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Happy
St Patrick's Day

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 EVENT

April 4,5	SnoBASH 2
May 17	Vaccine/Chip clinic
May/June?	Fun Match
Dec 12	Christmas Party



Putting together a calendar for 2010

I was thinking it would be fun to collect pictures of BASH members and their dogs having fun at BASH events - then put together a 2010 calendar.

We could load a calendar with photographs (jpg files) using more than just one picture per month. Photographs of members and their dogs just having fun at home or vacation (etc) would be fun in the calendar also.

We could sell this calendar for a fundraiser at the end of this year.

Let me know what you think of this idea.

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SnoBASH I 2009

By Marie Stevens



Our first SnoBASH this year was actually more of a “Not Much Sno-BASH”. The snow level was quite low and it was pretty warm. The snowcat couldn’t make it down to groom a trail for us, so someone made one with a snowmobile. It wasn’t quite as smooth or wide as the one made by a snowcat, but we put it to good use and smoothed out some of the turns as we went (not always in an upright position). We had a good turn out...all of the rooms at the lodge were full and a fair number of people came up just for a day. The weather was sunny and clear, although it got down pretty cold at night (enough so that you had to walk very carefully not to lose your footing on ice

in the parking lot).

Saturday was spent getting as many people as possible out on sleds, giving the dogs some practice pulling in the snow, and trying out teams for the Sourdough Race, held Sunday. Two of our younger participants, April (who lives up in Arnold) and Hailey, auditioned dogs all day, planning for the race. They tried multiple combinations, and eventually came up with what they hoped would be a winning team. The rest of us practiced staying on the sled while going pretty fast around corners that weren’t banked very well. We had several new people there as well, taking their dogs out initially with a few more experienced ones, and then eventually out on their own. We were all (people and dogs) worn out by the end of the day. Luckily, Randy Fischel and his wife came. He LOVES to cook, and we were delighted when he volunteered to prepare dinner. We divided up the



meals this time, so various people brought items for dinner. We had spaghetti and lasagna, green salad, wonderful bread, and dessert, as well as a variety of beverages. Randy and Jen, you are welcome anytime! Randee and I, in the press of time, had failed to prepare anything for a raffle for Saturday night. This was really disappointing to April and Hailey, who decided to remedy that situation. They spent several hours making items to be raffled. There were posters, signs, drawings, origami-type dogs...any number of amazing things! So we had a bang-up raffle. They made almost \$40 for BASH. We may make this a permanent job for them!! Thanks, girls.



Sunday was another bright and beautiful day. We held the Sourdough Race for the kids first. We had lots of entrants....7 or so. A couple had never been on sleds before, but they went out and tried. And in fact, one of them won! (Conner Smyers) Each entrant got a stuffed husky and a medal, and naturally lots of pictures were taken. There were quite a few adults racing too...Granny LaCava (who deliberately went slow so she could win the Red Lantern), Beth Chamberlain (as a cat), a man dressed as a frog, Rachel Chamberlain and her friend, David, and me. (Seems like I am forgetting a couple, but my mind has gone blank. If I have forgotten you, please accept my apology!) Rachel and her friend won this one. Sunday was a slower day than Saturday....the dogs were worn out from all the running and so we spent some time just sitting in the sun, listening to the wind in the trees and smelling the pines. It was great. We had a final run after lunch, when all of us still there went out as a group, and then we started packing up. It was a great weekend and we hope we'll have a similar turnout for SnoBASH II, to be held April 4 and 5. (There is lots more snow there now!) Hope to see you there.



When I Got My Dog

By Hailey M. Rapa

Dedicated to Tucker, Randee, Mom and Dad

When I got my dog, I didn't know what to name it. Now its name is Tucker.
When I got my dog, I didn't know if it was a male or female. Now I know it's a male.
When I got my dog, he bit me a lot. Now only occasionally he bites.
When I got my dog he only had us pay \$100 dollars for him. Now he costs a fortune!
When I got my dog, Randee my neighbor gave me a crate, food and water bowls, food, toys, collar and leash. Now I have to buy everything myself!
When I got my dog he didn't stalk the cat. Now he really stalks the cat.
When I got my dog, he had 5 toys. Now he has 500 toys.
When I got my dog he had no friends. Now he has a million friends.
When I got my dog, all my friends called me 1,000,001 times especially Felicity, oh my gosh! Now they all don't call me. They only call once a year.
When I got my dog, I could pick him up. Now he is too heavy,
When I got my dog my futon was sitable. Now its all torn up because of Tucker.
When I got my dog he was adorable..... Well he still is.
When I got my dog all my friends were jealous.... Well they still are but not as much.
When I got my dog he got in a lot of trouble. Now he gets in a million times more trouble.
When I got my dog 5 of my friends came over to see him. Now they don't come over to see him.
When I got my dog he liked digging in his water bowl. Now he is more mature.
Before I got my dog, I didn't have a piece of my heart, but when I saw him he filled that missing piece of me.

Hi. I'm Hailey Rapa. I am 10 years old and in the 4th grade. When I grow up I want to be a vet. The hole reason I wrote this story was because Tucker really did change my life. Once I saw him I fell in love but usually I do that with every puppy. This one was different. I saw him 3 times but on the 3rd day I had to get him, so that is how I got my dog.



My Fun in the Snow with Husky's

By Elysia Smyers – Age 7 1/2

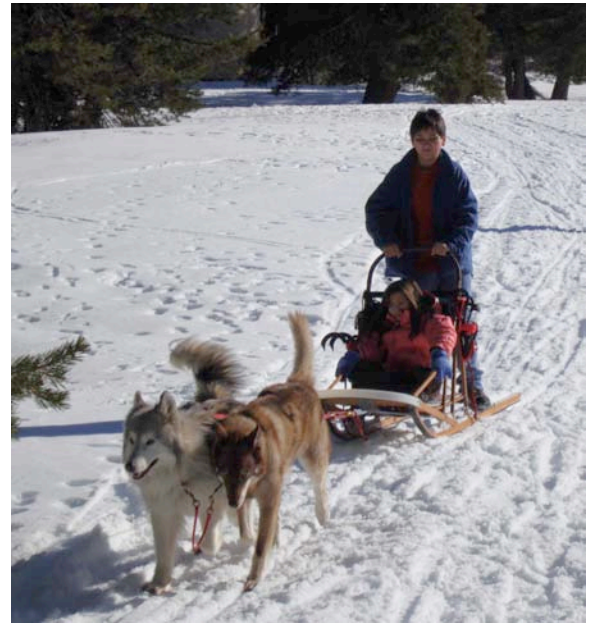
I had a wonderful weekend, in the snow with different size and different colored husky's.

I had a great time dog sledding because each husky was different. Some were fast, some were slow. Some didn't even go on the right track.

My favorite husky was named Quinn. It was my favorite because Quinn is my middle name, and because my brother and I were in a dog sled race and my brother got Quinn the fast one and I got Foxy a slow one, then my brother won!

I was really thankful that the people let me use their sleds, and their dogs to ride with the dogs on the sleds. One of the people was named Patty. She was really nice. She was the first person there who let me ride. THANK YOU, PATTY!

The next day we were there again. I have a tip: Do not run in the snow/ice in the mornings. When we were there we went on a sourdough race. Don't ask me because I have no idea why it was called the sourdough race. Earlier I said I had Foxy the slow one and my brother had Quinn the fast one. When I said that, I meant for this race. When the race was starting we were wrapped in thin blankets. Some were wrapped in tin foil. When we just started they said "There's gold in them thar hills!" and we rushed with our blankets to the sleds, put our blankets in the sled, got on the sled; the dogs were already there. So the dogs started scurrying along the path with their paws stepping into the snow. We were all yelling "Mush!" to get to the finish line. After we all got there they handed out prizes. Each child got a medal that was green and all of us got a choice of a stuffed husky. The person who was last got a medal and a tiny red lantern. Then, it was the adult race. For their prizes they got the same things. We had lots of fun. I hope we come again some day.



My Day @ Snow Bash

Connor Smyers age 11.5

I wasn't really expecting all of the fun I had at Snow Bash. All I was thinking was that mom had found yet another place to see a whole bunch of Huskies. But my thinking was incorrect.

The first thing we did after that laborious car trip was get out and go see a whole bunch of snow dogs (mostly Huskies). Ok, fine. But then my sister and I both scored a jackpot. Off we went, with two dogs (who were pretty slow) pulling us along. This was my first time ever mushing! I guess that wasn't too bad. A few other nice, friendly people quenched our mushing thirst. But the second day was even more awesome.

I started off the day with the words "Sourdough Race" echoing through my head.

"Mom?"

"Yes?"

"I don't want to race in this "Sourdough Race."

"You'll miss out all of the fun."

"Well still, I don't really want to."

"Like I said, you'll miss out."

"Oh well."

I went there reluctantly, not expecting much.

When we got there, Bash had already set almost everything out. Sleds were all lined up, and blankets

were on the snow. With a few minutes of hustling and bustling all of the dogs were *finally* hitched up. I was paired up with Quin, a nice, powerful dog from an owner whose name has been forgotten (sorry). After a cry of “There’s gold up in our hills!” we stood up, grabbed the blanket we were lying on, dumped it in the sled and sledded off.

It was pretty much smooth sailing from then on, but these setbacks are so bland I would waste mine and your time trying to explain them. The problem that made mom crack up was when I made it up the smallest hill you can imagine, more like a mound of snow, Quin just decided to sit down for a little while. It was okay though. It was still enough to score us 1st place! This came as a big surprise to me, for it was only my second time mushing! I guess that was an awesome weekend after all.

Time to Renew membership

BASH’s fiscal year is April to March.

Individual \$30
Family \$35

For the past year we have been listing members on our BASH list to save on postage. This has been successful but it means we no longer have a mailing label that says that you are due to pay.

For those people that have adopted a dog from us or a local group in the past year, send an e-mail to bashrr@aol.com to receive your membership for another year.

If you aren’t sure when your membership expires send an e-mail to Randee at bashrr@aol.com and she will confirm the date.

Any person who hasn’t renewed by May 1 will be dropped from the BASH e-mail list.

St. Patrick's Day Dog Cookies

These tasty dog cookies have a light green color to them when baked. I'm sure the addition of a couple of drops of green food color would only make them brighter.

3 T water
4 cups wheat flour
½ cup cornmeal
1 med. Egg
2 T vegetable oil
1 T onions, minced
2 T garlic, minced
1 T cilantro
3 T parsley

Preheat oven to 375degrees. Combine all ingredients. Mix with spoon, then kneed by hand. Roll to ½ inch thick. Cut out bones with a shamrock shaped cookie cutter or other fun shaped cutter. Bake for approx. 50 minutes on a baking sheet sprayed with nonstick cooking spray. Cool on a rack. Store in a sealed container. Yield: 30 bones

SNOBASH II

April 4 and 5



We will again be staying at the Tamarack Pines Inn. If you would like to reserve a room, contact Randee at bashrr@aol.com or 408-377-2900. There are 8 rooms at the Pines. Dogs MAY NOT COME IN THE PINES. All of the dogs at the Pines stay in our cars. For those that want to join us there are great places in Angels Camp, Arnold, Dorrington and Bear Valley. Some will allow dogs in the room, and some do not. We had a great time at the Inn last year. Very relaxing. All those that attend will be expected to bring “group” food (breakfast, appetizers and drinks). Anyone is welcome to the group dinner. 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. We will have a group dinner on Saturday night. BASH will supply the paper products.

SnoBASH is held no matter the amount of snow.

We do sled rides for people and dogs. The proceeds go to the local elementary school.



Sign up to come. We have a fantastic time.

SnoBASH Schedule

Friday—April 3

2 to 5 pm set up drops

6 pm Pizza dinner at the Inn

Saturday April 4

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 April

7:30- 9:30 breakfast

10:00 to 12:00 rides

12:00 to 1:30 lunch

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

We will be at Tamarack Pines. It is just next door to the Tamarack Lodge. We had been allowed at SnoBASH 1 to park in the lodges' parking lot. We will ask if that is again possible.

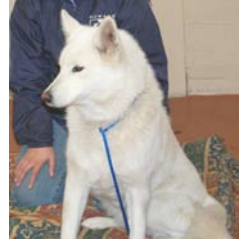
Rescue February 2009

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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.

Bill Otto 408-258-9806 billotto1412@aol.com

Trixie is a sweet girl that we just got. She was surrendered to the shelter because they lost thier home. She was a mostly outdoor dog. She gets along with other large dogs. Haven't tried small ones yet. She is housetrained. She is starving for attention and will try to get it all when patting the other dogs in the house. She knows some basic commands. She is adapting to my dogs and house quickly. She is a very sweet and loving dog who wants to be loved by a family.



Randy Fishel- randyf@sibenet.com

Luna is a sweet girl who is a victim of these unfortunate times. Her family could not find a place to live where they could keep her. They are very happy to know, though, that she is in the care of rescue and will find her a home to live her life. She is a very good, but active female. Current on her shots, and good with kids – but no cats. She is spayed and microchipped, and loves a belly rub or a face to wash. She is a very active girl, but new things make her a bit nervous.

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

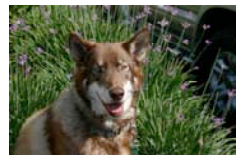
Dutch is a great young siberian that wants to play. he loves to play with other dogs. He walks ok on a leash. He is housetrained and crate trained. He probably won't be good with cats. He lives with one at his foster home but they are kept away from the other dogs also. He is really good.



Beth Chamberlain 408-629-0448 b.d.c@comcast.net

Patty LaCava, 415-722-5727 pattylacava@yahoo.com

Rhodes(Timber) is the most amazing dog in the world. He is very mellow and calm when he is with his owner. He LOVES to play with other dogs and gets along with all dogs. Timber needs a yard with an adequate fence. He loves to be with other dogs for companion. When he's with people he's happy to just relax in a corner and spend the the day quietly enjoying his peoples company. He is living in San Francisco right now. He is left in the house with other dogs. There is no yard, so they are walked 3-5 times a day. When left in the house he is good when left with a food filled kong. He capable of being off leash. He would probably do best in a home without a yard and a person who wants to exercise with him. He was adopted from BASH 18 months ago. He came to BASH with a broken foot.



Maureen Marcus 510-895-9104, spiritofashadow@aol.com Malamute Rescue



MICKEY was adopted! Also Frosty



Bay Area Siberian Husky Club
Membership Renewal and Associate Application 2009-2010

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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Upcoming Adoption Fairs

First Saturday
PetsMart, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
850 W. Hamilton, Campbell
Coordinator: Randee 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
Coordinator: Randee McQueen
408-356-7600