



# 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?

Than annual Christmas Bazaar in Thompson Falls has been cancelled. We'll hope for next year

Winter seems to have arrived early this year – Sanders County locations received anywhere from 6 to 18 inches of snow from our first significant winter storm October 22-23, followed by single digit overnight lows. Let's hope that's not how the whole winter will be.

## Virtual Rally Opportunity

We will be hosting a Virtual Rally trial at Kathryn Hawkins' Dog Barn November 7. In the event of a bad storm, bad roads, we'll cancel or postpone. Since we need to know how many will take advantage of this opportunity, you must RSVP no later than November 3. Email Kathryn Hawkins [hawksnest317@gmail.com](mailto:hawksnest317@gmail.com). Once we know how many are coming, we'll set up the schedule. We may be able to run more than one course. (Each course would be a separate entry if you decide to send them in to AKC for judging.)

## Our Adopt-a-Family for 2020

### Family Information:

**Child 1:** Male Age: 14

**Pants:** 36x30 **Shirt Size:**  
Men's Large

**Shoe Size:** 11 Men's

**Favorite Color:** Any Shade of Blue, Blacks or Grays

**Needs:** Winter Gloves, winter hat, snow boots, snow pants, sweatpants, long sleeve shirts / pull over hoodies

**Wishes:** A new basketball or basketball door game, art supplies for painting or sketching, thin tip markers for adult coloring books



**Favorite Color:** Any Shade of Pink

**Needs:** Winter gloves, snow boots, winter hat, snow pants, winter socks, pajamas, long sleeve shirts, sweat pants, comforters, twin comforter and twin pillow

**Wishes:** Arts and crafts, LOL Dolls, Anything Barbie, Anything dress-up

**Child 3:** Male Age: 2 **Pants/Shirt Size:** 2T

**Shoe Size:** 8

**Favorite Color:** Any Shade of Blue

**Needs:** long sleeve tops, sweat pants, snow boots, snow pants, winter hat, winter gloves, pajamas, socks, comforter, twin pillow, twin sheet set

**Wishes:** Anything to do with dinosaurs, or construction or tool toys.

### Mom:

**Needs/ Wishes:** New set of Bath towels for the family, any color

Gingerbread house kit

Snowman building kit or an inexpensive sled for the kids to share.

Sometimes our volunteer adopters like to provide grocery store gift-cards for the family that they have adopted. This is **not required**, but if you would like to do this the nearest grocery store for this family is "Harvest Foods" located in Thompson Falls. The contact number for this store is (406) 827-4321.

Also, you do not have to worry about wrapping gifts, we have some youth volunteers who need volunteer hours for college scholarships who will be coming to our office to have a "wrap-a-thon". Just please label the items for our youth volunteers.

**Child 2:** Female Age: 3 ½ **Pants/Shirt Size:** 5T

**Shoe Size:** 12

Drop off donations at the Conoco Feed & Fuel by December 10. Carole will take care of getting them delivered or picked up.

Please email [scdogtrainingclub@gmail.com](mailto:scdogtrainingclub@gmail.com) with any items you have (or are going to) purchased so we don't double up on anything or miss any important items. An email will go out periodically to keep all up to date on our progress.

### 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 this year. There are others if you are willing to travel further.

I'll start listing 2021 trials in next month's issue.

#### AKC Agility Trials

November 13 – 15, Spokane, WA, closes Oct 30

#### NADAC Agility Trials

December 5 – 6, Deer Park WA *pending*

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>

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, trial premium, and other information. Trials are listed all over the US. If you need help finding trials or applying for entry in them, 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

Kathryn will be offering an "Introduction to Nosework" class probably in December. The class size will be very limited. Please e-mail Kathryn at [hawksnest317@gmail.com](mailto:hawksnest317@gmail.com) if you are interested.

The Club has a few items of mini contact equipment. While it is mainly for Club training or demonstrations, it can be checked out for personal use when not needed for Club activities. Contact Kathryn Hawkins or Carole Jensen to check it out.

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.*

Linda Weygint:

*Miracle got her Intermediate Rally title with a score of 87 (10 pts deducted cause I did a left turn not pivot); Harley got his Novice B title....3 runs a 95, 96 and 84 (operator error, too many times through cones). Will be doing River soon. He just needs one run. I really like the virtual trials especially with this COVID mess. Big thank you to Jan for filming and helping get courses right. It was fun*

Donna Hofmeister sent this photo of Jack, with his friend Tobias after a good morning of shed practice.



On Sun, Oct 25, 2020 at 1:56 PM Donna Hofmeister <[lvharlymom@gmail.com](mailto:lvharlymom@gmail.com)> wrote:

Jack's brags

In the NASDA (North American Sport Dog Association) Trial last weekend, we earned both of our Level II titles in Trailing & Locating and Urban Locating, including 8 Best of Breed and 6 High in Class.

At the Barn Hunt trial the following day, he earned his RATO (Open) title and was High in Class on his 1st Senior run.



## Tips of the Month

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

How do you keep your dog's attention during the wait for their turn to run a course? Besides rest & potty breaks, you can keep them engaged by doing little exercises such as

- “doodling” (perfecting the heel position by having them move up, back, in or out)
- small step heeling exercises – forward, back, left, right one step
- “sit here”, pointing to your right leg, left leg, etc.
- short game of tug
- “leave it” - put a treat near your dog, telling them to leave it. After a short pause release them to eat.

Use longer times or shorter distances to increase the difficulty and work on their attention span.

These will get your dog's attention focused on you and relieve the boredom (or stress, depending on your dog) of waiting for their turn to go play on the course.

## What does that mean?

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

What is NASDA? No, it's not the stock market with a dropped letter. North American Sport Dog Association.

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