



# NOMAD NEWS

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

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## NOMAD FALL 2014 MEETING MINUTES

**Attendees:** Lisa Marcus, John Marcus, Trudy Lyon-Hart, Roberta Dumas, Patti McMahon, Kelley Trombley, Lisa Barrett, Karen Clark, Carla Dunbar, Nicki Houghton, Jen Hammond, Judy Kesler, Lynne von Trapp, Marty Abair, Betsy Nye, Melissa Carter, Abby Bruce, Sarah Albert, Elaine, Don Denette, Maxine Holmes, Linda Ladd, Ann Ramsey, Judy Frey

Meeting began at 6:30 pm.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the Spring 2014 membership meeting were approved.

### Financials:

Lisa M. introduced the budget, explaining that the SC objective was to present a balanced budget remaining as true as possible to budgets submitted by committees. Problem faced was that operating expenses (bookkeeping software, insurance, depreciation, etc) have to be covered. The club events that show profit aren't enough to cover operating expenses, things such as practice that traditionally operate at a loss, AND all of the requested subsidies.

She talked about the difference between years when the budget gets overspent in a particular category to make up a shortfall vs. built-in losses in a budget. The discussion continued, with members asking why we couldn't subsidize workshops with, for example, the money made at the USDAA trial. Lisa responded that we don't have enough revenue to subsidize everything: barn, workshops, etc. but that we will subsidize workshops that don't fill to avoid needing to cancel them.

Linda Ladd reviewed the financial reports and thanked committees for putting together budgets with different scenarios, level-funded vs. subsidized. Based on current information, she's projecting income of  $\pm$ \$50K a year for the club next year; if this continues over a number of years, we will be subject to more demanding tax reporting requirements.

The discussion returned to subsidies: Lynne spoke about providing subsidies for training opportunities for members, using some of the surplus in the bank. In order to create a balanced budget while subsidizing workshops, the seminar budget has to have a built-in loss. If we budget, e.g. \$5K to subsidize seminars three successive years then we will have spent half of our current savings; if the club wants to lease a practice space year around at some point then we need to have money in our account in order to obtain a lease. The current bank balance of \$30K is almost a minimum to assure a prospective landlord that the club would be a good tenant, financially.

Lisa B. and Lynne commented that we've always had a subsidy for workshops in the past several years; Lisa M. would like to know how we were able to charge less than cost. Do we want to continue losing money on barn practice or lose the money on workshops instead? Lisa M. advocated for maintaining the barn practice subsidy because it's one of the basic benefits that members receive. We can either pass the budget as presented and see at the end of the year what we've needed to subsidize, or we can create a new budget that subsidizes workshops using the income from trials.

There was a suggestion to add an equipment fee to the dues to go toward maintenance of equipment but the informal consensus was that one all-inclusive membership fee was better. Because dues have remained the same for  $\pm$ 10 years, the suggestion was made to raise them across the board, but then all members would be paying to benefit the people who attend the seminars.

Judy K. made a motion to amend the budget to subsidize the fall seminar with \$500. Carla seconded. The motion carried.

Carla moved that we adopt budget as amended and see how it goes this year. Lisa M. asked for show of hands for people interested in reworking the budget; little interest, but an ad hoc committee can be formed at any time to rethink the budget. In the end, the budget, with the amendment to subsidize the fall seminar, was passed.

It was asked that committee reports, along with proposed budgets, be available to the membership a month before the Fall meeting. This will be made a part of the committee requests for future meetings.

### USDAA COMMITTEE REPORT OCTOBER 2014

Our June trial was fun, friendly, and a success. Thanks to Lynne von Trapp for her nonstop work persuading TopNotch to make the site acceptable. Thanks also to the many people who worked so hard to make the trial a success. Special thanks to Lisa and John Marcus for managing those 27 course changes in just a few minutes each. The June trial netted over \$3400.

We ran the June trial about as efficiently as is humanly possible. Everyone pulled together to move the trial along without making competitors feel rushed.

### 2015 June Trial

Our June trial will take place at the Trapp Family Lodge Stadium Meadow over three full days, Friday morning June 12 through Sunday afternoon June 14. Our judge will be Becky Dean, and Val Duff will be our Trial Secretary.

The Committee decided to add a Team Tournament to our June trial in 2015. The 2015 USDAA Nationals, known as Cynosport World Games, will be in Tennessee, within driving distance for our competitors. The only way we can fit in five team classes is to start the trial on Friday morning and drop three of last year's classes. While we haven't yet decided the order of classes within each day, here are the classes we will offer by day:

#### Friday

Masters/Performance III/Veterans Standard  
Masters/Performance III/Veterans Gamblers  
Masters/Performance Challenge Jumpers  
Grand Prix  
Steeplechase/PSJ Rounds 1 and 2

#### Saturday

Masters/P/III, Adv/P/II, Starters/P/I Standard  
Adv/P/II, Starters/P/I Gamblers  
Masters/P/III, Adv/P/II, Starters/P/I Pairs Relay  
Team/PVP Standard  
Team/PVP Gamblers  
Team/PVP Snooker

#### Sunday

Adv/P/II, Starters/P/I Standard  
Masters/P/III, Adv/P/II, Starters/P/I Jumpers  
Masters/P/III, Adv/P/II, Starters/P/I Snooker  
Team/PVP Jumpers  
Team/PVP Relay

### Introductory Program Trials

We are planning four USDAA Introductory Program Trials at Wildwood Farm in Waterbury. They will be held on December 14, January 25, February 15, and March 8. Kit Erskine will be our judge, creating fun courses and a friendly atmosphere for all four trials. Intro trials are great for beginner dogs, and they are a wonderful training experience for more advanced dogs. We hope to see many NOMADers at these Intro trials. The dogs need to be at least 14 months old and registered with USDAA. Jump height requirements are very low. For example, a dog who is 21" at the shoulder has to jump just 12" in our Introductory trials. Dogs can jump higher if the handler wishes.

### NADAC TRIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2014 NADAC trial was held Aug. 16-17 at the Topnotch field in Stowe, VT. The Fri. night before the trial Caroline organized a free agility workshop for our club members. The goal was to get more interest in NADAC in this area. It was taught by Paula Goss and (Thomas and Pat Moloney-Harmon, Scott Casino and Diana Deadrick-Casino), who generously donated their time to do this. NAE donated use of the equipment for the workshop. By all accounts it was a success.

Ben Philibert was the judge for the trial. NAE (Northeast Agility Enthusiasts) provided trial secretary services and equipment rental. The Black Forest Café was the food vendor. Cindy Telley was the photographer.

This year is the first year that NADAC has an Intro level to be offered. We offered it for half the classes each day. We hoped it would draw new people to this venue. It also provided an opportunity for people with baby dogs to get their feet wet.

Unfortunately, I could not be there, but Caroline and everyone worked together and pulled off a successful trial. We made a profit of \$1500. We haven't made that kind of profit in along time, so that was good news.

I sent our date for next year's trial to be added to the NADAC event calendar. Aug. 15-16, 2015, the third weekend in Aug. We are looking for a trial chair or co-chair for next year. A couple of people have expressed interest in doing it.

I would like to give a big thanks to everyone who helped out at this trial!

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Clark, co-chair

### SEMINAR COMMITTEE REPORT – FALL 2014

The seminar committee coordinated 3 training opportunities in 2014:

- Seminar with Amanda Shyne – April 12-14, 2014
- Camp Nomad with Lo Baker and Amanda Shyne – May 30, 31, June 1, 2014
- Seminar with Tara Baggerman – November 15, 2014

#### Seminar with Amanda Shyne:

This 3-day seminar was held at Wildwood Barn on April 12, 13 and 14. Each session was a full day and was nominally labeled as Novice, Intermediate or Masters. There were 10 working spots available in each session. The working spots were filled with Nomad members except for one, which was filled by a nonmember. This was the first time Amanda had instructed for Nomad. She was extremely well received as she demonstrated an ability to adjust for each teams' skill level and strengths/ weaknesses.

#### Camp Nomad with Lo Baker and Amanda Shyne:

Camp Nomad was held at the wedding meadow at Trapp Family Lodge. The initial registration included a 2-day camp and was comprised of 20 working spots; at 2 skill levels (Beginner/ Intermediate or Intermediate/ Advanced). Over the 2 days each group (10 teams per group) worked with both instructors for one full day. Although the camp was designed as a two day camp, 2 teams could share the camp and work just one day each by coordinating their own registration. In addition, a half-day session was added on Friday for our "baby" dogs. Each instructor worked with a small group (4-5 teams) on Friday afternoon.

New to camp this year, an opportunity to learn human conditioning skills was presented by Tom Williams, a professional trainer; focused on making us stronger, quicker and hopefully less likely to injure.

Once again, Camp Nomad was well received. Both instructors demonstrate an extraordinary ability to tailor their instruction to the skill level and strengths/ weakness of the individual teams. Both instructors were asked back for 2015 Camp Nomad.

#### Seminar with Tara Baggerman:

This one-day seminar is scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> at Wildwood Barn. This is Tara's first time instructing for Nomad. The seminar consists of 2 half sessions, pre-novice and novice. The 10 working spots (5 per session) have been filled.

## Plans for 2015:

Spring Seminar April 11-12 with Amanda Shyne at Wildwood Barn  
Camp Nomad May 30-31 with Lo Baker and Amanda Shyne at Trapp Family Lodge.  
Fall Seminar: TBD

## NOMAD PRACTICE COMMITTEE REPORT OCTOBER 25, 2014

### Revised Practice Guidelines Vote

Kit has not been able to get a quorum vote by email on the revised practice guidelines. The steering committee is going to follow up on this and conduct a vote by email.

### League Report and Ideas for Next Year

League will continue this year. It will be held during the second time slot, 11:30-1:30 starting Dec. 8 and running for 8 weeks, with a break on Jan. 10 for the Amanda Shyne Seminar. Billie will not be scribing this year and the general consensus was to hold League Lite, with no scoring. This can be discussed further at the November 10 annual meeting. At the spring meeting it was agreed that the pre-pay fee for League is \$65.00 for the season (8 times), or \$10 a time for subs. It was requested that the USDAA venue next year include a pairs course. As usual, League will include two courses – a Standard and a Games – from each venue (USDAA, AKC, NADAC, CPE).

### Winter Practice and League

Winter practice begins at Wildwood Barn begins November 8. Practice is 9:00-11:15; League is 11:30-2:00. Once League is over run-throughs will be held from 11:30-2:00. Note: no practice or League on Nov. 1, Nov. 15, or Jan 10 due to seminars.

Club members at NOMAD spring meeting were in agreement to offer a winter season pass for practice and run-throughs for \$100 paid in advance. One-time fee is \$10/team.

### Summer 2014

Practices were held on Tuesday evenings throughout the summer following the recommendations in the unofficial practice guidelines. Attendance was moderate; approximately 165 visits (including season passes). A second weekly practice was added on Thursday mornings to provide additional training opportunities. These practices were “open” practices and did not follow any format. Attendance was light-- 21 visits over the summer (no season passes). Open discussion suggest at annual meeting about continuing Thursday morning practices.

### Summer Practice Income Report

Summer Income: \$950  
Summer Expenses: \$378  
Gross Income: \$572

## Winter Income & Expenses

### Income

Practice: \$840  
Run Thrus: \$190  
League: Sub income -- \$170  
Team income – \$560

### Expenses

Barn Rental: \$3,000 (does not include WW & Seminar Weekends)  
Christmas gift for Stephanie: ???  
End of year thank-you for Stephanie: \$100

**Net:** -\$1,340 (plus xmas gift)

## Summer Income & Expenses:

### Income:

Tuesdays: \$825  
Thursdays: \$125

### Expenses:

Mowing: \$378  
End of year thank-you for Roberta: \$100

**Net:** \$472

**Annual Net: -\$868 (plus xmas gifts -- -\$968 plus xmas gift)**

*Discussion at Fall meeting:* Nicki said that there had been a request for less communication with regard to who was attending practice on each Saturday. In the winter, if the facilitator cancels practice, it's cancelled because then we don't have to pay for barn. In the summer, Roberta agreed to have unfacilitated practice at her field. Lisa B. says practice guidelines are ambiguous because they say each practice should have a facilitator. Lisa M. says that means they don't *have* to have one.

Anyone who has an opinion about the additional Thursday morning practice in the summer should contact the practice committee with their comments.

## EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT November 10, 2014

Respectfully submitted by Roberta Dumas-chairperson

### Equipment Revival Party

The Equipment Revival Party was held on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Roberta's house. Many thanks go to Trudy, Kate, Melissa, Carla, Don, Patty, Judy F., and Val C. for spending 4 hours sprucing up our equipment. We had two power washers at our disposal this year and they worked great to remove all the barn dirt from the tunnels and the contact equipment. Don and Judy lightened our tunnel bags. The equipment and trailer was cleaned, the trailer was organized, and lots of jump bars were retaped. Thanks again to those who came to ensure our equipment is clean and well maintained!

## Equipment

The budget of \$805.00 was approved at the October, 2013 meeting.

### 2014 Expenses:

<i>New Equipment:</i>		<i>Repairs/ Maintenance:</i>	\$232.67
1 set cones	\$61.70		
3 tunnels	\$864.00		
Materials for new extended spread and ascending spread	\$489.86		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,415.56</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$232.67</b>
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1651.28</b>		
<b>INCOME (packing blankets)</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>		
<b>BUDGET AMT.</b>	<b>\$805.00</b>		
<b>BALANCE (deficit)</b>	<b>(\$806.28)</b>		

### Budget for 2015:

Equipment replacement expenses	\$500.00
Equipment cleanup/repairs	500.00
2 NADAC hoops	50.00
1 NADAC barrel	40.00
2 portable propane heaters	300.00
disposable propane canisters	200.00
<b>2015 BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,590.00</b>

At this time our A frame is without wheels on one end. If Max 200 can't remedy the problem to our satisfaction, then we will need to replace the current system with something that will better meet our needs. There are two different A frame movers available: the EZ Mover (what we used before the Max 200 wheels) at a cost of \$165.00 or the Move It with a cost of \$400.00.

We have purchased two small propane heaters for use during our seminars/workshops and will probably also be available for use during League/practices. More info will be coming to the membership regarding operation and storage of these heaters.

*Comments at Fall meeting:* twice the budgeted amount for equipment maintenance was spent in the past year; this year the committee has adjusted the budget to allow for more maintenance expense.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Dale Healey is the person who should receive membership renewals now. Also, Betsy Nye may be stepping down as the person who maintains the membership database. Information on the committee makeup will be sent out before renewals are due.

## CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Kelley Trombley had stepped up to organize the contributions this year. The nominations received from members were: Glen Highland Farm (border collie/mix rescue), Random Rescue

(run by former member Sam Puchar), the Emma Foundation in Milton (raises money for dogs with cancer), the Waterbury Dog Park, and the Morris Animal Foundation, cancer research in transitional cell carcinoma

Random Rescue received the most votes from the members present for this year's contribution.

## WEEKEND WORKSHOP COMMITTEE REPORT

### Committee Meetings

Committee has had three meetings since February 2014 to plan the Weekend Workshop objective and prepare a working budget

### Weekend Workshop Objective(s)

Become better dog agility handlers and trainers

To supplement the current NOMAD seminars and camp opportunities, offering multiple locally based professional training opportunities from November – April and a few during the summer months. The availability and willingness of instructors and the New England trial calendar will determine the frequency of Weekend Workshops.

### Structure of Weekend Workshop Training Sessions(s)

Two-Day Weekend Structure

AM session, 8:30 – 12:30 PM

PM sessions, 1:30 – 5:30 PM

5 participants per time slot

### Weekend Workshop Committee Organization and Registration of Workshops

Each Weekend Workshop will have its own organizational team

Weekend Workshop organization staff will be in charge of all organizational details (communicating with instructor, communicating with site owner, registration, payment, hotels, meals ...)

Detailed registration form, registration process and general details are available at ~ [http://www.nomadagility.com/?page\\_id=13](http://www.nomadagility.com/?page_id=13)

### Budget Details

The 2014 budget is based on two weekend workshops. One with Julie Daniels and one with Amanda Shyne.

Weekend Workshop Budget - 2014		
	Budgeted	Final
Instructor	\$3,600	\$3600.00
travel	\$350	\$350.00
meals	\$200	\$150.57
hotel	\$300	USD335.30
barn/field and p&p rental	\$800	\$800.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	USD5,250	USD4900.87
Working Members	USD3,470.00	USD3520.00
Supporting Members	USD1,475.00	USD1040.00
<b>Total Income</b>	USD945.00	USD0.00
	USD-250.00	USD-0.87

## Julie Daniels Seminar

Nineteen out of twenty participants attended the seminar. Five were supporting members.

**Feedback from Participants** - Mixed reviews ranging from cheerful, supportive, professional, useful information, best NOMAD seminar to worse seminar with generic information did not spend enough time running my dog. Most participants liked the half-day format and the size of the groups. Feelings were split on the cost, some felt it was ok and others felt it was too expensive. Reviews were also split on objective being met with some feeling like they were while others did not. Reviews were also split on attending another workshop with Julie.

**Suggestions for future workshops** included better time management, theme for the seminar i.e. contact equipment, fundamentals, focus on one thing rather than touching on many subjects, using a timer for equal turns. Also consider grouping of participants that match skill level a little closer.

**Feedback from Julie:** She thinks the format of half-day sessions is great and she was impressed to see so many new members as well as long-time members, which she thinks is difficult for some clubs to do. She suggested that in the future it might be fun to do topic-based workshops and she can offer suggestions. Julie would like to come back for future Weekend Workshops.

**Lessons learned from workshop and feedback** - timing of runs is important, remaining connected to your dog when talking with instructor (either leashing or crating if verbal is not possible). If necessary only 1 dog off leash at a time.

Provide instructor with training focus points before workshops. The short format does not allow for broad topics or deviation from topics. This will help the instructor plan ahead.

## Amanda Shyne Seminar

Nineteen out of twenty participants attended the seminar. Two were non-members, the remaining were working members.

**Feedback from Participants** - while the cost is still high they would still pay that amount to train with Amanda, the cost is in line with other workshops they travel to. We need to remind people to ask questions after a participant's turn is over and to ask questions in line with the working objectives of the seminar. Find a heated space. Love the format. Yes, to a timer but should stick to it. Did not get to do dog walk enough. In future would love to see drills with spread jump, dog walk and table.

Most participants liked the half-day format and the size of the groups. Feelings were split on the cost, some felt it was ok and others felt it was too expensive. Everyone felt that their objectives were met and they all agreed that they would take another seminar with Amanda. As in the Julie seminar there was a comment about skill level and groupings. The feel was that there was too much differential in the groups. This was not necessarily an issue with most participants and the Weekend Workshop committee has discussed this and will continue to think of options.

**Lessons learned from workshop and feedback:** there are plans to purchase two heaters for the barn. If it seems that the turns are running over time then maybe increase the duration of the turn.

## Summary of Participation

Both workshops had 19 out of 20 participants. The Julie Daniels workshop had 14 working members and 5 supporting members. The Amanda Shyne workshop had 17 working members and 2 non members. The total number of participants was 38 with 8 participating in both weekends. 28 club members participated in the two workshops and 2 non members participated. That is almost 50% of the club participating.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of working hours: The status of a member's working hours can make a difference when camp or a seminar is overbooked. We started tracking hours in an online database as a way of putting the burden on members themselves instead of on the membership or seminar committees. The point was made that there *is* a need to know which members have met their hours.

Sarah read comments submitted by Billie with her proxy regarding the tracking of hours and what activities would be counted toward hours. One controversial item was whether time spent traveling to a meeting or event should be counted. Members expressed views both for and against this; Lisa M. recommended that if someone felt very strongly about including it they should count their travel time.

Lisa M. will send out directions for how to use the database again. She made a motion for the club to continue tracking hours through the database. Motion was passed.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Abby spoke about a potential practice rental space in Montpelier; she may be talking with a person connected to this space in the near future and wanted to clear this with the club. It would need matting and some other changes to be useable. Lisa M. asked her to continue gathering information and come to the steering committee with any proposals.

### ELECTIONS:

We needed to fill three Member-at-Large vacancies on the steering committee; nominations were:

Kelley Trombley (one-year term to expire 2015)

Jen Hammond (two-year term to expire 2016)

Marty Abair (two-year term to expire 2016)

A motion made to ask the secretary to cast a vote for the entire slate; the motion passed and the new members at large were elected.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Albert, Secretary

# BRAGS

## Nov. 1-2 BARK, USDA, Manchester N.H

### Malia and Caroline

Masters Pairs \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q  
with Bingo and Chris Frado  
**P-ADCH**

Masters Gamble \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q  
**GAMBLERS CHAMPION**

Masters Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
**STANDARD CHAMPION**

Masters Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Super Q  
**SNOOKER CHAMPION**

Masters Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
**JUMPERS CHAMPION**

Masters Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ Super Q

## Nov 28-30 All Dogs USDA, Manchester N.H

### Lynne von Trapp and Brill

Masters Pairs \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q  
with Barbara and Huck

Steeplechase \_\_\_\_\_ 7th and Q  
in spite of getting lost on course

Masters Pairs \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q  
with Wendy and Charlie

Masters Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q

### Lickity Split

18" Grand Prix \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and a Bye

Steeplechase Rd 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

18" Masters Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and a Super Q  
57pts

Masters Relay with Jiff \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd and Q.

Masters Challenge Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Q

### Willie and Judy Frey

Performance III Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q

### Lola and Judy Frey

Starters Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Place & Q

Starters Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Place & Q

Starters Pairs \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Place & Q  
with Lily and Elise Moodie

Starters Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Place & Q

Starters Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st Place & Q



Malia and Caroline



Merry Christmas from Malia, Fin and Caroline

### New Dog Members

**Lisa Barrett's** new girl **Jive** is now a NOMAD member. Jive is 8 months old and is BC/Cattle Dog mix. Welcome **Jive!**

Please welcome **Don Denette's** young Mini Aussie "**Smitty**" "Smitty" is a young lady of 10 months.

### New Team Members

We have a new NOMAD Working Member: **Terri Fischer**, and **Tekka**.

Her mailing address is: 2022 Quimby Mtn Road, Sharon, VT 05065. Her phone is 802-763-8523 and email address is [agileone@doglyz.mm.st](mailto:agileone@doglyz.mm.st).

## 2015 MEMBERSHIP FORM

I know the new membership form hasn't gone out yet, but I've started receiving some using last year's form. We are working on getting the new one out to the list shortly (with a couple of small changes to help with keeping info up to date), but in the meantime, if you do send one before then, please note that my address has changed since last year.

I'm am now at (Betsy Nye) **17 Stannard Drive instead of 25 Stannard Drive**. The rest is the same (all the fun of moving a household, but only four doors down). The person in my old place is not always 100% excited about bringing mail down to us, and I don't want anyone's check to get lost.

If you've sent one already, please email me privately just so I can confirm that it gets here. I've got Ann Ramsay and Don Denette already. Otherwise, please bear with us for a few more days, and we will get the new form out to the list, and to Caroline for the next newsletter as well.

Thank you!

Betsy



Thank you to all my friends in NOMAD for the nice plaques which are awarded for championship titles. Ruby, Delilah and I all enjoy having these reminders of many good runs together.

Virginia Besthoff

## USDAA INTRODUCTORY TRIALS

Steph asked me to let you know that there is a blind cocker spaniel living at the house before hers. He's only 6 and does great, but please be aware of his blindness, in case you see him outside unleashed.



*Koda Magneto of Little Igloo Kennels, passed away in August at 8 years young. A heart felt thank you to all my NOMAD friends for your infectious enthusiasm, unwavering support and wealth of knowledge that you shared with both of us. Looking forward to rejoining you all in the future,  
Joanne Lawton*

### DIMENSIONS OF WILDWOOD BARN

For anyone who might be facilitating a practice, the barn is, for practical purposes, 70' wide by 120' long.

### 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

**Treasurer:** Linda Ladd, vtladds@comcast.net

**Secretary:** Sarah Albert, sarah@vtlink.net

#### Members at Large

Jen Hammond, hammondjal@gmavt.net

Marty Abair, corgitown@yahoo.com

Roberta Dumas, ilvcallie@comcast.net

<http://nomadagility.com>

Does your green dog need some trial experience in an atmosphere that isn't overwhelming? Intro Trials are designed to meet that need. Does your experienced dog's performance deteriorate at trials? Brush up on those skills and surprise the dog with a toy in a trial atmosphere!

**NOMAD is holding four USDAA Introductory Trials at Wildwood Farm in Waterbury Center. The trials will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on December 14, January 25, February 15 and March 8, 2014.**

Kit Erskine will design the courses and be the friendly, supportive judge in all four trials. Entry forms and test schedules will be available under Event Calendars at [USDAA.com](http://USDAA.com) and [NOMADAgility.com](http://NOMADAgility.com).

Intro trials offer straightforward courses, your choice of jump heights and A-Frame heights from extra-low to high, an informal, supportive atmosphere, and lots of fun. Ask someone who has attended an Intro Trial in the past!

For handlers who want to train in the ring and reward with toys, dogs can be entered FEO ("For Exhibition Only"). Less experienced dogs and handlers can run for Intro Qs, rosettes, and titles. Most of our Intro Trials have only 10 to 15 dogs in each of four classes. The smallness of the trials creates a very informal atmosphere which can create a great experience for everyone.

Does your green dog need some trial experience in an atmosphere that isn't overwhelming? Intro Trials are designed to meet that need. Does your experienced dog's performance deteriorate at trials? Brush up on those skills and surprise the dog with a toy in a trial atmosphere!

Any dog that is at least 14 months old can enter these trials. Entries close about a week before the trial date.

We can use as many volunteers as we can get. Come see what Intro Trials are like and help us gate, time, scribe, build courses and set bars.

If you have any questions about these trials, email Lisa Barrett at [mytmutts@yahoo.com](mailto:mytmutts@yahoo.com).



## 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.

### December 2014 Schedule

	9 – 11:15am	11:30am – 2pm
Dec. 6	Skills Practice	League
Dec. 13	Skills Practice	League
Dec. 20	Skills Practice	League
Dec. 27	Skills Practice	League

# SEMINAR WITH AMANDA SHYNE, APRIL 10, 11 & 12 2015

## AT THE WATERBURY BARN

### AMANDA'S BIO:

Amanda Shyne has been competing in dog agility for 10 years. She and her Border Collie Dilly were the 2007 and 2009 USDAA Northeast Regional Grand Prix of Dog Agility winners in the 22" class. The team was also a USDAA Dog Agility Steeplechase finalist at the Cynosport World Games in 2008 and 2009, and a USDAA Grand Prix of Dog Agility finalist at the World Games in 2007, 2008, and 2009, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2008. At the 2010 AKC National Agility Championships, Amanda and Dilly won the AKC International Jumpers class and the combined International Jumpers/Standard class.

Amanda is a tenured professor of Psychology at Bridgewater State University in Massachusetts and teaches classes in statistics, learning, dog evolution, and animal behavior. She is a frequent agility seminar presenter and can be contacted at [amandashyne@gmail.com](mailto:amandashyne@gmail.com).

### SESSION SCHEDULE:

Friday, April 10, 2015 1–5 pm Prenovice/Novice (5 teams)  
Saturday, April 11, 2015 9 am–5 pm Intermediate (8 teams)  
Sunday, April 12, 2015 9 am–5 pm Masters (8 teams)

### COST AND PAYMENT POLICY

#### Friday Session

\$110 for working members;  
\$154 for supporting members\* and nonmembers

#### Saturday/Sunday Sessions

\$137.50 for WM; \$192.50 SM and nonmembers.

\*membership status is based on 2014.

Payment must be made in full with your registration. Full refund for members if you withdraw before February 28, 2015. No refunds for withdrawals after the closing date of February 28, 2015, unless the working slot is filled by another team or you have a bitch that comes in season. If you cannot attend and the closing date has passed, check with the registration coordinator to establish if there is a waiting list. If there is no waiting list, you are responsible to find someone at the appropriate level for the assigned group to fill your spot in order to receive a refund. Keep the registration coordinator informed.

**As always, Nomad members may audit for free. Nonmembers may audit for \$25.**

### REGISTRATION DATES and POLICIES:

**February 2, 2015 Opens for Nomad members.**

**February 28, 2015 Closing Date.**

**(no automatic refunds after this date)**

**March 7, 2015 Opens for Nonmembers.**

Registrants will get a place in the seminar based on the order of postmark; beginning with February 2, 2015. All registrations postmarked prior to February 2 will be considered postmarked

on February 2. If more registrations postmarked February 2 or earlier than available working spots are received, they will be accepted in the following order of priority (Each session will be considered separately):

- First: Working and supporting members in 2014
- Second: New Nomad members in 2015.
- Third: Any member wishing to take a second session with the same dog
- Fourth: Any member wishing to take a third session with the same dog
- Fifth: Nonmembers
- If there is a tie for available working spots, a random drawing will determine the outcome.

Registrations postmarked after February 2, 2015 will be accepted in order of postmark. If the working spots available for any session is exceeded on any one postmark date, registrations with that postmark will be accepted based on the priority listed above.

**If you would like to attend multiple days, please fill out separate registration forms and send separate checks. If you are registering the same dog for multiple sessions, indicate your session preference by writing a number (1, 2, 3) next to the session.**

**Seminar with Amanda Shyne. April 10, 11, & 12, 2015.**

**Mail Registrations to Billie Marsh, 110 Napper Rd, Westport, NY 12993.**

**Checks payable to "NOMAD".**

YOUR NAME/DOG'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SESSION (circle one):

Friday (Novice) Saturday (Intermediate) Sunday (Masters)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*WAIVER, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND AGREEMENT TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS. I understand that there are a variety of risks to me and my dog from attending NOMAD activities. These risks include, but are not limited to: getting hit by a car, bitten by a dog, tripping and falling, spraining ankles or breaking bones. Understanding these risks, I voluntarily and knowingly waive any right I (and others on my behalf) might otherwise have to make any claim against any member or officer of Northern Magic Agility Dogs, Inc. (NOMAD) and/or any other person or entity connected with NOMAD activities (including, but not limited to, the owner or lessee of any property used by NOMAD) for any and all injuries or damage related to any NOMAD event*