



# KCTC *Newsletter*

**This is one of my favorite pictures of little Caledonia. She loves her Agility classes, especially her Teacup classes with Emil and Anne. Callie also takes Obedience classes taught by coach Julie Agosti.**

**-Barb Wojtowicz**

*February 2021*

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## *A Message from the President*

I am glad to see that, as of this writing, the number of COVID cases is declining and the vaccine is starting to become available for more groups of people. So we are currently planning to have our classes and trials as scheduled. Of course, we will still maintain our COVID Protocol in the building. I appreciate the way everyone has been cooperating to keep us safe, including some people who dropped out of classes after being exposed to others with COVID, even though they tested negative. We will continue to suspend our membership meetings and other social gatherings (such as our Awards Dinner) until it is safe to resume them.

Our next trial will be a C-Wags Scentwork trial on Sunday, February 28. There is a link to the Premium on the website homepage, under 2020 Trial Schedule. We recently sent an email notice about this trial. We are also having a mock Odor Recognition Test (ORT) the day before (Saturday, February 27). It will be open to our members only unless it does not fill. We also recently announced our awards program for dogs who earned new titles in the calendar year 2020. Thanks to Mary Jo Daly for heading up this program again.

Our Session II classes will be open for enrollments on Sunday, February 28, at 9:00 pm. Classes begin on March 11.

We are having the floors in both the front room and back room deep cleaned with a heavy-duty scrubber between Sessions I and II, as we do every year. I would like to thank an anonymous donor for her generous contribution of \$300 to help defray the cost of this cleaning.

I'd like to thank Rick Maine, our new Website Editor, for hitting the ground running and doing a great job updating our website. Rick has very quickly made all the updates I have requested, and has proactively identified some "behind-the scene" changes that were needed. He also correctly challenged some errors in my requested changes!

I'd also like to thank Julie Fisher, who is doing a great job as our new Newsletter Editor. I particularly like the front page photos!

Doggie quote for the month: "Mutts are often better to work with. Sometimes, some of the breed dogs get hyper and have lots of health problems. Mutts are just great!" -- Betty Linn, animal trainer, referring to the Collie mix Maui, who played Murray in "Mad About You."

Remember, have fun with your dogs (whether mixed-breed or purebred)!

Dan Goldberg, President

# Upcoming Events

## February 21, 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 run-throughs. The cost is \$5 for members and \$15 for non-members. To register contact Linda Irwin at mewsette28@gmail.com.

## February 27 - Mock ORT Trial

In anticipation of NACSW trials coming to our area, Keystone Canine Training Club will be holding a **Mock ORT** (Odor Recognition Test) on Saturday February 27, the day before our C-WAGS trial.

The National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) requires successful completion of the Odor Recognition Test before trial entry into NW1. The ORT verifies the dog's recognition of the odor used in trial and the handler's ability to correctly call the location of the source of odor.

**The ORT is comprised of three separate courses: one for each of the odors of birch, anise and clove.** Each odor/course must be passed to earn the ORT title.

The Odor Recognition Test is a type of container search exercise, similar to C-WAGS Scent Patrol Level1. The ORT requires 12 closed cardboard boxes set up in a pattern of one or two rows with each box set a minimum distance of 4' apart from box edge to box edge. The time limit for each run is three minutes.

The ORT is a pass or miss test within the time limit. No scoring, faults, placements or times are recorded as they are for trials.

Please see the attached premium for details and the entry form.

Act quickly! We are inviting KCTC members first, before the general public. The premium will be offered to the public on February 6, so please enter early for the best chance of acceptance. We are limiting entries to 30 handlers and dogs.

**This is a MOCK ORT for practice in a trial environment.**

We will set up all three odors according to NACSW rules.

This is not a real NACSW trial, this is to run through what a real ORT would be like.

We are excited to offer you this opportunity!

## February 27-28 - C-WAGS Scentwork Trial

A link to the Premium is on our website homepage.

## April 25-26 - Teacup Agility Trial

Stay tuned for more details!

# *More Upcoming Events*

## **May 15-16 - WCRL Rally Trial**

The WCRL Committee is pleased to announce the Spring 2021 WCRL Trial will be held on May 15 and May 16, 2021 at Keystone Canine Training Club.


Whether you are new to the sport or pursuing an advanced Title, this is the trial for you!

Join us for special awards, super judges, and guaranteed fun with your dogs!

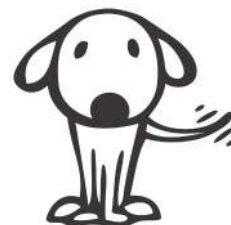
Covid-19 plans will be in effect. Watch the newsletter for more information. this will be the Trial you know and love with a few twist. Stay tuned!

## *Membership Update*

### *New Member*

 Lisa Duncan with her dogs, Gabe a Labrador Retriever and Hudson a Newfoundland have been voted into membership.

## *Wags and Brags*



Sal got his novice trick dog title!

-Morgan Elizabeth

# *MORE Wags and Brags*

Sadie...our 2 yr. old split-face blue merle...she is in school at Keystone doing Scent dog and Agility training!

-Debbie Miller-Gurchak



Bobbie, owned by Grace Green, arriving for Puppy Preschool class. Bobbie is a beautiful Cavapoo girl and all of 4.6 lbs and 11" long!

-Susan Wetherell

Mandy Cornell earned the tough senior title in Barn Hunt in Cadiz Ohio (4 rats, one tough tunnel and a climb). She had to do it all in 3.5 minutes. We have been working on that title over a year and a half. She received 1st place and high in class. At age 12, she is having a blast! Love this girl!

-Linda Cornell



# *MORE Wags and Brags*



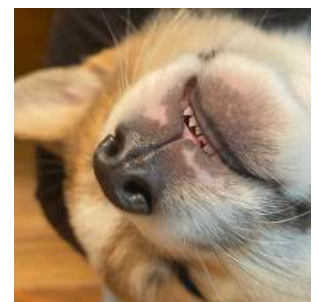
Quinn Cornell earned his 1st Barn hunt title in Instinct. He received 1st place and high in class. He was able to find the rat in 0.4 seconds. He moved up to novice (one rat). He found that rat in 0.39 seconds and earned 1st place again and high in class again. He sure is enjoying barn hunt. Makes us laugh.

Quinn also got to celebrate his one year birthday! Happy Birthday sweet boy! Let the adventure begin.

-Linda Cornell

Otis was excited to tell everyone he got a little brother!! His brother's name is Owen, 10 weeks old and is a Pembroke Welsh Corgi. They are doing so well together! They are excited to meet everyone in Session 2.

-Julie Fisher



# MORE Wags and Brags



WOW! What a great way to celebrate my birthday! Thanks Seneca and Savvy. We trialed in a new venue, CPE scent work today for our very first time at B n D Creekside. They both qualified in containers, and also titled in interior and vehicle search( 6 for 6 qualifying searches). And then I came home to a dairy queen birthday cake , flowers, visits and gifts. What a happy day. Thanks to our sons and families, husband , friends and to B n D for making my day so special.

-David Kelvington

London recently earned her CGC at Keystone Canine Club. Thanks to instructors Dan Goldberg and Rosanne Minich. Also evaluator Pam Lewis.

-Sharon Hareza

