



# THE GAMBOL

## Southwest Agility Team Newsletter

March 2018



### News From the Executive Committee

You may have noticed the new truck bringing the equipment to the trial sites lately. Yes, we finally purchased the new (to us) truck, with the help from some of our most dedicated and hard-working members: Ellen Rowe, Richard Hansen, Ken Shoemaker, Colleen Andrews, and Amy Gloman. They worked long and hard to locate, purchase, and out-fit the new truck. The executive committee thanks them, and we encourage everyone to express your thanks when you see them.

On the topic of thanks, the Executive Committee voted recently to thank our fabulous New Mexico agility community for supporting SWAT by instituting a small decrease in entry fees for AKC trials. Beginning with the June, 2018 AKC Trial at the Expo, entry fees will be \$18.00 for the first two runs per dog per day, and \$15.00 for all subsequent runs per dog per day. The change does not apply to USDAA or NADAC events. The change is implemented on a trial basis. If it proves to be as feasible as we hope, then we may be able to make it permanent.

SWAT by-laws require election of a new executive committee every two years. The election will take place during the annual meeting sometime between November 1 and December 15, 2018. If you think you might be interested or know someone who would be interested in serving on the executive committee, contact Amy Tanler, [tanler2009@gmail.com](mailto:tanler2009@gmail.com). Descriptions of the duties of each member of the executive committee are on the SWAT website, <http://southwestagilityteam.org>.

## 2018 SWAT EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
May 5-6, 2018	NADAC Agility Trial 1 judge, 2 rings Judge: Jimmy Steele	Inez Elementary Albuquerque, NM
June 1-3, 2018	USDAA Agility Test 1 judge, 2 rings Judge: Kama Rueschenberg	Bernalillo County Sheriff's Posse Arena
June 22-24, 2018	AKC Agility Trial 2 judges, 2 rings Judges: Mary Mullen (VMO), Gill Chapman	Expo NM, Horse Arena
July 7, 2018	Fun Match	Bernalillo County Sheriff's Posse Arena
Sept. 7-9, 2018	AKC Agility Trial 2 judges, 2 rings Judges: Susan Leitner and Jamie Horacek	Bernalillo County Sheriff's Posse Arena
Nov. 10-11, 2018	USDAA Agility Test 2 judges, 2 rings Judges: Rob Bardenett and Kim O'Connor	Expo NM, Horse Arena

## January AKC Trial

SWAT, in partnership with the Weimaraner Club of Albuquerque, hosted an AKC trial in January, 2018 at the Expo NM. The judges were Clyde Closson from Pennsylvania and Anne Riba from Illinois. To say their courses were challenging would be an understatement, but there is no doubt their courses were fun. In fact, we had what may be a record, at least for SWAT, for the number of MACH and PACH titles earned in the same trial.

Congratulations to:

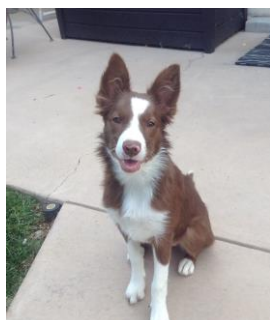
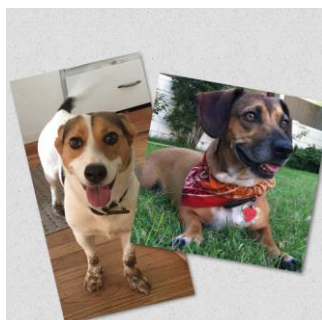
Carol Konicki and Bang (Australian Shepherd) - MACH 2  
Andrea Faucette and Mack (Cairn Terrier) - MACH  
Barbara Peterson and Lacey (Border Collie) - MACH  
Jerry Knaus and Aleck (Cairn Terrier) - MACH  
Teresa Janssen and Lager (Miniature Schnauzer) - MACH  
Vicki Loucks and Pollie (Smooth Coated Collie) - PACH 2  
Linda Kipp and Tempo (Border Collie) - PACH

## February USDAA Test

SWAT held its annual USDAA Starters/Advanced trial on February 10-11, 2018. Our judge was Kylie Bourke, who was very welcome to return for the trial after judging the first year of SWAT's USDAA Starters/Advanced trial. Kylie's courses were challenging and fun and sometimes a little quirky, as USDAA courses can be. All participants enjoyed them very much. Several participants earned titles. As reported to the Trial Secretary, the following teams earned titles:

- Linda Kipp and Kyla earned their Agility Dog, along with titles in Starters Standard, Jumpers and Pairs.
- Dee Falk and Dessa earned their Agility Dog
- Jane Winkler and Rorshack earned their Advanced Gamblers and Jumpers titles
- Rick Martin and Cyber earned their Starters Gamblers title
- Mary Aynn Shoemate and Garden earned their P1 Standard title

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!



## OPEN MEETINGS

SWAT members are welcome to attend any SWAT executive committee meeting as an observer. The time, location and agenda will be published on the website before the meeting. The meeting minutes are also posted on the website -

<http://southwestagilityteam.org>

If you have a topic you would like to address with the executive committee, please let one of the committee members know before the next meeting so it can be added to the agenda.

## SWAT Membership Renewal

Once again, SWAT is offering membership renewal for FREE. If you have not already renewed your membership for 2018, or if you wish to join as a new member, send an email to Vicki Wilson and she will add you to the membership list.  
([mvictoriawilson@yahoo.com](mailto:mvictoriawilson@yahoo.com))

Members receive trial announcements, with links to premiums, meeting announcements, and the opportunity to participate in New Mexico's oldest organization dedicated to dog agility.