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Newsletter of The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club, Inc.

February 2021

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Next Meeting

LBDTC Zoom Meeting

Monday February 1, 2021

Program – 7:00 PM Meeting – 7:30 PM

See the Zoom Link Below

Congratulations!

The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club congratulates all our members and their dogs who earned titles and other achievements in 2020. We salute their hard work and dedication, especially amid a global pandemic.

Roger Matzke says - For over a year, Odin has needed ONE Q for his Senior Title in Barn Hunt. All last year he was not a happy puppy in the competition ring due to his anxieties. At the Tail Waggin Barn Hunt on 01/16/21, Odin was HAPPY in the ring and earned his last leg with a 2nd place in 1:39:38 and his SENIOR BARN HUNT TITLE!!!!!! It is amazing how distracting a squeaky ball can be before going into compete!



Photo from Roger Matzke

LBDTC Zoom Meeting

LBDTC Zoom Meeting Monday February 1, 2021 Program – 7:00 PM Meeting – 7:30 PM

The easiest way is to click on the Join Zoom Meeting Link. It will direct you how to join a zoom meeting. Make sure you enable video and audio so we can see and hear you.

The other link directions below are for audio only by phone.

Florence Brems is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: LBDTC February 2021 Meeting Time: Feb 1, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8577 2002678?pwd=UXJYbS9nVlhT ZIU5OGVwTlkxS1FkZz09

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Florence Brems LBDTC President

February Virtual Program

Kris King set up a virtual program for our February Meeting. The Program is scheduled for 7:00 PM followed by our regular Meeting at 7:30 PM

The speaker will be Doreen Jakubcak. She will talk about

her organization – Marty's Place a Senior Dog Sanctuary.

Please see the brochure below. It describes the mission of Marty's Place and the care it provides to senior dogs.

We hope to see you there, and feel free to bring a friend.



LBDTC Minutes

Please see the Minutes of our last meeting below

2021 LBDTC Board

The LBDTC swore in the 2021 Board Members in January.

Florence Brems President Lois DiMarzio Vice President Roz Rosenblatt Recording Secretary Diane Stout Corresponding Secretary Kris King Treasurer

Roger MatzkeMember atLargeKen McKinneyLarge

LBDTC Classes

Training Update

Three training classes are currently underway - for members only - 2 refresher classes and one rally class. We thank both instructors and participants for helping our club during these tough times. With anticipating less risky times ahead, we are hopeful we can open to the public late spring or early summer. Our first round of classes would be offered to clients who were registered for March, 2020.

Many thanks, Judy Matlack, Robin Kinley, and Carol McKinney

LBDTC 2020 Awards

Lower Bucks Dog Training Club held its annual Awards Luncheon on Sunday, January 10, 2021.

Many members and their dogs were honored. Please see the LBDTC 2020 Awards below.

Connie Schofield Award 2020

Connie Schofield Award – Lois DiMarzio

It is with great pleasure I announce that Lois Di Marzio is the recipient of Lower Bucks' 2020 Connie Schofield Award.

Lois' dedication to communities, at large, and her many hours of service, both past and present, is outstanding and impressive. Lois raised 7 Seeing Eye Dogs. They went to work with her at Lower Moreland High School and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. Laura, Lois' last training Seeing Eye Dog, failed her Seeing Eye test due to hip dysplasia but Laura went on to become an awesome therapy dog. Together, Lois and Laura visited many schools to help children overcome their fear of dogs.

Lois was also a member of the North Star Foundation and through that organization raised 3 Autism service dogs.

Lois still manages to find time to show her dogs in Obedience and Rally. She has competed in AKC, UKC and CDSP venues, as well as the Aussie registry. Her highest title is a CDX in AKC Obedience and an RAE title in AKC Rally. Of course, it's no surprise that all of Lois' dogs have become Canine Good Citizens. She would not have it any other way.

Lois also finds time to be a valuable, working club member of Lower Bucks. She helps at our trials and club events, is currently co-chairing our 2021 Obedience and Rally trials, and she is our Vice President. Lois has taken on every job on the Board and at one time or another has served as our President, Vice President, and Corresponding Secretary.

Lois fostered 7 Golden Retrievers released from puppy mills. She taught them how to live in a home instead of a cage. She introduced them to a world bigger than what they could see from their rabbit hutches, and she showed them that hands were for petting, not hitting. As you may already know, Lois was recently fostering Gypsy, a Pit Bull Border Collie mix, and lucky Gypsy has now moved to permanent status in Lois' home!

Star, who recently passed, and Lois and Kerri are members of the Tri State K9 Response Team. They've visited nursing homes, hospitals, schools, mental health facilities and colleges during exam week to offer stress relief. They specialize in working with students with special needs. Lois' dogs instinctively know just which child or adult needs their attention, and off they go to them. Prior to COVID Lois was a substitute teacher at Wyncote Academy in Elkins Park, PA, a school where 75% of the students enrolled there have been diagnosed with a variety of issues and/or learning disabilities. Kerri spent many days in her crate while Lois taught. No one in the classroom blinked when other students walked into the room and sat in front of Kerri's crate to talk with her while Lois was teaching.

Even now through the pandemic, Kerri and Lois have participated in puppy parades outside nursing homes where residents have seen no one for months. They have zoomed into classrooms during the year, zoomed into the Extended School year Special Ed class last summer, and zoomed into the Willingboro Virtual Mental Health Unit on a bi weekly basis. Everyone looks forward to Kerri and Lois' visits as they could very well be their only outside contacts.

Kerri is a Crisis Response Dog with Tri State which means she has traveled with Lois to disasters to give emotional support. They once flew to Thousand Oaks, CA after a bar shooting. It just so happened that wildfires broke out while they were there, so their visit turned into a double mission. At the same time there was a bomb scare at a local CA college so they visited the college, as well. Kerri couldn't step out of her motel room door for a quick pottie break without the chance of running into someone who needed to pet her and talk to Lois. Kerri had to pass tests to become a Crisis Dog, and Lois had her share of challenges, too, taking on additional FEMA work and psychological training.

Lois and Kerri traveled to Penn State University to work with the employees of a local motel after a shooting took place at the Ramada Inn. They've been to schools after a student was killed to help kids in the building relax as they discussed their feelings amidst emotional trauma. They visited a high school during exams for stress relief and worked with high school kids after a student at their school committed suicide.

Kerri is a Roxy Therapy Dog and has worked with Lois in schools in the Bucks County area. Kerri is a reading dog with an ELD class, an English Language Delayed kindergarten class. Not only are the kids learning to speak English, but they are also learning to read and write. When the teacher's aide in the class started to teach a 4th grade ELD class, Lois and Kerri went to work with her, too. Last year during COVID shutdown Lois and Kerri continued to be in contact with the aide. sending videos and pictures of Kerri that were put into lessons. The students wrote stories about Kerri and one student even wrote a rap about her.

Years prior, Lois' Star also worked with a teacher of that kindergarten class.

Both Star and Kerri have gone with Lois to the Children and Youth Division of the Bucks County Court House to help keep kids and their parents distracted while they wait for their turn to see a judge. They've also gone into the court room to assist children when they were testifying in an abuse case.

For the last 3 years Lois was nominated by Tri State and received the Presidents' Gold Standard Volunteer Award for over 500 hours of community service, each year.

And I am sure, if you talked with Lois today, she could add more to her story of commitment and dedicated service to the community. Big kudos to Lois and Kerri, and Star at the Bridge, for all they have done to make this world a happier and better place. Lower Bucks is very proud of you!

Respectfully submitted, Roz Rosenblatt, Recording Secretary and Awards Chair

President's Awards 2020

The LBDTC presented two President's Awards at the Awards Luncheon in January.

President's Award – Michelle Dowalo

For 2020 one of Lower Bucks' President's Award goes to Michelle Dowalo. Michelle was very instrumental in the creation of beautiful raffle baskets that brought in extra revenue at our trials. Michelle sold lots of chances to many hopeful participants.

Michelle contributes regularly to Lower Bucks' Public Relations Committee in any way she can. Her PR efforts help us bring in new students and keep the public informed.

It is a known fact that Michelle was the driving force behind the development of our new website. She attended training committee meetings to gather incite, and she coordinated all aspects of the website's development. Michelle secured for us a reputable website developer/builder and coordinated all correspondence with him. It is also important to note that other club members stepped up to help Michelle when it was necessary, and we thank those members, as well.

Michelle worked with the Training Committee, Kris, Carol, Ken, Robin, Judy and others, to gather necessary training and club content to post on our website. She skillfully drafted many of the narratives that are there. Michelle reviewed, consulted, discussed and finalized all submitted content, especially pertaining to brevity and user-friendly dvnamics. She made decisions about the construction and the layout of the website's configurations, and she dedicated countless hours in time, energy and coordination to launch lbdtc.org. Michelle has taken the lead to update and edit our site, and she continues to do so during the pandemic.

Michelle volunteers at our pet food drives and stays there for its 4 hour duration. At the start, she generously contributes a few 40 to 50 lb. bags of dog kibble and then works with Johanna to weigh in donations. Michelle helps distribute the donated food to the ERA, and has even been seen unloading and stocking their shelves. Her industrial size, digital scale makes life a lot easier when converting ounces to pounds so we know exactly how much donated food we've collected.

Michelle, you've been a loyal, quiet but dynamic behind the scenes worker. We respect your efforts and your computer skills, as well as your creative talents. Today we honor and thank you for all that you've done and continue to do for our club. You've definitely helped bring Lower Bucks into the 21st century!

President's Award – Kris King

For 2020 our second and equally wonderful and well earned Lower Bucks President's Award goes to Kris King. The list of things Kris does for Lower Bucks is long, extensive and significant. Each month when I ask the Board and members of different committees to give me a heads up about what they will discuss at our upcoming membership meetings, Kris' note covers committee responses across the board.

As you all know Kris is our Treasurer, a job most of our members wouldn't want. She has the tedious task of balancing our checkbook and savings accounts, paying our bills and keeping us informed with our finances. As Treasurer Kris also became a Board member, and she is very good at helping to maintain sanity at our meetings.

Kris chairs our Spring Agility trial along with Nancy Andreas. another position most of us wouldn't want. Even in the face of a pandemic, Kris was able to find an alternate date and site last summer and pull off a successful trial, all while dealing with social distancing and mask wearing. Kris heads the Nominating Committee, another position not often sought after, along with Maintenance, Grievances & Code of Ethics, and Membership. She is very good at stepping up when a position opens that we're unable to fill.

Kris has been a faithful assistant for at least the last 10 years at the Tuesday night training class and has a high skill set for what goes on there. She does the financial bookkeeping for our training program and has been Johanna's right hand person at the club's pet food drives.

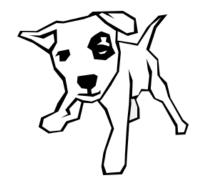
Johanna reports that Kris comes to every food drive, meets and greets the general public, talks about LBDTC's programs and stays until it ends. During the 4 hour drive, Kris calculates and converts all the donated food into pounds. including even those little 3.2 ounce cans, so we know the total weight of food we will be bringing to the food pantries that work with us. Kris also makes sure the donated food is sealed and up to date and that cash donations are calculated. Kris joined Johanna at the Salvation Army and the Emergency Relief Association for deliveries and has even helped stock the shelves at the ERA. During COVID Kris took it upon herself to collect our

members' generous donations for our spring pet food campaign, while at the same time working as co chair to organize a August Agility trial. No job seems to be too much for Kris!

I asked Ken and Johanna for some feedback while writing up Kris' award so it would be all inclusive. Ken referred to Kris as an "amazing person" while Johanna added she is "simply exceptional!" In her quiet way, Kris is working, and often behind the scenes, to help wherever she can.

Thank you, Kris, for all that you do for Lower Bucks. We truly value your loyalty and your dedication. Without a doubt, we couldn't serve the community or run Lower Bucks efficiently without you!

Respectfully submitted, Roz Rosenblatt, Recording Secretary and Awards Chair



Thank You

I want to thank the club for President's Award. It was the nicest letter I've ever received, and I will cherish it forever. It was so kind of everyone to appreciate the small contributions I make to the club. You are all such a great group of people and I'm so glad I got to meet and work with all of you. I'm hoping we can all be together again soon. Thanks so much for your kind words!

All the best, Michelle Dowalo

I'd like to let LBDTC know: It was an honor to receive the President's Award, and I appreciated all the kind comments. I'd like to thank all of you who work as a team to keep this club strong and moving forward. No one person makes that happen and I am so proud of all our members who step up every time to keep things going. It is a pleasure to work with such a great team.

Kris King

Happy Birthday

The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club would like to wish the following members a Happy Birthday!

February Maureen Foley Peggy Lehnen Andie Malloy Taylor Matlack Carol McKinney Esin Ozden



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2020 Titles & Awards Earned By Our Club Members

*Dog: Headsup Cool Hand Luke CDX BN RE TDX TDU SCN SIN CGCA CGCU TKP (Luke) Owner: Roz Rosenblatt AKC Titles: TDU 1st dog in the club to earn a TDU title!

*Dog: Morriesienna's Dream 'N Of A' Hylan Moon BN RI TD THDN CGC TKP ORT (Sherman) Owner: Roz Rosenblatt NACSW: ORT

Dog: CH A'Hylan Bet 'N On A Moonbeam CGC TKI Owner: Roz Rosenblatt AKC Titles Earned: CH in 2016, CGC TKN TKI

*Dog: RACH UCH UCDX Scheherazade Your So Vain CD PCDX PCD BN RM3 RAE3 CA CGC TKI RL1 RL2 (Karli) Owner: Diane Stout CYNO Sport: RL1 RL2 Highest Scores RL1 210, 210, 208

***Dog:** Austin Owners: Barbara Rooney & Diane Stout AKC title: CGC

*Dog: Matzke's Kronk RM NA NAJ NF ACT1 ACT2 AJ RATO DSA CGC TKA Owner: Roger Matzke AKC titles earned: NA NAJ NF OA RM ACT1 ACT2 Scores: Agility: NA (100.95,100); NAJ (100, 100, 100); NF 52, 62, 78); ACT1 (100, 100); ACT2 (100, 100) Scores: Rally RM (98, 98, 100) NADD (National Association of Dock Diving): AJ (Air Retrive Junior) Invite to Nationals; DSA (Dock Distance Advanced) Invite to Nationals

*Dog: Matzke's Odin CD RM RATO CGC TKA RI RL1 Owner: Roger Matzke CYNO SPOR Ttitles earned: RI RL1 Highest Scores: RI 200, 200, 198

*Dog: Whompin Willow Order Of Penix (Willow) Owner: Roger Matzke AKC title: CGC Star Puppy Certificate

***Dog:** A Pocketful of Sunshine RA THDE TKI Owner: Lois Di Marzio AKC title earned: THDA THDX (Therapy titles Advanced & Excellent)

*Dog: CH Tiergwaith Royal Welshman CGC TKN (Jamie)

Owner: Peg Lehnan AKC title earned: TKN

*Dog: UCD Cresthill's Ruby Slippers CDX BN RA TKI CGC (Ruby) Owner: Linda Morrin AKC title earned: CDX

*Dog: Cresthill's Rainbow Connection Serendipities BN RN RI CGC (Emily) Owner: Linda Morrin AKC titles earned: BN

*Dog: Buck Owner: Robin Murphy-Kinley AKC titles: CGC TKN

*Dog: La Heroica's Caliente in High Gear RA RI RL1 ICN1 ICN2 DPUK-BFL1 DBUK-BEFL2 (Cali) Owner: Nancy Andreas International Canine Ninja titles: ICN1 ICN2 Parkour titles: DPUK-BEFL1 DBUK-BEFL2

*Dog: CH La Heroica Tequila TKN RN ICN1 ICN2 DPUK_BEFL1 DPUK-BEFL2 AKC titles: TKN RN ICN titles: ICN1 ICN2 Parkour titles: DPUK-BEFL1 DPUK-BEFL2 Owner: Nancy Andreas

Dog: La Heroica's Empress Carlotta RI RL1 ICN1 ICN2 DPUK-BEFL1 DPU-BEFL2 (Carlotta) Owner: Nancy Andreas ICN titles: ICN1 ICN2 Parkour titles: DPUK-BEFL1 DPUK-BEFL2

*Dog: DnP's The Odds Are In Your Favor CAA DCAT CGC TKN VHMA (Westley) Owners: Patrick & Donna Worthington AKC title earned: TKN VHMA (Virtual Home Manners Adult)

*Dog: GCH CH Jasta's Spirit of Love CD BN RAE ACT1 PT HSAs FDC BCAT TT THDN CGCA CGCU TKP VHMA RL3 (Maverick) Owners: Patrick & Donna Worthington AKC titles earned: HSAs ACT1 VHMA TKP WCR (Cynosport Rally): RL3 Herding: Scores: 94,92 & 89.5 Rally scores: 205, 198, 200 Agility ACT! Scores: 100, 100

*Dog: Memphis-Crestwood's Cause It Never Raines But It Pours (Memphis) TKN VHMA Owners: Donna & Pat Worthington AKC titles: TKN VHMA

***Dog:** Dnp's Timeless Raindrips THN VHMA (River) Owners: Donna & Pat Worthington AKC titles: TKN VHMA AKC Star Puppy Certificate

*Dog: CH Ariel Lindwalk Brooke BN NA NAJ CGC TKI Owners: Andie & Mike Malloy, AKC titles: NA NAJ NF Dog: Cambria's Jack Flash Owners: Linda & Michael Somers AKC title: RN Scores: 94,82,70

Dog: Samwell Owner: Mary Ann McArdle AKC title: CGC

Dog: Finn Owner: Mary Ann McArdle AKC title: 2017 CGC

Dog: Hoss Owner: Clara Heinhold AKC title: 2017 CGC

2020 AKC Star Puppy Certificate *Willow Owner: Roger Matzke

2020 AKC Star Puppy Certificate *River Owner: Donna & Pay Worthington

#9 Rottweiler in Herding Started*MaverickOwners: Donna & Pat Worthington

First Dog At Lower Bucks To Earn A Tracking Dog Urban Title *Luke Owner: Roz Rosenblatt

Mary Pat's Titles: *Dog: Ariel Lindwald Donal Og OA AXJ NF TKN – BC (Dan) AKC titles: AX (Excellent Standard); CH (Champion from the Bred By class)

Mary Pat's titles Continued *Dog: Ariel Leonard H. AX MXJ NF (Leonard) – CKCS Cavalier Club: C-NA CKCSA (Novice Agility); C-NAJ CKCSA (Novice Jumpers)

***Dog:** CH Kellene Resurrection (Jean-Luc) – CKCS Cavalier Club: C-NA CKCSA (Novice Agility); CNAJ CKCSA (Novice Jumpers) *Dog: CH Kellene Beam Me Up Scotty AX AXJ NF TKN (Scotty) –CKCS AKC titles: MX (Master Agility Standarad) MXJ (Master Agility Jumpers) Cavalier Club: C-NA CKCSA (Novice Agility); C-NAJ CKCSA (Novice Jumpers)

Special Awards: Achievement Awards

2020 Most Versatile Dog Award Maverick

2020 Most Versatile Dog Award Kronk

2016 AKC Champion Dog: CH A'Hylan Bet 'N On A Moonbeam

2020 Highest Scoring Dog in Rally Kronk

2020 Highest Scoring Dog in Agility Kronk

2020 Highest Scoring Dog in Agility Brooke

2020 Connie Schofield Award: Lois Di Marzio

2020 President's Award: Michelle Dowalo

2020 President's Award Kris King

Dogs Honored On Our Rainbow Bridge Plaque *Rosie

2001-2020 Owner: Florence Brems

*Peggy Sue 2006-2020 Owner: Diane Stout

***Mowgli** 2010-2020 Owner: Roger Matzke

*Dakota 2009-2020 Owners: Donna & Pat Worthington

***Bailey** 2008-**2019** Owners: Donna & Pat Worthington

***Rebel** 2006-2020 Owner: Gerry Graham-Dickson

***Baci Mike** 2009-2020 Owner: Johanna Molitano

New Lower Bucks Plaques given to: *CH A'Hylan Bet 'N On A Moonbeam *River *Memphis *Willow *Buck *Jack *Samwell *Finn

DONATIONS



Your generosity and kindness will help Marty's Place enrich the lives of senior dogs and offer them a forever home if their owners can no longer care for them.

Financial contributions can be made by check – payable to *Marty's Place Senior Dog Sanctuary* or online through our website using PayPal or a credit card. In-kind donations (of items our dogs use) and gift cards are great too!



Marty's Place Senior Dog Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax-deductible.

SPONSORSHIPS

Help support the care of our residents by sponsoring a dog room. A custom-made boneshaped plaque with your personalized message will hang outside the room you sponsor.

The donation is \$500, renewable annually. Form and payment information available online.





For additional information or more ways to help, please visit our website: <u>http://www.martysplace.org</u>.



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WHAT IS MARTY'S PLACE?

Marty's Place is a long-term care sanctuary for senior dogs – age 7 or older - whose owners can no longer care for them.

Our facility, in Upper Freehold, NJ features:

- Individual dog rooms for 24-28 residents
- Indoor lounges, outdoor activity areas
- Memorial garden & reflection area
- 25-plus acres of wooded walking trails



Our residents receive physical and emotional care, attention, affection and enrichment in a safe, loving, family-like environment.

WHY MARTY'S PLACE?

Dogs come to Marty's Place for various reasons, including their owner's:

- Relocation or displacement
- Medical issues
- Financial hardship
- Estate planning provisions

We primarily support pet owners. However, there may be instances when we work with animal welfare organizations to help a senior dog in need.

Senior dogs find a loving home at Marty's Place for as long as they need it - and if they need it - for the rest of their lives



SANCTUARY LIFE

Life at Marty's Place is stimulating and engaging. Each resident has ample living space, plenty of human and canine companionship, consistent health care and access to activities suited to their age and abilities.

An enclosed, in ground, salt-water pool at our Dog Swim Center is available to residents who enjoy swimming and would benefit from the exercise.



NON-RESIDENT SWIM PROGRAM



Our swim program is also open to nonresident dogs of all ages, individually or in small groups.

Sessions are available by appointment and are supervised by a

professional swim instructor.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Become a Marty's Place Volunteer

Your importance to the Sanctuary and especially to the well-being of the senior dogs who live here cannot be overstated.



Dog Care and Socialization is the cornerstone of life at Marty's Place – and the area where volunteers are most needed. It involves:

- Walks
- Grooming
- Room cleaning and sanitizing
- Laundry
- Feeding
- Outdoor play
- Indoor socialization
- And of course, nap time



We also appreciate help with program support tasks such as groundskeeping, office work, fundraising and outreach.

Adults (over 18) please visit our website to apply online.

Youth (14-18) or groups wanting to volunteer together, contact: <u>info@martysplace.org</u> or (609) 259-1278.