

# PrairieLand News

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## NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

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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 2014

- January 15, 2014
- March 19, 2014
- May 21, 2014
- July 16, 2014
- September 17, 2014
- November 19, 2014



## NEXT MEETING

The next PSSC meeting is **Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 6:00 p.m.** at Penny and Kathy's home. More details can be found in the newsletter. Mark your calendars and plan to be there.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi Everyone -

We're getting back into the swing of things after the holidays in December. Looking back the last couple years, winter did not seem so bad with the warmer temperatures and very little snow. This year I just keep wishing the temp would get above freezing and no more snow. Moses and Belle, let alone the humans, don't even want to go outside.

We are gearing up for our specialty in Bloomington this May. Information regarding the show will be available soon so watch for the forms. So be sure to mark your calendars to attend and I'm sure you will have a great time.

Wishing for Spring!!!

*Marsha*



## PSSC MEETING MINUTES 01/15/14

The Prairieland Standard Schnauzer meeting was held at Penny and Kathy's home in Bloomington, IL on 1/15/14. After dinner, Vice President Connie Reidner opened the business meeting at approximately 7:15 pm. President Marsha was absent due to illness.

In attendance were Kathy Koehler, Lynne and Barry Conder, Penny Duffee, Connie and Ron Reidner, Larry and Cheryl Wallace, and Larry Davis and daughters.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy Koehler reported the treasury balance. Report was accepted as presented. (Larry/Barry) A copy of the report is available by request from the treasurer or secretary.

**Secretary's Report:** Marsha asked that the Minutes of the last meeting be accepted as published. Minutes were accepted with no additions or corrections. (Larry/Ron)

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **PSSC website**

- Larry Davis is still asking for photos for PSSC website, <http://www.prairielandssc.org/home.html>. Formal photos are not required; he'd like to show SSSs doing all sorts of activities. Contact Larry at [lars2112@yahoo.com](mailto:lars2112@yahoo.com) or [prairielandstandardschnauzer@gmail.com](mailto:prairielandstandardschnauzer@gmail.com).
- Larry is going to add a "Performance" tab to our website. Alexis Hubbard has agreed to be contact person for agility items or news. Jeanne Greenwalt's name was suggested to Larry as obedience contact.
- It was also suggested to add items SSCA sells, such as grooming video, sourcebooks, etc.

### **Festival of Trees 2013**

- PSSC donated 32 centerpieces and wreaths this year. It was reported our donated items brought in approximately \$1350 for the local Baby Fold, the benefitting agency.

### **'If I Ran the Dog Show' book donation**

- This elementary school book is part of the Dr. Seuss's Cat in the Hat Learning series. The book, also endorsed by NAIA to which we annually donate, is meant to encourage elementary school children's interest in dogs and dog shows. The books can be purchased through NAIA and donated to schools for \$6.00 each.
- In earlier meetings, we voted to distribute books to local District 87 and 5 elementary schools. The books would be promoted within each school by the school's librarian. Connie R. confirmed that any dog book is popular with younger school kids. In September '13, we agreed to purchase 50 copies for distribution to include local schools. This educational activity additionally counts as one of the AKC required activities for approval of our PSSC specialty show application.
- Currently the books are on order and expected to arrive soon. Diane & Don Kachur were suggested for coordinating distribution since Diane is still currently teaching in a local school.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **AKC Reunite Disaster Relief Trailer Project**

- Harvey Mohrenweiser, SSCA's AKC delegate, sent info regarding this project. This is an effort to donate mobile trailers filled with non-perishable pet sheltering supplies to local emergency management teams. These trailers will store and deliver essential supplies to help pets as a result of a disaster. The trailers are meant to provide animal care services during the first 72 hours following a disaster, the critical time before FEMA support and services are deployed.
- At the January 2014 SSCA Board meeting, it was decided SSCA would explore working with their member clubs, as they are the folks with "boots on the ground," both in terms of providing assistance as well as being directly impacted when disasters occur.
- Harvey is asking if our club is interested in supporting this project in our area.
- We reviewed the materials Harvey sent and discussed our many questions and options. The decision was to reply we feel unprepared to take on such a large effort with our small club. We did feel, however, that making a donation was within our capabilities and responsibility. The basic questions are: how much money and to whom – should we donate strictly on our own in PSSC's name to a more local effort or to SSCA for the larger benefit. Additionally, if we donate to SSCA, what area would that money benefit.
- Plans are to re-discuss this topic at the March meeting.

## **PSSC May 2014 specialty**

- We briefly discussed trophy ideas submitted by Penny and Kathy.
- **Barn Hunt at May specialty**
  - Penny, Kathy, Gwen K and Connie R attended a Barn Hunt instinct/fun run type event in St. Louis this past fall. They would like PSSC to offer a similar event at our May specialty. The goal would be to have a full trial in 2015.
  - Best days for the event will be Friday and Saturday of the weekend, since Sunday is our specialty.
  - SSs will have preferred entry time slots. Onofrio can save a page in Premium List for entry info.
  - Entry fee will likely be around \$20. Profits would, however, have to be shared with the overall Cluster Committee sponsoring the weekend shows since we will use their facilities.
  - Costs for bales of hay, rats, containers for the rats, etc are being investigated. Also what to do with the rats after the event needs to be figured out. Figures to be presented at March meeting.
  - **MANY** volunteers will be needed to hold a barn hunt, but it will be fun to see this new event for our talented SSs. Connie Reidner has already volunteered to handle entry registration.
- **Specialty banquet and Picnic**
  - The local VFW, where we've had previous banquets is reserved for Sunday night, 5/25. We had to pay \$100 deposit, which will be returned after we adequately clean the room.
  - We'll discuss final choice of entrees at the March meeting. Attendees will need to submit meal choices 2 weeks prior to banquet.
  - We'll try to encourage more participation this year with a write-up in PNS ahead of time.
  - Penny and Kathy volunteered to have the Saturday, 5/24, potluck picnic at their house again this year.

## **AKC President's Challenge**

- This request is for donations that go toward educating legislators and fanciers about fair policy for dog breeding and ownership, and opposing legislation that restricts responsible dog owners' rights.
- We voted to not donate this year (Lynne/Ron) since we donate to Illinois Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners (IFDCO), which has a similar goal.

## **Adjournment**

- No further business was conducted after adjournment at 8:45 pm.

*Submitted by Lynne Conder  
Secretary, Prairieland Standard Schnauzer Club*





The next PSSC meeting will be on Wednesday, March 19, at 6 p.m. at Penny & Kathy's. The main agenda item will be the upcoming May specialty. After moving our annual specialty to be a part of Schnauzapalooza last year, we need to "get back in the swing of things" for our local shows again this year. We also will continue the discussion about the AKC Reunite trailers project.



### **MEET THE BREED**

PSSC will once again do a Meet The Breed at the International KC show on Saturday, February 22 in Chicago. Several club members are planning to participate. This is a good opportunity to present our breed to the public.

### **FESTIVAL OF TREES**

We have received a large packet of thank-you notes and pictures of the items we contributed to the Festival of Trees. As a club we are pleased to be able to do some community service – and have fun doing it. These notes and pictures show how much they appreciate our efforts.



## BARN HUNT



This coming May we plan to include some Barn Hunt activities as a part of our specialty weekend. Tentative plans include running 2 rings on Friday & Saturday. One ring will be an introduction to the sport, the courses and the rats. The second ring will provide an opportunity to practice under supervision. This will be a “labor intensive” project – so we need volunteers to help. You do not need to be familiar with Barn Hunt – we will provide orientation, but we do need LOTS of “warm bodies” to help out!! And – if you have some experience with Barn Hunt , we would REALLY appreciate your help!!! Please contact Kathy Koehler [katonss1@frontier.com](mailto:katonss1@frontier.com) if you are willing to help.



**PSSC 2014 TENTATIVE  
SPECIALTY SECHEDULE**



### **Friday, May 23**

- PSSC supported entry – Illinois Valley KC – judge Levi Marsman
- Barn Hunt clinic

### **Saturday, May 24**

- PSSC Supported entry – Corn Belt KC – judge Thomas Alexander
- Barn Hunt clinic
- Cook-out for all SS fanciers

### **Sunday, May 25**

- PSSC Specialty – Illinois Valley KC – sweeps judge Debbie Melgreen, breed judge Darryl Vice
- Annual Dinner with raffle and auction

### **Monday, May 26**

- PSSC supported entry – Corn Belt KC – judge Pat Mowbray-Morgan

It's not too early to start thinking about the

2014 SSCA National Specialty  
to be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds  
Pleasanton, California

Website: [www.ssc2014national.com](http://www.ssc2014national.com)

3 Days of All Breed shows  
4 Days of Agility Trials  
3 Days of Obedience & Rally

Events going on  
Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> –  
Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 2014.



**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   g o   o u t   t o**



John Pazereskis – March 2  
Ron Lombardi – March 5  
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!

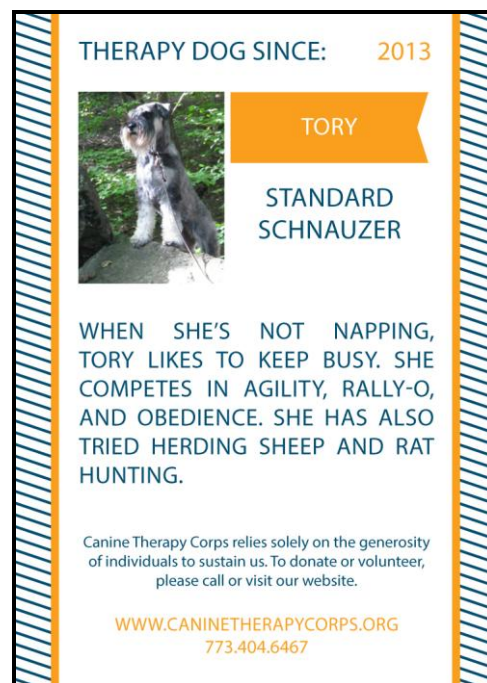
**Keep those SCHNAUZER TALES rolling in!!!**



Alexis Hubbard writes . . .

**Tory** – (Himmlisch Storybook Love, BN, RE, OA, OAJ, HIC, CGC, TT) passed her qualifications on August 17, 2013 to become a therapy dog with Canine Therapy Corps ([www.caninetherapycorps.org](http://www.caninetherapycorps.org)). Tory is currently the only schnauzer (all three breeds) certified and working with the group. Her beard and brows are favorites with the clients, especially once they find out she's a girl! Tory and Alexis are now busy using Tory's agility and obedience skills to help motivate adults and children at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago to reach their therapy goals following head trauma, strokes, burns, and other injuries.

Here is Tory's 'trading card'. . . she will give these out during her visits.







Kathi and Roy Dvorak write. . .

**Merry** - (CH Himmlisch Love Makes The World Go Round, NA) earned her Novice Jumpers title on December 28, 2013 at the Greater Denver Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club agility trial. She did it in style with a 1<sup>st</sup> place and two 2<sup>nd</sup> placements!

Welcome **LINDY**!  
Himmlisch-Arjo's A Blast From The Past!

Lindy was born January 26, 2014 to  
BIS's/BISS CH Arjo's Siegfried Von Ervic "Sieger" x  
GCH CH Himmlisch The Festival Of Fall, NAJ "Autumn"

Lindy is a very special singleton from 26 year old semen.  
We are so blessed to have her.



Kathi and Roy are thrilled that 4 of their "kiddos" made the AKC Top 25 Agility Dogs. . .  
January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013

AKC TopDogs in Agility PACH Competition for Standard Schnauzers. . .

# 1 - PACH4 Himmlisch View Of The Cosmos, RE, MXP13, MXPB2, MJP15, MJPS2, PAX4, MFP, T2BP, CGC "Nova"

# 3 - CH MACH2 Himmlisch Cosmic Ocean, RE, MXG, MJC, MXP2, MJP3, MJPB, XF, NFP, T2B, CGC "Madison" (note: Madison competed in PACH Competition from June 1 - December 31)

AKC TopDogs in Agility MACH Competition for Standard Schnauzers. . .

# 10 - CH MACH Himmlisch The Perfect Moment, MXB, MJS, XF, T2B "Aspen"

# 16 - CH Himmlisch Cherish The Moment, MX, MXJ, MJB, XF "Liebe"

# 19 - CH MACH2 Himmlisch Cosmic Ocean, RE, MXG, MJC, MXP2, MJP3, MJPB, XF, NFP, T2B, CGC "Madison" (note: Madison competed in MACH Competition from January 1 - May 31)

Jon Rosenberg and Suzanne Garcia write. . .

We repeated the breeding of our beautiful **Ellie** (GCH CH Cedar Hill's Enchanted Yellow Rose) to the top winning **Zorro** (Gold GCH CH Pepper Tree Zorro v Morgenwald, RN, CGC). The puppies (2 boys and 3 girls) arrived on Christmas day.



**Phantom** (Von Rose Masked Phantom)  
(Gold GCH CH Pepper Tree Zorro v Morgenwald,  
RN, CGC "Zorro" x GCH CH Cedar Hills  
Enchanted Yellow Rose "Ellie")

was Winner's dog for a 5 pt. Major, from the Bred By Exhibitor class, on January 18, 2014 at the Central Iowa Kennel Club show.

Phantom was born April 13, 2013.

## Westminster Kennel Club

February 11, 2014

Best of Opposite Sex  
GCH Katon's Eye Of The  
Tiger V Morgenwald "Elin"

Congratulations to  
Kathy Koehler and  
Penny Duffee !

