

KCTC *Newsletter*

Aimee, owned by Ellen Dillinger, waits patiently for her turn on the agility course.



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A Message from the President

Thanks to Maribeth Hook and her merry band of workers for another successful C-Wags Scent trial. We had lots of runs again. Our next trial is for Rodeo Dogs on March 29. Then our spring Teacup Agility trial will held the last weekend in April. As I previously mentioned, our entire 2020 trial schedule is on our website homepage.

Our March membership meeting will be Sunday, March 15. The theme for treats will be St. Patrick's Day Delights – bring something green (or with green on it!).

As I noted last month, this is our 30th anniversary. I think that one of the keys to our longevity and success is our willingness to look for new things, and change other things when warranted. For example, we moved to our current location in 2010, so that we would have a bigger floor plan for all our classes, and the ability to have two classes simultaneously (one in each room). That was a huge leap for us! Also, through the years, we have introduced new classes (such as Teacup agility, Canine Conditioning, Scentwork, and Rodeo Dog) to give our members new things to try. We also have improved our class enrollment procedure by introducing on-line enrollments, and made our trial hosting better by adding a new kitchen and new electrical outlets in the hall area.

If there is something you think we should add or improve upon, please don't hesitate to let me (or any Board member) know your suggestions. Our goal is continuous improvement!

Doggie quote for the month: "Life would be perfect, if it was just kids and dogs." ~from "Homicide: Life in the Streets."

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President

Upcoming Events

March 14 - 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 - Open Obedience Drop-In Class

(See March 14 listing for details)

March 15, 7pm - KCTC Membership Meeting

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

March 21 - Open Obedience Drop-In Class

(See March 14 listing for details)

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 28 - Open Obedience Drop-In Class

(See March 14 listing for details)

March 29 - Rodeo Dog Trial

Check out the KCTC home page for the premium.

April 4 - Open Obedience Drop-In Class

(See March 14 listing for details)

April 25-26 - Teacup Agility Trial

Stay tuned for more details!

May 16-17 - WCRL Rally Trial

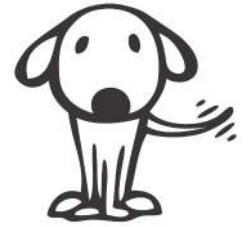
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March 29 - Rodeo Dog Trial

Stay tuned for more details!



Wags and Brags



Saylor and I ventured into nose work a few months ago, and I decided to see how we would do in a trial. We entered the club's recent C-WAGS trial, and she qualified in all 8 of her runs. She also earned her first nose work title in Ranger level 1. I am so proud of my versatile girl!

~Terri Chasser

Abbey and I attended the Three Rivers Shetland Sheepdog Club AKC rally trial in February, and she earned High Triple for shelties as well as all breeds. She also earned 2 more triple Qs and points toward her RACH title. It was a fun weekend playing with my special girl. I am so proud of her!

~Terri Chasser



The Heid clan had a busy month!

Steevie Ann earned her Haltar Straight Line title and Blue earned his Performance Clover title at the Rodeo Dog trial held at Butler Dog Training Association.

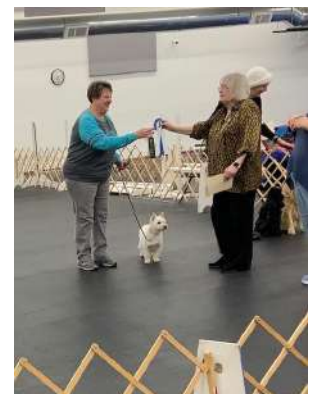
Calvin earned his Hide N Seek, 4 Corners Rat, Level 1 title and Jordi earned her 4 Corners Rat, Level 2 and Traditional Hunt Rat, Level 1 titles at the Hide N Seek trial held at B&D Creekside.

Calvin earned his C-WAGS Scent Patrol and Jordi earned her Scent Ranger (both Level 1), titles at the Keystone trial!

~Jen Heid






On Saturday, February 22, 2020, Callie earned her Beginner Novice title at the Columbus All Breed Obedience and Rally trials in Columbus, Ohio.

~Barbara Wojtowicz



Membership Update

Applying for Membership

-  Erich Maine and Isabella his German Shepherd are applying for membership. They have attended Beginner Scent work and Intermediate Scent work. Erich is endorsed by Jim Whitaker and Amy Rusenko.
-  Melinda Maloney is applying for membership with her Dachshund/mix, Lyra. They have taken Family Manners I and II. Melinda is endorsed by Amy Sandhagen and Mary Jo Daly.
-  Lacey Peterson and Rory her Goldendoodle are applying for membership. They have taken Puppy Preschool, Building Puppy Confidence, and Family Manners I. Lacey is endorsed by Clint Connors and Rosemary Curley.
-  Michelle and Glenn Rengers with Stella their Lagotto Romagnolo are applying for membership. They have taken Family Manners I twice. They are endorsed by Rosemary Curley and Clint Connors.
-  Lisa Vari and River her Labrador Retriever are applying for membership. They have taken Family Manners I and II and Beginning Scent Work. Lisa is endorsed by Amy Sandhagen and Mary Jo Daly.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee (Bill Tullock, Karina Palko, Suzanne Vighetti) recommends the following slate of Officers and Directors for the positions whose terms are expiring in May:

Vice-President - Emil Pohodich

Corresponding Secretary/Membership Chair - Clara Marie Schmalz

Training Director - Pat Warnick

Director at Large - Amy Rusenko

All have been polled and have accepted nomination.

From the bylaws: Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the March meeting. The proposed candidate must be in attendance at the meeting and must accept or decline the nomination at the meeting. No person who has declined a nomination by the nominating committee may be nominated from the floor for that position.

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:

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WCRL Rally Rankings

The WORLD CYNOSPORT RALLY 2019 ANNUAL RANKING AWARDS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED! Competitors are ranked as the top twenty competitors in the USA in various categories. As in previous years, KCTC members are included in those being honored. Below is a list of the KCTC members, be sure to congratulate them. There are many other local friends who have been ranked, but this is a list of KCTC members only. The link to the full list can be found at <http://www.rallydogs.com/binary/news/2019rallyrankingsfinal.pdf>.

Junior Handler

Cole Avery and Firefly

RL1

Barbara Johnstone and Pogo
Jen Heid and Blue

RL2

Linda Cordle and Molly
Dan Mullaney and Fiesta

RL2X

Pam Lewis and Laika
Pat Warnick and Howie

RL3X

Bonnie McKeown and Aiden

ARCHEX

Mary Jo Daly and Nikki



C-WAGS Scentwork Trial

A Thank You from the Chair

Thank you, Keystone Canine Training Club Members, for making our February 29 and March 1 C-WAGS Nosework Trial a success! This was the first trial for the new titling category of Ranger. We had lots of entries making this the largest C-Wags trial Keystone has ever had to date. We had a lot of people earn titles, and all had fun!!

Keystone has an outstanding C-Wags trial committee who worked hard to get the building set up for the trial. Pam Berman is an amazing trial secretary, Susan Wetherell videoed runs, as well as managing the volunteers for the hot boxes, Jen Heid jumped in and did a bit of everything, timing, stewarding, she is a jack of all trades. Keystone has the best judges in the world who provided challenging courses, Amy Rusenko, Tracey Miller, Emil Pohodich and I covered all the judging duties.

As always, the trial had terrific raffle baskets beautifully designed by Linda Irwin and Suzanne Vighetti, with Lynn Uram handling ticket sales. We had many volunteers who kept the trial moving so we could add runs.

The food, what can I say, it was fantastic! Thank you to Barb Pohodich, Martha Avery, Tena Parker, Shirley Mauro, Mary Phifer, Stephanie Barber, Elaine Kelvington, Amy Rusenko, Terri Chasser, Rosanee Minich, Mary Ellen Cicci, and anyone I missed, who provided the wonderful food! A special note of thanks to future club members, Tina Flowers, and Patti Ennis who worked all day, both days to keep the food ready and waiting for our competitors.

Finally, for the big news, Jen Heid and her dog, Calvin, won the Crystal Award. To win the Crystal Award, dogs must be at least 10 years old and "Q" in a run at our trial.

The club is 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 amazed by the friendliness and smoothness of the trial. We have a great club!!

Now saving the best news for last.....Keystone will be having a one day C-Wags Level 1 and Level 2 Ranger trial (date to be determined), so keep your eyes peeled!!

Maribeth Hook, *Trial Chairperson*