



Samoyed Association of Mpls/St. Paul Club Newsletter

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September 21, 2009

Upcoming Meetings

General Club Meeting
Tuesday,
November 10th.
Location TBD.
Presentation by
Dr. Davies on
results of canine
thyroid testing.

6:30 social time
7:00 presentation
8:00 club
meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, December 1st, 7:00 p.m. at Panera at Knollwood Mall.

S.A.M.S. 2009 Board Of Directors

Larry Mackai – President
Bob Gage – Vice President
Kathy Mackai – Treasurer
Paula Maidl – Secretary
Members At Large:
Paul Holtzlider
Todd Maidl
Lynette Sylvester

The next newsletter deadline is October 31st, 2009
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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAMS Pack Hike

Saturday, September 26th

Wendy Graham is organizing a pack hike at Afton State Park on Saturday, September 26 for all SAMS members and their dogs. More information will be send to members via email.

Fall Photo Shoot

Sunday, September 27th and Sunday, October 4th

Jill Crisp is organizing a photo shoot for people with or without dogs, at the Roseville Arboretum. Contact Jill to sign up for a spot on either day.

Weight Pull Training/Practice

Sunday, September 27th – more dates to follow

Sessions are held at Gage & Gage. They begin at 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$5 for your first dog, \$1 for each additional dog. These sessions are for beginners on up!

Herding Fun Day

Saturday, October 17th

Bob Gage has organized another herding fun day for SAMS members, to be held again at Elysian Farms in Pine City, MN. The fun day is open to 12 dogs. The cost will be \$20 per dog, with only 1 dog/family until after 9/30. Contact Bob Gage to sign up.

9:00 – first runs begin

Noon – potluck lunch

Afternoon – second runs begin

SAMS General Meeting, Thyroid Study Presentation

Tuesday, November 10th

We are very excited to have Dr. Davies present her initial findings from the canine thyroid study that many of our members took part in.

6:30 – Social time
7:00 – Presentation
8:00 – Club meeting

NEW MEMBER APPLI CATIONS

Jurgen Hagedorn

**1010 Sunnyview Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55305**

952-544-5304

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Kennel Name: White Lightning, hobby

Interested in Showing, Breeding, Obedience, Weight Pull

All Dogs/Breeds Owned: Samoyed – Samkota's Tundraice Special

Sponsored by: Glori Jean Harper and Pat Griffin

Events Attended: Weight pull in 2008, SAMS Specialty 2009

MEMBER'S CORNER

UKC Weight Pull, July 2009:

Summer in Minnesota is usually very hot and humid, but this past weekend was as nice as one could wish for. The temperatures were in the low to mid 70's and the humidity was low. What a great weekend for a weight pull. With it being summer most of our Samoyeds were not in top pulling condition, but they still had a great representations at the pull. These were two all breed/mixed breed pulls held under the UKC rules. With 5 Samoyeds entered on Saturday and 4 on Sunday with over 20 dogs competing the results for the Sammy's are listed below.

Saturday July 11, 2009

30 - 45 pound class 13.6 - 20.4 kg class

4th place - Que Sera's Callie Sue (Callie) 40 pounds 18.14 kg

Larry and Kathy Mackai

1022 pounds 163.57 kg 25.55 X her body weight

New UKC Weight Pull Title

2nd place Que Sera's Amazing Grace (Gracie) 45 pounds 20.4 kg

Larry and Kathy Mackai

1190 pounds 539.77 kg 26.44 X her body weight

New Samoyed Club of America Working Samoyed Title



1st place - Polar Mist Trouble Shooter (Shooter) 43 pounds 19.5 kg
 Mary Hendrickson
 1190 pounds 539.77 kg 27.67 X his body weight



45 - 60 pound class 20.4 - 27.2 kg class

1st place - Prairie Isle Gabby That'll Do (Gabby) 50 pounds 22.68 kg
 Linda Murray
 1442 pounds 654.08 kg 28.84 X his body weight
TOP PERCENT PULLED IN THE WEIGHT PULL



60 - 80 pound class 27.2 - 36.3 kg class

1st place - Sylvan's Flying Bombardier (Gunner) 62 pounds 28.12 kg
 Barb Gage
 1358 pounds 615.98 kg 21.62 X his body weight



Sunday July 12, 2009

30 - 45 pound class 13.6 - 20.4 kg class

3rd place - Polar Mist Trouble Shooter (Shooter) 43 pounds 19.5 kg
Mary Hendrickson
938 pounds 425.47 kg 21.81 X his body weight
New UKC Weight Pull Title

2nd place - Que Sera's Callie Sue (Callie) 40 pounds 18.14 kg
Larry and Kathy Mackai
938 pounds 425.47 kg 23.45 X her body weight

45 - 60 pound class 20.4 - 27.2 kg class

1st place - Prairie Isle Gabby That'll Do (Gabby) 50 pounds 22.68 kg
Linda Murray
1442 pounds 654.08 kg 28.84 X his body weight
TOP PERCENT PULLED IN THE WEIGHT PULL
New UKC Weight Pull Champion

60 - 80 pound class 27.2 - 36.3 kg class

1st place - Sylvan's Flying Bombardier (Gunner) 62 pounds 28.12 kg
Barb Gage
1358 pounds 615.98 kg 21.62 X his body weight

TDI/CGC Testing, July 2009:

SAMS and the Twin Cities Saint Bernard Club co-sponsored a Therapy Dog International and Canine Good Citizen Testing Clinic on Saturday July 18th, 2009 at the Gage & Gage Warehouse in Shakopee.

A big thank you goes to our testers Linda Murray and Dawn Finch. They both tested dogs from 10:00 until 3:00 with few breaks. I heard several compliments about how

nice they were to work with and how much fun people enjoyed their experience. All of the available spots filled and I believe all dogs passed. Sammies were well represented with 11 participating. We also had a Saint, 2 Great Danes, a Dobe and a Sheltie present.

Hopefully there will be 16 more active Therapy Dogs working in our communities as they are much needed. As more people learn about the good work they do more requests are made for their services in nursing homes, schools, libraries, hospitals, etc. If you've never considered doing therapy work it's a very rewarding endeavor for both you and your dog.

Therapy dogs needed for the Prior Lake Library on the third Saturday of each month from 11:00 to 12:00. You would be working with children who would like the experience of reading to a dog. For more information contact Barbara Gage at 952-758-3410 or email at barbarag@bevcomm.net

Brag and Thanks From Jill Crisp:

Thank GOD for the internet.

Three years ago I lost my rescue Sammy, Shayla, and after searching for months on the internet I found Jim and Elfie's name and contacted them to see if they were planning on having a litter anytime soon. Well, as you all know, Sophie was pregnant at the time and I was LUCKY to get one of her puppies that we all know as Nitro. I was only looking for a companion puppy and I got that and SO much more. Besides my fur baby I got a group of WONDERFUL friends.

I am having a blast going down this road with Nitro. The first event I attended was the holiday party in 2006 at Lynn and Karen's. Nervous to meet everyone I remember standing in the kitchen talking to Paula and then sticking close to Elfie for the rest of the night. Boy things have changed!!!! Now I am all over the place and I just DON'T shut up.

I want to thank Jim for putting the first 10 points on Nitro and sticking to his word when he told me I had to get the last 5 points. I never thought that I would ever finish Nitro. It took 2 1/2 years (Cambridge 2009) to get my first points and when I won I got so excited that you would have thought I took Best in Show. The next month I traveled to Albert Lea with Elfie and Nitro showed like a dream. The two of us never looked as good as a team as we did that weekend. We ended up taking BOB under Patricia Trotter and going into the group ring for the first time. When it was our turn in the group ring I was petrified and as we started our go around I couldn't believe the people that Elfie paid a quarter to applaud. I was so surprised and looked up and I tripped but caught myself. That would have been mortifying if I would have fallen.

All that leads up to our Specialty on Friday August 21, 2009. The weather will always be remembered but it was not as bad as Thursday. I entered the ring with the same attitude as always, which is we will do our best and it is up to the judge. The difference this time is the judge (Celinda Cheskawich) put us in first in our group and as she was looking at the placement of the other dogs and doing down and back I could NOT hear a peep from anyone. It was if everyone was holding their breath. I felt each and every one of you pulling for us to win. When she gave us first in

group the eruption from the sidelines was such an amazing feeling that can not be put into words. It was only the group, now we had to do it all over again for the points. The judge made me go last since I just came out of the class and when she kept us in first I didn't really think it was possible. On the final go around she pointed to us for WD and that was it. Everyone was on their feet applauding and I could not believe what just happened, I not only finished Nitro but I won WD at a specialty.

I handled it well until Jim hugged me and told me that he was proud of me and that was it, the tears came a flooding. The most important thing about winning was having all the WONDERFUL people that I have met over the years on the sidelines cheering us on and sharing this win with them. THANK YOU for all of your support and kind words. It is because of you that I have so much fun.

Thank you once again to Elfie and Jim and for putting up with me and THANKS to everyone else for being so supportive and GREAT friends.

Brag from Linda, Donaven and Gabby Murray:

Sandbeck Mr. Dillon RU Ready –
TT,CGC,TDI,HIT,HCT,HT,PT,CD,RN,RA,RE,WS,WSX
Mr. Dillon took 1st Prize in the 10 & older Veteran Sweepstakes class both days at the SAMS Specialty. He also took Best Opposite Sex to Best in Veteran Sweepstakes on thursday. He was a Silly Dilly trying to dodge all the water puddles in the ring as he ran so as not to get his precious paws wet. I laughed so hard, I nearly slipped. The kindly judge understood as I explained that if the turf was dry he would run much better. We were so pleased to see our "old timer" having fun and doing good

Rainbow Bridge Announcement from Pam Landers:

In Memoriam – Ch Sylvan's Skylark CD WSXM SV

Skylark has left us. At almost 14 she developed a squamous cell sarcoma that covered her stomach, and ran down the inside of both hind legs. Her right rear leg had swollen and she was clearly in pain. We couldn't let her live like that any longer.

I will miss her so much. She won the National puppy sweepstakes at Puyallup in 1996, but that was not her greatest accomplishment. She was such a sweetheart, always wanting to be near us. She was a wonderful lead dog for 10 years, running in harness until she was 11 years old. I will so much miss her low woos in the morning, letting us know it was time to get up and feed her. Boomer is the last one left in her litter, and they were constant companions. I know he will be lost without her.

BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Samoyed Association of Minneapolis & St. Paul

Board Meeting Minutes: 6/9/09

Approved

Larry Mackai, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The board approved the previous board meeting minutes as printed.

President's Report – Larry Mackai

- There was no president's report

Secretary's Report – Paula Maidl

- There was no secretary's report

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Mackai

- Not included in web site version of the newsletter – please contact the club treasurer for additional information.

Committee Reports

2009 Specialty: Larry Mackai

- Received confirmation on Hooley Hall for our banquet/dinner/auction Friday night.
- The premium proof/corrections have been sent in.
- There is a meeting in July with the Kennel Club to discuss the specialty details.
- We will need to coordinate show time with the Rotties, as we are 'sharing' judge Dana Cline

Activities Committee

- The committee is working on putting together a schedule for weight pull classes/practice times at Gage & Gage (at which we will use the club's new weight pull cart)
- 7/18 is the new date for TDI and CGC testing at Gage & Gage
- We are looking at dates for a herding fun day/testing. Possibly 10/17-18, 10/24-25. Bob is coordinating with Kim at Elysian Farm.
- There is a State Fair meeting in June.

Unfinished Business

- The July event that was proposed in conjunction with the St. Croix KC, and MKC was cancelled. The AKC denied the request.

New Business

- Gage's have found and donated Sammy gift bags to the specialty.
- Bob Gage discussed the "Dogs In The Womb" DVD from a show on Discovery. We could possibly rent this and show it as a program prior to an upcoming

meeting.

- Carol Jetzer may be able to arrange the use of a meeting room at Canterbury racetrack for an upcoming club meeting. We will have her check on availability for the September club meeting date.

The next meetings are:

- 7/14/09 – Annual SAMS barbeque & dog walk. Paula will send out reminder email to membership with directions & timing of event. Club will provide meat & water. Members will bring a dish to share, and water/crates for dogs.
- **New Date: 8/4/09** – Board meeting at Panera/Knollwood at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Maidl

Samoyed Association of Minneapolis & St. Paul
Draft – Approval Pending
General Club Meeting Minutes: 7/14/2009

Larry Mackai called the meeting to order at 8:25 p.m.

The last club meeting minutes were approved with the following correction: the 2009 specialty report was given by Bob Gage and not Larry. Laura Wolfe moved to accept the minutes with the correction, Leny Wendell seconded, and all approved.

President's Report – Larry Mackai

- No President's report

Secretary's Report – Paula Maidl

- No secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Mackai

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Committee Reports

Activities/Education: Barb Gage

- TDI/CGC testing at Gage & Gage this Saturday. There are 3 openings left, let Barb Gage know if you are interested.
- Weight pull was very successful. There were about 20 dogs, 5 or 6 SAMS did very well.
- Agility clinic – no new date yet
- Herding – 10/17 is the next herding fun day at Elysian Farms in Pine City. The following weekend, 10/24, they are holding an all-breed herding trial, also at

Elysian Farms, if anyone is interested in testing.

- Weight pull training classes at Gage & Gage will be held on 7/26, 8/2 and 8/16. Sunday afternoons from 1 – 4 p.m. A flyer will be sent out to membership. \$5 for first dog, \$1 for each additional dog.

2009 Specialty: Larry Mackai

- The premium will be coming out soon. The timing of the judging will also be determined soon. Jill is organizing the potluck, let her know if you can donate a food item or cash towards food purchase. Pat and Gary Griffin are organizing the auction – let Pat know if you have an item to donate.

Membership: Paula Maidl

- Becky Holtzlider's membership application was read and voted on. Becky was unanimously approved for membership.

Unfinished Business

- There are cookbooks still available. We also have 17 mugs still available, if anyone is interested in purchasing one.

New Business

- We read an email request to support the establishment of Canine Veteran's Day. Laura will research more into this request to see what is involved in giving our support to this initiative.
- Responsible Dog Owner day is going to be held at Washington County Fairgrounds sponsored by the St. Croix Valley KC. They have opened this activity up for other clubs to participate in. We can have a 10 x 10 area for distributing information, showing dogs, doing demos, etc. It is going to be held on 9/19/09. They will also be running a B match that day. Kathy Mackai motioned that SAMS should participate in this event. Laura Wolfe seconded and all approved.
- Jill Crisp brought up the possibility of scheduling a photo shoot for the fall. Jill will follow up on this and getting some dates scheduled.
- Laura Wolfe mentioned that Jon Gauthier had volunteered his new home as a location for our next SAMS holiday party.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next club meeting will be held on September 8th at Gage & Gage.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Maidl

Samoyed Association of Minneapolis & St. Paul
Draft – Approval Pending
General Club Meeting Minutes: 9/8/2009

Larry Mackai called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

There was no quorum at this meeting.

President's Report – Larry Mackai

- No President's report

Secretary's Report – Paula Maidl

- No secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Mackai

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Committee Reports

Activities/Education: Barb Gage

- Weight pull training is this Sunday, and another will be held 2 weeks from now. Paula will email out details to membership.
- There will be a novice weight pull on 10/24 at Gage & Gage. There is a bully pull the next day in St. Paul (sanctioned).
- Agility clinic – no new date yet
- Herding – 10/17 is the next herding fun day at Elysian Farms in Pine City. It will start at 9:00 a.m., is open to a total of 12 dogs, \$20/dog, 1 dog/family until 9/30. Only 3 openings left.
- Pack hike is being organized by Wendy Graham for 9/26 at Afton State Park. More info to follow.
- A big Thank You to Carol Jetzer for coordinating a wonderful day at Canterbury Downs for members!

2009 Specialty: Larry Mackai

- Thanks to Bob Gage, Paul Holtzlider and Todd Maidl for their hard work on the dinner
- Thanks to Pat and Gary Griffin for a fun and successful auction!
- Thanks to Jill Crisp for a delicious potluck lunch on Thursday, and for her help organizing the silent auction on Friday.
- Thanks to Jim Shea for his help with grounds.
- Thanks to Rolan Anderson for a doing a great job as ring steward.
- We need a show chair for 2010. Larry has agreed to help whoever volunteers, so don't let inexperience hold you back.

Membership: Paula Maidl

- A membership application for Jurgen Hagedorn was read. His application will be published in the next club newsletter.

Nomination Committee:

- Lynette Sylvester is working on Board nominations for 2010. Please consider serving.

Unfinished Business

- RDO day will be held on 9/19 at Washington Co. Fairgrounds. 8:00 a.m. setup, runs 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Must have rabies certifications for any dogs with you. There will be an AKC Canine Experience, and a fun match (no experience necessary, young dogs are OK 3 months and older. If you would like to volunteer to help out, contact Larry Mackai.
- The fall photo shoot will be held at the Roseville Arboretum. Jill Crisp is distributing a sign-up sheet. The dates are Sunday, 9/27 and Sunday, October 4th.

New Business

- The Scott County (Prior Lake) Library is looking for therapy dogs for kids to read to on the 3rd Saturday of each month. If you are interested, give them a call.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next club meeting will be held on 11/10. The location is to be determined. Dr. Davies will be presenting information on the canine thyroid study results from the study that many of our members participated in.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Maidl