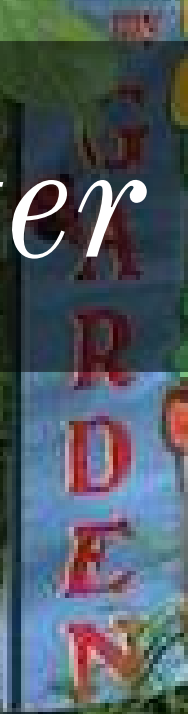


KCTC *Newsletter*



I had a great time at the
WCRL Trials!

-Rags

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A Message from the President

Our May WCRL Rally trial was well-attended and was very successful. Thanks to the trial committee (Bonnie McKeown, Mary Jo Daly, Joanne Schreiber, Clare Schmalz, and Lori Ritchey) for a great job. This was Bonnie's last time as Trial Chair, so I'd like to also thank her for laying out the blueprint for all our successful previous trials. And a special thanks to Clare, our Trial Secretary, who hung in there while still recovering from surgery, and also had to deal with some software problems during the trial.

Our next trials are C-Wags Scentwork on July 10, and Rodeo Dog on July 17 & 18. The Premiums are posted to our website homepage.

I'd like to thank Pam Lewis for all her gardening and clean-up work in the back room outdoor entrance area. Pam removed (or cut back) a lot of weeds and growth near the fence and on the hillside, and raked up a lot of leaves that had accumulated in the area. That whole area looks a lot better now! She also took action to get new beds of mulch put down on both the inside and outside potty areas.

The State has recently announced that there will be some relaxations of their COVID policies. So we will increase our class sizes for Session IV, which begins on July 25, and relax some of our sanitation and mask wearing requirements for classes and events. For fully vaccinated people, masks will be optional. For unvaccinated people, masks will still be mandatory.

Doggie quote for the month: "I used to look at my dog and think 'if you were a little smarter, you could tell me what you are thinking,' and he'd look at me like he were saying 'if you were a little smarter, I wouldn't have to!' " – Fred Jungclaus

Remember, have fun with your dogs!

Dan Goldberg, President

Upcoming Events

July 10 - C-Wags Scentwork Trial

Stay tuned for more details!

July 17-18 - Rodeo Dog Trial

Stay tuned for more details!

July 1- Membership Renewals Due

Please check your emails! Renewals dues are coming up soon on July 1st! Email or call Clare Schmalz at richclaras@comcast.net or 412-655-7939 for any questions.

July 24- Summer Doggy Photo Shoot

(supports American Cancer Society) Contact Cindy Sumner (724-255-7921) to sign up!

July 25- Membership Meeting and Awards Presentation

More details to follow!

September 25-26 - Teacup Agility

Stay tuned for more details!

Membership Update

Voted into Membership



Sandy Golomb and Oliver and Pixie her Chinese Crested

Applying for Membership



Lexi Fulton with Louis a Terrier mix and Bode a Lab mix are applying for membership. Lexi has taken Family Manners I & II. She is endorsed by Amy Rusenko and Bill Tullock



Lauren Simmons and Zeke her Siberian Husky are applying for membership. She has taken Family Manners twice. Lauren is endorsed by Rosanne Minich and Bonnie Thomas

WCRL Trials

Dear Wonderful and Talented WCRL Rally Volunteers,

During the May 15 and 16 Rally Trial, you were the magicians who made everything happen! First, you selflessly volunteered your valuable time ON A WEEKEND, effectively earning you double time and a half thank yous! Secondly, the first Covid era trial was new and challenging to the planners, the exhibitors and you, the special workers. There were many new faces this year, on the line and ready to learn. Best newbie comment ever was "I had fun. I'll do it again next time!" Two new positions were in effect: Safety Stewards and Outdoor Gate Stewards. The Safety Stewards had the necessary job of keeping the building surfaces clean. The Outdoor Gate Stewards came into play as there was outdoor crating. Indoor crating space was limited due to our old friend, Covid, and her buddy, Social Distancing. The Timing, Scoring, and Gate Stewards coordinated their cell phones to ensure that everyone was on the line on time. They also were responsible for reporting the run Scores. The Trial Secretary was busy with recording scores and the numerous questions that came up about move ups and jump height. The Course Builders kept the Judges on track. The Ribbon Stewards made sure everyone received a Q ribbon if earned, a placement ribbon or a new Title ribbon, if earned. And, important to the pups, gave a new toy that looked alarmingly like a bag of Fritos! The Lunch Steward made sure lunches were delicious and delivered on time. The Raffle Steward made sure the donated baskets looked their best and that everyone had a chance to get a ticket. And last, but not least, three cheers to the Set Up Team and to the Clean Up Team. Thank you Safety Steward who came after working all day Sunday at your job to help sanitize. You were a welcome sight to those who worked at the Trial all weekend. The whole trial is made up of vital people, you, the volunteers are it! The Trial Committee, the Club and the Exhibitors are eternally grateful to and for you.

Sincerely,

Jo

THE CAST OF WCRL VOLUNTEERS

Starring!

 Bonnie McKeown-Retiring Trial Chair	 Charlene Zeleznock	 Clare Schmalz		
 Dee Farrell	 Franklin Warcholik	 Hope Powell	 Jennifer Heid	
 Joanne Strobe	 John Schlieper	 Linda Cordle	 Linda Irwin	
 Tom Irwin	 Lori Ritchey	 Leo Daly	 Mary Jo Daly	 Nancy Ann Whitley
 Pat Warnick	 Roseanne Minich	 Bernadette White		

Special thanks to Rich Schmalz for his assistance to the Trial Secretary

It was a day of surprises, challenges and dog fellowship. A very happy ending!

WCRL Trials Cont.

WCRL TITLES EARNED May 15-16, 2021 at Keystone Canine Training Club


We are pleased to list your accomplishments. A big THANK YOU to everyone who entered our trial and especially a Major THANK YOU to all that volunteered to help at this show! Every hand was needed and appreciated!

Congratulations to the following teams:

LUCY McCloskey and Sonny AWARD of Excellence

 Tena Parker and Oswin


COMBINATION CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES


 Tena Parker and Oswin , ARCHMX

 Jen Heid and Steevee Ann , ARCHEX


INDIVIDUAL LEVEL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES


 Jen Heid and Steevee Ann, RL3X

 Mary Jo Daly and Nikki, RL3X3


 Leslie Meyn and Drake, RL2x3

LEVEL TITLES

 Cole Avery and Mika, INTRO


 Joanne Strobe and Buffles, INTRO




 Terry Younkings and Roar E, INTRO

 Natalie Marshall and Finn, INTRO


DeAnne Orive and Bullitt, INTRO


 Pam Berman and Roxie, RL1


 Sharen Hareza and London, RL1

 Denise Siefers and Cush RL1

 Terri Chasser and Katie, RL1

 Juanita Martini and Little Bear, RL1

 Terri Chasser and Abby, RL2

 Lori Ritchey and Pinch, RL3

We look forward to seeing you at our next Rally trial, Save the date, November 27-28, 2021

Bonnie McKeown

WCRL Rally Trial Chair

Mary Jo Daly and Joanne Schreiber

Co Chairs

WCRL Trials Brags

At the WCRL trial held at KCTC on May 15th & 16th, the very first "Lucy McCloskey & Sonny Award of Excellence" was given. The criteria for the award was the team that had the highest score total from levels 1B, 2B & 3B in the first trial of the weekend. Lucy was the person who introduced WCRL Rally to the club, & she & her Border Collie, Sonny, earned many high level awards. Lucy was a former training director at KCTC.

The award was awarded to Tena Parker & her dog Oswin. Tena said the color combination on the ribbon was not lost on her because she knew, since she had competed against Lucy many times, that Lucy was always dressed in black & white to match her black & white dog. Tena & Oswin's name will also be inscribed on a plaque at KCTC. Congratulations Tina & Oswin!

-Pam



THANK YOU KCTC!!!

What a surprise I experienced on May 15, 2021, the first day of the WCRL rally trial. I was so thrilled to be honored with an amazing breathtaking basket of flowers, a beautiful tote bag, a soft Scottie blanket, and a pretty homemade card PLUS an Amazon gift card.

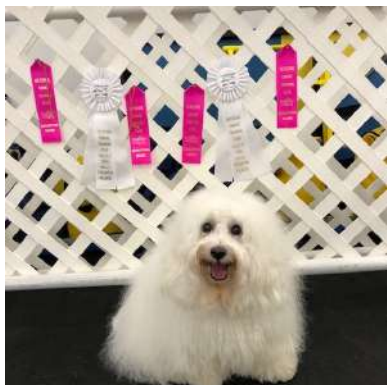
I had been trial chairperson since 2012 and this May trial was to be my last.

Before the first rally trial at KCTC in 2012, Phyllis Huber, Trial Chairperson of Splash 'N Dash K9 Sports, and I spent countless hours on the telephone organizing all aspects of it. Since then, Phyllis has continued to be a superb help throughout all these trials as well as an excellent judge. I also had so much excellent help from our member volunteers plus non-members throughout the years. They were certainly the pillars of our trials.

My experience with the trials has been challenging but very satisfying.

Thank you all,

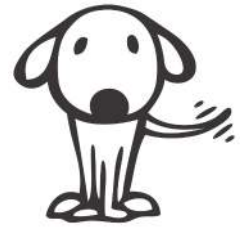
Bonnie McKeown



I had a great time at the recent Keystone Rally trials and got 4 more Q's towards my first CH in level 1B. My scores were 208, 207, 208 and 209. Mom and I were rocking in some stiff competition and we managed to pull off two fourth places twice in a three way tie decided by time. We want to thank the judges and also all the very special people who worked so hard to make this a fun and safe event! So proud of our fellow competitors on your great runs and new titles, too! Hip hip hooray!

-Rags
(Linda Irwin)

Wags and Brags



Myrrh-Sadie is trying to make a complete recovery from her surgery in March. We are so excited to have her in class at Keystone Canine. She is working hard with me at the CGC/TDI class, agility and Adv. Scent Dog. Thanks to all her great instructors. Sadie brings me along, her best and biggest fan.

-Debbie Miller-Gurchak

On May 16th, Greyson and I participated in our final night of the C-WAGS Scent Work League hosted by Animal Friends. During the league play in April and May, Greyson Q'ed on 10 of his 12 searches, finished a Level 2 title and earned multiple legs toward three more scent work titles. He had so much fun, and so did I!

Our heartfelt thanks to Animal Friends for sponsoring the league and to everyone from KCTC who volunteered to judge and work during the various nights of league play.

On Memorial Day Weekend, Greyson is going to compete for the first time in an AKC scent work trial. I'm really eager to see how we do on the elements that we've never competed in previously, especially the buried hides.

-Lynn Uram



Koa got mail! His star puppy came in!

-Morgan Elizabeth

MORE Wags and Brags



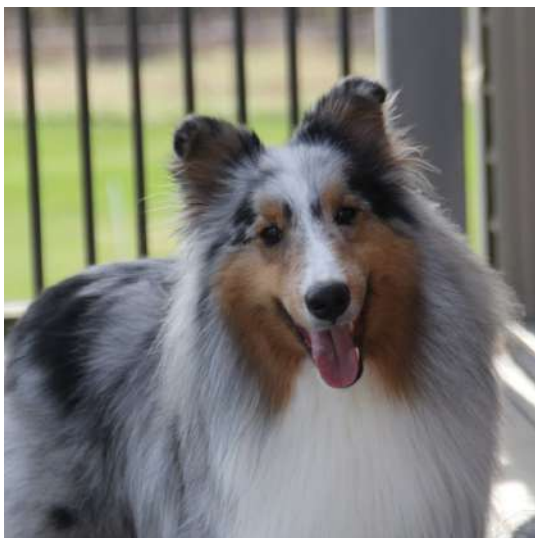
This is my sweet Westie, Callie, after she earned her first leg in RatSenior. Senior level is a very hard level. They must find 4 rats, do a climb and go through a big, dark, scary tunnel all in 3.30 minutes. Callie got first place in the small dog class with 2.23 minutes. Good girl Callie! Now to do it two more times ♥

-Barbara Wojtowicz

Buffels attended her 1st WCRL Rally Trial on May 15&16 at KCTC. She scored an Into Title, ranking in 2 first and 2 second places. So proud! Many Thanks to All of You involved in her Come-Upings!!

Here's Koa!

-Joanne Strobe



Greyson competed in his first AKC scent work trial on May 29th in Delmont, PA, and I was so jazzed about how well he did. He was 4 for 4 that day and won the Novice B Container Class and placed second in the Novice B Exterior Class. Never in my wildest dreams did I expect to even place at our first AKC trial much less win a class!! Greyson got a lot of "happy cookies" on Saturday!! It's a miracle that he didn't pop wide open on the way home! LOL

Greyson was on fire at the Sunday trial too. He went 4 for 4 again and took second place in the Novice B Buried class. We were only three tenths of a second behind the team that took first place.

I'm thrilled with how Greyson searched on his AKC debut weekend. Now that he has two qualifying legs in each of the four AKC Novice search elements, I need to get busy and find another AKC scent work trial in which to enter him.

-Lynn Uram

MORE Wags and Brags



The Heid Clan had another busy month!!

Steevee Ann earned her Rally Level 3 Champion title as well as her All Rally Champion Extraordinaire title at our trial!

Jordi earned her AKC Scent Work Excellent Interior and Master Buried title, as well as her CPE Scent Sport Level 1 title!

Benny earned his AKC Coursing Ability title as well as his CPE Scent Sport Level 1 title.

-Jen Heid