

## Regional Preparation with

# Tracy Sklenar at the

### The Red Barn Event Centre

8464 CR 27, Barrie, ON **April 26 & 27, 2014** 



Tracy Sklenar has been training agility dogs and competing in dog agility for more than 15 years and is one of just a handful of handlers/coaches in the world who has appeared in international Finals as a coach for her country and as a handler with her own dog, at different world championship events - in the same year!

She is the Training Director of Leader of the Pack (www.lotp.com) in central New York State and is on the faculty of Agility University (www.agility-u.com). Tracy also travels throughout North America to teach seminars and compete. In her teaching, Tracy uses positive reinforcement, games and shaping to build brilliant behaviors in the dogs while teaching the handlers to be consistent and positive in their handling and dog training. Her handling method and teaching style is heavily influenced by European handling techniques, particularly the OneMind techniques. However, Tracy is well-versed in a variety of handling methods and systems and strives to bring out the best in each individual team. She emphasizes solid foundations, teamwork, connection, consistency, mental focus, play and fun for both handler and dog.



Tracy has competed successfully in agility with a variety of dogs of all shapes, sizes and temperaments. Currently, she shares her life with 7 dogs: 2 Dalmatians, a Rat Terrier, 3 Border Collie mixes, and a Papillon. In the ring, their runs are noted for focus, accuracy, consistency and speed! Besides putting numerous titles on the dogs, Tracy and her canine partners have earned multiple National finals appearances (in both individual and team events) as well as wins and placements at local, Regional and National events in both the USA and Canada; most recently 1st in the New England Regional Grand Prix Finals, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Grand Prix of Dog Agility Finals and 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the Masters Challenge Biathlon at the USDAA World Cynosport Games! Tracy and her BC Export have represented the USA at the European Open with Export in 2009, 2010 and again in 2012, making their first EO Finals appearance for the USA in 2012!

Tracy also has extensive coaching experience, ranging from local competitors to international teams. In 2012 and 2011, she was the Coach/Manager of Team USA at the World Agility Open in Belgium and the United Kingdom, and in both years was proud to see the US team bring home more medals than any other country both times! She served as the Manager/Coach for Team Canada at the IFCS World Agility Championships in 2008, 2010 and in 2012. These teams were very successful, ranking high in the individual medal count and bringing home medals in the team event. Outside of international competitions, Tracy's local and national level students have achieved great success and high level placements with a variety of breeds.

#### Daily schedule - Regional Preparation with Tracy Sklenar

Each day will cover techniques and short sequences designed to tighten turns, eliminate off courses, get rid of refusals and keep the handler and dogs moving while also producing great lines on course. We will then run longer sequences and courses that incorporate these techniques as well as the tools the handler already utilizes to maximize teamwork. We will also work on course analysis and choosing which handling option is best for each individual dog and handler!

This workshop will also cover the challenges of keeping your head together over 6 classes, making your walk throughs effective, using your down time effectively to plan and study your next class.

Saturday – meeting the individual needs of small dogs Sunday – meeting the individual needs of large dogs

Limited working spots: \$200.00 + HST \$26.00+ \$226.00 per team Unlimited auditors are welcome. \$45 + HST \$5.85 = \$50.85 per person/per day

#### Registration Form – Regional Preparation with Tracy Sklenar

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