

## Thank You

*Thank you to all who were so supportive during my four years of being NOMAD president. I've said it before, and it bears repeating—NOMADers are a great group to work with. You are proactive; you jump in to help out when you see a need; you are innovative; you are just plain fun to be with. I have really enjoyed the friendships I've made through NOMAD.*

*Thank you so much to those who signed the card at the fall membership meeting. I really value your kind comments. The flowers —delivered by Caroline— were such a lovely, thoughtful touch. They were beautiful, long lasting, and very much appreciated.*

*Your ex-prez, Lynne*



NOMAD's Thank You to Lynne for being our President.

## NOMAD CALENDAR

### Saturdays January - February

Maple Corner Barn  
9:30 League  
12:00 - 2:30 Practice

### Saturday March 6,

Anne Andrlle Seminar  
Maple Corner Barn  
9:00 - 5:00

### Sunday March 7

9-12, 1-4  
See page 7 for details

### Saturdays March 13-27

Maple Corner Barn  
9:30 Make up classes  
12:00-2:30 Practice  
1 day of Show n Go

### Sunday March 28

Spring Membership Meeting  
Tentatively set for 2:00 at  
The Dog School

### Sat/Sun June 12/13

Fri June 11 Set up  
USDAA trial  
Trapp Family Lodge

### 4th of July

Richmond  
probable demo

### Fri/Sat/Sun August 13/14/15

Set up Thurs afternoon Aug 12  
CAMP NOMAD  
Trapp Family Lodge

### Sat/Sun August 20/21

Fri Aug 19 Set up  
NADAC trial  
Topnotch Meadow

### Thu/Fri Sept 2/3

Probable CV Fair demos

# BRAGS

## 11/27/09 - 11/29/09: All Dogs, USDA

### **Don and Maggie**

16" Masters Gambler \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

16" Master Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ Q

16" Advanced Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 1st, Q  
and AAD title

### **Maxine & Sundancer:**

12" Masters Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd & Q

12" Masters Jumpers #2 \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q

12" Masters Snooker #1 \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q

12" Masters Snooker #2 \_1st & Q Super Q  
(this is his 2nd)

12" Advanced Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q

12" Grand Prix Qual. \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q  
& Bye into Regionals!

### **Maxine & Spiritdancer:**

12" Masters Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q  
and Masters Jumpers title

12" Grand Prix Qual. \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q

### **John Marcus and Eve**

12" P1 Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q

12" P1 Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

12" P1 Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

12" P1 Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

12" P1 Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

## **Yankee Golden Retriever Club AKC Agility Trial, Manchester, NH, Dec. 5-6, 2009**

### **Cynthia Gilliland and Heather**

Open FAST, 20 in.- \_\_\_\_\_ 4th and Q

### **Cynthia Gilliland and Ivy**

Novice B FAST, 20 in \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q

Novice B JWW, 20 in \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
and NAJ title

Open JWW, 20 in.- \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q

## **Jan 1&3, 2010, Bearded Collie Club of America, AKC Agility Trial, Amherst, NH**

### **Cynthia Gilliland and Heather**

Excellent B Standard, 20 in. \_\_\_\_\_ Q

Open FAST, 20 in \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q  
and OF title

Excellent B JWW, 20 in \_\_\_\_\_ Q  
and MXJ title

### **Cynthia Gilliland and Ivy**

Novice Preferred FAST, 16 in \_\_ 1st and Q

Novice Preferred JWW, 16 in \_ 1st and Q

## **1/1 - 1/3/10: USDA, Bark NH**

### **Maxine Holmes & Sundancer:**

12" Masters Prs Relay \_\_\_\_\_ Q

12" Masters Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q

12" Advanced Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q

12" Steeplechase Qualifier \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd & Q

12" Grand Prix Qualifier \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd & Q

## **Boys and Girls**

*piece written by Suzi Szeremy of Makos  
Pulik, quoted with permission:*

"When I want my purse/shoes or the used kleenex I just dropped on the floor to be the booty of vicious territorial skirmishes, I'll take a bitch. To protect my children, the ashes in the fireplace or the dog biscuit hidden in the couch three years ago – all with equal ferocity, I'll take a bitch. To advise me on what louts men are (including the one who buys their food) or console me during 44 hours of labor, I'll take a bitch. Bitches take care of business, and if there's no business to take care of, they'll find some. They love me but they see me as I am, warts and all. Bitches keep me honest.

When I feel the urge to scritch a belly, make fun of the UPS delivery man or share a dirty joke, there is no finer companion than a male. If the sun finds one hole in the curtains through which to peek, a boy will find that spot and sleep there belly up. They are accepting, simple and utterly transparent. They love me, ask "What warts?" and think the sun and moon rise in me. I wish everyone saw me as my boys do."

*I thought this was fun. Feel free to send  
in your own preferences.*

*-Caroline*

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**Date, Club, Venue, Location**  
**Your Name and Dogs Name**  
Class Placement & Q or not

<http://nomadagility.com/>

## **NOMAD's Steering Committee**

*Contact them if you have questions or suggestions.*

**President** (11/09-11/11)

Kit Erskine \_\_\_\_\_ 586-9932

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Cynthia Gilliland \_\_\_\_\_ 295-2659

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**Secretary** (11/09 - 11/11)

Kim Ingraham \_\_\_\_\_ 4540191

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Judy Frey (11/09-11/10) \_\_\_\_\_ 893-8698

Roberta Dumas (11/09-11/10) \_\_\_\_\_ 899-1158

**"Training positively is more than just  
'using a cookie most of the time'. Training  
positively is getting into your dog's head  
and knowing what he needs to be joyfully  
connected to you so that you can bring  
out the best he has to give."**

**-Susan Garrett**

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*Susan's newsletter at  
[www.clickerdogs.com](http://www.clickerdogs.com)*

# Our Trip to USDAA Nationals

Kit Erskine, Lynne vonTrapp, Ann Ramsey, Lisa Barrett

The USDAA Nationals have been held in Scottsdale Arizona at West World, an equestrian center with acres of flat grass to put seven rings of agility. Five years ago Lisa and then NOMAD member Cherie, went out to volunteer. Lisa's connections landed her in the unenviable job of Scribe for the Main ring. From then on the NOMAD "Team of Professional Volunteers" has steadily grown. First to join Lisa was Lynne who became the Timer, then Kit who soon became the Gate Steward, Ann and Judy were bar setters and score runners and Val Reiner joined us in scoring the Main ring in '08. This year another New Englander, Sandy Cody joined us to make a total of 7!

We all enjoy the best seats in the house and find the 8-12 hour days go all too quickly. This year we were even singled out for recognition by the announcer after the Grand Prix Finals. At dinner after the finals we went around the table to share our most memorable moments and our mistakes. We would like to share those and other parts of our memorable trip to the USDAA Nationals.

**Kit:** I'm always amazed at the number of dogs and competitors...hundreds of them! The scenery is breath taking with the desert mountains shooting up on two sides of the area. I really enjoy watching the Flyball competition when we have a break. As Gate Steward I try to treat each team equally. Sometimes it is difficult to not wish someone you know some extra support or even to say Hi. Part of my task is to try to keep the competitors calm by clearly and loudly calling out the running order. I was surprised how many competitors came up and thanked me. The most memorable was Greg Louganis who handed me an autographed "Thank You" as he went in to the ring for his run in the finals.

I have the job of letting the announcer know what heights to set the bars for Team Relay Finals. I only have to say which one is the odd height but I still get nervous worrying I'll get confused and screw it up I did move someone in the running order and had no way to tell the announcer so when he got the dog wrong I had to bellow out to the judge the right dog's name; he passed it on to the announcer. That's one time I'm glad I have a loud voice!

**Lynne:** Thinking of highs and lows as the timer -- any run without the timer stopping was a high point. However, because the sun was so strong (making the start/finish eyes very sensitive) there were many heart-stopping moments when the finish eyes were broken by flying insects while a dog was on course, and I had to restart the timer ASAP. The time was still accurate, but it was nerve-racking.

A definite high was when Stuart Mah looked at me for the GO signal. Most of the competitors went by the sound of the signal when I pressed the button, without looking at me, but every year he looks at me for the OK to go.

realized it was the NOMAD bunch, so it was not a problem. The perks of being ring crew in the Main Ring!

Volunteering at the nationals is an amazing learning experience. I recommend it highly.

**Ann:** I will ditto Kit on the facility, dogs, competitors, and most of all the warm weather and scenery. My most memorable moment (and funniest) was on the last day when I was bar setter for the GP Finals. There was one jump that was to be done twice and of course the judge instructed me to set it if the bar was knocked, and that I had plenty of time to do it before the team would come back that way. I told myself that prob-



The most memorable glitch was when a BC jumping 26" jumped the last jumped so high he missed the finish eyes. I stopped the time manually, but of course the crowd noticed that the clock ran on after the dog finished. I had to run out onto the course to talk with the judge. This was at night, and the runs were being taped, so the time was picked up from the tape.

We were treated very kindly by Karen Gloor, the volunteer coordinator. She is so appreciative of our work, as are many of the competitors who know us by now. One of the judges said he noticed people walking the Steeplechase Finals course before it was open to the competitors. Then he

ably none of these high level competitors would knock many bars so chances were pretty small that I would have to set this particular bar. Well... Susan Garrett and Encore came flying out of the start line and knocked the bar(s) with such force they scattered well away from the standards. It felt like I was running in slow-mo to set the bars and then to try to get out of Dodge. I literally felt their collective breaths on my back as I barely got out of their way. Can you imagine if that team had to start over because of me?? We had a good laugh at dinner imagining all the possible responses....

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**Lisa:** The best part of volunteering at the USDAA Cynosport Games this year, as always, was watching the very best agility with my NOMAD pals in the Arizona sun. The second best was watching a 17-year-old girl win 22" Steeplechase Finals with her 2 year-old BC, Revolution. The worst moment for me was when two bad things happened at the same time in the Grand Prix Finals: Our judge, Scott Chamberlain, ran so fast to accurately judge those smoking running dogwalks that he pulled a hamstring and had to be replaced. That was on the run where Jen Pinder and her BorderStaff Taser, pushing for so much speed that they surely must win, were so amped that they went off course at the second-to-last jump. I groaned with pain as Scott suddenly limped and Jen went off course at the same moment.



*Kit, Judy and Ann with massagers*



*Lynne and Lisa timing and scribing. Lynne is double-tasking, holding up the scribe sheet for Judy F or Ann to whisk off to Val Reiner in the score tent.*

## TRAINING

### A Time for Change is NOW!

*By Lanny Bassham, mentalmanagement.com*

If you are like most competitors you have been enjoying a well-needed rest from competition issues during the holidays. But, as the new season approaches some decisions might be in order. First, do you need to change anything; equipment, training schedule or mental game and when is the best time to do it? I submit that the best time is now. If you want to maximize your competition results for the coming year, now is the time to make that change. Here are a few tips to aid you in doing just that.

Begin by a careful evaluation of last year. You must first determine if you have anything that needs changing. This can be accomplished in multiple areas of concern such as equipment, skill, competitions or mental game so let's look at a couple of those.

Equipment is very sport-specific and since we have readers in a wide variety of sports and performance arenas I will hold off on recommendations for equipment change.

Let's look at skill a minute. Does your technical ability grow during the off-season or does it deteriorate? Well, again that depends on your level of experience and on your habits during this period. There is a training principle that says that we tend to forget what we do wrong faster than we forget what we do right. So, taking a short break might just help your skill. However this may be discounted if you are taking a long break and your competition is getting better during this period. How do you get better? Take a lesson from an instructor and practice, practice, practice. You should know what works for you and be honest about it.

How about evaluating the benefit of the competitions you attended last year? This is a relatively easy task if you have been keeping a performance journal during the year. Simply look at the entries you have recorded in your journal and the answers to this question will be answered. But, if you do not keep a journal you must rely on your memory and the longer you take to make decisions the greater the probability that you will benefit little from the attempt. It is not uncommon for competitors to mentally go on vacation after the final competition of the year and not to think too much about the next year until a few weeks prior to the first season's competition. That is way too late! Journal or not here are several questions you need to answer about last year. What competitions were a benefit to me and why and what competitions might I do well to avoid this year and why? Once this is done you can plan for the up-coming year with confidence.

Finally, let's look at your mental game as you prepare for the new season. Is your mental game a variable or a constant? There are a lot of variables in all sports and performance ranging from weather, to judging, to equipment, to other competitors but, your mental game should be a constant. When you change your mental game based on circumstances you are not controlling your mental game—the circumstances are controlling you. If you do not have a defined mental thinking system for competition now is the time to develop one.

## 2010 NOMAD Committees

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My suggestion is to try to remember what you were thinking about when you were performing well last year. Normally, performers find that they were not thinking too much at all. Some on the other hand find that they compete best when concentrating at a higher level of focus. You need to determine what works best for you. You cannot duplicate a thing until you have defined it. Once your mental game is defined your job is to run these thoughts every time, in every competition and in practice. When you run a defined mental system you can achieve mental consistency in competitions in spite of your environment. This part of the program is not so easy to implement. The environment is constantly pulling you to pay attention to it and to alter your thoughts based on it.

So, how is your preparation for the new season coming along? Do you need new equipment, a skill upgrade or a defined mental game? If you need to change some things now is definitely the time to do it.



### NEW DOG MEMBERS

#### **Lisa Marcus and Bonnie**

18 month old, female, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

#### **Caroline McKinney and Malia**

13 month old Poodle



<b>CHARITABLE GIVING</b>	<b>USDAA TRIAL</b>	<b>DEMO</b>
Kate Carter	Sarah Albert	Randi Barrett
Kit Erskine	Lisa Barrett, Co-Chair	Marian Mumford
	Diane Boss	David Meatyard
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	Karen Clark	Lynne von Trapp
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Kate Carter, Co-Chair	Judy Frey	
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Patty McMahon	Judy Kessler	Kristin Haas
Marian Mumford	Cassy Lamothe	Cynthia Gilliland
Val Spadaccini	Joanne Lawton	Judy Kessler
	Billie Marsh	Sara McDonald
<b>NADAC TRIAL</b>	Sara McDonald	Kim Rubin
Randi Barrett	Caroline McKinney	
Karen Clark	David Meatyard	<b>NOMAD LOGOWEAR</b>
Don Denette	Marian Mumford	Kim Ingraham
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Sara McDonald, Co-Secretary (trainee)		Diane Boss
Marian Mumford, Co-Chair (trainee)		Karen Clark
Caroline McKinney, Co-Chair		Kit Erskine
Patty McMahon		Michelle Force, Co-Chair
David Meatyard		Kathy Fretz
Kim Rubin, Ring Manager		Judy Frey
Colleen Schuster		John Sims
Mitzi Sinclair		Sara McDonald
John Simms		Caroline McKinney
Mary Watson		Ann Ramsay
		Mitzi Sinclair, Co-Chair
		Lynne von Trapp

# COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Compiled by Cheryl French as of 12/17/09

## JANUARY 2010

**Jan. 23-24; AKC;** Open to purebreds; American Bullmastiff Assoc., Inc., American K9 Country, Amherst, NH; Opens: 12/02/09; Closes: 1/2/10; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

**Jan. 30-31; USDAA;** Open to all dogs; Feel the Rush Agility; American K9 Country; Amherst, NH; Closes: 1/23/10; Trial Secretary: Kim Tees, PO Box , Raymond, ME 04071; Website: [www.usdaa.com](http://www.usdaa.com) .

**Jan. 30-31; CPE;** Open to all dogs; Riverside K-9 LLC, Nashua, NH; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: 400 runs per day; Closes: 12/18/09; Contact: : Valori Duff; Email: [valwaussies@comcast.net](mailto:valwaussies@comcast.net) ; Website: [www.riversidek9.com](http://www.riversidek9.com) .

## FEBRUARY 2010

**Feb. 6-7; AKC;** Open to purebreds; Tartan Gordon Setter Club, American K9 Country, Amherst, NH; Opens: 12/02/09; Closes: 1/16/10; Limit: 330 runs; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

**Feb. 13-14; AKC;** Open to purebreds; American Bullmastiff Assoc., Inc., American K9 Country, Amherst, NH; Opens: 12/16/09; Closes: 1/23/10; Limit: 330 runs; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

**Feb. 13-14; CPE;** Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym, Manchester, NH; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: Sat 400, Sun 350; Closes: 1/22/10; Contact: Sue Fontaine, 603-627-7322; Email: [min-iaussies5@comcast.net](mailto:min-iaussies5@comcast.net) ; Website: [www.alldogsgym.com](http://www.alldogsgym.com) .

**Feb. 20-21; AKC;** Open to purebreds; Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club, American K9 Country, Amherst, NH; Opens: 12/16/09; Closes: 1/30/10; Limit: 330 runs; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

**Feb. 19-21; CPE;** Open to all dogs; Breeze Thru Agility, Brattleboro, VT; All Classes/All Levels; Limits: Fri 275 runs, Sat & Sun 375 runs; Contact: Val Reiner; Email: [kritters@bcn.net](mailto:kritters@bcn.net) ; Website: [www.breezethruagility.com](http://www.breezethruagility.com) or [www.k9cpe.com](http://www.k9cpe.com) .

**Feb. 27-28; CPE;** Open to all dogs; Riverside K-9 LLC, Nashua, NH; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: 400 runs per day; Opens: 1/5/10; Closes: 2/2/10; Contact: : Valori Duff; Email: [valwaussies@comcast.net](mailto:valwaussies@comcast.net) ; Website: [www.riversidek9.com](http://www.riversidek9.com) .

**Feb. 27-28; ASCA;** Open to all dogs; ASCNE; American K9 Country; Amherst, NH; Opens: 10/10/09; Closes: 2/9/10; Limit: 325 runs per day; Contact: Jean Janotta, 24 Country View Drive, Raymond, NH, 03077, 603-895-5436; Email: [jjanotta@myfairpoint.net](mailto:jjanotta@myfairpoint.net) ; Website: [http://ascne.org/2010files/Premium\\_gility\\_2\\_2010.pdf](http://ascne.org/2010files/Premium_gility_2_2010.pdf) .

## MARCH 2010

**March 6-7; AKC;** Open to purebreds; Southern Adirondack Agility Club, High Goal Farm, Greenwich, NY; Opens: 1/6/10; Closes: 2/13/10; Limit: 330 runs; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

**March 6-7; CPE;** Open to all dogs; Bo-Gee; Contact: Judy Davis; Email: [tss@trialservices.com](mailto:tss@trialservices.com) ; Website: [www.trialsecretary.com](http://www.trialsecretary.com) .

**March 13-14; AKC;** Open to purebreds; American Bullmastiff Assoc., Inc., American K9 Country, Amherst, NH; Opens: 1/6/10; Closes: 2/20/10; Limit: 330 runs; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

**March 13-14; CPE;** Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym, Manchester, NH; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: Sat 400, Sun 350; Closes: 2/19/10; Contact: Sue Fontaine, 603-627-7322; Email: [min-iaussies5@comcast.net](mailto:min-iaussies5@comcast.net) ; Website: [www.alldogsgym.com](http://www.alldogsgym.com) .

**March 20-21; AKC;** Open to purebreds; Schenectady Dog Training Club Inc., High Goal Farm, Greenwich, NY; Opens: 1/27/10; Closes: 2/27/10; Limit: 330 runs; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

**March 20-21; USDAA;** Open to all dogs; All Dog's Agility, Manchester, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Contact: Judy Davis; Email: [tss@trialservices.com](mailto:tss@trialservices.com) ; Website: [www.trialsecretary.com](http://www.trialsecretary.com) and [www.alldogsgym.com](http://www.alldogsgym.com) .

## APRIL 2010

**April 3-4; AKC;** open to purebreds; American Eskimo Dog Club of America; Amherst, NH; Opens: 1/27/10; Closes: 3/13/10; Limit: 330 runs; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

**April 3-4; CPE;** Open to all dogs; Agile Dogs Agility Training, Stephentown, NY; Limit: 375 Runs per day; Closes: 3/22/10; Contact: Marjorie Stall, 518-794-0168; Email: [trials@agiledogs.net](mailto:trials@agiledogs.net) ; website: [www.agiledogs.net](http://www.agiledogs.net) .

**April 10-11; AKC;** open to purebreds; American Lhasa Apso Club Inc.; Amherst, NH; Opens: 2/17/10; Closes: 3/20/10; Limit: 330 runs; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

**April 16-18; CPE;** Open to all dogs; Breeze Thru Agility, Brattleboro, VT; All Classes/All Levels; Limits: Fri 275 runs, Sat & Sun 375 runs; Contact: Val Reiner; Email: [kritters@bcn.net](mailto:kritters@bcn.net) ; Website: [www.breezethruagility.com](http://www.breezethruagility.com) or [www.k9cpe.com](http://www.k9cpe.com) .

**April 17-18; USDAA;** Open to all dogs; BARK-NH!; Phanzone, Hampstead, NH; Closes: 3/30/10; Trial Secretary: Valori Duff, 252 Boynton St., Manchester, NH 03102; Website: [www.usdaa.com](http://www.usdaa.com) .

**April 24-25; NADAC;** Open to all dogs; Act-Up Agility Club, Wrentham Dev. Ctr., Wrentham, MA; Limit: 500 per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Michelle Whall, 144 Lyman St., North Attleboro, MA 02760, 508-699-9276; Email: [mickyew@aol.com](mailto:mickyew@aol.com) ; Website: [www.actupagility.com](http://www.actupagility.com) .

**April 24-25; AKC;** open to purebreds; Burlington Obedience Training Club, The Field House, 166 Athletic Drive; Opens: 2/8/10; Closes: 4/10/10; Limit: 330 per day; Contact: Janet Induni, 43 Lost Nation Rd., Essex Jct., VT 05452, 802-879-6526; Email: [jinduni@gmail.com](mailto:jinduni@gmail.com) ; Website: [www.botcvt.com](http://www.botcvt.com) .

## MAY 2010

**May 1-2; NADAC;** Open to all dogs; Addicted to Agility; Wrentham, MA; Trial Secretary: Mike Whall; Email: [Mickeyew@aol.com](mailto:Mickeyew@aol.com) ; Website: [www.AddictedToAgility.com](http://www.AddictedToAgility.com) .

**May 1-2; CPE;** Open to all dogs; Bo-Gee; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis; Email: [tss@trialservices.com](mailto:tss@trialservices.com) ; Website: [www.trialsecretary.com](http://www.trialsecretary.com) .

**May 1-2; AKC;** Open to all purebreds; Scottish Terrier Club of New England; Wrentham, MA; Opens: 3/3/10; Closes: 4/10/10; Limit: 660 runs; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

**May 8-9; USDAA;** Open to all dogs; All Dog's Agility; Manchester, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis; Email: [tss@trialservices.com](mailto:tss@trialservices.com) ; Website: [www.trialsecretary.com](http://www.trialsecretary.com) .

**May 8-9; NADAC;** Open to all dogs; Northeast Agility Enthusiasts; Trial Secretary: Erin Wajda; Email: [NAE@northeastagility.com](mailto:NAE@northeastagility.com) ; Website: [www.northeastagility.com](http://www.northeastagility.com) .

ANNOUNCING NOMAD's  
Spring Seminar  
March 6 & 7 with Anne Andrlé

At the barn in Jericho

**May 8-9; AKC;** Open to all purebreds; Talcott Mountain Agility Club; Westfield, MA; Opens: 3/17/10; Closes: 4/17/10; Limit: 660 runs; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

**May 15-16; AKC;** Open to all purebreds; Providence County and Middlesex County Kennel Clubs; Wrentham, MA; Opens: 3/17/10; Closes: 4/24/10; Limit: 660 runs; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

**May 15-16; NADAC;** Open to all dogs; Northeast Agility Enthusiasts; Trial Secretary: Erin Wajda; Email: [NAE@northeastagility.com](mailto:NAE@northeastagility.com) ; Website: [www.northeastagility.com](http://www.northeastagility.com) .

**May 15-16; USDAA;** Open to all dogs; NEAT Club; Hampton Falls, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis; Email: [tss@trialservices.com](mailto:tss@trialservices.com) ; Website: [www.trialsecretary.com](http://www.trialsecretary.com) .

**May 22-23; AKC;** Open to all purebreds; Lab Ret of Greater Boston and Colonial Shetland Sheepdog Club; Wrentham, MA; Opens: 3/31/10; Closes: 5/1/10; Limit: 660 runs; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

**May 29-31; AKC;** Open to all purebreds; LEAP Agility Club; Granby, MA; Opens: 3/31/10; Closes: 5/8/10; Limit: 750 runs; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com) ; Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) .

**May 29-31; USDAA;** Open to all dogs; Y Agility; Saratoga Springs, NY; Limit: Unlimited; Closes: 5/10/10; Secretary: Donna Young, 4 Haber Way, Castleton, NY 12033.

*The above listed events are in the following states within a reasonable driving distance for most of us: MA, ME, NH, NY and VT. Please note for some events full information is not yet available. Please contact Cheryl French ([Cheryl.P.French@comcast.net](mailto:Cheryl.P.French@comcast.net)) with any corrections of the events. Sources include [www.cleanrun.com](http://www.cleanrun.com), [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org), [www.trialsecretary.com](http://www.trialsecretary.com), [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) and various other sources.*

Anne has been doing agility since 1996 and has competed multiple times in the USDAA Nationals with her dogs Cody and Ski and at the FCI with her dog Ski. Her vast experience and positive approach provides NOMAD members an exceptional learning opportunity.

**Saturday: 9-5** with an hour for lunch (provide your own) is a full day for **Master's level dogs**. Focus will be on handling skills, shaving seconds off your time, and course analysis.

It will be open to 10 teams. Cost: working members \$120; supporting members \$150

**Sunday : 9-12 Novice/ Intermediate** with a focus on handling. 6 teams. Cost working members \$95; supporting members \$110

**Sunday: (3) one hour private lesson slots. 1-2, 2-3, 3-4 PM.** She can accommodate 1 or 2 teams for a hour lesson. Cost: 1 team \$90; 2 teams \$115. Payment for lessons should be made to Anne Andrlé separately on Sunday.

Registration form For Anne Andrlé Seminar:

Handlers name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Dogs name \_\_\_\_\_ Skill level \_\_\_\_\_, Age \_\_\_\_\_

Check the applicable:

- Saturday  
 Sunday seminar  
 Sunday lesson, preferred time: \_\_\_\_\_

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