

# TEETER TALES



The official newsletter of Kruisin' Kanines

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## Kruiser's Rock Nose Work Odor Recognition Test

Eleven Kruisin' Kanines Nose Work students traveled to Nazareth, PA, to participate in, for most of them, their first ORT (odor recognition test) event.

Teams included Dina and Vida, Kim with Piper and Ranger, Linda Goldman with Boo and Scout, Rosemary McQuate and Alan Steifelman with Joey, Jackie, and Dai, Carole Allen with Trudy and Midge, Peg Antrobus with Rissy, Allison Walker with Henson, Teresa Koziatek with Everest, and Jennifer Kemmerer and Karl Heller with Hunter.

Many people passed all three odors (birch, anise, and clove). Some needed to test for only one or two scents, and others will need to re-test for some or all of them on another day. Stacy Barnett, our Nose Work instructor, was there cheering us on all day long. She told us all how proud she was of us at our classes the next week. It is awesome to be able to try something new with our dogs! Everyone had a good time and we're all nose work nuts now!

### Cramming for the ORT:



Rosemary & Dai



Carole & Kelsey



Allison & Henson



Teresa & Everest



Jennifer & Hunter



Dina & Vida

Read an interview with Nose Work Instructor Stacy Barnett in the next issue.

### Board and General Membership Meeting

Board Meeting 6:30pm/  
General Meeting 8:15pm

May 15 @ the Barn

### Work Days

April 27, noon-5pm

April 28, 5pm

May 11, noon-5pm

May 12, 6pm if nec.

### Trials

April 29-30 @ the barn

July 1-2 @ the barn

### Spring Camp

May 14 @ the barn

## Kruisin' Kanines

### AKC Trial

April 29 & 30

7 am-7 pm

### JUDGE

Pam Johnson

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[kruisinkanines.com](http://kruisinkanines.com)

Workers Needed!

# Membership Meeting Minutes

Kruisin' Kanines Minutes, March 28, 2017

**Location: Kruisin' Barn**

**President's Report (Konnie McCaffree):**

The February 27, 2017 membership meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Konnie reviewed the following decisions made by the Board after the February 27, 2017 meetings which were unanimously approved by the Board today:

- Purchase of a new laptop for the AKC trial secretary, with a budget of approximately \$500. Anna and Alan agreed that the other functioning laptop is fully updated and not in need of third-party maintenance.
- Purchase of 12" and 20" table legs when available due to the new AKC requirement effective 2018 for each height class to have a different table height
- Decision to host a seminar conducted by Chris Tucci and Kim Seiter on May 13 and 14 at the Kruisin barn
- Registrations are being mailed to Konnie.
- One working auditor spot per day will be offered at no charge
- There will be 6 teams per instructor
- Competition from other local events is minimal
- Hoagies will be served at no charge to participants
- The April meeting will be Thursday, April 20, at the firehouse. We don't have meeting dates and locations beyond April at this time.
- The next workdays will be April 27 from Noon - 5pm and April 28 from 6pm until preparations for the AKC trial are complete. We will also have workdays on May 11 from Noon - 5pm and May 12 from 6pm until preparations for the weekend seminar are complete. We may not need the May 12 date since the barn will have been cleaned in April for the AKC trial, but we may use one of the work days to clean out the trailer. Alan has blocked the barn calendar so the barn cannot be scheduled. Carole agreed to be in charge of the trailer cleanout. The tent may be sold on Craigslist.

**Treasurer's Report (Tony Luzynski):**

- Tony also reported that the damage to the driveway caused by snowplowing will be repaired, including the deep hole, the grass, and the asphalt.
- The membership reported roof leaks in both rings. Tony will discuss with the landlord.

**Committee Reports**

**Training Committee (Dina Melendez – Scheduler):**

- Dina and Konnie will report Stacy Barnett's and Sue Tovino's hours to Tony.
- New Registrar, Andy Miele, will replace Bob Peck this week. Bob is assisting with the transition. The registrar needs to send emails to class registrants to confirm their registration prior to the opening of the registration process to the next eligible group (i.e., to mem-

bers in class before members not in class, to members not in class before public).

- Instructors need a printable class roster for the first night. Dina is working with Allison Meile on this.
- Reporting to Stacy Barnett and Sue Tovino will be managed by Dina rather than sending individual student registrations to them.
- Dina reported on total current session students. See details in online version of minutes.
- Everyone has completed his or her session except Nose Work, which finishes this Wednesday, March 29th. Monday night's classes started as planned last week. Beginners, F2, and Fancy Handling classes as well as Konnie's daytime Advanced Class.
- Weather postponed the start of all other classes and week 1 began Tuesday, March 28th. Nose Work begins the new session Wednesday, April 5th.
- Dina received a call from a person who just adopted a puppy and received a "Welcome Puppy" packet with our information in it from their vet in Chalfont. After the new brochures are printed, it would be wise to make sure they are distributed to all the vets in the area.
- Dina requested approval for a \$90 CGC and Tricks Evaluator course, which was unanimously approved. Anna Burbank is also a CGC and Trick Evaluator.
- Stacy Barnett and Sue Tovino will continue their classes throughout the summer.

Account Balances - As of 3/24/2017			
Account	24-Mar-17	10-Feb-17	Change
<b>Bank Accounts</b>			
PayPal Account	\$ 1,206.02	\$ 360.00	\$ 846.02
Univest Chk	13,876.36	15,523.76	(1,647.40)
Univest Sav	10,003.96	10,003.58	0.38
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$ 25,086.34</b>	<b>\$ 25,887.34</b>	<b>\$ (801.00)</b>
<b>Cash Accounts</b>			
Undeposited Funds	\$ -	\$ 645.00	\$ (645.00)
<b>TOTAL Cash Accounts</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 645.00</b>	<b>\$ (645.00)</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 25,086.34</b>	<b>\$ 26,532.34</b>	<b>\$ (1,446.00)</b>

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**April 29 – 30 AKC Trial Chairs (Sherry Wilson/Anne Ford):**

- Hoagies from WalMart will be purchased for food. A suggestion was made to use a sticker system, whereby workers will receive a sticker each time they work; two stickers will be required for volunteers to partake of the food. The final decision regarding the process and logistics will be made by the trial chair.
- Andy Miele and Jeanie are lead course builders. Andy volunteers to do this twice if necessary. Rosemary will also help.
- The committee is looking for someone to help Judi Schroeder with workers' drinks and snacks.
- Someone is needed to assist with parking in the morning.
- A volunteer sheet will be posted on the Kruisin website.
- Allison Walker will have road directional signs made.
- Trash will be taken home as it has been by the organizers of previous trials.

**July 1-2 AKC Trial Chairs (Kim Secter/Dina Melendez):** No report.

**UKI Trials Chair (Teresa Koziatek):**

March 4 UKI and prior trial results:

	March 2017	Oct 2016*	June 2016	Mar 2016**
<b>Total Runs</b>	107	153	153	153
<b>Net Income</b>	\$882.30	\$1206.53	\$1099.47	\$1616.62

\* Oct 2016: Judge Carol Mount didn't charge travel expenses.  
 \*\* Mar 2016: Paul overpaid us by \$640. Corrected net income is \$976.62.

- Janet Weyers has agreed to judge the October 28 trial.
- Paul Mount has requested the use of the office to stay warm during subsequent trials.

**Membership (Peg Antrobus):**

Karen McDermott was voted in unanimously as a new member. Her sponsors are Anna Burbank and Bob Peck.

**Library (Becky Forry):** No report

**Website (Allison Miele):** No report

**Old Business**

**Mentoring Committee**

To help with new members - please contact Peg if interested

- ≈ Information on Policies and Procedures from the website
- ≈ Meeting attendance and work day requirements
- ≈ Barn use forms, combination, library
- ≈ Barn and equipment usage guidelines

**Outdoor ring**

Per Andy Miele, we have 7400 square feet currently; need 8,000 square feet per AKC regulations.

- We need to remove the dish, perhaps not dig out the base
- Tree removal, stump grinding, backfill dirt for the holes and the leveling are required. Andy volunteered to do much of the work himself.
- Tony also agreed to research the costs to have a landscaper do some of the heavy work
- Andy is considering a May/June timeframe
- At Konnie's request, Andy agreed to prepare a cost estimate to present at the next Board meeting

**Brochure**

- Allison Walker has created some of the brochure content.
- The Board agreed to include Nosework in the brochure in addition to Agility
- The Board unanimously approved the costs required to create and print a brochure
- No decision has been made on the new logo.

**ACT Test**

- The Board unanimously approved Tony's proposal that we host an ACT test on June 2, starting at 5pm.
- Tony will contact the AKC for approval.
- Prices for members, nonmembers, and current students in F1 and F2 were discussed but no decision was made.

**AKC Scent Work Trials**

- The Board reviewed the information provided by Carole Allen and Peg Antrobus regarding Kruisin hosting AKC Scent Work tests at the barn.
- We need to provide a list of members experienced in Scent Work/ Nosework to the AKC.
- Carole has suggested that we consider making Stacy Barnett a limited member of Kruisin.
- Konnie will review the bylaws regarding allowing an instructor to become a limited member.
- Need to discuss with Carole if hosting AKC Scent Work trials precludes us from offering NACSW ORTs or trials.

**New Business (Topics proposed for/not addressed at meeting due to time constraints during the Board and/or member meetings):**

- Continuing education reimbursement and policies
- Open Agility/Run Thrus - reinstate? Need volunteers
- Aggression policy
- Pigeon problem - update from Konnie re bird control solution

Respectfully submitted, Teresa Koziatek, Secretary

# Trainers Talk

“What 3 most important skills do handler’s need to be successful on course?”

## Kim Secter

**1.** It all depends on how you personally measure what “Success” is. I try to identify performance-based goals instead of outcome-based goals to measure success. So it is not about the outcome like the Q, or a title. Rather I try to have at least one or two small goals for each run. It might be for me to stay connected with my dog throughout the whole run, or support my dog on a difficult weave pole entry for example. Or successfully execute a handling skill that I may still be working on getting just right. Having performance-based goals instead of outcome goals has helped me feel good about every run. Those can also be based on dog behavior such as “My dog will run fast and confident through the whole run.” Things like that.

**2.** Secondly: to be successful on course, one needs to believe and trust in your dog.

**3.** Lastly: (tongue in cheek!) good hair and a fun outfit will always brighten up even the worst train wreck as they happen to all of us! Always remember that keeping a sense of humor is also very helpful!



Kim & Ranger



Boone

## Dina Melendez

### Confidence, Goals, and a Positive Attitude

There are many skills you can teach a dog in order to be successful on an agility course, but I think there are some important skills that the handler must take into the ring with her or his dog—here are 3 that came to mind.

**Confidence**—having that within you. Never let them (meaning your dog) see you sweat. Walking into the ring knowing that you have trained your dog to the best of your ability. There is always room to teach or learn more—but for now, be confident in yourself and your dog and have fun!

**Goals**—It’s great to have long-term goals, but I like to look at day-to-day goals, especially for a young dog or when training a new skill. I always pick at least one thing that would be a “goal” for me to execute in a course. I always have a “plan B” if something fails, trying not to let my dog know and continuing on.

**Positive Attitude**—Walking into the ring, as well as out of the ring, with a positive attitude creates a positive energy between you and your dog. Being patient with your dog as it learns, gains experience, as well as builds its own confidence creates a positive experience for your dog. Have fun, and enjoy the journey!

*“There is no easy road to anything worthwhile” – McDowell Lyon*

**Did you hear about the**

**KRUISIN' KANINES SUMMER AKC Trial**

**Be there on**

**Saturday, July 1, 2017, and Sunday, July 2, 2017**

**Judge**

**Dawn M. Glaser-Falk**

**ENTRIES OPEN** Tuesday May 9, 2017 at 8am

**ENTRIES CLOSE** Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 6pm

**Volunteers Needed!**

**For PREMIUM:** <http://www.kruisinkanines.com/events--seminars.html>

**Trial Hours: Saturday & Sunday - 7:00am to 7:00pm, rain or shine**

**For updated info, visit**

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# CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Andy & Arielle, MACH 4!



Kim & Piper MACH 4!

# CANDID KRUISERS



The Silkies



Benny

Teeter Tales needs more candid photos!  
Please take as many as you can, and keep  
them coming! Email to Allison at  
[awwalker2@gmail.com](mailto:awwalker2@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Events

### April 2017

April 20 – Board Meeting 6:15/General Membership Meeting 8:15 @ the Firehouse

April 27– noon-5pm, barn work day for trial

April 28 – 5pm, barn work day for trial

April 29 & 30 – AKC trial @ the barn

### May 2017

May 11 – noon-5pm, barn work day

May 12 – 6 pm, barn work day if necessary

May 14 – Spring Camp @ the barn

## Weekly Club Events 2017

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

For a detailed look at all Kruisin' Classes and Events, visit [www.kruisinkanines.com](http://www.kruisinkanines.com) and

click: [Kruisin' Kanines Calendar](#)

For the Barn Use Schedule

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# Training Schedule \*

## Mondays

6:30-7:30pm Foundations 2 (w/Anna Burbank)  
7-8pm Fancy Handling (w/Jeanie Burton)  
7:45-8:45pm Beginner Agility (w/Anna Burbank)  
8-9pm Fancy Handling (w/Jeanie Burton)

## Tuesdays

7-8pm Skills & Handling (w/Linda Goldman)  
7-8 pm Foundations 1 (w/Dina Melendez)  
8-9pm Skills & Drills (w/Kim Sectar)

## Wednesdays

9:30-11am Advanced (w/Konnie McCaffree)  
5-6 pm NW1/NW2 Prep (w/Stacy Barnett)  
6-7pm NW1 Prep (w/Stacy Barnett)  
6:30-8pm Masters & Beyond! (w/Jeff Abel)  
7-8 pm NW1 Prep (w/Stacy Barnett)  
8-9pm Developing Amazing Weaves (Jeff Abel)  
8-9pm Nose Work Elements (w/Stacy Barnett)

## Thursdays

10:30am-noon Intermediate (w/Rosemary McQuate)  
5-6pm Novice/Open/Private (w/Sue Tovino)  
6-7:30pm Masters/Specialty (w/Sue Tovino)  
7:30-9pm Advanced Agility Skills (w/Sue Tovino)

\* Subject to change.

## THE BOARD

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Secretary: **Teresa Kosiatek**

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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.

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