

Noble Newf

January 2020



President's Message

Jenny Zablotny

No words. I'm afraid that anything I try to say about the passing of Sandee Lovett will be inadequate. My thirty years in Newfs has always had Sandee in it. When I think about her influence in the breed, in this club, in the NCA, in dogs in general, I am overwhelmed. The individual accomplishments and titles are notable and tan-



Marie Acosta 2019

gible measures of a lifetime devoted to dogs. Their unmeasurable contribution to the Newfoundland is how Mike and Sandee effortlessly spread their love of the breed and all its versatility to hundreds of people who may not have considered their dog's abilities beyond being a wonderful pet. How many people decided to give a working event a try because of the Lovetts? Some decided it wasn't for them and that was ok with Sandee, too. If you had a Newf, you were a friend, whether you had titles or not.

Godspeed my friend.

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Note from the Editor: Reflections on a friend

I must have started this note a dozen times, in a dozen different ways, wanting to express what Sandee Lovett has meant to me throughout the years that I've been involved with the GLNC. She defined what it meant to be good and fair, smart and tough, hard working and fun-loving, sincere and truly kind. She offered advice when I asked for it and support when I felt discouraged. Instead of being critical she would present helpful solutions. My one reservation about discontinuing the Noble Newf was that it would disappoint Sandee. I will always cherish my memories of her, grateful that I could call her friend.



Sandee was the GLNC president for many of the years I was Editor and one of the pleasures of the job was reading her President's Message. On the next page is one of my favorites, written for my "first" last issue.



With Thanks to Our Newfs

Sandee Lovett

December, 2003

As I write this column on Thanksgiving Day, I have much for which to be **thankful**. At the top of the list are family and friends, including those of the canine variety. In fact, in reflecting upon this date, I realized that it holds a special significance for Mike and me because it was 25 years ago today that the first Newfoundland Dog joined our family. Little did we know, at the time, what a life-changing event that would be.

It all began the year before, in 1977, when I first read about Newfoundland Dogs in a most unlikely place -- the Sports Section of Time Magazine. The article spoke about the "historic roles" of Newfoundland Dogs as water rescue dogs and draft dogs and how their skills were being revived and tested at NCA water trials. Until that time, I don't think I had even heard of the Newfoundland Breed, let alone seen one.

The description in the article was intriguing, however, since we lived on our boat in the summer cruising the Great Lakes, and we knew our Golden Retriever would appreciate some help hauling in the firewood for the winter. Thus we began our search for a Newfoundland puppy in the only place our ignorant minds knew --- the newspaper classifieds. **Thankfully**, no Newfoundlands were advertised in the local paper during the next year, or our story might have had a different ending.

Eventually, we mentioned our interest to our veterinarian who gave us the names of 4 Newfoundland breeders, which he found on some kind of list. The only one who answered our phone calls did not have puppies at the time, but she welcomed us to her kennel, introduced us to our first real Newfs, and spent hours educating us about the Breed. How **thankful** we are for the time she spent with us! Through her, we were able to locate our first Newf puppy who turned out to be all we hoped she would be --- and hooked us on the Breed forever.

With the arrival of the first Newf, life changed for us dramatically. We now divide our family history into two eras --- BN (before Newfs) and AN (after Newfs). As one Newf led to others, we attended training classes and began exhibiting in conformation, obedience, and working events. It was good-bye to bridge parties, sewing, knitting, crafts, and traveling just for fun. Now our leisure time went completely "to the dogs" --- for training, showing, and dog club work.

During the past 25 years, I am **thankful** for the many places our Newfs have taken us, the many experiences we have shared, and the many friendships we have made through them. They have, indeed, brought joy not only to us but also to the many others with whom they have shared their special skills and endearing qualities. As you reflect upon the true meaning of the holiday season, I hope you can say the same about your canine friends.

Upon this special anniversary, I am also **thankful** for the wonderful experiences I have shared with members of the GLNC and for the participation of the membership in club events. Last weekend, many of you brought smiles to the children of Grand Rapids as you marched with your dogs in the Santa Claus Parade. I received an e-mail and digital photo from the parade chair, thanking us for our participation and already inviting us for next year. I am also **thankful** for Marie Acosta, our outstanding Noble Newf editor for the past several years, and to Joy Rooke, who is willing to assume the challenge. Remember that, starting with the January issue, you should submit information for the Noble Newf to Joy. To get the New Year off to a good start, we hope you will come to GLNC's Holiday Party at Marie Acosta's on January 10th. It's a great time to renew some old friendships and to make some new ones ---- with **thanks** to our Newfs, of course!

A Non-Dog Trainer's Evaluation of the AKC Farm Dog Test

By Jim Zablotny

The newly formed AKC Farm Dog Test is a Canine Good Citizen test for the farm environment. Open to all breeds of dogs, the Farm Dog Test provides additional enrichment for the well socialized and trained canine companion.

Last November, I participated in the AKC Farm Dog Test with my Newfoundland Morgan and Bernese Mountain Dog Badger. The test consists of 12 exercises that measure a dog's ability to handle things that are encountered on a farm. All exercises require the dog to be handled on a loose lead and include jumping and staying on a hay bale, walking over obstacles, and waiting while handler feeds farm animal. Fencing separates farm animals that are part of the test from the handlers and their dogs. However, dogs that lunge and act aggressively towards these animals will not be able to pass the test.

Jenny trains all of our dogs for conformation, obedience, and other working titles and I needed to alter what the dogs knew into tasks suitable for Farm Dog. I worked on loose lead walking, proceeding through an open gate on command, jumping on hay bales (Figure 1), and walking on obstacles, which was one of the more difficult tasks for this test.

Morgan passed with high marks and was a star on that day. Badger required a lot of work and I needed to stay one step ahead of him. Alpaca poop nearly caused failure, but I was able to get his attention and finish the test successfully. For those of you that want to have additional fun with your Newfs, give the Farm Dog Test a try. I am not a dog trainer, but have to admit that it was fun. Morgan and Badger had fun as well.



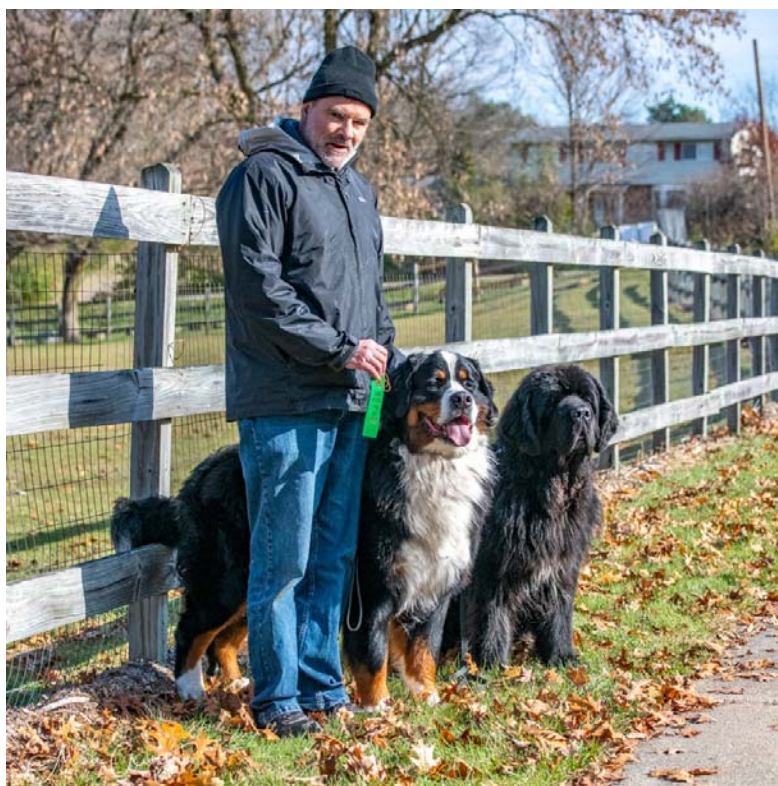
For more information on the Farm Dog test, please visit: <https://www.akc.org/sports/herding/farm-dog-certified-test/> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-g1ptQ8KAQ> for a demo of the farm dog exercises.

Figure 1. Morgan waiting on the hay bale. The hay bale is just like a grooming table, but made of hay.

Something Definitely to Brag About !!



Morgan GrCh, Can Ch Pouch Cove's Southwind State of Play RN, DD, WRD, Can WRDX can now add FDC to his list! Handled expertly by Jim Zablotny in his first working event, the Farm Dog test has a few challenges not seen in other venues (alpaca poop). Mr Mo was properly offended and cruised through the test in style!



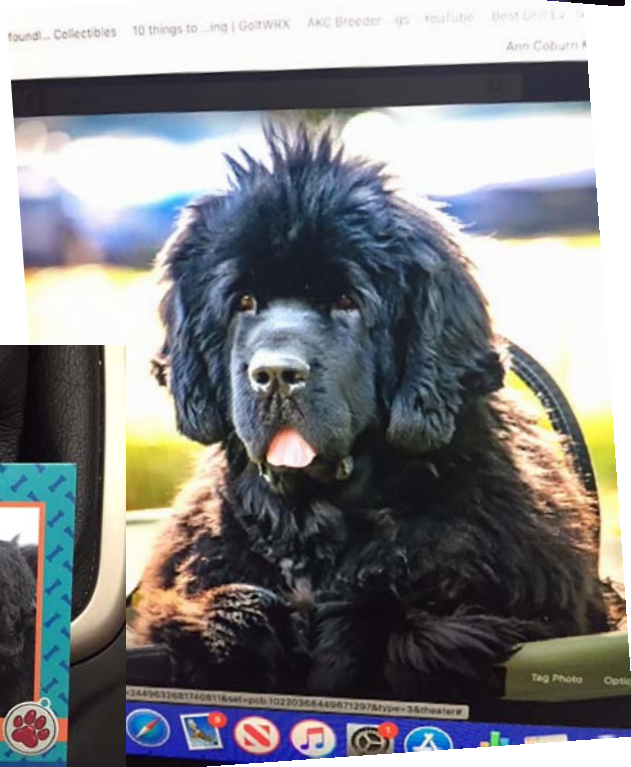
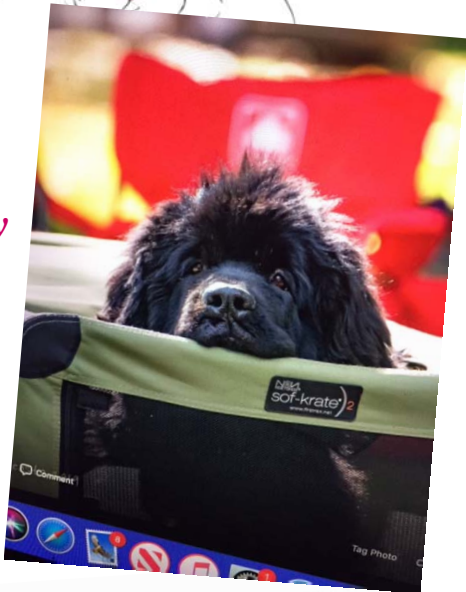
Not to be out done, Badger, Ch Windfall's Appleton of My Eye NCA WD also became Farm Dog Certified. Also handled by Jim Zablotny. Badger did not resist the temptation of the alpaca poop!





*Happy 7th Birthday
To Haven*

*With all our love from
her family.
Dad, Mom,
Franklin & Charlie
Halatek*



2020 NCA National Specialty

HEAR US ROAR!



Hosted by the
Great Lakes Newfoundland Club

Back-to-Back Draft Tests

April 27th-28th, 2020

Heritage Park, Frankenmuth Michigan

Judges: Lori Littleford & John Pearson
Sue Raney & Andre Lapeyre

Test Chair: Jennifer Zablotny, newfdock@gmail.com
Test Secretary: Marie Acosta, noblenewf@comcast.net



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Kalamazoo County Expo & Fairgrounds
Kalamazoo, Michigan

GLNC REGIONAL SPECIALTY W/SWEEPSTAKES & VETERANS SUNDAY MAY 24, 2020

Hosted by the Great Lakes Newfoundland Club

(Held in Conjunction with the Kalamazoo Kennel Club)

Breed Judge: Mrs. Marissa L. Clark

Sweepstakes Judge: Carol Lynn Johnson

SUPPORTED ENTRIES

May 21st - Pontiac KC (Thurs.) - Mrs. Sulie Greendale-Pavez

May 22nd - Holland Michigan KC (Fri.) - Mr. Fred Hyer

May 23rd - Grand Rapids KC (Sat.) - Ms. Lee Whittier

May 25th - Greater Muskegon KC (Mon.) - Mr. Juan Miranda



JOIN US FOR A RINGSIDE BARK-B-QUE LUNCH
GLNC GENERAL MEETING & AWARDS TO FOLLOW
NOONISH ON SATURDAY, MAY 23



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Superintendent: MB-F • Infodog.com • Entry Closing Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020

GLNC Event Calendar 2019 -2020

Please note all dates subject to change

2020

January 25th - B mtg, 11a.m., Food and Friendship. Home of Marie Acosta, Bloomfield, MI. GM mtg to follow.

February 22nd -B mtg, t.b.d.

March 28th — Education Day, Nose Work Workshop at TipTopTails, Kalamazoo, GM during Lunch

April 5, - B mtg t.b.d.

April 27 – May 2nd, Newfoundland Club of America National Specialty, Frankenmuth MI.

April 27 – April 28th GLNC Draft Test, Frankenmuth MI

May 21-25th, - Supported Entry, Apple Blossom Cluster, Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, Kalamazoo, MI.

May 23rd - GM mtg, Elections and Awards presentation, noon, Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, Kalamazoo, MI

*GM mtg- General Membership *B mtg- Board

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Newsletter Policies

The following announcements are free to GLNC Members.

Brags

Dog's full name-Name & date of show-

Description of win/honor picture—Owner's

Name and if desired, a write up about the accomplishment

Birthday Announcements

Dog's name-Picture of dog-Date of birthday and age-Owner's Name and if desired a written tribute

In Memoriam

Dog's name, Picture of dog-Date of birth-Date of death, Owner's Name & Tribute

Litter Announcements:

(\$10-GLNC Members Only) Sire's Name,Dam's Name,Date of litter whelped/expected Sex & color of pups

Contact Information (name, address and phone number)

Advertising:

Rates for display ads should be sent in copy-ready form electronically.

Costs for GLNC members:

2X3 (business card) \$10

Quarter page \$25

Half-page \$50

Three quarter page \$75

Full page \$100

GLNC Classifieds: Free For All Members!

Current GLNC members can advertise for free their gently used dog items in the on-line newsletter. Ads for consideration can be sent to the editor at noblenewf@comcast.net. As room allows, ads accepted by the month's deadline will be posted in that month's newsletter. Ads sent after the deadline will be posted in the following month's newsletter as room allows.

When sending in your ad, please include a clear description of the item for sale, the price and a way to be contacted. You may also include a photo. The editor is not responsible for typos or spelling and will not be editing the ads. Used dog items include training equipment, grooming supplies, unused dog food or treats, leashes, collars, and crates. Advertisements for commercial services, products, puppies or adult dogs will not be accepted under this policy.

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Contents are not the opinion of the editor.

You are encouraged to share your news and additional items. Please send items for consideration to: noblenewf@comcast.net

GLNC EDUCATION DAY INTRODUCTION TO NOSEWORK

MARCH 28 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR GLNC MEMBERS REQUIRED BY March 1, 2020 – \$15.00

LIMITED TO 24 WORKING SPOTS (AUDIT / SPECTATOR SPOTS AVAILABLE)

LUNCH & GENERAL MEETING



Photo Credit: Marie Acosta

 **HOSTED BY:**
TipTopTails
Dog Training

1030 S 8th St, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

DON'T DELAY! FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS FOR GLNC MEMBERS FOR WORKING SPOTS

PRIORITY REGISTRATION OPEN TO GLNC MEMBERS THRU March 1, 2020

FOR DETAILS AND REGISTRATION

VISIT <https://www.glnewfclub.org>

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24 WORKING SPOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE (Dog + Handler) REGISTRATION REQUIRED

- ❖ GLNC Members can register for a working spot from February 1st - March 1st.. *Or until 24 Working Spots are filled.*
- ❖ Fee is \$15
- ❖ *Remaining working spots will be opened to Non-Members on March 2nd - March 20th Fee for Non-Members is \$30*
- ❖ A light lunch will be provided – Donations Accepted.

AUDITING SPOTS (no accompanying dog) REGISTRATION REQUIRED

- ❖ No charge –For Auditing Spots

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

GLNC MEMBER: YES NO (circle one)

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

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GLNC MEMBER WORKING SPOT (1 DOG & 1HANDLER)
GLNC FEE: \$15.00

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GLNC AUDITING/ SPECTATOR SPOT(S) No accompanying dog
NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

Questions? Marie Acosta: noblenewf@comcast.net

Mail form & check made out to GLNC to:
Sabrina Moore, 143 Coke Rd., Montrose, MI 48457

ANNUAL AWARD FOR NEW TITLES APPLICATION

The GLNC wishes to present awards to all member dogs earning AKC, CKC (Canadian Kennel Club), or NCA titles between March 1, 2019 and February 29, 2020. This does not include dogs that are co-owned and reside with non-club members. To receive awards and recognition at the annual meeting, completed applications should be postmarked no later than March 30, 2020. A.S.A.P. PLEASE

First time recipient dogs will receive a plaque with their award. All others will receive an engraved award piece to be placed on their existing plaque.

Dog's Profile

Registered Name _____

AKC Number _____

Call Name _____

Has Dog received a plaque from previous awards? Yes _____ No _____

2019/2020 Title Earned	Date	Location

Club Member's Profile

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact number (day): _____ Best time to call: AM ___ PM ___

Email: _____

Please mail completed form to:

Melanie Reynnells 3025 Hinchman Rd., Bridgman, MI 49106

Note: It costs the club between \$25-\$30 to manufacture each plaque. All donations made payable to GLNC Awards fund are greatly appreciated. Plaques will be awarded at the Club's Annual Meeting in May. If you do not wish to pick up your plaque at that time, please include \$5 to cover shipping.