

# NOMAD NEWS

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

MAY

2012

## Summer Practice Starts May 2

Summer practice will be held on **Wednesday evenings, 6-8 p.m., beginning May 2.** (The time will change to 6:30-8:30 once the days are longer.) Cost is \$5/team/night or \$45/team for a season pass. Season passes are \$45 no matter when they are purchased.

**The first Wednesday of each month is Novice Night.** We will have two sequences with a fence down the middle of the field to separate the areas. Contacts will be at lower heights. Channel weaves will be used. After sequences there will be a nested course for Starters and Advanced/Expert teams.

**The third Wednesday of each month will be Run Throughs** – two courses, run twice each. One dog in the ring at a time for two minutes.

**All other Wednesday nights are three sequences (no fencing) followed by a course.**

On May 2 we need to unload the trailer before practice starts, so if you can come at 5:30 to help that would be great and much appreciated.

May 2 is the first Wednesday of the month, so it's Novice Night. Guidelines to summer practices are available on the NOMAD web site, [www.nomadagility.com](http://www.nomadagility.com).

—Kate Carter

## NOMAD Equipment Revival Party

**May 12, 2012, 9:30 a.m.,  
Roberta Dumas's house in Jericho**

NOMAD will hold its annual Equipment Revival Party on Saturday, May 12th. This is when we clean up and repair our agility equipment so that it's trial ready. We hope to have a good turnout at our clean-up party.

We will start at 9:30 a.m. and go until we are done. Our main tasks are to clean the equipment that is covered with barn dirt, sweep out the interior of the trailer, paint the A frame, and rubberize the pause table. Bring your lunch. NOMAD will provide cleaning supplies and beer. This is a fun opportunity for working members to rack up some hours towards their 20-hour work commitment.

### DIRECTIONS TO ROBERTA'S HOUSE:

#### From Burlington

Take I-89 to Richmond exit. Take a left at the end of the exit ramp and follow Rt. 2 under the I-89 overpass. Take the next right onto Rt. 117. Take the immediate right onto Governor Peck Rd. Go 2.2 miles to Brown's Trace Rd. and turn left. Go .9 mile and take a right onto Nashville Rd. (Look for West Bolton Golf Course sign.) Follow Nashville Rd. for 2.6 miles and turn right onto Leary Rd. Roberta's driveway is about a half mile up Leary Rd. on the right (#54). You can't see the house from the driveway.

#### From Underhill

Turn left off Rt. 15 onto Brown's Trace Rd. (at Clarks Truck Center). Follow Brown's Trace Rd. for 2.6 miles, passing through Jericho Center. Turn left on Nashville Rd. (Look for West Bolton Golf Course sign.) *Follow Burlington directions from there.*

#### From Essex Jct.

Take Rt. 117 (River Rd.) toward Richmond. Turn left onto Barber Farm Rd. and follow until you come to Brown's Trace Rd. in Jericho. Turn right and go about a mile. Turn left onto Nashville Rd. *Follow Burlington directions from there.*

#### From Waterbury

Take I-89 to Richmond Exit 11. Turn right at the end of the exit ramp and take an immediate right onto Rt. 117, and then another immediate right onto Governor Peck Rd. Go 2.2 miles to Brown's Trace Rd. and turn left. *Follow Burlington directions from there.*

# Get to Know NOMAD

**Wednesday  
June 6  
6-9 p.m.**

Agility practice and potluck picnic at NOMAD's summer practice site in Jericho, VT. Come meet some NOMAD members, play agility with your dog, and enjoy a picnic with friends.

NOMAD is a club of dog agility enthusiasts who have come together to play and build lasting relationships with their dogs and other people with similar interests.

For more info and directions visit [www.nomadagility.com](http://www.nomadagility.com) or email [kate\\_carter@comcast.net](mailto:kate_carter@comcast.net).

## GET TO KNOW NOMAD

The Get to Know NOMAD event will be held June 6 at Roberta Dumas field (see directions on page 1 in this newsletter).

**Start time 6PM...** ending when it gets dark or the mosquitoes take over.

NOMAD members please bring a "potluck" item to share after the practice.

We will give a brief introduction to our club and introduce ourselves. After introductions we will have run-throughs of two courses. Before each course we will offer a brief handling discussion provided by experienced club members.

For club member instructors who are urging their students to attend, please ask folks to bring a chair and be able to put dogs back in the car or crates for the social time. Club members and non-members please bring the beverage of your choice (water, soda, beer, etc.) for yourself. There will be water available for the dogs.

Please let us know if you plan to attend. If there are any questions Kate Carter, [kate\\_carter@comcast.net](mailto:kate_carter@comcast.net)

Thanks,

—Kate Carter (for the Practice Committee)

## NADAC Trial - Help needed!

Our NADAC trial is Aug. 18-19, at the Topnotch Meadow in Stowe. We still have some jobs that need to be filled. We have a small committee and are reaching out to the rest of the club to help us out. It is a perfect opportunity to get some work hours in for members that have a working membership. The jobs that are still open:

**Soliciting donations** from businesses for the worker/volunteer raffle - can contact Linda for list from last year, needs to be done soon

**Volunteer/worker co-coordinator** - puts together the volunteer schedule

**Ring lay out person for Fri.** - one ring only this year

**Judge's transportation** - to and from airport & to and from lodging and trial site

**Chief course builder** - it will be a one ring only trial

**Signs** - putting up signs at the site, and roadway

If you would like to volunteer for one of these jobs, we would really appreciate it. Please contact Karen Clark [cookie-dog@juno.com](mailto:cookie-dog@juno.com) Thanks!

—Karen Clark & Linda Ladd, co-chairs

### New Member

#### Trudy Lyon-Hart

663 Upper Hollow Rd.

Stowe, VT 05672

802-253-7273 (H), 802-241-2475  
(W), 802-839-0135 (C)

[tlyonhart@yahoo.com](mailto:tlyonhart@yahoo.com)

working member, interested in NADAC and  
USDA trial committees, possibly others

**Dash**, 5 y.o., mixed breed, neutered male

<http://nomadagility.com>

### NOMAD's Steering Committee

Contact them if you have questions or suggestions.

#### President (til 2013)

John Marcus \_\_\_\_\_ [john.marcus@uvm.edu](mailto:john.marcus@uvm.edu)

#### Vice-President (til 2013)

Judy Frey \_\_\_\_\_ [rjfrey2@yahoo.com](mailto:rjfrey2@yahoo.com)

#### Treasurer (11/10 - 11/12)

Linda Ladd \_\_\_\_\_ [vtladds@comcast.net](mailto:vtladds@comcast.net)

#### Secretary (11/11 - 11/13)

Sarah Albert \_\_\_\_\_ [sarah@vtlink.net](mailto:sarah@vtlink.net)

#### Members at Large

Joanne Lawton (11/11-11/12s)

[joannelawton@aol.com](mailto:joannelawton@aol.com)

Marty Abair (11/10-11/12)

[corgitown@yahoo.com](mailto:corgitown@yahoo.com)

Roberta Dumas (11/11-11/12)

[ilvcallie@comcast.net](mailto:ilvcallie@comcast.net)

# BRAGS

## 4/20-22 BOTC AKC Shelburne Vermont

### **Judy K. and Monte**

20" Novice Standard Preferred \_\_\_ 2nd and Q

#### **TITLE**

Open Standard Preferred \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

### **John Marcus and Cruiser**

12" Time 2 Beat Q and 8 points

### **John Marcus and Eve**

12" Time 2 Beat Q and \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Place  
(10 points)

12" Exc B Standard \_\_\_\_\_ Q and 2nd

12" Exc B JWW \_\_\_\_\_ Q and 2nd

12" Exc B Standard \_\_\_\_\_ Q and 2nd

12" Exc B JWW \_\_\_\_\_ Q and 4th

12" Exc B JWW \_\_\_\_\_ Q and 2nd

### **Lisa Marcus and Gib 1**

2" Exc B JWW \_\_\_\_\_ Q and 3rd

12" Exc A Std \_\_\_\_\_ Q and 1st

#### **AXJ TITLE!**

### **Marty Abair and Maggie**

Novice Jumpers with Weaves \_\_\_ 1st and Q

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### **Marty Abair and Mickey**

Novice Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

Novice Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

### **Moxie Falls and Randi**

20" Novice P JWW \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q

20" Open P JWW \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q

20" Novice P Time to Beat \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q  
9pts.

### **Roberta and Trio**

20" Open Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

Open JWW \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q

Open Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

#### **TITLE!**

Open JWW \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

#### **TITLE!**

### **Cassy Lamothe and Jack the Pom Mix**

8" time to beat \_\_\_\_\_ 5 points and Q

Novice Jww \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

### **Cassy Lamothe and Rah**

12" Excellent Standard Preferred \_\_\_ 1st and Q

### **Ann Ramsay and Sidney**

20" Open JWW \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q

#### **TITLE**

Time 2 Beat \_\_\_\_\_ Q & 7points

## Photos from the Monique Plinck Seminar

thanks to Lynne vT

It was a GREAT seminar.





# COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Compiled by Cheryl French as of 4/23/12

## MAY 2012

May 5-6; CPE; Open to all dogs; Paws 4 Fun; Westminster, VT; Limit: 375 runs per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels, Jumpers and Colors each day; Closes: 4/23/12; Trial Secretary: Cheryl French; Email: [Cheryl.p.french@comcast.net](mailto:Cheryl.p.french@comcast.net); Website: [agilpaws.tripod.com](http://agilpaws.tripod.com).

May 5-6; AKC; Open to all dogs; Talcott Mountain Agility Club; Westfield, MA; Opens: 3/14/12; Closes: 4/14/12; Limit: 660 runs per day; All Classes/All Levels; 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 4-6; NADAC; Open to all dogs; NAE; Greenfield, MA; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: Unlimited; Trial Secretary: Erin Wajda, Email: [NAE@northeastagility.com](mailto:NAE@northeastagility.com); Website: [www.northeastagility.com](http://www.northeastagility.com).

May 5-6; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Ace Agility Club; Spencer, MA; Limit: Unlimited; Closes: 4/15/12; Contact: Nancy Obara, 107 Clement St., Springfield, Ma. 01118.

May 11-13; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Over Rover Training Center, Cato, NY; Closes: 5/04/12; Limit: Unlimited; Secretary: Dee Bramble, 12430 State Rte. 176, Cato, NY 13033.

May 12-13; USDAA; Open to all dogs; ARFF Agility Club, Inc.; American K9 Country; Amherst, NH; Closes: 4/30/12; Trial Secretary: Valori Duff, 252 Boynton St., Manchester, NH 03102.

May 12-13; CPE; Open to all dogs; Takes 2 to Q Agility Club, Greenwich, NY; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: 350 runs per day; Closes: 5/1/12; Contact: Cassi Isachsen; Email: [agility-pugs@nycap.rr.com](mailto:agility-pugs@nycap.rr.com).

May 12-13; NADAC; Open to all dogs; NAE; Stephentown, NY; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: Unlimited; Trial Secretary: Erin Wajda, Email: [NAE@northeastagility.com](mailto:NAE@northeastagility.com); Website: [www.northeastagility.com](http://www.northeastagility.com).

May 19-20; USDAA; Open to all dogs; New England Agility Team; Greenland, NH; Closes: 4/29/12; Limit: Unlimited; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis; Email: [tss@trialservices.com](mailto:tss@trialservices.com); Website: [www.trialsecretary.com](http://www.trialsecretary.com).

May 19-20; CPE; Open to all dogs; SoBAD, Inc.; Stephentown, NY; Limit: 375 runs per ring; Closes: 5/1/12; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Chris Penna; Email: [chrisspnn01@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisspnn01@yahoo.com); Website: [www.sobadaagility.com](http://www.sobadaagility.com).

May 26-27; AKC; Open to all dogs; LEAP Agility Club; Granby, MA; Opens: 3/28/12; Closes: 4/28/12; Limit: 660 runs per day; All Classes/All Levels; 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 26-28; CPE; Open to all dogs; Northeast Miniature Australian Shepherd Club; Westminster, VT; Limit: 350 runs per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Closes: 4/27/12; Trial Secretary: Sue Fontaine; Email: [mini aussies5@comcast.net](mailto:mini aussies5@comcast.net); Website: [www.nemasc.org](http://www.nemasc.org).

May 26-28; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Y Agility; Saratoga Springs, NY; Closes: 5/6/12; Limit: Unlimited; Trial Secretary: Donna Young, 4 Haber Way, Castleton, NY 12033.

## JUNE 2012

June 1-4; AKC; Open to all dogs; Nova Scotia Duck Trolling Retriever Club; Greenwich, NY; Opens: 4/2/12; Closes: 5/12/12; Contact: Robin Ohrt, 860-930-3994; Email: [4pawrule@comcast.net](mailto:4pawrule@comcast.net).

June 2-3; AKC; Open to all dogs; Norwegian Elkhound Minuteman Assoc.; Westford, MA; Opens: 4/4/12; Closes: 5/19/12; Limit: 660 runs per day; Trial Secretary: 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).

June 2-3; CPE; Open to all dogs; Stockade Agility; Glenville, NY; Limit: 375 runs per Judge; Closes: 5/21/12; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Cassi Isachsen; Email: [cassihoman@nycap.rr.com](mailto:cassihoman@nycap.rr.com).

June 2-3; CPE; Open to all dogs; Gemini Dogs, Inc.; Littleton, MA; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Closes: 5/23/12; Limit: 375 runs per day; Contact: Michelle Borelli, Email: [michelle@geminidogs.com](mailto:michelle@geminidogs.com)

June 2-3; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Over Rover Training Center, Cato, NY; Closes: 5/25/12; Limit: Unlimited; Secretary: Dee Bramble, 12430 State Rte. 176, Cato, NY 13033.

June 8-10; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Canine Agility Training Society; Keene, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Closes: 5/20/12; Contact: Valori Duff, 252 Boynton St., Manchester, NH 03102.

June 9-10; ASCA; Open to all dogs; ASCNE; Westfield, MA; Opens: 4/16/12; Closes: 5/28/12; Limit: 450 per day; Contact: Valerie Jakubowski; Email: [valeriejak@aol.com](mailto:valeriejak@aol.com); Website: [www.ascne.org](http://www.ascne.org).

June 9-10; NADAC; Open to all dogs; NAE; Stephentown, NY; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: Unlimited; Trial Secretary: Erin Wajda, Email: [NAE@northeastagility.com](mailto:NAE@northeastagility.com); Website: [www.northeastagility.com](http://www.northeastagility.com).

June 9-10; CPE; Open to all dogs; Agility Dogs of the Adirondacks; Westport, NY; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: 300 runs per day; Closes: 5/19/12; Contact: Billie Marsh; Email: [marshb@westel.com](mailto:marshb@westel.com); Website: [www.k9cpe.com](http://www.k9cpe.com).

June 11-12; AKC; Open to all dogs; Mayflower Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club; Amherst, NH; Opens: 4/18/12; Closes: 5/26/12; Limit: 330 runs per day; Trial Secretary: 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).

June 15-17; CPE Nationals; Altamont, NY; Opens 3/1-3/14; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Closes: 5/1/12; Limit: 575 dogs per day; Contact: [cpe@charter.net](mailto:cpe@charter.net); Website: [www.k9cpe.com](http://www.k9cpe.com).

June 15-17; USDAA; Open to all dogs; NOMAD; Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe, VT; Limit: Unlimited; Closes: 5/29/12; Contact: Kim Ingraham, PO Box 345, Plainfield, VT 05667.

June 15-17; NADAC; Open to all dogs; NAE; Greenfield, MA; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Trial Secretary: Erin Wajda, Email: [NAE@northeastagility.com](mailto:NAE@northeastagility.com); Website: [www.northeastagility.com](http://www.northeastagility.com).

June 16-18; AKC; Open to all dogs; Southern Adirondack Agility Club; Greenwich, NY; Opens: 4/18/12; Closes: 5/26/12; Limit: 330 runs per day; Trial Secretary: 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).

June 22-24; CPE; Open to all dogs; Bo-Gee; Deerfield, MA; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Closes: 6/6/12; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis; Email: [tss@trialservices.com](mailto:tss@trialservices.com); Website: [www.trialsecretary.com](http://www.trialsecretary.com) and [www.bo-gee.com](http://www.bo-gee.com).

June 23-24; NADAC; Open to all dogs; NAE; Wrentham, MA; Trial Secretary: Erin Wajda, Email: [NAE@northeastagility.com](mailto:NAE@northeastagility.com); Website: [www.northeastagility.com](http://www.northeastagility.com).

June 29-July 1; CPE; Open to all dogs; Muddy Paws Agility Club, Westminster, VT; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Closes: 6/7/12; Limit: 375 runs per day; Contact: Doreen Lucius, Email: [fleabegon@yahoo.com](mailto:fleabegon@yahoo.com); Website: [www.muddy-pawscaninecenter.com](http://www.muddy-pawscaninecenter.com).

June 30-July 1; AKC; Open to all dogs; Albany Obedience Club; Glenmont, NY; Opens: 5/2/12; Closes: 6/11/12; Limit: 660 runs per day; 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).

June 30-July 1; AKC; Open to all dogs; Agility Club of NH; American K9 country, Amherst, NH; Opens: 5/9/12; Closes: 6/11/12; Contact: Robin Ohrt, 860-930-3994; Email: [4pawrule@comcast.net](mailto:4pawrule@comcast.net).

June 30-July 1; USDAA; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym, Manchester, NH; Closes: 6/22/12; Limit: Unlimited; Contact: Kim Tees, PO Box 388, Raymond, ME 04071.

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June 30-July 1; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Happy Tails Agility Club; Macedon, NY; Closes: 6/20/12; Limit: Unlimited; Trial Secretary: Sue Bartieson, 7704 School St., Sodus, NY 14551.

## JULY 2012

July 6-8; CPE; Open to all dogs; Sugar Bush Farm, Stephentown, NY; Limit: 375 runs per day; Opens: 5/15/12; Closes: 6/25/12; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Barb Fribourg; Email: [blfribourg@gmail.com](mailto:blfribourg@gmail.com) ; Website: [www.sugarbushfarm.net](http://www.sugarbushfarm.net) .

July 7-8; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Agile Dogs Agility Training; Sugar Bush Farm, Stephentown, NY; Closes: 6/25/12; Limit: Unlimited; Secretary: Trisha Stall, PO Box 321, New Lebanon, NY 12125.

July 7-8; NADAC; Open to all dogs; NAE; Dummerston, VT; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: Unlimited; Trial Secretary: Erin Wajda, Email: [NAE@northeastagility.com](mailto:NAE@northeastagility.com) ; Website: [www.northeastagility.com](http://www.northeastagility.com) .

July 13-15; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Riverside Canine Center, Greenfield, MA; Closes: 6/25/12; Limit: Unlimited; Contact: Valori Duff; Email: [valwaussies@comcast.net](mailto:valwaussies@comcast.net) ; Website: [www.k9agilityservices.com](http://www.k9agilityservices.com) .

July 13-15; CPE; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym; Manchester, NH; Opens: 6/8/12; Closes: 6/22/12; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Sue Fontaine; Email: [miniassies5@comcast.net](mailto:miniassies5@comcast.net) ; Website: [www.alldogsgym.com](http://www.alldogsgym.com) .

July 20-22; USDAA; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym, Manchester, NH; Closes: 7/4/12; Limit: Unlimited; Contact: Valori Duff; Email: [valwaussies@comcast.net](mailto:valwaussies@comcast.net) ; Website: [www.k9agilityservices.com](http://www.k9agilityservices.com) .

July 20-22; CPE; Open to all dogs; Breeze Thru Agility; Guilford, VT; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: 375 per day; Closes: 7/9/12; Contact: Val Reiner, 413-743-9354; Email: [kritters@bcn.net](mailto:kritters@bcn.net) ; Website: [www.breezethruagility.com](http://www.breezethruagility.com) .

July 22; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Stockade Agility; Glenville, NY; Closes: 7/10/12; Limit: Unlimited; Trial Secretary: Kara Kingsbury, 733 Rte. 29, Rock City Falls, NY 12863.

July 27-29; AKC; Open to all dogs; Green Mountain Golden Retriever Club; Shelburne, VT; Opens: 5/30/12; Closes: 7/7/12; Limit: 330 runs per day; 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) .

July 27-29; CPE; Open to all dogs; Bo-Gee; Deerfield, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Closes: 7/11/12; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis; Email: [tss@trialservices.com](mailto:tss@trialservices.com) ; Website: [www.trialsecretary.com](http://www.trialsecretary.com) and [www.bo-gee.com](http://www.bo-gee.com) .

## AUGUST 2012

Aug. 3-5; CPE; Open to all dogs; Muddy Paws Agility Club; Westminster, VT; Closes: 7/12/12; Limit: 375 runs per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Doreen Lucius; Email: [fleabegon@yahoo.com](mailto:fleabegon@yahoo.com) ; Website: [www.muddypawscaninecenter.com](http://www.muddypawscaninecenter.com) .

Aug. 4-5; AKC; Open to all dogs; Agility Club of New Hampshire; Amherst, NH; Opens: 6/13/12; Closes: 7/16/12; Trial Secretary: Guylaine Doyon, 860-214-8311; Email: [4pawrule@att.net](mailto:4pawrule@att.net) .

Aug. 10-12; CPE; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Gym, Manchester, NH; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: Fri 250, Sat 400, Sun 350 runs per day; Closes: 7/20/12; Contact: Sue Fontaine; Email: [miniassies5@comcast.net](mailto:miniassies5@comcast.net) ; Website: [www.alldogsgym.com](http://www.alldogsgym.com) .

Aug. 10-12; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Over Rover Training Center, Cato, NY; Closes: 8/3/12; Limit: Unlimited; Trial Secretary: Dee Bramble, 12430 State Rte. 176, Cato, NY.

Aug. 11-12; AKC; Open to all purebreds; Tartan Gordon Setter Club; Amherst, NH; Opens: 6/13/12; Closes: 7/21/12; Limit: 330 runs per day; ; 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) .

Aug. 11-12; CPE; Open to all dogs; AgileDogs Agility Training; Stephentown, NY; Closes: 7/30/12; Limit: 375 runs per Judge; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Marjorie Stall, 518-331-7814; Email: [marge@agiledogs.net](mailto:marge@agiledogs.net) ; Website: [www.agiledogs.net](http://www.agiledogs.net) .

Aug. 11-12; NADAC; Open to all dogs; NAE; Dummerston, VT; Limit: Unlimited; Trial Secretary: Erin Wajda; Email: [NAE@northeastagility.com](mailto:NAE@northeastagility.com) ; Website: [www.northeastagility.com](http://www.northeastagility.com) .

Aug. 18-19; AKC; Open to all dogs; American Eskimo Dog Club of America; Amherst, NH; Opens: 6/13/12; Closes: 7/28/12; Limit: 330 runs per day; ; 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) .

Aug. 18-19; NADAC; Open to all dogs; NOMAD; Stowe, VT; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Trial Secretary: Erin Wajda; Email: [NAE@northeastagility.com](mailto:NAE@northeastagility.com) ; Website: [www.northeastagility.com](http://www.northeastagility.com) .

Aug. 17-19; CPE; BO-Gee Agility; Deerfield, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Closes: 8/1/12; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Trial Secretary: Judy Davis; Email: [tss@trialservices.com](mailto:tss@trialservices.com) ; Website: [www.trialsecretary.com](http://www.trialsecretary.com) and [www.bo-gee.com](http://www.bo-gee.com) .

Aug. 24; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Contact Agility Club; Glenville, NY; Closes: 8/6/12.

Aug. 25-26; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Ace Agility Club, Westfield Fairgrounds, Westfield, MA; Closes: 8/5/12; Limit: Unlimited; Trial Secretary: Nancy Obara, 107 Clement St., Springfield, MA 01118.

Aug. 25-26; AKC; Open to all dogs; Yankee Golden Retriever Club; Amherst, NH; Opens: 6/27/12; Closes: 8/4/12; Limit: 330 runs per day; ; 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) .

Aug. 25-26; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Stockade Agility; Glenville, NY; Closes: 8/6/12; Limit: Unlimited; Trial Secretary: Kara Kingsbury, 733 Rte. 29, Rock City Falls, NY 12863.

Aug 31-Sept. 1-2; CPE; Open to all dogs; Sugar Bush Farm, Stephentown, NY; Limit: 375 runs per day; Closes: 8/20/12; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Barb Fribourg; Email: [blfribourg@gmail.com](mailto:blfribourg@gmail.com) ; Website: [www.sugarbushfarm.net](http://www.sugarbushfarm.net) .

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), [usdaa.com](http://usdaa.com), [k9cpe.com](http://k9cpe.com), [nadac.com](http://nadac.com), [www.trialsecretary.com](http://www.trialsecretary.com), [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com) and various other sources.

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Albert	Sarah			<a href="mailto:sarah@vtlink.net">sarah@vtlink.net</a>	Toby	900 Gonyeau Road	Planfield	VT	05667	802-476-0526	W
Barrett	Lisa			<a href="mailto:myfmutts@yahoo.com">myfmutts@yahoo.com</a>	Fly, Spicey, Chi	1350 Sherman Hollow RD	Huntington	VT	05462	802-434-2744	W
Barrett	Randi			<a href="mailto:hazelint@hotmail.com">hazelint@hotmail.com</a>	Poco, Moxie	Box 4132 Rt 12	Wolcott	VT	05680	802-888-3282	W
Besthoff	Virginia			<a href="mailto:vbesthoff@gmail.com">vbesthoff@gmail.com</a>	Ruby, Sam	1220 Thompson's Point Road	Charlotte	VT	05445	802-425-8895	S
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# Minutes NOMAD Steering Committee

at Show Me the Biscuit, April 1, 2012, 2 pm

Present: John Marcus, Judy Frey, Linda Ladd, Roberta Dumas, Marty Abair, Sarah Albert

Finance: Linda is currently the only member authorized by the bank to sign checks. Our corporate officers need to complete the necessary paperwork to be authorized signers on the account.

Meeting requirements: Linda says that legally the steering committee (as a nonprofit) is required to meet in person four times a year.

General meeting: There are two new items for agenda: a request for an agility demo and a suggestion to begin an online discussion group about USDAA rules.

There was discussion as to whether we should be doing demos, given that part of our purpose as a nonprofit is to educate the public about what we do. It is difficult to organize demos on a weekend since so many people are trialing.

NOMAD dog membership: the bylaws only give requirements for people, not dogs, requiring the equivalent of 12 weeks of agility classes for the human. Someone raised the question of whether a dog that had been schooled by its handler without formal lessons could participate in club practice sessions. The SC decided that, instead of changing the bylaws, it would be simpler to change the dog membership form to reflect these guidelines as originally published in the November 2004 newsletter:

1. Any NOMAD member may participate at practice with the dog named on their membership application.
2. A NOMAD member wishing to bring another dog to NOMAD practice must fill out a dog information form (for each dog) and submit it to the SC. If the dog has had at least 12 agility classes, that dog will automatically be allowed at practice, otherwise the steering committee will review that form and will promptly inform the NOMAD member if the application is approved or disapproved. (Note: the SC may at its discretion delegate the duty of reviewing dog applications to another committee or individual.)

The steering committee meeting adjourned at 2:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Albert, Secretary

## Festival of Fidos

At the spring club meeting, members voted to do a demo at Festival of Fidos at the Basin Harbor Club on Saturday, June 2. The all-day event is a fundraiser for Addison County Humane Society Homeward Bound Project ( [HYPERLINK "http://www.addisonhumane.org"](http://www.addisonhumane.org) [www.addisonhumane.org](http://www.addisonhumane.org)). In addition to agility, there will be dog-powered scooter demos, police dog demos, Green Mountain Dock Dogs, a costume parade, canicross 5K run/walk, doggie drag race (dogs dressed in drag?), photo ops, live music, great food, and swimming for the dogs in Lake Champlain!

Basin Harbor is a beautiful venue, and the organizers have promised NOMAD a 100 X 100 flat grassy field on which to hold our demo. We can put up fencing and park next to our ring. We can put up shade tents. Activities take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. NOMAD will do four demos. A full schedule will be provided at a later date.

We would like to have a minimum of 12 teams to take part in this demo, and we encourage all levels to come join the fun. We will have nested courses for starters through advanced, so we can really show the crowd the full spectrum of agility teams.

Come join the fun and spend a day of fun with your dog(s) on beautiful Lake Champlain! For more info contact Kate Carter, 802-244-5017, [kate\\_carter@comcast.net](mailto:kate_carter@comcast.net)



# Minutes, NOMAD Spring meeting

Show Me the Biscuit, April 1, 2012 at 2:30 pm

Present: John Marcus, Judy Frey, Linda Ladd, Roberta Dumas, Marty Abair, Sarah Albert, Kate Carter, Nickie Houghton, Carla Dunbar, Karen Clark, Judy Kessler, Kit Erskine, Lisa Barrett, Lynn, Michele Force, Amy Haskell, Cassie Lamothé, Ashley Porter-Treat, Sara McDonald, Betsy Nye, Lisa Marcus.

Proxies submitted: Caroline McKinney, Cheryl French, Sharon Nolan, Pam Patunoff.

Thank you to SMTB for letting us once again hold our meeting in their space.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the Fall 2011 meeting were approved.

**Finances:** Linda Ladd presented the budget report. We are doing well with our cash balance, \$26,000. The IPO trial in January netted us \$388, both USDAA & NADAC trials did better than expected in 2011.

Members voted add the signatures of SC officers to the bank accounts; voted to accept budget report.

## REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE:

On 19 March 2012, Judy Frey, Betsy Nye and Marty Abair met to conduct an audit of NOMAD's financial records for 2011. We chose the two months in which the most activity took place—June and August—to thoroughly review. We reconciled all receipts with the ledger. Everything was accounted for. We also reviewed Summer Practice, Fall Seminar and Barn Practice receipts and found everything to be in order. We also verified that prepaid expenses had been carried over from 2010 to 2011.

## USDAA COMMITTEE:

The slate of classes and schedule are on the USDAA site. The judge has been confirmed by Lisa Barrett. Lynn vT. is doing the site hosting and is the liaison for all things at TFL; she reports that we'll have the use of the big tent this year. Betsy Nye is handling ribbons and the ribbon table. Kim Ingraham has been doing everything else; she is trial secretary. Food vendor is Cathy and Mike Dubuque. Lisa Barrett will do judge's hospitality and be ring manager. John

Marcus is chief course builder. Roberta Dumas is the chair of the equipment. Kit will handle the trash. We'll need to do site walk at TFL to see where a second ring might be located, depending on registrations. Lisa M. will handle camper registrations/locations.

**IPO trials:** Lisa would like to hold  $\pm 4$  trials in the barn during the winter—Nov/Jan/Feb/March. It took 4 people to put on this year's IPO: Lisa, Judy K., Lynne & Kit. It was popular with attendees and made money for the club. With all the new puppies currently in the club it should offer a good training opportunity for members. No day-of-trial entries next time since we're limited to 12 parking spaces at the barn and it's easier to plan with advance registrations.

Cassie would like to incorporate the IPO trials into USDAA committee as a subcommittee. Trials could possibly be held on Sundays so as not to conflict with Sat. practice. The USDAA/IPO subcommittee and the practice committee will talk to work out the winter barn use for next year.

## NADAC COMMITTEE:

Our NADAC trial is scheduled for Aug. 18-19, 2012 at the Topnotch Meadow in Stowe, VT. We will most likely be going to a "one ring only" format this year. Our judge will be Pam Smith from NM. She has judged for us a couple of times over the years. Our trial secretary is Erin Wajda from North East Agility Enthusiasts. We will be also renting the agility equipment from NAE. The Dubuques will be our food vendor.

We have people to do the following jobs: co-ring manager, judge's hospitality, Costco run, ribbons, raffle set up, vendor contact, photographer contact, trash, NOMAD equipment person, set up & take down. We still have the following jobs to fill: ring layout person on Fri., judge's transportation, chief course builder, port-a-let contact, volunteer scheduler, signs, soliciting donations for the raffle, and some more people for set up & take down. Linda asked for help in gathering volunteer gifts for worker raffle. Other job open: chief course builder.

## SEMINAR COMMITTEE:

NOMAD's Spring Seminar with Monique Plinck, on Saturday and Sunday, April 7 & 8, is almost full, with one spot available each day. Seventeen working members and one supporting member have signed up, nine each day. As of March 23, seminar income is \$1,825. Anticipated expenses are \$1,795, so the \$95 budgeted subsidy from NOMAD should not be needed.

Camp NOMAD is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, August 4-5. Karen Holik and John Nys are instructing. Registrations need to be postmarked by April 1, so there is nothing further to report at this time. We will be planning our fall seminar just before the annual meeting. It is expected to be in October or November, for pre-novice and novice teams, as usual.

## PRACTICE COMMITTEE:

End of winter, 2012: April 14 is the last day of barn rental. The committee thought it would be fun to hold a Three-Course Event – run-throughs starting at 10 a.m. and going until we are done, but no longer than 1:30 p.m. Run-throughs will consist of two courses: Steeplechase and Grand Prix. We will have nested courses with easier options for beginner dogs. Course #3 is lunch at the Reservoir.

**League:** The committee's feeling is that it's worth it to continue league in 2013. Billie Marsh conducted a survey and the overall feeling is that people like the competitive spirit. The committee likes the guaranteed income.

## Considerations for next year:

- If league were held in Nov/Dec would it draw more participants?
- Would flipping start times so that league starts later bring more people?
- We would like feedback at the general meeting.
- If not enough people to sign up for league, the alternative is run-throughs.

League will continue next year with a couple considerations: Billie is willing to run it again with Kit as help.

Lisa felt that it should be promoted to all, even to those not on a team. She

also thought that having a “baby dog” course would increase participation. Kit said that it would be very possible to design courses that could be re-numbered for different levels.

#### **Practice vs. Run-Throughs/League:**

The committee has listened to feedback from the club and has determined two distinct mindsets for the members’ practice needs:

1. One dog in the ring at a time;
2. An environment that provides distractions and more time on equipment than what run-throughs (one dog in the ring at a time) provide.

Conclusion: The committee feels that league and run-throughs have a very similar format and both fill the needs of #1. The practice format of sequences followed by a course fills the needs of #2. Therefore, the practice committee will strive to offer a balance of both in winter and summer practices. This year, a fence will be put up on Novice night (once a month) to divide the summer practice yard to allow two dogs to run sequences at a time.

**Winter Classes:** Winter classes have not had a good response. We would like feedback on winter classes at the annual meeting.

**Summer Practice:** Tuesday or Wednesday? A preliminary discussion of summer practice had determined that Tuesdays might be the best night for practice, however, we have heard from a few people that they would prefer Wednesdays. The practice committee would like to discuss this at the spring meeting and make a final decision at that time. Start Date: The first week in May. By preference of a majority, summer practice will be on Wednesday evenings.

**Get to Know NOMAD:** The practice committee was happy with the 2011 Get to Know NOMAD, and we have some ideas on how to make it even better. We would like to do a run-through format that includes course analysis and handling discussions. The committee agreed it would be helpful to newcomers if we could provide different ideas on how to handle each course. This would set the tone of a more helpful and encouraging environment for people who are new to the club. The committee is concerned about the clubs’ attrition and feels we should be reaching beyond the club and

training centers to attract more people by putting up a Get to Know NOMAD flyer in pet shops, vet clinics, etc. The committee will work on a flyer that will address reasons to come to Get to Know NOMAD. The date is June 6th. Run-throughs with course analysis and handling suggestions will be followed by a pot-luck.

#### **Practice Formats:**

- **Novice Day:** The first week of each month will be Novice Day. The committee would like to try something new. We would like to divide the ring in half with fencing. Each half will have an easy sequence and no more than two dogs will sequence at a time. Then we will take down the fencing and run a simple Novice course. The practice committee would like to stress that the club welcomes beginner and expert handlers, as well as beginner and expert dogs to Novice Days, because all teams can find something to work on.
- **Run-throughs:** One day a month (to be determined, once we decide on the day) will be a run-through format. If time allows, there will be two nested courses.
- **Practice:** Twice a month we will hold the practice format of two or three sequences followed by a course. Fencing can be erected if necessary.

Fees: \$5/week; \$45/season pass/dog.

The club suggests that each week be assessed individually and adjusted to the dynamics of the teams who are present on any given day. Humans are encouraged to express their needs and the club will accommodate any reasonable request.

#### **Winter budget analysis:**

This winter, the club did not take in enough money from practice and run-throughs to offset the barn rental costs. The loss is approx. \$900-\$1,000. (Note: final figures will be determined after April 15.) The practice committee feels that winter barn practice is one of the major opportunities the club offers its members. The committee kept track of the people who came to the barn at least one time, and it is close to one half of the membership. The committee recommends the club subsidize barn practice in the future, as it is a valuable opportunity the club can offer its members.

#### **Summer budget analysis:**

Summer income exceeds expenses.

#### **EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE:**

The budget of \$600.00 was approved at the November, 2011 meeting.

We are purchasing a new breakaway tire for \$200.00 from Max 200 to replace the current tire. The tire will be picked up at the BOTC trial on April 21st so we will not have to pay for shipping.

We are also going to be rubberizing the pause table. The rubber sheeting and adhesive has been ordered from Rubber On the Run. Total cost with shipping is approximately \$162.00. The table will be rubberized at the Equipment Revival Party in May.

Both of our chutes are being shortened to 10 feet to meet the new USDAA specs. This work is being done by Hides Pride. Cost of this is unknown at this time. We will probably need to spend about \$50.00 for equipment cleaning and paint supplies.

Roberta was approached by the NADAC trial committee to make 2 wingless jumps for the worker raffle. We do have 4 pairs of jump cup strips, so I will use 2 pairs for these jumps. I propose we purchase 10-12 more pairs to have on hand to repair jumps when necessary. We can purchase them at the BOTC trial, thus saving money on shipping. The cost for this would be around \$120.00. Jump cups may be changed by USDAA in near future because dogs have been injured making tight turns. Roberta will buy 4 more pairs.

**Equipment Revival Party:** The equipment revival party is scheduled for May 12 at 9:30 at Roberta’s house. The equipment will be cleaned and repaired(if needed), the A frame will be painted, and the pause table will be rubberized. It would be great to have 7-10 people help out that day.

Moving practice equipment from Waterbury barn:

We are in the process of working this out, but it looks like we will move the equipment from the barn to Roberta’s sometime during the week of April 23rd. Roberta will research a new cart for moving tunnel bags. Please be careful moving the dog walk; someone was injured doing this at a recent trial.

#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:**

We currently have 59 members. We had 61 members at this time last year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Addison County Humane Society is holding a Festival of Fidos on June 2nd at Basin Harbor Club including dock diving, frisbee, etc. They asked if NOMAD could do an agility demo at this event. We would probably do 4 time slots between 10-4. We don't have a demo committee currently, but there is general agreement that we should do this demo. However, we would need 10 to 12 teams committed to come to make it feasible because of the work involved. Kate will put the info on the listserve to see what the interest is.

Kate and Lisa B. are proposing an online discussion group to discuss USDAA rules. The group would be open to anyone who wants to join. Lisa would pose questions to the group around hypothetical trial situations and let people respond as to what they thought the correct answer was. If anyone has a topic or question they'd like to see covered, submit it to Lisa or Kate.

Cassie thinks that NOMAD should have a Facebook page. We already have one for the USDAA trial, but this would be one for the entire club. It would be public, i.e. open to everyone, not just members.

Shelburne Museum Goes to the Dogs event in September may be looking for someone to do agility.

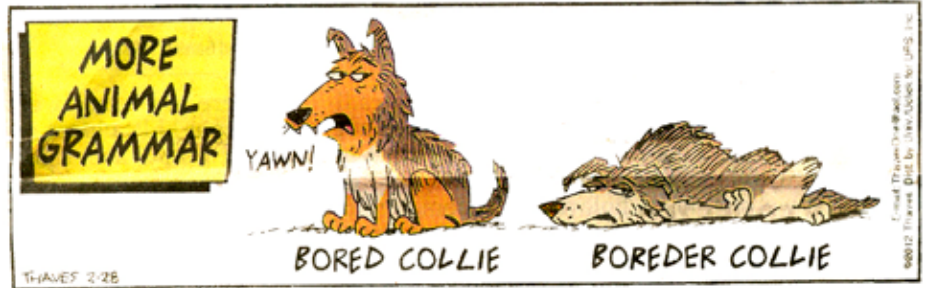
Motion to adjourn at 4:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Albert, Secretary

**FRANK & ERNEST**

Bob Thaves



*Nicki's new puppy, Ritz*