

SOUTHWEST AGILITY TEAM (SWAT)

February 2014

OPEN MEETINGS

SWAT members are welcome to attend any SWAT executive committee meeting as an observer. The time/location and agenda will be published in advance of the meeting. The meeting minutes will be posted on the SWAT website.

If you have a particular topic that you'd like to address with the executive committee, please let someone on the executive committee know in advance of the next meeting so it can be added to the agenda.

JANUARY AKC TRIAL

SWAT, in partnership with the Weimaraner Club of Albuquerque, hosted a January AKC trial at Expo NM! Judges Pam Sturtz (NY) and Dale Mahoney (ID) put together some great courses for us and the trial ran very smoothly thanks to the work of our wonderful trial committee!! Several MACHs/PACHs were awarded at our trial!! Congratulations!! This trial was very successful for SWAT and helps us on our journey to get more financially secure.

We couldn't put on great trials without your help! SWAT thanks all who worked this trial!

<http://southwestagilityteam.org/>

NEXT SWAT TRIAL --- NADAC

MAY 3-4, Inez Elementary School, outdoors on grass

Judge: Mark Buehl (TX)



PLEASE CONSIDER BEING PART OF THE EQUIPMENT TEAM FOR 2015!

Gene Tatum, SWAT's equipment manager for the past several years, has decided to step down from the position after he finishes service for 2014. Richard Hansen has been sharing the work with Gene and is planning to continue helping with the equipment in some capacity.

SWAT would like to have someone identified during 2014 to start working with Gene and Richard to learn the job of equipment manager in preparation for 2015. We are thinking of a team approach – someone to drive the truck and be at the trials (Richard has already offered to take this role), someone to help prepare the truck prior to each trial (change skins, load/unload needed equipment), and someone to work the proactive side of the equipment - buying equipment, keeping an inventory, etc. If you're interested, please contact Gene, Richard, or any SWAT executive committee member.



Comments? Suggestions? Contact Us!

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EQUIPMENT SILENT AUCTION!

SWAT will hold a silent auction for no-longer-used equipment at both trials in June. More details will be sent out as we approach the first auction. Some of the items include tunnels, a dogwalk, and tire jumps.

CHANGES TO VOUCHERS

It is necessary to change the way SWAT provides vouchers for volunteers who accept major positions at trials. The current system is not sustainable and has contributed to SWAT's precarious financial position. Linda Kipp is chairing a committee to study SWAT's voucher system and make recommendations to the executive committee. *This is focused only on vouchers that are given out to our workers from the time of the new plan's approval and does not affect the vouchers that have already been provided to workers.* Thank you to the four members who volunteered to be on this committee -- Gene Tatum, Pam Smith, Crystal McClernon, and Margaret Coombs. The committee has a recommendation ready to be presented at the February 26th Executive Committee meeting. After this review, the proposal will be presented to the general membership.

2014 SWAT TRIAL SCHEDULE

AKC	NM State Fairgrounds/Horse Arena	January 24-26
NADAC	Inez Elementary School	May 3-4
USDAA	Bernalillo County Sheriff's Posse	June 7-8
AKC	NM State Fairgrounds/Horse Arena	June 27-29
Fun Match	Bernalillo County Sheriff's Posse	July 12
AKC	Bernalillo County Sheriff's Posse	Sept. 5-7
NADAC	Inez Elementary School	Oct. 25-26
USDAA	NM State Fairgrounds/Horse Arena	Nov. 7-9