

NOMAD NEWS

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

2010

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NADAC TRIAL THANKS!!!

We would like to thank you all for a wonderful trial this past weekend. Tom and I have come for many years (since 2003) and Paula Goss and Kate Hutchinson have also come before. We LOVE your trial!!! It is always so much fun and you all are so gracious and welcoming. We look forward to it every year. We heard you may not do this trial next year :- (but if you do we are working on getting a bigger group from MD to come. Summer would not be the same without your trial. Please send our thanks to the entire NOMAD group.

Thanks again so much!!!

Pat & Tom Moloney-Harmon



I just want to say thank you again for an awesome weekend!!! I don't think I have ever been treated with the kindness and friendship that everyone exhibited this past weekend. It was truly a great trial and I am very very glad to have been a small part of it.

Thank you for the NOMAD vest - it fits PERFECTLY and will be great to use this fall during those chilly agility mornings!

Please pass along my thanks to Lynne for her hospitality and for being such a great sport in everything Lynda and I dished out to her during the weekend.

Thanks again for the opportunity to come and play with NOMAD!

Dwayne Bonker, (our judge)

And not only did we have great competitors, a wonderful judge and outstanding NOMAD workers and competitors, but we made a decent profit.

Figures will come later.

-Caroline and Cynthia (trial co-chairs)



*Lynda DeWitt and Gemma after our NADAC trial
That was their first NADAC trial, and 2nd trial ever*



This was Marty Abair's Mickey's very first trial and his very first 1st and Q in Chances at NADAC.

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A Survey Monkey with the following questions has been sent to the NOMAD list. Please fill that out. The seminar committee would like to get feedback from all members about NOMAD's Agility Camp. The following is another alternative. There are a few ways you can fill this out. You can print it, fill it out and mail it to Kathy (address at the bottom of page 3). You can select the type on these two pages, copy them and paste into an email where you can fill it out and return it to Kathy at her email address—also on page 3.

NOMAD Membership Agility Camp Questionnaire

Please answer all that apply to you.

I have attended the NOMAD Agility Camp:

Year 1 (2008)_____ Year 2 (2009)_____ Year 3 (2010)_____ None_____

If you answered "none" to the above, please answer #s 1-3.

1. What are the reasons you have not attended (Please be specific, but brief):

2. What changes can we make so that camp is more appealing to you:

3. Are you: Planning On_____ Considering_____ Not Planning On_____ attending camp in 2011.

If you have attended camp multiple years, please answer #s 4 & 5.

4. Did you have a favorite year? Yes___ No___ If yes, which year_____

Why:_____

Did that experience make you come back the next year? Yes_____ No_____

5. Did you have a year that was a disappointing experience? Yes_____ No_____

If yes, Which Year_____

Why:_____

Did that experience keep you from coming back? Yes_____ No_____

If you attended 1 or more camps, please answer #s 6-8.

6. Are you: Planning On_____ Considering_____ Not Planning On_____ attending camp in 2011.

Why or why not: _____

7. Do you recommend camp to NOMADers that have not attended? Yes_____ No_____

If "no", why not: _____

8. What changes can we make to make camp a better experience for you? _____

For all members, if you'd like to make any other comments, please write in below.

**Please email back to sunpiperaussies@gmail.com or mail:
Kathy Fretz, 37 Maxham Rd. Woodstock, VT 05091**

Camp photos from Marty Abair



BRAGS

8/6-8/10, AAC National Championships, Calgary, Alberta

Maxine Holmes & Spiritdancer

6" Spec. Division _____ 1st Place
Overall Maxine Holmes & Spiritdancer: 6"
Spec. Steeplechase Finals _____ 3rd Place

Maxine Holmes & Sundancer:

10" Reg. Division Ninth Place Overall



Spiritdancer and Maxine Holmes



*Sundancer and Maxine Holmes
(He is also Mr. January in the 2011
Papillon Dog Calendar).*

July 30-Aug. 1, 2010 GMGRC AKC, Shelburne, VT

Judy K. and Monte

20" Novice Preferred JWW _____ 1st and Q
20" Novice Preferred Standard _____ 3rd and Q

Aug. 21-22, NOMAD NADAC, Stowe

Lynda DeWitt & Gemma

Novice Vet Jumpers _____ 1st
Novice Vet Regular 1 _____ 1st & Q
Novice Vet Regular 2 _____ 1st & Q
Novice Vet Jumpers _____ 1st & Q
Novice Vet Regular 1 _____ 1st & Q and TITLE
Novice Touch 'N Go _____ 3rd & Q
Novice Tunnelers _____ 3rd & Q

Judy K. and Minna

16" Nov. Vet Skill Tunnelers _____ 4th and Q

Judy K. and Monte

20+" Proficient VH Tunnelers _____ 2nd and Q

Koda and Joanne Lawton

Novice Jumpers _____ 3rd and Q
Novice Regular 1 _____ 2nd and Q (TITLE)
Novice Regular 2 _____ 2nd and Q
Open Regular 1 _____ 1st and Q
Novice Chances _____ Clean and Q
Novice Jumpers _____ 3rd and Q (TITLE)
Novice Weavers _____ 3rd and Q

Randi and Moxie Falls

Novice Tunnelers 1st and Q
Novice Weavers _____ 1st and Q
Novice Touch'n go _____ 2nd and Q
Novice Jumpers _____ 2nd and Q

Randi and Poco

Novice Tunnelers _____ 2nd and Q TITLE

Mitzi and Lexi

Novice Touch n' Go _____ 1st and Q
Novice Jumpers _____ 1st and Q

Mitzi and Jayme

Elite Tunnelers _____ 2nd and Q
Open Jumpers _____ 1st and Q
Novice Regular _____ 1st and Q
Novice Regular _____ 1st and Q and TITLE
Novice Weavers _____ 1st and Q
Novice Touch n' Go _____ 1st and Q

Lynne von Trapp and Swix

Open Jumpers _____ 1st and Q and Title
Open Regular _____ 2nd and Q
Novice Tunnelers _____ 1st and Q and Title
Novice Tunnelers _____ 1st and Q

Maxine Holmes & Sundancer

4" Vet. Open Reg. _____ 1st & Q & Title
4" Vet. Open Jumpers _____ 1st & Q
4" Vet Open Chances _____ 1st & Q
4" Vet. Open Reg _____ 1st & Q
4" Vet. Elite Reg. _____ 1st & Q
4" Vet. Open Jumpers _____ 1st & Q

Maxine Holmes & Spiritdancer

4" Vet. Elite Reg. _____ 1st & Q
4" Vet. Elite Reg. _____ 1st & Q
4" Vet. Elite Jumpers _____ 1st & Q
4" Vet. Elite Reg. _____ 2nd & Q
4" Vet. Elite Chances _____ 1st & Q
4" Vet. Elite Jumpers _____ 1st & Q

Caroline McKinney and Tux

Open Reg _____ 1st and Q

Caroline McKinney and Malia

Novice Reg _____ 1st and Q
Novice Jumpers _____ 1st and Q

Marty Abair and Mickey (his first trial)

Novice Jumpers 8" _____ 2nd, NQ
Novice Touch and Go _____ 2nd, NQ
Novice Chances _____ 1st and Q
Novice Handler Lesson Learned - DO NOT FORGET TO TAKE TREAT BAG OFF BELT!

Aug. 20-21 Wag-It CPE, All Dogs, Manchester NH

Sarah Albert & Toby

16" L4 Wildcard _____ 1st & Q
16" L3 Standard _____ 1st & Q
16" L3 Full House 1st & Q
16" L3 Standard _____ 1st & Q

8/28 - 8/29 ACE Agility, USDA, Westfield, MA

Lisa Marcus and Gib

12" P1 Standard _____ 1st and Q
12" P1 Snooker _____ 1st and Q
12" P1 Gamblers _____ 1st and Q
12" P1 Standard _____ 1st and Q
12" P1 Snooker _____ 1st and Q
12" P1 Jumpers _____ 1st and Q

John Marcus and Bonnie

12" Advanced Gamblers 1st and Q
12" Advanced Snooker 1st and Q

Lisa Marcus and Bonnie

12" Advanced Snooker 1st and Q

Lickity Split with Kit Erskine

22' Ch Starters Jumpers _____ 6th and Q
and TITLE
Snooker _____ Q and title

BRAGS

Sept. 4-5, Paws 4 Fun CPE, Plainfield, VT

Marty Abair and Mickey

Level 1, Standard, 8" _____ 1st and Q
 Level 1, Colors, 8" _____ 1st, NQ
 Level 1, Full House, 8" _____ 1st and Q
 Level 1, Standard, 8" _____ 1st, NQ
 Level 1, Snooker, 8" _____ 1st, NQ

Judy Kessler and Minna

16" Vet Level 2 Full House: 1st & Q

Judy K and Monte

20" Enthusiast L 1 Jumpers _____ 1st & Q
 20" Enthusiast L 2 Full House _____ 1st & Q
 Colors _____ 1st & Q
 Wildcard _____ 1st & Q
 Snooker _____ 1st & Q
 Great fun to work together well

Lickity Split with Kit Erskine

16" Level 1 Snooker _____ 1st & Q (51pts)
 Jumpers _____ 1st Q

Trio and Roberta

20" Level 1
 Jumpers _____ 1st & Q
 Standard _____ 1st & Q
 Colors _____ 1st & Q
 Standard _____ 2nd & Q
 Jackpot _____ 2nd & NQ
 Snooker _____ BIG FAT ZERO !

Sarah Albert & Toby

Level 3 Standard 16" _____ 3rd & Q
 Level 4 Colors 16" _____ 2nd & Q
 Level 4 Snooker 16" _____ 1st & Q
 Level 3 Full House 16" _____ 2nd & Q
 Level 3 Standard 16" _____ 3rd & Q
 Level 4 Snooker 16" _____ 1st & Q
 Level 4 Jumpers 16" _____ 2nd & Q

Tux and Caroline McKinney

Held his startline for 3 runs _____ PQ
 L5 FullHouse, 20" _____ 1st and Q

Malia and Caroline Mckinney

L3 Standard, 16" _____ 1st and Q
 L3 FullHouse, 16" _____ 1st and Q

ARFF USDA A Sept. 3-4, Westford MA

Lisa B. and Leslie Vassall's Mimi:

8" Standard _____ 2nd and Q
 Mini PIII Pairs _____ 3rd and Q
 (with Virginia Besthoff and her young rescue Delilah)
 8" PIII Jumpers _____ 1st and Q
 8" PSJ Round One _____ 2nd and Q
 8" PSJ Round 2 _____ 2nd
 8" PIII Standard _____ 1st and Q

Lisa B. and Fly

Mini Masters Pairs _____ 3rd and Q
 16" Masters Jumpers _____ 4th and Q

Lynne von Trapp and Swix

Perf. Speed Rnd. _____ 1 Q
 Perf. Speed Rnd. 2 _____ 5th
 out of the money

Cassy Lamothe and Rah

Performance Speed Jumping _____ 4th and Q
 (last one we needed for Cynosport!)

Cassy Lamothe and Kit

Advanced Standard _____ 2nd and Q

Sept.11-12 NADAC, NAE, Greenwich,NY

Pat Nolin and Falcon

Open Touch and Go _____ 1st & Q
 Elite Regular _____ 1st & Q

TITLE

Open Jumpers _____ 1st & Q
 Open Touch and Go _____ 1st & Q
 Elite Regular _____ 1st & Q

Are You Ready to Compete?

by Lanny Bassham

Are You Ready to Compete?

Now there's a question all of us have asked ourselves at one time or another. When do you start competing? How do you know if you are ready? One place to start is to determine what you want to accomplish by competing. If your sole purpose is to win you might think that you should not start competing until you are performing at a high enough level in training to beat the competition.

Nice idea but it will not work and here's why. The only way you can train for competitions is to compete in them. There is a big difference between the training environment and the competition environment. We often find ourselves training either by ourselves or with a small group. In a competition the field is full. Add people and you have a totally different environment.

Next, there is no pressure in training and plenty in competitions. You need the pressure to bring out the best in your game. Competition pressure is either an asset or a liability depending on your attitude about it. One thing is for certain. You have to be able to deal with it and it is just not there in training.

Additionally, competitions create contacts. You need people and knowledge to aid you in reaching your goals and many of the folks with the know-how are at the competitions. When you compete you are able to watch, listen and talk to the veterans and see first hand what you are up against.

Finally, you will never know how you like a sport until you give it a try. It just might be your calling.

So, when should you start to compete? Start as soon as you are certain that you know enough about your sport to be safe and are ready to learn. Don't worry about winning anything in the beginning and do not be concerned about looking like you do not know everything. You will have plenty of company in that area at the competition. Remember, competitions are where the fun starts. Go enter one.



NEW MEMBER

Lynda DeWitt

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 Stowe, VT 05672
 802-253-6351
 lyndadewitt@hotmail.com

Gemma

11 y.o. border collie, female

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Compiled by Cheryl French as of 8/25/10

OCTOBER 2010

Oct. 2-3; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Ruff Agility; Cheshire Fairgrounds, Swanzey, NH; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: 375 runs per Judge; Closes: 9/15/10; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis; Email: tss@trialservices.com ; Website: www.trialsecretary.com .

Oct. 2-3; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym; Manchester, NH; Website: www.USDAA.com ; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis; Email: tss@trialservices.com .

Oct. 2-3; **ASCA**; Open to all dogs; ASCNE; Westfield, MA; Limit: Unlimited.

Oct. 9-10; **AKC**; Open to all dogs; Western MA Shetland Sheepdog Club; Westfield, MA; Limit: 660 runs; Opens: 8/3/10; Closes: 9/18/10; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com ; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Oct.9-10; **NADAC**; Open to all dogs; Northeast Agility Enthusiasts; Dummerston, VT; Limit: Unknown; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Trial Secretary: Erin Wajda; Email: NAE@northeastagility.com ; Website: www.northeastagility.com .

Oct. 9-10; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; Breeze Thru Agility; Guilford Fairgrounds, Guilford, VT; Limit: Unlimited; Closes: 9/24/10; Trial Secretary: Val Reiner; Email: kritters@bcn.net ; Website: www.breezethruagility.com .

Oct. 16-17; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Hilltown Hounds Agility Club, Conway, MA; Closes: 10/4/10; Limit: 375 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Val Reiner; Email: kritters@bcn.net ; Website: www.hilltownhounds.com or www.k9CPE.com .

Oct. 23-24; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Bo-Gee Agility, Deerfield Fairgrounds, Deerfield, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Closes: 10/6/10; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis; Email: tss@trialservices.com ; Website: www.trialsecretary.com or www.bo-gee.com .

Oct. 23-24; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; Agile Dogs Agility Training; Sugar Bush Farm; Stephentown, NY; Limit: Unlimited; Closes: 10/8/10; Trial Secretary: Trisha Stall, PO box 321, New Lebanon, NY, 12125.

Oct. 29-31; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Muddy Paws Agility Club; Westminster, VT; Limit: 375 runs per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Doreen Lucius; Email: fleabegon@yahoo.com ; Website: www.muddypawscaninecenter.com .

Oct. 30-31; **AKC**; Open to purebreds; Granite State Shetland Sheepdog Club; Amherst, NH; Limit: 330 Runs; Opens: 9/8/10; Closes: 10/9/10; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com ; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

NOVEMBER 2010

Nov. 6-7; **AKC**; Open to all dogs; Schenectady Dog Training Club Inc., High Goal Farm, Greenwich, NY; Limit: 330 runs; Opens: 9/8/10; Closes: 10/16/10; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com ; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Nov. 13-14; **AKC**; Open to purebreds; American Bullmastiff Assoc.; American K9 Country, Amherst, NH; Limit: 330 runs; Opens: 9/8/10; Closes: 10/23/10; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com ; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Nov. 13-14; **NADAC**; Open to all dogs; ACE Agility Club, South Hadley, MA; Limit: Unlimited; Contact: Nancy Obara, Email: ray.wheeler@the-spa.com .

Nov. 13-14; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym, Manchester, NH; Limit: Sat 400/Sun 350 runs; Closes: 10/22/10; Contact: Sue Fountaine, 603-627-7322; Email: mini aussies5@comcast.net ; Website: www.alldogsgym.com or www.k9CPE.com .

Nov. 13-14; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Jazz Agility Club, Greenwich, NY; Limit: 375 runs per day; Closes: 11/3/10; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Julie Mihalcik, Email: mihaleik@nycap.rr.com ; Website: www.jazzagilityclub.com or www.k9CPE.com .

Nov. 20-21; **AKC**; Open to all dogs; Middlesex Kennel Club; American K9 Country, Amherst, NH; Limit: 330 runs; Opens: 9/9/10; Closes: 10/30/10; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com ; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Nov. 26-28; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Breeze Thru Agility, Brattleboro, VT; Classes: All Class/All Levels.

Nov. 26-29; **AKC**; Open to all dogs; November Cluster, Eastern States Expo, W. Springfield, MA; Limit: 1800 runs; Opens: 9/29/10; Closes: 11/6/10; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com ; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Nov. 26-28; **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 ; Website: www.trialsecretary.com .

DECEMBER 2010

Dec. 11-12; **AKC**; Open to all dogs; Yankee Golden Retriever Club; All Dogs Gym; Manchester, NH; Limit: 330 runs; Opens: 10/13/10; Closes: 11/20/10; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com ; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Dec. 11-12; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Riverside K-9 LLC; Nashua, NH; Classes: Games Only; Closes: 11/11/10; Limit: 400 runs per day; Contact: Valori Duff, Email: valwaussies@comcast.net ; Website: www.riversidek9.com .

Dec. 18-19; **AKC**; Open to all dogs; Agility Club of NH; American K9 Country; Amherst, NH; Opens: 10/20/10; Closes: 11/30/10; Trial Secretary: Guylaine Doyon, 860-214-8311, Email: 4pawrule@comcast.net .

Dec. 18-19; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Riverside K-9 LLC; Nashua, NH; Classes: Games Only; Closes: 11/18/10; Limit: 400 runs per day; Contact: Valori Duff, Email: valwaussies@comcast.net ; Website: www.riversidek9.com .

JANUARY 2011

Jan. 1-2; **AKC**; Open to all dogs; Bearded Collie Club of America, Inc.; Amherst, NH; Opens: 11/3/10; Closes: 12/11/10; Limit: 330 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com ; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Jan. 1; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym; Manchester, NH; Limit: 400 runs per day; Closes: 12/10/10; Contact: Sue Fountaine, 603-627-7322; Email: mini aussies5@comcast.net ; Website: www.alldogsgym.com or www.k9CPE.com .

Jan. 7-9; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; BARK-NH!; All Dogs Gym, Manchester, NH; Closes: 12/14/10; Limit: Unlimited; Contact: Valori Duff, Email: valwaussies@comcast.net ; Website: www.USDAA.com .

Jan. 8-9; **AKC**; Open to all dogs; Agility Club of NH; Amherst, NH; Opens: 11/9/10; Closes: 12/23/10; Limit: 330 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Guylaine Doyon, 860-214-8311, Email: 4pawrule@comcast.net .

Jan. 15-17; **AKC**; Open to purebreds; Southern Adirondack Agility Club; Greenwich, NY; Opens: 11/10/10; Closes: 12/26/10; Limit: 330 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com ; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Cookie



(May 20, 1994 - Aug. 13, 2010),

Karen Clark's first agility dog,
who owned her heart for all those years.

Jan. 29-30; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Riverside K-9 LLC; Nashua, NH; Classes: Games Only; Closes: 12/28/10; Limit: 400 runs per day; Contact: Valori Duff, Email: valwaussies@comcast.net ; Website: www.riversidek9.com .

Jan. 29-30; **USDAA**; Open to all dogs; Feel the Rush Agility; Amherst, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Closes: 1/19/11; Contact: Kim Tees, PO Box 388, Raymond, ME 04071; Website: www.USDAA.com .

Jan. 22-23; **AKC**; Open to purebreds; American Bullmastiff Assoc., Inc.; Amherst, NH; Opens: 12/1/10; Closes: 1/8/11; Limit: 330 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com ; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

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) with any corrections of the events. Sources include www.cleanrun.com, www.akc.org, www.trialsecretary.com, www.pawprinttrials.com and various other sources.

FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: NOVEMBER 14, 2010

Tenatively scheduled for 2:00 P.M.,
location to be determined.

SUMMER PRACTICE TIME CHANGE

Tuesday Nights from 6:00 til
dark at Roberta's Field

\$5.00 per session

<http://nomadagility.com/>

NOMAD's Steering Committee

Contact them if you have questions or suggestions.

President (11/09-11/11)
Kit Erskine _____ 586-9932

Vice-President (11/09-11/11)
Cynthia Gilliland _____ 295-2659

Treasurer (11/08 - 11/10)
Linda Ladd _____ 879-3461

Secretary (11/09 - 11/11)
Kim Ingraham _____ 4540191

Members at Large

Don Denette (11/08 - 11/10) _____ 872-8767
Judy Frey (11/09-11/10) _____ 893-8698
Roberta Dumas (11/09-11/10) _____ 899-1158

COMMITTEES

NADAC Trial: Plans the NADAC trial. Create the format for the trial and plan/coordinate all logistics and aspects of the trial (eg. premium creation, registration, site preparation, equipment, judges, volunteer workers, hospitality and more!). There are many big and small jobs to be done. Experience is not necessary!

USDAA Trial: Plans the USDAA trial. Create the format for the trial and plan/coordinate all logistics and aspects of the trial (eg. premium creation, registration, site preparation, equipment, judges, volunteer workers, hospitality and more!). There are many big and small jobs to be done. Experience is not necessary!

Practice/Lessons: Organizes summer and winter practices, arranges for sites, schedules facilitators.

Membership: Welcomes new members to the club by handling applications, plans orientations, assigns mentors and coordinates the Buddy program. Develops initiatives to keep the membership application and renewal process streamlined. We will have 1 or 2 meetings a year. Most issues and discussions are handled through email.

Equipment: Keeps track of the location of the equipment and maintains the equipment. Suggests and makes recommendations for the purchase of new equipment. Responsible for assuring equipment is trial-ready and delivered to trial site.

Demo: Find places and organize the events for demonstration of agility for the public. They are now a regular feature at the Champlain Valley Fair. There are many jobs to do both before and the day of a demo.

Outreach/Jr. Handler: This is directed toward humans under 17 who want to participate in the sport. Develops programs to go into the schools to educate students and the public about positive training and agility. They have held a Jr. handler class and hope to develop seminars or other training events for members under 17.

Seminar: The seminar committee each year plans seminars, workshops, and possibly camps. This is an exciting committee to be on. We invite top competitors/instructors to present the seminars. These seminars are for all members of the club. The committee has one or two meetings a year and does some of the planning via e-mail. There are many jobs to be done at the seminars (refreshments, setting courses, instructor hospitality, etc.). To be able to run the seminars, we ask committee members to put some time in working at the seminars.

NOMAD

Membership Annual Renewal – 2011

MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE/DUES (Please check type of membership)

_____ \$30 Working Member (20 hours of club-related activity)

_____ \$35 Working Family

_____ \$75 Supporting Member

_____ \$85 Supporting Family

_____ \$15 Jr. Handler (under 17)

All new members who joined after June 30, 2010 are exempt from 2011 dues but must return this form.

Renewal period is Oct. 1 – Dec. 1, 2010, to continue to be a member of NOMAD.

Member Name: _____

If you were a working member in 2010, please estimate how many hours you worked. This information will be used by the SC to help establish a better understanding of the work distribution among its members and throughout the club:

_____ hours

I would like to join (or continue on) the following committee(s) (descriptions at left).

NADAC Trial Committee USDAA Trial Committee Membership Committee

Practice/Lessons Committee Equipment Committee Seminar Committee

Outreach/Jr. Handler Committee

If you are the Chair or want to be the Chair, please indicate: _____

Sign the liability waiver below and send this form along with your check payable to "NOMAD" to:

Nancy Dashnaw, PO Box 164, Morrisonville, NY 12962

Please provide any updates or changes to your human personal information. If nothing has changed, then leave blank. If you have new dogs to join, please send information to Judith Kessler. The form is on the website.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ **Work Phone** _____

Email _____

Liability Waiver

I understand that there are a variety of risks to me and my dog from attending NOMAD activities. These risks include, but are not limited to, getting hit by a car, bitten by a dog, tripping and falling, spraining ankles or breaking bones. Understanding these risks, I voluntarily and knowingly waive any right I (and others on my behalf) might otherwise have to make any claim against any member or officer of Northern Magic Agility Dogs, Inc. (NOMAD) and/or any other person or entity connected with NOMAD activities (including, but not limited to, the owner or lessee of any property used by NOMAD) for any and all injuries or damage related to any NOMAD event.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Directions to Wildwood Farm Barn:

From 89, Exit 10 (Stowe/Waterbury):

Go north on Rt. 100 about 1 mile.

You will pass Ben & Jerry's. Turn RIGHT on Guptil Road. Follow for 1.5 miles.

Driveway is on RIGHT immediately after a bridge. Mail box says 1526 Guptil Road.

Driveway is fairly long, curves uphill to barn. You can just barely see the barn from the road. Park parallel to the barn, facing the lower pasture.

From the north:

On Route 100 in Waterbury Center

near Cold Hollow Cider Mill, turn LEFT just after Thurston's Floor Covering Store, onto Hollow Road. This turns into Guptil Road

in 2/10 mile at the 4 way stop in the village of Waterbury Center. Continue 1/2

mile to the driveway on your LEFT. Mail box says 1526 Guptil Road. Driveway is

fairly long, curves uphill to barn. You can just barely see the barn from the road.

Park parallel to the barn, facing the lower pasture.



SEMINAR WITH FIONA ROBERTSON, NOVEMBER 6 AT THE BARN IN WATERBURY

**Pre-novice and Novice – Working Members \$50 per class
Supporting Members \$65.**

9–12:30 PRE-NOVICE, Limited to 6 teams,

Handling – “Build on a Solid, Lasting Foundation”

Learn how to teach the various cues to your dog: turning, driving straight, lateral pulls and pushes using a combination of verbal, body, hand and feet cues. Set yourself up for those future tight lines in Masters, the fast and flowing but often offset lines of Steeplechase, the point and shoot handling of Snooker and the distance handling of Gamblers.

Topics to be covered: Verbal cues to Go On, Get Out and Stay Close; the basics of fast, snappy front and rear crosses, “lane changes” and merges and driving straight ahead.

Short sequences of jumps and tunnels only; no contacts or weaves.

1:30–5 NOVICE, Limited to 6 teams,

Handling - “Get out of Dodge”

We've all walked sequences where we've come upon some tricky bit and cried in dismay, “But I'll NEVER get there!” Whether you are a fast runner or not...With a fast or a more methodical dog...We can all use some snappy handling to communicate to our dogs on course. Handlers who are fast runners or non runners alike can use the idea of “Get Out of Dodge”.

How many times have you wished you could send your dog to one place, while you continue to the next place down the line? Send her and Get Out of Dodge!

How many times have you trotted alongside your slower dog, waiting for her to finish her wide turn? Initiate and Get Out of Dodge!

Has your dog slowed down since you began showing? Are you guilty of driving with your blinker on! Change lanes or Get Out of Dodge!

Sends, Lateral Pulls, Throw and Go's, Lateral Pushes, fast running front crosses and driving rear crosses will be covered and we will use placement of reward to create snappy responses from your dog.

Jumps and tunnels and weave poles only.

FIONA'S BIO

Fiona has been competing in agility for 15 years with her Border Collies in both Canada (AAC) and the USA (USDAA). Her first dog, “Boomer” (now at Rainbow Bridge) earned his Canadian ATChC, and made the podium at every AAC Nationals at which he competed. Her rescue BC, “Blaze” (now retired) earned both his USDAA ADCH and AAC ATChC titles, and has qualified for and competed at every AAC National since his first season of competition, placing in several classes at each one and earning a spot in the Steeplechase Finals in 2007. Two year old "Fen" has been training in competing in sheepdog trials and will be making her agility debut in the 2011 season. In addition to agility, Fiona competes with her border collies in sheepdog trials and represented Canada at the 2008 World Sheepdog Trial in Wales

To register please return the following with your check (or checks) to:

Judy Kessler, 320 Shaker Hill Road, Starksboro, VT 05487

Name _____ Dog's Name _____

Class attending _____

Email Address _____

Phone number _____

If you would like to attend both classes please fill out two separate slips and send two separate checks. Thank you.



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