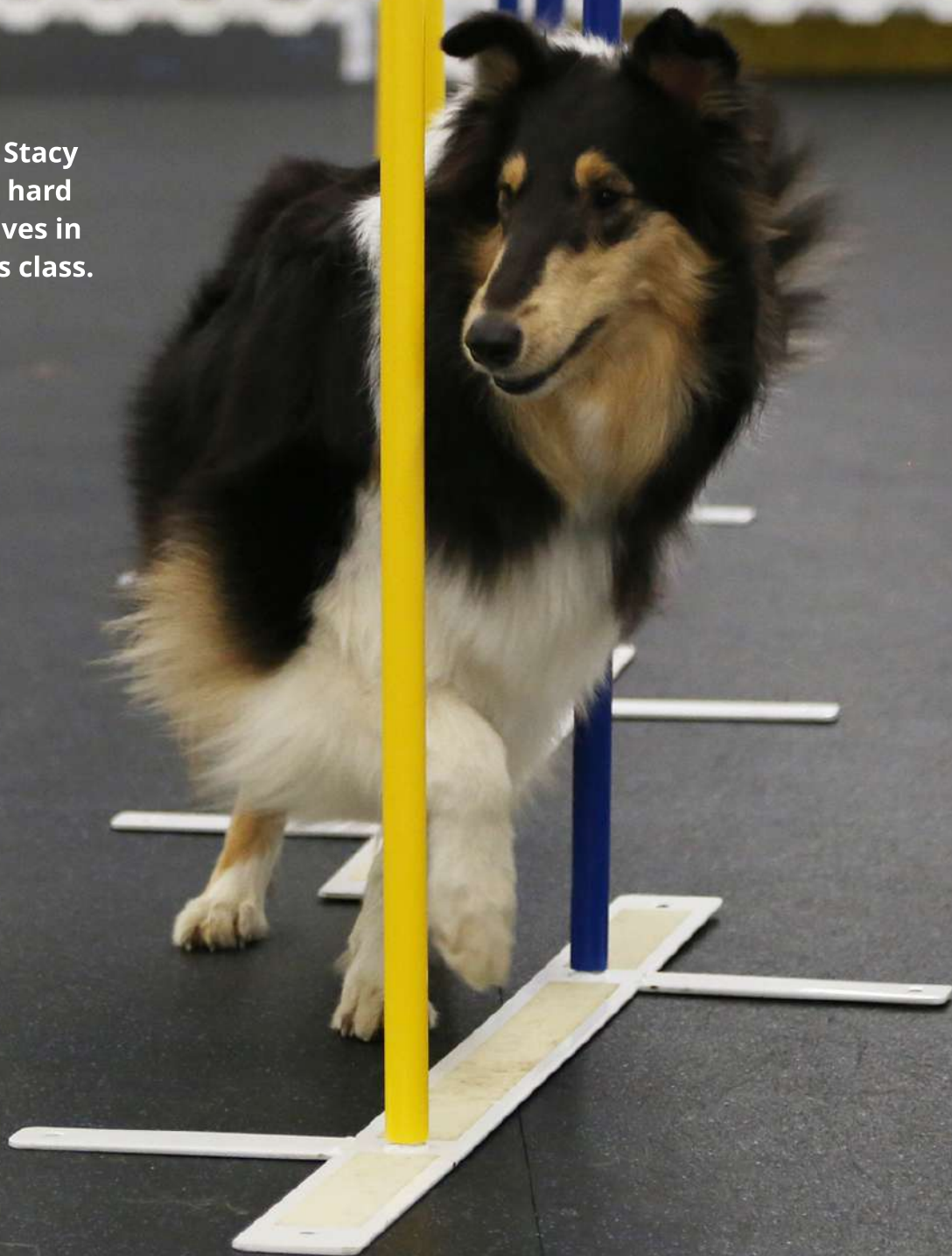


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Foxy, owned by Stacy Monahan, works hard learning the weaves in Teeters & Weaves class.



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A Message from the President

Our club was started up in 1990, so this year is our 30th anniversary! We are replacing some of our old or worn-out training equipment. To date we have purchased three new jumps (bar jump, panel jump, and broad jump) for Obedience and Rally, new weave poles (which meet new AKC regulations that no longer allow taped stripes), and new agility jumps. We are also planning to get a set of wheels for our A-frame, to make it easier to move around. We are open to suggestions for any other equipment that we should purchase or replace. Just let me (or any Board member) know.

Our next trial is C-Wags Scent Work on February 29 and March 1. The Rodeo Dog trial is on March 29. Our entire 2020 trial schedule is on our website homepage.

Reminder – the deadline for submitting your award forms is March 15. The awards will be presented at our Awards Dinner and Spring Social on May 9. If you would like to attend the dinner, but have not received an award, you are still welcome to come! Just let Mary Jo Daly (rotheram@aol.com) know you are coming, so that we can get a good head count. The dinner is free to all, but please bring food to share.

At the May membership meeting, we will hold our annual elections for directors and officers. The nominating committee will recommend its slate of nominees at the March membership meeting. The details of the nomination and election process are in our Bylaws, accessible on the Members Only page of our website.

Doggie quote for the month: "Dogs laugh, but they laugh with their tails." ~ Max Eastman. (Our two Samoyeds don't actually laugh, but do smile a lot with their naturally smiley faces!)

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President

Upcoming Events

February 29-March 1 - C-WAGS Scentwork Trial

Check out the KCTC home page for the premium.

March 7 - Open Obedience Drop-In Class

Our Open Obedience Drop-In class is normally held Saturday at 9:00 am. No advance registration is needed. Julie Agosti is the instructor, and she teaches the skills needed for AKC Open Obedience. It is intended for handlers ready to move on to AKC Open from AKC Novice. NOTE: A Novice title is not a prerequisite to attend this class.

March 15, 7pm - KCTC Membership Meeting

Join fellow club members to learn more about what's happening at the club.

March 22, 1-3pm - Rodeo Dog Run-Throughs

Dog and handler teams that have attended a Rodeo Dog class or are competing in Rodeo Dog are welcome to attend these Sunday drop-in run-throughs. The cost is \$5 for members and \$15 for non-members.

March 29 - Rodeo Dog Trial

Check out the KCTC home page for the premium.

April 25-26 - Teacup Agility Trial

Stay tuned for more details!

May 16-17 - WCRL Rally Trial

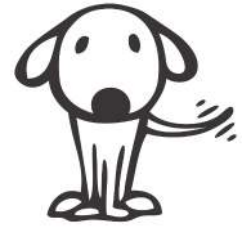
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Wags and Brags






In her very first CPE agility trial on January 11th and 12th, Steevee Ann earned her Level 3 Standard title. She had lots of fun!





~Jen Heid

Membership Update

Applying for Membership

-  Deborah Miller-Gurchak is applying for membership with her Shelties, Paddy, Heather, Sparky, Myrrh and Sadie. She has taken Scent dog, Rally and puppy confidence. Deborah is endorsed by Nancy Ann Whitley and Joanne Schreiber.
-  Dan Mullaney is applying for membership with his Schipperkes Legend, Tahiti, and Fiesta. They have taken Agility IV with two of the dogs and open drop in on Saturday. Dan is endorsed by Pam Lewis and Bill Tullock.
-  Grace Patberg is applying for membership with Opie an All American. Grace has taken Family Manners and Agility. She is endorsed by Terri Chasser and Bill Ruth.

Voted Into Membership

-  Michael Connelly and Bella his Golden Retriever
-  Barbara Schiemer and GiGi her Yorkshire Terrier
-  Franklin Warcholik and Dakota his Shiba Inu
-  Barbara Wojtowicz and her Westies, Callie, Lilly and Jazzie and Capone her Shih-Tzu

In Loving Memory Stella Zeleznock



Stella was a beautiful, kind, gentle and loving therapy dog who brought joy and happiness to young and old. Stella loved the reading sessions with the first graders at local elementary schools and libraries. She visited nursing homes, the VA hospital, assisted living and rehab centers. As a Family Hospice volunteer, she visited homes where the family requested a small dog to sit on the bed of their loved one.

Stella had an active life as a teacup agility and rally dog. Stella earned numerous titles over her lifetime. In the fall of 2019, she received her second WCRL Veteran's Championship title: RLVX2. Her favorite thing about doing scent work was the grilled chicken treats!

Stella had a special achievement to fame as she had the privilege of being in the Stanley Cup in 2016 and 2017 -- a repeat sitter!

Stella will be forever in our hearts.

~Charlene Zeleznock



WCRL Rally Trial

May 16-17, 2020

Keystone Canine Training Club is famous for its hospitality during WCRL trials. Many first-time exhibitors are amazed at the quality of both our raffle and buffet. Support from club members is the secret to our success. Donations of raffle items or ready-made baskets, and buffet items, or cash will contribute to the success of the upcoming trial.

Here's how to help:

- For monetary donations, you may place your donation in an envelope marked WCRL Rally Trial and place the envelope in the cash box in the office.
- We are planning to do a gift card tree, so if you have any unused gift cards, please feel free to re-gift! We will have lottery tickets on the tree as well.
- To donate food or drink of your choice, place your items in the kitchen clearly marked for the WCRL Trial. Please let us know what you are going to donate so we can do an accurate inventory.
- To donate perishable items, please drop off the item at the club before the trial and put it in the refrigerator. Again, clearly marked WCRL Trial.
- If you have any gently used or in-the-box items that you have never used, let us help you declutter. Basket themes are inspired by donations. Baskets or other containers are also welcome. There is a purple bin in the entry for basket item donations. Please mark for WCRL Trial.

There are several trials before the Spring WCRL Trial, so it is important to clearly mark which trial is the intended recipient. Any donation is helpful and greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Your hours spent helping the club both meet your membership requirements and go towards earning "Bonus Bones" which entitle you to free classes. See you at the trials!

Any questions, please contact:

Jo Schreiber, Trial Co-Chair for WCRL Rally

Email: Schreiberjo54juno@gmail.com

Phone: 412-852-9984 (texts always answered promptly)



Is Your Dog a Toto?



Attention Dog Lovers!

I recently received a request from a local high school for a dog to play Toto in their production of *The Wizard of Oz*. If you're interested, this is a fantastic opportunity to do something fun and unique with your dog.

This message is not connected to or sponsored by either TDI or KCTC and is strictly informational. Here are the available details:

- **WHO:** The school is ideally looking for a Cairn Terrier, however, other breeds will be considered. He or she will be carried on stage by Dorothy and must be comfortable with bright lights and lots of noise. Size is more important than breed, and the dog may be any dark color. The director will make the final decision.
- **WHEN:** April 23 and 24, 7pm start time. There will also be rehearsals that week. The musical is two hours long and Toto is on stage at the beginning and the end. There is a door backstage that leads to the outside and a quiet space where dog and handler may wait between scenes.
- **WHERE:** South Hill Assembly (Hillcrest Christian Academy)

If interested, please text or call Melanie Maxwell, who is assisting the director of the musical, at 412-398-5016. If she doesn't answer, be sure to leave a message.

So get your thespian hats on and go for it!

Sincerely,

Jo Schreiber, Chapter 207 Therapy Dogs International

