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BASH Member Profile: Greg Newell

Why and or how did you become a member of BASH?

Through rescue of Samoyeds I learned about BASH. In my attempts to create a working rescue organization at the national level for Samoyeds I met Nic Matulich. Nic and I talked a great deal about rescue, what BASH had found worked and didn't work. Nic encouraged me to attend BASH events to learn more about the club. I found out that BASH was more fun than the local Sam Clubs. That is to say, they aren't show-centric. BASH members do activities with their dogs such as camping, carting, the Ice Cream Social and other things. I liked the idea of joining a group like BASH.

How many Siberian Huskies do you have?

None. I have real dogs...Samoyeds (Ed. Note- also know as nordic poodles...)

Names?

Nikita, Callie, Cassie and Ice the rescue dog

Other Pets?

Oscars

What is your occupation?

System Software Engineer at Xerox's Palo Alto Research Center.

Hobbies?

Camping, mountaineering, backpacking, fishing, etc.....

What you like to do with your dog(s)

Everything I do, they do

Interesting facts? stories etc....

Greg is a retired Lt. Col. with the U.S. Army. He lived overseas much of his time in the service. He has two children and two grandchildren.

Greg has helped BASH and BASHR/R with his knowledge of the Internet and Macintosh computers.

The All Breed reminders

Raffle donations: All members are asked to donate at least one item for the raffle. Please call Laura Morales (408)247-8836 with your donation. Please try to get donations to Laura at or prior to the November meeting. Items can be mailed or delivered to her home or the address on this newsletter. Items can be dog related but do not have to be.

Misc. Jobs: We need help at 7:00 am to 10:00 am to put up awnings, set up chairs and tables, direct people to rings, etc..... We need help here and there after 10:00 am also. Check in at the BASH booth to find out where you are needed. Even if you only have an hour or two, please come and help. We also need help at the end of the day to take down all the stuff we put up. This should be around 3 pm or so.

Stewards: Some people have already offered to be ring stewards. We can always use more to give people a break. It is a fun job. In obedience rings you help check people in, stand as posts for figure 8 and in the advanced rings help with jumps. In confirmation you check people in and assist the judge with organizing the ribbons.

All persons that help (members or not, so bring a friend) with a specific job will receive a lunch ticket for our "Deli Style" lunch. Check in with the BASH booth for you ticket.

BASH will be selling pizza courtesy of **TOMBSTONE PIZZA** for lunch along with a variety of drinks. We will have donuts and bagels for sale for breakfast.

SKYEWRITING

By Alan Doyle

Can we do more for our breed?

Skye is hitting the campaign trail this week in search of last-minute votes and wasn't available for comment at press time. But don't miss our next issue, when *Siberian Tales* special correspondent Balto Seppala will bring you an exclusive interview with Skye and reveal his stunning post-election plans.

In the meantime, Skye has asked me to raise an issue of obvious concern not only to him but to all BASH members, especially those involved in Rescue and Referral.

As most of you know, Skye is a rescue dog - it was just about a year ago, in fact, that he adopted me. It's been the best year of my life and his too, I hope. Since Skye's been in my life, we've both been active in rescue - me as the transportation, him as the judge of character. The latest two rescues in which we've been involved, both in October, raise some serious questions in my mind, perhaps echoing what other club members may have been thinking. In raising these questions, I admit the obvious: I'm a newcomer to both the club and to rescue operations, and lack the experience and perspective many of you have developed over years of doing rescues. If I'm off base, I'm sure you'll tell me quickly. But this does appear to be a good time to raise the issue. I hope we can use the newsletter, the Internet and perhaps most importantly the upcoming fun match on Nov. 16 to discuss the issues and perhaps come up with a course of action.

But first things first: I'm amazed at what this club has been able to accomplish, working essentially with no money and with members scattered all over the Bay Area. We have every right to be proud of our accomplishments, and I'm proud to play my small part. From what I'm hearing, there are few breed rescue operations as active as ours, few willing to travel as far as we do to rescue dogs and few with the kinds of follow-up programs we take as routine. There's little doubt we have one of the best *reactive* programs going - few clubs seem able to save so many dogs and place so many of them successfully. But questions arise:

- We're doing a great *reactive* job of rescuing dogs in trouble, but are we doing enough *proactive* work, particularly in the areas of public education, to reduce the number of dogs that have to be rescued? Are we doing enough for our breed to

reduce the number of dogs that must be saved?

- Do we have the resources and the member energy to embark on education projects?

- Can and should we form alliances with other clubs and perhaps cut across breed lines to do some sort of sled-dog education project? We have powerful tools with the news media, the Internet and just the conversation value of being in public with our dogs. How do we make best use of those?

- This is something perhaps best addressed by the more experienced club members, especially those who've been involved with rescue for years: Is there any reason to believe education projects will reduce the number of dogs that go through rescue, or is this a waste of time and energy better used building a more effective rescue operation?

These questions first arose this summer, when I rescued a Malamute from the animal shelter in Vallejo. It was difficult for us trying to make their job a little easier - and despite repeated requests they still aren't calling when sled dogs come through the shelter.

The questions were redoubled when I was rescuing two dogs from the Lake County Animal Shelter, and later while picking up a dog from a Placerville couple that had saved her from being abandoned in the woods.

Of the Lakeport dogs, one obviously had been left outside and probably had been abused as well as neglected; it was a sweet dog that showed all the traits of being abused. The other just as obviously had been a pet that someone had cared for, but hadn't cared enough about to even contact the shelter to see if the dog was there.

The folks in Lake County went out of their way to help, but the thought crossed my mind - again - that these two dogs were in the pound basically because they acted like Siberians, not because they were bad dogs or unsuitable pets. The cruelty of the Placerville situation speaks for itself, except to note the owner apparently was willing to abandon the dog in the wilderness because it acted like a Sibe. Were it not for Eric and Cheris Parker, who took in the dog and contacted Marilyn Lassagne, it probably would be dead. Maybe there's no way to reduce such occurrences. Maybe there is. What are your ideas?

Comments? Suggestions? Pass them along and I'll share them with club members. You can contact me at alandoyle@aol.com or write Alan Doyle, 1029 Tuolumne St., Vallejo, Ca 94590-4630 or call me at 707-643-7975 during the day. And, if enough people are interested, why not get together at the Fun Match and talk about it?

BASH TRAIL TALES

By Nic Matulich

Send your Trail Tale to: BASH'S TRAIL TALES: Nic Matulich, 1140 Nadine Drive, Campbell, Calif 95008 -or- SMELLOFDOG@AOL.COM
If we use your Trail Tale you will receive a free Tee-Shirt.

Excuse me, but your dog is on FIRE ! -or-I believe this is your finger!

Recently, someone made a comment that so completely took me by surprise that I was momentarily left speechless. And that is no small feat for those that know me. The comment was meant to be a compliment but it came in a most unusual manner. Nonetheless, after digesting the true intention of the speaker, I recovered my composure and thanked him for it. He had recently bought a piece of dog equipment and was proudly showing it off when he quipped "Thanks for all the mistakes you have made, it really helped". After seeing the blank, though somewhat puzzled look I gave him he explained that he valued some advice concerning the changes I would make if I was purchasing that piece of equipment again.

After pondering the idea of helping others through the mistakes I have made, I have decided I may be a potentially limitless resource for others to learn by. Add in the mistakes that I have observed others doing and I could be declared a Renewable National Resource by Congress. Hence, I have decided to put some of them down here for the rest of you to benefit from. All are outdoor and/or dog related. Don't thank me, it is the least I can do. If you feel a real need to thank me, send small, unmarked bills.

Securing your dogs.

Sometimes you get lax from things going to smoothly, other times it may be fatigue or maybe the beauty of the moment. Ok, doing something stupid is really the most common reason.

A few years ago, while on a week long dogsled trip through the Boundary Waters area we managed to combine all of the above into one significant event on the 3rd day of an 8 day trip. We lost our lunch. I mean we lost our lunch to the dogs, that is, we lost the stuff for our lunches for the week to the dogs. It was one of those things where everything seems so right and yet it quickly went all wrong.

We had stopped to make lunch after an exceptionally arduous portage into a beautiful inlet area of the lake we had just made our way to. We tipped the 3 toboggan sleds over and started a small lunch fire. Each sled was loaded with about 200lbs of gear and had 6 Canadian Eskimos pulling per team. Six, eternally hungry, working dogs. Up until this day we had only lost a couple of pounds of dog food and one

ballcap to the dogs foraging and it seemed we were in control of everything. My partner and I tipped our sled back on its runners and retrieved the lunch bag from it, spreading its contents on the side of the over turned middle sled as we had done the previous two days. Now, the guy who outfitted and guided our outing, Paul Schurke of Wintergreen in Ely, Minn., did not use snow hooks on his sleds due to the hazards they can present. We were tipping the sleds, securing the lead dogs on the rear and middle sleds to the sled ahead of each and then tying off the lead dogs of the first sled to a tree. It worked well, if you did it. Like I said we retrieved the lunch bag but we failed to tip the sled back over. First mistake. The drivers of the lead sled neglected to tie off their lead dogs to a tree. Second mistake. Only the middle sled, the one with our precious lunch supplies was secured on its side with the lead dogs roped to the front sled.

We were eating our lunch of various hardtack, beefjerky, gorp, cheese and such. Also, there was a bag of these high energy peanut butter type bars that Paul makes personally for the trips. He is very proud of his secrete recipe for these bars. Anyway, we had this fire going for toasting some beefstick over and with our attentions fixed, eagerly awaiting our turns to warm a hunk of the salami stuff over it, we soon had all drifted away from the sleds to the small cluster of living flames that captured our focus. On this cold day the sun was bright, the food tasty and the break was welcomed.

With nary a sound, four of the dogs on the lead sled broke ranks, dragging the struggling lead dogs backwards and made for our stash on the second sled. After momentarily fighting for control of the team, the lead dogs threw themselves over the heads of the rest of the team in a desperate bid for our weeks worth of lunch materials spread out invitingly before them. Before they could reach the bulk of our food, the second sled's team leapt to their feet and began thrashing the lead team coming past them for disturbing their rest, but mainly because they were still tied to the lead sled and could not reach the food themselves.

There were eight of us and we

quickly began grabbing dogs and pulling them off the sled and each other. We slowly separated the two teams with each of us holding a dog or two, feeling very proud of ourselves for getting to them before they could do much damage to our supplies or one another. Our smug looks quickly turned to horror, when as if on cue, my team, you know the one in the back that we had failed to return to it's side, trotted forward and bounded onto the middle sled and began grabbing anything they could. Bags, bars and water bottles were scattering in every direction as their frenzy started. They were swallowing p-bars plastic wrap and all. Two dogs grabbed the food bag and ripped it. My Swiss Army knife still has teeth marks and we never found one glove liner. Fortunately, we did not all let go of the dogs we were holding at the same time. Four people began pulling the team off of the remnants of what had been moments before five plus days of lunch supplies.

We always secured the dogs after that.

Don't drink and.....do anything!

Years ago, a friend of mine came back with a weird story from a backpacking trip that ended in Yosemite Valley. He had a good trip with everything going as planned and the story is about someone he met in the valley. As a shuttle bus pulled up at the stop he was at, an obviously inebriated young man came running down the trail yelling for the bus to wait for him. As he neared the bus he tripped and ran into the sign for the shuttle stop. Bouncing off the sign and into the side of the bus, the young man gathered himself together and then boarded the shuttle. As he shuffled by, my friend noticed a fair amount of blood being spattered about the seating area. The tipsy passenger went to the back of the bus whereupon he mumbled something about his hand then passed out. After looking at the now silent shuttle rider my friend asked the driver to stop for a moment while he ran back for something at the shuttle stop. Trotting back to the sign post he found most of the index finger of the aforementioned drunk neatly wedged between the two signs that had severed it from its anesthetized owner. The
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Upcoming Meetings and BASH events:

- Nov. 10** - at Doug Aldrich and Angela Dismas' home. (see flyer)
Nov. 16 - BASH All Breed Fun Match
Dec. 6 - Christmas Parade organization and decorating meeting.....
 (recommended for first timers)
Dec. 7 - Los Gatos Christmas Parade
Dec. 8 - San Jose Christmas Parade
Dec. 14 - Christmas Party and December meeting.
Jan 25, 26 - SnoBASH 97 #1

Put Your Ad HERE!

Advertise your kennel goods for sale or anything you may have in our newsletter for just \$10 a month for a business card size ad. Ads must be submitted by the 20th of the month to guarantee placement in the following months newsletter.

Please send camera ready copy to: Rande McQueen c/o BASH 2633 S. Bascom Ave Campbell CA 95008

AKC Siberian Husky litter

3 males
1 female

Available 11/10/96
Eyes and hips guaranteed.

Contact Lee Graff 916-257-9266

Gus is looking for a new home.

- a 2 year old, 60 lbs, pure bred Siberian Husky (has AKC papers) His is blue eyed, white/grey/black. Has a great personality with people, kids and other dogs.. He has alot of energy. He has typical husky behaviors when bored. He has passed basic obedience training, walks great on a leash. Dog was originally rescued from another person and didn't realize what a husky was like.
Call John at (415)548-9488

BASH Logo Items----

Check out the new design at the next meeting--

Coming soon- more mushing hats!

- *New SnoBASH Sweatshirts**
 Child M M L XL XXL \$20.00
***New SnoBASH t-Shirts**
 Child M M L XL XXL \$15.00
Sweatshirts-Child M M L XL XXL \$18.00
 Cardinal Forrest Green Black Plum Blue
Long Sleeve T-Shirts- L XL XXL \$15.00
 Cardinal Stoney Blue Black
Short Sleeve T-Shirt- Child M M L XL \$12.00
 Fusia Green Navy Black
NEW- Rescue t-shirts - L XL XXL XXXL \$15.00
 Black
***NEW hats !BASH Baseball hats** \$12.00
***NEW BASH sun visors** \$10.00
BASH pin (new logo) \$5.00
Wolf Christmas Ornaments \$8.00
Harnesses (x-Back, S, M, L, XL++) \$20.00
Alaskan Collars-won't choke and can't pull out! \$6.00
Leashes with tie-out \$10.00
1/2 inch Italian Brass Snaps \$2.00
2/3 inch Italian Brass Snaps \$2.50
1/4, 1/2 hollow rope for lines in various colors
 Call for price and colors
K-9 Cruisers (call as I haven't been able to get these lately) \$35.00
Rescue Knife (a must for mushing and carting) \$12.00
Call for shipping costs if you want items mailed

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UPCOMING SHOWS MATCHES AND EVENTS IN NO. CA 1996

- Nov 16- BASH All Breed Fun Match
 Nov 22-23 Golden Valley Kennel Club-All breed Show
 Stanislaus Co. Fairgrounds, Turlock, CA
 Nov 24-25 -San Joaquin Kennel Club -All Breed Show
 San Joaquin Co. Fairgrounds, Stockton, CA
 Dec. 1- San Mateo Kennel Club-
 San Mateo Co. Expo. Fiesta Hall, 25th Delaware, San Mateo
 Feb 1-2nd Golden Gate Kennel Club- Benched All breed show,
 Cow Palace in Daly City.
 Feb-10-11th- Westminster Kennel Club- All Breed Champion Bench show. Madison Square Gardens, look in your local TV guide for dates and time. Check the local TV guide for a listing.

BASH meeting minutes 10/20

Present: Kathy Miyoshi, Melissa & Terry Beers, Gary and Anita Kelly, Randee McQueen, Nic, Diane, Nicky and Chris Matulich, Doug Aldrich, Angela Dismas, Greg Newell, Teri and Lloyd Oshiro, Greg, Marie and Nick Stevens, Tom Born, Richard Beach, Debbie Gordon and Mike Langberg and A. Stack.

Guest: Amir Rejaian

Meeting was called to order at 3:20 on Mt. Umunhum, California.

Approval of Minutes as written. First by Gary and second by Nic.

Officers Reports:

President: Absent

Vice President: Absent but sent report. All letters have been sent out to vendors for donations to the match. We are waiting to get items back. Remind all members that we request that they obtain or give one item to the raffle. Can be from a pet store or other service or can be an item you make or purchase. All items need to be delivered to my house or Randee's office prior to the Match. Preferable at least two weeks prior. (next general meeting is on Nov. 10th and you can bring it there) This is so the items can be prepared or the raffle and we don't have to rush it on that morning.

Treasurer: Absent - report given to Secretary who passed it on to the accountant for review.

Secretary: We have had 4 new paid members and 6 members through BASHR/R. Entries are coming in for the All Breed. Currently we have more than \$1000 dollars in entries. I would also like to apologize for all the errors in last months newsletter. The only excuse I have is that it was my end of month, end of Quarter and I was leaving for a 1 week trip and felt the need to get it out early then I have problems with the computer.

Rescue Chairman: Pet Fair in San Jose placed 3 dogs. The Artful Dodger was placed in a joint effort between Gary Kelly and Greg Newell. A grand effort was made to rescue two Siberians from Lakeport. Alan Doyle picked them up (5 hour round trip), Jacques Porter got them from Alan with the help of her friend Jan then Dana Anderson picked them up from her to take them to the Pet Fair. One was adopted that day. It has been slow in the south bay lately, we hope it picks up soon. Currently we have 5 Siberians in foster care.

Election of New Members:

Greg Newell: unanimous

Teri and Lloyd Oshiro: unanimous

Old Business:

All Breed: It is off to a great start. Again we have over \$1000 of entries. The raffle is getting but would like extras so that some can have a break. Reminder that all members and or their friends that do a "job" receive a great big thank you and free lunch! We have many jobs still to be filled. Jaques will begin calling as soon as she is given the final list. Tom Born and Tombstone Pizza will be the food vendor. All proceeds from the sale will go to next years events! We need awnings /tents if anyone has them. We need help beginning at 7 am to set up things.

Ice Cream Social: Was a great success. We had over 50 dogs, went on countless cart runs around the course, went through 80 frosty paws, 3 gallons of Ice Cream and just had a nice time.

Dog Shows: BASH attended the Nor CAL's show on Sept 21st and passed out brochures, and Nic, Greg and Randee went to the Gavilan Dog Show. Some BASH items were sold at both events.

Bike Rally: Was a success for the school. 304 rides were given to students mostly on the cart but for smaller ones on a wagon. The cost of the rides were \$1.00 or 2 tickets. Those that attended were the Tews (their kids school) Nic Matulich, Greg, Marie & Nick Stevens, Scott Tilmont, Melissa Beers and Randee McQueen.

New Business:

Christmas Parades: We will be at Randee's office (2633 S. Bascom from 6-9 pm to decorate the sleds, wagons, back packs etc..... for both parades. All are welcome to attend. Flyer will be sent with newsletter for more information.

Christmas Party: Scheduled for Dec. 14 at the Cabana by Nic's house. More info will be in newsletter.

Next meeting: November 10th at Angela Dismas and Doug Aldrich's home. It will be a BBQ. More info will be in flyer in newsletter.

Braggs:

Next Meeting: Nov 10th (time to be announced) for a BBQ at the home of Doug Aldrich and Angela Dismas

Meeting adjourned at 4:05

AGENDA November 10, 1996

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| I. | Call to Order | VI. | Old Business: |
| II. | Sign in sheet of members present | | A. All Breed |
| | A. Introduce guests | | B. Christmas Parade |
| III. | Approval of Minutes | | C. SnoBASH |
| IV. | Reports | VII. | New Business: |
| | A. President | | A. |
| | B. Vice-President | | B. |
| | C. Treasurer | | C. |
| | D. Secretary | VIII. | Set Next Meetings Agenda- |
| | E. Rescue Chairman | IX. | Braggs |
| V. | Election of New Members | | Adjournment |
| | A. (none at time of printing) | | |

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young man got a ride to Merced with lights and sirens and an ice pack for his digit. Don't drink and chase buses.

Flame on!

I use these stories when talking to my Scout Troop about using liquid fuel stoves safely.

I was on a backpacking trip with my sister, Judy, and some friends in the Sierras about 10 years ago. On the first morning of the trip we were fueling my sister's Peak One stove using a filter funnel and my Sigg bottle. We over filled the stove and fuel sloshed out onto my hands and feet. As I was screwing the cap back in place on the Sigg fuel bottle, my sister who was standing about 4 feet away, struck a stick match. With the final twist to the cap, a lone sputtering spark from the match flew across the gap between Judy and I, hitting my white gas soaked hands. The ensuing flames startled me so that I flipped the funnel and fuel bottle into the air. The fuel bottle landed on the ground at my feet and set the fuel on my shoes afire. The funnel spun sideways and hit my white Malamute, Buddy, on the back, dispensing the residual fuel. He jumped and took off running through the camp looking like a flaming snowball, eyes rolling, looking over his shoulder at the flames.

To recap, my hands were on fire, as were my shoes. The flaming fuel bottle was rolling on the ground catching the pine duff along with the burning funnel that had now fallen off of my flaming streak of a dog. With all of this, what I most remember is the incredulous look on my sister's face as she took this all in, still holding the burning match. In a flash, several people jumped to action. Two people caught Buddy and threw a coat over him and I am happy to report he was unharmed other than the loss of some guard hairs. Another kicked dirt over the fuel bottle and stomped out the pine needles. The funnel was tossed into the fire pit where it burned out on its own. I stuck my hands inside my jacket to extinguish them and the fire on my shoes was short lived, burning out on its own as I ran after my dog.

The most serious injury was to my sister's finger and thumb from the match that burned down and singed her as she stood watching, mouth agape, unable to fathom what just transpired.

Another note on stove safety, do not leave a Bic type lighter too close to a lit stove. I saw one knock someone's

stove off of a table when it blew up. Fortunately, no one was hurt and the stove was undamaged.

I came close to getting hurt by a stove some years back on Murphy Pass. Diane, Dena and I had hiked in with Buddy and I was getting ready to cook some breakfast on the stove I had just refilled and lit. The stove had given me trouble from the time it was new but it was mainly a problem with not being able to shut it off completely. This time it did something I and my family were unprepared for. As I knelt down to put the pan on, the stove sudden blew its safety valve. I was only aware of a sudden flash, but the screams from Diane and Dena alerted me that something dramatic had just happened. As quickly as it happened, it passed, just a split second of heat was all I felt. Diane and Dena jumped up screaming and yelling if I was all right. I had not moved and still did not realize what happened and asked Diane to tell me. She again repeated, "are you O.K.?" After standing up and seeing my still smoldering clothing Diane said I was enveloped in a ball of fire that completely obscured me from her view. The hair on my arms and legs was gone, as were my eyebrows and the mustache I sported at the time. My eyelashes were singed and most of the hair above my forehead had been shortened considerably. The 3 days growth of beard no longer needed trimming. All of my exposed skin was turning red like a sunburn.

The cause of the sudden failure was the after market pump adapter I had installed on my Sigg 123 backpacking stove. I had been told that they were unreliable by several people but the convenience they offered convinced me to try it anyway. I tossed the stove into the lake to turn it off.

Of cables and Men!, kids, too.

The steel cables you see used can be a disaster waiting to happen if not properly monitored. I severely damaged the tendons in my right leg while I was washing Mot one day in our front yard. He was staked out on the lawn with a 10 foot cable attached to a swivel spike in the ground. While washing him I had unknowingly stepped into a loop in the cable just as the neighbors cat decided to dart out from some bushes. Mot's 110 pounds of Malamute hit the end of the cable and flipped me off my feet, dragging me about 4 feet. The fall was bad enough, but the loop closing on my ankle damn near caused me to pass out with pain. I had a circular dent about 1/2 inch deep around my shin above the ankle that immediately turned purple and began to ooze blood. By nightfall, my foot was swollen to twice its size. You can imagine how I felt as I considered that I was leaving on a 10 day backcountry trip in less than a week. Luck prevailed and the leg healed quickly.

My point for this is to give everyone pause for a moments consideration when they use a cable tie out of any length. Considering how much damage it caused to my leg, imagine what could happen if a child or even an adult got their neck looped in a cable. Even a rope or leash should not be taken too lightly for what it can do. That goes for snowhook and snub-gee lines, too.

Well, I have many other mistakes I would love to impart to everyone but I will have to leave them to another time, space limitations you know. Bye for now.



Clueless on the Show World?^{by} Melissa Beers

Being basically a Siberian "pet" person, I often find myself at a dog show watching the action and having absolutely no idea what is going on. If you're like me, you love to go and see all the beautiful dogs parade around the ring—but know that you're missing something essential about the basic workings of the whole process. Dogs go in and out of the rings in different groups, then some dogs return for other groups, then one dog wins and everyone claps. Further complicating the issue is the terminology used by those familiar with the show world which often leaves the rest of us wondering "what did he say?" after someone "brags" about his dogs recent accomplishments in the ring.

So, after a number of years of being confused, I finally asked! Angie Luna, Icewind Siberians of Garland, Texas—a member of the Sibernet-L e-mail list—was kind enough to provide me with the following information. In preparation for the BASH all breed in a few weeks, I thought I'd share it with the other clueless folks out there

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The Show World Revealed by Angie Luna
At a show, there are different classes for males, and different classes for females. For points, males compete only against their own sex (to begin with), and likewise for females. The different classes for males (dogs) are judged first. Then the first place dog from each class goes back in the ring to compete for Winners Dog. The only male that gets points is Winners Dog. Points vary from 1 to 5, depending on how many males competed that day. If there is a large number of males competing that day (in Texas - 12 males) it is worth 3 points, which is called a major. 3, 4, or 5 points all won at once is called a 'major' (major win). To 'finish' a dog (complete his Championship), you have to get 15 points total, with at least 2 majors. That means that you can get 9 single points at small shows (in Texas - 2-6 males entered), and then get two 3-point majors, or you can get three 5-point majors at large shows and the dog is a Champion. Oh yeah, the two major wins have to be under two different judges, and at least one of the other points has to be under a third judge (this is to prevent a dog from becoming a Champion by winning a lot under only 1 judge).

After the males are judged, the females (bitches) are judged in the same manor. Winners Bitch gets the points. For Best Of Breed competition, first the Champions go in the ring, followed by Winners Dog (WD) and Winners Bitch (WB). ('Special' is used to refer to a dog that is entered that is already a Champion, and is competing for Best Of Breed.) The judge awards Best Of Breed to one of these, and can even give Best Of Breed to Winners Dog or Bitch. BB (or BOB) means Best Of Breed. That would be the Siberian that the judge felt was the Best Siberian shown in the ring that day.

The judge also gives Best Of Winners (BOW) and Best Of Opposite Sex (BOS). Best Of Winners goes to either Winners Dog or Winners Bitch. The only difference that this makes is sometimes in points won. If the male got 3 points by getting Winners Dog, but the

female only got 2 points by getting Winners Bitch, the female will be awarded 3 points if she gets Best Of Winners over Winners Dog. (This is just 3 points total, not 3 additional points). This means that the judge thought that Winners Bitch was better than Winners Dog, therefore she should get the same number of points as he got, not fewer points. If Best Of Breed goes to a male, then Best Of Opposite Sex goes to the female that the judge feels is the best female in the ring that day. If Best Of Breed goes to a female, then Best Of Opposite Sex goes to a male.

Every dog at a show falls into one of 7 Groups: Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, Non-Sporting, and Herding. The Best Of Breed winner from each Breed goes on to compete for 1st-4th place in each Group (Siberians are in the Working Group). A Group 1 means 1st place in the Working Group (if the dog is a Siberian). At the end of the show is Best In Show competition (BIS) for the 7 dogs that won each of the 7 Groups. One dog at each show is awarded Best In Show!

Hopefully, this isn't too confusing! Now on to obedience.

There are 3 regular obedience levels in the U.S. The first level is Novice, the next is Open, and the last is Utility. To obtain these titles, you must show and 'qualify' in at least 3 shows at each level, under 3 different judges.

To 'qualify', you have to PASS each individual exercises, getting at least 50% of each exercise, with a minimum score of 170 total points (out of 200 possible). When you've done this 3 times, at one level, under 3 different judges, you get your title for that level. For Novice you earn a CD title (Companion Dog), for Open you earn a CDX title (Companion Dog Excellent), and for Utility you earn a UD title (Utility Dog). Novice is pretty basic, Heeling on and off lead, Stand for Exam, Recall (Come), and Sit-Stay and Down-Stay (1 minute and 3 minutes respectively). Open is all off lead work, Drop on Recall, Retrieving, Jumping, and 3-minute Sit-Stay with owners gone, and 5-minute Down-Stay with owners gone (lots of fun with Siberians!).

Utility consists of all off lead work, Heeling only with hand signals, no voice commands allowed, Stand, Down, Sit, and Come with only hand signals, Scent Articles (dog picking out of a pile a leather and a metal 'article' that the owner has handled or 'scented'), a Directed Retrieve (Dog being sent to retrieve one of 3 gloves), a Moving Stand for Exam, and Directed Jumping (dog going out to the end of the ring when told by owner, then sitting on command, then taking the jump that the owner directs him to and coming and sitting in front of the owner). Then the dog is sent out to do the other jump.

I hope some of you have found this explanation as helpful as I did. Now when I am helping to steward a ring at our All Breed (contact Randee if you can volunteer—we need everyone's help to spread out the work), I can at least pretend I know what's going on!

Rescue story of the Month

Each month we will print a story about a "rescue" dog whether it be about how they were rescued, what home they are adopted into, a cute story from a foster home etc.... I hope you will enjoy these.....

Jasmine.....



This is a story about a wonderfully laid back 4 year old name of Jasmin. She is decidedly plump and might indeed be called roly poly. Her story in rescue starts when she is dropped at my house, the 3rd. Saturday of September. Now in the three weeks I have had Jasmin in my home she has been a perfect lady.

On Sat. the 12th. of Oct. "Jasmin the Wonderful", was adopted by a family with

one child and everyone was happy. Sunday morning, bright and early I received a phone call telling me that Jasmin was doing well and had just made herself at home, she seemed to be getting on quite well with the 16 year old sheep dog that was a long-standing resident. AHH, all is well.

Sunday evening I called to say hi and see how the day had gone. what I found was David running around trying to find....you guessed it, Jasmin. The family on their way to a park with their newly adopted fur child, had put her in one side and she, in the true Husky fashion had gone out the opposite side window. I hung up hurriedly and called the 800 #. of course there were messages, 6 in all. Out of the 6 messages 4 were about our girl.

one was from a fellow named Mike, he only had her a short time, while calling the 800 # she went out the living room window. Next call was from Margo who called and then lost him as someone opened the door to come in and Jasmin went out. Then we had a call from Mario who had the dog. The last call was from Mario saying to hurry.

Jasmin was at last found and all this, in about 2 hrs. Another happy family and another safe husky, thanks to the Tags and the 800 #.

Reminder... all members are welcome to purchase a rescue tag for \$5.00.

A yearbook for 1996-

If you are a member of BASH, please send to us pictures of your dogs (pure bred, alaskan, rescue, sammy's, etc...) doing something at home or at a club activity. We would like to make a yearbook of this year's dogs and all of the fun we had.

Send your pictures to:

Jacques' Porter
358 Haas Ave.
San Leandro, CA 94577

Bay Area Siberian Husky Rescue/Referral



Presents:

Adoption Fairs (dates will be limited for Nov. & Dec)

Premium Pet Mart

Please join us on Saturday, November 2

11 am to 3 pm

4698 Meridian Ave

(at Branham Ave.)

Directions to Husky Day in San Jose. Take 85

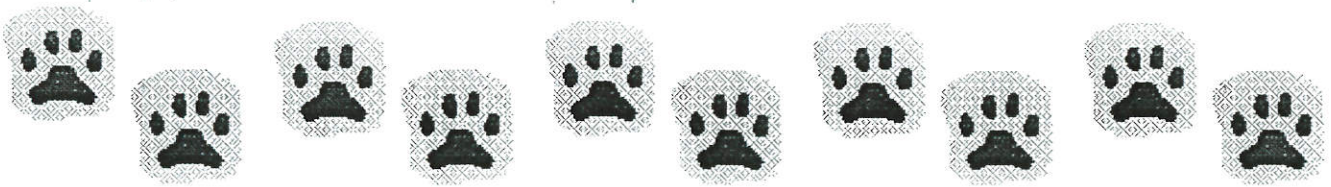
South Exit Camden Ave. Go Right at light to

Branham Ave. Go South on Branham to

Meridian. Shopping Center on far right corner.


You will find Premium Pet Mart in the middle.

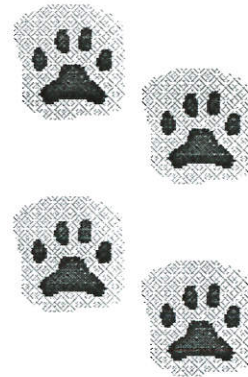
Watch for special
locations during the
winter months.



DA Guys Invitation

BASH Club Meeting Doug's B-Day

When: November 10, 1996
Time: 5:00 PM
Where:  1751 Marina Way
San Jose
Phone: (408) 266-9718
Bring: Dessert or Salad



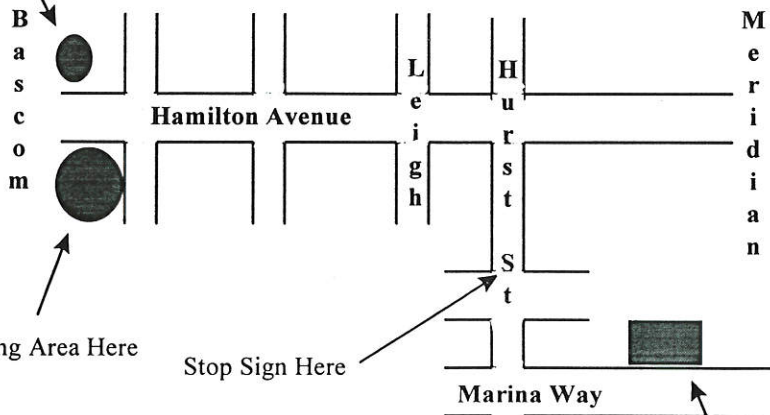
*Meat and drinks will be provided.
 If you are bringing your dogs, gang lines will be provided.*

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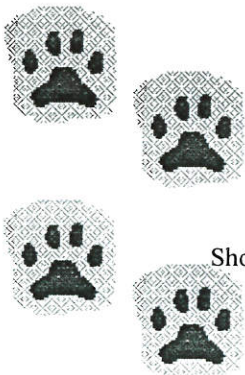
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Shopping Area Here

Stop Sign Here

DA Guys Home
 (You can see a "Da Guys" Sign)



The Bay Area Siberian Husky Club, is a group of men and women, it is a group of people who believe that the Siberian Husky/ Northern Dog is the finest canine companion in the world. Its a group of people brought together for the purpose of showing, sledging, carting, rescuing, and just generally having a good time with their dogs, but more than all of this, it is now a group of FRIENDS. With this in mind, this bulletin board has been set up as a place to say thanks to the club in general or any individuals in the club.

On Oct,19th, following a particularly busy and successful adoption day, a group of hungry, tired and extremely talented individuals met at my house and with a few cement blocks and a pile of sand, created a wonderful floor for my kennel. Following the playtime in the sand box we polished off mounds of spaghetti, garlic bread and soda's. A good time was had by all. A great big thank you to Randee, Nic and his son Chris, Kathy and Jan for their labor, blocks and pick up of blocks, also to Marilyn for her donation of 40 blocks.

*Jacques Porter
Tali and Taxi and all the
future rescue dogs.....*

John and Charlie Tews
would like to thank all the people that came
with their dogs to do cart rides at the Bike
Rally at Terrell School.
The dogs earned the school \$304.00.

**Gracie, Konan and Stoli
(the escape artist) would like
to thank Angela and Doug for
coming up and helping our owners
(Kathy and Amir) in putting a roof over
our heads. (Stoli isn't so happy that she
can no longer visit the next door neighbor
by jumping the fence).**

**We now have a nice dry place to
spend our days while our
owners
are at work.**

Braggs

The Tews bragged- Shaman won 4th place at the Nationals in the Brood Bitch class with 13 Brood bitches plus 2 puppies per bitch. Shaman and Angel both won a Reserve and the Donner Trail Shows.

The Beers bragged - Juneau is March 12, 1997 page of the 365 Days of Dogs calendar.

RACE THE WEST

SNDD 3,4,6,8 dog Sprint Races 1997
Mark your calendars now!

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| Jan 4-5 | Forrest Hills (17 miles east of Auburn) |
| Jan 18-19 | Markleeville |
| Feb 7-8 | Mamouth Lakes |
| Feb 15-16 | Truckee Lions Race |
| Feb 22-23 | Chester (this one is not confirmed yet) |

Information on Christmas Parades

Organizational meeting on December 6th (see map)
 Los Gatos is on Saturday December 7th
 San Jose is on Sunday December 8th

A little background on what went on last year. Our theme is "Santa's Arctic Helpers". All participants in the parade wore either a red or green BASH shirt or sweatshirt along with a Santa hat or BASH hat. All of the dogs either wore packs with presents in them or pulled a cart, wagon or sled. All of the carts were decorated with garland and lights. All of the dogs wore snowman scarfs and bells. Kids 8 and under were required by San Jose Parade officials to ride not walk. We met around 9 am, we got in line at 10 and were finished by 11:30.

Many members will attend both parades. We had a great time last year at San Jose's. The more kids and dogs the more fun we have. We also have more sleds, carts and a golf cart to use this year. Friends and kids that don't have dogs are also welcome to join us. We need more people than with carting to help "hold" the dogs as 1/2 mile an hour is a little slow for them.

At the organizational meeting we will decorate packs (we have some to loan), get an idea of what kids need to be on what cart, who will walk where (we try to spread the various "rigs" around), decorate harnesses, carts and sleds.

Items to bring with you- boxes wrapped or to be wrapped, bells, string for bells, garland, battery operated lights and anything else you think would be fun. Dogs are welcome to come to the meeting. We will have pizza and soda's.

Directions and last minute information will be in next month's newsletter along with a sign up for both parades. Remember to put it on your calendar now.

New Years in the back country?

Nic Matulich is organizing a Dog Sled Camping Trip for 3 nights (maybe 4).

Where: *Meiss Skihut
(Outside of Hope Valley near Kirkwood)*

When: *Dec 29th through Jan 1st*

Limit: *10 people*

If you are interested in attending, call Nic at (408)379-7253

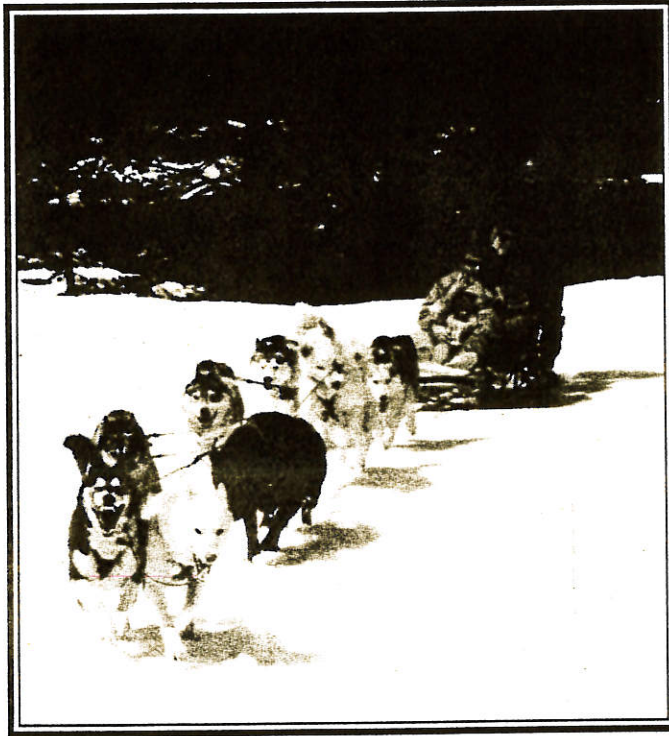
Think snow, snow and more snow

Are you interested in lessons in sledding?

Dotty Dennis of Husky Express has offered to set up a special 2 day class for 4 BASH members during the week. We can set up the date with her. If there is snow we can even have it prior to Christmas. Dogs, sled, food and room are all included.

If you are interested contact: Rande McQueen at (408)377-2900 for more information and prices.

Dog Sled Rides Cross Country Skiing



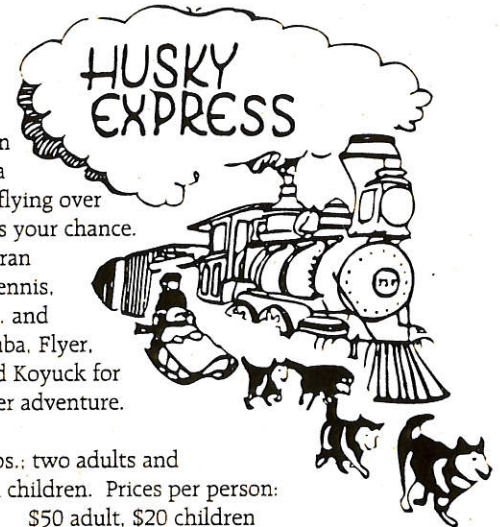
**Reservations:
1-800-833-MUSH**

**Information:
702-782-3047**



Dog Sled Rides

Have you ever wanted to ride on a sled pulled by a team of huskies flying over the snow? Here's your chance. Join 20 year veteran musher Dotty Dennis, lead dog Mazie... and Ruby, Silver, Jamba, Flyer, Foxy, Blitzen and Koyuck for an exciting winter adventure.



Sleds hold 375 lbs.; two adults and one or two small children. Prices per person:

- One hour ride: \$50 adult, \$20 children
- Picnic rides: 2 hour: \$175
- Moonlight rides and special event rides available

\$90 minimum per sled

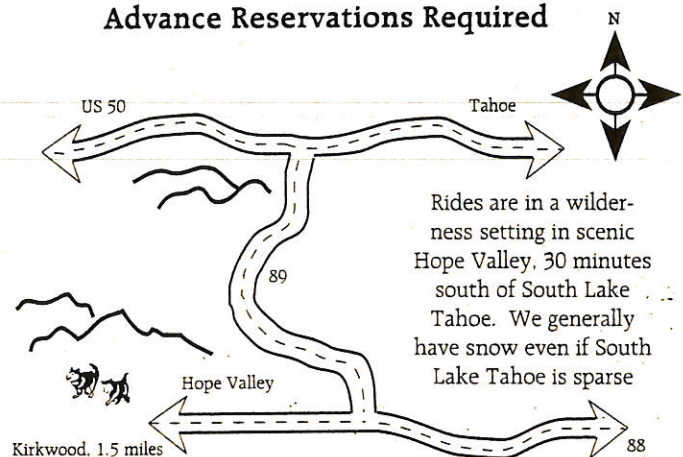
Weather and trail conditions permitting

Cross Country Ski Lessons

A quality three hour nordic ski lesson by PSIA certified instructor, David Beck, with skis, boots and poles included. Cost is \$30 (two student minimum).

Dog sled rides can be combined with nordic ski lessons. We offer complete back country ski guide service, hut skiing, wilderness sled dog/ski expeditions, as well as avalanche, survival and musher courses. Write for brochure.

Advance Reservations Required



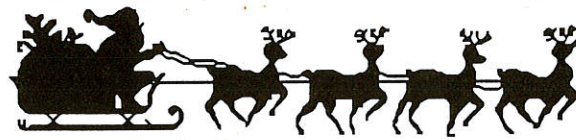
We have the following permits:

Toiyabe N.F. and Lake Tahoe Basin Mgmt. Unit U.S.F.S.

Box 176, Gardnerville, NV 89410

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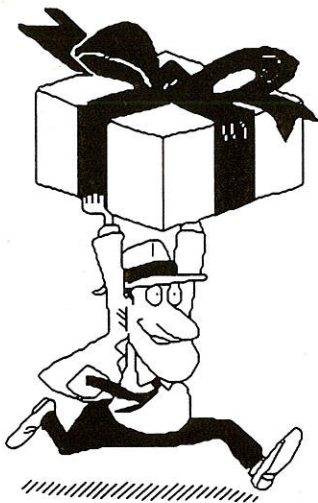
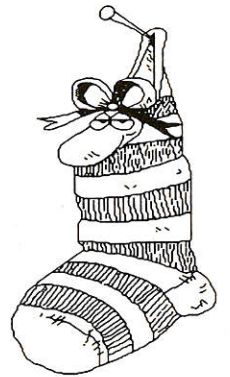
Everybody is welcome to come join the fun!



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CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Gift Exchange!
(one for kids, one for adults)
\$10.00 gift for adult
\$5.00 gift for child



When: Saturday December 14
Time: 6 pm to 10 pm
Where: Nic and Diane Matulich's
Cabana (Map on back)
Cost: \$5.00 Adults
\$3.00 for kids
(Pasta, Salads, Bread)

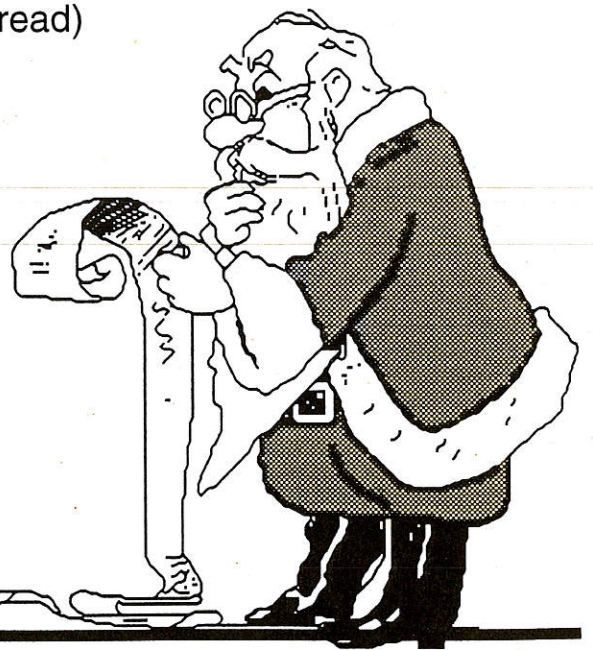
*Special Raffle drawing
after Dinner!*

Casual
Attire

What To Bring:

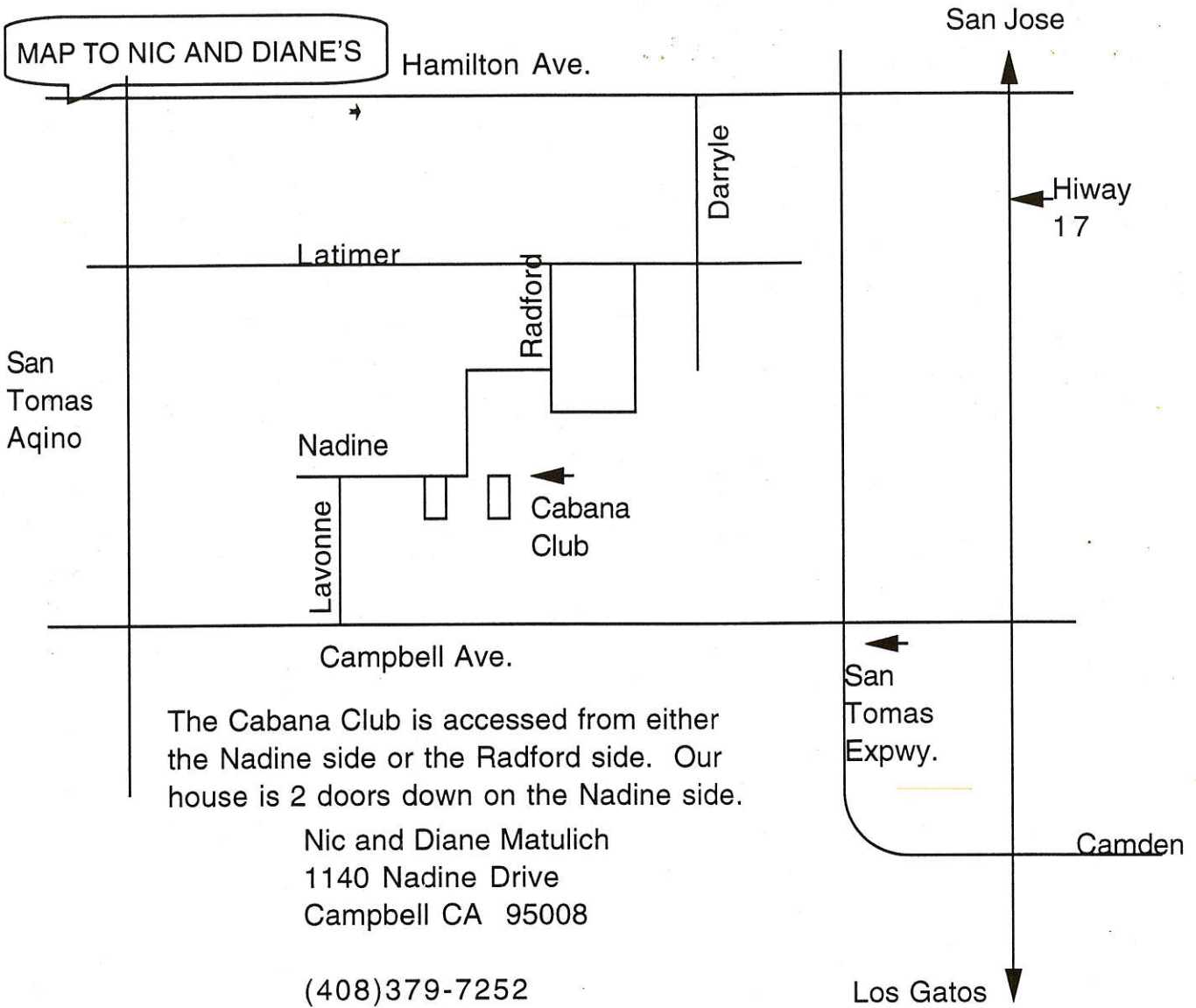
If your last name begins with:

- A-L - Bring a dessert
- M-P - Bring drinks (Soda's
Beer or Wine)
- S-X - Appetizers



_____ adults and _____ children will be attending the Christmas Party
I have enclosed a check to BASH in the amount of _____
Please return to: Randee McQueen, 2633 S Bascom Ave. Campbell CA 95008
or phone in your reservation (408)377-2900 by Dec 9.

MAP TO NIC AND DIANE'S



The Cabana Club is accessed from either the Nadine side or the Radford side. Our house is 2 doors down on the Nadine side.

Nic and Diane Matulich
1140 Nadine Drive
Campbell CA 95008

(408)379-7252

**Christmas Decorating and Organization meeting
6pm Friday December 6th**

(same area as the above map)

If you have questions contact Randee at (408)377-2900

2633 S Bascom Ave., go to back lot where you will see a large garage

