



Message from the Board

Dear HCNC Friends,

As most of you know Ron Horn decided to resign from the position of President of the Club on September 14th. His letter also informed you that Megan Morrison had resigned from the Secretary position the week before on September 8th.

More recently Melissa Lundgren, Marsha Petry, Jeff Ashworth and Kathy Sylvia have also resigned from the Board of Directors. In the roughly 2 years I have been on the Board, each of these members has contributed greatly to our club. As Treasurer, Melissa modernized our books and record keeping and worked tirelessly to keep the board informed of the financial position of the club which has gone from declining to increasing revenues. Marsha has volunteered at every water test I have attended. In addition she built and donated new water markers for the water tests which the club now owns. Jeff helped organize a very successful draft test (the first outside of Colorado) and has been instrumental in updating and maintaining the club website as well as administration of the HCNC Facebook page. Kathy is the premier working event secretary in the country. I had the privilege of working with her in organizing the July water test this year-which was the club's first full test. In addition she has mentored numerous other members in conformation, draft and water- a true asset to our club. Megan has been instrumental in increasing the club's visibility through Facebook as well as chairing last year's very successful September Water Test. She has also brought new ideas and enthusiasm to the club that was much needed. Ron has been involved with club leadership for over 2 decades. I think he is most proud of his work with Therapy Dogs at Craig Hospital. Seeing our dogs make a difference and make a connection with brain injury patients is pretty special. I also know that he has contributed greatly to the club's working events (chairing, stewarding, mentoring, & judging) for many years. I want to personally thank all of these members for their service to the club.

The Club really does owe all of them a debt of gratitude.

But I'm sure the recent board resignations are leaving a great deal of doubt and many questions among the membership. How will we proceed? What needs to be done?

Claudia Walters and I are the remaining Board Members. We have consulted with the NCA, our parent organization. As Vice President, Claudia will serve as acting President and we have agreed that in accordance with our bylaws we will choose the new members of the board. This will be done at an upcoming meeting.

Article III Section 3 states:

"Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the Officers shall be filled for the unexpired term of the office at the first regular meeting following the creation of the vacancy or at a Special Board Meeting called for that purpose."

In short vacancies on the board are filled by a vote of the remaining board members. Claudia and I have consulted and will jointly nominate and name the new board members. We take this duty seriously and will be looking to build a Board committed to continuing to build the club's membership and to producing quality and fun events for all of the members.

In Article II Section 3, our bylaws read:

"Board Meetings may be held in conjunction with club meetings, or called by the President or a majority vote of the Board. Notice shall be sent to members as set forth in paragraph one (1) above. These meetings shall be conducted a minimum of four (4) times per year. A quorum is the majority of the Board."

In accordance with the bylaws, Claudia and I are announcing a Board Meeting scheduled for October 19th in Highlands Ranch and since we are the only remaining board members - we are the majority of the board and therefore a quorum.

As I stated above, we owe the former board members thanks for their contributions to our club. The club's finances and participation from membership are as strong as they have ever been. But our leadership is at a turning point. We need members who are willing to get involved in leading the club and show initiative in producing events. Paying your dues is not enough. The club can't be fueled by dues alone, we need new blood in our leadership. In order for the club to be successful, the membership and the leadership must combine to be an effective force in generating events that are compelling to attend. Quite frankly we need leadership who is willing to bring new ideas and will be accountable for the direction of the club.

Are you willing to step forward to keep the club viable and moving forward? Please contact me or Claudia if you'd like to discuss further or express your interest in serving on the board.

Sincerely,

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2015 HCNC Committee Selection

If you are interested in chairing a NCA Working event in 2015, please complete the form on the next page and submit it to the Board prior to the Board Meeting on October 19th.

The Board appointed a committee to make recommendations to the Board for future NCA Regional Specialties at its May 31, 2014 Board Meeting. It is our intent that this committee will meet soon and make recommendations to the new board.

If you are interested in serving on any other committee, please let us know. We will be appointing committee chairs for 2015 events at the upcoming Board Meeting.



**HIGH COUNTRY NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB
EVENT CHAIR APPLICATION FORM**

At the conclusion of scheduled NCA events, the chair position becomes open. Any HCNC member wishing to chair an event must so indicate by requesting an application to both secretary and president within 30 days of the close of any NCA event. The board will notify applicant(s) of its decision within 60 days of the end of the event.

Date: _____

I, _____, am interested in chairing the following event:

(event name, location and date)

I am an NCA member (circle) YES NO

The following HCNC members will serve on my event committee:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Please list any AKC/NCA local events that are scheduled for the proposed date of the event.



Membership News



Welcome New Members:

New Member Applications:

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Sponsors; Kate O'Connor and Kathy Sylvia

September Water Test



Winter Water Warriors Weekend-September 12, 13,14, 2014

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 qualifiers! Marsha Petry and Splash earned their WD with an impressive performance. Jackie Upwood and Odin (who is a seasoned water veteran at 11 years old!) earned their 6th WRD title at our test this weekend, earning Odin the Working Achievement Award from the Newfoundland Club of America. Great job, ladies and pups!!

Water Test Qualifiers:

Marsha Petry and Nuthatch's Aqua Splash WD (Saturday)

Jaqueline Upwood and WA* Upwood's Odin CDX, RE, WRD (6) CGC (Sunday)

***Pending NCA confirmation**

Our Wonderful Amazing Dogs

In Action At

The September 2014 Water Tests

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