

AWMA NEWSLETTER

April 1, 2019



2019 AWMA Regional Wrap Up!

This year's first annual Western Regional Championship was hosted by California's own Nomad Schutzhund Club run by Lauren Waters and Regional Director, James Downey. Held in Northern California at the beautiful Willow Tree Ranch and we couldn't have ordered more perfect weather of sunshine after months of rain and flooding. We were honored to have DVG Judge, Jani Turkia and a huge turnout of Oregonians come down and support the region including this year's champion, Adrienne Steinmonts with Phelan du Loups du Soleil. Jani provided excellent critiques and correct judging loved by all the competitors. This year's sportsmanship award was given to Denis Krigbaum for his perseverance throughout the entire trial after injuring his back severely the week before. Instead of pulling, he showed his girl, that he also bred, Collins vom Krigbaum who took Helper's Choice and third place. A big shoutout to our helpers, Pat Driscoll who made the voyage all the way down from Oregon to work the back half and our own, James Downey, on the front half. Nomad's very own, Amy Shiery took vice champion this year with her sassy girl, Aleshanee vom Pawtuxant Land. Congrats to everyone who entered and we had nothing but passes with flying colors. We look forward to next year's event and seeing all the great Malinois in our region.

President
Nomad Schutzhund Club
Lauren Waters



WHY IGP? NEW FCI RULES?

As most of us know, our sport has changed their name from Schutzhund (Protection Dog) to IPO (Internationale Prüfungsordnung/ International Examination Regulation) back in 2004. This first change was to an attempt to give the sport a more accurate name because Schutzhund was misleading as to what these dogs really have to do in order pass and achieve titles.

Recently, we underwent another name change and rule changes, as of January 1, 2019. IPO is now, officially, IGP (International Utility Dog Examination Regulation/Internationale Gebrauchshunde Prüfungsordnung). This was done to have a name that properly depicted the Versatility of the work that the dogs must do in order to achieve titles.

With this new name came some new rules. Here are the pieces that have changed in the routines for each level:

BH-VT

Heeling pattern is slightly shorter. Handler only goes through the group one time, on leash, then back to the start for off leash heeling. The off-leash heeling is the same as on-leash, except ends after the change of speeds. Handler then goes to the start line to begin motion exercises.

IGP 1

Tracking - 3 articles, 1 on each leg and all are worth 7 points each

Obedience – Dumbbells must be thrown 10 meters, Handler must be a minimum of 4 meters from jump or wall, Recall over the A-frame wall (no dumbbell is thrown)

Protection – No search of blind 5, dog will go straight into blind 6. Handler may leash their dog while in the basic position, after the call out of the blind or if handler chooses to pick up the dog from the blind. Leash may (optional) remain on the dog for the set up for the escape. Handler may leash their dog for the side transport. After heeling 30 meters from helper for attack out of motion, handler and dog must assume the basic position to wait for judge's instruction to release the dog.

IGP 2

Tracking - 3 articles, 1 on each leg and all are worth 7 points each

Obedience - Dumbbells must be thrown 10 meters, Handler must be a minimum of 4 meters from jump or wall

Protection –During the back transport, the judge will instruct the helper to stop. The handler will then heel their dog up to the right side of the helper for a side transport to judge. There is no attack out of the Back Transport. After heeling 40 meters from helper for attack out of motion, handler and dog must assume the basic position to wait for judge's instruction to release the dog.

There is an additional re-attack (no stick hits) after the attack out of motion.

IGP 3 – No changes to the routine for tracking, obedience or protection. Just some judge scoring changes.

Alternate Titles: SPr 1-3 (protection, but can only be attained in conjunction with equivalent FPr or UPr), FPr 1-3 (tracking), UPr 1-3 (Obedience), ZTP for breed tests, STp 1-3 (article indication test), IGP-V (IGP suitability test), IFH-V (Tracking suitability test), IGP-FH/ IFH 1-2 (Tracking) and IBGH 1-3 (obedience with added exercises).

Link to the new FCI rules:

<http://www.fci.be/medias/UTI-REG-IGP-en-10245.pdf>

Good Luck Team USA!

FMBB 2019

Pisek, Czech Republic

May 6-12th

IGP Team

Diamond Hansel & Mohawk's Scooter

Ivan Balabanov & J'Ice ot Vitosha

**Bryan Hendricks & Turco vom BR
Maringaland**

Tim Karchnack & Monty Extra Temperment

Natalia Balabanov & B'Aiko ot Vitosha

Christina Hansel & V'Leo ot Vitosha

Mondio Team

MR1 Maggie Klein & Laura

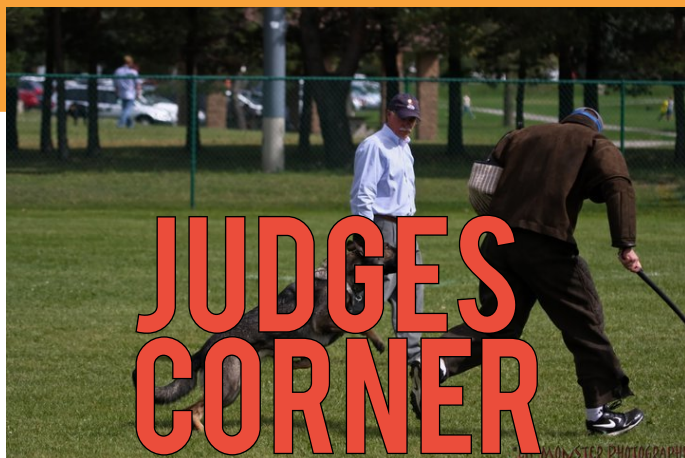
**MR2 Francois Massart & Leyton Walthan
Forest**

**MR3 Paul Anthony & Finnegan des Ombres
Valereaux**

Agility Team

Joan Hagar & Lann Morian Knife

Shane Miller & Stonefox Moonlighting



Did you know that AWMA has a reward based policy in place for utilizing our own judges at a trial?

If your AWMA club utilizes an AWMA judge, that club will get a \$100 dollars back at the end of the year.

Pretty awesome incentive! Get our judges to work :)

New judge is almost ready!

Tim Karchnak has only 5 more IGP3 dogs to judge before he is added to our official licensed judges list! Be on the lookout to add him to your list of AWMA judges to bring in.

How does one get approved to utilize an AWMA judge?

The AWMA will accept any judge from an AWDF member club who has completed a judge's program that has been reviewed and approved by the AWDF. Likewise, any IGP judge licensed by an FCI organization who is approved to judge internationally is acceptable. If there is a question about the acceptability of a specific judge, contact the AWMA Director of Judges, Glenn Stephenson.

- Contact the Judge to see if they are available for your trial dates
- Name of the Judge, Location, Date, & Titles offered are submitted to your Regional Director.
- Upon approval the regional director submits the request to the AWMA Director of Judges.
- Once the AWMA judge is approved no further action is needed

Current list of AWMA licensed judges that can be used for trials:

Glenn Stephenson AWMA license #1
14571 Avery Way
Keenesburg, CO 80643
360-957-5121
glenns@bay-valve.com

Cynthia LaPointe AWMA license #4
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Gadsden, AL 35905
270-792-0675
workingdogworld1@gmail.com

Waine Singleton AWMA license #6
4902 S. Mulberry
St. Anne, IL 60958
708-257-9246
sweetcornkennels@yahoo.com

Apprentice Judges - Approved

Tim Karchnak

Apprentice Judges - Applicants

Natalia Balabanov application 1/2/19

James Downey application 1/8/19



Upcoming Trials

New England Working Malinois Association

Date: May 18-19, 2019

Judge: Mark Chase, USBA

Titles offered: BH, IGP 1-3, OB 1-3, TR 1-3, FH 1-2, IPO FH

Location: Woodstock, CT

Contact:

newenglandworkingmalinois@gmail.com

Big Sky Working Dogs

Date: September 14-15, 2019

Judge: Hartmut Beckmann, DVG/FCI

Titles offered: FCI titles FH titles by prior arrangement only

Contact: Anne Camper

annecamper@gmail.com

AWMA IGP CLUBS

West Region

Arizona

Southern Arizona Malinois Association

Tucson, AZ
Contact: JJ.Belcher
Tel. 520-975-0878

California

Hell's Kitchen Schutzhund Club

Vacaville, CA
Contact: Lauren Waters
lwaters1110@yahoo.com

All Canine Working Dog Club

Fullerton, CA
Contact: [Katie Finlay](mailto:Katie.Finlay)
Website: [All Canine WDC](http://AllCanineWDC)

California Dogsport

San Jose, CA
Contact: Jose Moreno jocomoreno@gmail.com
Tel. 408-914-5143

Nomad Schutzhund Club

Vacaville and Santa Rosa, CA
Contact: Jim Downey jmdowney1@live.com

Colorado

Ouray Working Malinois Club

Salida, CO
Contact: Marsha Boggs
[Ouray Working Dog Club](http://OurayWorkingDogClub)

Hawaii

Hawaii Working Dogs

Honolulu, HI (Oahu)
Contact: James A. Honda
jhonda11@yahoo.com

Kansas

Working Dog Club of Wichita

Wichita, KS
Contact: Jay Kutelik
workingdogclubofwichita@gmail.com

Freedom Working Dogs

Ottawa, KS
Contact: Malinda Weber
(913) 486-2269; Weberhausgsd@hotmail.com

Montana

Big Sky Working Dogs

Bozeman, MT
Contact: Samie Jones samijk9@gmail.com
Website: www.bigskyworkingdogs.com

Nevada

Sin City Working Dog Club

Las Vegas, NV
Contact: Aaron Nelson
Tel. 801-866-9113

Utah

Cache Valley Working Dogs Club (Affiliate status)

Layton, UT
Contact: [Glen Crawford](mailto:Glen.Crawford)

Washington

Cascade Working Belgian Shepherd Dog Club

Olympia, WA
website:
<http://www.dogequipment.com/csc/>
Contact: Les Flores

North Region

Illinois

Midwest Working Dog Association

Calumet City, IL
Contact: [Waine Singleton](mailto:Waine.Singleton)
Tel: 708-257-9246

No Way Jose's Working Dog Club

Decatur, IL
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Team Windy City

Yorkville, IL 60560
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Kentucky

Motor City Working Dogs

Bowling Green 42101
Contact: [John Wiitanen](mailto:John.Wiitanen)
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Massachusetts

South Coast Working Dog Club

Rochester, MA
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Missouri

KC Working Dog Club

Summit, MO
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New Hampshire

Southern New Hampshire Working Malinois Club

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New Jersey

The Society for the Preservation of the Working Mechlese Herder

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OG Gartenstaat

Millstone Township, NJ
Contact: Mark Saccoccio
Superpoochk9@gmail.com
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Pennsylvania

Three Mountains Working Dog Club

New Bloomfield, PA
Contact: [Carol Karchnak](mailto:Carol.Karchnak)
Tel: 717-443-1781

Vermont

New England Working Malinois Association

Colchester, VT
Contact: Amanda Poquette
amanda.poquette@gmail.com
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South Region

Florida

The Florida Working Dog Club

21835 S Hwy 441
High Springs FL 32643
Contact: [Michael Rivers](mailto:Michael.Rivers)
Tel. 386-454-5160

Spirit Working Dog Club

Plant City, FL
Contact: Ivan Balabanov
Tel. 813-707-1293

West Virginia

Podium Belgian Shepherd Working Dog Club

137 Egypt Road
Kearneysville, WV 25430
Contact: [Sabine Ernsting](mailto:Sabine.Ernsting)
Tel. 571.643.1213
Website: <http://www.pbswdc.com>

Regional Directors

West Region- Jim Downey

Contact:

jmdowney1@live.com

North Region - Waine Singleton

Contact:

sweetcornkennels@yahoo.com

South Region - Linda Guidry

Contact:

lindag1@bellsouth.net

AWMA IGP West Region

NEWS

From Your Director
Jim Downey

Congratulations To Our
First Ever

Regional Champion:
Adrienne Steinmonts &
Phelan Loups du Soliel

Vice Champion:
Amy Shiery & Aleshanee
vom Pawtuxantland

3rd Place:
Denis Krigbaum & Collins
vom Krigbaum

We are conducting a T-shirt
drive to build our regional
treasury. Regional
Treasurer will be
announced soon!

Watch out for more news
about an upcoming
training weekend during
the summer.



AWMA IGP North Region

NEWS

From Your Director
Waine Singleton

Save the Date!

September 1, 2019

Annual AWMA BBQ

Hosted By: Midwest
Working Dog Association

Location: St. Anne, Illinois



AWMA IGP South Region

NEWS

From Your Director
Linda Guidry

Congratulations to our
members Ivan & Natalia
Balabanov for making
Team USA for the 2019
FMBB.

We wish Good Luck to:

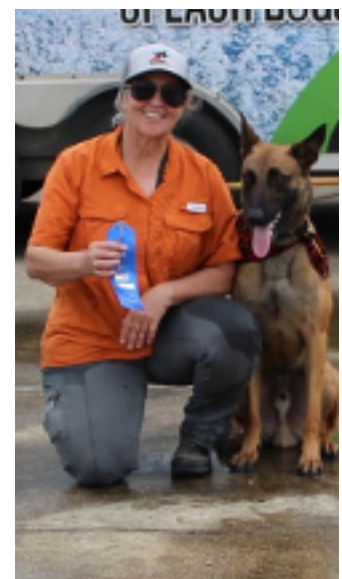
Trisha Harper / Einstein
Force Canina

Ivan Balabanov / J'Ice ot
Vitosha

AND

Jerrett Harris / Mecberger
Qquu

at the 2019 AWDF!



USMRA Corner

Upcoming Trials

Club Trials:

May 18-19, 2019 in Payson, UT

May 25-26, 2019 in Bulverde, TX

May 25-26, 2019 in Hadley, PA

May 25-26, 2019 in Santa Clarita, CA

Theme: RocketMan

June 2 in West St Paul, MN

Theme: Winter Vortex

June 15-16, 2019 in Industry, PA

Theme: Summer Camping

October 19-20, 2019 in Vacaville, CA

Theme: Candy Crush: Because Biting
is So Sweet

October 26, 2019 in Lewisburg, OH

October 26-27, 2019 in Grove City, OH

Theme: Unsolved Mysteries

October 26-27, 2019 in Bulverde, TX

Theme: Halloween

December 15, 2019 in Blossom, TX

Theme: Happy Holidays

USMRA Nationals

Support our
competitors at the
2019 SURF'S UP
Mondioring National
Championship.

Location: Chula Vista,
CA

Date: April 13-14.



<http://www.usmondioring.org/usmra/>



Don't miss out!

The 2019 Belgian Malinois National Specialty

Location: Western Agility Group

Elk Grove, CA

Date: June 21-24, 2019

Website:

<https://www.belgianmalinoisnational.com/>



Upcoming Trials

Prairieland Belgian Malinois Club Herding Trials

Date: June 7,8 & 9

Location: James Bergert Farm in Williams, IA.

Contact Deb Owens at versatiledogs@gmail.com for a premium list.

2 day Herding Clinic

Date: June 10 & 11

Location: James Bergert Farm in Williams, IA

Contact jkhagen@comcast.net

ABMC All Breed Herding Tests and Trial

Date: June 15 and June 16

Location: Gardnerville, NV

Rescue Agility Trial (benefits ABMR)

Date: July 26, 27, 28

Location: Camp Bandy, Amherst Junction, WI

Belgian gathering at the Amana Iowa Shows.

Regional Specialties for ABMC (if approved by the BOD) and ABTC, supported entries for ABMC, ABTC, BSCA. Belgian tent for grooming and Party on the Hill.

Judges this year are:

Friday, Aug 30 – Linda Robey

Saturday, Aug 31 – Jean-Louis Vandenbemden

Sunday, Sept 1, Sharon Redmer

Monday, Sept 2 – Lisa Kingsley.

<http://www.malinoisclub.com/abmc/>



Our AWMA Officers



PRESIDENT

Anne Camper



VICE PRESIDENT

Christopher Smith



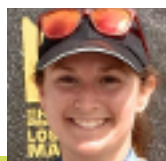
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Katie Finlay



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