

## PREZ SEZ

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### READ ALL 'BOUT IT!



Greetings!

It's hard to believe we are already at the holidays, with snow falling as I write this, simply confirmation that winter is indeed on its way. As I look back on 2010, I feel very grateful to have been a part of some terrific shows, including Nationals, where I met so many new, wonderful people and was able to spend quality time with a number of dear friends from across the country. I would like to thank the National club, again, for the invitation to hold a Specialty at Nationals. It was simply an amazing group of people and dogs!

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the current Board for all your efforts over the last three years. It's been quite an experience, and I am very proud of all we have accomplished and in reaching our goals. Which leads me to our annual meeting and elections for the 2011 Board in January. We have a new slate of people interested in most of the positions on the Board, with a vacancy remaining for a director's position. If you are interested in running for that opening, the opportunity to have the nomination from the floor will be made at the meeting. Thank you to the Nominating Committee, chaired by Joe Axmacher, for

their time and efforts putting together the slate for the vote.

Looking into 2011, there will be a number of opportunities to get involved with club activities, and volunteers are always appreciated – don't be shy! Check the website, emails, and newsletter for the latest and greatest.

I wish you and yours a very Happy Holidays and healthy, prosperous New Year!

All my best,  
Kristin

# General Membership Meeting and Annual Election of Officers

**The Heartland Standard Schnauzer Club of the Greater Twin Cities will hold its annual potluck dinner and general meeting to elect 2011 Board Officers the evening of Saturday, January 8, 2011. This year the event will be held at the home of Deb and Roger Eriksen in north Oakdale. Further details concerning the menu and a map will be posted soon on our website. So please mark your calendars to attend the Land O' Lakes dog show held at the River Centre in downtown St. Paul in the afternoon and come join the fun and enjoy the food in the evening.**

Our nominating committee has provided a slate of candidates running for office in 2011. The following are the bios provided by the candidates seeking office to share their experience and vision for the future of our club.

**Kara Maytag**, candidate for the office of President:

I have had a love for the Standard Schnauzer breed for the past 12 years. The timing was right 6 years ago to add my first SS to the family. Initially looking for a companion, Baylee turned into so much more as we became actively involved in Conformation, Obedience and Agility. To date we have achieved ten AKC titles (owner handled) within those three venues and are still having fun!

Two years ago, I made the decision to embark on breeding my first litter. It was critically important to me that I maintain the health and temperament of the breed and so I partnered with a local breeder to serve as my mentor. I did extensive research on the internet, consulted with a renowned reproductive vet in the area and attended seminars on breeding and neonatal care of puppies. My hard work and dedication paid off as I brought five puppies with outstanding temperaments into their new homes and the owners are delighted with them. One of them, Harper, stayed with me and we have started our training and preparation for her show career. Throughout this journey, I have become educated about different training methods, familiarized myself with the SS breed standard, learned grooming techniques, and made friends with some wonderful individuals. I have served as a Director on the HSSC Board and was instrumental in renewing the pursuit of activities within the club. I have helped to arrange many successful events including herding seminars, a sanctioned AKC fun match, a therapy dog session, play dates at local dog parks, participation in the AKC Responsible Dog Owner Days and a grooming seminar to name a few. Additionally, I helped to bring in several new members to the club this past year. I believe that one of the critical roles that regional clubs need to play is to educate and help SS owners learn more about the breed and the behavior of their own dogs.

My vision for the club is to make it friendly and welcoming to all members. To be a successful club, the voice of the members must be heard. Adherence to the Constitution & By-laws is a necessity to maintain fairness. As President, I do not feel it would be in the best interest of the club to manage it with only my beliefs in mind. A President must be willing to listen and speak with the members and do the best job he/she can of representing the desires of the membership as a whole. I am a good listener, fair, non-judgmental, even-tempered and most of all I love to do things with my dogs. I have a significant number of connections through other dog clubs and organizations, including the SSCA and other SS regional clubs, and will be able to use these to help make HSSC the most successful club it can be.

I appreciate your consideration for my nomination to the office of President of the HSSC for 2011. I truly believe that I can play an instrumental role in leading the club into the next phase of success by building the membership base and offering a wide range of activities to satisfy the interests of the members of the club. I have extensive knowledge of the breed and the various AKC activities that SS can participate in. I believe that I bring many strengths to this role.

**Marjana Callery**, candidate for the office of Secretary:

After several Mini Schnauzers, I got my first Standard Schnauzer in 1994. What an exciting dog! I discovered that he could do EVERYTHING.....conformation, obedience, agility, herding (AKC titles: CH,CD, RN, NA, NAJ). After adding a Giant Schnauzer and another Mini to our family, I got my second Standard; again--a dog with boundless energy who can do everything. Finn has his AKC CH, CD, GN, RAE, NA and NAJ and is currently trialing towards his Open agility and Open obedience titles. My interest in being elected to the Board as Secretary is to continue my long involvement with HSSC (which I joined in the mid-1990s) by giving back in the form of taking on a more structured level of responsibility. As Secretary, I would ensure that meeting minutes are published in the newsletter and/or distributed to the membership, and that communication is maintained between the Board and membership as well as with other organizations. What I see in the future for the club in my role on the Board would be to have regular membership meetings as we did when I first joined (it was so enjoyable to get together regularly with other Standard owners!) and lots of fun activities for our uniquely active and versatile breed. There is SO MUCH that this breed is capable of doing--I want to help the members of our club find ways to enjoy their dogs even more!

**Roger Eriksen**, candidate for the office of Board Director

My first dog of my own was an AKC registered Doberman pinscher bitch. Her registered name was Hearthside's Ebony Iscus which evolved into a call name of Kisses. This was the time frame of films that portrayed the breed as vicious and untrustworthy even to their owners. Her call name was to refute the Hollywood image. I trained her through basic obedience and into CD training at Red Dog Obedience Center in Cottage Grove and eventually began instructing basic obedience classes for them. We participated in Human Society events and obedience demonstrations at the St. Paul Civic Center to garner interest in having a well-trained dog as a companion. At the time, I remained a member in good standing of the Doberman pinscher club.

At the time I was employed at 3M which had many activities clubs for employees to participate. I championed a dog obedience training club before the activities committee resulting in the approval and formation of the first 3M dog obedience club. I served as the president of the club for the first year and Director and several years thereafter. I currently share my home with only one S.S. with whom I find great pleasure. He is a 'daddy's' boy that accepts me as the pack leader. Ruger took first place in his basic obedience class, has trained through advanced class and participated in CD training for several sessions. Our passion right now lays in agility training where we are progressing in level 2/3 right now and advanced obedience.

My interest in becoming a board director is to assist in the leadership and direction of the S.S. club in serving the best interests of its membership. I very much enjoy being able to produce the club's newsletter, to have served as hospitality director at our recent specialty show and have volunteered to hold the club's January general membership meeting at our home.

In addition to these candidates seeking your support for office, the nominating committee has put forth the following additional nominees:

Vice President: Pam Ziegenhagen

Treasurer: George Huddle

One director position remains open without a candidate. Please note that any candidate can only run for one elected position. Nominated candidates are free to decline and thus become eligible for another position if so nominated. Nominations from the floor are acceptable at the general meeting, but the nominated party must be present to accept the nomination or the nominator must provide written evidence of the acceptance of the nominated party.

Only club members in good standing will be eligible to vote. Want to participate? Get nominated, get busy! To be eligible to vote, members must have their 2011 club dues paid prior to the meeting being called to order.

# Performance Corner

## A Change of Culture and Pace

We are not yet familiar with the training environment for Rally classes, but would like to address the culture of different class structures of other disciplines. Obedience in general is taught in a very precise, regimented training structure. All handlers and dogs perform movements and practice commands in unison. The structure of the class is almost like a military drill team perfecting starts, stops, turns, about turns and changes of pace all in regimented unison. All of the static exercises are also performed as a group event. It seems that the only exercises done on a one-to-one level are the recalls and figure eights. When in the obedience ring precision, detailed accuracy, reliable consistency will win ribbons and titles. Every entrant begins with a perfect score and loses points for a lack of precision from there.

The conformation ring is all about the judge's interpretation of the breed standard and how well the entrants exemplify those standards. This is not to say that the handler plays no part at all in the 'performance'. Conformation classes teach handlers how to stack and 'show' their dog to best advantage. The class is very loose and informal with handlers practicing with their dogs while awaiting their turn with the instructor. Once with the instructor, the handler learns to work the dog at the perfect pace that shows off the best physical gate of the dog.

Also practicing having the dog's attention at the U-turn and stopping in a well stacked stand position. The environment is loose, casual and dictated by showing your dog's best qualities regardless of what the others in class may be doing.

The structure of agility training has been to be very loose and free-wheeling. The course sequence is defined by the instructor and all dogs 'take' the same sequence of obstacles. The height of the jumps is changed to accommodate the particular dog that is next to perform. While one dog & handler are on the course, the others stand aside and observe. It seems that once all of the obstacles have all been introduced to the dogs, the only training provided is practice. The repetition builds speed and reliability. A good portion of training time is spent on correctly performing and repeating the activities that most frequently cause faults. The instructor's training is geared toward building speed, reliability and most of all, team work between dog & handler.

Flyball, Coursing, Herding and Tracking are other training disciplines that deserve their own attention in future editions. How about Therapy Dogs or Rescue or Drug and Explosive detection? Standard Schnauzers are used in all phases of "work" being the smallest, but most handsome and intelligent member of the working group! Right?

### REMINDER:

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME IS JANUARY 1, 2011. DUES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO APRIL 1, 2011 IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP STATUS. FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE THE RENEWAL FORM IS FOUND ON THE WEBSITE.**

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**What is the difference between a  
running man and a running dog?**

**One wears trousers, the other pants.**

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## ----- Club Members Wags & Brags -----

**CH Jordan Gregor of Windtree**, "Logan" owned by Mederic and Joanna Hall and Sunny Lambert; bred by Sunny Lambert.

Logan started working toward his championship at the Land 'O Lakes show in January 2010 when Joanna started showing him. His handlers included Sunny Lambert, Pam Ziegenhagen and Joanna Hall, his owner who finished him with a 5 point major at the St. Croix Valley Kennel Club shows in August and a 4 point major at Mason City, Iowa in October, 2010. Logan works as a therapy dog with Landis (Jordan Duke of Windtree) and Joanna as well as rally and obedience.



**H Jordan Doolin of Windtree "McKay"** owned by Alan Shefland and Pam Ziegenhagen Shefland and Sunny Lambert; bred by Sunny Lambert.

McKay is currently working in agility and clearing the property of squirrels, squinnies, rabbits, raccoons and deer. Her show career started when she was about 1 year old but interrupted by a one year hiatus in Paris, France. When she returned last year she started going to shows now and then. By the time she finished her championship she knew the routine like a star and free baits like a pro. She loves showing and proves easy for handlers. She was shown to her championship by Sunny Lambert.



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## *Wagg'en Rights*

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We would love to recognize all the wonderful milestones you and your Standard Schnauzer accomplish! Not only to promote what has been accomplished, but to also know our membership better and most importantly, about your SS. Did you recently finish an obedience class? Earn points toward you CH? First impressions of starting agility or rally? Anything



you wish the rest of the club to be able to share? We would love to hear about it! Send us the information and we will include it here. Feel free to email pictures of you with your Schnauzer (or just your dog if you are camera shy) and it will be added, too. Good luck!

## Local Resources

**Animal Inn Training School** has a nice facility for those of us on the East side of town. Check out their webpage at [www.animalinntraining.com/](http://www.animalinntraining.com/) for the details on all levels of training classes.

**C & E Dog Training Center:** Check out their web page and class schedule for puppy, beginning obedience, advanced obedience, intermediate, novice, pre-open/open, utility, rally, agility as well as conformation classes at [www.cedogtraining.com/schedule.html](http://www.cedogtraining.com/schedule.html)

**St. Paul Dog Training Club** holds obedience run thrus for practice for trials typically on Friday evenings at 6:00 PM. Fee is \$7.00 for the first dog and walk-ins are welcome. Check their calendar at [www.spdtc.com](http://www.spdtc.com).

**Total Recall**, Check out the info at their newly redesigned web site at <http://trdogs.com>.

**Bloomington Obedience Training Club** offers confirmation classes on Wednesday evenings at 8:15 for \$5.00. For more information visit [www.botcmn.org](http://www.botcmn.org). Walk ins are also welcome as non-club members in Novice, Open and Utility classes for \$8.00 per session.

**Tails Up Dog Training** offers both confirmation classes as well as several levels of obedience training classes are available in Burnsville. Visit [www.tailsupdogtraining.com](http://www.tailsupdogtraining.com) for the scoop on what's happening.



BAXTER! Uncle Joe said to not chase squirrels higher than 10 ft. Better git back down here cousin!

*Each issue of **The Heartbeat** newsletter is a means for the club to communicate, inform and hopefully, entertain the readership. All club members are invited to submit articles, photos, editorials or simply your comments on the dog related news items and happenings that you wish to share. "Letters to the editor" and op-ed pieces are your 'take' on what is important to you that you feel the club members should be aware.*

## 2010 Board of Directors

President:	Kristin Hauser
Vice President:	Joe Axmacher
Secretary:	Judi Hornbacher
Treasurer:	George Huddle

Directors:	Greg Dineen, Kara Maytag
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Editor:	Roger Eriksen
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# 2011 SSCA National Specialty

Show Dates	July 6, 2011 through July 10, 2011
Closing Date	
Location	Sea Side Park Ventura County Fairgrounds Ventura, CA
Host Hotel	
Specialty Chair Person	Carol Karas
Judges	
Regular Classes	Mrs. Madge Fish
Junior Showmanship	Mrs. Madge Fish
Obedience	Shirley Indelicato
Sweepstakes	Joy Roth
Parade of Champions	
Website	<a href="#">SSCA 2011 National</a>
Superintendent	<a href="#">Jack Bradshaw Web Page</a>

## Grooming Workshop

The HSSCGTC sponsored grooming workshop was held Sunday, November 14 at Animal Inn located in Lake Elmo. This no fee club sponsored event drew over half a dozen dogs with their owners and several very gifted groomers were on hand to share their tips & techniques. Many thanks to George, Kara & Sunny!

We learned that there is no absolute 'right' or 'wrong' because grooming for the show ring seems to be more art than science. One sculpts the dog's coat to show their physical attributes to best advantage. Demonstrations of different techniques as well as the variety of grooming tools and their application were presented. Sometimes your bare fingers and a keen eye are the best tools for a particular task.

In addition to the workshop activities, the event was a wonderful in-door private dog park type setting where the dogs were able to run and play on the rubber mats together. Snow, sleet and a cold wind were just outside the door, but all the dogs were happy to burn off some excess energy before grooming with a high paced play session in a warm safe and clean place.





# **A Tail of a Dog Walk**

*By Roger Eriksen*

It started as a restful end to a Saturday evening by finally making it to bed after a full day of yard work and chores. Taking more than a third of the bed area lay our S. Schnauzer who begrudgingly scoots over to allow the minimal room possible as I attempt to slide in under the covers. He spins a half circle, plopping down quickly before he loses his warm spot with his exhaust port pointing in my direction and expels a deep breath with a long nasal sigh. The restful calm of slumber seemed to last but moments as our eyes and ears were jolted back to the present which at that particular time was filled with the sound of booming, rolling claps of thunder and its light show accompaniment of lightning flashes. The wind driven rain was pelting the western wall of the bedroom in sheets one right after another. The rain water flowed in a wide stream and fell from the eaves to ping a rhythm against the metal of the air conditioning unit just outside our window adding to the mounting symphony of sights and sounds.

Eventually sleep returned for what was perceived as mere minutes only to abruptly slam to an end with the “symphony” of KQRS classic rock blaring from the snooze alarm. The realization of the mornings pending events precluded utilizing the snooze bar, so the feet were lowered to the floor even though the buns were still glued to the edge of the bed. First priority was to check the weather conditions to determine if the Sunday morning S. Schnauzer Club dog walk was going to go on or had it been washed out. With a bathrobe, hot cup of coffee and the dog out in his exercise pen, the television was tuned to the Weather Channel seeking to confirm what our bleary eyes observed out the patio door.

“Houston, you are cleared for lift off!” The morn broke calm, cloudy, humid and unseasonably warm for this relatively early hour of day. The chance of further rain was a concern that just never could gather the energy or interest to dampen the fun of our gathering. Folks began to find their way into the band shell area shortly before 11:00 AM for the planned club meeting that was to be held prior to the all Schnauzer breed variant dog walk. The stragglers arrived fashionably late and we all found a damp seat on the benches. (*See related meeting minutes herein about the General meeting.*) Several mini Schnauzers joined in as well as one Giant Schnauzer brought their owners to the event. A couple who were interested in our breed also shared their Sunday morning with us joining in for the walk and conversing with the most discriminating and sophisticated dog owners in the world; us!

After the close of the business meeting, the participants gathered in the parking lot adjacent to the ‘trail head’ for the official start. After a time of socializing, we were off and walking. Just a light layer of fog hung over the lake water which at the start of our walk was a perfect mirror of the flat, grey sky above. At this point, there were some members that were not convinced that the rain was going to hold off for the entire event. In defiance, we progressed along our rounds, enjoying the late fall colors of leaves, chatting with each other while noticing the seemingly increasing traffic of other walkers. No one can count on the weather conditions, but as opposed to the cold, brisk wind and barren trees of last year’s walk, the participants were getting ‘into it’.

Just more than half way around the puddle, we encountered Kara & Sunny with the refreshments and an opportunity to take a bit of a break. This stopping off point has always seemed to be the best opportunity for the membership to share our passion for Standard Schnauzers with the general public passing by and the curious several wanting to learn more of the event. At the starting point and again at the finish are also good places to promote our breed; however the friendly interaction at the half way point when most dogs are all gathered together provides a wonderful chance to visit with the passing public and show them exactly what they are missing by not sharing their home with a S.S.

If you happened to miss it, you really missed it. And you were missed too.

**Colorful leaves, a nice day, good company & beautiful dogs!  
What a Winner!!!**



Littermates: Maddie, Ruger & Siggie

***Even a Shar-Pei can be a 'fan' of Standard Schnauzers!  
"Schnauzers Blow Me Away, Dude"***





## ***HSSC SPECIALTY WINNERS – AUGUST 2010***



### **Best Veterans Sweepstakes and Best of Breed**

CH PEPPERMILL AND SHANA REIGN

Owner: Gwen Kirman & Sharon Talaga

Shown by: Gwen Kirman





## **Winners Dog**

DREAMS OF STD SCHNAUZER CHEYENNE'S MAVERICK

Owner: Richard & Twyla Kunc

shown by: Judy Housekeeper





**Best of Opposite Sex**  
AHRENFELDS JUSTA FOX  
Owner: Karen Martin  
Shown by: Penny Duffee