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November Membership Meeting "Pumpkin or Apple?" November 19, 2017 7:00 pm

No Pumpkin or Apple Eating Dogs Please

From the President

We had a very spooky Halloween party on October 14. There were great decorations, plenty of things for the doggies to do, a fun costume contest, lots of good food, and time for socializing with other members. About 25 dogs participated. Thanks to Chief Witch Joanne Schreiber, and witches Cris Gill and Bonnie McKeown for putting this together. I am hoping this will be an annual event. We also had a successful Yoga With Your Dog fun night on October 14, with nine dogs participating. Thanks to Pat Warnick for arranging that night.

Our Short Session will begin November 27. As of this writing, Pat is putting the final touches on the schedule, and we will announce it shortly.

I'd like to thank Sharon Hareza and her husband Dave for building the new lattice partitions for the front room, and also for constructing the shelves for the dog crates in our new crate room adjacent to the kitchen (formerly the lounge area). I didn't even know they were doing this!

I always like to remind you to have fun with your dogs. But is your dog having fun with you? I recently was a bar-setter for the agility trials at the Samoyed

Nationals. Two Novice handlers ran back-to-back and I was struck by the difference. Neither dog did very well. But the first handler was constantly encouraging her dog. She ignored all the mistakes, and lavishly praised her dog for everything he did right. And at the end of the run, she told him what a good dog he was, and they cheerfully left the ring together. The second handler criticized her dog constantly, say things like "No," "Get over here," "What are you doing?" and other negative comments. She left the ring with one final criticism and her dog sulked out of the ring. I was flabbergasted. After all, isn't the whole idea to have fun with our dogs? Handler #1 and her dog had fun, but Handler #2 and her dog clearly didn't. So, my advice is consistent with our philosophy of Positive Reinforcement – praise your dogs for the things they do right, and ignore your dogs' mistakes. Then I promise you that you and your dogs will both have fun!

Doggie quote for the month: "Some of the best things in life are old friends, old wine, and old dogs." – Italian proverb, with some poetic license by yours truly.

Dan Goldberg, President

Applying for Membership

Stacey Damm and **Ruby** her Beagle/Basset Hound mix are applying for membership. They have taken Nose work and Scent work. Stacey is endorsed by Pat Warnick and Maribeth Hook.

Asa Kiggins, Jr. and **Belle** his German Shepherd are applying for membership. They have taken Obedience II and Tricks I. Asa is endorsed by Pat Warnick and Maribeth Hook.

WCRL Rally Trial November 25 & 26, 2017

The bin for donations is beginning to fill for the baskets items.

I have seen some of the homemade items..... thoughtful and wonderful. Also a few members are making baskets. Can't wait to see them.

We have the beginning of salads donations for the trial.

It is not too late to donate with money, bin items or salads.

What a generous membership.

Thank you,
Bonnie McKeown
Rally Trial Chair

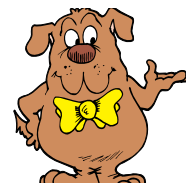
Holiday Doggie Photos and Holiday Party

Photographer Cindy Sumner will again be taking doggie photos for the holidays this year on November 19. To reserve a time slot, call Cindy at 724-255-7921.

Our Holiday Party will be on December 4. Details and a reservation form are attached to this newsletter.

Doga Class

On Saturday, October 14, a brave group of nine members gathered at the club for an Intro to Yoga with Your Dog class. To say a good time was had by all would be an understatement. The dogs were so well behaved, we had no Zoomies even though we had some very active and some very young dogs. Those dogs that were shy or fearful, were just as relaxed as they could be. Kristen Morgan and her assistants helped those of us with absolutely no Yoga experience to feel confident in doing the exercises. The award for the dog that had the most fun would be a tie between Tempe and Oliver followed closely by Molly. The most relaxed would also be a tie between Beowulf and Little Shadow. That is especially because neither of them enjoy being with dogs they don't know normally. At the end of the class, we learned some tips for massaging our dogs. It was relaxing for humans and canines alike. Thank you, Kristen and friends. Below are some pictures taken that night



K-9ers 2017 Schedule

November:

Saturday, November 4, a Halloween Routine is scheduled for Cedars of Monroeville

Address: 4363 Northern Pike, 15146.
Performance time is 10:30 AM.

If I receive any more requests for November, they may have to be postponed until after holidays.

The K-9ers always take a Christmas break during this time to spend with their families. The K-9ers will not be performing demos after December 4. They will resume taking requests for the first Saturday January 6, 2018.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

Thank you,
Caroline and the K-9ers

SESSION V FEATURED CLASS

The Thursday night Advanced WCRL Rally has been working hard to prepare for the Fall Rally Trials, Five of the seven of us participated in the trial at Splash N Dash on October 28 and 29. It was a great weekend and we all came home with a reason to celebrate. Those that attended last weekend are, Linda with Ruffles, Bonnie with Aiden and Maya, Lori with Pinch, Tiffany with Khrom and

Pat with Howie. Between the five of us we earned 23 green Qualifying ribbons, eight Placement Ribbons and two titles. Congratulations to all.

The rest of the class plans to make their competition debut at the KCTC trial on November 25 and 26.

We want to congratulate all of the competitors. KCTC was well represented at this trial and we want to send a special congratulations to Nancy Ann and Icee, Lucy and Sonny, Phyllis with Laci and Maddie, Diana and Glinda, Paula and Chloe, and Joan and Minna. If I missed anybody, I apologize. We hope to see you all again in a few weeks.



HALLOWEEN FUN NIGHT

On October 21, Keystone Canine well-behaved, leashed dogs and their well-behaved, leashed owners attended the first Annual Halloween Party. The party was a Special Saturday Fun Nite. Saturday Fun Nites are the brainchild of Training Director, Pat Warnick.

The guests arrived in their fantastic costumes and soon the party began.

The first event was the Monster Mash Race through obstacles of all kinds. Winners were the Black Team (you know who you are.) The Cutest Halloween Costume Judging was done by the Applause Meter. Three lucky winners went home with prizes donated by Witch Cris.

Guests were treated to a trip through Cris' Corn Maze, Freaky Photo Booth,

and Graveyard (Barrel) Racing. Refreshments were provided by KCTC and member guests. Favors were black treat bags filled with goodies, including a KCTC carabiner.

At the party's end, guests either drove home in their cars or flew home on their brooms.

Submitted by the Witches Three.



KEYSTONE CANINE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Lila has recently earned 6 new NACSW titles. Listed from left to right- Level 2 containers, Nosework 3 vehicles, Nosework 3 exteriors, Nosework 3, Nosework 3 containers, and level 1 vehicles. Congratulations Pretty Girl!
Stephanie Day



At the Samoyed Nationals agility trial, Laika finished in first place in Jumpers with Weaves and Time 2 Beat. She also took a second place in FAST. She won an embroidered chair for being the fastest dog (regardless of jump height) in Time 2 Beat (see photo). More recently, she earned her AKC Rally RAE 2 title.
Pam Lewis



We just came back from Splash 'n Dash's Rally trials. It was our first time and we had a lot of fun. Khrom placed 1st, 2nd, and 4th in his Level 1A with qualifying scores of 205, 199, and 206. He received his Rally 1A Title along with an Award of Excellence this weekend. Yay!
Tiffany Sera



Addie & I attended our first AKC nosework trial at WCOTC on October 21-22. Addie worked hard, earning Q's on 5 out of 7 runs, earning her novice containers title. While titles and ribbons are fun, the best part

was hanging out with our nosework friends.

Laura Leonard



Savvy aka Kelvington's Divine Promise TKN TKI TKA was Winner's bitch and Best of winners on Oct. 21. This was at the Laurel Highlands Kennel Assn. show (Sat.) at Cumberland MD for a 3-point major!



Last weekend Pat took me to the WCRL Rally Trial at Splash N Dash. I was a Rock Star! We had eight runs and I got eight Q's. I needed two double Q's for my ARCHX title, I got them the first day. Then Pat had them move us up to Level III for the first time, she didn't think we could do it. I got a 210 and took first place in my first Level III run. My highest score was a 210 and the lowest was a 197. We want to thank SND for making the trials such a fun time. Also thanks to everybody for the good wishes and the encouragement. Congratulations to all the other competitors.
Pat Warnick



Such an exciting weekend. On Sunday, Oct. 22, Socrates aka Kelvington's Divine in Tri Vention was Winners Dog. This was at the Upper Potomac Valley Kennel club show (Cumberland, MD) for a 3-point major
Elaine Kelvington



Jackson earned his AKC Agility Grand Champion at the Tamarack Agility Trial in Erie, PA on Friday, October 27th. This is an amazing accomplishment and a grueling process. Jackson had to earn: 100 Standard Q's, 100 Jumpers Q's, 75 Fast Q's, 75 T2B Q's, 50 Premier Standard Q's, 50 Premier Jumpers Q's

I'm am so blessed to have this little guy as my BIG agility partner. I'm proud to read the numbers for him!
Deb Aheimer



Keystone Canine Training Club

HOLIDAY PARTY

Monday December 4, 2017

6:00 p.m.

South Park Clubhouse

*2200 Brownsville Road
South Park Township, PA 15129*

The cost is \$30 per person.

Dinner Menu:

*Salad, Dinner Rolls, Prime Rib, Chicken Parmesan, Pecan
Encrusted Tilapia, Twice Baked Potato, Steamed Broccoli,
Cake and Ice Cream.*

*Choice of Beverage (coffee, tea, or soft drink),
A cash bar will be available.*

**Accommodations will be made for dietary needs (Vegetarian, gluten free)
(You will be contacted to make arrangements for your meal)*

*Please respond by **November 20, 2017***



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HOLIDAY PARTY

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number attending: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Any dietary needs/requests? _____

Please respond by **November 20, 2017**

by returning this form and a check
to the cash box in the KCTC office,
or mail to:

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