

NOMAD NEWS

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

JUNE

2015

CAMP NOMAD



Saturday, Keeping fair-skinned Amanda out of the hot sun. Tent made by Lisa M, I heard.



photos by Lynne von Trapp



Keeping Amanda warm on Sun. 45 degrees and rain. Note fashion statement with neck gaiter.

Vermont Weather—from hiding from the sun to fleece



CAMP



photos by Marty Abair



*Maxine's future stars in training:
Lilli and Harley*

NEW SUPPORTING MEMBER

NOMAD has a new Supporting member! Please welcome Maryellen Sullivan and her dog Toby. Toby is a 4 year old Lab/Hound mix. He and Maryellen have been taking classes on and off for two years with Randi Barrett and some private lessons with Lisa Barret. Welcome to NOMAD Maryellen and Toby :-)

Her mailing address is: P.O. Box 727 Stowe, VT 05672

Her home phone: 802-253-9612

Her email address: mcslaw@att.

BRAGS

May 2-3, NAE NADAC, Dummerston VT

Malia and Caroline McKinney

16" Elite Regular _____ 1st and Q
16" Elite Jumpers _____ 1st and Q
16" Elite Tunnelers _____ 1st and Q
16" Elite Regular _____ 3rd and Q

Fin and Caroline

20" Novice Jumpers _____ 1st and Q
20" Novice Regular _____ 1st and Q

May 16th & 17th, NEAT USDAA trial, Sanderson Field, Greenland, NH

Lynne von Trapp and Brill

Steeplechase Rd. 1 _____ 5 & Q
Steeplechase Finals _____ 3rd
Masters Snooker _____ 2nd and SQ
Masters Gamblers _____ 3rd & Q

May 23-25, NEMASC CPE Trial, Muddy Paws, Westminster, VT

Marty Abair and Mickey

L1 Standard 8" _____ 1st and Q
L1 TITLE
L2 Jumpers 8" _____ 1st and Q
L2 Jackpot 8" _____ 1st and Q
L2 Snooker 8" _____ 1st and Q
L2 Wildcard 8" _____ 1st and Q
Proud of my boy

Judy Kessler and Monte

Wildcard, L5, Enthusiast, 20" _____ 1st & Q
Jumpers, L5, Enthusiast, 20" _____ 1st & Q
Snooker, L5, Enthusiast, 20" _____ 1st & Q
Snooker, L5, Enthusiast, 20" _____ 1st & Q
Full House, L5, Enthusiast, 20" _____ 1st & Q

Minna played at Level 2 as a 12" Specialist and qualified twice. She's amazing me by running fast and happy at 13 y.o.

June 5-7, Agility Dogs of the Adirondacks, CPE, Westport, NY

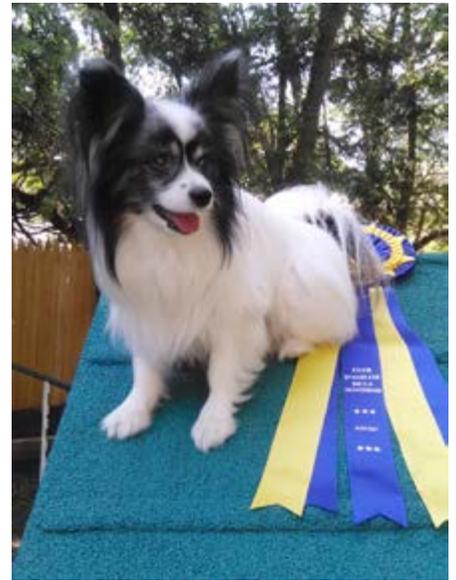
Judy Kessler and Monte

Wildcard, L5, Enthusiast, 20" _____ 1st & Q
Standard, L5, Enthusiast, 20" _____ 1st & Q
Colors, L5, Enthusiast, 20" _____ 1st & Q
Snooker, L 5, Enthusiast, 20" _____ 1st & Q
Full House, L 5, Enthusiast, 20" _____ 1st & Q

Minna crashed into a jump in her two runs on Saturday. I was beginning to worry that she was having trouble seeing. However, on Sunday she ran twice and qualified twice with no problems jumping. So, she gets to play again.

Maxine and Sundancer AAC ATCh-C

We travelled to the Monterege AAC agility trial near Montreal and in the pouring rain Sundancer and I managed to achieve the last Q needed for his AAC: ATCh-C Title. Last year we travelled to Canada on several occasions and each time it poured rain. This occasion was no different except the field was well drained and we didn't have to slog through a foot of mud and water. The course was European style with lots of tricky push backs and throw behinds and all that "stuff" but we finally got it. We were totally drenched but very happy! Sundancer is now: **ATCh-C ADCH SCS JCS GCB MACH SUNDANCER MXB, MJS, MXF, TMB, EJC, EAC, ACC**



June 7, CATS USDAA, W. Swanzey NH

Fin and Caroline

P I Standard 16" _____ 2nd and Q
PI Pairs - 16" _____ 2nd? and Q
with Trevor and Bill Young
PI Gamblers 16 " _____ 1st and Q



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

Kelley Trombley, kelly@therunningdog.net

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NOMAD PRACTICE PHILOSOPHY, FORMATS, AND GUIDELINES

Note: These guidelines were revised in the spring of 2013. They were unofficial until accepted by a quorum of three-quarters of the membership. NOMAD President Lisa Marcus announced at the Spring 2015 membership meeting that this quorum approval had been achieved and the revised guidelines are now the current official NOMAD Practice Guidelines.

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.

NOMAD SUMMER PRACTICES

From the Practice Committee

Summer Practices have started! They are held at Roberta Dumas' field (54 Leary Rd, Jericho) on Tuesdays 6:00-8:00 PM and Thursdays 9:00-11:00 AM. (Thank you, Roberta!) Directions to Roberta's are on the NOMAD web site: http://www.nomadagility.com/?page_id=17

The rates are the same as last year:

- Anyone can attend any practice for \$5/team. If you want to run two dogs you pay \$10 or you can pay \$5 and split your ring time between the two dogs.
- Season passes are \$45.00 per team. A team may attend one session of choice per week (Tuesday eve. or Thurs morn.). Any additional session in the same week is \$5/team. A member can run two dogs on one season pass by splitting the ring time between the two dogs.
- If a member wants to work two dogs separately, or regularly attend 2 sessions/week with one dog, that member may buy two season passes for \$45/each.
- If a member wants to attend practices above and beyond what a season pass allows per dog, the cost is \$5/team per session. The deadline to purchase a season's pass is 6/30/15.

As per the Practice Guidelines, the first week of each month is Novice Practice - a novice course with lowered contacts and channel weaves. Both novice and more advanced dogs are welcome.

There are two formats for practice - sequences/course and course. Please read the revised Practice Guidelines in this newsletter for a full description of these formats. The Tuesday practice group generally alternates weeks of course practice (1st and 3rd weeks) and sequences/course (2nd and 4th weeks). When there is a 5th week, course practice will be the default format but can be flexible depending on the group's preference. The Thursday group generally does course practice each week. We encourage facilitators and practice groups to be flexible in their format to meet the needs of those attending each practice session.

Volunteer facilitators are needed. Facilitators bring a course map and organize the practice session. Kate Carter has volunteered to facilitate the Tuesday practices whenever she is going to be there. (Thank you, Kate!) Trudy Lyon-Hart will call for volunteers for the Tuesdays that Kate will not be there. Maxine Holmes will coordinate facilitators for the Thursday practices. If you would like to facilitate a session, please let Maxine or Trudy know.

The 2015 Practice Committee currently consists of the following:

- Kit Erkin (chair) agilehounds@aol.com
- Maxine Holmes holmes_maxine@yahoo.com
- Elaine Rossi hannahjean7@aol.com
- Patty McMahon pjmca@gmavt.net
- Trudy Lyon-Hart tlyonhart@yahoo.com

If anyone else is interested in joining the committee, or if you have questions or suggestions, please email any of us privately. We hope everyone has a great summer of practices, trialing, and just having fun with your dog(s)!

Practice Schedule

The first Tuesday of each month is Novice day and it is a course day.

June 2nd: Course: Novice

June 9th: Sequences

June 16th: Course

June 23rd: Sequences

June 30th: Course

July 7th: Course: Novice

We need facilitators!! Thank you Kate.

AUGUST 15-16

SAVE THE DATE" FOR OUR NADAC TRIAL

NOMAD Spring Meeting

May 18, 2015 at 7 pm Richmond Congregational Church

Committee Reports & Minutes

Present: Kit Erskine, Kelley Trombley, Roberta Dumas, Lisa Barrett, Patti McMahon, Lynne von Trapp, Judy Frey, Marty Abair, Dale Healey, Abby Bruce, Melissa Carter, Ann Ramsay, Nicole Houghton, Jen Hammond, Trudy Lyon-Hart, Maxine Holmes, Don Denette, John Marcus, Lisa Marcus, Elaine Rossi, Betsy Nye, Linda Ladd, Sarah Albert

Proxies: Karen Clark, Caroline McKinney

Fall Minutes: minutes from the Fall 2014 meeting were approved.

FINANCE: Linda Ladd presented the financial reports; at this point in the year we're \$2500 in the red, but we don't have trial revenue yet. We're pretty much where we expect to be at this time of year. She emphasized that people shouldn't send her checks without including the form indicating where the money should be allocated; the form can be downloaded from the website.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE, submitted by Marty Abair, Judy Frey & Betsy Nye

On May 12, 2015, Betsy Nye, Judy Frey & Marty Abair met to conduct an audit of NOMAD's financial records for 2014. They chose the two months in which the most activity took place—June and August—to review. All receipts were reconciled with the ledger and everything was in order.

USDAA COMMITTEE REPORT, submitted by Lisa Barrett, Committee Chair

Since the last report, we had 4 Intro Trials scheduled over the winter. Very cold weather caused us to cancel the January and February trials.

We had MUCH lower attendance at our Intro Trials this year. The committee will need to decide whether to continue these Intro Trials, and how many to hold.

We are on track for our three-day USDAA Trial Friday June 12 through Sunday June 14 at the Trapp Family Lodge. We will be at a new site at the Lodge this year, and we will need everyone's help in adjusting to the new site. The ring will be absolutely flat (yay!), and we'll have more electric outlets, but the bathrooms and electricity will be farther away.

Additional notes from meeting: if we decide to hold intro trials next winter, it would make sense to do them in early December or later March.

NADAC TRIAL COMMITTEE REPORT, Jen Hammond

Jen reported that the site & judge for the August trial are settled; food vendor and assignment of other duties are still being decided.

SEMINAR COMMITTEE REPORT, submitted by Lynne von Trapp

Amanda Shyne's January Weekend Workshop was well attended and well received, in spite of bitterly cold temps.

Tara Baggerman's February Weekend Workshop was well attended and well received.

Amanda's Spring Seminar in April was well attended and well received.

CAMP NOMAD will be held May 29-31, 2015 at the Trapp Family Lodge Wedding Meadow with instructors Amanda Shyne and Lo Baker.

Schedule:

Jump Commitment Friday 8-12 and 1-5; 2 groups of 5 teams taught by Amanda Shyne

Pre-Novice/Novice Friday 1-5; 1 group of 5 teams taught by Lo Baker

Novice/Intermediate 10 teams Saturday 9-5. Sunday starts at 8:30 with 45 min. of Human Conditioning with Tom Williams

Intermediate/Advanced 10 teams Saturday 9-5. Sunday starts 8:45 Human Conditioning with Tom Williams

Cost for Working Members

Friday afternoon: \$131 (4 hours for 5 teams)

Saturday and Sunday: each \$131 (7 hours for 10 teams) \$262 for 2 days

Cost for Supporting Members and Non-members

Friday afternoon: \$183

Saturday and Sunday: \$183. \$366 for 2 days

There is no subsidy.

People may share the weekend days and need to organize it themselves, with each taking a full day at the same level.

The budget includes Tom Williams' human conditioning session.

The Weekend Workshop Committee disbanded after its Feb. workshop with Tara Baggerman. Most members of the committee will join the Seminar Committee and continue the workshops.

Fall Seminar 2015: The Seminar Committee will invite **Tara Baggerman** for the Novice Seminar.

Jessica Ajoux will give a Weekend Workshop August 22/23.

Amanda Shyne will give a Weekend Workshop October 10/11. Both will be at Roberta Dumas' field.

Miscellaneous

At the February 2014 meeting, it was agreed by the committee to guarantee a working spot for those who host the instructor since it is great savings to the club, not to mention the hospital-ity element. For Camp 2014, it was also agreed to guarantee a working spot for the individual accepting the registrations on a trial basis. The committee agreed the registration task is no different from other tasks members perform for the club and the extra benefit may be unfair and will not be endorsed in 2015.

The priority list used for working spots in seminars and workshops was discussed in regards to handlers registering for multiple sessions with either the same dog or different dogs. The current practice is that same handler with different dog team has the same priority as those with only one dog. However, the same handler and same dog team registering for multiple sessions are lower priority for the 2nd or 3rd session than those registering for one session. The committee agreed to keep this priority and revisit at a later date.

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The committee agreed that membership status for determination of individual cost for seminars and workshops will be based on the prior year.

A reminder for all seminars and workshops: in order to be considered on the wait list, individuals must send in registration form and a check.

Additional notes from meeting: Stephanie was very grateful for the support shown to the rescued horses at her barn and also for the gift certificate she received at the end of the season.

Update from today's seminar meeting: someone needed to pick up instructors' lunches during camp and help coordinate ring setup.

NOMAD PRACTICE COMMITTEE REPORT: we don't currently have a committee chair. Currently Kit & Trudy are the only members of the committee. Kit spoke about how league had gotten more informal. He would prefer a more competitive structured approach. Saturday attendance has dwindled and there was a question as to whether the Saturday practice—as opposed to the midweek practice—should be stopped. Lisa stated that we can go in whatever direction we want, but it's more effective if a robust committee addresses the issues to bring to the membership. Linda noted that the practice committee also determines summer practice, not just the barn sessions. Robert asked on which night the summer practice would occur. Judy moved that we continue to hold summer practice on Tuesday night, which was approved by the group. Lisa asked Trudy & Kit to try to rejuvenate the committee and set up a schedule to work out these issues. Don moved that we also have practice on Thursday morning from 9–11; this was also approved. Linda asked about practice finances; this still needs to be determined by the committee.

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT, submitted by Roberta Dumas

At the November 2014 annual meeting, a budget of \$1,590.00 was approved. At this time one new portable propane heater and several bottles of propane have been purchased.

We also purchased one NADAC type collapsible barrel and miscellaneous materials for equipment maintenance. Our total expenditures as of May, 2015 is \$3,13.39. That leaves a balance of \$1,276.61.

We were able to return the old Max 200 Aframe wheels and received a credit for \$280.00. This credit was used to defray the cost of replacing the Max 200 wheels with something that better fit our needs. To replace the wheels, we purchased a Move It Aframe mover that seems to have solved our problem of moving the Aframe in the deep barn dirt. The cost of the Move It was \$447.75. However, the money to pay for the Move It did not come from our current budget. It came from the special equipment fund that was formed from the sale of used equipment last year.

Moving Equipment

The equipment was moved from the barn in Waterbury to Roberta's on Friday, May 8. Several NOMAD members helped load the trailer and Judy F. did the hauling.

Equipment Revival Party

The equipment revival party was held this past weekend, May 16 at Roberta's house. Several NOMADers attended to help get the equipment cleaned and repaired for the upcoming summer/fall season.

Judy F. and Patty – cleaned tunnels and tunnel bags

Ann and Maxine – retaped weave poles

Kelly, Don, and Elaine – cleaned jumps and other equipment

Caroline and Melissa – refilled new sandbag inserts into lots of bags

Roberta – power washed contact equipment, swept out trailer, organized, and delegated

It's amazing how quickly the dirt is washed off the contacts with a power sprayer! The contact zones are yellow again! It only took us three hours to get all of this done and that was with a lunch break. Thanks to all who helped out!

Additional notes from meeting: Kit noted that our practice tunnels are getting shabby and some have holes, which could be a hazard to dogs catching a nail in one. He stated that with the amount of money in our account there's no need to economize when there's a safety concern. Roberta will look into getting replacement tunnels. Elaine had brought a sled to barn practice this winter to carry tunnel bags and it worked very well.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Betsy & Dale reported that it was at ±60 members, all but 4 or 5 had renewed from last year.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS: Kelley said there's nothing happening at the moment.

DEMONSTRATION COMMITTEE: Lisa would also like to see this re-instated since we do get requests from time to time, but since people are trialing on weekends it's difficult to organize.

JUNIOR HANDLER OUTREACH: we no longer have a committee for this, but it would be good to have a presence where young people could learn about getting started in agility.

OLD BUSINESS: ad hoc committee formed at Fall meeting to look at budget questions. Lisa received a lot of financial information from Linda that she sent to Trudy & Kit, but they haven't progressed further; they'll report back in the future.

Lisa announced that the club's practice guidelines were—finally—formally approved and are now part of the club's bylaws.

Trudy asked whether hours spent in organizing the mid-week practice are eligible toward our work hours. They are, since the mid-week practice is a club activity, although it didn't fall under the practice committee.

NEW BUSINESS: we need to appoint a nominating committee. Several positions are expiring this year; we need to stagger them in the future so that not all the terms end in the same year. The steering committee will determine what the terms will be in the fall election. Kit, Ann & Lisa B. volunteered to be on the nominating committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Albert, Secretary

Mail your registration form(s) to:

Ann Ramsay
93 Lost Nation Road
Essex Jct VT 05452

OMD Weekend Workshops with Jessica Ajoux

At the Field House, Shelburne VT

Fine tune your agility handling with top trainer Jessica Ajoux. Jessica will help you and your dog become more connected teammates. Want to find out about OMD from the best? Come learn from 1 of only 6 US instructors. For more information about Jessica please visit her website at: <http://www.readygoagility.com/#home-section>

Saturday August 22

8:30 - 12:30 and 1:30 - 5:30

Saturday Morning: Novice - foundations

Saturday Afternoon: Advanced/Masters – techniques

Sunday, August 23

8:30 - 12:30 and 1:30 - 5:30

Sunday Morning: Advanced/Masters - handling to improve focus, team confidence, increase drive

Sunday Afternoon: Novice - The Next Step - building confidence, independence, and drive

Each workshop is limited to five working teams.

\$125 per team for working NOMAD Members; \$175 per team for supporting NOMAD Members;

\$175.00 per team for non-members; NOMAD members may audit for free.

Registration opens on July 6th for working and supporting members.

Registration opens on July 13th for non-members. Registration closes on August 7th.

Registration & Information policies are available at http://www.nomadagility.com/?page_id=13

Please send separate registration forms and checks for each session you would like to attend.

Indicate your session priority by writing a number (1, 2, 3, 4) in the box next to a session.

Complete the registration form below and return with full payment to secure your enrollment.

Please refer to our Weekend Workshops Schedule, Registration & Payment Policy document on our website for complete information.

No refunds made after closing date. Make checks payable to NOMAD.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday Aug 22 Morning Session	<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday Aug 22 Afternoon Session
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Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Email: _____

Dog's Name: _____

Dog's DOB: _____

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.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed name: _____