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A REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS:

Please advise our secretary, Lynne Conder, of any changes to your address, phone or e-mail address. We don't want you to miss any of the PrairieLand newsletters!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR . . . CLUB MEETING DATES FOR 2021

- January 20, 2021
- March 17, 2021
- May – TBA (watch for e-mail notification)
- July – TBA - (annual picnic)
- September 15, 2021
- November 20, 2021 (in conjunction with the Festival of Trees)



NEXT MEETING

Information will be available at a later date.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy Valentine's Day!!!!

Hi All!

It's hard to believe that January has gone. I think everyone is anxious to see what spring will bring. COVID keeps marching along. Some of you may have already been lucky enough to get your vaccines. It is still pretty hard to be able to get one in central Illinois. Our local health department had 900 vaccine appointments open up at 10:00 on Friday. Within 10 minutes all 900 were spoken for.

The club is still planning on having our May specialty. It will be a "show and go specialty". The details will be coming out in a little while.

Stay safe!

Your President,

Connie Reidner



PSSC MEETING MINUTES 01/20/21

The Prairieland Standard Schnauzer meeting was held via Zoom on Wednesday, 1/20/21, 6:30 pm, lead by President Connie Reidner. Thank you to Don Kachur for arranging and set up of the Zoom meeting.

In attendance were Connie Reidner, Kathy Koehler, Penny Duffee, Kathi Dvorak, Gwen Kirman, Marsha Landers, Don and Diane Kachur, Lynne Conder, Alexis Hubbard, Jon Rosenberg, Suzanne Garcia.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as published. *(Jon/Penny)*

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Koehler gave a financial report. Financially we are still doing okay considering no May 2020 show. A full copy of the report is available by request to the treasurer.

OLD BUSINESS

PSSC May regional specialty 5/30/21

- Penny reported plans are progressing and reported this year's new show restrictions/changes. New guidelines are from AKC and the local cluster committee.
 - No spectators or public are allowed. Only exhibitors are admitted to show grounds. Everyone entering must sign a waiver and receive a wristband, which is required at check-in each day and while on show grounds. Masks are required at all times on the show grounds.
 - BaRay is the new show superintendent, from Oregon state. www.barayevents.com.
 - Limit is 1000 dogs/day. You are encouraged to get in entries ASAP. Penny will get out the opening date as soon as she knows. Show closes 5/12/21.
 - There will be no grooming in the building. Groom at your vehicle or RV only.
 - Shows are a show-n-go format. Exhibitors pick up their own armbands and any ribbons.
 - 3 sweeps, with a new 18-30 months, are planned.
 - Reserved RV/van sites will still be available. Need to get those in ASAP also.
 - No annual banquet on Sunday night is planned.

NEW BUSINESS

PSSC website and Facebook page

- Most of the Board members received an email from a website design company regarding affordable kennel club websites. New SS regional club RRSSC recently had their website done by this company.
- During the meeting Alexis Hubbard, who maintains our Facebook (FB) page, gave an update regarding usage. Discussion and questions followed.
 - Our FB page is 3 years old. We have over 300 followers. Our FB page is not private; it can be found on FB by anyone. The last post was spring '20 about our May show cancellation. Alexis also usually posts SSCA National show info.
 - Last year 18 people searched on FB for our FB page. 7 times people have linked from our FB page to PSSC website.
 - A couple times a year people ask about puppies. Alexis refers them to SSCA breeder info on standardschnauzer.org.
 - To increase awareness or usage of our FB page, one thing PSSC FB users can do is 'Like' our page and 'Like' posts on our page. If someone 'Likes' a post then all of their FB Friends see that post also.
 - PSSC website needs a link back to PSSC FB page.
 - Brags published in our newsletter are also welcome on both FB and our website. Don Farage is the contact for PSSC website.

PSSC Rescue chair needed

- Our current rescue chair Sharon Talaga doesn't want to continue.
- If you are interested in volunteering for this, contact Connie Reidner.
- We seldom have rescue efforts in our area, so responsibilities are light.

Potential members

- 2 SSCA members now live in our area, 1 in Savoy IL and 1 in Westchester IL.
- We currently have no brochure or welcome letter for prospective PSSC members.
- Don and Diane Kachur volunteered to compose a letter describing our club and inviting to attend meetings or join.

Other announcements

- Kathy K. reported the 2021 Membership list is not ready yet.
- Marsha, Lynne and Jon, Suzanne shared brags.
 - Kathi Dvorak encouraged members to send brags to her for the PSSC newsletter.
 - Brags can also be posted on PSSC FB page.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. (Lynne/Don)

Next meeting plans will be announced later.

Submitted by Lynne Conder, PSSC Secretary



May 2021 Specialty

So far plans are still on for the Heart of Illinois Cluster over Memorial weekend in Bloomington. Right now the average positivity rate in central Illinois is less than 5% and things are partially opened up. However, as everyone knows, these conditions can change between now and May.

There will definitely be a different look to the shows this year! No outside spectators permitted. . . AKC current rules. Everyone entering the grounds must show some type of identification that indicates you are associated with the show – your entries, an RV reservation, etc. Guidelines and a waiver form will be printed in the premium list and on the BaRay Events website (new superintendent this year) Everyone must fill out and sign the waiver (that includes minors traveling with exhibitors, etc.) to receive a wristband allowing entrance to the grounds. These wristbands must be worn at all times on the grounds – no admittance to the buildings without a wristband.

Masks will be required at all times except in your own parking area. Social distancing should be maintained at all times. . . on the grounds, in the buildings and in the rings. No congregating at the Superintendent's area, the photographer's set up or at ringside.

It will be a “Show and Go” format. There will be no grooming in the buildings – all grooming must be done by your vehicle. You can bring a crate into the building just before our breed is judged – and you must remove it after the breed is over.

Rings will be set up with an entrance and an exit. Armbands will be on a table by the ring for exhibitors to pick up their own armband. Ribbons will be on another table for exhibitors to pick up as they exit the ring. Social distancing should be maintained in the ring.

Win photos will be taken without the judges. Before the shows begin, the judges for that day will have their photos taken and the appropriate judge will be photo shopped into your photo.

There will be reserved day parking available for cars/vans. Some will be in front of the West Expo (main show building) on grass with no electricity. You may leave your pop-ups, ex pens, etc. there overnight. Additional reserved day parking will be available in 2 of the covered, open-sided buildings behind the show buildings. These buildings have dirt floor and shared electricity available. You may also leave equipment over night – but no overnight parking.

There will be the usual RV parking grid. . . no significant changes for RV’s.

Our usual food vendor, Alexanders, will be with us again this year – but there will be no picnic tables/seating available in that area.

The show entries will be limited to 1000 dogs. An opening date & time will be posted on the BaRay website. . . and we anticipate that the limit will be reached quickly. So be prepared to get your entries in ASAP when it opens.

Because of all the restrictions, we do not plan to hold our annual dinner on Sunday night ☹️ We will all miss the socializing, the raffle and silent auction. . . and the good food and drinks!

But let’s all stay safe and healthy – and look forward to a more “normal” specialty next year!!



This is the waiver that Heart of Illinois Cluster will be requiring all attendees to sign before access to the show grounds.

Heart of Illinois Cluster (HOIC)
Illinois Valley KC of Peoria (IVKC)
Corn Belt KC (CBKC)
McLean County Ag Expo Center (MCAEC)
COVID-19 EVENT WAIVER – Shows May 27-31, 2021

NOTICE – ANYONE WHO ATTENDS THIS CLUSTER MUST SIGN THIS FORM
(Exhibitors, Owners, Handlers, Breeders, Assistants, Family, Friends, Etc)If you are on the grounds, this form must be on file. This also includes minor children under 18 years of age.

I fully attest to the best of my knowledge I do not have COVID-19 at the time of attending this event. I, also, attest I have NOT been in contact with or exposed to any know carrier of COVID-19 within the past 14 days. I agree that I am attending the Heart of Illinois Dog Shows entirely at my own risk and take full responsibility for my own health and safety during this event. I will follow all AKC, Club & Event Center requirements, procedures, protocols and guidelines to reduce any exposure and possibility of contracting or spreading the virus. I will also follow CDC, Federal, State of Illinois, McLean County, City of Bloomington guidelines in regard to COVID-19.

I fully submit that the AKC, HOIC, IVKC, CBKC, MCAEC and all other contracted staff & employees, any workers or volunteers, are in no way liable for any present or future COVID-19 exposure incurred at any time by any person, in attendance or not in attendance, during or after this event, and hereby waive all rights to file a lawsuit against above if I am exposed to COVID-19.

By signing this waiver below, I hereby agree to & agree to follow everything contained within this waiver.

Print Name of both signer (& minor if applicable)

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Cell Phone: _____ cell phone (if applicable) _____

Signature _____ Minor Child under 18 year Signature _____

Date: _____

PLEASE PRINT, FILL OUT & BRING FORM (S) WITH YOU. YOU MUST HAND IN THE FORM TO GET YOUR WRISTBAND WHICH WILL BE YOUR ACCESS TO THE SHOW GROUNDS AND PASS IN & OUT OF THE BUILDINGS.

NO FORM – NO WRISTBAND – NO SHOW – NO EXCEPTIONS

This is the "Best Practices Guidelines" which outlines the regulations and is referred to in the above Waiver.

**ATTENTION EXHIBITORS
PLEASE NOTE**

Conditions and regulations change frequently so please check this IL site for up to date information: <https://www.pcchd.org/DocumentCenter/View/1364/CDC-Quarentine-Guidance-Dec-2020-PDF>

Or the McClean County site: <https://health.mcleancountyil.gov>

1) **THIS IS A SHOW AND GO EVENT.** You must arrive at the ring right before your scheduled ring time and must leave immediately after showing unless you will be showing in a group. Buildings will have limited capacity. Please, only the person showing the dog, enter the building (wrist band required). One additional person may assist if necessary. If we see people loitering, we may ask you to leave the building to keep our limited occupancy within range. **NO GROOMING ALLOWED IN SHOW BUILDINGS. NO HIGH VELOCITY FANS ALLOWED IN BUILDING. ALL GROOMING MUST BE DONE AT YOUR VEHICLE.** Grooming shall be limited to beside your vehicle including the use of pop-up tents should weather conditions warrant. Please park with sufficient distance between vehicles. There will be limited space for crates/trolleys **JUST DURING YOUR SHOW TIME AND MUST BE TAKEN OUT OF BUILDING IMMEDIATELY WHEN YOUR BREED JUDGING IS COMPLETED.**

2) These shows will be closed to the general public. Please have proof of entry (email confirmation, id card, rv parking info, etc) available upon arrival to the site. Everyone entering the show grounds will be required to have a waiver on file for contact tracing and be given a wristband for each day on the show grounds. There will be a waiver form within the premium list and **EVERY PERSON (ADULT OR MINOR)** must turn in a waiver at the gate and receive wristbands which must be worn at all times while on the show grounds.

3) Masks are required (masks **MUST** cover your mouth and nose at all times unless stated below. **THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT PERMITTED: NECK GAITERS, OPEN CHIN TRIANGLE BANDANAS NOR FACEMASKS WITH VALVES, VENTS, MESH MATERIAL OR HOLES OF ANY KIND. A FACESHIELD WITHOUT A PROPERLY WORN MASK UNDER IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE PROTECTION. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO WEAR A MASK, PLEASE WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR TO ENTER OUR SHOWS. . . THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!**

- a) Buildings: When inside any building, masks are required at all times (with the exception of the hospitality area for our judges and workers). You may raise or lower your mask to get a drink or wipe sweat away but must remain social distancing. You must keep your mask on when gaiting your dog in the ring. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- b) Outdoors: Masks are required at all times where social distancing is not possible. **MASKS MUST BE WORN IN THE FOOD VENDOR AREA AND SOCIAL DISTANCE IN LINE.** Masks do not need to be worn in your vehicle space area as long as you are able to social distance (6'). You do not need to wear a mask if the people around you are staying with you.

- 4) All rings will have a separate entrance and exit. Six feet (6') will be marked from the ring for social distancing.
- 5) Buildings will have a separate entrance and exit where possible. Please follow signs to avoid roadblocks.
- 6) Please keep aisles as clear as possible and no socializing at ring areas.
- 7) Hand sanitizer stations will be at all entrances and ringside.
- 8) Armbands will be at separate tables ringside. No armbands will be given out by the steward.
- 9) No public catalogs at superintendents office or stewards tables. Show catalogs will be available for purchase.
- 10) No public chairs will be provided.
- 11) Please respect all club members, stewards and superintendents and social distance – do not take off your mask! Many are in high risk categories and are working the shows for you, so please respect them and don't put them at any additional risk.
- 12) When a club member/volunteer asks you to do something, please realize that they doing this to follow regulations and do **NOT** take out any irritation on them.
- 13) Avoid shaking hands, hugging or other physical contact.
- 14) Avoid touching dogs that are not your responsibility.
- 15) Avoid common use pens/pencils – bring your own writing instruments.
- 16) Exhibitors must provide their own means for cleaning up after their dogs in public ex-pens & the entire facility. There will be **NO** public scoops.
- 17) **PREPARE TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT: bring sanitizer, bring personal use masks, and shade for your dog/dogs.**
- 18) Do not crowd the superintendents area, catalog sales area nor photographers area. Wait six (6') feet behind the person in front of you.
- 19) All club members, volunteers, judges and exhibitors are required to self-assess each morning prior to attending that day's show.
- 20) **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE POLICIES MAY RESULT IN YOU BEING ASKED TO LEAVE THE EVENT GROUNDS AND/OR MAY RESULT IN AN AKC EVENT COMMITTEE HEARING AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION.**

IF YOU ARE EXHIBITING SIGNS OF COVID-19, RUNNING A FEVER, COUGHING, SNEEZING, HAVE LOSS OF SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE, ACUTE RESPIRATORY ILLNESS CONSISTANT WITH COVID-19, PLEASE STAY HOME!!

AGAIN, MASKS ARE REQUIRED OVER YOUR NOSE AND MOUTH AT ALL TIMES!

SOCIAL DISTANCING IS REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES!

WASH HANDS FREQUENTLY FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS!

WHEN YOU CAN'T WASH, HAND SANTIZE!

DO YOUR PART AND HELP STOP THE SPREAD!

WE CAN DO THIS!!



**AKC Announces the
Addition of Jumpers to
the Virtual ACT Agility
Program**



The AKC Agility Department is excited to announce the expansion of the virtual ACT program to include the new ACT Jumpers classes. ACT Jumpers will include 2 levels. ACT 1J which will be jumps and possibly a tunnel and ACT 2J which will include 6 weave poles.

As with the original Virtual ACT 1 & ACT 2, exhibitors will record their performance and submit it to AKC. In turn, AKC will assign a pre-selected AKC Agility Judge to virtually review and score the team's ACT Jumpers performance.

ACT Jumpers is open to all dogs over 15 months of age and older that have not earned any AKC agility titles, except for ACT 1 or ACT 2. Dogs do not have to have an ACT 1J title to be entered in ACT 2J.

G R E A T B I G H A P P Y B I R T H D A Y W I S H E S go out to



Belated wishes to:
Dick Houskeeper – January 7

Ron Lombardi – March 5
John Pazereskis – March 22
Diana Barber – March 23
Sharon Talaga – March 25
Judy Houskeeper – March 26

Penny Duffee – April 6

If you failed to include your birthday with your renewal, please drop an email to Kathy Koehler KatonSS1@fontier.com so she can add you to the list.



SCHNAUZER TALES



This is your chance to share “tales” about your Schnauzer – show ring wins, performance wins and titles, or any other accomplishments or news that you want everyone to know about. Send e-mails (pictures welcome too!) to our editor, Kathi, himeldad@aol.com for the upcoming issues!! Remember to e-mail things as they happen. . .don't wait for the deadline and then forget. We love reading about your Schnauzers!

What have you been up to???????????

Kody (CH Katon's Eastman Kodak Picture This) earned his C-Wags nose work Level 2 ACE (CD-SDA) title on 1-2-21. An ACE title is 10 qualifying runs past his initial L2 title (which is 4 qualifying runs).

Level 2 is 2 hides of different odors in less than 3 minutes, including an elevated hide.

As you can see it was a cold snowy day. We finished by 8:30 a.m. which was an accomplishment in itself since neither of us particularly like that time of day!

Proudly loved and owned by Lynne and Barry Conder



Penny Duffee writes. . .

After a relatively mild winter, we got a harsh reminder that Old Man Winter is still a force to be reckoned with! We had some snow – enough to make the landscape pretty. Then. . . it rained and turned the snow to slush – yuck! BUT. . . a sudden temperature drop flash-froze everything!! The back yard became a big skating rink – except it was way too rough to skate on. . . and too slippery and rough for the dogs to go out to run. Here are a couple pictures of the scene in the back yard! (picture on far right is a close up of the ice. . . too tough to skate on!)



Right now the dogs are walked out to a fenced area for a SHORT play time. . . With temps at zero or just a little above, it doesn't take long for ears to get cold even when they are running full speed! Stupid groundhog and his 6 more weeks of winter prediction!! Brrrrrr!!



Kathi and Roy Dvorak write. . .

It's a new year filled with hope!. We have been enjoying our daily walks with the kiddos. Last week we had some wonderful surprises (I am so glad Roy had his "good" camera. . .



The kiddos have been swimming once a week (indoors) plus their agility class. We (Roy and I) have started Nose Work class with them. They are doing very well. . . we need work 😊

Roy just received his second COVID vaccination. Colorado just started rolling out vaccine to 65 and over. I am hopeful that my vaccination will be soon.

Weather in Colorado has been extremely mild. Last weekend there were two brush fires in the greater Denver area. Everyone is praying for snow. . .or at least rain in the not too distant future. This time of year does bring some beautiful sunsets. . . this picture was taken out our front window. . .



We attended our first Barn Hunt trial in January. Lindy made her debut in the Masters class and ROCKED it getting 3 of the 5 needed Q's for her title. She was also High Scoring in Masters level twice. We have also been participating in the *Rat Games Winter League*. This is another organization that focuses more on the "games" part of ratting. I never realized there were so many things you could do with rats! At 12 ½ years young, Merry surprised me by taking 4th place in the Tunnels Game with approximately 20 dogs competing.



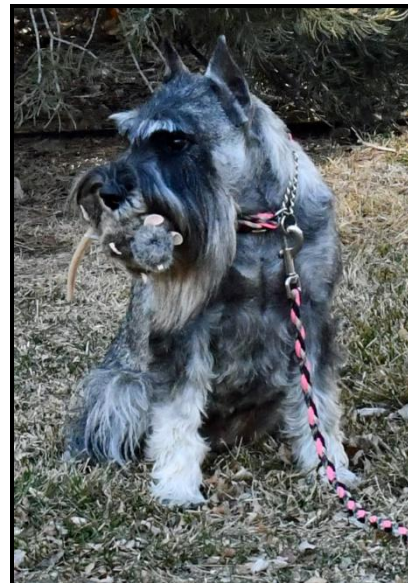
Lindy earned 3 Q's in Master's level at Barn Hunt!



Arnold competing in Open Barn Hunt!



Merry took 4th in Rat Games Tunnels!



Rita loves Rat Games!
She is competing at the Senior level in BH.

That's all the news we have for now from Colorado.



Stay Healthy. . . Stay Pawsitive

