

Karen Holik seminar April 15 & 16 at Cloverfiled Farm

We have nine participants in Novice/Adv and one audit.
Adv/Masters is full with one audit and no wait list.

For Novice/Advanced we have

Lisa Marcus with Radd,
Lisa Barrett with Jive,
Linda Ladd with Cinna,
Dale Healy with Shasta, Marty Abair with Maddie,
Robin Magee with Syn,
Kit Erksine with Jaxx,
Kim Ingraham with Lyra,
Pam Patunoff with Heather.

Our audit is Dave Marteinson from Sherbrooke.

For Adv/Masters we have

John Marcus with Jake,
Robin Magee with Sprint,
Jen Hammond with Jess,
Caroline McKinney with Finn,
Lynne von Trapp with Brill,
Anne Hopkins with Seaya,
Pam Shattuck with Flirt,
Randi Barrett with Moxie,
Pam Patunoff with Connor,
Kit Erksine with Jaxx.

Our audit is Nancy Dashaw (and Judy Kessler)

Please see page 4 for suggestions for Seminar Etiquette

The Spring Membership Meeting

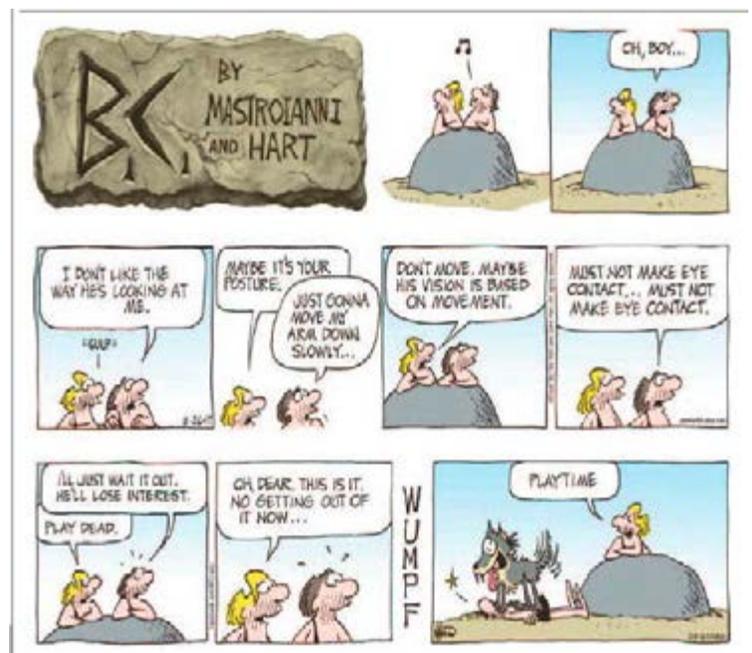
April 27th at 6pm in Richmond

(MOST LIKELY THE LIBRARY
BUT WE WILL CONFIRM PRIOR TO THE MEETING).

On the agenda will be

1. Spring Committee Reports (brief reports)
2. Audit Committee Report
3. Discussion on equipment purchases for CPE and USDAA.
4. Financial update 2016 and 2017 to date.
5. Volunteers for Nominating Committee - we have three seats coming available in the fall (President, Secretary, and 1 yr term Member at Large).

Each committee should have a brief report prepared for the meeting. Please send your reports to Judy Kessler - Judith.Kessler@uvm.edu by Thursday the 20th.



SHARING

If you read this newsletter and this section, I hope you will notice that I have changed the heading here. I would hope that this section could be where we can share our successes. Each of us may have a different definition of "success", so maybe you might share some trial success that is not a Q. Or breakthru at a seminar. I would love to put that in. I have added comments that some of you made under your Qs. And if you have a suggestion for the title above, please let me know.

UKI AND TRAINING IN THE RING

I've come to appreciate UKI trials this fall and winter. I love the courses, but even more, I love the fact that on any course in any class you can declare you are running Not For Competition (NFC), make up your own course, and practice whatever skills you want to work on during the SCT. Silent toys are allowed.

Initially, it's surprisingly hard to remember that you don't have to run the judged course and can design your own course for training. I've even forgotten to declare NFC. In that case, I got tooted off the course by the judge when I started to train. It's a rule they strictly enforce.

Recently Brill and I went to a UKI trial at Follow the Leda, Tara Baggerman's training facility. It's just north of Saratoga, NY. The drive is easy, and the training center has indoor turf, heated crating space, and fun people. It was all the more fun since other NOMADers — Lisa Barrett, Judy Frey, Nicki Houghton, and Ann Ramsay — were there, too.

Brill and I practiced contacts on Saturday and competed on Sunday, where Brill won and Q'd in 4 out of 5 classes. Practicing in a trial setting was definitely worth the trip and class fees. Working on contacts also helped my handling skills.

In case I've piqued your interest, the next UKI trial is Saturday, April 1, at Clean Run in Chicopee, MA. The trial will be fun, and the shopping outstanding! Yes, you can shop the CR warehouse in your free time. UKI events are posted on www.ukagilityinternational.com/ <<http://www.ukagilityinternational.com/>> LynneFor the newsletter:

February 26, Follow the Leda UKI, Ganesvoort, NY

Lynne von Trapp and Brill

Novice Jumpers 1 _____ 1st and Q
the only dog of 17 to Q
Novice Jumpers 2 _____ 1st and Q
Novice Speedstakes _____ 1st and Q
Novice Agility _____ 1st and Q

BARK Feb. 10 & 11

Rio & Kathy F.

Steeplechase 20" _____ 1st
Masters Gamblers 20" _____ 2nd
Masters Pairs 20" Q _____ 3rd
Masters Snooker 20" _____ SUPER Q 1st

Slider & Kathy

Perf. Speed Jumping 20" _____ Q 1st
PII Gamblers 20" _____ Q 1st
PII Snooker 20" _____ Q 2nd
PII Pairs _____ Q 1st and

P-AAD

PIII Standard 20" _____ Q 1st

BARK March 3 & 4

Rio & Kathy

Masters Gamblers 20" _____ Q 2nd
Masters Standard 20" _____ Q 1st and

MAD

Masters Gamblers _____ Q 1st

Master Champion Gambler Title

Masters Snooker _____ SUPER Q 1st

Slider & Kathy

PIII Gamblers 20" _____ Q 1st
PIII Pairs 20" _____ Q 1st
PIII Standard 20" _____ Q 2nd
PGrand Prix 20" _____ Q 2nd

March 5 USDA BARK Trial, Manchester, NH

Maddie had her agility debut last Sunday at the BARK trial at All Dogs in Manchester. Mickey finished off his P1 Title too. I couldn't be prouder of my kids!!!

Marty and Maddie

Starters Snooker 16" _____ 1st and Q
Starters Standard 16" _____ 1st and Q
Starters Gamblers 16" _____ 2nd and NQ
Starters Jumpers 16" _____ 2nd and NQ

Marty and Mickey

P1 Standard 8" _____ 1st and Q

P-AD TITLE!!!!

March 18, BARK USDA trial, Amherst NH

Kit E and Jaxx

Starters Snooker: _____ 1st and a Q
Starters Pairs _____ 1st and a Q
Our first run of the day was Starters Jumpers...we left two bars up :) and did the course in 16 seconds! SCT was 37 sec.

We had a lot of fun!

Malia got mail at the end of the year:

Performance Gamblers Champion - Bronze
Performance Snooker Champion - Bronze
Performance Jumpers Champion - Bronze
Not even sure what they represent but they are pretty certificates.



An example of Misc. Class:

USDAA Section 1's Miscellaneous Classes for Training in the Ring

Posted Date: July 28, 2016

Coach Rachel Sanders discusses the benefits of the new rule amendment to allow the scheduling of training Miscellaneous Classes during regular competition events.

by Rachel Sanders

As an agility coach and competitor, I see the struggle some teams have as they transition from training to competition. I was really pleased that USDAA made a rule amendment to allow the scheduling of training Miscellaneous Classes during a regular competition event.

Section 1 I've been an advocate for training in the ring for many years and believe we do a huge disservice to our dogs when we are not able to support them in a competition environment. Training in the ring is not just about correcting our dogs for a missed contact, but more of a way to motivate and build confidence in our young dogs. Using toys to motivate a dog, repeating a sequence or obstacle and rewarding a correct or faster performance is hugely beneficial and in line with current training practices.

Along with my friend Eileen Harnedy, I recently formed RACE, a USDAA affiliated group. At our second show in May, we scheduled two miscellaneous classes for the purpose of training. Rather than scheduling these classes at the end of each day, I wanted to schedule them into the body of the show where they could best achieve some real benefit for the dogs. The training class on the first day, was scheduled between the Masters/PIII Gamblers and PGP/GP classes. I used the Masters Gamblers course and replaced one jump with the table. On the second day, the Miscellaneous Class was scheduled after Biathlon Standard and again a jump was replaced by the table. The course was not numbered and each competitor was given 60 seconds.

One of the success stories of these classes was a dog in the 14-inch jump height who was having a hard time with the down on the table, (currently required in Standard) and the teeter. The dog recently had a bad experience on a teeter at a trial where the teeter had not been assembled properly. This dog and handler are students of mine, and had a great,

confident teeter performance prior to this incident. They were unable to confidently perform the obstacle even in training after this incident. We worked through some of the issue in training, but he would still not complete the teeter or table in competition.

During these miscellaneous training classes, each time he completed the teeter he was immediately rewarded. The second time over the obstacle, the dog was faster than the first, rewarded again, and the third time a jump was included prior to the teeter, and again he was rewarded.

The same process was applied with the table. When the dog went into a down, he was rewarded. The table and down were repeated with another reward, and then an obstacle was added prior to the table and again he was rewarded after staying in the down for a couple of seconds.

Note: the dog was rewarded inside the ring with a toy and occasionally ran with the handler out of the ring where the dog was rewarded with a food treat. After which they returned to the ring to repeat the obstacle. All of this occurred within the 60 seconds permitted.

During the weekend, this handler and dog team qualified with a first place in both Starters Standard classes, as well as Starters Snooker and Jumpers.

This is the Miscellaneous Class description for our 2016 Thanksgiving USDAA Event.

RACE will be offering miscellaneous classes for the purpose of training. The course will be unnumbered and will include all equipment.

Audible toys and training aids will be permitted UNLESS due to high entries we must run the miscellaneous class concurrently with another class.

Food treats will only be allowed in the Miscellaneous Class on Sunday.

Maximum time permitted on the course is 60 seconds. The time will start after the dog crosses the start line OR if training a start line stay, when the handler starts to return to the dog or rewards the dog.

Any harsh or abusive handling is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate dismissal from the ring and shall be subject to disciplinary actions pursuant to Appendix C of the USDAA Official Rules & Regulations.

This class is open to all levels. The cost of the class is \$10.

If due to entries the class must run concurrently with the other ring it will be supervised by Rachel Sanders or Kate Moureaux.

At our first RACE show, we had 25 Starters/P1 competitors, many new to agility competition. I firmly believe that scheduling these training classes at local USDAA events will benefit these dogs training and their competition experiences. In addition, they contribute to the growth of USDAA events and agility in general, something that benefits us all.

Rachel Sanders

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RACE USDAA Club

New Member

Please welcome a new working member, **David Mooney** to NOMAD. David's agility partner is **Otto**, an 11 month old Australian Shepherd. David and Otto have taken obedience classes and are now taking agility classes at Show Me The Biscuit. They have been in training for the past 6 months. David has expressed interest in working on the seminar committee. Welcome David and Otto!

