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January Membership Meeting All Christmas Cookies Must Goes

January 21, 2018 - 7:00 pm

No Cookie Eating Dogs Please

From the President

We had a very successful WCRL Rally trial the last weekend of November, with over 200 runs, an all-time record for our trials. I want to thank all the volunteers who helped out on those two long days. And special thanks to Trial Chair Bonnie McKeown and Trial Secretary Pam Lewis, who spent a LOT of time prior to the trial working on the planning, registration, preparing the needed paperwork, sending the results to WCRL headquarters, reconciling the finances, etc.

A side note - We made a nice profit on both our fall Teacup Agility trial and the Rally trial, thanks to all of our dedicated volunteers. Having successful trials enables us to hold the line on the prices for our classes. Our prices are usually lower than the other training clubs in our area. So thanks again to all our dedicated volunteers. And I encourage our members who have not worked at a trial to give it a try – no previous experience is necessary! You will meet other club members, have fun

watching dogs compete, and help the cause.

We also had a very successful “Nosework Christmas” on December 2. Over 20 dogs participated, and they all had a good time. Thanks to Amy Wustin and her helpers (Sue Schweitzer, Maribeth Hook, and Tracey Miller) for running this event. The holiday decorations were great, there were a variety of indoor and outdoor hides, and there was something for every level of dog.

Our Holiday Party on held on December 4, with almost 50 people in attendance. Our guests of honor were Joe Shields and his wife Lou. Joe designed our new enrollment system, and will continue to work with us to make improvements as needed. We also introduced our new Conformation instructor, Marty Kroll (and his wife Jean). Marty is a very experienced show-dog competitor who will be competing at the

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From the President (continued)

Westminster dog show, and he will be helping Clare Schmalz with our Wednesday night Conformation classes. And we acknowledged the special contributions of Clint Connors, who has gone above and beyond the call of duty by renting a heavy-duty floor cleaner twice a year to clean our floors. This work physically demanding, and Clint has always responded to my requests for other building maintenance items.

On behalf of Julie Agosti (our Open Obedience instructor), I'd also like to thank everyone who donated items for foster children, in the spirit of the holidays.

Our Short Session classes have proven to be very popular, with some adding additional hours to accommodate the demand. Thanks to all the Instructors who volunteered to teach, and to our Training Director, Pat Warnick, for organizing this session.

All in all, 2017 was a very successful year, and I look forward to more of the same in 2018. Happy Holidays to all of you, our valued members!

And remember, have fun with your dogs (and make sure they have fun with you)!

Dan Goldberg, President

Hair of the Dog Party January 1, 2018

Hair of the Dog, January 1 party as we have done in years past. The tentative plan is to start around 9:00 am and finish up shortly after 1:00 pm. All members and families are invited as well as prospective members. Participants are encouraged to bring their well-behaved dog and any "leftovers" (no booze) from the night before so that we can add to the pulled pork sandwiches that I will provide. Bringing something is not mandatory, just come out and enjoy the facility, friendly people and the fun.

We all want to start the year off right and what better way than to have some quality time with friends and their dogs doing what we will be doing for the coming year.

Ed Hanke

THANK YOU!

Dear WCRL Rally Trial Volunteers:
We witnessed our largest number of runs. Many people are trying for titles before all the changes occur in 2018. We did have a nice amount of Level A entries.....and a lot of them got the rally addiction bug.

This trial took time and energy on your part including set up for the trial, the tear down and all the work behind the scenes.

Many of you made great efforts to keep the trial moving along and it helped so much.

The food donations and monetary donations were so appreciated. The varieties of food such as: soup (what a nice surprise), side dishes and desserts were outstanding.

It was nice to see more donation baskets. I believe that we had a record breaking number of wonderful baskets. I saw a lot of happy winning smiles.

What an extraordinary membership we have! Please feel the appreciation in the words.....THANK YOU.

Bonnie McKeown
Trial Chair of WCRL Rally



WCRL Rally Titles

A big THANK YOU to everyone who entered our trial. We are pleased to list your accomplishments. If we missed anyone, let me know at mckeownbonnie@comcast.net. WCRL Rally trial Titles Earned on November 25 and November 26, 2017 at Keystone Canine Training Club Pittsburgh, PA.

INDIVIDUAL LEVEL TITLES

Carolyn Martin and Trek RLP
Mary Jo Daly and Nikki RL1
Tiffany Sera and Khrom. RL2
Pia Crouse and Simba. RL2
Sheila Demsey and Ginger RL2
Sheila Demsey and Freckles. . . RL2
Paula Shimko and Chloe. RL3
Pat Warnick and Howie RL3
Leslie Meyn and Calvin RL3

INDIVIDUAL LEVEL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

Leslie Meyn and Drake RL1X1
Laura Cook and Sugar RL1X1
Stephanie Day and Lila RL1X2
Pat Warnick and Howie RL1X3
Lorraine Fox and Greta RL1X5
Marcie Ridgway and Bing RL1X8
Stephanie Day and Lila RL2X1
Joanne Schreiber and Skye .RL2X3
Lorraine Fox and Xena RL2X4
Marcie Ridgway and Bing RL2X7
Marcie Ridgway and Lindy .RL2X10
Marcie Ridgway and Bing RL3X2
Marcie Ridgway and Lindy RL3X9
Leslie Meyn and Calvin RLVX1
Tena Parker and Shayne. RLVX1
Joanne Schreiber and Skye .RLVX3
Lorraine Fox and Xena RLVX5
Lorraine Fox and Greta RLVX7

COMBINED LEVEL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

Marcie Ridgway and Bing
. ARCHMX1
Carolyn Martin and Dare
. ARCHMX8
Rich Moody and Dom
. ARCHMX29

Bonnie McKeown
Trial Chair WCRL Rally

Applying for Membership

Christine Foster and her Australian Shepherds are applying for membership. They have taken Family Manners and, Beginning Scent work. She is endorsed by Marian Roznowski and Clara Schmalz.

Rebecca Murphy and Steve her Boxer/mix are applying for membership. They have taken Family Manners II and Foundation Agility. She is endorsed by Sharon Harreza and Hope Powell.

Barbara Powischill is applying for membership with her Shetland Sheepdog, **Lady**. She has taken

Beginning Nose works twice. Barbara is endorsed by NancyAnn Whitely and Stephanie Barber.

Miranda Ventura and Mike Davis are applying for membership with **Kirby** a Lab/Collie mix and **Tria** a Lab/Cattle dog mix. They have taken Family Manner I twice. They are endorsed by Rosanne Minich and Clint Connors.

Michele Weir and Zena her German Shepherd/mix are applying for membership. They have taken Family Manners I and II. She is endorsed by Clara Schmalz and Lucy McCloskey.

Voted into Membership

The following have been voted into membership at the November meeting:

Charlotte Anderson and Champ her Shetland Sheepdog

Maryellen and George Cicci and Oliver their Golden Retriever

Elaine and Jim Price and Daisy their Jack Russell Terrier

Reva Rossman and Joe Furman and Wally their Border Collie

Joanne Strobe and Buffels her Mini Golden Doodle

Keystone Canine Accomplishments



Hello Everybody,
We had so much fun at the KCTC WCRL Rally trial! Pat registered us in four runs on Saturday and I qualified in three. I earned my RL1X3 and my RL3 title. I also placed in two of those runs. Pat moved me up to Level 2 B and 3B for Sunday because it is time to start working on double Q's. We didn't do so well with that but I did qualify with a good score in Level 2 and 3, however, they were in different trials, that, a double Q, does not make. Here is a picture of me on Saturday with all my ribbons. I was really tired when Pat took this picture.

Howie Warnick

Minna entered four trials at the WCRL Rally competition at Splash and Dash K9 Training Club on October 28 and 29. Team Minna earned four qualifying scores in 1B. So proud of her! Special thank you to her judges at Splash and Dash and to Pam Lewis, our advanced WCRL rally instructor at KCTC on Tuesdays.
Joan Snee



I am excited to share that I worked really hard and earned my TDCH with Do More With Your Dog championship title and also my TKP Trick Dog Performer title with AKC in October!!! This is a BIG accomplishment for me - I loved learning all those tricks with Mom and she is so proud of me. Thanks to everyone who has been helping me on my journey!
Love,
MacTavish and Linda Irwin

Skye Schreiber earned certificates from Do More With Your Dog for Novice Trick Dog, Intermediate Trick Dog and Advanced Trick Dog. During the Keystone Canine WCRL November Trial, she earned both RL2X3 and RLVX3 Individual Championship Titles. Also at the Trial, she earned 9 Qs out of 9 runs with three 210 scores. She is finishing the year in great style.

Joanne Schreiber

In October I put my best paw forward and earned both my TDCH trick dog championship title with Do More With Your Dog and my TKP trick dog performer title with AKC. Whew - that was a lot of work but Mom and I really had a lot of fun - it was like one big party!

We also went to a new place called Splash 'N Dash October 28th and 29th and I received 4 qualifying scores toward my WCRL RL1X1 in spite of having a case of nerves! Mom and I just went to our Keystone trial November 25th and 26th where I received 3 more Q's! All this title talk is okay but the best part is that we had a great time and we had so much fun together! I love Rally!!!

Thanks to everyone who has been helping Team Ruffles!
Love, Ruffles(aka Party Girl) and Linda Irwin



Keystone Canine Accomplishments



Molly and I participated in our very first Rally trial on Saturday, Nov. 25 here at KCTC. Molly is a rescue dog and is very shy, so we just did one run to see how she'd do with all the noise and distractions. Not only did she qualify with a score of 206, she received a second-place ribbon for the second highest score in her level 1A Class! I am so proud of Team Molly! And, I want to thank my Rally class instructors for the past year... you know who you are! Team Molly will definitely be going on to more Rally trials!
Linda Cordle



At the All-Breed Training Club near Cleveland, Ohio in November Medlee's Ruby Slippers earned her AKC RI (Rally Intermediate) Title in three runs with one first place and two third place qualifying scores. On Sunday she was High Score Toy Group winner!
Thanks to Judges Richard DiMarco and Karen Schroeder and the Training Club crew. Great time had by all!
Go! Go! Glinda!
Diana Squicciarini

Avalon had a busy November. She placed first and second in her runs at the AKC ACT trial at the Westmoreland County Obedience Training Club to earn her ACT 1 title. Since agility is Avalon's favorite thing in the world (besides cheesecake), this was an especially meaningful accomplishment. Later that week, she also earned her Novice Trick Dog title. Now she has some fun tricks to show the kids on her therapy visits!
Sandy Milligan



Missy earned her TAM and her first TACH on November 5th at Splash n' Dash. Missy and I also qualified for the 2018 TDAA Petit Prix. Thanks to my parents and KCTC instructors and friends at KCTC for all of your support and encouragement. So very proud of Missy!
Diane Valley



Congratulations to Banner and Jackson. They teamed up and decided to give me a fantastic birthday present. They both MACHED at the same trial! We were at the Butler trial in Erie in November. Banner earned his MACH 2 and Jackson earned his MACH 12.

And then at the IX Center in Cleveland all 3 boys got Rally Titles. Blaze and Jackson got their RE and Banner got his RN.

We are traveling to Orlando this month for the AKC Invitational! Jackson earned a spot for being in the top 5 Cavaliers for the 3rd year in a row.

That Blaze is an amazing Coach! I am blessed and thankful to have these little guys in my life!
Debbie Aheimer

