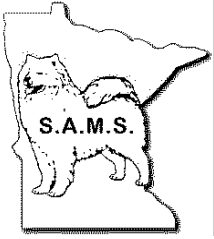


Samoyed Association of Mpls/St. Paul



CLUB NEWSLETTER

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The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, August 14th , 2007, at 7pm at the Chili's restaurant located at Hwy 100 and 494 in Bloomington. All club members are welcome to attend board meetings if they have a specific item to present to the board. Please notify any board member if you'd like to attend the meeting and your topic to present.

Upcoming Events:

General Club Meetings:

October 9th – Location TBD

November 27th – Location TBD

Board Meetings:

August 14th – Chili's Restaurant at Hwys 100 & 494 in Bloomington (Exit at 77th Street off Hwy 100 and take the frontage road)

September 26th – Location TBD

November 20th – Location TBD

August 19th – TDI Testing Event 11:30am – 4:00pm at Pet Junction, 157 County Road E. in Shoreview. Contact Dawn Finch if you're interested in testing your dog.

August 28th – Diabetes Research Clinic 5:00 to 7:00pm at Oakwood Pet Clinic, 1441 N. Highway 101 in Plymouth (next to Snyders Drug on SW corner of intersection Hwy 101 & Cty Rd 6). Contact Barb Gage for more information or to register. Dogs must be 7 yrs or older without Diabetes, or any age with Diabetes. Blood will be drawn and sent to the SCA Research Foundation (SCARF) to further the study of Diabetes in our breed. (See details in separate article.)

TDI/CGC Testing Event Recap

By Lori Sorenson

The SAMS TDI/CGC Testing Event on June 19th was a HUGE success again this year. All 18 time slots were filled with a variety of dogs including Samoyeds, Golden & Brown Labs, Australian Shepherds, & mixed breeds. Of the 17 dogs tested, only 3 did not pass their certification test. (Mostly due to sit stays which are hard to teach show dogs!)

Happily we now have **7** newly certified “Therapy Sammies” within our club and hopefully they will reach out to local senior care facilities, schools, libraries, and hospitals to spread the love of Sammies in a therapy setting! If you're interested in helping the “Read to Me” library program with your therapy dog, please contact Barb Gage for more information. If you need ideas on what to do next with your therapy dog, please call your local nursing homes, schools and libraries to see if they're looking for dogs to visit their facilities. You can also find information at the TDI website: tdi-dog.org

The club would like to thank member **Linda Murray** and her therapy dog friend – Dawn Finch for doing the testing at our event again this year. It was wonderful to see all the dogs that came to be tested and the high number of passing scores. This may have to become an annual club event to provide members and friends the opportunity to test their dogs and join the therapy dog community! Congratulations to the following club members and their therapy Sammies: **Paul Holtzlider's** Glacier & Flurry, **Laura Wolfe's** Gilda & Prima, **Lynne Spark's & Karen Palm's** Dancer & Jack, and **Larry & Kathy Mackai's** Grace.

SCARF Diabetes Research Clinic – August 28th:

Our club has chosen to help the SCA Research Foundation (SCARF) in their Diabetes study. We have a local veterinarian, Dr. Carissa Williamson from **Oakwood Pet Clinic**, to provide the blood drawing service and shipment of samples to SCARF. All Samoyeds 7 yrs & older without Diabetes and any age Samoyed with diabetes are invited to participate in the study. SCARF covers the cost of the blood draw and shipment of the samples. If you would like to participate in this study, please **contact Barb Gage by August 26th** to reserve a time. Blood draws will be scheduled every 15 minutes starting at 5:00pm until 7:00pm.

The Oakwood Pet Clinic is located at the intersection of Highway 101 and County Rd 6 in Plymouth. The clinic is located next to the Snyders Drug Store in the shopping center on the Southwest corner of the intersection. Clinic phone: (763) 473-7030

New Member Application:

Katelyn Tobin

Does not belong to other breed clubs

Interested in obedience, agility, sledding and weight pull

Does not currently own a dog

Sponsored by Kathy Mackai and Barb Gage

Event #1 attended: 2007 SAMS Specialty show, May 2007

Event #2 attended: Club Meeting/Dog Walk, July 2007

Board & General Meeting Minutes

**Samoyed Association of Minneapolis & St. Paul
General Club Meeting Minutes: 07/11/07**

Draft – Approval Pending

Larry Mackai, president, called the meeting to order at 7:40. The meeting was held at the North Mississippi Regional Park.

Jim Shea moved to accept the March club meeting minutes, and Laura Wolfe seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Mackai

- Kathy reported that there is \$1,940.22 in checking.

Committee Reports

2006 Specialty: Laura Wolfe

- Laura received and read “Thank You’s” from the Specialty

Activities/Education: Barb Gage

- The weight pull is being moved to the 2nd weekend in October.

Judge Selection 2009: Jim Shea

- Surveys will be sent out to members next week.

Membership: Paula Maidl

- Membership for Brenda Countryman and Dan White was read and unanimously voted in.
- Membership for Tom and Carol Jetzer was read and unanimously voted in.
- A new membership request was received and read for Katelyn Tobin, and will be published in the next newsletter.

Unfinished Business

- The club is looking for a volunteer for Show Chair for the 2008 Specialty
- An award was presented to Karen Palm for her role as club president in 2006.

New Business

- There was discussion around trying to get together a state basket for the Nationals in September. Jill Crisp will lead this effort. If anyone has anything they would like to donate for use in the basket, please contact Jill.

The next board meeting will be held on August 14th at the Chili's at 494 & 100.

The next general club meeting will be held on October 9th, location to be determined.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Maidl

6/18/07 Board Meeting of the Samoyed Association of Minneapolis-St. Paul Draft – approval pending

The meeting was called to order by Larry Mackai at 7:22 p.m.

President's Report (Larry Mackai)

- Thank you to Laura Wolfe for chairing a wonderful 2007 Specialty!
- Thank you to the activities committee for all the great activities so far this year and all their hard work!

Secretary's Report (Paula Maidl)

- Laura Wolfe moved to accept the meeting minutes from the 4/17 board meeting, and Kathy Mackai seconded the motion.
- We have received our trial applications from the AKC for the 2008 Specialty.

Treasurer's Report (Kathy Mackai)

- We reviewed the specialty financial report
- Current balances are \$3,253.92 in Checking and approximately \$3,800 in Savings
- Discussed the purchase of a wireless PA system to use at club events. Kathy Mackai moved to purchase the system, and the motion was seconded by Bob Gage. Motion passed.
- For the 2008 tax year, filed in 2009, we will need to submit a 990 form (for non-profits).

Committee Reports

- 2007 Specialty (Laura Wolfe)
 - We will be sending marked-up copies of the show catalog to SCA for the bulletin, and also one to each person who donated money to the memorial/trophy fund
 - The photographer is waiting for decisions on the photos before sending us our set.
 - The Samoyed Quarterly is doing an memorial article on John Donner and will include a photo from the Specialty
 - Thanks to the show committees for doing a great job!
 - Laura is preparing a folder of show information to pass along to the next show chair
- MPDBA (Laura Wolfe)
 - The next meeting is Wednesday, June 20. The State Fair is being discussed. Bob and Lynette will discuss and try to attend the meeting or talk to the group about our State Fair presentation.
- SCA Liaison (Laura Wolfe)
 - Our club report was submitted.
- Activities (Barb Gage)
 - No report
- Membership (Paula Maidl)
 - 2 new applications will be published in the newsletter, and will be read at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business

- Discussed details on upcoming club meeting.

New Business

- The club received commemorative items from our donation to the Don Duncan serum run.
- Bob Gage has a library inventory. He will send it to Ricq to post on the web site.
- Photo albums are not in the storage unit. Bob has them up to 1999. We need to get 2000 – 2005.

- The board decided to fund 3 plaques for the 4H state dog show, 1 in each category.
- Fundraising ideas were discussed.
- Pulling together a state basket for the Nationals was discussed. We will bring up to membership at the next meeting, and see if anyone wants to head this up.
- The Northstar Working Group show in August was discussed. The board voted to donate \$25 to sponsor the Samoyed BOB winner. The board voted to approve the sponsorship, with one board member abstaining from voting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Paula Maidl

Reminder: SAMS Annual Top Agility Award

The deadline for applications for the **SAMS Annual Top Agility Award in Memory of Gordon E. Sawdy** for 2005 and 2006 must be postmarked by October 1, 2007. The plaque will be awarded at the Holiday Party.

Rules for S.A.M.S. Annual Top Agility Award in Memory of Gordon E. Sawdey. Award began for calendar year 1/1/99 – 12/31/99.

Top Agility Samoyed:

1. Points may be accrued for multiple titles/qualifying scores earned in Regular classes within the award year on each Samoyed.
2. The definition of title/qualifying score is as per the AKC Agility Regulations in effect when the qualifying score or title was earned. Titles/qualifying scores from the Preferred Classes are not considered for earning this award.
3. This award is for AKC Agility titles only.
4. This award is for S.A.M.S. members in good standing only.
5. Points will be computed cumulatively according to the schedule below:

A. Points for Titles for Standard Titling and Jumpers With Weaves (JWW):

- 50 points for a N.A. title
- 75 points for a O.A. title
- 100 points for an A.X. title
- 150 points for a M.X. title
- 300 points for each MACH (Master Agility Championship) title

B. Bonus points earned for qualifying scores:

- 2 points for a Novice qualifying score (including JWW), or 3 points if score is 100 (including JWW)
- 3 points for an Open qualifying score (including JWW), or 5 points if score is 100 (including JWW)
- 4 points for an Excellent A qualifying score (including JWW), or 7 points if score is 100 (including JWW)
- 9 points for an Excellent B qualifying score (including JWW)

C. Points for double qualifying scores in the same day:

- 3 per day if the lowest class is Novice
- 5 per day if the lowest class is Open
- 7 per day if the lowest class is Excellent A
- 9 per day if the lowest class is Excellent B

D. Bonus points for class placements, 1st – 4th (Standard Titling & JWW):

- Points earned are equal to the number of dogs/bitches beaten (Example: A Samoyed finishing 3rd in a class of 15 would receive 12 points).

E. If there is a tie, the tiebreaker will be the number of dogs defeated overall.

The S.A.M.S. AKC Annual Agility Application form must be completed and sent to:

Barbara Gage

Applicants may submit an AKC computer printout with their application for each dog's record if they do not have access to the AKC Awards magazine. In doing so, they do not need to complete the AKC Awards Issue and page number on the application form. However, the Name of Trial, Date, Dogs Defeated and Placement lines must be complete in either case.

Only forms received by deadline of each year will be considered.

An award will be given each calendar year. The S.A.M.S. AKC Annual Award Application forms must be received by the person designated by March 1st of each year. The main award will be a traveling plaque to be awarded at the S.A.M.S. Specialty Annual Banquet each year. In addition to the traveling plaque, an individual award plaque and an award certificate will be given to the top Agility Samoyed's owner to keep. These individual awards will be given at the banquet the year following when they receive the traveling plaque. **The traveling plaque must be returned by March 1st of each year.**

For the calendar year 1/1/05 – 12/31/06, the deadline to return the award application forms will be October 1, 2007. The traveling plaque for calendar year 2005/2006 will be awarded at the SAMS Holiday Party in 2008. At that time the individual award and certificate will also be given to the previous year's winner.

S.A.M.S. AKC Annual Top Agility Dog Application Form

Award in Memory of Gordon E. Sawdey

For year 1/1/05 – 12/31/06 PLEASE PRINT Dog / Bitch (circle one)

Registered Name of Dog (if applicable) _____

Owner's Name _____

Address _____

Co-Owner's Name (if applicable) _____

Address _____

AKC/ILP Registration Number _____

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