

NOMAD NEWS

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

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NOMAD'S USDAA TRIAL

A GREAT DESCRIPTION FROM JOHN MARCUS

I am still in awe of what we did this weekend. The USDAA trial committee had some challenges leading up to the trial trying to fine tune our new location at the TFL. Our club president had epic struggles trying to get and keep a food vendor. The weather forecast was less than ideal, we did not have a food vendor for Friday and Sunday, and we were concerned about impacting another event taking place at the Lodge. Sunday morning we awoke to the sight of a competitor tent about 30' above the ground in a tree, and all the club tents and the trial secretary's tent crumpled on the ground from high winds. Fortunately we had disassembled the dog walk and laid it on the ground the night before so it was unscathed. The mood was somber, I recognized that feeling from my professional work following natural disasters or significant property losses. I know that every person was thinking about cancelling the trial and going home. The big team event was only 3/5 complete and everyone was in limbo.



As club members and competitors arrived they began to pitch in and help us salvage what we could and put things back in order. With rain falling (or rather going sideways) there was no place for scorekeeping or the judge to get out of the elements. We pulled an RV in to where the tents were and made that the trial secretary/scoring/judges tent. Actually it was a little bit of an upgrade from a tent. There was

a tiny bit of shelter for Jen's amazing worker snacks and TFL hot coffee. It was too windy to pull any awnings out or put up any EZ ups for protection. We had to stake down or sandbag all the jumps so they would stay in place. Our judge Tom Kula and NOMAD friend Mark Wirant were very helpful in adjusting the courses and still staying within the rules. We had a briefing, we had walk-throughs. Our club members and competitors stood out in the rain and gated and ring crewed and timed and scribed and ran leashes. Every class had enough workers. We finished the team events and three levels of Snooker, just as advertised. We built and ran Starter's Jumpers. I turned around to look for someone to start taking equipment apart and putting it away and it was already done, Roberta, Judy F and Nicki had loaded everything we weren't using into the trailer. After Starter's Jumpers there were no more competitors left who wanted to run in the rain and mud. Everyone pitched in and packed up everything efficiently and we all went home to hot showers.

All weekend long I had more help than I had work to do. Every time I turned around someone was offering help. If you are on Facebook you are reading what a good time everyone had. It was cold, it was windy, there was no shelter Sunday, it rained a lot, the footing got slippery, we had to cancel our pot luck BBQ on Saturday, BUT everyone had a great time. This is entirely due to the "can-do" attitude of the club members who were there. Thank you so much for making it a very special weekend for me and my baby dog and especially for our agility friends throughout New England (and Bermuda) who look forward to this trial every year. Now leave me alone I need another hot shower.



From Kathy Clement (last 5 lines added by Jelinda Pepper), to the tune of "My Favorite Things";

Wind whipping walkthrus
And mud sloppy shoes
Real soggy scribe sheets
That the wind tries to lose
Hoping to not fly like the tents near the ring....
These are not really our favorite things.

"When the wind blows
When the rain flies
When I'm feeling sad
I simply remember that my doggy Q'd
And then I don't feeeeeeeel so bad!"

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June 10-12 Nomad USDAA Stowe

Don and Maggie

masters Gambler _____ Q

Don and Smitty

Starters Gamblers _____ 1st, Q

Starters Snooker _____ 1st, Q

Theses were Smitty's first usdaa Qs and though she certainly acted like a novice dog on her other runs these were fun and tight for a youngster

Keith Bellairs and Keeno

played in our first Nomad and first USDAA trial at Trapp Family Lodge.

Starters Standard Q and 2nd

Starters Standard 2nd.

Malia and Caroline

P3 Standard _____ 2nd and Q

PSJ Rnd 1 _____ 1st and Q

New Title certificate arrived in Mail:

Performance Standard Champion - Bronze

Fin and Caroline

actually got a Q in P1 pairs

mostly a mess but nice Snooker at the end

In the mail

Starters Performance Standard and Performance Dog

NOMAD NADAC Trial, Aug. 20-21

The premium will be out any day.

There are food vendors both days!

We need helpers. Will be sending out an email to the committee.

Sure hope Nomaders will participate in this trial.

Randi

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June 10-12 CPE Nationals, Springfield, OH

Tatjana Salcedo and Max

LC Fullhouse _____ Q
LC Standard _____ Q
LC Wildcard _____ Q
LC Standard _____ Q
LC Snooker _____ Q

Our very first nationals experience was a hazy, hot and humid one, but we had a lot of fun and Max was willing to work in some tough conditions for a husky. Who could ask for more from their partner?



June 18 & 19 Stockade Agility, Glennville NY

Kit and Jaxx

Starters Gamble _____ 1st and Q
with 54pts. We hit all our contacts too!
Sunday Starters Gamble _____ 2nd NQ
We negated the Gamble in the Opening but
got it. 33 pts in the Opening:
Snooker: Saturday 3rd and 18 pts.
Sunday: BIG FAT ZERO! :)
Steeplechase Rd 1: not too shabby but
too many dropped bars to make finals. 3rd
fastest course time with fixing the weaves.
Jumpers: Saturday 2nd NQ
Sunday 2nd NQ

June 18 & 19 NAE NADAC Dummerston VT

Malia and Caroline

Elite Weavers _____ 1st and Q
Elite Regular _____ 1st and Q
Elite Jumpers _____ 1st and Q
Elite Chances _____ 1st and Q
Elite Regular _____ 1st and Q

Fin and Caroline

Fin will be renamed "Jesus Christ". Fortunately I was not sent out of the ring.

June 19, High Goal Farm, Southern Adirondack Agility Club's AKC trial

Jennifer K and Milo

Novice Standard and Open JWW Titles
adding a few letters to his name "Milo
Broadcreek's Ringo Starr Kachajian NA NAJ
OAJ." Very proud of Mr. Milo.



Due to a conflict the Amanda Shyne July 30/31 seminar has been canceled. She is still scheduled for September 10/11.

If anyone has any questions they can contact
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