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A Message from the President

Season's Greetings,

I recently participated in the WCRL Rally trials at KCTC. I was pleased by two things; the hard work done by members to make it a success and the number of entries in the introductory class. The large number of intro entries bodes well for the future. Thanks to all the entrants, the trial committee, and workers; and a special thanks to those Rally instructors, who encouraged their students to enter the ring! Watching your students succeed must have been very rewarding.

Registration for Session I 2022 classes opens on December 12, with a start date of January 2nd . How's that for kick-start to your New Year's resolutions?

Thanks to Steve Coco, our landlord, for the potty area upgrades; it is definitely an improvement. The deep cleaning of the floors will be on December 20th, so the building will be closed for a few days.

Looking back over the past year; 2021 offered us a return to club activities. We held trials (as of this writing we still have upcoming Rodeo Dog Trials on the 11th and 12th), a few meetings, and classes resumed. Even with limitations on class sizes, over 1,000 students attended during the 5 sessions! Remarkable! Over the past year we welcomed 14 new members. And, we were able to hold our Holiday Party. Thank you, Cindy Sumner for organizing this event.

Basically, 2021 showed us that as a club we can adapt and work together so we can keep on having fun with our dogs!

Wishing Happy Holidays to all,

Dan Mullaney

President

"Be firm in all you do. Be gentle in how you do it." - Chad Mackin (adopted from Buck Brannaman)



Upcoming Events

December 11-12- Rodeo Dog Trial

We are looking for volunteers for the Rodeo Dog Trails! Click the link to sign up! https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4CADAD22A1F58-keystone4

Voted into Membership:

- 👺 Hannah Incerpi and Koda a mix
- Diane Murray and Zipadee Do Dah a Dachshund
- Rose Nicotra and Grace a Rat Terrier
- Bonnie Vello and Jolene a Labrador Retriever
- 👺 Bill Zarvis and Lisa Grant with Lisa and Miggs a mix



Applying for Membership:

- Natalie Larocco with Fig a Border Collie and Buddha a Lab are applying for membership. They have taken Family Manners I & II. Natalie is endorsed by Amy Sandhagen and Mary Jo Daly
- Christiane Paul with Millie a Beabull, Bentley a German Shepherd, and Daisy a Beagle are applying for membership. They have taken Family Manners I & II. Christiane is endorsed by Amy Sandhagen and Mary Jo Daly.
- Raymond (Bill) weaver along with Banjo his Miniature Poodle are applying for membership.

 They have taken Family Manners I twice. bill is endorsed by Amy Sandhagen and Joanne Strope.





KCTC Fall WCRL



WCRL TITLES EARNEDNov 27-28, 2021 at Keystone Canine Training Club

A big THANK YOU to everyone who entered our trial. It was so nice to get back together and have some Rally fun! Thank you to our wonderful judges and volunteers that made the Trial a memorable one.

A special welcome to those who were new to our event. Looking forward to seeing you again in our May Spring 2022 Trial!

Congratulations to the following teams who earned new titles:

Lucy McCloskey and Sonny AWARD of Excellence

Dan Mullaney and Tahiti

COMBINATION CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES:

Dan Mullaney and Fiesta, ARCH

INDIVIDUAL LEVEL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

Stephanie Day and Lila, RL2X4

Dan Mullaney and Tahiti, RL1X

Jen Heid and J. Lo, RL1X













KCTC Fall WCRL Conti.





LEVEL TITLES

Pam Heidrich and Gracie, INTRO

Barb Lascek and Oliver, INTRO

Maribeth Hook and Abby, INTRO

Tracey Miller and Finnigan, INTRO

Stephanie Day and Sassi, INTRO

Linda Irwin and Buttons, RL1

Cole Avery and Mika, RL1

Megan Grabe and Penny, RL1

Ann Ferguson and Talley, RL1

Janet Jackson and Ivy, RL1

Terry Younkins and Roar E, RL1

Natalie Marshall and Finn, RL1

Tracey Miller and Teagan, RL1

Maribeth Hook and Frisco, RL1

Paula Shimko and Marco, RL1

Cindy Sumner and Tally, RL1

DeAnne Orive and Bullitt, RL1

Pam Berman and Roxie, RL2

Terri Chasser and Katie, RL2

Bonnie McKeown and Elan, RL2

Pia Crouse and Simba, Veterans

We look forward to seeing you at our next Rally trial, Save the date, May 14-15, 2022

Keystone Canine Training Club

WCRL Rally Committee







Wags and Brags





Team Lizzie, Team GiGi, Team Shiner, Team Ralph, Team Chewie, Team Holly, Team Oliver and Team Nikki had so much fun learning all their new tricks in Session V. Congratulations to all who earned new AKC Trick Dog Novice, Intermediate and Advanced titles!! We enjoyed watching all of the very talented dogs demonstrate their favorite tricks in our last class - lots of tails wagging and proud smiles!

Linda Irwin and Pat Warnick





I am happy to share that Abbey earned her CPE CS-ATCH champion title recently. I love that the CPE venue allows the opportunity for an 11 year old dog to still play agility at a safer jump height. She continues to run like her hair is on fire and always has a smile on her face. I just love this girl!

-Terri Chasser

Last weekend the girls played a little scent work and rally. Saylor earned her CPE level 2 scent work title and multiple level 5 legs. Abbey and Katie also earned level 2, 3 and 5 legs. Abbey and Katie played WCRL rally on Sunday (Saylor thinks rally is boring). Abbey went 5 for 5 with all scores over 200. Not bad for not practicing much since May. She even earned her first level 3 leg with Mom learning the level 3 signs on the fly! Katie went 4 for 4 with very nice scores and earned her Level 2 title and award of excellence. She stayed focused off leash which made me very happy!



-Terri Chasser



Saylor earned her CWAGS Scent Investigator (level 3) title with 2 speedy searches. I am so proud of her.

-Terri Chasser

J. Lo finished her WCRL Rally RL1X title at our trial on November 27th. She had 3 perfect scores of 210 and 3 first place finishes. Her 4th score was a 205 where she thought the "down" was optional. Very proud of my LoLo!!





-Jen Heid

Recent Puppy Preschool graduate and AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy, Riley, belonging to Meg Wetzel.

-Susan Wetherell

Scent Work's multitalented instructors with their recent WCRL Rally titles:

Pam with Gracie, Jen (J. Lo is home), Tracey with Teagan and Finnegan, Maribeth with Abby and Frisco

-Susan Wetherell





Buttons and I recently competed in the KCTC WCRL Rally trials and had a great time! I'm so proud of my little sister - she earned two more Q's and got her RL1 title and an Award of Excellence. She also rocked two more really nice runs in Level 1B. I got 4 more Q's with great scores and two Fourth places on my journey for my RL2X championship! A special thanks to the judges, the trial committee and all the volunteers for making this trial possible. Oh - and thanks to Mom for making this so much fun!

Love,

Rags (and Buttons)

Linda Irwin

I have a brag for the next newsletter. Daisy got her Mach (Masters Agility Champion) at the Pinnacle Dog Sports AKC trial on November 14th. Her whole family came to cheer her on. Picture attached.

-Bill Ruth





Just when I think Greyson can't surprise me again, he does!! Tom, Greyson and I spent November 20th and 21st at the Columbus All Breed Training Club's AKC scent work trial, and our weekend ended on an incredible high note! Greyson earned the Novice High in Trial award for the second trial on Sunday! The Novice class was huge, and I had no idea that Greyson was even in the running for it. When one of the club members handed me the gorgeous HIT ribbon, I was so excited that I did the Snoopy Happy Dance! LOL It rained all day on that Saturday, and that was our first time trialing in the rain. Greyson loves water, so he was a lot happier about searching for buried and exterior hides in the rain than I was. He had six searches in the rain, and he qualified and placed on all but one of them. Kudos to all of the judges and the workers for standing outside in the chilly rain from early this morning until late afternoon. Greyson came home with 12 Q's for the weekend. He earned 11 placements and had two class wins. I was really proud of him. The club had a beautiful fall backdrop set up outside of one of their buildings, and I wanted so badly to take Greyson's picture in front of it with his HIT ribbon and all of his placement ribbons and toys. But, the rain was unrelenting, and that wasn't an option. So, I'm posting one of his photos from the sunflower farm instead.

-Lynn Uram

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When Tsunami was just a wee puppy, I already had a million hopes and dreams for him as I watched him sleeping in the whelping box. On November 6th, one of those dreams came true!! After a six week hiatus from the conformation ring, Tsunami and his handler (Zana Friend) walked back into the ring in Doswell, VA and finished his breed championship in style by going BOB over three specials under Judge Linda Robey!When Zana called that day and started singing "Happy Championship To You" to the tune of Happy Birthday, it was a "kill me now" kind of moment!! I can't thank Zana enough for her lovely presentation of our boy. She brought out the best in Tsunami. Tom and I are beyond thrilled that he's a champion now. Tsunami is our 10th conformation champion, and his little brother, Marvel, will be making his conformation debut soon. After the first of the year, Tsunami will be heading back to agility and nose work classes again. I can't wait to start training with him again.



-Lynn Uram



In October Cali received her rat Senior title at the French Creek barn hunt association trial held at Gold Star Kennel in Cadiz, OH.

-Barbara Wojtowics

In November Cali got her Canine Dog Novice B title held at Youngstown All Breed training club.

-Barbara Wojtowics





Teddy earned his AKC Intermediate Rally title at the Loyalhanna club's trial.

Yea, Teddy!!

-Pam Lewis







I am proud to introduce CPE Specialist Agility Trial Champion **CS-ATCH** TACH2 Heidi TMAG5 TAM3 ETD TKA RN NAP NJP NFP GCHAS PRCL-6 PRSL-6 PLSB-7 PRU-7 CCSS-L1. We finished this title on 11/21/21 under judge Margaret Hendershot.

Beyond all these letters is a quick story I want to share with you all. We entered CPE in 2019 at Level 2 when Heidi was eight years old, after many years of competing in Teacup Agility. What a fun venue to run an older dog, as you can drop down bar heights and gain some extra seconds depending on how you register. We were on track for our big title in 2020, and I don't need to remind you all that the world shut down, and we all stayed home for many months.

During the course of the pandemic, Heidi lost all her energy and even stopped doing any stairs at home. She was not interested in running Agility, and hopes of finishing our champion title in CPE seemed slim. We pivoted and started some scent work training, rally, and tricks titles. But after a Cushing's Diagnosis and new daily medication, her stamina and energy levels seemed to return. We entered the June 2021 CPE Agility Trial, where they recognized senior dogs (hosted by Splash N Dash), figuring it would either be the perfect weekend to retire from Agility or a fresh start at our 17 remaining Q's we needed (out of 40 total).

I am over the moon to say that we have had some of our best runs in Agility together since that June show and earned our last four Q's the weekend of my birthday this November. Each time we step to the start line together is a gift, and I hope that others will keep hope alive to reach their goals or pivot to create new ones: Don't give up! Together we are enjoying other venues in addition to Agility and have earned 89 Titles so far. All of this from a spunky puppy who loved doing zoomies and has always been extremely independent! After all, it's not the ribbons or awards that matter but the time spent together with our dogs and canine sports friends. Thanks to all the instructors, supporters, and friends for your support and love on our journey. Who knows what's next! Cheers!!

- Virginia Weida



My dog Bailey and I went to the Fall Fun Run teacup agility trial at Splash'n Dash on November 14th! It was our first trial ever after taking agility classes at the club for a couple of years. We were going just for fun to see how she would do in a new environment, but Bailey surprised me! She did very well and Q'ed on the three standards and three games! Therefore, she earned her beginner titles in both! We are grateful for the instructors who taught over the years and the fellow club members who helped us on the day of the trial!

-Clemence Cretaux



Just as no two kids are alike, a new pup in the house is unlike any of the previous occupants and there have been a lot of those over the years; both large and small. Welcome to the newest member of our household the "destroykin" Boykin Spaniel Beauregard (call name Beau) of Independence Acres. Life as we have known it has changed dramatically from one of retired, laid-back leisure to one of constant vigilance, checking to see what this little brown dog is into next. Nothing is sacred or secure with his curiosity. Puppy training is an on-going process as we all know and with this little guy it is all or nothing. There are only two speeds in his repertoire; full speed ahead or dead stop, asleep. This week he gets his last puppy shots and we get to see if he can manage to get to the vet and back without a "whoops" in the car. Just one more hurdle to overcome on the road to becoming a member of the family and preparation for classes at Keystone in short order.

-Ed Hanke