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## NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

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February 7	February 15
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December 7	December 15

## 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 2022

- January 19, 2022
- March 16, 2022
- May 29, 2022 (in conjunction with annual dinner at Specialty)
- July – TBD (Saturday) - (annual picnic)
- September 21, 2022
- November 19, 2022 - Saturday (Christmas dinner)



## NEXT MEETING

The next PSSC meeting will be Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at Penny & Kathy's home. Dinner will be at 5:30 with meeting to follow. Watch your emails for details closer to the date.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi Everyone:

Hope this finds everyone well and dug out from the last snowstorm. We had a great meeting on Zoom. It's always fun to see the members that we don't get to see because of distance.

We had a lot of discussion about our upcoming specialty in May. At the next meeting we will decide on the caterer for our May dinner. Sometime in March or April we will be having a workday to do welcome bags and finish up trophies. Lots of exciting things coming up.

Stay well!

Your president,  
*Connie Reidner*



### PSSC MEETING MINUTES 01/19/2022

The Prairieland Standard Schnauzer Club met Wednesday January 19, 2022, 6:30 pm Central, via Zoom meeting. Thank you to Don Kachur for arranging the meeting.

In attendance were Connie Reidner, Kathy Koehler, Suzanne Garcia, Jon Rosenberg, Penny Duffee, Gwen Kirman, Marsha Landers, Don and Diane Kachur, Lynne Conder, Darcie Mair, Sharon Talaga, and Dorothy Pazereskis. It was nice to see familiar faces again.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy Koehler gave the financial report. (*Gwen/Sharon*)  
A copy of the full report is available by request to the treasurer.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Election of Officers**

- Connie previously contacted the 2021 officers and board members about continuing another year.

All agreed. The slate was accepted by affirmation. *(Penny/Don)*

Vote carried for all officers and board to serve again in 2022.

- President – Connie Reidner
- Vice President – Marsha Landers
- Treasurer – Kathy Koehler
- Secretary – Lynne Conder
- Board Members – Diane Kachur, Don Kachur, Gwen Kirman
- Newsletter Editor – Kathi Dvorak

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **HSSC specialty in Oklahoma City**

- Heartland SSC asked PSSC for permission to hold a 1-day specialty at the summer 2022 SSCA National in Oklahoma City. AKC requires this as part of the approval process because HSSC is crossing our territory.
- PSSC board members previously voted unanimously for this approval. AKC was notified by Secretary Lynne.

### **PSSC May 2022 show – Penny reported**

- This is PSSC's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary show.
- Our May show is dedicated to Roger Hartinger, who died last year. Roger and his wife Paula were some of the PSSC founding members. Paula is being invited to the show, so we will offer her 1 night's paid lodging. Vote passed. *(Lynne/Kathy)*
- Most trophies are done, but a work day will be scheduled in March or April to finish what is left.
- We will also use leftover hospitality bags we provided for both national specialties.
- Since AKC now allows a split Bred-By class into Bred-By Adult and Bred-By Puppy, those entries will be possible at the May show.
- Our AKC representative will give a wicket measuring workshop on Saturday 5/28, after Breed judging. It will be for SSs only. PSSC also ordered a wicket which is for our club use only.
- The annual banquet will be Sunday night 5/29, at the Bloomington VFW. Barry Conder is taking care of reserving the room. Advance reservation info will be in a future newsletter. A new caterer for dinner is being researched and will be decided at the next meeting. We'll have a silent auction, so start thinking about donation ideas.

### **Duffee Donor Advised Fund**

- Penny reported she has established a donor advised fund in Bill's memory for canine epilepsy with AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF). She wants to make sure epilepsy research funds continue to be available.
- Anyone can make a charitable donation to this fund. If you have questions, contact Penny.

### **Membership**

- New member Darcie Mair was introduced. She recently moved to Bloomington and has 3 schnauzers – a Mini, a Standard and a Giant.
- All 2021 members, except for one, paid dues for 2022.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm Central.

- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 3/16. Details will be in the newsletter.

*Submitted by Lynne Conder, PSSC Secretary*



### **NEXT MEETING**

The next PSSC meeting will be on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at Penny & Kathy's. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. with meeting to follow. Watch for email about menu – same plan as always – let Kathy know what you plan to bring. There will probably be a “tip of the hat” to St Paddy that night!

### **WORK DAY**

Later this spring we will plan a work day to put together the hospitality bags for the exhibitors at our May Specialty. We will also work on some toys to include in the bags – and maybe finish up a couple trophy items. Watch email for details.



## 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY SPECIALTY

As we all know, this year will be PSSC's 20<sup>th</sup> Specialty! Some extra activities will be held during the weekend. A wicket seminar, presented by the AKC Field Rep, will be held on Saturday. Information will include the breed standard, procedure for measuring in the ring and how to measure your own dog. There will also be wickets available for participants to use. Other activities are under consideration.



The Specialty is Sunday, May 29. Heartland SSC will again support the entry on Saturday; PSSC will support on Friday and Monday. The Superintendent is BaRay Events again this year.

We are planning to hold our dinner again this year on Sunday evening. A casual fun evening – with our great raffle and silent auction. (I hear there may be some special items this year!) Everyone is encouraged to bring an item for either the raffle or the silent auction. Reservations will be due on May 11 – the date the show entries close.

Put that weekend on your calendar (May 27, 28, 29, 30) – we hope to see a lot of our distant members in Bloomington! Please share information about our specialty show weekend with any SS fancier you know and encourage them to join us!



Thank you Lynne Conder  
for submitting this article. . .

## 5 Ways Pets Earn Our Thanks Every Day



*Excerpts from Dr. Karen Becker 'Healthy Pets' newsletter*

Our pets offer a quality of comfort and acceptance that's often impossible to find elsewhere, and when people are staying home more than ever, they provide a buffer against feelings of loneliness and isolation.

**1. They help us stay in the moment** — Humans tend to spend a lot of time feeling regret for something in their past or feeling anxious about the future. It's not time well spent, but most of us are often inclined to live in the past or the future rather than the present.

**Our pets help us to stay present — to live for today.** Our animal companions experience each moment as it arrives with enthusiasm and joy, and so can we if we follow their lead.

**2. They thrive in simplicity and consistency** — Our furry family members are at their best when we provide them with consistency in the form of healthy nutrition, plenty of exercise, structure to their daily routine, and lots of love.

These are the simple things in life that form the foundation for a balanced, less stressful, more joyful existence.

**3. They never break the bond we share** — Our animal companions stay connected to us no matter how bad we feel or behave. They're right beside us every step of the way, every minute of the day.

During times when we feel ignored or disengaged from the world, our pets offer unconditional connectedness.

**4. They constantly communicate with us** — Close, connected relationships evolve from clear, consistent communication. When communication is untrustworthy or used in harmful ways, the relationship breaks down.

Our pets speak to us constantly through their body language and behavior. It's our job to learn the language they speak, and to communicate clearly to them what we expect and appreciate about their behavior.

**5. They offer forgiveness** — Most of us can remember a time when we ignored our pet, or lost patience and spoke too sharply. We also remember that our loyal companion forgave us the very next second.

Our animal friends don't hold grudges. They don't punish themselves or us by clinging to past insults. They offer instant forgiveness and an open heart.





## **New Donor Advised Fund in the AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF)**



The AKC Canine Health Foundation was founded in 1995 as an independent 501c3 non-profit organization. It has become “the world’s largest funder of health research focused solely on dogs.” They have earned the Charity Navigator’s highest rating of 4 stars and Guide Star Platinum Seal of Transparency. Since the inception, they have invested \$63.5 million in various areas of canine health.

“The canine health research grants program is the cornerstone of CHF. A rigorous scientific review process ensures that CHF-funded projects have the greatest potential for advancing the health of dogs and make the best use of your and other donors’ contributions. Grants are reviewed for scientific merit, impact in the field of study, and their relevance and significance to dogs and their people.”

One source of funding are the Donor Advised Funds. These DAF’s may be established by parent clubs or by individuals. The SSCA established a DAF in 1998. The owner of the DAF selects the AKC CHF research projects they wish to support.

In the mid to late 1990’s a serious health issue, epilepsy, gained a significant amount of attention in our breed. . .with widespread repercussions. As breeders we wanted to do whatever was necessary to try to reduce/eliminate this disease. We were put in contact with Dr. Gary Johnson at the University of Missouri. He requested samples from 3 generations – and we provided 3 of the 4 grandparents (1 deceased), sire and dam, 18 offspring (5 affected). Several other individuals also acknowledged the problem with their dogs and submitted samples.

Over the years there has been a lot of progress dealing with this disease. However, epilepsy is extremely complex and obviously has multiple genes involved. This is a serious health problem that exists in all dogs, including our breed. Epilepsy could show up unexpectedly in your own dogs. It is a health issue that should be of concern and be acknowledged by all breeders. We should be having open and non-judgmental discussions about all health issues. Genetically Standard Schnauzers are a relatively small breed; what happens to one affects all the rest of us. We are basically a healthy breed and we need to work on keeping it that way. There are no easy answers and a lot of hard work still to be done.

To ensure that research continues to be supported in the future, a new DAF has been established. It is the Duffee Standard Schnauzer Epilepsy Research Donor Advised Fund, established partially in memory of Bill Duffee. As the name indicates all funds will be used for research into epilepsy in Standard Schnauzers. The fund will be available far into the future to help solve the puzzle of this disease in our breed. Donations may be sent directly to CHF at 8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite 300, Raleigh, NC 27617. Forms can be printed from [www.akcchf.org/how-to-help/other-ways-to-give/](http://www.akcchf.org/how-to-help/other-ways-to-give/). Please note “Duffee SS Epilepsy DAF” in the memo line of your check. Donations may also be made online at [www.akcchf.org/donate2015/DAF-donate](http://www.akcchf.org/donate2015/DAF-donate). Select amount and then in drop down “Designation” box select “Duffee Standard Schnauzer Epilepsy Research DAF.”

This is a complicated disease. While it is not a widespread issue, it is devastating when it occurs. It can happen to you. Research will require continuing support to pursue the answers. Please consider supporting the health of our breed.

**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



Happy Birthday wishes to:

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](mailto: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](mailto: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??????????***



Caren Rohlfing writes. . .

### “Shiraz”

GCH CH MACH3 Irondogs Mad For Wine  
BN RN MXG MJC MFB TQX OFF T2B2  
CAA BCAT CGC RATO

Shiraz and her Jr Handler, David Frasca, went to the Agility Invitational in Orlando Florida for the third year. They had a special trip this year. They had four clear rounds, were in 7th place and qualified for finals. They had a super run in finals and got to sit in the “hot seat” for a couple runs. They ended up in third place in the 16” division, which was really special for all of us. David is a senior in high school this year and his last year as a junior handler so it was their last hurrah together. David will be off to college next year and we have found a new junior handler (Kaylin Smith) for Shiraz.



*Stay Healthy. . . Stay Pawsitive*

