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The Starting of BASH's 17th year

It is going to be a great year! Hopefully we will have our second SnoBASH later this month and our Specialty Match either in May or June. We have voted in our new board which will start planning things for the coming year.

BASHR/R has been extremely successful during the past year. They have placed more than 100 Siberians and Alaskan huskies. They were also able to pay within their own funds to have major corrective surgery done on 3 dogs (2 broken jaws and one what was thought to be a tumor ended up being a cyst with 6 foxtails)

At this time I would like to thank everyone that has contributed an article, flyer, etc. to the newsletter this year and would like to encourage others to send in articles, information, pictures and ideas. This newsletter is for everyone and I would like everyone to participate if they would like. Do you have an interesting story about your dog? How your choose your dog or how he/she choose you? Send it to me to be published.

In the past we had a medical column and other informational things. Is anyone interested in doing that. You only need a couple of paragraphs each month.

The Black Hole Theory: Last month a number of newsletters never made it to the addresses..... They were sent as I put the postage on them but the post office never returned them sooooo. I am sorry for those that did not receive them. If you want another copy, call me and I will send one out. Randee

Reminder- If you have not renewed..... this will be your last newsletter. Check the date on your address label. If it says 4/97 than you need to renew.

You don't want to miss one of our exciting newsletters... so please renew now.

BASH Member Profile:

Alan Doyle, Skye, Maggie

Siberian Huskies are one of three passions that rule Alan Doyle's life, along with music and writing.

Doyle's home has been a sled dog home for the better part of the last 20 years. His current residence in Vallejo is shared by Skye, a BASH/SHRR dog who adopted Doyle in November 1995, and Maggie, a Doyle BASHRR rescue from Petaluma who was supposed to be his first foster but decided the accommodations were acceptable and stayed.

Doyle has been involved with BASH since 1994, when a divorce forced him to seek help in finding a new home for one of his Sibes. After getting through the divorce and recovering from a fire in the summer of 1995 that destroyed essentially everything he hadn't lost in the divorce, Doyle has been spending as much of his free time as possible on BASH rescue efforts, particularly in the North Bay and North Coast counties where BASH previously didn't have a presence. He also writes a column for this newsletter.

Depending on resolution of near-future job uncertainties, Doyle hopes to be able to foster rescue dogs, as well as become more active in BASH.

Doyle moved to the Bay Area in 1986, to be able to go to even more Grateful Dead shows, after previously living in Arizona, Colorado, Indiana and Illinois. Doyle saw his first Dead show in 1968 and stopped counting after 300 sometime in the late 1970s or early '80s.

Doyle, 49, a newspaper editor or reporter since 1965, currently works on the sports desk of the Contra Costa Times. While working for newspapers in Indiana and Arizona, Doyle has won state and national awards; been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize,

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Skewriting

A chipper Skye looks to future

By IWANA SEPPALA
Siberian Tales News Service

It apparently will be at least another month before California and the nation learn if Skye will return to public life to run in the state's first interspecies election or consummate a blockbuster business merger to continue his groundbreaking work in a computer-assisted interspecies communications.

Skye had been expected to announce on April 1 that he would challenge U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer in 1998. The Marin County Democrat, is thought to be politically vulnerable as she completes her first term in office. And California's new open primary law, allowing voters to cross party lines, would let Skye in effect run as an independent and make maximum use of the grassroots political organization he built during his 1996 presidential campaign.

But now no announcement is expected before May 1, after Skye returns from Alaska, and the first extensive field-testing of the revolutionary SIBE-HOWL implant chip that allows humans to understand and simultaneously translate the husky language. Skye had hoped to test the chip during the 25th anniversary run of the Iditarod, but surgery in February forced him to skip this year's race.

Instead, Skye's human companion, Alan Doyle, is being flown to Alaska for 10 days of field testing under rigorous conditions. Doyle, the first human subject of Skye's testing, had the SIBE-HOWL chip implanted earlier this year.

The SIBE-HOWL field tests will be conducted in association with the research and development subsidiary of DeNapoli Acquisitions Ltd, based in North Pole, a small community outside Fairbanks. Jan DeNapoli, the founder and CEO of DNA, will personally supervise the SIBE-HOWL field testing on Doyle.

"Jan DeNapoli is uniquely qualified to conduct field tests on the chip, assess the results and work with our software and hardware engineers to implement improvements," Skye said before departing for Alaska. "She has extensive experience in human and canine medicine, as well as a deep respect for both wild and domestic canids. And since DeNapoli has been active in rescue, she understands our potential client base.

"More importantly, from the standpoint of conducting these tests and gathering the necessary data for analysis, DeNapoli is one of the few humans I've met who actually can understand what Doyle is saying. We know the chip works and that Doyle understands what Sibes are saying. But I've been around Doyle longer than anyone, and there are times I don't have a clue what he means - probably because he doesn't, either. One side benefit of the field testing may be development of the initial architecture for a chip allowing humans and Sibes alike to understand Doyle. I've already been told the editor of your publication says she

wants the first chip."

A secondary goal of the field-testing is to determine if a merger with DNA is advisable and likely to be a success, Skye explained in an exclusive interview with Siberian Tales.

"At first blush, it would appear to be a very good match," Skye added. "Our corporate cultures, goals and histories are very similar. This could be a logically and synergistically sound step to take SIBE-HOWL technology to next level. If the April testing produces the results we need and expect, we probably would move fairly rapidly to reach some sort of permanent operating agreement."

Such a merger, Skye conceded, would require his complete concentration. With such business responsibilities, there unlikely would be time for a political campaign, he said.

"Everyone knows of my commitment to public service," Skye added, "and I join my fellow Americans of all species in being appalled by what we see in Washington. Newt Gingrich engages in what would be called lying if a child did it. Then we've got Al Gore dialing for dollars and asking everyone to call 1-800-BUY-BILL for a real good time.

"Still, we cannot get lost in these relatively petty issues. Politicians come and go; one is not all that worse or better than another. We shouldn't be looking at individuals; we should be looking at the system - not who gets elected but how they get elected.

"And that is where the SIBE-HOWL chip comes in, and why its development may a far greater contribution to the struggle to end speciesism than any I could make as an individual candidate or even as an office holder. While I never would completely rule out public service, I think America's future turns more on my development of the SIBE-HOWL chip than occupying a seat in the Senate.

"Once we include all Americans - not just humans - in this nation's political process, then we will truly have representative government, and species discrimination as we now it will become history. Communication is the key. We canines and other non-human Americans must make our voices heard - and understood.

"We also must move beyond the patronizing symbolism that is so prevalent in California. We aren't the least bit fooled when humans point to a Boxer in the Senate or a Bird on the state supreme court as evidence of progress. This may not be in the year that I run for public office, but I certainly urge my fellow Siberians to become more involved in politics. After all, the core question has yet to be answered: Why send a symbol when you can send a real dog?"

It's not too late to become one of the first humans to be privileged to use the SIBE-HOWL implant chip. We need beta testers, who will receive the chip and all medical attention free. To learn more about the SIBE-HOWL chip and participate in its development, contact Skye, who can be reached care of Alan Doyle, 1029 Tuolumne St., Vallejo, CA 94590-4630, or online at alandoyle@aol.com

BASH TRAIL TALES

BY NIC MATULICH

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

Send your Trail Tale to: BASH'S TRAIL TALES: Nic Matulich, 1140 Nadine Drive, Campbell, Calif 95008 -or- SMELLOFDOG@AOL.COM
If we use your Trail Tale you will receive a free Tee-Shirt.

There is a marvelous trail for year-round day tripping or overnight excursions just this side of Silver Lake on Hiway 88. An outstanding recreational area itself, Silver Lake is about an hour southwest of South Lake Tahoe. That is when the roads are not washed out, flooded, avalanched or otherwise impassable from CalTrans work. Usually it is a very scenic, easy going drive I enjoy anytime of the year.

The trail I would like to familiarize you with has always been one of my favorites for hiking as well as sledding. During the winter the jumping off point is right on Hiway 88 proper. During non-snow months the road can be traveled into Mud Lake or Plasse which will connect you with the trail systems of the Mokelumne Wilderness. For this issue I am going to stay with the winter aspects of the trail and will at a later date write of backpacking in this area.

There is a sign along Hiway 88 that marks the trail juncture that reads Tragedy Springs, though it may be covered with snow in the winter months. Nearby is a marker for the Maidens Grave. This is part of the old Emigrant Trail dating from the 1840's and it is an area filled with the history of a struggle in the westward movement. But this trail existed long before the first settlers came from the east, long before the first Indians hunted forests here. Dim trails wind into the brush, crumbling fire rings, derelict cabins and abandoned mining claims dot the landscape mainly used by range cattle now. Campsites used by generations of Indians followed by settlers and travelers yield bits of cans and the occasional arrowhead flake. The spirits of many races can be felt on those cold clear evenings as the sun is swallowed by the night, reminding us we are not the first nor the last to pass this way.

Many of the small emerald jewel lakes that are scattered across the mountainsides were "enhanced" by the work corps of the depression era with stone and cement dams of varying heights, most being 1-3 feet. Hidden Lake, Cole Creek Lakes, Pardee Lake as well as others bear the names of settlers from the 1800's and now the handiwork of the CCC and such from the 1930's. It was mostly make-work for the depression era unemployed that fanned out through the mountains with their donkey trains loaded with hand tools, cement and dynamite. They upgraded trails, installed campfire grates and in a few area of the Sierra even fashioned concrete tanks for some of the hot springs encountered for the enjoyment of future generations.

Setting up the sleds can sometimes be a bit of



challenge as the parking area for the vehicles is on the north side of the road and the trail we take is on the south. We have handled it two ways, setting the sleds and dogs up then running the team with sled across the road. The other is hauling everything across and setting it up there. If you have at least 3 people, one to watch for cars coming around the bend to the left, the first is easier and safer in my opinion. By yourself or with one other you should do the latter. It can be a busy hiway streaking with downhill skiers that have a distorted sense of what is important.

The trail we are about to take ultimately connects to the Bear Reservoir trails and can provide several days of traveling. The trails are regularly groomed by State Green Sticker money. Snowmobiles will be encountered but they are not that numerous and generally easy to work with. The trail start winds along the bluffs overlooking Silver Lake. There is a small group of summer cabins the first mile or so. Continuing up the grade, be sure to notice the spectacular views out over Silver Lake. Push forward until you come to a split in the trail, maybe 2 miles in then make a choice. The machine groomed trail peels off to the right and heads down toward Mud Lake and Plasse beyond. To the left is the "Big Climb". Spectacular views await the top of the "Big Climb" but I suggest you save that for the return trip, coming up from the other side.

Taking the trail to the right, you will descend a winding trail, sometimes narrow so listen for snowmachines. Pace yourselves and watch the time. I use 4-6 miles an hour of travel in the back country depending on the terrain. Mud lake is about 4 miles in but you have to watch for the trail splitting off to the right. Continuing up the main trail will take you

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BASH's version of the Iditarod: A memorable trip for all....

March 14, 15, 16 - 13 members of our club joined together for an easy 6 mile trip into Bear Trap Basin to a secluded ski cabin at Bear Valley. This was *suppose* to be a simple weekend sledding trip that turned into something much larger. The trails we were suppose to be able to find were not there and the easy climb was steep both up and down. We were suppose to get in in a couple of hours. It took 2 days. The first night we snocamped rather than risk problems in the dark. Over the next few months I hope that various members contribute with tales of the weekend. The most important was that we were friends when we went in and better friends when we came out. We all learned different things from sledding skills to map reading to working as a team and more.....

What I learned during the "BASH Iditarod":

1) I learned about Friendship:

- standing around a huge bonfire in the snow
- sharing smoked salmon on a hard reached summit
- toasting naturally chilled white wine in an old cabin

2) I learned about Teamwork:

- falling flat on my face and having my partner catch the sled
- my partner falling flat on his face and me having to catch the sled
- both of us falling flat on our faces and getting dragged by the sled
- helping others push 150+ pound sleds up steep inclines
- helping to stop 150+ pound sleds on steep declines
- getting across ice bridges with sheer drops on either side
- a lead dog's glance to let you know he is ready to pull again

3) I learned about snow and ice and how they feel on various parts of my body when contacted at various rates of speed and in various positions.

4) I learned about sleds:

- they are not quite as maneuverable as one would like
- they are a bitch to get out of a tree well
- they are impossible to stop going down hill in deep powder
- they are strong enough to hit many trees head on at full speed and stay together
- they are hard to flip over intentionally
- they are easy to flip over unintentionally

5) I learned about equipment.

- next time I'm carrying a break repair kit, an Alaskan brake and a lead dog holder
- next time I'm remembering my lines instead of leaving them in the basement of my house
- always keep bungees and neck lines clipped to your sled so you can tie things down such as extra mittens, your gee line and the occasional dog who chews himself loose (Teruu) and comes racing down the trail.

6) I learned about me and the things I can accomplish.

BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY

7) I learned RESPECT -RESPECT for our dogs who tirelessly pulled for three straight days over an unmarked trail because we asked them to.

Who's ready to go again? Me. ~~~~~ Kathy Miyoshi

Having also participated in this event, let me add:

It was a great trip with a wonderful set of people. Everyone put in extra effort to make sure that everyone made it safely. It was definitely some of the toughest mushing I have done. I have done steep, I have done trees, but I had not done this combination of very steep with lots of trees. Navigating our way out there where not even any snowmobile tracks, why? Because it would have been very difficult even for a snowmobile to make it through the steep tight turns. Not only did we cross narrow ice bridges, our trail was often narrow between the tree wells. Everyone did great.

It was a memorable weekend. I, for one, am glad I was able to participate and share the experience. It was sorta like skiing black diamonds. Your up on the hill wondering why you ever thought this was a good idea, trying not to scream and swear the whole way down. And at the end of the day you look back on it and say, "wow, that was pretty cool... I had a great time."

~~~~~Dona

# SnoBASH II

April 19 & 20th  
Bear Valley



**Who:** Anyone who would like to have fun in the snow. If you have a dog we will find a harness, there will be plenty of sleds and some equipment (harnesses etc...) will be available for purchase. The dogs all know what to do. Those members that know what to do will help with those that don't. We will be offering sled rides for a donation to Rescue.

**What :** A Fun Day with the dogs, with sleds and friends, in the snow!

**Where:** **Day 1** at the Cross Country Ski Chalet. Take Highway 4 to Bear Valley, 2 1/4 miles before Bear Ski Lodge you will turn Left onto Bear Valley Road. If the snow is not to high you can see a gas station. There are parking lots to the right and left once you have turned. **11 am to 3:30** - play in the snow (They will put in parking and a groomed trail, gas station, restrooms and other facilities available, pack a picnic lunch or we will have hot dogs, hot drinks, etc...) **7 pm:** meet for dinner at a location to be announced. Sled Drawing at dinner  
**Day 2:** Same place or change will be announced- 11 am to whenever

PeeWee races for  
the kids

Call to see if it is cancelled due to lack of snow. (408-282-0579) We know this is late in the year, but with Easter the way it fell we felt it would be difficult to find rooms.

Call the following places for lodging: (some allow dogs in the room and some don't)  
Arnold is as close as most of us can find, where we can keep dogs.

Ebbits Pass Lodge- 209-795-1563

Weehee Meadow Mount Lodge 209-795-1394

Timberline Lodge-209-795-1053

Bear Valley Lodge- 800-794-3866

Gold Country 209-736-4611 (\$50 deposit to keep dog in room)

Real Estate- (house rentals) Sheila Friedil (1-800-523-8758)

**Reminder- dogs should never be left in rooms unattended. If you have an emergency and must leave, contact another member to take care of your dogs.**

## Bay Area Siberian Husky Club ~ Meeting Minutes March 8, 1997

**Members in Attendance:** Randee McQueen, Angela Kwan, Angela Dismis, Doug Aldrich, Art & Marilyn Lassagne, Lloyd and Teri Oshiro, Jacques Porter, Jennifer Near, Greg and Nick Stevens, Al and Carol Ouellette, Daryl Lee, Alan Doyle, Gary and Anita Kelly, Dana Anderson, Kathy Miyoshi, Tammy Hammond, Dori Ptak, Scott and Lorinda Lee.

**Guests:** Scott and Stacy Morton, Helen Latterell and Gary Fletcher, Jan Mardis, Susan Warmbradt & Mathew.

- I. Call to Order - 5:10- pm
- II. Sign in sheet of members present
  - A. Introduce guests
- III. Approval of Minutes- Approved as written
- IV. Reports - Officers
 

President -We need to make sure that we follow the by-laws in what we do.  
 Vice President- absetn  
 Treasurer- absent  
 Secretary- 7 renewals, many inquiries about the club. Alot of things have been going on that will be discussed later in the meeting.  
 Rescue Chairman- 1dog was placed prior to the meeting with a second possible placement later in the day  
 At the current time there was \$2800 in the account with all but 2 bills paid that had just been received. BASHRR is still paying for the newsletter to be printed and mailed.
- V. Election of New Members
  - A. Jennifer Near- approved by written ballot
  - B. Alan Doyle- approved by a written ballot
- VI. Old Business:
  - A. SnoBASH- # 1 was a great success and we hope to have # 2 on April 19th and 20th.
  - B. Sled Drawing- Tickets were sent out to all members- 5 to associate and 10 to voting members. They were asked to sell the tickets if they could not, to return them. About \$200 has come in to date.
  - C. Ski Hut- at this time 16 people are signed up to go on a sledding trip into a forrestry cabin in Bear Valley
  - D. Voting on new board- written ballot 19 for, 1 against board as written
  - E. Report from Alan about Dog Writers Event. It was a success for the club even though he didn't win. He has been approached for articles in national magazines and made other great contacts. Reinterated much or what was said in the newsletter and answered members questions.
- VII. New Business:
  - A. Specialty - May 18th- Look into Sunday dates around there. Al will check out Murphy part and we will check out Los Gatos Creek Park. Are there other areas tohold it? We need some shade.
  - B. Future events- Umunhum Run on May 25th (full moon)  
 Beach Hike- May 31 with a meeting to follow at Gary and Anita's new home.
  - C. Web Page- after a lengthy discussion or length of names etc... it was motined and then approved that the first name we will try for is BayArea Siberian.org and second will try BASHCLUB. Melissa will secure this with an appropriate company.
  - D. Buy DOG CPR tapes - after a discussion this was approved to be purchased by the club and Melissa will be the "librarian" of them.
- VIII. Set Next Meetings Agenda- April 13, 4 pm at Art and Marilyn Lassagne's (see flyer for directions)

### AGENDA - April 13th

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# BASHR/R story of the month

There's more to Rescue.....

When I first came into the rescue effort i thought that rescue meant, take the dog out of the shelter and put the dog into a good home. Then one day i heard some wise words from a wise man, "sometimes rescue is about more than finding dogs homes". I don't know if Nic meant it the way i took it, but i just thought he meant there are lots of ways of looking at something. And thats where this months story begins.

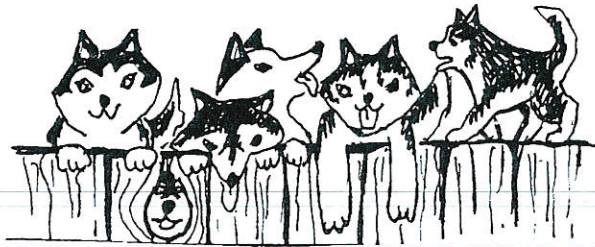
The rescue is full of dogs in need, in need of a homes, love and even medical attention. This is the story of two dogs who had loving homes, it is their people who were in need. One of the dogs, Yukon is a 8 mo. old pup who was adopted through the rescue a few months ago, his people have gone their seperate ways, Susan got custody of Yukon. Susan is staying with her folks and Yukon is not welcome, she came to the rescue believing she had no coice but to give him up. After listening to her story , punted by poorly concealed tears, and hearing Nic's words ringing in my head, I decided to kennel Yukon for a three weeks, while she searched for a home, for her and Yukon together.

I said at the beginning that this was the story of two dogs, this is his story as told by Gary Kelly.

Shadow belongs to a young couple who love him greatly, but find that the current housing shortage in Northern California has precluded them, like too many others, from finding housing where Shadow would be welcome. After four months of heart breaking searching, they concluded they must part with their six month old Shadow. I was monitoring the 800 number when Karen's call came-a call filled with tears, eloquently testifying to the breaking heart behind the brave words that would send little Shadow into a foster home. I called and got the full story, then acted as quickly as I could to avert another disaster. Karen had called local animal control in Petaluma and been given the BASH 800 number after learning that the shelter would not accept a wolf hybrid, and when forced to do so, generally destroyed them. Having read the stories of Winter in the local papers, she was ready to relinquish Shadow to Rescue. I offered to take Shadow in as a border. He will spend the next one to two months with me being civilized in the combined schooling of Tahvi and myself, with the able assistance of Anita offered to take Shadow in as a border. He will spend the next one to two months with me being civilized in the combined schooling of Tahvi and myself, with the able assistance of Anita.

By keeping in mind that there are more meanings to rescue than one, Bashrr has once again come to the aid of dogs in need. As Gary said "It seemed completely ridiculous to take a dog from a home where it is loved, and attempt to find a home that will love it! "

## Bay Are Siberian Husky Rescue/Referral



### Presents:

Watch for weeknight adoption fairs at PetSmart in Campbell

#### *Premium Pet Mart*

Please join us on Apr. 5th

11 am to 3 pm  
4698 Meridian Ave  
(at Branham Ave.)

Directions to Husky Day in San Jose. Take 85 South Exit Camden Ave. Go Right at light to Branham Ave. Go South on Branham to Meridian. Shopping Center on far right corner. You will find Premium Pet Mart in the middle.

#### *Pet Food Express Oakland*

51st and Broadway  
Most Friday nights  
from 3- 7:30

Call the store or Jacques' for that weeks schedule.

### Upcoming Meetings and BASH events:

- April 13th-** Annual Meeting -  
Art and Marilyn Lassagne  
**April 19th-20th-** SnoBASH II  
Junior Sled Drawing  
**May 25th -** Moonlight Carting on  
Umunhum  
**May 31st-** Beach Hike  
**May 31st-** Regular Meeting at Gary  
and Anita Kelly's new home.  
**June ? Specialty**

## Kennel for Sale

**20 x 8 x 6  
Chain Link  
\$ 490.00**

For more information call  
David or Junghee Spicer  
(408)476-2399

## For Sale

A lifetime membership  
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Never miss another Birthday, Anniversary  
or any other important date. A \$50.00 value,  
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(209)827-9764 (evenings)

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## Bay Area Siberian Husky Club



Work \* Show \* Play

## BASH Logo Items----

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| *New- SnoBASH Sweatshirts S M L XL XXL<br>Cardinal, Forrest, Black, Navy | \$20.00 |
| Sweatshirts-Child M M L XL XXL<br>Cardinal Forrest Green Black Plum Blue | \$18.00 |
| Long Sleeve T-Shirts- L XL XXL<br>Cardinal Stoney Blue Black             | \$15.00 |
| *New- SnoBASH T-shirts M L XL XXL<br>Cardinal Forrest Black Navy         | \$15.00 |
| *New- BASHR/R T-shirt L XL XXL<br>Black                                  | \$15.00 |
| Short Sleeve T-Shirt- Child M M L XL<br>Fusia Green Navy Black           | \$10.00 |
| * New BASH Baseball hats<br>VARIETY OF COLORS                            | \$12.00 |
| *New Sun Visors                                                          | \$10.00 |
| BASH pin (old logo)                                                      | \$4.00  |
| BASH pin (new logo)                                                      | \$5.00  |
| *Reduced price Wolf Ornaments                                            | \$5.00  |
| Harnesses (x-Back, S, M, L, XL++)                                        | \$20.00 |
| Leashes with tie-out                                                     | \$10.00 |
| 1/2 inch Italian Brass Snaps                                             | \$2.00  |
| 2/3 inch Italian Brass Snaps                                             | \$2.50  |
| Alaskan Collars                                                          | \$6.00  |
| Leashes with tie-out                                                     | \$10.00 |

Send \$2.00 per item if you want it mailed

## UPCOMING SHOWS MATCHES AND EVENTS IN NO. CA

- April-18 & 19- Chief Solano KC- Dog Show-Solano Co.  
Fairgrounds, Vallejo, CA  
April 20- Sir Francis Drake KC-Show- Marin Civic Center,  
San Rafael, CA  
April 26- Nor. Cal Specialty-  
April 27- Santa Clara KC- Show-Santa Clara Co. Fairgrounds,  
Santa Clara, CA  
May 3 & 4 Mensona KD- Show. Sonoma Co. Fairgrounds, Santa  
Rosa, CA  
May 11 Camelia Capital KC-show- Yolo Co. Fairgrounds,  
Woodland, CA.  
May 24 & 25 Hangtown KC of Placerville- Show- El Dorado  
Co. Fairgrounds, Placerville, CA.  
May 31-Reno KC-Show-Livestock Events Center, Main Arena,  
Reno, NV.



### Trail Tale Cont. Page 3

to Plasse, and old cattle ranch. Several old log buildings are in the meadow with the current ranch building being about a mile further. If you have made it into Plasse you have covered quite a bit of trail. the shortest way back is to cut north back toward the bluffs and follow the usual snowmachine tracks back to the trail split. This direction takes you over Plasse Peak, nearly 8500.

We stopped along the trail and had lunch on one trip, dining on trail mix and making sandwiches while sitting in our sleds. My son, Nicholas was 4 years old and had a ball on this trip, driving his kids sled powered by our white Malamute, NaKeena. Nicky covered about 10-12 miles on that day.

One word caution along the bluffs, stay well back from the edges, the snow that accumulates is prone to overhang the rock and you could walk out onto an unsupported section. Even supported the snow could avalanche off the top into the valley below.

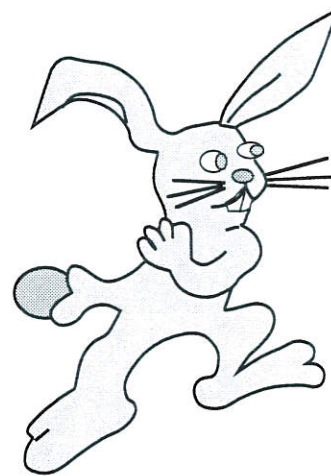
At the top of Plasse Peak you will be treated to one heck of a view of the Sierra. Silver Lake is spread out at you feet clad in its frozen waters. The best time for viewing is just before sunset with the reddish glow adding contrast and definition to the terrain. From this point it is a quick ride back to the trial split and then on to the trail head. All too quickly the trip is over but the memories will last a lifetime.

### Member Profile- contiued from page 1

journalism's highest honor; and been the target of a murder contract for his investigative reporting.

He's also edited magazines, taught creative writing at Arizona State University, been a yard boy, worked in VW repair shops and spent two years as the sound engineer for a touring rock band.

When he's not playing with his dogs or involved with music, Doyle claims to be at work on his version of the great American novel, which he describes as a look at "...a bumbling trailer trash serial killer, even more incompetent cops who couldn't even catch a cold, and the pompous journalists who get everything wrong and screw up everything the cops don't - in short, a cross-section of the people I've covered and worked with for years."



**Happy  
Easter**



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## Letters to the Editor

Some people have sent me some kind and interesting notes lately. I felt it appropriate to share these with all of you.

Randee,

I sure would like to see someone write a regular monthly column on the shows, obedience and maybe agility. Also, CGC would be a good one for that feature. Stuff like what shows took place, how the Sibes did and who did it. Along with an explanation of how and why. Personally, I still do not understand what the Best of Opposite Sex is or why it would be best. What would second best be? Is it true that men that show dogs think about the Best of Opposite Sex an average of once every 7 minutes? Is there a Best of Same Sex? Best of Both Sex? Best of Group Sex? Best of No Sex?(eeeuw,,,, bummer title, dude!) Would someone actually claim that rosette? I have serious questions here, like, is foreplay involved in these titles? If it is, with who? And what about the married folks out there, can they enter more than 1.6 times a month? Are small children allowed to watch this? Can I watch? If I watch, will I be called upon to help in some way? Is there a spay and neuter title called Best of Opposite Can't Anymore? If your CGC bites someone, do they change the title to Canine OK But Sometimes Bites Citizens? If someone's CGC bites you, are you allowed to use their choke collar to the fullest extent of its definition? Is CD-ROM a show title? Whoops.....I think I got a little off topic here.

Really, all seriousness aside, I think it would be great to have a regular column on the the show world. If anyone has a suggestion for a likely volunteer please bring that to the next meeting. It should be someone who is not wearing several hats already.

Nic

*Thanks for the great idea. Now is someone interested in doing this column. It wouldn't have to be a "show" person. It could be anyone who is interesting enough in finding answers. The above letter has enough ideas to last a year. If you are interested, contact me at Randee1@aol.com or by the old method of a phone call (408)377-2900*

Randee

Dear Randee,

Thanks for including me in this mailing! What an amazing newsletter! You guys are busy to find all that info and pack it into one issue! I receive a lot of newsletters from various volunteer organizations and I am impressed with the energy and dedication that shines through in your work! Just wanted to send a few "kudos" your way!

Keep up the great work!

-sarah!

*Thank you Sarah. It is nice to hear "kudos" every now and then.*

Now a request from the editor:

I would like to ask for help in preparing the newsletter for mailing. For people to help "put it together". I realize those that live outside of the south bay can't help, but those that do I would appreciate a call around the end of the month (2-3 days before the last day. I use to ask for things by the 27 or 28 but people forgot that it was the end of the month in February) if you have time to come by and either get the newsletter pages, or help put it together. There are 3-4 people that help me when they have time, but I hate asking them all of the time.

If you can, put it on your calendar to call me or drop me a line and I will call you around the end of the month. It takes anywhere from 1 hour to 4 hours depending on how many help.

The goal is to always have it in the mail by the 1st. We usually have important info for the first weekend of the month.

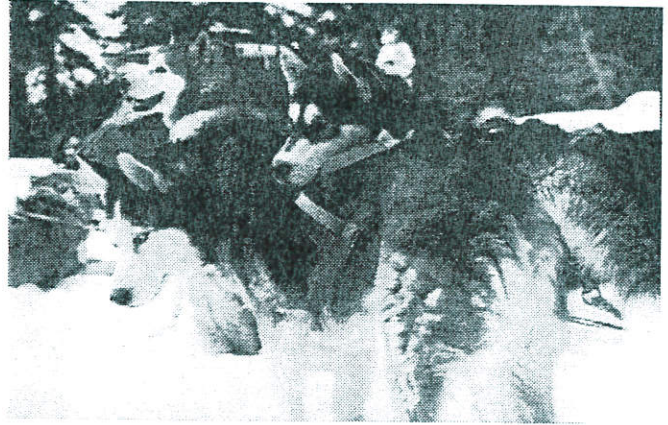
Thanks in advance to those that have helped, and thanks for those that volunteer.

Randee

# Some Fun Photo's from our BASH Iditarod



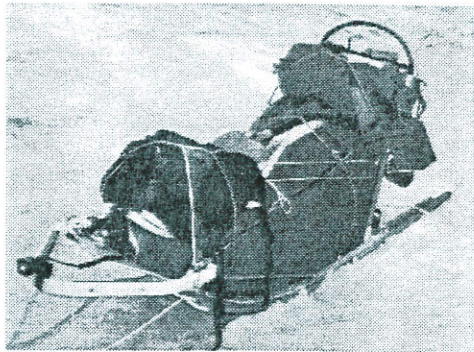
Diane is asking Kathy - did you really need to bring quite so many pairs of socks?



Just checking out the view... that hill doesn't look that bad....



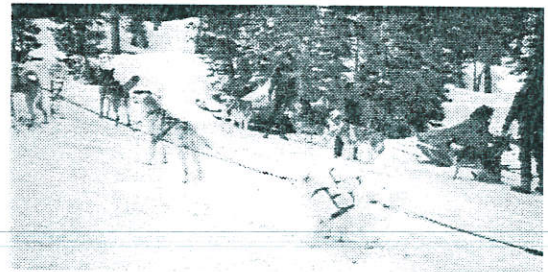
It is much steeper than it appear here.



A "packed" sled



Do I really have to watch the water boil?



Fresh and ready to start.....



Lunch time conference ... There is another hill to climb?



I don't think this is the way this is suppose to fit?



The tall one with the visor is not gee haw trained.

# April Annual Meeting

Sunday April 13th, 1997  
Meeting at 4:00 pm.



*Established 17 years ago*

**WHERE..... Marilyn and Art Lassagne**

**303 Cameo Dr  
Danville CA  
(510)820-1162**

## BBQ to follow meeting

Check what to bring by the first letter of your last name

A - G Dessert

H - P Drinks

Q - Z Salad

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### Directions:

From South County:

Take I-680 north- to Diablo Road exit. From North take I-680 south to Diablo Road exit.

Drive .2 miles

Turn right onto Diablo Road. Drive .7 miles

Turn right at the intersection of El Cerro Blvd to stay on Diablo Road. Drive .6 miles.

Turn Left onto Green Valley Rd. Drive .2 miles.

Turn Right onto Cameo Dr. Drive .1 miles.

Turn left at the intersection of Maiden Lane to stay on Cameo Dr. Drive .4 miles to 303 Cameo Dr.

# 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.

### RESCUERS

Dogs listed with rescuers are up for adoption. All efforts have been made to find the owners, unless they are a surrender. They are altered, and made current on shots, before putting up for adoption. Then have been evaluated. These dogs are NOT free. Rescue charge \$50.00 and up, for adoption. This covers a small portion of the cost of spay/neutering, shots, pound fees, and vet costs. All dogs listed under rescuers are up for adoption. They are currently in BASHR/R or other foster homes. For more information, or to set up an appointment to meet these dogs, call the BASHR/R hotline at (800) 473-BASH (2274) or e-mail bashrr@aol.com.

### Siberian Huskies or Siberian Mixes in BASHR/R homes

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For more information on these dogs, e-mail Nic Matulich, or call at (408)374-3914 or smellofdog@aol.com:

-**NoNahme**, 3-4 year old gray/white female Siberian.  
NoNahme is good with kids and people, very affectionate and playful. OK with most dogs. Does not mind being alone. Housetrained.

For more information contact Kathy Miyoshi at (510) 548-9709 or kathy.miyoshi@mckesson.com

-**Casper**, A smart looking ~3 year old neutered male, Black/Cream/White with a big white spot between the shoulder blades, a slightly longer coat, a mask and brown eyes. Casper weighs around 55 pounds and is crate trained. He is also wonderful in a harness! Casper is insecure and needs to go to a loving family with lots of patience, no cats, and no other dogs except, perhaps, for the RIGHT female Siberian. He will be well worth the patience.

For more information on this dog, e-mail Randee McQueen or call the BASHR/R hotline at (800) 473-BASH (2274).

-**Tyler**- 1.5 - 2 year old spayed female. She is Black and White with Ice Blue eyes. Tyler is sweet and needs a home with a lot of TLC. We believe she was used to produce puppies only and was not socialized to the world. Once she learns to trust you she is very loving and sweet. She is housebroken, crate trained and walks on a leash as long as she trusts you. She rarely barks or howls. She is very shy at first. She has been great with kids. She would probably be best with a family that already has a dog.

For more information, contact Jacques Porter e-mail shhawke1@aol.com or call (510) 636-1288.

-**Lakota**, 1 yr. old Black/White, blue eyed, female who is very shy. Lakota has been abused and needs home with lots of patience and TLC. She is quite small standing around 18 in. tall.

- ~ (3) **16 month old siblings** one male, 2 females- Black and white with blue eyes, good natured, pretty. Call for additional information as they are new to rescue
- ~ **Tasha**- beautiful loving 6 years young gray and white Seppula Siberian. Mother and father both known. Great with kids, people and dogs. Owner had to surrender due to death in the family and forced move.
- ~ **Max** - 1 year old neutered male, black and white blue eyes. Chubby but handsome. Great with Kids, people and other dogs. Owner had to surrender due to death in the family and forced move.
- ~ **Dog** - 10 month old spayed female with blue eyes black and white, extremely loving. Owner surrender.

For information on this dog, please contact Marilyn Lassagne (510) 820-1162 or Lassky1@aol.com.

-**Ivan**, Male-13 mos. Neutered. Black/white, brown eyes. Big, beautiful. Out of Kristari kennels. Owner surrender. All shots updated. Needs obedience training, and to learn to socialize with other dogs. Loves bigger dogs than he is, or same size.

### Siberians in other Rescues

Call Sheila Kuesthardt- Modesto (209) 524-7631 or e-mail wodkasibs@aol.com

**Mandy**, a S/F, 12 mo old, very sweet and loving. Her coloring of Blue Merle and White is quite striking. All shots

**Phantom** is a 2-2 1/2 yr. old NM, with sled dog experience. He is a B/w dog with some obedience and all of his shots.

**Chimo** (my friend in Eskimo) is a great 18 mo old NM, very striking in B/W with blue eyes. all shots

**Jubil** is a 4 yr. old BW, NM, with brn. eyes, very beautiful. All shots

OTHER DOGS: Aussie/Queensland mix, NM, 8 mos.

Sharpi/Chow, 2yrs., SF, shots

ChowX, 10 wks., F

GS mix, 12 wks. old, F

### Other Breeds in BASHRR home

For more information, contact Jacques Porter e-mail shhawke1@aol.com or call (510) 636-1288.

~ **Jaba**- Male neutered malamute. Is big and beautiful. Very sweet, good with kids and other dogs. Needs to lose a few pounds in a loving and caring home.

# Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

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