

NOMAD NEWS

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

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!!MARCH WINTER CLASSES UPDATE and CHANGES!!

Wildwood Barn, Waterbury, VT

Please note the following updates and changes to our scheduled winter classes at the Wildwood barn in Waterbury. The Games class has been cancelled. In it's place there will be another session of our popular Run For Fun session. This class will set up at 8:15am and run from 8:30 to 10:00am. There will be nested courses for all levels of experience from prenovice to masters/ elite. You will have the opportunity to run a course and receive a critique of your run with suggestions of how to make the next run just that much better. The 4 week class is \$50 and limited to 6 participants. If you are not able to make all 4 classes you may sign up for classes individually at a cost of \$15 per class. Those in the second session of this class may also change to signing up for individual classes at \$15 per class.

Class instructors are scheduled as follows:

March 3, 2007 Fran Bartholomew/Billie Marsh
March 10,2007 Randi Barrett
March 24,2007 Kit Erskine
March 31,2007 Lisa Barrett

Please fill out the application below, include a check made out to NOMAD and send to:

Billie Marsh, PO Box 214, Westport, NY 12993.

Name of handler: _____

Name of dog _____

Funds enclosed _____

Please refer to previous application in November newsletter for refund policy.

Current participants in the sessions are

March 3, 10, 24,31 , set up at 8:15, class 8:30 – 10:00:
Bee Ryan

March 3, 10, 24,31, set up at 10:45, class 11:00 – 12:30:
Judy Kessler, Lynne Von Trapp, Linda Kelly, Judy Mulhern

March 10 – Fran Bartholomew

March 24 – Fran Bartholomew

Febuary Classes–Participants

HANDLING 101 (FEB 3, 10, 17, AND 24) CLASS IS FULL

Instuctor - Randi Barrett

Registered participants

Karen Clark
Lynne von Trapp
Kit Erskine
Linda Kelly
Dan Grahovac
Cynthia Gilliland

SEESAW (FEB 3, 10) - CLASS IS FULL

Instructor - Lisa Barrett

Registered participants

Judy Kessler
Caroline McKinney
Kit Erskine
Cynthia Gilliland
Dan Grahovac
Kate Carter

WEAVES (FEB 17, 24) CLASS IS FULL

Instructor - Lynne von Trapp

Registered participants

Judy Kessler
Kit Erskine
Linda Ladd
Judy Mulhern
Dan Grahovac
Kate Carter
Billie Marsh

**If we could just train humans they might
make good companions for dogs.**

MENTAL MANAGEMENT

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"Improve Your Game, Improve Your Life"

One of the side benefits to adhering to a strong mental system is the personal growth and changes outside of your sport. By focusing so much on the positive on the course/range/field or stage you will find that you carry that over to your marriage, your career and your personal attitude towards yourself. Our favorite phone calls, emails and letters that we receive from customers are those that include comments on how our system has helped them not just in sport but in personal growth. A common comment from our clients is "I expected my scores to get better but I never expected to become a better father, husband and employee. I'm an over all better human being. Thank You". That should be your goal shouldn't it? To be the best YOU possible!

By focusing so much on what you want to see happen, being process oriented and eliminating as many negatives as you can in life it really changes your reactions to the world around you. Life

becomes less stressful and more joyful. Maybe you will fight a little less with your spouse – finding that solving the problem is more beneficial than arguing about it. Maybe you will become more efficient at the office. Realizing that the negative talk at the water cooler won't get you that promotion you desperately need may force you to send your boss your solutions to the problems not the complaints you used to focus on. And possibly you will find that your kids like you even better than they used to. Let's face it, being positive and motivated not just in sport but in your daily life will make an impact. Some of you are already seeing some amazing results! Congrats on a job well done.

The New Year is here and it is time once again for resolutions and promises we make to ourselves to be someone new and improved this year. What a perfect time to start implementing Mental Management into you life not just your sport.

NOMAD's Steering Committee

Contact them if you have questions or suggestions.

President

Lynne von Trapp _____ 253-7673

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Karen Clark _____ 527-8355

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Linda Ladd _____ 879-3461

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Kim Rubin _____ 899-3382

e-mail: som13@aol.com

Members at Large

Don Denette _____ 872-8767

Kit Erskine _____ 586-9932

Patty McMahon _____ 434-3423



This is Izzy, a new addition to Cheryl French's pack and a future NOMAD member.

NEW MEMBERS

compiled by Cynthia Gilliland

We have three new dog members of the next generation that have joined NOMAD:

Daphne, an 8 month old Pug, has joined with **Ashley Fischer**. Daphne started her foundation training at just 13 weeks of age! The teeter is her favorite obstacle, and she can do a short set of weave poles on her own. Ashley says that Daphne loves training and loves the game– they look forward to competing one day!

Huxley, a one year old German Shorthaired Pointer, is joining NOMAD with **Val Spadaccini**. Huxley has taken Intro to Agility at Waggles, has worked with Lori Bielawa at Waggles, and has also been "home schooled". Val says he is just a beginner, but they look forward to competing one day.

Josie, a 3 or 4 year old Miniature Pinscher has joined NOMAD with **Sheila McGregor**. Josie has been taking classes and private lessons at The Dog School, and Sheila says she is fearless, but still working on technique! They look forward to further developing their trust in each other, and Josie's trust in people generally, and to competing one day.

And **Creekside Click** has joined NOMAD with **Grace Smith**. Click is a border collie who will be turning one year old soon! He has taken an Agility Skills class at Waggles and has also taken private lessons with Fiona Robertson and the instructors at Waggles. Grace and Click plan to compete together and would like to go "all the way", however their biggest goal is just to have lots of fun together.

We also have a new human member, **Janyes Lemons** has joined NOMAD. She is from Grantham, New Hampshire, and is enjoying agility with two young dogs: **Kramer**, a 1½ year old sheltie, and **Butters**, a 1½ year old Pomeranian. They have been taking agility classes for about a year with Kim Ingraham and with me (Cynthia), and they already had a successful debut in the ring last fall! Some of you may remember Janyes and Kramer from the Mary Jo Lavin Novice Seminar, or the Lynne Smitley distance seminar.

In loving memory of
Tullamore Dew of Skelligs,
AXP OJP CGC V-OAC V-NGC NJC
3/17/1995-1/23/2006



It is hard to believe that a year has passed, since Tully left us. Despite the distractions of the delicate flower and the dastardly pup, he is in my thoughts constantly. He was not a great agility dog, but he was the perfect agility and life companion for me.

You played the game gallantly for years, my Poodle Prince and gave up all too soon. We miss you more than words can say.

Judy, Marc, Minna, Monte and the cats

FIRST CALL FOR USDAA TRIAL WORKERS

On these cold winter days, your USDAA Trial Committee is busily planning our USDAA Trial in Stowe June 16-17, 2007. We have wonderful judges lined up—NOMAD members Mark and Sharon Wirant from Westmoreland, NH. Sharon and Mark are long-time USDAA participants. They have competed with large and small mixed breeds, a Labrador, Jack Russell Terriers, and now a Kelpie. They have personal knowledge of the challenges and fun agility offers to dogs of all sizes and types.

NOMAD's two trials are the parties we give for the agility community. Many of us enjoy trials and other events sponsored by other clubs, and this is our chance to give back to them.

It is very fun to volunteer at trials. You get the best seats in the house, and you immediately become a valued member of the agility community. It's a great way to subdue those ring nerves and to learn about our sport from the inside. The trial committee will give you clear instructions and help with any job you would like to learn.

We NEED you. It takes 30 volunteers at all times, all day, to run our trial smoothly and well. Our trials generally run from 8 am to 4 pm. That's 480 hours of work on Saturday and Sunday! The math is pretty simple---if each of 60 NOMAD members works just one hour each day, that leaves about 420 hours of work to be performed by competitors and passersby!

We ask every competitor to please work two classes a day. We ask NOMAD members to try to free up the time to do more than that, since this is our trial.

If you won't be entering this trial, and could work all day, we will have very special thank-you gifts for you, along with the entire club's gratitude. The people who can work all day without taking care of a dog on the grounds are the mainstay of our workforce. Even if you are running a dog, do you have a partner or pal or kid who would be willing to volunteer all day???

The entry form will have a space for competitors to sign up to volunteer. If you aren't planning to enter but would like to work, please e-mail either Lisa Barrett mytmutts@yahoo.com or Lynne von Trapp Lynne@pshift.com

Thank you!

April 7-8 NOMAD Equipment Party

Mark your calendars, please! NOMAD's equipment spruce-up party will be at Lisa Barrett's house on Sherman Hollow Road, Huntington Saturday April 7 and Sunday April 8. (Sunday is Easter, and we know that's a family time for some.)

We are planning to have a fun time. The club will provide pizza and beer and ice cream and music, along with power tools, soap and water, paint brushes, bright-colored tape, and extra jump cups.

If the weather is cool or wet, we can use my insulated garage for all the work and play. You are welcome to bring your dogs, but be warned that my very big yard does not have a physical fence.

Come for as many hours as you can on either or both days. We'll have plenty of supplies, and lots of people who can help you learn whatever you want to know about our equipment.

An added plus is that work at the equipment party counts toward the ten hours of trial-related work that working members are obligated to contribute each year.

If you have any questions, or want to let me know you are coming, please call Lisa Barrett at 434-2744, or e-mail me at mytmutts@yahoo.com.

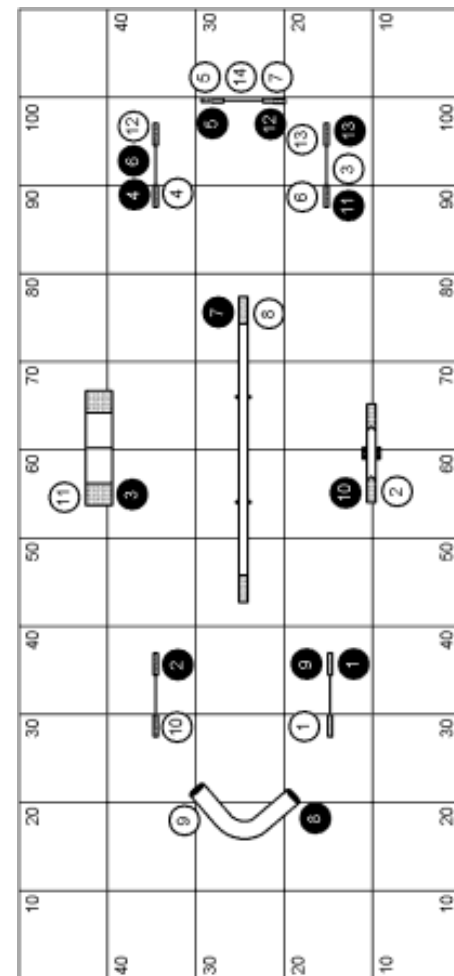
Sunday Practice Schedule

February 4 - Regular Practice
Facilitator Needed

February 11 - Basics and Fundamentals
Facilitator Needed

February 18 - Run thrus - Caroline

February 25 - Regular Practice
Facilitator Needed



*This was a Clean Run
"Exercise of the Month".*

Try running it with a pencil.

Compiled by Cheryl French as of 1/26/07

For space reasons, March through May trials that were listed in the January newsletter have not been repeated here. Only new entries for those months are listed here. June is listed in its entirety.

MARCH 2007

March 17-18; CPE; Open to all dogs; Agile Dogs Agility Training; ASCO Farms, Harris Rd., Chatham, NY; Opens: 2/7/07; Closes: 2/26/07; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: 650 per day; Email: val@agiledogs.net; Website: www.agiledogs.net/trials.htm.

March 24-25; AKC; Open to all purebreds; Leap Agility of Cental MA, Inc.; Mt. Holyoke College Equestrian Center; South Hadley, MA; Opens: 1/17/07; Closes: 3/3/07; Limit: 660 per day; Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com.

March 31-April 1; NADAC; Open to all dogs; Northeast Agility Enthusiasts; Hidden Brook Farm, Grantham, NH; Limit: 400 per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Opens: 1/24/07; Closes: 3/19/07; Email: trialsec@northeastagility.com.

APRIL 2007

April 14-15; CPE; Open to all dogs; Breeze Thru Agility; Minchester Stables, Newfane, VT; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: One Ring; Contact: Elise Paffrath at 802-254-1209; Email: elise@breezethruagility.com; Website: www.breezethruagility.com or www.k9cpe.com.

April 15; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Y Agility; ASCO Farms, 75 Harris Rd., Chatham Center, NY; Closes: 3/26/07; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Standard, Jumpers, Gamblers, Snooker, Pairs Relay, Grand Prix Qualifier; Contact: Donna Young, 4 Haber Way, Castleton, NY 12033, 518-732-2180; Email: yagility@nycap.rr.com.

April 21-22; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Talcott Mountain Agile K9s; Westfield, MA; Westfield Fairgrounds, 200 Russelville Rd., Westfield, MA; Closes: 3/28/07; Trial Secretary: Trial Secretary Services, Judy Davis; Email: tss@trialsecretary.com; Websites: www.trialsecretary.com.

April 28-29; USDAA; Open to all dogs; K9Logix; Franklin County Fairgrounds, Wisdom Way, Greenfield, MA; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: Standard, Jumpers, Gamblers, Snooker, Pairs Relay; Level Restrictions: Starters/PI and Advanced/PII Only; Contact: Sharon Wirant, 59 Aldrich Rd., Westmoreland, NH 03467, 603-399-4813; Email: events@k9logix.com; Website: www.k9logix.com.

April 28-29; CPE; Open to all dogs; AgileDogs Agility Training; Prospect Park, Rte. 22, Troy, NY; Opens: 2/13/07; Closes: 4/16/07; Limit: 475 per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Email: trisha@agiledogs.net; Website: www.agiledogs.net/trials.htm.

April 28-29; CPE; Open to all dogs; Bo-Gee Agility; Deerfield, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Closes: 4/11/07; Trial Secretary: Trial Secretary Services, Judy Davis; Email: tss@trialsecretary.com; Websites: www.trialsecretary.com.

MAY 2007

May 26-28; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Y Agility; Yadoo Showgrounds, Union Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY; Closes: 5/7/07; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels, Standard, Jumpers, Gamblers, Snooker, Pairs Relay, Team Relay; Contact: Donna Young, 4 Haber Way, Castleton, NY 12033, 518-732-2180; Email: yagility@nycap.rr.com; Website: www.usdaa.com.

JUNE 2007

June 2-3; NADAC; Open to all dogs; In The Zone Agility; Fryeburg County Fairgrounds, Fryeburg, ME; Limit: Unlimited; Contact: Lisa Bonker; Email: Imspdh@yahoo.com. Website: inthezoneagility.com.

June 2-3; AKC; Open to all purebreds; Norwegian Elkhound Minuteman Assoc., Westford, MA; Opens: 3/14/07; Closes: 5/16/07; Runs: 660; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com.

June 8-10; AKC; Open to all purebreds; Southern Berkshire Golden Retriever Club, Westfield, MA; Opens: 4/11/07; Closes: 5/19/07; Runs: 660; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com.

June 9-10; USDAA; Open to all dogs; Canine Agility Training Society; Wheelock Park, Park Ave., Keene, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels, Local GP Qualifier.

June 11-12; AKC; Open to all purebreds; Mayflower Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club; Westford, MA; Opens: TBD; Closes: TBD; Runs: 660; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com.

June 16-17; NADAC; Open to all dogs; Northeast Agility Enthusiasts; Washington County Fairgrounds, Greenwich, NY; Limit: Unknown; Contact: Erin Ayres Wajda, 479 Taborton Rd., Sand Lake, NY 12153; Email: trialsec@northeastagility.com; Website: www.northeastagility.com.

June 16-17; AKC; Open to all purebreds; Northshore Kennel Club, Topsfield, MA; Opens: 4/18/07; Closes: 5/26/07; Runs: 660; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com.

June 16-17; USDAA; Open to all dogs; NOMAD; TopNotch Meadow, Mountain Rd., Rte. 108, Stowe, VT; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Email: mytmutts@yahoo.com; Website: www.nomadagility.com.

June 17-18; CPE; Open to all dogs; AgileDogs Agility Training; Shatford Park, Rte. 22, New Lebanon, NY; Limit: 700 per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Email: trisha@agiledogs.net; Website: www.agiledogs.net/trials.htm.

June 22-24; AKC; Open to all purebreds; Collie Club of ME, Cumberland, ME; Opens: 4/18/07; Closes: 6/2/07; Runs: 660; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com.

June 23-24; CPE; Open to all dogs; Bo-Gee Agility; Deerfield Fairgrounds, Deerfield, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Email: bo-gee@juno.com; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis, Trial Secretary Services, tss@trialsecretary.com; Website: www.trialsecretary.com.

June 30-July 1; USDAA; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Agility; All Dogs Gym and Inn, 505 Sheffield Rd., Manchester, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: Standard, Jumpers, Gamblers, Snooker, Pairs Relay, Grand Prix Qualifier, Other-Performance National Standard Qualifier; Level Restrictions: Novice/PI and Advanced/PII Only; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis, Trial Secretary Services, tss@trialsecretary.com; Website: www.trialsecretary.com and www.alldogsgym.com.

June 30-July 1; AKC; Open to all purebreds; Albany Obedience Club; Glenmont, NY; Opens: 5/2/07; Closes: 6/16/07; Runs: 500; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com.

June 30-July 1; NADAC; Open to all dogs; Northeast Agility Enthusiasts; Washington County Fairgrounds, Greenwich, NY; Limit: Unknown; Contact: Erin Ayres Wajda, 479 Taborton Rd., Sand Lake, NY 12153; Email: trialsec@northeastagility.com; Website: www.northeastagility.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@Adelphia.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.



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