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Mid-Atlantic MADness
 c/o Janet L. Gauntt
 10489 State Route 108
 Columbia, MD 21044



September 19th & 20th, 2009

Twentieth USDAA[®] Sanctioned Tournament Event & Agility Test

Judges	Alison Bryant, Ball Ground, GA Greg Fontaine, Clemmons, NC Claire Schwartz & Janet Gauntt (CMJ) - measuring		
Classes <small>(tentative order)</small>	2010 Dog Agility Steeplechase[®] Performance Speed JumpingSM Championship and Performance Classes - All Levels Jumpers offered each day		
		Saturday	Sunday
	Alison Bryant	Masters/PIII Jumpers Masters/PIII Gamblers Masters/PIII Standard Masters/PIII Pairs	Masters/PIII Standard Masters/PIII Snooker Starters/PI Snooker Masters/PIII Jumpers
	Greg Fontaine	Advanced/PII Jumpers Starters/PI Jumpers Steeplechase/PSJ Rnd 1 Advanced/PII Gamblers Starters/PI Gamblers Advanced/PII Standard Starters/PI Standard Advanced/PI Pairs Starters/PI Pairs	Starters/PI Standard Advanced/PII Standard Steeplechase/PSJ Rnd 2 Advanced/PII Snooker Starters/PI Jumpers Advanced/PII Jumpers
Location	Outdoors on Grass, Electronically Timed Gamber and Community Fire Company Niner Rd, Gamber, Maryland		
Closing Date	6 pm. Wednesday, September 2 Secondary closing for advancement in level only: 6 pm, Monday September 14. Early Bird Drawing deadline: August 15 (see Notice to Competitors)		
 Member Group	USDAA [®] , Agility Dog Champion [®] , Agility Dog [®] , Advanced Agility Dog [®] , Master Agility Dog [®] , and Dog Agility Steeplechase [®] are registered trademarks, and Jumpers Masters SM , GamblerMaster SM , Relay Master SM , Snooker Master SM , Performance Dog I SM , Performance Dog II SM , Performance Dog III SM , Veteran Agility Dog SM , Veteran Advanced Agility Dog SM , Performance Speed Jumping SM and Accomplished Performance Dog SM are service marks of United States Dog Agility Association. Inc.		

Organizing Committee

Test Chairman..... Barb Atkinson, 5923 Old Washington Rd., Sykesville, MD 21784, 410-552-3804
Secretary..... Janet L. Gauntt, 10489 State Route 108, Columbia, MD 21044, 410-715-9923
Chief Ring Steward..... Jean Marie Wilkins
Equipment Managers Claire Schwartz and Mark Friedman
Trophies & Awards Penny Miller

This event is sanctioned by the United States Dog Agility Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as USDAA. The rules and regulations of the United States Dog Agility Association, Inc., as amended March 30, 2007, shall apply at this event.

Entries & Closing Date

All entries must be received no later than 6 pm, Wednesday, September 2. However, those entered may change the class level of their entry until 6:00 pm, Monday, September 14 by phone (410-715-9923), or by email (JLGAuntt@aol.com). No other changes or alterations are permitted after Monday, September 14.

To be accepted, entries must be complete, signed (for junior handlers, signed by parent or legal guardian), received by the closing date, and accompanied by the correct fees as indicated below. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry. There will be a \$25.00 service charge for returned checks. Payment of entry fees and service charges shall be made in cash or money order within 30 days of postmark of notice of returned check when notification is received after event date. Any fees not received within 30 days of notice result in cancellation of event results for all classes for the registration number(s) of delinquent entry/entries. No reinstatement of results is possible, and all awards must be returned within 10 days of notification, or the dog's registration may be suspended pending restitution. Any unpaid fees or shortfalls must be paid prior to the start of the event or entry is canceled without recourse by owner/handler.

You must file a separate entry form if you:

- Enter more than one dog (i.e. only one dog per form)
- Enter the same dog in two different jump height divisions in different Championship program or different Performance program classes. For example, if you want to enter a dog in 22" in the championship standard and non-standard classes, and 26" in a tournament class such as the Steeplechase, you must use two separate entry forms. Remember that you may only enter the Championship or the Performance version of any class, and you may enter at only one height division in that class.

You do not need to file a separate entry form if you:

- Enter the same dog in different program classes. For example, if you want to enter a dog in 22" Master Standard and 16" in PIII Gamblers, you can use the same entry form.

All dogs must be registered with USDAA (registration has a "U" prefix). You may register online at www.usdaa.com, General Information, to obtain a registration number immediately and a measurement card prior to the show. A registration form is enclosed with this Agility Test Schedule that may be submitted with any entry that does not bear a valid USDAA registration number. This Agility Test Schedule that may be submitted with any entry that does not bear a valid USDAA registration number.

You may send this form to the show secretary with your entry **OR** to receive a registration number immediately and a measurement card prior to the show, register online at www.usdaa.com, General Information.

- DOG REGISTRATION APPLICATION. \$20.00**
 JUNIOR HANDLER REGISTRATION APPLICATION. \$17.00

Dogs must be registered with USDAA in order to compete in USDAA sanctioned events. A registration card and number with a "U" prefix will be issued to facilitate entry at USDAA events and tracking of show results in the regular classes.

Junior handlers (those 18 years of age and younger) and their dogs must be separately registered for participation in the USDAA's Junior Handler Program (UJHP). A registration number with a "J" prefix will be assigned for use in entering UJHP events. A dog that is expected to compete in both programs (regular classes and UJHP) must be registered separately for each program. If registering for both programs at the same time, the total fee is \$37.00.

If you have not already registered, complete the form below and include the appropriate amount per dog with your entry for the Mid-Atlantic MADness trial. Make the check payable to Mid-Atlantic MADness.

You must complete ALL information for a valid registration:

FOR USDAA USE ONLY:	
REG #	UJHP #
_____	_____

OWNER/HANDLER INFORMATION:

Primary Owner: _____

Co-Owner: _____ Handler: _____
(if different from primary owner)

Junior Handler: _____ Telephone: _____
(This line required for junior handler registration only) (Day telephone, if possible)

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Email Address: _____

DOG INFORMATION:

Formal Name: _____ Call Name: _____
(Name to appear on certificates; please print clearly or type)

Breed: _____ Birthdate: _____ Height @Withers: _____
(Specify breed or state "All American" to denote mix-breed) (Estimate if unknown) (To nearest 1/4")

Agility Test Class Descriptions and Information

GENERAL: Two certification programs will be offered at this event – Championship and Performance. Competitors may enter both Championship and Performance Program classes for which they are eligible. Classes include standard agility, gamblers, jumpers, snooker, and pairs relay as set forth in chapters 3-7 of USDAA Rules and Regulations, each of which are conducted at three competitive levels. Under NO circumstance may a dog be entered in the same Championship and Performance class on the same day at this event. (Example: standard at any level in both Championship and Performance)

CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM CLASSES: Please see the USDAA Rules for details, Chapters 3-5, on the web at http://www.usdaa.com/rulesReg_eBook.cfm

PERFORMANCE PROGRAM CLASSES: Please see the USDAA Rules for details, Chapter 7, on the web at http://www.usdaa.com/rulesReg_eBook.cfm

NON-STANDARD CLASSES – GAMBLERS, JUMPERS, SNOOKER, and PAIRS RELAY: These non-standard classes are scored and judged pursuant the provisions of Chapters 6 & 7 of USDAA Rules and Regulations. Please see the USDAA Rules for details on the web at http://www.usdaa.com/rules_eBook.cfm.

Pairs Relay; in the event only one dog is entered in a program/level, un-entered dogs or dogs from another program/level may NOT be recruited to form a qualifying pair. Effective 1-1-09, Pairs Relay is required for all levels in Performance.

Tournament Event Description and Information

TOURNAMENT CLASSES PLEASE NOTE: Rules for 2010 have not been finalized. The following is provided for general information only. 2010 rules will be posted at the event. The following Tournament classes are open to all competitors regardless of skill level or titles earned A copy of the tournament regulations for each tournament may be found on the USDAA website at www.usdaa.com.

Dog Agility Steeplechase® Local Qualifier & Performance Speed JumpingSM Qualifier: A dog may not be entered in both Steeplechase and Speed Jumping at this event. A qualifying score is earned in Round 1 pursuant to the complete rules which are hereby incorporated by reference. Steeplechase: One qualifying score as described in the complete rules is required for entry in a Regional Championships, and two are required for entry in the quarterfinals in the World Championships. Speed Jumping: Two qualifying scores as described in the complete rules are required for entry in the semifinals at the World Championships.

Agility Test Prizes and Awards

- First through fourth place rosettes will be awarded for placement in each jump height in the standard classes. Maroon ribbons will be awarded to all qualifiers.
- First through fourth place rosettes will be awarded for placement in each jump height in the non-standard classes. Maroon ribbons will be awarded to all qualifiers in non-standard titling classes.
- First through fourth place rosettes will be awarded for placement in the Mini division and in the Open division of the Pairs relay classes. Maroon ribbons will be awarded to all qualifiers in the pairs classes.

- Steeplechase / Performance Speed Jumping Awards: Money payout pursuant to online chart based upon 20% of total entry fees per tournament. In addition, first through fourth place rosettes will be awarded for placement in each jump height.

Directions to the Gamber Fire Company grounds:

From north end of Baltimore, take I-695 to I-795. Exit from I-795 onto Rt 140 West towards Westminster. Turn left onto 91 South at the traffic light. Go to the second traffic light (3.1 miles) and turn right onto 32 North (Sykesville Rd). Go 0.3 mile and turn right onto Niner Rd just before the Gamber Fire Station. Turn into the parking lot behind the firehall and park on the grass below the pavilions.

From Westminster, go East on Rt 140 and turn right onto 91 South at the light. Follow the directions above.

From the south, take I-70 West from Baltimore, or East from Frederick. Exit onto 32 North at Exit 80. After you pass the main intersection in Eldersburg (Hwy 26, Liberty Rd), you will continue north for 5 miles to the traffic light at 91. Do not turn here, but continue north for 0.3 miles to Niner Rd and follow the directions above.

If using a web search engine or GPS unit to determine directions, use the address 3838 Niner Rd, Finksburg MD, 21048

Hotels That Accept Dogs

The first hotel listed is our customary hotel with reasonable rates allowing multiple dogs with no pet fee that is located approximately 15 minutes from the site. **BOOK EARLY !!!**

The Boston Inn 533 Baltimore Blvd., Westminster, MD 21157. (410) 848-9095 or (800) 634-0846. A block of 40 rooms has been booked under the name Mid-Atlantic MADness

Quality Inn 420 Prospect Blvd., Frederick, MD 21701. (301) 695-6200 or (877) 424-6423. Approx 30-40 minutes from the site.

Budget Inn, 4500 Old National Pike, Mt. Airy, MD21771. (301) 829-1474. 2 adults. (This hotel is closer than Quality Inn but has only 12 rooms total).

These hotels all state one pet per room and are located 30-40 minutes from the site:

Motel 6 1654 Whitehead Ct. (I-695- and Security Blvd, behind the Days Inn), Woodlawn, MD. (410) 265-7660. About 30 min from site.

Red Roof Inn (I-95 and SR 175 at Rt 1) 8000 Washington Blvd, Jessup MD, 20794. (410) 796-0380. About 40 min from site.

Red Roof Inn (I-83 and Timonium Rd) 111 W. Timonium Rd., Timonium, MD. (410) 666-0380. About 40 min from site.

Notice to Competitors

Competitors, through submission of entry, acknowledge that they are knowledgeable of USDAA rules and regulations including, but not limited to, the following rules regarding entry:

- This test is open to all dogs being at least eighteen months of age including purebred and non-purebred, except bitches in season, dogs suffering from any deformity, injury or illness that may affect the dog's physical or mental performance, or dogs exhibiting signs of aggression.
- All dogs must be registered with the USDAA and have a "U" or "A" number in order to compete in USDAA sanctioned events. Additionally, all junior handlers must be separately registered with their dogs for participation in Junior Handlers Program classes. Registration at a reduced fee may be made online at www.usdaa.com, or registration may be made concurrently with entry to this show, a form for which is included in this Agility Test Schedule.
- No leads, collars, food, toys, or other aids or devices shall be permitted on the course at any time.
- Safety shall always be of foremost consideration at all times. Handlers, through entry at this event, accept full responsibility for themselves and the actions of their dogs.
- The Organizing Committee of an event may refuse the entry of any competitor or dog for just cause should the committee view that participation by competitor or dog would be prejudicial to the sport. However, any committee so doing must notify the competitor in writing (with a copy to the USDAA office) in anticipation of or upon receipt of entry. The notice must include the reason for refusing the entry and a brief explanation of the basis for their decision. The burden of responsibility for appropriateness of such action rests solely with the host group and its Organizing Committee.
- Agility obstacles shall meet the requirements of USDAA rules and regulations.
- THERE SHALL BE NO REFUNDS for entries withdrawn after the closing date or in the event a dog and/or handler are dismissed from competition, regardless of reason for such dismissal.
- No entry fee will be refunded if the Test cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, Act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, strike, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizers.
- Fault limits may be imposed at the discretion of the organizing committee or judge.
- This event will be held OUTDOORS on an open, grassy field. Bring your own chair & provisions for shade.
- Overnight parking is allowed for RVs, cars, and tent campers by pre-approval only for a fee of \$15/night for RVs and \$5/night for cars/tents. Electrical hookup is available, but come prepared to share. Contact trial secretary at JLGauntt@aol.com for more information.
- Check-in and measuring are from 7:00 am to 7:30 am both days. Judges' briefings will begin at 7:45 am on Saturday. There will be no equipment familiarization at this event; warm-up jumps will be provided.
- All dogs must be measured prior to being checked in UNLESS the dog is jumping 26" (22" in Performance), the handler sent a copy of the permanent card or presents a permanent card, temporary card with 3 signatures awaiting a CMJ or check-in letter issued by USDAA / print out of dog info page from subscriber account indicating the dog is permanently carded.

- Dogs that are required to jump a higher height by virtue of their measurement at this time will be placed first in the running order. Should the dog be unprepared for the higher height, it may be run For Exhibition Only, but no awards or qualifying scores may be earned and no change in program is permitted at check-in.
- Competitors may set up and advance check-in between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Friday night. A measuring judge will also be available during this time.
- All competitors through entry at this event waive any and all rights relative to video broadcast of this event. Competitors shall have the right to videotape portions of this event for their personal use only. No portion of this event may be videotaped for commercial or other purposes. All video, broadcast, and telecast rights for this event are the exclusive property of United States Dog Agility Association, Inc.
- Portions of this event may be taped for television. Through entry at this event, ALL COMPETITORS AND HANDLERS HEREBY GRANT to USDAA and its representatives, agents and assign, all rights and permission to use or appropriate his/her and their dog's identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission or distribution in any format or media now known or hereafter to become known. All competitors and handlers hereby release USDAA and its representatives, agents, and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of publicity, right of personality, or any similar right.
- IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR STARTERS COMPETITORS. The rings will be located near, but not immediately adjacent to, a low-traffic, country road (Niner Road). Please consider the degree of control you have over your dog before entering this trial.
- All competitors must park and unload on the grass in the designated areas. Special parking places will be marked off for handicapped individuals who have notified the trial secretary beforehand.
- Electronic timing will be used for this event in two rings.
- Equipment heights are set according to the following table (Championship program heights are shown first, followed by the Performance program heights in parenthesis):

Dog Height	Jump Height	Long Jump (see note)	Table
Over 21"	26" (22")	60" (48")	24" (16")
21" or less	22" (16")	48" (36")	24" (16")
16" or less	16" (12")	36" (20")	16" (12")
12" or less	12" (8")	20" (6")	12" (12")

Note: Re-designed long jump in effect. P-8" dogs jump 2nd board only

- Any competitor whose entry is postmarked by August 15, 2009 will be entered in our **Early Bird Drawing** for a chance to win a premium parking spot and a discount for future trial entries. Note that any checks received by the Early Bird deadline will not actually be deposited until the closing date.
- This year, 2009, is an International Federation of Cynological Sports (IFCS) team selection year. As the U.S. representative of IFCS, USDAA will be sending a team to Europe for the 2010 World Agility Competition. To kick off the fund-raising, USDAA asks that you consider making a donation. All monies donated in this manner will be put directly into a fund for the entire team. Donations of \$50 or more receive benefits as listed in the USDAA Store and should be made through the store at www.usdaa.com.
- More information on the club and site is located at the following url. Running orders and worker schedules will be posted when available at this location as well.

<http://www.MidAtlanticMADness.com>

Official Mid-Atlantic MADness USDAA Entry Form

Saturday & Sunday Sept 19th & 20th, 2009 Test in Gamber, Maryland

Return this completed form with entry fees payable to: **Mid-Atlantic MADness**, c/o Janet L. Gauntt, 10489 State Route 108, Columbia, MD 21044. Entries close at 6:00 pm on Sept 2, 2009. Express Mail entries must include signature permitting them to be delivered recipient signature. If no recipient is present to sign for receipt, entries may be returned to sender. Email inquiries: **JLGauntt@aol.com**.

1. OWNER/HANDLER INFORMATION: Check box if new address:
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Handler, if other than owner: _____

2. DOG'S IDENTIFICATION:
 Dog's Call Name: _____ Registration #: _____
 List USDAA® titles earned: _____ Height At Withers: _____
 Breed: _____ Birthdate: _____

3. HEIGHTS & CLASSES. *CIRCLE HEIGHT, CHECK CLASS LEVEL & WRITE AMT TO LEFT:*

\$	Championship (circle one)				Performance			
	12"	16"	22"	26"	8"	12"	16"	22"
Saturday								
Standard \$13/dog	Starters <input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced <input type="checkbox"/>	Masters <input type="checkbox"/>		Perf I <input type="checkbox"/>	Perf II <input type="checkbox"/>	Perf III <input type="checkbox"/>	
Gamblers \$13/dog	Starters <input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced <input type="checkbox"/>	Masters <input type="checkbox"/>		Perf I <input type="checkbox"/>	Perf II <input type="checkbox"/>	Perf III <input type="checkbox"/>	
Jumpers \$13/dog	Starters <input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced <input type="checkbox"/>	Masters <input type="checkbox"/>		Perf I <input type="checkbox"/>	Perf II <input type="checkbox"/>	Perf III <input type="checkbox"/>	
Pairs \$13/dog	Starters <input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced <input type="checkbox"/>	Masters <input type="checkbox"/>		Perf I <input type="checkbox"/>	Perf II <input type="checkbox"/>	Perf III <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Partner's USDAA #:		Partner's and Handler's Name:		(check if draw entry: <input type="checkbox"/> Partner Jump Hgt:			
Tourna-ment \$21/dog	Steeplechase <input type="checkbox"/>				Performance Speed Jumping <input type="checkbox"/>			
Sunday								
Standard \$13/dog	Starters <input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced <input type="checkbox"/>	Masters <input type="checkbox"/>		Perf I <input type="checkbox"/>	Perf II <input type="checkbox"/>	Perf III <input type="checkbox"/>	
Snooker \$13/dog	Starters <input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced <input type="checkbox"/>	Masters <input type="checkbox"/>		Perf I <input type="checkbox"/>	Perf II <input type="checkbox"/>	Perf III <input type="checkbox"/>	
Jumpers \$13/dog	Starters <input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced <input type="checkbox"/>	Masters <input type="checkbox"/>		Perf I <input type="checkbox"/>	Perf II <input type="checkbox"/>	Perf III <input type="checkbox"/>	
IFCS Donation	\$2 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$5 <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>		If donating \$50 or more, please go to www.USDAA.com			
Over-night Parking	RV: \$15 per night <input type="checkbox"/>	Car/Tent: \$5 per night <input type="checkbox"/>			Number of nights: _____			
Totals								
TOTAL AMOUNT FOR CLASSES ENTERED AND OTHER AMOUNTS								
REGISTRATION (if not registered). \$20/dog. <i>Attach application.</i>								
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED (in US dollars)								

Note that this entry is not valid unless the agreement on the opposite side of this form is completed, signed, dated and submitted with correct fees and received by the initial closing date at the address provided above.

Optional: Attach Copy of YELLOW Height Card Here to expedite day of trial check-in.

GENERAL AGREEMENT: I (we) agree that Mid-Atlantic MADness LLC has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the organizing committee alone shall deem to be sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, of the holding of the event and of the opportunity to have the dog participate and/or to be judged, I (we) agree to hold the organizing committee, Mid-Atlantic MADness LLC, United States Dog Agility Association, Inc., including their members, officers, directors, agents and employees, sponsors of the event, and owners of the premises upon which the event is held and their employees harmless from any claim for loss or injury that may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim. I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss of this dog by disappearance, theft, death or otherwise, and from any claim for damage or injury to the dog, whether such loss, disappearance, appearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person, or any other cause(s).

I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may have been alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents, or any other persons.

I further acknowledge that I have read, understand and will abide by the Official Rules and Regulations of the United States Dog Agility Association, Inc. and the provisions for entry as set forth in the Agility Test Schedule of which this entry form is a part. I acknowledge and represent that the information supplied by me herein is correct to the best of my knowledge; if any portion of this information is found to be invalid or insufficient to establish the validity of my entry, such finding shall render my entry invalid in its entirety, for which there shall be no refund of fees paid. Further, I represent that I am the owner of the dog listed hereon, or that I have full authority as agent for the dog's owner and shall hold Mid-Atlantic MADness LLC, USDAA, including their officers, directors, employees and agents and their sponsors harmless from any liability or claims made by the dog's owner.

Further, I hereby grant to United States Dog Agility Association, Inc., its representatives, agents and assigns, all rights and permission to use or appropriate my and the dog's name, biography, likeness, photograph, voice, performing persona, or other indicia of identity for broadcast, telecast, cablecast, transmission or distribution in any format or media now known or hereafter to become known. I hereby release USDAA, its representatives, agents and assigns from any claim or cause of action for invasion of the rights of privacy, right of personality or any similar right.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(signature of legal guardian if under 18 years of age)

Email Address (optional): _____

Ok to receive entry confirmation by email?: Yes No

(note: if you would like to receive confirmation of entry prior to the standard entry confirmations being sent out, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard with your entry)

I would be willing to work classes at this trial: Yes -one per day Yes -more than one
 Mid-Atlantic MADness members, please check here: Yes - I am a club member

Circle

Preferred Jobs Scribe Timer Gate Steward Ring Steward
 Score Table Score Runner Leash Runner Course Builder

Comments: