

# NOMAD NEWS

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

NOVEMBER

2014

The NOMAD Fall membership meeting will take place Monday November 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at the Richmond Free Library. Please see October Newsletter for details.

## CYNOSPORTS 2014

Lisa borrowed Christine Rediker's dog, Giddy Up, and took her all the way to the Performance Speed Jumping Championship Finals,



*Lisa Barrett and Giddy Up.  
Photo by Deborah Davidson Harpur*



### 2014 Meritorious Service Award 2014

**Lisa Barrett, Kit Erskine, Lynne Von Trapp and Judy Kessler**

Since 2004, several core members of NOMAD (Northern Magic Agility Dogs) have made the trek to Cynosports just to volunteer at this great event. From Scottsdale to Louisville to Mufreesboro and now to Morgan Hill, these four members have given up their valuable vacation time to make sure the Main Ring at Cynosport runs efficiently.

There have been only a few times any of them have actually run a dog at the event. They come and volunteer for the sheer love of agility and the prestige of being part of Cynosport.

These four people are always smiling, pleasant to work with, willing to accommodate folks, answer questions and cheer for every dog that runs in their ring, no matter the result. They guarantee the Main Ring is continually running smoothly, whether it's the warm-up on the first day or the Grand Prix Finals on Sunday afternoon.

If you ask them why they do it year after year, the answer is always, "Because we love agility and we have so much fun attending each year. It's not "work", it's fun!"

Their passion and dedication has even inspired several other NOMAD members to make the trip with them over the years, but the four core members who haven't missed a Cynosport in 10 years are: Lisa Barrett, Kit Erskine, Lynne Von Trapp, Judy Kessler.



NOMAD member John Marcus attended the USDAA Cynosport Games in California with the official equipment sponsor. He writes about the experience here: <http://www.usdaa.com/article.cfm?newsID=2689>



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## WHAT DO DOGS DO

by Pat Nolin

Do you wonder what your dogs do while you are away?  
Imagine what they do after you tell them to stay.  
Maybe they eat all the food they can get.  
They probably drink out of the toilet.  
Perhaps they have a pillow fight on your bed.  
Would they chew up a book that you just read?  
Do you think they plan tomorrow's schemes?  
No. They just chase rabbits in their dreams.



*Please send photos of your dog(s) to be used when space is available.*



### NOMAD's Steering Committee

Contact them if you have questions or suggestions.

**President:** Lisa Marcus, lisamarcus@comcast.net

**Vice-President:** Judy Frey, rjfrey2@yahoo.com

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## BRAGS

**October 8-10, NAE, NADAC, Stephentown, NY**

### Judy Kessler and Monte

Open Touch N Go \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q  
Open Regular \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd & Q  
Elite Tunnelers \_\_\_\_\_ Q

*Minna did a few runs in the intro program and came in first in one of them. It's a great place for an old lady with only three toes on one foot to play.*

**10/4/14, NAE NADAC, Dummerston, Vt.NADAC**

### Maxine Holmes & Spiritdancer

04" Vet Elite Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q  
04" Vet Open Tunnelers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st & Q  
*Spirit outdid her 13yr old self! She Q'd her 11th Elite Jumpers class and is now just 2 legs short of her NATCH*

**Kira (and Linda Ladd)** finally did it! She finished her Master Agility and Master Jumpers titles on Sunday at the Granite State Shetland Sheepdog Club AKC trial. In the process she placed 2nd in standard earning 20 MACH points and the distinction of High Scoring Sheltie. Oh yeah, she also double Q'd.

New Supporting Member

#### Melanie Robbins

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Her dog's name is **Tesla** and she is a 2 1/2 year old Collie. She did not request an agility buddy.

## Agility Seminar with Tara Baggerman, Saturday November 15th

**At the Wildwood Barn in Waterbury Center**

### Prenovice Session 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

Working Teams:

Lisa Barrett and Jive  
Kate Carter and Ben  
Donna Davies and Stirling  
Jill Viggiana and Moto  
Caroline McKinney and Fin

Set up for the Prenovice session will begin at 8:30. Please do not arrive prior to 8:30 am.

Set Up for the Novice Session may begin at 12:45. If you arrive early to audit, please do, But wait for the session to be over before setting up.

As always, Nomad members are welcome to audit for free.

Do not forget the basic items for a great seminar: Chair, Crate, Notebook, Pencil, Poop Bags, Water, Dog treats and Toys, Your Dog, An Open Mind and A Smile.

Bring your own snacks and water.

### Novice Session 1:15 to 4:45 pm

Working Teams:

Ann Ramsay and Spark  
Trudy Lyon-Heart and Dash  
Judy Frey and Lola  
Kelley Trombly and Isadora  
Billie Marsh and Reo



## Winter Practice at Wildwood Barn

**Barn practice starts Saturday, November 8. The fee is \$10/team, season passes are \$100/team.** Teams that want to do skills practice with more than one dog in the ring at a time meet from 9-11:15am. Teams that want to do course practice with one dog in the ring at a time meet from 11:30am-2pm. There will be no practices on November 15 due to the Tara Baggerman seminar. Directions to Wildwood Barn are at [HYPERLINK "http://www.nomadagility.com/?page\\_id=17"](http://www.nomadagility.com/?page_id=17) [http://www.nomadagility.com/?page\\_id=17](http://www.nomadagility.com/?page_id=17).

League begins December 6 and will take the second time slot from 11:30am-2pm. The final format (League, League Lite, or something else) will be determined at the annual meeting on November 10.

### November and December 2014 Schedule

	9 – 11:15am	11:30am – 2pm
Nov. 8	Skills Practice	Course Practice
Nov. 15	Tara Baggerman Seminar	
Nov. 22	Skills Practice	Course Practice
Nov. 29	Skills Practice	Course Practice
Dec. 6	Skills Practice	League
Dec. 13	Skills Practice	League
Dec. 20	Skills Practice	League
Dec. 27	Skills Practice	League