



## NEWF TRACKS

Old West Newfoundland Club

4th Quarter 2017

### Message from the President

Happy Holidays! I hope you have a great holiday season with family, friends and your dogs!

As 2017 comes to an end, it also is my end as president of the club over the last year. I thank each and every board member for

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May you achieve your dreams in 2018!

-Mike Taylor

Special points of interest:

- *BOD Proposed Election Slate*
- *2018 Semi-Annual Meeting Information*
- *Upcoming Draft & Water Tests*

It was another great supported entry at the Dallas Lonestar State Classic Dog show this month-- thanks to the organizers and also to the participants and winners!



Megan Goldin Liston's Bojie and Rigsby from Christmas past.

OWNC has a draft test coming up in February and then it will be water training time again before you know it!

their assistance, time, and efforts and wish the new incoming board much success.

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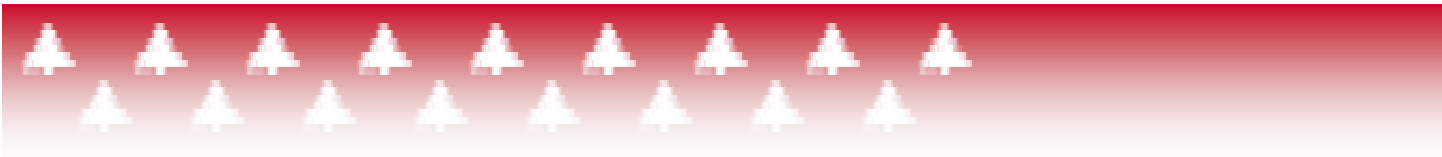
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### Board of Directors New Elections Slate & Next Semi-Annual Meeting Announcement

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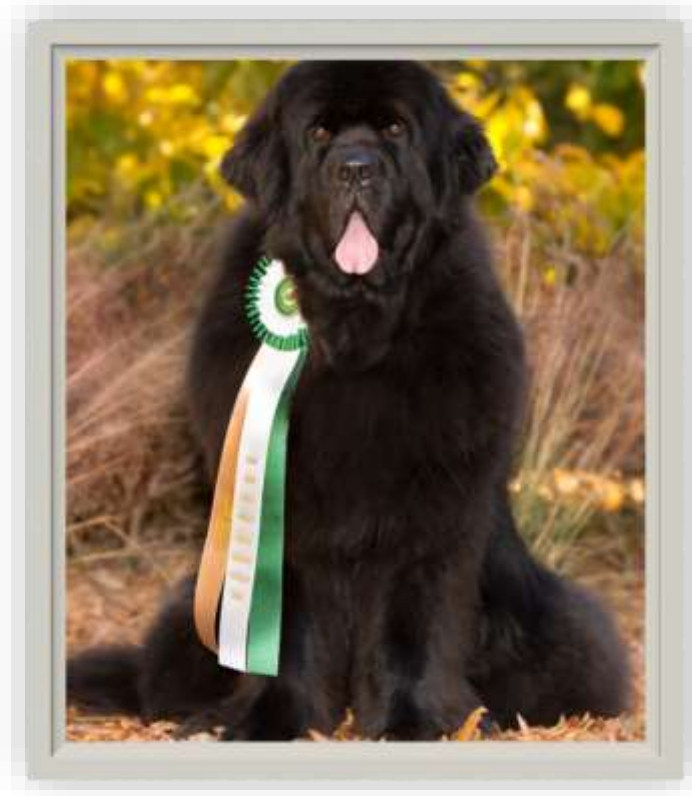
Member at large: Paige Casteel  
Member at large: Andy Germann  
Member at large: Cara Perry

To be voted upon at the Semi-Annual meeting to be held Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 6 PM at Springcreek BBQ, Keller TX (in conjunction with the 2018 OWNC Draft Tests). The meeting will also include the presentation of 2017 Awards!



## Wags & Brags

On October 14th, Lizzie earned the AKC Scent Work Novice Containers (SCN) title and became the first Newfoundland to title in the new program. She went on to earn the Novice Exteriors, Novice Interiors, and Novice Buried Hides titles and on November 5th became the first Scent Work Novice (SWN) Newfie. She placed in 10 of the 12 searches. We are very excited in having a new venue in which to play at Scent Work, she truly loves it!



(Right) Lizzie and her well earned SCN ribbon. (Below) Lizzie doing Nosework!

Congrats for both well earned titles!



On December 2nd Lizzie earned NACSW's Nosework Level 3 title (NW3). We had to pass a vehicle, interior, exterior, and container search with an unknown number of hides on the same day. She is only one of five Newfs to earn an NW3 and the first in the eastern United States. It took us 4 tries **and while it was, I'm sure, easy for her, it was the hardest thing I've had to learn as of yet and it took me awhile to get it to come together!** Definitely an all handler error sport! :)

Anne Nored



## More Wags & Brags

Mike & Patty Taylor's Magnum earned his AKC Therapy Dog title in November by completing the additional required visits to move from Therapy Dog Novice to Therapy Dog! Magnum is certified by the Baylor Scott & White Animal Assisted Therapy program as well as Alliance of Therapy Dogs. He and Patty visit at BSC hospitals in Irving and Grapevine, visiting patients and their families as well as staff. They also visit DFW International Airport, bringing stress relief to passengers and personnel! Magnum is lovingly co-owned by Janice Swenson who is very proud of the work he does bringing joy to all!



Magnum spreading Christmas cheer at Baylor Scott & White Irving. This year we decorated one of our draft carts in wrapping paper and let him make the rounds, dispensing holiday magic.





## NEW AKC CH!

~ Annalyn Paz

This year has been a record breaker in disasters and blessings. I ponder about our life with Newfies and when it will end, probably never now that we touch our 30th Newfie year. A few OWNC members know that my Mom, now 94, lives with me. It is impossible for me to leave home for more than a few hours unless we have a caretaker or a family member comes from out of town to cover. A torn cruciate kept Trooper out of action for a year but thankfully he has recovered. *Newf Tide* keeps me running and my life now revolves around my Mom and the *Newf Tide* deadlines. Now comes the act of kindness. Trooper needed three points to finish his championship. A few hours before the Conroe show, I texted Jennifer Stewart that I am not entering because no one else was entering. She said, hang on, give me a little time. In an hour's time, Jennifer had put together enough entries to give Trooper

a chance at finishing. Jennifer and Janice Swenson agreed to enter Greyson and Dierks. A few minutes later, Nikki Harris agreed to enter Grant and Thaddeus. I ran to the computer to enter Trooper. Any of the Newfs could use the points and now we had a major every day for three days. I was in shock, an all male Newf major not far from home.

All these wonderful people had one goal in mind, to give Trooper a chance at getting his championship close to home. All hands were on deck to help each other groom, lend equipment, supplies and ideas so that each Newf looked its best. Leah Schlagel's daughter Madison was showing her Dane Riddick so both jumped in to help the Newfs. Cami and Phil Schlagel were the weekend cheer leaders. This weekend it was Thaddeus, shown by

Doug Harris, that celebrated his second major that Friday and also won on Sunday. On Saturday the coveted final points were won by Trooper! Mission accomplished.

We had the most wonderful weather, cool breezy and dry. Each day after showing we were able to sit around our grooming area and chat, no one was in a hurry. Leah invited us to her home to share Phil's boar hunting catch which was delicious. Saturday I missed the judge for a photo so on Sunday, Doug and Nikki waited with me over an hour for the judge's photo with Trooper.

This brag is not only about getting Trooper's championship, but about helping each other and the wonderful time spent together with friends. This is definitely what I signed up for when I got my first Newf!

### **New CH Journey & Haytee's**

Lonestars and Gunsmoke, DD  
swimming with Annalyn.





## Supported Entry News & Thanks! ~ Tracy Luber

I want to thank all who exhibited, contributed, and came as spectators to our 2017 winter supported entry. Thank you all for making it a HUGE success! Thank you especially to Nikki & Doug Harris and their daughter Courtney for helping with the hospitality area and donating the yummys and the beautiful Christmas decorations! Thanks to Leah Schlagel for lugging the table up here once again. Much appreciated.

We had an entry of 16 and 14 gorgeous Newfs were exhibited; some coming all the way from CO and CA. Was fun to reconnect with local and not so local Newf friends.

A big Congratulations to all the winners!

**Results from Saturday's**  
supported entry:

### **Best of Breed - GCHG CH OCEANO DARBYDALE'S XECUTIVE DECISION**

Owners - Kathleen Wortham & Carol Bergmann & Mary W Price

### **Best Opposite Sex/Best of Winners/Winners Bitch - NOHEA'S HELLO IT'S ME**

Owners - Nikki & Douglas Harris

### **Select Dog - GCH CH BEAR N MIND'S CALLING DOWN THE THUNDER WRD**

Owners - Leah Schlagel & C Gorsuch

### **Winners Dog - BEAR N MINDS I'M MEANT FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL WD**

Owner - Leah Schlagel

### **Reserve Winners Dog - BEAR N MIND SIR GREYSON OF TURFTIDE CGC**

Owners - Jennifer Stewart & Dwight & Christine Gorsuch

### **Reserve Winners Bitch - NOHEA'S HELLO DAHLING**

Owners - Nikki & Douglas Harris





## A Special Holiday Birthday & Rescue Story

We were asked by the club to foster Murphy back in May of 2016. His owner had gone through a divorce, traveled for work, and could no longer keep him. He had even done some therapy work with him but he never went into detail about his therapy experiences. After having Newfs since 1977, we had lost our last one a couple years earlier and hadn't planned on getting another because of our getting older and also plans to travel.

When Murphy came to us the owner said he was nine or ten years old. We still don't know for sure. So he's at least 10-1/2 now - maybe as old as 12 because the owner knew his birthday was around Christmas.

Well, as you see, he was such a good dog, we couldn't part with him. Though I am not physically able to handle a rambunctious Newf anymore, this boy is a sweetheart and so gentle. And the travel part? Well, he's been all over the country with us and

our Clumber Terri. He's the first one in the car if we say, "Wanna go for a ride?"

We have had eleven Newfs since 1977 and four of them were rescues. If you have ever had any reservations about adopting a rescue and an older dog, let me assure you - you will be blessed!

~ Gerri & Jim Repass





## Always in Our Hearts

Deepest sympathies to our friends Mollie Standish and Carlton Standish  
on the loss of their dear Rudd to cancer.

Rudd - CH Old Bay's Rum Rudder (Carson x Cosmo)

June 2, 2009 - September 20, 2017







## **Don't You Dare Steal My Joy**

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On the occasion of my tenth anniversary, my husband asked me how I wanted to celebrate. I asked that we take a very dear friend, my adopted grandmother and one of the greatest of all the great southern ladies, out to dinner with us.

At dinner, my husband, Brian, presented me with a diamond ring. It was gorgeous and I was speechless, but even as I thanked him, I worried about the expense and extravagance of such a gift. As if he knew that the next line belonged to my grandmother, my husband excused himself from the table. He was barely out of sight when she reached across the table and grabbed me by the shoulder, "I know what you're thinking, I know you think he couldn't afford it and it's too extravagant. I don't care if he had to put a second mortgage on the house to buy it, don't you steal his joy! It's beautiful. Accept it as the token of his love that it is and say nothing about how he shouldn't have bought it for you." Then she repeated, "Don't you dare steal his joy!"

That was the end of the conversation. She sat back in her seat, smiled at my returning husband, and we had a lovely dinner. I took her advice and put my reservations out of my mind. The ring has never come off my finger, but most importantly, I learned a wonderfully important lesson, never to steal another man's joy.

Are you a joy stealer?

"You know if my dog hadn't gone down on the sit, I would have won the class", said, unfeelingly, to the winner.

"I sure didn't think your dog worked that high a score."

"I can't believe you placed, I thought Jane Oneup and her dog would beat you."

"I thought I had that class won! My dog had a great performance," said to the winner.

"Isn't that judge an idiot? I can't believe the dogs he put up!" said to the winner.

"Boy, aren't you glad Mrs Winallthetime wasn't here today or you might not have won."

"You passed that Master test because the water blind was so easy."

"That was the stupidest set of water marks I've ever seen. No trial should end that easily," said to the winner.

Do you discourage or encourage fellow competitors? Do you tell them their goals are too lofty and their dreams too big? Are you trying to be helpful or trying to keep them from accomplishing something that you never had the ability or perseverance to do yourself? It is equally as harmful to steal joy by destroying the dream.

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When FC AFC OTCH Law Abiding Ezra had both his field championships and 65 OTCH points including all the necessary first places, someone had the guts to come up to me, his owner, trainer and handler and say, "No dog will ever be a field champion and an obedience champion." My jaw drops when I think about it. Isn't it unfortunate that I remember this attempt at stealing my joy much more than I

remember all the cards and letters and congratulations I received when those last 35 points were earned?

If you are willing to destroy someone's dream, perhaps you don't realize that it is the JOY of pursuing the dream that keeps the dreamer motivated, not just reaching the accomplishment.

My husband and I travel and compete together. I remember an event, early in our relationship when I watched his Doberman fail articles.

"Darn it," I said, as he came out of the ring, "she didn't even try to find the right one!" "Oh", he replied, "but, weren't her heeling and signals wonderful?" Unknowingly, I had almost stolen his joy. He was celebrating the improvement on the exercise that had been giving him trouble, and I was focused on the failure. Since that experience, Brian and I have learned that the best response to a questionable performance, "What did you think?" That way, if the handler is excited about some aspect of the performance, you can share that excitement. If the handler is disappointed in another aspect, you can share the disappointment. You are safely removed from being a joy stealer.

I hope you have a lot of dreams and goals for your dogs in (the coming year). Undoubtedly there will be moments of disappointment as you venture through the landmines of injury, failures and other setbacks. Remember that the joy of the journey is worth the difficulties along the way and don't let anyone steal that joy. Guard it well and at the end of the road you can own it and revel in it with all the other memories of the trip.



# Old West Newfoundland Club

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## Upcoming Events & Reminders

OWNC Draft Tests  
February 17 & 18, 2018  
Johnson Road Park, Keller TX  
Judges—Bethany Karger &  
Keith Mallinson

OWNC 2017  
Achievement  
Awards  
Applications due  
January 5, 2018

OWNC Semi-Annual  
meeting (including BOD  
elections), Saturday  
February 17, 2018  
6 PM  
Spring Creek BBQ  
Keller TX

Pending NCA approval:  
OWNC Water Tests  
September 28-30, 2018  
The Vineyards Campground  
Grapevine TX