

# KCTC *Newsletter*



Otis and Owen chillin out on a winter day!  
-Julie Fisher

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## *A Message from the President*

Greetings,

Now for some news we've all been waiting for ...

Beginning Session II, masking will be optional, but ...we are still following CDC guidelines for the appropriate 'Community Level.' To determine the current level please visit ...

[COVID-19 by County | CDC](#)

Currently (9 March) Allegheny County is 'Low' – so: Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines; Get tested if you have symptoms ... and remember, people may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. We also suggest that you wear a mask if you are not vaccinated. We still need to work together to keep each other safe. Trial guidance may differ.

Keystone was well represented by some wonderful teams at the recent WCRL trials at Splash 'n Dash and I look forward to hearing brags from those teams and the CWAGS Scentwork Detectives at our **March membership Meeting at 7 p.m. on March 20th.**

This message may be short, but I think it's a sweet, welcome message for us all!

Dan Mullaney

President

*"More people reward ends rather than choices ... reward tough, but good choices, from your dog."* –

Karen Lechner (Paraphrased)

# Upcoming Events

## **Dog Title for Plaques and Bars - March 15**

The deadline to submit your dog title forms for Plaques and Bars on-line is March 15, 2022 You can access the form by logging in from our website homepage, then under MY KCTC Member Resources. Click the KCTC Awards Request form and follow the instructions. Congratulations to all the titles earned in 2021!

## **Membership Meeting - March 20**

## **TDAAG Agility Trial - April 23**

More details coming soon

## **WCRL Rally Trial Trial - May 14-15**

The WCRL Committee is pleased to announce the Spring 2022 WCRL Trial will be held on May 14 and May 15, 2022 at Keystone Canine Training Club.






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

Plans are moving forward for the WCRL Spring Trial. In the upcoming weeks, the committee will be contacting KCTC members to volunteer for the trial to be held on May 14 and 15.

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, the funds will be used to defray the costs of lunches and raffle baskets. The committee cannot accept donations of goods for the baskets this year. With the generous help of Club volunteers, this Trial will be one of the best ever. The committee thanks you for your help.

Join us for special awards, super judges, and guaranteed fun with your dogs! Watch the newsletter for more information. Stay tuned!

## *Applying for Membership:*

-  Aimee Dernosek and Cannon a Pitty Mix are applying for membership. They have taken family manners I and family manners II. Aimee is endorsed by Amy Sandhagen and Virginia Caramana.
-  Carmelo Garcia is applying for membership with Chevy his French Bulldog. They have taken Family Manners II and Agility I. Carmelo is endorsed by Sharon Hareza and Melinda Maloney.
-  Kelly, Dwayne and KaitlynHast are applying for membership with Diesel and Duncan, Border Collies. She has taken Family Manners I twice and Family Manners II and III. Kelly is endorsed by Rosanne Minich and Bonnie Thomas.
-  Ingrid and Jeremy Pearson are applying for membership with Morty a Boxer. They have taken Family Manners I and II. They are endorsed by Amy Sandhagen and Virginia Caramana.
-  Meg Wetzal is applying for membership with Riley her Peek-a-Poo. They have taken Puppy Pre-School and Building Puppy Confidence. Meg is endorsed by Janine Smith and Karen Palko.



## KCTC ROCKS THE WCRL 2021 RALLY RANKINGS!!



On February 28th, WCRL released the preliminary 2021 WCRL International Rally Rankings. The top 20 dogs are selected in each Rally category by points earned through the year. Keystone is very well represented with 12 rankings this year which is truly amazing!

We also congratulate our friends at Splash 'N Dash and other local venues on their 2021 rankings.

These achievements would not be possible without the expert instruction of our top notch Keystone WCRL Rally instructors, Pat Warnick and Pam Lewis. A world of thanks to these two special people who have given so much of themselves and their knowledge of all things Rally.

Congratulations are in order for the following KCTC Rally teams:

### RL1

#12 - Sharon Hareza and Knockshanbo's I Cross My Heart - Rough Collie

### RL1X

# 3 - Linda Irwin and Patchwork Strings Around My Heart - All-Breed

# 4 - Jennifer Heid and Silhouette Ain't Yo Mama - Cocker Spaniel

#14 - Bonnie McKeown and Aiden Mist - Scottish Terrier

### RL2

# 5 - Terri Chasser and Suntera The Butterfly Chaser - Shetland Sheepdog

### RL3X

# 6 - Pam Lewis and Poltergeist's Lake Effect - Samoyed

### ARCH

# 6 - Dan Mullaney and Fiesta - Schipperke

# 8 - Dan Mullaney and Delamer Polynesian Princess - Schipperke

#13 - Juanita Martini and Little Bear - All-Breed

### ARCHEX

#20 - Jennifer Heid and Ka Sa Ra N Drama's Positively Petite - Cocker Spaniel

### ARCHMX+

#15 - Mary Jo Daly and Wildwood Nicotiana - Border Terrier

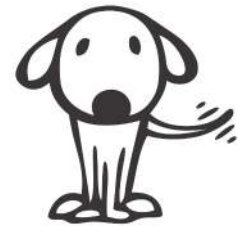
### RLV

#16 - Jennifer Heid and Ka Sa Ra N Drama's Positively Petite - Cocker Spaniel



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL - WELL DONE!!!

# Wags and Brags



So happy to announce that Beanie has joined the family. She is a 10 week old long haired chihuahua. Excited to start puppy classes at Keystone.

-Stacy Monahan

Quinn is closing in on his Grand Championship out in California with his handler Lindsay. He has earned 21 points so far. 5 majors and beating other champions he needs 25 points. I am so proud of our boy.

-Linda and Chuck Cornell



Team Oliver, Team Lizzie, Team Shiner, Team Willy, Team Bailey, Team Expo, Team Bren and Team Bella had a lot of fun learning lots of new tricks in Session I. Each team worked hard and earned new AKC Tricks titles (some even earned two!) in Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Performer. We really enjoyed seeing them present their favorite tricks in the last class - shoes and socks were pulled off, dogs were rolling over, playing dead, jumping through hoops, playing the piano, typing emails for entrance to tricks colleges and checking their mailbox for acceptance letters. Congratulations to all of you on a job well done!

-Linda Irwin and Pat Warnick



# *In Memory of Jack*

(May 8, 2008 – Jan. 26, 2022)



Anyone who has loved a dog knows – our time with them is never long enough. With Jack, that feels especially true as we got less than 3 years together, but I think we made the most of them.

After my aunt passed away, Jack stayed with my uncle on the farm until he needed help with a massive tumor on his shoulder. PVSEC got clean margins, but the recovery was hard. When Jack was left without his cone and opened up his stitches, it got worse. Jack rehomed with us as he went for 3x/week bandage changes. When the wound still wouldn't heal, we had a decision: let him go or do another, major graft surgery. Instead, we looked to laser therapy at our local vet as a last resort. In three initial sessions, the wound visibly started to shrink, and a few months later it finally closed.

After all that and six months in a cone, Jack was a member of our family. And, coming from the farm, he was a little unruly and leash reactive on walks. We walked at night with a light-up harness and started Family Manners classes at Keystone. This working dog loved having a job! After three sessions of Family Manners, his instructor suggested Rally Obedience. Jack really loved it and, after learning last fall that he had a small tumor on his spleen, we decided "Why not?" and entered the WCRL trial at Keystone. His two placements there were just about our proudest moments.

Jack lived for the daytime walks that were a gift of his Keystone training, his Barkbox Super Chewer toys and time with his family, especially my Italian greyhound Noah, with whom he had a special relationship. We never expected his tumor to start to bleed so suddenly, especially when we were just getting to the best part of our journey together. But I am so grateful to have had this unforgettable dog.

Thank you so much to his instructors – Clint, Rose and Bill in Family Manners I, Amy and Mary Jo in Family Manners II, Pat and Cole in Rally, and anyone I may have forgotten! – for being so welcoming and understanding of Jack, especially early on when being in a roomful of strange dogs was an accomplishment in itself. Thank you to every single classmate and friend who encouraged our training journey. You helped a wonderful boy have the golden years he deserved.

-Angie Carducci

# In Need of Photos for Front of Newsletter!

Email me at [jafish50@gmail.com](mailto:jafish50@gmail.com) to have your photo of your dog on the front of the newsletter. Make sure the photo is a portrait. Examples below!

