



# Samoyed Association of Mpls/St. Paul Club Newsletter

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## Upcoming Meetings

The next General Club Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at the home of Lynne Sparks and Karen Palm. 6:30 p.m. – social time  
7:00 – program  
8:00 – meeting  
Please bring a dish or snack to share.

The June Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at the 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 June 1st, 2009  
[www.samsmn.org](http://www.samsmn.org)

## EVENTS

### NADSR Weight Pull

**May 9 & 10, 2009, Gage & Gage, Shakopee, MN**

Both Sanctioned and Novice Pulls each day.

9:00 Weigh In

10:00 Pull Starts

Please arrive early if you need a photo ID of your dog

Fees: \$15 for 1st dog, \$10 for each additional dog  
\$5 for Novice dogs

Lunch: Potluck both days, Sloppy joes on Saturday and WI Brats on Sunday will be provided

Website: [www.northcentralworkingdogclub.com](http://www.northcentralworkingdogclub.com)

Info: Barbara Gage 952-758-3410

### Club Meeting Program – If something happens to you, what will happen to your dogs?

**Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., at the home of Lynne Sparks and Karen Palm**

At the May club meeting, we will have a program to discuss ideas on how to plan for the care of your dogs, if something were to happen to you.

### Agility Clinic

**Total Recall, Hugo, MN**

The date has not been finalized, but we are hoping for Saturday, July 18. More information will be coming soon.

### Therapy Dog International (TDI) and Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Testing

**Gage & Gage, Shakopee, MN**

The dates have not been finalized, but we are hoping for Sunday, July 19, or the weekend of August 8 & 9. We will put on the test in partnership with the St. Bernard Club, and the testing will be held at the Gage & Gage warehouse in Shakopee. More to come soon.

## MEMBER'S CORNER

### 2009 Mush for a Cure



Ricq & Melanie Pattay are proud their dogs completed the third annual Mush For A Cure! Over 30 mushers and skijorers participated,

raising over \$23,000 for the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

The Mush For A Cure was a 21-mile "fun"-draiser run on the Gunflint Trail in mid-March. Decked out in the stylish pink scarf that Melanie made - complete with an embroidered Samoyed done with Sammy fur of course! - Ricq and all the other pink-clad mushers were quite the sight heading down the trail.



The run started with all the mushers in their sleeping bags with their boots off. When the starting gun was fired, everyone had to boot up, then hook up their dogs and hit the trail. The sound of 200-some



dogs eagerly barking to run is something you don't hear every day!

After the initial starting madness, the teams spaced apart on the trail - some mushers gunning for the finish, others just enjoying the scenery. This was our first time to the Gunflint Trail and we both found the landscape impressive and captivating, though Ricq on the sled found the hills somewhat challenging at times.

Despite warm temperatures and a sometimes slushy trail, our dogs did well and finished with a Sammy smile.

**Watch for us at next year's Mush on March 13, 2010!**

**Sandbeck Mr. Dillon RU Ready-  
TT,CGC,TDI,HIT,HCT,HT,PT,RN,RA,RE,CD,WS,WSX**

March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Mr. Dillon tried his old paws at a Rally trial at TCOTC in North Minneapolis. His love of obedience pulled him through and he qualified in both the excellent and advanced classes each day. For his great efforts he earned his 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> leg of his RAE title. Still 4 more legs to go. *Proud handlers Linda and Donaven Murray*

**UCH Prairie Isle Gabby That'll Do-  
TT,CGC,TDI,HIT,HCT,RN,RA,UWP,WPGRCH,WS,WSX,SP1**

During the steepest uphill pull in 14 below zero weather Gabby pulled 828 lbs. at the NADSR Wolfrack Classic in Ely on February 28<sup>th</sup>. He won 1<sup>st</sup> place in his class and highest percentage of weight per pound. His neck was adorned with a gold medal which he proudly displayed. The pocket of his handler bulged with the winning check.

Gabby earned the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> leg of his Rally Excellent title on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at TCOTC in North Minneapolis. One leg to go.

March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Gabby did very well at the UKC Weight Pull in Shakopee. He pulled 1730 lbs on Saturday to earn 1<sup>st</sup> place in his class. He met his record of 1970 lbs on Sunday to earn 1<sup>st</sup> place in his class and highest percentage per pound. He pulled his little heart out in the sport that he loves. We are so proud of our little guy. *Linda and Donaven Murray*

**Master Gabby!**

**UCH Prairie Isle Gabby That'll Do-  
TT,CGC,TDI,HIT,HCT,RN,RA,UWP,WPC,WPGRCH,WS,WSX,WSXM**

Gabby has a new name. On April 6, 2009 he became the 42<sup>nd</sup> dog world wide to earn the title of WSXM (Working Samoyed Excellent Masters). He has worked very hard in herding, therapy, excursion carting/sledding, pack hiking, competitive sledding and weight pull to get this title at the young age of 3. When we first learned about the WSXM title years ago, we believed it to be one of those nearly unachievable tasks.

We are now true believers. *Extremely proud handlers: Mr. Dillon, Linda and Donaven Murray*

**Ch Sylvan's Cookies N Cream NA WS**

Congratulations to Norma Pinkert on Britt's WS!

Norma says: Britt wouldn't have her WS title if it weren't for Pam Landers. Pam had Britt on her sled team this past winter. And Roger (Pam's hubby) took Britt on a couple skijor runs.



**New Puppy** - Congratulations to Lee Owen on her new show puppy, "JEDI" from Chelestina's Samoyeds. Jedi is 5 1/2 months old now, and has been through 2 Puppy Obedience classes and is about to start his "adult" style Beginner Level Obedience class. We welcome JEDI to our community of Sammies!

**New Litter Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Pat and Gary Griffin on their litter of 7 – 4 girls and 3 boys.

**Breeders** – be sure to get your litter information to Laura Wolfe, breeder referral. She is getting calls, and needs referrals to send potential owners to.

**Herding Titles!**

Congrats to all who earned AHBA herding titles in April up in Pine City. Nitro, Sally, Shooter and Kenna did us all proud earning their second legs and HCT titles. Also, Windy, Charger and Lucy passed their first legs.

**Get Well Soon**

Our best wishes to Bob Gage and Jack Harper for speedy recoveries!

**Rainbow Bridge:**

Condolences to the Harpers, who lost Breeze in February.

From GJ's facebook page:

GJ Harper is mourning the loss of her beloved Breeze. Breeze was taken away last month by a very, very rare spontaneous pneumothorax. She was my best lead dog, my favorite dog to show in breed and in agility and was my best friend. I will miss her terribly. *GJ Harper*

**BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**SAMS General Club Meeting Minutes**

**1/14/2009** |

Larry Mackai, president, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.. The meeting was held at the offices of Gage & Gage.

The motion was made to forgo reading of the minutes from the last minute. The motion was made by Jim Shea and seconded by Mary Hendrickson. 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

- The treasurer was unable to attend the club meeting and give a report.

- Larry Mackai reported that non-exempt taxes have been filed, and that we have changed insurance companies at a savings of approximately \$200/year.

#### 2009 Board Election

- A motion was made by Jim Shea to vote in the board by a show of hands. This was seconded by Mary Hendrickson and approved by all.
- The Board was unanimously voted in as posted:
  - Larry Mackai, President
  - Bob Gage, Vice President
  - Kathy Mackai, Treasurer
  - Paula Maidl, Secretary
  - Paul Holtzlider, Board Member at Large
  - Todd Maidl, Board Member at Large
  - Lynette Sylvester, Board Member at Large

#### Committee Reports

All committee chairs who wish to remain in their roles, please call Larry Mackai.

#### *2009 Specialty:*

- We are looking for a show chair for our 2009 Specialty shows.
- We are also looking for volunteers to assist with the Specialty shows.
- Jill Crisp volunteered to head up the potluck lunch for 2009.
- If anyone else is interested in volunteering, please call Larry Mackai.

#### *Activities/Education: Barb Gage*

- There will be a Herding Trial in April at the farm in Pine City where we had our herding fun day last year. Bob will send the information to Paula, who will email it out to membership. They will have instinct leg 1 and 2 testing available.
- GJ will investigate scheduling another agility clinic for this spring.
- There will be a weight pull on March 14-15 at Gage & Gage. It will be a UKC pull, and there will also be a clinic offered. You must pre-register for the pull, but anyone can attend the clinic.
- Barb would like to do an NASDR weight pull in possibly April or May also.
- There was discussion of having another herding fun day in May.
- A "Snow Day" will be held on 2/15 at Baker Park for sledding & skijoring. Paula will be sending out information on this to membership soon.

#### *Other:*

- The Holiday Party & Auction will be held Saturday, 1/24 at Lynne Sparks and Karen Palm's home. Members should bring an appetizer/desert to share, and a wrapped Sammy/dog item for the auction.

#### Unfinished Business

- None

#### New Business

- Pet Junction is holding a micro-chipping clinic and CGC testing the afternoon of 1/24. Paula will email info to membership.

- St. Croix Valley KC is sponsoring an AKC Match in July. The MKC and Duluth KC are also participating. MKC will be providing a stewarding clinic. If SAMS participated, it would cover one of our club requirements with AKC. Nellie moved that we participate, and Paula Maidl seconded. All agreed.
- There was also discussion about the new club requirements in 2009. Larry will be taking an in-depth look at this, and will communicate more to the club.
- Barb Gage made a motion that all activities planned by the activities committee will be considered club activities, and as such, will be covered by the club insurance. Jim Shea seconded and all approved.
- There was discussion on the new Minnesota MSN legislation amongst the group.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Maidl

### **SAMS General Club Meeting Minutes – draft, approval pending 3/24/2009**

Larry Mackai, president, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.. The meeting was held at the offices of Gage & Gage.

Paula Maidl read the minutes from the last club meeting of 1/14/09. Laura Wolfe moved to accept the minutes as read, it was seconded by Paul Hotzlider, 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

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

#### Committee Reports

##### *2009 Specialty: Larry Mackai*

- Larry will stay on as show chair for the 2009 SAMS Specialties.
- The application has been submitted to the AKC, but we need to submit our 2008 compliance calendar before the show date is set/approved.
- We believe we will have Hooley Hall again for our dinner/auction night.
- Entry fees will be \$26 for first entry, a little more than last year, but second entry, puppy classes & sweeps will be \$20 (same as last year).
- We will not provide a novice class, or amateur owner/handler, as these classes are 'optional'.
- We will not provide juniors classes, as we had no entries last year.
- Jim Shea will be head groundskeeper.

*Activities/Education: Barb Gage*

- The weight pull held on 3/14 – 15 at Gage & Gage was well attended. There were approximately 40 dogs at the clinic, 39 entered in the pull on Saturday, and only a few dogs less entered on Sunday. The Samoyeds did great!
- The wellness clinic was held on 3/22, in partnership with the St. Bernard club. We had about 19 – 20 dogs attend.
- There is a Herding Trial in April at the farm in Pine City where we had our herding fun day last year. This is not a SAMS event, but is open to anyone. Paula sent out an email to membership with the forms necessary to sign up.
- We were unable to schedule a SAMS herding fun day in May, so we will try to get a date for this fall.
- We are partnering with the St. Bernard club again, this time for TDI (therapy dog international)/CGC (canine good citizen) testing. The 2 possible weekends are 7/18 – 19, or 8/8 – 9. As soon as we have the exact date set, Paula will send an email to membership.
- There will be a NASDR weight pull at Gage & Gage on May 9 – 10. More information to follow.

*SCA Liaison: Laura Wolfe*

- The liaison report for the next Bulletin has been sent.
- The AYS and Specialty information has been submitted as well.

*Breeder Referral: Laura Wolfe*

- Be sure to contact Laura with litter information – she is getting calls and needs breeders to refer potential homes to!

Unfinished Business

- Bob brought the SAMS mugs that Lori found. They are available for purchase by SAMS members for \$5.00 each. Contact Bob if you are interested.

New Business

- Barb discussed the possibility of purchasing a weight pull cart, in partnership with the St. Bernard Club. With the cart, our 2 clubs could put on training sessions and clinics for club members. There is a new cart for sale for \$500.00. Robbie Hiltz, with the St. Bernard club, would be the instructor for training sessions & clinics free of charge. Gage & Gage would provide the facility, and storage for the equipment. We would need to purchase the cart, carpet & track materials (an additional \$250). This would bring the total to \$750, or \$375 per club. We could even raise funds to offset the purchase costs by charging a nominal fee for the training sessions and/or by putting on our own weight pulls. Barb moved that the club proceed with the purchase of a weight pull cart and carpet at a price not to exceed \$375. Rolan Anderson seconded, and all approved.
- Discussed current MN legislation, and need to make our voices heard in the MN senate and house.

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

Respectfully submitted,

	Paula Maidl
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