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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hello fellow ASCNE members,

Happy 2021! I'm sure everyone was happy to say goodbye to 2020! I'm sure, however, everyone was as horrified as I was watching the attack on our capitol. What does this have to do with ASCNE? I think we all can work towards healing our country, especially in a club setting such as ours. Last week we saw an intolerance of diversity. If rather than defending our own position, we could embrace the difference and listen, understand, and incorporate another diverse view into our own thinking, we can build an even stronger club that members want to be part of.

I was pleased to see almost 30 members join our club meeting! Thanks to all of you who joined. I received some great input (both at the meeting and after) which I will bring to the board for discussion. This is exactly the kind of constructive, diverse input I was speaking of above and I really appreciate it. We will continue with virtual meetings to keep people safe and simplify attendance, and please continue to make your thoughts and opinions known to us.

If you haven't already done so, please get your membership renewal in. As members renew, we are inviting them to join Groups.io which will become our exclusive means of club communication. Also, we will be looking to form a hospitality committee so please let us know if you have an interest in promoting a more positive impression of our club to its members.

Thank you and stay well!

Lee Prager

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FROM THE EDITOR:



NEXT MEETING:

Date: March 7, 2021 Location: Virtual

NEWSLETTER **D**EADLINE:

March 14, 2021

Hello all!

Happy New Year! I hope that you have all had a safe and heathy holiday season and that you've managed to find ways to have fun with your wonderful Aussies even though events are limited! And, here's to hoping that 2021 brings good fortune to all!

With the unseasonably warm and dry winter, we've been doing lots of hiking all over Connecticut. We've discovered so many new and wonderful trails in state parks and state forests this past year.

Please send news, brags, updates, announcements about upcoming events; and event results to me at ariane.m.bailey@gmail.com. I'm especially grateful for photographs to be included with the above (please tell me who is in the photo). Happy to see so many new contributors this issue!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit something for this issue! I truly appreciate it!

Stay safe and healthy, Ariane

News, Brags, and Announcements:

From Jessie Meyer:

New and last ATCH, number 6, for this 12.5 yo beauty, Rio, who does everything she does with joy and enthusiasm. Pictured with her owners Kathy Fretz and Jessie Meyer and with our judge Trisha Stall.





From Dianne Barrett:

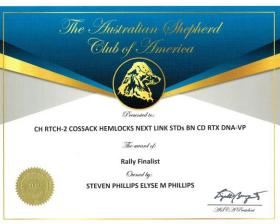
At the August Heat of the Summer Obedience Trial Journey won High in Trial in the morning trial with a score of 199 in the Novice B class. My armband number was 199, it must have been my lucky number!

We won High in Trial in the second trial too, with a nice score of 196 1/2. It was a good day!

From Steven Phillips:

I thought I could brag a little on Link's invitation to ASCA Finals in Georgia. We received his award today and will be receiving a ribbon in another 4-6 weeks.





From Claudia Reed:

URO1 Runaway Koda ATA My Boy RN earned his virtual AKC Nov Rally Title, His UKC Rally Nov Title and has earned 2 legs of his Starter Novice title in CDSP and also is ranked #14 in Country in his Starter Novice with CDSP. Pictured below.

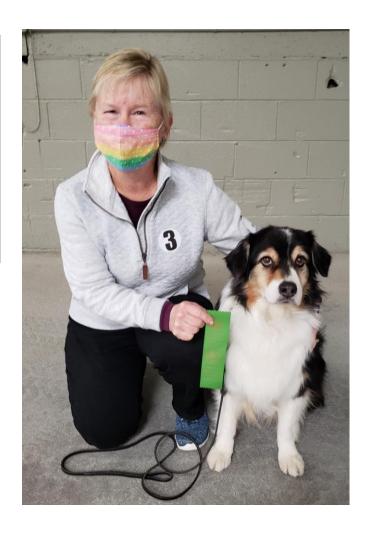
Also please see UCDX URX2 UROC Merimors Forever Misty BN CDX RNX RNC RAX RAC REX picture In the Jan/ Feb issue of Aussie Times. She was ranked #6 in Rally Excellent.



From Cindy Fields:

Jammi earned her Companion Dog title at the Thanksgiving Cluster in Springfield last November making her: Ch Propwash Traffic Jam, CD, RE, HSAD, NAP, NJP, TKN!!

So proud of her! She's 11 1/2 and still herding, hiking, playing, and just enjoying her life bossing the boys!



MEETING MINUTES:

01/09/2021 Membership Meeting ASCNE

Virtual Meeting from the recording - Secretary did not attend

Discussion around the logistic of virtual meeting etiquette

Benefits of the ASCNE Membership

Trials

Networking with others

Exchanging with others

Volunteers

Coordinators - Trial Chairs -

New Member Application for Approval

Melissa Cicetti 1974 County Route 9 Chatham, NY 12037 Her sponsors are Jen Chase & Beth Adams

BOD Updates

Secretary Report Skip because I was not there and no paper presented.

Steven's treasurer's report he sent to members earlier in the week. 2020 ended with about \$4800 less than what we started with. payments so far in 2021 are \$25 for postage and \$743 for insurance report accepted Motion: Jenna Vermette Second: Dottie Duclos Opposed: No

Documentation on ASCNEmembers.IO

Cindy King - ASCNE's affiliate renewal has been sent to ASCA. sanctioning coordinators for 2021 are: Robert Wheaton - rally/obedience, Carol Landry - stock, Alicia Campbell - conformation. someone is needed for agility. **there is a new motion for judges notices.** Report accepted (Motion)

Program Updates

Wendy Richmond - agility - an agility sanctioning coordinator is needed. tasks involve proofing premiums and submitting forms to ASCA. Wendy said after-trial steps are done by the trial chair. please contact Wendy or Lee Prager if you have interest in volunteering for this job. there is a current motion to start an ASCA agility invitational. the march 27 & 28, 2021 trial is now scheduled for Canine New England in Walpole, Mass. the original judge, Jackie Oricko, will not be coming because of covid-19 restrictions. Wendy is trying to get John Raymond from NH. Wendy needs to check with Dianne Thompson scheduled to judge the may 28 & 29, 2021 trial at American Canine Country. The judge for colors of summer. is Pamela Bryant Meeks - hope to have a gamblers seminar on Friday. hmm has been moved October 16 & 17, 2021 because of conflicts with AKC dates. moving our date because of AKC happens many years.

Alicia Campbell - conformation - 3 shows on March 21, 2021 at canine mastery in Seekonk, MA. most of the preparations have been done. because of covid-19 Alicia can not be @ showsite, Jenna Vermette will help.

Gull Gullicksen - obedience - thank you to Kathie Chouinard for being previous sanctioning coordinator and Robert Wheaton for taking over the job. there are events coming up in Seekonk, ma. Dianne Barrett gave updates. She has been receiving entries for all three events. 1/31 rally funday is by pre-entry only so Dianne can schedule within occupancy guidelines. handlers will be divided into groups per level, only 10 allowed in building at one time. On 2/14 there are three rally trials scheduled. 3/14 has two obedience and one rally with very limited entries. Dianne is hoping to have an obedience funday late February or early march. The trials on may 9 in **ct** (2 obedience, 1 rally) have been cancelled because of covid-19 concerns. Chairs are needed for colors of summer and hmm, or these events will not have rally or obedience.

Steven Phillip0s - Rally - most events covered in obedience report. Judge for 02/14 rally trials is Rachel Brostrom, 03/14obedience and rally trials is Denise Lacroix.

Cindy King - stock - all stock plans are tentative because of covid-19 travel restrictions, there are no judges in New England. **trying to schedule events in May, June, September, October. As** in all programs the same few people do most of the work and new people are needed to step up to prevent burnout. 42:09M

Lee Prager - there will be stock at harvest moon mania. Anne Hubbard and Barbara Barreiro will be co-course directors. that means we can also have mva if someone is willing to run it.

1/17/2021 is deadline to get items to Ariane Bailey for the newsletter.

March 7 membership meeting will be virtual, there will be no rom banquet.

Matt Mason still hopes to have a nutrition seminar scheduled after covid-19 dies down.

in place of the march rom banquet, hoping to do rom awards at a club picnic/meeting july 11. Dianne Barrett is looking into West Thompson dam park in ct.

9/12 meeting might also be virtual.

10/29 - 11/9 are nationals in Byron, TX

November 14 meeting is important because of nominations and officer elections. we will need a nominating committee.

it was asked if we should have rom awards with a lot of ASCNE events cancelled in 2020. for stock there was only one exhibitor that submitted scores for awards. should we wrap into 2021? discussed appreciating hard work of people who did show, trying to keep some semblance of normal, personal preference of recipients. it was agreed to have 2020 rom awards.

talk of having confirmation specialty at hmm - may be hard to do this year because of uncertainties but *Jenna* will look into what is involved, whether for this year or not.

mva at hmm - Lee Prager said mva is one thing that makes hmm special. he will ask Kathy Fretz if she wants to chair as she has in the past. Anne Hubbard mentioned there is also a mva jr. award we should promote.

stock fence building at hmm was mentioned, could we contact local 4-h groups? the fairgrounds crew has been contracted to build the fencing. but it was agreed that promoting youth is important and they could be invited to attend and help with other tasks. Lee Prager asked anyone with 4-h contacts to contact a board member.

Lee Prager

the new ASCNE member <u>groups.io</u> will be the primary means of communication. official postings will not be done in multiple locations (facebook, etc).

by-law changes - the board is waiting for the final copy of changes

club survey - hope to get to members in feb via survey monkey. will be three questions

New Business

Lee Prager - the board has discussed forming a hospitality committee. something to make new members feel welcome, maybe a welcome informational package, point of contact at first event/meeting, **emphasis** what is special about ASCNE. the committee could work on non-show events, and sunshine committee could be incorporated into hospitality. if you are interested please contact Lee Prager.

Gull Gullicksen mentioned she could not hear the beginning of the meeting and did she miss the reading of the new membership application? Lee Prager read the application **name, town, state**. application was voted for acceptance.

There was a question **about lifetime membership perimeters.** do we base it on amount of involvement, length of membership? ASCNE does not have a lifetime membership, we do have honorary membership. Lee Prager said anyone with a suggested name could send to the board.

ribbons - Kathy Buckley said she was going to order rally & obedience ribbons per event because of not knowing what was going on with trials being held or cancelled. ordering per year allows for bigger discounts (offered in feb & sept) but smaller orders may not make the discount worth it. Steven Phillip0s said \$5,531.20 was spent in 2020 on ribbons, \$1,585.99 was for rom ribbons and bowls.

results for non-ASCNE events need to be sent to ASCNE rom coordinators. should be sent within 30 days of event.

Lee Prager - board updated rom policy. now states to be eligible for all programs you must have volunteered in some capacity (trial/show worker, event host, etc) <section 7 of policy book> discussion on sign up sheets at events, what about non-event volunteers, who is responsible for getting names to rom coordinators, lack of volunteer opportunities while events being cancelled because of covid-19, how would we handle a central database. had there been a problem giving awards to non-volunteers? Lee Prager said main objective of the new policy was to encourage more members to volunteer. the board will re-discuss all points that needed clarifying.

meeting adjourned 4:37

Link to recording: https://fccdl.in/IIDIqOVPm6

Attending Deb Keach, Steven Phillips, Dianne Barrett, Kathy Buckley, Anne Hubbard, Alicia Campbell, Dottie Duclos, Ellen Kurdzo, Jenna Vermette, Jessie Meyer, Judi Schachte, Karen Souza, Kathie Chouinard, Linda Prager, Lee Prager, Mary Ann Stoddart, Michael Kurdzo, Wendy Richmond, Cindy King, Gull Gullicksen, elyse phillips

CALL FOR AGILITY VOLUNTEERS:

Agility is desperately in need of trial chairs, trial secretaries and scorekeepers for our trials. If anyone is interested in taking on one of these tasks, or learning the process, please get in touch with Wendy Richmond, Lee Prager.

CALL FOR RALLY & OBEDIENCE CHAIRS:

1-19-21

To: ASCNE Membership

From: Gull Gullicksen & Steven Phillips

RE; Rally & Obedience Chairpersons

Hi Everyone,

Happy New Year! Out with 2020 and in with 2021. Hopefully 2021 will be a great year for ASCNE and maybe we will see everyone in Bryan, Texas this October 29th.

Every year comes with its changes and its challenges. This year is no different. For 2021 we are looking for a Chairperson or Chairpersons for Rally & Obedience for both *Colors of Summer* and *Harvest Moon*. We could have two separate persons for each event or maybe a team effort for both events. Maybe there are two friends who would like to take on this challenge.

We have had many dedicated ASCNE members handle these events over the past few years and we now need someone (or a team) to step up and help handle these events. *Colors of Summer* in 2021 is on June 5th & 6th and *Harvest Moon* is on October 9th & 10th. These are both Saturday and Sunday events.

If you have never done this before, we will give you the help and guidance needed to make it a success. There is no reason to worry about doing this since we have many experienced members who have done it before. We need a couple members to accept the challenge of Rally & Obedience Chairperson. Without a Chairperson, these events will not be able to succeed.

Whether you are a newer member or a veteran member we need your help. Please let Gull, Steven, or any Board Member know that you accept the challenge. We are all here to support you.

Please let us know as soon as possible!

Let's have a successful 2021.

Sincerely,

Gull Gullicksen & Steven Phillips

ASCNE LISTSERVE:

From Gull Gullickson:

yahoo groups went away in december 2020. with no ascne-I we needed a new form of member communication. a members-only groups.io was started. this will be ascne's main form of official communications. the list is by invitation only, starting fresh to eliminate incorrect emails.

1. when dottie receives your membership renewal she will issue the email invitation. (please be sure you print your email <and all information> clearly on your membership renewal form)
2. you must reply to the email to join the group.

i know a lot of people feel they already get too many unwanted emails. you can change your email preference settings and elect not to receive messages. then you will only receive emails marked as special notices from the ascne board. you can still sign in to view messages any time you want.

again - note that the invitation for the new <u>groups.io</u> list will be sent according to membership renewal forms received. please get your renewals sent to dottie asap to avoid delays in your invitation. we ask that all members join, even if you are on facebook. this will be ascne's main form of official communications.

membership renewal forms can be found on the ascne website

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:

the ascne board thinks it would be good for the club to have a hospitality committee. some ideas for the committee's tasks would be a welcome packet & point of contact for new members, special events, support for the rom banquet coordinator if they need assistance, etc. please contact me if you are interested in being on the committee (gullr210@juno.com). we are also happy to hear ideas on what else the committee could do.

Who's Who:

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vacant

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Rally Coordinator

vacant

Conformation Coordinator

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Stock Dog Coordinator

Anne Hubbard 401-647-5751 familydogtrainingri@gmail.com

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, available on the ASCNE's web site)

ASCNE SUNDAY FUNDAY

ASCA RALLY RunDay

Come in from the cold - have fun with your dog

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021

Indoors, at Canine Mastery 102A Pond St, Seekonk MA Building open for set-up at 8:00 AM

As in all ASCA performance events - all breeds and All-Americans are welcome

Starting at 9AM

\$15.00 for 2 runs of the same dog in the same group.

*** Special bonus - \$5.00 additional runs in the same group.

Maximum of 4 runs per dog

COVID Guidelines:

- The runs will be set up in groups of 10 -12 teams.
- The teams will arrive at the same time, set up crating, walk the course, run the course, all teams will exit before the next group can come in.
- · Masks must be worn on the premises

Pre-entries:

Make Check payable to ASCNE -

mail entries to Dianne Barrett, PO Box 503, Putnam CT 06260

*Pre-entries close 1/23/21 *no "Day-of" entries will be accepted.

Groups will be divided by levels Masters and Excellent or Novice and Advanced. Run orders will be by height from tall to small.

Detach the form and send to Dianne Barrett. (FMI Dianne.barrett@att.net) An email confirmation and schedule will be sent.

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The Australian Shepherd Club of New England (ASCNE) invites you to attend our

Winter Warm Up

Rally Trials

3 All - Breed Rally Trials ASCA sanctioning pending

February 14, 2021

Canine Mastery, 102 A Pond St, Seekonk, MA 02771

Ribbons are awarded for qualifying scores and placement

No flexi-leads in the building.

<u>Judging</u> <u>Trial 1</u> Rachel Brostrom*** Ashbumham MA

Trial 2 Rachel Brostrom*** Ashbumham MA
Trial 3 Rachel Brostrom*** Ashbumham MA

***keep the rules in mind for achieving titles

Rally

Rally Classes: Novice A, B & C, Advanced A, B & C, Excellent A, B & C, Masters A, B & C,

Trials will start with the Masters Class

Limited to a total entry limit of 75 entries/runs for the day Trial 1 - Entries taken 7:30-8:00. Trial starts at 8:30

Trial 2 - Entries taken 9:30-10:00. Trial starts at 11:00 or after trial 1 ends, if it runs later than 11:00 AM Trial 3 - Entries taken 12:00-12:30. Trial starts at 1:30 or after trial 2 ends, if it runs later than 1:30PM ****A 30 minute lunch to be taken at the discretion of the Judge

This is an ASCA sanctioned show, no food or corrections allowed.

Fees Pre-entries: Open on 12/7/2020, close on 2/6/2021 No refunds after the pre-entry closing date.

Pre-entry: \$23.00

Pre-entry specials: 3 entries - same dog \$66.00 // 6 entries - same dog \$129.00

Day of show entries: \$25, no multiple entry discount.

Contact Trial Secretary – Kathy Buckley <u>pupmum@aol.com</u> or at Canine Mastery 508-399-5867

Information Pre-entry Clerk – Dianne Barrett Dianne.barrett@att.net or 860-753-2024

If the trial fills before the pre-entry close date - a waiting list will be maintained

Day of show entries are only available if limits have not been met.

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***ENTRY CHECKS WILL BE SHREDDED IF THE TRIAL IS CANCELED.

Current Covid protocols are included, but they will be updated closer to the closing date

Make checks out to ASCNE and mail entries to:
ASCNE SHOW, c/o Dianne Barrett, Pre-Entry Clerk, PO Box #503, Putnam, CT 06260

<u>Dianne.Barrett@att.net</u> or 860-753-2024

- · Do not forget to sign the back of the entry form
- All dogs must have an individual ASCA registration or an ASCA tracking number to compete in ASCA sanctioned Obedience Trials
- All Dogs must have proof of registration and rabies certificate available.
- For information regarding what Rally classes you may enter, refer to the Rally rules on the ASCA site:
 https://www.asca.ass/www.ascatast/wwleads/2000/03/rally.gde.gdf.

ASCA Information

Entry

Information

- .https://www.asca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/raillyrules.pdf
 The Novice A Class is for handlers that have not placed an Obedience or Raily title on a dog from
- ASCA or any registry and the dog does not have an Obedience or Rally title from any registry.
 All dogs competing for ASCA Rally titles are required to start at Novice and work through Masters regardless of Rally titles awarded by other Registries.
- No entry shall be accepted from a dog or handler disqualified from the ASCA Conformation program; a dog or handler disqualified from all ASCA programs; or a person not in good standing with ASCA

Registration All Australian Shepherds over the age of 6 months must be registered.



WORKING AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD CLUB of UPSTATE NEW YORK

(WASCUNY)
ASCA SANCTIONED Agility Trial
February 27 & 28, 2021

High Goal Farm 68 Louse Hill Rd. Greenwich, NY Indoors on mats

Judge:

Trisha Stall, NY

Championship Program (Standard, Veteran Dog & Jr. Handler) ACE Program (Standard & Senior Dog)

CLASSES OFFERED:

Saturday – 2 Jumpers, 2 Regular, 2 Gamblers Sunday – 1 Jumper, 3 Regular, 1 Gamblers

Entries limited to 350 runs per day

Entries open Wednesday January 13, 2021

Entries close Wednesday, February 17, 2021- Pre-entries will be accepted after closing date for a \$10 surcharge – if trial is not full.

Entries postmarked before the opening date WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Entries will be accepted by order of postmark. Entries cannot be canceled after the closing date. This trial will be held under the current rules and regulations of ASCA.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION: WWW.WASCUNY.ORG

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March Madness

Obedience and Rally Trials

2 All - Breed Obedience Trials 1 All - Breed Rally Trial

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Judging Trial 1 Obedience: Denise LaCroix, Spencer MA
Trial 2 Obedience: Denise Lacroix, Spencer MA

Trial 3 Rally: Denise Lacroix, Spencer MA

Obedience - Utility, Open, (ODX/CDX) Novice - levels A,B, Veterans can jump 4" lower

Optional Titling Class: Beginner Novice levels A,B, Graduate Novice. Trials will start with Utility Each trial will start with Utility. Sits and Downs will be held After individual exercises. Limited to 30 Obedience Entries for the day, no entries will be accepted once the limit is met

Rally Classes: Novice A, B & C, Advanced A, B & C, Excellent A, B & C, Masters A, B & C,

Trial will start with the Masters Class

Limited to 35 Rally entries for the day, no entries will be accepted once the limit is met

This is an ASCA sanctioned show, no food or corrections allowed.

Fees Pre-entries: Open on 1/7/2021, close on 3/7/2021 No refunds after the pre-entry closing date.

Pre-entry: \$23.00

Pre-entry specials: 2 entries, – same dog, any trials \$43.00 Day of show entries: \$25, no multiple entry discount

Contact Trial Secretary – Kathy Buckley pupmum@aol.com or at Canine Mastery 508-399-5867

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