



For those who have not renewed.... it is past time! Membership renewals are now overdue. Please send them ASAP. Dues/form/address for sending are in the Sept/Oct newsletter. <http://www.nomadagility.com/newsletters/newsletter.htm> Deadline was Dec. 31. Thanks! Lisa M.

JANURARY

2013

CAMP NOMAD 2013

June 1–2, 2013 Stowe, VT at Trapp Family Lodge

INSTRUCTORS: LO BAKER and JOHN NYS

NOMAD is once again sponsoring a 2-day agility camp with two world-class agility champions. Whether or not you've ever been to an agility camp, this is the one to attend! You will learn from the best while having fun with your NOMAD friends. Camp is open to all NOMAD members. READ ON!!!!

Schedule And Topics

The camp is limited to 20 working spots (10 teams per instructor). Each group will have a full day with each instructor, geared to each team's skill level.

Working sessions are from 9:00 to 5:00 each day, with a 45 minute lunch break.

Topics likely to be covered during working sessions:

- Jump training
- Contacts, Table, Weaves
- Handling techniques: crosses, footwork, dog skills
- Technical pattern: pinwheel, box, threadle, pull-through, serpentine
- Course analysis and coursework

Cost and Payment Policy

Camp costs \$250 for working members and \$400 for supporting members and non-members. Lunches and dinners are on your own. Campers are encouraged to bring drinks and hors d'oeuvres to share after the Saturday afternoon session. Complimentary Trapp lager will be available.

Camp participation is not available on a per day basis. **Auditing by NOMAD members is free.**

Payment Policy: A non-refundable \$100 deposit (unless you find someone to fill your spot) with your registration is required by February 15 to reserve a spot. The balance of the camp fee is due by April 1st but will not be deposited until May 1.

If you cannot attend camp and there is no waiting list, it will be your responsibility to find someone at the appropriate level for the assigned group to fill the spot in order to receive a refund.

Registration Procedure

Registrations will be accepted in order of postmarking, starting IMMEDIATELY.

In the event that we receive more than 20 applications for camp postmarked on or before February 15, we will use the following priority system to assign spots to members:

First: members of NOMAD since April 2012, who have completed 20 plus hours as a working member or are supporting members.

Second: new NOMAD members.

Third: working NOMAD members who have not completed their 20 hours of service.

Registrations will be available to non-members on April 2, if any vacancies exist.

The seminar committee will determine which members have completed 20 plus hours, with support from the steering committee if needed. If there are too many applications at any priority level, the seminar committee will use a lottery to determine the remaining slots.

Please send your registration form and deposit check of \$100 payable to NOMAD to:

Lisa Barrett, 1350 Sherman Hollow Rd., Huntington VT 05462

(Please Note: checks will not be deposited until March 1)

Camp Rules

- No talking among participants while the instructor is teaching.
- If your dog barks ringside, please crate away from the activity.
- You must clean up after your dog on the camp grounds and all surrounding areas AND at any lodging facility.
- All dogs must be on a leash except when working.
- Bitches in season are not allowed.
- Campers with working spot must stay with their assigned groups. You may work with alternate dogs during the weekend, but your alternate dog must be at or above the level of the dog you registered for camp. Only one dog per handler may be worked in each 3 1/2 hour session.
- Practicing during off hours is not allowed in the working rings. The equipment is available to the instructors in off hours.
- Auditor's dogs are not allowed in the working area during camp hours and are not allowed on equipment.

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Lodging/Camping

A limited number of RV sites (no hook-ups) will be available.

Tenting will also be allowed. There are flush toilets. The camping fee is \$15 per night, payable to the Trapp Family Lodge. Please pay Lynne von Trapp during camp.

HOTELS Please check prices when you call. Mention NOMAD.

Commodore's Inn 800-447-8693 802-253-7131 \$122 \$10 dog fee/night Pond, restaurant

Hob Nob Inn 802-253-8549 \$100 Restaurant, pool, 10 acres.
Innsbruck Inn 800-225-8582 802-253-8582 About \$100 Early breakfast included.

Mountaineer 802-253-7525 \$99 Indoor pool, hot tub for 20, on river.

Northern Lights Lodge 800-955-4455 802-253-8541 \$65-\$125. Singles to apts. Comp breakfast, wifi, pools, 5.5 acres on river.

Stowe Motel 802-253-7629 \$99-\$117 \$12/night pet fee. 2 pets/room, early Breakfast included.

Trapp Family Lodge Camp host. 800-826-7000 802-253-8511 \$140 \$25 one time pet fee. Pools, ponds, hiking trails, restaurants, wifi.

Goldbrook Campground 802-253-7683 \$27-\$42 Full hook-ups, pool, river, cable, wifi.

*****INSTRUCTOR BIOS*****

LO BAKER

Lauri Baker was introduced to agility with her Golden Retriever in 1988. She has been hooked ever since. She has been a high level competitor and trainer for many years and teaching for the past 22 years.

To her students and friends, she is known simply as Lo, and is appreciated for her amazing eye for detail and ability to spot things others miss. Since both dogs and handlers come in all shapes and sizes, she appreciates each unique team, and is skilled in helping them achieve their best. She takes pride in making sure that the TEAM is having FUN !!!!

Lo is very proud of training all of her dogs which have very different personalities. Her two Cattle Dogs Kava and Reef and her two Border Collies Perk and Tony have achieved many titles at the National level. Her newest dog, a Border Collie named Push will be making his debut in 2013.

Lo has become a highly sought after seminar and camp presenter. Nothing gives Lo more joy than seeing her students succeed. She is honored that so many people share their amazing dogs with her.

JOHN NYS

John Nys began his love of animals over 25 years ago when he began riding and training horses. He competed competitively with horses for 20 years earning numerous awards and titles, including Massachusetts Barrel Racing Champion in 2002.

John has achieved 9 AKC MACH titles on 3 different dogs. He has also competed in the AKC National Championships where he earned 7 final round placements, including placing 2nd overall at the AKC Nationals in 2012, 3rd overall in 2011, 2nd overall in 2010, 5th overall in 2009, and 3rd overall in 2008, John has been on the AKC World Team with Rush and Blink.

John and Rush won an individual Silver Medal at the 2010 Agility World Championships in Germany and took 1st place at the USDA's 2010 Grand Prix of Dog Agility Championships. John has been a two time Purina Incredible Dog Challenge Finalist with Blink. He was also part of the 2011 AKC World Team.

CAMP NOMAD REGISTRATION FORM

Handler: _____

Email: _____

Working or Supporting Membership _____

Dog Name: _____

(If you are planning to run two dogs, please answer these questions based on your least-experienced dog.)

Breed or Type _____

Dog Age (at time of camp): _____

Jump Height: _____

Does your dog have a reliable start line stay? _____

Can your dog do 12 weave poles straight up? _____

What one obstacle is the most difficult for your dog to perform well? _____

What is your contact method?

A frame _____

SeeSaw _____

Dog Walk _____

Does your dog sometimes lose focus when the task is difficult? _____

If your camp dog has competed: What is the highest level title this dog has earned? _____

What were the last three faults that prevented this dog from qualifying? _____

You will be queried again at a time closer to Camp so that we can update your information.

What one skill would you like to work on at camp? _____

What is the highest level title you have earned with any dog? _____

Include Non-Refundable Deposit of \$100, Checks payable to NOMAD (Please Note: checks will not be deposited until March 1).

If your name is not printed on the check, please attach a post-it with your name.

Send your registration form and deposit check of \$100 on or before February 15 to:

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Final League Results

from Billie Marsh

I wanted to summarize some of the changes we made from last year, based on comments we received from the year before. There were 3 levels of courses nested into most games and all standard classes; namely baby dog, novice/advanced and masters. Handlers selected the level at beginning of league based on the experience of their dogs. The faults were also more stringent for masters, where all off courses or failure to perform resulted in elimination. When pertinent in the games we had a scaled time or point system for Baby dog to Masters. In this way, it leveled the playing field, so to speak, and placements for individuals were determined across the whole group rather than by level or jump height.

I will be sending out a request for comments in the next couple of weeks seeking input and comments about league. Feel free to provide comments to me now if there is something specific you would like to address and do not want to forget.

Okay now the Winners. Guess What! EVERYBODY WON!!! I polled all the dogs and they said they each won!! So there you are!

Okay If you want the numbers here they are. Honestly it is also fun to have fun competition!

TEAM STANDINGS

50 Shades of Great - 261 pts
Malia, Dash, Moxie Falls, Kirby

BCBs - 216 pts
Toby, Trio, Sidney

B-3 190 pts
Kira, Brill, Dixie

PQ'd 176 pts
Lickity, Reo

And the following fabulous subs who contributed to the team scores: Ozzy, Gryz, Gemma, Jess, Nisa, Monte, Huckleberry, Koda.

And the dogs who ran FEO so they could work on certain skills of their humans: Fallon, Zoe and Chi.

And of course the individual results. I think the nested courses and the scoring differential were successful because the top 3 dogs in games and standard represented one Baby Dog, one Novice/Advanced and one Masters.

STANDARD	GAMES
Dash	Brill
Brill	Trio
Trio	Dash
Toby	Malia
Moxie Falls	Moxie Falls
Malia	Lickity /Reo
Reo	Dixie
Dixie	Toby
Lickity/ Kirby	Kira/ Kirby
Kira	Sidney
Sidney	

BRAGS

November 11, 2012, American Bullmastiff Assoc, AKC, Amherst NH

Huxley and Val 20th QQ for MACH



12/15/12 - Agility Club of New Hampshire, AKC Trial, Amherst, NH

Erica Ferland and Teller MACH3



12/16-18/12 AKC Invitational Tournament, Orlando Convention Center, Orlando, FL

Don and Maggie

Time to Beat warmup event __ Q (6 points)
std agility _____ Q
JWW _____ Q
JWW _____ Q
Hybrid course _____ Q

Overall 28th in the 16" division of 139 dogs plus a honkin big medal for being the top Icelandic Sheep Dog.

NOMAD COMING EVENTS

For Waterbury barn schedule, see the December 2012 newsletter.

USDAA IPO (Introductory Program) January 20

NOMAD's next USDAA Introductory Program Trial will be held from 9am -1pm on Sunday, January 20 at the Waterbury Center barn. The test schedule and entry form are available at NOMADAgility.com and at USDAA.com. These trials are fun for new competitors and experienced competitors alike.

We are offering four classes: Standard, Gamblers, Snooker, and Jumpers. Our judge will be NOMAD's own Kit Erskine. Kit will explain each of the classes at a briefing before the handlers walk the course.

For dogs new to trialing, these half-day trials are an excellent way to introduce the dog to the stress of a trial in a relaxed, comfortable, supportive setting. Any dog without USDAA Starters titles can win ribbons and Qs.

For the more experienced dogs --or for any who are not seeking Qs and placements-- toys can be used to train in the ring. What a great opportunity to be able to reward your dog for a well-performed contact in a trial setting!! Handlers who are using the trial for training will be permitted to perform any obstacle three times.

Our previous Intro Program Trials have been fun for everyone involved. Please come join us! The closing date for entries is January 12.

http://usdaa.com/events_detail.cfm?event_no=105631

April 6/7 Monique Plinck Advanced/Masters seminar. Wildwood Farm, Waterbury.

June 1/2 Camp Nomad, Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe

Spring Seminar with Monique Plinck April 6-7, 2013

The teams below have signed up for the seminar with Monique. There are still 4 places left in the Sunday group. It will take place from 9-5 in the Waterbury barn with an hour break for lunch. Seminar details and the registration form are in the December newsletter. Please contact Sarah Albert <sarah@vtlink.net> with any questions.

Saturday: Masters

Kathy & Rio
Kit & Lickity
Caroline & Malia
Roberta & Trio
Kate & Phoebe
Randi & Moxie Falls
Billie & Dixie
Abby & Tsunami
Linda & Kira
Sarah & Toby

Sunday: Intermediate

Ann & Spark
Judy K. & Monte
Lynne & Brill
Abby & Tsunami
Lisa & Chi
Cynthia & Eero

New Members

We have three new human NOMAD members, all supporting.

Nancy Berg She will be an agility buddy with Jen Hammond (already is as they are neighbors).

Her dog is **Molly**, a female, 4 y.o., neutered BC/Aussie mix, very much a beginner.

Melissa Carter She already has an agility buddy, Roberta Dumas.

Her dog is **Jasper**, a 2 y.o., male, neutered Sheltie, also a beginning dog with a beginning handler.

Zoey Trenkle with **Snoopy**, her male, neutered, 1 y.o. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.

They are just starting out, but have finished the required weeks of training at Show Me the Biscuit

....and two new dog members:

Nikki Houghton has sent in an application for her new dog, **Ritz**, a female, spayed, 10 m.o. border collie.

Jennifer Kachajian has a new dog, also. **Milo** is a neutered, male 14 m.o., Belgian Malinois



NOMAD's Steering Committee

Contact them if you have questions or suggestions.

President (til 2013): John Marcus john.marcus@uvm.edu

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Marty Abair (11/12-11/14) corgitown@yahoo.com

Roberta Dumas (11/12-11/13) ilvcallie@comcast.net

<http://nomadagility.com>



NOMAD COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Compiled by Erica Ferland as of 1/1/13

	Venue	Club	Location	Runs	Opens	Closes	Secretary	Web/email
January 2013								
4-6	USDAA	Bark! NH	Manchester, NH			12/19	Valori Duff	valwaussies@comcast.net
5-6	AKC	Agility Club of NH	Amherst, NH	330	11/19	12/10	Robin Ohrt	www.4pawrule.com
12-14	AKC	Southern Adirondack Agility Club	Greenwich, NY	330	11/7	12/22	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
18-20	USDAA	Bark! NH	Manchester, NH			1/2	Valori Duff	valwaussies@comcast.net
19-20	AKC	Nutmeg Border Collie Club	Hamden, CT	330	11/21	12/30	Robin Ohrt	www.4pawrule.com
19-20	AKC	American Bullmastiff Club	Amherst, NH	330	12/5	1/5	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
20	USDAA	NOMAD	Waterbury, VT			1/12	Judy Kessler	mytmuts@yahoo.com
26-27	USDAA	Feel The Rush Agility	Amherst, NH			1/13	TBD	TBD
26-27	CPE	Riverside K-9	Nashua, NH	375		12/28	Valori Duff	valwaussies@comcast.net
February 2013								
1-3	USDAA	Bark! NH	Manchester, NH			1/23	Valori Duff	valwaussies@comcast.net
2-3	AKC	Tartan Gordon Setter Club	Amherst, NH	330	11/7	1/12	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
8-10	USDAA	Agile Dogs Agility Training	Greenwich, NY			1/28	Trisha Stall	Trisha@agiledogs.net
9-10	AKC	Bullmastiff/Gordon Setter	Amherst, NH	330	12/12	1/19	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
15-17	CPE	Breeze-Thru Agility	Guilford, VT	375		2/3	Val Reiner	kritters@bcn.net
16-17	AKC	English Springer	Amherst, NH	330	12/12	1/26	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
22-24	CPE	Skyline Agility Club	Middletown, NY	350		1/23	Patricia Koziol	patricia.koziol@verizon.net
23-24	CPE	Riverside K-9	Nashua, NH	400		2/3	Valori Duff	valwaussies@comcast.net
23-24	AKC	TMAC	Hamden, CT	330	1/9	2/2	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
23-24	AKC	Middlesex County Kennel Club	Amherst, NH	330	1/9	2/2	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
24	USDAA	NOMAD	Waterbury, VT			2/18	Judy Kessler	judith.kessler@uvm.edu
March 2013								
1-3	USDAA	Bark! NH	Manchester, NH			2/20	Valori Duff	valwaussies@comcast.net
1-3	AKC	Nutmeg Border Collie Club	Hamden, CT	430	1/16	2/11	Robin Ohrt	www.4pawrule.com
2-3	AKC	Southern Adirondack Agility Club	Greenwich, NY	330	1/19	2/9	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
8-10	USDAA	SureFire Dogs	Westborough, MA			2/22	Kim Tees	jtees1@maine.rr.com
8-10	CPE	Skyline Agility Club	Middletown, NY	350		2/6	Mary Phalon	mephalon@yahoo.com
9-10	CPE	All Dogs Gym	Manchester, NH	350		2/15	Sue Fontaine	miniwaussies5@comcast.net
9-10	AKC	Bullmastiff Association	Amherst, NH	330	1/4	2/23	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
9-10	AKC	Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Ret	Hamden, CT	330	1/23	2/19	Robin Ohrt	www.pawprinttrials.com
15-17	USDAA	Bark! NH	Manchester, NH			2/27	Valori Duff	valwaussies@comcast.net
15-17	CPE	ACE Agility Club	Hamden, CT	350		2/16	Nancy Obara	www.aceagility.org
16-17	AKC	Schenectady Dog Training Club	Greenwich, NY	330	1/23	2/23	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
16-17	AKC	Colonial Shetland Sheepdog Club	Westborough, MA	330	1/23	2/13	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
17	USDAA	NOMAD	Waterbury, VT			3/11	Judy Kessler	judith.kessler@uvm.edu
23-24	USDAA	All Dogs Gym	Manchester, NH			3/1	Kim Tees	jtees1@maine.rr.com
23-24	AKC	LEAP Agility	Tolland, CT	660	1/23	3/2	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
28-31	AKC	Ononadaga Kennel Association	Syracuse, NY	660	1/9	3/6	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
30-31	AKC	Lakes Region Kennel Club	Amherst, NH	330	2/13	3/9	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
April 2013								
6-7	AKC	American Lhasa Apso Club	Amherst, NH	330	2/13	3/16	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
6-7	CPE	All Dogs Gym	Manchester, NH			3/15	Sue Fontaine	www.alldogsgym.com
6-7	CPE	Gemini Dogs, Inc	Littleton, MA			3/27	Michelle Borelli	www.geminidogs.com
12-14	AKC	Beardie Club of America	Amherst, NH	330	2/13	3/23	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
12-14	AKC	Hudson Valley Golden Retriever	Goshen, NY	330	2/13	3/23	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
12-14	USDAA	SureFire Training Center	Westborough, MA			3/22		
19-21	USDAA	Bark! NH	Manchester, NH			4/3	Valori Duff	valwaussies@comcast.net
19-21	AKC	Burlington Obedience Training Club	Shelburne, VT	330	2/27	3/30	Doris O'Brien	www.botcvt.com
20-21	AKC	Agility Club of NH	Amherst, NH	330			Robin Ohrt	www.4pawrule.com
20-21	AKC	Scottish Terrier Club of NE	Amherst, NH	330	2/27	3/30	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
20-21	CPE	Southern New England Agility Klub	Chester, CT			4/6	Valerie Reiner	www.sneakagility.net
26-28	CPE	Bo-Gee Agility	Deerfield, NH			4/3	Judy Davis	www.bo-gee.com
27-28	USDAA	Playing with Style	Greenfield, MA			4/2	Valori Duff	valwaussies@comcast.net
27-28	AKC	Middlesex County Kennel Club	Amherst, NH	330	2/27	4/6	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com

The above listed events are in the following states within a reasonable driving distance for most of us: New England and New York. Please note for some events full information is not yet available. Please contact Erica Ferland (eferland@pagesculptor.com) with any corrections of the events. Sources include www.akc.org, usdaa.com, k9cpe.com, nadac.com, www.4pawrule.com, www.pawprinttrials.com and various other sources.



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