



# Samoyed Association of Mpls/St. Paul Club Newsletter

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December 14, 2009

## Upcoming Meetings

Annual Meeting,  
Tuesday, January  
12th at Gage &  
Gage

6:30 social time  
7:00 club  
meeting

## 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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **SAMS Annual Meeting** **Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

Our annual meeting will be held at Gage & Gage on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. We will be voting in the new board at this meeting, so we hope you can all be there.

### **SAMS Holiday Party** **Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Jon Gauthier is hosting this year's holiday party. The festivities begin at 7:00 p.m. Please bring an appetizer to share, and a wrapped, Sammy-related gift for our annual holiday auction and fund-raiser! (Bottle, bottle....do you remember who got the bottle last year??)

Please contact a board member for directions to Jon's house.

## NEW MEMBER APPLI CATIONS

### **John Hoppe**

>personal information not available on the web<  
Type of kennel: hobby  
Does not belong to other breed/kennel clubs  
Interested in Obedience, Sledding, Weight Pull  
All Dogs/Breeds Owned: Samoyed – Lexxi  
Sponsored by: Paula Maidl and Todd Maidl  
Events Attended: Herding Day, 10/09, Weight pull, 10/09

### **Larry and Karla Shank**

>personal information not available on the web<  
Kennel Name: Prairie Winds  
Type of kennel: hobby  
Other breed/kennel clubs: Des Moines Obedience Club, Des Moines Kennel Club, Samoyed Club of America  
Interested in Showing, Obedience  
All Dogs/Breeds Owned: Samoyeds Elfenbein Wind Dreamer (Windy), Elfenbein Lightning Striker HCT (Storm), Elfenbein Distant Thunder (Thunder)  
Sponsored by: Paula Maidl and Pat Griffin  
Events Attended: SAMS 2009 Specialty, both days

## MEMBER'S CORNER

### **Brags & Litter Announcements:**

#### **From Jim & Elfie Shea:**

Am/Can Ch Elfenbein All That Jazz BISS CGC TDI ("Jazz") and Elfenbein Mustang Sally HCT ("Sally") had a litter of five boys and one girl on October 6, 2009

Ch Elfenbein Sun Dancer ("Dancer") and Am/Can Ch BraveheartnElfenbein Its About Jazz ("Ella") had a litter of seven girls and three boys on October 27, 2009

Elfenbein Hemi Charger took third in his Futurity class at the National

And, our "honorary" Samoyed, Ch Tobishi's Sookie of Elfenbein ("Sookie"), was Best of Breed both days at the St. Cloud shows, including a Group 4 on Sunday, December 6.

And, an addition here from the editor (Paula Maidl) – A big congratulations to Jim and Elfie Shea for winning the 2008 AKC Sportsmanship Award, presented at the 2009 Nationals this year! A big honor to a deserving couple. ☺

#### **From GJ and Jeanne Harper:**

Taiga, Ch. Tundra Ice's Russian Taiga, finished her championship with a 4 point major/Best of Winners. And Denali took 4<sup>th</sup> placement in Sweeps at the 2009 Nationals.

#### **From Robinette Donahugh**

2009 has been a surreal year at Double Helix Samoyeds!

Allele' earned her BISS at the Waukesha specialty - in spite of my handling skills. Mater was Best Opposite in Sweeps and won his first major the same weekend at 8 months old.

At the SAMS specialty Mater was Best of Opposite in Sweeps both days and his sister Puma was 1<sup>st</sup> in her class the first day. She went on to win the bred by class both days.

Allele's "Cars" themed litter then raced to Indianapolis for an amazing national... every pup was able to make it and each one placed at least once!

"Puma" Double Helix Live from the Piston Cup, owned by Robinette Dunahugh-Ralston and Scott Ralston:

Best Futurity Puppy!!!

Final six in the competitive Bred By class

"Mater" Double Helix Tractor Tipping, owned by Robinette Dunahugh-Ralston and Scott Ralston:

2<sup>nd</sup> Futurity 9-12 month dog

2<sup>nd</sup> Sweeps 9-12 month dog  
3<sup>rd</sup> 9-12 month dog

“Blizzie” Double Helix Lizzie Blizzard, owned by Lynn and Kevin Foley and Robinette Dunahugh-Ralston. Handled by Andrea Dunkle.

3<sup>rd</sup> Futurity 9-12 month bitch (her first time ever in a ring or even at a show)  
2<sup>nd</sup> in American Bred Bitch

“Tia” Double Helix Life is a Highway, owned by Teri and Wayne Johnson and Robinette Dunahugh-Ralston. Handled by Julie Dunkle

3<sup>rd</sup> 9-12 month bitch

“Carrera” Dbl Helix Hawkwind Porsche Carrera, Owned and handled by Suzie Black.

4<sup>th</sup> Futurity 9-12 month bitch

Ending up the week “Allele” BISS Ch Hawkwind Rocks the Gene Pool was 3<sup>rd</sup> in Brood Bitch!!! The sire of this amazing litter is owned by Mona and Rick Rauen.

Allele and her litter have done more this year than I ever imagined. It has been great getting out to shows again and seeing all my SAMS friends. Thanks for the support this year!

(Puppy group picture left to right – Mater, Puma, Tia, Carrera, Bliz)



(GMSF picture – Allele)



## **SAMS members clean up at the National Sanctioned Weight Pull Submitted by Larry Mackai**

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

38-50 Pound class –

1<sup>st</sup> Shooter (Mary Hendrickson)

2<sup>nd</sup> Gracie (Larry & Kathy Mackai)

51-63 Pound Class –

1<sup>st</sup> Gabby – top percent weight pulled (Linda & Donaven Murray)

63-76 Pound Class –

1<sup>st</sup> Gunner – top total weight pulled (Barb Gage)

### **From Larry Mackai**

Gracie (Que Sera's Amazing Grace WS UWP CGC TDI) –

Gracie took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the SCA Sanctioned Weight Pull and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the working class at the National Show. She is now spending the winter at Helen Newman's running on her "A" team as Helen offers dog sledding trekking adventures. She will return home in February when she comes in season. Bitches in season are not a good idea when you are running teams with intact males.

Nick (Que Sera's McDreamy) –

Nick is co-owned by the Mackai's and Laurie Chapman. After taking his first Major in January and sitting the rest of the year off to grow up, Nick came out at the Minneapolis shows to win first place in an Open class of 9 on Saturday and going Best of Winners for 4 points on Sunday. Two weeks later in St. Cloud he took Best of Winners on Saturday for one point on Saturday and Winners Dog on Sunday for one point. Nick is now sitting with 9 points and both majors.

Emma (CH D'Keta's Emmy N'Onyx O'Que Sera CGC TDI)

Emma got her therapy dog certification at the Responsible Dog Owners Day event in September. Emma almost did not make it. As the evaluator was congratulating Kathy, Emma decided it was time to exercise herself. Had she done that moments earlier she would not have passed.

Larry and Kathy –

We will both be judging in Australia this coming June. We will leave on Tuesday

June 8<sup>th</sup> and arrive on Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> Larry will judge a specialty show for the Samoyed Club of South Australia, and on the same day Kathy will judge Samoyeds and Siberians at Spitz Breeds Club of South Australia. On Sunday we will have to fly to Melbourne as Larry will be judging Akitas, Malamutes, Siberians and Shibas. Then on June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> we will be attending the Australian Samoyed National as spectators. Their National is held only every 3 years. We will take lots of pictures.

**From Todd and Paula Maidl**

Lucy, Ch. Snowbastian's The Devil Made Me Do It, finished in Sioux Falls in October, with a 5 point major, going WB/BOW.

**From Mr. Dillon, Linda and Donaven Murray**

UCH Prairie Isle Gabby That'll Do-  
TT,CGC,TDI,HIT,HCT,WS,WSX,WSXM,RA,RN,RE,UWP,UWPCH,NADSR  
WPGRCH,NADSR SPI

After his long ride to Indianapolis it was tough to calm down and do Rally, but Gabby got the first leg of his RAE title. He got 1st place in his weight class in the sanctioned weight pull and Highest Percentage of Weight Pulled. Out of 26 dogs in the Open conformation ring, he made the final cut.



## **Classified Ads:**

From Pam Landers

Toboggan sled for sale, \$200. This is one of Jamie Nelson's training sleds that I have used for several years. It's still in very good shape. It's a good training or camping sled. \$50 of the price will go to the SAMS activity committee events/needs.



## BOARD AND GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### **Samoyed Association of Minneapolis & St. Paul Board Meeting Minutes: 8/4/09 – Approved**

Larry Mackai, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

The board approved the previous board meeting minutes with corrections.

#### 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*

- Everything is going well. There was an error in the premium listing. Larry Mackai motioned that the club offer to cover costs to provide an extra coin for the breeder of the sweeps winner on Thursday and Friday. Todd Maidl seconded, all approved.
- Pot luck planning going well – we will still accept cash donations for food purchases
- Dinner – only a few reservations have come in so far. Paula will send out reminder email to membership.
- Discussed favors to give out at the dinner/auction. Bob will get dog totes, and small paw print cello bags to put goodies in.

##### *Activities Committee*

- Weight pull training is going very well. There will be another practice scheduled for a week from Sunday.
- TGI/CDC – there was a big turnout, and it was very successful. We made around \$40 after all expenses.
- Sept 19<sup>th</sup> is Responsible Dog Owners day event at Washington County Fairgrounds. We will have a booth, and need to staff it from 9:00 – noon, approximately. We need flyers to send out to membership. We also need to decide what we are going to do – grooming demonstration? There is a fun match in the afternoon, sponsored by the kennel clubs.
- State Fair – we will not be doing anything at the State Fair this year
- Herding fun day – 10/17, 9:00 a.m., 12 dogs, \$20/dog, each dog will have 2 runs – one in the am and one in the pm. We will have a potluck lunch. 1 dog per family until 9/30. If any openings at that time, they will be opened up for a second dog.

### Nominating Committee

- Lynette Sylvester volunteered to head up the nominating committee. We need 2 more members and up to 2 alternates. The board recommended Becky Holtzlider and Jill Crisp, with Elfie Shea as an alternate

### SAMS Awards

- Todd Maidl volunteered to take on this responsibility.

### Unfinished Business

- Looking for show chair for 2010 specialty. Larry will help whoever volunteers.

### New Business

- The board decided not to pursue the "Pet Expo" this year.
- Discussed Laura Wolfe's email regarding the canine veterans day. The Board responded that Laura can follow up if/when she can.
- SAMS Rescue – will bring this up at the next meeting, to see if a committee would like to form to look into figuring this out.

The next meetings are:

- 9/8/09 is the next club meeting at Gage & Gage.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Maidl

### **Samoyed Association of Minneapolis & St. Paul Board Meeting Minutes: 10/13/09 - Approved**

Larry Mackai, called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

The minutes were handed out and reviewed. The board approved them as typed up.

### 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

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### Committee Reports

*2009 Specialty: Larry Mackai*

- Preliminary financial report from the Specialties looks good. We currently have a profit of approximately \$2,482.15 (but still need to pay Celinda). We should



still end up with \$1800 - \$1900 in profit

*2010 Specialty: Larry Mackai*

- We need a show chair for the 2010 Specialties. Larry is willing and able to help someone with the show chair responsibilities, but will not be able to chair in 2010.

*Activities Committee*

- The pack hike only had a few takers, but those in attendance had a beautiful day for a hike.
- The fall photo shoot went well – there will be another photo day offered on 11/15. Contact Jill Crisp if you are interested.
- Weight pull practices are on hold until the “busy season” is over.
- The upcoming Herding Fun Day has all spots filled.
- RDO Day – there was an excellent turn out from the club – thanks to everyone who participated! This will get the club much needed credits from AKC for this event.
- MKC – SAMS will be participating in Meet the Breed – if you are interested, let Larry Mackai know.

Nominating Committee

- Lynette Sylvester was not present, but Larry will ask her to get the nominations to Paula Maidl to be published in a special edition of the club eNewsletter. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the November club meeting. If the person being nominated is not present, they must provide a written acceptance of their nomination.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- The Land O'Lakes kennel club is publishing a breeder's directory. The board approved a payment of \$10 to list an entry for the club that refers inquiries to our club breeder referral contact.
- Paula will confirm with Jon Gauthier that he is willing to host the SAMS holiday party, and confirm a date with him. Saturdays in January that are available include the 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

The next meetings are:

- 11/17/09 is the next club meeting, location to be determined. The meeting was supposed to be held on the 10<sup>th</sup>, but Dr. Davies can't attend on that date. We will move the club meeting, as we feel membership will be very interested in hearing Dr. Davies' report on the thyroid study that many of our member's dogs helped support.
- 12/1/09 is the next board meeting, 7:00 at the Panera in Knollwood Mall

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Maidl

**Samoyed Association of Minneapolis & St. Paul**  
**Draft – Approval Pending**  
**General Club Meeting Minutes: 11/17/2009**

Larry Mackai called the meeting to order at 8:50 p.m.

Laura Wolfe motioned to approve the meetings as distributed in the last newsletter. Jill seconded, all approved.

President's Report – Larry Mackai

- Tuesday, 12/1 is the next board meeting

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*

- Our specialties made a profit of \$1864.83.

*2010 Specialty: Larry Mackai*

- Read list of 2010 judges
- We need someone to volunteer as show chair for the 2010 specialties. Larry is willing to help the volunteer with the paperwork and process, but will not be in town in August when the specialties are held.

*Activities/Education: Barb Gage*

- We will be participating in Meet the Breed at Minneapolis Kennel Club. Saturday at 12:45 – 1:30, and Sunday 12:00 – 12:45.
- The holiday party will be held at Jon Gauthier's new home

*Nominating Committee: Larry Mackai for Lynette Sylvester*

- Nominees are
  - Larry Mackai, President
  - Bob Gage, Vice President
  - Paula Maidl, Secretary
  - Kathy Mackai, Treasurer
  - Todd Maidl, Paul Holtzlider, Jill Crisp – Members at Large
- Nominations were closed

*Membership: Paula Maidl*

- The membership application for Jurgen Hagedorn was read and voted on. He

was unanimously approved as a member via a show of hands.

- New membership applications were read for John Hoppe and Larry & Karla Shank

*Judges Committee: Jim Shea*

- Ballots will be going out soon for 2012 specialty judges

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Maidl