

# SMART December 29 – December 31, 2018 USDAA General Information

Check in Schedule, Check in ONLY on your first day

**Check-in/measure-in each day** 7:00-7:30AM

**Walk thrus, first dog each day** 7:45, 8:00AM

**You must check in if you haven't yet submitted proof of permanent height class assignment (either with this entry or for a previous SMART trial). Emails of scans of proof of your permanent card are also accepted.**

There are 192 dogs entered (712 runs on Sat, 715 runs on Sun, and 519 runs on Mon... that's 1954 runs over 3 days!!!). 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

Roger Ly is doing lunch!!! I don't know what it is, but it will be amazing! Vegetarian options guaranteed. Please set a bar, or run a leash to get free lunch each day. If you haven't experienced a Roger Ly lunch, be prepared to be amazed.

Potluck desserts: Please bring a dessert to share. We will need desserts each day. Bring all those Christmas cookies and let others have the calories! Christmas pie, the SMART family will indulge. Last year this was a huge hit, let's make it a tradition!

## 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?

We don't have many fulltimers, so brush off your timing/scribing hats and jump in anywhere you can, even just for a few dogs.

## 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 at 5:30pm

All RV'ers, this means YOU! Please do not arrive until 3:30pm and then, only if you can help with set-up. Otherwise, RVs may arrive at 5:30pm. 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 Katrina ASAP [maddiemalcolm@gmail.com](mailto:maddiemalcolm@gmail.com).

## Friday Set-up: if you want to help with set-up, RSVP to Vici at [viciwhiz@gmail.com](mailto:viciwhiz@gmail.com).

If you can help with set-up, we'd love to have you! 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.

## Set-up Timetable:

- 3pm: Trial Chairs arrive to turn on lights and pump up the volume!!! Roger is working on her playlist as we speak!
- 3pm: Jim/Katrina and trial chairs only.
- 3:30pm: Trailers arrive. If you arrive before 3:30 park on the bathroom side of the arena to make room for our trailers.
- 3:30pm: NOW is when we can use course builder elves and set up workers, thanks! If you come to help set-up, two things:
  - Throw your mat down to save your crating spot before you jump in,
  - Please park on the BATHROOM side of the arena to leave the RV side of it open for incoming RV's.
- 5:30pm: non-setup-helpers and non-setup-RV'ers arrival time
- 6:30pm: **Gates are closed**

## 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.

## 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 Katrina Parkinson and Tracy Duncan 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 Katrina's cell phone 415-336-4672.

## Schedule

Ring 1 – Masters Paco	Ring 2 – Val	Ring 3 - Teri
Fri (Ch-Pf-Vt Tall to Small) except team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masters Gamblers (r) A/off/B</li> <li>• Masters Standard (r)</li> <li>• BIATH Std (r)</li> <li>• Master Prs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team Standard (r) off/B/A</li> <li>• Team Gam (r)</li> <li>• BIATH Jump (r)</li> <li>• Steeplechase Rd 2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steeplechase (r) B/A/done!</li> <li>• St/Adv Std</li> <li>• St/Adv Gam</li> <li>• St/Adv Jmp</li> </ul>
Sat (Ch-Pf-Vt. Tall to Small) except team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team Snk (r)</li> <li>• Mas Snk (r)</li> <li>• Mas Std (r)</li> <li>• Ring down</li> <li>• Team Relay</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team Jmp (r)</li> <li>• Mas Jmp (r)</li> <li>• Mas Gam (r)</li> <li>• PVP Relay</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St/Adv Jmp</li> <li>• St/Adv Snk</li> <li>• St/Adv Gam</li> <li>• St/Adv Std</li> <li>• St/Adv Prs</li> </ul>
Sun (Vt-Pf-CH Small to Tall) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GP (r)</li> <li>• Mas Gam (r)</li> <li>• Mas Jmp (r)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGP (r)</li> <li>• Mas Std (r)</li> <li>• Mas Snk (r)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St/Adv Gam</li> <li>• St/Adv Std</li> <li>• St/Adv Snk</li> <li>• St/Adv Jmp</li> </ul>

## Site Layout

