

Samoyed Association of Mpls/St. Paul



CLUB NEWSLETTER

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The next general meeting is scheduled for 7:30pm on Monday, September 13th at the United Methodist Church. Address: 1524 W. Co Rd. C2 and Snelling in Roseville. The church is at the SE corner. Use the east (main) entrance. Signs will be posted to direct you to the meeting room. **Directions:** from hwy 36, take Snelling north and turn right (east) on Co. Rd C2. The parking lot is east of the church. From I694, go south on Snelling and turn left (east) on Co. Rd. C2.

Special program starting at 7:30 pm: A guest speaker, Debbie Patterson, will discuss how to show a top ranking dog. She has successfully campaigned 3 top ranking Irish Water Spaniels within the last 2 years. Please join us for this informative presentation.

Upcoming Events:

October Pack Hike: SAMS Sponsored event is being scheduled for October. If you're interested in attending the pack hike, please contact either Karen Palm or Barb Gage.

Remaining General/Board Meetings for 2004

General Club: Monday at 7:30 pm: 11/15 location to be determined

Board: Mondays at 7:30 pm: 10/4, 12/6 locations to be determined

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you receive this newsletter, the State Fair will almost be over. What happened to the summer? It seems the 4th of July was just a couple of weeks ago...Of course, our Sams are not complaining with even cooler weather on the way! Speaking of the State Fair, I hope many of you have contacted Betty Gerlach for the Samoyed Day at the Fair (Saturday, September 4).

Our next club meeting is around the corner (Monday, 9/13) and there are a few things I would like to bring up for discussion. The first topic is next year's Specialty (May 21 & 22). During our board meeting last week, we discussed whether we should have one day of agility and obedience trials on Saturday and not offer them on Sunday. As many of you know, agility is a lot of work and it's getting harder and harder to find sufficient volunteers, especially on the second day. The main reason for cutting back on obedience is that we get very few entries (only 5 for Sunday this year) that make it hardly worth the effort and expense. Also, by not offering agility and obedience on Sunday, we would be done a lot earlier on Sunday. I welcome all comments. Please come prepared to the club meeting to discuss or, if you cannot make the meeting, please e-mail me with your thoughts. The board requests your input to make it a club decision.

The other thing I want to bring up is the overall apathy among the club members: it's increasingly hard to find anyone to volunteer for anything or even to get people to respond to phone or e-mail messages. We are all in this together and I'm afraid that, if we go on like this, we're just not going to survive as a club. So please, step up to the plate and help us make this club come to life again!

Unfortunately, Jim Parrish has declined to be our show secretary for next year. This is a big blow. For years, he has been the corner stone of our specialty providing enormous support to our show chairs and club. I have tried several other people, but to no avail. If any of you know of someone, please let me know as soon as possible!

Our club meeting is Monday, September 13 at the Centennial Church on Co. Rd. C2 and Snelling. I hope to see many of you there.

Leny

S.A.M.S. DAY AT THE STATE FAIR

Please join Betty Gerlach at the State Fair and show off your beautiful Sams.

Date: **Saturday, September 4.**

Times: **9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m.**

Please contact Betty for more information.

Note: please make sure to groom the Sams you're taking to the Fair (we want to make a good impression on the public)

"PET STUFF SALE" at Pet Junction

Do you have any dog equipment you don't need anymore or do you want to find some great buys? If yes, head out to Pet Junction on **Saturday, October 16, 2004**. The sale is sponsored by the Twin Cities Area Shih Tzu Club. Check in time is 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. The sale runs from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pick up time is from 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. The Shih Tzu Club will charge a 20% commission on all sales.

Pet Junction

NW Corner Hwy 694 & Rice St
SHOREVIEW, MN
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Any questions? E-mail TCSihTzuClub@cs.com

2005 Specialty Volunteers

Ann Musker (2005 Specialty Chair) would like to thank the following members for volunteering for the following spring specialty positions:

Ricq Pattay	Obedience Chair
Roland Anderson	Chief Ring Steward
Jane Anderson & Cyndy McGrath	Trophy Chairs
Lori Sorenson & Cyndy McGrath	Banquet/Auction/Raffle Chairs

Anyone else interested in volunteering their time, or knows someone who is, please email at: amusker@e-switch.com. There are still opportunities for chairing Agility, Hospitality, and Grounds.