



Bucks Barker

Newsletter of The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club, Inc.

February 2024

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Next Meeting

Monday
February 5, 2024
7:30 PM

LBDC Training Site
8746 New Falls Road
Levittown, PA 19054

Congratulations!

LBDC congratulates our members and their dogs on all their achievements.

LBDC Annual Awards 2023

Lower Bucks Dog Training Club congratulates its members and their dogs on their achievements in 2023.

Please see the list of awards and Awards Luncheon photos below.

Connie Schofield Award 2023

KRIS KING

I am happy to announce that we have a Connie Schofield clone in our midst. She is

another member of Lower Bucks whose presence is everywhere, giving back to all the communities we serve. There isn't a thing Lower Bucks does or an event Lower Bucks hosts that Kris King is not a big part of. Whether it be her job on the Board as Treasurer, not an easy job I might add, or serving as Chair of a committee, about 7 committees in all, Kris is on the job. She served for many years as our Agility Chair and is currently chairing our Finance Committee, along with our Grievance and Code of Ethics Committee, and our Maintenance, Membership, Ways and Means and Nominating Committees. One wonders where she finds the time to be so helpful and to do so much for our club! Kris can always be seen helping at our Obedience and Rally trials and our Agility trials. She's a wonderful assistant to Johanna at our food drives, and when I served as Recording Secretary, Kris was always there to help me and offer her support. She is also a valued training assistant, and I'm told emphatically, that she's good at it!

Kris is a wonderful addition to our membership and has been with Lower Bucks through thick and thin for many years. She serves on the Board as a steady force. She is kind, endearing, patient, respectful, upbeat, well liked and always willing to lend a hand in any way she can.

We can't thank you enough, Kris, for all that you do for Lower Bucks. Without a doubt, we couldn't exist without you, nor would we want to!

Respectfully submitted on
1/14/24 by Roz Rosenblatt
Awards Chair

President's Award 2023

MARY ANN MCCARDLE

I'd like to honor another club member whose dedication to Lower Bucks stands out and deserves recognition. One of our 2023 President's Awards today goes to Mary Ann McCardle. Her name has been brought to my attention by several club members. It is no surprise to me that others think highly of her. One of my first encounters with Mary Ann was at a Rally trial many years ago. It was back in the day when our Rally trials at Up Front Farm were held on Friday nights. When the trial was over, the parking area was very dark, and Mary Ann noticed me struggling to get to my car with my belongings. Without asking, she was at my side, her phone on flashlight mode to offer me light and assistance. I thanked Mary Ann at the time and thank her again now for helping me navigate to my car on a late, dark night.

At Lower Bucks Mary Ann is a prominent fixture. She helps at our Obedience and puppy classes and is always eager to learn. She is humble with her students and asks before giving them advice. Mary Ann spends many hours as a training assistant and thoroughly enjoys watching her students learn and

go on to earn their CGC titles. She also stewards at many Lower Bucks trials and has no fear of working the "dreaded table" that so many other club members purposely avoid.

Mary Ann joined the audit committee and volunteered to help at Saturday classes, a job that before her offer to assist was hard to fill.

Mary Ann is kind to her fellow club members and their dogs, offering her inground pool on a hot day. She is willing to watch dogs when help is needed so keep her in mind the next time you need a dog sitter.

Mary Ann took over the tedious job of rearranging and redoing the lovely pictures you see hanging on our walls, and as mentioned, she is the first to raise her hand to help with jobs that no one else seems to want, cleaning our training site being one of them.

Mary Ann is passionate about our club and recommends Lower Bucks every chance she gets. She comes to our food drives with both of her dogs and sets a good example because she handles them well.

Thank you, Mary Ann, for all that you do for Lower Bucks. We truly appreciate your efforts!

President's Award 2023

TERRI KERR and TAMMY GIBSON

Our final 2023 President's Award today goes to two club members who stand out and deserve recognition. A truly sincere thank you to Terri Kerr

and Tammy Gibson who set up and run spectacular Obedience/Rally trials for us. Gone are the days of Lower Bucks hosting a trial outside in the rain, the wind, the mud, or the snow. Yes, one year we had snow in April. Our judges no longer work with stained fingers because their leather gloves got soaked in a downpour. No longer do club members run the night before a trial with a truck load of ring gates, jumps and lawn mowers because the grass at the park is too long.

Terri as our Trial Chair and Tammy as our Trial Secretary together do a great job presenting a well-run trial in a clean and well-lit building with plenty of room for parking, not to mention offering an outstanding parking attendant on the job! (Thank you, Ken, for being at Up Front early in the morning to get our cars moving and parked.) Inside the building Terri and Tammy make sure that the mats are vacuumed, and the thermostat reads warm in cold weather and cool on a hot day. All Lower Bucks members are welcome regardless of whether they are showing their dogs. There is plenty of good food to eat and sometimes a photographer on site. I have been to many Obedience trials in my 20 plus on and off years of showing my Westies and it is truly the only place where my dogs and I feel comfortable. Yes, we may be nervous before our turn in the ring, but the site itself is great.

Before Terri and Tammy came on the scene, it was my job to find judges for our trials. What a struggle that was for me! I was always on the phone with Diane Stout for recommendations. I was busy writing letters,

sending emails, and researching judges on AKC's website. I found it challenging to find good judges that were available and would also draw a crowd. Thank you, Terri, and Tammy. You know who to ask to be our judges and you take care of all our trial arrangements. All we have to do as Lower Bucks members is show up to a perfectly set up trial site the day of the event with stewards on hand if we need them. What more can we ask for!

It is our pleasure today to present you with an engraved plaque to hang at Up Front Farm. It will show others in the building how much Lower Bucks members appreciate all that you do for us at every Obedience/Rally trial we sponsor!

Respectfully submitted on
1/14/24 by Roz Rosenblatt
Awards Chair

LBDTC 2024 Board Members

The LBDTC 2024 Board Members were sworn in at the LBDTC Annual Awards Luncheon in January.

Liz Turner **President**

Helen Shaup **Vice President**

Ken McKinney **Recording Secretary**

Judy Youngken
Corresponding Secretary

Kris King **Treasurer**

Nancy Andreas **Member at Large**

Claire Amy Roberts **Member at Large**

Florence Brems **Past President**

Training Committee has agreed to stay on, Judy M, Robin and Carol Mc

Kris King
Nominating Committee
Chairperson

Training Committee

Due to a rough weather start to January (torrential rains, then a snowstorm), some of the winter classes had to cancel, causing an adjustment to the 2024 overall schedule of classes. It is now as follows:

Winter: January 8 - March 16
(some classes)

Break: March 16 - March 24

Spring: March 25 - May 18

Break: May 19 - June 2

Summer: June 3 - July 27

Break: July 28 - September 22

Fall: September 23 - November 16

We are interested in taking orders for club shirts and hoodie style sweatshirts. When I get the detailed information on ordering, I will put out an email to club members. Please be on alert for that if you are interested in ordering.

Don't forget that Peggy is offering an **Introduction to Nosework class**. This is not available through the website. Dates: Thursdays from February 22 through March 21
Time: 7:30 - 8:30

Price: \$50 non-members; \$40 members (Paid to Peggy at first class night)

Must bring: crate for your dog and yummy treats

To register, email or call Carol at 215-313-3659

or mckinney215@comcast.net

With the variety of types of classes that we offer, please be mindful that there is also a variety of training equipment sitting around our club. Sometimes we might not realize that an object is actually a valuable resource for another class. Please try to find out what something is used for before destroying, throwing out or handling in a careless manner.

On the other hand, do not leave items on the front counter indefinitely. There are often lost/left behind articles such as jackets, water mugs, etc. or papers of interest for client/members to take. While this is the place for these things to be shared/noticed, we sometimes have papers that have been there for lengthy time periods which then accumulate and become untidy. If you put something out for the benefit of others, please don't leave it there for more than a couple weeks. Thank you.

Have a continued great winter season.

Carol, Judy, Robin

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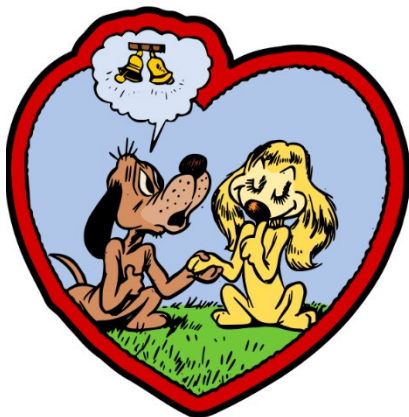
Liz Turner visited a friend at the Del Val Veterans' Home. He loved his doggy visit and he and his wife expressed interest in arranging visits from LBDTC. I contacted the social director. They are very interested. However, at this time with

everyone trapped inside, there are a lot of germs floating around and they don't want to share germs. They would like to wait until the weather is warmer and windows can be opened.

How many people would be interested in bringing their dog? They are only requiring proof of rabies, not therapy dog certification. I have 2 therapy dogs and right now with my balance issues, I can't handle either. If someone would like to see what therapy work is like, this is a perfect opportunity to handle a seasoned veteran who knows the ropes. Contact me if you want to work one of my dogs or your own. What is your best day and time? I'll see what I can work out.

Remember, this is a visit to a veterans' home. These people put their lives on the line to keep us safe. Couldn't you bring a little sunshine to their lives? And if your dog isn't quite ready, just bring yourself and talk to the veterans. You'll be amazed at how good it makes you feel. The veterans aren't the only ones to get sunshine in their lives.

Lois DiMarzio



LBDTC Obedience Trial January 1, 2024

**Obedience Trial
Monday, January 1, 2024**

Please see photos below.

LBDTC Obedience/ Rally Trials April 20 & 21, 2024

**LBDTC Obedience Trial
Saturday, April 20, 2024**

**LBDTC Rally Trial
Sunday, April 21, 2024**

Up Front Dog Training Center
128 Arneystown-Hornerstown
Road
Allentown, NJ 08501

Entries Open: February 14,
2024, 8:00am
Entries Close: April 3, 2024,
6:00pm

LBDTC Agility Trial May 19, 2024

**Agility Trial
Sunday, May 19, 2024**

United Dog
1957 Pioneer Road, Unit B-6
Huntingdon Valley, PA, 19006

Pending

LBDTC Agility Trials June 7, 8 & 9, 2024

**Agility Trials
Friday, June 7, 2024
Saturday, June 8, 2024
Sunday, June 9, 2024**

United Dog
1957 Pioneer Road, Unit B-6
Huntingdon Valley, PA, 19006

Pending

LBDTC Obedience/ Rally Trials July 6 & 7, 2024

**LBDTC Obedience Trial
Saturday, July 6, 2024**

**LBDTC Rally Trial
Sunday, July 7, 2024**

Up Front Dog Training Center
128 Arneystown-Hornerstown
Road
Allentown, NJ 08501

Pending

LBDTC Agility Trials August 24 & 25, 2024

**Lower Bucks Dog Training
Club, Inc. Agility Trials**

Saturday & Sunday
August 24 & 25 2024

Y2K9s Dog Sports Club
601 Davisville Rd, Suite 150
Willow Grove, PA 19090

Pending

LBDTC Obedience December 30, 2024

**LBDTC Obedience Trial
Monday, December 30, 2024**

Up Front Dog Training Center
128 Arneystown-Hornerstown
Road
Allentown, NJ 08501

Pending



Happy Birthday

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

February

Maureen Foley
Tracie Hopkins
Peggy Lehnen
Taylor Matlack
Carol McKinney

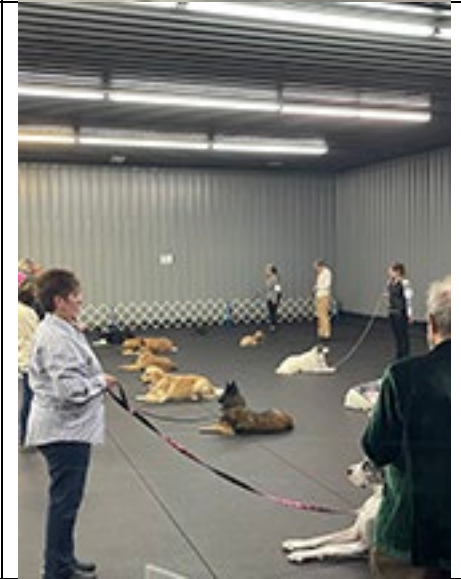
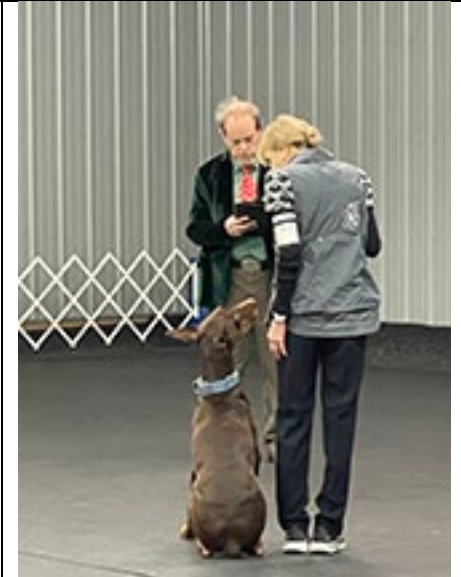
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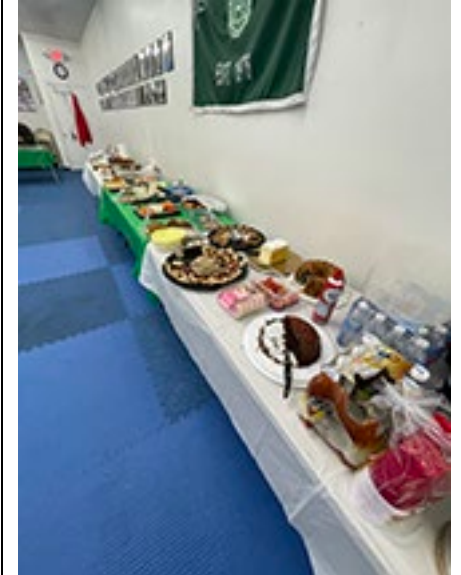
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LBDTC OBEDIENCE TRIAL January 1, 2024



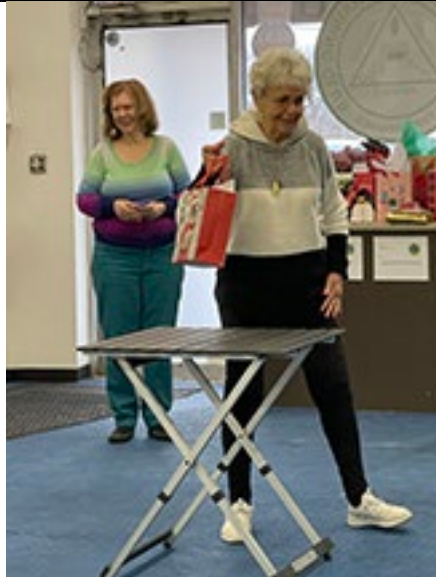


LBDTC Awards Luncheon January 14, 2024





LB DTC Awards Luncheon Gift Auction



Photographs by Ken McKinney

2023 Awards Member List - Titles Earned

***Dog:** Morriesienna's Dream 'N Of A' Hylan Moon CD BN RA RI TD SWN THDN CGC TKP ORT (Sherman)

Owner: Roz Rosenblatt

AKC: SBN SWN

***Dog:** CH A'Hylan Bet 'N On A Moonbeam BN RN RI SWN CGC TKI ORT (Bette)

Owner: Roz Rosenblatt

AKC: SCN SIN SEN SBN SWN

***Dog:** Headsup Cool Hand Luke CDX BN RE TDX TDU SWA CGCA CGCU TKP ORT (Luke)

Owner: Roz Rosenblatt

AKC: SBA SWA

***Dog:** Stone Run Last Jubilee CD BN RN RI CGC (Austin)

Owners: Barbara Rooney & Diane Stout

AKC title: RI

3 highest scores: 193, 198, 187

***Dog:** Scheherazade There You Go CD BN RE TKI CGC (Alecia)

Owner: Diane Stout

AKC: PCDX

Scores: 185, 192, 193

***Dog:** Scheherazade Candy Man CD BN (Sammy)

Owner: Jan Garbutt

AKC titles earned: 2022 BN; 2023 CD

***Dog:** Agent Coulson of Groton S.H.I.E.L.D RE

Owners: Claire-Amy & Jonathan Robers

AKC title earned: RE

***Dog:** Matzke's Kronk RM AX MXJ MXF ACT2 RATO DSA AS AJ HDJ CGC TKA IAC2 IWAC SSS RL1

Owner: Roger Matzke

UKI Agility titles earned: IAC IAC2 IWAC

3 Highest Scores in Agility: 100, 100, 100

Certificates earned: UKI Agility Bronze

UKI 2023 US Open Masters Final Qualification Twice

***Dog:** Whompin Willow Order Of Phenix OA OAJ NF ACT2 ACT2J CGC TKN BID
(Willow)

Owner: Roger Matzke

AKC titles earned: OAJ NF OA

UKI title earned: BID

3 highest scores in Agility: 95 95 90

Certificate earned: UKI 2023 US Open Masters Final Qualification

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

Owners: Doug & Peg Lehnan

AKC title earned: RAE

***Dog:** CH Tiergwaith Christmas Serenade, RE SCN SCA SIA SEA CGC (Serry)

Owners: Doug & Peg Lehnen

AKC titles earned: SCA SIA SEA

***Dog:** UCD Cresthill's Ruby Slippers CDX BN RE SWA CGC TKI (Ruby)

Owner: Linda Morrin

AKC title earned: SCN SIN SWN SIA SEA SCA SBA SWA

***Dog:** Cresthill's Rainbow Connection CD BN RA RI SWN ORT (Emily)

Owner: Linda Morrin

AKC titles earned: SEN SCN SIN SBN SWN

NACSW: ORT

***Dog:** GCH CH Jasta's Spirit of Love CD BN RM3 RAE4 HSAd HSAsM FDC BCAT
ACT1 ACT2 TT THDA CGCA CGCU TKP VHMA VSWB FITS (Maverick)

Owners: Patrick & Donna Worthington

AKC titles earned RAE4 RM2 RM3 VSWB FITB FITS

Rally scores: 100,100,1?00?

Certificates earned: Invite to the Rally Nationals

American Rottweiler Club Ranking 6 in Herding Started

American Rottweiler Club Ranking 9th in Rally Excellent

***Dog:** Memphis-Crestwood's Cause It Never Rains But It Pours (Memphis) BN CGCA TKI
VHMA

Owners: Donna & Pat Worthington

AKC title: BN TKI ACT1J ACT2J CGCU TKA FITB

***Dog:** Dnp's Timeless Raindrops ACT1J CGCA CGCU TKN VHMA (River)

Owners: Donna & Pat Worthington

AKC titles: CGCU FITB

Certificate: Alliance of Therapy Dog Certificate

Dog: Dnp's The Odds Are In Your Favor CAA DCAT CGCA CGCU TKI VHMA (Westley)
Owners: Donna & Pat Worthington
AKC titles earned: CGCU

***Dog:** Jax Hopkins
Owner: Tracie Hopkins
AKC titles earned: 2022 CGC; 2023: FITB FITS

***Dog:** Tenn 2 Penn Country 6 String TKI CGC (Gibson)
Owner: Kimberlee Anderson
AKC titles earned: 2021 CGC; 2023 TKN TKI

***Dog:** Ariel Linwald Raibeart Ruadh PT FDC MX AXJ MXF RN TKN CGC (Robbie)-BC
Owner: Mary Pat
AKC title earned: MXJ – Master Agility Jumpers

***Dog:** Ariel Linwald Ciaran – BC (Ciaran)
Owner: Mary Pat
AKC titles: NAJ NF NA OJ OF

***Dog:** CH Kellene Beam Me Up Scotty MX MXJ OF TKN C-OA C-OAJ CKCS (Scotty)
Owner: Mary Pat
AKC titles: MACH – Master Agility Champion
T2B – Time to Beat
C-AX – Excellent Agility (CKCSC, Inc.)
C-OAJ – Open Jumpers (CKCSC, Inc.)

Dog: Ruby Jane Roundhouse BCAT CGC
Owner: Donna Allen
AKC title earned: CGC BCAT

Dogs that passed in 2023 whose names were added to our Rainbow Bridge Plaque:

Dog: Carlota
Owner: Nancy Andreas
2008-2023

Dog: Meggie
Owner: Liz Turner
2009-2023

Dog: Charlie
Owner: Lauren Morrell
2020-2023

Special Achievement Awards

2023

Versatile Dog Award

Maverick

2023

Highest Scoring Dog in Rally

Maverick

2023

Highest Scoring Dog in Agility

Kronk

2023

Highest Titling Dog In Agility

Master Agility Champion

Scotty

2023

Highest Scoring Dog in Obedience

Alecia

2023

President's Award

MaryAnn McCardle

2023 President's Award

Terri Kerr

Tammy Gibson

With Sincere Appreciation

2023 Lower Bucks

Connie Schofield Award

Kris King

Congratulations to all titlists and award recipients!

Respectfully submitted.

Roz Rosenblatt Awards Chair