



NOMAD NEWS

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

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MinutesNOMAD Steering Committee

at Army Corps of Engineers office, Essex

February 4, 2013

7 pm

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

Finance: Linda reviewed the financial reports with us. Gross income was \$34,485 this year, and since IRS regulations for non-profit organizations may have changed, we might have exceeded the threshold for needing to file a 990 tax return. Linda explained that having to file a 990 entails stating whether various internal financial controls are in place. One of these controls, which Linda would already like us to be doing already, is submitting a detailed list accompanying checks that are given to her, with the number, date and name from each check.

There is over \$19,000 in the checking account now, earning no interest. John moved and Marty seconded, that Linda should move \$7,000 into a money market account. All voted affirmative. The annual audit will be completed before the spring membership meeting.

CPE trial: Marty has still been unable to hear whether CPE has accepted us as a host club. She sent in the NOMAD application last October.

Equipment: Roberta had a list of equipment that the equipment committee would like to sell. We agreed that there's no point in having two sets of equipment since we're unlikely to be holding a 2-ring trial, and their sale would create more room in the trailer, making equipment storage and moving easier. We voted in favor of auctioning off this equipment at the cleanup day in May. We will be purchasing a new rubberized A-frame with wheels in April.

Practice: If roads are bad, it makes sense to cancel and save the rental fee for that day. However, if it's a question of only a few people coming to practice that day we shouldn't cancel based on that. Nor do we want to require people to commit to Saturday attendance ahead of time. During the months we have league it makes sense to have the barn for 4 hours, but with no lessons or league in the first session, the people who come to Sat. practice are often spread thin over the morning & afternoon sessions.

The practice committee/facilitators should make the decision on whether the weather/road conditions are bad enough to cancel. We feel we've made a commitment to Stephanie for barn rental this winter and don't want to change the arrangement. However, the practice committee should come up with a plan for barn use next year to address the low attendance issue: possibly fewer hours each week, alternate practice and run-throughs, etc.

Billie had asked the SC to consider whether the Wednesday practice sessions should be brought under the NOMAD umbrella. However, the practice committee had previously said they didn't want to have responsibility for Wednesdays, and the current arrangement seems to be working well, so we'll inform Billie that we don't see any advantage of NOMAD taking them over.

Membership: It was mentioned that there are people listed as working members who don't seem to be fulfilling their work requirement. We thought that using a checklist of various tasks/committees worked on during the year might be better than asking everyone to estimate the number of hours worked. Also we might want to consider limiting the number of slots on committees to assure that everyone on a committee gets an opportunity to contribute.

Spring meeting: Roberta will check whether Richmond church is available on Monday, 4/29 at 7pm. Sarah will make meeting announcement and ask committee chairs to submit reports. Agenda items for meeting: audit committee, nominating committee, limiting number of slots on committees.

The steering committee meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Thanks to Marty for making her office available to us.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Albert, Secretary

Winter Barn Schedule March & April

March

- 2 Run Throughs – 9:30 to 11:30
Practice (sequences & course) – 11:45 to 1:30
- 9 Run Throughs – 9:30 to 11:30
Practice (sequences & course) – 11:45 to 1:30
- 16 Run Throughs – 9:30 to 11:30
Practice (sequences & course) – 11:45 to 1:30
- 17 USDAA Introductory Program Trial – 9:30 to 1:00
- 23 Run Throughs – 9:30 to 11:30
Practice (sequences & course) – 11:45 to 1:30
- 30 Run Throughs – 9:30 to 11:30
Practice (sequences & course) – 11:45 to 1:30

April

- 6 Seminar with Monique Plinque
- 7 Seminar with Monique Plinque
- 13 Run Throughs – 9:30 to 11:30
Practice (sequences & course) – 11:45 to 1:30

USDAA Intro Trial March 17

NOMAD's next USDAA Intro Trial is on Sunday, March 17 at Wildwood Farm in Waterbury Center. The Test Schedule and entry form are available in the Events listing at USDAA.com and on the NOMAD website at http://www.nomadagility.com/?page_id=13

These are fun, friendly half-day trials that are good for inexperienced dogs as well as experienced dogs. They start at 9:00 and are over before 1:00. We offer four classes: Standard, Gamblers, Snooker and Jumpers. Our own Kit Erskine will be judging. He designs fast, fun courses and creates a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

Got a dog new to USDAA trials, or to trials in general? This intro trial is a friendly, supportive environment to bridge the gap between training and trialing. It's also a great place to learn USDAA games so you can run confidently in NOMAD's June USDAA Trial.

Got an experienced dog? Does your dog EVER behave differently at trials? Perhaps different contact behaviors? Start line behaviors? Off-courses?

An Intro trial gives you a chance to train in the ring under trial conditions! You can work your startline and use a toy in the ring to reinforce behaviors you want. You can perform an obstacle three times to get it right, and surprise your dog by pulling out a toy in a trial environment.

If you need help with the entry form, please contact Lisa Barrett at mytmutts@yahoo.com.



NOMAD Spring Membership Meeting

The Steering Committee set the date for the NOMAD Spring membership meeting:

Monday, April 29th at 7 pm in the Richmond Congregational church (same location as Fall meeting)

We tried to find a Sunday date, but with one event/holiday or another, Sundays were unavailable right up to the beginning of Spring trialing season. Hope everyone can make it on a Monday evening--more details in the April newsletter.

Sarah

NOMAD Secretary.



Save the Date! NOMAD NADAC Trial

The NOMAD NADAC trial is scheduled for Aug. 17-18, at the Topnotch Meadow in Stowe, VT. The judge will be Sarah Fix from North Carolina. Northeast Agility Enthusiasts will provide equipment and trial secretary services. We will be celebrating the 15th year anniversary of NOMAD hosting a NADAC trial. We hope to see you there!

Karen & Cynthia, co-chairs

Update on Spring Seminar with Monique Plinck

April 6-7, 2013

An opportunity to work on your handling skills with a World team competitor and enthusiastic teacher—**only 2 places left in the Intermediate group on Sunday!**

Below is the current list of teams signed up. Seminar is from 9-5 in the Waterbury barn with an hour break for lunch. See the December newsletter for seminar details and the registration form. Contact Sarah Albert <sarah@vtlink.net> or 476-0526 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
Pam & Connor
Trudy & Dash

BRAGS

1/26-27, Riverside K9 CPE Trial, Nasua, NH

Judy and Monte

Fullhouse Level 5, 24" Enthusiast _____ 1st and Q
 Wildcard Level 5, 24" Enthusiast _____ 1st and Q
 Snooker Level 4, 24" Enthusiast _____ 1st and Q
 Fullhouse Level 5, 24" Enthusiast _____ 2nd and Q
 Colors Level 5, 24" Enthusiast _____ 1st and Q
Great results, but I don't think it is enough to get me back to a winter trial.

January 27 Feel the Rush USDAA Trial, Amherst, NH

Marty Abair and Maggie

8" P1 Jumpers _____ 2nd and Q

P1 Title!!

8" P1 Pairs with Cassy Lamothe and Jack _____ 2nd and Q
 8" P1 Standard _____ 3rd, NQ
 8" P1 Gamblers _____ 1st, NQ
 8" P1 Snooker _____ 2nd, NQ

February 16, 2013 Eastern ESS Club AKC trial, Amherst, NH,

Cynthia & Ivy

MasterP JWW 16 in _____ 4th & Q & Best Springer

Cynthia & Eero

NoviceP FAST 16 in. _____ 1st & Q & Best Springer
 OpenP Standard 16 in. _____ 1st & Q & Best Springer
 ExcellentP JWW 16 in. _____ 1st & Q & Best Springer

February 23-24, All Dogs USDAA Trial, Manchester, NH

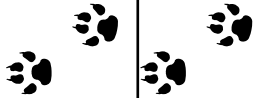
Maggie and Marty

P1 Standard 8" _____ 1st and Q
 Performance Speed Jumping 8" _____ 2nd place
 P1 Pairs 8" (with Cassy Lamothe and Kit) _____ 1st and Q
 P1 Gamblers 8" _____ 1st and Q
 P1 Standard 8" _____ 1st and Q

PERFORMANCE DOG TITLE!!!



Ivy and Eero



Lisa Barrett's Fly jumping



Saby Roche Photography

Lisa Barrett's Spicey levitating



Saby Roche Photography

Camp NOMAD Update

**Camp NOMAD: originally Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2;
now Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 31, June 1 and 2, 2013**

Trapp Family Lodge Wedding Meadow, Stowe, VT

The good news is that 26 people have registered for Camp NOMAD. The challenging news is that there were only 20 spots. Thanks to flexible instructors -- Lo Baker and John Nys — who can teach on Friday; and flexible participants -- some of whom can come on Friday, others who will go for only one day of camp — it looks like we will be able to accommodate all the participants for the number of days they requested. The instructors will use Lo's method of working with each participant for 6+- minutes at a time, which works well with different skill levels in a group, and may even help with minimal jump height changes.

The Seminar Committee will meet to firm up details. Then a final roster with schedules will be sent.

Participants alphabetically by first name:

Abby Bruce	Lisa Barrett
Ann Ramsay	Lori Brown
Billie Marsh	Lynda Dewitt
Caroline Mckinney	Lynne Von Trapp
Cynthia Gilliland	Maxine Holmes
Jennifer Hammond	Michelle Force
Jill Viggiani	Nancy Dashnaw
Judy Frey	Pam Portunoff
Judy Kessler	Randi Barrett
Karen Clark	Roberta Dumas
Kathy Fritz	Sharon Nolan
Kit Erskine	Sarah Albert
Linda Ladd	Trudy Lyon-Hart



NOMAD's Steering Committee

Contact them if you have questions or suggestions.

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

Vice-President (til 2013): Judy Freyrfrey2@yahoo.com

Treasurer (til 2015): Linda Ladd vtladds@comcast.net

Secretary (11/11 - 11/13): Sarah Albertsarah@vtlink.net

Members at Large

Joanne Lawton (11/12-11/14) joannelawton@aol.com

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

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

<http://nomadagility.com>



Barbara Dreska's Huck

NOMAD COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Compiled by Erica Ferland as of 2/25/13

	Venue	Club	Location	Runs	Opens	Closes	Secretary	Web/email
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	itees1@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	miniassies5@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	itees1@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								
5-7	NADAC	Northeast Agility Enthusiasts	S. Glastonbury, CT				Erin Wajda	www.northeastagility.com
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.gemindogs.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
13-14	NADAC	ACT-Up Agility Club	Wrentham, MA				Michelle Whall	www.actupagility.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.org
20-21	AKC	Agility Club of NH	Amherst, NH	330	3/13	4/1	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
May 2013								
3-5	CPE	Southern CT Agility Team	Hamden, CT	375		4/12	Bonnie Collins	bl.collins@snet.net
3-5	CPE	Eastern Main Agility Club	Skowhegan, ME	375		4/19	Pam Brackett	emactrials@roadrunner.com
4-5	NADAC	Northeast Agility Enthusiasts	Greenfield, MA				Erin Wajda	www.northeastagility.com
4-5	CPE	Muddy Paws Agility Club	Westminister, VT	375		4/15	Doreen Lucius	fleabegon@yahoo.com
4-5	AKC	Talcott Mountain Agility Club	Tolland, CT	660	3/13	4/13	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
11-12	USDAA	ARFF Agility Club	Amherst, NH			4/28	Valori Duff	valwaussies@comcast.net
11-12	CPE	Takes 2 to Q Agility Club	Greenwich, NY	350		4/29	Rhonda Hermance	rhondak@aol.com
11-12	AKC	Providence County/Middlesex	N. Smithfield, RI	660	3/13	4/20	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
18-19	USDAA	New England Agility Team	Greenland, NH			4/28	Judy Davis	tss@trialsecretary.com
18-19	AKC	Labrador Retriever Club of Boston	N. Smithfield, RI	660	3/27	4/27	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
24-26	AKC	Fingerlakes Afghan Hound	Port Bryon, NY	660	3/13	5/4	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
25-27	CPE	Northeast Miniature Aussie Club	Westminister, VT	350		5/3	Sue Fontaine	miniassies5@comcast.net
25-27	AKC	LEAP Agility	Tolland, CT	660	3/27	5/4	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
31-2	AKC	Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Ret	Greenwich, NY	400	4/10	5/10	Robin Ohrt	www.4pawrule.com
31-2	USDAA	Contact Agility Club	Hamden, CT			5/20	George Bennett	geosas@gmail.com
June 2013								
31-2	AKC	Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Ret	Greenwich, NY	400	4/10	5/10	Robin Ohrt	www.4pawrule.com
31-2	USDAA	Contact Agility Club	Hamden, CT			5/20	George Bennett	geosas@gmail.com
1-2	CPE	Stockade Agility	Glenville, NY	375		5/20	Cassi Isachsen	agilitypugs@nycap.rr.com
1-2	AKC	Norwegian Elkhound Association	Westford, MA	660	4/3	5/11	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
7-9	AKC	Southern Berkshire Golden	Tolland, CT	660	4/3	5/18	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
7-9	USDAA	CATS	Keene, NH			5/15	Valori Duff	valwaussies@comcast.net
10-11	AKC	Mayflower Pembroke Corgi	Amherst, NH	330	4/17	5/25	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
14-16	USDAA	NOMAD	Stowe, VT			5/31	Kim Ingraham	paws4funvt@gmail.com
14-16	AKC	Cape Cod Kennel Club	East Falmouth, MA	660	4/17	5/25	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
15-16	NADAC	Northeast Agility Enthusiasts	Dummerston, VT				Erin Wajda	nae@northeastagility.com
15-17	AKC	Southern Adirondack Agility Club	Greenwich, NY	330	4/17	5/25	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
21-23	USDAA	Stockade Agility	Glenville, NY			6/3	Kara Kingsbury	Aussiegirls77@hotmail.com
21-23	CPE	Paws N Effect	Hamden, CT	375		6/13	Bonnie Collins	bl.collins@snet.net
21-23	CPE	Bo-Gee Agility	Deerfield, NH			6/5	Judy Davis	tss@trialsecretary.com
21-23	AKC	Nutmeg Border Collie Club	Tolland, CT	660	5/8	6/3	Robin Ohrt	www.4pawrule.com
21-23	AKC	Collie Club of Maine	Scarborough, ME	660	5/1	6/1	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
28-30	CPE	Muddy Paws Agility Club	Westminister, VT	375		5/28	Doreen Lucius	fleabegon@yahoo.com
29-30	AKC	Albany Obedience Club	Glenmont, NY	660	5/1	6/8	Noreen Bennett	www.pawprinttrials.com
29-30	AKC	Agility Club of NH	Amherst, NH	330	5/15	6/10	Robin Ohrt	www.4pawrule.com
29-30	USDAA	All Dogs Gym	Manchester, NH			6/14	Kim Tees	itees1@maine.rr.com
29-30	NADAC	CATS	Swanzey, NH				Donna Allen	donna6546@gmail.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.

Please note that the information for Sharon Nolan in the last member list should be updated to the info below.

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