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**ENTRY METHOD: FIRST RECEIVED**

**ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 8:00 am EDT** at the Trial Secretary's address. All entries received before this date will be returned. Overnight or certified mail must be sent with the "No Signature Required" waiver signed.

**ENTRIES CLOSE ON Wednesday, November 22, 2023, 6:00 pm EDT** after which time entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted except as provided for in Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. 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.

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**PREMIUM LIST**



**Dog Tracking Club of Maine**

(Licensed by the American Kennel Club)  
Scent Work Trial



**Sunday, December 3, 2023**

**Two Trials**

**Buried - Novice / Advanced / Excellent / Masters**

**Greenwood American Legion**

**595 Gore Rd, Greenwood, ME**

**ENTRY LIMITS**

25 entries per trial / To be held Indoors

Two trials December 3, 2023

Event # 2023436609 and #2023436611

Trial Hours:

Sunday 7:30 am to 5:00 pm

8:45 am Trial 1 Check-in\*

11:30 am Estimated Trial 2 Check-in\*

\*Times are estimated, actual time will be provided in final email once entries are received



**CERTIFICATION**

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

Gina DiNardo, Secretary

**Dog Tracking Club of Maine Officers**

President ..... Eric Lawson  
Vice President ..... Judy Herman  
Recording Secretary..... Bob Cuzner  
114 Dennett St Portland ME 04101  
Treasurer..... Sara Pruyne  
Corresponding Secretary ..... Beth Laukka

TRIAL CHAIRPERSON		TRIAL SECRETARY
Judy Herman 26 Liberty St Gardiner ME 04345 hermandvm@roadrunner.com 207-458-7968		Sara Pruyne 1234 Patch Mountain Rd Greenwood ME 04255 dtdmscentwork@gmail.com 207-515-0966

**EVENT COMMITTEE**

Linda McSherry, Sara Pruyne, Helen McNelly, Lynn Jones, Judith Herman, Virginia Howe, Susan Nowak

JUDGE AND ASSIGNMENTS
Holly Roche – Both Trials AKC# 102513 Buried - Novice A/B, Advanced, Excellent, and Masters

**EMERGENCY VETERINARY SERVICES**

Bethel Animal Hospital (open Saturday 8:00am-12pm) 179 Walkers Mills Road, Bethel, ME 04217 .. (207) 824-2212  
Maine Veterinary Medical Center, 1500 Technology Way, Scarborough, ME ..... (207) 885-1290

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Fire/Ambulance/Police Maine call 911

Stephens Memorial Hospital, 181 Main Street, Norway, Maine, 04268 .....(207) 743-5933  
Bridgton Hospital, 10 Hospital Drive, Bridgton, ME 04009.....(207) 647-6000

**CLASSES OFFERED and JUDGING TIMES**  
Judging of Trial 1 begins at approximately 9:15 am; Trial 2 to follow.

SUNDAY Morning Trial 1	SUNDAY Trial 2 – Following Trial 1
Buried – Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Masters	Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Masters

**DOGS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER**

This trial is open to all dogs six (6) months of age or older that are registered with the American Kennel Club or that have AKC Limited registration, Purebred Alternative Listing/ Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP), an AKC Canine Partners listing number or approved Foundation stock service (FSS) breeds are eligible to participate.

Dogs with a Purebred Alternative Listing/Indefinite Listing Privileges (PAL/ILP) or an AKC Canine Partners listing number must be spayed or neutered in order to compete. Wherever the word “dog” is used in these regulations it includes both sexes.

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 and MAILING INFORMATION**

Each entry (includes a \$3 .50 AKC recording fee) . . . . . \$25 for Novice and Advanced, \$35 for Excellent and Masters

**Mail entry forms and fees to: Sara Pruyne, 1234 Patch Mountain Rd, Greenwood ME 04255**  
**Please make checks payable to DTCM (Dog Tracking Club of Maine).**

**Note: You will be contacted within 14 days of receipt of your entry, if you have not received confirmation of your entry in this timeframe, please contact the secretary at [dtcmscentwork@gmail.com](mailto:dtcmscentwork@gmail.com)**

**Any changes or move-ups must be requested by notifying the secretary no later than Wednesday November 29, 2023.**

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 Sara Pruyne at [dtcmscentwork@gmail.com](mailto:dtcmscentwork@gmail.com). No entry shall be made and no entry shall be accepted which specifies any conditions as to its acceptance.

Illegible entries will not be processed and will be returned to the exhibitor. Checks will not be cashed until after the trial date and the trial secretary will add a \$25.00 collection fee to the amount of each returned check. If you do not get into the trial, your check will be safely destroyed (unless you make other arrangements with the trial secretary).

**WAIT LIST INFORMATION**

DTCM is offering a wait list to fill openings created by withdrawn entries after the trial’s closing date/time. A maximum of 10 entries per day will be placed on the club’s wait list. All entries, including wait listed entries, must be received by the trial secretary before November 22, 2023. No entries may be withdrawn with a refund after closing on November 22, 2023. If a withdrawn entry is replaced by a waitlisted entry, a full refund will be issued for the withdrawn entry. Any waitlisted entry that does not move off the waitlist into the trial will receive a full refund.

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

**Staging Area** will be out of view of search area(s). Staging area will include warm-up and waiting area, as well as the steward 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 consisting of one container of each odor being tested at the trial and may also consist of blank containers. 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 to 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 outdoors, indoors, on concrete, wooden, or tiled surfaces, or outdoors on grass, gravel, earth, concrete, or asphalt surfaces.

**Search Area Sizes:** Be sure to read the most recent Regulations for AKC Scent Work for your class search area size. You can order copies or download from AKC scent Work's website .

### IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL SITE 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.** 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. 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.

**Tent and RV camping on-site** with RV electric hookup are not available. No crating space will be available. You are expected to work from your cars. Bring appropriate covering for sun or rain to keep you and your dog comfortable. Food or beverages are not available for sale on site. There are restrooms on-site. You should bring your own drinking water for you and your dog. You may be required to walk some distance from search area to search area. The parking area is flat, but not paved. There are gravel roads/paths and grassy areas. Contact the trial secretary if you have any concerns or additional questions.

**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. Exhibitors are responsible for their trash (carry in/carry out).

### RIBBONS 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.

**All exhibitors should obtain a copy of the Regulations for Scent Work Trials by downloading them from the American Kennel Club website.**

### CLASS ELIGIBILITY

**Novice A** Classes are open to dogs who have not completed any title for that particular element, who have not completed a comparable title with another organization, and who have never worked as professional detection dogs.

**Novice B** Classes are open to all dogs.

## NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

### 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 Dog Tracking Club of Maine 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 Dog Tracking Club of Maine 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 Dog Tracking Club of Maine or any official thereof.

**Collars, Leashes and Harnesses.** During searches, dogs must wear a properly fitted collar or harness approved by the judge. 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 search area when required.

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

All trial participants will remain at the check-in area until you are called. You will be directed to your parking area for the handler briefing. When your class is finished you will return to the check-in area for your results and ribbons. Please respect your designated parking lot boundaries due to line-of-sight issues.

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.

## HOTEL INFORMATION

For motels in the area and other information, check the website for the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce at [www.bethelmaine.com](http://www.bethelmaine.com). Choose "where to stay" then "pet friendly" to see 17 options in the area.

Please call and confirm about pets in rooms.

Please be respectful of motel/hotel/inn grounds and policies.

**Directions**

Jackson Silver American Legion Hall 595 Gore Road, Greenwood, Maine.

**From the South-** follow Rt 26 North for 45 miles from Gray, take a sharp right onto the Gore Road, in Greenwood. The American Legion Hall is 0.3 mile on your left.

**From the North** follow Rt 26 South from Bethel 5.6 miles. Turn left onto the Gore Road, the American Legion Hall is 0.3 mile on your left.

**AKC Scent Work OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM for DTCM Event #2023436609 & #2023436611**

	Entries should be mailed to: Sara Pruyne 1234 Patch Mountain Rd Greenwood ME 04255
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	Buried Trial #1	Buried Trial #2
Sunday 12/3/23	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Masters	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice A <input type="checkbox"/> Novice B <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Masters

Entry Fee is

Novice and Advanced: \$25 per class. Number of Novice and Advanced classes entered: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_ (Total due).

Excellent and Masters: \$35 per class. Number of Excellent and Masters classes entered: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \_\_\_\_\_ (Total due).

Make checks payable to DTCM (Dog Tracking Club of Maine).

AKC Registered Name		Registration Number
		<input type="checkbox"/> AKC/PAL/ILP/CP <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign
Call Name	Date of birth	Sex
Breed		Variety
Breeder		
Sire:		
Dam:		
Owner		
Owner's Address		
City	State	Zip
Telephone	Email	
Handler (if different from owner)		Junior Handler (if Applicable)

Fields marked in gray must be completed if the information is known.

Be sure to read the Agreement and sign on the reverse. No form will be processed without your signature

AKC Rules, Regulations, Policies and Guidelines are available on the American Kennel Club Website, [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)



AGREEMENT

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of The American Kennel Club in effect at the time of this event, and any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list of this event and entry form and any decision made in accord with them. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard to persons or other dogs. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win prizes, ribbons, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the AKC, the event-giving club, their members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any AKC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim of loss, injury or damage to this dog.

Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other person. I (WE) AGREE THAT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CONTROVERSY OR CLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE ENTRY, EXHIBITION OR ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT BETWEEN THE AKC AND THE EVENT-GIVING CLUB (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED IN THIS PREMIUM LIST) AND MYSELF (OURSELVES) OR AS TO THE CONSTRUCTION, INTERPRETATION AND EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. HOWEVER, PRIOR TO ARBITRATION ALL APPLICABLE AKC BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES MUST FIRST BE FOLLOWED AS SET FORTH IN THE AKC CHARTER AND BYLAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED POLICIES AND GUIDELINES.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please check the box for each class desired to be entered. Dogs may enter two different levels within each element, at each trial. Dogs entering the Advanced, Excellent, Master or Detective classes must have earned the required title, as stipulated in the AKC Scent Work Regulations. Dogs may enter either the Novice "A" class or the Novice "B" class—not both.

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SIGNATURE of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry.

SIGN HERE

X: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of Emergency – Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_