

# NOMAD NEWS

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

NOVEMBER

2015

## SEMINAR WITH AMANDA SHYNE, December 5 & 6 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 believes in motion based handling systems. As a long time Linda Mecklenberg follower she has had an easy time transitioning to the One Mind Dog system and loves teaching students the new techniques.

Amanda is a tenured professor of Psychology at Bridgewater State University in Massachusetts and teaches classes in statistics, learning, dog evolution, and animal behavior. However, her passion is teaching agility. Recently she began teaching agility online. Information about her online classes can be found on her website [Datadrivenagility.com](http://Datadrivenagility.com)

### SESSION SCHEDULE:

#### Saturday December 5:

Pre Novice/Novice 8:30 to 12:30. Adv/Masters 1:30 to 5:30

#### Sunday December 6:

Advanced/Masters 8:30 to 12:30. Pre Novice/Novice 1:30 to 5:30

Groups of 5 per 1/2 day session. Lunch is on your own.

### Cost and Payment Policy: \$125 for Working members \$175 for Supporting members

Payment must be made in full with your registration. Full refund for members if you withdraw before November 15. No refunds for withdrawals after the closing date of November 15, 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:

October 13 2015: Opens for Nomad members.

November 1 2015: Opens for Non-members.

November 15 2015: Closing Date. *(no automatic refunds after this date)*

Registrants will get a place in the seminar based on the order of postmark; beginning with October 12, 2015. All registrations postmarked prior to October 12 will be considered postmarked on opening date. If more registrations postmarked by opening date 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 or a second dog.

Fourth: Non members

Registrations postmarked after October 13 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 or 2) next to the session.**

Mail Registrations to: Ann Ramsay 4 Carmichael Street Suite 111  
Box 125, Essex Junction VT 05452 *(please note this is not a PO Box)*

Seminar with Amanda Shyne. December 5 & 6 2015.

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DOG's NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SESSION (circle one):

Saturday 8:30 12:30 Pre-Nov/Novice \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday 1:30 to 5:30 Adv/Masters \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday 8:30 to 12:30 Adv/Masters \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday 1:30 to 5:30 Pre-Novice Novice \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

# NOMAD FALL 2015 MEETING

Attendees: Lisa Marcus, John Marcus, Judy Kessler, Abby Bruce, Lynne von Trapp, Kelley Trombley, Elaine Rossi, Judy Frey, Carla Dunbar, Kate Carter, Caroline McKinney, Don Denette, Patti McMahon, Roberta Dumas, Tatjana Salcedo, Jennifer Kachajian, Marty Abair, Jen Hammond, Betsy Nye, Lisa Barrett, Kit Erskine, Linda Ladd, Sarah Albert

**Proxy votes sent in by:** Ann Ramsay, Karen Clark, Nicki Houghton, Patricia Nolan, Pam Patunoff

Meeting began at 6:00 pm.

Minutes: Minutes from the Spring 2015 membership meeting were approved.

## Charitable Contributions:

Kelley received three nominations for this year's charitable contribution: Morse Animal Foundation, Heidi's Haven (Sheila MacGregor), Vested Interest in Canines (provides bullet-proof vests for police dogs). A clear majority of those present voted for Vested Interest in Canines.

## Financials:

Linda cautioned that the financials were only through the month of August and that there would be a couple adjustments: a payment to Trapp Family Lodge for the NADAC judge ( $\pm$ \$100) and field rental for the USDAA trial (\$1,000).

We had budgeted \$950 for summer practice but the actual income to date is much lower, so Linda doesn't want to use the same figure for next year's practice budget. Lisa M. said that if we shorten practice time on Saturdays, the barn rental will be less. Lynne suggested that we use the actual numbers from this year as the budget numbers for next year. Discussion of this item was tabled pending Kit's arrival at the meeting.

## Equipment Committee Report, October 12, 2015

**Roberta Dumas, chairperson**

### Equipment Revival Party

The Equipment Revival Party was held on May 16th at Roberta's house. Many thanks go to Caroline, Melissa, Maxine, Don, Patty, Ann, Kelly, Judy F., and Elaine for spending 3 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 \$1,590.00 was approved at the October, 2014 meeting.

2015 Expenses:

#### New Equipment:

cones \$35.95  
3 tunnels \$718.00  
collapsible barrel \$9.53  
propane heater \$150.99  
Aframe mover \$447.75  
EZ up tent \$299.00

TOTAL \$1,661.25

#### Repairs/Maintenance: \$133.09

TOTAL \$133.09

TOTAL Expenditures \$ 1,794.34

BUDGET AMT. \$ 1,590.00

BALANCE (deficit) \$ -204.34

Budget for 2016:

Equipment replacement costs \$ 600.00

Equipment maintenance 300.00

2 NADAC hoops 50.00

disposable propane canisters 50.00

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2015 BUDGET TOTAL \$1,000.00

It has not been determined at this time when the equipment will be moved to Wildwood barn in Waterbury for winter practice.

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The equipment budget went over by \$200 because of the purchase of new tunnels. Several older tunnels are being sold to members; Patti drew name slips from a group of those who said they would buy a tunnel: Kelley got the blue tunnel, Elaine got the pink, and Jennifer the yellow. The red tunnel is in bad condition and no one wanted it—it will go to recycling.

Roberta says that the breakaway tire is faded & cracked, and that she's budgeted for a new one. We discussed getting new tunnel bags; some prefer low profile bags because of the speed of dogs going into tunnel; Max200 has a pad that goes between strap and tunnel to cushion the ribs and prevent wear.

The trailer was inspected and it needed two new tires.

We can move the equipment to the barn in Waterbury any time now: Roberta will post a date for the move, which will be sometime in the next two weeks.

## NOMAD Seminar Committee Report, October 1, 2015

**Lynne von Trapp, Co-chair**

The Seminar Committee, now combined with the Weekend Workshop Committee, offered six training opportunities in 2015:

January: Seminar with Amanda Shyne – 2 days – Wildwood Barn

February: Seminar with Tara Baggerman – 2 days – Wildwood Barn

April: Seminar with Amanda Shyne – 2 days – Wildwood Barn

May: Camp NOMAD with Lo Baker and Amanda Shyne – 2.5 days – Trapp Family Lodge Meadow

August: Seminar with Jessica Ajoux – 2 days – Shelburne Field House

Coming up: December 5/6 -- Seminar with Amanda Shyne – 2 days – Wildwood Barn

Camp offered pre-novice through Masters, and all seminars offered levels from novice to masters. Camp and seminars were well received and well attended. Instructors Tara Baggerman and Jessica Ajoux, taught seminars for NOMAD for the first time, brought new

*Fall Meeting continued*

approaches and fresh insights. The Shelburne Field House was an excellent location for the August seminar. It's available for weekend seminars only in the summer.

The Weekend Workshop seminar format – 2 sessions per day with 5 teams in each session, rather than 1 full day session for 8-10 teams -- was very effective. The Seminar Committee is planning future seminars and camps with this format.

**Plans for 2016:**

Spring Seminar: March 26 and 27 at Wildwood Barn. Instructor TBA  
Camp Nomad: Memorial Weekend May 27-29 (Fri/Sat/Sun) with Amanda Shyne and a second instructor TBA -- at the Trapp Family Lodge Stadium Meadow.

Additional seminars are planned for March, July, September, and possibly December.

Instructors to be considered:

Jessica Ajoux, Tara Baggerman, Laura Dolan, Karen Holik, Kayl McCann, Tracy Sklenar, Amanda Shyne

The Spring Seminar was changed from our usual date of the second week in April because potential instructors are attending the Mid-Atlantic Regionals now being held that weekend in Pennsylvania.

Lisa Barrett and Lynne von Trapp will co-chair the seminar committee in 2016.

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Lynne noted that when sessions are shortened to a half day with 5 teams, the price is the same as an all-day seminar with 10 teams. The reason for this is that the time an individual team gets from the instructor should be the same in both cases and the shorter time span eliminates the "mid afternoon slump" of an all-day session.

There was discussion of how to fill out forms in various situations, such as applying for multiple workshops to be sure of getting a space when the intention is to take only one. Lisa B. said that they'd revised the language on forms endlessly, and that it was impossible to cover all situations.

It was also noted that if a member chooses not to be on email list they should be in contact with someone else in the club who can convey news to them, since that's the way most club events get announced.

**Financials, continued:** With Kit's arrival the discussion of the practice committee's budget continued. Kit proposed that in the coming year all practice sessions be free of charge. The income that the club gets from both winter & summer practice is not substantial and this would be a real benefit for members. This proposal was met with approval by those present and Linda will adjust the budget to reflect the new policy. Wednesday practices will continue, as before, as an activity outside of the club and will be paid for by the participants.

**Practice Committee:** The financial discussion segued into a Practice Committee report. Kit will be the barn liaison for the coming winter; he wants to know what people would like to do on Saturday mornings. From the responses he received over the listserve, it's apparent that there is little current interest in league. The first year we held league it was enormously popular and well-attended; this may be the case again at some future time, but there is little

point in holding it now. We agreed to shorten the Saturday barn session to 9:30-12:30. Attendees are expected to arrive in time to set up and stay to help put equipment away. Whether it's run-thrus with a single dog or working with multiple dogs on sequences, Kit repeated that it will be up to the attendees to determine what they'd like to do on Saturdays. People asked that the format for Saturday be published on the listserve so they could know whether they wanted to come that week.

**USDAA Committee Report, October 2015**

**Lisa Barrett**

Intro trials: last winter we scheduled four Intro Program trials at the Waterbury barn. Because of intense cold weather and very low entry numbers, two of the Intro trials were not held. One was canceled, and the few competitors scratched their entries from the other. The two Intro trials we held were very small but had the fun, friendly, supportive atmosphere we sought. The net income from Intro trials was \$57.74. We have decided not to hold Intro trials in 2016.

June trial: The June trial was a resounding success in every way. Everyone seemed to love everything about the trial, including the site, the judge, the glorious ribbons, the food vendor, the rapid course builds, and the friendly, supportive atmosphere which has become NOMAD's "trademark." This year we added five Team Tournament classes and expanded the trial to three full days. We netted \$5,028.34.

For 2016, our judge will be Tom Kula. The trial will move across the road to the Trapp Family Lodge "Stadium Meadow."

-----end of submitted report-----

Everyone loved the site we had this year but there's a large wedding scheduled there this year, so it's not available; in a future year it may be available.

**NADAC Committee Report, 2015 August Trial**

**Jen Hammond**

Our August trial had an income of \$5,248.49 and our trial expenses were \$4995.91. We ended up with a net profit of \$252.58, this is thanks to Erin for waving some of her fees and expenses. Everyone at the trial really enjoyed the new judge, Bernie Doyle. The Top-notch Field costs were increased from previous years and would have been even more but we negotiated a lower rate. If this trial continues, we may need to find another field to hold the trial. NOMAD as a club will need to evaluate whether we will continue with a NADAC trial. There are options to bring in a little more income per trial if we add some of the new classes. I spoke with Erin about this and she has some ideas. We had a total of about 475 runs over the weekend.

-----end of submitted report-----

Jen corrected her report at the meeting, saying that because of Linda's announcement about needing to pay the judge's TFL costs, the trial profit is now lower. Topnotch field was \$400 more than last year and other services such as trash are being charged. Roberta noted that field where the new Waterbury flea market is being held is very large and may be worth exploring.

Jen isn't chairing the trial next year and no one else is interested. Caroline has done it in the past several years, but says if the interest isn't there among membership and we're losing money on trials it may be time to stop. If no one steps forward we won't host the

trial. Lynne thinks that a major advantage of NADAC is being able to train in the ring. Linda will renew club's NADAC membership, but we may not have a trial in 2016.

### **CPE Committee (verbal report at meeting)**

Marty looked at the CPE event calendar and the best available weekend for us next year is August 27-28; Kim Ingraham still has the last weekend August/1st weekend Sept. reserved. Billy generously shared information with Marty on trial financials and it looks as if we could more than break even the first year, even with the added start-up expenses of CPE ribbons ( $\pm$ \$2,500). No special equipment is required for CPE. Kit remarked that a CPE trial would be death for the NADAC trial.

However, support exists in the club for a CPE trial and we voted to ask Marty to continue planning for a trial next year.

**Ad hoc budget committee:** nothing to report at this meeting.

### **Membership Committee Report**

**Submitted by Judy Kessler**

NOMAD has, according to my count, 71 members. This includes all family members. We have 13 supporting members, 5 supporting families and 5 working families. Six people joined NOMAD this year, three of whom joined so recently that they don't have to pay dues this year.

Betsy Nye is retiring as the person who maintains the membership data base. Thanks to her for a great job after the last several years. Billie Marsh will be taking her place and will have the new membership form out as soon as it is approved.

Dale Healy continues doing an excellent job as the person who receives new member and new dog applications.

I continue to do practically nothing as chair.

-----end of submitted report-----

Kate asked whether we could get an updated membership list for the next newsletter instead of waiting for all membership renewals to come in. Betsy will send it to the listserv.

A discussion of **listserv manners** followed, with several members noting their pet peeves; the resulting summary of email etiquette for everyone using our listserv:

1. **Sign your emails!**
2. **Respond directly to the individual instead of to the entire list; you can do this by scrolling to the bottom of the message and clicking on Reply to Sender.**
3. **Change the subject line to be appropriate instead of carrying an old and irrelevant subject line forward.**
4. **Limit emails to those that state something substantial, rather than "me, too." (unless someone is polling for yes/no answers on a particular issue)**

### **Outreach committee**

Lisa M. asked whether anyone was interested in reviving the committee? Could be as simple as contacting someone to suggest they come to watch practice. Where is the best place to reach new members? Posters in schools? We would need to let people know all the places where they could take lessons. Junior handlers get membership at a reduced rate but if their parents aren't also in agility it will be difficult for them to get to practices. Demonstrations go along with getting the word out about agility, but now that people are trialing every weekend it's difficult to get people together for a demo.

### **Election of officers**

The nominating committee (Lisa Barrett, Kit Erskine, Ann Ramsay) submitted a slate of officers:

President: Jen Hammond (two-year term to expire 2017)

Vice President: John Marcus (one-year term to expire 2016)

Secretary: Judy Kessler (two-year term to expire 2017)

Treasurer: Linda Ladd (one-year term to expire 2016)

Member at Large: Tatjana Salcedo (one-year term to expire 2016)

Member at Large: Kelley Trombley (one-year term to expire 2016)

The secretary cast a vote for the slate, followed by all present voting to accept the slate of officers. It was noted that the terms of all three members-at-large would expire next year.

### **Awards**

Don Denette presented four plaques to members who earned championships in the past year:

Lisa Barrett and Giddyup, PAD

Kit and Lickity Split, ADCH

Judy and Monte, CT-ATCH

Maxine and Suni, ATCHC

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Albert, Secretary

# TIME TO RENEW NOMAD MEMBERSHIP

## NOMAD Membership Annual Renewal – 2016

Due by December 30, 2015

### PLEASE CHECK TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Working Member (20 hours of club-related activity)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35 Working Family

\_\_\_\_\_ \$75 Supporting Member

\_\_\_\_\_ \$85 Supporting Family

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Jr. Handler (under 17)

All new members who joined after June 30, 2015 are exempt from 2016 dues but must return this form.

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Working Members: Working hours will no longer be recorded on the renewal form. Please document your working hours on The Nomad Volunteer Tracking Google Sheet.**

**I would like to join (or continue on) the following committee(s)** (descriptions on page 2). Indicate any/all committees on which you wish to serve for 2016 even if you were on the same committee(s) last year. Committees will be asked to select a chairperson from among their members shortly after January 1, 2016

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NADAC Trial Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> USDAA Trial Committee          | <input type="checkbox"/> CPE Trial Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee  | <input type="checkbox"/> Practice/Lessons Committee     | <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seminar Committee     | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach/Jr. Handler Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Facility Committee. |

**Sign the liability waiver below and send this form along with your check payable to "NOMAD" to: Billie Marsh, 110 Napper Road, Westport, NY 12993**

**Please provide any updates or changes to the information requested below. If nothing has changed, then leave blank. If you have new dogs to join, please send that information to Dale Healy using the form that is on the NOMAD website (nomadagility.com).** If you no longer have a dog, please indicate below.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Deletions to dog members \_\_\_\_\_

### Liability Waiver

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 \_\_\_\_\_

# BRAGS

## Sept 11-13 Riverside USDAA , N. Smithfield RI

### Giddy-Up and Lisa B

PIII Pairs: \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd and Q

#### MASTERS PAIRS TITLE

8" PSJ Rd 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

8" PSJ Rd \_\_\_\_\_ 1st

8" PGP \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q and bye

PIII Pairs \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd and Q

8" PIII Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

#### MASTER GAMBLERS TITLE

8"PIII Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and superQ

#### MASTERS SNOOKER TITLE & PDCH

8" Masters Challenge Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q



Lisa and Giddy

*En route to Cynosport  
Here's Giddy practicing her 2o2o on a trail  
at Mammoth Cave National Park yesterday.*



## 9/27 USDAA All Dogs Gym, Manchester, NH

### Kim Ruben and Captain

P1 20" Gamblers \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q

P1 20" Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd and Q

P1 20" Pairs \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q

P1 20" Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q

### Marty and Kirby

P2 pairs \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd and Q

with Sara McDonald and Sophie

### Marty and Mickey

P1 Gamblers 8" \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

P1 Jumpers 8" \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

### Jennifer and Milo

26" Starters Pairs \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

26" Advanced Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q



Captain



*Sept. 26 - 27, Stockade, USDAA, Glenville, NY  
Brill with Masters jumpers and Masters  
Snooker title ribbons.*



Jennifer and Milo

## 10/10-11 BARK, All Dogs Gym, Manchester, NH

### Malia and Caroline

P3 Snooker \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Super Q

P3 Standard \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd and Q

P3 Jumpers \_\_\_\_\_ 1st and Q

## NEW DOG MEMBER

Our newest dog member is **Harley**. He is **Maxine's** new Papillon boy. He has been in training to play agility for 5 months. He has had the equivalent of 12 weeks of agility training in addition to basic obedience training. Please welcome Harley!

## NOMAD's Steering Committee

Contact them if you have questions or suggestions.

**President:** Jen Hammond, hammondjal@gmavt.net

**Vice President:** John Marcus, John.Marcus@uvm.edu

**Secretary:** Judy Kessler, judith.kessler@uvm.edu

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

### Members at Large:

Marty Abair, corgitown@yahoo.com

Tatjana Salcedo, gutetatjana@gmail.com

Kelley Trombley, kelly@therunningdog.net

<http://nomadagility.com>

# Saturday Practice at Wildwood Barn

## Saturday practices at Wildwood Barn are free this year.

Practice starts at 9:30 and goes to 12:30. This includes set-up and take-down time. Weeks will alternate between Course Work (one dog in the ring at a time) and Skills/Course (two or more dogs in the ring during skills).

The first Saturday of each month is Novice day, which includes a Novice course and one dog in the ring at a time. Advanced teams are encouraged to attend Novice days.

Course work means a course is set up, and teams can do whatever they want with their individual time in the ring, whether it's working specific aspects of the course, or running the course.

Skills/Course means the first half of the practice is working specific drills such as contacts, weaves, obstacle discrimination, jump configurations, crosses, etc. Two or more dogs might be working at the same time in the ring (on separate sequences, of course, not over the same obstacles at the same time!). The second half blends the skills set-ups into a course, and one at a time, teams can run the course or work on specific obstacles within the course.

## November

- 7 Novice course work (one dog at a time in the ring)
- 14 Skills/course (two or more dogs at a time during skills)
- 21 Course (one dog at a time in the ring)
- 28 Skills/course (two or more dogs at a time during skills)

## December

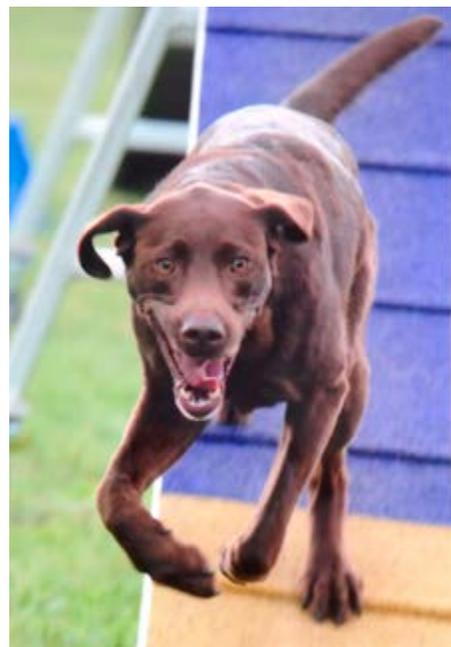
- 5 & 6 Weekend Workshop with Amanda Shyne
- 12 Skills/course (two or more dogs at a time during skills)
- 19 Course (one dog at a time in the ring)
- 26 Skills/course (two or more dogs at a time during skills)

## IRON DOG

Milo and Jennifer participated in their 3rd Green Mountain Iron Dog. We both really enjoyed the beautiful early autumn weather, challenging course, and the company of fun people out to challenge themselves a bit and have fun with their dogs. by Tatjana Salcedo



photo by Tatjana Salcedo



Moxie in the yellow

