



Samoyed Update

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Meetings:

The Spirit of St. Louis Samoyed Club meets at 7:00 pm on the **2nd Monday** of each month, except for January, July, August and December because of special events.

The club meetings are held at **Airedale Antics** (dogs welcome!), 7316 Manchester Ave., Maplewood, MO 63143 (www.airedaleantics.com) unless otherwise noted.

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Workin' hard at the Canine Games!

Events:

Monday, November 8, 2010, 7:00 pm

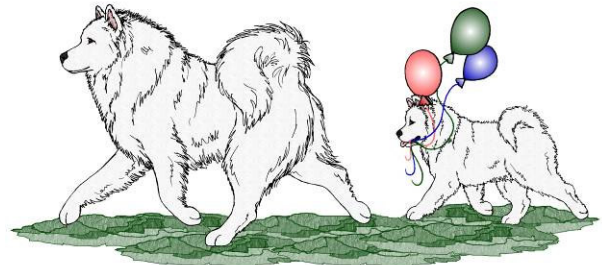
Our regularly scheduled club meeting, to be held at Airedale Antics, 7316 Manchester, Maplewood, MO

Thursday, November 25, 2010

Thanksgiving Day Parade

Saturday, January 8, 2011, 6:00 pm

Annual Spirit of St. Louis Samoyed Club Holiday Awards Banquet and Auction. AKC Museum of the Dog, 1721 South Mason Rd., St. Louis, MO



Christmas in St. Louis Thanksgiving Day Parade

*Be on the lookout for an e-mail with
further details*



Annual Awards Banquet and Auction

It's not too early to start gathering your auction items

2010 Spirit of St. Louis Canine Games

By Paul DeMerath, President

The 14th Annual Spirit of St. Louis Canine Games, held on October 10th, were a success! The skies were clear blue and the temperature was comfortable. It was a little chilly to start out the day, probably in the low 50s, but not as chilly as my daughter would make you believe. She arrived wearing a hoodie and wrapped herself in a 168 pound stadium blanket from the trunk of her car. The temperature warmed up throughout the day into the 80s.



We welcomed back the Lure Coursing event after a year's absence. Lure Coursing is always one of the more popular and profitable events. For the second straight year, Midwest Doberman Rescue hosted the Rescue Celebration. Kevin Wheeler again graced us as the emcee of this event. Sarah Casey Newman and Liz Rudder served as Judges for the Costume Contest.

New for this year, the Spirit of St. Louis Samoyed Club sponsored the sale of deer antler chews at our information table. We sold all but one of the antlers and made a profit of approximately \$250. We couldn't predict how popular this sale would be, but since we did so well, we plan to repeat the sale in future years.



The 2010 Canine Games saw 1063 entries from 312 dogs. These entries came despite several other canine related events being held in the St. Louis Metro area. Overall, participation was down 10%, but considering we had 20% fewer dogs in attendance, we still fared well.

On behalf of the Spirit of St. Louis Samoyed Club, I'd like to thank our Co-Hosts, St. Louis Samoyed Rescue and the many area canine organizations that hosted the events. We also owe a debt of gratitude to the many volunteers that helped with set-up, and in manning the registration, raffle, and information tables. Thanks also to the 2010 Canine Games Steering Committee members who consistently go above and beyond to plan and coordinate the many aspects involved in running the Games.

The Canine Games would not have been possible without Purina Farms who show such generosity in hosting the Canine Games. We're also grateful to the Purina Farms staff for providing such outstanding hospitality to our club and to our guests.

Lexi in the Sammy Spotlight

Hi, I'm Lexi, aka Lexicon of Love, Salad Dog, The Rug and Biscuit Head. My mom and dad (Linda and Jack Worachek) drove through an ice storm in 2001 to get me from a breeder outside Milwaukee, WI and then took a long drive back home to Michigan. Little did I know that was actually a 'short' drive compared to the rest of my travels that year. We moved from Michigan to Dallas, TX just in time for summer and then arrived in Columbia, MO in the fall. I still get nervous when I hear a roll of packing tape. Mom tried to get me some manners at Dog School, but I was all "been there, done that." I liked agility though - especially 'commando dog' crawling. I also trained for TDI, but I talked too much during the test and didn't pass. Mom found me some great friends at the St. Louis Samoyed Club. I really enjoyed the Thanksgiving parades (the first year I got to lick the TV camera lens!!), the Halloween party, the BBQs, and who knew chasing a white plastic bag (lure coursing) at the Canine Games could be so much fun? I like living in Duluth, MN now. Mom and I try to work up the courage to take a walk in minus degree windchills. I look very stylin' in my red, dog sled-mushing footwear. Dad took me to the place where they make them (www.dogbooties.com) in Duluth and got me personally fitted. I miss my Sammy friends in St. Louis and wish them a great winter season. Woo-woo!



Lexi-Zen meditation in the snow

Meet the Members

Submitted by Marta DeMerath, Membership Chair

Phyllis Massa-Busch and Lee Busch are two of the most recent Samoyed owners to join the Spirit of St. Louis Samoyed Club. They've taken the time to answer a few questions so we can get to know them better.

Are you from this area?

Both Lee and Phyllis are from St. Louis, MO.

What do you do for a living?

Lee is a geriatric nurse, while Phyllis has worked the last 13 years as a Pharmacy Tech. for Express Scripts.

How did you first become involved with Samoyeds?

Lee and Phyllis have helped with the Canine Games as well as doing a bit of house-sitting for Jackie Parchman. They also have known a number of Sammy owners over the years and took classes with Char Mielziner, a former Club member.

What drew you to the breed?

Lee says that he loves working with Northern breed dogs as they are smarter than most other breeds. He also has a background in Northern breed dogs as he owns Siberian Huskies as well. He enjoys seeing them think things through before they do what is asked. They are very aware of their surroundings and will not commit if there is any danger to themselves or their handler. Phyllis agrees that the intelligence of the breed and their similarity to Sibes drew her to the Samoyed.



Bing

What other breeds do (did) you own?

Phyllis started working with a mixed breed that was part Belgian Tervuren/Australian Shepherd/Border Collie/German Shepherd. She and Lee have been in Sibes for over twenty years now and recently added their Samoyed, Barron's Badda Boom Badda Bing to their household.

Other animals?

They maintain a freshwater fish tank in their home.

How did you hear about the Spirit of St. Louis Samoyed Club?

They came to know about the Club through their involvement with the Canine Games, Temperament Testing, and activities at the Dog Museum, as well as knowing Club members Jackie Parchman and Barb Cole.

What activities do you like to do with your dogs?

Over the years, the Busch's dogs have participated in obedience, conformation, sledding, weight-pulling and therapy work.



Are there any activities you'd like to try?

Lee has recently been bitten by the agility bug and has been working with Bing in this venue. They would both like to begin tracking work with the dogs and possibly support dog and search and rescue work.

What's your favorite Club event/activity so far?

Phyllis likes the Games while Lee enjoyed the Agility Day.

What is your favorite food?

Lee likes sushi. Phyllis likes pizza, pasta, hamburgers, ice cream and other sweets.

What is your dog's favorite food?

Phyllis says that the girls eat Pro Plan shredded chicken and rice, while Bing dines on Dick Van Patten's Natural Sweet Potato and Salmon. Lee says they like Mexican and Japanese. . . (Editors note; either the question was misread, or that's a might "fragrant" household with all the beans!)

Please share other stories or information.

Lee volunteers with the Civil Air Patrol and has been on multiple missions such as flood relief, winter storm assistance and recovery, locating emergency locator beacons on downed aircraft, locating missing persons, and assisting at annual Scott Air Show at Scott AFB, IL. He is a retired Air Force Reserve Medic/retired Navy Medic with USMC Combat Medicine; he held the rank of Captain. He works with the Health Services, as a Safety Assistance Emergency Service Officer at Lambert Air National Guard Base in St. Louis.

Phyllis is registered with the AKC to judge Canine Good Citizen tests. She began training when they got Spurs, their first therapy dog. She would carry the 45 lb dog into the nursing home to visit her Grandmother. The staff of the nursing home was amazed that Granny's blood pressure would be lowered by her contact with Spurs. While at the nursing home, other residents received the benefits of petting Spurs as well. Phyllis reports she learned a lot from Spurs, as the dog had been abused and neglected prior to Phyllis adopting her. Spurs got her name because Phyllis also used to train and show horses. After a great deal of training and socialization, Spurs worked and was pointed in Conformation through the Mixed Breed Dog Club of America. Phyllis is still very active within the St. Louis branch of this club.

Phyllis' first purebred was a boy named Sean. He earned his Conformation championship and his Obedience CD within two weeks of each other. He earned his CD despite claims that you couldn't do Obedience with a "hard-headed" Northern Breed! While not all of Phyllis' dogs have their CDs, they are all trained in Obedience at least through the Novice level. A well mannered dog with good behavior is extremely important to Phyllis.

Phyllis has taught Obedience classes and is now working as an assistant trainer with Audrey Edwards in Ferguson, MO. She feels that helping people learn how to train their pets to be good citizens and doing therapy work with her own dogs is extremely rewarding.



You Might Be a Samoyed Owner If. . .

- *The inside of your house looks like winter all year long. (Donna)*
- *Your teenagers put on their dark blue school uniforms in the driveway. (Carolyn)*
- *Your child cannot practice the French Horn with out the dog "singing" along. (Lori)*

Samoyed Club of Houston **Sweepstakes** **July 22, 2010** **Reliant Park World Series of** **Dog Shows**

By Pat Schuler

I was so delighted to judge the Sweeps and Veteran Sweeps for Samoyed Club of Houston. I had an entry of 12, which is, I am told a good entry for the Sweepstakes.

There was an entry of four in the 9 and under 12 month puppy dogs and one entry in 12 and under 18 months. First place in 9 to 12 months was Salish's Czarakaya. First place in 12 months and under 18 months was TNT's Li'L Buckaroo.

There was one entry in the 6 and under 9 month puppy bitches and one entry in the 9 and under 12 month puppy bitches. First in 6 and under 9 month puppy bitches was White Magic's Little Rock and first in the 9 and under 12 month puppy bitches was Tane Ma's Shenanigans.

My Best in Sweeps was White Magic's Little Rock and Best of Opposite was TNT's Li'L Buckaroo.

I had a total of 5 Veterans for Veteran Sweepstakes. There were 3 Veteran dogs competing and 2 Veteran bitches competing. This is the class that tugs at my heart, as I want to give every one of them a first place rosette. The veterans are always so happy and proud to be back in the ring again with their owners.

My first place for Veteran's Dog was Ch. Donnereign Rushin "T" Reign. My first place Veteran Bitch was Ch Trailblazer Milky Way O'Galaxy Na Naj. Best Veteran was Ch. Donnereign Rushin "T" Reign and my Best of Opposite Veteran was Ch. Trailblazer Milky Way O'Galaxy Na Naj.

All entries were in good weight and condition, clean teeth, correct bites, and presented well by their handlers. It was my pleasure to have judged them.

Now, if anyone is looking for a nice cool spot in July, one must go to the Reliant Park World Series of Dog Shows. It is a wonderful and a fun place to go. The facility is great - nice and cold and plenty of room. No need to shop before you go as there are vendors of every sort at this show. One can spend hours just on shopping.

The hospitality is out of this world from the Texans. They certainly know how to make one feel welcomed. We had great conversations, parties, laughs and plenty to eat. This is a show that I highly recommend one to attend.

A Banner Year for a Grand Champion

"Shiloh"

By Paul DeMerath

I'm very excited to report that **BISS GCh Cot'nPic'n PolarMist's Rising Son** is having an exceptional year in the conformation dog show circuit. As of September 30, he is ranked #2 Samoyed in the nation in 2010 accumulated breed points. Shiloh is owned and handled by one of our club members, Doug Daggett, who resides in Murphysboro, IL. Shiloh was whelped on January 30, 2007. His sire is Ch Cot'n Pic'n Dbl Shot O Shadowood and his dam is Ch Polar Mist Cot'n Pic'n Splash. Shiloh was bred by Marjorie Goodenough and Lynette Blue.



Shiloh was awarded his American Kennel Club® (AKC) Championship in 2009. Upon completion of his Championship, Doug conferred with his significant other, Michelle Rositch, about his 2010 plans to "campaign" Shiloh. Initially, Doug didn't have any specific goals for campaigning Shiloh; it's just that Doug truly enjoys the competitive aspects of conformation showing and believed he had a good chance of doing well with Shiloh. After receiving the go-ahead from Michelle, Doug then set some lofty goals for the year, and Shiloh has more than exceeded those goals.

Shiloh earned his Grand Championship this year, the ninth Samoyed ever to do so. Earlier this year, the American Kennel Club® announced that it would begin offering the Grand Champion title at AKC Conformation events. This new title is available to AKC Champions of Record and competition for this new title began on May 12, 2010. To be eligible for Grand Championship competition, a dog must be a Champion of Record or have been transferred to Best of Breed competition based upon having completed the requirements for a Championship title. To become a Grand Champion, the AKC requires a dog to obtain a total of 25 points with three major wins (a major win is worth three points or higher). The majors must be won under three different judges and at least one other judge must award some of the remaining points. Also, at least one Champion of

Record must be defeated at three of these shows. Dogs who earn their Grand Champion title receive the honor of an invitation to the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship.



Out of 68 shows entered thus far in 2010, Shiloh has 40 Best of Breed wins, 5 Best of Opposite Sex awards, 9 Select Male awards, and 11 Group placements (one Group 2, eight Group 3, and two Group 4 awards). Shiloh is the highest ranked owner handled Samoyed in the nation and has been nearly all year. Of particular note is that Shiloh was awarded Best of Breed by Ellen Vanden Avond at the Greater Milwaukee Samoyed Fanciers Regional Specialty on July 30, 2010. That's a huge win, as the Milwaukee Regional Specialty consistently draws one of the largest entries of all of the Regional Specialties in our nation.



In the author's opinion, Shiloh's accomplishments are well deserved as he is an exceptionally balanced Samoyed. He has a beautiful coat, striking face and head, substantial bone (yet not overdone), and graceful, driving gait – he really moves like a dream. Doug does a magnificent job of exhibiting Shiloh as well – they make a great team!

Doug is exceptionally proud of Shiloh and his accomplishments this year. He's thankful that Michelle has been willing to keep the home fires burning throughout his and Shiloh's extensive travels. He's also very proud of how Shiloh has handled the travel. As many of you know, dogs can get pretty stressed with constant changes in their environs. However, Shiloh has handled it well and has been a marvelous travelling companion. Doug affectionately calls him his "Road Warrior." In the grooming area of the various show sites, Shiloh patiently sits on his grooming table, only attended to by a random nearby exhibitor as Doug fetches equipment from his truck. Upon his return, Shiloh is still on the table, smiling because "Dad" has returned as he always does. Upon arriving at various hotels throughout the course of the year, he will drop off Shiloh in the hotel room and proceed to unload the luggage from his truck. Shiloh patiently waits for him to return while lounging on the bed. Upon Doug's return to the hotel room, Shiloh gives him that "knowing" gaze as if to say *"hey Dad, I'd give you a hand, but this lack of opposable digiti primus (thumbs) has me at an acute disadvantage. I'll just relax and guard this Jacquard patterned bedspread."* Seriously, Doug is grateful that Shiloh understands the routine and is quick to settle in. He has been a marvelous "Road Warrior," however, Doug only wishes that Shiloh could help out and share in some of the driving duties!



Doug with Little Dude and Shiloh

For Club members attending the 2010 Samoyed Club of America (SCA) National Specialty in Pigeon Forge, TN later this month, please show your local club spirit by cheering for Doug and Shiloh, as they compete in Best of Breed competition. For those unable to attend, please cheer them on from afar. If you haven't met Shiloh, you owe it to yourself to attend a local show and see him and Doug in action. Marta and I will see Shiloh at the SCA National Specialty, and I plan to give him a scratch behind his ears and under his chin; after he's done showing of course! On behalf of the rest of the membership, I'd like to wish Doug and Shiloh the best of luck at "The Nationals" and throughout the remainder of the year! We're very proud of both of you!

Rescue Report

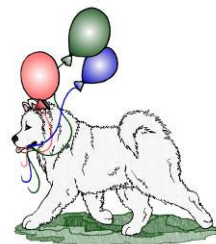
By Sue Kabler

Barrow is still with us and still being fostered by Felicia and David at Misfit Dog Rehab. Please keep Barrow in mind if you happen to know or meet a family or single person who is active athletically and would love to have not only a great companion, but an exercise buddy, too. Barrow is a very beautiful Samoyed/Chow mix, he's about 4-5 yrs. old and very healthy. He'd respond well to an experienced dog owner.

Weiss is now being fostered by Kim Singer in Belleville, IL. He's made himself very comfortable there with her two "mature" Sams, Lady and Duke. Weiss would love a permanent home where he could give his special Sammy love and be cared for. He is 9 yrs. old and in good health.

Samantha was adopted at the Canine Games by a couple who live in St. Charles. She's still on her diet, is losing weight, and is taking medication for her thyroid problems.

We've had two more adoptions with our "Magnificent Seven". **Bebe** was adopted by a woman recommended by Denver Samoyed Rescue. Bebe was transported to Denver by Colorado Animal Rescue Express. She made the trip in fine style and is now living way up in the mountains. **Brody** is now living in Wisconsin with a very nice couple who have had several Samoyeds in their life. All is going well. We've received many inquiries and applications for the remaining four and are doing the home checks now.



Club Birthday Greetings

November

11/16-Sue Schulze
 11/19/99-Sabrina-Granger
 11/21-Phyllis Massa-Busch
 11/21/00-Linny's Cloud Dancer-Busch (Siberian Husky)
 11/24-Lisa Heatherly
 11/24-Jacob Worachek

December

12/7/00-Lexi-Worachek
 12/18-Karen Granger
 12/24/07-Harry-Phipps (Airedale)
 12/28-Mark Heatherly

January

1/??-Sammy D.-Herkstroeter
 1/6-Terry Colvin
 1/9-Lee Busch
 1/12-Linda Worachek
 1/16/06-Sassy-Phipps (Airedale)
 1/30-Dianne Sutcliffe
 1/30/04-Aspen-Kennedy
 1/30/07-BISS GCh Cot'nPic'n PolarMist's Rising Son-Daggett

Brags Fall 2010

Ch. Eaglewing's Diamond in T'Sky (Pat Schuler, owner) took OSS in Veteran's Sweeps on July 23, 2010 in Houston, TX.

Ch. Eaglewing's Diamond in T'Sky (Pat Schuler, owner) took BOS at the Beaumont Kennel Club show on July 24, 2010 in Houston, TX.

Ch. Eaglewing's Diamond in T'Sky (Pat Schuler, owner) earned Select Bitch honors at the Galveston County Kennel Club show on July 25, 2010 in Houston, TX.

Celticfrost Windchill At Icebowl (Paul and Marta DeMerath, owners) was awarded Best in Sweeps at the GMSF Specialty on July 30, 2010 in Waukesha, WI.

Celticfrost Windchill At Icebowl (Paul and Marta DeMerath, owners) was awarded Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex at the Danville, IL Kennel Club show on Sept. 4, 2010. (1 pt.)

Northface's Skywalker (Pat Schuler/Peter and Cheryl Burkart owners) was awarded Winners Dog at the Three Rivers KC show on Sept. 18, 2010. (1 pt.)

Celticfrost Windchill At Icebowl (Paul and Marta DeMerath, owners) was awarded Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and Best of Breed at the Three Rivers KC show Sept. 18, 2010. (1 pt.)

Northface's Skywalker (Pat Schuler/Peter and Cheryl Burkart owners) was awarded Winners Dog and Best of Winners at the Three Rivers KC show on Sept. 19, 2010. (1 pt.)

Celticfrost Windchill At Icebowl (Paul and Marta DeMerath, owners) was awarded Winners Bitch at the Three Rivers KC show Sept. 19, 2010. (1 pt.)

Ch. Eaglewing's Diamond in T'Sky (Pat Schuler, owner) took BOS at the Three Rivers KC show on Sept. 19, 2010.

Ch. Eaglewing's Diamond in T'Sky (Pat Schuler, owner) took Select Bitch at the Sheboygan KC show on Sept. 25, 2010.

Ch. Eaglewing's Diamond in T'Sky (Pat Schuler, owner) took Select Bitch at the Sheboygan KC show on Sept. 26, 2010.

River City's In The Nick Of Time (Pat Schuler, breeder) took WD and BOW at the Stone City Kennel Club show on Oct. 9th. (2 pts.)

River City's In The Nick Of Time (Pat Schuler, breeder) took WD and BOW at the Stone City Kennel Club show on Oct. 10th. (2 pts.)

BISS GCh Cot'nPic'n PolarMist's Rising Son (Doug Daggett, owner) – see article on page 5

Area All-Breed Dog Shows

Nov 6-7*	Tri-State/Bartlesville KC	Joplin, MO
Nov 13-14	Ozarks KC	Springfield, MO
Nov 27-28	Lake Shore KC	Chicago Hgts, IL
Dec 4-5	Edwardsville KC	Belleville, IL
Dec 4-5	Kankakee Rvr Vly KC (Foy Trent)	Kankakee, IL
Dec 16-17+	Starved Rock KC (Roy Jones)	Wheaton, IL
Dec 18-20*	Skokie/Goldcoast KC	Rosemont, IL
Jan 28-30	Chain/Park Shore KC (Roy Jones)	Grayslake, IL
Jan 29-30*	St. Charles, MO KC	Lake STL, MO

***-Obedience and Rally offered
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Unless otherwise noted, Onofrio is the Superintendent.

Area Obedience Trials

Nov 12-14*	Evansville OC (Teffany Howard, Trial Sec. P.O. Box 15816 Evansville, IN 47716)	Evansville, IN
Nov 13*	Car-Dun-AI ODTC (Jean Munger, Trial Sec. 47W656 Shirewood Farm Rd Hampshire, IL 60140)	Huntley, IL
Nov 14*	Fox Valley DTC (Nancy Einwich Trial Sec. 47W840 Winterset Rd Hampshire, IL 60140)	St. Charles, IL
Nov 20-21*	DTC of Champn-Urbana (Janna Heuer, Trial Sec. 711 Wabash Ave Urbana, IL 61801)	Urbana, IL
Dec 5*	Badger KC (Marijane Reich, Trial Sec. 215 Bridge St. Mazomanie, WI 53560)	DeForest, WI
Dec 18*	NW Obedience Club (Anne Copeland, Trial Sec. 1034 E. Tulip Way Palatine, IL 60074)	Cary, IL
Dec 18-19*	Oshkosh KC (Lori Schneider, Trial Sec. 2540 Oneida Ave. Oshkosh, WI 54904)	Oshkosh, WI
Jan 8-9*	W. Waukesha Cty DTC (Joan Kami, Trial Sec. 4480 N 144 th St. Brookfield, WI 53005)	Waukesha, WI
Jan 15-16*	Oshkosh KC (Marion Felon, Trial Sec. 1121 Mount Vernon St. Oshkosh, WI 54901)	Oshkosh, WI
Jan 22-23*	Coulee KC (Kaylynn Cooper, Trial Sec. 7179 Iband Ave. Sparta, WI 54656)	LaCrosse, WI
Jan 29-30*	Janesville/Beloit KC (Emily Nie, Trial Sec. 2500 Bootmaker Dr. Beloit, WI 53511)	Janesville, WI

***-Rally offered**

Samoyed Update Information:

The deadline for submissions to the Samoyed Update Winter issue is January 15, 2011! Please e-mail your brags, reports, articles, pictures etc. to: icebowl2@charter.net

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Bert enjoys the tunnel at the Spirit of St. Louis Canine Games



Lexi hates winter! Read more on page 2

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