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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

I am looking forward to another good year for KCTC in 2018. Our Session I classes have filled up nicely, with 21 classes waitlisted as of this writing. Our great instructors continue to provide great classes for everyone, regardless of experience level or specific interest (Puppy, Obedience, Teacup Agility, Standard Agility, Scentwork, Flyball, Tricks, or CGC/TDI). I can't imagine that many other training clubs offer the variety of classes that we do! We are Agility and WCRL Rally trials, which are always fun. And we are tentatively planning to have our first-ever C-Wags Scentwork trial this summer, if all the stars align correctly.

In case you haven't yet seen it, be sure to check out the great photo array of some of our dogs on the wall in the back room. Thanks to Deb Aheimer for coming up with the standardized background "frame" for the photos, and having them printed and laminated. And a special thank-you to Emil and Barb Pohodich, who spent many hours aligning and mounting the photos on the wall. It looks like a professional job!

During our winter break, we spent a morning going through all the equipment at the club, and discarding the things that were obsolete, broken, or that we no longer use. We got rid of a lot of stuff! We also reorganized the storage

area behind the brown curtain, and the storage area in the back room behind the lattice fence, to make them neat, orderly and accessible. A BIG tip of the hat to the volunteers who did that work: Amy Sandhagen, Amy Wustin, Clare Schmalz, Pat Warnick, and Sharon Hareza. And they even shoveled the snow from our front entrance and sidewalk!

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As a result of that clean-up, we have identified several things that are in very good shape that we do not use and are giving away. See the separate article in this newsletter on these items.

Doggie quote for the month: This month, instead of a doggie quote, here are some doggie records that you may find interesting:

Heaviest dog ever: An English Mastiff who weighed 343 pounds, and was 8 feet 3 inches from head to tail.

Smallest dog ever: A Yorkie who weighed 4 ounces, and was 2.5 inches high and 3.75 inches long.

Oldest dog ever: An Aussie who lived for 29 years and 5 months. And I thought our dog Icey, who lived for 18 years, had a long life!

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President

## EQUIPMENT GIVE-AWAY

As the result of our clean-up day between sessions, we have identified the items listed below that we do not use. We are giving these items away to any members who would like to have them.

Channel Weave Set (PVC) – We no longer use this technique for teaching the weave poles. This is a practically brand-new set of channel weaves, in a long carton on the large table in the back hallway.

Broad jump – A set of four broad jump panels, not quite regulation size. They are also on the large table in the back hallway.

Backyard agility training equipment – An assortment of PVC jumps, other things, and a practice tunnel. Brandnew. This set of equipment is in a gray garbage can (clean!), with the blue tunnel at the top. It is also in the back hallway, next to the folded-up dogwalk. (Please leave the garbage can at the club.)

Miscellaneous doggie items – Included are doggie books, bandanas, two cable tie-outs (brand new), thermostype insulated bottles, and bandanas. They are in a carton on the large table in the back hallway. You can pick and choose (or take the whole carton).

Anything not taken away by January 25 will be discarded.

We are also selling our full-size (12ft) dogwalk from MAD Agility. The frame is aluminum and the planks are rubberized fiberglass. A new one is \$1100; we are selling ours for \$500. It is suitable for outdoor use. It is folded up against the wall in the back hallway. If you are interested, contact Dan Goldberg (samoyed4@verizon.net).

Some items may already have been claimed by the time this newsletter is published.



# K-9ers 2018 Schedule

Saturday, February 17, 2018, the K-9ers will perform a Doggie Wedding for the residents of South Hills Rehabilitation Center with the performance time @ 2:00 PM.

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year, from Caroline and The K-9ers

# HAIR OF THE DOG PARTY

Sticking my neck out, because the "first" is next week, I want to thank all of you who braved the weather to come out and share the morning with us and brought along all your New Years leftovers. Writing this in advance makes it hard to name names but I'm sure if you attended and had a chance to work your dog a bit and enjoy the company and the light refreshments it was well worth the mornings after from the New Years revelry.

Every year I'm asked about the pulled pork sandwiches. This is the original recipe from the first year and the one that I generally go back to each year. Those of you who have not tried "southern style" BBQ are in for a different kind of treat as those at the event can attest. Here is the recipe for the fixin's: Pork shoulder slow cooked eight hours in root beer. The BBQ sauce is made from one cup of yellow mustard, 1/2 cup balsamic vinegar, 1/3 cup brown sugar, 2 Tbs butter, 1 Tbs worcestershire sauce, 1 Tbs lemon juice, 1 tsp cavenne. I left out the pepper for the party in case you are wondering. Mix all the ingredients and cook for 30 minutes. Pull the pork apart with a fork, discard the bone and fat, add the sauce, mix well and reheat. Dig in, enjoy, wipe the excess sauce off your chin and sit back with a satisfied smile on your face. See you all next year.

Ed Hanke and Sarah aka "wiggle butt"

## BEGINNERS AGILITY PRACTICE

Hi All,

Savannah and I will be hosting Beginners Agility Practice days for our very beginner teams (handler and dog). We figured we are there, why not?

These are the requirements:

- Must be a club member.
- Must have taken or be currently in Foundations of Agility II, Teeters and Weaves, Contacts and sequencing or /and Beginners agility (including teacup).
- This is not for teams that are working at the intermediate or advanced level at this time.

• This is an opportunity to work on becoming a team.

• Since it is low key there will not be any contact equipment in this class.

- Cost will be \$5 per dog per day.
- •Time will be Saturday between 2:30-3:30pm.

 Please email me by Thursday evening prior to coming: crazyrabbit1977@yahoo.com

• Dates will be posted on Keystone's web site as some Saturdays will be private for Savannah and I, and there will be other events at the club on some Saturday's.

Hope to see you there, Sharon Hareza and CATCH 2 Dockside's Hurricane Savannah

## APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP

Stacy Fal along with Faith her Schnauzer mix and Sydney her Heeler mix are applying for membership. Stacy has taken Family Manners I twice. She is endorsed by Hope Powell and MacKenzie Hafen.

## **Keystone Canine Accomplishments**



Aiden Mist McKeown got his Rally Level 2 Championship VI on October 29, 2017. Bonnie McKeown



Lila earned her AKC rally novice title at the crown classic in December. She got a perfect 100 and first place in her rally novice run. She also earned a bumper BN leg and her first RI leg. We also ran into her brother Beep. Stephanie Day



My Westie, **Buddy**, passed both his Therapy Dog certification and Canine Good Citizen test. Jan McWillams



On Dec.10,2017, **Cadie** passed her CGC test earning her first title. The same day at KCTC, her sister **Candie** passed her CGCA. WTG girls! Mommy loves both of you and so proud of your accomplishments. Keep up the great work! Barbara Yarnot



Here are a couple of photos of **Jackson** from the AKC 2017 Invitational in Orlando. There are 4 rounds in the Invitational. Jackson took an off course tunnel on our first round Jumpers course. So it took the pressure off of us and we just went for the gusto. We had some smoking hot runs. This little guy can pour on the speed, and it's all I can do to keep up with him. It's like driving a sports car! But most of all we had FUN! Thanks for a great time at the Invitational Jackson! Deb Aheimer



## **KEYSTONE WCRL RALLY PHOTOS**

