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Ways to Get Involved With BASH

- Adopt a Husky
- Join a BASH email list
- Buy a sweatshirt or T
- Give a membership as a gift
- Help with an adoption fair
- Donate to BASH
- Attend a bi-monthly general meeting
- Foster a Husky
- Help transport a Husky

Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 12-13 SNDD Race at Chester
March Meeting???

Mar 26-27 SnoBASH II

May? June ?? Fun Match

April – Nov Umunhum Runs
will be scheduled

September 18 Ice Cream Social

October 16 Fall Furry Flurry

December 10 Christmas Party

Calendar 2012

We will again be doing a Calendar for 2012. Start sending your pictures now to Cheryl.

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Last year's calendar was great as will the upcoming one.

Hope to see many pictures of our dogs.....

SnoBASH 1----- 2011

It was a great weekend for those that were able to attend. Besides regular members we had a group of “husky” people come from an internet group and the usual people from the area that like to come and see the dogs and ride.

Every year things are different from the set up to the weather to the rooms at the inn. We adapt, as we need to. The weather was a little warm when we got up there and there was no snow projected for the entire weekend. We had 6 sleds, about 40 dogs and a number of owners. This year we were not able to put the drops along the driveway but had to put them farther down the trail. We also didn't have a turnaround this year so we had to work on those “come HAW” commands. We were all set up by about 3:30 and set up 4 sleds to run the dogs that were there. We had walked the trail and knew where we wanted to go. All the teams were lined up and ready

to



go and off Marie and Heron went on the first sled. Marie's team decided to take a sharp left onto the cross country trail and she was able to stay on for that but the very quick right turn caused her to go off the sled with Heron riding.

The next little turn



caused Heron to fall out and off the team went, down the trail without a driver. Cheryl and I were in the next sled and we took out after Marie's team. My team was slower with two people and we just saw them go to the back meadow and weren't sure where they went but trusted my team followed them. Around the bend, up towards some houses we went and finally saw that the hook had buried itself and the team was there all tangled but safe. After all was untangled and the teams all turned around we had a couple of great runs.



Saturday was beautiful and sunny. We were concerned with the heat but they all did well. We were able to do many runs with everyone's dog that came up. We taught a few about driving a sled (Jane from Norsled and Michelle's goddaughter Debra). We had great runs and the dogs were tired along with us by the late afternoon. At noon we were told that the weather was changing and to expect some snow on Sunday. We know that if we hear snow is coming then we must make sure that all the equipment is where we can find it under snow, all the sled bags closed etc.

Sunday morning we woke to about 4

inches of snow and it kept falling. A group of us walked the trail and realized the only sleds we would be using would be the two toboggans that we had. With only two sleds we also had to cancel the Sourdough Race (first time that we ever had to do that) The sprint sleds wouldn't be able to go through the 10+ inches on the trail. At 9 am we were just setting up two teams when Paul from Bear Valley Cross Country came by with a snow machine and groomed our trail. It packed it a little but we still couldn't use the sprint sleds. It was great. As mushers we had to push a lot even though we put on 5 and 6 dogs. They were plowing through the snow. It was a FANTASTIC experience. By 11 am we had worn out all the dogs and the people, so we started to pack up for home. All the drop lines, sleds, harnesses, etc..that we put out



on Friday had to be taken down, put away and stored in the cars that brought them up. I had snowed all morning and as we went to eat lunch we saw blue sky. We had a window to drive out and we took it.

Thanks to all that came and had a good time. Many people have sent their great pictures. I will only include a few in the newsletter. Go to BAYAREASIBERIAN.org, click on events and photo gallery to see more pictures of our great weekend.

Lessons from a first time sled driver:

1. "Oh Sh-t! No!" Is not a command understood by sled dogs.
2. The break only works if you step on it.
3. Kicking to help push the sled - good idea to not slip while doing.
4. If a dog tracks to the left, the sled will go that way unless you can change the dog's track - whether you like it or not.
5. If the dog tracks the runner onto a downslope - the sled is going to tip down that slope, even if the front dogs did not.
- 6.5. If the sled tips over, hold on - don't let go to keep from landing on your face. Oops.
7. If you do tip the sled, don't have the sled owner (Ranee this time) riding in the basket.
8. If you tip the sled and the sled owner is riding in the basket, don't flip it all the way over and trap her under it. (At least she held on when I did not)
9. If you have tipped the sled, and trapped the rider under it - count your blessings if the people who help bail you both out don't have cameras! (At least one positive)

OK - that was the first 2 minutes.

10. Get back on the sled, no matter how embarrassed you all. (Yes, Ranee had to yell at me to get me back on)
11. Keep the lines taunt to keep the sled moving smoothly.
12. Watch the dogs - they are amazing athletes - event those who spend most of their times in our homes and they are true individuals in how they run.
13. Break smoothly when getting back to the tie out lines.
14. Remember dogs come off from wheel spot first, leader last (reverse of hooking up) - no matter what the other dogs tell you.

It was a blast!!!!

Jane C



Post SnoBASH



This is the design we have picked for a new shirt. We can get them in Green, Blue or Grey.

Cost

Hoodie	\$35.00
Crew	\$25.00
SS Henley	\$25.00

We are working on cost for Long Sleeve Henley.
Any size Is \$2 more for each additional X over XL

You can pre-order them in the color and style you want. We will be taking orders until February 21st.

We will add shipping if you can't pick up at my office.

E-mail order to BASH@com-ctl.com or mail a check to BASH, 2633 S Bascom Ave, Campbell CA 95008

Send me size, color and style.

SnoBASH 2 March 25, 26, 27

We will again be staying at the Tamarack Pines Inn. If you would like to reserve a room, contact Randee at bash@com-ctl.com or 408-377-2900. Rooms are from \$250 to \$350.00 for two nights. Some share rooms. For those that want to join us but not stay at the inn, there are great places in Angels Camp, Arnold, Dorrington and Bear Valley. Some will allow dogs in the room, and some do not, you need to call. Those of us at the Pines leave our dogs in the car. We had a great time at the Inn last year. All those that attend will be expected to bring “group” food (breakfast, appetizers and dinner) and will be given “jobs” to do (dinner, lunch, cleanup, setting lines up, etc). Anyone is welcome to the group dinner on Saturday night. We just need to know if you are planning on attending Saturday night so we have enough. When all have signed up we will have a list of items to bring. By having everyone bring parts we can spread out what is needed to be brought up. SnoBASH is held no matter the amount of snow. The weather will change the schedule.

Friday—March 25

2 to 5 pm set up drops
6 pm Pizza dinner at the Inn

Saturday March 26

Parking is tight at the Inn. Cars can be 3 or 4 deep.

7:30- 9:30 breakfast
10:00 to 12:00 rides
12:00 to 1:30 lunch
1:30 to 3:30 rides
5:00 meeting
6:00 dinner

Sunday March 27

7:30- 9:30 breakfast
11:00 to 12:00 rides if time allows
12:00 to 1:30 lunch
1:30 clean up to go home



Sled dog historian Jeffrey Dinsdale will present at the April Family Day.

Saturday, April 2, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

SCUSD Family Art Day will feature free hands-on art activities and performances by local students. Funded in conjunction with the City of Santa Clara Library, the Triton Museum of Art will be commemorating the Ice of the Wild, with a presentation by Jeffrey Dinsdale, a sled dog historian. Jeff Dinsdale has lived and worked in the Yukon and has published several articles in northern magazines and newspapers and has contributed to several books written about sled dogs. In the 1980s, he worked closely with the Canadian Kennel Club to document the lineage of the few remaining purebred sled dogs. Dinsdale has participated in and organized sled dog mail runs in the Yukon and British Columbia.
http://www.tritonmuseum.org/education_comm_artdays.php

Sunday Umunhum Runs

A few of us get together on Friday mornings to run our dogs. Due to the clean up on the old air base that is not safe to do because of the number of vehicles. For the next few months we will be running dogs most Sunday mornings. If anyone is interested in going with us, contact me on Friday and I will confirm if we are going. We are up on top by 9 am, run the dogs and come back down.

Contact me if you are interested in joining us.

Randee (408)371-1841 or bash@com-ctl.com

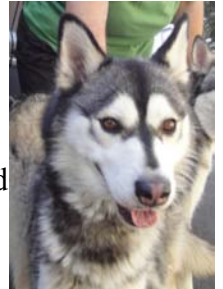
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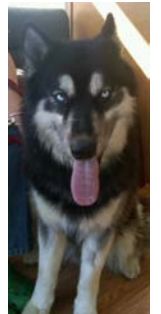
Descriptions of the dogs listed in this newsletter, including evaluations of their temperaments, are furnished by the people placing them. We are providing an exchange of information only and we do not attempt to verify the information given

Miss Avedian, 831-970-2360 brndy2133@yahoo.com

Sabrina is a sweet 2 year old siberian (could have some malamute) who rides great in the car. She plays well with other big dogs (she was introduced to 6 at one time and did fine) and probably little dogs. She was introduced to a few smaller dogs when at the shelter and she was fine. She appears to be housetrained. She walks ok on a leash (pulls a little, knows sit, down and give me paw. She is very sweet. Call for more information about her. She is being fostered in the Monterey area.



Coffee is a handsome 1y 5m old male with stunning eyes one blue and other brown and blue . He is a Big woolly teddybear that just wants Love and lots of attention. He gets along with big and medium dogs. He knows how to give his paw, lay down, and sit but could use more training. Coffee loves to play and he does love squeek toys as his all time favorite. He will give you tons of kisses. He does not pull on his leash. He doesn't appear to be a digger. He does not get along with small dogs . He is learning that going for a ride should be fun not an fearful situation.



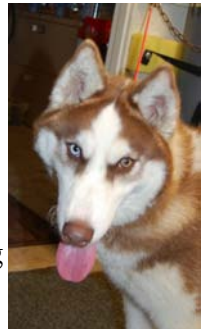
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Atka was an owner surrender to the Santa Cruz Shelter. He was purchased from a breeder but they didn't give the papers on him when surrendered. He had been living in an apartment patio and they decided that wasn't the right home for him. He is 8 months old. He is very sweet and very active. He wants to play with everyone, large or small. He loves to run around and play. He is housetrained. . He rides well in the car and has been good when put in a crate. He is a typical young siberian. Has some basic obedience skills (sit down learning heel). He is very sweet. He loves playing.



Adopted - Conan, Sascha Luna Holly Muneca Luka and Jing

Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

Membership Renewal and Associate Application 2010-2011

Membership enclosed for: \$30 Single

\$35 Family

\$25 Associate

Date _____
Name(s) _____
Mailing address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Area code and phone _____
E-mail Address _____
Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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Make checks payable to BASH. All memberships and subscriptions are valid through March 31, 2012. Send membership renewal form and check, or inquiries about becoming a voting member, to:

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Upcoming Adoption Fairs

First Saturday
PetsMart, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
850 W. Hamilton, Campbell
Coordinator: Rande McQueen
408-371-1841

Second Saturday
PetsMart, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
175 Ranch Road, Milpitas
Coordinator: Bill Otto
408-258-9806

Not in December
Third Saturday
Pet Food Express 11 am to 2 pm
15466 Los Gatos Blvd., Los Gatos
Coordinator: Rande McQueen
408-356-7600