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has been proof read and approved
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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

I hope everyone enjoyed the late-February heat wave. It was great for dog walking!

A big thanks to the crew who pushed the back room mats back together (Clint Conners, Leonard Tena, Phil Yarnot, Judy Muller, and Mike Kuhlman). The large gaps have been eliminated, and rubber shims were installed against the rear wall to prevent the mats from moving and allowing gaps to form again. Some very small gaps are inevitable due to thermal expansion and contraction, and because the mats do not have perfectly straight edges. But they should not cause any problems.

Also thanks to the crew who subsequently used a rental floor scrubber to clean the back room mats (Clint and Phil again, Eloin Gonzalez, and Mike Spellman). In addition, we had the front room flooring professionally pressure

cleaned in between sessions. So all our flooring should be in good condition!

Upcoming event include our Awards Celebration and Spring Social on April 23 (reservation forms due April 12), our Teacup trial April 29 – 30, and our Rally trial May 13 – 14. And we are continuing our Saturday Fun Nights – see our website homepage for an up-to-date list. Finally, Donna Rohaus is coming March 23 for agility lessons. Contact me if you would like a slot with Donna.

Doggie quote for the month: "If you want the best seat in the house, you'll have to move the dog." -- Unknown

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President

Applying for Membership

Lynn DeCarlo and Bear, her Belgium Shepherd/Chow are applying for membership. They have taken Family Manners I and CGC. Lynn is endorsed by Mitzie Lever and Donna Latham.

Sara McIlvaine and her Newfoundland, Harley are applying for membership. They have taken Puppy Pre-School and Building Puppy confidence. Sara is endorsed by Amy Sandhagan and Paula Shimko.

Kristin Tuta is applying for membership with her Golden Retriever, **Raffle**. They have taken Family Manners I and II. Kristin is endorsed by Clint Connors and John Schlieper.

William Ruth and his family, wife, Susan and daughters Emily and Megan are applying for family membership with their Shetland Sheepdog, **Daisy**. They have taken several Agility Classes. They are endorsed by Dana Skorupski and Terri Chasser.

KCTC MAY

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.



K-9er

2017 Schedule

March:

Saturday, March 11, the K-9ers are scheduled to perform a St. Patrick's Day routine for the residents of South Hills Rehabilitation Wellness Center (formally called Golden Living Center). Performance is 2:00 PM. The address is 201 Village Drive Canonsburg, PA 15317.

Saturday, March 25, There is also a St. Patrick's Day routine scheduled for the residents of Arden Courts. Performance time is 10:30 AM. The address is: 380 Wray Large Road, Jefferson Hills. PA 15025.

That's it for March. The K-9ers haven't received any requests for April as of yet.

Thank you,
Caroline

Teacup Agility and WCRL Rally Spring Trials

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 soon. No experience needed. 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

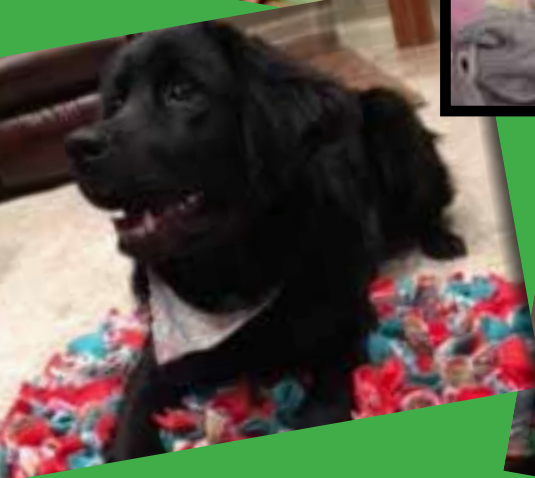
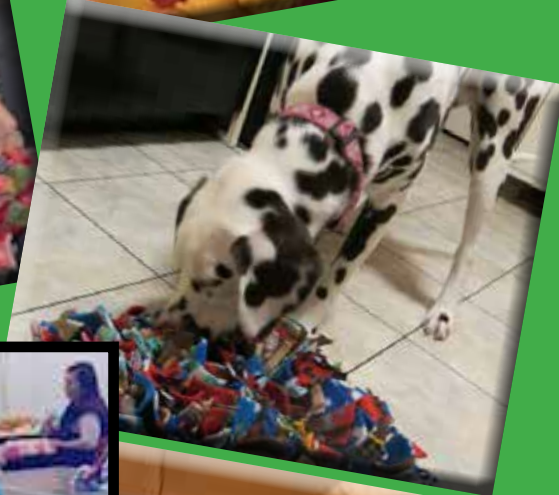
Saturday Night Fun Night Snuffle Mats

On February 11 a fun group of people got together at the club to make Snuffle Mats for our dogs. People came in and immediately moved tables and chairs around and sat with old friends and had time to talk and laugh together.

Since we usually are busy training the dogs when we get together, it was fun to get to talk to people even at great length and not worry about our four legged friends. There certainly was a lot of laughing going on. The chatter never stopped. Special thanks to Linda Irwin Lori McMahon Ritchey, Barb Pohodich, and Carol Seubert and anybody else that brought the goodies to share. There was Candy, a huge variety of Cookies, Veggie Pizza, and chips. Between the talk and the laughing and the eating you would think nothing got done but here is proof that we really did finish the Snuffle Mats and our dogs (and my cat) are enjoying the fruit of our labor.

Everybody put all of their scraps together and Carol Seubert donated them to a group that makes dog beds and donates them to dog shelters. Our scraps will be used to stuff a bed or maybe beds. So, in addition to the fun that our dogs have with their mats, some other dog is getting some comfort from our efforts.

See The
Snuffle Mat
Collage
Below!



KEYSTONE CANINE ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Icee earned his WCRL Rally Level 2 Title on January 14, 2017 at BnD Creekside Activity Center. Icee earned his AKC Rally Advanced Title on February 4, 20178 at the Three Rivers Shetland Sheepdog Club of Greater Pittsburgh Trial. Nancy Ann Whitely



Banner recently earned his AKC Master Agility Title and his Master Jumpers With Weaves Title. He has also earned 4 double Q's towards his Master Agiltiy Champion title. Good job young man! Debbie Aheimer



The Keystone girls were rocking it today at Splash N Dash. Virginia with her dog, **Heidi** and Joanne with her dog, **Lia** both earned their Masters (TAM) and their Teacup champion (TACH) titles today. High five my friends on a job well done!

2-18-17 **Lia** earned her TACH & TAM today under judge Kerri Moyer.

Joanne Kerfonta



Minna passed her Therapy Dogs International (TDI) test on February 28, 2017 at Xcel Training in Bethel Park. This has brought great joy to my heart, as the past 6 months have been a struggle for both of us.

We sincerely want to thank our CGC/TDI trainers, Dan, Donna and Mitzi for your patience and expertise. Also, a very special thank you to our Rally trainers Lucy, Diana, and Clare, who greatly influenced Minna on this journey. We so look forward to begin to volunteer as Team Minna Border Collie!

Joan M Snee



Dee Farrell was pleased to learn that **Pixie** scored a High in Trial score in Miniature Golf at Keystone's Fun Night Agility Games on March 4, with a score of five eagles and one birdie. Pixie has long dreamed of a golf career, playing with golf balls as a puppy and occasionally still picking up a golf ball and moving it to another site. Dee and Pixie thank Joanne, Sue, Lynda, and Keystone for providing such a fun night!