



## UPPER SNAKE RIVER VALLEY DOG TRAINING CLUB



### MAY NEWSLETTER 2023

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#### May Board Meeting

May 18, 2023

7PM

At Plum Loco

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For Sale: Agility Equipment  
9 ft A-frame, 12 ft adjustable Dog  
walk, adjustable teeter, assorted  
jumps, and additional pieces.

Contact Cheryl Loomis  
at [setnsundogs@gmail.com](mailto:setnsundogs@gmail.com)  
if interested.

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# Member Accomplishments



London won High Triple and Combined in rally at the recent GSDOC trials in Utah. 298 points for the triple and 199 points for the double. She is 11 Master points away from earning her RACH. 'Touche' earned a triple and another master leg. Phineas finished his RE and earned his second PCD leg.

Belle had a great weekend at the club's agility trial finishing her open fast and open jumpers titles. She also had 5 consecutive runs without visiting anyone in the ring.

## Congratulations Club Members!

## **So.... you'd like to enter a dog trial. Are you ready?**

### **READ THE RULES**

You are responsible for following the rules whether you have read them or not. Rules for the AKC dog sport you are interested can be viewed and downloaded at AKC.org – Sports & Events – Rules & Regulations – Sports – Regulations

- Here you will learn about all classes offered in that sport, what class you should enter, equipment that is allowed, what you need to do to qualify, how you earn titles, etc.
- If you don't understand the rules or feel like you'd get a better understanding of them if they were reviewed as a group, contact your sports training director and they can set something up.

### **ATTEND TRIALS AS A SPECTATOR**

To find Trials, go to AKC.org – Event Search

- Agility, Obedience, Rally and Tracking are listed under "Companion Events" Scent Work is listed under "Performance Events".
- Search by State or Search near a City (distance options and date range options are available)

### **DOWNLOAD THE PREMIUM**

The premium is the detailed information source for the trial you want to enter. Like the AKC rules/regulations you are responsible for the information contained in the premium. Read it! The premium contains everything you need to know about the trial. How entries will be accepted, when you can send entries, the cutoff date for entries, who to make your check out to, judges, crating, where to park, where to stay, emergency services, etc. It will also state specific rules for each trial venue.

### **COMPLETE THE ENTRY FORM**

To enter a trial print and fill out the entry form

- Fill out the form completely
- Fill out form legibly
- Sign your form
- When you have the form filled out, re-read it – if the trial Secretary did not know you, could they enter your dog correctly? (did you mark every class you want to enter, the height, etc. did you include your dogs registration number, their AKC registered name, etc.)
- Did you include the correct amount to cover your entries? Use a calculator if you need to.

Once you've submitted your entries, you will receive a series of confirmation emails from the secretary.

**READ YOUR CONFIRMATION.** Is your dog's name and registration number correct? Are you entered in the correct classes? Are you entered in everything you wanted to be entered in? *NOW is the time to make corrections.*

After the trial has closed (entries are no longer being accepted) you will receive a final confirmation. This will include your entry information as well as other important information about the trial. What time you should arrive, when you are allowed to set up your crates, is there food available, etc.

### **DAY OF TRIAL AND TRIAL ETIQUETTE**

Arrive early to set up. You will need a crate/xpen for your dog. If your dog is excessively loud or reactive, cover your dog's crate/xpen and set up further from the ring. You will need to bring water/snacks for both you and your dog. Helpful things to have: chair (camp chairs are great), extra clothes (temperatures vary), portable propane heaters, shade tent, etc.

**Check in.** This is usually done at the ring gate. Remember it is your responsibility to be ready to go in the ring when it is your turn. It is advisable to arrive at the trial at least 45 minutes before you expect to run.

**VOLUNTEER!** In Agility, it takes a **MINIMUM** of 11 workers in order for you to be able to run your dog. There is usually a sign up sheet or board, training is provided! All trials need help and you should expect to help especially if it is your club hosting the trial.

There is typically a general briefing in the morning. Attend. This is your opportunity to learn what you need to know for the day. Before your class, check in, attend the class briefing/walk through. Be prepared when it is your turn so the judge and workers do not need to wait for you.

It is not appropriate for you to allow your dog to be a distraction to the dog in the ring. This means stay at least 10 feet from all ring gates/fencing. Do not allow your dog to bark, growl, lunge, or get in another dog's space. Be extra vigilant when going into and leaving the ring.

After your run: DO NOT approach the table crew (timers, scribes, etc.) they need to give their full attention to the next competitor. Everyone deserves the attention you just received. Your unofficial results will be available at or near the secretary table once the class is completed. In agility, if you would like to see your results, you will want to check a few minutes AFTER the last dog in your height class has finished. In Scent work it will be a few minutes AFTER the last dog in your class runs, etc. In Rally, your score will often be posted on the gate sheet (but not your time), etc.

Awards, ribbons, stickers, etc. will be available AFTER the judge has approved the results. Ribbons are printed in Agility and Scent Work so that you can keep track of your Q's. This way you know when you are eligible to move up to another class. NOTE: It is your responsibility alone to make sure you are entered in the correct class. If you enter the wrong class and qualify but were ineligible for that class, AKC will pull your Q. They can pull several Q's and even titles if you were ineligible. Keep track! (if you lose your stickers/can't remember/want to verify, you can do that on the AKC website under Sports & Events – Points and Awards.)

If you have earned a title and wish to move to the next class *in the current trial* go to the secretary's table and ask for a move up form. This form needs to be filled out and given to the secretary **that day** so that you can be entered correctly the following day. If you earn a title and have already entered future trials, you will need to email the trial secretary and ask that your dog be moved to the correct class. You will need to include your dog's name and registration number and ask that you be moved from x class to y class.

Make sure you clean up your area when you leave. Do not leave garbage etc. for someone else to clean up!

Have fun! It doesn't matter if you qualify and earn titles, what matters is having fun while spending time with your dog! Your dog will be happy just to be with you! Focus on what went right not what went wrong!

# USRVDTC MEETING MINUTES

## USRVDTC REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club was called to order by President, Nicki Bowden, at 7:06 p.m., on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at Papa Kelsey's in Idaho Falls, ID.

### Board Members Present:

Lacey Moon Richard Brizzee Suzanne Belger Nicki Bowden Cheryl Loomis McKayla Summers  
Mira Johnson

### Members Present:

Phil Moon John Baughman LaDawn Moad Alicia Thompson Steven Olson Lois Olson Dwayne Loomis  
Anelyse Swenson Rosha Adams Heike Vitacolonna Austin Messick Cait Messick  
Robert Bonagofski Jimmy Bell Jennifer Evans LaDawn Moad Nichole Crossley Frank Mason  
Melissa McCarthy

### Guests

Fred Adams Evelyn Dredge Terry Dredge Sharon Tracy Dan Alan Dean Tubbs Lauren Tubbs Brandon  
Summers Candace Christensen Jim Fitch

### Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting Read/Dispensed: Printed in Newsletter

Motion by LaDawn Moad to accept minutes as printed in newsletter

Seconded by: Suzanne Belger

**Report of the President:** Nicki wrote up a little info-packet about what you need to know to trial your dog. Her write up is going to be sent to Shelby to put in the newsletter. A copy is filed with the minutes and is available upon request.

Plaque for Marilynne – She will have it completed and at the next meeting.

On Sunday we'll have the Train the Trainer Class from 2-4pm at the 4H building. After the class, anyone who participated in the Sunday practices and/or winter agility practices will stay/come to help clean out the equipment from the 4-H building and also the agility trailer.

**Report of the Vice President:** None

**Report of the Secretary:** None

**Report of the Treasurer:** Suzanne Belger - YTD balance of \$113,128.76 and YTD net profit of \$3413.80. Reports filed with minutes and available via email if interested in viewing.

**Report of Committees:**

**Agility-** LaDawn –April Agility trial 4/14-4/16. Thanks to the helpers. We had \$8858.00 in entry fees. This is the lowest since 2015. There are a number of reasons for the low number, but still a great trial. Expenses were \$8405.66 so we made a \$452.34 profit.

**Scent Work** —Next trial is at the Blackfoot Cluster. Setup is Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> is takedown. We still need volunteers.

**CGC** – April 18<sup>th</sup>. We tested 19 dogs. 12 passed.

**Classes-**

Obedience – Heike—Classes just finished up. Next sessions will start May 17<sup>th</sup> with orientation on May 10<sup>th</sup>. We still need one more teacher and more assistants.

Agility – Alicia – We’re going to run the same schedule as obedience. Orientation on 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> begin class with dog. There is one beginning agility class from 5:45-6:45. Then club practice 7pm-dark. The class and club member practice is at Sandy Downs by the Grandstands. If you plan to practice, please be there at 6:45 to help set up and plan to stay to tear down.

Tracking – Cheryl- Starting Saturday, April 22nd. Still open if anyone wants to try- there are 4 right now. Meeting at Sandy Downs 9am.

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

Nichole Crossley– Website question- Can we make it easier to navigate? Melissa McCarthy is a software engineer and would like to help with that.

**Membership Applications Read/Approved:**

Voting of new members — Theresa Mathis & Dan Alan, Candace Christensen& Jim Fitch, Arynne Kunsaitis  
Passed – Welcome to the club!

**Read:** Sharon Tracy – Hope, Reba Evelyn/Terry Dredge-Aiden, Topper James Angell –Rock  
Lauren Tubbs – Kipper, Elliott

**Motion for Adjournment:** Phil Moon

**Seconded by:** Steve Olson

**Time Adjourned:** 8:03pm