

SMART April 21-April 22, 2018 USDAA General Information

<u>Check-in Schedule (check in only on your first day)</u>	
Sat/Sun Check-in/measure-in,:	7:00-7:45AM
Sun Walk thrus, first dog:	7:45, 8:00AM
You must <u>check in</u> if your confirmation says "no height card on file". If you have a certified height, bring either your plastic permanent height card or a screen shot of your USDAA dog record.	

There are 159 dogs entered, 1,163 runs. There shouldn't be any conflicts between the two masters/tournament rings because we'll be running them in rotation groups for most classes. Conflicts between the masters rings and the non-masters ring should be resolved by putting a "C" (for conflict) by your name on the masters/tourney ring running order – give priority to Adv/St classes – since there's so much room to move you around in the masters/tourney class. Except for masters snooker, of course, as always.

If you want to get home before your bedtime, we'd be hugely in your debt if you personally invested yourself in helping us out:

1. Volunteer to set poles or run scribe sheets. It can't be overstated how much faster a class goes if more people jump up quick as a bunny and pitch in EVEN IF ONLY FOR TEN MINUTES. Seriously. And THIS TRIAL, of all trials, is the place to see for yourself. Be That Awesome Person!
2. LISTEN to announcements about where your group should be when!
3. Check in *early and often* at the rings you're running in and inform the gate stewards *as soon as you can* about possible conflicts.
4. *Stay within shouting distance of your gate steward when you are within 5 dogs of running.*

LUNCH

Lunch FOR WORKERS will be provided. We have volunteers helping to make sure there is food. No other food is available on-site. Fast food and delis are a five minute drive away. Make time to stop by Starbucks on your way in, no plans for coffee on site.

Workers: check out the White Boards!

We aren't creating worker schedules in advance except to position a couple full-timers. We're going to be trying the "Dozen Dog method", wherein we have faith that people will step up whenever they have a moment to work for a dozen dogs' runs. People will be able to step down when their moment is passed, if the next person steps up.

Every time you work, you'll get tickets for the Workers Raffle that take place at the end of each day. And did I mention the free lunch? And extra good karma luck on your runs?

NO BARKING DOGS

Be aware that this location is in a residential area. We do not want to lose this location. If your crated dog barks in the crating area or in your car, we will give you one opportunity to quiet your dog. If the barking continues, you will be asked to leave. No refunds will be provided. This pertains to RV people as well as day competitors.

Directions

Thorson's Arena
Watsonville Court, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

From the San Francisco/Oakland/San Jose: From 101 south through Morgan Hill, take the Tennant Ave exit west. Turn left onto Monterey Rd. Turn right onto Watsonville Rd. Follow 2 miles to Watsonville Ct. Facility is on your left.

From Salinas/Monterey: From 101 north through Morgan Hill, take San Martin Ave exit west. Turn right onto Santa Teresa Blvd. Turn left onto Watsonville Rd at the 4-way stop. Follow to Watsonville Ct. Facility is on your left.

The site is indoors on dirt. Parking is limited so please don't take up more than one parking space. Crating inside is limited, so please consider crating out of your car, or taking up as small a footprint inside as you can manage.

RVing: do not arrive before Friday at 1:00pm

All RV'ers, this means YOU! If you show up earlier you will be put to work. RV'ing (all dry, no tenting or car camping) may only be done by advance reservation. If you wish to RV and haven't already, contact Holly ASAP holly@agilepooch.com.

Friday Set-up: if you want to help with set-up, RSVP to Katrina at maddiemalcolm@gmail.com

If you can help with set-up, we'd love to have you! RV'ers and setup help can arrive at 1pm. Two things: [1] throw down your mat to save your crating spot before you jump into course building, [2] please park on the BATHROOM side of the arena, so the RV parking side is left open for maximum RV maneuvering.

MAPS – IMPORTANT NOTE!

SMART has always prided itself on environmental awareness. One goal is to reduce paper usage at trials. At the New Year's trial, we reduced the ringside scoring paper by providing monitors with real-time results. This trial, we're targeting maps. Here's what you need to know:

1. Competitor maps WILL NOT be printed for any numbered courses in Masters or Tournament classes. Maps WILL be printed for Masters Gamblers and Snooker, as well as all Starters and Advanced classes.
2. Full-size maps for the unprinted classes will be posted on by the announcer's booth - review there, take a picture, whatever.
3. As a bonus, Kama (one of the Masters judges) will be posting all of the unprinted maps for the day on her website at 3am each morning, giving you the option of printing your own copies if you want. (I know, not quite fair to the 7 RV'ers, but this is a bonus.) <http://www.kamalovesagility.com>

Scoring, Questions, Problems

We will have monitors displaying real time results for all rings, and we will post the results of your runs near the score tables, usually within minutes of the end of the class. Please DO check right away if you have any questions about your run, or if it's a leg of particular importance to you. It's true the score table is a busy place that needs to do its job without unnecessary interruptions; however it is also true that *you* are our only reason for doing this.

If you have any questions or problems (TP in the bathrooms, running order, scoring issue, rules question, etc.) or *feedback*, feel free to seek out trial chair Katrina Parkinson or trial secretaries Holly Newman and Penni Price or trial committee members or SMART members. Our job is to keep you happy!

For entry questions/corrections close to or during the weekend when you aren't certain I'll read my email, feel free to text/use Holly's cell phone – 707-696-7623.

Schedule

Ring 1 – Masters Kama	Ring 2 – Barbara	Ring 3 – Leslie (Sat), Roger (Sun)
Sat (Ch-Pf-Vt. Tall to Small) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mas Gam (r) Biath Jmp (r) Mas Jmp (r) Adv-St Jmp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mas Std (r) Biath Std (r) Mas Snk (r) Mas Prs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adv/St Gam Adv/St Std Adv/St Prs Adv/St Snk Steeplechase
Sun (Vt-Pf-CH Small to Tall) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mas Prs Mas Std (r) Mas Snk (r) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St-Adv Prs Mas Gam (r) GP (r) Mas Jmp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adv/St Gam Adv/St Std Adv/St Snk Adv/St Jmp

Site Layout

