

**ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED**

Entries Open: **Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 8:00am** (Central – CDT)

Entries Close: **Friday, November 3<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 5:00pm** (Central - CDT).

**Envelopes/transactions** containing entries for more than the ten (10) dog maximum and/or entries received prior to the opening date shall be treated as an invalid entry and shall be returned to the sender. If necessary, a draw for a wait list will be held from the remaining entries after limits have been reached.

PREMIUM LIST

# Michiana Scent Work Club

4 LICENSED AKC Scent Work Trials / All Elements both days  
Novice, Advanced and Excellent & Handler Discrimination



November 11, 2017 Event # 2017728301  
November 11, 2017 Event # 2017728302  
November 12, 2017 Event # 2017728303  
November 12, 2017 Event # 2017728304

Trial times 7:00 AM Briefing with first dog on line after

**Zao Island**

<http://www.zaoland.net/>

1050 Horse Prairie Avenue Valparaiso, IN 46385

**ENTRY LIMITS**

250 entries per day

To be held Indoors/Outdoors



**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB**

**CERTIFICATION**

Permission is granted by the American Kennel Club for the holding of this event under American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

**Michiana Scent Work Club Officers**

President.....Angela Ogle

Vice President.....Dawn Knapp

Secretary.....Sharon Jonas

Treasurer..... Mary Jane Ross

Committee: Bill Ogle, Scott Hubbard, Kristy Hubbard, Kristina Montgomery

TRIAL CHAIRPERSON	TRIAL SECRETARY
Kristina Montgomery, <a href="mailto:montgomery.kristina@gmail.com">montgomery.kristina@gmail.com</a> , (219) 718-9776	MAIL ENTRIES TO: Kristy Hubbard (Scent Work Trial Secretary) 52 Ashley Court, Valparaiso, IN 46385 Email: <a href="mailto:hubbardks@comcast.net">hubbardks@comcast.net</a> , 219-508-1388 Make checks out to MSWC

**JUDGES AND ASSIGNMENTS**

**Sharon Jonas**, #101767  
Valparaiso, IN 46383  
Saturday, November 11, 2017  
Exterior – Trial 1 & 2  
  
Sunday, November 12, 2017  
Interior – Trial 1 & 2  
Handler Discrimination [Nov & Adv]

**Angela Ogle**, #101744  
Valparaiso, IN 46385  
Saturday November 11, 2017  
Interior – Trial 1 & 2  
Handler Discrimination [Nov & Adv]  
Sunday, November 12, 2017  
Exterior – Trial 1 & 2

**Carolyn Dostal # 102529**

**Bangor, MI**

Saturday November 11, 2017 Trial 1 & 2

Container, Buried

Handler Discrimination [Excellent]

Sunday, November 12, 2017 Trial 1 & 2

Container, Buried

Handler Discrimination [Excellent]

**Trial will be held in Public area with children present and amusement sights, sounds and smells. Please do not enter if your dog is not comfortable in this environment. General public will not enter search areas, but are allowed to watch.**

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

North Central Veterinarian Emergency Center – 1645 S US Highway 421  
 Westville, IN  
 219-785-7360  
 Fire/ Ambulance/Police- Porter County – **DIAL 911**  
**PORTER REGIONAL HOSPITAL** - 85 E US-6 Frontage Rd, Valparaiso, IN 46383  
 (219) 983-8300

### Classes - Novice, Advanced & Excellent \$25.00 / run

SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
TRIAL #1	TRIAL #2	TRIAL #1	TRIAL #2
Container	Container	Container	Container
Interior	Interior	Interior	Interior
Exterior	Exterior	Exterior	Exterior
Buried	Buried	Buried	Buried
Handler Discrimination	Handler Discrimination	Handler Discrimination	Handler Discrimination

- Running Order TBD
- **There will be no move-ups offered on same day. Moveups from Saturday to Sunday allowed**

The A/B Sections: The A class is for beginners. Those dogs who have earned a title in that element (in AKC or in another organization), and those handlers who have worked as professional detection dog handlers must enter the B section. The exhibitor is fully responsible for entering the dog in the correct class(es)/divisions. Failure to do so will result in the cancellation of qualifying scores.

**Handler Discrimination** classes are titling classes in which the targeted scent is that of the handler themselves. Handlers are required to provide their own scented articles in a plastic bag, for the Novice class, one cotton glove or cotton sock. Three qualifying scores are required to earn titles in each class. Handlers may utilize any method they feel is best to **scents their article**. Suggestions include rubbing the article on the handler's body or storing the article in the handler's dirty laundry.

No entries will be accepted by phone, email, fax, or hand delivery. Express mail entries must include the signature waiver allowing them to be left at the secretary's address. Inquiries may be directed to Kristy Hubbard at [hubbardks@comcast.net](mailto:hubbardks@comcast.net) No entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.

#### DOG ELIGIBLE TO ENTER

Dogs with physical challenges (including amputees) are eligible to participate provided that, in the opinion of the judge, the dog displays no sign of physical discomfort and can safely complete the search. Deaf and blind dogs are allowed to enter. Females in season may not participate, aggressive dogs, or dogs suffering from an injury, or illness which may affect the dog's physical or mental performance may not participate. No dog shall compete if it is sutured, bandaged, or has any visible wounds.

#### ENTRY FEES PER DAY

Each entry (includes a \$3.50 AKC recording fee)..... \$25.00

**Illegible entries** will not be processed and will be returned to the exhibitor. Returned checks do not constitute a valid entry and the

Trial Secretary will add a \$25.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check.

#### WAIT LIST INFORMATION - There will not be a wait list.

**Staging Area** will be out of view of search area(s). Staging area will include crating, warm-up and waiting area, as well as the secretary table for check-ins and posting of running order and results.

The **Handler's Briefing** will take place in view of the search area prior to the start of each class, after the hide(s) have been set and after the Demo Dog has run. In the Handler's Briefing the judge will explain if there's an off-leash option, number of hides, maximum height of hides and maximum time for the search. NO DOGS are to be present during the Handler's Briefing.

A **warm-up area** will be available. Exhibitors should limit their warm-up to (2) two minutes or less. The warm-up area is to be used exclusively for warming up the handler-dog team prior their run. The warm-up area is not for training or relieving of the dog.

**SEARCH AREA AND RING CONDITIONS** Search areas may be of any shape, and of the size specified in the Regulations for each class.

**Search Area Conditions.** Searches may be indoors, on matted, carpeted, or tiled surfaces, or outdoors on grass, gravel, earth, concrete, or asphalt surfaces.

**Search Area Sizes** will be as follows, Container Novice (250-400sqft.), Interior Novice (100-200sqft.), Exterior Novice (200-400sqft.) Buried Novice (150-200sqft.) Handler Discrimination Novice (250-400sqft.).

All exhibitors are responsible for understanding the rules and should obtain a copy of the Regulations for Scent Work Trials by downloading them from the American Kennel Club website.

## STAGING AREA, HANDLER'S BRIEFING, AND WARM-UP INFORMATION

**Trial Site.** It is not appropriate to visit the trial location prior to the trial date. Many search locations are real-life environments and such visits may risk the host losing the opportunity to use the location in the future.

**Possession of Odors and Training.** Chapter 5, Section 26 of the Scent Work Regulations state "No person other than those engaged in the administration of a trial shall be in possession of any target odor when on the trial grounds. There shall be no training on the grounds of the AKC Scent Work trial, other than the designated warm-up area".

**Spectator Area.** Spectators are encouraged. Any person not handling a dog in the current class, or any person who has already completed their run in the class may choose to watch the search from the spectator area. Handlers may not watch other exhibitors from their class prior to their run except in the case of Handler Discrimination classes. No one outside the search area may assist the handler or disclose the location of the hide. Spectators who intentionally or unintentionally give aid to a team may be asked to leave the area by the judge. Spectators are forbidden to discuss details of the search with handlers who have not run.

**Crating space** will not be available. You must crate out of your car or in the parking area.

**Exhibitors are responsible** for cleaning up after their dog(s). Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of refund if the Event Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement. Cleaning supplies and disposal sites will be available at various locations around the show grounds.

## SAFETY, BEHAVIOR and LIABILITY

**The safety of the dog** is our primary concern. By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all searches safely. **It is expressly understood** that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dogs and/or children. Any exhibitor whose dogs and/or children create an unnecessary disturbance or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the trial committee, be asked to leave the show site. In such case, no refund of any fees paid will be made. The American Kennel Club and its agents, employees, etc., will assume no responsibilities for any loss, damage or injury sustained by exhibitors or handlers, or to any of their dogs or property and further assumes no responsibility for injury to children. The American Kennel Club reserves the right to decline entries for cause and may remove any dog on account of aggression. No one shall have any recourse or claim against the American Kennel Club or any official thereof.

**Collars, Leashes and Harnesses.** During searches, dogs must wear a properly fitted collar or harness approved by the judge. Nothing may be hanging from the dog's collar or harness, except that a wearable camera such as a Go Pro may be mounted to the dog's harness, if desired. Leashes may be of any length and/or retractable. The leash should be made of plain, pliable material.

**All dogs must be on leash** at all times, and retractable leashes may not be used when on trial grounds (except during judged searches). Dogs must enter and exit the search area with the leash attached to the collar or harness, including when waiting in the search area before and after the search. An off-leash option may be offered at the discretion of the judge, only if the area is completely enclosed.

## REFUNDS

**No entry fee** will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of God, public emergency, act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee. No entry fee will be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by the action of the Trial Committee. Dogs pulled after closing because of injury or other medical condition are not eligible for a refund.

**Bitches in season** will be refunded the full entry fee. Notification in writing must be given to the trial secretary no later than one half hour prior to the start of the first class of the day of the trial.

## RINGSIDE

**Judges are not required** to wait for dogs. The Owner of each dog is solely responsible for having it ready at the search area when it is to be judged. The Club has no responsibility to provide service through a public address system or stewards or runners for the purpose of calling or locating dogs that are not brought into the ring when required.

**EXHIBITOR CHECK-IN:** At check-in you will receive your armband number and an event catalog. Once the time and location for check-in is determined all exhibitors will be notified by email.

### Exhibitors MUST check-in EACH day they are entered.

Claims will be arbitrated as set forth on the Official AKC Entry Form for this event

"Exhibitors should follow their veterinarian's recommendation to assure their dogs are free of internal and external parasites, any communicable diseases, and have appropriate vaccinations." Additionally, clubs should include any specific local or state health requirements; for example, proof of rabies vaccination

## DIRECTIONS TO THE TRIAL SITE

From west – I-65 to Route 30, East to Valparaiso  
From East – 49 to Route 30 West to Zao Island

**SHOW VETERINARIAN:** North Central Veterinary Emergency Center – 1645 US 421, Westville, IN 46383 219-785-7300 Open 24 hours on weekends.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Call for current pet policy.

[Residence Inn by Marriott Merrillville](#) (.6 miles) 8018 Delaware Place, Merrillville, IN 219-791-9000

[Econo Lodge](#) (1.6 miles) 6201 Opportunity Lane, Merrillville, IN 219-942-8555

[Super 8/Gary Area](#) (1.2 miles) 8300 Louisiana Street, Merrillville, IN 800-454-3213

[Candlewood Suites](#) (1.3 miles) 8339 Ohio Street, Merrillville, IN 219-791-9100

[Staybridge Suites](#) (1.3 miles) 8415 Louisiana Street, Merrillville, IN 219-472-8400

[Red Roof Merrillville](#) (1 mile) 8290 Georgia St, Merrillville, IN 219-738-2430

[La Quinta Merrillville](#) (1.1 miles) 8210 Louisiana St, Merrillville, IN 219-738-2870

**Viewing:** There will be an area to watch the trials. If you are in the class, do not watch until after you have completed your run. Conversation is acceptable. Do not give the hide away though! No double handling. Do not bring dogs into the viewing area. Viewing is allowed for all runs where appropriate.

**Noise:** Plan and train for naturally occurring dog trial noises, such as printers, doors opening, crated dogs, lively conversation and laughter, possible barking and background music. Sound sensitive teams will not be accommodated, as each team must be judged in a similar environment. This is a miniature golf course on a busy highway and will be noisy. The general public has access to this site during the trial.

**Reactivity:** The entrance point will be quite busy, and not conducive to an extremely reactive dog. We are not able to change the environment for a specific dog, as the trial experience should be similar for all entrants. Expect 3 dogs in line for each of the three trial rings, in addition to dogs exiting the ring in the staging area.

RIBBONS AWARDS AND PRIZES

Placement ribbons will be awarded in each class as follows:

*First Place.....Blue*  
*Second Place.....Red*  
*Third Place.....Yellow*  
*Fourth Place.....White*  
*Qualifying Score.....Dark Green*

A **New Title ribbon** will be awarded to all dog and handler teams finishing a title.

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**High in Trial**

Only teams who participate in all elements offered (Container, Interior, Exterior, Buried, and Handler Discrimination), and qualify in each are eligible to win **High in Trial**. One High In Trial winner is chosen for each level; there is no separate High In Trial for the Novice A and Novice B sections.

The High in Trial is determined by adding the team's faults across the elements. If there is a tie based on faults, then the team's times across the elements will be summed and the faster-finishing team will win.

Any dog that receives all three qualifying scores for a title at this trial will receive a certificate good for \$25.00 of an entry fee at the February 2018 Scent Work trial. One certificate per dog, non-transferable and cannot be redeemed for cash.

**VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

1. Zao Island is a miniature golf course with batting cages, video games, laser tag, go-carts and lots of people including children. If your dog cannot work in these conditions, please do not enter. If your dog is reactive in any way, please do not enter.
2. If your dog eliminates in any area other than the designated potty area, there is a \$25.00 clean up charge.
3. If you are caught not cleaning up after your dog, you will be asked to leave for the weekend and not receive a refund.
4. There is a very nice pizzeria on site that also has sandwiches.
5. There will not be a wait list.
6. Check in starts at 6:30 am
7. Handler's Briefing starts at 7:00 am with first dog to follow