

## **Jim Basic Distance Seminars May 29,30 & 31st 2009 Draper, Utah**

### **BIO**

#### **Jim Basic**

Jim became involved in agility in 1992 when he began training his young Border Collie, Mick. After starting agility with the Boeing Dog and Gun Club, Jim joined Rainier Agility Team in 1993, where he instructed as well as trained. By the end of 1994 Jim had teamed up with Nancy Gyes and left Washington state for sunny San Jose, California. In addition to running Power Paws Agility with Nancy, Jim is on the board of directors of the United States Dog Agility Association (USDAA), and on the board of the Bay Team Agility Club.

#### **His Dogs**

Mick, 6.1.91-11.23.07, started showing in April of 1993, competing in both USDAA and NADAC. In 1995 Jim and Mick made agility history by becoming the first team to earn both the USDAA Agility Dog Champion title (ADCH) and the NADAC Agility Trial Champion title (NATCH). At the first NADAC Nationals in 1995 Mick won the National Championship in the 24" Elite class. In 1996 Jim and Mick went on to win the 30" class at the USDAA Grand Prix of Dog Agility National Championships, making them the first team to win national championships in two agility organizations. In addition to winning in 1996, they have been Finalists at the USDAA Grand Prix of Dog Agility in 1995, 1998, 2000 and 2001. In 1996 they were chosen by the USDAA to represent the United States at the World Dog Show in Vienna. Mick is the only dog to make the USDAA Top Ten in all categories for seven consecutive years, 1996-2002. In 2003 Mick became the first dog to be awarded the USDAA's Platinum Lifetime Achievement Award, which requires 500 masters legs, with at least 50 in each class. Mick retired in October 2003 as the USDAA's all time career Master leg earner with 550.

In 1995 Jim acquired his second Border Collie, Highcroft Swift, a littermate to Nancy's Riot. At first, an agility career for Swift looked doubtful, since he needed TPO surgery on both hips. Fortunately, the surgeries and rehabilitation were a success and Swift was up and competing by the time he was two years old. In August of 1998 he earned his first ADCH, and in 2000 and 2001 he was a Finalist at the USDAA Grand Prix of Dog Agility World Championships. Swift made all 4 categories in the USDAA Top Ten for the years 2000 and 2001, making Jim the first handler to have two dogs in all categories in the same year. In 2006 Swift earned the USDAA Platinum Lifetime Achievement award.

Mick and Swift were the first two dogs to earn more than 100 Master Gamble legs each, and upon their retirements topped their respect jump heights for most Master Gamble legs and Top Ten points for Gamblers.

In January of 2000 Jim added his third Border Collie, Spy, aka Power Paws Secret Agent. Spy started competing at the end of June 2001, and qualified for the USDAA nationals at only his second trial. At the 2001 Nationals, Spy placed 2nd in the first round of the Steeplechase, 2nd in Gamblers, and tied for third in Jumpers. In 2004 Spy teamed up with Nancy's Wicked, and Ann Croft's Trigger to win the Dog Agility Masters Tournament at the USDAA Cynosport Games, and have made two Steeplechase Finals and one Grand Prix Finals. Spy recently earned his USDAA Platinum ADCH.

2006 saw the birth of Spy's son, Sweep, who has quickly proved his prowess in the agility ring. Before his 2nd birthday he won the 2008 USDAA Southwest Regional Grand Prix Championships, and placed 2nd in Team and Steeplechase. He also won 3 straight local Grand Prix qualifiers and a local Steeplechase final.

**Cost**

Each seminar for a Working Spot is \$135.00 per day (Max 10 spots)  
Auditing is unlimited and \$50.00 per day (\$75.00 day of seminar)

**Where**

Wasatch Agility Field (Coleen's Place)  
123 Golden Harvest Road,  
Draper, Utah.

**Time**

Each Day 8.30-4.30pm with a break for lunch.

**Payment**

Deposit of \$80.00 due by February 28th 2009  
Balance of \$55.00 due April 30th 2009

**Auditors**

Deposit of \$25.00 due 2/28/09

Balance of \$25.00 due 4/30/09

Please Note: All payments are non-refundable

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Check: Working Spot**

**Friday Beginner May 29th** \_\_\_\_\_ **Saturday Advanced May 30th** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sunday**  
**Gambler May 31st** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Check: Auditing Spot**

**Friday** \_\_\_\_\_ **Saturday** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sunday** \_\_\_\_\_

Any Questions please email Julie Stokes [kiwichic@xmission.com](mailto:kiwichic@xmission.com)  
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**PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT, RELEASE, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK  
AND AGREEMENT TO PAY DAMAGES**

In consideration of the services provided by, and/or training, opportunities, etc. afforded by, ***Wasatch Agility (Coleen Hawker), Julie Stokes and Jim Basic*** their agents, owners, officers, volunteers, participants, employees, and all other persons or entities acting in any capacity on their behalf (collectively referred to as the "***Trainers/Owners***"), I hereby release and discharge the ***Trainers/Owners***, on behalf of myself, my children, my parents, my heirs, assigns, personal representative and estate as follows:

1. I acknowledge that performance dog training, including, but not limited to, obedience, agility and sheep herding, (collectively the "***Activity***"), entails known and unanticipated risks that could result in damage to myself, to property, to my dog, to dogs in my care, to other dogs or to third parties. I understand that such risks simply cannot be eliminated without jeopardizing the essential qualities of the ***Activity***.

*The risks include, among other things: physical injury to my dog/s or dogs in my care, including back injuries, leg injuries and possibly death, physical injury to myself, injury to livestock or injury to other dogs. Risks also include dangers, both known and unknown, resulting from weather, spectators, other students or participants, facilities, staff, terrain, dogs, and livestock. Furthermore, the Trainers/Owners have difficult jobs to perform. They seek safety, but are not infallible and are not veterinarians. Among other things, the Trainers/Owners could misjudge a participant's (human or canine) fitness or abilities.*

2. I expressly agree and promise to accept and assume all of the risks existing in the ***Activity***. My participation in the ***Activity*** is purely voluntary, and I elect to participate in spite of the risks. I certify that I have no medical or physical conditions that could interfere with my safety in the ***Activity***, or else I am willing to assume – and bear the costs of – all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any such condition.

3. I further agree that I shall be solely responsible for, and will promptly pay to the ***Trainers/Owners***, all costs incurred for, and any and all damage done to, livestock, property or persons, caused either by myself or by my dogs or any dogs in my care while participating in the ***Activity***.

4. I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the ***Trainers/Owners*** from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation in this ***Activity*** or my use of the ***Trainers/Owners'*** equipment, livestock, property or facilities ("Claims"), including any Claims that allege negligent acts or omissions of the ***Trainers/Owners***.

5. Should the ***Trainers/Owners*** or anyone acting on their behalf, be required to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this Agreement or to defend any claims against the ***Trainers/Owners*** alleging damages caused directly or indirectly by me, my dog or dogs in my care, I agree to indemnify and hold them harmless for all such damages, costs and attorney fees.

***By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property or dogs are hurt or damaged during my participation in the Activity, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against the Trainers/Owners on the basis of any claim from which I have released them herein.***

***I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read and understood it, and I agree to be bound by its terms.***

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Descriptions of Each Seminar

### Beginning Distance

This seminar is geared toward those dogs that have no real distance skills on them yet. I focus on teaching "Go", which is to send the dog straight away from the handler, "Out", which is lateral distance and redirecting, and the "Turn" or Left" and "Right" directional commands, and how to incorporate them into distance work. In this seminar I use no contacts, and often no weaves.

### Advanced Distance

This seminar is for handlers and dogs that do have some distance skills, i.e. their dog will send 20' to a tunnel, and have some resemblance of an out and turn. In this seminar I work on expanding the dogs directional ability at a distance, and work in the more complex obstacles, such as weaves, and the contacts. There is an emphasis on teaching drills that "proof" the dogs directional ability.

### Gambler Seminar

\*I normally always gear this seminar towards those handlers who are at the Advanced Distance seminar level. It is *very helpful* if the attendees have similar distance skills. We will be running full gamblers courses and so if I have competitors at vastly different skill levels it is more difficult to present challenges appropriate for all levels.

This seminar covers opening period point accumulation strategies and exercises, "panic drills" that teach the handler how to transition from the opening sequence when the whistle blows into the distance test, and the effective use of space and positioning when performing the gamble.