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May Membership Meeting "Veintiuno de Mayo" Mexican Goodies Night May 21, 2017 - 7:00 pm No Dogs (especially Chihuahuas) Please

From the President

I'm looking forward to our Awards Celebration and Spring Social on April 23 (reservation forms due April 12). Everyone is welcome to come, not just those who earned new titles. Reservations are due by April 12. The reservation form is on our website homepage.

You can be the envy of all your friends at KCTC by getting some KCTC logo apparel or other cool-looking items. The deadline for orders is April 15. Please see the email that went out March 29 for more information and an order form.

Our next two events are our Teacup trial April 29 – 30, and our Rally trial May 13 – 14. Both trials are a lot of fun, and are good opportunities for volunteering.

Our next session of classes will begin on May 15. We will let you know when the class schedule is posted, and when enrollments will open.

Doggie quote for the month: "If aliens saw us walking our dogs and picking up their poop, who would they think is in charge?" -- Unknown

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg

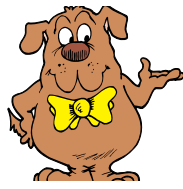


Voted into Membership

Donna Kuglar and her Sheltie, **Suzie**, were voted into membership at the March membership meeting.

Applying for Membership

- **Pete and Gina Bouvy** with **Murphy**, their Vizsla, are applying for membership. They have taken Puppy K and Family Manners I. They are endorsed by MacKenzie Hafen and Eloin Gonzalez.
- **Eric Patberg** and his mix, **Opie**, are applying for membership. They have taken Beginners Agility and Family Manners. Eric is endorsed by Lucy McCloskey and Donna Latham.
- **Dana and Bill Schutte** with **Bootsie**, their cockapoo mix, are applying for membership. They have taken Foundations of Agility 1 & 2, Puppy K and Puppy Confidence. They are endorsed by Amy Sandhagen and Karina Palko
- **Ron Broglie** and his Golden Doodles, **Zoey and Larne**, are applying for membership. They have taken Family Manners I and II. Ron is endorsed by John Schlieper and Clint Connors.
- **Jay Michalka** and his Lab/Boxer mix Jupiter are applying for membership. They have taken Family Manners II, Intro to Flyball and Flyball. Jay is endorsed by Clint Connors and John Schlieper.
- **Tiffany Sera** and her Siberian Husky, **Khrom** are applying for membership. They have taken Family manners I and II. Tiffany is endorsed by Pattie Ennis and Clint Connors.



K-9ers 2017 Schedule

April:

Saturday, April 15, the K-9ers are scheduled to perform a Doo Wop routine @ 2:00 PM for the residents of the Bridgeville Rehab Center (formerly known as Country Meadows Community of Life Center,}

May:

Wednesday, May 17, the K-9ers are going to Tender Care Learning Center, Pittsburgh, 15236 to perform the Doo Wop routine for the children there @ 10:30 AM.

Saturday, May 27, the K-9ers are scheduled to perform an Arm Forces routine for the residents of The Paramount Senior Care in McMurray PA 15317 @ 2:00 PM.

June:

Wednesday, June 14 the K-9ers are going to perform a Doggie Wedding for the clients of Prime Time Adult Day Care @ Christ United Methodist Church in Bethel Park, PA, 15102. Performance time is 11:00 AM.

Thank you,
Caroline

Teacup Agility and WCRL Rally Trials

With the Teacup Agility trial scheduled April 29 and April 30, please volunteer for the various positions/jobs. A sign-up sheet is posted on the club's bulletin board placed in the front room. Donations for the raffle baskets should be placed in the purple bin, also at the club's entrance and for monetary gifts please place in the mail box in the office. Think of some side dishes or desserts you could make or buy. These we always need. Our extra efforts in preparation for our trials are well noted!

The WCRL Rally trial is scheduled May 13 and May 14. Please help us plan by donating to the food buffet (mainly side dishes or desserts), for the basket items and any monetary gifts. We are calling for volunteers now.

Chris Labee – Trial Chair for the Teacup Agility Trial
Bonnie McKeown – Trial Chair for the WCRL Rally Trial

KCTC Logo Apparel Order

We are again offering some very nice KCTC logo items for sale. We make a small profit on each item, so you can help support the cause. Donna Latham has kindly agreed to handle this sale again.

Attached is more detailed information. Please note that for some items, you may choose silk screen or embroidery.

Orders and payment are due by April 15. **PLEASE MAIL THEM TO DONNA AT THE ADDRESS GIVEN ON THE ATTACHMENT, OR PUT THEM IN THE CASH BOX ON THE WALL IN THE OFFICE. DO NOT MAIL THEM TO THE CLUB.**

May Election

The Nominating Committee recommended the following slate for our May elections, all of whom agreed to serve again:

President - Dan Goldberg
Treasurer - Pam Lewis
Recording Secretary - Donna Latham
Enrollment/Roster Coordinator - Deb Aheimer
Director at Large - Emil Pohodich

No other candidates were nominated from the floor at the March membership meeting. Therefore, per our Bylaws, the slate above will assume office for another 2-year term without the need for an election.

KEYSTONE CANINE ACCOMPLISHMENTS



It has been a busy Rally year for **Blaze** and I. We, as a team, have earned our Rally 3 title, Rally 1 championship, Rally 2 Championship, and our Rally ARCH championship titles. It was a lot hard work because my boy is a tad excitable.
Paula Shimko



“**Lila**” earned her NW2 title in Michigan this weekend. She came in first place in the interior search and first place overall in the trial. She was one of the 7 dogs receiving their title that day (out of 30 dogs). We also received P’s in all 4 searches. A P indicates exceptional technique and teamwork.
Stephanie Day



MacTavish (Scottish Shenanigans) has been working very hard at trying to overcome his fears as many of you know and I am very proud to announce that he recently earned the following Do More With Your Dog trick titles. On 03/03/17 he earned his NTD Novice, on 03/10/17 he earned his ITD Intermediate. on 03/17/17 he earned his ATD Advanced and on 03/31/17 he completed his ETD Expert titles. He had so much fun and this is a HUGE accomplishment for him! We are moving forward with working on his TDCH Championship and AKC tricks titles. MacTavish thanks all who have been helping us on our journey and sends a special thanks to Diana Squicciarini for her patience, encouragement and for believing in him! Love you, Tavy!
Linda Irwin



At the Loyalhanna Agility Club trial, (March 25,2017) CH Kelvington’s Once ‘N A Blue Moon CD BN RN HT NJP VC (**Solomon**) qualified in the novice fast preferred class with a first place.

At the Loyalhanna Agility Club trial, (March 26,2017) Kelvington’s Master’s Design BN NAJ (**Seneca**) qualified in the open jumps with weaves class with a first place.
Elaine Kelvington

Jackson is smiling from ear to ear as he heads for the finish line and MACH 10! Everytime he gets his photo taken while running agility he has a big smile on his face! That makes me smile too!
Deb Aheimer



Dee Farrell is pleased to announce that **Pixie** earned the Enthusiast Extraordinaire Colors (TExCL) title in CPE at Four Seasons K9 Athlete Center under Judge Brenda Gilday on March 12, 2017. Congratulations, Pixie; you have worked hard for this!



KCTC LOGO APPAREL ORDERING INFORMATION – 2017

General Information:

We are again offering various items with the KCTC logo, including some new items this year. Please see the catalogue attached to the cover email.

All clothing will have a small white KCTC logo on the left chest, so we suggest you order a dark color. The natural canvas tote bags will have the KCTC logo in the same color as the straps. The insulated cooler bags will have the KCTC logo in white, so we suggest your order a dark color.

Clothing Styles:

The women's cut has shorter sleeves, smaller armholes (for t-shirts and polo shirts), a slight taper, and a shorter length.

Colors: Attached are scanned pages from the catalogues we are using that show a photo of each item, the available colors, the color charts for Gildan items, and the prices. To see a more accurate depiction of the colors, you can Google “[Brand name] color chart” for the brand of each item (Gildan, Sport-Tek, etc.)

Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL (\$2 extra), 3XL (\$4 extra). You can Google “[Brand name] size chart” to find the size chart for the apparel items.

Ordering:

Please fill out an order form and mail it to Donna Latham, 771 Mill Street, Bridgeville PA, 15017, or put it in the cash box in the office.

Payment:

Please include your payment with your order form.

Deadline:

The deadline for orders is **April 15**. We expect delivery about 2 - 3 weeks after placing the orders.

Thank You,

Donna Latham

THIS IS KIND OF HARD TO WRITE BUT HERE GOES ANYWAY. MISS SARAH AKA "WIGGLE BUTT" HAS BEEN MY RIGHT-HAND DOG IN THE HEEL POSITION FOR THE PAST TEN PLUS YEARS BUT I NOTICED THAT SHE WAS SLOWING DOWN JUST A BIT IN THIS PAST YEAR AND I ATTRIBUTED IT TO A LACK OF CONDITIONING ON MY PART. KIND OF LIKE I ALWAYS TELL STUDENTS IN MY OBEDIENCE CLASSES HOW IF THEIR DOG IS A LITTLE OVERWEIGHT, THEN MAYBE THEY (NOT THE DOG) ARE NOT GETTING ENOUGH EXERCISE AND THEY SHOULD GET THE DOG OUT MORE OFTEN. THAT ALWAYS ELICITS A CHUCKLE OR TWO BUT THEY DO GET THE POINT.

LONG STORY SHORT, ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO I DECIDED TO TAKE A LONG WALK AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD WITH SARAH AND AT THE HALF MILE MARK, SHE JUST COLLAPSED ON ME. WENT DOWN LIKE A SACK OF HAMMERS AND LOOKED AT ME WITH A REAL SURPRISED LOOK ON HER FACE. I PICKED HER UP AND CARRIED HER TO THE HOUSE. BY THE TIME WE GOT BACK TO THE HOUSE SHE SEEMED FINE AND I ATTRIBUTED IT TO LACK OF CONDITIONING. SHORTER WALKS ALONG WITH SOME RETRIEVES THROWN IN OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS DIDN'T SEEM TO FAZE HER. WHEN WE WENT PHEASANT HUNTING IT WAS A DIFFERENT STORY. GRANTED, THE COVER WAS THICK, THE BLACK BERRY STALKS AND THE MULTIFLORA ROSE WAS SO THICK IT WAS HARD FOR ME TO EVEN GET THROUGH. SARAH LASTED ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES IN THIS AND THEN SHE JUST GAVE UP AND LAID DOWN. WE LEFT THE YOUTH HUNT TO THE OTHER DOGS AND HEADED FOR HOME. NOT A REAL GOOD SHOWING FOR A LITTLE BROWN DOG THAT USUALLY PUSHES THROUGH ANYTHING.

ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, I TOOK HER OUT FOR HER MORNING "AIRING" AND AFTER DOING HER BUSINESS, SHE JUST COLLAPSED IN THE GRASS AGAIN WITH THAT STRANGE LOOK IN HER EYES. I BROUGHT HER INTO THE HOUSE IN MY ARMS AND LAID HER ON THE CARPET AND SAT WITH HER FOR A WHILE AND THEN WENT INTO THE OTHER ROOM TO FEED THE OTHER DOG AND LOW AND BEHOLD, HERE COMES MS. WIGGLE BUTT. AFTER FEEDING THE DOGS, I MADE AN APPOINTMENT WITH MY VET AND WAS GIVEN A GREEN LIGHT THAT THERE DIDN'T SEEM TO BE ANYTHING THE MATTER, TONGUE, JOINTS; EVERYTHING SEEMED TO BE AS IT SHOULD BE. THIS WAS ON A TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY NIGHT WE HAD A "WOBBLY EPISODE" ON THE RETURN FROM OUTSIDE AND SO BRIGHT AND EARLY THURSDAY MORNING WE HEADED FOR THE CAMP HORNE EMERGENCY VET.

COME TO FIND OUT THAT THE BLOOD SUGAR LEVEL WAS SOMEWHERE AROUND 32 WHEREAS IT SHOULD BE OVER 100 IN A HEALTHY DOG. DIAGNOSIS, INSULINOMA, OR MORE FAMILIARLY, CANCER OF THE PANCREAS. PROGNOSIS IS SIX MONTHS, GIVE OR TAKE. WE WERE OFFERED SURGERY WITH CHEMO BUT THE CHANCES OF FINDING THE NODULES WERE PRETTY SLIM AND THEY WERE NOT EVIDENT ON THE ULTRA SOUND AND THE PROGNOSIS WITH SURGERY AND CHEMO IS ONLY SLIGHTLY BETTER THAN FEEDING SMALL MEALS MORE OFTEN TO KEEP THE BLOOD SUGAR LEVELS UP. THE RECURRENCE OF THE NEOPLASMS IS NORMAL WITH THIS KIND OF CANCER, SO THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES FOR A HEALTHY DOG.

SO MS. SARAH IS EFFECTIVELY RETIRED. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR WHATEVER TIME WE HAVE WITH HER. SHE MISSES RIDING WITH HER DAD IN THE TRUCK, SNOODLING ALL THE KIDDOES AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, BRINGING COMFORT TO THE VETERANS AT THE VA HOSPITAL, HUNTING WITH THE TEENAGERS, SNUDDLING WITH THE SENIORS AT THE NURSING HOMES, DEMONSTRATING AT OBEDIENCE TRAINING; JUST TO NAME A FEW THINGS THAT SHE DOES. IT'S A DULL EXISTENCE FOR A DOG THAT IS USED TO DOING THESE THINGS AS WELL AS RUNNING, JUMPING AND DOING THE STAIRS. BUT AT LEAST WE CAN MAKE HER SHORT TIME WITH US A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE. I'M BREAKING NOW TO GIVE HER A HAND FULL OF FOOD AND LET HER CURL UP ON MY CHEST AS WE WATCH TV TOGETHER.

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