

NOMAD NEWS

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

JANUARY

2011

LEAGUE!-- 10 Saturdays January 8 through March 12

9:30-11:30 A.M.

There are three teams but anyone can show up as a sub and pay \$10.

There is nothing like being judged to help practice for trialing—for practicing pre-competition routines, learning to deal with nerves, etc. Regular practice is wonderful but does not have the same feeling. So join us when you can. We will take turns bringing courses and being a judge so lots of experience can be gained.

League is scheduled to run 9:30–11:30 which means that League should be finished in time for participants to be loaded up and leaving at 11:30 in order to prevent having too many cars coming and going at the same time.

11:30-11:45 is turnover time. The practice facilitator can start laying out courses during that time.

Practice is 11:45 A.M.–1:30 P.M.

The previously scheduled Games Class is now cancelled, so the 11:45-1:30 p.m. slot will be used for practice throughout the winter

Our barn time is over at 1:30, so practice participants must stop working in time to store the equipment and leave by that time.

WINTER WALK

by Patricia Nolin



Falcon and Cleo

It's so nice to see the sun after the blizzard of snow
The dogs and I go walking with no special place to go.
It looks so different now under this blanket of white.
What was brown and covered with leaves is now a beautiful sight.
The dogs love running in this white sea but they keep looking
back, checking on me.
They look so funny with snow on their face.
Our woods no longer look like the same place.
We walk here all summer spring and fall.
It's hard to say what time is the best of all.
The dogs race to the top of the ridge.
It's heartbreaking to think that too soon one will be on the other
side of the bridge.
Hug them, kiss them, love every dog.
Each one is a gift from God.

BRAGS

Nov 28, 2010 USDAA, All Dogs Gym, Manchester, NH

Koda and Joanne Lawton

P1 Gamblers _____ 1st, Q and title
P2 Standard _____ 2nd and Q
P1 Snooker _____ 1st and Q
P2 Jumpers _____ 2nd and Q

Sarah and Toby

PII Standard 16" _____ Q
PII Snooker 16" _____ 2nd & Q

Lynda DeWitt & Gemma

P1 Standard 16" _____ 3rd
P1 Jumpers 16" _____ 5th and Q
P1 Snooker 16" _____ 5th and Q and Title!!
(and we've only taken 3 snooker runs- I am very proud of my girl!)

December 19 CPE Riverside Canine Center, Nashua, NH

Team Sophie

(Sophie/Sara McDonald/Lynne von Trapp)

Level 1 Jumpers _____ 1st & Q
Level 1 Wild Card _____ 2nd & Q
Level 1 Jackpot _____ 1st & Q



Sophie and Lynne



Sophie's 1st Agility Trial



Nicky Dronoff-Guthrie & Chuck Guthrie
Pix 'n Pages, Photography & Web Design

Dear Diary,

March 15, 2010 - E-mailed Lisa Barrett. Would you consider running Mimi at the USDAA Nationals in October for me? I will be in Sao Paulo, Brasil on business at that time.:(

March 21 - I tore my rotator cuff the first day of my March vacation.
Hey, Lisa, can you start running Mimi NOW????

April 24 - Lisa and Mimi danced together for the first time at K9 Logix. Mimi earned her very first USDAA Top Ten point in P3 Jumpers and a Q in Snooker which completed her P1 Snooker title.

May 11 - Received a picture of Mimi lying on the lap of Lisa's mother. What fun! Another person enthralled by my little girl even though mom's couch is strictly off limits to all dogs.

May 25 - OMG, Lisa and Mimi Qd 8 out of 9 classes and placed first in Level 4 Standard in 8" at CPE Nationals. I requested that my 2010 CPE Nat'l t-shirt be made up with Lisa, Leslie and Mimi stitched in a circle. Lisa is a tad embarrassed by my creativity.

July 18 - BARK: Only one word for that weekend- STELLAR! Mimi also earned the elusive Pairs Q (after serving as an accommodating dog multiple times), finishing her Performance Dog 2 title.

Sept. 18 - While working at my CATS event, Mimi and Lisa earned Mimi's P-MAD title at K9 Logix. My shrieks of joy were heard all over Keene!

October 2010 - USDAA nationals Unbelievable! Lisa last ran at the Nationals with her own dog, Jenny, in 1998 or 1999. I am SO glad I thought to ask Lisa to help me out. Mimi placed 6th (with a Q) in Team Gamblers with 51 points, 7th in Team Snooker, and about 7th in Rekoons, a hilarious backwards snooker game. They also earned a decent placement in Versatility Pairs.

Nov 15 - WAHOOO, it appears that Mimi will place in USDAA Top Ten P3 Jumpers in 2010.

Over 90+dogs nationwide have earned at least one point in 8". Can Mimi hold on until yearend?

Nov. 28 - All Dogs Gym: I have to confess; I was nervous. It was my first time running Mimi since last February. P3 Gamblers was pure magic! I stopped at the gamble line and Mimi wrapped around the first jump back to me. But I kept my cool (1st miracle), put my arm out (2nd miracle) and asked her to Go Tunnel (3rd miracle).

What was truly amazing? Mimi turned with the utmost confidence and DID the tunnel! I was stunned but managed to keep my mute button engaged even while my jaw hit the floor. Definitely, this was Aunt Lisa's training surfacing at the perfect moment! THANK-YOU, Lisa!

Leslie Vassall

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.

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.

COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Compiled by Cheryl French as of 12/26/10

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 Fontaine, 603-627-7322; Email: miniassies5@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. 15-16; CPE; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym; Manchester, NH; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: 400 Sat./350 Sun.; Closes: 12/24/10; Contact: Sue Fontaine, 603-627-7322; Email: miniassies5@comcast.net ; Website: www.alldogsgym.com .

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 .

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 .

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 .

FEBRUARY 2011

Feb. 5-6; USDAA; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym; Manchester, NH; Closes: 1/21/11; Trial Secretary: Kim Tees, PO Box 388, Raymond, ME 04071; All Classes/All Levels.

Feb. 5-6; AKC; Open to purebreds; Tartan Gordon Setter Club; American K9 Country; Amherst, NH; Opens: 11/10/10; Closes: 1/5/11; 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 .

Feb. 12-13; AKC; Open to purebreds; American Bullmastiff Assoc., Inc.; American K9 Country; Amherst, NH; Opens: 12/15/10; Closes: 1/29/11; 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 .

Feb. 12-13; CPE; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym Agility; All Dogs Gym & Inn, Manchester, NH; Limit: Sat 400, Sun 350; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Closes: 1/21/11; Contact: Sue Fontaine, 603-627-7322; Email: miniassies5@comcast.net ; Web Site: www.alldogsgym.com .

Feb. 18-20; CPE; Open to all dogs; Breeze Thru Agility, Brattleboro, VT; Classes: All Class/All Levels; Limit: Fri 275, Sat & Sun 375 per day; Closes: 2/7/11; Contact: Val Reiner; Email: kritters@bcn.net ; Website: www.breezethruagility.com .

Feb. 19-20; AKC; Open to all dogs; Eastern English Springer Spaniel Club; American K9 Country; Amherst, NH; Opens: 12/16/10; Closes: 1/29/11; 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 .

Feb. 26-27; AKC; Open to all dogs; Middlesex County Kennel Club; American K9 Country; Amherst, NH; Opens: 1/5/11; Closes: 2/12/11; 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 .

Feb. 26-27; CPE; Open to all dogs; Riverside K-9 LLC; Nashua, NH; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: 400 runs per day; Closes: 1/27/11; Contact: Valori Duff; Email: valwaussies@comcast.net ; Website: www.riversidek9.com .

MARCH 2011

March 4-6; CPE; Open to all dogs; Bo-Gee Agility; Amherst, NH; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Opens: 1/19/11; Closes: 2/16/11; Limit: Fri 225, Sat & Sun 375 per day; Contact: Judy Davis; Email: tss@trialsecretary.com ; Web Site: www.bo-gee.com .

March 5-6; AKC; Open to all purebreds; Southern Adirondack Agility Club; Greenwich, NY; Opens: 1/5/11; Closes: 2/12/11; 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 .

March 12-13; AKC; Open to all purebreds; American Bullmastiff Assoc.; Amherst, NH; Opens: 1/5/11; Closes: 2/19/11; 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 .

March 12-13; CPE; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym Agility; All Dogs Gym & Inn, Manchester, NH; Limit: Sat 400, Sun 350; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Closes: 2/18/11; Contact: Sue Fontaine, 603-627-7322; Email: miniassies5@comcast.net ; Web Site: www.alldogsgym.com .

March 19-20; AKC; Open to all dogs; Schenectady Dog Training Club, Inc, Greenwich, NY; Opens: 1/26/11; Closes: 2/26/11; Limit: 400 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com ; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

March 19-20; USDAA; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym Agility; All Dogs Gym & Inn, Manchester, NH; Closes: 3/4/11; Classes: Tournament Classes Only; Secretary: Kim Tees, PO Box 388, Raymond, ME 04071.

APRIL 2011

April 2-3; CPE; Open to all dogs; Agile Dogs Agility Training; Greenwich, NY; Limit: 375 runs per day; Closes: 3/22/11; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Marge Stall, 518-794-0168; Email: marge@agiledogs.net; Website: www.agiledogs.net .

April 2-3; AKC; Open to all dogs; American Eskimo Dog Club of America; Amherst, NH; Opens: 2/16/11; Closes: 3/12/11; 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 .

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April 9-10; CPE; Open to all dogs; Littleton, MA; Limit: 375 runs per day; Closes: 3/30/11; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Michelle Borelli, 978-387-3663; Email: michelle@geminidogs.com ; Website: www.geminidogs.com.

April 9-10; CPE; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym; Manchester, NH; Limit: Sat. 400, Sun. 350 runs per day; Closes: 3/18/11; Contact: Sue Fontaine, 603-627-7322; Email: miniassies5@comcast.net ; Web Site: www.alldogsgym.com .

April 9-10; AKC; Open to all dogs; American Lhasa Apso Club Inc.; Amherst, NH; Opens: 2/16/11; Closes: 3/19/11; 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 .

April 15-17; CPE; Open to all dogs; Breeze Thru Agility, Brattleboro, VT; Classes: All Class/All Levels; Closes: 4/4/11; Limit: 275 on Fri; 375 per day on Sat & Sun.; Contact: Val Reiner; Email: kritters@bcn.net ; Website: www.breezethruagility.com .

April 23-24; AKC; Open to all dogs; BOTC; Shelburne, VT; Opens: 2/7/11; Closes: 4/7/11; Limit: 330 per day; Classes: All Std & JWW/All Levels; Trial Secretary: Janet Induni, 43 Lost Nation Rd, Essex Jct., VT 05452; 802-879-6526; Email: jinduni@comcast.net ; Website: www.botc.com .

April 23-24; USDAA; Open to all dogs; K9Logix; Greenfield, MA; Closes: 4/1/11; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Val Duff; K9 Agility Services; 252 Boynton St., Manchester, NH 03102; Email: valwaussies@comcast.net ; Website: www.k9agilityservices.com .

April 30 – May 1; CPE; Open to all dogs; Bo-Gee; Deerfield, NH; Closes: 4/15/11; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis; Email: tss@trialservices.com ; Website: www.trialsecretary.com .

April 30 – May 1; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Ace Agility Club; Greenfield, MA; Closes: 4/10/11.

MAY 2011

May 7-8; CPE; Open to all dogs; PAWS 4 FUN; Plainfield, VT; Limit: 350 runs per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Trial Secretary: Cheryl French; Email: Cheryl.P.French@comcast.net ; Website: <http://agilpaws.tripod.com> .

May 7 -8; AKC; Open to all dogs; Talcott Mountain Agility Club, Westfield, MA; Opens: 3/16/11; Closes: 4/16/11; Limit: 660 runs per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com ; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

May 7-8; NADAC; Open to all dogs; NAE; Greenfield, MA; Trial Secretary: Erin Wajda; Email: NAE@northeastagility.com ; Website: www.northeastagility.com .

May 7-8; USDAA; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gum Agility; All Dogs Gym & Inn, Manchester, NH; Closes: 4/22/11; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Trial Secretary: Kim Tees, PO Box 388, Raymond, ME 04071.

May 14-15; USDAA; Open to all dogs; NEAT; Greenfield, NH; Closes: 4/24/11; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis; Email: tss@trialservices.com ; Website: www.trialsecretary.com .

May 21-22; CPE; Open to all dogs; Southern Berkshire Agility Dogs, Inc.; Granby, MA; Limit: 375 per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Jeff Boyer, Email: jboyer01@nycap.rr.com ; Website: www.sobadagility.com .

May 28-30; AKC; Open to all dogs; LEAP Agility Club; Granby, MA; Opens: 3/30/11; Closes: 5/7/11; Limit: 750 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.

NEW MEMBERS

Linda Kelly

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Dog is **Sammi**, a nearly 3 y.o., spayed female English Springer Spaniel

Bee Ryan is adding a dog to her membership: **Billybob**, a 20 m.o. Pyrenean Shepherd, unneutered male

<http://nomadagility.com/>

NOMAD's Steering Committee

Contact them if you have questions or suggestions.

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