



## Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club Newsletter for May 2011

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## Ririe Agility Trials



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### **Next Club Meeting**

Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at Billman's on East 17<sup>th</sup>  
(across from the Ammon Albertson's)

7:00 p.m. – Board Meeting  
7:30 p.m. – General Meeting

# Meeting Minutes

## I Call to order

Frank M. called to order the **Board Meeting** of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club at 7:00 P.M. on April 21, 2011. Members Present:

Steven Olson  
Frank Mason

Glenda Haller  
Abbie Zaladonis

Kathe LaRosa  
Theresa Mathis

## II Call to Order

Frank M. called to order the **General Meeting** of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club at 7:30 P.M. on April 21, 2011 at Leo's Place.

## III Attendance

Cheryl Loomis	Ray Prigge	George Haller	Shyne Brothers
Barb and Carl Friedrich	Steven Olson	Rosha Adams	Austin Summers
Stephanie Nielsen	Theresa Mathis	Bill Orr	Doug Wale
LaDawn Moad	Daniel Allen	Diane Orr	JoAnn Croft
Jim and Sun Norrell	Rochelle Mason	Margi Vanover	Dan Croft
Matt Anderson	Abbie Zaladonis	LeeAnn Chaffin	Nataiela Shomaker
Lee Anderson	Frank Mason	John Baughman	Kathe La Rosa
Carolynn Prigge	Glenda Haller	Vickie Stewart	Juley Hankins-Smith

\*\*Frank M. recognized Juley, Practice Director, for her Committee report. Juley wanted to thank all of those for helping with practices, with a special thanks going to Carl and Shyne for all of their help. A reminder that Suzanne is in charge of the June practice. A sign-up sheet was circulated for the group to sign-up for future practices. Agility practices for the summer months will be held at Tautphaus Park, for the cold months at Broken Bit Arena. The individual in charge of each month's practice is responsible for securing a location to practice (with the exception of the park) and an agility course layout for the session.

## IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Glenda H. made a motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting with the following corrections: Carolyn and Ray Prigge submitted an application for new membership. Lee and Matt Anderson submitted an application for new membership. Mira Chester submitted an application for new membership. Nancy Lasky submitted an application for new membership. Minutes from the March meeting approved by the group.

## V. Report From the Board

Minutes from March's Board Meeting read to the group.

*President:* Frank M - Nothing at this time.

*Vice President:* Abbie Z. - Annual USRVDTTC picnic scheduled for July 14, 2011. Bring a food dish to share with the group. The next meeting will be at Billman's Restaurant located on 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Ammon on May 19, 2011. The June meeting is scheduled for the 9<sup>th</sup> due to the Agility Trial/Blackfoot conflict. Location for the June meeting is possibly Pachangas, will confirm next general meeting.

There will be a Therapy dog training seminar June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Judy Grof for more information.

*(Meeting Minutes Continued)*

*Secretary:* Mary Sturgill has resigned as the Director of the SRAS. She has accepted employment in Texas.

*Treasurer:* Reviewed the balance sheet from the period of March 17, 2011 through April 21, 2011. Glenda also reviewed the Agility trial expenses. If anybody is interested in reviewing the balance sheets please contact Kathe and she will e-mail a copy. Bank accounts have been moved to the Bank of Commerce.

Vinyl Lettering has been applied to the sides of the trailers, thanks Dan and JoAnn Croft!

## **VI. Committee Reports**

Agility – LaDawn wanted to thank all of those who helped with the April Agility Trial in Ririe. A Special thank to the Crofts (Chief Stewards) they did a fantastic job. LaDawn wanted to know if anybody had a judge recommendation for upcoming events. She would like to secure a VMO if possible.

Agility – Barb F. discussed the Agility Trial conflict the USRVDTTC and Great Falls had this April. Both clubs saw a decrease in entries. A group discussion was held with club members voicing various opinions on future trial dates. All possibilities will be considered in scheduling next year's Agility event(s).

Practice Director – See above.

Publicity – Margi made a suggestion that USRVDTTC advertise in the SRAS quarterly newsletter. She read the prices and explained the ad sizes. Steve O. made a motion we advertise with a ½ page ad and the group approved.

Tracking – Steve O., tracking classes have started. Steve made a mention of holding a Tracking Test in 2012. LeeAnn will explore the possibilities of holding a future Tracking Event.

Newsletter Editor – Shyne asked the group if they would like a classified section in the Newsletter. The club members approved the idea.

## **VII. New Business**

New Member(s): Carolyn and Ray Prigge, Lee and Matt Anderson, Mira Chester, and Nancy Lasky

LaDawn stated there will be an Agility Demo at Tiebreaker Elementary on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. Any club member interested in participating please contact LaDawn.

**VIII. Unfinished Business** – Rabies Clinic is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Skyline Activity Center. Vaccinations will be given for dogs and cats at the cost of \$12 per animal.

**IX. Motion to Adjourn** - General meeting made by Glenda H., Steve O. seconded, motion passed.

***Next General Meeting: Billman's Restaurant - May 19, 2011***

***\* Please note the June meeting will be held on the second Thursday of the month in order to avoid conflict with the Blackfoot Agility Trial.***

## ***Brag and Updates!***



### ***From Dan Allen & Theresa Mathis***

Millie's debut was in Moses Lake, WA on March 25, 26 & 27. She Q'd 5 out of 6 runs, and took four firsts and one second with a new title. The next weekend in Ririe, she Q'd 4 out of 6 runs with another new title.

### ***From Jo Deurbrouck***

Brag: On the USRVDTTC for hosting an agility trial that felt as welcoming as a backyard potluck. A lot of behind-the-scenes hard work and many small thoughtful contributions went into making that trial feel effortless and fun to most of the folks there.

### ***From the Moads***

There is a new addition to the Moad Family; a three and a half year old Belgian Tervuren named Rebel.

### ***From the Hallers***

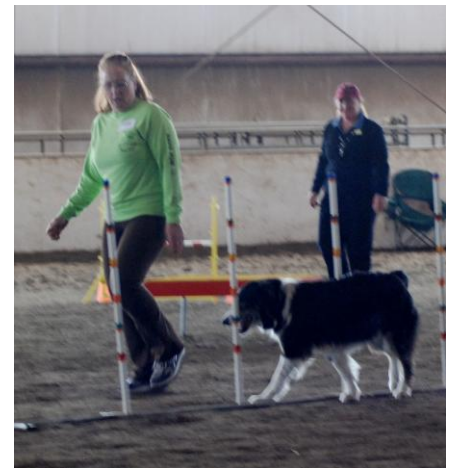
As usual, Bo finished his Agility Novice Standard Preferred title before his sister Ivy. He always seems to finish titles just one trial before her. Anyway, Bo finished with a first place, 95 score and a whole 20 seconds under course time. Happy days!!

### ***From the Hassings***

Fran and Sky qualified 50% of their runs. They got a novice preferred standard agility title and two legs of their novice preferred jumpers with weaves. Sky took his weave poles (slow yes but carefully!) every time on the first try 5 out of 6 runs.

### ***From Abbie Zaladonis***

At our April agility trial, Myra Zaladonis had her first clean run in over a year! She was first place in Open JWW 12" dogs. I'm so proud, even if she was the only 12" dog.



### ***From Cheryl Loomis***

At USRVDTTC's spring agility trial, "Sage" Loomis qualified 5 out of 7 runs, all with first places. He now has 2 legs in Novice Standard Preferred, Novice Jumpers Preferred, and Novice Fast Preferred. What a great achievement for a dog with 8 months of training.

### ***From the Guidingers***

At the GSDOC Obedience and Rally trials, Captain Guidinger finished his RAE. Tennille Guidinger finished her RN. Chance Guidinger earned one GN leg and one BN leg. Kilo Guidinger earned two BN legs. At the USRVDTTC trials, Kilo earned one Open Jumpers leg and one Open Standard Preferred leg. Captain earned one Excellent Jumpers leg and one Excellent Standard Preferred leg.

### ***From the Olsons***

We all had a really good time at the Belgian National Specialty. Zip got his HIC and also his NA in Agility with a High Combined. In Conformation he received a 4th Place in Open dog.

Brandy got a first place and her first leg in Novice Obedience. She also received a 1st place in Open Bitch Conformation. We are very proud of them.

### ***Trophy Sponsorship***

We are currently searching for trophy sponsors for the fall obedience trials. Please contact Fran at [frzninid@srv.net](mailto:frzninid@srv.net) or 522-5731 if you would like to sponsor a trophy. All sponsors are listed in the catalog.

### ***Upcoming Events***

#### **Agility & Obedience Practice**

There will be an AG/OB practice on Saturday, May 21st from 12 to 3 p.m. at Tautphaus Park.

#### **Coursing Ability Tests**

Pocatello Kennel Club Lure Coursing is holding two Coursing Ability Tests on May 15th at the Pocatello Fairgrounds. For additional information, visit <http://www.pokydogs.org/>.

There will also be an all breed Coursing Ability Test on May 28th in Morgan, Utah. For additional information, visit <http://www.utahsighthounds.org/>.

### ***Future Newsletters***

I've had a few folks express interest in a "Trial Tips for Beginners" article. I could put together a boring list of "do this, don't do that." Or, I could put together a compilation of your personal anecdotes. Please help me keep the newsletter fun by submitting your stories and trial tips. I would like to share everyone's submissions in the June newsletter (just in time for the Blackfoot cluster).

Also, please email me at [guardyan@ida.net](mailto:guardyan@ida.net) if you would like to list a dog-related item for sale in the newsletter. Thank you!

# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Matt Anderson	3	4	5 "Merlin" Moore  Cheryl Loomis	6	7 "Scout" Sakson
8 Hug a mom!	9	10	11	12	13 "Tiki" Haff	14 "Miya" Olson
15	16 Margi Vanover	17	18	19	20	21 "Clarissa" Sakson  USRVDTC Practice 12-3P
22	23	24 "Elle" Adams  Sunny Grant  "Schon"	25 "Reise" Newby- Reimann	26 "Kiko" Kauffman	27	28
29	30	31 "Tycho" "Lexie" Adams "Titan" Johnston				

## Upcoming Events



- May 1<sup>st</sup> Spring Match in Nampa, Idaho
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> Tracking Test in West Valley City, Utah
- May 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Agility & Obedience Trials in South Jordan, Utah
- May 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> USDAA Agility Trials in Caldwell, Idaho
- May 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Obedience Trials in Billings, Utah
- May 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Obedience Trials in Nampa, Idaho
- May 15<sup>th</sup> Coursing Ability Tests in Pocatello, Idaho
- May 15<sup>th</sup> Tracking Test in Corinne, Utah
- May 21<sup>st</sup> – USRVDTC Practice at Tautphaus Park
- May 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Agility Trials in Logan, Utah
- May 28<sup>th</sup> Coursing Ability Tests in Morgan, Utah