



# Newf News

Quarterly Newsletter of the High Country Newfoundland Club (HCNC)

April, May and June 2018



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Upcoming Agility Trial and Fundraiser



Team Rocky Mountain High at NCA National



NCA Regional Specialty Trophy Sample



HCNC Gift Basket at Nationals

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## YAY! HAPPY SUMMER TO THE HCNC MEMBERSHIP FROM OUR NEW CLUB PRESIDENT, JAN CURTIS

Firstly, let me thank you for your support in voting for me. I hope that we can get lots of things done in the next few years. I look forward to working with the Board and the membership to accomplish great things.

My approach will be Past, Present and Future... **Past** : We need to get some updating done of club documents, policies and procedures (which is in progress), as well as reach out to our existing membership to hear what they want from the club. We need to reach out to inactive members and hear the “why nots”, and we also need to reach out to other NCA members in the region and similarly address the “why nots.” **Present**: We have several exciting events and issues to address....our summer water tests, fall draft test, training sites (due to planned development plans for Chatfield Reservoir), and other events. We need to think about reaching out to our new members to find out what they are interested in seeing the club do, how they want to get involved with the club, and how we can accommodate and welcome our newbies. **Future**: The future will involve membership, training sites, and where the club goes in terms of activities and participation – lots of things being discussed!

Watch for a short article in upcoming newsletters about something relevant to the breed and owners. Honestly, just about everything. Maybe have “guest participants” helping with something in their special expertise too! Please let me know (email [jandvm@earthlink.net](mailto:jandvm@earthlink.net)), what you want to know about...or you’ll just get whatever I dish up!

Thanks again for all your support. Remember as you go out with your Newf that we are AMBASSADORS for the breed. Be kind, helpful and supportive of others. Not everyone is as smart, as strong, as healthy, as young, or as experienced as you. Nor does everyone own the most handsome dog on the scene (lol...you do!). But everyone has a right to love their dogs just as much as you love yours. Let’s show respect to all.

HAVE FUN and BE SAFE!

Jan

### HCNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Ad Hoc Constitution/By Laws  | Claudia Walters/<br>Matt Sidesinger/Steve Gunther    |
| Awards Banquet               | Karen Benenati                                       |
| Holiday Carting/Tree Pulling | Steve Gunther  |
| Breeder List HCNC            | Linda Morley Roser                                   |
| Chatfield Park Liaison       | Patti Pigeon and Terri Desnica                       |
| Community Service            | Steve Gunther  |
| Draft Test 2018              | Steve Gunther/Lisa Johnson/<br>Sue Raney             |
| Email List                   | Katherine Payne                                      |
| Facebook Administrators      | Claudia Walters/Matt Sidesinger                      |
| Fun Day 2018                 | Sue Raney  |
| Meet the Breed 2018          | Claudia Walters                                      |
| Membership Applications      | Mark O’Connor  |
| NCA Basket                   | Joyce Boone  |
| NCA National Ad              | Claudia Walters                                      |
| NCA Agility Trial            | Patti Pigeon/Terri Desnica                           |
| NCA HCNC Water Test 2018     | Mark O’Connor – July 2018<br>Patti Pigeon–Sept. 2018 |
| New Puppy Buyers             | Mark O’Connor  |
| Rescue                       | Steve Gunther  |
| Sunshine                     | Sue Schneider  |
| Webmaster                    | Matt Sidesinger                                      |

High Country Newfoundland Club Website: <http://www.hcncnews.org>



Newfoundland Club of America Website: <http://www.ncanews.org>

# HCNC Membership News

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NCA Membership Information

<http://www.ncanewfs.org/members/shtml>

## Welcome New Members:

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WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS

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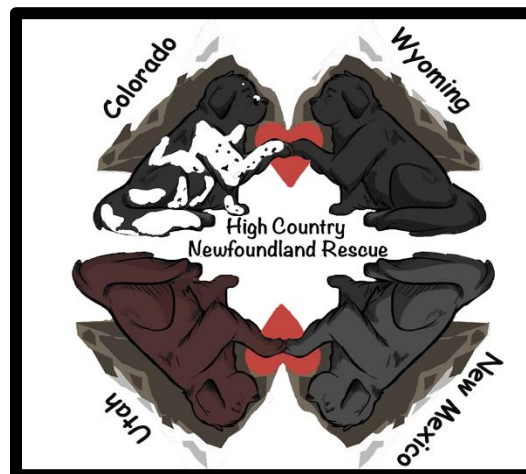
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Sponsors: Katie Sidesinger and Mark O'Connor



## **Important Message Regarding The Use Of Chatfield from our Liaison, Terri Desnica:**

**Please be respectful about sharing the beach with others. I have received some communications that this is not always the case. When other dog groups are there we need to divide up the beach nicely. Remember we are not the only club who has a permit for dogs, and we all are required because of the calendar to be there on the same days. Just because a group is there first does not give them the privilege to take over the entire or most of the area and make others have to go elsewhere or have just a sliver of beach to use. We also don't always have to use the center of the beach either. Remember we all are working and training our dogs for tests so let's share and have fun training.**

**Also, if your dogs may have a tendency to bolt when practicing at all please use a long line on them. As you've probably noticed there has been a lot more activity at the Gravel Pond the last few years with paddle boarders, picnickers and dogs etc. We want to keep in good standing with Rangers and everyone else. If anyone has questions feel free to contact me.**



NewfTide's 2019 first quarter issue will feature "My First Newfoundland" themed stories. There are wonderful experiences and exciting adventures to share about this noble breed; this time, the focus is your first Newfie. The NCA invites you to share your story about your wonderful first Newf with the readers.

Submit between May 15th – Dec. 15, 2018

RE: My First Newf Call Name; Last Name  
Maximum 350 words, photo optional.

Submit via email to [editor@ncadogs.org](mailto:editor@ncadogs.org) or by mail to:  
Annalyn Paz, 15214 Lantern Creek Lane, Houston, TX  
77068-3806

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES 2018

## DON'T MISS THE BOAT:

The upcoming water test at Chatfield Lake State Park is scheduled for July 27, 28, and 29. Deadline to submit your entry is July 20, 2018. Check the HCNC website for details, and as always, stewards are always welcome to attend and cheer on our exhibitors.



## Set Your Sails for September! Three Days of Water Fun!

Ahoy, Newfy Friends! The calm seas of Lake Chatfield are your course for fun and adventure for three days of Water Tests! From wee Tadpoles to salty Veterans, HCNC will be cheering on Newfs and All Breed Entrants as all the dog and handler teams test their skills at water rescue. A great way to end the summer -- full of fun and surprises for everyone!

Mark your calendars for the following dates: **September 14, 15, 16!**

Even the most beginning landlubber can participate! Volunteers are needed for all three days, from leash running, to bobbing, to helping to steady the boat, to being the best cheering section ever for all your Newf friends and their water dog friends!

To participate, contact Patti Pigeon, Test Chair, [ppigeon105@aol.com](mailto:ppigeon105@aol.com) or Sue Raney, Test Secretary, [sue.raney11@gmail.com](mailto:sue.raney11@gmail.com) to sign up! Volunteering gives you the "best seat in the house" to see Newfies, Leos and Labs and others doing the exercises that are

founded on the legends of heroic Newfoundland rescues.

The premium is out, and to receive it directly, email [sue.raney11@gmail.com](mailto:sue.raney11@gmail.com). There will be NCA tests for all levels all three days, HCNC Tadpole and Veteran tests and All Breed tests each day. There will be a fun group evening dinner with the judges too, so you can rest and relax with your Newfy friends!

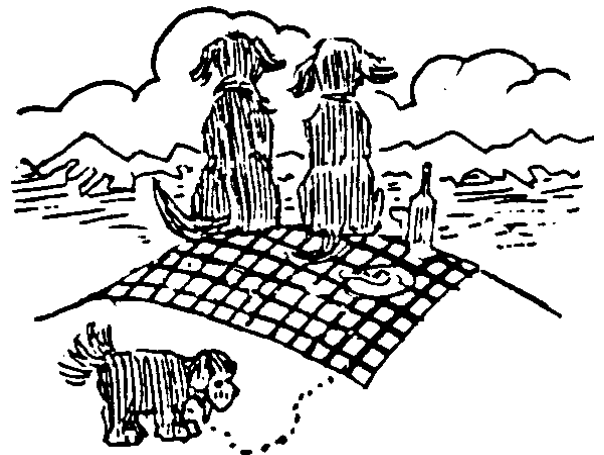
Set your course for adventure and come join the fun!

## Time to Party!

### Come join the fun at HCNC's Annual Picnic and Fun Day!

*Enjoy a pot luck picnic, fun games to play for you and your dog, and the beautiful colors of Fall. The Lion's park amenities include lovely walking paths, access to Clear Creek (if your dog needs a quick swim), playground, covered pavilion for picnicking, and super cool places to explore after the picnic in beautiful downtown Golden, CO.*

*HCNC will provide the burgers and hot dogs, please plan on bringing a dish to share. (Donations welcomed to cover the cost of the pavilion rental.) Be sure to bring your favorite adult beverage.*



**Prizes! Shenanigans! Silliness! Games for you and your Newfs!**

## Owning Newfs ...



is a way of life !!  
Uncle Tom's®

Following the picnic, we can stroll to several brewpubs that allow pets on the patio, shop or grab ice cream as you enjoy the beautiful paved trails along Clear Creek. Please save the date and time.

Newf Picnic – Saturday October 6, 2018

From 11:00 am - ???

Lions Park – EAST Pavilion – Golden, Colorado,  
1300 10th St, Golden, CO 80401

APPTX

Questions, please email Sue Raney at [sue.raney11@gmail.com](mailto:sue.raney11@gmail.com)

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING  
WILL BE HELD SUNDAY,  
AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> AT LAKEWOOD  
LIBRARY AT 12:30 PM.

THE NEXT GENERAL  
MEETING HAS NOT YET  
BEEN SCHEDULED. DETAILS  
TO BE DETERMINED.

Upcoming - Newfoundland Club of America  
Draft Tests

Save the date -  
Join HCNC for two days of Draft Tests (DD, TDD,  
DDX, TDDX) in beautiful Golden, Colorado.  
October 20th and 21st at Fairmount Park  
Judges: Dawn Druge & Mark Iken

For More Information  
Contact Test Secretary - Steve Gunther  
at [gunther80027@gmail.com](mailto:gunther80027@gmail.com)

## Our Annual NCA/HCNC Agility Trial and Fundraiser

will be held inside at the Apex Field House (Indoor Soccer Arena) this year located at 5724 Oak Street, Arvada, CO 80002. The trial will be held on Saturday, September 22nd. We would love to have some of our members come out and help steward at the trial. No experience necessary!!!

Some of the jobs include being on the course to help set jump bars that might get knocked down, taking score sheets to the secretary after the runs, taking leashes from the start line to the finish line for the competitors and more.



It's a fun way to spend the day watching all kinds of dogs having fun running agility, not to mention socializing with your fellow club members. You don't have to stay the whole day, but any time you can help would be much appreciated!

Remember to mark your calendars and plan to help out at our biggest fundraiser for the year for the club. Contact Terri Desnica at [desnica5008@msn.com](mailto:desnica5008@msn.com) if you can come out and help.



**NCA REGIONAL SPECIALTY**  
**Thursday, November 8, 2018**  
**Colorado State Fairgrounds Event Center**  
**Pueblo, Colorado**

Puppy and Veterans Sweepstakes  
Conformation  
All Breed Obedience

Sweepstakes Judge – Johanna Matsuda  
Conformation Judge – Ingrid Lyden

Chief Stewart – Kady Eckstrom

Our Show Superintendent is Onofrio.

Shine Sturtz has selected beautiful stained-glass trophies for this year's show. Shine has also done a wonderful job of getting 100% of the NCA Regional trophies sponsored. Thank you to all our wonderful sponsors! Lori Moreland has designed and is hand making glass ornaments for our ring favors. These wonderful committee members are creating a Regional you will not want to miss!

Following the Show

HCNC Banquet and BINGO  
Pueblo Community College

It will be an early evening so everyone has time to groom their Newfs for the Southern Colorado Cluster Shows on Friday through Monday. We'll start with No-host Cocktails followed by a Banquet Dinner and BINGO.

## NCA REGIONAL SPECIALTY

### *Dinner Menu*

Chicken Breast Stuffed with Cream Cheese  
and Mild Green Chilies  
Mashed Potatoes with Green Chili Gravy (Pueblo Style) Corn  
Garden Salad  
Dinner Rolls with Butter  
Tres Leches Cake

Vegetarian option is a Stuffed Portobello Mushroom

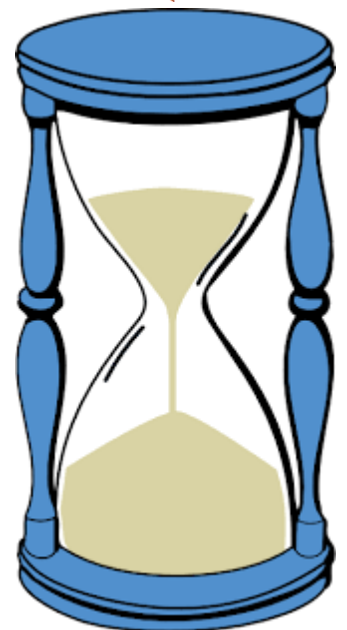
Steve Gunther is preparing themed BINGO Baskets for us. These baskets are always awesome and help keep the price of the banquet at just \$25.00. There is a special final round of BINGO that supports High Country Newfoundland Rescue. This basket is sure to be filled with amazing items.

We hope you'll join us for this extra special Fall Classic!



## **With Appreciation:**

We all would like to thank our outgoing Board Members for their service to the Board of High Country. Thank you [Sue Callister](#) for serving on the Board. Thank you [Matt Sidesinger](#) for your service on the Board and for serving as our President for the past two years. I speak for the club when extending our gratitude to you both for your work with the club and we all look forward to seeing you both at events with our wonderful Newfoundland dogs. Katherine Payne and the Club





June 15, 2008 –  
April 23, 2018

We lost our sweet  
Joy-Joy to  
osteosarcoma this  
Spring. This crazy  
loveable girl is  
gone too soon and  
missed very much  
by Claudia Walters,  
her family and  
friends.



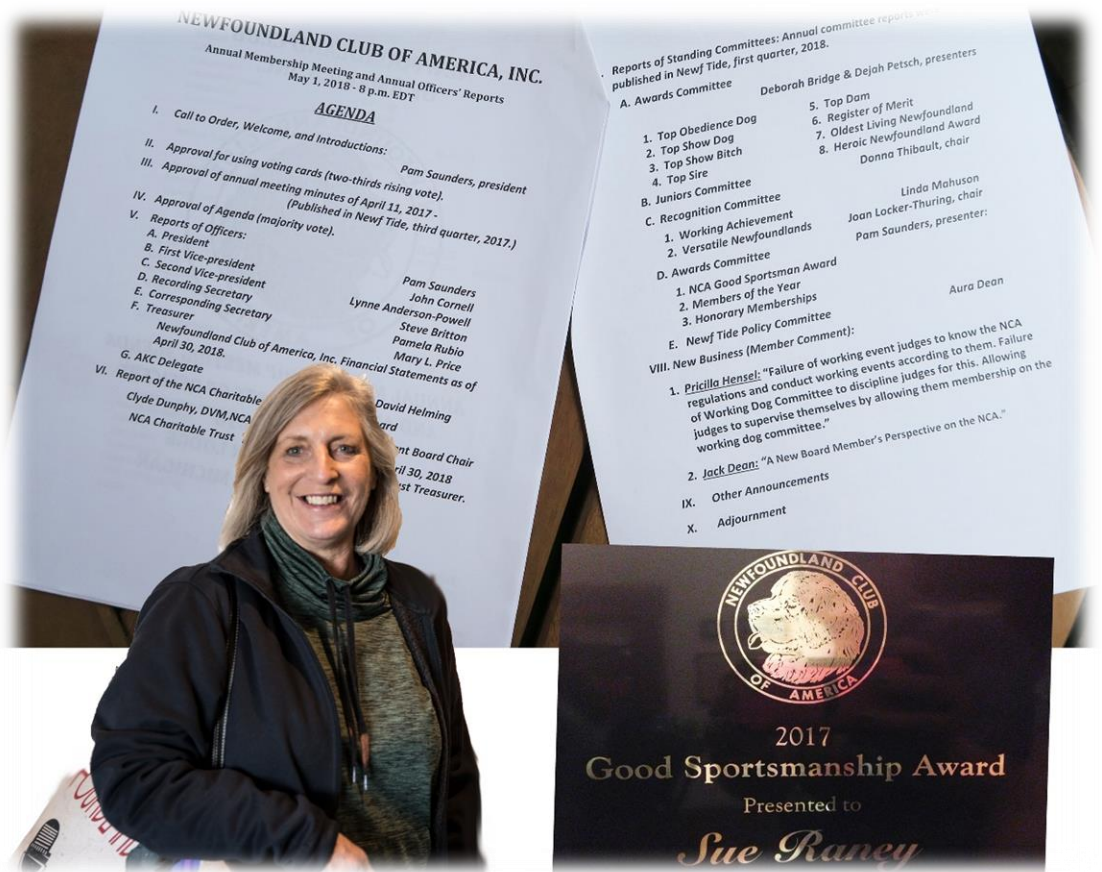
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Forever In Our  
Hearts

# Wags and Brags

High Country Newfoundland Club is so very proud of our own club member **Sue Raney** who was honored and presented the **2017 Good Sportsmanship Award** at the NCA National in Frankenmuth, MI during the NCA Annual Meeting on May 1st, 2018.

The NCA extended one award for Good Sportsmanship at the meeting this year and Sue was that recipient. Help us congratulate Sue on this incredible honor.



**Hudson** got his AKC Rally Novice title and his AKC Beginner Novice Obedience title in April! He is also beginning agility, and owner Krista Klett couldn't be more proud.

This photo is of Hudson doing what he loves!! Hudson sends his love to Summit!!

# Wags and Brags Continued

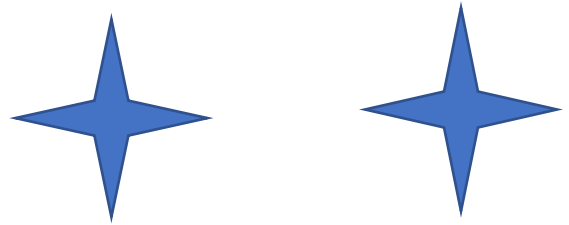
## NORA; Dreamkeeper Come Away with Me Nani



At the Nationals in Frankenmuth, Nora earned her 3rd leg in RN and now has a Rally Novice title. She earned her 1st leg in BN & placed 3rd.

Proud Owners: Greg Szynskie & Johanna Matsuda

Proud Breeder: Peggy Pack



**Honey Lane's Lost Sailor, Navy**, was 2nd in the Amateur Owner Handler class at the Newfoundland National Specialty in Frankenmuth, MI on May 3rd.

**Honey Lane's Lost Sailor, Navy**, was Reserve Winner's Dog at the Flatirons KC show on June 2nd.

**Honey Lane's Lost Sailor, Navy**, was Winner's Dog, Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex over a special for a 3 point major (his third major) at the Flatirons KC show on June 3<sup>rd</sup>

# Let's Wrap It Up...

Submit your brags, photos and corrections with "HCNC NEWSLETTER INFO" in the subject line to the Newf News Editor at [lisacjohnson0928@gmail.com](mailto:lisacjohnson0928@gmail.com)

Next Deadline is September 30, 2018

Interested in a Newfoundland Puppy? Looking for a Breeder? Contact the NCA Breeder Referral Hotline

Call 1-866-NCA-NEWF (1-866-622-6393) Between 9AM and 9PM Eastern

[ncanewf@comcast.net](mailto:ncanewf@comcast.net)

HCNC Rescue is a 501c3 and donations are tax deductible. The donations need to be made out to the High Country Newfoundland Rescue Inc and not to the Club. Any checks made out to the Club will not be tax deductible. Contact Steve Gunther with any questions [sagunther@live.com](mailto:sagunther@live.com)

## A Message To My Fellow HCNC Membership,

Remember the George Costanza character from the TV show Seinfeld? If not, I will share that his peculiar nature and odd choices made for humorous entertainment. In one memorable episode, his character realizes his life needs a new direction, and he decides to live his life doing everything the opposite of what he normally would do. I followed his example and gave it a try; I decided to react, say, and do the opposite of whatever my normal tendency would have been during my daily routine. What happened? I began to live in the moment. I became aware, I felt alive; I was thinking, processing, analyzing, choosing, opening my mind to this most unusual change of pace. The experience was life-altering for me and it was quite amusing too.

On not such an extraordinary level as I chose to embrace, we all as a Club have the opportunity to support our HCNC Board and new President. We chose them to lead us, and it is through their experiences that our Club will benefit by making HCNC even more purposeful into the future. -- Lisa

## SUMMIT'S SHENANIGANS IN SIX SQUARES

