

NEWSLETTER



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NEWFS AND NEWS...The Inside Poop

The success and productivity of a Newfoundland dog club, like any organization, can be measured by many different means. How do you rate the success of the Northstar Newfoundland Club?

The answer to this question may be as varied as the number of members in the club. Do we measure success by the number of members, a well put together newsletter or web site, the number of Newfs placed via a rescue program, the variety of activities held in a year, the number of entries at a Regional Specialty, how many parades our Newfs march in, or the size of the bank account? I am sure the list could go on with no clear cut definition.

Let me give you my definition of a successful club. To my mind, a successful club is one that consistently keeps to the original objectives for which the club was formed. It is a club that clearly communicates those objectives to its membership. It demonstrates those objectives to members, and the general public, through its activities and the actions of its members. It welcomes into membership all who agree to put the objectives of the club before any of their own personal objectives. A successful club is one with a many active members. It is a club that can count on having a quorum of members at every meeting so as to conduct the business of the organization.

This being said let me provide the Objectives of our club:

- A. To preserve and protect Newfoundland dogs;
- B. To endorse the Standard of the breed as approved by the Newfoundland Club of America and accepted by the AKC as the only standard of excellence by which Newfoundland dogs shall be judged;
- C. To bring together in friendly counsel, all fanciers of the breed;
- D. To encourage good sportsmanship at dog shows, obedience trials, working trials and all other competitive or noncompetitive events featuring Newfoundland dogs;
- E. To work toward conducting sanctioned and licensed specialty shows, obedience trials and working trials under the rules of the NCA and the AKC.

If I were to hold up my personal yardstick to measure the success of our club, I would have to say that we are only part of the way there. As a group, there are objectives we uphold very well and others we are currently falling short on. It is up to each of us as members of NNC to take a look at how we personally can further the objectives of the club. Can we attend one more meeting? Can we volunteer to assist at an upcoming event? Can we aid rescue efforts?

The bottom line is that any club is only as successful as its members wish it to be. The Northstar Newfoundland Club is no exception. Your support and participation is necessary to insure that NNC will continue and thrive now and into the future.

Author: Susan Wagner

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Letter from the Editor

First, I want to start off by thanking everyone for the positive response of the second quarter newsletter. I am really glad that everyone enjoyed it.

I hope everyone has had a chance to visit our terrific new website that Daryl Anderson has designed (www.northstarnewfclub.org). On the left hand side of the home page, there is a link where you can download the newsletter in a PDF format. I know there is a concern about those who have dial-up and/or did not want to receive large files via email, so this is a great alternative to receive the newsletter and save the club money for printing and mailing costs. Just let me know if you prefer this method and want to be taken off of the postal mailing list.

I also wanted to thank Ted Mittelstadt for finding the great article about Newfs in a boating magazine he receives. I was able to contact the magazine and got permission to reprint the article in this newsletter (see "Ruff and Ready" on page 3).

As always, please contact me with any questions, comments, concerns or happy thoughts regarding the newsletter.

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Newfoundly yours,
Stacie Kramlinger, editor



Ch. Seabrook's Heir Style "Sarah"

09-30-98 to 04-26-07

When I was lucky to acquire Sarah from her breeder, Kathy Griffin, her call name was Farah as in Farah Fawcett. But to me, this beautiful puppy girl had a lot more class than her initial namesake, so her name was changed to Sarah. Sarah was one of the sweetest newfs--was always wanting to give and receive hugs and would tug on shirts demanding them (a few torn t-shirts can attest to her insistence)! She finished her championship quickly, owner handled all the way. What fun we had! She gave me my Breesy and Gomer, who carry on her good looks and sweetness.

A pouncing of a few acute illnesses were too much for her fend off this Spring. Rest well, Sarah. You are sorely missed, but never forgotten.



Dee Adrian and Tom & Donna Benbow

"In the Company of Newfies" by Rhoda Lerman.

"I bought this book for my wife. She says it is the best dog book she has ever read. Hits the nail on the head for anyone who has shared life with a newfie."
Joe Eull

From the editorial book review... "It appears that Newfies form an extraordinary bond with humans; Lerman thinks they even regard themselves as human."

**THE APPLICATION HAS BEEN
SENT IN FOR THE HALLOWEEN
PARADE IN ANOKA.
TO BE HELD OCTOBER 27TH.**



Ruff and Ready

IS THIS THE ULTIMATE CRUISING CANINE?

ONE OF THE LESSER KNOWN HEROES during the sinking of the HMS Titanic in 1912 was a large furry dog named Rigel, who was the property of the ship's First Officer. Unfortunately, the dog's owner went down with his ship, but Rigel, a Newfoundland, kept his head and managed to swim away from the sinking vessel. Stuck in the water, the dog stayed close to one of the lifeboats. As the Carpathia—the first ship to arrive at the scene of the disaster—approached, the survivors in the lifeboat tried to shout for help but were too weak to be heard. Rigel started barking. Surprised by the sound of a dog at sea in the middle of the night, the Carpathia's captain ordered his engines to a full stop and immediately began searching for survivors. Everyone aboard the lifeboat was rescued, and after three hours in the icy water, Rigel was pulled aboard the Carpathia, hale and hearty.

Rigel is only one of many Newfoundland sea dogs that have been cited for bravery. In fact, hundreds of such rescues and daring deeds have been documented. Legend has it that Napoleon Bonaparte, while on passage one night from the island of Elba to France, fell into the sea and was rescued by the ship's Newfie. At about that same time on the other side of the world, a black Newfoundland named Seaman was bought for \$20 by Meriwether Lewis to accompany him and William Clark on their famous 8,000-mile round-trip expedition from St. Louis to the Pacific Northwest by way of the Missouri and Columbia Rivers. Lewis and Clark are said to have named a tributary of the Montana's Blackfoot River, Seaman's Creek, in honor of their loyal companion. Today a 6'-tall, 1,400-pound steel statue of Seaman stands in the reconstructed winter home of the expedition's crew in Ft. Mandan, North Dakota, commemorating his exploits.

More than any other breed, the heroic Newfoundland

exemplifies the term "sea dog." Big and strong, smart and gentle, these obedient animals have worked on ships and along waterfronts for centuries. Named for the Canadian province in which they're believed to have originated, Newfoundlands have a double coat of thick fur that is resistant to water. With their webbed feet and powerful tails that can act like a rudder, these dogs are excellent swimmers. In fact, during the 1800s in England, Newfoundlands were trained as lifeguards, and it was required by law that pairs of the dogs be placed at various lifeguard stations along the coast. Even today, parents who own swimming pools safeguard their children with their Newfies.

Not surprisingly, Newfoundlands are a favorite pet among boaters, which begs the question, is the big Newf the right dog for you? Not only are they exceptionally comfortable on the water, but they are terrific family dogs and make excellent companions for children. They grow fast, from about 1 pound at birth to 100 pounds in only one year, but once they reach adulthood they tend to eat less than most dogs their size. Also, adult Newfs are remarkably quiet and don't require as much physical activity as other large breeds such as Labradors.

Newfoundlands aren't perfect. They may drool, and they shed twice a year, more severely in the spring than the fall. Also, as with many other large breeds, they rarely live more than 10 years. Some Newfs suffer from problems with their hips and other joints, so breeders caution that you should buy puppies only from dogs that have been certified (by X-ray) to be free of these complications.

So if you're looking for a strong, easy-going first mate who knows how to follow orders and can handle an emergency, look no further. Just remember: Don't get embarrassed if he proves to be better on the water than you.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: The Newfoundland Club of America, www.ncanewfs.org.



NEWFOUNDLAND WATER RESCUE EXERCISES

Junior Water Dog Exercises

Basic Control: Following the judge's instructions, the handler commands the dog to walk with him without a leash. They will walk together making right, left, and about turns and stops. The dog is to stay within arm's reach. The dog will then perform a recall, coming to the handler on command. Finally, all dogs, or a group of dogs, will be placed in a "down" by their handlers. The handlers remain across the ring from their dogs for one minute, until instructed by the judge to return to their dogs.

Note: Dogs with a CD title are excused from this exercise.

Single Retrieve: The handler throws a boat bumper 30 feet out into the water. The dog has 60 seconds to swim out, retrieve it, and deliver it to his handler who waits on shore.

Drop Retrieve: Two stewards in a boat row parallel to shore, 50 feet out. One steward silently drops a boat cushion or life jacket onto the water on the far side of the boat. The boat is then rowed away. The handler on shore draws his dog's attention to the dropped article and sends him to retrieve it. The dog has 90 seconds to swim out, retrieve it, and deliver it to his handler.

Take a Line: A steward treads water 50 feet from shore, splashing and calling the dog. The handler gives his dog the knotted end of a 75 foot line. The dog takes the line, swims out to the calling steward, and comes close enough that the steward can grasp the line or dog. The dog has 90 seconds to deliver the line to the steward.

Tow a Boat: A boat is positioned 50 feet from shore with two stewards and an 8-foot line attached to a bumper. One steward splashes and calls the dog. The handler commands his dog to swim out to the boat, take the bumper from the steward, and tow the boat to shore until it touches bottom. The dog has 90 seconds to complete the exercise.

Swim with Handler: Dog and handler enter the water together and swim out approximately 20 feet beyond swimming depth for the dog. The dog must not swim onto the handler or interfere with him in any way. At the judge's signal, the handler commands his dog to swim toward shore. The dog turns and tows his free floating handler directly to shore. The dog has 90 seconds to complete the exercise.

Senior Water Rescue Dog Exercises

Directed Retrieve: Two stewards in a boat row across the test area about 50 feet from shore. As they row, one attracts the dog's attention by splashing, and drops two articles (a life jacket and a boat cushion) about 50 feet apart. The judge instructs the handler to send his dog to a specific article. The handler sends his dog to that article. The dog retrieves it and brings it to his handler on shore. The dog is sent to retrieve the second article. The dog has 3 minutes to complete both retrieves.

Retrieve Off A Boat: The dog and handler ride out on a boat about 50 feet from shore. The handler throws a paddle or oar 10 feet from the boat. The dog has 90 seconds to jump from the boat, make the retrieve, bring the oar back to the handler or steward and relinquish it.

Life Ring: Three stewards enter the water and swim about 75 feet out and 30 feet apart. One feigns distress, splashing and calling; the other two remain silent and still. The handler gives his dog the knotted end of a line attached to a life ring. The dog must take the line voluntarily. He must then swim directly to the person in distress, coming close enough that the steward can grab the life ring or the dog. The dog then tows the steward to shore. The exercise must be completed within 2 minutes.

Underwater Retrieve: Handler and dog enter the water together walking to a point where the water is elbow depth for the dog. The handler throws an article of his choice 3 feet away from the dog parallel to shore. The article must sink immediately. The dog has 3 minutes to retrieve the article and return it to his handler. He may do so by submerging his head or pawing it to shallower water and retrieving it. The handler may throw the article at elbow depth as often as needed within the 3 minute limit.

Take a Line/Tow a Boat: Two stewards wait in a boat at least 75 feet from shore. One calls the dog. The handler gives his dog a short line with a bumper attached. The dog may take either end of the line voluntarily. He then swims out to the boat, coming close enough for the steward to grab the line. The dog must then pull the boat to shore until it touches bottom. He has 2 minutes to complete the exercise.

Rescue: Dog and handler ride in a boat to at least 50 feet from shore. At the signal from the judge, the handler falls or jumps from the boat. The dog must remain in the boat until called. He has 30 seconds to voluntarily enter the water without landing on the handler. He must swim directly to his handler and tow him back to the boat or to shore. 90 seconds is allowed to complete the entire exercise.

NNC WATER WORKSHOP

The Northstar Newfoundland Club held it's Water Workshop at Ham Lake on Saturday, July 21st. Once again, we were fortunate enough to be welcomed to the home of Gary and Rhonda Kern, who treated us to a day of fun in the sun as well as a great picnic/potluck lunch. The weather was hot and sunny, so the lake was a welcomed retreat. Our trainers this year were Ann & Andre Lapeyre and Ann Dunnigan. With the help of Easy and Zack (Ann & Andre's owners), we were shown everything from equipment basics to suggested training techniques. Whether there for instructions on the way to work towards completing a water test or to just hang out with fellow newf owners, everyone seemed to have a great time. Participating this year were: Ann & Andre Lapeyre with Zack & Easy (trainers), Ann Dunnigan (trainer), Gary & Rhonda Kern with Pooh (hosts), Daryl & Andrea Andersen with Bella (co-host), Jerry & Deni Hall with Coal, Lori Mo with Asia, Nadilia Gomez & Kito Young with Nona, Frieda Joiner (guest), Dave & Stacie Kramlinger with Sully, Jim & Christy Vosika with Tank (guests), and Bill & Joan Geyer with Belle.

Thank you to all the attendees and to those who volunteered their time to help make for a great event!

Author: Daryl Andersen



See pages 6-8 for more pictures.

Several of the participants at the water workshop expressed an interest in observing a Newfoundland Club of America water test. The tests that are the closest to Minnesota are listed below, for anyone who might be interested. For details about the specific tests, look at the premium lists (test information usually on the club's web site), which should include information like nearby lodging, directions to the site, contact people, how to sign up for things like a box lunch or related meal (if available), etc.

River King Newfoundland Club

Aug 4 & 5 - Lake Lou Yeager (Fireman's Pavilion) - Litchfield, Illinois <http://www.riverkingnewfs.com/>

Heart of America Newfoundland Club

August 11 & 12, 2007 - Olathe Lake Beach, Olathe, KS - http://www.hanc.net/index_files/calendar_files/watertest.htm Click on the link for the premium list to get the test details.

Great Lakes Newfoundland Club

Sept 7, 8 & 9 - Camp Concordia - Gowen, MI - http://www.glnewfclub.org/mission_officers.htm Click on the link for the premium list to get the details of the test.

North Central Newfoundland Club

Sunday, September 16, 2007 - Prairie Springs Park - Lake Andrea - Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin - <http://www.northcentralnewf.org/watertest07.html> Click on the link for the premium list to get the details.

For a complete listing of NCA water tests: <http://www.ncanewfs.org/index.shtml> Look under events calendar. Look at the months of August & September. The water tests are listed by state, and then by which level of test is being held. WD is the Junior level, or Water Dog test. WRD is the Senior level, or Water Rescue Dog. WRDX is the most advanced level, Water Rescue Dog Excellent.

Author: Rhonda Kern







NNC'S ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC AND NEWF OLYMPICS

Saturday, June 23, 2007 Cambridge, MN

A new or rather Newf form of athletic skills were demonstrated to a crowd of cheering fans. After an opening ceremony in which the eager participants marched into the arena, the four legged competitors took the field to compete in a series of events showing the true nature of our breed. These events included the "Slow Hurdles" (jumping through hula-hoops), "Spit Put" (producing drool), and the all-time favorite "Wieners & Losers" (hot dog catch).

Our esteemed panel of judges, Ted Mittelstadt, Daryl Andersen and Dave Kramlinger, after much deliberation awarded medals and prizes to all participants proving at the end of the day all Newfs are "as good as gold"!

Author: Susan Wagner



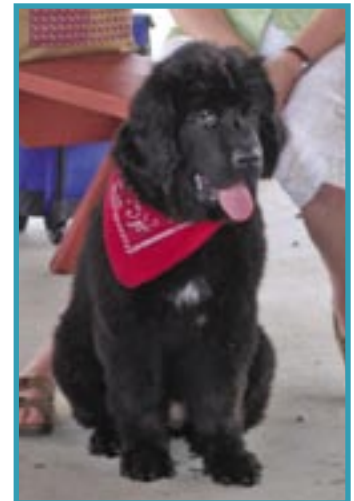
Ready for the games to begin.



Opening ceremony parade at the Newf Olympics.



Our first event was the Hot Dog Toss. Look at the concentration needed for this fierce competition.



A young fan looks on.



Newf's drool...I mean rule.



Wait for it...wait for it.



This one is mine.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following individuals have applied for membership. In accordance with NNC's By-Laws, if no objections to the applicants are received by the Membership Chair within 30 days of this publication, election to membership is automatic. If an objection is received by the Membership Chair, the objection will be discussed, the application reviewed and voted on by the membership at the next general membership meeting.

Joan and Bill Geyer

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Dogs Name: Arablla (Belle)
Sponsors: Lori Mo, Rhonda Kern

Dave & Wendy Gascoigne

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715-864-9688 • newfmom123@yahoo.com
Dogs Name: Levi
Sponsors: Kathi DeJohn, Priscilla Zeller

Joan & Bill with Belle and Dave & Wendy with Levi attended the picnic in Cambridge, MN.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Michael Sykora & Richmond Kroll

111 Fourth Ave N. #609 • Minneapolis, MN 55401
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Dogs Name: Archer • Sponsors: Ted Mittelstadt, Judy Soder

Lisa Berg

2382 Pioneer Trail • Medina, MN 55340
763-478-9871 • Dogs Name: Jake
Sponsors: Ted Mittelstadt, Judy Soder

Please update your directory.

WAGS 'N BRAGS



- Polly (Ch Minnemato's Waseca) won first place in Bitches 9 and over, and 2nd place in Veteran Bitches 10 and over. She also placed 4th in Maturity, along with her daughter, Waconia (see below), and grand-daughter Molly (Minnemato's Molly Brown at Jedawn) at the National Specialty.
- Waconia (Ch Minnemato's Waconia) earned her first leg towards her CD and her first leg towards her Rally title.
- Hank (Ch Minnemato's Vintah Cowboy) earned two legs towards his Rally title at the National Specialty.
- Cole (Minnemato's Lake Thunder), owned by Jerry Hall, earned his first leg towards his CDX placing 2nd in Open B at the National Specialty.
- Halcyon Days Halle Bearry finished her Championship at the St. Peter shows. Special thanks to Bobi Jarel and Mary Price for trusting us with this wonderful little girl.
- The following are the results from our NADAC agility match for Nautica's Free as a Breeze (aka Breeze):
05/05/2007 TouchNGo • 16/Std/Novice S • Time/Faults : 43.88/0.00 • Qualified-10/1st place for a title! • YPS: 3.81
05/05/2007 Tunnelers • 16/Std/Novice S • Time/Faults : 43.47/1.60 • Non Qualifier/4th place • YPS: 3.61
05/06/2007 Tunnelers • 16/Std/Novice S • Time/Faults : 47.26/4.59 • Non Qualifier/2nd place • YPS: 3.39
Not too bad for a female newf that turned 9 in March of this year and took the winter off! Deb Sjogren
- My name is Mary Jeanne Levitt and my Newfoundland, Henry, who turned 12 years old on June 14th, Flag Day, has been a working therapy dog, Therapy Dog Institute, at the Ronald McDonald House of the Twin Cities since he was about 2 years old. This year in April at the Volunteer Recognition Reception Henry and I received the Huckleberry Finn Award, "c'mon it'll be fun..." Our neighbor, Joyanne Kohler, and her Newfoundland, Martha, also TDI joined us about 2 years ago in our monthly visits with the families and children of the RMH.

Please submit your brags to Stacie at skramlinger@visi.com. Please include: dog's registered name, call name, sire & dam, breeder, owner and brag.



NNC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

General Membership Meeting Minutes
Cambridge, MN

June 23, 2007

There were only 17 club members in attendance (3 short of a quorum).

Meeting Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes of the March 24th meeting was made by Ted Mittelstadt and seconded by Kathi DeJohn.

Treasury Report

Mary Beth Zieglmeier was not in attendance for the treasury report. She will be getting together with Kathi DeJohn within the next 30 days to transfer the accounts.

Old Business

Applications: There were three applicants for membership. (Members unable to vote since there was not a quorum.)

NCA Board of Directors: The Newfoundland Club of America is seeking applicants for their Board of Directors. Anyone interested in running, please submit an application. The deadline has been extended.

By-Laws Revision: Ted Mittelstadt reported 21 ballots were returned and the By-Laws have been approved. Rhonda Kern will send them to the Newfoundland Club of America for their approval.

Newsletter: Many thanks to Stacie Kramlinger for the wonderful job done on the newsletter!

Web Site: Thanks also to Daryl Andersen for getting the web site up and running. Great job!

Logo Items: Ted Mittelstadt displayed a copy of the club logo. Once the logo is approved, a price list will be compiled and orders can be placed.

New Business

Membership Dues: A ballot will be sent to members for an increase in membership dues. A \$5.00 increase is recommended. This would take place in 2009.

Rescue: The Club currently does not have an organized rescue program. We do, however, send monetary donations to the NCA for rescue. Clubs approach rescue differently and options are being explored. Data will be presented at the next Board Meeting. Insurance and liability has been an issue. There are many ways to support rescue; i.e. Donations, transportation assistance, field phone calls, etc.

Newfies in the News: Ted Mittelstadt shared an article in the March issue of a boating magazine which featured an editorial about a Newfoundland in the "Cruising Canines" section.

Breeders List: Discussion was held about a sanctioned breeder's list for the club. Kathi DeJohn reports when she has such requests, she refers then to the NCA. This will be discussed further at the August 11, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting.

Upcoming Events: The Water Workshop is being held Saturday, July 21st. Registration is required and space is limited. There will be three trainers this year. Contact Rhonda Kern or Daryl Andersen for questions.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held August 11th at 11:00 a.m. at the Budget Inn in North Branch, MN.

Stacie Kramlinger reports that members can receive the newsletter via e-mail or access it on the web site.

As there was no further business the motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Priscilla Zeller and seconded by Daryl Andersen at 12:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Spongberg, Secretary

NCA BUSINESS

After the annual meeting (which did get a quorum, AGAIN - yippee!), the following people were elected to serve as NCA officers for 2007 to 2008: President - Roger Frey; First Vice President - Sandra Lovett; Second Vice President - Mary Lou Roberts; Recording Secretary - Cathy Sands; Corresponding Secretary - Jacqueline Brellochs; Treasurer - Mary L. Price
Board Members: Barbara Finch, Kevin Gallagher, Sue Marino, Kathy Mc Iver, Meredith Reggie, Pam Rubio
AKC Delegate - Mary W. Price



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Check out the new
website at
www.northstarnewfclub.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

October, 2007 – Board Meeting – North Branch, MN – Budget Host Inn & Suites, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

October 27, 2007 – Membership Meeting, Howl-O-Ween Party & Parade – Anoka, MN - *Event Hosts: Susan Wagner (Howl-O-Ween Party) & Ted Mittelstadt (Parade)*

November 16, 2007 – Star of the North Christmas Parade – Duluth, MN - *Event Host: Ted Mittelstadt*

December 7, 2007 – Regional Specialty – St. Cloud, MN - *Sandy Donnay is Show Chair*

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