRL RALLY TRIAL MAY 7 & 8

WCRL Rally Trial is May 7 and May 8, 2016. Many first-time participants 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 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 Trial!

Any questions, please e-mail or call:
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May Election

The nominating committee respectfully submits these candidates for the following offices:
Vice President - Lucy McCloskey
Training Director - Pat Warnick
Corresponding Secretary/
Membership Chairperson -
Clare Marie Schmalz
Director at Large -
Mackenzie Hafen

Congratulations

Every year World Cynosport Rally ranks the dog/handler teams that accumulate the most points throughout the year in various categories. The Categories are USA, Canada, Japan and each Title. The top twenty in each category are ranked. This year, I am pleased to announce that Keystone Canine Training Club is well represented on these lists. Our congratulations goes out to all of the teams.

Below are the categories and the dog handler teams from KCTC that made the top twenty.

USA

Lucy McCloskey and Sonny

RL3

Pam Lewis and Laika

RL1X

**Pat Warnick and Howie
Lucy McCloskey and Dallas
Joanne Schreiber and Skye**

RL2X

Phyllis Huber and Madi

RL3X

Bonnie McKeown and Aiden

ARCHMX

**Lisa Bauer and Jazz
Lisa Bauer and Indy**

ARCHMX+

Lucy McCloskey and Sonny

You can access the official rankings at www.rallydogs.com if you wish to see the complete list.



PAINTING WITH A TWIST #2



Keystone Canine Accomplishments



Hello! I am proud to announce that **Gilbert** went on his first TDI visit and did very well! We were anxious about it because he is young (1 yr 6mos). In celebration

of "Read Across America" week we went to GillHall Elementary school with Sandy, Henrietta and Chloe and grades 1-5 came in groups and read to the dogs. What an exhausting morning, the kids were full of questions and stories! We all had a great time! Gilbert was a big hit with his tricks and seems to be a natural in the therapy dog world!
Cris Gill

Diamond successfully passed his CGC/TDI tests on February 27th at KCTC. He received his Therapy Dog International Title and his Canine Good Citizen Title. We are so very proud of Diamond. Thanks to all who helped us in his training.
Tom and Phyllis Bandi

Icee, Hollybush's Fire And Ice At Opal, CGC, TG2, CL1-R, CL1-H, CL1-F earned his AKC Titles in Beginning Novice (BN) and Rally Novice (RN) at the Three River Shetland Sheepdog Club of Greater Pittsburgh's Specialty Show the weekend of February 6th and 7th. Debbie Miller-Gurchak and I are proud of Icee's accomplishment at the Sheltie Show.



Proudly submitted,
Nancy Ann Whitley

Sunday March 6th at Splash and Dash (WCRL Rally trial) in Plum, **Glinda** Qd twice in RL1 and earned her first Q in RL 2. So proud of her. Thank you judges Diana Smith and Phyllis Huber. A wonderful event... Good food, good weather and good friends old and new.

Diana Squicciarini



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Blaze earned 2 Q's in AKC Novice STANDARD Preferred! Blaze is 6 years old and has always had a fear of the teeter. We have worked and played on the teeter and finally Blaze has faced his fear. **Jackson** earned MACH 7 at the Butler Agility Trial in Erie!
Debbie Aheimer

