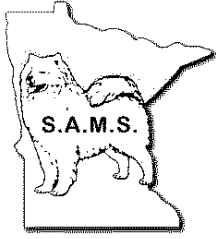


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Next General Meeting Scheduled for February 10th

The next general meeting will be held **Monday, February 10th at 7:30pm** at the Minneapolis Animal Humane Society. The program will be a viewing of the AKC Series Video--Dog Steps, a video on canine movement by Rachel Page Elliot followed by the meeting including the 2004 S.A.M.S. Specialty judge voting.

Note: Please plan to arrive by 7:15 p.m. so that we can start the video punctually at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will start no later than 8:15 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Feb 8-9th Snowflake Days in Coon Rapids check out the website for more information at:
www.minnesotamalamuteclub.com

Feb 22-23rd Northern Heritage Race in Brainerd, MN for further info visit their website at:
http://northern_heritage.tripod.com/northernheritage.html

May 17-18th SAMS 2003 Spring Specialty

Location: Animal Inn, Lake Elmo

| <u>Judges:</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Saturday</u> | <u>Sunday</u> |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Conformation | Jeanne Nonhof | Douglas Shipley |
| | Sweeps | Pat Barkhaus | Karen Nyhuis |
| | Obedience | Louise Botko | Donna Larson |
| | Agility | Carol Smorch | Carol Smorch |

Oct 4th A-Fair with Dogs at Anoka County Fairgrounds

Past President's Message

2002 was a very busy and interesting year for the club. Lots of activities, business, and new things have happened. Thanks to all the people who volunteered their time and efforts. Thanks to all of you for your participation – it would be too difficult to list all of you. I hope that your 2002 was good and that 2003 treats you well with peace, hope, and love in all that you do.

Laura

New President's Message

First of all, I want to thank all of you for electing me as your 2003 president. I look forward to working with all of you to make our club even stronger and more productive.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank our past president, Laura Wolfe, for all her hard work and dedication on behalf of S.A.M.S. and the Samoyed breed. Laura was our president for three years and served in a variety of functions on the board prior to that! I realize I have some big shoes to fill and hope I'll be able to serve you as graciously and productively as she did. In addition to Laura, I want to thank the other three outgoing board members: Bob Gage, Karen Palm, and Robinette Ralston. Fortunately, they have agreed to stay active in S.A.M.S. in a variety of committee functions. At our January 27, 2003, board meeting, I presented a preliminary schedule for the 2003 Club and Board meetings, which was approved by the board. Both schedules are printed in this newsletter and are posted on our web site. I'm also in the process of recruiting/appointing committee chairs. I hope to have the full committee roster completed by the time of our February 10 Club Meeting.

Looking forward to a great year,
Leny Wendel

Club Reminders

The Activities committee is establishing a broadcast email list to notify members of activities that might be of interest. If you haven't been receiving them and would like to be included, please send Barb Gage your email address to be added to the broadcast list at:

Barbarag@winternet.com

Club Reminders – Continued

2003 Spring Specialty: Please notify Ann Musker (ptgypsy1@msn.com) or Mishelle Katzman (Katzf526@cs.com) about any auction or raffle items you have to donate. Jon Gauthier is also collecting for trophy donations and further information is included in this newsletter.

The April General Meeting will be the presentation of award plaques to club members. There were 9 awards achieved by club members that will be presented.

Here is a listing of the scheduled general and board meetings for the remainder of 2003. All dates are subject to change due to facility availability and will be updated in subsequent newsletters.

General Meetings to be held at Minneapolis Animal Humane Society

Monday, **April 14th**

Monday, **June 9th**

Monday, **September 15th**

Monday, **November 10th**

Board Meetings with locations to be determined

Monday, March 3rd

Monday, May 5th

Monday, June 23rd

Monday, August 25th

Monday, October 6th

Monday, December 8th

S.A.M.S. Annual Holiday Party by Leny Wendel

Fabulous food, great company, favorite Sammy stories, topped off with a rollicking auction... Yes, once again, S.A.M.S. members got together for the annual holiday party on Saturday, January 11, 2003.

Hosted for the second year in a row by the Harpers, the party was a big success with a total turnout of 35 people. As usual, S.A.M.S. members brought a dish to share and the hosts prepared the entrée. For those who didn't know the Harpers are gourmet cooks, they know so now: They served up a sumptuous entrée of chicken breast wrapped in home-made crepes, topped with a Chardonnay sauce!

After enjoying all the good food and catching up on all the Sammy stories, it was time for the highlight of the evening: the blind auction with our auctioneer extraordinaire, Jonathon Helleckson. For those who are not familiar with the S.A.M.S. auction tradition, here is how it works: everyone brings a Sams or dog-related item wrapped in holiday paper to the party. Members bid on each of the items without knowing what's inside the package. Among the wrapped packages, is THE BOTTLE--a Jack Daniels bottle of whiskey engraved with the S.A.M.S. logo and accompanied by a scroll describing (in verse!) how this auction item came about. Whoever gets the bottle holds on to it for the next year and brings it to the following holiday party, ready for another (un)lucky winner! This year's winner was Dawn Sawdey (her second time of getting it).

Special thanks go to the Harpers for their hospitality and the wonderful food and to Jonathon Helleckson for doing such a great job in making our pocketbooks a little lighter! We almost grossed \$600 for the club! Thanks to all the S.A.M.S. members as well for making the party so much fun and bringing all the delicious side dishes and wonderful auction items. We hope to see you all next year!

Fundraising Opportunities

This year's Fundraising chairperson, Lori Sorenson, is enthusiastic to incorporate some additional fundraising events this year. She will be taking inventory of our previous fundraising items that are still in stock; primarily, ceramic mugs and giftwrap. If anyone knows who has the 2 boxes of mugs that came from Lori's garage, please let her know. If there are mugs still left, we would like to make them available for sale at club meetings. In addition to our current inventory, a garage sale in the spring is on the slate of events. Please start setting aside your treasures now to donate for the sale. Further information will be included in upcoming newsletters. There will also be a presentation at the February general meeting by Nellie Hofmeister on T-shirts that can be printed with a sammy motif that we could sell to club members and possibly at the spring specialty. Please let Lori know if you'd be interested in working on the Fundraising committee this year. Email her at gsorenson.mn.rr.com.

S.A.M.S. Web Site Member List

<http://www.samsmn.org/>



To be listed as a member on the S.A.M.S. website, please complete the following information and send to the webmaster Ricq Pattay, ricq@winterlong.com.

You can provide any, but not necessarily all, of the following information. Please remember that this information will be visible to the public. **Do not place any information on line that you do not want freely available.**

Name:

E-mail address:

Personal Web site address:

Phone number:

Interest: (see codes below)

S.A.M.S. Member since: (Year joined)

Interest codes:

A - Agility

B - Breeder

Bd- Boarding

C - Conformation / Showing

G - Grooming

Hd- Handler

H - Herding

I - Information General

O - Obedience

P - Pet

PH- Pack Hike

S - Sledding/skijoring/carting

SCA- Samoyed Club of America member (year joined)

Sp - Spinning and weaving

T - Therapy

W - Weight Pull

WS - Working Samoyed

2004 Judge Selection Committee Report

Final voting for 2004 Specialties judges will occur at the February 10th SAMS General meeting.

Judge Finalists are as follows:

CONFORMATION

Barbara Alderman
Shilon Bedford
Judi Elford
Keke Kahn
Nancy Liebes
Lee Wasenske

SWEEPSTAKES

Pat Champagne
Richard Donnay
Blair Elford
Susan Peterson
Judi Schold
Frances Trojan

AGILITY

Jacqueline Hoye
Kory Kaye
Earl Kyle
Mark Sjogren

OBEDIENCE

Ruth Foster
Cynthia Rustad
Phillip Rustad
Joanne Yund

There will be a separate voting to select judges for each day's show.

Trophy Donation Letter for Spring Back to Back Specialty

Hi everyone: I hope everyone is getting geared up for our first spring Back to Back Specialty!

I would like to thank you for the generous trophy donations last year and would appreciate the same support this year. Trophies are something that people take home with them that reflect the quality of the show, our club and the dogs, handlers and the owners. I had several calls after last years show from other clubs and individuals that had positive comment about last years trophy's. I would like to offer the same quality trophies we had last year.

And to do so we need **big** donations to cover the **two** days of awards and the quality we provided. Please give generously.

The trophy awards will be printed in the Premium List and also in the catalog with memorials.

Time is running out on our **April 18th** deadline so please respond soon. (we will always except pledges)
Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you all and seeing you at the show.

Thank You!

Jon Gauthier
Trophy Chairperson
Northgoayt@aol.com