



Newsletter



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President's Report: Cassie Iken

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By the time you are reading this the holiday season will be over and the new year will have begun and we all will be wondering where the time has gone.

The club will be kicking off its 2012 events at Rowens Kennels on Sunday, January 22 with a Board Meeting and a General Meeting, bring a dish to share. Mark has been working on the Roster and we should have it available for hand-out at the meeting.

In March we have our Draft-n-Go three weeks prior to our 2 day Draft Test. Rick Pourchot has planned a new event at the Draft Test for our Veteran Dogs, the exercises will be modified and there is no long haul. Entry fees for the

Veterans Test will benefit rescue. So if you have a Veteran Dog dig out their harnesses and hitch them up for this event which will take place after the finish of the regular Draft Test on Saturday. The entry form is available on the website.

I want to Thank Rita Broderick for the great job she has done with the newsletter this past year and I am sorry to say that she has informed me that she no longer can be editor. Luckily Pat Pourchot has stepped up and volunteered to take over the newsletter duties, please forward any articles to Pat for publication.



(Cassie and Mark Iken sent this photo to be included in the newsletter as Christmas card to the club, sorry we are a little late with the newsletter.)

Draft Test and Water Test Information

River King will hold its Draft Test on April 14th and April 15th, 2012 at Gordon Moore Park.



The judges for the draft test are: Lori Littleford and John Pearson.

Calling all veteran drafting Newfs. There will be a new event added to our draft test. A Veterans test will be added. This will be a maneuvering test not a long

haul. And it will be for ***FUN.*** Rick Pourchot has been working on the exercises for this event. It has been leaked that there could be U-turns, 90° turns, removable objects, back-up and more.

The entry form is on the website. Entry is \$15 and the proceeds will go to RKNC Rescue.

The event will be on Saturday after the Draft test has been completed.



Both photos are from the 2011 Draft Test)



We have scheduled the Water Wizards Weekend for June 9th & 10th at Rowens Kennels in Brighton, IL.

The H2o and Go is July 28th and 29th at Lake Lou Yager in Litchfield, IL. More info to come.

The Water Test will be August 11th and 12th at Lake Lou Yager in Litchfield, IL.



Draft-N-GO 2012

River King 2012 Draft & Go

River King will hold its 2nd annual Draft-n-Go at Gordon Moore Park in Alton, IL on March 24th.

Everyone who participated last year said it was well worth it. The photo is from last years Draft-n-Go. It was cold so everyone was bundled up. The dogs loved the cold, the people not so much.



Thanksgiving Day Parade—Carol Giffhorn

Every year, late in the summer, I receive an application to participate in the St. Louis Christmas parade. This year was no exception. As usual, I answered it right away and then forgot about it. In November I realized that I had not heard from the committee and it was past the deadline to enter. I called the parade coordinator and asked if the application had been lost. He said that they had changed their system to electronic, so as to save postage and many of the applications were misplaced but even without my entry, RKNC was in-no problem! I asked him if I should resubmit our insurance forms and he said "No, other dogs groups would be asked to do so, but they never worry about the Newfs". I thought that was a real compliment to the temperament of our dogs.

On Thanksgiving morning, RKNC was there in force. Of course, Nemo was there with his wagon ready to pull Natalie, and William led the group with the banner. Lorrie and David completed the Carpenter family.

No parade is complete without Byntlee and Myrsaydees Koehler bringing Sherry and her latest drafted volunteer, Bob Barf. Andy and Jean Zinsmeyer were in town so Boxer had a chance to join his fellow RKNC buddies. Colter Seewoester, with Doug and Kim in tow, showed off his thick, luxurious black fur and made me jealous as I am trying so hard to help Encore's coat thicken up. Rita Broderick did not have a grandchild along so only Coco got to come this year.

Coco too, has enough fur to be comfortable in even a blizzard.

The Ikens have a little parade of their own. Gretchen and Troy are big enough now to walk a dog so Cassie and Mark can bring all four Newfs, Blake, Nitro, Kozmo and Pasha.

No one can figure it out but Russ Kroeger and Sylvia Steiling have gotten the timing down to an art. At just the last moment they arrive with Luna and Java and never have to wait in the cold. Somehow they never get delayed in a traffic jam or fail to find a parking spot. Maybe the parade waits to start till they arrive.

Roy Hoormann hasn't replaced his dog, Rupert, but was willing to walk with Finale and the cut-



est 4 year old twins, Jack and Ella Fromme, snuggled up in a decorated sled. The twins were so cute that they were featured in the St Louis newspaper. Roy's friend, Susan McIntyre, came along and was quite a help. She says that she had a wonderful time so maybe we can draft her to help another time. The twins' parents, Pat and Mandy Fromme joined the group and Pat even helped carry the banner with William. Finale's sister Encore, with a draft title of her own, had



the job of pulling the decorated sulky with Emma Fromme riding. Encore was not too happy with the noise of the parade and acted up. Emma decided that walking might be a good choice. Good thing that the judges were not there or Encore might have had her draft title taken away. She promised to get her act together before she and Finale try for the team draft title this spring. Finale might have to give her a little 'Come to Jesus' talk.

In Encore's defense, we had a bit of a problem with a group right behind us. The 40 and 8 organization had an replica train engine with a @!# canon mounted on top. Every minute or so they shot off a loud blast. Luna and Mersaydees also were spooked. I don't know how all that noise has anything to do with Christmas and I wrote an email to the parade committee. Within a few days, I had a nice letter thanking me (as well as the other groups who agreed) for alerting them to a possible safety issue. They are looking into the problem and I think that we might have heard the last of their darn cannon. They stated that RKNC was one of the most popular units and they sure don't want to lose us.

The weather was fine and the crowds huge. Our whole group got lots of air time on TV. With 14 Newfs in the parade, many, many children had their chance to pet our lovable giants.

RING BRAGS



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By Rita Jacobs

I try to capture results for RKNC members for events that I am at, but to make

sure your results are included, please send them by the 5th of even number months to jaquistnewf@yahoo.com

CH Bear Trax Whale of a Time (Jonah) – Jack Voller – 1st in 7-9 Veterans at the RKNC regional in Springfield, IL on October 23. Grand Champion Select Dog at Belleville, IL on December 3 for 1 GCH point and a competition win.

CH Longcreek's Flirtin' with Disaster RA (Twister) – Sue Zientara – At Springfield, IL October 21 was BOS for a 5 point GCH MAJOR and a NEW GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP!

Longcreek's Here for the Party (Party) – Sue Zientara – 1st in Bred-By and WB at the RKNC regional in Springfield, IL October 23 for a 5 point MAJOR and a NEW CHAMPIONSHIP!

Longcreek's Morning Mist at Shadrack (Misty) – Steve & Jean McAdams – 1st in the

AOAC class at the RKNC regional in Springfield, IL October 23. 1st in the AOAC class/WB and an AOM at the Regional in Springfield, MO on November 11 for a Major! Then, on November 13, was 1st in Open/WB for a Major and a NEW CHAMPIONSHIP!

Remember Charma for Shadow's Eternity (Charma) – Cynthia Harrington – 1st in 9-12 Puppy, Bitches at the RKNC regional in Springfield, IL.

Rowens Boann Celtic Goddess of Healing and Water (Roxie) – Rita Broderick – WB all three days at the Gray Summit, MO shows in September (1 point each day). RWB Saturday at the Belleville, IL show December 3.

Rowens Fast Cars and Freedom DD (Nitro) – Cassie & Mark Iken – Qualified in the Team division at the NCNC Draft Test on October 9 for a NEW TDD! WD/BOS over specials at the Belleville, IL show December 3 (1 Point).

Rowens Lost in this Moment WRD DD (Pasha) – Cassie & Mark Iken – Qualified in the Team division at the NCNC Draft Test on October 9 for a NEW TDD!

CH Shadrack's Black Muddy River CD DD

(Muddy) – Jean Zinsmeyer – Best in Veterans Sweepstakes at the RKNC regional in Springfield, IL October 23.

Shadrack's Box of Rain (Boxer) – Jean Zinsmeyer – 1st in 9-12 Puppy, Dogs at the RKNC regional in Springfield, IL October 23.

Shadrack's C the Big Man Take the Stage (Clarence) – Rick & Cathy Hartke & Steve & Jean McAdams – Best in Puppy Sweepstakes at the RKNC regional in Springfield, IL October 23. Best In Puppy Sweeps and RWD at the Regional in Springfield, MO November 11. Then was 1st 9-12 Puppy Dog/WD the next day for a MAJOR!

CH Shadrack's Council Cup Theory (Theo) – Mark & Kim Wankel & Steve & Jean McAdams – Best of Opposite in Veterans Sweepstakes at the RKNC regional in Springfield, IL October 23.

CH Shadrack's Just Look at Me (Bella) – Steve & Jean McAdams – At Springfield, IL was Grand Champion Select Bitch on October 21 for a 5 point GCH major. Then was BOS at the RKNC regional on October 23 for another 5 point GCH major and was also BOS on October 24 for a 4 point GCH major. All three were

also competition wins. In Springfield, MO was Grand Champion Select Bitch and the Regional on November 11 and then was BOS the net two days for 3 Grand Champion Majors and a NEW GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP!

Sweetbay's Olivia CDX WRDX (Olivia) – Pat & Rick Pourchot – Qualified in the Veterans Division at the Colorado Water Test in September. Also, received her Therapy Dog title in October.

VN OTCH CH Threepond's Grand Finale UDX4 WRDX TDD (Finale) – Carol Giffhorn – Qualified in the Veterans Division at the Colorado Water Test in September.

CH Timbermists Jaquist Bosco CD RE (Bosco) – David & Rita Jacobs – BOB at the Gray Summit, MO shows on September 24 & 25 for two 5 Point Grand Champion MAJORS and a NEW GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP!

CH Timbermist's Jaquist Gryphon CD RAE CGC (Gryphon) – David & Rita Jacobs – 1st in 9 and Older Veteran, Dogs at the RKNC regional in Springfield, IL October 23.

Windswept & Shadrack Aim'n to Up the Ante (Bets) – Steve & Jean McAdams –

WB/BOW on October 22 at Springfield, IL for a 5 point MAJOR! 1st in Open Black, Bitches and RWB at the RKNC regional on October 23. Was RWB the next day too! On November 12 in Springfield, MO was 1st in American Bred/WB/BOW for a Major and a NEW CHAMPIONSHIP!

Yosemite's Simply a Star CDX WRD3 DD2 CGC (Encore) – Carol Giffhorn – Qualified in the Excellent Division at the Colorado Water test on September 17 for a new WRDX and a new WA! Also, was BOB on Saturday at the Belleville Show December for a 3 point MAJOR. Then was WB/BOW/BOS then next day for 1 Point.



Rainbow Bridge

Sweetbay's Olivia CDX WRDX Thd "Olivia"

3/15/2002 – 11/14/2011

Missed by Pat and Rick Pourchot

And a word on our Newfie friends:

Congratulations to Chan and Tracey Keith on Ziva's Best Bred-By win and Bred-By Group 4 at the Eukanuba Invitational!!!!!!

Congratulations to our new Titleholders!!!!

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CH Longcreek's Here for the Party

CH Longcreek's Morning Mist at Shadrack

Rowens Fast Cars and Freedom TDD

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GCH Shadrack's Just Look at Me

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CH Windswept & Shadrack Aim'n to Up the Ante

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RESCUE REPORT BY DEBBIE FITTON

Rescue report -
by Debbie Fitton
December, 2011

As the brand new rescue chairperson, my first order of business is to thank everyone who assists with Newfoundland rescue in any form. I have been involved with rescue for many years and am always astounded with the generosity of our membership. Whether you donated your money, time, transportation, or provided a foster home, you did not go unnoticed. A special heartfelt thank you to Lisa Noel for serving as rescue chair for many years. Lisa will soon be entering veterinary school. Because of Lisa's devotion and hard work, many Newfs are now living in loving homes. Lisa is continuing to act as my mentor for rescue for as long as I need her. Her compassion and knowledge of the breed is unsurpassed. River King wishes Lisa great success in her new endeavor.

Rescue currently has two foster dogs in the program. Jane Delaney is continuing to rehab Shelby, the Newf who was picked up by animal control as a stray that had been hit by a car. Her previous owners were contacted but refused to claim her. Shelby had surgery at the University of Missouri for a

fractured femur. Jane reports that although rehab is extensive, Shelby is quite stoic and has a beautiful personality. Many thanks to Mark and Cassie Iken for transportation to and from the animal hospital and to everyone else who donated time and money for Shelby's care. This was Lisa's last official rescue and she said a lot of members donated a lot of money for Shelby's care. RKNC also thanks the NCA trust fund for donating a significant amount of money towards Shelby's surgery.

Mel was originally surrendered in June, from a puppy mill in Hillsboro, IL. Mel arrived to our rescue, matted and heartworm positive. He was fostered by Ed and Debbie Fitton for several months and then placed with a very nice owner and her own two Newfs in Wisconsin. Mel lived with his new owner for about two months but was recently returned to rescue because the addition of the third dog in the household was just not ideal. Mel is being fostered again by the Fitton's where he will be re-evaluated and then placed with an adoptive home. Mel has a great personality and is very adorable.

Although River King only has two rescues at this time, both

dogs were quite expensive to provide veterinary care for. We need donations. Any amount is greatly appreciated. Please send donations to Debbie Fitton, RKNC rescue, 3455 Casner Rd., Oakley, Illinois 62501. Always feel free to call me or email me with questions or concerns.

Thanks to the following Newfy lovers for monetary donations to rescue:

Toby Williams and Karen Williams. Toby donated to RKNC rescue as a Christmas gift for his stepmother and Karen matched his donation. Great Idea!

Christina and Ryan Borleis in honor of RKNC member, Mark Wankel.

Your gifts are appreciated.
email: fittonnewf@gmail.com
phone: 217-864-3587.

NEWFS ARE AWESOME



Draft Show-N-Go

March 24

Gordon Moore Park

Alton, IL

DRAFT TEST

April, 14th and 15th

Gordon Moore Park

Alton, IL



H2o –N-Go

July 28 and 29

Lake Lou Yager

Litchfield, IL

Water Test

August 11 and 12

Lake Lou Yager

Litchfield, IL

