

# The NASDN News

## Around the Water Bowl

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### **March Mini Seminar**

Having just returned from NASDN's first mini seminar. I must say I had a great time. The area was beautiful for training. I have to say Tom and Joan have a great place. Thank you both for having us.

#### **Advanced Mantrailing:**

John, Steve and Fred were the instructors for Advanced Mantrailing and everyone I talked to said they had a great time. But then just sitting around and listening to their stories is an education in itself. There is a lifetime of knowledge that one could soak up. I am attaching class critiques to each class from the students please read and see what you missed.

- 1) Fred, Steve and John are great Instructors. Helped in an constructive, positive way.
- 2) Aging tracks and trails is different would suggest not using instructors as victims possibly have multiple subjects in area, I do appreciate the instructors dedication.
- 3) Everyone was taught how to lay and erase his or her tracks for future trainings. And I must say Steve we have it on video for sale we are calling it the *Tracklayers Twist*. It's a great dance. I'm trying to add it to music at this time any suggestions. Maybe "*You Ain't Nothing but a Hound Dog*"?

#### **Cadaver:**

Bill and Mary did a great job with the cadaver class. They had some really good problems for everyone to work. On the second day they went to the local fire station and did building search and everyone seems to have had a great time.

- 1) Set up some very good problems shared their knowledge and expectations had a great time.
- 2) Very impressed with Bill and Mary easy to talk to. Very impressed with their ethical standards and knowledge hope to work with them again.

#### **Beginning and Intermediate Mantrailing:**

Deb and Dawn taught the Beginning Mantrailing class and I attended that for 2 days, playing victim along with Dave Blaylock. Here too is a pair of girls who have extreme wealth of knowledge to share and happy to share what they know.

- 1) First time with NASDN and it was wonderful and very educational. Learned a lot about reading my dog lots of handler issues addressed very positive and fulfilling

Looking forward to the next seminar Instructors were stern honest and fair Happy dogs make happy students the Canadian connection was great.

- 2) Being my first seminar I learned a lot the instructors were excellent their knowledge and abilities to bring it to a level of understanding. If the trainers are all as good I will be back.
- 3) Being my first seminar I found it to be a very worthwhile experience the quality of the instructors were excellent Looking forward to more.
- 4) Deb and Dawn rock.

### **Air scent:**

Tom and Jane did the Air scenting class a here also is two instructors who have been working dogs for years and have a vast knowledge of what they are instructing.

- 1) I had so much to learn from Jane, with 2 instructors would have liked to have had 2 problems going at one time than switch instructors once in a while.
- 2) Excellent presentation of thoughts with explanations size of class was excellent

So I hope everyone sees what you missed and will come to the next seminar that is in Nebraska. Keep your eye on the web site for the information.

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### **Complaints**

The following is my opinion and my opinion only.

Please remember this is your organization. You make NASDN not just the board but also the members. You can be part of the solution or part of the problem, I have seen NASDN over the years struggle but last. If you read about any of the SAR organizations on the web you will see they all have their problems. But we have a good foundation. Don't be afraid the make suggestions new ideas will help us grow.

Evaluations for everyone who attempted and failed the "stand" well Mary made a suggestion to have it removed. There will still be a distance control problem but not the stand. I can say I never have used the stand at a search but I have used the sit and down.

Also to evaluate will cost you more this fall. The cost has gone up to \$50.00 in American money. I for one voted against this. I feel search and rescue costs enough and adding more fees to an already expensive operation is not needed. But sorry to say I was out voted so now the fee is as stated above.

Also, I want to touch on the evaluation. Keep in mind it is not a certification. I heard several people say it was and were surprised when I informed them that NASDN does not certify. Due to the liability we do not offer a certification. If you need or want a certification you need to look at such organizations as NAPWDA, LET'S, NOCDS or AKC, I am sure there are more out there.

I hope we will see everyone at the fall seminar keep checking the web site for dates and location.  
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