

# NOMAD NEWS

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

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## 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.

### Greetings from the Prez

The trialing season is winding down for most of us, and winter practices and classes will begin soon. This year we will have a new format, using only one barn (Wildwood in Waterbury), one day (Saturday), with 1.5 hours of classes followed by 1.5 hours of practice. We hope this will help increase attendance at practices.

With the shorter practice time, yet still needing to meet barn rental fees, the fee has dropped to \$5/session, or \$75 for a season pass (a 30% savings). It is important for club unity and teamwork that everyone at practice arrives in time to help set up and take down equipment. With the shorter sessions, this should be workable.

I encourage you to attend our fall membership meeting. Although we made the weightiest decision at the special meeting in September, there is plenty of other club business to take care of. We keep trying different times and locations to make it convenient for club members to attend.

If you cannot attend, please send in your proxy so your vote counts and we have a quorum. We will be honoring member teams who earned championship awards this year, voting on the budget, and voting on new Steering Committee members. Other agenda items are elsewhere in the newsletter.

I hope to see you there,

Lynne

**Proxy Voting Forms are on page 7**

### Agenda

Approval of Spring Minutes\*\*  
Approval of Special Meeting Minutes\*\*  
2008 Budget\*\*

#### Committee Reports:

Practice: Kit  
Classes: Kim R.  
Equipment: Lisa  
Membership: Nancy  
Seminar: Karen  
NADAC: Caroline and Fran  
USDAA: Lisa and Kim I.  
CATS/NOMAD: Lisa

Nominating Committee slate of new SC members\*\*  
Recognition of Dog Agility Champions  
Any new business from the floor

*Agenda items requiring a vote are marked \*\**

### Proxy Voting Forms

The Steering Committee encourages everyone to attend the Fall Meeting on November 18 at 2:00 p.m. at the Dog School (NEW LOCATION) in Williston. Directions are above. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please vote by proxy. If you can not attend the meeting, please take a few minutes to fill out and return the proxy form to Kim Rubin. The Spring Meeting minutes may be found in the May newsletter and the

Special Meeting minutes (September 26) may be found in the October newsletter. Both newsletters may also be found on NOMAD's website [nomadagility.com](http://nomadagility.com). There are two ways to designate a proxy vote:

## Membership Renewal Time

The membership renewal period is underway and will continue through December 1st. The Membership Committee decided to increase the grace period for new members from Sept. 30th to June 30th. Therefore, if you joined NOMAD after June 30th, 2007, you do not need to pay dues again for 2008. However, you will need to sign and send in a renewal form. The form is below but can also be obtained on the NOMAD website. As a reminder, please indicate any committees you will be serving on during 2008.

Thank you. Nancy Dashnaw

### MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE/DUES (Please check type of membership)

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

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35 Working Family

\_\_\_\_\_ \$75 Supporting Member

\_\_\_\_\_ \$85 Supporting Family

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Jr. Handler (under 17)

**All new members who joined after June 30, 2007 are exempt from 2008 dues but must return this form.**

**Renewal period is Oct 1 – Dec 1, 2007 to continue to be a member of NOMAD.**

**Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to join the following committee(s)** (see committees' descriptions on page 3).

NADAC Trial Committee     USDA Trial Committee     Practice/Lessons Committee     Demo Committee

Membership Committee     Equipment Committee     Outreach/Jr. Handler Committee     Seminar Committee

If you are the chair or want to be the chair, please indicate: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Nancy Dashnaw,  
PO Box 164,  
Morrisonville, NY 12962

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

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

### Liability Waiver

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMITTEES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



### Tunnelers seminar, November 17, 2007 with Lynn Smitley

**Tunnelers:** a NADAC game and the course is only tunnels

A reminder to all, especially new members, auditors are welcome to come watch the fun for an hour or all day. (Remember to bring a chair!) Do join us and learn about teaching your dog to "go on" and work away from you. It is such fun to see the dogs charge from one tunnel to the next.

**Novice/prenovice session:** 9:00 to 12:00. Please arrive early to help set the course so we can start right at 9:00.

Participants: Karen Clark, Cynthia Gilliland, Randi Barrett, PJ Avery, Judy Kessler, John Sims

Wait list: Caroline McKinney, Kate Carter, Lynne Von Trappe

**Advanced session:** 1:00 to 5:00. Please arrive early to help set the course and be ready to go at 1:00.

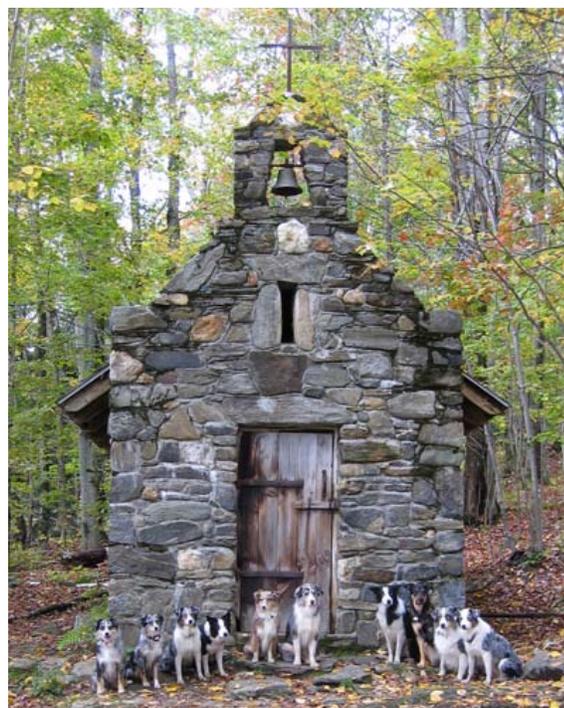
Participants: Karen Clark, Cynthia Gilliland, Kim Rubin, Lynne Von Trappe, Billie Marsh, Caroline McKinney

### NADAC Trial Committee Meeting

The 2008 NADAC trial committee will have a brief meeting before the Fall Membership Meeting at 2:00. We will meet at 1:30, hopefully at the Dog School. Stay tuned for location. If you are interested in working on the trial, please come. The following people have signed up to be on this committee:

Kit Erskine, Billie Marsh, Randi Barrett, Kate Carter, Marty LeFebvre, Lynne vonTrapp.

Contact Caroline McKinney at [mayamck@pshift.com](mailto:mayamck@pshift.com) if you have any questions.



"wedding at the Trapp Family Lodge chapel"  
Aussies are Chance (groom); Swix (far left) and her sister, half sisters and half brother. BC's and mixed breed are Elicia's. All were here for a few days after the ASCA Nationals in NJ.

## PRACTICE NEWS

NOMAD's winter practices will be held at Wildwood Farms (directions are below). Practices start November 10 and run through the end of March. Please note that due to the Lynn Smitley seminar on November 17, there will be no practice on that date. Practices run from 10:45 to 12:30. Please ensure the equipment is properly packed away and all cars are off the premises before 1:00 p.m. Classes run from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. From 10:30 to 10:45, there is transition time to allow class attendees to leave (if they are not staying for practice), practice attendees to arrive and equipment to be set for practice.

The fee for each practice is \$5 or you may purchase a "season pass" (good for all practices) for \$75. The fee is per handler (not per dog). Kit will be facilitating each practice (please see his comments in this newsletter regarding this year's practice format). On the two Saturdays when there are no classes (Dec. 29 and March 29), there will be an "open" practice from 9 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. with no facilitator. Any NOMADER may go to the open practice. The fee is \$5 (or included in your season pass). Please be respectful of other NOMADERS during open practice (and at all practices).

### Directions to Wildwood Farm:

#### From Exit 10 (Stowe/Waterbury) on 89:

Go north on Rt. 100 about 1 mile. You will pass Ben & Jerry's. Turn RIGHT on Guptil Road. Follow for 1.5 miles. Driveway is on RIGHT immediately after a bridge. Mail box says 1526 Guptil Road. Driveway is fairly long, curves uphill to barn. You can just barely see the barn from the road. Park parallel to the barn, facing the lower pasture.

#### From the north:

On Route 100 in Waterbury Center near Cold Hollow Cider Mill, turn LEFT just after Thurston's Floor Covering Store, onto Hollow Road. This turns into Guptil Road in 2/10 mile at the 4 way stop in the village of Waterbury Center. Continue 1/2 mile to the driveway on your LEFT. Mail box says 1526 Guptil Road. Driveway is fairly long, curves uphill to barn. You can just barely see the barn from the road. Park parallel to the barn, facing the lower pasture.

## Wildwood Farms Practice Rules

Any NOMAD member using the barn at Wildwood Farms (the Waterbury barn) for private practice, seminars or lessons must follow NOMAD's Practice Guidelines. There are also some additional rules that apply to Wildwood Farms:

1. The "doggy potty" area is restricted to around the barn area. Please do not allow dogs to go to the bathroom around the mobile home or near the well head. Of course, pooper scooping after your dog is a must.
2. Due to the proximity of horses to the dogs – both inside and outside of the barn – all dogs must be leashed at all times (or crated) when not working on equipment. NO exceptions. Dogs MUST be leashed when walking from the car to the barn. DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DOG TO RUN UP TO OR JUMP ON THE WALL NEAR THE BARN AISLE. Do not allow your dogs to chase or otherwise bother the horses.
3. Regarding winter lessons and practice: NOMAD has use of the barn from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Saturdays from November through March. Please do not show up prior to 8 a.m., and please be wrapped up and gone by 1 p.m. Classes run from 9:00 to 10:30. Please note that the instructors have exclusive use of the barn from 8:30 to 9:00 to practice with their dogs ((it's the paycheck!). Please arrive a few minutes early for class so that class can start on time, but please respect the instructor's practice time. Practice will run from 10:45 to 12:30.
4. Please drive 5 mph in the driveway. Five miles per hour feels like you are not moving. Park between the trailer and the barn, parallel to both, facing the lower pasture. First car please park closest to the trailer. Leave the area open in front of the barn for access to the manure pile and leading horses through. If we need additional space, we may park by the hydrant.

## WINTER PRACTICE PLAN:

At our spring meeting we decided that we will hold practice on Saturday morning after the classes are finished at 10:45. I will create exercises that build on the class lesson for that day and provide an opportunity for members to work on contact obstacles and weave poles. I will also have a nested course that we will run during the second half of the practice. Members will be allowed two minutes for their turn on the practice area. You can use your two minutes to work on the stations or on the course I have created or to do anything you want. Each person will have a turn and when we all have gone, more turns will be available as time permits.

Practice will be a set up like an informal class structure to provide a bit more order and fairness to the use of the practice time. Turns are based on human members so members with multiple dogs can choose which dog(s) they want to work during each of their turns. It is my hope that if we have a running order, like we do at a seminar, we will all be able to get opportunities to practice enough to satisfy everyone. I hope that we will all have multiple turns at the exercises and the course. If we have a large turnout I will try to have two exercise stations set up.

If you have a particular topic you would like me to cover please let me know. I will be talking with all the instructors to get ideas and input from them for our practice activities.

This is an experiment and I hope you will all help me create a practice experience that is fun and useful for you and your dog(s).

I look forward to figuring this out together!

Kit

## Winter Classes

Classes run from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Please note that instructors have exclusive use of the barn from 8:30 to 9:00 as their paycheck for teaching. Please arrive a few minutes early for class so that class can start on time, but please respect the instructor's practice time. If you are unable to take your spot in class and there is a wait list, please contact the first person on the wait list. If there is no wait list, you are responsible for finding a team at the appropriate level to take your place. I have destroyed all checks for the classes members do not get into. If there are empty spots in the class and you would like to sign up, please contact Kim Rubin.

### Weave Pole Entries – Nov. 10 and 24 (8 teams)

Kate Carter / Brewster  
Caroline McKinney / Tux  
Kit Erskine / Lil  
Kim Ingraham / Rumor (11/10 only)  
*4 available spots*

### Handling Skills–Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 (8 teams)

Cynthia / Rosie  
Maxine / Suni  
Kate Carter / Phoebe  
Caroline McKinney / Tux  
Judy Mulhern / Chloe  
Kit Erskine / Lil  
Marian Mumford /  
Lynne von Trapp / Swix

### Prenovice Agility – Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26 (8 teams)

Randi Barrett / POCO  
Val Spadaccini / Huxley  
Linda Ladd / Kira  
Mike Tivillini / McCoy  
Judy Frey / Willie  
Sam Punchar / Eloise  
Michelle Force/ Cholla  
Karen Clark / Chili  
*Wait list:*  
*Sarah Albert / Toby*  
*Kim Ingraham / Mia*

### Games – Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23 (8 teams)

Nicki Houghton / Chloe  
Lynne von Trapp / Swix  
Judy Frey / Willie  
Kim Ingraham / Ethan  
Judy Mulhern / Chloe  
Marian Mumford /  
*2 available spots*

### Distance & Directionals–Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22 (8 teams)

Kit Erskine / Lil  
Caroline McKinney / Tux  
Lynne von Trapp / Chance or Swix  
Kate Carter / Brewster  
Sam Punchar / Roo Roo  
Judy Mulhern / Chloe  
Cynthia Gilliland / Ivy  
Kim Ingraham / Ethan  
*Wait list*  
*Karen Clark / Ginger or Cinnamon*  
*Linda Ladd / Hannah*  
*Nicki Houghton / Chloe*  
*Judy Frey / Willie*

### Directions to Wildwood Farm: on page 4



*Linda, Gael and Shelby at  
the Show n Go*

## Reprinted with permission from the AgileDogs email list.

*Thought this was good, re our discussion  
at the meeting about trial venues.*

### One venue not good for others?

I think this is an easy thread to address. Don't train for one venue's focus alone, and you will have the potential to shine in any of them. If all you can do is technical, tight work, you will have trouble on NADAC style course. If your dog won't work close, AKC might be difficult. Need your dog to bypass an obstacle for the purpose of snooker super Q's? Don't teach them to find every obstacle within 20 feet of them. You should have a dog that can do all of these things, in my opinion, especially if you want to compete in all possible venues.

There is nothing wrong with any of the available agility venues, it all boils down to personal choice.

Balance is key. I prefer some venues over others, but it has nothing to do with my dog's strengths, from a training standpoint. It's all about choosing the venues I enjoy the most, and prefer to run in.

For the student who says "I can't get my dog around an AKC course because it's too technical," I would never say, "stop doing NADAC." I would say, "train your dog to respond to tighter steering, work on 180's, 270's, tight wraps, better and tighter jumping, etc."

I think it's ridiculous to blame a venue for a dog's performance. That's about as ludicrous as blaming the dog for our own lack of doing a good job of training the dog in the first place. It all falls on the handler...train what you want, and perfect it to your heart's desire, and remember, your dog's performance is a crystal clear view into your own training of that dog. Thank your dog for showing you where you need more work, and be grateful that he's willing to work with you as you learn to be a better and better dog trainer. Not all dogs are willing to go along for the ride when you don't take responsibility for your training, but don't blame the dog, the venue, or GOD forbid, the instructor, who, BTW, shouldn't blame the dog or the venue, either!!!

Leslie Renaud

# BRAGS

## 2007 WASCUNY ASCA Pre-National Trial Augusta, NJ

### Lynne von Trapp and Chance

Elite Vet Regular 2nd and Q  
Elite Vet Jumpers 7th and Q

### Lynne von Trapp and Swix

Novice Jumpers 2nd and Q  
Novice Jumpers 1st and Q and Title

## October 3-5, 2007 ASCA Nationals Augusta, NJ

### Lynne and Chance

Elite Vet Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 7th and Q  
Elite Vet Regular \_\_\_\_\_ and Q  
Elite Vet Regular \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd and Q  
Elite Vet Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 4th and Q  
Elite Vet Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 7th and Q  
8th High in Trial Vet

### Lynne and Swix

Novice Regular \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
Novice Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
Novice Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
Novice Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_

### Nancy Dashnaw and Lilly

Novice Regular \_\_\_\_\_ Q (Title)  
Novice Regular \_\_\_\_\_ Q  
Open Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd and Q  
Novice Gambler \_\_\_\_\_ 4th and Q (Title)  
Novice Gambler \_\_\_\_\_ Q

Robin Magee and Sydney won overall female in the run dawg run festival in Lake Placid.



## Oct. 5 & 7, 2007, N.A.E. NADAC Trial, Dummerston, VT

### Cynthia Gilliland and Heather

Novice S Hoopers 16 in \_\_\_\_\_ 4th & Q  
Open S Regular 16 in \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q  
Open S Regular 16 in.- \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q  
Novice S Touch and Go 16 in\_\_ 1st & Q & TG-N title  
Open S Touch and Go 16 in \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q

### Cynthia Gilliland and Rosie

Novice S Hoopers 16 in \_\_\_\_\_ Q  
Novice S Regular 16 in.- \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q  
Novice S Touch and Go 16 in. \_\_ 2nd & Q  
Novice S Jumpers 16 in. \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q

### Cynthia Gilliland and Ivy

Novice S Touch and Go 16 in \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd & Q

### Beverly Lancaster and Bella

Novice Regular 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Q 2nd  
Chances \_\_\_\_\_ Gamble Q  
Novice Regular 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Q 1st

### Caroline McKinney and Tux

Open Tunnelers \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd  
Novice Regular \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
Novice Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and q

## Oct. 13 & 14, 2007, Cheshire Kennel Club AKC Trial, Keene, NH

### Cynthia Gilliland and Heather

Novice FAST 20 in. \_\_\_\_\_ Q  
Novice FAST 20 in. \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd & Q  
ExcB JWW 20 in. \_\_\_\_\_ Q



"An embarrassment of ribbons" Swix and Chance with their ribbons from Nationals. Competition was about the same as at regular trials, except without those pesky BC's!



Lily with her ribbons from Nationals

## Agility Buddies

from Nan Johnson

Hi everyone! I'm looking for some people that I can put on reserve to be agility buddies. My pool of buddies has just about dried up. What is an agility buddy? An agility buddy is a club member who volunteers to be available to answer questions to a new member. This usually takes place through e-mails. It's great to have a person you can ask all those beginning questions (how to fill out the premium, what to bring to a trial, etc.) If you are interested in being a buddy to a new member, contact Nan at [VTGoat@gmail.com](mailto:VTGoat@gmail.com).

Thanks! Nan

## PROXY VOTING FORMS

### Proxy Voting Forms

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1. You can vote by sending the Secretary (Kim Rubin) an email indicating your vote on those item(s) indicated in the agenda which require a vote (see form #1). If you don't have email, you can mail your vote to Kim (email: [HYPERLINK "mailto:som13@aol.com"](mailto:som13@aol.com) som13@aol.com; mailing address: 142 Fitzsimonds Road, Jericho, VT 05465); OR
2. You can designate a NOMAD member who will be at the meeting to act as your proxy. Your proxy MUST bring a completed copy of form #2 to the meeting AND the Secretary must receive a copy of form #2 prior to the meeting (either by email or mail).

If you designate a proxy vote by either method but then attend the meeting, your proxy vote will be void, and you will be able to vote in person. Proxy designations are only valid for the current meeting. Kim must receive your proxy forms at least 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting. Thanks!

#### Form 1: If you are sending your vote to the secretary, please use the following form:

I \_\_\_\_\_ (insert your name) am unable to attend the November 18, 2007 NOMAD meeting and wish to submit my proxy vote for those items on the published agenda which require a vote.

I vote (write in yes or no) on

\_\_\_\_\_ Approval of the 2008 budget

\_\_\_\_\_ Approval of the Spring Membership Meeting Minutes

\_\_\_\_\_ Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes

\_\_\_\_\_ Approval of new Steering Committee members: Cynthia Gilliland, Vice President and Kim Ingraham, Member at Large

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and date.

Please print your name.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### Form 2: If you designate someone to act as your proxy, please use the following form:

I \_\_\_\_\_ (insert your name) am unable to attend the \_\_\_\_\_ (date) NOMAD meeting, and I therefore designate \_\_\_\_\_ (name of NOMAD member to act as your proxy) as my proxy for this meeting. I authorize my proxy to vote on any and all items which require a vote at the meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and date.

Please print your name.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



*new members John Sims and Finn*

# COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Compiled by Cheryl French as of 10/24/07

## NOVEMBER 2007

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: crkjkkd@aol.com ; Website: JAZZAgiilityClub.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 ; Website: www.usdaa.com .

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 or Email: ebreeze@sover.net ; Website: www.k9cpe.com or 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; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

## DECEMBER 2007

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 ; Website: www.alldogsgym.com .

Dec. 6-9; **AKC**; Open to all purebred dogs; Yankee Golden Retriever Club, Boston, MA; Opens: 10/17/07; Closes: 11/15/07; Limit: 330 runs; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Dec 8-9; **ASCA**; Open to all dogs; WASCUNY; High Goal Farm, Greenwich, NY; Opens: 10/23/07; Closes: 12/21/07; Limit: Unlimited; Classes: Standard, Jumpers, Gamblers; Contact: Linda Braun; Email: linda@croftonaussies.com ; Website: www.geocities.com/wascunyn .

Dec. 29-31; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; AgileDogs Agility Training, High Goal Farm, 66 Louse Hill Farm, Greenwich, NY; Limit: 350 per day; Closes: 12/17/07; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Email: trisha@agiledogs.net ; Website: 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; Closes: 12/7/07; Limit: Unlimited; All Levels; Classes: Standard, Jumpers, Gamblers, Snooker; Trial Secretary: Judy Davis, Trial Secretary Services, tss@trialsecretary.com ; Website: www.alldogsgym.com .

## JANUARY 2008

Jan. 12-13; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Agility; All Dogs Gym and Inn, 505 Sheffield Rd., Manchester, NH; Closes: 12/14/07; Limit: 400 runs Sat., 350 Runs Sun.; Classes: Sat. Standard, Colors, Wildcard, Fullhouse; Sun. Standard, Snooker, Jackpot, Jumpers; Contact: Sue Fontaine; Email: miniaussies5@comcast.net ; Website: www.alldogsgym.com .

Jan. 19-20; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; SCOR Agility LLC; Skyline Agility Club, Inc.; Railroad Ave., Garnerville, NY; Opens: 11/28/07; Closes: 12/28/07; Limit: 275 per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Email: mephalon@yahoo.com .

Jan. 19-20; **AKC**; Open to all purebred dogs; American Bullmastiff Assoc., Inc.; American K9 Country, Amherst, NH; Opens: 11/28/07; Closes: 12/29/07; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Jan. 26-27; **CPE**; Riverside K-9 LLC; Nashua, NH; Classes: Sat. Colors, Wildcard, Snooker, Jumpers; Sun. Snooker, Jackpot, FullHouse, Jumpers; Limit: 400 runs per day; Closes: 1/4/08; Contact: Valori Duff; Email: valwaussies@comcast.net; Website: www.riversidek9.com .

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Feb 2-3; **AKC**; Open to all purebred dogs; Tartan Gordon Setter Club; American K9 Country, Amherst, NH; Opens: 11/28/07; Closes: 1/12/08; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Feb. 9-10; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; All Dogs Agility; All Dogs Gym and Inn, 505 Sheffield Rd., Manchester, NH; Closes: 1/11/08; Limit: 400 runs Sat., 350 runs Sun.; Classes: Sat. Standard, Snooker, FullHouse, Jumpers; Sun. Standard, Colors, Wildcard, Jackpot; Contact: Sue Fontaine; Email: miniaussies5@comcast.net ; Website: www.alldogsgym.com .

Feb. 9; **AKC**; Open to all purebred dogs; American Bullmastiff Assoc., Inc.; American K9 Country, Amherst, NH; Opens: 12/19/07; Closes: 1/19/08; Contact: Trial Secretary: Noreen Bennett, 1 West St., Belchertown, MA 01007, 413-283-4490; Email: noreen@pawprinttrials.com; Website: www.pawprinttrials.com .

Feb. 16-17; **ASCA**; Open to all dogs; ASCNE; American k9 Country, Amherst, NH; Limit: 350 per day; Classes: Regular, Jumpers, Gamblers - Pre-Novice, Retired Exhibition on Sunday; Contact: Jean Janotta, 24 Country View Drive, Raymond, NH 03077-2479, 603-895-5436; Email: jjanotta@verizon.net ; Website: www.ascne.org .

Feb. 16-17; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Breeze Thru Agility, Brattleboro, VT; Limit: 350 runs per day;

Closes: 2/4/08; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Contact: Val Reiner; Email: kritters@bnc.net or Email: ebreeze@sover.net ; Website: www.k9cpe.com or www.breezethruagility.com .

Feb 23-24; **CPE**; Open to all dogs; Skyline Agility Club, Inc.; Railroad Ave., Garnerville, NY; Opens: 1/9/08; Closes: 2/6/08; Limit: 275 per day; Classes: All Classes/All Levels; Email: mephalon@yahoo.com ; Website: www.skylineagility.org .

Feb. 23-24; **CPE**; Riverside K-9 LLC; Nashua, NH; Classes: Sat. Colors, Wildcard, Jackpot, Jumpers; Sun. Snooker, Jackpot, FullHouse, Jumpers; Limit: 400 runs per day; Closes: 2/2/08; Contact: Valori Duff; Email: valwaussies@comcast.net; Website: www.riversidek9.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.**

## NOMAD Seminar Calender

**Lynn Smitley Tunnelers Seminar - Nov. 17,**  
Novice/Pre-novice session 9-12 pm &  
Advanced session 1-5 pm,  
Wildwood horse arena, Waterbury, VT

**Camp NOMAD 2008 with Elicia Calhoun  
& Ginsey (Nickles) St. Croix -**  
Aug.22-24, 2008, Stowe, VT

SEE PAGE 3 FOR MORE INFO  
ON THE TUNNELERS SEMINAR.

# STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 22, 2008

## Steering Committee Meeting

7:10 pm meeting brought to order.

In attendance:

Lynne von Trapp, Karen Clark, Linda Ladd, Kim Rubin, Patty McMahon, Don Denette, Kit Erskine.

### Treasurer's Report/Budget

Linda prepared the proposed budget based on input from all the committees with the exception of the Trial Committees (she used last year's numbers). The Equipment Committee said they need four new wing jumps, which will cost \$360. The SC also discussed replacing the teeter board because it has rotted and cracked in places (and is only going to get worse with age). We need to replace some of the slats on the dog walk, as well, although the board itself is in decent condition. Kit indicated he can fix the teeter without replacing the board, but if we chose to replace the board it would cost approximately \$55 to \$60. As of October, we have spent \$353 on equipment repairs. The Equipment Committee had budgeted \$250 for repairs but the SC decided to raise the amount to \$400 since we have some additional major repairs this year (such as the teeter).

The Membership Committee's income is estimated at \$2,575, using our 2007 membership numbers. There is no Junior Handler/Community Outreach Committee since no one has volunteered to take on that job. The Demo Committee has a budgeted net loss of \$213 which includes the expense to move the equipment, postage, printing and decorations for the Champlain Valley Fair Demo and the Sports Exposition Demo. The Practice Committee anticipates a net income from winter classes of \$250 (if all classes fill) but a net loss of \$1,000 for practices (if we have 5 members attend each practice) for a combined net loss of \$750. The barn rental fee is \$600 per month.

Equipment moving expenses are listed under General Operating Expenses unless for a specific seminar, trial or demo in which case the Seminar, Trial or Demo

Committee gets charged. In an effort to cut costs, the SC considered eliminating the paper newsletter but decided that because some NOMADers do not have computer access at home, we would keep the paper newsletter. However, we will encourage members who receive the paper newsletter to reconsider receiving it electronically instead. Newsletter postage is \$125 for the year, and the printing expense for the newsletter is \$225.

The Seminar Committee anticipates generating \$4330 in fees from Camp NOMAD. They have yet to determine the number of teams for the Camp, and the Camp fee will be determined by the number of teams (with the total fees equaling \$4330). The Seminar Committee is asking the club to underwrite \$3900 to help offset the costs of Camp NOMAD. This subsidy amount is in the same ballpark as those requested in previous years. The Committee has not yet determined if NOMAD auditors will be charged; nor has it determined what the fee will be for non-NOMAD auditors.

The USDAA Trial Committee will determine how to cut its costs, but there has been discussion about forgoing rental of the large tent, which would save \$625. The Committee may also save money on equipment moving and rental costs since the Committee may decide to have only one ring of equipment. Having 2 rings of equipment for a one ring trial does not save much, if any, time. Lynne has searched Stowe for an alternative trial location and has been unable to find one as suitable as the Topnotch Field. Other sites do not have electricity and/or would be difficult for us to bring in water. Some sites won't allow RVs. Lynne indicated that despite Stowe's efforts to rehabilitate Mayo Field, the field's condition has not improved enough to allow us to hold a trial there. The SC discussed cutting trial costs in the Hospitality portion of the budget. We spend \$250 on hospitality supplies and much of the food ends up being eaten by non-workers. It was suggested we make the food less accessible to anyone walking by, but some members liked the open availability of the Hospitality Tent. The SC decided that the respective trial committees would

determine how (if at all) to trim the hospitality budget. The Doggie Dollars for workers have been successful. If they are used more frequently for trial or seminar fees, then we will have to revisit how to budget them.

The NADAC budget has an estimated net income of \$1690. The SC determined that we do not need to purchase any ribbons for the NADAC trial this year (or for years to come).

Lynne and Kit reported that they have not yet been able to meet with the CATS representatives to negotiate the terms of the joint trial. At this point, we do not know what our expenses will be and what our income will be (although we are working with the assumption we will generate a minimum income of \$2500).

The SC added a "member support" category to the budget, which will include items such as our Dog Champion plaques (we purchased 2 new plaques this year) and flowers for the families of dogs who have passed away. The SC allotted \$300 to budget for member support.

The total 2008 NOMAD budget represents a \$11 loss.

### Nominating Committee

Carla Medved is the chair and Judy Mulhern and Caroline McKinney were on the committee. They have nominated Cynthia Gilliland for Vice President and Kim Ingraham as member at large. The respective terms for Kim Rubin, Don Denette and Lynne von Trapp were due to expire this year and each agreed to stay on for the next term in their respective positions.

### Membership

The Membership Committee has decided any new members who sign up after June 30 do not have to pay again in December 1 for renewal. The cut-off date for new members was previously Sept. 1 but was not changed when the Membership Committee changed the renewal date from March to December. The change for new members allows them the same "grace period" as under the former dues schedule. Linda will set up a "prepaid income account" so we can deposit the

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renewal checks in December but will not take the income until 2008—in an effort to better align income with expenses.

### **Winter practice**

Winter practices will run from 10:45 to 12:30. We must be off the premises by 1:00 p.m. The SC determined that practice will cost \$5 per session (per handler, not per dog) and members may opt to by a “season pass” for \$75. Kit is facilitating each practice and will collect the practice fees.

Kit asked the SC for input on how to approach practices this year. After discussion, it was determined that Kit will offer a continuation or an offshoot of the class being held before the practice. He anticipates having all contact equipment out, one or two sets of weaves and jumps in various configurations. Kit will let people know what to expect in advance of each practice. He will have as many configurations as possible. There was some concern that different dogs will be working on different skills, and so in

an effort to make practice as beneficial to everyone, each team will have two minutes for each turn and will be able to use the equipment in anyway they would like. There will be a course at the end of practice. The plan is to have only one dog working at a time, but if the group is large (8 or more handlers), Kit will arrange the equipment so people are not spending an exorbitant amount of time standing around.

### **Winter lessons**

Some classes have a higher demand than others. Kim asked for feedback from the SC on how to determine which teams get into which class. There was no clear-cut way based on people’s choices and rankings, so it was determined that Kim would pull names out of a hat and then create a waiting list. She will assign teams to classes on Wednesday (10/24) after she receives her mail that day.

### **Wildwood Rules**

Kim will ensure the rules for Wildwood are in the next newsletter. (see page 4)

### **Honoring NOMAD Dog Champions**

Heather, Sally Ride!, and Sophie all earned top honors this year and will be honored at our fall meeting. The SC decided that last year’s photo of our dog champions was not up to our standards and therefore, we will ask last year’s recipients as well as this year’s to bring their dogs for another group photo.

### **Agenda Fall Meeting**

The agenda for the fall meeting was set and Kim will ensure it and the proxy forms are posted in the newsletter. Lynne suggested indicating the expiration date for the SC members’ terms beside our names in the newsletter. Kim will do that starting with the December newsletter. The terms that expire in 2009 are Lynne, Cynthia, Kim R., and Don. The terms set to expire in 2008 are Linda, Patty and Kim I. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim Rubin, Secretary.

## **New Members**

*from Cynthia Gilliland*

**Mia**, a one year old Shetland Sheepdog, has joined NOMAD with **Kim Ingraham**, and Rumor and Ethan. Mia has been doing agility for 3 months, and has been home-schooled. She was Kim’s “demo dog” for her beginning level 2 classes this summer. Mia and Kim also participated in the Pre-Novice seminar with Fiona this past weekend, and they are looking forward to playing at the show & go this weekend! Kim says that Mia loves to work, and hopes to compete in the top level classes in agility one day, in addition to trying her paw at Rally, Obedience, and maybe even herding. Mia’s littermate, Izzy French, also recently joined NOMAD!

**Buddy**, a 15 month old Pembroke Welsh Corgi has joined NOMAD with **Marty Lefebvre** and Katie. Buddy has been doing agility for 6 months and has completed Beginner and Advanced Beginner classes at The Dog School. Marty says he ran at the Shelburne Museum Demo and he did very well! They look forward to competing together one day.

**Summer**, a 15 month old Australian Shepherd, has joined NOMAD with **Kathy Fretz** (and her dad Kolby and her big sister Ice). Summer has taken Beginner and Intermediate classes and has also been home schooled in agility. Kathy says that she has wonderful focus and work ethic for her age and experience. They hope to compete at the top levels as well as earn championships together one day.

**Mike Tivilini and Alexis Ressler** have joined NOMAD with their 6 year old border collie **McCoy**. McCoy has completed beginner through intermediate classes at The Dog School and has been participating in agility for the past two summers. He knows all his obstacles but is still working at getting the weave poles down. Cynthia Heather, Rosie, and Ivy, who sympathizes about the weavepoles. Who has time when there are tunnels available?

**Michelle Force and Jesse Suter** have joined NOMAD with **Cholla**, an 18 month old Australian Shepherd. Michelle and Jesse have taken many agility classes over the past 6 years with their 10 year old dog Disco, and a few different foster dogs. Cholla has taken a puppy agility class at Waggles and Beginner through Advanced Intermediate classes at The Dog School. They also participated in the Shelburne Museum demo and Cholla loved it! They look forward to competing together.

**Sarah Albert** has joined NOMAD with her 14 month old border collie mix, **Toby**. Sarah and Toby have been doing agility for 4 months. They have taken Foundation and Beginner classes with Kim Ingraham, and also have taken a private lesson with Lisa Barrett. Their agility goals are to build Toby’s confidence, improve their teamwork, and have fun together! Sarah is interested in helping on one of our trial committees.

# SHOW & GO SUCCESS

By Kate Carter (photos by Kate Carter)

NOMAD's first Show & Go, held at the All Sports, Fitness & Recreation Expo at the Champlain Valley Exposition October 20-21, was well attended by handlers, dogs, and an enthusiastic audience. The weather couldn't have been more perfect for the outdoor venue, especially on Sunday, when it felt more like June than late October.

Kim Ingraham designed a novice course nested within an intermediate course for Saturday, and on Sunday we used the same course in reverse direction. There were three runs each day. By the end, handlers were making up their own courses just for the fun of it. On Saturday there were about 32 dogs running at each of the three matches. Sunday was a little more relaxed, with about 24 dogs running three times each. Because of the number of people running two or more dogs, it was difficult to manage traditional Show & Go protocol (judging, timing, scribing), and since it quickly became obvious that no one really cared about times and penalties, we packed up the stop watches and scribe sheets and set about having some organized fun with our dogs.

One of the benefits of a Show & Go is that novice dogs and handlers get to experience what it's like to run a real course, so it was especially gratifying to see several new human and dog members giving it a go. Here are some of the dogs who made their debuts:

Carla Medved's border collie Gael. She had the cutest down contacts you have ever seen. And to think Carla wasn't going to run her!

Judy Frey's cockapoo, Willie the Weaver. Judy says the only equipment she



*Kate and Phoebe*

has are weave poles, so that's all they practice. Obviously!

Don Denette's Iceland sheepdog Maggie. She lived up to her reputation for speaking her mind.

Marty Lefebvre's Katie, a German shepherd mix. Katie had smooth, precise runs and it seemed like she'd been doing agility for years.

Katie's step-brother Buddie, a Welsh corgi. Buddie delighted the audience with his eagerness, accuracy, and little legs.

Kim Ingraham's Mia, a little sheltie who proved she'd do anything on the course for a treat.

## Relaxing Between Runs



*Linda and Hannah*



*Kit and Lil*



*Linda, Shelby and Caroline*

Linda Ladd's Kira, another sheltie, who is just getting started in the game and is already showing up her siblings.

Finn, a border collie, and John Sims, a border collie disguised as a person. Their runs were so fluid and beautiful they left the rest of us reminiscing about our more youthful days.

The oldest dog to run the course was 13-year-old Rosie, a border collie mix. She and her handler, Nicki Houghton, had a clean run. And if you're wondering who set the speed record, it was Phoebe Carter, a white missile made for the game. The team that got the most cheers and laughter was the last to run on Sunday. Kit Erskine's "brace," where Lil and Loretta ran together, was a riot. The L's did the obstacles, one after the other, trading off the lead. It looked like they were going to have a clean run, until the obstacle discrimination, when Lil went through the tunnel and Loretta went over the A-Frame. Or was it the other way around? Either way, it was an impressive showing and Kit could have probably shaved a few seconds off his time if he had stopped laughing.

Dogs aside, it was a social and friendly weekend. Between runs, people lounged in recliners, chatting and got to know each other and their dogs. A lot of people checked out the Expo and came away with some great shwag. Judge Randi Barrett won a t-shirt at the HammerFit booth for hanging in a chin-up position for 70 seconds. You go girl! Randi also won Best Dressed for Saturday.

It was everyone's feeling that the Show & Go should be an annual event. The only thing we could improve on next year is the tailgate party. Fire up the grill!



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