

THE HEARTBEAT

February 2007

UPCOMING SHOWS:

February:

- **Rally & Obedience:** Marshfield Area Kennel Club in Marshfield, WI—Feb. 24 & 25 (closes 2/07/07)
- **Rally & Obedience:** Minneapolis Kennel Club, Inc. in Mpls; Feb. 24 & 25

March:

- **Agility:** Twin Cities Obedience Training Club, Inc., in Mpls; March 2—4
- **Rally & Obedience:** Wright County MN Kennel Club in Mpls; March 10 & 11
- **Agility:** Des Moines Obedience Training Club in Granger, IA; March 16—18 (closes 2/28/07)
- **Rally & Obedience:** Badger Kennel Club in Madison, WI; March 17 & 18 (closes 2/28/07)
- **Agility:** Fargo-Moorehead Kennel Club in Fargo, ND; March 23-25 (closes 2/28/07)
- **AB/O/JSHW/RLY:** Indianhead Kennel Club in Eau Claire, WI; March 31—April 1 (closes 3/14/07)

Please see individual show superintendents for more information.

PREZ SEZ

As I write this, I have two Standard Schnauzers laying at my feet, both sleeping, waiting for me to get done at the computer so we can go do something fun. One has her head on my foot. Having them there like that (and being good) is just one of the many reasons why we have Standards, and are in a club that watches over and promotes the breed.

The Club would like to thank Steve Schloesser for the last two years that he has served as President. His support and energy is greatly appreciated by all Club members. A special thanks to Gail Schloesser as well for all her help with activities.

The Club would also like to thank Sunny Lambert for helping to organize Club events and being the 2006 editor of The Heartbeat.

I would like to thank Kristin, Judi, George, Greg and Linda for being our 2007 officers and Board. Kristin is also our 2007 editor of The Heartbeat.

The Board has been working to set the 2007 calendar. We are looking for dog friendly events for all club members and their Standards. If you have any suggestions, let us know.

Club events are a good way to get your Standards out. You also get to meet other Standard owners. It's a great group of dogs and people! Don't think

by John Limpert

that your dog can't do anything or won't behave properly. You can teach an old dog new tricks. Standards of all ages enjoy socializing with other Standards. I encourage you to get out in 2007 and do something with your Standards.

Linda and I have been active in conformation, obedience, rally and agility. Each one of those activities starts out with you and your Standard walking side by side. Add in a few treats for encouragement and you would be surprised how fast Standards learn new tricks.

It's time to stop. I'm getting the Schnauzer look. The one where they put their head on your knee, look up with their eyes and wag their tail saying let's go do something. I hope to see you at the club events. Please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the other Board members with your ideas, suggestions and questions.



Thank you to John & Linda for sharing this picture of Believe (left) and Classic (right) enjoying the first snow of 2007 in true Standard Schnauzer fashion!

HSSC 2007 Schedule of Events

DATE	DESCRIPTION
January 5	◆ Holiday Party and Board meeting @ Steve & Gail Schloesser's house
January 14	◆ Board meeting @ Greg Dineen's house
January 28	◆ Grooming seminar at C&E Dog Training; Sunny Lambert is the contact for this event
March 3	◆ Board meeting; location TBD
April 28	◆ Helping Paws; Greg Dineen contact
June 9	◆ Board meeting following the Minnetonka Show; location TBD
August 25	◆ HSSC Regional Specialty—St. Croix Kennel Club Cluster Show, Lake Elmo, MN ◆ HSSC Annual meeting and potluck dinner to follow Specialty; more information soon
November 3	◆ HSSC Dog Walk around Lake Harriet —George Huddle is the contact; ◆ Board meeting to follow the walk; location of the meeting TBD

Helping Paws 2007 Run & Romp

On Saturday, April 28th Helping Paws will be having it's 6th annual Run & Romp at 1:00 p.m., *rain or shine*. It will be held at the Shoreview Community Center. Please consider coming out and joining us as

we volunteer at this very worthwhile event. For more information, check out their website at www.helpingpaws.org. See you there!

SSCA National Specialty

This year's SSCA National Specialty will be held in Valparaiso, IN from June 21—June 24. The show premium should be available in March. This is an All Breed show with Obedience and Rally as well. The

banquet will be held on Saturday evening along with the yearly club meeting. Check the SSCA website for more information. Donations for trophies are being sought.

HSSC Regional Specialty and Annual Dinner

Our 2007 Regional Specialty is planned to be held on Saturday, August 25 as part of the St. Croix Valley Kennel Club's All Breed Dog show. Confirmation, Obedience and Agility events will be supported. The

same events will be supported by HSSC on Sunday, August 26. Look for more information on the website about this event as we get closer to August.

2007 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE NOW!

Have you forgotten something? If you haven't paid your 2007 dues yet, they are due now. Please check the website for current renewal forms and mail your

payment to George Huddle (address is on the form). Please email us if you have any questions.

GROOMING SEMINAR

We had our Beginning Show Grooming seminar on January 28th at the C&E Dog Training Center in St. Louis Park. Leading us in our quest to better groom our Schnauzers was Mary Paisley of ToMar Kennels in Lacrosse, WI.

Whether new to or experienced at grooming the Standard Schnauzer, this seminar had something for everyone. Mary started the morning off with the importance of knowing your breed, the examina-



tion of our dogs from all sides, looking at both front and rear angulations. This was followed by those wonderful eyebrows and grooming the head; working around the tail; making the pelvis look broader/narrower; and how to shave the rear to look larger or smaller. She moved on to the reasons for stripping the necks tight; how to build up the thighs to even out the legs; and the need for balance (front



and rear) and how to achieve it. The second half of the session focused on scissoring and finishing techniques. Illusion can play a big role in how a dog looks in the ring, and with the right scissoring, this can be effectively achieved. This makes it important to spend time getting to know your dog's structure, and identify those spots that need work or enhancement.

Some Good Tips

Do you want to improve the condition of your dog's coat? Try using a boar bristle brush on it every day. And that sharp new stripping knife – try rubbing it in a can or jar of sand to dull the blade and you are less likely to cut something (like your hand?). If your Schnauzer has brittle furnishings, try rubbing some Kolestral (available at Sally's and



other stores) in their legs every day to condition them. It will attract dirt, so be sure to wash their legs out at the end of the week and start the process again. And when you use mousse on their legs—don't skimp! Be sure to use the extra hold—it works the best.

Many thanks to Sunny Lambert for taking on the task of organizing this very successful day, and to Mary for putting on such an informative seminar. I hope that it is something that we can repeat in the future. Happy grooming!



SHARE THE GOOD NEWS!

Do you have any news you would like to share? A new title or achievement that you would like the Club to hear about? Funny photos or proud moments?

Email your information and pictures to the link on our website, and we will include it in the next newsletter.

If a dog's prayers were answered, bones would rain from the sky.

- Proverb

HSSC MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2007

The new officers were announced and all were present:

President: John Limpert
Vice-President: Kristin Hauser
Secretary: Judi Hornbacher
Treasurer: George Huddle
Directors: Linda Limpert & Greg Dineen

Old Business:

- The minutes were read, with no objections or additions heard they were approved as read.
- The first topic of business was the events already appearing on the 2007 club calendar. The first item is the Helping Paws Run & Romp on April 28, 2007. Greg Dineen updated the group regarding the role we play by assisting wherever needed, including handing out t-shirts.
- The second event mentioned was our Regional Specialty at Lake Elmo on August 25th. Discussion on this subject was tabled until later in the meeting.
- George Huddle spoke briefly on the HSSC Club Dog Walk to be held on either the last weekend in October or the first weekend in November.
- The final event mentioned was the annual meeting, held the first weekend in January to coincide with the Land O Lakes Dog Show in St. Paul.

New Business:

Scheduling of Meetings

The first topic of new business was the scheduling of meetings and the suggestion that we should attempt to schedule them to coincide with dog show events. The present 2007 calendar of shows was reviewed and meetings were planned for the following dates:

1. March 3, since there is a local rally/agility trial that weekend.
2. June 9/10 at the time of the Waconia/Lake Minnetonka show.
3. An August meeting to be scheduled in association with our specialty and dinner. It was suggested that perhaps we may wish to consider returning to the idea of having a potluck.
4. October/November meeting to coincide with our annual club walk around Lake Harriet.

Insurance

The next item was a discussion of the insurance costs, our present policy with the AKC, and possible options to reduce the amount of the premium. John reported on companies he was able to research on the web, with favorable results indicating products available at a lower cost. Following input from the Board, he agreed to continue researching options available to us, and will report at the March 3 meeting.

Specialty August 25

After a brief discussion of the merits and issues of a Friday Specialty, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to continue a dependent status for the 2007 Specialty held in conjunction with the St. Croix Kennel Club Show.

Communication

- **Heartbeat Newsletter:** The Board is making an energized attempt to upgrade communications. Discussion centered on ideas for items to include in the newsletter that would be of interest to the club members. Sunny Lambert, the outgoing editor, has agreed to send the recent club information to Pepper & Salt editors in time to meet the January 15th deadline. Kristin Hauser agreed to serve as editor for 2007.
- **Electronic Communication:** The discussion continued with the topic of expanded electronic communication, updates to the website, and greater circulation of the Newsletter. A possible chat-room scenario was discussed and John Limpert will be following up on the possibility of a Yahoo website.
- **Outreach:** The first step will be to update the membership list and George Huddle will prepare an updated mailing list by April 1. In addition we need to reach out to other Standard Schnauzer owners in our area. Suggestions included developing a resource center on our website; posting more fliers announcing our events; sending the newslet-

ter out to breeders; breeders presenting a one year membership to each new owner of one of their puppies; and aligning our club with other organizations in the area. It was suggested that we contact the Northstar Working Group Association, obtain more information and ideas on how they function, and determine if there is a way for us to participate in some of their activities. Kristin Hauser has contacted the club and will be attending their next meeting.

- It was suggested that we might want to consider fund-raising ideas, including the sale of T-shirts and sweatshirts with the club logo, which we will continue to discuss at our next meeting.

General Discussion

Several ideas have been suggested which could not occur without amending our Bylaws. Judi Hornbacher will create a new soft copy of the present Constitution and Bylaws and circulate copies to the Board for their review. Suggestions for amendments will be discussed during the March 3, 2007 meeting and any proposed changes or additions will be presented to the membership for a vote during the August 25th meeting.