

Samoyed Association of Mpls/St. Paul



CLUB NEWSLETTER

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The next general meeting is scheduled for 7:00pm on Monday, January 30th, 2006. There will be program at 7 PM and meeting at 7:45. We are putting together a working dog activity presentation, and will hold a potluck supper. Please mark your calendars for the meeting date and you will receive a separate mailing with the meeting specifics after the holidays.

Upcoming Events:

January 21st - S.A.M.S. ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

You're cordially invited to the S.A.M.S. Annual Holiday Party:

Date: **Saturday, January 21, 2006**
Time: **6:30 p.m.**
Location: Karen Palm and Lynne Sparks' home

Note: *Please be sure to RSVP so that we can plan for the right amount of food!*

S.A.M.S. will provide the Entrée, Soda, and Coffee. Please bring a dish to share (hors d'oeuvres, salad, dessert).

As always, the highlight of the evening will be the S.A.M.S. HOLIDAY AUCTION with our famous auctioneer, Jonathon Helleckson. Please bring a gift-wrapped item (preferably Sams or dog-related) to add to everyone's enjoyment. Such treasures to be had but, Bottle, Bottle, who's got the bottle? Do you remember?

Join us for this evening of fun, great food, and good company. We look forward to seeing you!

January 14th –

Canine Snow Pull & Sprint Races

Hosted By:
Northcentral Working Dog Club
&
Colorado Bulldog Club of America

At: Starmist Kennels in Fountain, MN

January 14, 2006

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Sprint Race
Registration: 9 AM
Race begins: 10 AM

Weight Pull
Registration: 1 PM
Pull begins: 2 PM

Entry Fees
Sprint Race Only
\$5.00 per team
Weight Pull Only
\$10.00 per dog
Sprint Race & Weight Pull
\$15.00 per team + 5.00 per
dog entered for weight pull

**All dogs MUST be
registered with NADSR
Registration Services
will be Available On-Site**

This event is
sanctioned by North
American Dog
Sports and Registry

For More Information Please Contact:
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Feb 4th - Weight Pull only in Spencer, WI

Feb 25th - Weight Pull and Sprint Race Spencer, WI

If anyone is interested they can contact Adam Lattimer for more information.

A CHRISTMAS FANTASY (A story that may have happened!)

Written by Mavis Newbury

It was the most enchanting of Midnights...Christmas Eve..our first on the farm. The presents were arranged under the tree in preparation for the children's morning descent. We were quiet with contentment and thanks. Our last and most pleasant chore yet to be done, we donned our boots and parkas to go outside to bed the horses and kennel the dogs.

Inside the barn we were greeted by the sweet scent of horses and hay, the sounds of an occasional foot-fall and of thoughtful munching. I couldn't help thinking that it was no wonder Christ was born in a stable , there is no more peaceful place on earth!

As I reached for the light switch I stopped...hand mid-air. I was astounded by the sudden and total silence. The horses were frozen in their places, the dogs like porcelain statues, eyes fixed on the end of the stable. My hair prickled and my heart pounded with the realization of a presence in the barn. Unable to move or speak, we watched as a scene unfolded through a blue, misty light.

It was a nativity scene, a rough manger, a robed woman resting on the straw before it and a blanketed child within. We heard a voice speaking , with the gentleness and wisdom of the ages. "My gentle animal friends", it said, "I bring you a gift on this Christmas Eve. I will show you how the first Christmas was celebrated."

"The shepherds and the wise men did not reach the child for many days after his birth," the voice continued. "The first to bring praise to Him were of the dog kingdom..the most beloved of all his animal creations. They came one by one and gave Him their only possessions and in thanks, they were immortalized in the heavens as stars. The Labrador gave Him faithfulness, the Siberian Husky gave Him stamina, the Welsh Corgi, intelligence, the German Shepherd, the need to protect. The Irish Wolfhound gave him strength; the Greyhound, swiftness and the Sheltie, agility. There were many more, each with a unique gift, but the last to come to the Child was the Samoyed.

"I give you my smile," the Samoyed said. "It is my most prized possession because it is the very essence of my being. It is my joy, my love and devotion, and my gaiety."

"The Child was so touched," the voice continued, "that He took in His hand a thousand stars and threw them gently over the Samoyed's beautiful white coat."

President's Message by Ann Musker

Hello to all our SAMS members and their families! I look forward to seeing everyone at the Holiday party at Lynne and Karen's house on January 21st. It should be a wonderful time again as usual. Wonder who gets the bottle this year? Also a reminder that at the annual SAMS meeting, we will be welcoming in the new Board members. A big thank you to the current members who are stepping down, and to the new Board members coming in.

For next year's 2006 Spring Specialty, the Board is organizing the show, as nobody stepped up right away to volunteer for Show Chair this time. Laura Wolfe has offered to be show chair. WOW!, don't know how she keeps doing it, but she's always there when the club needs her. Thank you Laura for offering to do this, and to all the other Board members, thank you for your hard work in helping get this show going, when we weren't sure if we had anyone to plan it.

On a personal note, I would like to say a HUGE thank you to Laura Wolfe for coming to my aide with club matters, and for being there for me when I was so ill in the hospital. I'd like to say thank you to Nellie Hofmeister for offering to drive Alex down to Chicago for his auditions, and to everyone who was so thoughtful of my family this fall.

Happy Holidays and see you at the SAMS Holiday party!

A LITTLE HUMOR...

