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Bob & Marshall Receive the Wheaten Ambassador Award 2016

Wheaten terrier rescuer and Kruisin' Kanines member Bob Peck and his therapy dog Marshall received the 2016 Wheaten Ambassador Award from the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America in October.

Marshall was surrendered and became a rescue dog due to his many health issues. Despite his challenges, Marshall loves to do his therapy work and is always busy sitting with children at the Bucks County Courthouse who are awaiting outcomes in dependency court, participating in a bereavement group at a local high school and the Roxy Readers program at a local grammar school, as well as visiting the elderly. Marshall is certified with the Alliance of Therapy Dogs.

"We really do this because both Marshall and I enjoy it and get satisfaction from seeing the smiles on the children's faces," Bob says. "We are certainly not the only people doing what we do. Marshall is being recognized by the SCWTCA because he is a wheaten terrier, and I'm humbled by his winning the award. My satisfaction comes from the work Marshall does. He is a wonderful dog who really gets therapy work. He was born to it and he makes a connection with the people he is helping. He makes eye contact and leans into them as a way of saying he is there for them—at least that is how I perceive that people view him. I see other therapy dogs who are not really connected like Marshall is. It is that magic that separates one therapy dog from another."



Board/Membership Meetings

Thursday, December 7

Membership Meeting
8:15pm @ the Firehouse

Plan to attend the

**Kruisin' Kanines
Annual**

Banquet

Saturday,

January 28

at the

Gardenville Hotel

in

Pipersville

Post Script — Goal Setting

By Carole Allen

I have had a few thoughts about setting your own goals based on my article *Leaving “Average” Behind by Setting Goals and Tracking Training* in October’s Teeter Tales. These thoughts are based on my own experiences with my own dogs, and through understanding personal goals of other competitors I know worldwide.

It is very important to be completely realistic about your goals and all it will take to achieve them. If you run a Dachshund in the 4” class, it might be a bit unrealistic to set your sights on an FCI or European Open World Team spot in the 14” class. However, it is *not* unrealistic to want to be able to make the Top 10 breed rankings in the 4” class or go to AKC Invationals, Championships, etc. But keep in mind that in addition to all the training and conditioning you’ll need to do, you’ll need to compete a great deal (perhaps nearly every weekend, and have a high qualifying rate). And, given the length of a Dachshund’s back and shortness of its legs, having an excellent health/wellness plan with frequent massage and physical therapy appointments will be a must. If you have a full-time career and are a father of two small children with a lot of weekend yard work, you’ll need to keep all that in mind as you set your goals with your Dachshund.



Of the dogs I’ve run past or present, my most challenging (and rewarding) one has been one of my current Border Collies. Trudy has an impressive performance pedigree with World Champion siblings, but has lacked confidence since birth (I knew this from the beginning).

She has always preferred a life without a lot of commotion, loud noises, strange places, crowds of people or dogs—or new adventures. Trudy is “clingy.” Trudy is *extremely* soft. She likes the comfort and security of “home.” She wants me to carry her around. To compound this issue, a freak accident at 6 months of age diminished her sight in one eye.

But I have always been committed to changing or at least improving all of that. And changing or improving all of that has been rolled up into one big goal for me since Trudy was a youngster. It has been 9 years now. Nine years of her hiding under a bed during deer hunting season, or rain (not just thunderstorms, but rain, too), of me interpreting her fear of the outdoors as we walk through the woods in the spring, of walking her down the road knowing that she hates the adventure of leash walking on a road through farmland or suburban neighborhoods. In agility, it means dealing with having her run out of

a ring, run out of buildings, run from voices or loudspeakers, from the sight of overhead fans, of crowded places, strange dogs, unfamiliar people, cars parked too closely together in parking lots, crowds near the ring, unfamiliar equipment and...judges. Not just tall judges or judges with hats, or male judges—but the single, isolated stranger in a ring *with* her. That was a pretty big phobia. In the early days, it was not uncommon for her stress to build during a run, exceed her comfort level, and result in some abysmal agility performances. Rising above all of this without any consideration for how long it might take to achieve this has been *my goal* for this dog. Not titles, not wins, not rankings, not championships, not impressive letters at the end of her name. My goal has been to have her walk confidently into a ring with me, STAY confident in the ring with me (STAY in the ring, for that matter), and happily leave the ring with me (though not feeling happiness because she’d be leaving the ring).

Because I keep notes on our successes and failures, I can point to specific dates for benchmarks. I can remember the day she stayed in the ring with Scott Chamberlain judging—a monumental benchmark for us because Scott’s style of judging is to often *run right next to the handler*, and in Trudy’s world, it’s bad enough that a stranger is in the ring with her, but one that RUNS anywhere near her is enough to have her bolt from the ring and head straight to Indiana. I remember the very first time she looked at me as we were leaving the ring *without* having the look of panic on her face. I remember the first time she stayed on the start line without looking behind her, or for the exit so she could escape. In USDAA competition, I remember having to find alternate trial locations to the local popular show site because the corners of that building tended to be dark and Trudy would freeze in fear while on course (or worse, bolt) because she was convinced that something evil existed in the building’s dark corners. I gave up trialing at Dream Park years ago because the overhead fans and din of the exhaust system causes her to be very nervous. At AKC Nationals this year in Tulsa, a ring crew worker slammed the newly designed MAD Agility in/out gates (ones we’d never seen before) moments before we entered the ring and as a result, I could barely get Trudy through the gate into the ring, could not keep her at the start line (with the gate behind her), or get her to move anywhere near or towards that evil section of the ring (sadly that is how the course started). However, during the course of the weekend, even though those gates never disappeared from the rings, her attitude toward them completely subsided. That was a HUGE accomplishment for us. These represent just a few of the hundreds of incidents I memorialized.



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Meet New Member Laura Hirth

Hi, we're Laura, Larry Bowa, Ryder, and Boo! Ryder and I have been doing agility for only about a year, so it is totally new to both of us. I'm a serious Aussie lover and have had Aussies since 1995, after my childhood mixed breed dog, Boomer, passed away. Ryder and his father, my beloved Larry Bowa, are my only Aussie pups. All of the other Aussies I've had over the years, I've adopted as either adults or seniors who have been "retired" from their breeding program for various reasons. I've been training and showing in obedience, rally, herding, and confirmation since 2006 with Bowa and his mother, Meadow, whom I had adopted as a 2-year-old.

We bred Bowa 2 years ago, and he blessed me with my second Aussie pup, Ryder, aka "The Furrricane" (he's a hurricane with fur!). Ryder earned that nickname from Todd, as he was quite an energetic little guy as a puppy. Bowa was like an adult Aussie trapped in a puppy body, but apparently Ryder was just a "puppy." However, with Ryder being only our second pup, we didn't have anything else to compare to!

I have shown Ryder in confirmation, and he is trained through the utility level in obedience. We were getting ready to start showing in obedience when friends mentioned I should try agility, insisting that he'd love it. So I figured I'd give it a try, because I'm always up for learning something new. Todd and I have been together for 20 years and we both work nights, so it's almost impossible to take any classes because most clubs meet and train in the evenings. This is also why I've never joined any "doggie" clubs before. I found Kruisin' Kanines on the internet, and have been taking private lessons in the mornings with Rosemary McQuate since September

2015. We've been having such a blast, and have learned so much, that we still have yet to set foot into the obedience show ring together!

We loved the Thursday Open Agility sessions this summer as that fit our



Larry Bowa, Ryder, & Boo



Vinny & Larry Bowa



schedule perfectly. Plus it was fun for both of us and was another chance to train in agility together. They always had challenging courses set up, and Judy, Rosemary, and Bob were always available for suggestions, "tech" tips, and answers to general "newbie" questions about the sport. The fact that they were all so encouraging and helpful is the reason I joined the club.

We've also participated in some Kruisin' agility demos with other club members, who all were very friendly and encouraging about joining the club. Larry Bowa, the love of my life, is retired from showing. He is my constant companion and dabbles in agility from time to time, supervises our training sessions, and accompanies me just about everywhere. I also have a couple of horses, and although I don't compete anymore, I love trail riding and split my time with my horses, Magic and Vinnie.

While this past year has been a blast for us, it has been particularly tough for us as well. We had to lay two of our "super seniors" to rest in March, due to cancer, then this past August, I lost my 13-year-old Novice A Obedience dog, my "special Mead," Meadow, who was also Ryder's grandmom.

We've had 3 Aussies at a time since 2005, but having 5 at the same time wasn't planned, although it was never a problem, and the girls all loved hanging

together and being retired. We have a small RV, love to go camping, and always take the "kids" with us as well, as our Aussies are our "kids." This past September, while we were camping in Maine, we got a call about possibly adopting a 2-year-old Aussie from a local breeder who was downsizing. We went to see her the day after we came back, and Peekaboo "Boo" is now a member of our family. She is our first red tri

Aussie, and is only a month older than Ryder, so I'm hoping to try her in agility, too. I'm sure that, like Ryder, Boo will be able to "teach" me a few things, as Ryder now "takes" me to class, and Rosemary is trying to help me catch up to Ryder's learning curve, which I'm sure Ryder is very grateful for!

Thanks to everyone for being so welcoming and friendly (and helpful) to me and my awesome Aussies!

Membership Meeting Minutes

Kruisin' Kanines Minutes, October 6, 2016

Minutes: The September meeting minutes were approved.

President's Report (Jeanie Burton):

Jeanie requested that all our members support our upcoming UKI trial on Saturday, October 29.

Treasurer (Tony Luzynski):

This month we had expenses of \$2300.00 for barn rent and the porta potty rental.

Account	30-Sep-16	31-Aug-16	Change
Bank Accounts			
PayPal Account	\$ -	\$ 0.01	\$(0.01)
Univest Chk	23,149.40	24,388.36	(1,238.96)
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TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$33,150.88	\$34,389.85	\$(1,238.97)
Cash Accounts			
Undeposited Funds	\$ 0000 -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL Cash Accounts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OVERALL TOTAL	\$3,150.88	\$34,389.85	\$(1,238.97)

Committees

Training Committee (Carole Allen, Training Director):

- We have now started our 4th session. Any questions, comments, or concerns please contact Carole.
- Chris and Kris Tucci will be returning to Kruisin' on Friday October 7, from 12-5pm.
- Stacy Barnett of Scentsabilities Nosework might be adding another "Intro to Nose Work" class the next session, if there is interest. Please contact Carole if you want to be included in this class.
- The daytime class schedule continues to expand: next session Rosemary will be teaching on Thursdays and Konnie will be teaching Wednesdays.
- As we move toward the cold weather, Carole is looking into the purchase of patio heaters to help keep handlers warm as they wait their turn. These would only be for class use.
- Carole is now looking into having Barn Hunt training come to Kruisin. Stay tuned!
- Between us all, there are many years of dog training. Drop Carole an email with the number of years you have participated in any type of dog sport. Our final number should be amazing!

AKC Aug Trial (Tony Luzynski):

- The April trial will be a 1-ring trial at the Kruisin barn
- Tony is stepping down from Trial Chairperson duties so we will need 1-3 Trial Chairs for the 2017 season.
- The July trial still needs a judge.
- Due to weather constraints for the growing of new grass, the expansion of the outside area will be put on hold until 2017.

UKI Oct Trial Committee (Teresa Koziatek):

- We are celebrating Kruisin's 20th Anniversary at our UKI trial.

Please come and celebrate with us!

- Trial date is October 29th and our judge is Carol Mount.
- Please give your raffle items to Teresa or Dina.
- If you're interested in bringing food for the trial, please contact Teresa.
- We're going with the Halloween theme for the trial.
- The work days are: Thursday October 27th, 12 noon-3pm and Friday October 28th, 6pm-9pm.

Membership Committee (Peg Antrobus):

No new members this month.

Library (Becky Forry):

The library is on hold at this time. However the current collection is available and resides in the office.

Website (Judy Eckenrode):

- Due to family issues Diane Carney is unable to help with the website.
- Allison Meile has offered to step in as Webmaster since Judy is stepping down from the position December 7, 2016. She begins training with Judy October 10. Thank you Allison!

Old Business:

- Electricity: Tony is working with the landlord's daughter-in-law, Katie, on the upgrade to Ring 2. The upgrade has been approved. Tony will try to get a start date.
- Alan reminded the club that the rotted timbers still need to be replaced. Tony will discuss this with the landlord.
- Nominating Committee Status – the committee is having difficulty filling the President and Treasurer positions. If you're interested please contact the committee.
- The pigeon problem is still ongoing.
- Update on barn clean-up:
If you have a crate at the barn, please put your name on it. If you are interested in any of the available crates that do not have a name on them located in the back of Ring 2, please take them. Any crate not claimed will be given to Becky Forry to be donated to a rescue group.

New Business:

- Our 2016 banquet will be held in February 2017. We need some volunteers to help make it a great one! Please contact Jeanie if you're interested.
- Due to the current class schedule, the club took a vote to move the board/membership meeting night to Thursdays. Moving to this night will impact fewer ongoing classes.

The Sock Mystery: Everyone has been asking why we have all the socks sitting on the table on the mezzanine and we finally have an answer! There was a barrel filled with towels that are used to wipe things up and Konnie took it home to wash them. The socks were in the bottom of the barrel, and Konnie thinks that Leigh Coffin would use them to teach the novice agility dogs how to tug. Kind of a precursor to the current Tug and Treat. Mystery Solved!!

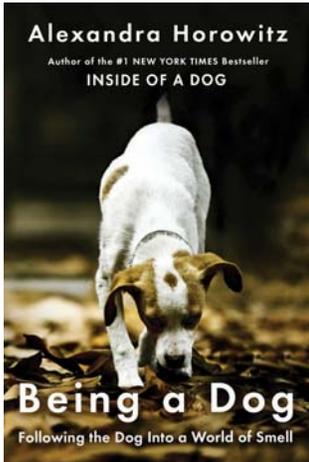
Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

**** The next meeting will be at the Point Pleasant Firehouse, 6500 Point Pleasant Pike, New Hope, PA 18950, on Thursday November 3, at 8:15pm.****

Respectfully submitted: Diane Carney, Secretary

See Alexandra Horowitz
author of
Following the Dog into a World of Smell
December 6, 7:30 pm
At the Free Library of Philadelphia

Alexandra Horowitz is a cognitive scientist and the author of *Inside of a Dog: What Dogs See, Smell, and Know*, which was No. 1 on the *New York Times* best-seller list for more than 60 weeks. Her new book, *Being a Dog: Following the Dog into a World of Smell*, was just released in October. Horowitz teaches psychology, canine cognition, and creative nonfiction at Barnard College. She was also a lexicographer at Merriam-Webster, on staff at *The New Yorker*, and has studied the cognition of rhinos, bonobos, and that most bizarre animal, humans. Her latest book explains the ways dogs comprehend the world through their most acute and profound sense. (For info: <https://libwww.freelibrary.org/authorevents/?id=59680>)



If you can't make it to the event, Horowitz was interviewed on NPR's "Fresh Air" on October 4, 2016, 2:36pm ET ("From Fire Hydrants To Rescue Work, Dogs Perceive The World Through Smell") and CBS "Sunday Morning" on October 30 (<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/a-dogs-secret-life/>).

Free: no admission charge, so arrive 30-45 minutes early!

Parkway Central Library location (1901 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103; between 19th and 20th Streets on the Parkway)

Introducing Luna

Luna was born April 21, 2016, and is loved by Cindy and Woody Everett. Her fancy name is Flickering Fire's Reach For The Sky. Luna lives at home with big brother Luke, and the two have become fast friends who get along well and have fun playing together. Luna's sire is Mach High Flyer's Surf's Up UDX2 OM2 VER RAE MXS MJS MSF T2B—call name Splash. Her Dam is Kate's Just A Small Town Girl AX AXJ OF—call name Fia.



Luna has been busy playing obedience, agility, and tracking. She is a good swimmer and loves the water! A fun and sweet girl who loves everyone and whose tail never stops wagging!

Congratulations Cindy!

**Upcoming
Kruisin Events**



**Weekly Club
Events 2016**

November 2016

November 3 – Board Meeting
6:30pm & Membership Meeting
8:15pm at the Firehouse (Note:
This is a Thursday night)

Every Sunday: Run Thrus all day,
unless another club event is
scheduled

December 2016

December 1 – Board Meeting
6:30pm & Membership Meeting
8:15pm at the Firehouse (Note:
This is a Thursday night)

For a detailed look at all Kruisin'
Classes and Events, visit
www.kruisinkanines.com and

click: [Kruisin' Kanines Calendar](#)

For the Barn Use Schedule

click: [Barn Use Calendar](#)

TeeterTales deadline: 19th of the
prior month

Kruisin' Kanines Banquet
Saturday, January 28, 2017
Gardenville Hotel



Patience, determination, and understanding are a winning combination when used in concert with tons of consistent rewards over years, as well as a supportive attitude. Adopting a completely flexible perspective without ever dipping into the “but other dogs aren’t like this” pool goes a long, long way. Keeping your focus on the GOAL and not deviating is paramount. Adjusting or creating new goals as you meet smaller ones is critical. I’ve gone through many Post-It pads writing “things to remember/are important today” relative to our goals and sticking them on my dashboard.

Funny things can happen when you stick to your goals. In my case (creating confidence), with agility’s focus on obstacle performance, handling, and speed, trying to improve confidence in walking through a gate or staying confident at a start line or ignoring what goes on in adjacent rings seems so inconsequential; so “less” than what others are doing. But what others do has absolutely no bearing on your own goals. It is important not to be distracted by others. And when you stick to your guns, what happens along the way to your personal goals is a journey that is often unexpected and hugely rewarded.

While focusing *solely* on Trudy being happy and confident, she has made the podium in USDAA Regional Championships, earned MACHs,

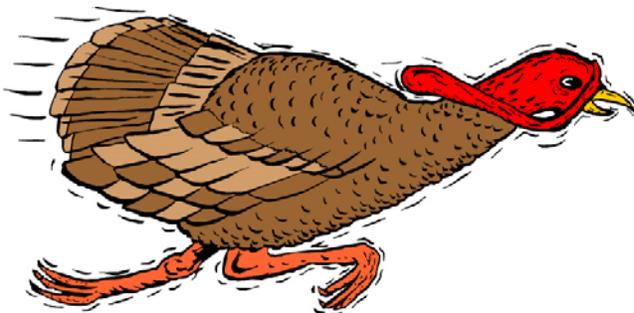


earned her ADCH at Championship 22” (she measures but 17.5” and runs in the 16” class in AKC), has been part of impressive USDAA championship and performance teams as well as topping individual results, and made the Finals round at Westminster Kennel Club’s Masters Agility Championship. This last-mentioned accomplishment is a *huge* one because of the crazy climate at WKC.



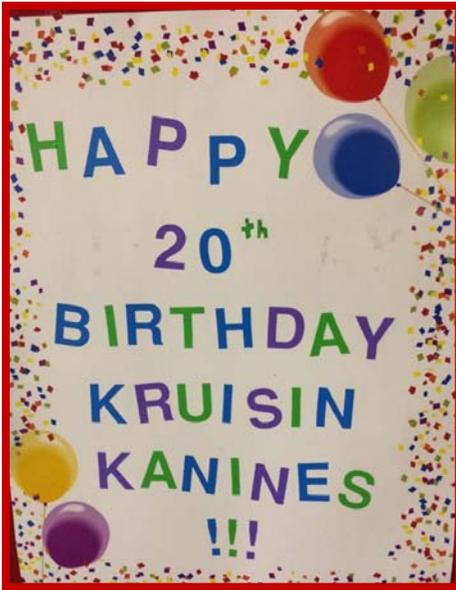
Crowded, claustrophobic, and benched (oh, how torturous!)—these things represent all of Trudy’s base fears. But these days, Trudy often doesn’t seem to notice that anyone is at the trial or in the ring except her and me when we step through the gate. It is these latter moments—the ones where we truly enter the ring blissfully, work together on a course focusing only on the obstacles and each other—and leave the ring with the feeling that we worked together successfully, that are the most enjoyable, memorable, and long lasting. Over the years, friends have supplied me with an array of “True Believer” tee shirts. It’s a nod to the dedication to our journey (and Trudy’s registered name), and I’m rarely without one over a weekend. Her improved confidence has carried over into nature walks, which she now enjoys, attitude with other dogs and people—even her new found interest in Nosework. Trudy is happy. And that has always been my goal.

With 2017 just around the corner, set some isolated goals for your new year. Change your mindset and challenge your own thinking. Endeavor to create confidence and joy. Whether you seek a dog who drags you to the in-gate, or has the perfect start line, intuitive rear crosses, an incredible A-frame performance, loves to drive forward at every foot fall, or masters weave poles, commit to begin that journey with your dog’s attitude in relation to your goal as your priority. You may be surprised to find that the results reward you ten-fold.





20th Birthday Party



Original member Peg Antrobus doing the honors!



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Training Schedule

Mondays

- 6:30-7:30 pm Foundations 2 (w/Anna Burbank)
- 7-8:30 pm Fancy Handling (w/Jeanie Burton)
- 7:45-8:45pm Beginner Agility (w/Anna Burbank)

Tuesdays

- 6-7pm Skills & Handling (w/Dina Melendez)
- 7-8 pm Foundations 1 (w/Dina Melendez)
- 8:15-9:15pm Skills & Drills (w/Kim Sector)

Wednesdays

- 9:30-11am Advanced (w/Konnie McCaffree)
- 5-6 pm Nose Work1 Prep (w/Stacy Barnett)
- 6-7pm Intro to NW Elements (w/Stacy Barnett)
- 6:30-8pm Masters & Beyond! (w/Jeff Abel)
- 7-8 pm Intro to NW Elements (w/Stacy Barnett)
- 8-9pm Developing Amazing Weaves (Jeff Abel)
- 8-9pm Intro to Nose Work (w/Stacy Barnett)

Thursdays

- 10:30 am-noon Intermediate (w/Rosemary McQuate)



THE BOARD

- President: Jeanie Burton
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- Secretary: Diane Carney

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- Konnie McCaffree
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- Cindy Everett
- Bernadette Fletcher
- Linda Goldman

TRAINING DIRECTOR:

- Carole Allen

Kruisin' Kanines holds a General Membership meeting once a month. The Board of Directors also meets once a month. If you would like to attend either meeting, please check the Kruisin' website calendar for dates and times.