

SMART January 10-11 2015 USDAA General Information

Check-in Schedule (check in only on your first day)

Both days check-in/measure-in: 7:15-7:45AM

Both days walkthrus, first dog: 7:45, 8:00AM

❖ You must check in if you didn't send in your plastic permanent height card with your entry. Emails of scans of proof of your permanent card are also accepted.

There are 170 dogs entered (763 runs Saturday and 550 runs Sunday). There shouldn't be any conflicts between the two masters/tournament rings because we'll be running them in rotation groups. 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 st/adv 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, ETC

Breakfast yummys and lunch will be provided by our own Derede and Diana. Workers get coupons for free lunches. No other food is available on-site. Fast food and delis are a 5 minute drive away.

Workers: check out the White Boards!

We aren't creating worker schedules in advance except to position a couple fulltimers. 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?

Scoring, Questions, Problems

We will post the results of your runs near the score tables, usually within minutes of your run. Please DO check them 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 Vici Whisner or trial secretaries Karey Krauter and Katrina Parkinson 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 Karey's cell phone 650-906-5146.

HEADS UP ABOUT GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE CLOSURE!

Be aware that the Golden Gate Bridge will be CLOSED for construction in both directions to all traffic, starting at 12:01AM Saturday (midnight Friday, meaning those of us that drive down from the north bay at o'dark-thirty Saturday morning need to go another way), and reopening at 4:00AM Monday morning (meaning those of us returning to the north bay after the trial need to go another way). Details can be had at <http://goldengate.org/>.

Directions

Thorsen'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 1PM

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 Karey ASAP kek@bumpsays.com.

Friday Set-up: if you want to help with set-up, RSVP to Vici at viciwhiz@charter.net.

If you can help with Friday set-up, we'd love to have you! Set-up workers get first priority for crating spots and our undying gratitude. Nonworkers who set up before the rings have been built will be asked to MOVE, and believe me when I say that people will be watching for any nonworker who jumps the gun.

Friday Timetable:

1. 1PM-2PM: Only chief coursebuilders, no elves!
2. 2PM-4PM: NOW is when we can use coursebuilder elves and set up workers, thanks! If you come to help set-up, two things:
 - a. Throw your mat down to save your crating spot before you jump in,
 - b. Please park on the BATHROOM side of the arena to leave the RV side of it open for incoming RV's.
3. 4PM **APPROXIMATELY or when all the rings have been built:** nonworkers may start setting up.

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.

Kim O'Conner (Gilbert AZ), Rob Bardenett (Longmont CO), Ann Kitchen (Vacaville CA)
 with thanks to Candy Gaiser supervising Rob's masters classes

Saturday (CH 26/22/18/16/14/12, PF 12/20/16/08, VT)

KIM'S RING (8am start)	ROB'S RING (8am start)	ANN'S RING (8am start)
Masters Prs (tall-sm)	---	Adv - St Gamblers Adv - St Standard
MC Standard GRP A MC Standard GRP B	Masters Jumpers GRP B Masters Jumpers GRP A	Adv - St Pairs Adv - St Jumpers Adv - St Snooker
Grand Prix GRP A Grand Prix GRP B	Steeplechase Rd 1 GRP B Steeplechase Rd 1 GRP A	
Masters Standard GRP A Masters Standard GRP B	Masters Gamblers GRP B Masters Gamblers GRP A	

Sunday (VT, PF 08/16/20/12, CH 12/14/16/18/22/26)

KIM'S RING (800am start)	ROB'S RING (8am start)	ANN'S RING (8am start)
Steeplechase Rd 2 ---	(delay) Masters Pairs (sm-tall)	(delay) Adv - St Gamblers Adv - St Standard Adv - St Pairs Adv - St Snooker
Masters Gamblers GRP A Masters Gamblers GRP B	Masters Standard GRP B Masters Standard GRP A	
Masters Snooker GRP A Masters Snooker GRP B	MC Jumpers GRP B MC Jumpers GRP A	

Site Layout

