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Paws and recent runs.....and the original completed newsletter.

The BASH Bash

By Marie Stevens

The BASH Holiday bash is now history, leaving lots of fun memories in its wake. We had a good crowd, with lots of people attending that we don't see too often during the rest of the year. It is always fun to catch up on what is going on with everyone. The food was really good as well....great turkey, dressing, gravy, and all the other trimmings. The only thing that kept people on their feet instead of just collapsing from being too full was having to continuously check on bids on the silent auction and getting more raffle tickets. We had quite an array of items, as usual, and bidding was active. No fistfights broke out, so that was good. I did hear a few verbal threats (and made some myself, too, when SOME people were being sneaky and outbidding me!) Then Santa made an appearance. (Actually, I think it was Santa Junior, as he appeared to be young and skinny. After dinner he was a little chubbier. Ms. Santa was quite young and pretty too.) The kids had an opportunity to sit on Santa's lap and get their requests in...even some of the older ones (yes, Rosa, you!) and everyone got a small gift as well. Then came the "great gift exchange". People got right into the spirit of stealing from others.....maybe the experience of fighting over auction items got them in the right frame of mind. There are always a few people who have many presents pass through their hands briefly, on the way to someone else. This year Kari and Macio were a few of the prime targets. They took it in good spirits, though. Planning is already underway for next year. Harry's Hofbrau doesn't have ANY Saturdays available except Dec. 22nd, so we booked that to have something available. We will be looking into other locations, to see if we can find something for a Saturday (or Friday????) earlier in the month. Anyone with suggestions on locations, or preferences for Friday vs Saturday, let us know

Sorry this newsletter is small and late. Randee's hardrive crashed with all the pictures from the holiday party, Santa



EVENTS

January 12th-14th – Shasta Lake Race
January 26-28 – SnoBASH 2007
Feb 10th and 11th – Chester Sled Race
March 3rd and 4th – Shaver Sled Race
April 20-22 – SnoBASH II 2007
May ? Vaccination/Micro Chip clinic
May- Umunhum Run

Next Stop.....SnoBASH I !!!

By Marie Stevens

Get ready for SnoBASH I, our next exciting club event! This is always a favorite, for both people and dogs. It takes place at Tamarack Lodge, on Hwy 4 just below Bear Valley, on January 27 and 28. A small group of us go up on Fri (the 26th) to set up....put up tie outs, get sleds set up, etc. Anyone is welcome to come and help. We usually have take-and-bake pizza for dinner that night. The Lodge does a buffet-type breakfast each day, included with the cost of the room. We arrange for Saturday dinner, usually costing around \$10-15 for adults. If you want any alcoholic beverages, please bring your own....the Lodge doesn't have a bar. Saturday we give rides to local people who are interested, for a small donation to the club. Club members also get to go on practice runs (it is a small course, only about a mile). Sleds and harnesses are available to borrow, if you don't have your own. Sunday we do a few rides in the morning, and then we have the Sourdough Race. For this, all participants start out in their longjohns in sleeping bags (or blankets) in the snow, with boots off. At the start of the race, everyone jumps up, puts on their boots, puts the sleeping bag into their sled bag, harnesses the dogs (no more than 2), hooks them up to the sled, and takes off. The first one back wins. There is also a prize for best long johns, so feel free to improvise. We have had some amazing looking outfits in the past!

For those of you who haven't attended SnoBASH before, here is some helpful information. Dogs are not allowed in the rooms at the Lodge, so they will need to sleep in your vehicle. Bring whatever bedding might be needed to allow for this. Be sure to bring dog food and containers for water (so you don't have to continually run to the lodge to get it), tie outs if you have them (if not, we put up Club tie outs), poop bags (we do need to clean up after our dogs), harnesses, leashes....all the regular things you need for your dogs. Dog snacks are also a good idea, as they will be out in the snow all day. Please don't take someone else's dogs out, or borrow their equipment, without asking permission. Every year leashes in particular get borrowed and are never seen again. Be sure to bring warm clothing and good boots for yourselves too.

Several years ago Nic Matulich made up a list of tips for people introducing new dogs to sledding, and for people adding new dogs to their team. I am including this as a reminder to us all, as it contains some good information.

TIPS FOR OWNERS INTRODUCING NEW DOGS TO SLEDDING:

Don't overestimate your dog's ability. It is better to start out with a small slow team for a short distance than to drag your dog along with a fast team.

Use a proper, non-choking collar at least 3/4" wide and a proper harness. Choke collars should be removed to avoid connecting to them. Make sure the harness fits properly.

After harnessing your dog, bring him over on a leash to meet the team. Better to determine initial conflicts before hitting the trail.

After clipping the dog into place on the team, stay with your dog until the team starts moving. Run with your dog for a bit, falling back slowly as the dog begins to understand what is happening.

Keep a close watch on your dog. Watch for indications that he is frightened or hurting in any way. Make sure the team is not moving too fast for him.

TIPS FOR MUSHERS INTRODUCING NEW DOS TO THEIR TEAM:

You know your team the best, so select which dogs you will run and what positions you will put them in with having a new dog to two on the team in mind. Make your best guess on the ability of the dog(s) you are introducing.

Most dogs are best introduced to sledding when they are initially teamed in a position without another dog next to them. This can also be true even when running two new dogs, but not always. Some dogs need another dog next to them for comfort, but in general you will want to run a new dog in a

single position somewhere in mid-team, so allow for an extra segment in your lines.

Watch the new dogs closely. Have the owner run with them as needed. Verbal praise and encouragement is invaluable.

If a fight breaks out, make sure the owner is not going to jump in and start trying to grab his dog. That is a good way to get of the run.

bitten. Instruct them before you go out on the trail that is something happens the best way they can help is to hold the brake will you stretch the lines out to separate them.

End the dogs run on a happy, upbeat note. Better a short happy run than one that ends with hurting feet or exhaustion.

Make sure the dogs are watered at the end

Santa Paws Fundraiser



We would like to thank ALL that participated in this Year's Santa Paws picture taking at Petsmart this year. We ended up doing three weekends (one at Campbell and 2 at Milpitas) We had three santas for most days the first two weekends. The last weekend the store supplied the santa and we just supplied the elves.

We saw many of our foster dogs, did a few cats and two horses (talk to Bill about them).

It was great fun and we think we brought in about \$750.00 for the pictures and last year we received even more for the "charities donation".



Thanks again to all that helped.

SLED Drawing

The Risdon sled, donated by Dianna Wallace, drawing will be held at SnoBASH on January 27th at our dinner. Tickets are still available if you would like one. They re \$5.00 each. Contact Randee or Marie



for tickets.

Thank you to all that have bought tickets. It is a great sled.

My Dog Ate My Debit Card

By Kathy Miyoshi

Yesterday my wallet went missing. It really was strange because it wasn't "like me" to do what I must have done in order for it to be missing, i.e. leave it on the counter of Krageen where I had stopped last night to buy some new winter windshield wipers. But the fact remains that it was definitely still MIA when I got home from work. This has caused me some consternation, as without my debit card I had no way to get any cash and could not write a check without any I.D., so I had to borrow money for lunch. (I was a tad embarrassed because last week I lost my keys and a frantic three-hour search of the office did not turn them up. They were discovered in another employee's purse, and she sheepishly admitted to picking them up my mistake.)

But I digress... I first noticed the wallet missing this morning, as I was getting ready for work. It was not in its normal place. I checked a couple other "normal" places but still could not find it. I had to head to work so I gave up, sure that it would turn up later. I called Krageen during the day to just make sure I hadn't left it there, and sure enough, they remembered me and confirmed that I hadn't. So I resumed my search when I got home. I turned my truck inside out, I turned all my pockets inside out, I checked anywhere it might have fallen out of my pockets, or anywhere I might have put it while tired (like the refrigerator and the meat freezer) to no avail.

I called my mother and began lamenting how bad the timing was to lose my wallet now, how difficult it would be to replace everything as I pretty much have to work the next 24 hours (I'm a new 9-1-1 dispatcher and so get the worst shift, which means: ALL holidays!) and I wasn't going to have time to get a new license, but was leaving on vacation in a couple of weeks, and basically how much it sucked. Oh a whim, I decided to check the yards while talking to her so I grabbed a flashlight and started poking around. You see, it had dawned on me that I had had the great idea to bring all 12 dogs into the house last night (it was cold you know) and so just about everybody had both opportunity, and by definition of being Siberians, motive to spare!

The first clue was a tiny piece of black leather, really, it could have been out there for years and in no way resembled the nice black leather of my wallet the day before, but it was enough to make me say: "hmmm". I was soon rewarded by something shiny in Magic's kennel – but I'm not blaming him as he has been known to be blamed by my Girls for things he did not do – was my NV Driver's License, undamaged. That would be what we call at work: "A clue".

I spread the flashlight around in a general search for all things shiny, and was Rewarded with a vision of a very promising pile of speckles in the back of the kennels where generally things hoarded end up for some reason – this is also where they all like to poop. I went searching in the speckles of shiny matter (mixed with darker matter) and Found many neat things! I found two credit cards, a card for a local casino, a Safeway card, a coffee card to my favorite coffee place, three intact (if wet) one-dollar bills, one totally destroyed one-dollar bill, one mostly whole ten-dollar bill, and one torn up business card for a lawyer (well, he probably deserves it).

But I still had not found my debit card, which was REALLY the card I wanted to find, so I expanded my search to the front yard with all the dogs following me as if trying to assist in my search. Most of this yard produced nothing of interest until I looked in the big white plastic pipe I have which plays the role of a large tunnel for the dogs to play in and to keep cool in during the Reno summer. Yep, something shiny in there turned out to be my Placer County Sheriff ID card (only a couple bite marks in that one). I continued searching a little while longer to no avail.

I believed there was a decent chance I would find my card when I could see better, so decided to continue the search at daylight and went about my evening chores. About a half hour later I headed outside to pick up dog bowls and what did I see? Four shiny things on my back deck that had not been there before. Unfortunately, those four thing things made up the remains of my beloved debit card. Proof the dogs knew EXACTLY what I was looking for. I'm sure they were only trying to be helpful.

Happy New Years Everyone! 12/30/2006

SnoBASH 2007 – January 27th and 28th

We will be holding SnoBASH behind Tamarack Lodge as we did last year. As of now, we will do rides on Saturday, with a Sourdough Race on Sunday. For those that want a longer trail, you can purchase a SnoPark Pass and run your dogs at Spicer Lake, just up the road. We will have plenty to do. It is a great day of sled rides with your family and your Siberians. Come join us. This is our 10th year at the lodge.



Rooms at Tamarack Lodge go quickly. BASH reserves the entire lodge. Dogs are not allowed in the rooms. All of our dogs stay in our vehicles at night. They offer a continental breakfast each morning or those staying at the lodge. Rooms are for 2 nights. The main lodge has rooms that are dorm style (bathrooms and shoer down the hall). These rooms for two nights range from \$210 to \$220 (two adults per room) All rooms sleep two and some sleep more. Extra people in a room are charged \$10 per night. There are two barn rooms that sleep up to 8. They each have kitchens and a separate bedroom area. They are \$400 + per room (works out better than two rooms).



Contact Randee for more information and/or to reserve a room. 50% deposit on rooms. Refund only if a room can be re-rented.



SnoBASH Schedule

Friday—2 to 5 pm set up drops

Saturday 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 7:30– 9:30 breakfast

10:00 to 11:00 Sourdough Race

11:00 to 12:00 rides if time allows

12:00 to 1:30 lunch

1:30 to 3:30 finish fun runs and clean up to go home

Lunch can be bought at SnoBASH for \$5.00 – Hot Dog or burger, chips, drink and a cookie.

Dinner– All are welcome to come and join us. It is a buffet at the lodge. Pre paid– Cost \$10.00 adults/ \$5 kids under 10. – Day of will be \$15

_____ # of adults x \$10.

_____ # of kids x \$5

Send to BASH, 2633 S Bascom Ave., Campbell CA 95008

January 2007- Rescue

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.

Bill Otto (408) 258-9806

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Meika is definitely not a malamute but she is cute as a button ! We actually think she is a samoyed/Australian Shepherd mix. She weighs in at 55 lbs and can stand to gain a few more pounds. She came in with quite a bit of hair loss on her chest but as you can see by the pictures it's almost all come back. Meika was in a foster home for a couple of weeks and she got along with their other dogs, cats, very small children and birds. Meika knows sit, rides well in the car but needs some work on leash, although she is very easily trained, she just wants to listen to you. Tell her to look at you and she does without hesitance waiting for the next words out of yo ur mouth. Her attitude is okay what are we doing next, but just as happy to put her head in your lap and curl up in a blanket with you. Meika is currently in the Fremont area.



Randee McQueen (408)371-1841 bashrr@aol.com

Angell is so sweet....she is very mellow, and follows me all over. Where i go she goes. She gets along GREAT with my other sibes...no problem from the first minute...usually one of mine has a problem with the new dog. She appears 50% house trained...she is not sure about my doggy door. Her only problem is that she came to us with a skin infection. She was treated at the shelter for 10 days and has improved greatly, but has a little more to go. She is on antibiotics, which if adopted we will continue to treat if adopted in this area. She walks well on a leash. She is a sweetie that needs someone to love her.



Randy Fishel (408) 422-0441 randyf@sibernet.com

Wiggles was rescued by BASH 2 .5 years ago. Her owner has not reclaimed her and now longer lives at the address we had. She was found in a totally different area (opposite side of the bay) We will have more info as the new foster homes works with her. In the past she was great with other dogs, great with small children (other foster home had 3 small kids and 3 other dogs).



Tricia and Macio (831)595-4119 shotwithlove@hotmail.com

Avery is a siberian/alaskan malamute mix. She is very sweet. She is a very nice girl, who has done great with the dogs at her foster home. She know sit and down and had fairly good walking leash skills. She still needs a little work. She is very smart and has learned new skills quickly. She is crate trained and housetrained. She is a dog that we think would be fine if felt alone at the house. Living at the foster home we don't think she will be good with goats or cats. She is very playful (tug toys and play chase in the yard)



Maureen Marcus spiritofashadow@aol.com 895-9104 Ally is very very sweet, needs some work on a leash. She was surrendered by her owner with another dog. She is great with other dogs both larg e and small. She was raised with children of all ages.



ADOPTED

Logan,Chelsie, Berry, Apollo, Burt Nala Merlot, Rhodes, Stormy



Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

Membership Renewal and Associate Application 2007-2008

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 \$

Make checks payable to BASH. All memberships and subscriptions are valid through March 31, 2008. 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

Third Saturday
Pet Food Express 11 am to 2 pm
15466 Los Gatos Blvd., Los Gatos
(408) 356-7600