



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 or Debbie Mason 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.

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.



There will be a Fun Match February 1, hosted by Dirty Dogs Agility. The flyer is attached. This a very supportive environment to work with your dog in a large arena. Even if you don't plan to go to trials, it's a great training opportunity. Getting used to large areas, strangers, new smells & sounds helps your dog be more confident in new situations.

CORRECTION: Next board meeting February 12 at 6pm at the High Lead, in Thompson Falls.

There will be a general meeting in March with a presentation by Kathryn Hawkins on Therapy Dog certification. Kathryn has recently been certified by Therapy Dogs International (TDI) as a Therapy Dog evaluator.

NADAC Rally & Obedience February 14-16, Spokane Valley WA

NADAC Agility February 21-23, Deer Park WA

NADAC Agility March 13-15, Belgrade MT

NADAC Agility March 27-29, Helena MT

AKC Obedience March 21-22, Bozeman MT

Barn Hunt April 10-12, Moses Lake WA

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NADAC Agility April – 24-26 Polson MT This trial can qualify you for the regional championships, leading on the the state championships. This is like a regular trial for those who aren't yet at championship level. It's one of the few really close trials.

AKC Agility April 24-26, Helena MT

AKC Agility Trail May 8-10, Nine Mile Falls 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



News

A big thank you to everyone who donated to our adopted family. They were totally impressed & appreciated their gifts (everything on their wish list plus a \$200 gift card at Harvest Foods).

Thanks to the generosity of the Town Pump Foundation's \$500 grant, we were also able to donate smaller Harvest Foods gift cards to every one of the families signed up with SCCF.

Seven club members went to the January 4th 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. Each handler-dog team was allowed 2 minutes to run the course, train or practice on each of the 2 courses. The Touch & Go course was the same for all levels. The Chances course line was moved for each level.

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.

Gail Dullenkopf's puppy Kinner is learning to skateboard. He's done some basic Agility training, getting comfortable with the tunnels, low teeter, 4" jumps and A-frame at its lowest setting. While waiting to get into a puppy foundation class, she started teaching him to skateboard. He isn't quite kicking to keep it



going yet, but what a cool thing for him to learn!

Tips of the Month

Handy tips for newbies or experienced handlers
Be mindful of where your hands are. If you've been using treats in your training, your dog is very, very interested in where your treat hand is. If the dog becomes too focused on that hand, it's easy to try moving it away from them, resulting in a "wave" that draws your dog's head all over the place. If that happens, pull your hand to a neutral place (like against your body), regain the dog's focus before resuming your training.

What does that mean?

Definitions of terms from training or trialing
Chances – in NADAC, a course with a "limit line" - the handler is to stay behind the line while the dog performs the obstacles beyond that line. Once the dog crosses the line, they are not to recross. Chances courses test the team for distance, obstacle discrimination and teamwork.

Your Board Members

President: Carole Jensen cjens100@gmail.com

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Secretary: Debbie Mason mooseduds@yahoo.com

Treasurer: Carol Searl cmsearl@gmail.com

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Have you renewed your membership, yet?

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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) _____

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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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 _____



DIRTY DOGS SPORTS AGILITY FUN MATCH

February 1, 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 sloppy joes, 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, small
to tall**

**We will start with a
Touch and Go
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
RSVP by Jan 27 so we
have enough food**

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