



# High Country Newfoundland Club's

## Newf News

Fourth Quarter 2014

### President's Message

Dear HCNC Members,

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with family, friends and our wonderful Newfoundlands! As we look toward 2015, we find a HCNC calendar packed with events for all members. Our first event is both Board and General Meetings on the same day, February 15, 2015. This will be a time to conduct business and socialize. We will have a potluck meal, raffle and time to visit and learn about volunteer opportunities to get involved with your club. The time and location details will be sent by the Club Secretary. On March 15, 2015 we will have our Annual Awards Banquet. This is always a wonderful event and a time to recognize the amazing accomplishments of our dogs and the people that love and work with them. You should have received the awards guidelines and application along with event and RSVP information. Please contact Karen Benedati, Chairperson at [kirenska@aol.com](mailto:kirenska@aol.com) if you need additional information. More information on the Awards Banquet is also included in this newsletter.

The remainder of the year is filled with working, educational and just plain fun events. We will have a Spring Draft Test featuring the new NCA Advanced Draft Test on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> in Golden, CO. Summer is time to splash in the water! NCA Water tests are scheduled for July and September. Kate O'Connor is planning our HCNC Fun Day in June. This is a great event for all members and their dogs. The Ad Hoc Regional Specialties Committee will be meeting in January to make recommendations to the Board for our 2015 and 2016 Regional Specialties. Please contact me at [newfperson@mac.com](mailto:newfperson@mac.com) if you have input for the committee. The final decision on dates and locations will be made at our February 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

I look forward to a healthy year and the opportunity to attend all of the upcoming HCNC events. My goal as HCNC president is to foster an open and transparent environment for conducting club business and to continue the HCNC tradition of great events for all club members. As with all volunteer organizations, great volunteers are the key to success! Please consider how you can help the club have a great year.

Sincerely,  
Claudia Walters

#### HCNC Committee Chairs

Ad Hoc Regional Specialties	Claudia Walters
Ad Hoc Uniform Prizes	Sue Raney
Ad Hoc HCNC By-Laws	Johanna Matsuta
Awards Banquet-March 2015	Karen Benenati
HCNC Breeder List Contact	Johanna Matsuta
Christmas Parade/Carting	Patti Pigeon
Community Service	Vacant
Chatfield Park Liaison	Patti Pigeon
NCA Draft Test	Sue Raney
Email List Distribution	Club Secretary
Facebook Administrators	Claudia Walters
Fun Match	Vacant
NCA Agility Match	Patti Pigeon
Spring Fling	Vacant
Health Clinic	Vacant
Holiday Party	Lori Moreland
Meet the Breed 2016	Vacant
Membership Applications	Mark O'Connor
National Ads	Johanna Matsuta
NCA Regional(s)	Claudia Walters
New Puppy Buyers-Welcome	Mark O'Connor
Fun Day and Picnic	Kate O'Connor
HCNC Rescue	Melissa Sharp
Newsletter Editor	Lynn Kitch
Nominating Committee	Lyle Payne
Official Club Contact	Raymond Gunn
Policies and Procedure	Board of Directors
Sunshine Committee	Jewel Cody
NCA Water Test-July	Mark O'Connor
NCA Water Test-September	Patti Pigeon
Water Test Clinic	Vacant
Webmaster	Matt Sidesinger

#### Brief Message from the Newsletter Editor:

This is the first Newsletter I have put together. Please remember that this is OUR Newsletter! The only way the Newsletter will be full of Newfy News is by your submissions. Please send them to [corylyn77@hotmail.com](mailto:corylyn77@hotmail.com). And Photos too!!! Deadline for next edition is March 27<sup>th</sup>.

HUG YOUR NEWF!!

Lynn Kitch



# 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## February 15

Board Meeting and  
General Membership  
Meeting

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## March 15

Annual Awards Banquet  
Maggiano's Restaurant

11 am- 3 pm

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## April 25-26

Draft Test

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## May 2015

Election and General  
Meeting

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## July 24-26

NCA Water Test  
Chatfield State Park

# Meet the HCNC Board of Directors

### HCNC Officers

<i>President</i>	Claudia Walters 719.332.7988
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<i>Secretary</i>	Carol Jefferson
<i>Treasurer</i>	Lyle Payne
<i>Board Member</i>	Katie Sidesinger
<i>Board Member</i>	Lynn Kitch 970.769.3498
<i>Board Member</i>	Matt Sidesinger
<i>Board Member</i>	Steve Gunther

Claudia Walters, President

I have been a newperson since 1981 when I brought home my first Newfoundland puppy. Back then, I resided in California and we spent most of the time hiking or at the beach. Over the years, I became interested and involved in most aspects of the world of Newfoundlands. Ten years ago, Gracie came into my life and together we fulfilled the requirements for a Versatile Newfoundland title. In 2005, we attended my first NCA National in Monterey, California. It was there that I discovered the joy of belonging to a network of people devoted to the breed they love. I have become increasingly involved in HCNC, participating by volunteering, then chairing events. Always learning new skills, I am a committee secretary for the 2015 Draft Test (a first for me). I have served on the board since 2011. I am currently loved by two amazing Newfs, Gracie 10 and Joy 6 years. Life is always better with a Newf or two!



I am a native of Southern California. Before moving to Colorado four years ago I lived in Chicagoland, the Twin Cities and Western Wisconsin. I am semi-retired and have recently begun volunteering with Gitche at Craig Hospital. We are working on starting a reading to kids program at a Boulder Valley Elementary School. I enjoy stewarding at club working events and participating in other club activities.

Thanks,  
Steve Gunther, Board Member



## Meet the HCNC Board

Lyle and his wife, Katherine, are both Colorado natives and have always lived with dogs in the house. Although they are just over three and a half years in with their first full-time Newf, Perrie, they are not new to the breed. They have been attending HCNC events (mostly water tests) for over ten years. Lyle gained his introduction to the dog show world in the '80's while living with an Akita that earned her championship in the show ring. Perhaps you will spot him with his three grandchildren at a coming event. Twice during his career Lyle has headed the Accounting and Administration departments for his company, most recently at Rivet Software in Denver. Lyle earned his undergraduate Physics degree from CU in Boulder and his MBA from Regis University. He served on his HOA board for eighteen years including six as President before stepping down three years ago to spend more time and energy on a nonprofit that he co-founded with Katherine and some of their friends.



Lyle Payne, Treasurer HCNC



My name is Mark O'Connor. I have owned Newfoundlands for 10 years. My Lucy (Castaways Lucille Ball of Fur, CGC/TDI, CD) just turned 12 at Thanksgiving. 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. Several years passed and we wanted to get her a playmate and so we adopted Panda (Makepeace China Bear CGC, CD, WD, WRD), a Landseer, in 2006. 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 water and draft tests and obedience trials. I put obedience titles on both my dogs and would have continued until Panda was diagnosed with a spinal condition last year. In April of 2013, we added Daley (Haytee and Journey's Hizzoner Mister Mayor.) He's our first boy and has been a lot of fun. I've shown him some and even earned a few points. We are also currently working toward a Jr. water title and a Novice obedience title.

In January 2012 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. We live in Littleton. My wife works in Software sales and travels frequently. We joined the High Country Club in 2012 and we love Colorado. I have stewarded for 3 draft tests and 8 water tests for the club. When there was an opening on the Board, someone suggested I volunteer and so I did. I am currently the Club VP. 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. And so this is my approach to all the events; yes the tests, trials and shows are serious but they should be enjoyable for the dog and owner. I try not to lose sight of that in my role as a board member.

Mark O'Connor, Vice President HCNC



## Meet the HCNC Board

We got our first newf 8.5 years ago. I knew she would be big and need training so we took her to our local all breed club. They recognized her talent and encouraged me to put obedience titles on her. I had to look up what an obedience title was, but after reading about it I decided she could probably do all those things. 8 years later that newf has multiple obedience, draft, team draft, water and rally titles to her credit as well as being a therapy dog at our local hospital. You could say I was hooked. That passion and knowledge gained from working our first newf led to a VN all owner handled on our second newf at just 21 months old. Our third is still young but we have high hopes for him in the conformation ring and working events.

I have a passion for all aspects of newf ownership from health, grooming, showing, working and just having fun with these wonderful dogs. Outside of Newfs I am a cardiac nurse and enjoy running, cycling and triathlons. I had a baby (human) in December and am very excited for him to grow up with Newfs!! I

have been an active NCA member for 6 years as well as a member of PONC, Columbus All Breed Training Club and a founding member of The Buckeye Bernese Mountain Dog Club. I am excited to be a part of HCNC and look forward to many wonderful years with this club, its members and its newfs!!

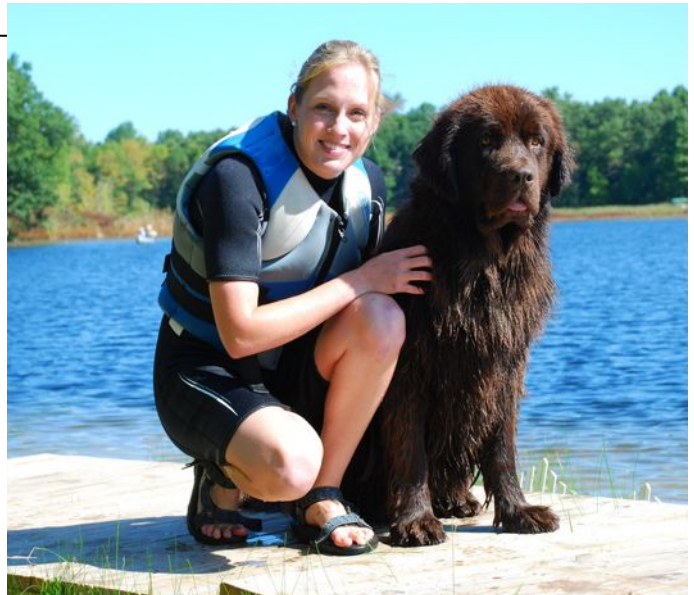
Katie Sidesinger, Board Member

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TLCs Fudge Brownie Bella CDX TDD DD3 WRD RE CGC TDI (Bella)

VN GRCH Honey Lanes Do Something Great CD RN TDD DD3 WRD4 (Mojo)

Honey Lanes A Slice of Life on Heavy Seas CD (Dexter)



My wife, Katie, and I have been active in the Newfoundland breed for almost 9 years. I have been very active in the working events; together Mojo and I have earned his WRD4 and I have earned several Draft Dog requals on our dogs. Rumor has it I once entered the ring for conformation, but this is patently false as no video evidence exists. I have been a member of the NCA for 6 years and am a member of the NCA Technical Resources Committee.

Outside of the breed, I enjoy cycling, triathlons, and have ran 8 marathons! Professionally, I am a computer software engineer and develop e-commerce web sites and mobile applications. Be on the lookout for the official NCA iPhone app, which is currently in testing and should be released soon.

Matt Sidesinger, Board Member



Lynn and her husband Cory have called Durango, CO home for over 20 years. Lynn got her very first dog two months before she was even born, a Beagle, and has always had at least one dog in her life ever since.

She got her first Newfoundland, Hudson, in 2004. It's been an incredible journey with these gentle giants ever since! She is a member of the NCA and the Durango Kennel Club. The first dog show Lynn ever attended was the Newfoundland National in Frankenmuth in 2011. When all the Newfs entered the ring for best of breed she was hooked! Since then she has a Championship on her second Newf, T-Bone, as well as Rally, Obedience, Water and Draft Titles. She also has a Grand Champion title on her female, SeeSea.

There is no WAY to get bored with a Newfoundland Working Dog! Lynn encourages everyone to try different events/training. Volunteer, observe, and above all just have fun.

Lynn earned her Bachelor's in Economics and Psychology from Salem College; a liberal arts women's college in NC. And her Master's in Nutrition and Physical Performance from University of North Carolina. She is a Registered Dietitian turned "pizza Pusher", as she and her husband now own and operate two Pizza Restaurants in Durango. She is probably the only Registered Dietitian turned "Pizza Pusher" in the known universe.....that is also a Tap Dancer!

Lynn Kitch, Board Member



**SAVE THE DATE!!!** The next 6 pages are dedicated to the upcoming Awards Banquet, March 15. Included are the Reservation Form, Application, and four pages explaining the various awards acknowledged by HCNC.



# THE HIGH COUNTRY NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB AWARDS BANQUET

A CELEBRATION OF OUR NEWFOUNDLANDS AND THEIR PEOPLE

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015 · 11:30 AM  
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ENGLEWOOD, COLORADO

A CLASSIC FAMILY STYLE LUNCHEON SERVED IN THREE COURSES  
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## RESERVATION FORM

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS @ \$25.00 EACH \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ENCLOSED FOR \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

RESERVATIONS DUE BY MARCH 10, 2015

MAIL RESERVATIONS AND CHECK TO:

NORENE RODGERS  
959 S OAKCREST AVENUE  
CASPER, WY 82601-3857



**High Country Newfoundland Club, Inc.  
Annual Awards Application  
For January 1 to December 31, 2014**

This form is to be used to apply for HCNC titles, owner/handler, etc. awards as per the Annual Awards Guidelines (rev. Jan 2011). Awards are open to members as defined in the HCNC Constitution & By-laws. Please use **one sheet for each dog, and for each title/award**. **PLEASE PRINT**.

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Dog's Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

AKC Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Co-owner: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Breeder(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Type of award: i.e., Owner Handler (obedience); Champion; etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Show(s) & Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

# Wins/Legs: \_\_\_\_\_ Title earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Points/Scores (or actual AKC publications Date of Title): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person applying: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) elect to not receive the above award, but wish to have the award listed in the Awards Banquet Program, and receive verbal recognition.

**Application must be received before or on January 31, 2015. Send this application and a photo of the dog receiving the award to:**

**Kirenska@aol.com  
Karen Benenati  
PO Box 791  
Divide, CO 80814  
790 661-1566**

**Guidelines for High Country Newfoundland Club  
ANNUAL AWARDS**  
Revised JANUARY 2011

Awards are given on a calendar year basis when possible. Years cannot be combined when applying for an award. Any points, wins, etc. that were used in the previous year's award tallies are not eligible to be used a second time. If wins occur after December 31<sup>st</sup>, award tallies may be used for the next year's time period

All applications for awards must contain, name of the show, date, win/leg, title, points/scores, etc. as well as the dog's name, owner/co-owner, breeder, and any other information required for each category listed. Awards are open to all General, Honorary and Junior HCNC Members, as defined in the By-Laws. Affiliate Members (out of region) are eligible to receive awards only as decided by the HCNC Board.

Owner or Co-owner shall include immediate members as defined by AKC. Each individual owner and co-owner wishing to receive an award, must apply for that award.

Additional Awards may be added to this list by a majority vote of the HCNC Board of Directors.

**OWNER HANDLER AWARDS:**

When compiling information for owner-handler awards, please list each dog and their wins separately,  
Separate awards will be given for the top owner-handler in each category for each organization/club recognized by the High Country Newfoundland Club. These include but are not limited to the AKC, NCA and UKC.

**CONFORMATION:** Person putting the most points on dogs they own or co-own and show themselves. Ties to be broken by the most (total) major points earned.

**OBEDIENCE:** Person putting the most legs and/or points from qualifying scores on dogs they own or co-own.

**NCA WORKING TITLES:** Minimum of TWO titles. Person putting the most NCA working titles on dog(s). These titles may or may not be on the same dog, but must be owner or co-owner handled.

**TRACKING:** Person successfully passing the most Tracking Tests with dogs they own or co-own.

**AGILITY:** Person successfully passing the most Agility tests with dogs they own or co-own.



**RALLY:** Person successfully passing the most Rally tests with the dogs they own or co-own.

**TITLES AND OTHER AWARDS:**

Titles and awards offered by the AKC, UKC, and any other registry or club the HCNC Board of Directors acknowledges as official shall be recognized. These include but are not limited to Mexican, International, English and Canadian. Titles and Awards offered by The Newfoundland Club of America shall also be recognized.

New **Conformation CHAMPION**

New **OBEDIENCE** Title/Award

New **NCA WORKING** Title/Award

New **TRACKING** Title/Award

New **AGILITY** Title/Award

New **RALLY** Title/Award

New **CANINE GOOD CITIZEN** Title/Award

New **TOD** (NCA Health Testing) Title/Award

New **TOD-D** (NCA Health Testing & DNA) Title/Award

**TOP STUD DOG:** Minimum of TWO Champion Get. Ties to be broken by obedience, working and tracking titles.

**TOP BROOD BITCH:** Minimum of TWO Champion Get. Ties to be broken by obedience, working and tracking titles.

**BREEDER OF A NEW CHAMPION:** Awarded only if the breeder is an HCNC member, as defined above. If the breeder is also the owner, one award will be awarded and shall read: "BREEDER/OWNER (or co-owner) of New CH"

**GROUP PLACEMENTS:** A Newf placing in the Working Group will receive an award. If multiple placements are achieved, the total number will be indicated on the award.

**BEST IN SHOW:** A Newf receiving a BIS or BISS will receive an award. If multiple BIS's are attained the total number will be indicated on the award.

**LIVING LEGENDS:** Newfs who have reached the age of 10 yrs old during the current award year and are owned or co-owned by members.

**IN MEMORIAM:** Include the dog's name and all titles, date of birth, date of death, and a short tribute. (May be written on the back of the Annual Award Application.)

New **NCA REGISTER OF MERIT (ROM)**

New **NCA VERSATILE NEWFOUNDLAND (VN)**

New **NCA WORKING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**NCA TOP WINNING CONFORMATION DOG/BITCH:** Any member whose dog ranks in the Top 20 in Breed according to the NCA counting/ranking system. Special attention should be given to those dogs who are also owner-handled to this placement.

**NCA TOP WINNING OBEDIENCE DOG/BITCH:** Any member whose dog ranks in the Top 10 in Obedience according to the NCA counting/ranking system. Special attention should be given to those dogs who are also owner-handled to this placement.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD:** Any dog owned or co-owned by an HCNC member whose has volunteered in the community as a Pet Therapy Dog. To qualify for this award, the Pet Therapy Dog must provide service with a minimum of 25 hours per calendar year.

#### **NCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY AWARDS**

The High Country Newfoundland Club offers an award in recognition of all First Place wins at the Newfoundland Club of America National Specialty Shows. This includes but is not limited to both Regular and Non-Regular Classes. Included are Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Agility, and other Working Events.

Any dog owned or co-owned by an HCNC member that achieves Best of Breed, Winners Dog/Bitch, Best of Winners, Best or BOS in Sweepstakes, or High Scoring Dog in Trial are to be awarded special recognition.

#### **JUNIOR HANDLER AWARDS**

The following awards are available to Junior HCNC members. Juniors must be exhibiting a Newfoundland and be 18 years of age or under, as defined by AKC, to qualify for these awards.

**TOP JUNIOR SHOWPERSON:** Junior with the most NCA points in Jr. Showmanship. If none, the Junior with the most placements in regular conformation shows (Jr. Showmanship competition only) will be awarded.

Junior Handler's may apply for any of the following awards: **NCA WORKING DOG, CHAMPIONSHIP, OBEDIENCE, TRACKING, RALLY, AGILITY, or any other approved Title/Award.** The Junior must have exclusively handled the Newfoundland to the completion of the applicable title in order to qualify.

### FUN AWARDS

This can be just about anything fun and humorous. If you know of any person, event, etc. that may qualify for one of these awards, please contact the Awards Chairperson.

The High Country Newfoundland Club will consider giving an award for other Titles earned by a Newfoundland, such as Flyball, Search and Rescue, etc. The owner must apply proof of title from the organization awarding such title. These titles must be earned by training for and qualifying in actual tested events. Each Title will be considered for an award by the HCNC Board of Directors on an individual basis, with each decision by the Board being final.

NOTE: No awards will be mailed unless prior arrangements are made with the Awards Chairperson. You must either attend the banquet or make arrangements for someone in attendance to pick them up for you.



## Draft Test 2015 – Save the Dates!

Mark your calendars for a wonderful weekend of springtime fun! The HCNC Draft Tests will be held on Saturday April 25 and Sunday April 26, 2015 at Fairmount Park in Golden, CO. HCNC will offer the New Advanced Draft Test as well as the traditional Draft Test on both days. Newfoundlands as well as other breeds are invited to participate! The committee is Sue Raney, Claudia Walters and Matt Sidesinger. Judges will be Laura Gallagher and Judi Adler.

There's not much better fun in the spring than enjoying a beautiful weekend in the lovely Colorado Rockies with your carting friends, your best dogs, and the HCNC members who will be there to cheer you on! So get your cart wheels aired up, polish up those shafts, and get ready for a great time. Premiums coming soon, watch the website and future emails!

Not quite ready to try competing or don't have a carting dog? Don't miss out on the fun and camaraderie! HCNC members are encouraged to think about volunteering to be stewards! The jobs are easy and fun, and it's a great way to enjoy the company of other newfie lovers and share in the heritage of Newfoundland dogs that make them so extra special to love.

Look for more information coming soon! Contact Sue Raney, Test Chairman, for more information at [raneyathome@comcast.net](mailto:raneyathome@comcast.net).







## Holiday Carting Provides a Spirit of Service for the Holiday Season



The HCNC tradition of Christmas Carting continued to be a fun and festive part of the holidays again this year for our wonderful newfoundlands and their families. Dogs and carts and Christmas just all belong together! This year, Golden, CO, was yet again the site for merriment, good cheer and great balls of newf fur and slobber.

The mild December climate created just the right combination for all the people to enjoy this holiday tradition as much as the dogs. The Christmas Holiday Season in Colorado includes the weekly “Olde’ Golden Christmas Parade”. This year the Parade ran for three weeks; Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup>. Many of High Country Newfoundland Club Members joined in to be part of the parade and activities each week and many came for each of the three weekends to spread holiday cheer. There were all colors of newfs represented during the weekends, and many smiles and laughs were shared by one and all. This year, the Newfoundlands also won an award for “best animal ” in the parade! Dogs and their families walked along with the Amazing 8 eight reindog newf sleigh in the parade. After each parade weekend, hours of fun were had sharing newf stories, meeting new friends and giving new generations of newf lovers their first rides on a dog cart.

So much joy was shared each weekend both with the dogs and the families who participated. Families who had young ones when HCNC carted downtown are now bringing their grandchildren to meet the newfies in Golden. Children as young as two months old (along with their moms) and grandmas alike all enjoyed rides in carts. The kids were a barrel of laughs! From the shy ones who approached the dogs with great trepidation, to the brave ones who -- having already driven their own Belgian horses-- gave Gee and Haw commands to the dogs, all who rode left with a great big special Christmas memory. A very special Christmas moment was shared with all when the third generation of newf lovers represented by the Pigeon family (Patti Pigeon, Nicolette Reynolds, and Bridget Reynolds) and the Rizzuto family (Maria Rizzuto, Melissa Geinetz, and Benny Geinetz) joined their newfoundlands and all three generations participated in the parade on December 20. So many of the families waiting for rides shared their stories about Newfoundlands they had owned, and great memories full of wet newfie kisses were celebrated by the families who remember them and the stories shared between newf owners of all sizes while waiting for a ride, or while posing for a photo.

Donations collected supported the Golden Volunteer Fire Department, creating lots of good cheer for the year to come for the volunteer fire fighters as well. Always a wonderful way to put aside the hectic bustle of the holidays and enjoy some Christmas Cheer, this year’s carting activities once again gave HCNC an opportunity to spotlight the heritage of our wonderful Newfoundlands while spreading holiday joy.



All Holiday Carting 2014 Photos courtesy of Katherine Payne





## Agility with big dog style – by Terri Desnica

HCNC hosted its third NCA AKC Agility Trial on September 20th at Arapaho Park in Golden. This single event has been the greatest fund raising event that our club puts on. The trial once again filled with 330 entries and also had a wait list of people waiting to take the spot of someone who pulled. All in all we made a profit of over \$1,500 for HCNC from this single event.

We couldn't ask for better weather for a nice one-ring outdoor agility trial. It was nice sitting around and enjoying the day with other club members while watching all the action. There were all breeds and sizes of dogs that participated in the trial. There were little Rat Terriers all the way up to our very own Newfoundlands. This year we had the most Newfs entered we've ever had! We had four who entered and three that showed. Sue Raney with Ruca got their second qualifying run on the Open Standard course with a first place finish for the 20" Preferred height class. Patti Pigeon and Sully debuted in their first AKC trial on the Novice Jumpers course and did a

great job. Ian and Terri also had a good showing in both Jumpers and Standard finishing way under course time.

HCNC also couldn't put on the trial without the help of club members. A big thank you goes

out to Steve Gunther, John LeVett, Mark O'Connor, Patti Pigeon, Maria Rizzuto, Sue Raney, Carol Jefferson, and Melissa Lundgren. We also had a ton of help from our all breed agility friends who helped all weekend long with ring set up, course build-ing and more. Our judge Dave Nauer had some great courses and we received lots of compliments from all the competitors on our judge. The agility community gave us great reviews once again and can't wait to enter our trial again



Terri Desnica and Ian

Patti Pigeon and Sully clear the last jump



**HCNC July 2014 Water Test**

July 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup>

Friday Judges: Roger Frey & Cara Perry

Saturday Judges: Bethany Karger and Roger Frey

Sunday Judges: WD/WRD Cara Perry and Roger Frey WRDX: Roger Frey and Bethany Karger

Sometimes there are days when the stars align and the dogs are on the top of their games. Friday July 25th was one of those days. In the Junior Division we had a large entry of 17. An astounding 7 earned new titles and 1 requalified. It seemed at one point like every time I looked up another entrant was working flawlessly with their dog to earn that new water title. The fun continued at the WRD level as we had another new titlist and 2 requalifiers. A number of juniors also bumped up to the Sr. level and though a few came close none was able to gain their WRD. Nonetheless the tally for the day was impressive: 8 new titles and 3 requalifiers for a total of 11 passing teams for the day. It's a day we'll all remember. One of our club members hosted a wine and cheese party so we could socialize and talk about our favorite moments of the day and the past. All who attended had great fun!

Saturday was not as kind in multiple ways. While we did have one new qualifier, we had to cancel the WRDX test due to severe lightning. So we had to settle for 1 new WD and hope for better weather in the morning. We had some 40 participants gather for a nice dinner at a nearby restaurant where we discussed the past few days and future dreams for our Newfies!

Early Sunday was beautiful, calm weather and the WRDX dogs were the first to test. The tone was set early as our first entry passed the difficult 3 man rescue and kept plugging away with what seemed like little effort and she earned her WRDX. It was quite a start to what turned into another special day. We had 2 more new WD dogs and another requal. In Senior we had another new qualifier, a first time entrant who earned both titles in the same weekend. We also had another requal in Sr.

Grand Total for the July 2014 High Country Newfoundland Club Test: 18 Titles. 10 New WD's. 2 WD requals. 2 New WRD. 3 WRD Requals. 1 New WRDX.....And memories for a lifetime!

**July 25, 2014**

**New WD's:**

H.I.T Ch Mtn. High Bone Appetit, CD, RN, DD Lynn Kitch

GCH Ch Blackwatch Elevate Your Spirit, CD Joan Gunn

Bear N Mind's Calling Down The Thunder, Leah Schlagel

Capriccio's Volver, Randy Robinson

SaltyDog's Warrior Of The Sea, Cathy Sayre

911 Dracula's First Kiss, Vickie Olson

Haytee & Journey's Take Me Back To Tulsa, CD, CGCA, Paige Casteel

**WD Requal:**

Newphorias Yoshi-Lane CD, GN, RAE, WD(5), WRD, DD(3), TDD, Mary Burke

**New WRD'S:**

Callisto's Hurricane, CD, WD, DD(1), TT, Tim McCarson

**WRD Requals:**

VN GCH Ch Honey Lane's Do Something Great, CD, RN, WRD(3), DD(3), TDD, Matt Sidesinger

BeeCreek's Allan Angel, BN, RN, WD(1), WRD(1), DD(3), CGC, TDI, Megan Goldin

**July 26, 2014**

**New WD:**

Kloofbear's Beach Boy Makin Waves, CGC, TDI, Nancy Long

**July 27, 2014**

**New WD's:**

Threeponds Hidden Strength, TD, CGCA, John LeVett

AKC BISS, GCH CH Kilyka's Better Hide Your Heart Girl, BN, CD, RN, CGC, TODD, Kathy Sylvia

**WD Requal:**

Kloofbear's Beach Boy Makin Waves, CGC, TDI, WD, Nancy Long

**New WRD:**

Capriccio's Volver, WD, Randy Robinson

**WRD Requal:**

BeeCreek's Allan Angel, BN, RN, WD(1), WRD(2), DD(3), CGC, TDI

**New WRDX:**

VN Ch Bright Star's Make A Wish, CD, RA, WRD(2), DD, TDD, CGC, Sue Matzke





### Photos from July 2014 HCNC Water Test





## Winter Water Warriors Weekend – by Sue Raney

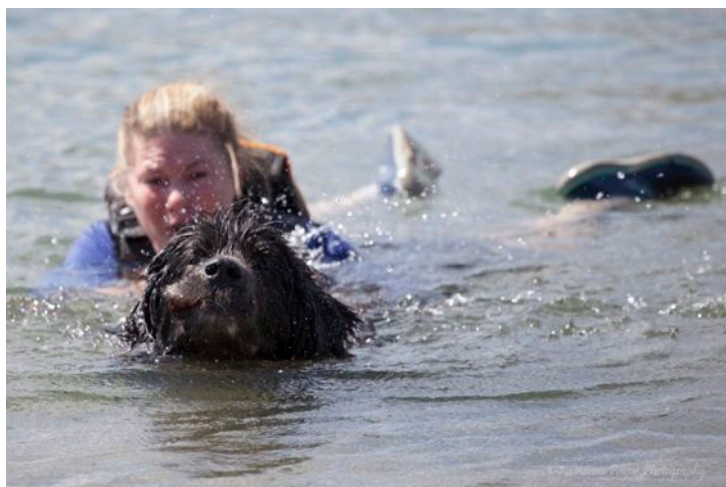
Winter came early to the High Country when the September water test weekend started with SNOW and a high in the low 40s. The dogs loved the weather and thanks to several portable heaters, the stewards managed to warm up a bit in between dogs. With 22 dogs entered over the weekend, tadpoles, veterans and dogs of all levels tested their skills with water rescue situations. Newfs, Leos, a Rottie, a Springer Spaniel and Labs all enjoyed the weekend of water play. While not all managed to be successful in all of the test exercises, each dog and handler were so very pleased with how far their dogs had come in the course of this summer of training.

Our judges Gaby Cohen and Sue Marino were delightful and kept smiling for the entire weekend. Thanks so much for the hard work of the committee in the preparation of the test weekend (Patti Pigeon, Sue Raney and Don Marchese) and all the wonderful help from our terrific stewards. Each steward was REALLY a Winter Water Warrior – and not one of them turned into walking popsicles! Thanks to Katherine Payne Photography for the images of the weekend. On Friday evening, club members and entrants enjoyed relaxing in front of a roaring fire at the Raney house (seriously weird for a water test!). And on Saturday evening, Abrusci's provided entrants, judges and stewards with a lovely place to enjoy pasta and newfie stories.

Congratulations to our lone newfie qualifier! Jackie Upwood and Odin (who is a seasoned water veteran at 11 years old!) earned their 6<sup>th</sup> WRD title at our test this weekend, earning Odin the Working Achievement Award from the Newfoundland Club of America. Great job!!

Water Test Qualifier:

WRD requal #6 and pending WA --  
Jaqueline Upwood and Upwood's Odin  
CDX, RE, WRD (5) CGC





Sue Schneider's darling Samantha fetches her bumper with joy



Lyle Payne floating as Ian comes to the rescue



Even the Geese were too cold to swim!



## Wags and Brags



"Believe" ~ GCH CH Kirenska's The Polar Express had a great fall in the show ring:

- October 2014 Rapid City KC NOHS Group 1 and NOHS BIS
- Buckhorn Valley KC October 2014 NOHS Group 1 (Sat)
- Buckhorn Valley KC October 2014 Group 2 (Sat)
- Buckhorn Valley KC October 2014 NOHS Group 1 (Sun)
- Buckhorn Valley KC October 2014 Group 1 (Sun)
- Southern Colorado KC November 2014 Group 2
- Colorado Springs KC November 2014 Group 4

Believe finished out the year in the NOHS finals as the #4 Newfoundland.

He is currently ranked as the #9 Newfoundland in All Breed Points

Submitted by: Karen Benenati





## Fourth Quarter 2014

Mina...911 Dracula's First Kiss earned her WD on 7/25/14, her CGC on 12/4/14 and her CH on 12/7/14....Thanks!!

Also that we are very sorry to announce that Misty Mountain Ridley's Sweet Soul....Ridley, passed away on 12/13/14....

Submitted by: Vickie Olson



CH Stjarna's Thunder Rolls, CGC, DD, RN (Thor) earned his third leg for his BN at the OWNC Supported Entry in Dallas, December 6, 2014.  
CH Stjarna's Blaze of Glory, CGC, BN (Magnum) earned his championship May 25th and his third leg for his RN May 23rd in Abilene.  
Kivisilman Vellamo, affectionately known as the Texas Tornado, earned her CGC on December 10th, just a few days before her 8 months b'day!

Mike and Patty Taylor are extremely proud of them all!

Pictures continue on the next page.



Thor's BN w/Patty



Magnum's CH pic in Abilene



Kimber

In September Gitche and I were certified as therapy dog team by Therapy Dogs Inc. In addition to our weekly visits to Craig Hospital, on January 6 we start "Reading to a Newfie" at Bear Creek Elementary School in Boulder.

Submitted by: Steve Gunther  
Photo Courtesy of Katherine Payne





GCh Mtn High Calypso, CD, CGC ended the year with a BANG!!  
BIS and RBIS in Grand Junction, CO.  
Aka: SeeSea  
Owned and Loved by: Peggy Lange and Lynn Kitch



## HCNC Rescue Report

Rescue had a great year in 2014 in finding forever homes for many Newfs. All of them are doing wonderful in their new homes including a bonded pair that is loving life traveling across the United States! We only have one Newf in rescue as of now and he has been with us for quite some time. His name is Murray and he is with a fantastic foster home in Colorado. Murray is a Landseer who is around the age of 6, he has some fear aggression towards males due to abuse from his past. Besides that he is an awesome Newf who loves his family and adores children and other animals. If you, or anyone you might know, would be interested in accepting him into your home and working with his issues please contact Melissa Sharp at [melissa@newmexiconewfs.org](mailto:melissa@newmexiconewfs.org).

We also could use some volunteers to step into rescue so if you are interested please contact Melissa Sharp to see how you can help! If you are interested in donating, please send money to:

HCNR  
5040 Night Hawk Dr NE  
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Submitted by:

**Melissa Sharp**  
HCNC Rescue Chair  
[www.hcncrecue.org](http://www.hcncrecue.org)



Growing with Grace (submitted by Claudia Walters for Grace)

It has been quite awhile since Mom asked me to write a column for Newf News. She says we have a new editor which is very exciting. I hope Lynn Kitch enjoys putting each issue together. I have been sharing my adventures with you for ten years now. Yes, I am officially a Living Legend. That's what they call Newfs that reach ten years old. We'll be celebrating all year! It's like my swan song year. The award season will begin at the HCNC Annual Awards Banquet. Each Living Legend is recognized during the program. The really big celebration is at the NCA National. We have always flown to the national but Mom thinks I will be happier on a road trip this time. Three days in the car, each way, with Mom and Aunt Janet sounds like the perfect way to get to and from Rhode Island. It's top secret but my Mom doesn't like road trips so she is doing this just for me! Poor Aunt Janet will have to do most of the driving but Mom provides plenty of music and other forms of entertainment along the way. She puts her iPhone to work researching unusual restaurants to try. She is not a fan of fast food places so she also packs amazing picnics. We even picnic in hotel rooms if we're too tired at night to go out to eat.

Once we get to the National the fun begins. We jam in a week of dog show events and some sightseeing adventures. Last time we were in Rhode Island we went to Newport to visit Marble Mansion. Leaving the parking lot, Aunt Janet backed the rental mini van into a huge pottery planter. Since I was in the back of the van I got to experience this adventure first hand. Seriously, what was she thinking? Those Vanderbilts build everything over-sized so we still don't know how she missed it in the rear view mirror. Another mansion is on the agenda this year so I'm sure Mom will remind Aunt Janet of our previous parking lot adventure. It just lives on!

So about the National, I will be participating in four events. As a veteran, I will enter in sweepstakes and the special non-regular class for veteran bitches. This will mean lots of grooming. I will have my favorite bucket bitch on hand so that will keep me in my comfort zone. Then there is the honors parade which is always fun. You get to be introduced by your full name with all those titles that you don't mention in everyday conversation. But we all work hard for those

titles so it is a nice reminder of our glory days. One lap around the arena and a metal presentation and I will be ready for a nap. Then there is the event dedicated to all the Living Legends. They make a big fuss over us mature Newfs! This is the one we are driving three days for. I am sure the Show Committee has something special planned for this year. I can't wait to participate.

No matter the weather, I want one more swim in the Atlantic Ocean. I do prefer the Pacific Ocean but that's probably because I love Huntington Dog Beach so much. I think this is my third and final east coast trip. So, Mom, bring on the ocean!

Let me update you on the home front before signing off. Mom, Joy and I are still in Pueblo West living the good life with a huge backyard on the recreational trail. By now we know lots of walkers and a few bicyclists. Our favorites include the kids next door and Rex who lives down the road. He started out as Joy's BFF but now we all like him. He calls me Little Miss Perfect which I find to be quite fitting of a nick name. Joy is his Padawan which means she is in training. Rex has a freezer full of fish from Alaska so when we stay with him we eat like queens. He also has a stash of Angus beef that he grills just for us. We just hang out on the deck and wait until the burgers are medium rare. As if that isn't enough, he keeps a very large box of biscuits on hand for daily visits. A knock on our door means time to sniff his pockets. Besides huge hugs, Joy and I each get one biscuit and then we split the third one. Rex knows how to put Joy in some kind of a trance so we can all chill and have a nice visit.

Happy Winter to everyone! Newf weather is the best!

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