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March Membership Meeting Green Goodies In Honor of Saint Patrick's Day

March 19, 2017 - 7:00 pm

No Dogs Please

From the President

There are some improvements coming in our building. First, the work on the new lighting in the front room is almost finished. Second, on February 26, we will be pushing the mats in the back room back together, to eliminate the gaps between mats that are more pronounced in cold weather. Third, we will be doing major cleaning of the mats in both the front room (February 28) and back room (March 5). And thanks to Tom and Phyllis Bandi, who got the entrance gate back into alignment. Please handle it gently when entering or leaving the building.

Our Awards Celebration and Spring Social will be on Sunday, April 23, at 6:00 pm at the Bethel Park Community Center. We relocated the event from our building, because the Community Center has a nicer atmosphere. There is no cost for members, and \$10 for friends, relatives, etc. There is a link to the sign-up form

on the homepage of our website. Submittal of these forms is due by April 12, so that we can plan on how much food to get.

Our spring Teacup Agility will be the April 29 – 30. As usual, we will be asking you to volunteer to help.

Doggie quote for the month: "Who trained that dog?" – Me, after observing some "unusual" behavior by our dog Laika.

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President



Teacup Agiltiy and WCRL Rally Spring Trials

Spring Trials of Teacup Agility and WCRL Rally

With spring around the corner, it is time to begin thinking about the Teacup Agility Trial coming up April 29 and 30, 2017. Consider volunteering for one of the Teacup's work positions. The volunteer sheet will be on the bulletin board No experience needed. soon. Lots of fun to be had. As always, we need donations (raffle items, monetary donations, and food especially salads). The WCRL Rally trial follows on May 13 and May 14, 2017, and volunteers and donations are needed for this event also. These two events are held twice a year and help the club thrive.

Thank you. Chris Labee

KCTC MAY ELECTION

Our annual election of Officers and Directors will be held in May. The following positions will be open:

- President
- Treasurer
- Recording Secretary
- Enrollment/Roster Coordinator
- · Director at Large

Mackenzie Hafen (mhafe15@gmail. com) is Chair of the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in running for office, or know someone who you think would be a good candidate, please contact Mackenzie.

Applying for Membership

Donna Kuglar and her Sheltie, **Suzie** are applying for membership.

They have taken CGC, TDI and WCRL Rally.

Donna is endorsed by Nancy Ann Whitley and Judy Muller.



K-9er

2017 Schedule

February:

Saturday, February 25
St. Valentine's Day demo
scheduled for Arden Courts
in Jefferson Hills PA, 15025
Performance time there will be
10:30 AM

Thank you, so much,

AKC Rally Program Enhancements

The AKC Board reviewed a Staff recommendation to create additional Rally classes two - the Intermediate class and the Master class. In terms of difficulty, the Intermediate class is between the current Novice and Advanced classes. The Master class will be more difficult than the Excellent class. There will be titles associated with these new classes. In addition, a Rally Championship prefix title (RACH) is recommended for dogs that achieve a given number of triple Qs (qualify in the Advanced, Excellent and Master class at the same trial) plus earn a given number of points from the Master class. If approved, clubs may start to apply for events with these new classes on August 1, 2017 for events held on or after December 1, 2017. This will be discussed further at the February meeting.

Keystone Canine Accomplishments

Laika earned her ARCHX title at the B&D Creekside Cynosport Rally trial in January.

Pam Lewis

