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With the **2026 Summer** edition we bring you an update on happenings in the Standard Schnauzer world and deliver a quarterly message from the KSSC President.

Message from the President

Dear Standard Schnauzer Community,

It's hard to believe that Summer is more than half over already. Since our last meeting, Stan and I walked 180 miles through Portugal and Spain. We had a great experience on the Camino de Santiago de Compostela. Astro earned the North American Diving Dogs Dock Junior title. He had to jump off a dock 5 times for a distance of at least 10 feet. He's currently ranked 2nd of 4 Standard Schnauzers with an average of 9'7". The number one SS jumps with a season average 22'. I don't think we'll be anywhere near that, ever. Astro's starting to learn about Hydrodash. It involves a new toy so it may take a while to get him into the new event. He has a great deal of fun swimming. Not the best for a show coat, however. Astro is also dipping his paws into Therapy Dog visits at Keller Army Hospital at West Point. We hope to do more in the Fall.

Our Specialty is coming up in September. I hope many of you will enter your dogs over the weekend. Please come out to show your support for our Standard Schnauzers!

Last but not least, don't forget our FastCats in October!

Elizabeth Rogacki



Stan and I having arrived in Santiago at the Cathedral

KSSC Key Members

President: Elizabeth Rogacki
Vice President: Karen Hughes
Treasurer: John Saylor
Secretary: Barbara Saylor
Rescue / Breeder Referral:
Barbara Saylor

Class of 2026

Anne Barber
Paul Barber
Ann Belostock

Class of 2027

Glen Belostock
Sandy Ostrander
Peter Twill

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Latest News

 **2026 Events** – Mark your calendars and engage with us

Event Reminder –Club Meeting Sunday, August 16, 2026, 7 pm board / 7:30 pm general

 **History of the KSSC**

 **Member News**

 **KSSC 2025 Awards and New Titles**

 **Photos from KSSC 2026 Annual AKC Sanctioned Match**

 **AKC Update on Screwworm**

 **Stay safe out there! [Rabies Positive Raccoon Bites Man in South Jersey](#)**

 **Stay Connected:**  [Website](#)  [Facebook](#)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2026 EVENTS

August 16th	Virtual meeting - Link will be emailed 7 pm Board - 7:30 pm General
September 1	Annual dues are due Form is on the Website
September 5	Annual Specialty - Bridgewater, NJ North Branch Park
September 6	Supported Entry - Bridgewater, NJ North Branch Park
September - October	Annual Meeting TBA
October 17	Fast CAT - Somerset, NJ Colonial Park
October 18	Fast CAT - Somerset, NJ Colonial Park



A BIT OF KSSC HISTORY

With ten present after judging at the Newtown KC on July 26th, 1959, a meeting was held to organize a Standard Schnauzer Club on the east coast. At that time, there were two regional clubs, and both were in California. (Today, there are approximately 12 spread out across the nation.)

Some of the original officers are today still active and supportive of the KSSC: Bernie & Eileen Nemoitin, Liz Hanrahan, and Russ and Betty Neidi.

Originally the Metropolitan Standard Schnauzer Club, the name later dropped in October 1961 because the small geographic area it implied made it difficult to find a specialty site the AKC would accept. Not until 1963 was the KSSC officially recognized by the AKC with an approximate membership of 26.

The first KSSC specialty was held in June 1964 at the Greenwich KC with an entry of 40 dogs. The KSSC Secretary Alice Vandergrift owned the BOB winner.

Through the years, many KSSC specialties were held at the Westchester KC show. Traditionally a party in conjunction with a general meeting was held after judging at the Westminster KC show, a practice now unfortunately prohibited by high hotel room rates.

Many of the KSSC efforts were directed at supporting shows and organizing matches, grooming clinics and lectures. However, most importantly, the KSSC was an opinionated voice to the “mother club”, The Standard Schnauzer Club of America, on national SS issues. In February 1965 the KSSC Secretary writes.... “a discussion was held on the subject of changing the breed standard to disqualify ear-cropping. The discussion was led by Jim Smith and added to by Ronnie Khron, Bill Kay, Alice Vandergrift, Russ Neidi and Liz Hanrahan. It was the general opinion of the membership that the standard now allows for uncropped dogs to be shown and anyone wishing to do so, may. It is not deemed wise by our membership to have Standard Schnauzer changed in this respect. A motion was made and unanimously approved by the membership to send a letter stating the club’s feelings on this subject to Mrs. Aronstam who has started the drive against ear-cropping.”

In 1966, there was national talk about changing the standard in respect to the size limitations set for the breed to accommodate the larger dogs being shown. A very-much opinionated KSSC responded against the idea.

Throughout the years, the KSSC has had trouble locating bulletin news, new members, volunteers for special events, trophy funds i.e.: everything a club for an unpopular breed has trouble with. (Recently a mid-western SS regional club folded because of this.) Membership has ranged from 10 - 65 members, centering around 30 members.



2025 ANNUAL AWARDS

BEST OF BREED DOG OF THE YEAR

AND

OWNER HANDLED DOG OF THE YEAR

GCG CH Gaudeamus Tidepool CGC TKN

Owners - Lauren Keltos & Sandy Ostrander

NATIONAL OWNER HANDLED SERIES DOG OF THE YEAR

CH Mystic's Ring of Fire BCAT RATO DN CGC TKN FITS CH-CKC

Owners - Elizabeth & Stanley Rogacki

OBEDIENCE DOG OF THE YEAR

CH Arbor's Carson Edge of the Sea CD RE AX AXJ NF CGC TKN

Owners - Lauren Keltos & Klare McNeil

RALLY DOG OF THE YEAR

AND

AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR

**CH MACH RACH Arbor's Ava Adore CD BN RM4 RAE3 MXS MJS OF
CGC TKA RATO**

Owners - Lauren Keltos & Klare McNeil



MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to all who earned new AKC titles!

This list is truly incredible. It's clear you've all poured so much heart and time into your dogs. What amazing accomplishments.

GRAND CHAMPION

CGC CH Gaudeamus Tidepool CGC TKN

Owners - Lauren Keltos & Sandra Ostrander

MASTER AGILITY CHAMPION

MASTER AGILITY JUMPERS SILVER

**CH MACH RACH Arbor's Ava Adore CD BN RM4 RAE3 MXS MJS OF RATO
CGC TKA**

Owners - Lauren Keltos & Klare McNeil

RALLY NOVICE

RALLY ADVANCED

Gaudeamus Reign of Happiness RN RA RX CGCA TKN

Owners - Sandra & Ron Ostrander

New Titles – Continued

COMPANION DOG

AGILITY NOVICE FAST

CH Carson Edge of the Sea CD RE AX AXJ NF CGC TKN

Owners - Lauren Keltos & Klare McNeil

AGILITY NOVICE FAST

CH Casablanca Z Rozkoszowskiej Chaty NA OAJ NF CGCA TKN

Owner – Liana Marley-Marie

THERAPY DOG SUPREME

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN – URBAN

Asgard Ulrich BN RN CAX BCAT THDS CGCA CGCU TKN

Owners – Karen and Gary Hughes

CHAMPION – CANADIAN

DOCK NOVICE

SILVER FIT DOG

TRICK DOG NOVICE

BARN HUNT OPEN

CH Mystic's Ring of Fire BCAT RATO DN CGC TKN FITS CH-CKC

Owners – Elizabeth & Stanley Rogacki

New Titles - Continued

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN URBAN

CH Halcyon's William Yeats CAX BCAT THDN CGCA CGCU TKN

Owners - Karen & Gary Hughes

THERAPY DOG SUPREME

**Castlewood's Morrigan Le Fay CD BN FDC FCAT4 THDS RATM CZ8 CGCA
TKE VHMA**

Owners - John Schweska & Peter Twill

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Gaudeamaus Trace of Purple CGC

Owners - Sandra Ostrander & Lauren Keltos

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN URBAN

GCH CH Sayermarc Aurora Borealis BN CAX THDN CGCA CGCU TKN

Owners – Karen & Gary Hughes



***KSSC wishes a warm
welcome to our newest
club members!***



**Guillermo Gomez del Campo
and**

Rocio Diez de Bonilla



**Carol Filer of Mystic Standard
Schnauzers**



MEMBER NEWS

Liana Marley-Marie has some exciting news and terrific photos to share...

*Kiara competed at two regional agility events recently; the Jersey Devil Dash Tournament was in May and the Surfs Up Cup in June. Liana says running agility with her is absolutely exhilarating and in May they had some big successes together that filled Liana with equally big emotions. Kiara came in first place for her jump height class at the Jersey Devil Dash Tournament and earned a spot on the podium! **This was her first podium placement.***





Kiara and Liana





Not only has Kiara been competing in agility, she is also working towards her Grand Championship in the breed ring.

On May 25, 2026, at the Plainfield Kennel Club breed show, judge Luis Fernando Arce selected CH Casablanca Z Rozkoszowskiej Chaty OA AXJ NF CGCA TKA for Best of Breed and Owner Handled Best of Breed.





MEMBER NEWS



*CH Mystic's Ring of Fire BCAT RATO DN
CGC TKN FITS CH-CKC – Astro*

*Visiting Keller US Army Hospital at West
Point*

*Taking one of his many jumps that
earned him his Dock Novice title*





APRIL 25, 2026 - ANNUAL KSSC AKC SANCTIONED MATCH



Judged by George Wright

Congratulations to the match winners!

Lauren Keltos

Rocio Diez de Bonilla





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Even with April showers misting the air and a chilly breeze sneaking through the pavilion, a great time was had by all. Always good to connect in person!

Thank you, Peter, for putting the match together!





AKC UPDATE ON SCREWORM

New World Screwworm—Updates on Interstate Travel Requirements with Dogs

By [AKC Government Relations](#)

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Since first detected on June 3, 2026, 41 cases of New World Screwworm (NWS, hereinafter *screwworm*) have been detected in southwest Texas and New Mexico. NWS is a parasitic fly whose larvae burrow into the living tissue of warm-blooded animals, typically through an open wound, causing painful wounds, serious infection, and sometimes death. It can affect livestock, wildlife, pets, and occasionally dogs, which may be at risk if they have open wounds or if they come into contact with infested animals or contaminated areas. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and state departments of agriculture and health officials continue to work together to address the issue.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) recommends that all dog owners, or anyone who works with dogs, to learn about screwworm and to stay updated on developments and animal movement requirements imposed to prevent its spread, especially:

- Anyone potentially engaging in interstate transportation with dogs, including owners, AKC event competitors, professional handlers, event superintendents, and interstate transporters, including those that are part of shelter and rescue operations should pay attention to NWS-related animal movement rules imposed by (1) their home state; (2) all states they will travel through, both outbound and return; and (3) their destination state.
- Show and trial secretaries, who are encouraged to determine the impact of NWS-related animal movement restrictions, particularly for events to be held in any state with an Infested Zone.

2026 NWS Confirmed Cases

[Click here to view *Confirmed Detections of New World Screwworm* \(by USDA, updated in real time\).](#)

Federal and State Responses to NWS

Federal and state officials are responding to NWS by creating or maintaining 20-km *Infested Zones* around confirmed detections and imposing quarantines, movement controls, and heightened surveillance in those zones. Additionally, sterilized flies are being released in Infested Zones and Adjacent Surveillance Zones to prevent future generations of the screwworm fly. Go to www.screwworm.gov for additional details on the federal government's response to NWS.

To date, 45 states have created their own NWS-related rules, requirements, and movement restrictions for animals, which are in addition to their regular animal interstate importation requirements. While Alaska, Hawai'i, Nevada, Ohio, and Wyoming have not created screwworm-related requirements, their regular animal interstate importation requirements still apply.
