

Happy New Year,

New / Revised Regional Rules:

Trial Pre-registration (via email) has been eliminated.

30 day registration still in effect – money and form must be received, competitors number as they are received.

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Must be paid directly to the nationals via on-line. If you have already sent your dues to

Nicole disregard. Membership must be active 30 days prior to any certification trial.

PD 1 trials: June 2 – 4 2017 in Andover Ct. Registration forms to be sent out shortly. The trial will be hosted/sponsored by K-9 Northeast K-9 and Hop River Shepherds. Both organizations have volunteered to put the trials on. If you know of any local businesses that are pro K-9 please ask them for donations. If you are interested in judging or can help out in any way please contact me ASAP. Info regarding hotel to be announced. DEADLINE IS MAY 4.

BOMB CERT: April 15 in New Bedford, registration form to follow. If you are interested in judging or helping out let me know ASAP. DEADLINE IS MARCH 16.

PAYMENTS: Must be received 30 days prior to any trial or training event. Membership MUST be paid 30 days prior to any regional event. If your department needs an invoice for dues or cert fees please contact me ASAP. (I know how slow they are.)

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Runs from Jan 1 – Dec 31. In order to compete in any certification trial you MUST BE a USPCA member. Region rules require membership 30 days prior to any trial. The nationals check membership status of every trial. If they find someone tested (passed / failed) and they are not a member, the national office will not certify the trial. We have had some issues with memberships and trials, beginning Feb 1 YOU MUST RENEW your membership on line through the national website USPCA9.com, go to membership. You can pay on line; sorry for any inconvenience but the E-Board decided we don't want any membership issues with trials.

2017 E-Board Ballots will be sent out shortly. Please be sure to vote.

We are looking at having a narcotic and tracking cert in the spring and the fall. More to follow.

As always we are always looking for different locations for certifications and training opportunities. If you are interested contact a member of the E-Board.

Canine Courier: I know there are some good finds out there. We have not had a case submitted to the courier in some time. Troy Caisey is our contact person. Send your finds to Troy for consideration for regional quarterly and possibly national awards. A few requirements for submitting must be in word document, .doc or .docx (not PDF), NO suspect/defendant names, addresses, or identifying info. Must have Region #, officer's name, K-9 name and agency. See courier for further requirements. Please take credit for the hard work and training you do.

National trail dates: Detector Apr 2 – 5 Raleigh, N.C.

PD 1 Sept 24 – 29 Foley, AL.

AS ALWAYS – STAY SAFE – TRAIN HARD – TRUST YOUR DOG – HAVE FUN AND FAMILY COMES FIRST

Jim