

NOMAD NEWS

Northern Magic Agility Dogs

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2004 INAUGURATION OF BFZ CLUB.

Membership is involuntary and unintentional. There are no meetings and no committee work.

This is an elite but humble group for which you just might qualify in your next Snooker game. Any one at any level can qualify. All you have to do is score a Big Fat Zero in snooker. No one ever forgets how and when they earned it. It happens when your dog knocks a bar or runs around the first jump and takes an obstacle before you can call her/him to the second red jump. The whistle blows and you've scored a big fat zero.

Charter members of the group are Randi Barrett, Fran Bartholomew, Don Dennette, Catherine Drollette, Judy Kessler and Lynne von Trapp.

We give them away to those who earn BFZs at our trial and we sell them for \$20 at away trials.

Elicia Calhoun, Ginsey St Croix, Melanie Berends, Dianne McCormack, and Andy Hartman are among the elite yet humble, T shirt wearing BFZ club members.

BRAGS

June 3, NSDTRC, High Goal Farm

Kim and Captain

Open Preferred 20" JWW ____ 1st and Q
 Open Preferred 20" FAST ____ 1st and Q
 (even with Kim running on a broken toe).

June 3, Nova Scotia Duck Toller Retriever AKC Trial, High Goal Farm, Greenwich, NY

Marty and Mickey

Novice Preferred JWW 8" ____ 1st and Q
NOVICE PREFERRED JWW TITLE!!
 Novice Preferred FAST 8" ____ 1st and Q

Marty and Kirby

Open Preferred FAST 8" ____ 2nd and Q

New Dog Member!

NOMAD has a new dog member!

Erica Ferland's Golden boy **Muppet** is our newest member.

Welcome Muppet!

Max and Tatjana Salcedo C-ATCH



Almost exactly two years ago Max and I competed in our first CPE agility trial in Westport NY. Today, 120+ q's later we've achieved our C-ATCH on a fast, fun snooker run! The day before we qualified on a tricky jackpot in which only three dogs in the whole class qualified. Heading off to nationals tomorrow with a lot of momentum. :-)) but no matter what happens next Max will always be my champion!

Jennifer Kachajian

I'm bragging that six month Six is still adorable ;)



NOMAD's First CPE Trial will be held August 27-28 at Farris Field in Waterbury. Judge will be Doreen Lucius.

Premium is available on the CPE website: k9cpe.com.

Not Agility but great recognition for two of our members.

2014 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – AL & PAM PATUNOFF

Pam (Miller) Patunoff obtained her first Weimaraner, Am. Can. Ch. Bruno von Fieldfeather, CDX (Bret) in 1968. Bret, a chance-bought first dog, taught her the essentials of the breed standard. Bret finished with back-to-back specialty wins, and was a group winner with 51 breed wins. Pam continued her love of showing and was taken under the wing of her mentor, Dorothy Remensnyder. Pam's Breinar line began in 1976, with Am. Can Ch. Breinar Johannes, NSD (Hannes). In 1980, Pam and Al were married. They purchased a dog from John and Diane Archibald as a mutual wedding gift to each other and, as a result, the Weimaraner team of Al and Pam Patunoff began.

Since that time, they have together owned, trained, showed and bred dogs that have been outstanding examples of the breed (Am. Can Ch. Breinar Freedom Hills Isis, BROM and Am. Can. Ch. Breinar Maker's Mark, BROM). Additionally, they have combined Pam's knowledge of the breed and Al's programming expertise to unselfishly support efforts of the Yankee Weimaraner Club and the Weimaraner Club of America.

A. WCA BROM/FROM Database Programming

Prior to 2008, the Breed Register Of Merit (BROM) database and the WCA's dog database were kept in different programs. The BROM system was in dBase and the WCA's dog database (created by Dorothy Derr, recording Weim titles going back to the 1960's) was kept in PFS File, a DOS based program no longer supported by Microsoft. The two databases needed to be merged but it presented a programming nightmare for the WCA.

Al came to the WCA's rescue and re-wrote the old BROM system from dBase to a web based system using ASP.net and a SQL database. He spent many hours (possibly as many as 1000 hours) writing the program and completing the merger with the PFS File records at no cost to the WCA. (It should be noted that this type of programming would have cost the WCA a fortune.)

It took several months during 2008 and 2009 in the creation of the new program, troubleshooting it and merging the WCA dog data from text files pulled from PFS File. Duplications needed to be identified by dog names and AKC numbers and missing information was filled in as much as possible for the over 10,000 dogs in the databases. Screens had to be set up for maintaining and editing the records. Programming had to be completed for the intricate calculations needed for the BROM. The result is a very accurate database which now holds information on almost 20,000 Weimaraners.

Al's valuable and appreciated service continues today with programming updates and trouble shooting. Thanks to Al, the WCA's dog database now resides in a secure, online server. It is an invaluable resource for the WCA.

B. Dog Show Catalog Program

In order to support Judy Colan's notion that the Yankee Weimaraner Club could self-superintend their own shows in a more organized fashion, Al Patunoff graciously accepted the challenge (at no cost to Yankee) of writing a computer program that would allow for input of all show catalog information, sort required information by class and print catalogs without the assistance of MBF (or any other agent), thus increasing organization of the event and profitability for the club. Pam assisted Al with her knowledge of the details that go into the show catalog and judging program making it a seamless process once data entry is completed by the show secretary. As a result, Yankee's profits did increase and in turn the WCA benefited through Yankee's donations to various funds over the years.

The program was then donated for free to the WCA's National Show Committee who used it for nine National Specialty Shows (and their associated regional specialties,) earning the WCA a net profit of over \$85,000. Prior to using the catalog program, the National Specialties consistently showed a net loss. The program has also been donated for use by other local Weimaraner clubs.

The Lifetime Achievement Award Rules specifically call out that "the qualifications for this award must transcend the mere ownership of an outstanding dog, victories in competition or engaging personalities that have made individuals highly recognizable. The candidates chosen will be those individuals that have made it happen through their sustained efforts and personal sacrifice of time and labor. Their contributions must be of the magnitude that they would be recognized as the architects of the foundation on which the foundation of the Weimaraner of today and tomorrow stands."

In short, Al and Pam Patunoff are quiet individuals who have made unselfish contributions utilizing their knowledge and skills for the betterment of the breed and for the benefit and profitability of the WCA as a whole.

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