

NOMAD NEWS

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

MAY

2013

CAMP NOMAD 2013

**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

What needs doing and Who will do it

Instructors: LO BAKER JOHN NYS

Cost: Fri/Sat 10 teams per group

\$125/day Working members

\$175/day Supporting members

weekend: \$250 Working; \$350

Friday/6 teams

\$165 Working members

\$230 Supporting members

20 slots available

adjusted to 26 to accommodate all who registered

Instructor Contact:

Arrange Travel: Done

Handling payment to instructors: Linda Ladd

Equipment list: Lynne

instructors will need to know we have 1 set of contact equipment to split between the 2 rings –

Instructor Hospitality: Lynne, Lodging, breakfast

May Newsletter Information: Caroline, Info for participants (when to arrive, what to bring, etc.)

Camp Registration: Lisa, Camp full at 20/26 participants, Lisa notified of payment due

Creating the groups for camp: Lisa B, Sarah , Kit. Also notify participants who is in their group: done

Instructor Lunches on camp days: BILLIE WILL ORGANIZE. Should be an auditor – doesn't work to have a participant do this.

Instructor lunches only. Pam offered Al to do it Friday and Saturday.

Equipment Inventory & Transport: Judy F and Kit

Get the list of needed equipment to the equipment committee & remind the Equipment Committee they're responsible for transport

Coordinate Set-up for Camp: Kit

Announce when set up is, be on site to help out

Water & Snacks for Participants: Sharon

Note: good time to use up what is left over!

Trash & Bathrooms: Pam

Note: Trash needs to be gathered only, not transported off site

Shade Cloth Coordination: Lisa B

Note: ALL borrowed items need to be clearly marked with their owner's name – this includes clips/bungees

Dinner with instructors Friday: Lisa B and Judy K

Dinner with instructors Saturday: Billie will organize.

Trapp Lager: Lynne

Set up will most likely be Thursday afternoon about 4. Definite time to be determined.

Friday is 9-5, one ring, with each instructor teaching a half day. Saturday and Sunday, 9 to 5. See April Newsletter for groups and for which teams work with which instructor.

Informal gathering Sat after seminar (no dinner provided) but people are encouraged to bring drinks and appetizers to share. We will have a log of Trapp Vienna lager.

NOMAD USDAA Trial, June 14-16

We are gearing up for our June trial, Friday June 14 through Sunday June 16 at the Trapp Family Meadow in Stowe. We'll need lots of help for the trial, and we encourage every member of NOMAD to come enjoy the trial and help out when you can. We will train people to do the various jobs, and this year we'll be providing lunch tickets to people who either work two full classes, or who help course build all day. We have volunteers for our major jobs, so we will be needing mostly timers, scribes, bar setters, chute straighteners, and leash runners. Lynne has found us a wonderful new lunch vendor, Just Delicious Catering from Elmore. We are renting electronic timers from Val Reiner. Our judge will be Lynn Sigman, an outstanding judge who agreed to fill in when Paul Stolzenburg had to cancel because of a family wedding.

You can find the premium or Test Schedule and Entry Form at [HYPERLINK "http://usdaa.com/entryforms/VT0271105654.pdf"](http://usdaa.com/entryforms/VT0271105654.pdf)
<http://usdaa.com/entryforms/VT0271105654.pdf>

Please get your entries to Kim Ingraham BEFORE Friday, May 31. Why not send in your entry now, while you are thinking about it? Checks won't be deposited till the closing date, May 31. Friday May 31 is the closing date, NOT the postmark date!

We already have lots of help, with the following people filling the major jobs for the trial:

Trial Secretary: Kim Ingraham

Trial Chair: Lisa Barrett

Site Manager and Housing Provider: Lynne von Trapp

Scorekeeper: Elliot Kaplan

Chief Course Builders: John Marcus and Lisa Marcus

Worker Schedule: Michelle Force

Ring Managers:

Friday: Ann Ramsay

Saturday: Judy Frey

Sunday: Judy Kessler

Assistant Ring Manager Friday and Sunday: Trudy Lyon-Hart

Worker Hospitality: Sarah Albert

Vendors: Maxine Holmes

Judge Hospitality: Lisa Barrett

Ribbon Display: Betsy Nye

Signage: Lynda Dewitt

Site Setup: Lisa and John Marcus

Camping: Lisa and John Marcus

Worker Raffle: Ring Managers/Lisa B

Gate Steward: Kit Erskine (exc Adv Std and Masters Jumpers, Gamblers, Snooker.)

Trash detail: Randi Barrett and a helper

Here is our ambitious class schedule, including something for everyone:

FRIDAY

Masters/Performance III/Veterans Standard

Masters Challenge Standard

Masters/Performance III/Veterans Gamblers

Steeplechase/Performance Speed Jumping Round 1

SATURDAY

Steeplechase/Performance Speed Jumping Round 2

Starters/Performance I Gamblers

Advanced/Performance II Gamblers

Masters/Performance III Gamblers

Starters/Performance I Pairs

Advanced/Performance II Pairs

Masters/Performance III Pairs

Grand Prix/Performance Grand Prix

Starters/Performance I Standard

Advanced/Performance II Standard

Masters/Performance III/Veterans Standard

SUNDAY

Masters/Performance III/Veterans Standard

Advanced/Performance II Standard

Starters/Performance I Standard

Masters/Performance III/Veterans Snooker

Advanced/Performance II Snooker

Starters/Performance I Snooker

Masters/Performance III/Veterans Jumpers

Masters Challenge Jumpers

Advanced/Performance II Jumpers

Starters/Performance I Jumpers

We will be starting check-in and measuring at noon on Friday, June 14, so we will need people at the site to help set up at 8:00 Friday morning.

The site will be open for camping Thursday, June 13, at 6p.m.

NOMAD NADAC Trial Save the Date.

**Aug. 17-18, at the Topnotch
Meadow field in Stowe, VT. Hope
to see you there!**

Karen & Cynthia, co-chairs

EQUIPMENT REVIVAL PARTY AND AUCTION

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, May 15**. That's the date of NOMAD's Equipment Revival Party. The party will take place at Roberta Dumas's house on Leary Rd. in Jericho. It will start at 1:00 p.m. and go until we are done. The more members who come means we're done sooner. We will need to clean barn dirt off the practice equipment, clean out the trailer, and re-tape some of the jump bars. No equipment will need to be painted this year! NOMAD cannot function without equipment so this is a great opportunity for working members to earn hours toward their 20-hour-per-year work commitment. It's also a fun way to get together with fellow NOMAD members. Another benefit to coming will be an opportunity to buy some great equipment that we're auctioning off! Bring your elbow grease, rubber gloves, and a sense of humor.

Directions to Roberta's House

From Burlington

Take I-89 to Richmond exit. Take a left at the end of the exit ramp and follow Rt. 2 under the I-89 overpass. Take the next right onto Rt. 117. Take another immediate right onto Governor Peck Hgwy. Go 2.2 miles to Brown's Trace Rd. and turn left. Go .9 mile and take a right onto Nashville Rd. Follow Nashville Rd. for 2.6 miles and turn right onto Leary Rd. My driveway is about a half mile up Leary Rd. on the right (#54). You can't see the house from the driveway.

From Underhill

Turn left off Rt. 15 onto Brown's Trace Rd. (at Clarks Truck Center). Follow Brown's Trace Rd. through Jericho Center and keep heading toward Richmond. It's 2.6 miles from Clarks Truck Center to Nashville Rd. Look for the West Bolton Golf Course sign. Turn left onto Nashville Rd. Follow Burlington directions from there.

From Essex Jct.

Take Rt. 117 (River Rd) toward Richmond. Turn left onto Barber Farm Rd. and follow until you come to Brown's Trace Rd. in Jericho. Turn right and go about a mile. Turn left onto Nashville Rd. Follow Burlington directions from there.

From Waterbury

Take I-89 to Richmond. Turn right at the end of the exit ramp and take an immediate right onto Rt. 117, and then another immediate right onto Governor Peck Hgwy. Go 2.2 miles to Brown's Trace Rd. and turn left. Follow Burlington directions from there.

Used Equipment Auction

NOMAD Equipment Auction Instructions

The auction begins online May 10 at 8 a.m. and concludes at the Equipment Clean-up Party on May 15.

Items for sale

Bidding for the following items will start at the following amounts:

- Rubberized A-frame (no wheels): \$200
- Non-rubberized A-frame (no wheels): \$200
- Non-rubberized dogwalk: \$200
- Non-rubberized teeter: \$100
- 12-foot yellow tunnel: \$10
- 20-foot red tunnel: \$20

How bidding works

Club members can bid online by sending an email bid to Roberta Dumas at ilvcallie@comcast.net. Bids will advance at the following dollar increments:

Contact equipment -- \$10.00 increments

All other equipment -- \$2.00 increments

Bidding

Club members send their bids by email to Roberta at ilvcallie@comcast.net.

(Please be specific about which item you are bidding on.)

Roberta posts the highest bid to the listserv at least twice a day between May 10 and May 14. In the event of two equal bids, Roberta advises the list that two bids came in and posts the time of the bid that came in first. That is the "live" bid. It is up to bidders to keep track of the times they submit their bids. Bidders' names will be kept anonymous.

Maximum bids

A bidder can put in a maximum bid. That does not mean the maximum bid is now the actual bid. It means the bid goes up \$10. If another bidder raises by \$10, the bidder who submitted a maximum bid automatically becomes highest bidder by \$10. When bidding stops, the bidder who submitted a maximum bid gets the item for wherever the \$10 increment stopped, unless the high bid is reached and someone else bids higher. For example:

The dogwalk bid starts at \$200.

Sue bids \$200. Mary bids \$210. Jody bids \$220.

Sue bids \$230. Mary bids \$240. Jody bids \$250.

Sue puts in a maximum bid of \$400. The bid now stands at \$260.

Mary bids \$270; bid jumps to \$280 for Sue.

Jody bids \$290; bid jumps to \$300 for Sue.

Mary and Jody decide they do not want to pay more than \$300; Sue gets the dogwalk for \$300.

However, if Mary and Jody continue to bid, the closing price could go beyond Sue's maximum bid of \$400, then it's all three bidding against each other. In this scenario it's likely that Mary will not continue bidding, but she could if she decides to.

If two people put in a maximum bid, the bid automatically jumps to the higher maximum bid.

If two people put in the same maximum bid, it goes to the person who bid first.

On the day of the Equipment Revival Party, club members will continue bidding in person. Club members who can't attend the clean-up party can assign someone to bid on their behalf.

Equipment pick-up

Members who win items are responsible for picking them up at Roberta's by May 29.

from Lynne von Trapp



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

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Lorna Fortune

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 working member

Dog: **Ruby**, 6 y.o., unspayed female Newfoundland
 Lorna would like an agility buddy. Will sign up for committees as she learns more about the club.

Val Currier is adding **Boone**, a 16 m.o., unfixed male Sheltie to her list of dogs.

BRAGS

April 6-7, All Dogs CPE Trial, Manchester, NH

Marty Abair and Maggie

L2 Standard 8" _____ 1st and Q
 L2 Standard 8" _____ 1st and Q
 L2 Fullhouse 8" _____ 1st and Q

TITLE

L3 Jumpers 8" _____ 1st and Q

TITLE

L3 Snooker 8" _____ 1st and Q

L3 Wildcard 8" _____ 1st and Q

L2 Colors 8" _____ 2nd and Q

TITLE

L2 Jackpot 8" _____ 2nd and Q

TITLE

April 19-21, BOTC AKC Trial, Shelburne, VT

Judy Kessler and Monte

Open JWW Preferred _____ 2nd and Q

Marty Abair and Maggie

Novice Standard _____ 1st and Q

Novice Standard _____ 1st and Q

Open JWW _____ 1st and Q

Trudy Lyon-Hart and Dash

20" Novice Standard Agility _____ 1st & Q

20" Novice Jumpers w/ Weaves _____ 1st & Q

20" Novice Standard Agility _____ 1st & Q

20" Novice Jumpers w/ Weaves _____ 1st & Q

Don + Maggie

16" Championship

MStd _____ 2nd Q

MStd _____ 2nd Q

MJWW _____ 1st Q

MStd _____ 3rd Q

MJWW _____ Q

Moxie Falls and Randi

Open Standard _____ 1st and Q

TITLE

Time to Beat _____ 1st and Q

April 20-21 Bark USDAA Masters Trial, Manchester, NH

Malia and Caroline

great dog, rusty handler from not training all winter, but:

P3 Gamblers _____ 1st and Q

P3 Snooker _____ 2nd and Super Q

ASCNE All Dogs ASCA trial

Kathy Fretz and Summer _____ **ATCH-IV**

ASCNE Winter Blast ASCA trial

Kathy Fretz and Rio _____ **ATCH**

Summer Practice Schedule

Practice Formats

Course Practice: One team trains at a time.

Sequences and Course Practice: Two or three teams train on separate sequences simultaneously. During the full course, one team is on course at a time.

Novice

- The first practice of each month is for Novice dogs and/or handlers.
- Courses will be Novice, with lowered contacts and channel weaves.
- One dog at a time is on course.
- Advanced dogs are welcome.

May

7 Novice
14 Sequences and Course Practice
21 Course Practice
28 Sequences and Course Practice

June

4 Novice
11 Sequences and Course Practice
18 Course Practice
25 Sequences and Course Practice

July

2 Novice
9 Sequences and Course Practice
16 Course Practice
23 Sequences and Course Practice
30 TBD

August

6 Novice
13 Sequences and Course Practice
20 Course Practice
27 Sequences and Course Practice

September

3 Novice
10 Sequences and Course Practice
17 Course Practice
24 Sequences and Course Practice

NOMAD Practice Philosophy, Formats, and Guidelines (revised)

The following are the revised Practice Guidelines, which were reviewed and edited at the spring meeting. They are not official until they are voted on and accepted by club members. We hope to vote on them at the fall meeting.

PHILOSOPHY

The Practice Committee's primary objective is to provide safe and fun practicing environments. Practices are opportunities for handlers and dogs to train specific skills that handlers feel need polishing as they develop into smooth-running teams.

NOMAD provides seminars and a summer camp and encourages all club members to attend them for the level of instruction they offer. Handlers may have developed their own training plans, therefore, during club practices, other members should withhold feedback unless prearranged or the handler specifically asks for it.

PRACTICE FORMATS

There are two formats to suit the needs of different teams (a team is one handler and dog). The formats will be offered at different practices. They are:

Course Practice. One team trains at a time.

Sequences and Course Practice. Two or three teams train on separate sequences simultaneously. During the full course, one team is on course at a time.

For Both Formats

Practice should have a pre-identified facilitator who volunteers to organize the practice session.

For Course Practice

A course will be determined by the facilitator.

One team trains at a time for a predetermined amount of time and may work on any part of the course or run the full course.

Teams not on course should not distract the working dog.

For Sequences and Course Practice

A typical practice session usually includes two phases.

Phase I consists of two to three small sequences that include a range of obstacles.

Training sequences are separated within the arena, utilizing maximum distance between the setups.

Two to three teams train simultaneously.

Teams have a predetermined amount of time at each sequence and may use it however they wish.

The facilitator will communicate allotted training times and when to move to the next sequence.

Phase II consists of a typical course provided by the facilitator.

Novice Days

The first practice of each month is for Novice dogs and/or handlers.

Courses will be Novice, with lowered contacts and channel weaves.

One dog at a time is on course.

Advanced dogs are welcome.

GUIDELINES

All club members should read the following NOMAD practice guidelines, which apply to everyone.

Dogs that are not working must be leashed to their owners, crated, or in the car.

Handlers should help with course and sequence set-up, jump height changes, resetting knocked bars, and any post-practice clean-up that may be necessary.

Handlers are expected to clean up after their dogs. Carry in, carry out!

Handlers working two dogs can pay double for two training slots in order to work their dogs equally OR pay for one working position and share that position between their two dogs.

Additional Information

Facilitators may practice cost free on the day they facilitate.

Channel weaves will be available at every practice.

Handlers who have special concerns regarding their dogs' ability to work sequences while other dogs are also working or are in the ring (leashed or in crates) should make their concerns known to the other handlers.

MINUTES—NOMAD Spring Meeting, April 29, 2013, Richmond VT

Present: Karen Clark, Marty Abair, Caroline McKinney, Judy Frey, Patti McMahon, Maxine Holmes, Don Denette, Kate Carter, Nicole Houghton, Carla Dunbar, Lynda DeWitt, Melissa Carter, Roberta Dumas, Lisa Barrett, Kit Erskine, Trudy Lyon-Hart, Judy Kessler, Erica Ferland, Betsy Nye, Lisa Marcus, John Marcus, Sarah Albert

Minutes from Fall 2012 meeting were approved.

Finance: Linda Ladd sent out reports ahead of time, but wasn't able to be at meeting to answer questions. Kate remarked that barn finances were missing; others had questions about other items. We resolved to table approval of the financial reports and request further information from Linda when she returns.

Audit Committee: Marty met with Judy F. and Betsy to conduct the audit of NOMAD finances. Everything was accounted for, and Linda cleared up any questions that the auditors had. In the future we need to make sure that we account for money donated with our USDAA trial registrations to IFCS competitors, even though it's a pass-through.

USDAA Trial Committee report – Lisa Barrett, trial chair

We held four Introductory Trials at the barn this winter, one each in November, January, February, and March. We held all four trials on Sunday mornings to avoid using Saturday practice time. This schedule worked well for us. Each of these trials paid for the barn and expenses, and generated a small profit as well. Elliot Kaplan judged the November trial, and Kit Erskine judged January, February, and March trials. The trials were fun and friendly, in the NOMAD tradition, and a good solid trial experience for everyone involved. The subcommittee for these trials—and the people who did all the work—were Judy Kessler, Lynne von Trapp, Kit Erskine, Trudy Lyon-Hart, and me. All the competitors jumped in to help when they could. We had great help at two of our Intro Trials from NOMAD members who came as full-time volunteers.

Now we are gearing up for our June trial, Friday June 14 through Sunday June 16 at the Trapp Family Meadow in Stowe. We'll need lots of help for the trial, and we encourage everyone to help. We will train people to do the various jobs, and this year we'll be providing lunch tickets to people who either work two full classes,

or who help course build all day. We have volunteers for our major jobs, so we will be needing mostly timers, scribes, bar setters, chute straighteners, and leash runners. Lynne has found us a wonderful new lunch vendor from Elmore. We are renting electronic timers from Val Reiner. Our judge will be Lynn Sigman, an outstanding judge who agreed to fill in when Paul Stolzenburg had to cancel because of a family wedding. Here is our ambitious class schedule, including something for everyone:

See page 2 for a list of classes

Further comments at meeting: Lisa said that IPO trials are listed as "introductory only" on the USDAA website.

Setup for our June trial is Friday morning starting at 8 am. Everyone is encouraged to sign up on worker sheet. Late registration: it's not NOMAD policy to refuse late entries (and we would have lost money on the trial last year if we did), but last year 30% of NOMAD member entries to our trial were late; it makes everybody's job—from judge to trial secretary—much easier when entries come on time. Next year we can consider offering a lower price for early entries.

We are increasing expenses on USDAA trial this year: by paying judge's fee and offering lunches to trial workers. Kate asked if we planned to continue to hold USDAA trial at TFL venue given the rolling terrain and occasional bumps. Lisa & Caroline responded that some people come specifically because of TFL site.

NADAC Trial Committee report – Karen Clark & Cynthia Gilliland, co-chairs

Our NADAC trial is scheduled for Aug. 17-18, 2013 at the Topnotch Meadow in Stowe, VT. We will be doing the "one ring only" format this year. Our judge will be Sarah Fix from NC. She has judged in the Northeast before. She is very nice and people seemed to like her. Our trial secretary is Erin Wajda from North East Agility Enthusiasts. We will be also renting the agility equipment from NAE. The Dubuques' have been contacted and hopefully will be our food vendor. The trial application and deposit for Topnotch have been sent in.

The committee will be busy dividing up jobs in the next couple of weeks. If there are any members who are still looking for a committee to join, we would love to have them. There are still plenty of jobs to fill,

big or small. Right now, things are going right on schedule for the trial.

Also, we will be celebrating our 15th year anniversary of hosting a NADAC trial. We would love for everyone to come celebrate with us!

CPE Trial Committee report- Mary Abair, chair

Marty submitted application last November and didn't receive a response from CPE. The SC decided not to proceed with a trial this year due to lack of time. Hopefully by our Fall meeting we can make plans for next year. Joanne Lawton offered her field as a trial site, but we don't know whether Kim I. will have a trial next year and it's possible we could have a joint trial with her.

Practice Committee report—presented by Kate Carter

Winter Income/Expense Report

The numbers available indicated that during Nov/Dec League netted \$1,180.00 and Practice (sequences/course) netted \$230.00 for a total of \$1,410.00.

Projections for Jan-April were \$1,100.00 for run-throughs and practice.

League

League had 12 registered participants divided into 4 teams. There was good participation by those not registered who either ran FEO or joined a team. There was no limit set on the number of participants each week. There were 3 levels of courses offered (baby dog, novice/advanced, masters) and the judging faults were similarly scaled by level.

Revenue total was: \$1,180.00. \$70 per X 12 teams = 840.00 + \$340 was from subs.

Participants were polled and all were satisfied with the schedule (Nov-Dec; 9:30 to 11:30). They liked including the 4 venues.

Suggestions for next year:

Include a tournament course (USDAA)
Continue with 3 levels in nested course.

Include time faults to reward speed.

Extend the league period by 30 minutes should the participation warrant that for next year rather than limit the number of participants.

Kit and Billie will organize League for next year. They would like to keep it in Nov - Dec and will recommend dates.

Lynne checked with Stephanie to see if the barn would be available for additional time if league attendance warrants it. Stephanie said a 9 a.m. is fine.

Winter Run-Throughs & Practices

Attendance (approximation)

Run-Throughs Jan-April 2013 – 68 teams

Practices Nov 2012-April 2013 – 95 teams (Nov-Dec 45; Jan-April 50)

Recommendation for next winter – find a better way to communicate about putting away equipment between first and second practice sessions. Suggestions welcomed. One idea was to eliminate 15 min. “buffer” period between run-throughs and practice, so that we know without waiting whether anyone will show up for second session to use equipment.

Cancelling Saturday practices for bad weather is okay, as deemed by the Steering Committee in the March 2013 newsletter. We don’t get charged if we cancel for bad weather. However, in the summer if practice is cancelled and an individual still wants to come they can call Roberta to let her know.

Summer Practice Plans

Summer practice will be Tuesday nights beginning May 7. Cost is \$5 per session or \$45 for the summer (cost will not be prorated if you’ve already paid for one or more sessions)

Format will be the same as last year, except that Novice night will be run-throughs only.

First Tuesday of each month will be Novice Night run-throughs (one dog at a time). Courses will be at the Novice level (not nested) so as to reduce off-course temptations.

Third Tuesdays are nested run-throughs.

Second and fourth Tuesdays are sequences/course.

The committee decided that adding a half-hour for set-up is a good idea. Summer practice will start at 6:30 with set-up at 6:00 for those who can make it. Times will be adjusted according to the light. Not necessary to put equipment away during the summer.

Lynne suggested putting up NOMAD directional signs for newcomers. All agreed to do this.

Revised Practice Guidelines

The committee drafted revised the practice guidelines and sent them out to the Club via the listserv for further discussion and input at the Spring membership meeting and/or through email. A May 5th deadline was set for comments from the members. We went through the guidelines at the meeting and suggested edits to the committee. The revised guidelines need to be approved by two-thirds of the membership before they are official. The vote will be on the agenda at the Fall meeting.

Communication

The PC recognizes that it is the only committee that needs to communicate with the club on a weekly basis (at least). Due to the frequency and amount of communication needed, the committee decided to meet quarterly.

The committee is going to work on different/new ways to communicate important information. Various communication strategies within the committee and between the committee and membership were discussed and agreed upon.

Conclusion

The committee believes the club is offering a good balance of practice options that include opportunities for one dog in the ring at a time, and also for people who like more time in the ring and can work with others at the same time. The committee would like to hear from club members at the spring meeting about whether everyone’s needs are being met. If so, practices will continue with the same formats as noted above. If not, the committee will ask for input and try to figure out ways to offer more options to meet members’ needs.

John remarked that with the combination of Saturday sessions and Wednesday practices, club members have a lot of different opportunities to work with their dogs.

Equipment Committee Report – Roberta Dumas

Equipment

At the November, 2012 meeting, the club approved the purchase of a rubberized A frame with wheels. The A frame was purchased from Max 200 and was

picked up at the BOTC trial. Thanks go out to Melissa Carter for transporting it from Shelburne to the summer practice site. Other purchases made since last November have been one 20’ tunnel, 2 sets of numbered cones, 2 stopwatches, and replacement jump cups for the triple and double jumps. [We need another set of cones in a plastic that doesn’t break in cold weather; can no longer use blue cones in the barn.]

Equipment Revival Party

The equipment revival party is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15 at 1:00 at Roberta’s house. We do not have that much to do—clean everything, re-tape some bars, clean out the trailer, clean up the agility field, and check for any problems.

Moving Equipment

We will move the equipment from the barn in Waterbury to Roberta’s on Wednesday, May 1 at 2:00. Thanks go to Nicki Houghton for hauling the trailer.

Equipment Auction

We have several items that will be auctioned off. The auction will start on May 10 [not on May 1 as stated in newsletter] and end on May 15 at the Equipment Revival Party. People unable to be there can have a proxy bid for them. The items to be auctioned are:
Rubberized A frame [no wheels]
Nonrubberized A frame [no wheels]
Nonrubberized dogwalk [with ramp supports]
Nonrubberized teeter
2 tunnels—one about 12 feet long, one about 20 feet long

The money raised from the sale of these items will help defray the cost of purchasing a new A-frame.

\$2,083 has been spent on new eqt.

We need a small table for use at the barn (scoring at league, etc.); Erica will buy.

NOMAD Seminar Committee Meeting, March 23, 2013

Attendees: Lynne, Sarah, Pam, Lisa B, Caroline, Billie, Judy K, Michelle

Two items were raised that require steering committee input:

- For events (e.g., seminars, camp) do participants sign up according to their current membership category (i.e,

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working or supporting member) or according to the previous year's membership category? The committee has been assuming that the current year's category was applicable in determining fees for seminars and camps, but this has not been clearly stated in camp or seminar announcements. **Note that seminar committee need to include this information in camp announcement for next year**

- In order to have consistency can NOMAD identify the additional percentage that supporting members will be asked to pay for events (e.g., camp, seminars). The committee recommends 40% - and that's what we're going with for this year's camp.

One item was raised that involves the equipment committee:

- It would be good to own a small, light-weight table (like a card table) that could be set up and used for course maps, name tags, instructor notes, etc. during seminars; table should be large enough to be used for scoring during barn events

Revised camp NOMAD 2013 budget (accommodating all 26 teams that signed up for camp)

- Sat/Sun 10 teams per group
- \$125/day Working members
- \$175/day Supporting members
- weekend: \$250 Working; \$350
- Friday/6 teams
- \$165 Working members
- \$230 Supporting members
- Agreed to pay both instructors equally (\$900/day)
- Agreed that current year membership category will determine 2013 camp rate; currently there are 3 supporting members signed up for camp.

Camp Duties

- See front page of newsletter
- Agreed to post duties list in May newsletter

Camp Groups

- Called one participant during the meeting for clarification on days/instructors to finalize groups (for now!)
- Groups are largely based on jump height, they're not broken out by skill or experience level

Selection of Chairperson(s)

- No one wanted to step up; Lynne & Michelle will continue as chairs for 2013

Monique Seminar April 6-7

Membership Committee report – Lisa Marcus, Judy Kessler, Cynthia Gilliland

Current Membership

NOMAD currently has 57 members. 37 of whom are working members, 3 working families, 14 supporting, and 3 supporting families. For comparison purposes, we had 60 members at the end of 2012.

Tracking Working Member Volunteer Hours

In carrying out registration for this year's camp, the Seminar Committee had some questions about whether working members who signed up for camp had completed their volunteer hours for the previous membership year. Due to the casual and trusting nature in which we carry out our renewal process, we were not able to entirely answer their questions. Since completion of 20 hours of volunteer work is expected of working members, and that completion is used as one criterion for priority registration in events such as camp, the Steering Committee asked the Membership Committee to consider some options for tracking hours for working members.

We asked around about what other clubs do. We rejected any ideas that involved signing in or out at club events. They involve lots of paper and too many people to be responsible. Someone suggested an on-line record keeping system. This led to consideration of using Google Documents, which is very easy to set up, accessible to most people, and would put the responsibility of tracking hours onto each member for themselves. It had the added attraction of being something in which we could implement "automatic" reminders using the tools and features of our yahoo group email list and Google Docs itself. We also liked that it would provide members an incentive to keep track of their hours in a timely and on-going fashion, rather than guessing at the end of the year.

We have drafted the attached proposal. To summarize, we are proposing a system whereby each member would track their hours in a Google Document each month. Reminders to enter hours would

be automatically sent each month and at the end of the month, that month's document would be closed and the next month's opened. There would be a calculation of year-to-date totals readily available for members to see where they stand in meeting the 20 hour expectation. In addition to providing the tracking mechanism, the Google Document would provide instructions on how to use it and an outline of how many hours can typically be claimed for performing certain jobs. We hope the membership will read the attached proposal carefully and consider the rational and relative ease of using such a system, and be prepared to vote on implementing it. While we would be happy to implement the system immediately for the current year, we think it more realistic to call for a vote on the proposal at the fall membership meeting and implement it for the 2014 membership year.

Membership Form and Membership Renewal Form

The Steering Committee has also asked us to make some changes/updates to the membership renewal form, which we will do prior to the renewal period for the 2014 membership year.

Charitable Giving report – Cynthia Gilliland

Attached please find a copy of our letter to Lacey's Fund, the group that we voted to support with our 2012 gift. Please feel free to make nominations for our 2013 gift at anytime between now and the fall meeting.

My email address is vermont05088@yahoo.com. To nominate, please write why you feel this organization is a worthy recipient of our support, and provide contact information (where to send a check!)

Thank you,
Cynthia

October 12, 2012

*Lacey's Fund at the
Vermont Police Canine Association
PO Box 193
Colchester, VT 05446*

I am a member of NOMAD- Northern Magic Agility Dogs, Vermont's Dog Agility Club. Each year at our Fall meeting, we select an organization to receive our annual charitable donation of \$300.00. We make this donation in memory of our member dogs who have

passed away in the previous year: Reggie, Rumor, Chance, Lil, and Fiona.

One of our members nominated Lacey's Fund for this year's donation, and the vote was overwhelmingly in favor. We are glad to be able to make this gift to support the care of Vermont's retired K-9s.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Gilliland
Charitable Giving Committee
NOMAD

New Business

We've had two requests for agility demonstrations:

1. Basin Harbor Club, Woofstock, benefiting the Addison County Humane Society on Sat. May 18. We had a request for this last year, but it was cancelled due to bad weather. This year they have a rain date the following day. People who may have been interested are already committed to trials that weekend. We'll send regrets w/ request for advance notice next time.

2. Sunday, Oct. 13 at Stratton Mt., nonprofit org. is having event. They'd like to allow spectators with dogs an opportunity to try the agility obstacles. We'll put on our listserve and see if we have members who would like to help organize this.

Nominating committee:

We need a committee to select nominees for open positions, to be voted on at Fall meeting. Kit, Lisa M. and Trudy volunteered to be on committee.

Term Limits: Kate proposed that committee chairs have term limits, so that people volunteering to be chair don't get stuck in that position. Lisa M. said that according to current bylaws, chairs need to be elected each year by their committee. In practice, this has been occurring much more informally, with someone from the group volunteering to be chair. It was suggested that we see what happens when we follow the bylaws by electing committee chairs at the start of each calendar year before we consider changing the bylaws to adopt term limits.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Sarah Albert, Secretary

NOMAD COMING EVENTS CALENDAR								
Compiled by Erica Ferland as of 5/1/2013								
	Venue	Club	Location	Runs	Opens	Closes	Secretary	Web/email
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 ematerials@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 flieabegon@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 rhohondak@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 miniussies5@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	CPE	Agility Dogs of the Adirondacks	Westport, NY	300		5/24	Billie Marsh marshb@westelcom.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-Gea 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 flieabegon@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 jtees1@maine.rr.com
	29-30	NADAC	CATS	Swanzy, NH				Donna Allen donnaa6546@gmail.com
July 2013								
	5	USDAA	Agile Dogs Agility Training	Stephentown, NY			6/24	Trisha Stall Trisha@agiledogs.net
	5-7	CPE	Southern CT Agility Team	Hamden, CT	375		6/21	Janet Nolan janlabs@aol.com
	5-7	CPE	Sugar Bush Farm	Stephentown, NY	375		6/21	Barb Fribourg bfribourg@gmail.com
	5-7	NADAC	Northeast Agility Enthusiasts	Dummerston, VT				Erin Wajda www.northeastagility.com
	6-7	USDAA	Agile Dogs Agility Training	Stephentown, NY			6/24	Trisha Stall Trisha@agiledogs.net
	6-7	AKC	Colonial Shetland Sheepdog	N. Smithfield, RI	660	5/15	6/15	Noreen Bennett www.pawprinttrials.com
	12-14	USDAA	Riverside Canine Center	N. Kingstown, RI			6/20	Valori Duff valwaussies@comcast.net
	13-14	AKC	Yankee Golden Retriever Club	N. Smithfield, RI	660	5/15	6/22	Noreen Bennett www.pawprinttrials.com
	19-21	USDAA	Bark! NH	Manchester, NH			7/3	Valori Duff valwaussies@comcast.net
	20-21	AKC	Collie Club of New England	N. Smithfield, RI	660	5/29	6/29	Noreen Bennett www.pawprinttrials.com
	25-28	AKC	Green Mountain Golden/BOTC	Shelburne, VT	330	5/29	7/6	Noreen Bennett www.pawprinttrials.com
	26-28	USDAA	Stockade Agility	Glenville, NY			7/8	Kara Kingsbury Aussiegirls77@hotmail.com
	26-28	CPE	Bo-Gea Agility	Deerfield, NH	375		7/3	Judy Davis tss@trialsecretary.com
	27-28	AKC	American Lhasa Apso Club	Amherst, NH	330	5/29	7/6	Noreen Bennett www.pawprinttrials.com
August 2013								
	1-4	AKC	Central NY Sheltie	Brewerton, NY	660	6/12	7/13	Noreen Bennett www.pawprinttrials.com
	2	USDAA	Agile Dogs Agility Training	Stephentown, NY			7/15	
	2-4	CPE	Muddy Paws Agility Club	Westminister, VT	375		7/9	Doreen Lucius flieabegon@yahoo.com
	3-4	AKC	Agility Club of NH	Amherst, NH	330			Robin Ohrt www.4pawrule.com
	3-4	AKC	Talcott Mountain Agility Club	Hamden, CT	330	6/12	7/14	Noreen Bennett www.pawprinttrials.com
	9-11	CPE	All Dogs Gym	Manchester, NH	400		7/19	Sue Fontaine miniussies5@comcast.net
	9-11	USDAA	Riverside Canine Center	N. Smithfield, RI			7/23	Valori Duff valwaussies@comcast.net
	9-11	NADAC	Northeast Agility Enthusiasts	Dummerston, VT				Erin Wajda www.northeastagility.com
	10-11	AKC	Nutmeg Border Collie Club	Hamden, CT	330	7/3	8/7	Robin Ohrt www.4pawrule.com
	10-11	AKC	Tartan Gordon Setter Club	Amherst, NH	330	6/12	7/20	Noreen Bennett www.pawprinttrials.com
	16-18	AKC	American Eskimo Dog Club	Amherst, NH	330	6/12	7/27	Noreen Bennett www.pawprinttrials.com
	17-18	NADAC	NOMAD	Stowe, VT				Erin Wajda www.northeastagility.com
	23-25	AKC	Susque Nango Kennel Club	CheNango Forks, NY	660	6/26	8/3	Noreen Bennett www.pawprinttrials.com
	23-25	AKC	Tri-State Sheltie	Hamden, CT	330	7/24	8/7	Robin Ohrt www.4pawrule.com
	24-25	AKC	Yankee Golden Retriever Club	Amherst, NH	330	6/26	8/3	Noreen Bennett www.pawprinttrials.com
	24-25	CPE	Gemini Dogs	Littleton, MA	375		8/14	Michelle Boreilli www.geminidogs.com
	31-2	AKC	Eastern English Springer	N. Smithfield, RI	660	6/26	8/10	Noreen Bennett www.pawprinttrials.com
	31-1	AKC	Granite State Sheltie	Manchester, NH	330	6/26	8/10	Noreen Bennett www.pawprinttrials.com
	31-1	USDAA	ARFF Agility Club	Westfield, MA			8/15	Valori Duff valwaussies@comcast.net
	30-1	CPE	Sugar Bush Farm	Stephentown, NY	375		8/16	Barb Fribourg www.sugarbushfarm.net

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.

Participating in the IFCS European Championships with the USDAA Team USA

by Maxine Holmes

International air travel with a dog is difficult. Prior to the trip, Vet paperwork has to be completed and shots given within a proscribed time frame, incurring considerable expense. 10 pound Suni could fly in a crate in the cabin. Since the trip was 14hr from Burlington to Barcelona, I used a service dog halter in the airports so he could be let out of the bag during that time.

Dawn O'Brien, a good friend and I arrived in Barcelona on Good Friday, and because we had dog and a large bag to carry needed equipment we had to take a taxi to Girona, another huge expense.

Girona was beautiful; parts of the town were gothic and medieval and fairly dog friendly. Sight-seeing was fantastic and we even travelled to the Costa Brava to spend some time on the Mediterranean.

The team assembled the following Tues. for 2 days of practice prior to the start of the competition 4/4 - 4/7. Fortunately, the practice sessions were held in the venue. Members of Team USA included: Toys: Ivette White & Zip, Maxine Holmes & Sundancer; Mini: Jen Pinder & Britain, Terry Herman & Idgie; Midi: Dudley Fontaine & Sweet, Kate Moureaux & Smart, Greg Fontaine & Spice, Tracy Hirsch & Silver; Maxi: Tracy Golden & Bam, Teri Thompson & Motion; Coach: Dave Grubel.

The USDAA Organizer was Andy Hartman. The USDAA supported entries and uniforms and several members of the group did extensive fund-raising. Other-wise expenses were paid by the competitors. Travel, hotel, food, etc. came to over \$2000.

Many members of the USA team had been together on numerous other occa-

sions and had become a cohesive group, however they were warm and accommodating to Suni, myself and my friend Dawn. The Countries competing at this event included: Spain, The Netherlands, Austria, Belgium, Russia, United Kingdom, Italy & USA. All teams were friendly, and the British, Dutch & Spanish teams were very welcoming and fun to be with. I didn't get a chance to speak with some of the other teams due to the language barrier, but did chat with Svetlana Tumanova who apparently is the top world competitor & some of her fellow Russians as they



were crated next to us. I was personally impressed with Svetlana's performances and obtained her contact information. She said she comes to the US to visit friends in Mass. and I would welcome the opportunity to work with her.

The competition: Suni and I started off well. We placed 7th in the Toy Group in the GP qualifier. It only took one experience for my smart little papillon to realize that Dave Grubel, the Team Coach was holding his treats at the ring exit gate. So, during the next run, the Snooker, he spied Dave as he was headed to a tunnel opening and made a beeline to him & left the ring. I asked Dave to disappear after that incident and he did, unfortunately, Suni tried to run off during the next run. I managed to get him back to me, but too late to make time.

We did have a fabulous gamblers run. In the closing he ran out to the #2 obstacle, the tunnel in good form and jumped jump #3, then as Svetlana described it, I stood there looking at him rather than turning and running towards jump #4. I apparently faced him off right into the opening of the off course tunnel. (in other words, he should be trained so if I say jump he should only do the jump and then run towards me). It would have been sweet to have gotten the gamble as so few toy dogs got it. I have to marvel at the amount of adrenaline that was poured into my system during each run.

The experience was total elation! The Russians placed 1st in most of the categories. The US team had a few placements including Jen Pinder & Britain - a 1st in an individual run and Ivette White & Zip placed 3rd in several and 3rd place in the overall individual standings. One of

the US teams placed 3rd overall.

The Spanish organizers headed by Josep Duran went out of their way to be welcoming and hospitable, and put on a fantastic show. Unfortunately, the proceedings came to a halt on day 2 when it was discovered that several tires on cars in the parking lot had been punctured. As a result the British team threatened to withdraw of security in the parking lot and in the crating area was not tightened. The management complied and also paid for the damages and repairs to all the vehicles.

All in all it was a fabulous adventure for me. Four days of participating with the US team in extremely competitive agility, and several days before and after enjoying the Spanish Costa Brava, Girona and Barcelona. An experience of a lifetime!