

# NEWSLETTER



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## NEWFS AND NEWS...The Inside Poop

Summer is quickly coming to an end but many of our members and potential new members took advantage of our summer events.

NNC hosted a water seminar on July 18th at the Kern residence. Once again Ann & Andre Lapeyre along with Ann Dunnigan were the coaches, sharing their extensive knowledge and hands-on techniques to a well attended event. The day was filled with learning experiences on multiple levels. It was great that so many participants took away from the event lots of helpful tips and possible strategies that will allow them to achieve a water title in the future. Many thanks to the "AAA" Team, the Kern's, the Andersen's and to all the committee and volunteers who helped set up, during, and after the event was over. We all appreciate your efforts.

By the time this newsletter is out our picnic will be over and I hope all who were in attendance had an enjoyable time. Many thanks to Tammy Corrow, the Picnic Chair for coordinating this event. It takes a lot of planning and organizing to make this event a successful one. Once again, Ted did a great job on the grill and it is greatly appreciated.

Rounding out NNC events this year will be a social get together in September, a few parades, the Regional Specialty in December as well as our annual Salvation Army Red Kettle volunteering. Look for details of these and all future events on the website or in future notices. There is bound to be something you and your furry friend would enjoy doing together. I hope to see you there!

*Author: Susan Wagner*



Donna Bretl and Callie enjoying the day at Jay Cooke State Park.

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*Hank*

**September 14th, 1997 – May 29th, 2010**

Our wonderful boy Hank crossed the rainbow bridge on May 29th at the age of 12 years, 8 months and 15 days. I always referred to him as my giant flat coat but he was all Newf. Loved everyone and was a very sweet boy.

*Ron and Kathy Baker*

*Ch. Tyche's Nomos, CD, Reg. Therapy Dog*

**March 28, 1997 - August 13, 2010**

Tyche's Nomos (1997-2010) was one of 14 (7 boys and 7 girls) puppies born on Good Friday of 1997 in Buffalo, MN. His sire was Ch Halirock's Wunderbar, ROM and his dam was Ch Tyche's Echo, CD, DD, ROM. Maureen and I thought Echo might be having as many as 7 puppies – suffice it so say that we were very surprised. It was hard for Maureen to decide which male she wanted - she finally decided on Nomos. His brother Neptune stayed close by with Dick and Ginny Ott (Neptune died just a few months before Nomos). Nomos was really Maureen's dog and she trained him to be a therapy dog. They often visited the local nursing home when we lived in Virginia. After Maureen died, he did a great job looking after me.

I'm fortunate to still have his daughter Odyssey (now 11) and great-grand son Rhamnous (2) to keep me company and keep Newfs in the house.

*Chris Plum*

*Webley*

**November 21, 1998 - June 26, 2010**

*Richard and Sandy Donnay*



## PICNIC & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Cambridge, MN      June 19, 2010

June 26th was a lovely day for the Cambridge picnic. We had a pot luck and Ted Mittelstadt was the BBQ chef, grilling up hamburgers and hot dogs. A few of the Newfs decided to go for a swim in the pond and they all enjoyed playing some fun games. One of the favorites was the Newfs enjoying some tasty morsels including hot and spicy dill pickles, strawberries, cherry tomatoes, olives and mushrooms to name a few.

A special thanks to "It's A Pet's Life" in Plymouth, MN who donated many cool gifts to NNC. Thanks Dan!!

*Author: Tammy Corrow*

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# Manke Castle



The Manke's would like to invite the members of the Northstar Newfoundland Club to their home in Annandale for a turkey BBQ and K-9 Demonstration.

**Date:** Saturday September 25th, 2010  
**Time:** 12:00 noon till.....  
**Address:** 13877 Irvine Ave NW.  
Annandale, Mn 55302  
**Phone:** 320-558-6585

*Bring a dish to share, the turkey and drinks will be provided by us.*

**A Wright County K-9 Officer has graciously agreed to gives us a demonstration. (It is really great to see how these partners work together!) We've also gone through our dog library and will have some basic info on tracking with your dog as well as back packing for those that might be interested. We hope to see everyone there!**

**Directions:** Freeway 94 West towards St. Cloud, take the Hwy 24 exit, (Annandale, Clearwater exit), go South (left) for approximately 4-1/2 miles to 140th street (this will be in the middle of a curve); turn left; then make a quick right on Irvine; drive up the hill and you will end up in our driveway.

**Alternate route:** Hwy 55 west to County Rd 7 (about a mile past the stop light in Maple Lake) turn right, continue on to County Rd 39 turn left, continue on to Hwy 24 turn right, continue on (approximately 4 miles) to 140th street, turn right, make a quick right on Irvine drive up hill and you will end up in our driveway.

# Come enjoy a relaxing day with your newf at Minnetonka Orchards.

**PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE FROM AAMODT'S APPLE FARM.  
(The time and date are the same, but due to unforeseen  
circumstances, we were unable to confirm a date at Aamodt's.)**

Minnetonka Orchards is a family owned and operated apple farm since 1976, located in beautiful Minnetrista, MN. They have over 4,000 apple trees that produce 14 varieties of apples.

**When: Sunday, October 3, 2010**

**11:00am - 4:00pm\***

\*Board Meeting at 10:00am

Don't worry Viking's fans. The Viking's are on bye today.

On Sunday, October 3rd, Minnetonka Orchards will be celebrating everything pumpkin ... from their pumpkin patch to pumpkin painting. Come for the apples and great outdoors, and stay for the fun, the spectacular colors and the crisp, clean air.

**Where: Minnetonka Orchards**

6530 County Road 26

Minnetrista, MN 55364

Phone 763-479-6530

Learn more about Minnetonka Orchards by visiting their  
website at [www.minnetonkaorchards.com](http://www.minnetonkaorchards.com)

# NNC 2010 WATER WORKSHOP

July 10, 2010      Temperance Island - Ham Lake, Minnesota

The morning began with fog on the lake and dark clouds. By the time the shuttles (that would be the golf cart with a wagon and the John Deere Gator with a wagon) started transporting people and dogs and everything that comes with them, the sky brightened up and the fog lifted. Around 9 a.m. everyone gathered under the tent for a round of introductions. Our trainers were Andre and Ann Lapeyre and Ann Dunnigan; all have a wealth of information in dog training and have titled many dogs in several venues.

Attending the workshop were the following: Daryl and Andrea Andersen with Bella; Tammy Corrow with Peanut and Lacey; Ann Dunnigan with Remy, Nadilia Gomez with Nona; Steven Gunther with Gitche; Jerry and Deni Hall with Cole; Gary and Rhonda Kern with Pooh and Tyler; Dave and Stacie Kramlinger with Sully; Andre and Ann Lapeyre with Zack and Toby; Jim, Corinne, Katrina and Nick Martin with Faith; Ted Mittelstadt with Brunswick and Waconia; Lori Mo with Asia; LaRae Roder; Matt, Amy and Isabella Schmitt with Aliza; Rick Yarns and Mary Shumaker with Tegan and Hank; Tom Smith with Ruby; Kathleen with Max; Jim and Bunny Snyder with Zorro; Lura Solie with Sylvia and Dewey; and Mary Beth Zieglmeier.

That would be 32 people and 24 dogs. After introductions, the workshop started out with a demonstration of the junior/water dog exercises by Andre and Toby. As each of the exercises were being done, Ann Lapeyre was explaining the equipment and principle parts of the exercise. After that demo, a second demonstration was done by Rhonda and Pooh showing the senior/water rescue dog exercises. Both handlers and dogs did an excellent job of showing how the exercises should be performed.

The group then split into two different areas. Dogs that were swimming went with their handlers to the beach, and dogs that were not swimming started off with some land work. Both groups worked on going out to people and around them; one of the key elements to many of the exercises, going around a person or the boat. The non-swimming group then headed for the beach. Watching

the new ones swim is always enjoyable – especially the puppies. Both were fearless and displayed their natural swimming Newfoundland talent. As some know, swimming does not always come naturally – even to a Newfoundland. Most dogs eagerly were swimming around others as they found out quickly that there was a snack involved once they got to the person in the water. Canned cheese is a delicacy enjoyed by most Newfs, and fortunately for the handlers, the can floats.

After everyone had the opportunity to get in the water, the group started to work on retrieving, another essential element to water work. Those that were retrieving objects in the water went back to the water; those that were not retrieving were introduced to licking cheese off a round stick. The next steps were also explained on how to move from licking off the cheese to rolling the stick in the dog's mouth to holding to giving.

The morning passed quickly and it was soon time for lunch. And what a great potluck lunch. There wasn't a shortage of food or conversation. The workshop continued in the afternoon, beginning with a demonstration of the WRDX (water dog excellent) exercises by Ann Dunnigan and Remy. Several people got to be a steward/bobber/drowner for Remy who "saved" everyone. It was an amazing demonstration of all 6 exercises at the excellent level.

The afternoon continued with more swimming involving the boat. Dogs were learning to get on the platform of the boat, jumping from the platform, and swimming out to the boat. One of the handlers, Jerry Hall, and his dog, Cole, were getting ready to test for the water rescue dog level. People got to be stewards for this demonstration as well.

If you have never had the opportunity to be a steward, it is a great way to learn about the exercises. You can't beat the view, as you are right up front at the beach or in the water or on the boat. You also get to have a dog you do not know come and save you. You may get to hold the dog's tail or a life ring that the dog brings out to you or a line attached to a bumper that the dog brings to you.

Unfortunately, a sprinkle of rain started around 2:30 followed by thunder so the afternoon activities in the water ended a little earlier than expected. Nonetheless, it was a full day for everyone.

Thank you to everyone who attended. A huge thanks goes out to Daryl Andersen and Andre and Ann Lapeyre for coming on Friday to help set up the tent and tables. Also a big thanks to Daryl and Andre for hauling over gear on Saturday and helping people unload. A BIG thank you to the trainers, Andre and Ann Lapeyre and Ann Dunnigan, for sharing their time and talents with the Club for this water workshop. And, of course, thanks to Gary Kern who

provides his cooking talents by providing the meat for this event and his driving talents by hauling people and equipment from the parking lot to our house.

We thank everyone for coming and helping to set out lunch and to help clean up. If you have comments or suggestions, please send them to me at Rhonda.kern@anokaramsey.edu I'd love to hear from you.

**Happy swimming and enjoy the summer with your newf in the water!**

*Author: Rhonda Kern*









**THANK YOU !!**

We want to thank the club for inviting us to do another water workshop this past summer. We especially want to thank Rhonda & Gary Kern for making the water workshop possible. They are so generous about opening up their home to the workshop participants and their dogs, providing shuttle service back and forth from the parking area. Gary always has outstanding grilled meats to add to the pot luck fare and Rhonda always fixes several delicious dishes..... the club is incredibly fortunate to have access to such a wonderful site for a workshop. For those of you who have never tried to find a spot to take your dogs swimming, you should know that the Kerns home and beach are like Newfy heaven. There's grass, there's shade, there's a nice beach, the water is clean and a nice temperature, there's a moderate slope as the water changes depth.... I can't say enough about how generous it is of the Kerns to do all that they do to make the workshop possible, and how fortunate the club is to be able to have the workshop at such a wonderful location.

Thanks also to Daryl Andersen for all of his help getting things set up ahead of time and his willingness to help wherever and whenever needed. Also, to all of those who helped throughout the day, and to everyone who made sure that things were back in order at the Kerns before leaving at the end of the day. Having things go as well as they did is definitely a group effort, and it was a great group of people who were there. People were very good at pitching in and helping out as needed.

We hope the participants had as much fun as we did, and that they have had other opportunities to take their dogs swimming. Not only is it fun and good exercise for the dogs, it's one more way to develop a good working relationship with your Newfoundland.

Ann & Andre Lapeyre

**WAGS 'N BRAGS****Sweetbay's Remy CD, RN, WRDX**

Remy, earned her WRDX in Denver on July 24th, 2010.

Thank you to Ann and Andre Lapeyre and Rhonda and Gary Kern who all played very important roles in helping Remy earn this title

Sire: Sweetbay's Kyak CD      Dam: Sweetbay's Darby CD RE TD  
 Breeders: Judi Adler & Ellis Adler      Owner: Ann Dunnigan

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

## THE WORLD OF TRACKING

With a keen sense of smell – 100,000 times stronger than humans – dogs are often used to find lost people and animals, drugs, avalanche and disaster victims, and even to detect cancer. AKC Tracking is a canine sport that demonstrates a dog's natural ability to recognize and follow a scent and is the foundation of canine search and rescue work. Unlike obedience and agility trials, where dogs respond to the owner's commands, in tracking a dog is completely in charge, for only he knows how to use his nose to find and follow the track.



For many, the greatest pleasure of tracking is the hours spent outside training and interacting with their dogs. The tracking community is known for its camaraderie, and they all share in the excitement of a “pass” and the disappointment of a “fail.”

### How Do I Get Started in Tracking?

Getting started in tracking is easy, and you won't find a more willing participant! A puppy instinctively uses his nose – training your dog to track simply hones his natural ability. And since all dogs have a natural ability to follow a scent, any breed is capable of learning to track.

First, find a tracking class. Many AKC-affiliated clubs offer tracking classes and some are “Tracking Only” clubs. To find a club in your area, go to the AKC website, Club Search or Training Resources.

Tracking requires very little equipment. You just need a harness, a 20-to-40 foot lead, a few flags to mark your track and an open grassy area free of obstacles such as roads, ditches or woods.

### Tracking Titles

A dog can earn three AKC Tracking titles, each has an increased degree of difficulty. The TD (Tracking Dog) title must be earned before competing for a TDX (Tracking Dog Excellent) or VST (Variable Surface Tracker) title. A Champion Tracker (CT) is awarded only to those dogs that have earned all three tracking titles – TD, TDX and VST. If a dog is awarded the CT title, he is among the elite of those dogs active in tracking. To earn a tracking title, a dog needs to pass the test in which he is exhibiting only once.



### Information About Tracking Tests:

The AKC offers a variety of resources to assist those interested in tracking, whether you are new to the sport or wish to hold a tracking test. Contact AKC Customer Service at 919-233-9767 or [Orderdesk@akc.org](mailto:Orderdesk@akc.org) to inquire about the following resources:

“*Getting Started in Obedience, Agility, Tracking and CGC*” – Informative brochure, which outlines the basics of getting started in AKC Companion Events.

*AKC Tracking Test Manual* – Manual designed to assist clubs in understanding the requirements, the paperwork, the personnel, and the many details that must be handled correctly to hold a successful tracking test.

*Tracking Regulations* – A comprehensive booklet detailing regulations and guidelines for AKC Tracking Tests at which titles are earned.

<http://www.akc.org/events/tracking/index.cfm>



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**Saturday, September 25, 2010** – Fun at the Manke Castle (see more details inside) – Annandale, MN - *Event Host: Susie Manke*

**Sunday, October 3, 2010** – Minnetonka Orchards Gathering (see page 4 for more info) and Board Meeting – Minnetrista, MN - *Event Host: Dave and Stacie Kramlinger* \*\*NOTE LOCATION CHANGE\*\*

**Saturday & Sunday, October 9-10, 2010** – Wright County Kennel Club Dog Show – Hutchinson, MN

**Saturday, October 30, 2010** – Anoka Halloween Parade (more info to come) – Anoka, MN - *Event Host: Ted Mittelstadt*

**Friday, December 10th, 2010** – NCA Independent Regional Specialty & Obedience Trial – St. Cloud, MN

**Saturday & Sunday, December 11 & 12, 2010** – Granite City Kennel Club Dog Show (Supported Entry), Cardiology Screening on Saturday with Dr Tobias (on a first come, first serve basis) – St. Cloud, MN

**Saturday, December 18, 2010** – Salvation Army Bell Ringing (more info to come) - *Event Host: Susan Wagner*

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