



High Country Newfoundland Club's Newf News First Quarter 2013 January 2013

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Upcoming Events

NCA Regional Specialty
Thursday, February 14, 2013
National Western Complex
Stadium Lower Level
Denver, CO

HCNC Board Meeting
Friday, February 15, 2013
7:00 PM
Home of Greg Szynskie

Meet the Breed
Sunday, February 17, 2013
11:00 AM-Noon
Rocky Mountain Cluster
National Western Complex
Hall of Education Upper Level

HCNC Awards Banquet
Saturday, March 17, 2013
Maggiano's Little Italy
Englewood, CO

Next Newf News deadline:
March 15, 2013





Message from the HCNC Board


Happy 2013 from the High Country Newfoundland Club. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays with your families and of course, your Newfies! My name is Mark O'Connor and I am new to the Board, having filled a vacancy in late 2012. I moved to Colorado from Chicago in January 2012 and live in Littleton with my wife, Kate and our 2 Newfies. I was a member of the North Central Newfoundland Club for about 9 years and joined the HCNC earlier this year. I jumped right in, volunteering to steward for the summer and fall water tests as well as the fall draft test. I hope we meet at an event soon.

2013 is shaping up to be another exciting year of Newf Club activities and I hope you will join in the fun whether as a spectator, volunteer or participant. I remember after I got my first Newf, Lucy (who just turned 10 at Thanksgiving) I was so intimidated when I would go to the events. I thought to myself my dog will never do any of those things (obedience, water, draft or show.) Within a few years we added a second dog, Panda. Later that year, I volunteered at my first water test and the President of the NCA complimented me on what a nice puppy Panda was (it turned out he bred her grandfather)-another board member and another North Central Club member suggested I "needed to show that dog." Several months later I was in the ring. That summer we started water work and I was hooked! My point is this: no one was born training or showing dogs; we all had a first time-and probably a funny story to relate to it. Oh and probably embarrassment too! But as I look back I am so glad I followed up on the encouragement of other more experienced "Newf people" who assured me no matter what might happen I got to go home with my favorite dog. Since then we've worked hard and we've added titles (and failures) to our resume and we've helped others along the way. But more than anything we've added memories and incredible bonding between an owner and his dogs. I encourage you not to miss this experience!

That being said, we have upcoming events that the club has been working diligently to organize. February 14th is the Newfoundland Club of America's Regional Specialty in Denver. If you're not entered, come to watch or volunteer to steward. The club could use your help. Next up is the HCNC Awards Banquet, March 17th. Come out to honor all the new 2012 titleholders at Maggiano's Little Italy (7401 South Clinton Englewood, Co). Shortly thereafter summer will be here and with it means water training as well as the annual Newf Fun Day/Picnic. I do hope you will attend one or more of the events-remember this is your club! Have fun with it! Finally I would like to give a special shout out to Patti Pigeon for organizing the Golden Christmas Parade Carting. This event allows us to march in the Golden, CO parades which occur each Saturday from late November until the Saturday before Christmas. It is great fun!! After the parade the participants and their Newfs give draft cart rides to kids for a small donation for Newfie Rescue. For me the fun part is talking to people about our Newfs, letting the kids pet them and letting the dogs soak up the attention. Thanks Patti, this is a great event! We certainly appreciate your efforts in coordinating this each year!

**Mark O'Conner
Member at Large**

NCA Regional Specialty
Thursday, February 14th
National Western Complex
4655 Humboldt
Denver, CO 80216



Bring your sweetheart
for an unforgettable
Valentine's Day

Puppy Sweepstakes
Veteran Sweepstakes
Judged by our very own Jan Curtis, DVM

Obedience and Rally
Lots of Regular and Non-Regular Classes
Fun for participants and spectators, alike!

Breed Competition
Sit ringside and watch the Newfs,
from adorable puppies through impressive specials,
vie for Best of Breed.
Judged by Margaret Downey

HCNC Hospitality Throughout the Day
Breakfast Breads, Coffee and Water Available Ringside
Potluck Meal Follows Breed Competition
Brown Bag Raffle Guaranteed to Raise a Smile

**We will send you a special email
with the day's schedule and event locations once
The Judging Program is published.**



Help HCNC reach our goal of
100% Sponsorship of the Show Trophies

Sponsor a trophy
and dedicate it to a
memorable dog or
person.



Contact Johanna Matsuda for Trophy Sponsorship
Information:

jsmatsuda@comcast.net



Need assistance the day
of the show?

Claudia Walters
NCA Regional Specialty
Chairperson
719 332-7988
newfperson@mac.com
Grooming Space #757
Lower Level

MEET THE BREED

The Rocky Mountain Cluster attracts many, many spectators. Meet the Breed provides educational sessions for the general public designed to help them learn about the many AKC Breeds. Meet the Breed for Newfoundlands is on **Sunday, February 17, 2013 from 11AM-Noon**. We will be setting up in the **Main Level Hall of Education**. Claudia Walters is coordinating this event. We need puppy, adult and senior dogs. They will be our ambassadors for the breed. We will have materials and visuals on display but people love to talk with us about our breed. Being such a versatile breed, it would be great to have members there that do different activities with their dogs.

For this to be a successful event we need:

- Lots of dogs
- One cart for display
- One set of water training equipment
- One set of obedience equipment (I'm thinking leads, collars and dumbbells)
- Some grooming tools
- Biscuits and slobber towels
- People that love their breed and want to educate the public about these amazing dogs.

Please send Claudia an email if you and your Newf would like to be ambassadors for our breed:
newfperson@mac.com

CLUB PHOTOGRAPH

Each year HCNC supports the host club for the NCA National by placing an ad in the show catalog. This year's theme for the National is "Show Your Colors". We will be taking a group photo of HCNC members and their Newfs for our ad. Show your colors and our wonderful black, gray, brown and Landseer Newfs by joining us for this very special photo.

The photo will be taken during the Meet the Breed session.
We look forward to seeing you there!

***Let's Show Our Color
February 17th
11 AM-Noon***



Last Minute Orders

The following items are available for show delivery while supplies last:

HCNC Logo Baseball Cap	Green and Khaki	\$20.00
HCNC Logo Canvas Tote Bag	Top Zipper & Zipper Pocket	\$25.00

Contact Claudia Walters at newfperson@mac.com

Newfoundlands, Elevated T-shirt	Gray, short sleeves	\$20.00
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Contact Megan Morrison at megjgold@aol.com

All purchases support the Regional Specialty!
Many thanks to everyone that has placed an order already!
We look forward to delivering them to you at the show.

HCNC Board Meeting

Friday, February 15, 2013

7:00 PM

Home of HCNC President, Greg Szynskie

3955 S. Grant Street

Englewood, CO 80113

303-807-3768



*The High Country Newfoundland Club
Award's Banquet
The Luck Of The Newfoundland
A celebration of our Newfoundlands
and their people*



*Maggiano's Little Italy Denver South
7401 South Clinton
Englewood, Colorado*

A Classic Family Style Luncheon served in Three Courses
\$25.00 Tax and Gratuity Included

*Saint Newfoundland's Day, March 17, 2013
11:30 A.M.*

Reservation Form

Your Name _____

Number of reservations @ \$25.00 each _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____ Total

Reservations Due By March 10, 2013

Mail Reservation Form and check to:

Pat Drew

10805 West 100th Drive

Westminster, CO 80021





**Election of Officers
and Board of
Directors**

Elections are held annually. During the month of October 2012, the Board appointed a nominating committee consisting of three members in good standing and two alternates:

Committee

Greg Szynskie-Chairperson
John LeVett
Jewel Cody

Alternates

Jan Curtis
Cydney Jones

Prior to January 1, 2013, the committee nominated the following members:

Vice President	Claudia Walters
Secretary	Megan Morrison
Board Member	Mark O'Connor
Board Member	Kathy Sylvia

The above members have consented to run for office.

Any general member in good standing may submit a written petition to be included on the ballot for a position. This petition must be signed by a minimum of three members in good standing and must be submitted to the Nominating Committee Chair by February 15, 2013.

Bio's of members nominated for the 2013 Elections:

Claudia Walters-Vice President

I have been a member of HCNC for many years and have served the club in a wide variety of positions:
Vice President and Board Member since December 2011
High Country Newfoundland Club Newf News Editor more years than I can remember
Regional Specialty Chairperson in 2009 and 2012
Regional Specialty Trophy Chairperson in 2011
Hospitality Chairperson for multiple Regional Specialties
Active participant in HCNC Working Events
Volunteer for HCNC Working Events
Served on the Nominating Committee
Regional Club Committee Representative to NCA

My personal interest with the Newfoundland dog started several years before I acquired my first Newf, Cinnamon Bear, in 1981. Through the years I have tried to experience the many facets of the Newf and canine worlds. I have participated/competed in:

Conformation
Water Work
Draft Work
Obedience
Rally
Therapy, TDI Member
Community Events
Foster Home for Rescue Dogs
Recreational Activities
Support of Dog-friendly Open Spaces

I am an active member of the NCA. I believe my very well rounded background in all things Newf is an asset to the HCNC Board of Directors and the membership. I am committed to working toward a regional club that supports a respectful environment for all members. Most importantly, I am currently owned by two wonderful Newfoundlands, Grace and Joy. Grace and I have worked together to earn the Versatile Newfoundland title while enjoying hiking and doing therapy dog work. Joy and I love having a good time no matter what we are doing!

Sincerely, Claudia Walters

Megan Morrison-Secretary

Shortly after I was elected to the board as Member at Large in May of 2012, I volunteered to fill the vacancy of Secretary. I have thoroughly enjoyed my position serving as secretary for HCNC as it has allowed me to form relationships with many of the HCNC members from near and far by ensuring an open means of communication and has allowed me to act as liaison for members to the board.

During my short term on the board I have been actively involved in assisting to make HCNC more appealing to all of our membership by stewarding and helping plan activities that cater to all of our members from working events to fun events, and even assisting in designing some new HCNC apparel. I also administer the HCNC facebook page, with over 130 "likes" (and counting!), it has shown to be a great asset in bridging HCNC with the Newf community and has been a wonderful means of advertising HCNC's great events. It has also proved to be another means of communication for questions from anything about details of our events, to how to find a Newf puppy. It's been a great privilege to be the facebook voice of HCNC and help educate the public about our wonderful club and members, and our wonderful breed.

In addition to all of the very interesting and time consuming paperwork and typing serving as secretary entails (I do try to make those minutes as interesting to read as possible;) I am a registered nurse by day with a specialty in cardiac surgery ICU. I am fantastic when it comes to humans, but if one of my Newfs is injured I turn into a blubbering mess.

I am also a member of the NCA and NewPenDel Newfoundland Club. Being relatively new to the breed just over 6 years ago, I have been truly enriched by being an active member of regional clubs. The mentoring I've received has allowed me to grow along with my Newfs, and earn working and obedience titles and ultimately help less experienced owners increase their knowledge about our wonderful breed. I have personally experienced what a valuable impact regional clubs have on not only the experienced owner, but new Newf owners as well, and I try to bring my experiences and knowledge from this to benefit HCNC. With a membership of over 80 members we are bound to have our differences but our common bond of the love of the Newfoundland keeps us bound together to ensure our club grows stronger every day. Thank you so much for allowing me to serve our membership and I look forward to another term as secretary.

Megan Morrison

Kathy Sylvia-Board Member

My name is Kathy Sylvia and I am asking for your vote as a Member At Large on the High Country Newfoundland Club Board of Directors. We purchased our first Newfoundland in 1987. Little did we realize that our lives were going to be changed forever. Since 1987, my Newfoundlands have accomplished the following: 3 AKC Championships, 1 UKC Championship, 1 each AKC/UKC Grand Championship, 5 CD's, 1 CDX, 5 AKC Rally Novice titles, 2 UKC Rally Novice Titles, 3 AKC Rally Advance Titles, 2 AKC Rally Excellent Titles, 2 Tracking Dog Titles, 8 WD's, 5 WRD's, 9 DD's, 1 Versatile Newfoundland Award, 1 Working Achievement Award and 1 NCA Top 20 nomination. I had no idea 26 years ago just how busy I was going to be. I have also served as a water test secretary for HCNC at 6 water tests, was the Chief Draft Steward at the November 2012 HCNC Draft Test and will be serving as the HCNC September 2013 Water Test Secretary and the HCNC November 2013 Draft Test Secretary. As a Member At Large, I want to give back to the members of High Country Newfoundland Club the support that many members have offered to me over the years. Thank you.

Mark O'Connor-Board Member

My name is Mark O'Connor. I have owned Newfoundlands for 10 years. My Lucy (Castaways Lucille Ball of Fur) just turned 10 last November and not only is she my first Newf she is my first dog. I joined the North Central Newfoundland Club shortly after we got Lucy in 2003. I had no idea what I was getting myself into! After a few years we wanted to get her a playmate and so we adopted Panda, a Landseer. It was after we adopted Panda that we got more involved in Newf activities. Initially I was a little intimidated by all the things people were doing with their dogs. I doubted I'd ever be able to do what they did. So, at first, I just volunteered at events-I stewarded a water test and a Regional Specialty. People in the club encouraged me to go to training and to show my dog. Apprehensively I did. The next thing I knew I was entering all sorts of events and getting involved in the club. I have entered and passed water tests and I have entered and failed draft tests. I put obedience titles on both my dogs and would have continued until Panda was diagnosed with a spinal condition.

Last January my wife and I moved to Colorado from Chicago for a job opportunity. I am a Certified Financial Planner and I work for a medium sized investment firm in Lakewood. My wife works in Software sales and travels frequently. We joined the High Country Club in 2012 and we love Colorado. When there was an opening on the Board, someone suggested I join and so I did. Now I am up for election and I look forward to continuing to serve the club and mentor newer members and encourage them to get involved as others did for me. Newfoundlands are Working Dogs but the work we do is fun. That is my approach to all the events; if they're not fun for everyone, the club won't survive. So let's keep it fun!





Treasurer's Report

We have profit and loss statements. The board approved the cost for accounting software this year. The accounting software used is Quicken. I am also using excel to show expenses by event. The profit and loss statements are based on a calendar year and on a cash basis. The club is set up under a fiscal year from 5/1 to 4/30.

Based on the information received here are some notes:

Money Market:

We have a money market account. This account was set up for profits received from hosting the national. For the past few years this account has transferred money to the checking account up to \$8,500 to cover the clubs losses from 2008 forward.

Rescue Account:

The rescue has its own bank account. The donations earmarked for the rescue go into the rescues checking account. Any purebred Newfoundland in need for adoption can use the funds for expenses from the rescue bank account. Example of the expenses could include but not limited to: neutering, boarding, food, grooming (if needed), vet costs, and so on. The club is not to use the funds for anything other than rescue.

Club Checking account:

This account is used for the operation of the club income and expenses.

Earmarked funds: This means the income received are for certain items.

In reading the profit and loss statements there are two categories: 1. Income, 2. Expenses. The income and expenses are recorded based on events. For example: agility income is \$4,069.99, agility expenses is \$2,080.99 for a net income of \$1,989.

Agility profit: The \$1,989 earned doing the agility competitions help offset the losses for the water tests, draft test, and regional.

Dues: This income is earmarked for the newsletter and awards given at the awards banquet. The newsletter is now sent electronically. Remaining dues go to covering the events discussed below.

Fun Match profit, Remaining dues, and Donations for club: These cover the cost of various events; love your newfie, picnics, grooming seminar, holiday party and so on.

Sales Tax: The club is operating as a not-for-profit: 503(c) (7). This does not exclude the club from paying sales tax on purchases. If the purchases are for resale then we do not have to pay sales tax on the purchases. The sale of items such as T-shirts we will need to collect sales tax. The club location is Thornton, CO. The sales tax will be based on the City of Thornton sales tax rate.

At this time the board has decided not to raise dues. But the club cannot keep losing money each year. In order to help us a few items are now required:

Expense report is due for any expense paid from the club. The expenses then go through an approval process.

Estimated budgets are to be used when planning events. The budgets then require approval. The budgets are estimates and some expense may not be known until purchased, for example: airfare, motel cost, food costs.

Please review the profit and loss statements. Should you have any questions please feel free to email me.

Melissa Lundgren, Treasurer

Profit and Loss Statement - YTD

1/1/2012 through 12/23/2012 (Cash Basis)

12/23/2012

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Category	1/1/2012- 12/23/2012
INCOME	
Agility Income	4,069.99
Banquet Income	1,210.00
Draft Clinic and Halloween Potluck	108.00
Draft Income	1,507.00
Dues Income	2,230.00
Heartworm Clinic Income	170.00
Newf Fun Match	1,127.00
Newf Grooming Donations	36.00
Regional Income	3,432.18
Water Income	2,430.00
TOTAL INCOME	16,320.17
EXPENSES	
Uncategorized	0.00
Advertising (Business)	75.00
Agility Expenses	2,080.99
Banquet Expenses	2,091.64
Car & Truck (Business)	59.38
Draft Clinic and Halloween Potluck exp	186.55
Draft Expenses	1,797.69
Fees & Charges	
Bank Fee	0.00
TOTAL Fees & Charges	0.00
General Meeting Expenses	363.97
Heartworm Clinic	899.23
Holiday Party	71.54
In Memory - Gifts	100.00
Insurance (Business)	675.00
Love your Newf	80.00
Meet the Breed	71.20
Misc. Expense (Business)	300.00
Nationals	196.53
Newf Fun Match Expenses	738.85
Newf Grooming Class	75.00
Newf Picnic	459.55
Office Expenses (Business)	80.50
Peak to Peak	310.00
Regional Expenses	3,971.48
Taxes (Business)	
Local Tax (Business)	65.68
TOTAL Taxes (Business)	65.68
Transferred to Rescue	0.00
Water Expenses	2,771.55
TOTAL EXPENSES	17,521.33
OVERALL TOTAL	-1,201.16

Holiday Carting In Golden

HCNC gave rides to children this year again in Golden Colorado following their weekly Christmas parade every Saturday in December. This year we had 4 Saturdays to Cart. This event is well attended by the public and there are lots of riders every week. Many thanks to the parade walkers and petting dogs. Thanks for talking to the families about our breed. We had a great turnout for the parades, and thank all of you! Apologies if we missed anyone.

Gigi Lepley and Pearl week 1
Steve Gunther and Gitchie weeks 1,2, and 4
Mala Setaram-Wolfe and kids and Argos week 3 and 4
Megan Morrison and Bojie Week 1 and 3
John Levett and Potter Week 1
Don Marchese and Dutch week 1, 2, 3
Melissa Lundgren and Mike Kliewer with Bella and Moose Week 1-3-4
Greg Szynskie and Bree week 3-4
Johanna Matsuda and Kara week 4
Lori Moreland and Olukun week 1-2
Katherine and Lyle Payne and Perrie week 1 and 4
Ed Ogee and Seaman week 2
Mark and Kate O'Connor and dogs week 2 and 3
Katherine and Lyle Payne and Perrie week 1 and 4
Claudia Walters and Joy week 4
Terri Desnica and Ian week 1, 2, 3, 4
Carol and Jeff Jefferson week 2,3,4,
Mark and Sue Raney and Ruca week 1,2,3,4,
Patti Pigeon and Sully week 1,2,3,4,
Scout and family week 3
Lakshmi Krishna and Charlie
Natalie Larson and Millie
John and Rebecca Moore and Star
Nicolette Reynolds
Veronica Pigeon



Again, HCNC cannot thank you enough for your good nature, genuine kindness and true Christmas spirit in giving up your time and your dogs energy to make memories for the children this December.

This is a very busy time for everyone and there are many things you could all be doing for yourself and your family instead, but you give of your time for this activity and fund-raiser for rescue.

Through the generous support of the community and the work of the carting dogs, HCNC raised \$1353.05 for Rescue!

HCNC is so fortunate to have such wonderful members who can have fun in high wind- and endure cold ears, cold hands, tired feet, and a long line of children and still take the time to talk to the little ones and enjoy the wide variety of personalities of each one of our riders! Your genuine good nature at the end of the day speaks volumes.

When I was helping put the kiddo's in the carts I heard them naming each one and so here are what your carts are called as seen through their eyes. Special thanks to the dogs and their owners who gave rides to the children. Somehow you never tire of making the little ones smile.

The yellow team cart is the Santa Taxi Powered all 4 weekends by Ruca and Sully handled by Sue Raney and Patti Pigeon

The blue cart is the Blue Mountain cart Powered all 4 weekends by Ian handled by Terri Desnica

Tinsel Carts are the sparkly carts Powered 2 weekends by Perrie and Katherine Payne
Tinsel Cart powered 2 weekends by Olukun and Lori Moreland

and last but not least the fire truck cart A real boy favorite-Powered 3 weekends by Ollie and handled by Carol Jefferson.

Melissa Lundgren and Bella, Steve Guenther and Gitchie and Mala Setaram-Wolfe and Argos all took the opportunity to apprentice with carts during their time in Golden, and all did wonderfully learning carting skills and working among the many holiday excitements. It's exciting to see these new dogs coming along to help with this festive holiday activity, and sharing their dogs and time with all the little ones. Happy New Year and Happy Carting Everyone!

Submitted by Patti Pigeon

Take a Look at the Holiday Carting Fun





Holiday Party



HCNC celebrated the holiday season on December 15th with an evening of friendship, food and fun fighting for just the right gift to take home. Ron and Scarlett Horn and Greg Szynskie and Johanna Matsuda hosted the party at Ron and Scarlett's lovely home. Oliver was the official Newfie greeter.



Membership News



New Member Applications:

General
C, G
MAJOR, Brianne
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Brighton, CO 80602
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sponsors: Lynn Kitch and Peggy Lange

Submitted by Raymond Gunn
Membership Chair

NCA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
<http://www.ncanewfs.org/members.shtml>

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General
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Denver, CO 80238
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C: 720-670-9225 Geoff
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MILLER, Sharon and Jack
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BRAGS



The Kirenska Newfoundland girls have been busy

“Breeze” Seabrook PouchCove A Window Opens at Kirenska was WB and BW at both Buckhorn Valley shows in October 2012 and



“Easy” Seabrook Easy to Love at Kirenska was WB/BW for a 3pt major at the SCKC show November 2012

Submitted by
Karen
Benenati



Eli took an Award of Merit at the AKC/Eukanuba National Invitational in Florida in December. Eli's official scoop is AKC Bronze AKC/UKC GCH. CH. Kilyka's Better Hide Your Heart Girl, CD, RN, UR01, CGC, TODD.

Submitted by Kathy Sylvia



T-Bone passed his draft test in Nov!!! He is now Ch Mtn High Bone Appetit, CD, DD, RN.....what a GOOD BOY!!!! Couldn't be any prouder of him.

Submitted by Lynn Kitch

Recent Puppy Kindergarten Graduates

Submitted by Johanna Matsuda.



Sullivan Novak



Murphy McManus

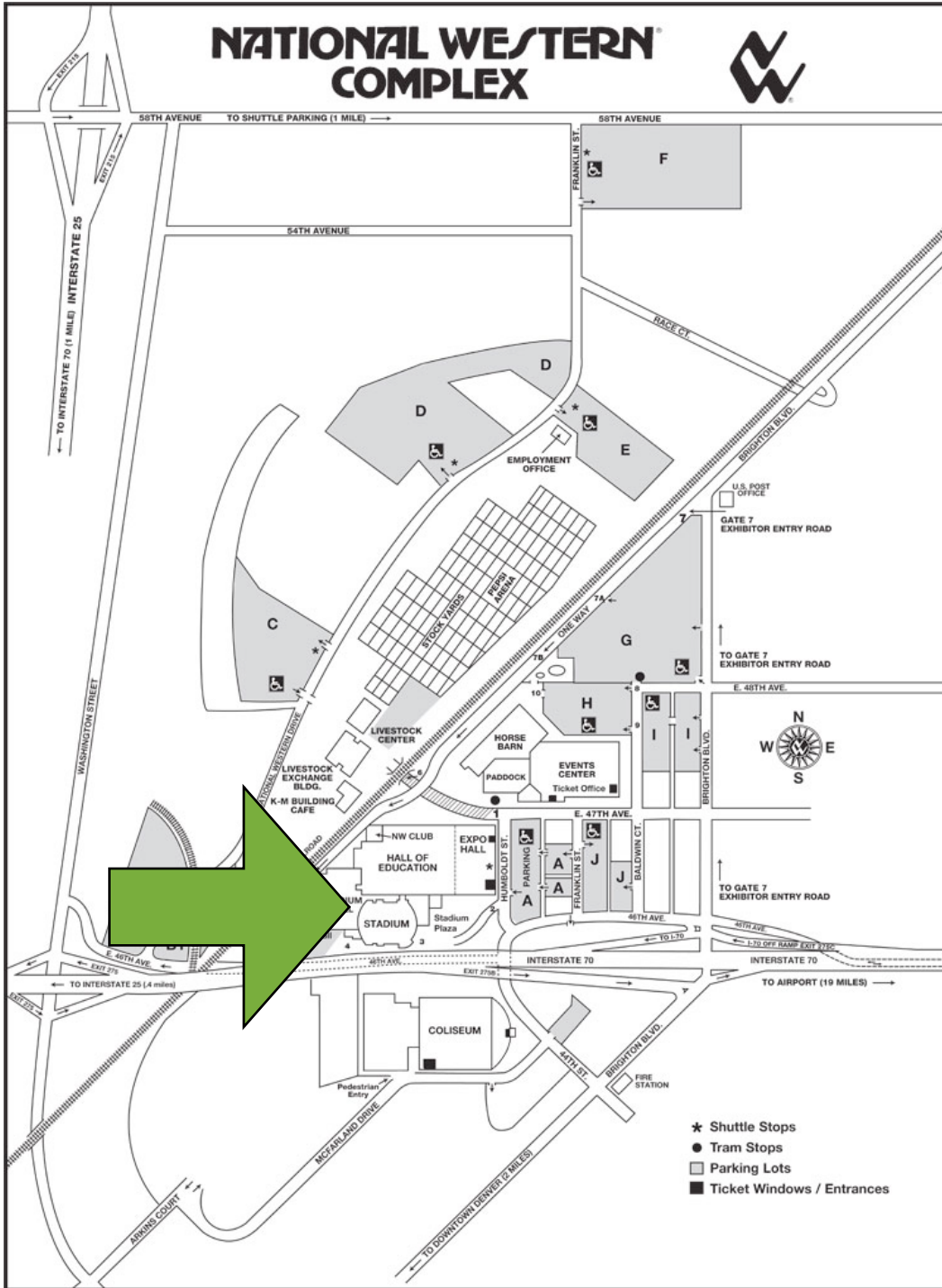


Ruca and Sue Raney earned their Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title in two show weekends in September and October with two out of the three legs also qualifying for placements (a First Place and a Third Place placement). This CDX title also completed the requirements for Ruca's NCA Working Achievement Award, and she was confirmed as a WA in November. Thanks to everyone who participated in making this possible through your support of our local NCA working events, stewarding at obedience trials, and supporting us along the way. Much thanks from all the Raney's and especially from WA HIT Sweetbay's Ruca, CDX RE WRD (1) TDD (1) DD (2)

Submitted by Sue Raney



Focus on...



Our events are in the Stadium on the lower level and Hall of Education on the upper level.

Volunteer Opportunities

NCA Regional Specialty-would you like to remind all first place winners to have their photograph taken by the show photographer? Flyers are ready to hand out. This will help assure all winners are featured in Newf Tide.

Meet the Breed-please volunteer to be an ambassador with your Newf(s). No experience necessary. Come to the Upper Level Hall of Education on Sunday, February 17th from 11 AM-Noon. We'll put you to work answering questions from the public about your Newf.

National Ad Photographer-HCNC has photographic talent! Would you like your photograph of HCNC members and their Newfs featured in the National Show catalog? Photographer will be credited in the ad. Please contact Claudia Walters at newfperson@mac.com

**It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life,
that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping
himself.**

Ralph Waldo Emerson



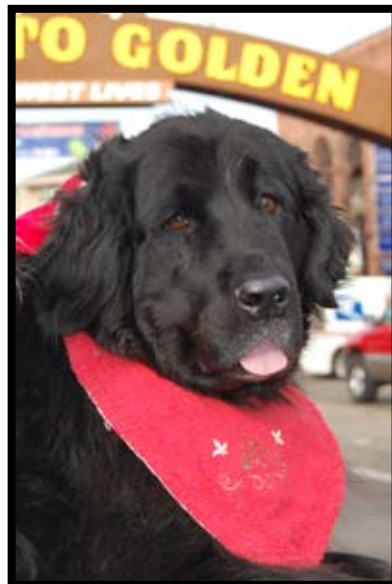
Happiness is a warm puppy. This one belongs to John LeVett.



Growing with Grace

What's not to love about winter? Starting with Thanksgiving week, people start coming to visit, the Fall Semester ends at the University, Christmas activities begin and best of all, Mom stops working so darn much. This year, I must also mention that the Thunderwolves finally lost in the quarter finals freeing up our Saturdays. I'll get to it later but ski season also factors in for the Walters. My Aunt Audrey came for Thanksgiving week which is always both a treat and a lessons in the names of Newfoundlands that came before us. The California Newfs, Bear and Breckenrige, come up most because she is always calling us by their names. Mom gently corrects her but for the most part we just substitute our own names and do whatever she is telling us to do. "Sit Breck" translates to "sit Grace" and I still get the treat, such a small sacrifice! It seems we waited forever for a weekend snow day so we could go to the local reservoir for our annual Christmas card photo. When it came, we drove to Lake Pueblo State Park and on to the boat launch area. Everything was frozen so we searched for a Plan B. Mom found this building with nautical ropes on the ramp up to the back door. There was one guy around so she asked if he thought it would be okay to photograph there. Next thing you know we're posing in our knitted Christmas neck scarves and Mom is snapping photos. It's back in the car for us but Mom ventures closer to the lake for a photo of the sail boats in their slips. Christmas card project complete. We went on a mini adventure in our new Outback so that Joy could join other HCNC Newfs in the Golden parade. We got there in plenty of time but my cousin, Ritzy, was a butt head and played a game of catch me if you can with Aunt Janet. In the end, we missed the Newf group in the parade so Mom and Joy walked the parade route with Santa and some princess in a convertible. Afterwards, Joy was a PR dog greeting all the kids waiting in line for rides by the wonderful HCNC draft dogs. Next we took a ride up Look Out Mountain road in Golden. Lots of snow and great views!

Christmas was wonderful including a trip to church in Pueblo. I only mention this because the church has real Tiffany stained glass windows. We didn't expect to find anything this classy in Pueblo! I'm running out of space but there was a trip to Glenwood Springs before the first ski trip of the season. It kicked off last Saturday with the Breckenridge Snow Sculptures. I was the favored child for this event! It is absolutely the best way to get a million hugs in just one morning. Surely, more weekends in Alma will follow throughout the winter. That's about an acre of fenced land to explore while Mom skis.



HCNC Calendar

February 14, 2013	NCA Regional Specialty	Denver, CO
February 15-18, 2013	Rocky Mountain Cluster Shows	Denver, CO
February 15, 2013	HCNC Board Meeting	Englewood, CO
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February 17, 2013	Club Photo	Denver, CO
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A Last Look

Our photo theme for this quarter is puppies since even Ed didn't send me any Winter Newf photos. Please welcome Neville, Kai and Scout to our Newfie family. We'll try Winter Newfs again in the April issue. Send your photos to the editor at: newfperson@mac.com



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