



Bucks Barker

Newsletter of The Lower Bucks Dog Training Club, Inc.

March 2025

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Next Meeting

Monday
March 3, 2025
7:30 PM

LBDTC Training Site
8746 New Falls Road
Levittown, PA 19054

A LBDTC Board Meeting
will follow the general
membership meeting

Congratulations!

Linda Morrin tells us: Emily (L). Ruby (R) Morrin enjoying time in North Carolina after Ruby finishing her NACSW Odor Recognition Test!!!

Dogs must complete the ORT to enter NACSW Trials. We are Still competing in AKC too!

Ruby had 2 cysts removed (1 from each eye) by Dr Martha Low at Blue Pearl. Great post-surgical report great care !!

We all needed A vacation after 2 weeks of the dreaded cone.



Photo from Linda Morrin

John Hoffman

Memories of John Hoffman

John passed away January 26 after a prolonged battle with Parkinson's Disease and cancer. He is survived by his wife Joan and fur kids. They were some of the founding fathers of the Lower Bucks Dog Training Club.

I met John around 1978 when he was teaching obedience classes at Upper Moreland Adult Night School. After my second set of classes with him with a second dog, I decided to look into LBDTC for further training.

They lived in New Jersey near Frenchtown I think. John originally showed Keeshonden in obedience and Joan showed them in breed. He eventually switched to Shellies because he said Keesies were not structurally sound for repeated jumping. He had great success in the ring with Bairnie. I believe they earned a UD. He wanted

to be a judge, but I don't think he ever became one. They moved to a retirement village in upstate PA and dropped out of LBDTC.

He was a great friend and mentor to many members of the club through the years. Those who have belonged to the club for a lot of years might remember John wearing kilts to the awards banquets.

Lois DiMarzio

LBDTC 2024 Awards

Please see the list of the LBDTC 2024 Awards below.

Many thanks to Roz Rosenblatt for organizing the Awards each year.

Please see photos of the Awards below.

Training Committee

Spring Classes: 3/24 - 5/17
Registration: Now through 3/20
CGC and AKC Star Puppy testing is this week (3/3 - 3/8)

Two important announcements: We are excited to announce that Robin Kinley is LBDTC's new training director. We believe her knowledge and skills will serve this office with a great sense of responsibility and professionalism.

Our second announcement is that Kim Cheshire-Kinney has completed her training period and is now an Obedience I and II instructor in addition to her on-going roll as our Intro to Agility instructor. We know that she will be instrumental in

guiding clients and their dogs to become well-mannered companions.

Congratulations to both Robin and Kim.
Carol

Pennsbury Career Fair Night

LBDTC Attends Annual Pennsbury Career Fair Night

On Monday, February 24th members of LBDTC and their dogs represented the club at Pennsbury School Districts annual Career Fair Night. Several dozen businesses, government agencies, and non-profit organizations were represented. Many students and their families visited the and spoke with the respective representatives at their display tables.

Many thanks to our ambassadors, the Lehnens, the Kostners, and Helen Shaup for supporting this community event. Of course, the dogs were the ultimate "HIT" of the night.

Community Service Committee

PET FOOD DRIVE

SAVE THE DATE!

We're waiting for confirmation from ShopRite of Fairless Hills for us to hold our annual summer pet food drive. We've requested Saturday, June 21, 2025 from 10am to 2pm at their location in the Queen Anne

Shopping Plaza. Details to follow.

Johanna Molitano,
Chair Community Services
Committee

WAG MORE, BARK LESS

Delaware Valley Veterans' Home

Dear LBDTC members,

I talked to Kristian, the social director. Things have changed a bit at the home. If you want to visit, you MUST send in your vaccine records 24 hours before your first visit. Once you're registered, you're good for life or til they change the rules. You do not have to have a registered therapy dog. Just a nice dog.

Send your vaccination records. To register your dog; Email to Krali@pa.gov

Any Friday morning at 10AM is good. Everyone who is interested, check your schedule and let me know what Friday you can do. We were thinking either the 7th or 21st.

I'm still in a wheelchair and have no clue when I'll be able to walk with a dog again. I can pretty much guarantee I will not be visiting in March. Someone will need to step up as "ring master" of our little group of performers. Your dog doesn't need to do tricks, just love pets.

Please respond to Lois if you are interested or if you can help coordinate the visit.

Lois DiMarzio

**LBDTC
ISC Agility Trial
February 20, 2025**

**LBDTC ISC Agility Trial
Thursday, February 20, 2025**

Gloucester County Dream Park
400 Rt.130 South
Swedesboro, NJ 08085

Opening Date – January 07,
2025 at 8:00am
Closing Date – February 04,
2025 at 6:00pm

**LBDTC
Obedience Trials
April 18 & 19, 2025**

**LBDTC Obedience Trial
Friday, April 18, 2025**

**LBDTC Obedience Trial
Saturday, April 19, 2025**

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

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**LBDTC Obedience
and Rally Trials
May 10 & 11, 2025**

**LBDTC Obedience Trial
Saturday, May 10, 2025**
Pending

**LBDTC Rally Trial
Sunday, May 11, 2025**
Approved

Up Front Dog Training Center
128 Arneystown-Hornerstown
Road
Allentown, NJ 08501
Opening Date – February 05, 2025 at

8:00am
Closing Date – April 23, 2025 at
6:00pm

**LBDTC Agility Trial
May 18, 2025**

**Agility Trial
Sunday, May 18, 2025**

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

Pending

**LBDTC
Agility Trials
June 6, 7 & 8 2025**

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

Friday, Saturday & Sunday
June 6, 7 & 8, 2025

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

Pending

**LBDTC Obedience
and Rally Trials
July 5 & 6 2025**

**LBDTC Obedience Trial
Saturday, July 5, 2025**

**LBDTC Rally Trial
Sunday, July 6, 2025**

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

Opening Date – April 23, 2025
at 8:00am

Closing Date – June 18, 2025
at 6:00pm

**LBDTC Agility Trials
August 23 & 24 2025**

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

Saturday & Sunday
August 23 and 24, 2025

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

Pending

**LBDTC Obedience
Trial
December 31, 2025**

**LBDTC Obedience Trial
Wednesday, December 31,
2025**

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

Pending

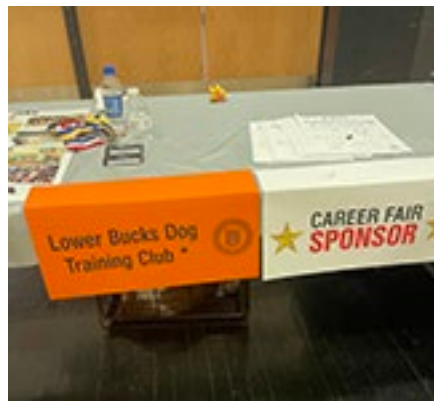
Happy Birthday

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

March

Donna Czekner
Tammy Gibson
Kim Kinney
Roger Matzke
Claire-Amy Roberts
Jonathan Sparkes
Clare Weikel
Donna Worthington

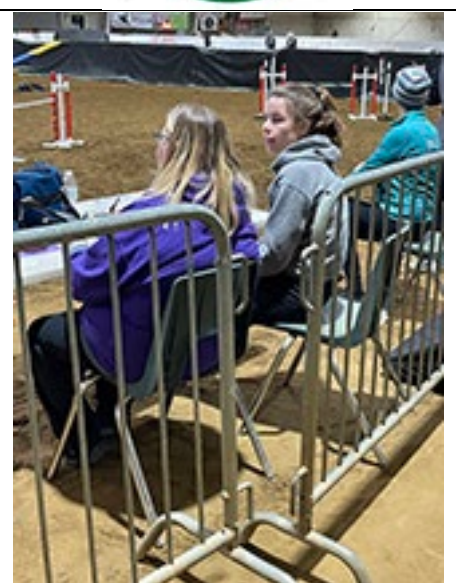
Pennsbury Career Fair

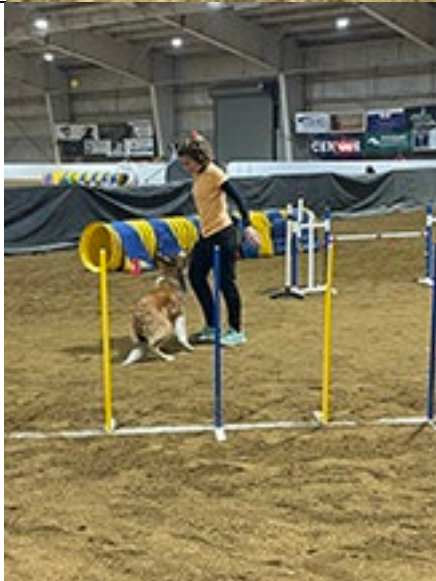
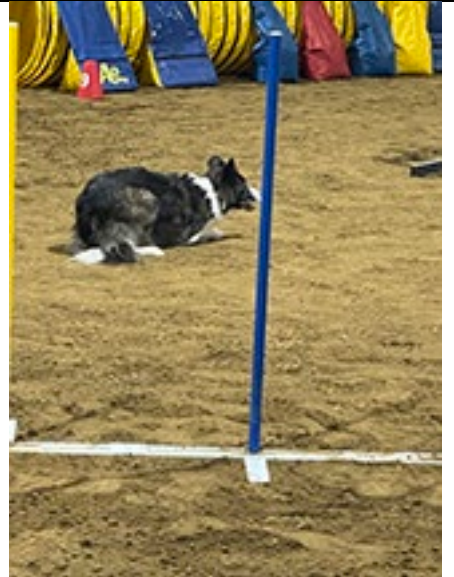


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LBDTC Agility at Dream Farm





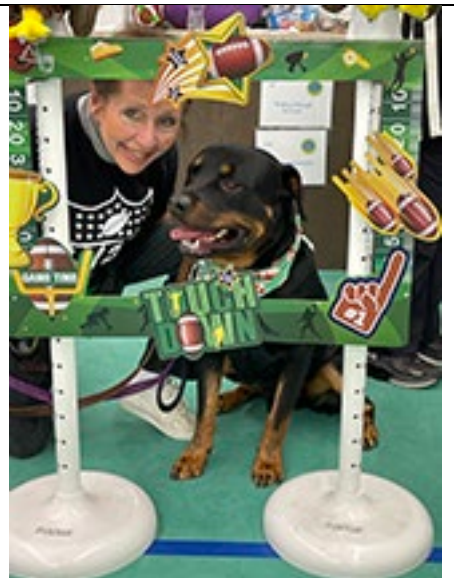
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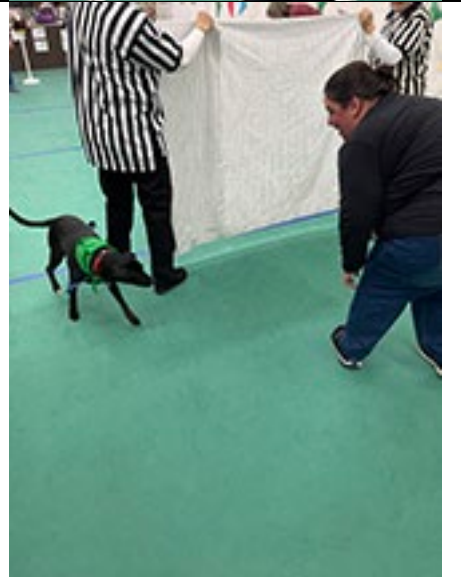
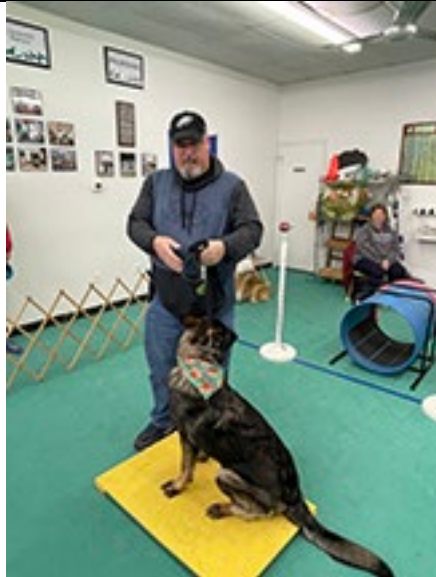
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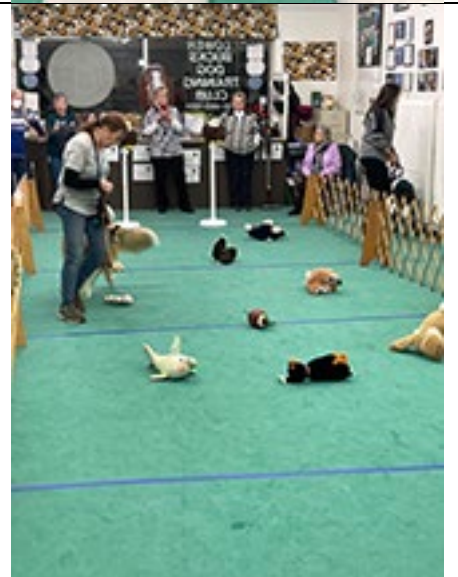
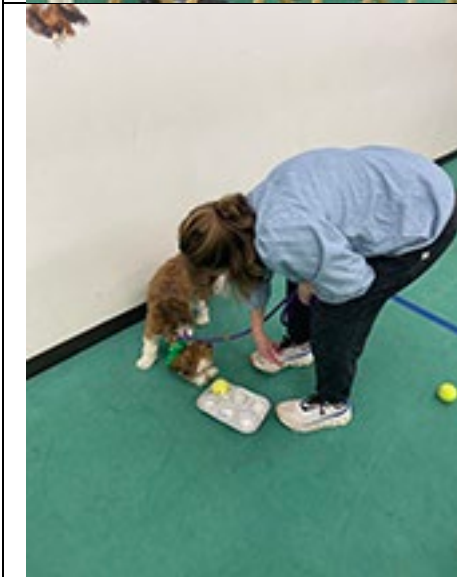
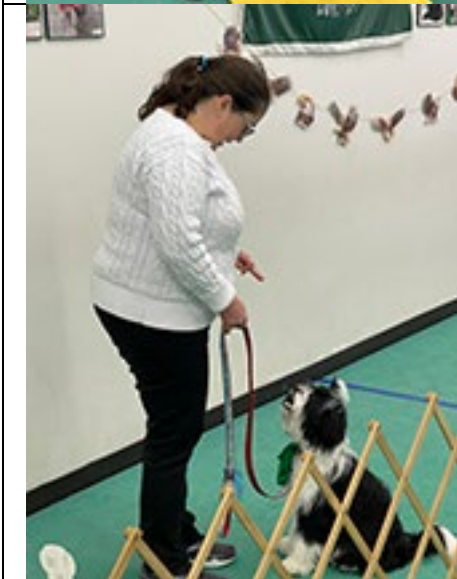
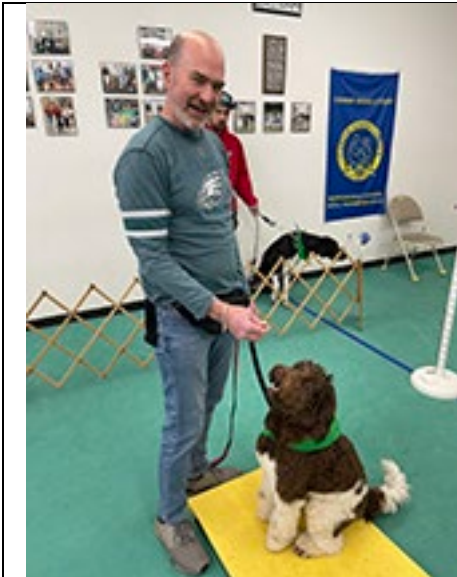
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**LBDTC
Puppy
Bowl**







Photographs
from
Ken McKinney



Photo from Helen Shaup



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**LBDTC
2024
Awards**





Photographs
from
Ken McKinney



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2024 Awards Member List - Titles Earned

***Dog:** Morriesienna's Dream 'N Of A' Hylan Moon
CD BN RA RI TD THDN SWA CGC TKP
NW1-Pronounced ORT (Sherman)
Owner: Roz Rosenblatt
AKC: SIA SCA SEA SBA SWA
NACSW: NW1-Pronounced

***Dog:** CH A'Hylan Bet 'N On A Moonbeam
BN RE RI SWA CGC TKI VDA NW2 L1C ORT (Bette)
Owner: Roz Rosenblatt
AKC: SIA SEA SBA SCA SWA RA RE
NACSW: L1C NW1 NW2
WHWTCA: VDA

***Dog:** Headsup Cool Hand Luke
CDX BN RE TDX TDU SWA SCE CGCA CGCU TKP VDA
NW1 ORT (Luke)
Owner: Roz Rosenblatt
AKC: SCE
NACSW: NW1

***Dog:** Odie's Second Time Around
Owners: Sandy & Tom Whiteside
AKC: RN

***Dog:** Stone Run Last Jubilee CD BN RE RI CGC (Austin)
Owners: Barbara Rooney & Diane Stout
AKC title: RA RE

***Dog:** Samwell Tarly Son Of Majik Timelord CGCA (Samwell)
Owner: Mary Ann McArdle
AKC title: CGCA

***Dog:** Finn Morgan II RN CGCA (Finn)
Owner: Mary Ann McArdle
AKC title: CGCA RN

***Dog:** Bangs Extraordinary Journey-Rogo CGC (Gus)

Owners: Judy & Ron Matlack

AKC: CGC

***Dog:** MACH Matzke's Kronk RM MX MXJ MJB MFB TQX T2B
ACT2 RATO DSA AS AJ HDJ CGC TKA IAC2 IWAC SSS

Owner: Roger Matzke

AKC titles earned: MACH - Master Agility Champion

TQX - Triple Q Excellent.

MX – Master Agility Excellent

MFB Master Bronze Fast

T2B – Time 2 Beat

MJB – Master Bronze Jumper

MXB – Master Bronze Agility

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

Owners: Doug & Peg Lehnan

AKC title earned: RAE

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

Owners: Doug & Peg Lehnen

AKC titles earned: SBN SWN SIA SEA

***Dog:** CH Tiergwaith Miri Geneth TKI CGC (Claire)

Owners: Doug & Peg Lehnen

AKC title: CH

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

Owner: Linda Morrin

AKC title earned: SWE

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

Owner: Linda Morrin

AKC titles earned: SWA

***Dog:** Cosmo Stellar Star NA NAJ OA OAJ (Cosmo)

Owners: Bill & Kim Kinney

AKC: NA NAJ OA OAJ

***Dog:** GCH CH Jasta's Spirit of Love CD BN RM3 RAE4 HSAd
HSAsM FDC BCAT ACT1 ACT2 TT THDA CGCA CGCU TKP
VHMA VSWI FITG (Maverick)
Owners: Patrick & Donna Worthington
AKC titles earned RACH VSWI FITG

***Dog:** Memphis-Crestwood's Cause It Never Rains But It Pours
BN RN ACT2J CGCA CGCU TKA VHMA FITB (Memphis)
Owners: Donna & Pat Worthington
AKC title: RN

***Dog:** Dnp's Timeless Raindrops
ACT1J CCA THDN CGCA CGCU TKN VHMA FITB (River)
Owners: Donna & Pat Worthington
AKC titles: CCA THDN

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

***Dog:** Jax Hopkins BCAT FITS TKN CGC
Owner: Tracie Hopkins
AKC titles earned: BCAT TKN

***Dog:** Ariel Linwald Raibeart Ruadh
PT FDC MX MXJ MXF RN TKN CGC (Robbie)-BC
Owner: Masry Pat Ezzo
AKC Titles earned: T2B – Time to Beat

***Dog:** Ariel Linwald Ciaran NA OAJ OF-BC (Ciaran)
Owner: Mary Pat Ezzo
AKC titles: OA – Open Standard, HIT – Herding Tested

***Dog:** CH Ariel Linwald Donal Og, MX MXF TKN HT-BC (Dan)
Owner: Mary Pat Ezzo
AKC title earned: T2B – Time to Beat

***Dog:** Ariel Linwald Stiubhart Beag-BC (Stuart)
Owner: Mary Pat Ezzo
AKC titles earned: NF – Novice Fast, NAJ – Novice Agility Jumpers

***Dog:** Kellene Bad to the Bone (George) -CKCS
Owner: Mary Pat Ezzo
AKC title earned: CH – Breed Champion

***Dog:** Ruby Jane Roundhouse DCAT FITB CGC
Owner: Donna Allen
AKC title earned: DCAT FITB

***Dog:** Companion's Rayleigh Scattering
Owner: Tammy Gibson
AKC title earned: RACH

Certificates: Made By Florence

Dog: Kronk
Owner: Roger Matzke
UKI 2024
Masters Final – Round 2 Bye

Dog: Sherman
Owner: Roz Rosenblatt
NACSW: “Pronounced Designation”
Dog Handler Team Showing Exceptional Teamwork
NW1 title - 12/7/24.

Engravings on our Rainbow Plaque:

Dog: Molly
Owner: Dane & Ernie Kostner
3/16/10-7/4/24

Dog: Satchmo
Owners: Sandy & Tom Whiteside
5/19/11-2/22/24

Dog: Tequilla
Owner: Nancy Andreas
5/5/10-7/3/24

***Special Awards:**

2024

MACH

Kronk

2024

RACH

Companion's Rayleigh Scattering

2024

RACH

Maverick

2024

Versatile Dog Award

Maverick

2024

Dog That Earned The Most Titles

Bette

2024 President's Award

Doug Lehn

2024 Connie Scofield Award

Peggy Lehn

Congratulations to our dog/handler teams for an outstanding 2024. We are impressed by your talents and wish you continued success in the canine world of competition!

Respectfully submitted,

Roz Rosenblatt, Awards Chair

2024 Connie Schofield Award

I am proud to announce that this year's Connie Schofield Award is presented to Peggy Lehen. Peggy is a club member who embodies Connie's positive attitude and enthusiasm, while understanding and promoting appropriate canine behavior. She also exemplifies Connie's spirit of giving back to the community in which we live.

I had the opportunity to witness Peggy Lehen firsthand at the Veterans' home while we were visiting there in November. I was handling Lois's dogs but couldn't help but notice Peggy's handling of Claire while she was interacting with the retired Veterans. I went out of my way to email Peg soon after our visit to tell her how impressed I was watching her interact with the residents. Peg is a natural at therapy work and so is Claire.

Peggy has done a lot of therapy work. She participated for several years in Pennsbury High School's Career Night and has traveled with club members to visit schools in Bucks County and spread cheer at local facilities. Congratulations on Claire's recent registration with the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. We know she is a welcome addition to the group.

Peggy helps with our food drives and ran the board for us at one of our Agility trials. She helps with setting up and cleaning up at our Awards luncheon. She also runs the auction for us with Doug. Both were quick to take over the job when we lost Andie Malloy and Andy Burke as the leaders of our game.

Peggy taught Rally classes at Lower Bucks for many years. She also taught Nose Work classes to members who showed interest in the growing sport.

Like Doug, Peggy also has creative talents. She sewed our banners, our tablecloths and made curtains to cover the mirrors at our training site. I'm sure she helped Doug with the purchase of the mirrors and the new mats we bought to cover our floors.

Peggy and Doug represent their breed well. Together they take their beautiful Welsh Springer Spaniels to the Javitz Center in New York to participate in "Meet the Breeds," an event that gives dog lovers a unique opportunity to learn about the breeds that are participating.

Peg also shows her dogs in Conformation and competes with them in Performance events giving others an opportunity to see what properly trained dogs can do.

Peggy, you are straight forward, easy to talk with, welcoming, upbeat and kind. We thank you and appreciate your many years of service to Lower Bucks. We are certain that Connie would be proud to know you are the 2024 recipient of her award.

Respectfully submitted on 1/12/25,

Roz Rosenblatt Awards Chair

2024 President's Award

This year our 2024 President's Award goes to Doug Lehnen. When I think of Doug the phrase "Old faithful" comes to mind, not the old part of the phrase but the faithful part. Doug is a tried-and-true club member who is always willing to step up and help. The examples I have here are many.

When it came to the purchase of adding mirrors to our training site, Doug thoroughly researched our options and was very precise in letting us know what was available. When a choice was eventually made, Doug helped with pick up, delivery and installation. To this day, he keeps a watchful eye on the mirrors and lets us know if a repair is needed. We're fortunate that Doug is quite capable of repairing tears when they appear.

When the training site needed new flooring, Doug came to our rescue again. He researched our flooring options and let us know in a very organized manner what was available. His ability to communicate the options to us was impressive. When a choice was made, Doug was once again involved in pick up, delivery and installation.

On another note, a couple of years back when we were faced with a possible large rental increase and assessment, Doug did a more than thorough job researching comparable leasing options. While the increase did not happen, we were prepared in case it did. The information Doug shared helped us understand how we should proceed if an increase was imminent.

Over the late spring and summer Doug drafted and circulated a questionnaire for membership regarding the possibility of moving our training site to a different location. He computerized and shared the responses with us, again in a format which was accurate and impressive.

We thank Doug and Peggy for organizing and leading the auction game we play at the conclusion of our Awards luncheon. They were kind enough to take over the job when we sadly lost Andie Malloy during the pandemic and Andy Burke to a relocation move.

Every year for our April Obedience/Rally trials Doug makes us beautiful posters. These posters, otherwise known as our sponsorship boards, bring in revenue and add a very nice touch to Up Front Farm where we hold our trials. Doug also prints out the labels added to the ribbons we give to our titling exhibitors.

The list of Doug's help continues. He designed our Lower Bucks banners. He made a permanent banner to keep at Up Front and additional banners for our Pet Food Drives. Not only does Doug make the banners for our food drive, but he's also kind enough to work the event, as well. Doug is great with people and therefore an asset to our group.

No task is too small for Doug. When our vacuum broke at the training site, he researched, shopped and purchased a new one for us.

On a personal level, any club dealings I've had with Doug have been pleasant, respectful and he's been most accommodating.

Doug, we admire your practicality and your willingness to help. We are impressed with your research and computer skills, your ability to share the results with us and your creative talents. We honor you today and sincerely thank you for all that you've done and continue to do for Lower Bucks.

Respectfully submitted on 1/12/25,

Roz Rosenblatt Awards Chair