



THE GAMBOL

Southwest Agility Team Newsletter

March 2017



Save the Date

May 6-7, 2017

NADAC Trial

Premium
Available
Soon!!

January AKC Trial

SWAT, in partnership with the Weimaraner Club of Albuquerque, hosted an AKC trial in January, 2017 at the Expo NM. Judges Carol Evans and David Nauer, both from Colorado, gave us some wonderful and challenging courses for a great trial. The trial was very successful, thanks to hard working Chairperson, Julie Fillinger, Trial Secretary, Cindy Blanton, and the many folks who volunteered.

Special thanks to the Lobos and their fearless leader Susan McGowan. As always, our course building/equipment crew, LeAnne Miller, Steve Yost, Ellen Row, Richard Hansen and Coleen Andrews, worked tirelessly to keep the trial moving.

February USDAA Test

SWAT held it's Starters/Advanced test at Cinderlane in Los Lunas in February. Special thanks to the Judge, Heather Chase, for interesting courses, Linda Kipp for use of her facility, and all of the hard-working volunteers. Teams were blessed with Spring-like weather on Saturday, and some challenging wind gusts on Sunday. But, in all, folks reported having a good time.

Although this particular trial has been quite popular in the past, this year we had fewer entries. The executive committee is exploring ways to increase entries next year.

2017 SWAT EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
May 6-7, 2017	NADAC Agility Trial 1 judge, 2 rings	Inez Elementary Albuquerque, NM
June 3-4, 2017	USDAA Agility Test 1 judge, 2 rings	Bernalillo County Sheriff's Posse Arena
June 23-25, 2017	AKC Agility Trial 2 judges, 2 rings	Expo NM, Horse Arena
July 8, 2017	Fun Match	Bernalillo County Sheriff's Posse Arena
Sept. 8-10, 2017	AKC Agility Trial 2 judges, 2 rings	Bernalillo County Sheriff's Posse Arena
Nov. 10-12, 2017	USDAA Agility Test w/DAM Team 2 judges, 2 rings	Expo NM, Horse Arena

MEET THE NEW SWAT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The By-laws require election of executive committee members every two years. An "election" was held at the General Meeting on December 5, 2016. Your executive committee members for the 2017-2018 term are. . . .

PRESIDENT: Margaret Coombs. Margaret served as Vice-president from January 2015 through December 2016 and generously agreed to serve as President for this term. Margaret has been competing in agility for ___ years and is currently running _____.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Vicki Wilson. Vicki is relatively new to agility and has volunteered to serve on the committee as a way of doing her part to keep the sport strong in New Mexico. Vicki is currently running Solomon - the best Chihuahua in the history of Chihuahuas - and is working with her lively border collie puppy Jeannie.

TREASURER: Brenda Sauve. Brenda is a computer programmer for PNM and has volunteered her skills as treasurer. Brenda has been involved in agility for fifteen years and has three energetic border collies - Gabby, Rygel and Levi. Her other interests include hiking, volleyball, and traveling the world on a bicycle.

RECORDING SECRETARY: Beth Jansen. Beth is also fairly new to agility. She fell in love with the sport after adopting her first very-own dog - Dudley Do Right. She is currently competing with Dudley in Masters, and in Excellent with her second rescue dog, Cricket. Beth is looking forward to serving on the committee and learning more about the local agility scene.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Amy Tanler. Amy has been competing in agility for 15 years. She is currently running three border collies - Marco, who earned his PACH in 2016, Vago, the red-headed sweetie, and youngster Tres, who is preparing for her agility debut.

OPEN MEETINGS

SWAT members are welcome to attend any SWAT executive committee meeting as an observer. The time, location and agenda will be published on the website before the meeting. The meeting minutes are also posted on the website -

<http://southwestagilityteam.org>

If you have a topic you would like to address with the executive committee, please let one of the committee members know before the next meeting so it can be added to the agenda.

SWAT Membership Renewal

Once again, SWAT is offering membership renewal for FREE. To renew your membership, or sign up as a new member, contact Vicki Wilson
(mvictoriawilson@yahoo.com)

Members receive trial announcements, with links to premiums, meeting announcements, and the opportunity to participate in New Mexico's oldest organization dedicated to dog agility.

