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SNOBASH 1 2001 **By Marie Stevens**

For the first time in my memory, we had glorious weather for our January SnoBASH. In the past it seems we have always had at least one day of blizzard, and sometimes two! This year was sunny and clear; Sunday was almost too hot! Saturday started with a demonstration of Mushing Basics given by Kathy Miyoshi to quite a large crowd. Then we started giving rides. We estimate we gave rides to between 65-70 people throughout the day. It was a little chaotic getting teams set up and people lined up, and I really want to thank all the people who helped with this, particularly those in the front lines trying to corral the would-be riders and keep them organized, and those selling the tickets and trying to keep lists of the people wanting to ride—I'm not sure of all the names here, but thank you so much! Those of us giving the rides had the more enjoyable jobs, I think—but I'd like to thank all of you who gave rides also. The downhill ski slopes were closed due to high winds so we had a lot of people dropping in unexpectedly. The day ended with a medevac helicopter landing in our meadow to pick up someone injured on the slopes. All in all, it was quite an eventful day.

Sunday wasn't quite as hectic, thank heavens. (Us older folks can't take a lot of excitement two days in a row!) We started out with our second Sourdough Race. We had quite a list of entrants this time—8 in all: Nic and Diane Matulich, Hugo Antonucci, Ross McQueen, me, Candace Nydam, Denise Newell, and Randee McQueen. Hugo was splendid in his formal white longjohns, while Nic, having lost his pair from last year, **Cont. Page 9**

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Keeping wishing for spring snow!

BASH's Trail Tales by nic matulich



Road Trip to Alaska

By Jennifer Near

It all started out innocently enough. Don wanted to have a booth for his company, Sled Dog Systems, at this year's Alaska Dog Musher's Association Symposium in Fairbanks, Alaska. We originally thought we would just fly up there for the weekend, but there was of course the problem of what to do with all of our dogs while we were gone. We decided that it might be more fun to drive up to Alaska with all of the dogs. We figured that by driving we could spend more time there and get to see more of the state. Little did we know what an adventure it would truly turn out to be.

Months of planning and preparation had led up to the trip. We spent every weekend for several months working on Don's truck and getting things ready to go. New door latches and steps for the dog boxes, a pass through from the cab of the truck to the sleeper area in the shell, and a wall dividing the sleeper and storage areas were just a few of the changes we made. Don was also spending much of his time during the week designing and building his new line of products and making sure everything would be ready in time for the symposium. Despite a few setbacks and misfortunes, such as Don's truck having to get a new rear-end only a couple weeks before we left and my losing both an older dog and horse the week we left, on Wednesday, September 20, we were finally packing and about ready to go. We loaded 17 dogs (8 Alaskan Huskies, 7 Siberian Huskies, 1 sibe mix and 1 Miniature Bull Terrier), 240 lbs. of dog food, and as much clothes and gear we could pack into the truck. We also had a trailer hooked up to the truck so we could bring the ATV. We were hoping to get some training in while we were gone. We had been having 90 degree days around my house so we decided that it would be best for the dogs if we left when it was cooler out. We left my house in Vacaville at about 1 a.m. on Thursday September 21.

We alternated each night between sleeping in the truck and getting a motel room. We sort of took our time driving and averaged probably 325-350 miles per day. The scenery was beautiful and once out of California, the weather was great. Since we had the dogs with us, we had to stop frequently at rest stops to drop all the dogs. I think we became experts in the quality of various rest stops throughout the course of the trip. We always attracted a lot of attention when we dropped all of the dogs. We had our pictures taken and were video taped more times than I care to count. We had the opportunity to talk to a lot of nice people and answered all sorts of questions about the dogs. At one rest stop in British Columbia, we got a visit from another musher who was just driving by and saw us with the dogs. Steve Rook from Jafeica Kennels pulled in to say hello and check out the dogs. He was also kind enough to invite us to come by his home, use his exercise yard/kennels and spend the night if we wanted. We had just run the dogs that morning on a dirt trail we found at another rest stop, so we respectfully declined his offer. As far as driving goes, it had already been a slow day so we were anxious to get back on the road.

We were somewhat surprised by the lack of availability of water at rest stops. Many rest stops have no running water and that made it a bit challenging to keep enough water on hand for the dogs. We quickly learned to fill every water container we had whenever we were able to find water. Most of the highways/roads we encountered were in good condition, but in Canada we did wind up having to go over some stretches of gravel road and wound up running into some road construction that delayed our progress a little. We were mildly worried about crossing the Canadian border with that many dogs. We had been told that the only thing we would need for the dogs to cross the Canadian border was a current rabies certificate. We came prepared and made sure we had certificates for all of the dogs, but we never had to use them. The first time we crossed into Canada they didn't even ask about the dogs. The second time they did ask if we had the certificates but did not ask to see them.

On Wednesday, September 28, we finally crossed the boarder into Alaska. We spent that first night in Tok. It was already snowing there and the dogs really seemed to perk up and get excited by the snow and colder weather. The next day we drove into Fairbanks and checked into the Comfort Inn, which was the host hotel for the symposium. The symposium itself was being held at Alaskaland, which was just down the road from the hotel in Fairbanks. The symposium was supposed to start that Friday night and go through Sunday. There were many talks scheduled and a trade fair where Don's booth would be. Friday afternoon we went over and set up Don's booth and then returned later that evening when the trade fair opened. Over the course of the weekend we got to meet and talk to a lot of people and even had the opportunity to meet several famous mushers. Rick Swenson, Tim White, Hans Gatt, Joe Redington Jr., and Shawn Sidelinger all stopped by the booth to chat with us. Rick Swenson and Hans Gatt both wound up purchasing one of Don's new SD Trainer systems.

Our plans were to drive down to Martin Buser's house in Big Lake, Alaska that Monday following the symposium. Don was going to deliver one of his SD Trainer systems to Martin and Martin had invited us to stay with him for a couple days and train dogs. However, before we left the symposium on Sunday, Shawn Sidelinger had come by the booth and invited us to stop by Jeff King's kennel where he was a handler. Jeff King's kennel is in Denali and was actually on our way to Martin Buser's. We got to Jeff King's kennel around noon on Monday. Shawn showed us around and then went inside and got Jeff. Jeff came out to talk to us and asked Don if he could look at a SD Trainer. So, Don pulled out the SD Trainer that was intended for Martin Buser and began showing Jeff how it worked. Apparently Jeff was intrigued because he asked us to stay and have lunch with him and then take some of his dogs out for a run so he could try the system out. After lunch, Jeff and Shawn hooked up two 7-dog teams to their ATV's. Don rode with Jeff so he could demonstrate how the SD Trainer worked and I rode with Shawn. We took the dogs on an 8.5 mile run through some very windy trails. Shawn and I were following behind Jeff and Don. Shawn was running a young leader and at one point she went the wrong way around a tree and got tangled. We had to stop to untangle her and in the process lost sight of Jeff and Don. Once we got going again, we tried to follow the same trail as Jeff and Don, but apparently we took a wrong turn. We wound up going onto their "winter training trail." In the winter the lake next to Jeff's house freezes over so they just run the dogs across it. Apparently Shawn's lead dog didn't realize that the lake wasn't completely frozen yet and she tried to take the team across. After a little coercing, Shawn got her to just run along the edge of the lake. The water was shallow and slightly frozen there. As we got closer to the kennel the team was pulling further out onto the lake. The ice there was able to support the weight of the dogs, **Cont. page 3**

Cont. From page 2 but the weight of Shawn and I on the ATV was a bit more than it could take. Shawn was trying to get across the ice as fast as he could, but I could see the ice breaking underneath us. Luckily the water was only a foot or so deep where we were so when we broke through we just got a little wet. We finally made it back up to the kennel and saw that Jeff and Don already had their team un-harnessed. Jeff was so thrilled with the SD Trainer that he didn't want Don to take it back. However, Don reassured him that he would send him one as soon as we got back. Shawn and Jeff had to get back to their busy schedules so we said our goodbyes and were back on the road heading for Martin Buser's house.

We got to Martin's house that evening and were greeted by his handler Andy. Andy is an incredible young man that you will have to watch for in this year's Iditarod. He will be running Martin's "B" team. Andy just turned 18 and has been mushing for 11 years. Martin was just getting home from giving a talk so we chatted for a while and then Martin showed us to one of the guestrooms behind his garage. The next morning, Andy and Martin were up at 6:30 a.m. feeding the dogs (approximately 100 dogs and puppies). Don and I got up, took care of our dogs and then went inside to have breakfast with Martin. After breakfast, we started getting everything ready to take the dogs out. Don and Martin hooked the SD Trainer up to the ganglines Martin would be using. We wound of taking out 5 teams of 14 dogs and one team comprised of 4 nursing moms. We were lucky enough to be able to see several of Martin's Iditarod stars run. Blondie, D2, and Fisher were just a few of the dogs we ran. Don went on two runs with Martin and one with Andy. I went on two with Andy and one with Martin. The trails were very steep in spots and had some very sharp turns. It took all of our strength just to keep ourselves from falling off the back of the ATV's. By the time lunch rolled around we had run 74 dogs. After lunch, Martin took Don and I out to a flat section of his trail where Don and I could run our dogs. Needless to say, we were a little embarrassed by our screaming, maniac dogs after seeing how well behaved Martin's dogs were. We ran two teams of 8 dogs, packed them back in the truck and went back to the house. We helped Martin out by scooping poop in the dog yard while he fed the dogs. After all the dogs were fed, we joined Martin and his family for dinner and then headed off to bed. We left Martin's house the next morning and started heading home. By this time, the dogs were getting a little tired of being in the truck so we decided to do more driving and try and get home sooner. It wound up taking us 6 days to get home as opposed to the 8 days it took us to get there.

Throughout the drive we got to see lots of wildlife. We were lucky enough to see black bears, coyotes, moose, deer, elk, bison (running loose but their ear tags would indicate that they were owned by someone), a bobcat and many species of beautiful birds. We also were able to see some really innovative equipment and kennel designs. One of the most interesting things I have ever seen was at Martin's house. In all of his puppy pens he had what he called "puppy wheels." Just picture a giant hamster wheel and that is basically what they looked like. The puppies absolutely loved them. Martin said that the puppies learned to use them all by themselves. The puppies would get in them and go into a full run. Sometimes, there would even be more than one puppy running in a wheel at a time.

It was a long trip and the day-to-day driving was not always easy, but it was all well worth it. The opportunity to meet so many interesting people, run the incredible dogs and see the magnificent scenery made it all worthwhile. Now, I just can't wait to go back.

Jennifer Near

Nic Matulich

BASH's Trail Tales

Email your travel Tales to: sneaux_dogs@netzero.net



March Meeting

Nannette Morgan

510 Alkire Avenue

Morgan Hill, CA

408-782-7050

Saturday the 24th

2:00 PM

Voting on the New Board at this meeting. Bring or mail your ballot prior to the meeting. The nominating committee made the following nominations- Vice President-Hugo Antonucci, Treasurer- Randee McQueen, Corresponding Secretary- Cheryl Jueal, Activities Director- Camilla Skov, Member at Large- Jackie Moss. With Camilla Skov changing positions a 1 year member at large position will be available. Carol Payne has been nominated for that position. Other nominations from the floor made at the February meeting will also be included in the ballot you receive.

If you are interested in any of these positions, would like more information as to what they have to do, please contact Randee McQueen at 408-371-1841 or at Bashclub@aol.com. Board meetings are held quarterly (can be done by phone or on line) It is a great way to be involved in BASH.

Directions: 101 (north or south)

Take E. Dunne Ave. Exit, go west. Cross r/r tracks and Monterey Rd., still going west. After about 2 blocks from Albertson shopping center (on your right) make rt turn on Peak Ave (can only turn right). Go 2 blocks and turn left on Alkire Ave. I'm across the street from the City Hall/Civic Center. Plenty of street or city hall parking on a Saturday

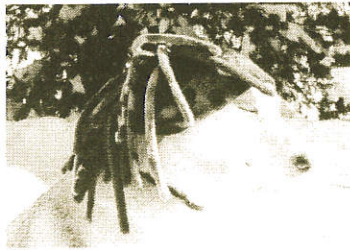
SnoBASH I & the Sourdough Race



Marie our fearless leader



Diane- late running to the sleeping bags for the start of the race



Kobee just watching the days events



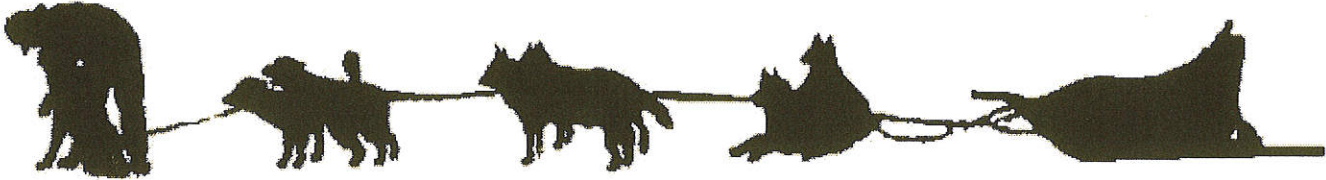
The race, Hugo (1st) Diane (2nd), Nic (3rd)

Ross racing with just one dog, he thought he could win pushing tMaxx rather than being pulled by Maxx



the Sourdough Group- Randee, Diane, Candice, Marie, Ross, Hugo & Nic

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

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
11:00 Junior Run
12:00 Lunch
13:00 Take down

SnoBASH - 2001 - April 21, 22 behind Bear Valley Cross Country Ski Resort. (or across the highway). 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

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

During the past three years, BASH has reserved Tamarack Lodge. In January we reserved both the Pines and the Lodge. For April we have reserved the Lodge only. If you would like to stay at the Pines, please call and make your reservation. Contact Vicki at (209)

The Lodge has been sold (on October 6th) and the new owners were very happy with us in January.

At both Tamaracks, all room reservations will include an expanded continental breakfast of cereal, toast, muffins, bagels, pancakes or waffles, jam/jellies, fruit, fruit juices and hot drinks buffet style. Served 7:30 to 9 am. I know that all the rooms at the Pines Inn will have VCR's and coffemakers. They hope to have coffemakers in all rooms at the Lodge also. DOGS are not allowed in the rooms. Since we take over all the rooms, there are no complaints of noisy dogs left out in cars or on drop lines. Any person that violates this rule we will be asked to leave. No smoking is allowed in rooms either.

What is available- All room prices are for 2 days, include the room tax and a \$10 fee per room to cover a "group" deposit that is currently required. \$100.00 deposit will be accepted to hold a room, full payment must be received by April 1st, 2001. Some rooms can add a rollaway. All rooms are priced for Double Occupancy. The cost to add a third person to a room could be \$30.00 (for two nights) or \$15 for a child under 12. We are working this out as they have different rules when we reserve the entire lodge.

The Lodge-

Some rooms have one Queen and other have two twins. Some rooms can have a rollaway added to the room. None of these rooms have bathrooms in the room. They are dorm style with large bathrooms down the hall.
All of these rooms are \$174.00

The Pines-

Has 6 rooms that range from \$191 to \$400 (this is three rooms and can hold 6+ people) for the two night. Call Vicky at (209)753-2080. All of these rooms have VCR's and and some have kitchens.

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.

Dinner Meeting at Tamarack:

We have made arrangements for a buffet dinner at Tamarack Lodge on Saturday April 21.. Dinner will be 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 at \$18.00 each but we need to have reservations by April 14th.

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

BASH
2633 S Bascom Ave.
Campbell CA 95008

_____ adult dinner @ \$15.00 \$ _____

_____ Child dinner @ \$10.00 \$ _____

Questions,
contact Randee
McQueen(408)371-1841

Name _____

Total sent _____

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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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

Max came into rescue as pair. They were brothers, Michael and Magic. They had been purchased as a pair by an elderly man and his wife and when he died 5 years later they found themselves homeless. The wife was not physically able to care for them and the family contacted Rescue.

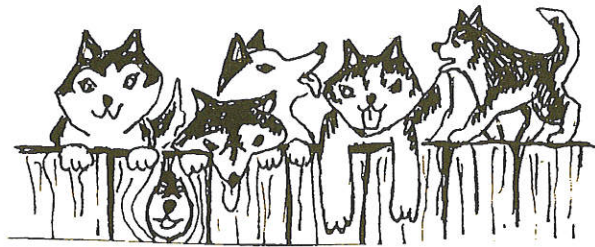
Both dogs were grossly over weight (pushing 100 lb. each) and were lacking in any manners known to civilized man. But they were handsome and placed easily.. Once in their new home the sibling rivalry started and the new family decided that maybe they it would be better for the dogs and more peaceful in their home if they were to return one and stay a one dog family. Magic had been renamed Max, and being the least affectionate and the number one instigator he was the one to go.

So now Max is back in rescue and living in my house were I have no jealousy or marking problems with him all in all he is an easy dog to live with... EXCEPT for his one obsession... he must be first through any door, he will knock you down or body slam you into the wall to get there first. He does not know where he is going only that he is going. We are talking about a dog, born to be a linebacker for the NFL, he knows no pain. Well after the first day I am head over heels with this animal He is charming lovable laughable stubborn headstrong and single minded. I am torn between keeping him and finding him a great home... I can not keep him it would put an end to my rescue abilities. Max had all the symptoms of a hypo thyroid that would explain his weight and dry coat... there were tests run and Max was diagnosed as having almost no thyroid output. He was started on medication and his weight dropped away quickly, his thyroid got a jump-start and his medication was reduced.

After some time a family came to see him they had lived with a Siberian before and were aware of their "drawbacks", and their "attributes." After several conversations and meetings it was decided that Max had a new family. It looked as if life was finally going to be rosy for Max, but that was not to be.

Max like most Siberians, does not do well with cats. About 4 months after Max went to his new home he had a run in with a dumb but otherwise normal cat. The cat thinking that he had the world by the tail was strutting along the top of the fence when WHAM!!!!!!! Max not able to jump for the cat, just knocked the fence down. **Cont. page 12**

Bay Area Siberian Husky Rescue/Referral



PetSmart

**March 3
Campbell
11 am to 2 pm
850 W. Hamilton
Campbell
(408)374-9321**

Take 880 to Hamilton Ave. Exit,
go west about 2 miles.
PetSmart will be on your left

Pet Food Express!

**March 10
Castro Valley
11 am to 2 pm
3385 Castro Valley Blvd
Castro Valley
(510)728-7788**

From 580, take Rewood Blvd.
West under freeway and
left at Castro Valley Blvd.



Howls by Kathy Miyoshi

Bash Pull Clinic? I can't tell you how happy I am to see all these requests from people wanting to learn how it is that you actually teach dogs to do this mushing stuff. A lot of you have dogs that you just put a harness on and away they go, but a lot of don't. And even if you do, your dog(s) can learn so much more than "just going", think of the potential in a dog like that? So, after the success of the little clinic at Snow Bash I, I've decided to do a Pull Clinic. If there are no conflicts between the April SNDD Annual Meeting in April and Snow Bash II, then I would like to try it there. At the time of this printing I can't guarantee it, however, so if you are interested PLEASE contact me somehow and let me know. If I can't do it then I will try to do it at another event, perhaps the Specialty or an Umunhum Run.

What in tarnation is a Pull Clinic you might ask? Well, it's where I take you and one of your dogs and show you how to teach your dog not just how to Pull, but it's THE one-on-one method to teach your dog to "On-By", "Gee", "Haw" and whatever else you might want to teach your pooch. Now, I'll state two things right now: 1) you will need to buy some equipment and bring it with you (Command Training Lead and Belly Band from Black Ice Outfitters). 2) This is not really easy. I find it hard to do myself and have NOT mastered it, so my goal will be to show you the process, teach you some terminology and basically give you something to think about and practice at home. This will also give you a little "boost" should you ever take the Stead/Nelson Boot Camp training sequence as you will already understand something about what they are trying to teach you.

Snow. That simple title may, in fact, be the understatement of the year. I came home from a recent race to four feet of snow at my place. Want to know what happens when that much snow falls over a three-day period? For me it meant that I came home from the first CA race of the season (which took place in a blizzard, by the way) to no power and no phones. No power means no heat and no water for me. Thankfully my stove is propane so I had an oven to cook on but I still had to sleep in my winter sleeping bag that night. Before I even figured out all that, I had to get home. They had plowed my street, but not recently, and it was so bad that 4-wheel drive low was not enough for me and my three-quarter ton truck to get through without chains. There I was within eye-shot of my driveway and I got stuck and had to chain up. Then I couldn't get up the driveway because nobody plows that and it was up to my hips at parts. So I had to walk the dogs and all my stuff and equipment to the house. Up and down in that deep powder. The kennels were covered, the gates had to be dug out and when I let everybody run around I suddenly realized that my five foot fences were now only two feet at best!! Here are a couple of things I learned one should always do before leaving your house when a storm is on its way: clean your dishes in case you don't have water when you return and take that over-due Blockbuster video OUT of the VCR. I guess they expect that kinda stuff to happen because the Manager didn't even blink when I told him my movie was stuck in the machine and he simply told me to return it when I could and they wouldn't charge me extra. Now, I ask you, would that EVER happen in the Bay Area???

Cont. from front page wore kind of a mishmash—the true sourdough look. Ross wore some smiley pants, rolled up to the knee, with a superman sweatshirt—quite an unusual look. Candace and Randee were splendid in red, and Diane once again was very feminine in flowered longjohns, while Denise was mysterious in black. I had a new pair of long undies, a Christmas present—a rainbow of tie-dyed colors. In a snow storm I would have been easy to spot! The race itself had some unusual aspects, principally our smiley pants entrant, who left the starting gate pushing the sled with his dog in it and who came in racing ahead of the dog and sled. Hugo won the race, with Diane and then Nic not too far behind. Candace won the Red Lantern Award. Remember, folks, this race doesn't take a lot of skill—you just have to have a set of gnarly underwear and not be afraid to make a spectacle of yourself.

After the Sourdough, we had the Juniors Races. We had 34 entrants go out on the track. Some of the kids went a couple of times because they enjoyed it so much. From the proceeds of the rides on Saturday and the race on Sunday, we donated money to a sports program for disabled children and to a children's repertory theater. We had a great weekend and hope to see you at SnoBASH II on April 21st and 22nd. And thanks again to everyone who helped with this event—to Camilla and Sarah, who braved the masses wanting rides on Saturday,; and to Jackie, who came up and worked even when she was sick; and to Jane, who at the last minute took the place of someone else who was sick, and to everyone else who worked hard to make this a success. I was busy a lot of the time and didn't see who was doing what, but I know it got done and it all helped to make this event a success.

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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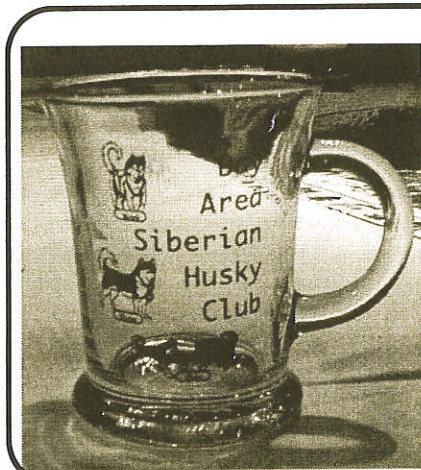
Hello BASH readers:

At last month's meeting at Tamarack, my proposal was accepted by popular vote, so I am collecting and cataloging materials to establish the BASH Lending Library. By next meeting, I'll have a beginning collection of books, videos, magazines, brochures, tapes, prints, and so on for use of BASH members. After the official meeting, I'll roll in a wheeled footlocker, present what is available, and sign out materials for return within the month.

To start, I am soliciting contributions of materials of interest from BASH members. If you have books on dog care, breed selection, training, Siberians, northern breeds, and canines in general, they are welcome. Magazine back issues, such as "Mushing" or "Dog Fancy," or "National Geographic" are needed. Maps of Siberia, Alaska, and the Yukon, videos such as "Balto" or "Iron Will," taped informational lectures, interesting brochures on pertinent topics such as flea control or nutrition, and even prints, photos, posters and pictures that can be used by artists as visual resources are welcome. Even "recreational" reading or books on tape, such as historical novels, mysteries, Robert Service poems, tall tales from Alaska, and "Call of the Wild" are wanted, as well as any materials suitable for children, our youngest BASH family members. Materials will be stamped "Property of Bay Area Siberian Husky Club" and the donor's name shall also be noted.

If you have contributions and you are within a reasonable distance of Fremont, call me at (510) 796-1544 or e-mail me at koehns@home.net and I'll arrange to pick up and catalog them in time to be signed out at our initial BASH Library presentation. Or, bring them to a meeting for later addition!

Likewise, if you have advice, suggestions, ideas, or comments on BASH Library policies, procedures, or practices, I'd love to hear from you.



Coffee Mugs -

\$12.00 each or
2 for \$20.00

Upcoming Meetings and events:

Mar 4,5 Iditarod

Mar 24th Meeting at Nannette Morgan's

Apr. 21st Meeting at SnoBASH

Apr. 21st, 22nd SnoBASH II

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

May 19,20- BASH Specialty and meeting

SNOW on Umunhum



the ridge



a beautiful sunset



the yellow gate



sledding across the ridge at night



nic's truck on the hill

MUSHING CLINIC FOR THE RECREATIONAL MUSER

As many of you know I have been searching extensively for a beginner's class/clinic on Recreational Mushing to find that the available options are clinics that are geared toward those who race and have their own teams and handlers. Hence, leaving out those of us that would like to team up with a group and learn recreational mushing from the beginning.

To that end I started a dialogue with as many qualified Mushers as possible to find those that would be willing to teach such a set of classes and as luck would have it Hugo Antonucci, Randee McQueen and others will be taking on giving these classes.

Due to the volume of material that needs to be covered I have compiled a list of some, certainly not all, the topics that need to be covered and would like to invite all those interested in taking a class to please let us know what topics they would be interested in coming to a class on. Your responses may be forwarded to me at my email address – Camillas@aol.com or you may mail them to me via regular mail.

There will be a fee for the clinic or classes depending on how we eventually work it out.

List of topics

- Types of Sleds and Carts available (Used vs. new)
- Required equipment required for the cart or sled
- How to make your own lines and tie downs
- How to repair damaged lines
- How to dress
- Required material for an emergency kit for your dogs and yourself
- Pro and Cons of teaming up with others to make up a team
- Maximizing the use of Booties on your dogs.
- List of available places to cart and how to get necessary permits and maps of trails
- List of places to buy equipment
- How often does one need to run their dogs to stay in condition
- Available reading material
- Possibility of running monthly or bi-monthly while learning

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Before the day was done Max had killed two cats and ended up in county animal control. Max once again entered Rescue and was back at home with me, where he is adored.

Nope... This is not the end of the story for Max, four weeks after he was released from doggy prison for "cat slaughter" He escaped my home and was missing for three weeks. A call from the Oakland Animal Shelter alerted me to Max's new problems. He had been attacked on the street by another dog and his ear was almost ripped from his head. The vets had treated it and he was going to live but his right ear was mangled and would never stand again. His entire head was infected, his throat and ear ripped in numerous places and swollen the size of grapefruits under and above the ear. When I arrived at the shelter everyone there could not say enough great things about this dog, he had to be in excruciating pain and had not cried or growled or attempted to bite anyone.... He is now on the road to a full recovery, and is healing nicely. He will always have one soft ear, but it lends character to his persona.

BAY AREA SIBERIAN HUSKY RESCUE REFERRAL

"UPDATE"

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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. Tsavo is doing very well in his new foster home and is enjoying the company of the other dogs here. His skin condition is improving and once he has put on some weight he will be neutered and placed in a special home.

Lobo- 6 year old siberian that is black/white. Wonderful with all children and small pets. Has been used on a sledding team. He has obedience skills and is looking for a hime to love him. Contact Nic for more information



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 hide-and-peek



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Chica Black on white spayed female years old, 50 pounds with brown eyes. Chica is a sometimes shy but very calm girl who gets along very well with other dogs of either gender. Ready to play, loves to walk on a leash and hang-out with the kids eating popcorn.



Jacques' Porter or ce-mail at 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 strong as a bull. He is sweet, loving, gentle and independent. Max loves people, adores kids and gets along with other dogs. Sit, down and "stay" (husky style) are commands he knows will respond to for food. On a leash he mini mack truck for the first 2-3 blocks he is pretty calm. Max is not good with and has been known to escape. For person interested in recreation fun with their dog, Max would do well in weight pull or as a wheel dog on a sled team



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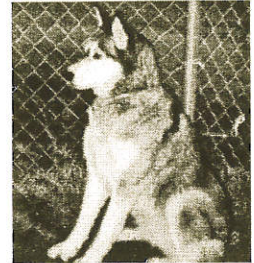
Camilla Skov- Camillas@aol.com or (408)265-1912

Noname- 6 year old spayed female, gray/white. She has a wonderful personlity but has been know to be an escape artist.

Janet Yeager at 805-461-5203 or

beachsibs@thegrid.net

Shala is a large, 3 1/2 yr old grey and white spayed female . She gets along great with other dogs, even small ones, and seems to ignore cats. She knows sit, stay, walks well on a leash and will bark when she needs to go out. Shala is very affectionate and her house manners are excellant.



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.



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

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.



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

Sierra - 5 month old malamute, black/white. she is partially housebroken, loves to play and is very friendly. Sleeps in a crate. She gets along with other dogs but will not be good with small pets.



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

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Randee McQueen, Treasurer, Bay Area Siberian Husky Club
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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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