

**NORTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY
BEAGLE CLUB NEWSLETTER
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2024 AKC LICENSED TRIAL

The AKC licensed trial will be held on March 9 and 10. Both male classes run on Sat and both female classes on Sun. Pre-measure is at 7:30am with entries closing at 8am both days.

TRAINING GROUNDS WILL BE CLOSED MARCH 4 THROUGH MARCH 10

WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR THIS TRIAL FOR BOTH DAYS. To help in the field as Collar Man, Field Marshall, or Gallery Marshall, please call Jeff Sherman. If you can help in the kitchen or can donate a dessert, please call Michelle Colon.

ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE IS VERY MUCH NEEDED AND WILL BE APPRECIATED.

JUST A REMINDER: Any help at trials and fundraisers, meeting attendance and designated work parties will count towards your work credit hours. Please be advised that any work being done that is not during a scheduled work party must be verified by one of the beagle club board members.

Beagle Club Meeting, First MONDAY of the month at 7:30pm

Association Meeting, Second MONDAY of the month at 7:30pm

March 9, AKC SPO licensed trial, males	entries close 8am
March 10, AKC SPO licensed trial, females	entries close 8am
April 27, NEBGF & PBGF Derby	entries close 8am
April 27, NEBGF & PBGF All Age Qualifier	entries close 10am
November 2 & 3----TRIAL TO BE DETERMINED	

*** GROUNDS CLOSED ***

PLEASE NOTE: RIFLE RANGE IS CLOSED DURING ANY OF OUR FIELD TRIALS

**JULY 20-26—YOUTH CONSERVATION SCHOOL-CLUB GROUNDS CLOSED FOR WEEK

** The Association TRAP, SILHOUETTE and 3D shoots will be held the 3rd Sunday of each month from MARCH thru OCTOBER—ALL the running grounds are CLOSED those days from 7am-1pm

UPCOMING ASSOCIATION EVENTS:

Trail Run 2/3/24	Egg Hunt 3/23/24	Kids Fish Rodeo 5/11/24
Breakfast every 3 rd Sunday from March through October		
Association Yard Sale 7/13/24		
Beagle Club Chicken BBQ 7/13/24, please preorder to Jeff at 717-286-5104 by JULY 2		
Halves \$7 each	OVER	

Hello Fellow Beagle members of Northern Lancaster County.

I have a couple of things that I would like to discuss in this newsletter. The first thing is that Poppy has done above and beyond his requirements for us. He needs some help this summer mowing paths, two additional people to mow would be good. By-weekly mowing is needed most months of Spring through fall, a few weeks in the summer may get dry and skipping a week can happen. Unfortunately, my work schedule this past year didn't allow me to keep up with the by-weekly schedule. If you are willing to learn how and can give two hours every other week, please talk to Poppy.

Our Spring Licensed trial is March 9th & 10th. I have 7 of the 8 judges required arranged. For the 13" male class the judges are John Jarzynski and John Way, 15" males are Blaine Grove and Ryan Collins, 13" females are Jason Moultrup and Travis Williams and the 15" females are Tony Barlow and TBD. As always, we will need help during this trial, Marshals, field and gallery, collar people, keeping track of collars that are and are not returned from each pack run. Keeping the next pack ready may not seem like a major issue but that can reduce the time that the event runs for that day! 5 minutes delay for each pack is a loss of 50 minutes if we are running 10 packs, time that we may need for judging at the end of the day. As members of the hosting club, we are trying to provide a fair look for each pack, we need to give the judges room to do their job, room for the rabbits to run freely and pay attention to what is happening so that we can help when help is needed. We are one of the first trials of the season, handlers are often talking to friends that they may not have seen for several months. They can tend to be a little slow getting dogs collared and out to the field and can block paths that could get rabbits caught. It is our job to help direct as needed.

Kitchen help is organized by Michelle, so please contact her to see if and when she may need help and food items donated.

Poppy is stocking rabbits at the club, so if your dogs are running a rabbit and they have run it hard for some time, it may be a new stocked rabbit and not know where to hide or get away from your dogs. Please consider picking them up off that rabbit and look for another one. Saving every rabbit along the way will give all of us a rabbit to run next time.

The final thing that I would like to mention is another project that Poppy has been heading up. A logger will be arriving in December to clear along the fence line to the corn fields, we will then put-up rabbit fencing along that border (money that we have been saving for several years will pay for this work). He will be cutting trees south of the switchgrass field (not a lot of switchgrass left). This should be a huge improvement in our running grounds. We will need a lot of help cleaning up after this work is completed. We also need to widen the paths on the hill this winter. So please make certain that your correct email address or cell phone number is in our records. We will probably use email or text messages to make members aware of these work dates so knowing which way is the best to contact you, will be important.

Jeff

