

High Country Newfoundland Club's  
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**Wanted:**  
**Newsletter Editor**



- Must have experience in desktop publishing
- Ability to work with .pdf files
- Ability to produce electronic newsletter
- Ability to work closely with HCNC webmaster
- Contact any HCNC Board member to volunteer!

**\*New HCNC email contact\***

Please send all club  
emails to Shine Sturtz.  
[Shine@sturtz.org](mailto:Shine@sturtz.org)



**What:** The HCNC Christmas Party

**WHEN:** December 9, 2006  
starting at 6:00pm.

**WHERE:** at the home of Sigrid Meier  
3882 S. Grape St., Denver.

**PHONE:** 303-322-7724

**DIRECTIONS:** From either south or  
north end. Take I-25, exit Hampden  
Ave. go west about 4 blocks. Turn  
left, or south on Grape St. about 3 ½  
blocks to house on east side of  
street.

Bring a dish to share and a gift for  
the gift exchange.

*From our membership  
Contribute an item  
see your claim to fame  
appear here!*

*Received From: The Lancer Post, Eastern Wyoming College*

### **Water Rescue ... and Ronan by Angie Birch**

Have you ever been in an accident in the water, where somebody-or something-had to rescue you? Have you been rescued by a dog? An EWC student recently became involved in such a situation, but it's not what you think.

Vet-tech student Angie Scanland participated in the Newfoundland Club of America Water Rescue Dog Excellent test (NCA WRDX) on September 17 at Chatfield Reservoir south of Denver. Accompanying EWC librarian Marilyn Miller and her Newfoundland, Ronan, Scanland played victim while dogs of the two highest divisions tried to rescue her.

There are four divisions: Tadpole, Junior, Senior, and Water Wizard. Tadpole covers basic obedience in the water, while the Water Wizard is the highest and most complex placement. Water Wizard dogs must be able to perform such tasks as pulling a boat to shore using the tow rope and rescuing unconscious victims.

Usually, the victims alternate so that one is not stuck doing the same thing each time. However, there was a shortage of volunteers, so people didn't always get breaks. Scanland's job was to hide behind a boat, banging on its side

and yelling for help with at least one other "victim". The dog was required to find the victims and swim close enough so that they could grab onto him/her without needing to let go of the boat. The dog then needed to swim back to shore.

Besides the cold water and bad (but expected) sunburn, Scanland had nary a bad word to say about her time at the WRDX. "It was a very tiring but rewarding experience and I would do it again if I had the chance." But, she cautions, it's for dog lovers only: the hair and slobber of a Newfoundland is not something for the weak of heart.

And how did our own Ronan do? Well, there's good news and bad news. The bad news is: at the test, he refused to enter the water for the Tadpole test. The good news: there is a supposedly hilarious video-only seen by a select few-of the tug-of-war between Ronan and Miller as she attempted to get him in the water. Well, at least we can laugh.

There is only one WRDX test held annually in this area. However, there are several practices that occur year-round. You don't need to be a good swimmer, just a good sport.



## In Memoriam

Keath Cowell of Golden died June 12, 2006 from complications of pneumonia. Keath was born in Northfield, MN on Nov. 2, 1923. He served in the US Navy during World War II and then graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in electrical engineering. Keath married Lucille Eichhorn in 1949. They lived all over the United States while he worked for General Mills. After settling in Colorado, Keath worked for ITT and then later was self employed as a manufacturers representative in the telecommunications industry.

Keath and Lucy, with their five children, lived on Lookout Mountain for 25 years. In 1984 they moved to Douglas Mountain where he enjoyed HAM radio and raising Newfoundland dogs. They loved to travel and visited every continent except Africa. Keath loved a heated argument, a good practical joke, and cranking home-made ice cream on the deck with his family and friends.

Keath was preceded in death by his sister Beth and his twin sister Ardath. He is survived by Lucy, his wife of 57 years and their children: John Cowell (Callie); Becca Murphy (Harry); Cynthia Guenther; twins, Matthew Cowell, Sarah Zalan (Tom); Edgardo Goyret; and five grandchildren: Betsy Murphy, Amy Olson (Don), Martin Cowell, Katie and Joseph Zalan.



# CHRISTMAS CARTING

Please join us and participate in HCNC's largest fund-raiser of the year! We need carting dogs to give ride to the kids of all ages who have been coming for their annual rides for the last **23** years! We're working on "second generation" kids now!

We need "PR" dogs to enjoy lots of petting and hugs, but our biggest need is for carting dogs. The last several years have seen a disappointing decrease in the number of dogs pulling carts. There have been days with only 2 or 3 dogs to cover for the entire 4 hours. One of our 2 "old faithful" every-week-without-fail-work-all-day dogs is getting too old to do carting all day. This year, as last year, we have decreased the days from 5 to 3, (but we're getting paid twice as much!). If you have a dog that hasn't carted before, bring them anyway, but please, no puppies less than 10 weeks. Also, please remember that the City of Denver has a strictly enforced leash law. All dogs must be leashed at ALL times.

Please, please consider coming down to Writers Square and supporting the club!

Where: Writers Square in Denver (between 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, Lawrence & Larimer, by the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory and Starbucks. YUM!) Park in the WS underground lot (enter from Lawrence between 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>) and bring your ticket up to be validated for free parking.

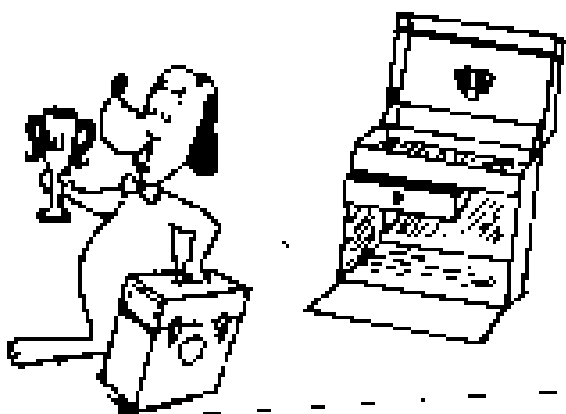
When: December 2nd -12 noon until 4:00 pm  
December 9<sup>th</sup> - 12 noon until 4:00 pm  
December 16<sup>rd</sup> -12 noon until 4:00 pm

Bring: Your clean, well-behaved Newfie, water (and a towel!), bucket, lead, cart (decorated is even better!). If you don't have a cart, there will be carts there that you can use.

To RSVP or for more information, please call Larry or Kady Eckstrom, 303-666-9084.



*News from the Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.*



*Received from the*

**NCA Juniors Committee**

For all of you involved in one way or another, showing or supporting our Junior exhibitors. I would like to call to your attention some information on the NCA web site at

<http://www.ncanews.org/committees/pages/juniors.html> you will find information regarding the NCA junior awards application and also the junior application for Westminster and the AKC Classic, along with Pictures for your enjoyment of some of our past NCA Specialty Winners. (Here's hoping for more to arrive.) Enjoy!

If you have a questions feel free to contact the Juniors committee. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Jill D Britton [jdbrinton@centurytel.net](mailto:jdbrinton@centurytel.net)  
Adrienne Hill  
Robin Seaman  
Shelia Luca  
Dawn Staffen  
Donna Thibault

*Received from the*

**NCA Working Dog Committee**

Participants in your Water Test rate it for quality of the test site facilities, organization, competence of judges and stewards, and helpfulness of test committee. These items were ranked on a numerical ranking of 1 (strongly agree- positive) to 5 (strongly disagree)

HIGH COUNTRY WATER TEST  
Judges: SANDEE AND MIKE LOVETT  
AND DWIGHT GORSUCH

Number of entrants submitting evaluation sheets - 18  
Number of judges submitting evaluation sheets - 3

THE JUDGES WERE PLEASED WITH THE SITE AS WERE THE ENTRANTS. EVERYTHING WENT SMOOTHLY, WITH THE ONLY COMPLAINT BEING ABOUT THE PLACEMENT OF SOME MARKERS. ALL COMMENTS WERE COMPLIMENTARY, SO CONGRATULATIONS ON A WELL RUN TEST.



**PEAK TO PEAK WORKING DOG ASSN OF COLO-  
RADO ANNOUNCES OUR SECOND  
SANCTIONED B/OB MATCH**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2006**

**Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock**



**REGISTRATION 8:00 AM, JUDGING BEGINS 9:00**

Only \$6 per entry!

**CONFORMATION: PUPPIES 3 MONTHS TO ADULTS, BRACE**

**JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP**

**OBEDIENCE: NOVICE A & B, OPEN A & B, UTILITY (dogs must be 6 months old)**

**RALLY Novice, Advanced, Excellent (dogs must be 6 months old)**

**~ ~ ~ FOR THE WORKING GROUP BREEDS ONLY, incl. FSS WORKING BREEDS ~ ~ ~**

(Appenzeller Sennenhund, Argentine Dogo, Cane Corso, Caucasian Mountain Dog, Central Asian Shepherd Dog, Chinook, Dogue De Bordeaux, Entlebucher Mountain Dog, Estrela Mountain Dog, Kai Ken, Leonberger, Perro de Prasa Canari, Tibetan Mastiff, Tosa)

Conformation Judges: Melinda Clearman, Linda LeFever

Junior Showmanship Judge: Kathryn Kudron

Obedience Judges: Kathryn Kudron, Stephanie Price

Rally Judge: Karen Lamb

**DIRECTIONS:** From I-25, take Exit 181 (Plum Creek Pkwy) East approx. 6/10 mi; Go North on Fairgrounds Road into fairgrounds.

**For information call Beth McCarthy 303-699-5149 or Cindy Knox 303-696-7106**

Also attend Plum Creek KC's all-breed match at same site Sunday December 3!  
AND, Mastiff club Dec 2 afternoon, AND new all-breed club Dec 3 afternoon!!!

## HCNC Officers and Directors

President Cathy L. Sands 970.568.4075  
Vice President Linda Morley Roser 303.688.6494  
Secretary Sue Raney 303.421.3282  
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**Rescue:** Lori Morelandi, Pet Empawrium, 12393 W. 64th Ave., Arvada CO 80004  
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### Rescue Report

As usual, rescue is as unpredictable as ever, in my experience. One moment, we are Newf-less. The next minute, we have half-a-dozen requests for surrender at a time.

We have placed 9 Newfs so far this year. A huge thanx to Cathy and Linda for their help and support. I have taken advantage of them this year! Thank you also to Claudia. In other words, we need more foster homes desperately. The time that a rescue Newf is in rescue seems to be increasing a bit, and I really try hard not to use foster homes consecutively, though Linda has been setting herself up for that lately! Responsibilities for fostering are pretty straightforward and include, but are not limited to: Housing, feeding, spaying/neutering, updating

vaccines, socializing, training, grooming, and evaluating. One of the truly neat things about rescue Newfs, unlike many, if not most other breeds, they give up their baggage. Newfs respond to love and attention. We really are lucky to love Newfs.

If you are interested in fostering, send me an email at [Magic@PetEmpawrium.com](mailto:Magic@PetEmpawrium.com), and I will get you a foster application. Oh, and one more thing, rescue does seem to increase around the holidays.

Don't forget, when you are out walking your Newfs and you meet someone interested in a Newf, pass on my info! If you have placed a puppy with someone who might be interested in rescuing, remember us too! Linda has found that a few of her past puppy owners have found that adding a rescue to their home has been rewarding.

LoriLeigh, Magic & Olookun

**Nominations**

The HCNC By-Laws state:

6. Nominations - No person who is not a member in good standing may be nominated for office. During the month of October the Board will appoint a nominating committee consisting of three members in good standing and two alternates. The chairperson shall be a Board member not up for re-election and this person will have the responsibility of notifying the Secretary of the committee's nominations no later than January 1 of the following year. The committee will nominate at least one and no more than three (3) candidates for each office. Each nominee must consent to run for office. Additionally, any general member in good standing may submit a written petition to be included on the ballot for a position. This petition must be signed by a minimum of three members in good standing and must be submitted to the Nominating Committee Chair by February 15. No person may be a candidate for more than one position."

The chairperson shall accept any petitions from members in good standing wishing to be placed on the ballot. Any petition must be signed by a minimum of three members in good standing and include written acceptance of the candidate. Additional petitions are mailed to the Nominating Committee Chair. Deadline for petitions is February 15.

Verification of willingness to run for office should be obtained in writing.

*(Sample letter to be sent to nominees who have orally accepted nomination to run for office within HCNC.)*

**To the Nominating Committee for the year 2007-2008 election of officers:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby accept the nomination of the Nominating Committee to run for the position of \_\_\_\_\_, which term shall be for the years 2007-2008.

My membership dues in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ are enclosed for the upcoming club year, thus insuring my eligibility to run for office.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Received by Nominating Committee chairperson on \_\_\_\_\_.)

**Boulder Parade of Lights**  
**Saturday Dec 2nd**  
**Starts at 6:00pm, be at 15th and Pearl by 5:30pm**  
*park in the parking garage off 15th st, just north of Pearl. across from Mongolian BBQ.*  
**More details to come!**

## Elections

Elections are coming up. It's time to begin thinking about new officers & directors for HCNC.

One-half of the Board is elected each year and in 2007 the following positions are up for election:

2 officers: Vice President (Linda Morley Roser) & Treasurer (Betsy Beaver)  
2 Board members (Johanna Matsuda, Ron Horn)

If you are interested in serving your club, this is your chance. The By-Laws and Procedures are elsewhere in this newsletter.

Patti Pigeon was appointed to Chair the HCNC Nominating Committee. You may contact her at 303.279.8334 or via email at [ppigeon105@aol.com](mailto:ppigeon105@aol.com)

## November 12, 2006

To: HCNC Membership  
From: Betsy Beaver. HCNC Treasurer  
Re: Financial Report: November 1, 2006

### Money Market Account:

Balance 9/15/06: \$11,371.45

### Checking Account:

Current Balance: Club Funds: \$ 7,558.65  
Rescue Funds: \$ 185.00

*Rendezvous is coming April 29 — May 5, 2007*

## National 2007 just around the corner!

Plans are in full swing for the 2007 NCA National Specialty hosted by our club, HCNC!

Volunteers are needed for stewarding events, working registration and hospitality areas, auction workers and much more. Plan on giving one day to the club with your participation in one of these fun activities! Email Sue Raney at [raneyathome@comcast.net](mailto:raneyathome@comcast.net) to volunteer.

Look for the Specialty Packet coming soon with your 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter NewfTide, or request one if you are not an NCA member from Sue. The packet and much more exciting National information is available on our website: [www.2007newfnational.com](http://www.2007newfnational.com)

## 2006 Working Dog Highlights

### September 16 & 17 NCA Water Tests:

#### *Saturday, September 16*

##### *WRDX qualifiers were:*

VNCH Sweetbay's Benson CDX, RE, WRDX, DD (Benny)

### September 16 Leonberger Water Test

Marsha Petry and Fibonacci McGuff Von Drevas (Guffey)

There were no WD qualifiers on Saturday

##### **WRD qualifiers were:**

VNCH Sweetbay's Benson CDX, RE, WRDX, DD (Benny)

#### *Sunday, September 17*

##### *WRDX qualifiers were:*

VNCH Sweetbay's Benson CDX, RE, WRDX, DD (Benny)

##### *WD qualifiers were:*

Pat Drew and CH Misty Mtns U Lite Up My Life CD, DD (Loochy)

Terri Desnica and ZZweet Dreams in Black & White CD, RA, DD (ZZ)

##### **WRD qualifiers were:**

VNCH Sweetbay's Benson CDX, RE, WRDX, DD (Benny)

### July 22 and 23, 2006 NCA Water Tests:

#### **Saturday, July 22:**

##### **WD Requalifiers were:**

John LeVett and Twinoak's Griffindor Tower CD, TD, WRD (Griffin)

Sue Raney and Sweetbay's Quin, RA, WRD, DD (Quin)

##### **WRD Requalifiers were:**

Patti Pigeon and VNCH Sweetbay's Benson CDX, RE, WRDX, DD (Benny)

#### **Sunday, July 23:**

##### **WRD Requalifier was:**

Maria Rizzuto and VNCH Sweetbay's Benson CDX, RE, WRDX, DD (Benny)

### July 22, 2006 Leonberger Water Test:

#### *WRDX Qualifier:*

Marsha Petry and Fibonacci McGuff Von Drevas (Guffey)

### April 29 and 30, 2006 NCA Draft Tests:

#### *DD Qualifiers on Saturday 4/29/06 were:*

Kathy Sylvia and Mollybrook's Mystic Talisman CD, RA, WD, CGC (Dane)

Terri Desnica and ZZweet Dreams in Black & White CD, CGC, UCD, TDI (ZZ)

#### *TDD (Team) qualifiers on Saturday 4/29/06 were:*

Patti Pigeon and team VNCH Sweetbay's Benson CDX, RE, WRDX, DD and VN

CH Sweetbay's Liam CD, DD, WRD, RN, (Benny and Liam)

#### *Qualifiers on Sunday 4/30/06 were:*

John LeVett and Twinoak's Griffindor Tower CD, TD, WRD (Griffin)

*Requalifier* Terri Desnica and ZZ (ZZ)