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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 2024

- January 17, 2024
- March 19, 2024
- May 26, 2024 (in conjunction with annual dinner at Specialty)
- July 13, 2024 – annual picnic
- September 18, 2024
- November 23, 2024 (tentative) – Christmas dinner



NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Wednesday, September 18th . . . more information as the date gets closer.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi Everyone,

We had a wonderful summer get-together/meeting at the home of Don and Diane Kachur. There was lots of food and fun. You will find the details of the meeting in the minutes later in this newsletter. Read all about our efforts with K-9 cop, our memorial of Gwen Kirman, and the upcoming National Specialty at Purina Farms this August. I hope all of you get the opportunity to attend the 2024 National Specialty. See you at Purina Farms.

*Your President,
Connie Reidner*



PSSC MEETING MINUTES 7/13/24

Prairieland Standard Schnauzer Club met at Don & Diane Kachur's in Bloomington, IL on Saturday 7/13/24. Lunch was at 1:00 p.m., with the meeting beginning at approximately 3:00. President Connie Reidner conducted the meeting. Eleven people attended, 10 members and 1 guest.

Minutes were approved from the last newsletter (Don/Marsha).

Treasurer's Report: Kathy gave a partial report (Marsha/Ron).
A copy of the full report is available by request to the treasurer.

Old Business

Adopt a K9 Cop

Don Kachur gave a detailed update on the Adopt a K9 Cop project for the McLean County Sheriff's Department. The department's new dog, 2 year old Casey, has arrived. The dog and handler are currently in training. The department has given PSSC and local Corn Belt KC tremendous thanks for helping fund the new dog.

- Fundraising for additional equipment for the dog collected \$2000 through 2 farmer's markets, tennis ball sales at our May show, GoFundMe, and other individual donations. Another table setup is possible at Tractor Supply.
- After the tennis ball purchase and GoFundMe fees, net contribution so far is \$1500.
- At the 8/13 CBKC meeting, the Sheriff's department will be receiving a \$2500 check (enlarged & fake) for donations from PSSC and CBKC.

New Business

2024 SSCA Specialty

- There was general discussion of 2024 SSCA Specialty – who is going, when, events, etc. Need for volunteers was emphasized.
- If you have items for the auction, please let Penny know.
- A work day to fill Specialty store orders is planned Saturday 7/27, 10:00, at Penny & Kathy's.

New Disaster Relief Trailer

- Champaign County Emergency Management Agency (about 45 minutes from B-N) is trying to find funding for a new Canine Disaster Relief trailer. This would be very similar to the trailer we previously contributed toward which is housed in Will County near Joliet, IL. However, the agency must first secure pledges of \$12,000 from regional organizations, such as other area dog clubs.
- To have our PSSC logo on the trailer, we need to donate a minimum of \$1000. We voted (Kathy/Marsha) to allot \$500 to the trailer, plus the \$500 donated to our club by Gwen Kirman's sister. If and when the trailer is finished and branded with logos, we will add "In memory of Gwen Kirman" below the PSSC logo.
- Penny will also check with SSCA to find out if they are willing to donate again.

Brags

- Darcie, Kathy, Penny, and Lynne reported on recent achievements with their dogs.

Adjournment

- No further business was conducted after adjournment at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by Lynne Conder
PSSC Secretary



Work Day Prep for National Specialty

PSSC has a reputation for productive, but fun, work days!! This time we all got together to help Connie Reidner put together all of the orders from the store for the 2024 National. Connie organized a real production line...setting out each item (including separating the stacks of men's and women's various clothing items) all clearly marked. The "pickers" first picked up a printed order – then went down the line gathering up the items on the order. The pile of items was put on the "quality control" table to be checked for accuracy. (Only a few needed to be rechecked.) The items were then put into paper bags and the order form and name stapled on the top. Ultimately all those bags were placed into big boxes to be transported to Purina next month.

Other projects that day included making the numbered paddles for the live Auction. There are both gray and black schnauzer heads with numbers attached to wooden paint sticks. Participants in the auction will each have a paddle which they raise when they make a bid. This process helps the auctioneers and the assistants keep track of who has the current top bid/winning bid.

The centerpieces for the tables at the annual awards dinner are a country wide project. Linda Dobbie (PA) is in charge of the dinner and Michelle Root (VA) is helping her. Several PSSC people are involved. Marsha Landers is making the bases. Connie Reidner is making St Louis arches. Penny Duffee (with some help from Lynne Conder on Saturday) is making the schnauzers for the boats which Linda will be bringing. Everyone will get together at Purina to assemble the centerpieces. (And if things get too crazy, the crew has threatened to put all the pieces into plastic bags and give them out as "do it yourself" centerpieces!!....not really!!...but makes a good story!!)

Thank you Don Kachur for submitting these articles. . .

How often should I wash my dog's water and food bowls?

By: Crystal Falero

You wouldn't eat off a dirty plate, so does your pet. A study conducted by NSF International found pet bowls to be the #4 most bacterial place in the home. Pathogens found in dog bowls include mold, yeast, e.coli, salmonella and Serratia Marcescens (you may see this pink stuff form a ring around the water bowl.)



So, my suggestion is that you should wash your dog's food bowl **after every meal**. Water bowl can be less frequently, but you will need to completely empty, sanitize and refill it **at least once per week**. Water bowls tend to collect a slimy build-up called biofilm, which allows harmful bacteria to take over. When you wash, be sure to completely remove it.

If you use plastic bowls for your dog as water bowl or food bowl, you better replace them because they are the hardest to keep clean. Plastic bowls can easily accumulate tiny nicks and scratches, in which bacteria can build up. Ceramic and stainless steel bowls are best because they are non-porous and easy to sanitize. They can last the rest of your dog's life if cared for properly.

A Dog's Nose

Dogs are known for their keen sense of smell, and it is often said that a dog's nose is one of its most beloved features. But did you know that a dog's nose can also be quite funny? A dog's nose is packed full of scent receptors that allow it to detect smells far beyond what humans can detect. But beyond that, dogs use their noses to express their emotions and communicate with other dogs. For instance, when a dog is excited or happy, it will often wrinkle its nose and sniff the air. This is a sign that it is feeling content and relaxed.



Other times, a dog will use its nose to express its curiosity. It will sniff around, exploring its surroundings and trying to figure out what is going on. This can be quite amusing to watch, as the dog's nose will be twitching and moving around in a seemingly random pattern.

Finally, dogs often use their noses to show their affection for their owners. They may nuzzle up against you or try to lick your face. This is a sign that the dog is happy to see you and loves being around you



Gwen Kirman

Good friend and long-time PSSC/SSCA member. . . Gwen Kirman, passed away on June 17 after a brief illness.

Gwen has been involved with dogs most of her life. She was an obedience trainer and owned a boarding kennel. In the past she has owned Whippets, Bloodhounds and Doberman Pinchers. In 2004 she got her first Standard Schnauzer, Kyser, from Karen Pare, and showed him successfully in the US and Canada. Last fall she won Best Owner Handled Dog in Show with her current Standard Schnauzer, Ace, which she got from Kathy Koehler, Penny Duffee & Connie Reidner.

She has been a member of the Standard Schnauzer Club of America for 20 years, serving several years as Ways and Means Chair. She also helped with several SSCA National Specialty shows.

Gwen was a long-time member of PSSC, serving on the Board of Directors for several years. She rarely missed any meetings or club activities, in spite of the 1 ½ hour drive to Bloomington. As a club member she was also involved with some of the club's community service projects. She and Kyser represented the club for the dedication of an Emergency Relief Trailer for pets through a partnership with the American Kennel Club. That trailer is based with Emergency Management Services in Joliet. She was also a part of the fundraising for the AKC Adopt a K9 Cop project to provide a new K9 officer for the McLean County sheriff's department. PSSC worked with Corn Belt KC to secure the grant from AKC Reunite.

She is greatly missed!



Karen Passow

Karen Passow, from Racine, WI, passed away on June 30 after a long illness. PSSC members remember Karen as the main source of help and instruction for our Barn Hunt trials.

Due to health issues, Karen retired from teaching and got a dog to help her have a schedule and keep active. That little Wire Fox Terrier opened up a whole new world for Karen. She learned to do the computer scoring for Barn Hunt, agility and nose work.

Penny & Kathy met Karen and her friend, Gloria Thomas, by accident at dog shows in Minnesota. They were there for the Heartland SSC specialty, happened to be parked beside Karen & Gloria's motorhome. They were going out with the Wire Fox Terrier group for the evening and asked them to keep an eye on their motorhome. They all got together at other dogs shows and developed a deep friendship.

When PSSC was considering hosting Barn Hunt trials, Karen was the perfect source of information and assistance. She taught Connie Reidner the computer program for the trials – and came to many of our BH trials even after Connie could handle the process on her own.

Karen & Gloria frequently came to the Memorial weekend cluster to show their WFT. They even came to a couple of the PSSC dinners – and won several raffle items!

Their last breeding produced their first Best in Show winner (co-owned/handled by Mark Bettis) – and Karen was so proud of Woody!

Karen was a kind, generous and positive person who met every health challenge head on - never complaining, always smiling. While she did not own a Standard Schnauzer, she had a significant influence on our club and several of our members.

Wishing Quick Recovery

PSSC member, Diane Kachur, is having knee replacement surgery. We all wish her a quick recovery!! She has been doing her physical therapy in preparation - which should help her to be up and around very soon.



G R E A T B I G H A P P Y BIRTHDAY WISHES go out to



Happy Birthday wishes to:

Mary Thome – September 28

Joyce Edster – October 29

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??????????



Stay Healthy. . . Stay Pawsitive



Lynne & Barry Conder write . . .

MAC (Himmlisch Maximum High Time Together) had a GREAT time for his 1st urban ratting trial at the Happy Ratter trials hosted July 21 and 22 by Town & Country Kennel Club, Bloomington.

Mac finished 3 for 3 perfect score runs to earn his RAT title! And he also did 3 Games runs and aced those as well. He was really getting into it by the afternoon of the 1st day and didn't want to quit.

He now has another odor in his odor repertoire. I'm so proud of his progress!

Kathi & Roy Dvorak write . . .



ROO . . . Von Rose Koalas & Kangaroos V Himmlisch FITB

06/26/24 - Roo completed the requirements for her **Fit Dog Silver** title.

Her two organized walks raised money for
Ocean Conservancy
and
Save the Manatee.

LINDY . . .

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Blast From The Past
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07/13//24 – Rocky Mountain
Ratters – Mead Colorado.
Lindy earned her **RATCHX3**
title with a 4th placement
and a time of 2:40.62.



RUSSELL . . .

GCH CH Himmlisch Way Up High
BCAT TKN FITG

07/20/24 – NADD (North America
Diving Dogs) event at Jump The
Summit Dog Sports in Hudson
Colorado.

Russell earned his **DN (Dock Novice)**
title! He had a total of 6 jumps.. . his
average was 7 feet. . . his personal
best was 7 feet 9 inches!

ARNOLD. . .

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CGC TKE FITG

08/04/24 – Greater Denver Soft Coated Wheaten
Club agility trial – Arvada Colorado.
Arnold earned his **OAJ (Open Agility Jumpers)** title
with a 1st placement (a clean run) and 13.02
seconds under standard course time!

