

# Siberian Tales

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## Notes from Alaska By Marie Stevens

Just when you thought you were saved from more Alaska stories, we made another trip. We decided we just had to see the start of another Iditarod. We left the Monday before the race started so we could spend more time sightseeing. We spent the first 3 days in Wasilla in a bed and breakfast. Karen Ramstead had a rental outside Knik so we got to visit with her and her husband and meet all the dogs they had with them (20 in all). We drove around the countryside also, going up to Palmer and out to Talkeetna. And we finally saw Denali. (In our prior trips, it was so overcast and cloudy that we didn't get even a glimpse of the mountain. This year we saw it in glorious sunshine with a gorgeous blue sky. We ate lunch at a lodge with a deck looking out toward the mountain---took lots of pictures of us preening in front of it, etc. Imagine our disappointment when our pictures just show a kind of white haze, instead of the mountain. I swear we really did see it, though!) We also did lots of shopping, much to Greg's disgust. But I firmly believe that it is my patriotic duty to keep our economy going, so I demanded shopping time.

We drove in to Anchorage on Thursday, when Randee, Debbie and Megan, Wayne and Cheryl, and Janet arrived. (Marge and Loree came up on Friday, so we were 10 in all—a good support group.) We all went to the mushers banquet that night. The starting positions were announced at the banquet and all the mushers said a few words. Some of them were hysterically funny, some kind of long and convoluted, but it was interesting to see and hear them. Karen thanked BASH publicly for our support—we felt pretty proud. On Friday, Greg and I went out to Tozier Park again. (This is the race track in Anchorage for dog races.) There was quite a crowd of Iditarod volunteers there, learning how to lead a team of dogs to the starting gate. We were watching this going on when a bearded guy came up and asked us what was going on. It was Charlie Boulding, there to give his dogs some exercise. So we talked to him for a while. Somehow we got onto the topic of clothing, and he mentioned that sometimes he gets his wife's **Cont. on page 9**

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renew your  
membership**  
Check your address label  
if it says 4/2001 your dues  
are due.

## BASH's Trail Tales by nic matulich

### Mushing on Your Own: Safety on the Trail

By Kathy Miyoshi



(Trust the dogs and don't forget your stuff.)

I recently went through a bit of a scary experience and thought I would share with folks the story and perhaps give people an opportunity to learn from somebody else's mistake for a change! I am an intermediate musher by now, and really know better than to go out on the trail with only a jug of water, and not even a jacket and by myself, no less. There's the intro, here's the story. It was a nice January day in Truckee, before the recent storms dumping their snow, so the trail was okay, but starting to deteriorate with patches of dirt every now and again.

The sky was blue, the trail was only 14 miles (7 up to a flowing river and 7 back down again) and reported by a friend of mine to be easy to follow. There was only one turn that had to be made and it was in the very beginning where two trails cross each other creating a 4-way decision point. With chances of getting lost seemingly minimal, I started out about 10:30 in the morning on my little trek with a six-dog Siberian team and some water in my little toboggan sled. The ride was nice and since it was my first sled ride of the season I spent some time trying to acclimate to a sled after having been on a cart for the last 100+ miles. We arrive at the river and rested a bit, taking a little water break. But the dogs are raring to go so I set off back down the trail. Fairly soon I see a split in the road that I didn't remember seeing on the way up. I realized that it joined the main trail from what would have been behind me when I was heading out, so I didn't see it at all. Ok, fine, I keep going straight on what I thought was the main trail, but already I had feeling, that should have warned me, on how things can look TOTALLY different backwards!

We're going along and everything is fine, dandy and familiar. And then suddenly we come upon another fork that I don't recognize AT ALL. I think uh-oh, how'd I get on the wrong trail? Am I on the wrong trail? Did I miss a turn-off? Basic confusion sets in. Taking the trail to the right I soon hit an open stream and now know this can't be it. Turning around and we come back to the intersection. My ex-Iditarod leader, Ningo, wants to go straight past the trail we just came off and continue to the left at the fork on the path we were on originally. I'm thinking, no, this can't be right because I am seeing patches of dirt that I didn't remember ever seeing. Against her wishes I make Ningo turn right, which would be the continuation of the trail we were on before we encountered the connecting trails. We go on and on and soon come to another connecting of trails that actually had signs and a map attached to it. I can't hook down because the snow is thin (basically ice really under the pine trees) so I grab the leaders and haul them over to the map. Can you picture it? Lead dogs around my legs while I look up in confusion at a trail map on a post (Nic, I see a comic strip idea here!) But which trail was I on? Not encountering any maps on my out-bound trail I have no idea where I am now. Therefore, by definition I am not in the right spot. The map is not a great one, having a large nail in the "you are here" spot. It is so large and nailed at an angle that I can't tell which trail it is trying to indicate, thus I can't tell which trail I should be on or which direction I should go. Lacking a clear choice, I chose to keep going straight ahead.

In hindsight, I really don't know why I made that choice. The obvious thing would have been to turn back to the last spot I did recognize, but I didn't do that at all – I kept going. And going, and going, and going. For miles. The clouds are coming in, the sky is getting darker, I look down at my 90% empty tobaggan and instantly realize my mistake and my problem. No jacket, no hat, no sleeping bag, no food. (Not to mention a map or GPS.) I had a cell phone but there is no service in this area of the mountains. I have a spare set of clothes, hat, jacket, food, everything back at the truck in a nice backpack. A backpack that would have taken three seconds to throw into the Tobaggan sled. But I didn't do that; I left it in the truck for when I return.

I come to another decision point, another set of trail signs and another map. It tells me quite clearly that I have proceeded six miles on the wrong trail and in the wrong direction. The six miles that I had just finished were six downhill miles. If I were to turn back, it would now be six uphill miles and still uncertainty at the end of it – or so I was thinking at the time. So I looked at the trail signs and decided that the "three miles to highway 89" was my ticket out of the Sierras. And was that a long three miles. It seemed to take forever! Suddenly I am sure I am lost again when I come to yet another decision point with more trail signs but no map. I can't take it anymore. My team is fine but tired, I am tired and REALLY nervous at the concept of spending the night in the mountains with a polar fleece top and snow pants. I tie off the team to a tree with my snub line and start walking up and down the various trail options, figuring one of them had to get me soon to 89. I walk down the trail to the right, down a big hill and back up while deciding that can't be the way to go, past my dog team who is curiously watching my antics, and walk down another trail, coming to a gate. I trudge around the gate, going on and on. Nope that's that not it either. Passing once again by my dog team, they are positively grinning now, and I walk the last remaining trail. Frustrated and mad at myself, I stand still and what do I hear? A car traveling very fast on a road. It had to be 89 and it was about a half mile from where I tied my team.

I walk out to the mountain highway and hailed the first car I saw, hoping to catch a ride back to my dog truck. It was an elderly couple from Reno, NV. And when I mean elderly, I do mean elderly. The husband was driving and he could barely see the road and drove about 20 mph. For a moment I mused about what would happen to my dogs tied to some tree if I got killed on the way to safety? The wife was chit-chatty and neither could believe their ears when I ranted about being lost, tying my dog team to a tree and, by the way, could you please give me a ride back to my truck? Bless their hearts, they turned their car around and headed back up the way they had come while relating to me the story of their marriage, in Alaska, some thirty odd years ago. They dropped me off at the parking lot at Webber Lake road, from which my truck is parked a mile and half away. Due to the patchy snow and ice on the road, I didn't dare ask them to actually drive me to where I had parked. So I hoof it again, a mile and a half, up a hill and down, all the while wondering if my faithful pooches had chewed their lines yet. With that thought I start jogging.

I find my truck, I drink a liter of water and load my old dog Konan into the Quad cab. I had left him tied to the truck since I only expected to be gone an hour and a half or so. Konan kept looking confusedly between the direction I had come walking from and the direction I had left with the team. I can't imagine what he was thinking. Getting back to where I entered the highway I am thankful to find there was enough room to park my truck. Anxiously I hoof it again back to where I tied my team. They were exactly as I had left them, including their humorous expressions. I was overjoyed to see them and **Cont. page 10**

# The Working Siberian Husky

a lunch with

**Karen Ramstead**

North Wapiti Kennels, Alberta Canada

an educational event sponsored by the

**Bay Area Siberian Husky Club**

**May 20th**

**1 pm to 3 pm**

**Hobee's in Campbell**

Topics to be discussed include:

- **Racing and Finishing the Iditarod 2001 - strategy, ideas and thoughts**
- **Receiving the Red Lantern**
- **The Siberian Standard from a Working Perspective**
- **Racing Siberians in a Sport Dominated by Alaskan Huskies- what are the differences**

## About Karen Ramstead:

Karen was born in June of 1964 in Toronto and moved to Alberta in 1975. In 1989 her husband wanted to move to the small town of Grand Prairie in northern Alberta. "I was pretty comfortable in my city life and it took the bribe of a Siberian Husky to convince me to make the move." By 1998, that one Husky had grown to 35 Huskies and she closed up her camera shop and they moved to Perryvale where she began working full time with dogs. They show dogs, but their focus is on racing.

In 1994, she ran her first longer race, the 54 mile Quesnel, BC Gold Rush Trail and she won! "We were hooked!" Karen says the races kept getting longer and in 1996 she began to think seriously about the Iditarod. "I had the wonderful opportunity to 'Chase the Race' in 1998 with Ross Adam's wife. That trip helped give us the contacts and knowledge we needed to begin to plan our Iditarod." In 1999, Karen spent a month in Alaska and ran the Knik 200 and the Klondike 300. "The State and its wonderful people will continue to bring us back!" Karen scratched at Shaktoolik last year. This year she finished in 57th and was awarded the Red Lantern.

She's been training with Iditarod veteran and Beargrease winner, Jamie Nelson and says what she's learned from Jamie will be a great help to her this year. Karen is a member of Mush with Pride, the International Siberian Husky Club, the Canadian Kennel Club, the Siberian Husky Club of Canada and the Canadian Rockies Siberian Husky Club. In her leisure, she enjoys photography and showing dogs in conformation and obedience. Karen is married. The couple has no children.

**Join Karen for lunch and a talk on Iditarod 2001. We will be at Hobee's in Campbell. (map will be in next month's newsletter and on the WEB) We have rented the banquet room and made arrangements for ordering: sandwiches, burger or steamed veggies - a dinner salad or soup and a non-alcoholic drink for a cost of \$20.00 per adult. \$10 for kids meals (under 12 years old)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Children Lunch \$10.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Lunch \$20.00

\_\_\_\_\_ total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send your check and a SASE to BASH

2633 S Bascom Ave. Campbell CA 95008

Lunch tickets will be mail to you if payment is received by  
5/11/01,

If you have questions contact *Randee McQueen (408)371-1841*



## BASH has made arrangements to show:

A documentary by Alice Dungan Bouvrie  
Narrated by Susan Sarandon

This 85 minute documentary is a moving portrayal of the great long distance sled dog race in Alaska. For all you Iditarod fans, come and enjoy the best film yet about the race, and tell all your friends, neighbors and relatives about the upcoming screenings listed below.

In a journey of challenge and courage, three "mushers" run over a thousand miles in the Iditarod sled dog race across Alaska. Mike Williams, a Yup'ik Eskimo and the "Sobriety Musher" uses the race as a platform to increase awareness of alcohol abuse, while still trying to run a competitive race. His life affirming efforts in the wake of so many personal losses bring dignity and inspiration to his race.

Lynda Plettner, a 48 year old grandmother, runs a young and inexperienced dog team in this, her sixth, Iditarod. The steadfast belief in herself, in her dogs and in the choices she makes, brings her race to a triumphant finish "her own way".

And Mike Nosko, a man determined to place "in the money", reflects the spirit and values of the race as he sacrifices his dreams to protect his dogs. Each musher braves arctic temperatures, exhaustion, and difficult terrain to find purpose and self-knowledge in The Last Great Race On Earth.

The film has won "Best Cinematography" in the New England Film Festival, First Prize Audience Award for Documentary in Film Fest New Haven, and Honorable Mention Jury Award for Documentary, in Film Fest New Haven. Don't miss these wonderful opportunities to see a film that captures the heart of this great race. As award-winning filmmaker Len Kamerling says in his review, "...the definitive film about the Iditarod... inspiring and deeply felt...I feel that no other film or media story has come close to revealing the true nature and spirit of the race the way this film does".

Iditarod...A Far Distant Place, "explores man's alternating attempts to commune with, and to dominate, nature. The result is a strikingly immediate, intimate look at the limits of human and animal endurance, and the triumph of will and spirit". (Seattle International Film Festival)

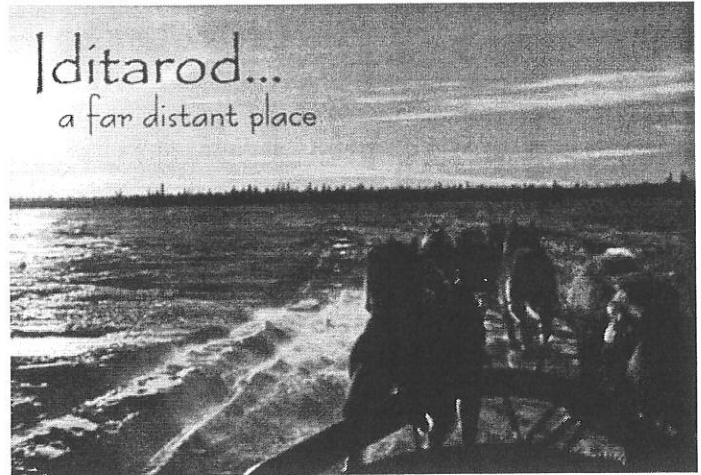
**After the showing of the movie, Karen Ramstead (Iditarod Finisher 2001 with a pure bred Siberian Team) will talk about the Iditarod, answer questions and much more.**

**Where: Foothill College Auditorium**  
**When: Sunday May 20th at 7:30 (doors open at 7)**  
**Cost: pre pay - \$5 for kids (12 and under) \$10 for adults**  
**tickets available at the door \$12.00**

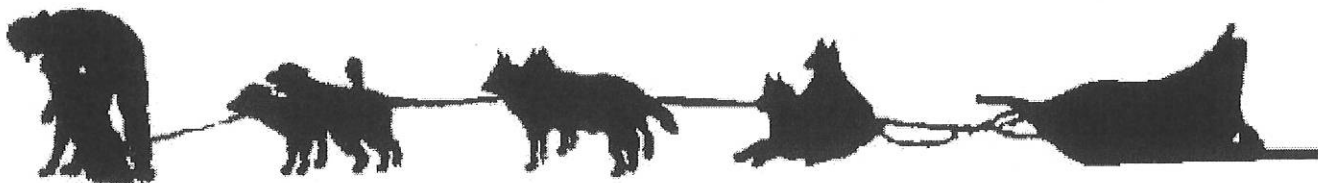
map and directions will be in the newsletter next month and on the web site.

\_\_\_\_\_ Children Tickets \$5.00  
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If you have questions contact *Greg Stevens* at 408-377-1180



# SnoBASH 2001



## BAY AREA SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB

The schedule is a guideline for both days. Weather or other factors may affect the schedule or events as could the number of attendees and dogs. Events and activities are provided by volunteers of BASH. No hookups or rides will be done on Friday or before 10:00 a.m. on Saturday. Take down on Saturday must remain on schedule to allow club members to attend the dinner meeting. Sunday is devoted to the Junior Run primarily and any hookups or rides will be done at the discretion of each club musher. Proceeds derived from the entry fees, hook-up and rides go to benefit charity.

### Saturday April 21st Schedule

07:00 Breakfast  
 08:00 Setup  
 10:00 Sales- drop signups  
 10:00 Mushing Basics Talk - Nic Matulich  
 Lining out, changing dogs positions  
 and much more

### Open signups

10:00 Hookups & rides  
 11:30 Close morning signups  
 11:45 Last morning hookups & rides  
 12:00 Lunch  
 13:00 Club member runs  
 15:00 Take down

### Sunday April 22nd Schedule

07:00 Breakfast  
 08:00 Setup  
 09:00 Run signups / sales  
 10:00 Mushing Talk 2-teaching your dog to pull.  
 11:00 Junior Run  
 12:00 Lunch  
 13:00 Take down

**SnoBASH - 2001 - April 21, 22 behind Bear Valley Cross Country Ski Resort. Dog Drops for SnoBASH \$10.00 each. 50 drops available at event. Lunch at SnoBASH \$5.00 sold at event. Hot Dog or Hamburger, Chips, drink and a cookie**

There is 4+ feet of snow on the valley floor.. there will be snow for SnoBASH-!!! bring awnings if you have them

### Dinner Meeting at Tamarack:

Buffet dinner at Tamarack Lodge on Saturday, April 21st. after the meeting. Dinner's must be prepaid. Dinner (including tip and tax) will be \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 12. Some dinners might be available at the door for \$18.00 each but we need to have reservations by April 14th. **Send your reservation and money to BASH, 2633 S Bascom Ave., Campbell CA 95008**

# SnoBASH - Rooms at Tamarack Lodge and Pines

If you would like to stay at the Pines, please call and make your reservation. Contact Vicki at (209)

As of the newsletter there is one room left a Tamarack Lodge.

*If you would like to reserve a room, contact Randee at (408)377-2900 or e-mail her at bashclub@aol.com to confirm what rooms are still available. Call soon to reserve your room.*

## Dog Drops for SnoBASH

BASH has made drop lines for up to 50 dogs. Drops will be \$10 per dog for the weekend. All drops are numbered. You will purchase a ticket and take it to the BASH person at the drops.  
OR

You can buy drop lines for your dogs to use wherever you go. We will make 3 dog drops for \$50.00. For every additional dog up to 3 more (total of 6) it is \$15 per dog. We can also make tree lines for \$10 each (what you attach your line to a tree, car or what ever). These will have to be preordered by April 5th to be ready by SnoBASH

## Lunch at SnoBASH

Hot Dog or Hamburger, Chips, drink and a cookie will be sold at \$5.00 per meal. Tickets will be sold at SnoBASH

## Sale of logo items at SnoBASH

Many BASH logo items will be available at a sale price at SnoBASH. Kid's shirt marked down to \$5  
Adult shirts from \$15 to \$20.

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For all of the above, please send your check to: -----

**BASH**

**2633 S Bascom Ave.  
Campbell CA 95008**

*Questions,*

contact Randee  
McQueen(408)371-1841

\_\_\_\_\_ adult dinner @ \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Child dinner @ \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Total sent \_\_\_\_\_

The Oregon Dunes Run - Laura Crocker ran this year and was the Rookie of the year. She had a great run and a great time. Jane Devlin happened up there to help and promises to write a story in the future. Congratulations to Laura and her pit crew Jane



Laura coming straight down the dune.



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Supporting Expedition Outfitters with your "Gear for the Working Dog" purchases, also helps a number of other organizations. We donate to non-profit organizations ISP services. We donate web space, email discussion lists, eCommerce, etc. We have two levels of web space where groups can park their webpages and even their domain names. We currently administer almost a dozen email discussion lists using a new server, backup system, firewall and Internet connection. For groups who partner with us we can also provide

eCommerce webpages for them to sell their club paraphernalia using all major credit cards and "PayByCheck" service. We can also go to events to capture sales there. Currently, we provide these services free to Samoyed Club of America, Organization for the Working Samoyed, Samoyed Rescue (national level), Bay Area Siberian Husky Club, Northern California Alaskan Malamute Association, Sierra Nevada Dog Drivers. KEMA Dog Sleds and several local dog rescue groups.

We have a complete line of working dog gear and we even have a new dog sled Vendor, KEMA Dog Sleds. We have 3 different types of dog boot, three types of harness and all other gear you might need for dog sledding, carting, skijoring, backpacking or just walking your dog.



## BASHR/R story of the month

Sometimes in your life you meet a person who just by their very patience and tolerance are great. Such a couple are the parents of Candy Swart, Candy is one of BASHRR's hardworking foster homes. These wonderful people have in the last 3 years seen their home taken over by not one new canine member (Shadow) or not even two (Wild Angel), oh no, it did not even stop at three (Erin) it now numbers four (Coky). What was once the quite, lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Swart and daughter Candy and a sweet lab named Keystone is now the East Bay headquarters for Bashrr. There are crates in most rooms and two in some, dog beds in several corners and dog chews may turn up at anytime in the most surprising places.. Their once restful back yard with its serene water fall and pool is now a bustling center of tieouts and pooper scoopers, squeekerless toys and and wet noses.

Candy has a big heart and and in her capacity of, at the Hayward Animal Control, she has many opportunities to make a difference in the lives of some of the animals who pass through HAC. Her Mom and Dad have not only been subjected to Sibes and husky X's but kittens and numerous other breeds. They have gone away for long weekends to return home to find not just the 2,3 or four dogs they had when they left but a new crate in the dining room and another dog in the house. They have come home to find one of the critters has run to the door on his/her way to the potty ground on the other side of the "great sliding glass wall" only to find that some human has not left it open, the evidence of this is a cold wet spot on the carpet. Ahhhh, where did I leave that spot remover.

I met Candy over three years ago when she adopted Shadow from us. Hey, we are talking a pitiful, scrawny, flea bitten pup who had seen the inside of TriCity Shelter one to many times and was out of luck, it was rescue or euthanasia. Anyway She adopted him and mentioned that someday she might like to be a rescue home. She stayed in touch and came to adoption fairs accompanied by her Mom to show off Shadow. Then true to her word she showed up at a adoption fair one day and said she was ready to foster. the rest is history as they say. I took in a surrender one day, an unspayed female (in heat) who turned my house on its ear. A quick call to Candy asking her to PLEASE take this dog, ushered her in to rescue. She of course took Angel (known to her friends as queen) and like many of us she adopted her first rescue. From that day to this she has answered the call of any needy husky who has the good luck to end up in HAC.

Candy learned this compassion from somewhere and I have to believe it is from the parents who, no matter what she brings home and how many wet spots they step in have stood behind her and have supported her in these decisions. It is some times nice to take a minute and remember that behind every BASHRR STORY is a foster home and behind most of them are are wonderful patient and loving families.

# Bay Area Siberian Husky Rescue/Referral



### ***PetSmart***

April 7  
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11 am to 2 pm  
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### ***Pet Food Express!***

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11 am to 2 pm  
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Castro Valley  
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From 580, take Rewood Blvd.  
West under freeway and  
left at Castro Valley Blvd.





## Howls by Kathy Miyoshi

**Recouping from Races.** I knew that four back to back races would take a toll on me (they do every year) but I didn't quite expect what I got. All my dogs are sick. This year there was a "bug" that circulated, starting with the very first race in Markleeville. Nobody in my kennel showed any signs of anything until after the second race at Chester at which point my puppy got sick. This prompted me to call around and I then discovered that most teams I spoke with had at least one sick dog if not multiple ones. So the season is over but this flu bug is still going through my kennel getting one or two dogs at a time. This week it's Grace and Konan who are afflicted, my puppy has gotten it twice, and I think either Dweezle or Magic is getting it next. Ningo has come down with kennel cough suddenly, the timing of which suggests she picked it up at Lake Davis two weekends ago. Sheesh. It makes sense though, my dogs trained and worked very hard for me this season, especially at the last race last weekend. Foresthill was an intensely stressful weekend for me and I have learned again never to underestimate how much your dogs react to your emotions. I was compelled to bring all the dogs in the house when I noticed how whinny and pacey and unsettled they were in the kennel. Some "face time" with me and hanging out on the couch did them a world of good. Now this weekend their biggest job is to sunbathe and relax.

**Puppy Update.** Donner is five months old and all leg, ears and feet (mostly ears). Most folks have seen him now as he went with me everywhere this winter taking in the sights and sounds of racing and learning how to sit on a tie-out and ride in a dog box. He is doing well and is still a pretty well-behaved pup, although all who know him fully understand that he does have a voice and doesn't like to be alone – unless he's on an unauthorized, and unattended, walk with Konan in the hills of Grass Valley. (Uh-hum!) I only have one question. Why do they call them puppies? It seems to me that they should be called "Poopies". This boy poops than any other single animal I've seen! He must poop 5 or 6 times per day! And always exactly five minutes after I bring him back inside from playing in the yard. Go figure. Donner will be beginning his sled training at six months of age during the Stead/Nelson "Boot Camp Custom" at the end of April at which time he will be introduced to his harness, a team and pull training with a tire. I'm sure that will be interesting and I can't wait to tell you how it goes!

**Kennel Dynamics.** The races are only just over, but plans for next year's team have already begun. Hours of analyzing our performance, and those of our competitors, have already been completed and much more is still to come. What size team and which races do I want to run in? What is my Fall Training schedule going to be? What new dogs do I need to reach my goals and where am I going to get them? (That's the fun one!) To that end, a new female may be entering my kennel soon from Ann Stead's kennel. I'm very excited, but will save the details to the next column when I'm sure that it's happened! Of course, my getting a new dog is totally contingent on my work arrangements being settled in Rancho Cordova ... and that is not set in stone as of this writing, but you KNOW that this girl will do everything to make sure that works out! On a sadder note, a dog will also be leaving my kennel. I am not in a position (yet!) where I can keep adding more dogs without making difficult decisions regarding my current pack. Arrangements are not completely made yet, but it seems imminent that Grace's sister Ari will be going to live in a new home. She has never really taken to this "sledding stuff" (to much work for a Hollywood star) and I've felt for a long time that she isn't getting enough attention at my house. So ... she will be joining the household of friend Vince who's Piebald Mickey passed away last winter (you might remember seeing Mickey's picture in this column). His remaining girl Sasha is 13 and misses her playmate! Since his house is on the same property as my house, well, it's not *really* like she's going away, right? I think she will be very happy being his spoiled pimadonna.

*Happy Trails,  
Kathy.*

**page 1** longjohns on by mistake and doesn't discover this until he stops to take a leak and can't find the opening!! (At least Greg never has this worry!) Anyway....Friday night we went to a dinner for Supporters of the Iditarod at a restaurant in Anchorage. Jeff King and his wife came to this for a few minutes. Then we went on to a movie called "Iditarod....A Far Distant Place". This is a really beautiful movie following three mushers in an earlier Iditarod. (The woman who made the movie, Alice Dungan Bouvrie, would be interested in coming out to the Bay Area to show the movie, so we are trying to see what we can work out.) One of the mushers featured in this movie is Mike Williams, who races for sobriety. He attended the screening and gave a speech before it started. He is pretty inspirational.

Then on to the races! Both Saturday, for the ceremonial start, and Sunday, for the restart, were sunny and cold. My feet were frozen solid. But we had a great time. We got to help bootie the dogs, harness them, and lead them to the starting line. We didn't get to take as many pictures of the teams this year, but we got to experience the race from a different perspective. Karen seemed very calm and confident. We managed to hide a package of extra-firm tofu in her sled bag—an added delicacy, something that "manly" Alaskans just love and eat a lot of (yeah, right!). I personally believe that is what made the difference this year! Be sure and ask her how she prepared this scrumptious treat while on the trail.

It was really hard to leave the wide open spaces of Alaska and return to San Jose and to work. But we have a lot of great memories: seeing a moose in downtown Anchorage, seeing all the mushers and the dogs (you can sure spot the Sibe teams—they are the gorgeous ones), talking to all the people. (Alaskans seem to really like to talk. Of course, with Greg being shy like he is, this was hard for him to handle.) We also kept tally of some of the more interesting traffic signs: Aircraft Crossing, Moose Crossing, Snow Dump (really! It was in front of a huge pile of snow), and my personal favorite, "Illegal to discharge a firearm within 1/4 mile of the road". This sign was---you guessed it---shot full of holes. I think I'll have to return again.

## Weaver/Spinner

looking for hair to spin. Hair must be at least 1 inch long; brushings preferred. Will spin your dog's hair for you for a fee or trade.

A sibes hair is great for a hat, scarf or mittens. It is very warm and a great conversation piece

*contact*

*Pat (408)297-7744 or*

*e-mail*

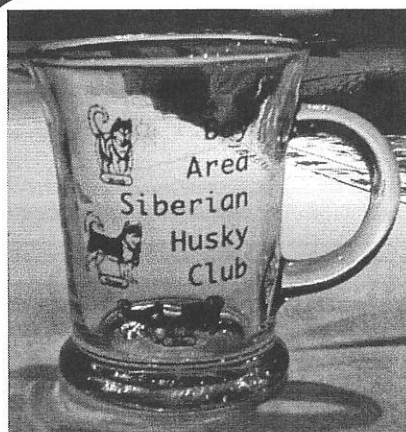
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## LAP/Crib Quilt Drawing-

Peggy Rusher has donated a lap/crib quilt. The quilt will have 9 panels. The center will be our BASH logo or your kennel logo, the four corners will be machine embroidered pictures of your pets, the last four will be material in a color of your choice. I have seen others that she has done and they are beautiful.

The tickets will be \$10.00 each. The drawing will be held sometime in June. You don't have to be present to win. Tickets will be available through our web site or at upcoming events.

Peggy embroidered the patch that Karen Ramstead had on her sled at the start of the Iditarod.



## Coffee Mugs -

\$12.00 each or  
2 for \$20.00

## Upcoming Meetings and events:

**Apr. 21st** Meeting at SnoBASH

**Apr. 21st, 22nd** SnoBASH II

**Apr. 27th, 28th** NCSC Biennial  
Specialty Inn Marin in Novato

**May 19** BASH Specialty and  
meeting

**May 20** - Talk/Dinner with Karen  
Ramstead

**May??** Showing of A Far Away Place  
(Fantastic Movie about 3 mushers during  
the 1998 Iditarod)

**May 26?** Umunhum Cleanup

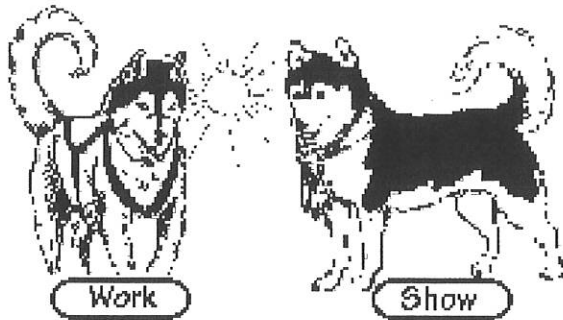
**June 9?** Umunhum Night Run

**Cont. from page 2** gave each and every one a great big hug. I'm sure they have no idea why mom was acting so weird. After all, they must be thinking, I'm the one who tied them there.

We sled back to the truck and all have a snack and water. They happily hop in their boxes and we hit the road for the hour and a half drive home to Grass Valley, arriving right around 5:30 in the evening. Somewhere along the drive, as my brain settled and calmed, it dawned on me what, among the myriad of mistakes I had made that day, was my #1 mistake. I was really never lost. My Ningo knew EXACTLY where we were and tried to take me home. She was trying to take the left-hand turn to my truck but I didn't recognize that the 4-way intersection we were at was the original, and only, 4-way intersection I had to deal with on the way out. My dogs had done the 14 miles so quickly that I thought I couldn't possibly be back yet and kept going - another 9 miles it turns out.

I walked back to that 4-way intersection last weekend and looked at it from all directions. Amazing, really, how different something can look when approaching it from the other direction. There is a lesson in here for all of us, I think. Be careful, make sure somebody knows where you are, try not to go out alone but if you have too, be prepared for anything, because you just can never know what trail may be in front of you that day. Always pack a sleeping bag, warm clothes and at least one meal for you and the dogs. What's that saying about most car accidents happen within a few miles from home? You don't have to be very far out to be lost and potentially in grave danger.

Send your Tales of Map Reading and Hitchhiking to:  
BASH's Trail Tales, Nic Matulich  
Husky77@ricochet.net



# 19TH ANNUAL- 2001 Bay Area Siberian Husky Club Specialty Fun Match

May 19th, 2001  
Oak Hill Park, Danville

Pre Entries Close May 10th.  
Fees: First Class \$10.00  
Additional Class \$5.00

Day of Match Entries  
First Class \$12.00  
Additional Class (same dog) \$6.00

**DAY OF MATCH ENTRIES- FROM 8:00 AM TO 9:00 AM. CONFORMATION, OBEDIENCE, HANDLING  
Junior and Adult Handling \$5.00 at ringside during lunch**

Conformation Regular /non Regular Judge:  
*Karen Ramstead*  
Judging to begin at 11:00 am

Jr. & Adult Handling  
& Spay Neuter Judge:  
Judging to be announced

Obedience Judge:  
*To be announced*  
Judging to begin at 9:00 am

**Regular Classes**

**Puppy:**

2-4 months  
4-6 months  
6-9 months  
9-12 months  
Best of Breed Puppy  
Best of Opposite Sex Puppy

**Adults:**

12-18 months  
American Bred Dog/bitch  
Bred By Exhibitor dog/bitch  
Open dog/bitch  
Vetrans ( 9 + years)  
Best of Breed Adult  
Best of Opposite Sex Adult

**Non Regular Classes:**

Sled Dog Class = Puppy (under 1 year) &  
Adult - Dog/Bitch, Best of Sled Dog  
*dogs do not have to be purebred- alaskans, malamutes,  
etc... are allowed- must have nordic qualities*  
Spay/Neuter = Puppy (under 1 year) &  
Adult - Dog/Bitch (must be a siberian but  
doesn't have to have papers)  
Best Spay/Neuter

**Ribbons and Trophies:**

1st - 4th classes - Ribbons ---- Best of - Rosettes & Trophies --- Hi Scoring Obedience - Rosette

**Added Attractions :**

Lunch will be available, plus coffee, cocoa, tea  
canned drinks and donuts for sale. Raffle  
Tattoo Clinic, Chip Clinic -  
(BBQ lunch - \$5.00)

Watch the BASH web page for more information  
on a talk by Karen Ramstead about  
purebred Siberians and the Iditarod  
May 20th ..... [www.bayareasiberian.org](http://www.bayareasiberian.org)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO B.A.S.H. - MAIL ENTRY FEES TO:

Ranee McQueen, Match Secretary, 2633 S Bascom Ave, Campbell CA 95008 (408)371-1841

**Dog** \_\_\_\_\_ (make copies if necessary) # **for lunch** \_\_\_\_\_ **adults** \_\_\_\_\_ **children** \_\_\_\_\_

Breed (for Sled Dog Class) \_\_\_\_\_

Classes Entered: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex ( ) M ( ) F

Conformation : \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Obedience Class - Sub Novice Novice Open

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Handling: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Handling: \_\_\_\_\_

Owners Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip

I agree not to hold B. A. S. H or the City of Danville liable for the loss or damage to any dog exhibited, whether the result of the accident or other causes and in addition, assumes no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury sustained by an exhibitor. It is distinctly understood that every dog at this Match is in the care and custody and control of the owner / handler during the entire time the dog is on the premises.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

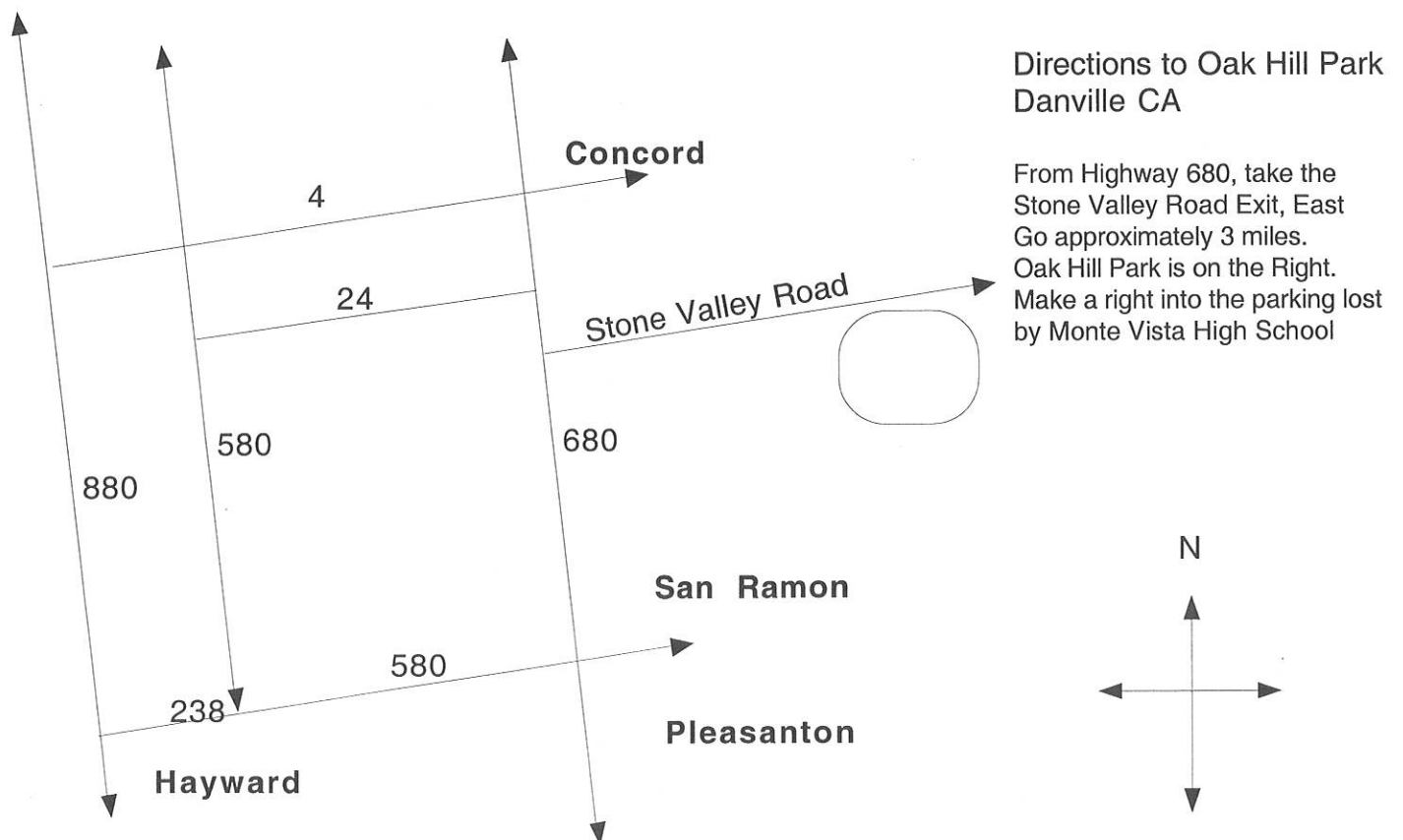
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Amount Enclosed.



# Notes for the Specialty

**BASH members-** The fun match is open to all members of BASH. It is a great day of fun . If you have adopted a dog that looks like a sib- enter them in Spay/Neuter class. If you have an Alaskan husky, Malamute or something else that pulls...enter them in Sled Dog. If you have an AKC sib that is 9 or older...enter them in Veterans. Try obedience. In sub novice you never let go of the leash. It is great fun to see all the sibes healing, sitting as a group, and even laying down on command (well some of them do). Last year we were judged on how well we read our dogs so they would succeed. This year it will be similar. You can also enter Junior or Adult Handling. In this you are judged (and taught) handling of your dog. This is also a lot of fun.

**So sign up now..... it will be a great day. If you have questions, feel free to call.**



# BAY AREA SIBERIAN HUSKY RESCUE REFERRAL

## "UPDATE"

Serving The Bay Area & Northern California

Descriptions of the dogs, including evaluation of their temperament, listed in this newsletter are furnished by the people placing them. We are providing an exchange of information only and we do not attempt to verify the information given.

**Nic Matulich at (408)379-7253 or smellofdog@aol.com**

**Tsavo** came to us after he and 8 other Malamutes and a number of other dogs were rescued from horrible conditions at a puppy mill in South Dakota that was busted in September. Tsavo came in to the shelter in South Dakota severely emaciated and suffering from a skin condition. His skin condition is improving.



**Jenny**- 9 month old Korean Jindo, is a very sweet girl who loves to crawl in your lap and give kisses but is tough enough to hang with the big dogs on our recreational team. She really liked the running. Jinny is great with kids and good in the house, loves to play ball and hide-and-peek

**Patty La Cava -415-553-8862 or shhawke1@aol.com**

**Max** is a 4 year old neutered male, red/white with brown eyes. Hmmm, how shall I begin, "Dog in need of a compassionate home!!!!!!" Max is handsome, intelligent, opinionated, headstrong, stubborn and strong as a bull. He is sweet, loving, gentle and independent.



**Camilla Skov- Camillas@aol.com or (408)265-1912**

**Apache**- 6+ year old male siberian Husky. He is a wonderful dog, great with other dogs large and small. A wonderful gentleman.

**Janet Yeager at 805-461-5203 or beachsibs@thegrid.net**

**Remy** is a wonderful, tall (within standard) Siberian with bright blue eyes. He rides great in a car and is doing well with my seven other dogs. He will need leash training. Remy is a real sweetie.



**Candy Swart at 510-471-9477 or wildhuskys@aol.com**

**Denver**- 1 year old male siberian. He is a wonderful dog, gets along great with others.

**Sasha** This a great girl who loves to be in the house, and is trustworthy if left home alone. Sasha is crate trained and house trained, she is also a part time guard dog (barks at people coming to the door), She will do fine being an only dog, and she wants to please, she knows sit, down, crawl and shake. She will make a great companion dog for a single person or family.

**Hugo Antonucci- (209)827-9764 or topaz@jps.net**

**Shelby**- 1 year old female. Shelby is a little shy but warms to you quickly. She is very affectionate and would be in your lap if you let her. She is good with children and is almost house trained. Shelby gets along well with other dogs and loves to play with doggie toys.



**Alaska** is very good in the car, always ready to go for a ride. At home she has excellent house manners. She gets along great with other dogs and would make a great addition to a family looking for a second dog. She is good kids. Alaska can be quit vocal when she wants your attention. After playing with the other dogs she likes to take dip in the old water bucket cool off. She is crate trained



**Jenifer Near ucdmusher@aol.com (707)446-3590**

**Cinder** was born in Alaska and her parents were reportedly Alaskan Village dogs. She can be a little shy towards strangers at first, but once she gets to know you, she is very sweet and playful. She is good with other dogs, walks fairly well on a leash, and is crate-trained. She is good with children and may be housebroken. Cinder was given up by the same owner as Jake and they would make a nice pair for someone looking to adopt more than one dog. Cinder would do best in a home with another dog.



**Jake** is a two-year-old, black/tan/white, Alaskan Husky with brown eyes. Jake originally came from an Iditarod racing kennel in Alaska, but has lived his life as just a pet. He has a very sweet personality and loves getting attention.



He gets along well with other dogs but does need training.

**Bill Otto, 408 -358-9806 or BillOtto1412@aol.com**

**Oso** is a great companion dog and will do well in a family with other dogs or as a single pet. This dog is truly a gentleman with impeccable house manners and pleasing personality. He is house trained, crate trained and has basic obedience.



Long walks, romps in the parks and any time spent with his family are just a few of this guys favorite things. He loves people of all ages and sizes and is extremely gentle

**Randee McQueen - Bashrr@aol.com or 408-371-1841**

**Calii** is a wonderful 1 year old Alaskan Husky. She is white with light brown eyes. She is partially crate and kennel trained. She is wonderful in a house or at the office. She can be left alone or loves to play with another dog. She is learning some obedience skills. She is sweet and deserves someone to love her. Her goal is to please those that she is with.



**Laura** is a 10 month old Siberian Husky. She is light tan and black. She is house trained, loves to ride in the car and has obedience skills. She knows how to walk on a leash, sit and down. She is great at home or at work. She is currently in a teething stage so she will need things to chew on. She is quiet and sweet. Plays great with other dogs.



**Some dogs come into our lives and leave. Others come and leave their footprints on our hearts. And we are never, ever quite the same again.**

# Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL and Associate Application 2001-2002

Single \$30.00     Family \$35.00     Associate \$25.00

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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home work

Kennel Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to BASH. All memberships and Subscriptions are valid through March 31, 2002. Send Membership Renewal form and check to:**

Randee McQueen, Treasurer, Bay Area Siberian Husky Club  
2633 S. Bascom Ave.  
Campbell CA 95008

***If you are interested in becoming a voting member contact Janet Yeager at the above address to obtain a membership application.***

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Randee McQueen, Editor

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