

2006 DSA Agility Trial Report

DSA's second all-breed agility trial, January 21-22, was a resounding success. We ran a one-ring trial this time, leaving room for people to crate indoors as well as for a massage therapist and a retail vendor. The DSA agility committee made fast work setting up on Friday night. The next morning everything was ready to go by 7:30. At 8:00 on the dot, Ginger Jenks played the Star Spangled Banner on her trumpet (to much applause) and we got underway.

The judge, Tammy Domico, was fast and efficient and demanded the same from the crew who stepped up to the plate—both DSA members and agility exhibitors. No job was without a worker during all classes on both days. Tien Tran was there again to photograph runs and was nice enough to take another group photo of us. Donna Dannen and Scott Vail took candid photos of the people working at the event.

Martha Lageschulte was again our chief course builder and with her crew members made ring changes from class to class in record time. Thanks to all of the DSA members and non-

member sammy people who worked so hard to make our trial a success. In addition to the people mentioned above, the others include: Deb Castro, Jan and Kent Cherne, Michelle and Cody Christian (along with Cody's friend Cody), Lori, Dan, and Nicholas Elvera, Marnie Grube, Linda Kitzman, Jim Lageschulte, Tom Lisec, Andi (chief ring steward) and Bob Mast, Lorrie McAllister, Julie (ring steward) and Joe Morris, Thalia Peletis, Kim Perry, Terry (ribbons) and Butch Walb, Sue (hospitality) and Gene Wangerin, Sally Wheeler, and Rich and Stacey Winston. Everyone wore their blue sweatshirts so we were identifiable to the exhibitors.

Several members ran their dogs over the weekend, including Bob Mast who ran Ty and McGwire. Ty got his Novice JWW title with a first place on Saturday. McGwire just had a grand old time running with Bob. Martha Lageschulte and Lexi earned their first leg toward their MXJ on Sunday in Ex B. Terry Walb ran Splash at his second trial in Novice Std/JWW and unfortunately, they didn't qualify, but Splash had a lot of fun making his own courses. New associate

member Pam Arnold, ran her girl Sadie in Ex A Std/JWW and unfortunately also did not qualify but had a lot of fun. Ginger Jenks ran Rory in Ex B Std/JWW both days and on Sunday qualified in Ex B Std. She also ran Imp in Novice JWW and Open Std and Q'd in JWW on Saturday with a first place.

Our secretary Helen Hittesdorf again did a great job, being very efficient throughout the pre-trial period receiving entries, doing the random draw, and then at the trial getting the paperwork to the judge quickly for signoff. We consider her an honorary member of DSA!

We received a lot of positive feedback from exhibitors both during the trial and afterwards. The local agility community thinks the Sammy people 'rock'. My heartfelt thanks go out to everyone for making this such a huge success.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Reller
Agility Chair

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