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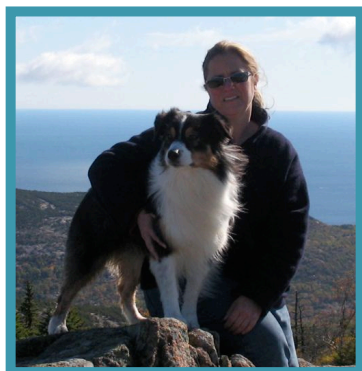
As I write this, it's within 24 hours of the first day of Spring and it's snowing to beat the band. I have had some fun this winter taking the dogs out snow shoeing and the snow blower has worked very well when asked, but I do hope this is the last big one for the year!

It was nice to see everyone at the banquet. Lecia Whitlock has done an outstanding job since taking on this responsibility in 2010. This was her last big hurrah – thanks Lecia for all the time and work that goes into coordinating something of this size. The reins are being passed to Mary Ann and Joe Stoddard. Mary Ann and Joe are very familiar with this event as they hosted the very first one and continued thru 2009. How many remember ASCNE's first banquet and/or where it was held? Maybe a good trivia question for next year!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the following individuals who have taken on leadership roles in 2012 (my apologies if I miss someone – please let me know): Wendy Richmond, Kathy Buckley, Karen Miller, Lecia Whitlock, Susan Winters, Matt Mason, Tenley Dexter, Claudia Reed, Keli Gaunt, Val Jakubowski, Dianne Barrett, Gull Gullicksen, Mary Lupien, Linda Gray, Peter Kontos, Barbara Barreiro, Joey Mason, Linda Butterworth, Pete Dolan, Robin Goodman, Sharon Ruppel, Art Landry, Peggy MacDonald, Lizette Durrschmidt, Pauli Haggis, Anne St. Pierre, and Dottie Duclos.



**You can ROM, but you can't hide.**



## From the Editor | anne st.pierre

Try something new this year and enhance your relationship with your dog! Whether it's running around the breed ring with your favorite altered companion, a beginner lesson in basic grooming, or an intro to herding clinic – I hope you take the opportunity to enjoy the many benefits of the club, the various events we offer, and the knowledgeable network of club members we have.

As always, email your comments, questions, suggestions, brags, and other contributions to me at: [docollege@yahoo.com](mailto:docollege@yahoo.com)

## The Ethical Dog Breeder | by alison smith



Alison Smith's views and curiosity are informed by 30 years of involvement with companion dogs and their owners.

Alison is the owner of Paradox Australian Shepherds in western Massachusetts. She is a Hall of Fame Kennel breeder of 20+ years, AKC Breeder of Merit, Canine Good Citizen Evaluator and owner of a small boarding and daycare kennel, The Grinning Dog, LLC.

### Organic, Pasture Raised Puppies?

Watched the movie [Farmageddon](#) last night. Could not help but compare the "one size fits all" legislation that threatens local, family farms with recent legal developments in the world of small scale dog breeders. USDA regulations aimed at high volume agribusiness (this includes puppy mills) must be reformatted for the very different business model of small, local farmers (and dog breeders). These commercial and local businesses produce the same "product" – eggs, milk, spinach, puppies – in name only. That's where the similarities end.

Puppies raised on a scale small enough to allow individualized handling, appropriate exercise, and healthy social lives are as different from puppy mill dogs as is fresh produce found at the farmer's market from the trucked in variety found at the big box stores. Regulations and prices appropriate for "Big Ag" are just not scalable for small farms and breeders alike. They are not the same business model. Not the same relationship with the consumer. Not the same experience or end product. Ultimately, a different endeavor altogether.

It has never been more important for ethical dog breeders to distinguish themselves as an entirely different "industry" from high volume operations. The public are increasingly swayed by the animal rights extremist rhetoric of all breeders as exploitative. Fighting onerous government regulations on a legal level is certainly an important part of preserving our ability to breed dogs, but not everyone feels called to advocacy. There is much that breeders as individuals can do – even without traveling to the courthouse. Setting ourselves apart from disreputable breeders is vital.

Becoming more visible in our own communities as approachable and knowledgeable is an important part of demonstrating what an ethical breeder is about. Volunteering at our local shelter, nursing home or rabies clinic would serve to open up opportunities for (constructive!) discussion and connection. Offering to teach a mini segment on dog care at

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the local elementary school or summer camp helps the public experience hobby breeders as human, reasonable and community oriented neighbors. We must become creative in finding ways for the public to understand the difference and the value of local, qualified breeders. It is this public, these neighbors, that will be ultimately drive how (and if) we pursue our passion.

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## BRAGS | all members

### **New Hall of Fame Kennel**

Hemlocks Australian Shepherds, owned by Sharon Ruppel, is now an ASCA Hall of Fame kennel. Thanks to all who helped accomplish this!

### **New Hall of Fame Dam**

ASCA HOF AKC CKC Ch Hemlocks Custom Jewel at Briarhill has earned her ASCA Hall of Fame Dam. Thanks to all who helped accomplish her ASCA HOF designation!

### **Karen Souza**

A-Ch Risingstar's Fire 'N Ice GS-O RS-N RM (Halley) achieved HIT at the Winter Warm Up Rally Trial on 2/2/13 under judge Denise Lacroix! She took 1st place in Masters with a 200 and 2nd place in Excellent with another 200, earning High Combined and HIT Aussie as well!



Halley

### **Anne St.Pierre**

Equinox Driv N On The Edge (Cruise) achieved his first novice rally leg at his first trial, first try, at the Winter Warm Up Trials, with a perfect score of 200 – and just a day after his first birthday! Not to be outdone by the red puppy dog, Layla, A-CH StoneCircle Mov N Violation, RE, CDX, RS-O, GS-O, JS-E, achieved her first leg in Utility as well as her Rally Excellent title at the same trials.

## Coping with Stress: Nutritional Approaches to Enhanced Immune Function


A video by Dr. Arleigh Reynolds, DVM, PhD, DACVN

Provided by the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, this video is for educational purposes only.


It is well established that travel and competition result in an increased incidence of illness in professional human athletes. Changes in diet, environmental conditions, and exposure to novel pathogens may all play a role in this syndrome. The role of exercise varies with intensity and duration. Low to moderate exercise has been shown to enhance immune function, while extreme exercise compromises immune function. We have examined the effect of every day naturally occurring stressors such as exercise and travel on immune function in dogs. We have also measured the effects of nutrition on the immune system's response to these stressors. Studies examining the immune response to dietary supplementation with probiotics, egg and milk biologics, and antioxidants will be reviewed and discussed. Application of these principles to athletic, show and pet dogs will also be discussed.

**To listen to this 45-minute presentation by Dr. Arleigh Reynolds, DVM, PhD, DACVN, Senior Research Scientist at Nestle Purina Research, click the link below, or copy the link to your browser.**

<http://www.akcchf.org/news-events/multimedia/video/coping-with-stress.html>



"The role of exercise varies with intensity and duration. Low to moderate exercise has been shown to enhance immune function, while extreme exercise compromises immune function."



## Cataracts Research for Dogs

This podcast is an interview with Dr. Heather Chandler. Dr. Chandler received her PhD in veterinary biosciences from The Ohio State University where she is now an Assistant Professor of Optometry. Dr. Chandler's primary research focus is to understand the mechanisms by which cataracts and secondary cataracts form, and she is currently funded by the Canine Health Foundation to determine whether treatment with an anti-inflammatory drug called Cyclosporine A can improve the outcome of cataract surgery.

**To listen to this 20-minute presentation by Dr. Heather Chandler, click the link below, or copy the link to your browser.**

<http://www.akcchf.org/news-events/multimedia/podcasts/cataracts-research-for-dogs.html>

## ARPH – The Rescue Parade

Thanks to all who contributed! The Rescue Raffle at the Taunton shows raised \$1,025.00 for ARPH NE!!

### Poem for Banjo by Sabrina Lanz

Once again it's St Patricks Day, and ASCNE's Rescue Show.  
It's Banjo's eighth year, and he's raring to go.  
Just like in South Boston, we've got a joyous parade,  
No drums or bagpipes here, but rescues on display.  
Seven years ago, I met a foster dog named Bob,  
He was 75 pounds - a bit of a blob.  
But he had sweet happy eyes, and was a such a pretty red merle,  
I thought his colors looked like melted chocolate ice cream swirl.  
No one knew him or me that year,  
and everyone stared at the fat dog by my side.  
Surely he isn't here for conformation, everyone thought,  
he is just way too wide.  
I hid him from other suitors all weekend long,  
Because I knew he was mine and everyone else was just wrong.  
Pam Parker agreed and the paperwork was done,  
A week later he came home, and my pack grew by one.  
The next year we came back, and he was quite a bit thinner.  
But he'll never be svelte - he just loves his dinner.  
For the first few years we ran agility for fun,  
He loves a-frames, jumps and tunnels, and cookies when he's done.  
We moved to the country, and couldn't make it to class,  
So he chases turkeys and squirrels, through the woods and tall grass.  
He loves my old Golden, and gently plays as she gets on in years,  
His brother Moon adores him and every night washes his ears.  
He is happiest on the beach, holding down the fort under his umbrella,  
Everyone walks by and says "what a well-behaved fella."  
When enticed with a treat, he'll even jump in the tub,  
But ask what he likes best, and he'll say a belly rub.  
He sleeps on the bed every night, nestled in my arms,  
Yes, I spoon my dog, I don't see any harm.  
I love my sweet Banjo from my head to my toes,  
He feels the same about me, from his stub to his nose.  
Like the name says, this is called the rescue show.  
But just who rescued who, we'll never really know...

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## Upcoming Events

### **Working Stockdogs on Cattle, Sponsored by ASCNE**

**Instructor: Cindi Hayden**

**April 6 & 7, 2013 | 8:30-5:00pm**

This will be a clinic for teams with previous cattle experience to further develop skills. Handlers and dogs will be coached through tasks such as penning, sorting, holding and working individual animals.

**Registration:** Stockdog entry form postmarked on or after February 1, 2013

**Clinic Location:** Riverfare Farms, 301 Tyler Rd, Webster, NH

**Participants:** Limited to 8 participants, per day

**Fees:** \$150 for one day. \$245 for both days (lunch/drinks included)

**Auditor fee:** \$35 per day

**Make checks payable to ASCNE and send to:**

Matt Mason

557 West Salisbury Rd

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### **Stockdog Trialing Strategies Clinic, Sponsored by ASCNE**

**Clinician: Jim Hartnagle, Colorado**

**April 27 & 28, 2013 | 8:30-5:00pm**

The clinic weekend will revolve around handling the various obstacles and dilemmas encountered during stockdog trials. A variety of ASCA obstacles will be utilized during the morning sessions and a course will be set up for the afternoon sessions. Runs will be scored and timed to assimilate an actual trial. Jim will coach and help handlers work through problem areas. Time will be allowed to discuss aspects and variations of runs.

Trialers of all levels are welcome to participate to help calm the "trial nerves" and to develop good habits for a successful trialing season.

**Registration:** Stockdog entry form postmarked on or after March 11, 2013

**Clinic Location:** Riverfare Farms, 301 Tyler Rd, Webster, NH

Weather permitting, the outdoor arena will be used both days.

**Livestock:** Sheep, goats and cattle will be available

**Participants:** Limited to 10 participants, per day

**Fees:** \$150 for one day. \$250 for both days (lunch/drinks included)

**Auditor fee:** \$35 per day

**Make checks payable to ASCNE and send to:**

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## Results: ASCNE All-breed Obedience and Rally Trials, Seekonk, MA, February 2, 2013

### **OBEDIENCE TRIAL - Judge: Diane Cohn**

#### **Utility A**

- 1<sup>st</sup> A-CH StoneCircle Mov N Violation - Anne St.Pierre 191

#### **Open B**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hawks Shenandoah Tanzerin (GSD) - Joan Muse 197.5  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lauric's Grand Slam - Jo-Ellen Vought 194.5  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Hearthsides Grande Illusion - Jane Small 193  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sakonnet Seamus - Paul Brown 191.5

#### **Novice B**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pat's Irish Warp Signature - Donna Blews-Pappas 198.5  
 2<sup>nd</sup> A-CH Crofton Hawk Eye Watching Ewe - Jane Small 198  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Hawks Hunt's Regen Tanza (GSD) - Joan Muse 193  
 4<sup>th</sup> Briarbrooks Photo Copy - Monica Smith 190.5

Bazzabex Black Diamond Gaucho - Barbara Barreiro 187  
 Brookwood's Shenanigans - Art & Carol Landry 185



### **RALLY TRIAL - Judge: Denise LaCroix**

#### **Masters B**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Risingstar's Fire 'N Ice - Karen Souza 200 (HIT)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Propwash 1 Sinsational Thought - M. Smith 200  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sakonnet Seamus - Paul Brown 200  
 4<sup>th</sup> OTCH Foxfire's 4 Star Dreams Come True - K.Buckley 197

Cloverhill Quercus Remix - Dianne Barrett 197  
 Punchline Flye-N-Chigger - Gull Gullickson 193  
 Fair Oaks Libelua - Barbara Barreiro 189

#### **RALLY - Excellent B**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Laurics Grand Slam - Jo-Ellen Vought 200  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Risingstar's Fire 'N Ice - Karen Souza 200  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Fair Oaks Libelua - Barbara Barreiro 197  
 4<sup>th</sup> Briarbrooks Photo Copy - Monica Smith 197

Cloverhill Quercus Remix - Diane Barrett 197  
 Punchline Fly-N-Chigger - Gull Gullickson 193  
 A-CH StoneCircle Mov N Violation - Anne St.Pierre 190  
 Hearthsides Ready Set GO! - Susan Winters/K.Buckley 184

#### **Excellent A**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mariners Cinnamon Teal - J. Mason 200+  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sakonnet Razzamatazz - J. Mason 200

#### **Advanced B**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Stormridge Harmony Hill Sapphire - B. Miller 198

#### **Novice C**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Adore's How Do You Like Me Now - C. Hughes 200

#### **Novice B**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pat's Irish Warp Signature - D. Blews-Pappas 200  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Hemlocks Get Up and Go - Kathleen Buckley 200  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Equinox Driv N On The Edge - Anne St Pierre 200  
 4<sup>th</sup> Cossack Hemlocks Net Link - Stephen Phillips 200

Lady McKenzie Rose O Swansea (IW) C.Brown 200  
 ATCH WTCH Top Caliber's Quick Lil Red - W. Haggis 200  
 Hemlocks Jack in Beanstalk - Heather Beaumont 197  
 Aliyah's Looking 4 AFewGoodmen - J. Richardson 185  
 Sakonnet Summer Breeze - Paul Brown 170

## Help Wanted

### **Affiliate Representative**

The Affiliate Rep position on the ASCNE Board of Directors will be open at the end of this year. This is an elected volunteer position. If you would like to be included on the ballot for this board position, please contact the current Aff Rep, Anne St.Pierre. Candidates must be ASCA/ASCNE members in good standing.

The Affiliate Representative is responsible for official club correspondence to and from ASCA. S/he is completes any required reports or information necessary by ASCA. This includes reports to the Club of current motions and news, the Affiliate Renewal Form due in December, and the end of year ASCNE report to be published in the Nov/Dec issues of the Aussie Times. If you have questions about this role, please contact our current rep, Anne St.Pierre. Anne can be reached via email at: docollege@yahoo.com

### **MARCH AGILITY TRIAL AT ALL DOGS GYM**

#### **RING BREAK DOWN ASSISTANCE NEEDED on 3/31**

Need people to stay for clean up after the trial. If we have 5 or 6 people, it'll take 10 minutes to pack up and go!

If you can assist, please contact the trial chair:

**Kathy Fretz**  
sunpiperaussies@gmail.com

**Step up and  
volunteer!**



### **Colors of Summer**

**Stewards and  
Assistance needed with ring  
set up and/or break down**  
for the conformation shows.

When? Ring set-up: Friday, June 7  
Stewards for Shows: June 8 & 9  
Break down: June 9

To volunteer as a ring Steward or to volunteer to set up and/or break down the ring, please contact the Show Chair:

**Keli Gaunt**  
absolootaussies@aol.com

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Please consider volunteering at  
Club events or the ASCNE BOD!

Your participation is highly  
encouraged, very much  
appreciated, and necessary to  
help run the Club and events.

**2013 Trials, Shows, Clinics**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
12 & 13-Jan	Agility Trial (closed)	Hamden, CT	W. Richmond
2-Feb	Obedience (closed)	Seekonk, MA	Kathy Buckley
3-Feb	Conformation (closed)	Seekonk, MA	Karen Miller
16 & 17-Mar	Conformation (closed)	Taunton, MA	Susan Winters
30 & 31-Mar	Agility Trial (closed)	Manchester, NH	Kathy Fretz
6 & 7-Apr	Cattle Clinic w/ Cindi Hayden	Webster, NH	Matt Mason
21-Apr	Intro to Herding	Lebanon, CT	Tenley Dexter
20 & 21-Apr	Obedience & Rally	Seekonk, MA	Kathy Buckley
27 & 28-Apr	Stock Clinic w/ Jim Hartnagle	Webster, NH	Matt Mason
5-May	Obedience & Rally	Goshen, CT	Claudia Reed
11 & 12-May	ASCNE Agility Trial	Seekonk, MA	ACT-UP
25 & 26-May	Agility Trial	Contoocook, NH	Jean Janotta
8 & 9-June	Colors of Summer	Westfield, MA	Keli Gaunt
15 & 16 Jun	Stock Trial	Portland, CT	Linc Keiser
12-Jul	Farm Trial	Prospect, ME	Diane Menard
13 & 14-Jul	Stock Trials	Prospect, ME	Diane Menard
3 & 4-Aug	Obedience & Rally	Seekonk, MA	Kathy Buckley
10 & 11 Aug	Stock and Farm Trials	Webster, NH	Matt Mason
12 - 14-Aug	Stock Clinic w/ Marti Parrish	Webster, NH	Matt Mason
17 & 18-Aug	ASCNE Agility Trial	N. Smithfield, RI	ACT-UP
18 - 20-Oct	Harvest Moon Mania	Westfield, MA	Peter Kontos
9-Nov	Obedience & Rally	Seekonk, MA	TBD
10-Nov	Conformation	Seekonk, MA	Sharon Ruppel
16 & 17-Nov	Agility Trial	Westborough, MA	Joey Mason

**Reimbursement - Expenses Incurred on Behalf of ASCNE**

Requests for reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the club (whether for a trial, show, clinic, seminar, or whatever) must be submitted within 30 days of the event. Exceptions will be handled on an individual basis but the Treasurer must be notified before the 30-day limit is reached, effective March 2006. (From the ASCNE Policy and Procedures Manual Revision 0 January 10, 2008, available on the club web site)

**NEW ENGLAND AUSSIE  
Newsletter Deadlines**

**May 15, 2013**  
**July 15, 2013**  
**September 15, 2013**  
**November 15, 2013**

**UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS DATES  
All Club Members Welcome**

**July 7, 2013:** location TBD  
**September 8, 2013:** Pomfret, CT  
**November 3, 2013:** Canterbury, NH

## ASCNE STOCK ROM 2012

### **CATTLE**

#### Champion Advanced

Finley's Double Dog Dare You, Dianne Menard 121

#### Reserve Advanced

Rockin' C Pick Up Man, Dianne Menard 117

#### Champion Open

Quantum Keeper of WignKiss, Jean Janotta 104

#### Reserve Open

W Lazy J Rudie Mason, Matt Mason 100

#### Champion Started

Brookwood's Shenanigans, Art Landry 90

#### Reserve Started

GeFion's Makin News, Georjean Hertzwig 89

### **SHEEP**

#### Champion Advanced

Makin'8 Skat Kat, Tenley Dexter 124

#### Reserve Advanced

J Bar D Makin'8 Snip, Tenley Dexter 120

#### Champion Open

GeFion's Makin News, Georjean Hertzwig 107

#### Reserve Open

Caitland the one for Ewe, Diane McCormick 106

#### Champion Started

GeFion's Giddy Up of Rockin C, Georjean Hertzwig 93

#### Reserve Started

Cossack Hemlocks Next Link, Elyse Phillips 90

#### Junior-Sheep

High Working Junior-started sheep, Katherine Menches 87

High Junior Handler sheep, Katherine Menches 124

### **DUCKS**

#### Champion Advanced

J Bar D Makin'8 Snip, Tenley Dexter 121

#### Reserve Advanced

Makin'8 Kat Skat, Tenley Dexter 120

#### Champion Open

GeFion's Makin News, G. Hertzwig 113

#### Reserve Open

Riverbank's Right Hand Man, Matt Mason 107 - tie  
Makin'8 Manhattan, Peggy MacDonald 107- tie

#### Champion Started

GeFion's Giddy Up of Rockin C, Georjean Hertzwig 95

#### Reserve Started

Mariners Cinnamon Teal, Joanne Mason 94

**Note:** The next few issues of NE Aussie will feature the ROM results for agility, obedience, rally, and conformation! So, stay tuned!





# ALL-BREED ASCA Sanctioned\* AGILITY TRIAL

**Hosted by ACT-Up Agility  
(Sanctioned by Australian Shepherd Club of New England)**

**May 11 & 12, 2013**

**Canine Mastery, Seekonk, MA**

(\*sanctioning pending)

**JUDGE:**

Chuck Klein (NC)

**CLASSES OFFERED:**

Regular (2 Runs / Day)

Jumpers (1 Run Saturday / 2 Runs Sunday)

Gamblers (2 Runs Saturday / 1 Run Sunday)

Novice, Open, and Elite Levels

Standard, Veterans and Jr. Handler Divisions

Pre-Novice (2 Runs / Day)

Exhibition Class for Retired Canine Competitors (Saturday only)

**LIMITED - 350 Runs per Day - NO POSTMARKS EARLIER THAN March 4, 2013**

**ENTRIES CLOSE April 29, 2013 @ 9 PM**

**MOVEUPS CLOSE May 6, 2013 @ 9 PM**

**Pre-entry only**

(Premium will be available on-line at ascne.org & actupagility.com – mailed by request only)

**For a premium contact**

Michelle Whall 144 Lyman Street North Attleboro, MA 02760

508-699-9276 **mickeycw@aol.com**

**Fees:** All Regulation Classes: \$12.00; Pre-Novice Classes: \$10.00; Retired: \$3.00

**DIRECTIONS TO THE SITE:**

**From Rt. 95 South of Attleboro** - Take Exit 2A (Newport Ave.) to the 2nd light. Take that left onto Benefit St. At the next light bear left onto Central Ave. to the end. Take a left onto Rt. 152 (Newman Ave.) Go ½ mile and take a left onto Pond St. Watch for the Orion Industrial Park on your left (2/10 mile). Turn into the park. It is the second building on the left.

**From 95 North of Attleboro** – Take Exit 3A Rt. 123. At the 2nd set of lights take a right onto County St. After the Stone E Lea golf course take a left onto Read St. (There are signs for the animal shelter). Take the 2nd right onto Pond St. Turn right into the Orion Industrial Park in approximately 3/10 mile. It is the 2nd building on the left.

**From Rt. 195 East or West** - Take Massachusetts Exit 1. Follow 114 A (north). In approximately one mile you will reach a fork in the road, bear to the right (Grist Mill Restaurant will be on your left). This is Arcade Street. You will come to the intersection of Rte 44. Go Straight across and continue on Arcade to the end. This is the Jct. of Rte 152. Take a right onto 152 North – Newman Ave. Follow along for about 5 miles. You will come to the intersection of Central Ave. Go ½ mile and take a left onto Pond Street. Watch for Orion Industrial Park on the left (2/10-mile). Turn into the park, it is the second building on the left

**FOOD VENDOR:** Details will be provided in the confirmation letter



# ALL-BREED ASCA Sanctioned\* AGILITY TRIAL



**Hosted by**  
**Australian Shepherd Club of New England**  
**May 25 & 26, 2013**  
**Hopkinton State Fairgrounds, Contoocook, NH**  
(\* sanctioning pending)

**JUDGE:**

Susan Perry (WA)

**CLASSES OFFERED:**

Regular, Jumpers, Gamblers (2 Runs / Day)  
Novice, Open and Elite Levels  
Standard, Veterans and Jr. Handler Divisions  
Pre-Novice Regular (2 Runs / Day)  
Exhibition Class for Retired Canine Competitors (Saturday only)

**LIMITED - 350 Runs per Day**

**NO POSTMARKS EARLIER THAN April 3, 2013**

**ENTRIES CLOSE May 15, 2013 @ 9 PM**

**Pre-entry only**

(Premium will be available on-line at [www.ascne.org](http://www.ascne.org) – mailed by request only)

**For a premium contact**

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**DIRECTIONS TO THE SITE:**

**From Massachusetts & Points South** - Take Route 93 North to Concord, NH. Take Route 89 North to Exit 7. Turn right onto Rt 103/127 (Park Ave). Go 2.25 miles to the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds. The Blue Parking Gate will be on the right.

**From NY, VT, and points West** – Take Route 89 South to Exit 7. Turn left onto Rt 103/127 (Park Ave). Go 2.25 miles to the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds. The Blue Parking Gate will be on the right.

**From Keene, NH area** - Take Route 9 East to Route 89. Take Route 89 North to Exit 7. Turn right onto Rt 103/127 (Park Ave). Go 2.25 miles to the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds. The Blue Parking Gate will be on the right.

**FOOD / VENDORS:** Details regarding a food vendor will be included in your confirmation letter.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Accommodations will be listed in the premium

## ASCNE Meeting Minutes ROM Banquet Holyoke, MA

3/3/13

Meeting came to order at 12:45PM by President Jean Janotta. **Members present:**

Officers: Gull Gulicksen, Jean Janotta, Karen Miller, Pete Dolan, Kathy Buckley, Anne M St. Pierre  
Members: John C Yarmac III, Kathy Bishop, Tracy Desjardins, Pauli Haggis, Bill Haggis, Mary Ann Stoddart, Joe Stoddart, Nancy Gagnon, Cindy Fields, Janet Benson, Ken Benson, Manny Yvars, Judy Yvars, Sue ??, Robin Goodman, Hollis McGuire, Peter Kontos, Lyn Scribner, Dianne Barrett, Lisa, John, Janelle and Kiara Andrade, Alexis Reidy, Kelsey Bryan, Aline Hoadley, Jon Hoadley, Barbara Miller, Audrey McKay, Wendy Richmond, Michael Kurdzo, Ellen Kurdzo, Anne Hubbard, Carol Landry, Art Landry, Carolyn MacDonald, Jo-Ellen Vought, Susan Winters, Dottie Duclos, Kathie Chouinard, Fran Swanson, Jennifer Darlington, Alicia Campbell and Mike Sheehan. Karen Souza and Matt Mason.

Guests: Dylan Desjardins, Dan Thomsen, Carol Thomsen, Lynne Ivaldi, Susan Deliberto, Jack Barrett and Tim Fields.

### **Secretary's Report**-Karen Miller

Minutes from the January meeting was approved as printed in the newsletter. So voted

### **Treasurer's Report**-Pete Dolan

Account balance as of 1/6/13-\$11,715.36 (includes \$140.54 Rescue Fund)

#### January Agility Trial 1/12-13/2013

Income	7,219
Expenses	5,568
Profit	1,651

#### Winter Warm Up 2/2-3/2013

Income	2,059
Expenses	2,014
Profit	45

Rescue Show 3/16-17/2013 Expenses to Date \$1,102

March Agility Trial 3/30-31/2013

Expenses to Date \$ 2,100

November Agility Trail Expenses to Date \$1,100

Ribbon Expenses to Date \$ 4,181

Account Balance as of 3/30/13 \$9,347.26 (includes \$140.54 Rescue Fund)

Treasurer's report accepted as read-so voted

### **Affiliate Report-Anne St Pierre**

#### **AGILITY**

Add Section 8.3.3 Start Line Training

The motion would be included in the June 1st rulebook. Rationale: currently there are no guidelines in the rulebook determining what is considered 'training the start line' and different judges are allowing different performances.

Once the handler has left the dog to prepare to start the run and has crossed the plane of the first obstacle, the handler may not cross back over the plane of the first obstacle to return to the dog. Crossing back over the plane of the first obstacle and back to the dog will be considered 'Training the Start Line' and the judge will award an 'Elimination' fault. Note: After being eliminated, the dog/handler may re-start the run and continue their run up to SCT (Standard Course Time), but their run will be scored as Elimination. In all situations, once the handler steps away from the dog, they cannot touch the dog or it will result in an elimination fault as 'Training the Start Line'.

#### **OBEDIENCE**

##### **JUDGING REQUIREMENTS**

ODX and CDX are both open obedience classes. At this time only CDX is listed in the judging requirements. We are adding the ODX. This will help increase the judging pool for judges approved to judge through open. EFFECTIVE: 6/1/2013

##### **GRADUATE NOVICE CLASS CHANGE**

FROM: The Graduate Novice class shall be for ASCA® CD dogs that not been certified by a judge to have received a Qualifying score toward a CDX title prior to the closing of entries. TO: The Graduate Novice class shall be for ASCA® CD titled dogs that have not been certified by a judge to have received a Qualifying score toward a CDX title or an ODX title prior to the closing of entries.

#### **CONFORMATION**

Change the Conformation Finals Statement of Purpose to reflect updates to the program.

FROM: Statement of Purpose: The Conformation Finals is designed to be a self-supporting event that showcases the highest ranking altered conformation dogs and intact conformation dogs. This event is to be held in conjunction with the ASCA National Specialty as a separate event. The intention of the Finals is to showcase ASCA's finest conformation dogs to the world so that we may share the virtues of this versatile breed with others. Any situation not directly addressed by the Conformation Finals Rules shall be

governed by the Conformation Show Rules and Regulations.

**TO:** The Conformation Finals is designed to be a self-supporting event that is held in conjunction with the ASCA National Specialty as a separate event. Qualifiers are selected from the Conformation program year end Merit standings in both Intact and Altered that are eligible to show per Chapter 9, section 9.10 of the ASCA Show Rules and Regulations. Any situation not directly addressed by the Conformation Finals Rules shall be governed by the ASCA Show Rules and Regulations

## **STOCKDOG**

### **Posting Scores**

ADD a subcategory to Rule number 12.9.5 requiring the posting of each individual Judges' scores when judging at Finals. The existing rule states: After scoring and totaling the score sheet for each run, Judges will hand the score sheet to a designated person who will deliver it to the appropriate individuals for calculation and posting of scores. This will take place without consultation between any of the other finals Judges.

### **Livestock**

Changes in livestock allotted to each run is increased from three runs to four runs.

### **Change rule 3.12.1.d - Arena and Obstacles, Course A Arena, Take Pens**

**From:** The duck/geese arena take pen shall be a minimum of 8 x 8 and a maximum of 16 x 16 feet. The take pen does not have to be the same enclosure as the re-pen as long as the procedure is consistent for the entire trial and both pens are at the same end of the arena. The take pen gate must be closed after the stock is released into the arena. If the Judge, in consultation with the Course Director, decides that the take pen is not of adequate size and construction to be safe for the dog or the livestock, the cattle or sheep/goats will be released into the arena from the take pen. All take pens shall be placed on the outside of the arena on the fence opposite the first obstacle whenever possible. The take pen size and location shall be stated in the sanctioning request form.

**To:** The take pen does not have to be the same enclosure as the re-pen as long as the procedure is consistent for the entire trial and both pens are at the same end of the arena. The take pen gate must be closed after the stock is released into the arena. If the Judge, in consultation with the Course Director, decides that the take pen is not of adequate size and construction to be safe for the dog or the livestock, a different course must be used that does not require a take pen. All take pens shall be placed on the outside of the arena on the fence opposite the first obstacle

whenever possible. The take pen size and location shall be stated in the sanctioning request form.

### **Library-Gull Gullicksen**

Gull has brought the whole complete library with her. She is stepping down as of this meeting as the club librarian. Carolyn MacDonald has stepped up to take the position. Hooray Carolyn & Thank you Gull !

**ASCA BOD Report**-no report

**Sunshine Report**-no report thank goodness

### **Event Updates-**

January trial had good weather, full entries. John Raymond was a fabulous judge. Looking towards next year at the same place. Just need to set dates.

February Obedience Trial-Good obedience entries and lots of volunteers. Breed entries were OK and small majors. AND the weekend ended up in the BLACK !

ROM Banquet-Everyone is enjoying the food and company.

Rescue Show-Need volunteers and raffle donations. Some are trying to build an altered major for the bitches.

Agility in March-Need help

Cattle Clinic with Cindi Hayden is full and have raised the number from eight to nine students.

Obedience and Rally on 4/20-21 needs volunteers

4/27-28 Hartnagle Clinic

5/5 Goshen Show-Claudia Reed-Sue Winters needs sanctioning info for the show-

5/11012 Rally Obedience-judges?

Agility Trial-Jean Janotta-moving along

Colors of Summer-Keli Gaunt-Will hold Awards of Merit-Best in Circuits will be based on a point system. Will be holding a grooming seminar-a Micro Chip clinic /cost to include a life time registration -20.00 per head-Also a massage therapist may be on site for dogs and humans. Need stewards and people to help set up and break down. 2 Rallies on Saturday/2 obedience on Sunday (1 judge, Sue King) Need lots of entries in both to keep venues alive for COS.

6/15-16 Stock Trial-Linc Kaiser-Has the sanctioning-to be held at Linnett Melville's new facility-duck arena is indoors-Cattle and sheep arena is set up-there is also a swimming pond and a deck diving in place. Judge Hoffman has been hired.

7/7-July scheduling meeting-where should it be held?

7/12-14 Stock farm and arena trial-to be held up in Maine w/Diane Menard.

8/3-4: Obedience Rally-nothing yet

8/10-11 Farm and Arena trial-Farm trial at Matt Mason's (16 runs) -the arena trial will be at Riverbank on Sunday with 50 runs. 1 judge both days. A 2 or 3 day clinic will be held after the weekend trial.

8/17-18 Act Up agility at the Wild World of Sports facility in N Smithfield RI.

9/8-Bill Kings' - Pomfret Center

10/18-20 HMM-20<sup>th</sup> Anniv-Conformation judges hired: Sheila Polk, Rick Pittman, Terri Morgan and Carolyn Hartnagle-Sandra Katzen hired for agility so far-Obed/Rally judges still need to be hired, and looking for a husband/wife team if possible. Rick Pinney and Joan Carillo for stock judges-Ribbons have been ordered within the 10% discount at Hodges-Old pictures of the first HMM shows for display if anyone has any? Working on awards already.

11/10 Breed show Seekonk-no info yet

Another new Venue slated for 11/16-17 in Westborough MA- Agility Trial- Joey Mason. A few posts are in the way in the arena that you have to work around.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Memberships-Dottie Duclos**

Members voted in-

#### **Applicant**

Jennifer & William Richardson, Westford, MA

James & Lisa Haley, Madison Hey (JR) Uxbridge, MA

Kelsey Bryan (JR), Sharon, MA

Questions on the newsletter distribution i.e.: link to website. If you are not getting email notification through the ascneL-contact Dottie Duclos for the link.

#### **New Business**

##### **New Members**

Kristie Foss, Lisbon, CT

Kathleen Nicolazzo, Rollinsford, NH

Dan & Carol Thomsen, Acton, MA

Lecia Whitlock has stepped down and is looking for someone to replace her (Thank you Lecia!). Mary Ann and Joe Stoddart have volunteered to pick up the reins and take over once more.

There are new conformation/obedience entry forms now – effective June 1, 2013.

ASCA has set up an infectious disease committee per Matt Mason. 7 Veterinarians have been asked to act as a committee to look into the past outbreaks - zeroing in on the Parvo outbreak at the California Nationals last year for starters.

Pete Dolan motioned to adjourn ~seconded by Peter Kontos.

Adjourned at 1:23

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Miller

Secretary

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DEADLINE IS:  
MAY 15**