

Samoyed Association of Mpls/St. Paul



CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Kathy Mackai – Treasurer
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Jon Gauthier – Member at Large
Bob Gage – Member at Large
Lynette Sylvester – Member at Large

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The next General Club meeting will be Tuesday, May 8th, 2007, at the home of Karen Palm & Lynne Sparks.

Upcoming Events:

General Club Meetings:

July 11th – BBQ at North Mississippi Regional Park

October 9th – Location TBD

November 27th – Location TBD

Board Meetings:

June 18th – Location TBD

August 14th – Location TBD

September 26th – Location TBD

November 20th – Location TBD

June 16th: Therapy Dog Testing Event at Gage & Gage Warehouse in Shakopee. (More details in next newsletter)
Club member Linda Murray will host another TDI Int'l testing event for our club. If you're interested in registering your dog(s) for testing, please contact Lori Sorenson at goudamae@hotmail.com.

Board Member Biographies:

Lynette Berg Sylvester

I was born and raised in Minneapolis, and am a graduate of Minneapolis Roosevelt. I then attended the U of M, and then graduated from St Cloud University. During my schooling at St Cloud I met and married Bob. That was 39 years ago. We have two children, Melissa and Steve. They are both grown and gone. I have two beautiful grandsons, and am waiting for the third grandson who will be born in July 2007.

I was a first grade teacher in White Bear Lake, and later quit to stay home with my children.

Alas I was not to remain at home. Bob and I started a business called Sylvester Discount, and soon we had stores from El Paso to Minneapolis. We closed the last store in Winona in 2001. I used to sell Diamonds and wedding rings in the store, and still do to a select clientele. I really enjoy that part of the business. Bob and I have had apartment buildings since the early 70's, and so Bob stays busy with that, and I help out when needed.

Bob and I got our first dog when we were first married. He was from Alaska, and was a sled dog. The owner told me that he was part Samoyed. I was intrigued, what was a Samoyed?

When Kip (the dog) passed, I had research Samoyeds, and found a sammy in the paper. His name was Sam, of course. and we were hooked. We have had Sammys for pets the 35 years. We used to get some of our dogs from Bob and Wanda Krauss. Then Wanda told me that she had a special dog from Alaska, but he was a show dog! I asked "What is a show dog?" Wanda told me well, you give your dog a bath, go to the show, run around the ring, collect your ribbons and go out to eat with friends. Hmmm--- I can do that. Bob and Wanda were very kind and mentored me on Samoyeds. I went to my first national in Wisconsin, and I WAS HOOKED. I have attended the Sammy national ever since.

Currently Bob and I live in East Bethel MN, with four Samoyeds, Prize (the mother), Ellie (daughter) Packer (son), and Diva (daughter). What a blast. We really enjoy the dogs and doing things with them. The three older Sammy's go to the nursing home with me. I have also been doing herding and have titled two of them. Currently three of my dogs have their AKC championship. I can't imagine our life without a Sammy in it.

Jon Gauthier

I was Born in Corning IA. I then moved with my family to Marshalltown IA. And lived there until I moved to Des Moines. I was transferred to Minneapolis with a Chicago based company. I was the Area Manager for Neb. IA and MN. I now live with my three Sammy's Prima, Meir, and Crew and a Miniature Poodle named Annabelle (Rescue from bad home).

I work for the State of MN in a group home with four residents in Big Lake. I have also started buying and rehabbing homes.

When I moved to Minneapolis I moved next door to a couple who had horses and dogs WOW! Horses and dogs, they must be pretty good folks. I was right. Jim and Laura have been great neighbors for many yrs.

I suppose this is a good place to start my Sammy story. I bet everyone has one.

I had a near fatal reaction to an antibiotic, in a matter of weeks put me in a coma for over a month. At the most critical time I had no Kidney or Liver function. The last day was at hand. A Doctor unrelated to my case had heard of the situation and offered his help. Thank God, his actions saved my Life.

I went in at 215lbs and came out at 145lbs. I couldn't walk or talk for many months. When I did arrive home I had no idea of the work ahead of me. It took almost a year to be able to walk and regain speech. My first exercise was to fall out of a chair and see if I could get back up.

I lost my job and most of my friends. Months went by and summer was on it way; I was talking and walking with a cane (I called it walking), It was time to get back into life again and I needed a way to be more socially active and "get back into the game" They said.

I was talking to Laura over the fence one day she told me about a little Sammy girl who needed a home. I went over to see the little girl. She was very shy and really wanted nothing to do with me. I sat in the kennel till she decided I might be OK, she slowly came over and I got to pet her.

I found a home for her. She was too shy and came back to Laura. At this point I asked if I could try her and Laura said Ok. I had little money and was not really ready for more responsibility but at the same time something felt very right about US. It turns out she was John Donners pick bitch. She was too shy and he had others that needed his attention. A deal was set that if I put a title on this bitch she was mine.

A tearful Laura handed the little girl over the fence. "I will take very good care of her."

Prima is her name. She was small, skinny and young, but to me she was the best one I had ever seen. The work began. We decided conformation was the way to go. It was soon clear this wasn't going to be easy. I was not moving well and Prima was moving everywhere to get away from me. Wouldn't come out of her kennel; wouldn't come in from the back yard; would shy away from everything. What was I getting into? Training classes came and went with Prima hiding from the instructors and from her shadow. What did I get myself into? First show Apple Valley; put her in American bred. I thought no one else would be in the class; except Jane Anderson was and well we know how that turned out. We didn't win but I felt as if I did just getting out there.

Next show: Fort Doge, IA, 1999. The pep talk with Prima did no good; she was acting worse than ever, but in the ring we went. Dorthy Nickles was the judge. Go around please. We did. At inspection, Ms. Nickles asked me to bring Prima from behind me so she could see her. Ms. Nickles and I both thought that would be a great idea but Prima had ideas of her own. Well, I pulled her around, Ms Nickles went down to Prima told her she was pretty and it was going to be ok. Prima must have believed Ms Nickles. Prima looked up at me as if to say, "Hey we are going to be ok" Prima stood four square, chest out and stood for the exam. Down and back, once around, now all together we all went around together and Ms. Nickles pointed at us and said # 1. Prima had her first ribbon and point that day! Donner always said, "You are starting out with a Cadillac not a Chevy. "

There are many great judges, we have won under some and lost under some. But Dorthy Nickles will always hold a great position in my Sammy history.

Prima is one of my most cherished of friends; she has stuck by me for 10 yrs now.

I have met many good people through the Club and through shows. I have had a lot of help along the way; Laura and Jim Wolfe have been there since day one. Laura has put up with me on the road for many yrs. She has given me grooming lessons, training, and has been a good friend. John Donner, of course, seeing the need in both Prima and myself. Newly added to my list of good people are: Todd, Paula, Rachel, and Alex Maidl. They have continued to make shows fun. Prima would like to thank the Maidls for giving her babies a GREAT home. (Kodi & Kenna). I could go on and on but it seems I already have. That's my Sammy Story.

Board & General Meeting Minutes

General Club Meeting Minutes: 03/14/07

Larry Mackai, president, called the meeting to order at 8:30. The meeting was held at Gage & Gage.

Laura Wolfe moved to accept the January club meeting minutes, and Lynette Sylvester seconded the motion.

Secretary's Report – Paula Maidl

- The secretary had nothing to report

President's Report – Larry Mackai

- The president had nothing to report

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Mackai

- Kathy reported that there is \$2,079.76 in checking and \$5,828.87 in savings.
- There was an \$18 bill paid for postage
- 2nd notice for membership renewals have been sent out

- There are currently 5 non-renewals, that must be in by 3/31 or memberships will lapse
- Connie Sandsome moved to Oregon and will not be renewing

Committee Reports

Activities/Education – Barb Gage

- 4/1 – Carting clinic with the Malamute club.
- 4/7 – Wellness clinic at Gage & Gage from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. No appointments needed. Heartworm testing, rabies and bordetella vaccinations will be offered. We are still trying to see if we can work out the diabetes testing for this.
- 4/13 – Weight pull clinic and pull put on by the mixed breed club at Tails Up in Lakeville.
- 4/28,29 – NADSR weight pull at Gage & Gage. Novice and regular with a practice session.
- Lori is working on trying to get the therapy dog testing set up.

2006 Specialty: Laura Wolfe

- We received AKC approval for our shows.
- Judy Hekel, show secretary, changed email addresses
- We will be getting the specialty information into the next SCA Bulletin.
- The first draft premium list is out to the show committee for review.

Membership – Paula Maidl

The membership listing for Jill Rae Crisp was unintentionally left out of the newsletter. It will be published in the upcoming newsletter.

Awards – Lori Sorenson

- Members have until 4/15 to get awards and plaque forms to Lori Sorenson. These were in the last newsletter.

MN Purebred Dog Breeders Association – Laura Wolfe

Laura contacted the MPDBA for our benefits and responsibilities as members. She will attend an upcoming meeting and renew our club's membership.

New Business

- Barb Gage motioned that the Club donate \$75 towards trophies for the 4/28,29 weight pull. Paula Maidl seconded the motion and it was passed.
- Discussed the Club's participation in the new Minnesota Affiliated Dog Clubs group. Laura Wolfe motioned that the club join and support this group. Kathy Mackai seconded the motion.
- Jane Anderson requested that her honorarium for speaking at the club meeting be donated to the MN Affiliated Dog Clubs group. Lori Sorenson motioned to donate the honorarium to the above group. Laura Wolfe seconded the motion.
- Laura Wolfe moved that the Club provide a \$100 donation to the support the Don Duncan Serum Run. The motion was seconded by Paula Maidl.
- Barb Gage moved that the Club provide \$50 to a fund being collected to place an ad in the SCA bulletin honoring Don Duncan and his team of Samoyeds that participated in and finished the Serum Run. Laura Wolfe seconded this motion.
- Lynette Sylvester motioned that the Club provide a \$100 trophy donation to the SCA 2007 National Specialty trophy fund. Todd Maidl seconded this motion.

Unfinished Business

- Laura Wolfe motioned that the we move the July general club meeting to July 10, and to pay \$75 to reserve the North Mississippi park shelter for that evening. This motion was seconded by Todd Maidl

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Maidl

Board Meeting Minutes: 02/08/07

Larry Mackai, president, called the meeting to order at 7:10. The meeting was located at the home of Larry and Kathy Mackai.

Secretary's Report – Paula Maidl

There was no secretary's report, as we did not have the minutes from the previous meeting to review.

President's Report – Larry Mackai

Larry and the board decided on the following board and general meeting dates for 2007:

Board: April 17th, June 18th, August 14th, September 26th, and November 20th

Club (programs and locations to be announced):

- March 14 – Gage & Gage – “Ask the Vet” program
- May 8 – Karen Palm and Lynn Sparks’s home
- July 10th – Barbeque at North Mississippi Regional Park?
- October 9th
- November 27th

Treasurer’s Report – Kathy Mackai

- Kathy reported that there is \$2,122.76 in checking and \$5,828.87 in savings. Dues must be in my April 1st or memberships will lapse. 2nd notices will be sent out soon.
- Kathy read a thank you note from Bob Gage for the get-well flowers from the club.
- Kathy also notified the board that the rental fee on the storage facility will be increasing to \$51.00 per month.
- We have received a verbal OK on our 2005 financial audit, with the comment that the treasurer should not write checks to herself. We will wait to audit the 2006 books until a little later in the year. Also, because the president and treasurer are married, the club vice president will be the second signer on the club account.

Committee Discussion

The new board reviewed the committees and chairs.

Newsletter – Lori Sorenson

Website – Ricq Pattay

Sunshine – Was Paul Holtzlider last year. The Board will ask Paul if he wants to continue in 2007.

Membership – Paula Maidl

SCA Liaison – Laura Wolfe

Awards – Lori Sorenson

Hall of Fame – Larry Mackai

State Fair – Was Betty Gerlach last year. The board will ask Betty if she wants to continue in 2007. Lynette Sylvester and Bob Gage will join this committee and look into SAMS involvement with the presentation.

Committee Reports

2006 Specialty: Laura Wolfe

All specialty committee members are in place. Cindy will be reserving the room for the banquet. We are still waiting to hear the official OK from AKC for the show dates. Letters from the Animal Inn and SCA have been received.

Membership – Paula Maidl

We read a new membership for Jill Rae Crisp at the general meeting in January. This will be published in the next Newsletter.

Unfinished Business

- The board discussed the Club’s membership in the Minnesota Purebred Dog Breeders Association. Laura agreed to look into the membership/benefits.

New Business

- The board discussed recognizing club members’ accomplishments annually on our web site and in the newsletter.
- The board members are each going to write a small bio on themselves, and email it to Paula Maidl for inclusion in the next newsletter. The purpose is to have club members get to know each other better. After board members, we would like to move on to the rest of the club membership.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Maidl

New Membership Application:

Jill Rae Crisp

No kennel name

Type of Kennel: Hobby

Does not belong to other breed clubs

Interested in Showing

Dog: Elfenbein Jump Start "Nitro"

Sponsored by Elfie Shea and Larry Mackai

Events: Holiday party (January 27, 2007), Club meeting (Jan 30, 2007)

Why other countries are funnier than US:



SAMS Awards/Plaques Form:

EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR PLAQUE ORDERS TO MAY 13th! If you have a sammy that completed an AKC certificate in 2006 (Conformation, Obedience, Agility) you are eligible to apply for a SAMS award plaque. Breeder's plaque is awarded for offspring receiving an AKC championship in 2006 bred by a club member. Please be sure to specify the number of breeder plaques you wish to order for joint breeders.

Please use the form listed below to submit your order. Award plaques will be distributed at the July General Meeting. Payment for 50% of cost is due at time of receipt.

Please contact Lori Sorenson if you have any questions regarding SAMS award plaques. The Hall of Fame qualification information is located in the SAMS blue book. To receive a copy of this information, please contact any board member.

PLEASE NOTE: Plaques are developed from scratch based on specific certificate information. We no longer use the company that used to provide the laser cut plaques based on the original certificate. That company went out of business over 5 years ago.

S.A.M.S. Awards and Plaques Form

Samoyed Association of Minneapolis/St. Paul

Eligibility

Any dog receiving a new title is eligible:

Awards:

- **Conformation Champions** –submit a **copy** of the AKC Championship certificate
 - **Obedience** – submit a **copy** of the AKC Championship certificate
 - **Agility** – submit a copy of the AKC Championship certificate
 - **Breeder plaques** – submit name of breeder, dog's registered name, dog's title, & # of plaques
 - **Hall of Fame** – submit dog's name and classifications of the award (ex: Progenitive Bitch)
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(Please type or print legibly)

Type of plaque: __ Conformation __ Obedience __ Agility __ Breeder __ Hall of Fame

Dog's Name _____

Dog's Title or classification _____

Breeder's name _____ # of Plaques _____

Hall of Fame classification _____

The information to be engraved will be sent to verify accuracy before the plaque is made. S.A.M.S. club members will pay one half (50%) of the cost of the plaque for conformation, obedience, agility, breeder and Hall of Fame plaques.

Deadline for awards and plaques submission is May 13th 2007. The plaques will be awarded at the next scheduled general club meeting.

Please send your completed form no later than May 13th 2007 to:

Lori Sorenson