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New things are happening with BASH... come check out events and have some fun

## Upcoming Events

### MARK Y OUR CALENDAR

- Feb 1 Yukon Quest starts
- Feb 8 BASH Hike
- Feb 16, 17 Santa Clara Kennel Club Dog Show
- Feb 22 BASH General Meeting
- Feb 23 Umunhum Run
- Mar. 1 Iditarod Starts
- May 31, June 1 Maddie's Fund
- June 15 Northern Breed Fun Match



# BASH General Meeting

February

Saturday Feb. 22

5 Pm

Randy and Jennifer Fishel's  
854 Laburmum Dr  
Sunnyvale CA 94086

Meeting at 5 pm

Dinner at 6 pm



Entrée will be supplied by the club

Please contact Randy and Jennifer to find out what to bring and RSVP for a count for dinner



Appetizer

Salad

Dessert

Randyf@sibernet.com

# SnoBASH-

postponed..... we are thinking if we get snow to try a different weekend in March...watch the website for updated information.

Finally we Bear Valley Cross Country received 2 inches of snow in the last 24 hours and expect a few more...it is a START...



## Elections?

We haven't been very formal the last couple of years. Greg would like to step down as Vice President.... I am not sure about any of the others (I would like to stay as Treasurer) and Anthony would like to stay as a board member and will stay as President if no one is interested....so if you are interested in being on the board.... Contact Randee and let her know.

## Like us on Facebook

We need someone who will post things we do to our BASH Facebook page and about dogs in rescue on our BASHRR Facebook page. Lisa Penney started this up for us and was able to keep up on entries until school and work were taking up more of her time. It doesn't take long but we really could use someone doing entries on a regular basis.

**Contact me for more information – Randee ([bash@com-ctl.com](mailto:bash@com-ctl.com))**

Using social media, like Facebook is a GREAT WAY to help bring awareness to Club Events, Fund Raisers, Adoption Fairs, and Dogs Available for Adoption!

If you haven't already, Please "Like" our pages on Facebook... Be sure to ask your friends and family to "Like" us as well!

We have two pages (Be sure to like them both):

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Bay-Area-Siberian-Husky-Rescue-Referral/154737834550732>

and

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Bay-Area-Siberian-Husky-Club/129080940474219>

# BASH Hike-----

## Saturday Feb 8

Coal Creek Open Space Preserve/Russia Ridge Preserve

Lots of people expressed an interest in hiking with their dogs. So Kim Flores and I have worked out a plan to start. The first walk will be Sat, Feb 8th....we will go the Coal Creek Open Space Preserve/Russian Ridge Preserve. this is up near Redwood City, so a bit of a drive for some of us. we would like to meet at the parking lot for the Russian Ridge Preserve (the 2 preserves are next to each other and the entrances are close) around 9:30am. everyone should bring water for themselves and their dogs, plus snacks/treats, if you want. And be dressed for walking....comfortable shoes, etc. From The San Jose area, you should take Saratoga Ave, which turns into Skyline Blvd/CA 35. You stay on Skyline Blvd until you go past Alpine Rd by 0.4 mi. There is a Caltrans vista point pullout area on Skyline Blvd (opposite Russian Ridge Preserve gate RR01, approx 1.2 mi past Page Mill Rd, and you can access Coal Creek Preserve from there. (I have to say I am terrible on directions so it might be wise for all of you to do a mapquest direction search.). Please let me know if you will be hiking with us. Hope to see you there.

**If so, let Marie Stevens know at [sleddingshopper@pacbell.net](mailto:sleddingshopper@pacbell.net)**

# Yukon Quest News

## Current Race Conditions

Sunday, January 26, 2014

The warming trend over the last ten days has obviously had an impact on the trail conditions throughout Alaska and the Yukon. Most of us need only look to our back yard to see this. Consequently, our trail teams on both sides of the border have remained in the field for an extended time. I expect the Alaska team to be back in town by tomorrow night, Sunday the 26th. Expect a detailed report after that.

A few things to keep in mind for the coming week as the temperatures continue to fluctuate:

-There have been absolutely no discussions to cancel or delay the race. Nor are any planned. The race will start on February 1st.

-As conditions warrant, the start location could possibly be moved or modified.

-As conditions warrant, the trail may be re-routed. This is nothing new and has happened several times over the years. We will give you as much prior notice as possible if this occurs.

-Conditions are changing daily, we will adapt as necessary.

The organization is fully aware of the concerns all interested parties have regarding the rapidly changing conditions. It is difficult to remain patient in times like this, but please be assured that we are utilizing all of our assets to plan for any given contingencies.

Doug Grilliot

Race Marshal

2014 Yukon Quest

## Iditarod Weather

### Warm weather up north

Posted by [Sebastian Schnuelle](#)

**Date:** January 25, 2014 6:44 pm

Weather woes.

Undoubtedly if you are an Iditarod fan, you have noticed the strange weather patterns. While the east is breaking record low temperatures, the north is doing exact the opposite. Ever since the new year arrived a mere 3 weeks ago, the Greatland has experienced a heat wave. Although the term “heat” is used very loosely here. Heat in the Anchorage area means 45 above. Heat in Fairbanks means 35 above. Unfortunately both places also saw some precipitation in the “wrong from” which made for very slick driving and very slick mushing trails.

Long time Iditarod volunteer Mike Webber from Nome is even reporting that it has rained all the way up there and the Runkel family from Nikolai has given it 3 tries to reach Rohn traveling through the farewell burn. On their last trip “the trees were blowing like grass in the wind” and they called it good at their place “Buffalo Camp”. Buffalo Camp is about 40 miles before Nikolai and often used by the mushers as a resting spot. Some years the tents are open, others they are not. But in any case once you reach buffalo camp, typically the bumpiest ride and the hills are behind you. It’s a good place to regroup and change runner plastic. Changing runner plastic is something mushers this winter might just have to become more used to than normal, with the snow cover being as scant as it is.

Yet a lot can change between now and Iditarod start which still is 34 days away. But no doubt it has not been the racing season to date, most mushers had hoped for. Last weekends Kusko 300 was close to being a Kusko Swim again. In the end Rohn Buser edged out (or how others put it “dethroned”) Jeff King. Both mushers had their own set of “issues” leaving Kalskag. It could have very well been “the King” who took first prize. Both teams had equal traveling speeds. I always very much eye the performance during Kusko. Its kind of a telltale of a kennels training program. The Kusko is as unforgiving as they come. Both mushers finished with nice looking large teams. And teams which have a lot of speed.

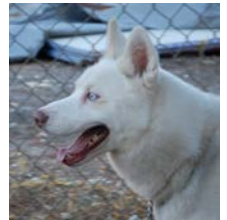
# Rescue February 2014



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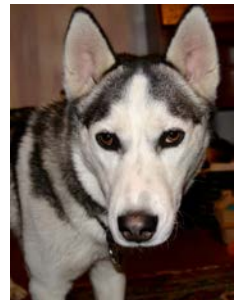
Aldous is an all white male Akita/Siberian mix with a beautiful shiny coat and sky blue eyes. He looks stellar and he is in great physical health. He has the head, tail and personality of an Akita and the blue eyes of a siberian. He is about 65-70#'s. He is very people friendly and always likes to meet new people. Unlike all of my dogs, he likes to play fetch. He will bond to one person if given the chance. When he respects someone he will bond to them and sit quietly waiting for them to return. He loves going on walks and going for rides. I have taken him to the park, the beach, and the local river and he seems right at home. He loves other dogs especially young ones his age that like to play. One of our dogs is a small Yorkie named Mops and he is the same age as or maybe a little younger than Aldous. We are working on his leash skills and with time and patience he could be very obedient. He is definately a highly active dog and he is very strong. In my opinion, a very active family would best suit him. He seems to be good with kids too. He does like to counter surf, even though he knows he is not allowed, but he likes to test the limits. That's Aldous folks!



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Come meet young Luna! Little Luna is a very shy, very scared small girl who's had a hard time in her young life. She has come a long way learning to trust and be with the family. But, she loves being a part of a warm, loving doggie pack and is learning to trust her human foster pack. She has great manners; is house, car, crate and kennel trained. She is not an escape artist, but like any young Husky, needs either a secure area (kennel, crate) or entertainment (human/dog).



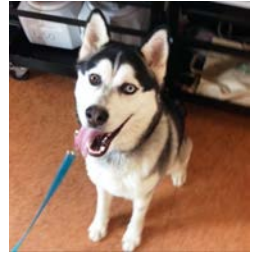
Her perfect family is someone willing to be calm and patient with her and give her the time she needs to win her love. We would classify her as "needing special attention" and a lot of patience to become that perfect companion. She is not the dog that is going to come when she is called at this point in her development. She would do well with a new home that has one or more large dogs to have as friends and companions. She does well in large social events (like doggie fundraisers). Foster families have made great strides with her and she is amazing on leash, in the crate and at home inside. She is comfortable and loving with young children and toddlers. This girl is a year old and has so much warmth and smiles to give the right forever home. Come meet her, her photo does not show how elegant and beautiful she is.



Humane Society Of Silicon Valley  
408-262-2133

Huey is at the Humane Society. Due to emergencies on the part of our foster homes we had to board him. HSSV partners with us and when they found out they offered him a space at the facility.

Hi there, I'm Baby Huey. I just flew into the humane society and man are my paws tired! Two things you should know about me are I'm a very active boy and I'm a social butterfly. I'm ready to find my new family, so come down, see me, and ask my Adoption Counselor friends to meet me.



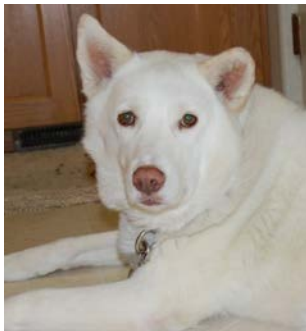
Baby Huey is an eighteen month bi-eyed beauty. He is a bit overweight at 68 pounds, he needs to lose at least 5 pounds. Huey walks well on leash. He sits and shakes paws for treats. He does have very bad kitchen manners and will keep your counters very clean. Huey loves to play. He wants to play with every dog he meets. But as he is a Baby Huey he could accidentally hurt a small dog. He probably should not be allowed to play with small children either. Huey is a bit fussy in a crate but does eventually settle down.

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Sochi is a sweet dog that is young and needs training. He was tested at the shelter with other dogs and did fine with them. He is a little tentative when first meeting people but that might also be from being in the shelter. He is not ok with Chickens and we assume he won't be good with cats. We are just getting him from the shelter and as we learn more, we will post more.



We were all adopted.....



# Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

Membership Renewal and Associate Application 2014-2015

Membership \$30.00

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Mailing address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Area code and phone _____
E-mail Address _____
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Bay Area Siberian Husky Club, 2633 S Bascom Ave, Campbell CA 95008

## Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

[www.bayareasiberian.org](http://www.bayareasiberian.org)

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Campbell, CA 95008

### Upcoming Adoption Fairs

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

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

Third Saturday  
Pet Food Express 11 am to 1 pm  
15466 Los Gatos Blvd., Los Gatos  
408-356-7600