



# Newf News

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The High Country Newfoundland Club



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## A Message from our President, Mark O'Connor

Hello Members,

Summer has wound down and with it, water training and tests are behind us. Fall arrived (didn't it?) and we had our fall draft test in October. November arrived and now our Supported Entry in Pueblo is also complete. Our events are limited over the next few months. February shows at the National Western will bring the Meet the Breed that is popular with the club.

In the meantime, the board has been working on updating our club documents and in particular the HCNC Constitution which needed updating as recommended by the NCA.

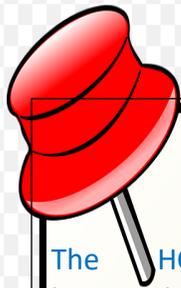
Sadly, the club lost two family members over the past two months. Kathy Marchese was a long-time member of our club. She and Don were instrumental to the early development of water training and tests. Additionally, Joyce and Michael Boone's son passed away very unexpectedly. We wish to extend our condolences to both families.

From Kate and me, we wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!

-Mark

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

UNEY, Jolyn and John Younkerman  
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The HCNC Board of Directors is accepting applications for the following events in 2022:

**Water Test**  
**Draft Test**  
**NCA Regional Specialty**

The application for NCA events is located on our website. Please submit completed applications to the Club Secretary at [HCNCsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:HCNCsecretary@gmail.com).



For Sale: Heavy duty folding ramp with non-slip grip (Newf size); \$50. Contact Johanna email: [ismatsuda@comast.net](mailto:ismatsuda@comast.net)  
Petstep ramp: 70"x17"





## A Bit of Newfoundland History

Submitted by John LeVett

Recently I was poking through one of my bookcases and ran across one of my father's old books, 'Retriever Gun Dogs' by William F. Brown published in 1945. He gave this account regarding the origin of the Chesapeake Bay retriever.

"while the Chesapeake originated in this country, he came from parents who had been destined to sail to England, and only a very fortunate accident (as far as the Chesapeake was concerned) brought about a change in their fate.

"In the year 1807 an English brig was wrecked off the coast of Maryland. The crew and cargo of this brig was rescued by the American ship 'Canton.' They also rescued two Newfoundland puppies, a dog and a bitch. The dog was named 'Sailor' and the bitch was named after



the rescuing boat 'Canton.' These two dogs were given to the gentlemen who gave hospitality to the sailors of the wrecked brig, and were soon found to possess wonderful qualities as retrievers. These Newfoundlands were not the presentday variety, but were of a shorter-legged type. The dog was a dingy red in color and the bitch was black. These dogs earned a great reputation as retrievers, and many of the common nondescript dogs then used for retrieving were bred to Sailor and Canton, but whether the two dogs were ever mated together we do not know. Eventually other out-crosses were used. Suffice it to say that by 1885 a very definite type of dog had developed and this type was known far and wide for the prowess it had exhibited in the rough cold waters of Chesapeake Bay. "



*(many thanks to John LeVett for sharing this bit of history with us)*

## RECAPPING EVENTS FROM THE SECOND QUARTER 2021 HCNC July Water Test

After a long and arduous year without working events due to COVID, Mother Nature did not disappoint in bringing wonderful weather to kick off the High Country Newfoundland Club NCA's first water test of the year. Crystal clear water as smooth as glass with minimal breeze greeted the first dog who stepped into the water on Saturday while our wonderful judges, Bethany Karger and Donna Thibault, stood on the beach.



We had exhibitors come from each coast, as far as Florida and California, to test with us. I couldn't be prouder of the amazing group of ambassadors for our breed, dogs and handlers both, who participated throughout the weekend. We had so many people come to watch to learn about Newfoundlands and I can't think of a better way than to witness what they are bred to do.



In addition to our NCA water tests, we held two non-NCA events over the weekend. HCNC tadpole

test for beginner water dogs and handlers, and HCNC's All-Breed Water Test. Both had many entrants and were so enjoyable to watch. The tadpole test showed us some true intrinsic water dogs with so much potential. It was great to see the support Newf owners gave to these up-and-coming water dogs.



July 2021 Water Test cont'd

Congratulations to all of our qualifiers! So many of our exhibitors are so close to titles. I can't wait to see what you all do and hear the good news of your upcoming passes. It was an honor to watch ALL of you and the wonderful bond that you have with your dogs!

Thank you to all of our exhibitors, hard-working stewards, fair and encouraging judges, my ridiculously awesome committee, club members who came to lend a helping hand, and all



who came to cheer. I realized during the weekend that it was the first time being at a test without testing one of my own dogs, and the same went for my entire committee; they truly do this because of their commitment to our breed.

Extra special thanks to the best of friends, Mark & Kate O'Connor who

allowed us to stay with our menagerie in their beautiful home and for hosting a great reception on Saturday for much needed laughs and fun. This was such a wonderful weekend to be back in the lake where we belong, with our breed, after a very long, sad and scary year. This weekend made me feel so lucky once again, to be owned by this special breed. ❤️

Megan Goldin-Liston 2021 July HCNC NCA Water Test Chair

### **SATURDAY WATER DOG (WD) QUALIFIERS**

Emma M. Carr, WD  
Call Name: EMMA  
PAL 275488, 10/11/17, Female  
Sire: Unknown  
Dam: Unknown  
Breeder: Unknown  
Handler: Kat Carr  
Owner: Kat Carr  
Boulder, CO



**SATURDAY WATER RESCUE DOG (WRD) REQUALIFIERS:**



GCHS Ch Bear N Mind Waltzes To Misty MTN,  
BN,CD,RE,TD,SIA,SCN,SEN,TKA,CGC,WD,DD  
Call Name: MATILDA  
WS 46048701, 12/01/13, Female  
Sire: BIS GCHS Ch Cypress Bay's The One I Want For Bear N  
Mind, BDD, ROM  
Dam: VN GCH CH Bear N Mind's Oh Mercy Me!,  
BN,CD,WRD,DD  
Breeder: Christine Gorsuch, Dwight Gorsuch  
Handler: Ron Horn  
Owners: Ron Horn, Scarlett Horn, Juanita Bartlett, William  
Bartlett  
Greenwood Village, CO

Ch ThreePonds Hidden Strength, BN,CD,RE,TKA,TDX,CGCA,WD,DD  
Call Name: NEVILLE  
WS 43328201, 10/02/12, Male  
Sire: Ch ThreePonds Rising Son  
Dam: WaterMark Peppermint Twist  
Breeder: Lynne Anderson, James Hussey  
Handler: John LeVett  
Owner: John LeVett  
Denver, CO



**WATER RESCUE DOG (WRD):**

Ch Seagoin's Dora The Explora, BN,RN,CGC,WD,DD(1)  
Call Name: DORA  
WS 59304801, 11/20/17, Female  
Sire: VN GCHB Ch Castanewf's Think Outside  
T'Box, CD,WRD,TDD  
Dam: Ch SaltyDog's Takin' Care Of Business,  
RN,CD,WD,DD  
Breeder: Lorri Littleford, John Pearson  
Handler: John Pearson  
Owners: Lorri Littleford, John Pearson  
San Jose, CA



July 2021 Water Test cont'd

**SUNDAY QUALIFIERS WATER DOG (WD)**

Montlake's Easy Breezy Covergirl At Point Break, CGC  
Call Name: BREEZY NEW WD  
WS 66038305, 08/30/19, Female  
Sire: Ch. Starstruck's Keanu Reeves At Point Break,  
BN,CD,RI,THDN,CGCA,CGCU  
Dam: GCHS Ch Timberknoll's It's All About The  
Parade, RN, TKN, FDC, CGC  
Breeder: Sandy Hall  
Handler: Taylor Vinge  
Owners: Jennifer Arent, Heidi Peterson Melbourne, FL



**SUNDAY ALL BREED:**

GCHB Ch Pine Grove's The Man You Need, CD, RM, CGCU, CGCA, TKA, RATI, PT, HSAS, NDD, DD



Call Name: COLLINS  
WS 54596701, 08/15/16, Male  
Sire: GCH Ch Bit-A-Swissy's Doubleshot For Sunhaven  
Dam: GCH Ch Calypso Pine Grove's Little Bear  
Breeder: Meggen Burgheirdt  
Handler: Tiffany Patten  
Owners: Tiffany Patten, David Patten  
Colorado Springs, CO



# HCNC August Water Test



We held our summer's second water test August 28-29th at Chatfield State Park. The entries were light but we still had one Newfoundland and one all breed qualifier. The weather was good, the judges were great - thanks to all the entrants and stewards who helped make the test a success!!



*On the eve of the water test: Water site setup*



*Qualifier Maria Rizzuto with Patty Pigeon's Wally with Judges John Pearson and Lori Littleford*



*Teaching the Next Generation: John LeVett and Jack Sidesinger*



*Qualifier Jay Ackerman with Brach and Judges John Pearson and Lori Littleford*

Editor's Note: *I'm indulging a different approach to displaying the test photos that demonstrate the various exercises. In this way, those who are unfamiliar can appreciate the skills being performed.*

## *Water Dog Title (Junior Division):*

**Basic Obedience and Recall:** *Will my dog stay right by my side as we walk together? Will*

*my dog do an about turn and halt when instructed by the judges? Will my dog return to me on the basic recall? Will my dog keep his focus on me?*



*Single Retrieve: Will my dog go out for his bumper? Will my dog retrieve his bumper? Will my dog bring his bumper back to my hand?*



**Drop Retrieve:** *A coin toss performed earlier in the day determines which article my dog is to retrieve: his life jacket or his boat cushion. Will my dog go out into the water as instructed? Will my dog retrieve the article? Will my dog deliver the article to my hand?*



**Take a Line:** *Will my dog deliver a line of rope into the water to a steward who is “displaying signs of distress”? Will my dog approach a stranger in the water? Will my dog take the line into the water? Will my dog hold the line once he reaches waist level into the water? And finally, will he take the line all the way to the stranger?*



***Tow a Boat:*** Will my dog retrieve his favorite bumper toy? Will he hold that bumper when he feels the tug from the weight of the boat? Will my dog hold the line as he reaches walking depth? Will my dog pull that boat with the line taugth until it reaches shore?



*Swim With Handler: Will my dog go out into the water with me, swim alongside me within 6 feet? Will he remember to not swim over me?*

*Will he return me to shore?*



## *Water Rescue Dog Title (Senior Division):*

After successfully completing the Water Dog exercises, he can advance to earn his Water Rescue Dog (WRD) and Water Rescue Dog Excellent (WRDX) title and beyond:

Additional skills include more complex variations of the Water Dog exercises such as a double retrieve, retrieve off a boat, life ring rescue, underwater retrieve, and take a line and tow a boat. Below are pictures of some of the exercises in the Senior Division.

*Life Ring Exercise: Will my dog take the life ring and go out? Will my dog swim all the way to complete the rescue? Will my dog return the steward to shore?*



**Retrieve Article off a Boat:** *Will my dog wait for the paddle to land in the water before jumping in? Will my dog bring the paddle back to the boat, and not to shore? Will I be able to reach the paddle without falling off the boat?*



**Underwater Retrieve** *Will my dog put his head into three feet of water to retrieve his article? Will he place that article directly into my hands?*



# WAGS AND BRAGS



**Bailey** earned his CGC Urban today!! Thanks Nancy Scott and Paulette Van Deusen from Blue Springs for the great class and the Tattered Cover too! We also met some really fun Eagles fans at the light rail steps who didn't mind Newf slime. Great day for a trip to the mall!

**Bailey** did earn his CGC-A and is currently ranked 6th in fast cat standings for Newfoundlands.

Ch ThreePonds Hidden Strength CD, BN, RE, TKA, TDX, CGCA, WD(1), DD

On Saturday at the July water test **Neville** came out of semi-retirement to pass at the WD level as a requalifier. Yeah **Neville**!

Submitted by proud papa, John LeVett





★ Wags and Brags cont'd

★ **Samantha** has added another **Living Legend Title**...she turned 12 on September 11, 2021.

★ For her birthday...she entered the August water test.  
★ She didn't pass. But has always had such love for the water...



★ **Bowaters Five Families~ Gambino**



Wins Winners Dog in his show debut! At just a week over 12 months old from the 12-18 class at the Newfoundland Club of New England Regional Specialty. So proud of this young guy.





★ Wags and Brags cont'd



★ What a ride on the East coast for **Finnegan**! **Finnegan** kicked off his tour in Cape Cod by winning back to back...to back to back! 4 back to back Breed wins in a large entry of Newfs. To top off his first weekend, **Finn** was awarded Best in Specialty Show at the Newf Club of New England Regional Specialty! The icing on the cake for the Cranberry Cluster weekend included a Group 2, and TWO Group 3's over the weekend.



★ Multi Group Winning MBISS GCHS BeeCreeks EvenKeel You're Gonna Need A Bigger Boat CGC RN TKN ~ **Finnegan**



Wags and Brags cont'd

Our showy girl is a New champion!



CH Bowater's Permission to Come  
Aboard EvenKeel CGC TKN



~Hinckley

**Hinckley** (otherwise known as Winkie by her 4 year old human sister) won back to back majors on the east coast and reserve winners bitch at the prestigious Morris & Essex Kennel Club dog show. She's accomplished so much in her short show career we can't wait to see what's next!



**Finnegan** 🐾 Multi Group Winning MBISS GCHS  
BeeCreeks EvenKeel You're Gonna Need A Bigger  
Boat CGC RN TKN

WINS BEST OF BREED at the prestigious Morris and  
Essex Kennel Club dog show and best in specialty  
at the NewPenDel Regional Specialty Show.  
Followed up by a HUGE Group2!



For anyone who is unfamiliar with the deep-rooted history of this show it is worth the research to learn about it even if you're not into dog shows.

Wags and Brags cont'd

The prestigious Morris and Essex Kennel Club show only occurs once every 5 years and attending it is like stepping back in time. We are honored to be a part of its history amongst the top dogs in the country.



I can't put into words how truly humbled I am by this amazing win and his team who believe in him so deeply. We have grown such a strong dog family with the best team behind him that just saying I'm grateful will never be enough.

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/sports/morris-essex-dog-show-returns-2021/>



*"Hospitality and gentility are two of the many features distinguishing the Morris & Essex from other outdoor dog shows. Picture elaborate flower displays, and specially designed raised platforms for Groups winners...At precisely noon, a lunch bell is rung, and all judging stops...During lunch hour, everyone dines; in the judge's tent, live classical music is played, linen and fine china are displayed..."*

*As the saying goes, “dogs will be dogs”, following are some examples of dogs just being who they are... 😊 (and if you would like your dog included in future issues, be sure to send your pictures to [lisacjohnson0928@gmail.com](mailto:lisacjohnson0928@gmail.com) with the title “NewfNews” in the subject line)*



*My tiny puppy Niji has weighed in at 115 lbs at 9 months old.*



*The same weight as fully grown Okami with the white paws. They both know who has the treats! Niji wants to help with everything, especially the gardening. She brings her favorite pieces inside while I'm on work calls.*

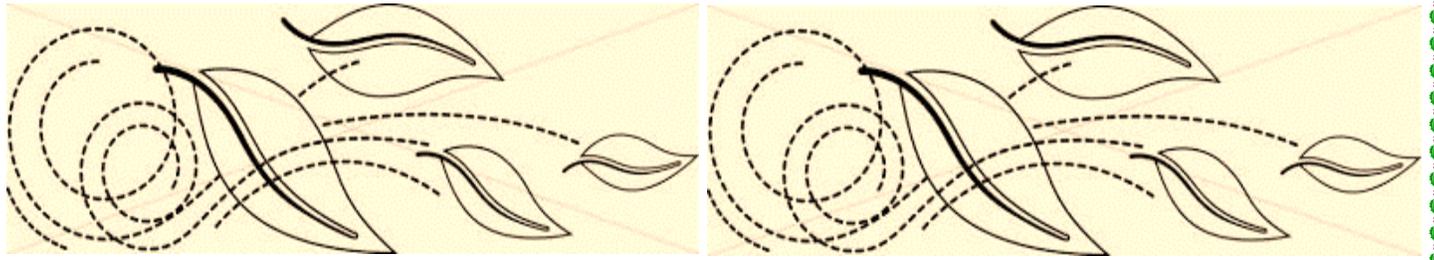
### *Basic Boating Instruction:*

*Do this.*



*NOT THIS!*





## *A Blast From the Past*

Does anyone recognize themselves or perhaps their friends in this picture below? It was taken at Writers Square in Denver where we carted kids and collected donations for Newfoundland Rescue.



*(many thanks to Claudia Walters for digging up this photo for us)*

## *Just a little warning regarding the Xmas treats many stores are now starting to stock for dogs at Xmas*

*Many of these so-called treats end up with the dog "enjoying" some time in a veterinary surgery over Christmas.*

*The vast majority of these rawhide products and treats come from China. The chews are made from cattle or horse hides and their journey starts with the hides being soaked in a toxic sodium sulfide to remove the hair and fat. More chemicals are used in order to split the hide into layers which is then washed with hydrogen peroxide to give the white "pure" look and remove the rancid smell.*

*Now comes the pretty festive colors and the glue to form cute shapes. On testing, these chews have shown traces of arsenic, mercury, chromium and formaldehyde.*

*If that wasn't bad enough, they regularly cause intestinal blockages, poisoning from chemical residue and choking.*

*The chews go slippery when wet and are near impossible to get hold of to save a choking dog.*

*Leave them in the shop where they belong or if some well-meaning person buys them for your dog, put them safely away for later, then dispatch in the bin! Please be safe with your dogs!*

*(many thanks to Kady Eckstrom for sharing this posting with us)*



## *Let's Wrap It Up:*

*My favorite Colorado summer location is at Chatfield Reservoir with my favorite girl, Summit. What makes me even happier is being there with my Newfoundland club friends. For those of you familiar with Chatfield, upon entering the park, it is agonizing (for me at least) to maintain the restrictive 35 mph speed limit, and then once the speed limit is reduced to 25 mph, my agony increases. After all, will there be a parking space at the Gravel Pond left for me upon my arrival? Or will I have to schlep all my water gear from a distant parking lot?*

*Nevertheless, the anticipation of the fun I am about to encounter with my water friends and their water dogs keeps me returning to the site week after week in the summer. But Chatfield Reservoir is not only a summer place; our members utilize its year-round availability for hiking, strolling, and many other dog-related outdoor activities. Just ask some of our members how they use the park—you may be inspired to check it out for yourself regardless of what season we are in.*

*-Lisa*

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