

Steamboat SDT June 8-10, 2018 Altitude 7,000 ft.

March 28, 2018

We are having another trial that will include 2 sanctioned Open classes and 2 Intermediate Schooling classes. This will not be a standard field trial course but should be great fun. No nursery.

Sheep will be dry range ewes. Should be about the same as last year.

We will run a sanctioned **Open** Course that will use 2 adjoining pastures and natural obstacles. Outrun is between 350 and 450 yds. The Open is sanctioned and will be judged, scored and placed, just not paid. Gate on far right hand side of the field, dogs have to go out and pull sheep back through that gate. We will make sure every dog finds their sheep the first day. Equivalent task: The weed sprayer left the gate open between you and the neighbor. Your sheep are in the neighbor's pasture and you are sending your dog to bring them back. He is not normally allowed in that pasture. Now you figure it out.....

Intermediate will use a shorter course, approximately 225 yds without the second pasture and gate. This division is a schooling trial, whether that be for the handler or the dog, and is to give you a chance to expose your dog to a trial situation without all the pressure. You may have a mentor with you at the post and can leave the post at any time to assist your dog through the course. We might run some Intermediate on Friday late afternoon if handlers arrive early. Handlers that cannot get here early can run 2x on Saturday afternoon or second time on Sunday morning. I am still working on the judging aspect so that you can have an evaluation. **ANY** dog may run Intermediate but not two levels in one round.

There will be little payout, if any, and I am trying to keep entries cheap as possible. The idea is for a fun weekend on a new course.

Steamboat Springs is a world class ski and summer resort in NW Colorado and is located about 3 ½ hours from Denver and about 300 miles or 5 hours from Ft. Bridger, the following weekend. There is fishing, hiking, biking and great dining right near the site. Our trial will be held on Friday/Saturday/Sunday, June 8, 9, 10. Dry camping will be allowed starting Friday. Anyone running generators all night, let me know in advance.

You can hand deliver entries to me at Strang Trial. Last year we filled in 2 days.

Best regards,
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