

# Paws to Dance



The Newsletter of the Canine Freestyle Federation, Inc.

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## Canine Freestyle Federation DogWork® Jamboree

By Shari Bryant

Mark your calendars! Plan to join us for a fun-filled weekend at the Canine Freestyle Federation's DogWork® Jamboree. The Jamboree has been rescheduled for March 18-20, 2022 at the Winston-Salem Dog Training Club in Winston-Salem, N.C. Janet Dayton and Leila Widgren will be the instructors for the Jamboree. Janet and Leila are Master Instructors and DogWork Mentors-Novice Levels I, IIA and IIB. Also, Janet is the Judges Director for the Canine Freestyle Federation (CFF) and Leila Widgren is the Vice-President for CFF.

The Jamboree will start at 3 pm on Friday, March 18. Activities for the afternoon and early evening include: registration, a CFF membership meeting, social hour, a catered supper at Winston-Salem Dog Training Club, and videos of the original four teams. We also plan to have some live demonstrations.

On Saturday, March 19, we will explore choreography, artistry, and music from Level I through Level IV. There will be two groups – Level I & II and Level III & IV. Level I & II is for those new to CFF DogWork or are working with a young dog. For Level I & II, your dog should be able to heel on the right and left on lead or off lead. For Level III & IV, your dog should be able to heel on the right and left, and be able to do backing and laterals in at least one direction off lead. Those with a

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working spot will be given a phrase to develop at the level appropriate for their dog. Boxed lunches will be served at the site. Afterwards, several teams will be selected to demonstrate the phrase at each level. Finally, there will be a discussion on music and how to select music for each level.

Late Saturday afternoon there will be a catered supper at the site and participants will have an opportunity to draw puzzle cards for Sunday's activity. For those unfamiliar with puzzle cards, puzzle cards have movements listed on the card (e.g., front work) and are placed in several categories. You will select a puzzle card from each category then develop a phrase using the movement listed on the puzzle card. For example, a set of cards might be: heel work–left side, around finish–right to left, pace change–fast, front work, and back left pylon to front right pylon. You can arrange the cards in whatever order works for you

and your dog to develop your phrase. It's a lot of fun, and puzzle cards helped me develop the opening shape and phrase for Jace's Veterans presentation.

On Sunday, March 20, there will be time to develop and practice the phrase using the puzzle cards. Then everyone that wants to can present his or her puzzle card phrase. We will finish up the weekend with a panel of judges to provide an update on judging and to answer participants' questions. A box will be set up from Friday night to Saturday night for participants to write out any questions for the judges. Boxed lunches will be available for all participants.

There are 24 working spots and unlimited audit spots. Registration fee for working or audit spot is \$115 if your registration is postmarked no later than January 15, 2022. After January 15, registration fee is \$140. The registration fee also includes four meals – Friday and Saturday suppers, and Saturday and Sunday lunches. There is no reduced registration fee for auditors because most of the fee is to cover expenses such as building rental and meals. Registration information is available on the CFF website ([www.canine-freestyle.org](http://www.canine-freestyle.org)).

We hope to see you there!

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## North Coast Canine Freestylers Guild

By Janet Dayton

Our titling event went off without a hitch. The entry was small, but there were some awesome moments and new titles. It was great to see people we have not seen in two years. Some of us have plans to go to North Carolina in November.



Diana and Willow are invited to the AKC rally national this July. She plans on going. Good Luck to them. I'll be there to take pictures. Bridget and Lava are pursuing an AKC CDX title. She is also trialing London in agility. Deb is continuing nosework and enjoying much success. We added a new member to our family, Airy. We brought her home from Iowa in April and she is from racing lines. I will try to have her ready for the November titling event. Lofty goal? Perhaps, but it will be fun along the way to see what she can do. We'll see.

Our guild plans on meeting throughout the summer, with some breaks here and there. We are looking forward to warmer weather and summer activities.



Diana's Willow earns a Rally Advanced title.



Janet's "Remember Me" hosta sprouted again.

Our NCCF member profile for this issue is me (Janet Dayton).

**What breed(s) have you had?** Greyhounds

**How many dogs have you had in your life?** 6

**Any other pets?** Cats

**How did you get involved with CFF?** Leila invited me to go to a CFF Retreat. Neither one of us knew anything about CFF, but we became hooked.

**Best moment with CFF?** When my dogs and I finally earned a brace title. I really like working a brace.



**Do you have a goal you are working towards in CFF?** Yes, trying to get that third 80 or higher.

**What do you hope people see when you work your dog in a CFF routine?** My dog and how awesome she is. I can always do a better job of making that happen.

**Why do you have a dog in your life?** I decided in high school I would adopt an ex-racer one day and we would go for walks and hang out. After I adopted Sailor, the world of dog sports opened up for me. I like to train and compete with my dogs. They have taken me to people and places I never would have gone to, but we still go for walks and hang out. My dogs have given me many good friends. I like having a dog around.

**What behavior was hardest to train your dog to do?** I trained my Pearl to sit on her hip so she could do the long sit exercise to earn her CD. She had an injury that prevented her from sitting normal.

**Hobbies/Interests?** My dogs and any activity we do together, writing, plants, reading, and music.

**Job(s)?** Working in an elementary building as a building substitute at the moment.

**Favorite song(s)?** Genesis, Peter Gabriel, Phil Collins is what I listen to the most. I like *Blood on the Rooftops* by Genesis, for one. Lots of favorites. Ludovico Einaudi, a pianist/composer has many pieces I like.

**Favorite book(s)? Why?** Goody Hall, by Natalie Babbitt. This book opened up the world of reading for enjoyment for me as a kid. I picked it out at random in the school library. It is a mystery and I loved reading it. Still like mysteries. Other kid books I like are: Owl Moon, by Jane Yolen. It's a quiet book about a dad and child owling. Sophie's Masterpiece, by Eileen Spinelli, about a spider making a quilt. I love the illustrations and messages in these two books. I do read grown up books too. HA!

**If you could go anywhere, where would you go?** I'd like to visit all the National Parks.

**Do you have a hero or special person you admire?** My parents, my brother, and my friend Peggy. All have passed away, but they were really neat people. I miss them. A living person, my sister Lois. She is the best.

**What makes you happy?** Being able to take my dogs for a walk.

Canine Freestyle Federation  
North Coast Canine Freestylers Guild Titling Event  
Saturday May 15, 2021

**Level II A**

**First Place:** Debra English's Standard Poodle English's Malachi of Good Faith, earned a Level II Patch and a **NEW TITLE**

**Second Place:** Jim Keim's Border Collie Powertripp's Born Bizzy, earned a Level II Patch

**Level III**

**First Place:** Amy Sandy's Miniature Schnauzer "Xena" Schnauzer Warrior Princess earned a Level III Patch and a **NEW TITLE**

**Level IV**

**First Place:** Bridget Telencio's Belgian Tervuren G'Lava Du Fosseret

**Second Place:** Julia Gregory's All American Wildhaven's Nina de Milo earned a Level IV Patch and a **NEW TITLE**

**Third Place:** Janet Dayton's Greyhound Lark

**Fourth Place:** Diana Simpson's Greyhound Willow earned a Level IV Patch

**Level IV Team**

**First Place:** Diana Simpson's Greyhound Willow and  
Janet Dayton's Greyhound Lark

**North Coast Canine Freestylers Award**

Awarded to the highest teamwork score  
Bridget Telencio's Belgian Tervuren G'Lava Du Fosseret

**Highest Artistic Score**

Debra English's Standard Poodle English's Malachi of Good Faith

**Sally Kirschenman Award**

Bridget Telencio's Belgian Tervuren G'Lava Du Fosseret

**IN THE MOMENT**

Pass/Fail class

Pass: Betty Swenson & her Border Collie TBC Seren

Pass: Julia Gregory's All American Wildhaven's Nina de Milo

Canine Freestyle Federation  
North Coast Canine Freestylers Guild Titling Event  
Sunday May 16, 2021

**Level II A**

**First Place:** Debra English's Standard Poodle English's Malachi of Good Faith

**Second Place:** Jim Keim's Border Collie Powertripp's Born Bizzy

**Level III**

**First Place:** Amy Sandy's Miniature Schnauzer "Xena" Schnauzer Warrior Princess

**Level IV**

**First Place:** Diana Simpson's Greyhound Willow and a **NEW TITLE**

**Second Place:** Julia Gregory's All American Wildhaven's Nina de Milo

**Third Place:** Janet Dayton's Greyhound Lark

**Fourth Place:** Leila Widgren's Standard Poodle De La Passion Charlemagne I Hope You Dance

**Level IV Team**

**First Place:** Diana Simpson's Greyhound Willow and  
Janet Dayton's Greyhound Lark and a **NEW TEAM TITLE**

**North Coast Canine Freestylers Award**

Highest teamwork score

Debra English's Standard Poodle English's Malachi of Good Faith

**Highest Artistic Score TIED**

Debra English's Standard Poodle English's Malachi of Good Faith

Amy Sandy's Miniature Schnauzer "Xena" Schnauzer Warrior Princess

**Sally Kirschenman Award**

Debra English's Standard Poodle English's Malachi of Good Faith

The event was held at the Canine Affair Center in Chesterland, Ohio. The judges were Julia Gregory, Gaea Mitchel and Betty Swenson. A huge thank you goes out to members of the North Coast Canine Freestylers Guild that help put on this event.

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## Sirius Guild

By Mary Sullivan

After nearly a year of no freestyle classes because of building closure due to Covid 19, freestyle, in the Washington, D.C. area, is alive and flourishing once again. Surprisingly; especially to ME with my Belgian, Journey; the dogs weathered well the long break and seem happy to resume their lessons. We even have a few new students who will soon start their forays into freestyle. As we have just resumed classes, there is not yet much class activity to report. We do have, however, 2 new class dogs: a Briard puppy named Sophie belonging to Lin Spodak and Jamie, a Smooth Collie adolescent, belonging to Wendy Ely!



With Covid cases declining, plans are ON for this November's (first weekend) CFF trials held jointly by Sirius Guild and the North Carolinians at the North Carolina site. More details are forthcoming; please plan to attend! The site is lovely, the food is great, and a block of hotel rooms has already been reserved, thanks to Nancy Glassman. It's such a rare and wonderful time to make and renew friendships with fellow CFF members. I always greatly enjoy myself.



## Carolina Canine Freestyle Guild

By Shari Bryant

We have held two more Zoom classes. In March, we reviewed the Technical section of the Level III/IV scoresheet. The recording of this class is posted in the Members' section of the CFF website. In April we got adventurous and tried a working class. We started with opening shapes. Participants demonstrated an opening shape (and in some cases how to evolve out of their opening shape) either live or via pre-recorded video. It worked well. Well enough that we are planning to hold another working class on June 5. This one will focus on teaching two technical skills – backing and pivots. If you are interested in attending the June 5 class or any of the future Zoom classes, please contact Shari Bryant ([Lunar61@aol.com](mailto:Lunar61@aol.com)), and notification will be sent when a new Zoom class is scheduled. We do plan to get back to reviewing the Level III/IV scoresheet in future classes.

Finally, we are planning to host a titling event with Sirius Guild on November 6 & 7 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. More information will be available later this year.

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## By-Laws Changes Accepted

The Canine Freestyle Federation, Inc. Board of Directors proposed several changes to the By-Laws. The proposed changes were published in the February newsletter and voting ballots were accepted until April 1, 2021. The members voted unanimously to approve the changes described in the February newsletter.

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## Volunteer Opportunities

The Membership Secretary position on the Board is currently open. The rest are jobs that Carl Tennille handles for CFF. We greatly appreciate the time and effort Carl puts into making sure all the tasks are completed for each job. We are looking to find some help for Carl. If you are interested in helping, please contact Carl Tennille ([carl23015@gmail.com](mailto:carl23015@gmail.com)). It's a great way to support CFF.

### Membership Secretary

- Maintains CFF membership records

### Treasury functions

- Open and maintain bank accounts
- Reconcile monthly bank statements
- Collect funds and prepare bank deposits
- Pay bills
- Maintain CFF accounting records on Quicken
- Prepare regular financial reports
- Prepare and file annual 990N (federal tax return) postcard
- Maintain liability insurance

### Merchandise for sale

- Order items (t-shirts, license plate holders, key chain, mugs, water bottles etc.)
- Maintain inventory and store merchandise
- Sell merchandise at CFF events

### Videos

- Maintain complete inventory of all CFF videos/DVDs
- Accept and fill orders for CFF videos/DVDs

### Scoring

- Maintain detail master record of all CFF titling events
- Determine who qualifies for CFF titles/championships
- Maintain detailed records of participation in In the Moment and Veterans classes
- Prepare scoreboards for all titling events
- Prepare judging sheets for all titling events
- Prepare tally scribe sheets for all titling events
- Prepare Titling Event results for the web site and the newsletter

### Awards

- Order and maintain ribbons, patches, seals, and pins
- Prepare placement ribbons for all titling events
- Prepare and distribute Title/Championship/Veterans certificates
- Maintain High Artistic Trophy Plaque(s)
- Maintain Sally Kirschenman Trophy Plaque(s)

### Newsletter

- Print quarterly newsletter and/or distribute by email
- Maintain historical copies of each CFF newsletter published

### Legal

- Obtain and subsequently maintain trademarks
- Maintain incorporated status in the state of New Hampshire
- Maintain Constitution and By Laws
- Maintain election of officers and directors history

### Events

- Maintain Manual for CFF Events
- Maintain Judges Manual
- Maintain and deliver sound system to titling events

### Archives

- Maintain all CFF record of events
- Maintain archival photographs
- Maintain historical publications relative to CFF (Front & Finish, etc.)

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## FIRST CLASS MAIL

### Upcoming Events

Carolina Canine Freestyle Guild & Sirius Guild Titling Event, Winston-Salem, NC, November 6-7, 2021

Canine Freestyle Federation DogWork® Jamboree, Winston-Salem, NC, March 18-20, 2022

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