



KCTC *Newsletter*

Billie, owned by Suzanne Vighetti, stands guard over her crate at the KCTC Teacup Agility Trial, April 27-28.



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A Message from the President

Our Spring Teacup Agility trial was April 27 – 28, and it was nice to see some new people competing. According to the TDAA scoring system, the top dogs in each jump height were:

4" – Penny (Virginia Weida)

8" – Missy (Diane Valley)

12" – Molly (Suzanne Vighetti)

Thanks to Chris Labee (Trial Chair) and Pam Lewis (Trial Secretary on Saturday), and everyone who helped. And a special thanks to Lisa Sbei for heading up the food committee. Lisa also brought many delicious homemade items that she made.

We also had a very successful Rally trial May 11 – 12. Thanks to Bonnie McKeown (Trial Chair) and Clare Schmalz (Trial Secretary) and all the people who helped out. Many KCTC dogs did well and earned new titles.

Our C-Wags Scentwork trial will be July 13 – 14. Please Contact Maribeth Hook (maribethhook@yahoo.com) if you would like to help.

Both Chris and Bonnie have been doing a great job running our trials for many years, and both plan to step down. I am pleased to announce their replacements, as follows: Teacup – Suzanne Vighetti (Chair) and Jen Heid (Co-Chair). Rally – Cindy Sumner (Chair) and Mary Jo Daly (Co-Chair). Thank you ladies for volunteering to take these positions! To ensure continuity, there will be a gradual transfer of responsibilities during our trials in the fall.

We had a very nice Spring Social and Awards Dinner on Saturday May 4. Thanks to Mary Jo Daly (Event Chair) and her crew (Joanne Strobe, Lori Ritchey, Pam Heidrich, and Leo Daly) for a great job, and to all our members who came and brought delicious food to share. Forty-five members and 64 dogs earned titles in 2018 – an all-time high!

We will take a VERY IMPORTANT vote at our May 19 membership meeting. We are considering the installation of a kitchen sink in the current crate room, and switching the crate room with the current kitchen room. However, our Bylaws require a membership vote for any expenditure over \$1000, and the sink purchase, installation and associated plumbing work will greatly exceed this amount. I encourage you to attend the meeting, learn about the plans, review some options, and cast your vote. After the meeting, the snacks will be May Munchies, so please bring something to share.

Thanks to Joe Alexander, who will resume cutting the grass next to the potty areas. Joe will be returning soon after some knee issues. There will be times when the back door is blocked and the gate in the potty area is open to facilitate grass cutting, so please make sure to keep your dogs leashed at all times when outside!

My little-known personal fact for the month: Along with our two dogs, we also have two cats! All four pets get along well, although we are still trying to convince one of our dogs that the younger cat is not trying to steal her squeaky ball.

Doggie quote for the month: "Inside every large dog is a puppy longing to climb up onto your lap" ~ Helen Thomson

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President

Upcoming Events

May 18 - Open Obedience Drop-In Class

Looking to make the move from AKC Novice to AKC Open Obedience? Come join instructor Julie Agosti in one or more of the Open Obedience classes held on Saturday mornings. No advance registration is needed and a Novice title is not a prerequisite.

May 19, 7pm - KCTC Membership Meeting

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

June 8, 7pm - NASCAR Rally

For more information on this event, contact Clare Schmalz at richclaras@comcast.net.

July 13-14 - C-Wags Scentwork Trial

Save the date! More details coming soon! See page 6 for information about volunteering opportunities.

September 28-29 - Teacup Agility Trial

Save the date! More details coming soon!

November 24 - Holiday Doggie Photos

Save the date! More details coming soon!

November 30-December 1 - WCRL Rally Trial

Save the date! More details coming soon!

December 7-8 - C-Wags Scentwork Trial

Save the date! More details coming soon!



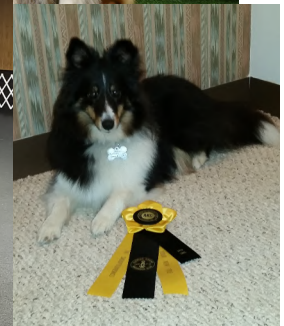
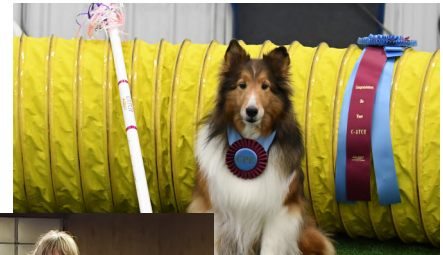
Wags and Brags



I am so proud of my Abbey. She earned her CPE specialist C-ATCH (Agility Trial Champion) title on April 14.

Then on April 19th, she earned high combined and highest scoring triple Q at the Clarion County Obedience Club rally trial with an overall score of 298. I just love this sweet, versatile girl.

Katie also earned her AKC Rally Novice title on April 19. She happily pranced around the ring and earned scores of 97 or better. I am very proud of my baby girl.



Blaze earned his ARCHEX title at the Splash and Dash trial with a second place.

Chloe won a couple of titles at our last trial as well.

~Paula Shimko

We would like to thank Keystone for a wonderful Teacup trial. Mandy earned 9 first places, 2 second places and 3 third places. She also earned her Teacup Superior Title and Games 3 title. She really made me proud!

~Linda Cornell



...More Wags and Brags



Enjoying spring, Luna Lisa learned a new trick from her doggie mommy, Maryann Zarichansky. Frisbee is so much fun, and catching a ball puts spring into my paws. Happy mother's day to all the doggie moms!

On Sunday, April 14th at the Rodeo Dog Company trial hosted at Xcel Training, Rodeo Ruffles competed, placed first, and earned her Beginner Clover Title, and placed second and earned her Beginner Straight Line title!! We learned about Rodeo Dog at the KCTC workshop in March.

Thanks to all who helped us learn and compete in this fun new sport, including the judges and instructors. We're looking forward to saddling up for future rodeos over the summer. So proud of our little "cowgirl"!

~Linda Irwin







Fantastic KCTC Teacup Agility Trial held on April 27 and 28. Kerri Moyer, our judge for the weekend, had great courses and made the weekend fun for everyone. Thanks to all the volunteers who made the weekend possible. Thanks Mom and Dad...great job in training Diamond! Thanks to our instructors too. So proud of Diamond with his qualifying runs and earning his Superior title. And so proud of Missy with her qualifying runs and earning her TACH2 and TAM 3 titles.

~Diane Valley (Tom and Phyllis Bandi)

Membership Update

Applying for Membership

-  Justine Curley and Murray, her Golden Retriever mix, are applying for membership. They have taken Obedience Reinforcement several times. Justine is endorsed by Phyllis Bandi and Linda Irwin.
-  Martha and Cole Avery are applying for membership with their Collies, Kylo, Chloe, Nala, and Mika, and their Golden Retriever, Duncan. They have taken Family Manners II, Puppy Preschool, CGC/TDI, and Obedience Reinforcement. They are endorsed by Stacy Monahan and Linda Irwin.
-  Clemence Cretaux and her Sheltie mix, Bailey, are applying for membership. They have taken Family Manners I and II. Clemence is endorsed by Cris Gill and Donna Kuglar.
-  Morgan Shipley is applying for membership with Aussies Sophie and Sal. They have taken Family Manners I and II. Morgan is endorsed by William Tullock and Tammy Clark.

Calling All Volunteers: C-Wags Trial Needs YOU!

Our summer C-Wags trial is coming up on July 13 and 14. Keystone Canine Training Club has a reputation as a club with wonderful trials and great hospitality. Our previous scent work trials have reinforced that reputation with great camaraderie and food. Following on the success of the Teacup and Rally trials this spring, we want to keep that image intact. We need your help to truly make our club shine!

Competitors in every sport have commented on Keystone's terrific food buffet and raffle

baskets...but they will be disappointed without your assistance. If you have a great dish that you would like to share, particularly a dessert or cool salad for summer, we'd love to add it to our smorgasbord! Or if food prep isn't your thing, how about donating soft drinks or snacks, or contributing to the raffle baskets? We like to show off Keystone members' culinary skills and generosity. Please help us impress our competitors!

Maribeth Hook, *Chairperson, C-Wags Trial*

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Upcoming K-9ers Events

Doggie Weddings!

WHEN: Saturday, June 1, 11:00 am

WHERE:

Providence Point, Memory Unit
500 Providence Point Blvd
Pittsburgh, PA 15243



WHEN: Wednesday, June 12, 11:00 am

WHERE:

Prime Time Adult Care
44 Highland Road
Bethel Park, PA 15102



WHEN: Saturday, June 22, 11:00 am

WHERE:

McMurray Hills Manor
249 W McMurray Road
McMurray, PA 15317



Trials Were Successful on Numerous Levels

Congratulations! The recent KCTC Agility and Rally trials were incredibly successful. It wasn't just about the ribbons and titles. It wasn't just about providing a service to the community. It wasn't just about making money to support the club, which in turn helps keep everyone's membership fees low. It was mostly about you! There is no greater satisfaction than knowing that you made a difference. Thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered, and kept the positive energy flowing!

Chris Labee, *Chairperson, Teacup Agility Trial*

Bonnie McKeown, *Chairperson, WCRL Rally Trial*

