



# Sanders County Dog Training Club

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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](mailto:hawksnest317@gmail.com) or Debbie Mason [mooseduds@yahoo.com](mailto:mooseduds@yahoo.com)

## What's Happening?

***It's time to renew your membership!*** The membership form is attached to the newsletter. Please be sure to enter complete contact information so we can make sure we've got it right in our records. We depend on our membership fees to keep the club running.

Next Board Meeting - March 11, 6pm, at the Whitepine Grange, located at 9 Faro Lane, just off Hwy 200 near mile marker 38. Followed by ...

## Service Dogs, Therapy Dogs, and Emotional Support Animals (ESA) Oh MY!! What IS the difference?



SCDTC just had it's first Therapy Dog Evaluation Test and 2 members passed with flying colors: Val Walker with "Sam" and Janet Harris with "Buddy". After they

receive their final certification from Therapy Dogs International, they will join Kathryn Hawkins (a TDI certified evaluator) and "Clara" at local elementary schools where students will improve their reading skills while reading to a dog as part of the "Tail Waggin' Tutors" program.



If you would like to learn more about this program and other aspects about therapy dogs, as well as the differences between therapy dogs, service dogs, and ESAs, please join us at 7:00 pm Wednesday, March 11 at the Whitepine Grange for a presentation by Kathryn. You can meet Sam, Buddy and Clara and "Paws A While For Love."

One of the children who helped at the evaluation was asked what she helped with. She said that they were there to teach the dogs not to bite old people and also to teach the dogs not to eat drugs

We would like to create a member directory from the information on your membership application/renewal. There is a place to mark if you would like to be in it. It will be a way to network with other members.



We are looking into having a seminar on "flat work" - agility dog handling without the obstacles, other than a few cones and hoops. Learn to work with your dog for clearer communication and direction. Please let us know if you would be interested in attending such a seminar, with a cost of about \$100/working spot and possibly a few non-working spots at \$25. Contact any board member to let them know if you're interested.

## Upcoming Trials

*From Jan Manning:*

To our rally students,

It's time to start marking your calendar with some important dates this spring! I've compiled a list of upcoming rally and obedience trials to be held within easy driving distance of Sanders County. Here goes:

May 16-17 (Saturday and Sunday)

Spokane

Rally and obedience trials at Spokane Dog Training Club. Rally is held outdoors on grass, obedience is indoors. Closing date is April 29.

May 22-24 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

Spokane

Rally and obedience trials in conjunction with an all-breed dog show. Held at fairgrounds, indoors. Closing date is May 6.

May 25-26 (Monday and Tuesday)

Coeur d'Alene

Rally and obedience trials in conjunction with an all-breed dog show. Held at fairgrounds, indoors. Closing date is May 6.

May 28-31 (Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday)  
Missoula

Rally and obedience trials in conjunction with an all-breed dog show. Held at fairgrounds, indoors. Closing date is May 13.

If you are interested in entering these shows and need help, let me know. (The first several times can be kind of tricky negotiating the entry process.)

Each entry will cost you from around \$24 to \$32....per dog, per event, per day.

“Closing date” is the last date the trial secretary will accept entries. That means they have to be in the mail, or done online, so that the secretary receives them by that date or sooner.

These are all good trials in nice facilities. I would recommend against doing any outside rally trials if you are just beginning, however, because the distractions are so overwhelming for many inexperienced dogs. All of the rally trials listed above are indoors with the exception of SDTC, and ALL of the obedience trials are indoors.

So mark these dates, save your money, and practice!  
*Jan*

#### **Barn Hunt:**

April 10-12, Moses Lake WA

#### **AKC Agility Trials:**

April 24-26, Helena MT, closes April 12

May 8-10, Nine Mile Falls WA, closes April 22

May 15-17, Great Falls MT, closes May 1

#### **NADAC Agility Trials**

February 21-23, Deer Park WA

March 13-15, Belgrade MT

March 27-29, Helena MT

April 3-5, Deer Park WA

April – 24-26 Polson MT A win at this trial could qualify you for the NADAC National Championship in September, but entry open to ALL dogs.

May 8-10, Red Lodge MT

May 15-17, Whitefish MT

May 22-25, Red Lodge MT

May 23-25, Stevensville MT

May 30-31, Otis Orchards WA

In the interests of space and timeliness, I am trying to only list trials within a reasonable distance and in the near future. 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>

all of them allow you to specify the states, and date ranges you are interested in and have links to the hosting club's website, premium, and other information. If you need help finding trials or applying for entry in them, contact any Board Member.

Have a new puppy? Sign up for drop-in Puppy PreSchool. For puppies 8-16 weeks old & current on their shots, it's held Saturdays at 11am at the Whitepine Grange. \$5 per puppy per session. Pre-register at [sandersagility@gmail.com](mailto:sandersagility@gmail.com)



#### **News**

Five club members went to the February 1<sup>st</sup> Fun Match in Ronan, hosted by Dirty Dogs Agility. It was a very supportive experience for all involved. It was very windy, providing additional distractions for the dogs to learn to disregard. At least this time it wasn't also snowing & sleeting. Each handler-dog team was allowed 2 minutes to run the course, train or practice



on each of the 2 courses. This is a great way to get you & your dog started building confidence in this type of environment.

Next Dirty Dogs Fun Match March 7 outside Ronan. See flyer at end of newsletter. This one will feature a Weavers course and a Chances course.

### Saturday Rally Practice?

We have a member who can't make it to the Thursday Rally practice. If there is enough interest, we might put together a Saturday morning Rally Practice for those who can't come Thursday or would like a second day a week to practice.



Please contact Jan Manning [sandersagility@yahoo.com](mailto:sandersagility@yahoo.com) or Debbie Mason [mooseduds@yahoo.com](mailto:mooseduds@yahoo.com) to let us know you are interested.

### 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.*



Marley has won his first Rally title! Debbie Mason & Marley went to the trials in Spokane on Valentine's Day and earned their second & third legs to get the Rally Novice title. As

the only Novice A dog in the competition, he proved he is "in a class of his own", taking First Place in both the morning & afternoon trials.

### Tips of the Month

#### *Handy tips for newbies or experienced handlers*

If you're not sure if you & your dog are ready for an Agility trial, consider going to a Fun Match. You can give your dog a taste of the trial environment and see how they do with all the new sights, sounds and smells.

### What does that mean?

#### *Definitions of terms from training or trialing*

Back-chaining. A method of training a complex behavior where you start with the end, adding a previous step at a time, until you have the whole sequence. This is used in Agility, Rally and even in Hollywood animal training.

### Your Board Members

President: Carole Jensen [cjens100@gmail.com](mailto:cjens100@gmail.com)

Vice President: Valerie Walker  
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Secretary: Debbie Mason [mooseduds@yahoo.com](mailto:mooseduds@yahoo.com)

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Board Member: Kathryn Hawkins  
[hawksnest317@gmail.com](mailto:hawksnest317@gmail.com)

***Have you renewed your membership, yet?***

**Sanders County Dog Training Club**

**Application for Membership**

Return form to

SCDTC, PO Box 641, Thompson Falls MT 59873

By signing this application the applicant agrees to abide by club rules and bylaws, and attests that all the information provided on this application is true and correct.

Complete and return this application to the Club Secretary or another club officer.

**Membership Classification** (pick one)

Junior Handler, under 18 (\$10 yearly)

Individual Adult, 18 and over (\$25 yearly)

Family, all adults plus children under 18 (\$45 yearly)

Lifetime Membership (\$125 one time fee)

**New Member**                       **Renewal**                       please make checks payable to SCDTC

**PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Names (Family Membership) \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\*Sign and date the liability release waiver on page 2\*\***

Do you wish to be listed in the club directory?

Are you most interested in:

\_\_\_\_\_ Agility

\_\_\_\_\_ Group Dog Walks

\_\_\_\_\_ Rally / Obedience

\_\_\_\_\_ Dog Play Get-togethers

\_\_\_\_\_ Barn Hunt

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

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# Sanders County Dog Training Club

## Liability Waiver and Release

I understand that my participation in any dog training classes or events sponsored by Sanders County Dog Training Club (SCDTC), aka Huckleberry Hounds Agility Club of Sanders County, includes an element of risk for me, attending family members, guests and my dog(s), which includes, without limitation, risks of illness, falls, bites and injury through contact with other participants, their dogs, or interior/exterior surroundings of any facility where training takes place. I understand that participation by me, attending family members/guests, and my dog(s) is voluntary and that each person hereby expressly agrees to hold said club and agents harmless from any liability whatsoever resulting from, and injuries or damages sustained as a result of participation in the training, even though such liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this Waiver and Release. I, and attending family members/guests, individual, and on behalf of their respective heirs, assigns or successors, hereby expressly waive, release and discharge SCDTC and agents from any claims, demands, injuries, damages or causes of action that are in any way related to participation in the training, even though such liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this Waiver and Release. SCDTC makes no representations, guarantees or promises, implied or expressed, that any training received from its agents will cure a dog of any dangerous propensities. It is fully understood that regardless of the training received by the animal, a dog always possesses the propensity to bite, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless SCDTC and agents from any and all claims, or claims by any member of my family or any other person while on the grounds of any facility where training takes place, the surrounding area thereto, or on my own property or in a public area as a result of any action by any dog, including my own. I affirm and have proof that my dog is current on all vaccinations appropriate for my dog. I agree to abide by all rules presented during the training. I also understand that SCDTC and its agents may use for publicity, pictures of my dog or me for promotional purposes without liability or inobligation to me.

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Adult or Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
(must be 18 or older)

Date \_\_\_\_\_



# ST PATRICK'S AGILITY FUN MATCH

 **March 7, 2020** 

Whether you are a seasoned competitor, or you have just started classes, or if you are just curious to see what it is all about, come and join us for this fun event!

Lunch will be taco bar, pot luck for anything else.

Things to bring: crate, leash, water dish, treats, toys and chair.  
Dogs must be leashed at all times unless you are in the ring!

Toys and treats are allowed in the ring as long as you pick up any dropped treats. No squeaky toys, please.

Run order: Elite,  
Open, and Novice,  
tall to small

We will start with a  
Weavers course  
followed by a Chances  
course. If time  
permits, we can set a  
3rd course.

Door opens at 9:00  
and First dog on the  
line at 10:00

\$25 first dog/ \$5 for  
additional dog with  
same handler.

**RSVP by March 5 so  
we have enough  
food for all.**

## DIRTY DOGS SPORTS

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