

Northstar Newfoundland Club

December 2012

Upcoming activities

Granite City Dog Shows, 8–9 Dec, St Cloud, MN

If you were planning to enter these two all-breed shows and/or the Newfoundland Club specialty show each day, you hopefully already know about them since the entries are now closed.

If you would like to attend the shows as spectators, without dogs, that would be great, and remember to stay for the club banquet Saturday evening (see below). Newfoundlands will be showing twice each day, first in the all breed show followed by the specialty show in the same ring. Times each day are not yet available.

Show location

ST. CLOUD RIVER'S EDGE CONVENTION CENTER
10 Fourth Avenue South, ST. CLOUD, MN 56301

The show premium list with show details (mostly of interest to exhibitors but perhaps interesting to others for routes to the show and other information) is available at <<http://www.royjonesdogshows.com/PremiumLists/Granite%20City/GraniteCity2012%20web%20email.pdf>>.

Bell ringing, 8 Dec, Waite Park, Mn

Jim and Bunny Snyder have set up bell ringing with the Salvation Army at Gander Mountain, near St. Cloud, from 10 AM to Noon on Saturday as another event for the dog show weekend. Gander Mountain is in "Waite Park", just on the western border of St. Cloud. So, for you people who have GPS or a map, address is: 614 2nd Street South, Waite Park, MN 56387.

NNC Annual Meeting and Banquet, 8 Dec, St Cloud MN

The NNC winter meeting and banquet will be held Saturday night, 8 December at D.B. Searle's in St Cloud. Beginning with a happy hour starting between 5 and 5:30 depending on the show schedule, followed by a brief club meeting, auctions and dinner. Sorry, no dogs at this meeting or banquet.

D.B. Searle's and Nick's Third Floor <<http://nicksthirdfloor.com>>
18 Fifth Avenue South, St. Cloud, MN 56301

\$25.00 is the price. With that we get a Pasta Bar which includes choice of pasta, a red or white sauce and can be topped with meatballs, chicken and/or steamed vegetables. It also includes salad and bread. There will be servers to take drink orders and bring them. Guests pay for their own drinks. Normally we give all club members one or two free drink tickets.

Let Susie Manke know you are coming, and (ideally) send her a check in advance, but it is OK to pay at the door, too.

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13877 Irvine Ave N.W., Annandale, MN 55302-2810

Recent activities

New members

Bob & Michelle Cocker have applied for membership with their dog Dexter.

NewfLink, 7 September

On this date club president Chris Plum sent out the first message to

all members on the new club email discussion list dubbed NewfLink. Each club member with an email address is subscribed and can unsubscribe if they choose.

The NewfLink is used by both club members and club officers to announce and coordinate activities and to discuss newf/club related topics as they may come up. Announcements on NewfLink are expected to replace most mailings as it's use develops. The NewfLink was soon used to coordinate a member/dog visit to Aamodts Apple Farm.

Send questions about NewfLink and subscriptions to Charles Turner <cpturner@turnlink.net>.

Membership meeting, 15 September

The fall meeting was at Manke Castle, Annandale, MN hosted by Susie and Duane Manke who provided marvelous home made pizza and beverages complemented by pot luck dishes from members.

There was a short meeting, lots of eating and talking, and almost all dogs had a shot at the rally course set up in the Castle back yard. Some were better at it than others.

Pet Awareness event, 14 October

The NorthStar Newfoundland Club was asked to participate in a pet awareness event in the Sam's Club parking lot Sunday October 14, 2012 in St. Cloud MN. This opportunity generated quite a bit of interest among cart pullers and non-pullers alike using NewfLink to coordinate the plans.

Anoka Halloween parade, 27 October

Northstar Newfoundland Club had an excellent day at the Anoka Halloween Parade. It was a little cool out for the people, but the newfs loved it! Ten newfs participated, current members and new members. Two newfs were "working" for the parade pulling their

carts, a huge hit! The rest had some very cute costumes on, including a School Bus, a Fireman, an Egyptian Dancer, an Angry Bird and even a newf dressed as a horse, saddle and all. Everyone/newf had a GREAT time!!

Newf Rescue

Our rescue activities have been wonderfully augmented with recent new member Janey Shaddrick who has been operating Minnesota Newf Rescue for many years. <<http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/MN141.html>>.

In September there were three dogs we were trying to place (that we know about) and the good news is that two of them are now in their new homes! Still waiting for a home is "Bear" who has one thing going against him – he is 8 years old. He also is more or less the ideal Newf – patient, friendly, gets along with everyone (including, kids, other dogs and cats) and barely barks except for a soft woof if he needs to go out.

So if any of you know someone who might be a good home for Bear, or can think of any other way to help, including contacting someone who might be interested, please do so. Interested folks should contact Chris Plum <christopher.n.plum@gmail.com>, or straight to Janey – her phone number is 763-689-8939.

Also, we are always looking for members who are willing and able to host a rescue newf while a new home is being located.

Hoping to see many of you in St. Cloud 8-9 December.