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This newsletter is to keep you informed of what the club, and your fellow members, are doing, as well as opportunities for training, competing and other activities. We welcome your comments and input. Email Kathryn Hawkins hawksnest317@gmail.com or Debbie Mason mooseduds@yahoo.com

What's Happening?

We have an immediate opening for a **Highway Clean Up Leader**. If you can volunteer a few hours a couple times a year to make the Highway Clean Up happen, Please contact any board member to take this on.

We will be running the concession stand at the Thompson Falls Archery Tournament held at the high school on June 5 & 6. If you will help with the concession sales, contact Val Walker valeriejo1958@yahoo.com To donate individually wrapped baked goods, please bring them to the concession stand on the field at the Thompson Falls High School between 8 and 10 am Saturday, June 5.

SCDTC plans to participate in the 2021 Sanders County Yard Sale June 25-26. We will be looking for **quality** items to sell to benefit the club. Please, quality items only. We had quite a bit of "stuff" that had to be hauled away after last time. Contact Carol Searl for any questions, to volunteer to help or to drop off donations.

Work continues on getting "The Patch" ready for Agility practice. Once it is ready, we will have access to a 100'x100' area to set up and run practice courses. Prior Agility training is required. The Patch is on private property and will not be open to the public. Stay tuned as work progresses.

AKC has extended the Virtual Rally Pilot Program to December 31, 2021. They also extended the program to include Advanced and Excellent courses. We will plan more Virtual Rally opportunities in the coming year. For more detailed information about the Virtual Rally Pilot Program, visit <https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-virtual-entry-pilot/> <https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-virtual-entry-pilot/>

Upcoming Trials

While many trials have been cancelled due to the Corona virus, there are events coming up. Here is a partial list (mainly within 300 miles or less from Thompson Falls) through the end of 2021. There are others if you are willing to travel further.

AKC Obedience & Rally Trials

July 31 – August 1 Rally, Obedience, Spokane WA
Closes July 14

September 4 -5 Rally, Obedience, Great Falls MT
Closes August 18

September 18 – 19 Rally, Obedience, Great Falls MT
Closes September 1

September 20 – 21 Rally, Obedience, Great Falls MT
Closes September 1

September 23 – 24 Rally, Obedience, Helena MT
Closes September 8

September 25 – 26 Rally, Obedience, Helena MT
Closes September 8

October 9 – 10 Rally, Obedience, Spokane WA
Closes September 22

AKC Agility Trials

May 14 – 16 Nine Mile Falls WA *Closes April 30*

May 21 – 23 Great Falls MT *Closes May 14*

June 4 – 6 Spokane WA *Closes May 21*

July 2 – 4 Deer Park WA *Closes June 20*

July 10 – 11 Spokane WA *Closes May 28*

August 13 – 15 Spokane WA *Closes August 6*

August 27 – 29 Corvallis MT *Closes August 13*

September 24 – 26 Deer Park ID *Closes September 12*

NADAC Agility Trials

May 21 – 23, Whitefish, MT, confirmed

May 29 – 31, Stevensville, MT confirmed

June 5 – 6, Otis Orchards WA confirmed

June 25 – 27, Polson, MT, confirmed

July 16 – 18, Whitefish, MT, confirmed
August 28 – 29, Otis Orchards WA, *pendign*
September 4 – 6 Butte MT confirmed
September 4 – 6 Deer Park WA confirmed
September 24 – 26, Helena, MT, *pending*
September 24 – 26 Deer Park WA confirmed
October 15-17, Whitefish, MT, confirmed
October 29 – 31 Deer Park WA *pending*
December 4 – 5 Deer Park WA *pending*

Barn Hunt – *tentative schedule*

June 4 NASDA workshop @Billings K9 Coaching Billings MT
June 5-6 Barnhunt @Billings K9 Coaching Billings MT – 4 trials
June 18-20 NASDA Location TBD
July 9 NASDA @Billings K9 Coaching Billings MT
July 10-11 Barnhunt @Billings K9 Coaching Billings MT
July 23-25 Barnhunt MTK9s
August 13-15 NASDA Workshop & Trial @Schasm Club WA
August 20 NASDA @Billings K9 Coaching Billings MT
August 21-22 BarnHunt @Billings K9 Coaching Billings MT
August 27 & 30 NASDA @MTK9S
August 28-29 BarnHunt @MTK9S
September 4 BarnHunt Demo Ravalli County Fairgrounds
October TBD

In the interests of space and timeliness, I am trying to only list trials within a reasonable distance and in the current year. With changing conditions due to COVID19, checking for updates on trial status is highly recommended. You can learn more at any time on the organizations' event search sites.

NADAC: <https://www.nadac.com/play/>

AKC <https://webapps.akc.org/event-search/#/search>

Barn Hunt: <http://www.barnhunt.com/eventcal.html>

Trials are listed all over the US. If you need help finding or applying for entry in trials, contact any Board Member (contact info at the end of the newsletter).

Both AKC and NADAC have made provisions for virtual trialing. They provide the course maps and specifications; you set up the course and have someone video you (or set up the camera on a tripod to cover the

course) doing the course with your dog and submit it. You can earn “Qs” via video! More information is available on their respective websites.

For AKC Virtual Rally go to

<https://www.akc.org/sports/rally/rally-virtual-entry-pilot/> for all the information about the program, the courses, and how to submit your runs.

For NADAC Video Tape (VT) Agility go to

<http://www.nadac.com/VT-Video-Tape-Program.htm> for all the information about how to run Agility VT courses and submit them.

News

The club's recent “Pampered Chef Goes to the Dogs” fundraiser brought in \$165! Now, that's a win-win.



The recent seminar put on by Dirty Dogs Sports in Ronan was a success. Karen & Jan worked with each participant at the level most appropriate for them & their dog. We worked on timing, body language, distance, as appropriate to each team. And the dogs had great fun. Pictured left to right: Clara & Ziggy with Kathryn Hawkins, Darby with Wendy Dos Santos, Django with Patty English, Stormy with Carlene Bachman with Sassy, Debbie Mason with Marley, Tom Mason with Hickory. Not pictured: Chiron with Syd Racki.

The Saturday Rally practice may be on hold for the summer. However, if there enough interested, we will continue through the summer. For additional information, email Debbie mooseduds@yahoo.com This is mainly for Novice & Intermediate level teams, but more advanced teams are welcome. We will practice signs from all levels.

Jan Harris reports: *"In the last couple months I was blessed to play a part in, not only exercising but helping a local couple find a more suitable home for their lovely smaller male Aussie mix. He started his new adventure with friends of mine from Idaho who already have a standard Aussie. A perfect match."*



May 23 Kathryn Hawkins hosted another Virtual Rally session at her Dog Barn. We had Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Excellent courses. There are some new requirements for the video tapes (an audio introduction, camera on tripod, out of ring if run by a person) so we had to work around those. There were good runs and not-so-good runs. A few titles were completed. This year, you need to wait for your scores before entering videos at the next level.

Kathryn welcomed Tootzy to her "Rockin' Spaniels". She is a 9 week old liver field spaniel all the way from Michigan!



Brag Section

If you've got a brag to share, send it in. It can be a new title, your first "Q", national title, or a night with your new puppy without an accident.

Kathryn Hawkins says: *"Ziggy earned some new titles Rally Excellent, Virtual Companion Dog, and Novice Containers (UKC).*

Clara earned her Trick Dog Advanced"

Char Anderson says: *"Kima Red Smoke need 150 more points at the MT K9 Sports trial in Billings to earn her Crazy 8s Bronze title. She earned a total of 440 points, Bronze title and only needs 210 more for her Crazy 8s Silver title. During one Crazy 8s trial run, Kima completed all the requirements in 1: 29.05 (1 min 29 sec and .05 hundreds) with a maximum allowed time being 2 minutes. Because she was under 1 min 30 seconds, Kima earned a Super Bonus run worth 110 pts."*

Val Walker says: *"Big week for my Sam girl.*

She got mail, her medals for 1,000 Lifetime Points and for Novice Versatility from NADAC (earned last year).



And she got unofficial confirmation from AKC that her Virtual Rally run got a qualifying score of 89 points. I was really happy with her joy in performing, which was my only goal. The confirmation is unofficial until they confirm she was eligible to enter at that level. This gives Sam her final leg, earning her Rally Excellent title."

Debbie Mason says: *"Marley did his third Rally Advanced course with a score of 94 and earned his title, Tom & Hickory ran 3 Rally Intermediate courses and scored an 89 and a 94 on the 2 runs submitted."*

Donna Hofmeister says: *"I'd like to include Jack's Senior 'RATS' Barn Hunt title. And his NASDA Urban Locating III, Trailing- Brace Level II and Versatility Silver titles if possible. Sorry no photo to*

send. I know some of you already know this from FACEBOOK”

From Donna Hofmeister: “*Jack and I had a wonderful time at the Mother's Day 2021 Barn Hunt Bash. Despite the wind, sun and heat, he earned a first place/High in Master Class and his Crazy 8's*



*Silver, promptly celebrating with a swim in the pool!
Wet, happy dog.”*

Tips of the Month

Handy tips for newbies or experienced handlers

When your dog has had difficulty learning a move or sequence and finally gets it, stop & reward now so they know ****this**** is what you want. Even better “jackpot” them – several small treats are much better than one larger one. One treat is one treat. Two or three (or lots) is a jackpot. Be sure those are given one by one, not as one pile (one treat to the dog).

What does that mean?

Definitions of terms from training or trialing

Brace – two dogs competing together with a single handler. NASDA Trailing & Locating and Rally Obedience have Brace competitions. USDAA (United States Dog Agility Association) offers a Brace Agility Class.

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