

DSA's 1st Agility A-Match a Great Success!

August 24, 2002 - Berthoud, CO

Judge: Sheila Lavin

Trial Chairperson: Jane Reller

Results

50 Total Entries
6 Qualifiers

25 Standard Class Entries
1 Absent

25 Jumpers With Weaves Class Entries
43 Not Qualified



2002 DSA Agility A-Match Volunteers!

Kneeling (L to R): Sheila Lavin; Lori Elvera; Spirit, Paul Hulbert, Connor McAllister, Skyrocket, and Terry Walb. **Standing (L to R):** Mary Lloyd, Lorrie McAllister, Deb Ascher, Georgia Betts, Julie Morris, Tom Lisec, Jim Lageschulte, Martha Lageschulte, Andi Mast, Bob Mast, Marnie Grube, Diane Hoffecker, Jane Reller, Linda Kitzman, Butch Walb, Taylor Metter, Thalia Peletis, Sue Wangerin and Kathi Metter.

DSA held its first agility A-match on Saturday, 8/24/02 at Peak II Peak Training Center in Berthoud, CO. Despite some difficulty in understanding the AKC requirements to be fulfilled, all pre-match paperwork was submitted successfully and permission was given to hold the A-match. Our entries filled at 50 and we even had to turn a few entries away. Trial secretary Thalia Peletis did a superb job of setting up a database of all entrants and classes entered which then allowed her to generate reports which included the gate sheets, score sheets, catalog, ribbon labels, mailing labels, and just about anything else we would need.

Judge **Sheila Lavin's** courses were good and we finally got some qualifiers in the JWW classes. The entrants seemed to have a good time and everyone clapped for each run regardless of whether they qualified or not.

Deb Ascher agreed to come and oversee the scoring to ensure that we did everything right. She also assisted and answered questions posed by our judge. Deb's vast knowledge and experience helped our match run very smoothly.

My goal was to staff the match with Sammy people only and 20 local Samoyed people helped, some of whom were not even DSA club members. I was very pleased. I would like to thank the following Sammy people who helped to make our A-match a great success.

Georgia Betts, jump setter
Jan Cherne, loaned us her wicket for measuring dogs
Lori Elvera, gate steward
Marnie Grube, timer
Diane Hoffecker, stepped in to help with whatever was needed
Paul Hulbert, course builder
Linda Kitzman, jump setter
Martha/Jim Lageschulte, course builders and scribe
Tom Lisec, parking, scribe sheet runner, photographer
Mary Lloyd, helped with whatever needed to be done
Bob/Andi Mast, course builders and transcriber
Lorrie McAllister, helped with whatever was needed
Kathi/Taylor Metter, registration and dog treat distributor

Julie Morris, leash runner
Thalia Peletis, trial secretary
Sue Wangerin, chute straightener, jump setter, and hospitality
Terry/Butch Walb, provided the tire jump, jump setter, all around help

I also want to thank Sheila Lavin and her father **Wayne Wengert** for making us feel so welcome at their facility and for providing the coffee, showing our course builders how to move the equipment, getting everything set up, and giving us lots of suggestions. Thanks to Wayne for making copies of our catalog on their personal copier.

Now we'll wait to hear from AKC and hope that we will be approved to start holding trials in the near future. Thanks again to all the contributors and exhibitors. It was truly a team effort and the effort paid off.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Reller
DSA Agility A-Match Chairperson