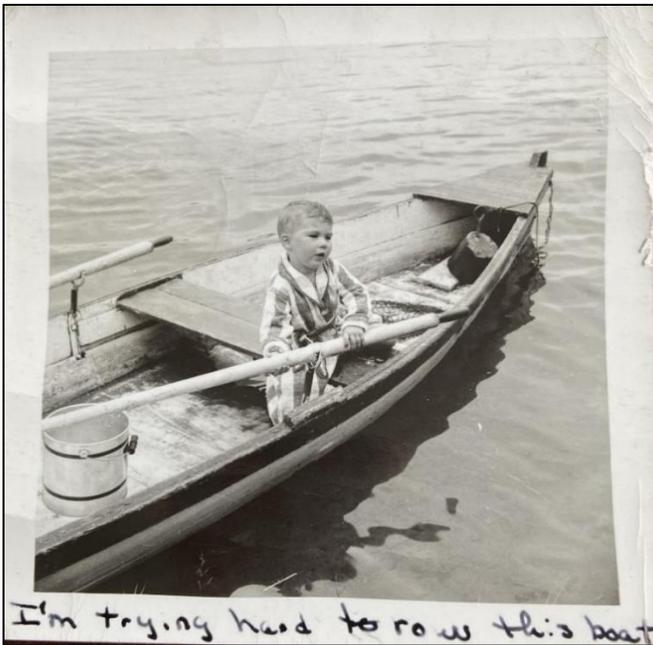




Newf News

First Quarter 2023

The High Country Newfoundland Club Newsletter



I'm trying hard to row this boat



Chatfield Lake Gravel Pond, Spring 2023



*Oh no,
our
summer
water
training
site is
under
water, no
thanks to
Mother
Nature*



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Mark O'Connor

Meet the Breed 2023 Mark O'Connor

Membership Applications Mark O'Connor

National Ad Claudia Walters

National Club Basket Open

New Puppy Buyers-Welcome Mark O'Connor

Committees Cont'd

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Ron Horn
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Stephanie Magid

Sunshine Committee Sue Schneider

Water Test 2023

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HCNC Members that are NCA Newf Ambassadors in our Region:
Mark O'Connor
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Kathy Sylvia

HCNC Rescue Network

Chairperson Kate O'Connor
Members: Hilary Perry
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Claudia Walters
Bill Ritchie

All Club Communication to Members and Board should be sent to
HCNCSecretary@gmail.com

A Message from our President, Mark O'Connor

Hello HCNC Members,

Since our last newsletter, we had a very successful Meet the Breed/General Meeting at the National Western in Denver in February. We also have had the National Specialty in Michigan and our awards banquet later in May.

The Meet the Breed event at the Colorado Kennel Club at the National Western was well attended and received. The membership unanimously approved the amendments to the club constitution. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we had been working on this project for 10 years. TEN. I am so glad the membership approved this and that it is final. Thanks again to Claudia Walters for pushing this through. At the same event several members made presentations about various activities we do with Newfs, including conformation (showing dogs), therapy visits, tracking, obedience, draft and water training.

The National Specialty was held in Frankenmuth, Michigan May 1st-6th. Many HCNC dogs participated in the National Specialty. I know of several (yes, mine included) that finished obedience or rally titles (or legs.) A special mention goes to member Megan Golden-Liston. Her young 15-month-old boy, Dawson, was Winner's Dog. Saturday he was named BOW (Best of Winners) and her Top 20 dog, Finn, was Best of Opposite in the Breed Competition. These are two great accomplishments and two great wins. Megan has worked hard and has dedicated a good part of herself (along with being a nurse and a Mom) to pursuing breeding Champion Newfoundlands. She's a great example of a young(er) breeder who found great mentoring and with-it came great success. Congrats Megan!!

Finally on May 21st, we celebrated the 2022 accomplishments of our Newfoundlands with the 2023 awards banquet. Champions, Therapy Dogs, Obedience and Rally, Draft and Water, Living Legends and In Memoria-all were recognized. We named John LeVett a deserving honorary member for all the behind-the-scenes efforts he has made for the past few decades - a very deserving recipient. Thanks John-for all you do and have done.

Upcoming we hope to finalize dates for a club picnic, potentially a water seminar and the NCA water tests August 25-27th.

Best,

Mark

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New Applicants:

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Sponsors: Peggy Lange and Valerie Ritchie

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Sponsors: Mark and Kate O'Connor

Continued from the Cover Page:



Comments viewed on a FB post about the condition of our summer water training site:

“Here is our Chatfield Beach Area: Took a field trip to Chatfield today. There is no beach. The water is filling about two thirds of the culvert at what is normally the back of what used to be the beach!”

“This is disorienting”. “Nice beach!”.
“What beach?”. “Just a little overflow!” “Water season?????????”. “Holy crap! Did anyone make it to water training?”. “Can dogs swim?? I was planning a play date with my furry guy tomorrow just to see what he thinks.”



UPCOMING EVENTS



Announcing the much-anticipated HCNC annual event

HCNC's NCA Sponsored
Water Test will be:
August 25, 26 and 27, 2023

Stewarding spots will go quickly.

To volunteer contact Hilary Perry-
Test Chair at shggperry@gmail.com Or
Lisa Johnson-Test Secretary at:
lisacjohnson0928@gmail.com

BBQ Dinner Saturday evening after the Water Test

Let's relax and unwind after a successful day at the beach as we welcome our judges to Colorado.



Always the highlight of our recent working events, enjoy our Newfoundland friends on Saturday evening after the Water Test.

Please join us, **as the judges BBQ is open to all club members and test entrants.** Mostly a humans only event, there will be very limited crating space available for out of town dogs that may need to come with their peeps. **More details to come**



Regional Specialty Announced

HCNC is hosting an NCA Regional Specialty in Conjunction with the Peak to Peak Working Dog Shows September 7th and 8th 2023 with all breed shows to follow September 9th-11th. The shows will be held in Greeley, CO.

This is a working dog only show so neutered and spayed VETERAN dogs will be permitted to enter.

Thursday September 7th
Sweeps Judge: Colton Johnson
Breed Judge: Shilon Bedford

Friday September 8th
Sweeps Judge: Michael Brantley
Breed Judge: Mardee Ward

There will be wonderful trophies! Great hospitality, auction items (Ryobi fans and a great dryer), a wonderful raffle, a free (thanks to generous donations) HCNC reserved grooming space and a barbecue on Friday night after the show.

We hope to see you all there!!! Any questions let me know. Superintendent is Onofrio and premium will be out soon.

Show Chair: Katie Sidesinger

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LET'S RECAP FIRST QUARTER EVENTS

Meet the Breed at the National Western Complex.

Lots of Newfs and members in attendance for Meet the Breed. They greeted people attending the dog show and shared information about our breed. Kate O'Connor brought posters to decorate the area and HCNC business cards to share with interested attendees.

HCNC Event



National Western Complex
4655 Humboldt St. Denver

Feb 19, 2023
Feb 19, 2023

Topics:
NCA Working Events
AKC Tracking
Therapy Dogs
AKC Conformation
How to watch a dog show
AKC Obedience
and Rally

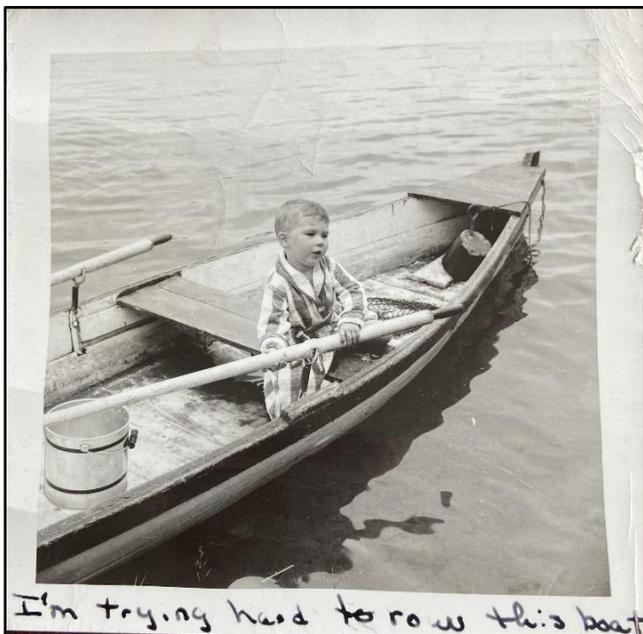
Meet the Breed 11:00 AM

HCNC General Membership Meeting* 12:15 PM

Lunch and Educational Sessions Follows Meeting

*Membership votes on HCNC Amended Constitution and By-laws

Before...



Some old habits never change, and why mess with a good thing? Member John LeVett as a boy growing up on a lake in Michigan.

And After...



John LeVett at Chatfield State Park Gravel Pond with Jack Sidesinger. Thank you, John, for sharing this fun photo.

Miscellaneous:

POP UP CANOPY.for sale
Measures 8x8 Color: black
\$60 and it's yours

Used only twice

Contact Johanna: jsmatsuda@comcast.net



The Chatfield Gravel Pond Water Schedule is available

We hope you will have a wonderful water training season! Please get your permit before you go and have it available in your vehicle! To obtain a permit, please contact Patti Pigeon ppigeon105@aol.com



Wags 'n Brags



I'm so proud of my girl **Peaches**. We started showing in Conformation when she hit six months old and by eight months of age, she had 14 points and one Major. She just needs one Major to finish her Championship.

More importantly, she has the sweetest temperament just as described in the Newfy Standard: "Sweetness of temperament" and she's got that in spades. I'm so fortunate to have this sweet girl as my first Newfoundland. She was definitely

worth the wait. **Kodiak Acres She's a Brick House, CGC** aka/ Peaches, Sweet P, and just P.

Submitted by Kellie Ball

Congratulations to **Ebb Tide's Inooshuk Guide Me to the Yukon** for passing the Pet Partners Animal Assisted Intervention Evaluation.



Yukon and Lisa plan to bring joy and improve lives in our community by volunteering at a variety of activities, including college and high school de-stress events and reading to children at Jefferson County libraries.

One of the best things about Pet Partners is that while dogs make up 94% of the teams in the Therapy Animal Program, also welcomed are friendly, well-behaved cats, horses, birds, pigs, llamas & alpacas, rabbits, rats, and guinea pigs.

<https://petpartners.org/about-us/contact-us/>

Let's Wrap It Up:

There's an intentional choice we make when standing up to volunteer. Why would anyone, after all, want to bother doing something that might expose themselves to stepping outside of their comfort zone? What reasons would there be? Perhaps it is to share a talent; or is it to make friends; or is it to share a common interest with like-minded people; or is it to help others achieve a goal? And the list goes on. . . Why do you volunteer?

It's easy to pretend that someone else, somewhere else will step forward. And for those who do step forward, they trust that fellow teammates desire a similarly successful outcome.

What interpretation do you have to the phrase "It Takes A Village?" My interpretation is that it is essentially a friendly reminder that asking for help with hard things is okay because many hands make light work, and that working together includes trusting my fellow teammates are also volunteering because we all share a common outcome.

I ask members to look back at the page listing "Upcoming Events" and consider joining us as a volunteer.

-Lisa

Interested in a Newfoundland Puppy?
Looking for a Breeder? – Contact NCA
Breeder Referral Hotline
Call 1-866-NCA-NEWF (1-866-622-6393)
Between 9AM and 9PM Eastern
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