

## Registration:

### Agility Seminar April 8 & 9, 2017

- Full payment is required to hold your spot.
- **LIMITED TO 10 WORKING SPOTS IN EACH SESSION TO ENSURE OPTIMAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITY**
- Please make checks payable to TMAC
- Open only to TMAC members until 3/1
- Registration open to the public after 3/1
- TMAC MIGS (members who have a minimum of 8 hours of work in 2016) may use up to 40 service hours towards your registration fees. (1 hour = \$1.50)
- If you must cancel your registration, please let us know (via email) as soon as possible so we may fill your spot!  
Refunds will be issued if we are able to fill your spot.

Please print clearly

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DOG'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DOG'S AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

DOG'S BREED: \_\_\_\_\_

ANY BEHAVIOR ISSUES?: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Seminar Fees

### PER HALF-DAY SESSION:

TMAC MIGS: Working spot \$ 100  
Auditor spot \$ 50

TMAC Member: Working spot \$ 120  
Auditor spot \$ 60

Non-TMAC Member: Working spot \$ 150  
Auditor spot \$ 75

► **We are limiting initial registration for working spots to one session per team.** Please rank all the sessions you would like to attend and you will be notified about additional sessions if spots are available. Please send payment to cover one working spot +/- auditor spots with your initial registration.

**Working spot ranking**  
("1" = first choice, etc.)

**Confident, Composed Crosses!** \$   
Sat., April 8, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Pin Wheels, Serpentine, and Threadles, Oh My!** \$   
Sat., April 8, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**International Flair!** \$   
Sun., April 9, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Can You Handle It?** \$   
Sun., April 9, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**TMAC member service hours**  
**1 hour = \$1.50 (40 hour/\$60 max)**  
# of hours redeeming \_\_\_\_\_ x \$1.50 = - \$

**TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED:** \$

**Please mail registration form and check (payable to TMAC) to:** Pam Burek  
152 Silkey Rd.  
North Granby, CT 06060

Lunch will be available for purchase on-site both days. The seminar is indoors on rubber matting in the main room at Tails-U-Win! Please park in the lots behind Tails-U-Win!

### Questions?

Contact Pam Burek at [Pdburek@hotmail.com](mailto:Pdburek@hotmail.com)

# AGILITY HANDLING SEMINAR

By Steve Schwarz

AGILITY NERD  
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April 8th & 9th, 2017

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**Steve Schwarz has been training and competing in agility and flyball since 1997. He focuses on helping handlers improve their communication with their dogs on course in a positive and light hearted manner. Steve brings an analytical approach from his engineering background to the study and training of agility.**

**In order to stay knowledgeable about current agility training techniques, Steve trains regularly with top agility handlers and attends multiple dog and agility training seminars each year. Steve competes in AKC, USDAA, UKI, and CPE venues and has competed in NADAC and UKC.**

**Steve also writes the longest running dog agility blog: AgilityNerd (<http://agilitynerd.com/>) with regular articles and videos on agility training, handling, and course analysis.**



## **Saturday, April 8**

### **Confident, Composed Crosses!**

**Morning session 8am-12pm**

Front and Rear Crosses. You know you need them. You know you want to do them better! These handling maneuvers are the building blocks for fast, efficient, and smooth handling.

This seminar is for you if you can do them but:

- You can't always put them in the right place
- Your dog sometimes spins the wrong way or pulls off the jump
- You're not comfortable performing one or more of them
- You ever say "I can't" when you know you could

In this half day seminar for **intermediate level teams and above** Steve helps you:

- Learn where to place them
- Choose between them
- Clean up your execution
- Understand and use your cues

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### **Pin Wheels, Serpentine, And Threadles, Oh My!**

**Afternoon session 1pm-5pm**

You and your dog can handle the basics but can you put them together smoothly in more complex combinations? Come to this half day seminar to advance down the road to mastery of handling Pin Wheels, Serpentine, and Threadles.

In this seminar for **intermediate level teams and above** Steve helps you apply multiple handling approaches to these more demanding sequences. Learn to apply consistent handling cues to help your dog see and execute these sequences.

Pin Wheels turn dogs through three or four jumps. But how about coming into them from other sequences and getting out of them into other sequences? Or crossing on the way in and the way out?

There are many ways to handle Serpentine. How many do you know? How many can you do? When do you apply each handling method? How about crosses into and out of them?

Threadles are common place in USDAA and International agility courses and should be part of every agility team's repertoire. Steve will show you how to quickly and easily handle them.

## **Sunday, April 9**

### **International Flair!**

**Morning session 8am-12pm**

International handling challenges are appearing in UKI, USDAA Masters Challenge and in a growing number of AKC courses. Excellent and Masters level teams need to be ready for them.

Learn how to conquer these challenges by applying the handling techniques your team already possesses. You don't need special skills; just the clear and crisp application of cues and crosses already in your toolbox.

In this half day seminar Steve helps teams work on the essential challenges of International Courses by honing skills and applying them on International style courses.

- Multiple techniques for handling the Back Side of jumps
- "Extreme" Jump Wraps
- Threadles
- Moving past off course obstacles

This seminar is geared toward **advanced level** dog and handler teams.

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### **Can You Handle It?**

**Afternoon session 1pm-5pm**

This seminar is aimed at **advanced level** agility teams looking to improve their handling on course. Steve will help you see handling alternatives and help you choose ones appropriate for your team. Teams will run courses and get detailed feedback on improving their execution. Steve encourages and challenges handlers to step out of their comfort zone to find clearer and faster handling for their dogs.

Steve says: *This is one of my most popular seminars! I give a brief introduction on how I tackle handling/analysis. Then each handler walks the course and each team gives the course a trial run. Then we break it into sections, discussing and handling each section. Then a final run through to see how much faster and ("beautiful") the team has become.*