

# NOMAD NEWS

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

OCTOBER

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### SHOW & GO INFO,

By Kate Carter

The NOMAD Show & Go at the Champlain Valley Exposition in Essex Junction is on October 20-21 is only a few weeks away. Here's an update:

NOMAD is scheduled for noon, 2:00 and 4:00 on Saturday and Sunday. Those who have signed up for Saturday should arrive by 10:45 to help set. The Expo folks will have fencing in place. If it's nice weather we will be outside with parking adjacent to the field, and bleachers for the audience. If it's lousy we will be inside on a carpet-like surface, with parking nearby, and probably stand-up viewing for the audience.

Here's who's signed up to Show & Go:

#### Saturday

Don Dnette, Kim Rubin, Lynne von Trapp, Kit Erskine, Randi Barrett, Kim Ingraham, Kate Carter, Carla Medved, Caroline McKinney, Maxine Holmes, Linda Ladd, Louise Johnson, Nicki Houghton, Patricia Nolan, Judy Frey

#### Sunday

Don, Marty Lefebvre, Lynne, Amy Haskell, Kit, Randi, Kim I, Kate, Carla, Caroline, Maxine, Linda, Louise, Judy

We had approx. 15 people both days, and about 24 dogs, depending on who runs more than one or two dogs. Should be awesome!

Anyone is still welcome to take part. If you want to, please let me know by October 12. I will need the following information:

Your name

Your volunteer specialty

Name of your dog(s) and jump height(s).

A bio of each dog you are running.

Number of passes you need.

Mailing address IF it differs from the NOMAD database.

For questions or to sign up, please email [kate\\_carter@comcast.net](mailto:kate_carter@comcast.net), or call 802-244-5017.

### NOMAD SEMINAR CALENDER

#### Fiona Robertson Seminar - Oct. 13,

Pre-novice session 9 am-12 pm  
Novice session 1-5 pm,  
Wildwood horse arena, Waterbury, VT

#### Lynn Smitley Tunnelers Seminar - Nov. 17,

Novice/Pre-novice session 9 am-12 pm &  
Advanced session 1-5 pm,  
Wildwood horse arena, Waterbury, VT

#### Camp NOMAD 2008 - Aug. 22-24, 08

with Elicia Calhoun &  
Ginsey (Nickles) St. Croix -  
Stowe, VT

### FALL SEMINAR NEWS:

Our fall seminars have filled. The following people have signed up for the seminars.

**Fiona Robertson's prenovice seminar:** Karen Clark, Lisa Barrett, Randi Barrett, PJ Avary, John Sims and Kim Ingraham

**Fiona Robertson's novice seminar:** Karen Clark, Louise Johnson, Kim Rubin, Bev Lancaster, Caroline McKinney and Lynne Von Trapp

**Tunnelers, novice:** Karen Clark, Kim Rubin, Cynthia Gilliland, Randi Barrett, PJ Avary, Judy Kessler and John Sims

**Tunnelers, adv:** Karen Clark, Cynthia Gilliland, Lynne Von Trapp, Billie Marsh and Fran Bartholomew, Caroline McKinney

As in the past, all NOMAD members are welcome to come audit any or all of the seminars.



Sam's Roo and Eloise, photo by Kate Carter

## New Members

from Cynthia Gilliland

We have new dog members!

**Chili**, a 1½ year old mixed breed dog, has joined Cookie and the Spice Girls with **Karen Clark** as a NOMAD dog. He has been doing agility for 6 months and has completed 24 weeks of agility classes at Waggles. Karen says that he is confident on the obstacles and still learning his weave poles. They look forward to participating in NOMAD seminars and competing together in the future.

**Izzy** has decided to join NOMAD with **Cheryl French** and Hattie (and retirees Ginger and Cephus). Izzy is an 11 month old Sheltie- She started agility classes last May and has completed 16 weeks at Complete Canine, in Plainfield, NH, along with 18 weeks of obedience. Izzy is confident and knows how to have fun! She loves all the obstacles and is just getting the hang of the weave poles. Cheryl's goals for their team are to compete at the highest levels in AKC and CPE. Cynthia, who has enjoyed seeing Izzy blossom, & Heather, Rosie, and Ivy, who are very happy to welcome their friend into NOMAD!

**Poco**, a 2 year old Black Lab, has joined NOMAD with **Randi Barrett** and Hazel. Poco has been doing agility for 1 year. She participated in NOMAD's Elicia Calhoun and Lisanne Major Seminars, has taken an agility class at NCAL, and has benefited from home schooling by Randi and Hazel. Randi says that Poco is fearless, so they will take things nice and slow to keep her safe! They look forward to participating in more NOMAD seminars. Welcome to the new kids!



**Kira**, a 13 month old Shetland Sheepdog, has joined NOMAD with **Linda Ladd**. Kira has been doing agility for 4-5 months, and has taken classes at Waggles and the Dog School, as well as private lessons with Cassy Lamotte. They look forward to competing together next season.

**Finn**, a 15 month old Border Collie, has joined NOMAD with **John Sims**. John and Finn participated in the Elicia Calhoun Pre-Novice seminar last March, and they have been practicing with the advanced agility group in Clinton County Canine Club. Their goal is to compete in NADAC at the Elite level. John says that Finn has no training issues, all the issues are with the handler! I know a few dogs that can co-miserate with Finn about "handler training issues".

And a new human member.

**Cindy Hall** has joined NOMAD with **Emma**, a 2 year old cockapoo. Cindy and Emma have been doing agility for 3 months, and have taken beginner through intermediate classes. They participated in this year's Champlain Valley Fair demo. Cindy says that Emma is doing well with all the obstacles (but not the weave poles quite yet), and she just needs more experience. They look forward to competing together one day.

### NOMAD's Steering Committee

Contact them if you have questions or suggestions.

#### President

Lynne von Trapp \_\_\_\_\_ 253-7673

#### Vice-President

Karen Clark \_\_\_\_\_ 527-8355

#### Treasurer

Linda Ladd \_\_\_\_\_ 879-3461

#### Secretary

Kim Rubin \_\_\_\_\_ 899-3382  
e-mail: som13@aol.com

#### Members at Large

Don Denette \_\_\_\_\_ 872-8767

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

Patty McMahan \_\_\_\_\_ 434-3423

"I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed."

-Michael Jordan?

"Success is the ability to go from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm."

~Winston Churchill~

"Training is what happens before the dog passes threshold, damage control is what happens after."

-Leslie McDevitt

### AND A GOOD BYE

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Lynne;

I just wanted to send you a short e-mail and let you and NOMAD know that my family and I are moving to Ohio. I have an elderly mother, children and grandchildren there and they are anxious to have us around them.

I've enjoyed my time in NOMAD, and the camaraderie that went along with my involvement with the group. Harley and I have found another group in Ohio called the "Medina Swarm" through which we continue our competitive development. Again, thanks and good luck to you and the other members.

Dan Grahovac

<http://nomadagility.com/>

# BRAGS

**August 19, 2007, AAC Nationals,  
Halton Hills, Ontario:**

**Maxine Holmes and Spiritdancer**

Regular 10" division \_\_\_ Placed 4th overall

**Aug. 25, 2007, AKC, Chanango Falls, NY**

**Maxine Holmes and Spiritdancer**

8" Excellent Standard" \_\_\_ 1st & Q: MX Title  
Spiritdancer is an AKC Master Agility Dog

**Maxine Holmes & Sophie:**

8" Excellent St. \_\_\_ 2nd & Q & MACH title  
Sophie is an AKC MASTER AGILITY CHAMPION

**Maxine Holmes & Sundancer:**

8" Novice Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q  
This was Suni's first run/first trial

**Guides Canins AAC Sept 1-2**

**Blaze and Fiona**

26" Steeplechase \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
and MSCDC Title!

26" Steeplechase \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q  
Masters Team (pairs) \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

**Sept. 1, 2007, Granby Ma.**

**Maxine Holmes & Spiritdancer**

12" Ad Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q & AAD title

**September 7/8/9 USDAA Y Agility,  
Blackthorne, E Durham, NY**

**Lynne von Trapp and Chance**

Perf Nat'l Standard \_\_\_\_\_ Q  
PIII Pairs \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q  
PIII Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd & Q  
PIII Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd & Q

**Lynne von Trapp and Swix**

PI Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q  
PI Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q  
PI Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q  
PI Pairs \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q  
PI Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q  
PI Pairs \_\_\_\_\_ 4th & Q

Thanks to coaching (and cheering!) from Lianne and from Lo Baker and friends, my Fly ran clean (including weave poles and contacts) and WON the 16" Grand Prix Qualifier!! For us, it was a very sweet way to end a trial season that has had its ups and downs. The 16" class was missing some of its stars (Tess, Zuma, and Stanley were absent, but it was a very respectable—and very fun—run for my little brindle boy. Fly also Qd with a second place in Masters Jumpers.

**Sept. 15-16, 2007, CATS CPE Trial,  
Keene, NH**

**Cynthia Gilliland and Heather**

Level 5 Snooker, 16 in \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q  
Level 5 Wildcard, 16 in. \_\_\_\_\_ 4th and Q

**Cynthia Gilliland and Rosie**

Level 1 Snooker, 16 in \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
Level 1 Jackpot, 16 in \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q and CL1-S title

Level 2 Standard, 16 in.- \_\_\_\_\_ 4th and Q  
Level 2 Jumpers, 16 in.- \_\_\_\_\_ 4th and Q

**Cynthia Gilliland and Ivy**

Level 1 Colors, 16 in. \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd and Q  
Level 1 Standard, 16 in. \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q  
Level 1 Snooker, 16 in \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
Level 1 Jumpers, 16 in \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q

**Caroline McKinney and Tux**

L2 Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
L2 Wildcard \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q  
L2 Jackpot \_\_\_\_\_ Q

**Cheryl & Hattie**

Colors Level 5 12" \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q  
Full House Level 5 12" \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q  
Jack Pot Level 5 12" \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q  
Jack Pot Level 5 12" \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q  
Standard Level 4 12" \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q  
Wild Card Level 4 12' \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q  
Snooker Level 5 12' \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q

**September 15/16 USDAA Riverside  
Hampton Falls, NH**

**Lynne von Trapp and Chance**

Perf Nat'l Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
Perf Speed \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd and Q and \$6.88  
PIII Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd and Q

**Lynne von Trapp and Swix**

PI Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd and Q  
PI Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
PI Pairs \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd and Q and pairs title  
PI Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q  
PI Standard \_ 1st and Q and standard title and PDI Title

**Blaze and Fiona**

26" Masters Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 4th and Q  
26" Masters Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ BIG FAT ZERO  
26" Steeplechase \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd and Q  
26" Masters Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q and GM Title!

**Sept. 22-23, 2007, R.U.N. CPE Trial,  
Queensbury, NY**

**Cynthia Gilliland and Heather**

Level 5 Standard, 16 in. \_\_\_\_\_ 4th and Q  
Level 5 Jackpot, 16 in. \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
Level 5 Snooker, 16 in. \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd and Q  
Level 5 Wildcard, 16 in. \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q  
Level 5 Jumpers, 16 in. \_\_\_\_\_ 4th and Q

**Cynthia Gilliland and Rosie**

Level 2 Standard, 16 in. \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd and Q  
Level 1 Wildcard, 16 in. \_\_\_ 1st and Q and CL1-H title  
Level 2 Standard, 16 in. \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q  
Level 2 Colors, 16 in. \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd and Q

**Cynthia Gilliland and Ivy**

Level 1 Standard, 16 in. \_\_\_ 1st and Q and CL1-R title  
Level 2 Jumpers, 16 in. \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q  
Level 2 Colors, 16 in. \_\_\_\_\_ 4th and Q  
Level 1 Standard, 16 in. \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q



*Sophie is an AKC MASTER AGILITY CHAMPION*

## SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

7:11 pm meeting started.  
18 members present,  
8 members present by proxy

Lynne von Trapp called the meeting to order and asked the members to list trial goals for the club. The members created the following list (in order the goals were discussed):

Trial goals for club:

1. to provide benefit to members
2. provide venue/experience without having to travel
3. giving back to sport – to agility community in general
4. provide a source of income
5. opportunity for club camaraderie
6. opportunity to let community at large know about agility (outreach)
7. have some control over our trial
8. opportunity to formally compete without leaving home
9. opportunity to showcase NOMAD
10. brings in new members (people see trial and get interested in sport)

The club then discussed the pros and cons of the four most likely venues for which we would have a trial. First, we discussed ASCA (Australian Sheppard Club of America). The pros are that it is a new venue and uses the old NADAC rules. The cons are that the breeders tend to look down upon disabled dogs, not many NOMAD members presently participate, some members have never heard of it and concerns about attendance.

We next listed the pros and cons for CPE. The pros are that it is a very easy venue in which to get started; it is a very welcoming venue for new people; it has 5 levels instead of 3 with generous rules and times; you don't have to start at level 1; it is a money maker for other clubs; there is an explosion of CPE trials around this area; it is less competitive than other venues and has a more social culture. The cons to CPE are that it is not competitive enough (less competitive than other venues); the judges don't have the same level of training as other venues and the courses don't have the same level of

review as in other venues; and there is an explosion of CPE trials around this area.

The pros for NADAC are we still have lots of ribbons; it is a friendly atmosphere, Erin and Cory are a huge plus; the courses are uniquely flowing; safety of the dogs is foremost (rubber contacts, A-frame height); and you are allowed to train in the ring. The cons of NADAC are that it requires very different skill set than other venues (because they run flat and fast in NADAC, you can't just throw in a NADAC trial if you are competing in other venues): as a national organization they are difficult; the rules and equipment change very frequently; the times are very tight (although they now have 2 levels – proficient and skilled) and there are inconsistent calls or rulings because anything the judge doesn't like can be faulted as a safety problem.

The pros for USDAA are that it has a competitive culture and every course presents a handling challenge at the masters level (it is very much a handler's game). The cons of USDAA are that it has a competitive culture and has higher jump heights, a higher (and slated) A-frame and has a table.

Randi Barrett noted said that every venue has something to offer someone, and depending on your dog's level, speed, and needs and the handler's goals, one venue may be perfect for one team but not for another. Roberta Dumas pointed out that whether or not a venue is competitive is often based on the tone set by the hosting club. Linda Ladd raised concerns that, in her experience, the USDAA masters ring is so competitive it is unwelcoming. Lisa Barrett noted that, in her experience, everyone in the masters ring is friendly to each other even if they are competitive and take it very seriously. Caroline added that she has been doing agility a long time and personally knows many of the people in the masters ring and thinks that the personal relationship makes a difference. She understands how it may be harder for people new to agility.

Lynne asked the membership if there was any venue which we could remove from our options and it was essentially unanimous that we could take ASCA out of consideration. This past year, 25 NOMAD members ran a dog (or dogs) in

our USDAA trial, and 32 members ran a dog (or dogs) in our NADAC trial.

### CATS proposal

Discussion moved to the possibility of joining CATS for a USDAA trial on their date (June 6, 7 and 8) at their venue (Wheelock Park in Keene, NH). Lynne gave a brief history of how the idea started. CATS is short on members, particularly those who participate in USDAA. In CATS, the members who participate in USDAA put on the USDAA trial and the members who run dogs in CPE, put on their CPE trial. At the CATS USDAA trial this past June, they were continually on the microphone seeking workers. Lynne thought "what if we combined and had a bigger trial?" She raised the possibility to CATS and to NOMAD's steering committee. CATS held a meeting and approved a joint CATS/NOMAD USDAA trial. The details still need to be worked out but the understanding is that the trial will be three days and include a DAM tournament. If NOMAD votes to approve the joint trial, Lisa Barrett, Kit Erskine and Lynne von Trapp will work with Chris, Judy and Leslie from CATS to negotiate the details. The trial would be three days to make it a large, spectacular event.

The pros to a joint trial are that Jane and Elliot offered free housing to 6 or 7 NOMAD members and there is a possibility of renting a bed and breakfast for other NOMADers. In addition, NOMAD stands to make a significant profit (we would make at least as much as our own trial); it would be efficient and fun and would be a June Spring Fling. The cons are that some of the large jobs are challenging for people who are not near the site, such as site manager.

We would be expected to provide workers for major jobs. CATS will need setting up, breaking down and ring managers. Lynne has a list of 13 NOMADers who are willing to make the commitment to work one of those jobs. (4 day volunteers: Lisa, Lynne, Kit, Judy, Jo; 3 day volunteers: Randi, Don, Cynthia, Louise, Kim I.; 2 day volunteers: Jane Elliot and DAM volunteer: Fran). Kim Rubin raised the concern that we needed to ensure NOMAD wasn't doing the lion's

share of work but not getting a fair share of the profits. Kit asked the club to trust him and Lynne and Lisa to negotiate the terms. Lisa also indicated that we have been friends with the CATS members for a long time and that everyone is looking out for each other.

Kim Rubin read comments on the proxy forms. Billie Marsh noted "I am in favor of small one ring trials. In order to make money at a smaller trial, a critique of expenses needs to be conducted including the venue. I am not opposed to the collaboration with CATS as long as it does not impact our ability to offer a friendly, local trial. If I have to chose, I chose NOMAD only trials." Judy Kessler stated that "I think our goal at our trials should be to provide agility fun for people in the area rather than money. If we are approaching bankruptcy some day in the future I may change my mind." Robin Magee noted that she "enjoys the trials at Stowe and unsure of the need for NOMAD to make so much money at a trial. Am afraid that if NOMAD joins CATS we will lose the smaller family feel of our NOMAD trials."

In discussing the various trial options, Don noted that we did not have any trouble manning a one ring trial. One option discussed was joining with CATS and then having a one ring trial in August. Kate asked what would happen if we did not join with CATS, and Lynne responded that they would hold their trial without us (and the same people who volunteered to help would most likely still work the trial, but NOMAD would not get any profit.) Kit indicated that a joint 3 day trial with CATS would be a huge service to the agility community because it would be a significantly big event that hasn't happened here in a long time. In addition, we can make lots of money.

Linda Ladd made the following motion: that for 2008 calendar year, NOMAD will provide workers for the CATS trial On June 6, 7 and 8 to support CATS and NOMAD with the details to be worked out by Lynne, Kit and Lisa; and that NOMAD will continue with a one ring trial of USDAA in June and NADAC in August on the dates we previously have selected. Fran Bartholomew seconded the motion

Before a vote was taken on the

motion, there was some discussion regarding possibly amending the motion. Don asked if the motion could be broken down into three questions (should we have a CATS trial, should we hold our USDAA trial the following weekend and should we have our NADAC trial in August.) However, many people's votes on question were dependent on the outcome of the other questions (some people did not want to approve joining with CATS if we were to give up both our local trials.) Randi asked if we were to get a large number of entries in our USDAA, could we convert it to a two ring trial? Lisa indicated that if we wanted a one ring trial, we would limit it to a starters and advance trial. Caroline stated that she thought having three trials is too much work, and we still have to do all the prep stuff (site management, premiums, etc.) that is the same no matter how many rings we have. Fran asked if we have ever thought of asking for help ourselves. Lisa noted that one ring trials are easier the day of the trial because you do not have a problem getting workers. Don noted that some of the big jobs such as site and prep work would be handled by CATS for their trial, so that while we would have to do them for our trials, they wouldn't be duplicated. (i.e., the same person wouldn't have to site management for CATS and then turn around and do it for our USDAA trial the next weekend.) Kit raised the concern that our eyes were too big this year with two trials back to back, another trial in August, a major camp and a demo. He is concerned that during August the club will work harder than we've ever worked before. Karen indicated that the equipment issue was not as bad as it appeared to be because Erin would bring the NADAC equipment. Caroline

asked for details on what we needed to do to get ready for camp? Karen said we were thinking of hiring out the hospitality job and that most of the work would be for people on the seminar committee. The burden would not fall on the club as a whole. Lynne said that some equipment may have to be brought to her meadow and moved from her house to the meadow.

Kate asked if we could modify the motion to not limit the NOMAD trials to one ring. Lisa indicated that she was against the motion if NOMAD had an unlimited entry USDAA trial. Kit also indicated that he would not be willing to participate if our USDAA trial was not limited to one ring. There was a call for a vote on the motion. Kim reread the motion. A vote was then taken by a show of hands.

Eleven members present voted in favor of the motion and 6 proxies were in favor of the motion for a total of 17 yes votes. Six members present voted against the motion and 3 proxies voted against the motion for a total of 9 no votes. One member abstained from voting. The motion passed. NOMAD will join with CATS to host a 3 day USDAA trial on June 6, 7 and 8 in Keene, N.H. and NOMAD will host a one ring USDAA trial on June 14 and 15 and a one ring NADAC trial on August 16 and 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Rubin, Secretary.



*Kim Ingraham's Ethan*

# COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Compiled by Cheryl French as of 9/24/07

## OCTOBER 2007

**Oct. 6-7; USDA**; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Agility, All Dogs Gym and Inn, 505 Sheffield Rd., Manchester, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Level Restrictions: Novice/PI and Advanced/PII; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis, Trial Secretary Services, [tss@trialsecretary.com](mailto:tss@trialsecretary.com); Website: [www.alldogsgym.com](http://www.alldogsgym.com).

**Oct. 6-7; NADAC**; Open to all dogs; NAE, Dummerston, VT; Contact: Erin Ayres Wajda, 479 Tabor-ton Rd., Sand Lake, NY 12153; Email: [trialsec@northeastagility.com](mailto:trialsec@northeastagility.com); Website: [www.northeastagility.com](http://www.northeastagility.com).

**Oct. 6-7; AKC**; Open to purebreds; Western Mass Shetland Sheepdog Club, Westfield, MA; Opens: 8/8/07; Closes: 9/15/07; Limit: 330; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com); Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com).

**Oct. 13-14; USDA**; Open to all dogs; AgileDogs Agility Training, Adams Agricultural Fairgrounds, Adams, MA; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Email: [trisha@agiledogs.net](mailto:trisha@agiledogs.net); Website: [www.agiledogs.net/trials.htm](http://www.agiledogs.net/trials.htm).

**Oct. 13-14; CPE**; Open to all dogs; Hilltown Hounds Agility Club, Conway, MA; Limit: 350 runs per day; Closes: 10/1/07; Contact: Val Reiner, 413-743-9354; Email: [kritters@ben.net](mailto:kritters@ben.net); Website: [www.petsforum.com/hhac](http://www.petsforum.com/hhac).

**Oct. 13-14; AKC**; Open to purebreds; Cheshire Kennel Club, Inc., Wheelock Park, Keene, NH; Contact: Kim Tees, 207-655-2112; Email: [jtees1@maine.rr.com](mailto:jtees1@maine.rr.com); Opens: 8/8/07; Closes: 9/19/07; website: [www.trialsecretary.com](http://www.trialsecretary.com).

**Oct. 20-21; NADAC**; Open to all dogs; Act-Up Agility Club; Wrentham Dev. Center, Wrentham, MA; Limit: 500; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Michelle Whall, 144 Lyman St., North Attleboro, MA 02760 508-699-9276; Email: [info@actupagility.cin](mailto:info@actupagility.cin); Website: [www.actupagility.com](http://www.actupagility.com).

**Oct. 20-21; CPE**; Open to all dogs; Bo-Gee Agility, Deerfield, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Closes: 10/03/07; Contact: Judy Davis, Trial Secretary Services, [tss@trialsecretary.com](mailto:tss@trialsecretary.com); Website: [www.trialsecretary.com](http://www.trialsecretary.com).

**Oct. 21-22; NOMAD DEMO**; Sports Fitness and Rec Expo at Champlain Valley Fairgrounds.

**Oct. 25-28; AKC**; Open to purebreds; southern Berkshire golden Retriever Club, West Springfield, MA; Opens: 8/29/07; Closes: 10/6/07; Limit: 1980 runs; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com); Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com).

**Oct. 27-28; CPE**; Open to all dogs; Muddy Paws Agility Club; Westminster, VT; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Limit: 350 runs per day; Closes: 10/13/07; Contact: Kim Strumph; Email: [goodturn@conknet.com](mailto:goodturn@conknet.com); Website: [www.mymuddypaws.com](http://www.mymuddypaws.com).

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**Nov. 3-4; AKC**; Open to all purebred dogs; Schenctady Dog Training Club Inc.; High Goal Farm, Greenwich, NY; Opens: 9/5/07; Closes: 10/13/07; Limit: 330 runs; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com); Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com).

**Nov. 2-4; CPE**; Open to all dogs; AgileDogs Agility Training, Mallary Building, Big E Fairgrounds, W. Springfield, MA; Limit: 700 per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Opens: 9/5/07; Closes: 10/22/07; Email: [trisha@agiledogs.net](mailto:trisha@agiledogs.net); Website: [www.agiledogs.net/trials.htm](http://www.agiledogs.net/trials.htm).

**Nov. 10-11; NADAC**; Open to all dogs; ACE Agility Club; Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA; Limit: Unknown; Email: [ray.wheeler@the-spa.com](mailto:ray.wheeler@the-spa.com).

**Nov. 10-11; AKC**; Open to all purebred dogs; American Bullmastiff Assoc., Amherst, NH; Opens: 9/12/07; Closes: 10/25/07; Limit: 330 runs/Randow Draw; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com); Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com).

**Nov. 10-11; CPE**; Open to all dogs; JAZZ Agility Club; High Goal Farm, Greenwich, NY; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Julie Belles; Email: [crkrjkkd@aol.com](mailto:crkrjkkd@aol.com); Website: [JAZZAgilityClub.com](http://JAZZAgilityClub.com).

**Nov. 10-11; CPE**; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Agility; All Dogs Gym and Inn, 505 Sheffield Rd., Manchester, NH; Limit: Sat. 400 runs, Sun. 350 runs; All Classes/All Levels; Opens: 9/28/07; Closes: 10/19/07; Email: [targal2@comcast.net](mailto:targal2@comcast.net); Website: [www.alldogsgym.com](http://www.alldogsgym.com) or [www.k9cpe.com](http://www.k9cpe.com).

**Nov. 17-18; USDA**; Open to all dogs; Y Agility; ASCO Farms, 75 Harris Rd., Chatham Center, NY; Closes: 10/29/07; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Donna Young, 4 Haber Way, Castleton, NY 12033, 518-732-2180; Email: [yagility@nycap.rr.com](mailto:yagility@nycap.rr.com); Website: [www.usdaa.com](http://www.usdaa.com).

**Nov. 17-18; CPE**; Skyline Agility Club; Garnerville, NY; Opens: 10/1/07; Closes 10/24/07; Limit: 275 runs per day; Contact: Mary Phalon; Email: [mephalon@yahoo.com](mailto:mephalon@yahoo.com); Website: [www.skyline-agility.org](http://www.skyline-agility.org).

**Nov. 24-25; CPE**; Open to all dogs; Breeze Thru Agility, Brattleboro, VT; Limit: 350 runs per day; Closes: 11/12/07; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Val Reiner; Email: [kritters@bnc.net](mailto:kritters@bnc.net) or Email: [ebreeze@sover.net](mailto:ebreeze@sover.net); Website: [www.k9cpe.com](http://www.k9cpe.com) or [www.breezethruagility.com](http://www.breezethruagility.com).

**Nov. 23-26; AKC**; Open to all purebred dogs; Thanksgiving Cluster, W. Springfield, MA; Opens: 10/3/07; Closes: 11/3/07; Limit: 1800 runs; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com); Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com).

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**Dec. 1-2; USDA**; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Agility; All Dogs Gym and Inn, 505 Sheffield Rd., Manchester, NH; Limit: Unlimited; Level Restrictions: Master/PIII with Grand Prix and Perf National Standard; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis, Trial Secretary Services, [tss@trialsecretary.com](mailto:tss@trialsecretary.com); Website: [www.alldogsgym.com](http://www.alldogsgym.com).

**Dec. 6-9; AKC**; Open to all purebred dogs; Yankee Golden Retriever Club, Boston, MA; Opens: TBD; Closes: TBD; Limit: 330 runs; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: [noreen@pawprinttrials.com](mailto:noreen@pawprinttrials.com); Website: [www.pawprinttrials.com](http://www.pawprinttrials.com).

**Dec. 29-30; CPE**; Open to all dogs; AgileDogs Agility Training, High Goal Farm, 66 Louse Hill Farm, Greenwich, NY; Limit: 350 per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Email: [trisha@agiledogs.net](mailto:trisha@agiledogs.net); Website: [www.agiledogs.net/trials.htm](http://www.agiledogs.net/trials.htm).

**Dec. 30; USDA**; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Agility; All Dogs Gym and Inn, 505 Sheffield Rd., Manchester, NH; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis, Trial Secretary Services, [tss@trialsecretary.com](mailto:tss@trialsecretary.com); Website: [www.alldogsgym.com](http://www.alldogsgym.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.**

# WINTER CLASSES

NOMAD will be offering the following winter classes for this season at Wildwood Farms (the "Waterbury barn"). Classes are four weeks (except November's Weave Pole Entry class). Some classes may be shared by two teams (each team taking 2 weeks of class.) If you want to share a class, you are responsible for finding another team to share the class with you. If you are sharing a class, please have only ONE team sign up for the class with one check and indicate that you are sharing. (You may have the other team reimburse you directly). Please fill out the form below, indicating your class choices, and please rank the classes in your order of preference. Also, **please include one check for each class.** If you don't not get into all of the classes you selected, I will shred any extra checks. The cost for Weave Pole Entries is \$25. The cost for all other classes is \$50. Please make checks payable to NOMAD.

**CLASSES will run from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.** Please note that the instructors have exclusive use of the barn from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. as their payment for teaching. Please arrive a few minutes early for class so that the class can start on time, but please respect the instructor's practice time. Directions to Wildwood Farms will appear in the November newsletter. 10:30 to 10:45 a.m. will be transition time (those taking classes can leave, those who stay can start setting up for practice) and **PRACTICE will run from 10:45 to 12:30.** More information on practice will appear in the next newsletter.

**No refunds will be given.** If you are unable to attend your class, you are responsible for finding another team (of the appropriate level) to take your place. All dogs must be able to work in a group setting. **Please mail your forms and checks to Kim Rubin, 142 Fitzsimonds Road, Jericho, VT 05465 no later than October 24, 2007.**

**November 10 and 24: Weave Pole Entries** 8 teams

Taught by Lynne von Trapp

Weave pole entries is for dogs that are doing weave poles straight up. The class is geared for dogs in competition who are confident about their poles but miss some entries.

**December 1, 8, 15, 22: Handling Skills** 7 teams

Taught by Kim Ingraham

This class is for dogs who can sequence reliably and can perform all obstacles. This class will assist handlers in improving their course choices and in drawing clear lines for their dogs with good timing and consistent direction.

**January 5, 12, 19, 26: Prenovice Agility** 8 teams

Taught by Fiona Robertson

This class is geared toward pre-novice dogs (those not yet ready to compete but familiar with, even if not confident on, all obstacles). Topics to be covered will include increasing confidence and reliability on obstacles, improving contact performance and fostering teamwork between handler and dog.

**February 2, 9, 16, 23: Games** 8 teams (This class may be shared).

Taught by Kit Erskine

This class is geared for dogs who are already trialing or will be trialing in the spring. Each week of this class will focus on a different agility game (such as snooker) and will focus on strategy choices for each game and improving handling based on those choices. Kit will have games from NADAC, USDAA and CPE.

**March 1, 8, 15, 22: Distance and Directionals** 7 Teams (This class may be shared).

Taught by Randi Barrett

This class will focus on improving your dog's ability to work at a distance and teaching your dog to follow directional commands. This class will also include working on sequences to improve handling and teamwork.

Handler's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Classes you would like (in order of preference), please include dog's name for each class.

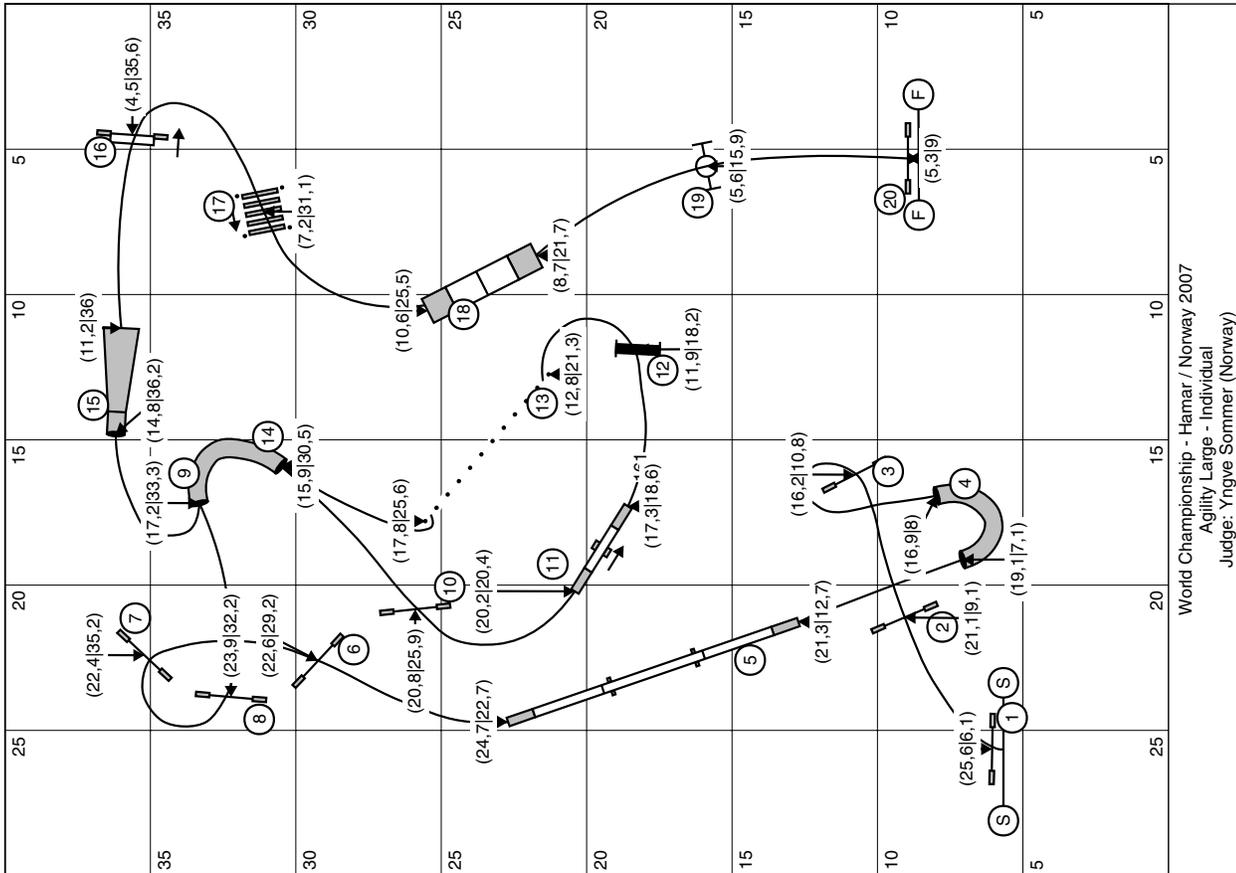
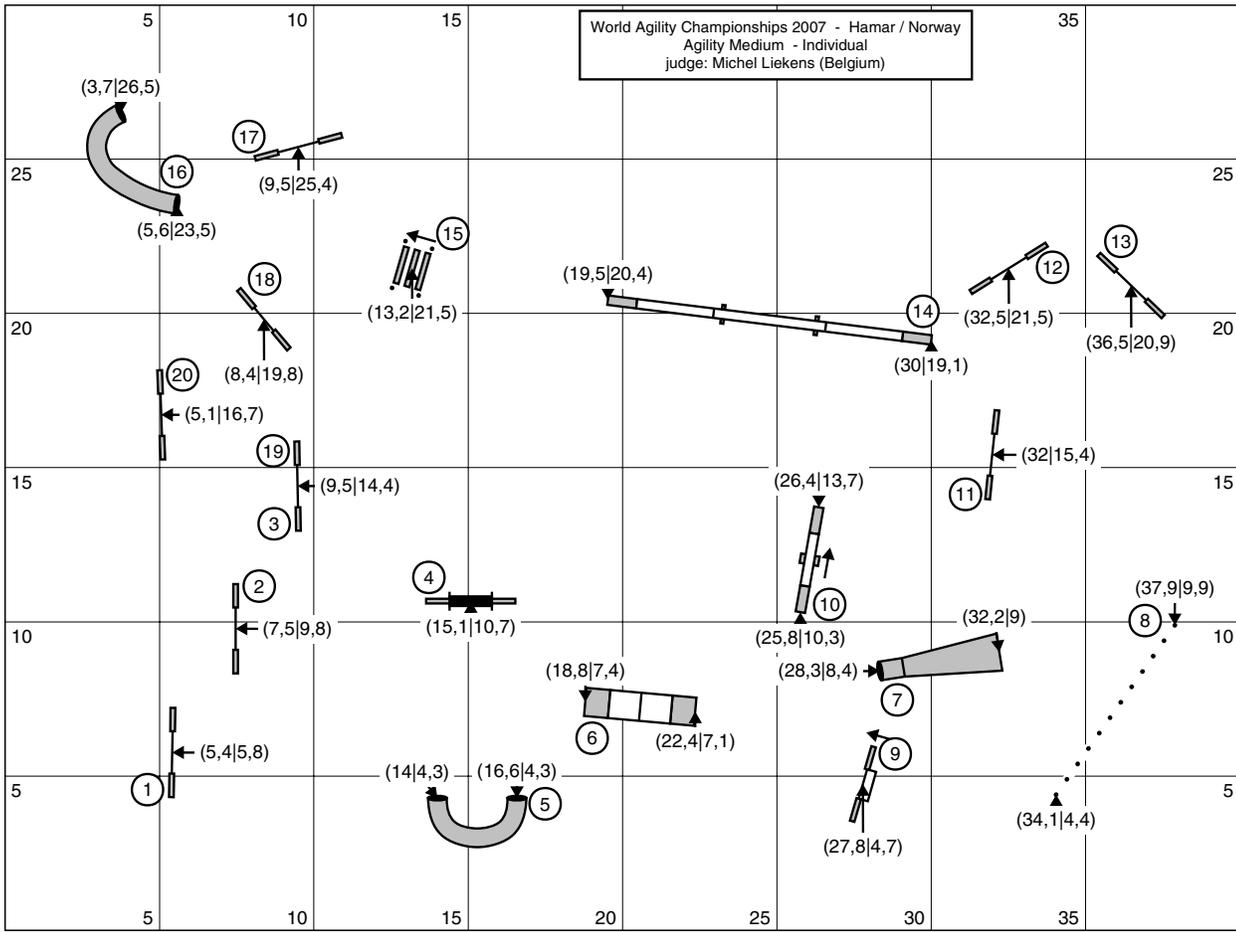
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*Two courses from the recently completed FCI World Championships—in case anyone wants to set these up and try to run “like the big boys and girls”. Myself, I think I will probably be content to run this with my pencil.*

## Big Fat Zero Snooker T-shirts Go National!

In a spirit of fun (and a little income for NOMAD) and with the SC's and USDAA's approval, I put the following message on the AgileDogs list, which reaches something like 1,500 agility enthusiasts. The responses (6 so far) have been enthusiastic and entertaining and won't wipe out our BFZ t-shirt supply.

*NOMAD agility club in VT awards tastefully designed Big Fat Zero Snooker t-shirts to handlers who earn them at our trials. Competitors -- men and women alike -- with a sense of humor, including Elicia Calhoun and Ginsey St. Croix, wear this badge of acceptance into an elite yet humble club with a smile.*

*NOMAD members Lisa Barrett, Kit Erskine, and I will be working as dedicated volunteers in Ring 1 at the USDAA World Cynosport Games in Scottsdale. If you would like to pre-order a Big Fat Zero Snooker t-shirt, we will deliver your shirt there. The cost is \$22. Pre-sales only.*

*Please contact me if you would like to order a BFZ t-shirt.*

*Lynne von Trapp*

*Lynne@pshift.com*



## DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

The membership renewal period will begin October 1<sup>st</sup> and will run until December 1<sup>st</sup>. The membership renewal form was in the September newsletter and is also available on the NOMAD website [www.nomadagility.com](http://www.nomadagility.com). The form will allow me to keep the database current with any new addresses, phone numbers, e-mail address, etc. You can check to be sure your information is accurate by looking at the membership list included in the September newsletter. Also, please indicate if you plan to continue on a current committee or join a new one. My contact information is included on the form.

Thank you. *Nancy Dashnaw*

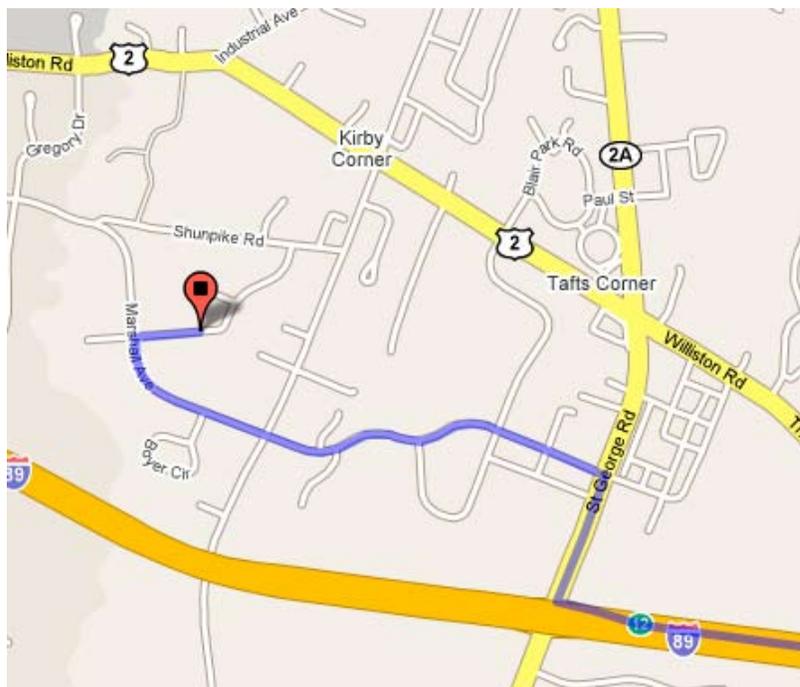


## FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

**The Fall Membership Meeting will be Sunday, November 18 at 2pm.  
at The Dog School, 55 Leroy Rd., Williston.**

### Directions to The Dog School in Williston

From I-89 turn at exit 12 toward Taft Corners. Turn left on Marshall Ave. Cross S. Brownell Road. Turn right on the next road which is Leroy Rd.. Go  $\frac{1}{10}$  mile, it's on your right. From Kennedy Dr. turn on Kimball Ave and continue where it turns into Marshall Ave. From Kennedy Dr., Leroy Rd. is  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles. Turn left on Leroy Rd. and it's  $\frac{1}{10}$  mile on your right.





*Bee and Kim I. at our NADAC trial*



*Kim R. and Aspen*



*Minna*



*Tux—commenting on the course Frank Jansen photo*

*I apologize to the photographers, but when moving photos around between Sept. and Oct., I have forgotten who took which.*

Send letters and articles  
by the 22nd of the month.  
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