

NOMAD NEWS

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

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NOMAD Spring Meeting

April 21, 2014 at 7 pm

Committee Reports & Minutes

Present: Nicole Houghton, Jen Hammond, Lisa Barrett, Lynne von Trapp, Judy Frey, Betsy Nye, Marty Abair, Maxine Holmes, Don Denette, Patti McMahon, Roberta Dumas, Dale Healy, Karen Clark, Carla Dunbar, Trudy Lyon-Hart, John Marcus, Lisa Marcus, Linda Ladd, Sarah Albert

Proxies: Billi Marsh, Kit Erskine, Randi Barrett, Kate Carter, Caroline McKinney

Fall Minutes: minutes from the Fall 2013 meeting were approved.

Finance: Linda Ladd presented the financial reports. The club had a good year in 2013, netting \$8,038. Most recently, we made about \$240 on the spring seminar. On behalf of the club, the Steering Committee had requested that a donation be sent to the Respite House in honor of Amy's husband.

Report of the Audit Committee, submitted by Marty Abair, Judy Frey & Betsy Nye

On April 16, 2014, Judy Frey, Betsy Nye and I met to conduct an audit of NOMAD's financial records for 2012. We chose the two months in which the most activity took place—June and August—to thoroughly review. We reconciled all receipts with the ledger. We also verified that prepaid expenses had been carried over from 2012 to 2013. As usual, Linda had done a great job and everything appeared to be in order.

Equipment Committee Report, submitted by Roberta Dumas

Equipment: At the November 2013 annual meeting, a budget of \$805.00 was approved. At this time two new sets of obstacle cones, and a fold up table have been purchased. We have also just purchased three new Max 200 tunnels; two 15' tunnels and a 20' tunnel. That will give us four 15' tunnels and three 20' tunnels. We would like to reserve a 15' and a 20' tunnel to be used only for trials in order to reduce wear and tear. With the increased number of tunnels, this should work fine. With the purchase of the tunnels we are well over budget.

In order to address the problem with the A frame pivoting wheels, Max 200 has been working with us to come up with a solution that will work for us. Hopefully, their solution will make it easier to move the A frame in the loose dirt of the barn. The committee is also working on making new double and triple jumps that will meet the new jump height specs for USDAA. An update on the status of the A frame problem will be shared with members at the April, 2014 meeting.

Equipment Revival Party

The equipment revival party will be held at Roberta's house in Jericho on **Saturday, May 17 at 10:00**. We will need to clean the barn dirt off everything, retape some jump bars, clean out the trailer, clean the sticks off the agility field, and check equipment for any problems. Bring gloves, scrub brushes, and anything else you might think would be helpful. Thanks to all who are planning to come. It's a great way to add some working hours for the club.

if we should be rained out on Saturday, May 17 then we will plan to do the cleaning on the next day Sunday, May 18.

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.

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Save the date!

NOMAD NADAC trial, Aug. 16-17, 2014, at the Topnotch Meadow Field, Stowe, VT.
Our judge will be Ben Philibert.
Hope to see you there!

NADAC's new "Intro" level!

Here is a general description of "Intro":

It is an additional level for the classes, just like Novice, Open and Elite. So now there are four levels to each class: Intro, Novice, Open and Elite. The only Intro level class with weaves will be Intro Weavers and it will have one set of 6 poles, if the class is offered. No other classes will have weaves in them. The Intro level will have no tunnel/contact discriminations.

The Intro level is a full titling level with the basic titles, with the same points requirements for titles as all other levels for each class. Dogs must be 18 months old and all other NADAC rules apply to entries.

A dog is not required to participate in Intro before entering in Novice classes, nor is there a requirement for moving into Novice from Intro -- this is a great opportunity to introduce new dogs to a trial setting without the stress of those dreaded weave poles and discriminations, and it is a perfect transition from classes to trialling!

We will be having some Intro level classes at our trial. Which ones are TBD. If you have feedback, please let trial chairs, Karen or Caroline know (Karen Clark-cookiedog@juno.com, Caroline McKinney-may-amck@gaw.com)

NOMAD's Steering Committee

Contact them if you have questions or suggestions.

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BRAGS

March 22, All Dogs Manchester N.H

Lickity Split et al (Moxie and Flame)
DAM TEAM 5th Place

AKC National Agility Championship, Harrisburg Pa

Jill Viggiani & Strummer,
20" T2B _____ Q - clean run
20" Masters JWW _____ Q - clean run
20" Masters Standard _____ Q - clean run
20" Hybrid _____ Q - Clean run
All 4 runs clean! Finished 35th place out of 443 dogs in the 20" regular class.



BOTC AKC Trial, Shelburne, VT April 18-19

Kelley Trombley and Izzy 8"

Standard Novice A _____ 1st and Q
JWW _____ 1st and Q

Marty and Maggie

Open JWW, 8" _____ 1st and Q
Novice Time to Beat 8" _____ 1st and Q
Novice FAST 8" _____ 1st and Q

Marty and Quiz

Novice FAST 8" _____ 3rd and Q

April 26/27 PAWS USDAA Greenfield, MA

Lynne von Trapp and Brill

Steeplechase Rnd 1 _____ Q
Adv Jumpers _____ 1st and Q

Roberta Dumas and Trio

Masters Standard _____ 5th and Q

MAD!

PIII Pairs _____ 2nd and Q
Perf. Grand Prix _____ 2nd and Q
PIII Snooker _____ 2nd and Super Q!
Perf. Speed Jumping _____ 4th and Q



Camp NOMAD is only a month away!

We're in the final stages of planning for Camp NOMAD, with 31 participants over the 2 ½ day weekend at the Trapp Family Lodge wedding meadow in Stowe. The dates are May 30 through June 1, with a half day Friday afternoon, and full days Saturday and Sunday. Lo Baker and Amanda Shyne are the instructors. NOMADers can audit free. Bring a chair and a notebook. There's lots to learn without a dog. New this year is a human conditioning session Sunday morning from 8:30 to 9:15. Again, all NOMADers are invited. More camp details will be on the list as we near the end of May. Please note the seminar etiquette article in this newsletter.



SUCCESSFUL SEMINAR

Amanda Shyne's seminar April 12-14 at Wildwood Farm was very well-received by NOMADers. Her teaching is clear and concise, not surprising since she is a college professor. Amanda likes to use visual markers, so she drew lines in the dirt to use as guidelines to tell us when and where to cue our dogs. She had very helpful handouts, which included courses with the exercises numbered.

Participants will recognize a few notes from the seminar:

Talk to your dog during a Blind Cross.

"Good to know!" (When your dog does not do as you expected.)

"Hands low and slow."

"Feet fast."

Run with your dog all the way to the tunnel.

Amanda loves the support NOMADers give each other during seminars and enjoyed working with us. It will be great to have her back for camp.

Camp Etiquette

Be very aware of where your dog is and what he/she is doing when other dogs are on course, especially in the novice session.

Avoid distractions for the dog on course

Listen to the instructor without interrupting

Try what she suggests without arguing or explaining why your case is an exception

Lunchtime and before and after camp sessions are times for instructors to run their dogs.

Do not hold side conversations while the instructor is talking -- this is really, really hard!

Do not run the course before the session starts or during lunch. It's not fair to others, since there is not time for everyone to get their dog on the course. It's hard for the instructor, who is tweaking the course. Your dog will get plenty of time on course during the session. The instructor has things she wants to teach from the course. Practicing without that instruction is dismissive of

the value of the instruction.

DO move to where you can hear the instructor's comments, even if it's in the center of the ring.

If your dog barks, please cover the crate or crate her away from the ring.

Auditors, it's best to leave your dogs at home. If you do bring them, do not bring them ringside, and do not use the equipment.

Here are some thoughts from Susan Garrett's blog:

"Come with an open mind and a closed mouth." (But do ask questions!)

"If you knew how to do this already, you wouldn't be here, so don't expect flawless performance from yourself."

"Go to class to ingest. Go home and digest what you ingested."

"Be comfortable with being confused. Enjoy the clutter. Or, establish a mental 'For Later Processing' file, and stuff every confusing thing into it. You will find when you go back later and review all the confusing items, half of them aren't confusing any more and can be filed into one of your existing mental files."

IDGIE CHAPTER TWO

Idgie likes to run around.

Even with a pin in her leg you can't keep her down.

Without Dr. Schulz she would not be able to run.

Without him she would not have much fun. She does agility too.

But not as well as Falcon could do.

We miss him still.

We always will.

She tries hard to entertain.

She tries hard to ease the pain.

Her favorite thing to do

Is to chase a rabbit or two.

We watch her closely.

We do not want rabbit stew.

Her job is to make us laugh.

She is good at her craft.

She is there for us it is true.

We three will have to make it through.



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We are also looking at ways to build or modify jumps to make a new double and triple jump to meet the new USDAA jump height specs. These will be ready prior to our June USDAA trial.

Moving Equipment: We will move the equipment from the barn in Waterbury to Roberta's on Wednesday, May 7 at 2:00. We will not need to unload it then. Thanks go to new member, Kelley Trombley for hauling the equipment from Waterbury to Jericho.

Equipment Revival Party: The equipment revival party is scheduled for Saturday, May 17 at 10:00 at Roberta's house. We will need to clean everything, re-tape some bars, clean out the trailer, clean the sticks off the agility field, and check for any problems. Hopefully, Judy F. will bring her power washer again!

Additional notes from meeting:

Nicki has researched "buddy" propane heaters for use in the barn and spoke with Stephanie about whether she'd be comfortable having them there. They're not expensive (about \$100) and she proposes that the club buy two. Lisa has two she doesn't use and offered to sell them to the club. Discussion followed about safe propane use, styles of heaters, where they would need to be stored. Nicki will research further and give a proposal by the Fall meeting; it would help with winter seminars and eliminate the need to cancel on very cold days.

NOMAD Practice Committee Report (meeting minutes from 3/29/14)

Nominations and election of 2014 practice committee chair or co/chairs: Nicki was nominated and elected practice committee chair. Kate agreed to be co-chair to assist Nicki.

Practice Committee Guidelines Vote: Kit reported that he has not yet gotten approval votes from two-thirds of the members as required by the bylaws to amend the guidelines. He has received 31 votes so far; all 31 were in favor. He has received no votes against but some members have not voted despite Kit sending a follow up email to each one individually. The committee decided to report to turn this over to the Steering Committee.

League Report and Ideas for Next Year: Kit reported feedback from participants who wanted it more laid back. The recommendation is to get rid of scribe duties and score sheets, unless someone steps up and is willing to do this task. Billie is not going to do these tasks next year. Kit is willing to judge and provide courses for the different venues. He can keep track of faults as he judges and call them out after each run. People would still like the runs to be timed. The committee did some brainstorming and thought that a white board could be used for people to record their times and faults for each course in comparison to the others. This would keep some of the competitive spirit for those that like that, without someone having to keep track of team and individual scores across all eight weeks. It was requested that the USDAA venue next year include a pairs course.

Winter Practice and League Charges: This past season the charge was \$70 upfront for the full League season (8 times), or \$10 a time for subs. The committee discussed the possibility of charging more (\$12) for single days but making change has been problematic in the past. It would also make League by the day more expensive than Practice. Instead, the committee recommended charging a little less upfront (\$65) to encourage pre-payment for league.

The committee was in favor of having a pre-pay "season pass" charge for winter practices the way we do in the summer. \$100 was

suggested but thought to be too low as it would be essentially half price compared to paying \$10 a practice.

The committee felt that facilitators had the authority to accept \$5 for a half session at the barn when a team comes to practice for only half the time.

Winter Income Report: Kate had incomplete information from Linda Ladd.

Barn Use in April: The question regards only last two weekends of April, which will cost \$300. Since the Club has the funds, the committee decided to recommend maintaining practice for those two weekends, as long as it is okay with Stephanie. There may be some driveway maintenance issues (mud).

Summer 2014 Practice will be on Tuesday nights and follow the same format as last summer:

Novice night is first Tuesday of the month. The second and fourth Tuesdays are sequence/course practice; the third Tuesdays are course practice. The fee is \$5/team per session; \$45/team for a season pass. The practice cancellation policy is in effect.

Ann suggested a second weekly practice in the summer (during the morning). Roberta is okay with this on certain days, given her schedule. The time would be 9:00-11:00am. The day would be Friday until mid June, then Thursday until the end of summer practice. There would be a separate season pass for the morning practice and the charge for the season or a single practice would be the same as for Tuesday night practices.

Practices Scheduled Between Camp and NOMAD's USDAA Trial: Camp is at the end of May/beginning of June. The equipment will be at Trapps for camp. The committee recommends asking Lynne if we can have practices at Trapps until the trial at Topnotch. This would save packing up and unpacking and trailering the equipment back from Stowe to Jericho during that time. If agreeable to Trapps, the committee believes we should offer to pay at a comparable rate to what we pay Stephanie for the use of her space. The practice group would need to lay the dogwalk and other large equipment down to avoid damage from windstorms and put the equipment in one spot that would be easy for Trapps' workers to mow around.

Nicki and Roberta will draft a request letter to Lynne from the practice and equipment committees.

Facilitator Scheduling – Ann: Getting facilitators has become more difficult since a few of the regular facilitators have not been coming to many practices. Ann will continue to do emails encouraging people to volunteer to facilitate. She will handle emails about the summer morning practices. These may be more informal and un-facilitated depending on the response. When facilitators sign up, they will continue to be responsible for sending out emails about practices. Facilitators need to take participants' needs into account and not present something they just learned at a seminar or that could be way over other participants ability levels Kit encouraged interested facilitators to come to the facilitation/course design seminars that he and Lisa Barrett have been offering.

Heaters for the Barn: The committee discussed a recommendation that NOMAD purchase propane heaters like the ones Monique brought with her to the winter seminar. Some issues considered were

- The propane canisters could not be stored at the barn due to fire hazard, so someone would have to transport them there and store them between practices
- The heaters themselves would need to be stored somewhere so as to keep them out of the dust
- Use of the heaters on a regular basis would need Stephanie's approval
- Research needs to be done as to cost and other issues--Nicki agreed to do this research
- The practice committee will support the equipment committee in this equipment purchase

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

Addendum - New Business - per Practice Committee email discussion after the committee meeting:

The Practice Committee appreciated all of the feedback with regards to Judy Kessler's recent recommendation to rotate the starting times of League and Practice year to year. The Practice Committee members agree that switching start times will be a positive benefit to everyone. League is on board with this rotation.

Recognizing the set up time needed for both League and Practice, the Practice Committee would like to extend our current Saturday time slot by 30 minutes. Adding 30 minutes would assure all facilitators appropriate set up time.

Add'l notes from meeting: Discussion about the cost of a winter practice pass. Linda suggested the pass be available for Nov/Dec barn practice and then for Jan-Mar to make bookkeeping easier, but people felt that no one would get a pass for just two months. Nicki will write up recommendations to be submitted at the Fall meeting in November.

There was also a question as to whether a facilitator could charge half price for someone who just came for a few runs on a cold day and then left. Everyone felt that anyone who came to practice in the barn should pay \$10.

The new morning practice during the summer will be more of an informal skill session, no facilitator. Linda would like to get names of the people buying season passes.

We can't leave equipment in the wedding meadow at TFL between camp and the trial at Topnotch. There's a possibility to keep it in a different field, but as long as the trailer needs to be loaded anyway it will be brought back to Roberta's in between events.

Everyone has been in agreement about switching the times between league and practice in the winter. Each group will get two hours, giving extra half hour to build/rebuild courses in between if courses don't coincide. Lynne will check with Steph to see whether longer Sat. times are possible.

Nicki made a proposal is that NOMAD pay more to Roberta for the extra session to be held in her field; let Nicki hear your thoughts.

Seminar Committee Report, submitted by co-chairs Lynne von Trapp and Billie Marsh

The spring seminar with Amanda Shyne instructing, was held April 12, 13, 14 at Wildwood Barn. It included 3 skill/experience levels (beginner, intermediate, masters). The 30 available working spots were filled with 29 NOMAD teams and one nonmember team. Several members audited the seminar. She was very well received. We look forward to working with her again at Camp NOMAD.

The dates for Camp NOMAD are Friday, May 30, for the Pre-Novice group; and Saturday and Sunday, May 31 and June 1, for the Beginner/Intermediate and Intermediate/Advanced groups. Lo Baker and Amanda Shyne are the instructors. There are 29 teams signed up for camp. All the slots for Saturday and Sunday have been filled. We may be able to take one or two more teams for the pre-novice session on Friday. If you are interested in attending any of the levels, please fill out the registration form in the Jan/Feb newsletter and send it with your deposit check to Kathy Fretz, whose address is with the camp information. Your check will not be deposited unless you have a spot in camp. Things change, and openings do happen.

Tara Baggerman, from upstate New York, will teach at our fall seminar in November. This seminar has traditionally been for pre-novice and novice teams, but given the interest in seminars for all levels, we may be able to add another day for more advanced teams. Dates TBD. It will not be the same weekend as the AKC Thanksgiving cluster, November 21 - 24. Information on Tara can be found on her website: <<http://followtheleda.com>>

CPE Trial Committee:

Marty had wanted to have a trial this year, but our choice of locations is limited and it was difficult to get a date at the Westminster site. She didn't know if we would draw enough people if we held one in Morrisville or Stowe.

NADAC Trial Committee Report, submitted by Karen Clark & Caroline McKinney, co-chairs

NOMAD's NADAC trial is scheduled to be held Aug. 16-17, 2014, at the Topnotch Meadow Field in Stowe, VT. Our judge will be Ben Philibert. We are contracting with NAE (Northeast Agility Enthusiasts) for trial secretary services and equipment rental. We are hoping to have the same food vendor we had last year. Cindy Telley will most likely be our photographer. The deposit has been made to Topnotch, trial application is being sent in, and will be receiving contracts from NAE shortly.

In March, NADAC announced a new class level. It is called Intro. It is similar to CPE's Pre-novice level. We will be offering it for 3-4 classes at our trial. Classes for which we are offering it are still to be determined. We are excited about the Intro level and are hoping it will draw more people to our trial.

USDAA Committee Report, submitted by Lisa Barrett

Since the Fall Meeting, we have held three USDAA Introductory Program Trials. We had scheduled four trials, but we had to cancel one because of subzero temperatures. We bought the Verrelli trial software, and Judy Kessler, our trial secretary, has spent considerable time mastering it. Kit Erskine judged all three trials, and Judy Kessler did all the scoring and secretarying and reports to USDAA. Lynne vonTrapp organized the ribbons, set up the electronic timers, and did many other jobs. Several NOMADers came to these little trials just to help out. Jen Hammond baked very popular dog cookies in the shape of a "Q" for the last of the trials.

These Intro Trials provide trial experience for pre-Starters dogs, and they also provide an excellent training opportunity for more experienced dogs. In addition, these Intro trials continue the long NOMAD tradition of offering encouragement and support to all participants. Everyone seemed to have a good time and think it was a good experience, and we made a modest profit. Monique Plinck wrote an article for the USDAA website praising one of our Intro Trials. We plan to hold four Intro trials next winter as well.

Plans are well under way for our June trial. Our judge will be the very popular and professional Paul Stolzenburg. This year the site will be Topnotch Meadow in Stowe, the same location as our NADAC trial. Next year the USDAA trial will be back at the Trapp Family Lodge wedding meadow.

For our June trial, we are providing lots of incentives for competitors who are new to USDAA. We will pay their USDAA registration fee as well as offer a discount if they enter 5 classes. We are looking for experienced competitors to mentor new competitors, and we will offer early morning half hour explanations of Gamblers and Snooker. In addition, we are offering a \$10 entry refund to any instructor or mentor who persuades a new competitor to enter at least 4 classes at the trial.

Additional notes from meeting: we made more than \$4,000 on our June trial last year and over \$800 on the intro trials in past year.

Outreach Committee:

Jill Viggiani reported that she's hasn't anything to report but is thinking about contacting girl or boy Scout troops about the possibility of volunteering at summer trials.

NOMAD Weekend Workshops, submitted by Jen Hammond

Objective: To provide a more frequent and consistent opportunity to train locally year round with professional instructors.

Organization of Workshops

- Start with 2 days and increase to 3 if necessary.
- Rotate the same 3 instructors over the year.
- Ideally workshops will occur each month, but this could change if we do not have enough interest or available facility.
- Structure will be two 4-hour sessions per day.
- A schedule and a short survey will be sent out in advance of each Workshop Weekend. Interested participants can sign up for the time slots they prefer, indicating a first, second, and third preference. Participants will be grouped based on skill level and objectives (from the survey).
- The first Weekend Workshop is tentatively set for the end of June

Potential Instructors (not limited to, but this group has indicated that they will come to Vermont):

- Anne Andrie
- Julie Daniels
- Amanda Shyne

Notes for discussion

- Impact to winter practice – the weekend workshops would replace one weekend a month of scheduled practice, whatever type of practice was previously scheduled.
- Instructors – An objective of the Weekend Workshops is to create consistency by seeing a few instructors on more than one occasion. This allows the instructors to have a good sense of the individuals that they are training and ultimately REALLY assist the learning.
- The workshops will be in addition to the current NOMAD seminars and Camp. We are suggesting to rotate 3-4 instructors at the most during the remainder of the year.
- For Weekend Workshops to be successful the committee will

be soliciting feedback from participants as the weekend workshops evolve.

- Outreach – do we want to “hold” a few spots for non-NOMAD members?

Proposed Cost

4 participants @ 3.5 hours = \$100 per person = \$800/day income

5 participants @ 4 hours = \$80 per person = \$800/day income

Supporting NOMAD members add \$20/time slot

Non-members add \$25/time slot

** An estimated budget of \$1,000 per day to include the cost of the instructor, mileage, hotel, and meals. The cost of the barn rental would need to be covered by NOMAD.

Additional notes from meeting: During winter too challenging to make it work w/ barn costs, hotel, meals, etc. Summer would be easier financially. How to bring instructors to us so we don't have to travel, how to keep group smaller, How much would NOMAD need to subsidize this? Winter, definitely.

Lisa M. said they should plan their proposal to cover expenses, i.e. how many people do you need to have to cover expenses. If those numbers don't work, then they need to submit a request to the Steering Committee for expenses. Let us know what we need to make it work, as we all want as many good training opportunities as possible.

Charitable giving: Cynthia did not renew her membership because she lives too far away to participate much; we don't have a new chair for that committee.

Old business:

Membership working hours: Lisa M. just set up the page for April hours; March is still open. She'll send out the link to the database again. The reason for closing previous months is to get people to enter their hours when they're worked, i.e. when they're most likely to remember them.

Election of new Steering Committee member: Joanne Lawton's schedule doesn't allow her to stay on the Steering Committee, so we have a vacancy. Two people were nominated, Jen Hammond and Erica Ferland, to fill out the term until the Fall membership meeting. Lisa M. distributed paper ballots and Linda Ladd tallied them and announced that Jen Hammond had been elected to the Steering Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40

May and June Practice Schedule

Course = one dog at a time.

Sequences/course practice = multiple dogs in the ring for sequences followed by one dog at a time for course practice or vice versa, facilitator's choice.

May

- 20 6-8 p.m. Course practice
- 27 6-8 p.m. Sequences/course practice

June

- 3 6-8 p.m. Course practice
- 5 9:30-11:30 a.m. Open practice
- 10 6-8 p.m. Sequences/course practice
- 12 9:30-11:30 a.m. Open practice
- 17 6-8 p.m. Course practice
- 19 9:30-11:30 a.m. Open practice
- 24 6-8 p.m. Sequences/course practice
- 26 9:30-11:30 a.m. Open practice

Cost for practice is \$5/team. If you are running two dogs it is \$10, unless you are splitting your time between the two dogs, then you may pay for just one. Season passes are \$45 for morning practices and \$45 for evening practices (no mix and match). Season passes are good for one dog, unless you split your time between two dogs.

Directions to the summer practice site are at <http://www.nomadagility.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Directions-to-Summer-Practice-Site-060313.pdf>

Summer Practices

Summer practice will be on Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m., starting May 20, and Thursdays, 9:30-11:30a.m., starting June 19. Cost is \$5/team/morning or night, or \$45/team for a season pass. Season passes are \$45 no matter when they are purchased. One season pass is good for morning practices; another is good for evening practices. No mix and match.

The first Tuesday evening of each month is Novice practice. Contacts will be low and channel weaves will be used. Courses will be at the Novice level. The second and fourth Tuesdays are course/sequences, the first and third are course only, one dog at a time. Tuesday practices will have a facilitator whenever possible.

Thursday morning practices will be open. Come with a plan and know what you want to work on.

For directions to the summer practice site see this newsletter (on page 1) or go to the NOMAD website, HYPERLINK "<http://www.nomadagility.com>" www.nomadagility.com.