



# SPRING NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PASTURE

Hey everyone! Not exactly good calving or lambing weather this week but hopefully March will follow the adage "In like a lion, out like a lamb"! It is sure good to see those babies running around even if they spend some time in the house first!

As you may have seen on the Facebook page your board has been having a bunch of excitement. We have new trials and workdays lined up and our standard trials are getting organized. We are starting to have entry forms come in for the big field trials also. All new developments will be posted on the website and FB page.

I have had some cattle dog people on this side of the mountain express interest in getting something going with that aspect so let's have everyone weigh in on that.

Rita and Cindy have been working their tails off getting the State Fair and GAC together. I guess that's two less we have to dock!

On a sad note Joan Finch has decided to step down, we will miss her but understand that she can only do so many things at once! Good luck Joan, get those dogs started and we will see you at the trials. Dana Linklater Ingalls has agreed to step in for the interim. Looking forward to working with her.

I want to thank you all for your vote of confidence in electing me last December. I will do everything in my power to keep this Association something we can be proud and excited to be a part of! Also thank you to the past officers for their work they put in for us. Brandi Forgey and Katie Fennema you did a great job last year!

Bundle up and work your dogs! Jeanne

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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR (former) SECRETARY

Another new year is here and there are a lot of activities planned for WSDA membership. Stay tuned to the website to keep up on all of the new things going on.

I am sad to announce that I have resigned as your secretary. I find with my new move, new job, and all that goes with settling a new house, I just can't keep up with the secretary duties the way I feel I should. This has been a challenge for me the past three months and I need to concentrate my efforts here. It has been fun being the secretary, and I welcome my replacement.

Please check to be sure you have paid your dues for 2015. Membership forms can be found on our website, and your secretary will also email you one if you need it. Our membership is important to us and to the future health of the WSDA. It is our job to make sure our membership is well served and that activities are planned to be all inclusive, for the beginner as well as the seasoned dog handler. We hope to bring you opportunities for you and your dogs you won't find anywhere else. That is what makes being a member special!

Best wishes to all of you for 2015!!

Joan Finch, WSDA Secretary

# SLASH J SHEEPDOG TRIAL —May 30-June 1, 2015

Host: **Joni and Blake Tietjen** Clearmont Wyoming

USBCA Sanctioned —Judge: **Ron Enzeroth**

2 open, 2 Nursery classes

## District 2 Finals – June 1 -- (see below page for details)

Handler may enter 3 dogs per class but may be asked to drop third dog if trial over-fills. **Separate check for third dog, please.** No dog may be entered in two different classes. Limited pay-outs. Camping available; no hook-ups/

Entries open **March 30** and close **April 6**. Entries postmarked on those dates will be treated the same. Late entries will be wait-listed. No refunds after **May 11, 2015** (unless your spot is filled). Entries without checks will not be accepted.

**Make checks payable to Slash J and mail to: Joni Tietjen**

**PO Box 208**

**Clearmont, WY 82835**

**For more info contact: slashj@hotmail.com 701-440-1730**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Dog	Open 1 \$65	Open 2 \$65	Nur 1 \$45	Nur 2 \$45	Dog Total
<b>Total Due</b>					<b>\$</b>

**READ AND SIGN:** I agree to pay for all damages caused by my dogs or dogs under my control. I also agree that Joni and Blake Tietjen and all trial affiliates (including but not limited to property owners, volunteers) are not to be held liable for any damages to me, my dog(s) or dog(s) under my control. I also agree to pay theshepherds value for sheep damaged by my dog or dogs under my control.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

### DISTRICT 2 FINALS GUIDELINES

The first two Open and Nursery classes are USBCA sanctioned and open to all handlers from any district.

The District 2 Nursery Champion will be determined based on the average of 2 Nursery runs.

The District 2 Open Champion will be the winner of the Double Lift to be held on June 1, 2015. Only qualifying District 2 dogs will run in the double lift and a handler can only qualify 2 dogs, even if they run 3 in the open class.

Qualifying criteria: Top 5 District 2 dogs from each open trial plus top 2 combined scores (not to include dogs that qualify as the top 5). If a dog is in the top 5 both days, the sixth place dog from day 2 will qualify. If there 2 dogs that qualify on both days, we will take the sixth place dog from day 1, and so forth until there are 10 dogs. We will then take the 2 dogs with the high combined scores, again not including already qualified dogs.

We will need volunteers to help with the Double Lift Final and hope that handlers from other districts will stay and help.

**July 18-19<sup>th</sup>- WSDA Practical Workday at the  
Soppe's**

Starting at 2 pm and working thru the evening on Saturday. We will be gathering sheep out of the pastures, moving sheep thru the corrals and chutes. We will have it set up for all levels of dogs, from novice to open dogs.

Pot luck Saturday night. We invite everyone to join us for breakfast Sunday morning. At this time, we are open to anything on Sunday, from more corral work to running a small fun trial. Let us know what might work for you!

David and Cindy Soppe- [soppe@rtconnect.net](mailto:soppe@rtconnect.net) or [307-738-2248](tel:307-738-2248)



**STATE FAIR SHEEP DOG TRIAL IS  
AUGUST 8, 2015**

**Check the website for class offerings!  
Great news-only a rabies certificate is required this  
year to compete at the Wyoming State Fair  
Douglas, WY**

**For more information: Cindy Soppe 307-738-2248**

**AUGUST 22-23, 2015  
SOUTHERN BIG HORN GATHERING  
HARLAN/SOPPE TRIAL-OPEN CLASS ONLY**

For more information call David Soppe 307-738-2248

# NORTHERN PLAINS SHEEPDOG TRIAL

June 26 & 27th 2015

Hosted by Kevin & Lennie Kempenich at Kempenich Livestock, Inc. Bowman, ND  
Sanctioned by USBCHA

Two trials: Open, Open Ranch, Nursery & 1 Novice

Judge: Mike Goracke

Entries Open: April 1st and close May 10th, 2015. No money refunded after closing date. U.S. funds. Checks will be deposited on May 15, 2015.

Entry Fees: Open - \$63.00/dog/trial, 2 dog limit, send separate check for 3rd dog

Open Ranch - \$45.00/dog/trial

Nursery - \$33.00/dog/trial

Novice - \$30.00/dog only one run

Open Ranch & Nursery will be run together

Concessions on the grounds.

Camping available no hookups or electricity

Send entries to: Shannon Fritz

15681 Elk Creek Rd

Beach, ND 58621

Entry questions: Shannon Fritz- 701-872-4496 or stone\_ranch@hotmail.com

Trial questions: Jan Stebbins - 701-523-5548 or janstebbs@yahoo.com

Dog	Open 1	Open 2	OR 1	OR 2	Nur 1	Nur 2	Nov 1	Entry Fee
	\$63	\$63	\$45	\$45	\$33	\$33	\$30	

We reserve the right to limit entries as needed.

TOTAL ENTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Shannon Fritz NPSDT

Please print legibly:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Read and sign:** I certify that I am the owner or duly authorized agent of the owners of the dogs entered above. I agree to hold Kevin & Lennie Kempenich and Kempenich Livestock Inc., the trial committee and the property where the trial is held harmless from claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person, dog, stock or thing by the act of the dog while in or upon the trial area or near any entrance thereto and I assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim. I further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for damages or injuries to the dog incurred due to negligence of or any of the aforementioned parties or by negligence of any other person or any other cause or causes. In case of injury to any stock by the dog, I will assume financial responsibility for any damages. I will pay \$300.00 for any sheep killed, seriously injured or the veterinarian bill if so required.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Promotional Money Available through the Wyoming Stock Dog Association

A maximum of \$600.00 per year of funds are available for distribution to our members for activities that promote the working stock dog. These funds will be distributed in amounts of up to but not over \$300.00 for activities January through June and up to but not over \$300.00 for activities July through December.

Promotional monies are available upon application from a current Wyoming Stock dog Association Member in good standing to promote the working stock dog. Funding for these projects comes from fund raising activities that are being held each year. If the fund raising projects do not raise enough money to supply the funds for the following year the promotional monies will not be offered for that year or offered at a lower rate as the funds allow. If the funds designated for that year are not applied for or awarded they will be carried over to the following year at the discretion of the current board members.

In the first year of implementing this option, the organization will open up the application process for funds in the amount of up to but not over \$600.00 for any activities held during the year of 2015. A deadline date of May 1, 2015 is set for the first year's application to be submitted. A written request detailing how it will promote the working stock dog, and the amount of money needed must be submitted to prior to the deadlines of December 15, for activities held during the following January through June, and May 1, for activities held during the following June through December for all subsequent years.

Disbursements will be made when a detailed report of the expenses is received by the WSDA no later than four weeks following the closing date of the activity. The expenses will be presented to the board for review and disbursement. Failure to provide a suitable accounting may result in a revocation of the fund distribution. The Wyoming Stock Dog Association Board will notify the applicants of the Board's decision within 45 days of the deadline dates.

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### Wyoming Stock Dog Association Application

**Project Name:** Please give the name of the activity for which funds are requested \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates:** Please provide the starting and ending dates of the activity

**Starting:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WSDA Member Applicant/Contact Name:** Member responsible for requesting the funds and to whom the funds should be sent:

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Activity Description:** Provide a detail description of the activity and how the funds will be used to put on the activity:

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**Benefits:** Describe how the project will benefit the working stock dog and further the goals of the WSDA.

I understand that any funds received for this project from the Wyoming Stock Dog Association are to be used for the stated purpose only. Any unused funds are to be returned to the Wyoming Stock dog Association. A final report, including copies of all receipts will be provided to the Wyoming Stock dog Association no later than four weeks after the completion of the project.

**Sign:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit your application to: Dana Ingalls, WSDA Secretary, 153 Holmes Road, Hulett, WY 82720



## 2015 Membership Application

New Membership  Renewal

Individual (1 vote) \$20  Family (2 votes) \$30

You may pay for your membership for five years if you wish, please check here and multiply the individual or family membership fee by five

Your membership information will be listed on our web ([www.wyomingstockdog.com](http://www.wyomingstockdog.com)) site unless you check here

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Member's Names \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Work Cell

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like your newsletter mailed via hard copy  emailed



Wyoming Stock Dog Group facebook account is available to members only. If you would like to be added please look us up on facebook and ask to be part of our group. One of our administrators will approve your request.

Use this area to tell us what you would like to see the WSDA do. Any changes to the website, things you would like to see in the newsletter, etc

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Please do not hesitate to call our secretary with any questions: Joan Finch (605) 440-0439

Make checks payable to: Wyoming Stockdog Association

Mail to: Wyoming Stockdog Association  
% Rita Snodgrass, Treasurer  
600 N Happy Glen Lane  
Evansville, WY 82636

## ***New News for Ewes***

The **Thermopolis trial** is coming together, we have a meeting with their board on March 10th to confirm that and then we will be organizing and getting entries for June 19th and 20th. There is an arena trial in Powell on July 11th and Hyatteville May 30 I believe. Keep checking with us and we will get more details for that.

David and Cindy have a **practical workday** in July also and we will be having one in October here. Their Mountain trial information is in this newsletter. Should be another beautiful trial.

**State Fair and GAC** are coming together nicely for our later summer trials. Cindy and Rita will have entries up on those as soon as the details are finalized.

Joni has the **Slash J trial** on Memorial Day weekend, information is on our website and our FB page. This will also be the District 2 finals so will be a couple days of some fantastic runs! Ron Enzeroth will be judging that.

Lennie and Kevin Kempenich are hosting the **Northern Plains SDT** in Bowman ND June 26 and 27th. Contact: Shannon Fritz 701 872-4496 / stone-ranch@hotmail.com or Jan Stebbins 701 523-5548 / janstebbs@yahoo.com. Entry form is in this mailing.

Laura Pearson is having a 3 day **Jack Knox Clinic** August 14–16th. Also Sublette County Fair Arena Trial in Big Piney on July 25, with a Sawyer Brown Concert to follow the trial! Contact: Laura Pearson 307-350-5640 laura.grlivestock@gmail.com

The WSDA will once again be doing the **Winter Trials in Gillette**. Penny has asked that we take over the running of these. We thank Penny for her work on these trials and look forward to her having time to run her dogs more! Arena is reserved for the same weekends as always.

I believe Rita has the new **email addresses** up and running so now you just have to type in president@wyomingstockdog.com or treasurer or vice-president or whoever you would like to reach. We all thought that would be a much easier way than trying to keep track of all of our different emails. Kudos to Rita for doing such a great job with the website and treasurer jobs both.

We have decided to use our **Facebook page and webpage** to advertise our silent auction items. If you see an item pinned to the top of the page this has been donated to be sold with the proceeds going to the WSDA to help sponsor our events. You can bid on the items directly on the FB page or if you would like to remain anonymous, message me and we can take care of it! The first Silent Auction has been a grand success for the Association. Dale Bulkley donated a Richard Bailey Crook and the bids closed March 5th. Our high bid was \$200. More information to follow. Cindy and David are going to Raffle a nice wool blanket but we will also have that on the Facebook and web pages so you can contact them for tickets. Rita and Barb are donating some nice picture trays that they have done. Keep a lookout for the next item and if anyone would like to donate something for this let us know.

## ***New News for Ewes Continued***

You will find the **Promotional Fund** application in this newsletter also. If you want to put an event on that promotes the working stock dog and would like to have the Association help sponsor your event please fill out this application and send it to us. The requirements are in the application. We are also working on a banner that we would like to put up at all events that we sponsor or are a part of.

**Memberships** are still coming in but we would like to see more of our previous members come back with us and new members are always welcome! We will include a membership application in this mailing that you can fill out and send to us if you would like. The Facebook page is for paid members only. We are going to be keeping results, entries, litters, working dog related items for sale or wanted by the members, our auctions and any other dog related news happenings or musings that members care to post. I would like to post some pictures of our past members and dogs at trials or working on the ranch on our website as an archive and on the Facebook page for all of us to enjoy. Please consider letting us share some of the history of the Association if you have these old pictures.

The **Association By-laws** are on the home page of the website. Kind of dry reading but if you are night calving or lambing or just can't sleep check them out! Anyone who doesn't have internet access but would like to see a copy of call me and I can send them to you. You can also contact me for any other items on those pages. If you are connected to the web our website is **[www.wyomingstockdog.com](http://www.wyomingstockdog.com)** and the Facebook page is just **Wyoming Stock Dog Association**. Again you must be a paid member for access to the Facebook group. This is a closed group to help protect our privacy as much as we can on FB.

We are also drafting **Trial Guidelines** for the WSDA to eliminate some of the confusion that we saw in the past year or so. We will be defining the individual classes and conduct and procedures at WSDA trials. Most generally this follows USBCHA rules but we can offer additional classes that they do not cover. We will put this up on the website and Facebook when completed. Feel free to contact us with any input or concerns that you have and would like to address.

Your **board** is meeting on a regular basis through the miracles of modern technology and conference calling so we will be adding new information all the time. You as members can contact any one of us at any time with ideas or concerns or questions in general. We are here to help and keep our association going strong.

Lots going on so keep in touch! Don't miss the next **newsletter deadline**, June 1st!

Jeanne Bulkley  
President  
Wyoming Stock Dog Association