

KCTC *Newsletter*

Hans E. Wiener (owned by Ann Cloutier) guarding his mom's dirty laundry.



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A Message from the President

We recently held very successful WCRL Rally and C-Wags Scentwork trials. Thanks to our Trial Chairs (Bonnie McKeown and Maribeth Hook), our Trial Secretaries (Pam Lewis and Pam Berman), and all the volunteers who helped make things run smoothly. Here is an excerpt from an email from a person who attended the C-Wags trial: "The entire team did a fabulous job organizing and maintaining a professional yet friendly atmosphere."

I have previously mentioned that Scentwork is a great way for older dogs to remain active. Their bodies may age but their noses still work! We recently lost Crystal, our 15-year old. In her later years, she loved going to Scentwork class – it was the highlight of her week. And she had earned her Level 1 title at our first C-Wags trial. Our C-Wags trial committee announced that they have created the "Crystal Award", to be given to a selected dog over 10 years old at each KCTC C-Wags trial. Pam and I were very touched by this very nice gesture in memory of Crystal.

More recently, we had our annual Holiday Party at the South Park Clubhouse. Almost 50 people attended and had a very nice time. Thanks to Donna Latham, who was in charge of this event. Donna wrapped all the gifts for everyone who attended, made the table centerpieces, and donated a beautiful small Christmas tree with doggie ornaments as one of the door prizes.

Finally, I'd like to thank Cris Gill, who is now doing our answering machine call-backs, Mary Jo Daly who has become a Director at Large (replacing Emil Pohodich, who has replaced Lucy McCloskey as Vice President), and Ann Cloutier, who is becoming a website editor in addition to her current job of newsletter editor.

Our next session of classes will begin January 2. There is no membership meeting in December. Our next meeting will be January 20.

Doggie quote for the month: "Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like, never washed a dog." ~Franklin P. Jones

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, *President*

Upcoming Events

December 15 - Agility Practice

Beginner's agility practice is for dogs and handlers who are just beginning in agility and are planning to compete in the future. You must be a member and have taken or be currently enrolled in Foundations of Agility II, Teeters and Weaves, Sequences, Beginner's Agility, or Teacup Agility in order to participate. The cost is \$5 per dog per session, and you can contact Sharon Hareza at crazyrabbit1977@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up.

December 27 - Canine Good Citizen (CGC and CGCA) Testing

CGC and CGCA testing will be held on December 27, starting at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. If you would like a slot, contact Dan Goldberg at dangoldberg444@gmail.com.

December 28 - Donna Rohaus Agility Lessons

International agility competitor [Donna Rohaus](#) gives private lessons at KCTC. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact Dan Goldberg at dangoldberg444@gmail.com.

December 29 - Agility Practice

(see December 15 listing for details)

January 20, 7pm - KCTC Membership Meeting

Join your fellow members to learn more about what's going on at the club.



Wags and Brags



My little Mandy is making me so proud. She is 10 yrs old and starting agility. She earned her Teacup intermediate title and Games II title at Skye Dogs in Columbus. She also competed at Splash and Dash in Teacup. Mandy also earned her Barn Hunt open title with high in trial. She sure has great instructors at Keystone Canine Club. Thanks to all of you – I can't get over all of these ribbons in 2 months. Just so proud of her.

~Linda Cornell



I am so proud of my little girl Saylor. She earned her C-ATCH title (CPE Agility Trial Champion) on November 17th. I am truly enjoying the journey with this bright and sassy girl!

~Terri Chasser

Pinch (aka "Little Pinch of Sugar") earned her final leg of her ARCH championship at Splash and Dash in November and earned one leg toward her ARCHX at Keystone's recent trial which included a perfect score of 210!

~Lori Ritchey



Molly earned 4 more qualifying scores at the Rally trials in November at KCTC. She tied her "personal best" score of 209 (out of 210) twice on Sunday, resulting in a 4th place ribbon AND her very first 1st place ribbon! I'm very proud to be a member of Team Molly!

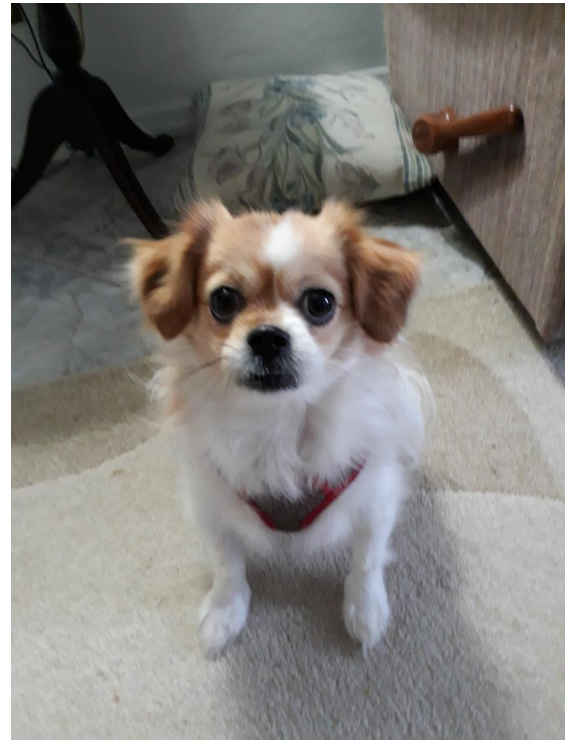
~Linda Cordle

Even More Wags and Brags...



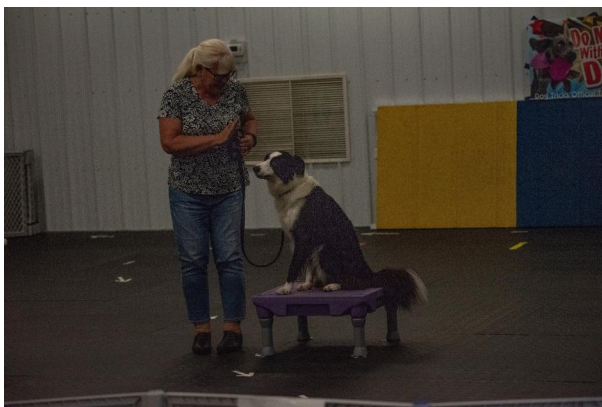
We did it! Sophie earned her RL2 at the KCTC Rally trial. I am so proud of this girl. We stopped participating in Agility due to her reactivity and Rally has proven to be a much better fit for her. She has made so much progress in both the class and trial environment. She was very happy at the trial doing some fun Rally courses, getting extra treats for practicing and picking a new toy. A special thank you to Pat Warnick for all the Rally training and to everyone at KCTC who has been supportive and encouraged us these past few years.

~Pam Berman



Taffy went to her first trial ever, and decided that it was a fun place to hang out with me and Molly. She also showed us that she has been paying attention in class by getting 2 Q's in level one. Not to be outdone, Molly earned her first level 2 Q. Great trial!

~Amy Sandhagen



On November 10th, Minna earned her Novice Stunt Dog Title at the Do More With Your Dog Trial in Monongahela, PA at Camp Haven. This was a fun performance for both of us and many thanks to her judges that day.

We also participated in the WCRL Rally Trial on November 24th and November 25th at KCTC. Minna earned 4 qualifying ribbons, her RL1X2 Individual Championship, a Fifth Place Rosette in 1B, and we moved up to Level 2A and she earned a Second Place Rosette. Thank you to her judges that weekend and a special thank you to her Rally Instructors. Good girl Minna! Each day is a gift!

~Joan Snee

Applying for Membership

- 🐾 Jennifer Brenneman is applying for membership with her Australian Shepherds, Big Red and Blue. They have taken Beginning Scent work and Building Puppy Confidence. She is endorsed by Stephanie Barber and Tracey Miller.
 - 🐾 Caroline Mitchell and her Australian Shepherd are applying for membership. They have taken Puppy I and Nosework I. She is endorsed by Tracey Miller and Maribeth Hook.
 - 🐾 Jim Whitaker and Hogan an American Cocker Spaniel are applying for membership. They have taken Family Manners I and II. Jim is endorsed by Amy Rusenko and Chris Labee.
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Voted Into Membership

- 🐾 Cali Feeney and Kathi Feeney and their dogs Cooper and Aussie, Baron a German Shepherd and Yoda a Jack Russell.
- 🐾 Rhea Haas and Ella and Heidi, Miniature Schnauzers.
- 🐾 Camilla Hendrych and family with Loki a Cattle hound mix and Luna a hound/Lab mix.
- 🐾 Rita Kopelman and BJ, a Cocker Spaniel.
- 🐾 Stacy Monahan with Chickie Poo Poo, a Chihuahua, and Sheldon, Sydney, Foxy and Paris, Collies.
- 🐾 Kaye Richardson and Shelby, an Aussie.
- 🐾 Kelli Weiss and Ella Fitzgerald, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.

Saying Goodbye

CRITIQUE'S MAGICAL CRYSTAL, 2003 – 2018



We recently lost Crystal, our 15-year old Samoyed. She had a long, happy, and active life. She earned numerous titles in many venues including Rally, Scentwork, and Agility, including a Preferred Agility Excellent (PAX) title. More importantly, she was very friendly with people and other dogs, and was very active in the K9ers. She also made over 150 Therapy Dog visits, and brought lots of joy to senior citizens and to kids in reading programs. Although she slowed down in recent years, she loved coming to Scentwork classes and seeing all her doggie friends. We will miss her.

~Pam Lewis and Dan Goldberg

K-9ers

What: HAPPY NEW YEAR!! The K-9ers will be visiting the residents of Country Meadows (Independent Living). The theme of the day is a "Doggie Wedding".

When: Saturday, January 12 at 1:30 PM

Where: 3750 Washington Road, Bridgeville, PA 15017



WCRL Rally Trial

A note from the chair

Dear Keystone Canine Training Club
Members:

As you all know, our WCRL Rally trial was held at the club on November 24 and November 25. The event was a huge success mainly due to your support.

We had a remarkable number of runs at this trial. All the efforts to spread the word, whether by formal publicity or word-of-mouth, have certainly paid off.



The club is so very fortunate to have such generous members who make our trials possible and successful. A special note of thanks for the variety of great food and refreshments. Plus, the time and energy put into set up and clean up. Our crews once again outdid themselves in making the building so clean and friendly. Wow!

Comments from the competitors were wonderful to hear. The list includes the friendly members, the wonderful food and the many and exceptional baskets.

If any of you have suggestions, please do not hesitate to send them to me. This is how we will change and grow.

Many thanks to all of our loyal and energetic volunteers. We truly appreciate all of your contributions.

Bonnie McKeown, *Trial Chairperson*

WCRL Titles Earned

November 24 and November 25, 2018 at Keystone Canine Training Club, Pittsburgh, PA. We are pleased to list your accomplishments.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who entered our trial.

INTRO		
NAME	DOG	TITLE
Diana Squicciarini	Glinda	RLI
Pam Lewis	Teddy	RLI
Carol Seubert	Rainn	RLI
Jen Heid	Blue	RLI
Sandy Milligan	Tristan	RLI
NEW RALLY TITLES LEVEL 1/2/3		
NAME	DOG	TITLE
Suzanne Vighetti	Molly	RL1
Pam Berman	Sophie	RL2
INDIVIDUAL LEVEL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES 1X, ETC.		
NAME	DOG	TITLE
Jen Heid	Steevee Ann	RL1X
Dawn Dinger	Piper	RL1X
Pia Crouse	Simba	RL1X2
Joan Snee	Minna	RL1X2
Pia Crouse	Simba	RL3X
Pat Warnick	Howie	RL3X
Nancy Ann Whitley	Icee	RL3X
COMBINED LEVEL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES		
NAME	DOG	TITLE
Mary Jo Daly	Nikki	ARCH
Jen Heid	Steevee Ann	ARCH
Dawn Dinger	Piper	ARCH
Joanne Matthews	Shiloh	ARCHX
Pat Warnick	Howie	ARCHX

C-WAGS Scentwork Trial

Thank you Keystone Canine Training Club Members for making our December 1 and 2 C-WAGS Nosework Trial a high success!!!!

Your support made this terrific weekend possible! The donations for the raffle baskets were greatly appreciated by Lynn Uram, who artfully put together our baskets which brought in large donations!

The food, what can I say, it was fantastic! Thank you Rosanne Minich, Mary Ellen Cici, Stephanie Barber, Bonnie Thomas, Bonnie McKeown, Theresa Bricker, Laura Leonard, and Amy Rusenko. A special note of thanks to future club member, Tina Flowers, who worked all day, both days to keep the food ready and waiting for our competitors.

We had a remarkable number of runs at this trial. All the efforts to spread the word, whether by formal publicity or word-of-mouth, have certainly paid off. Our competitors enjoyed themselves listening to Christmas Music provided by Susan Wetherell and Brendan Connolly.

The trial committee worked hard to get the building set up and then ready for classes or mid session events on Monday. Pam Berman was trial secretary extraordinaire, Tracey Miller and Emil Pohodich provided C-wags Advocate duties, as well as keeping the search area courses in shape. Jen Heid helped keep everything moving smoothly. Susan Wetherell provided great signage and videoed runs, and we had the best judges in the world, providing great courses, Amy Rusenko and Laura Leonard.

The club is so very fortunate to have such generous members who make our trials possible and successful. As always, anyone who was at the trial, competitors and visitors alike, were bowled over by the friendliness and smoothness of the trial. We have a great club!!

If any of you have suggestions, please do not hesitate to send them to me. This is how we will change and grow.

Many thanks to all of our loyal and energetic volunteers. We truly appreciate all of your contributions.

Maribeth Hook, *Trial Chairperson*