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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?

Elections have been postponed until we can have an in-person meeting. We will look at things again after the new year. We do need new officers. We need someone to run for Vice President and Board Member at Large. Please contact any current board member to nominate yourself or someone else.

It's the start of the new year. That means it's time to renew your membership to keep it current. Please send your renewal, with membership form & payment to the address at the top of this page. The membership form will be attached to the email that brings you this issue of the newsletter.

Carol Searl has updated our web site's shopping page to make it easier to find and purchase items. Look at the selection of West Paw toys, available at a discount from retail. You can check for color and size of your choice. More changes to come once we can start getting together again.

We're working with Dirty Dogs Sports to bring you an agility seminar May 1 & 2. It will be suitable for all levels. However, you need to have had at least a beginner Agility class to attend. More information is in the flyer attached to the email bringing you this newsletter.

AKC has extended the Virtual Rally Pilot Program to December 31, 2021. We will plan more Virtual Rally opportunities in the coming year.

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

February 19 (2 Rally trials) Spokane, WA, *closes Feb 3*

February 20 – 21 (2 Obedience trials) Spokane, WA, *closes Feb 3*

May 28 - 30 Rally, Obedience Spokane WA *Closes May 12*

May 31 – June 1 Rally, Obedience Coeur D'Alene ID *Closes May 12*

June 3 - 6 Obedience Missoula MT *Closes May 19*

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

September 18 – 19 Great Falls MT *Closes September 1*

September 20 – 21 Great Falls MT *Closes September 1*

AKC Agility Trials

June 4 – 6 Spokane WA *Closes May 21*

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

August 27 – 29 Corvallis MT *Closes August 13*

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

NADAC Agility Trials

February 26 – 28, Deer Park, WA confirmed

April 23-25, Helena, MT, *pending*

April 30 – May 2 Deer Park MT confirmed

May 21 – 23, Whitefish, MT, *pending*

May 29 – 31, Stevensville, MT confirmed

June 5 – 6, Otis Orchards WA confirmed

June 25 – 27, Polson, MT, confirmed

July 16 – 18, Whitefish, MT, *pending*

August 28 – 29, Otis Orchards WA, *pendign*

September 24 – 26, Helena, MT, *pending*

October 15-17, Whitefish, MT, *pending*

Barn Hunt – tentative schedule

April 9-11 NASDA 3 Trials UL, T&L, SD @ Redwood Ratters. Plains MT

April 23-25 BarnHunt @ Billings K9 Coaching. Billings MT -5 trials

May 7-9 BarnHunt hosted by Redwood Ratters @ MTK9s 6 trials

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 Nosework class offered by Kathryn Hawkins is off to a good start. We have four teams: Carol Searl/Mayhem, Cathy Johnson/Jasmine, Patty English/Ringo and Debbie Mason/Hickory. The dogs are getting used to using their noses more and learning to identify the scent of sweet birch.

Debbie Mason is offering Drop-In Rally practice on Saturdays at 1pm. Drop-in fee \$7 for members; \$10 for non-members. Depending on snowfall and plowing, we'll plan to meet every Saturday. 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.

We have an opening for a **Highway Clean Up Coordinator**. If you can volunteer a few hours a couple times a year to make the Highway Clean Up happen, please contact any board member.

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.

Hickory learned to sit inside a box in just 2 lessons! First lesson we got as far as putting both front feet in the box. Second lesson he climbed in and sat. Marley is working on it, but will need a bit longer.



Donna Hofmeister & Jack keep earning titles. What a team. They have been competing under NASDA (North American Dog Sport Association). Over Super Bowl weekend Jack earned his Shed II title and his Versatility Bronze. To earn the Versatility title he had to earn a title in Trailing/Brace, Trailing/Locating and Urban Locating. He is getting close to Silver, which requires Level II in all 3. Way to go Jack & Donna!

Tips of the Month

Handy tips for newbies or experienced handlers

How I took my dog Marley from racing to hide under the bed when I took out the “Treat and Train” to racing to get treats from it. He was terrified of it when I got it. It took weeks. First I'd just put it on the floor with the door open & coax him to take a treat from it. Then I hit on the idea of feeding the other dog from it and giving Marley a treat as the door snapped open. He started about 5 feet away and day by day came closer, until finally he stuck his nose right on it, waiting to snag a treat out of it! We moved to the floor. We moved farther from it. We played games where the dogs take turns getting to go to it & get a treat while the other one gets a treat for staying near me. Finally! We can use the “click-bait” device for training other things.

What does that mean?

Definitions of terms from training or trialing

Tracking? Trailing? Nose Work? What's the difference?

There are some differences in the exact rules and definitions from one organization to another, but basically they are as follows:

Tracking - following the scent track left by a human on the ground (for more about AKC Tracking <https://www.akc.org/sports/tracking/getting-started/>)

Trailing – is following a track left by a critter using a combination of ground and air scent.

Nose Work – (also called Scent Work) makes use of games to sniff out scents in the air to find the source. In AKC & UKC nose work, standardized scents are used.

These are both competitive sporting events and real world skills used in Search & Rescue (SAR), drug detection, bomb detection, medical detection and much more. Organizations offering classes and/or sporting “smelling” events include AKC (Scent Work and Tracking) UKC (Nosework), and NASDA (Trailing &

Locating, Urban Trailing and Shed Dog)

For more information, see the article by Kathryn Hawkins, attached to the email bringing you this newsletter.

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The email bringing you this newsletter should have attachments: newsletter, membership application, Nose Work article and flyer for May seminar