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PREZ SEZ

by Kelli Mullett

Welcome to 2015! I am taking the reins of the HSSC from good friend and stalwart fellow standard schnauzer admirer, Kara Maytag, who has done a fabulous job as president of the club for the past three years. Thank you for your forward thinking and creative leadership, Kara! Fortunately we will not be losing Kara's invaluable assistance as she will be stepping in as secretary of the club this year.

Unfortunately, we will be saying goodbye to Marjana Callery, who has served as secretary for the past three years. Thank you for your loyal service, Marjana, you were an outstanding secretary and we are sorry to see you go! I also want to take this opportunity to welcome new board member, Tony Griebie. Tony and his wife, Kelly, have already proven to be involved and helpful members of the club and I'm looking forward to working with both of them. Kris Gagner, who served as a board member last year, will be serving as vice president this year. I know Kris and I will make a great team!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank two HSSC members who have been quietly working behind the scenes on behalf of the club in largely thankless roles. Pam Ziegenhagen has been our club treasurer for the past few years and she has agreed to continue in this role for 2015. Thank you, Pam! I really appreciate all your work in the past and your continued willingness to act as club treasurer. You have always been an invaluable asset! And Roger Eriksen has done an amazing job as our club newsletter editor for some time. He has continually put out a quality newsletter with little to no help. Thank you for all your hard work, Roger, and bless you for your continued willingness to act as newsletter editor. We are lucky to have you!

We have some exciting plans for 2015 with our primary focus being membership involvement. Similar to my predecessor, I hope to see the HSSC continue to grow and be a healthy club. We want to hear from as many members as possible and we'd also really like to see a continued increase in involvement from our membership. You have a voice! Help us shape our club into something we are all proud of and wish to participate in.

PREZ SEZ (cont.)

Just a couple of upcoming events I want to mention. January 18th, 2015, is one of our popular grooming days. This event will be at Animal Inn from 11:00-3:00. This is a great opportunity to groom your dog, pick up some pointers from our experts and watch the dogs enjoy themselves with some supervised play. The focus this time will be on coat stripping and shaving, although, as always, all questions are welcome. On March 1st, 2015, we will be holding our annual obedience fun match at Bloomington Obedience Training Center. I believe this is our fourth straight year for hosting this event and we have always had a very good turnout. Volunteers to assist with this event would be greatly appreciated!

We will also be holding our third annual awards event in either February or March of this year. Details will be forthcoming as soon as plans are finalized.

Thank you for the opportunity to be president of HSSC and let's have a great 2015!

Kelli Mullett

2015 Board of Directors, etc.

President: *Kelli Mullett*

Vice President: *Kris Gagner*

Secretary: *Kara Maytag-Kaszas*

Treasurer: *Pam Ziegenhagen*

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Annual Meeting & Potluck Dinner

The club's newly elected (or reelected) officers for 2015 are reflected in the masthead on the previous page. To save the trouble of looking back, they are:

President: Kelli Mullett

Vice President: Kris Gagner

Secretary: Kara Maytag

Treasurer: Pam Ziegenhagen

Board: Tony Griebie (1st yr. of 2)

Board: Matthew Longtin (2nd yr. of 2)

Our annual meeting and potluck dinner was held as usual, the Saturday evening following the Land O' Lakes show. Falling temperatures during the day along with falling & blowing snow that evening made the commute home after the meeting 'interesting'. Unfortunately, the weather conditions may have scared off a few folks from attending.

We wish to thank Kelli and Laura for hosting the meeting this year on short notice. We also wish to thank Marjana Callery very much for serving as our secretary the last three years.

*This issue is just a bit early this month to provide the opportunity to encourage everyone to come out and join us for our **Grooming Day** this Sunday at Animal Inn starting at 11:00 AM. Bring your dog(s), grooming table if available and tools.*

*The pups really enjoy having the whole place to run and play with each other in a safe, warm, dry 'playroom'. If you wish to groom = great! If you wish to just visit, observe or enjoy seeing our whole pack together, that's fine too!! **Come for the fun.***





I have Returned!

Another Standard Schnauzer Health Survey

Enrollment begins January 1, 2015.

**Let's make our dogs proud –
complete the survey!**

Background: The survey of the health of our breed conducted in 2008 enrolled 1455 dogs. Overall, the health of our breed was good.

Going Forward: The 2015 Health Survey

To continue to have an accurate picture of the health status of our breed, as well as the common causes of death, we again need information on a large number of dogs; the goal for 2015 is to enroll AT LEAST 2,200 dogs who were alive at any point between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2014. YES – WE NEED INFORMATION ON HEALTHY DOGS. We need data on dogs who are “pets” (are not they all), (especially) dogs who died during the last 7 years, dogs NOT in breeding programs, unregistered dogs and, yes, dogs who were enrolled in the 2008 survey (they are now 7 years older).

EVERY Standard Schnauzer enrolled provides valuable information!!

Approach: The approach and instrument are similar to those previously employed, short and user-friendly forms available in several formats with completed forms returned to a non-dog club member third party, who will remove names, return addresses, email addresses, etc that could potentially identify the owner or individual submitting the data. ***This insures the confidentiality of all data submitted, a point that cannot be overemphasized.*** We expect much of our dogs and in return, they should expect the same of us. The future of our breed is our collective responsibility. **We are our dog's champions!**

The survey form will be available from the SSCA website: www.standardschnauzer.org

**AND discuss the importance of this survey with every Standard Schnauzer family.
Encourage them to participate! We need your help.**

If questions, contract the Health Survey Taskforce:

Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser (mohrenweiser@wvi.com),

Diana Wall (JFUN100@aol.com),

Dr. Diana Barber (irondogs@earthlink.net)

Waggin' & Braggin' Rights

These trophies were awarded by Twin Cities Obedience Training Club, Minneapolis to **Finn** Callery.

..“Belle” Olson Senior Handler Trophy (on the left): awarded to a handler (50 years or older) with the highest single score during the calendar year while working



toward any AKC “regular or titling” obedience titles.

..Bubba Foster Trophy (on the right): given to the dog that is an AKC Champion with the 3 highest scores while working toward any AKC “regular or titling” obedience titles.

Gable Longtin wins Best of Breed at the Minneapolis Kennel Club show in Shakopee.



Sully celebrates another birthday in December.

Here’s our photo of Halcyon's Do You Believe in Magic (AKA **Luna**) from the Minneapolis Kennel Club on 11/23/2014 for her first point and Winners Bitch win! Very exciting! She did really well and gained confidence and improved the next day. I think she is going to enjoy going to shows. She also did better on the table for the grooming and show prep today.





Kris and **Keillor** showing off his ribbons.

*"CPE Agility - On the Run Canine Center, Ham Lake, MN - Saturday, November 22nd and Sunday, November 23rd, 2014 - This was **Stone**'s 2nd ever agility trial, and he struggled with the noises and stress of having all eyes on him. He had 5 runs total. He got 1st and Q'ed in Level 1 Snooker; 1st and Q'ed in Level 1 Standard, and NQ and 1st in Level 1 Fullhouse! He also got his Level 1 Standard Title ribbon! Way to go Stone! You are such a good boy, and I know you're not the best agility dog, but you seem to enjoy it! He's only jumping 8 inches, so it's pretty easy on him. Way to go Stone! Love you!" – Shantel Julius*



Congrats! Les Gagner and **Keillor** earned their Beginner Novice Obedience title at St. Paul Dog Training Club!

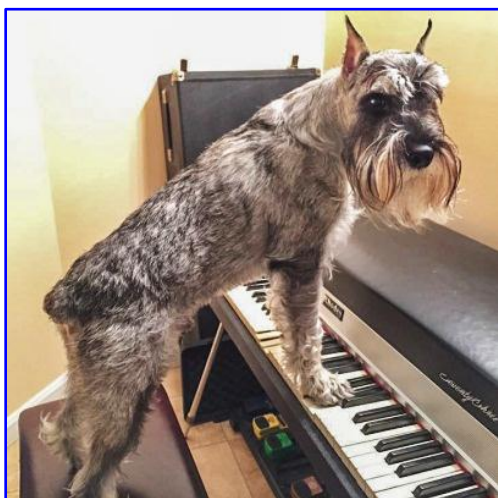
*"**Gable** earned Best of Breed again today (12-14-14) at the Granite City Kennel Club show in St. Cloud! He was a very happy boy in the ring and showed his fun loving personality. I am very happy with our performance today." – Julia Longtin*





Julie Fogarty and **Bria** showing off Bria's winning BOS from the puppy class ribbons from the Granite City show.

Dreamer and John had a great weekend at LOL show. Three entries, three legs, CD title! Way to go team Dreamer! – Linda Limpert



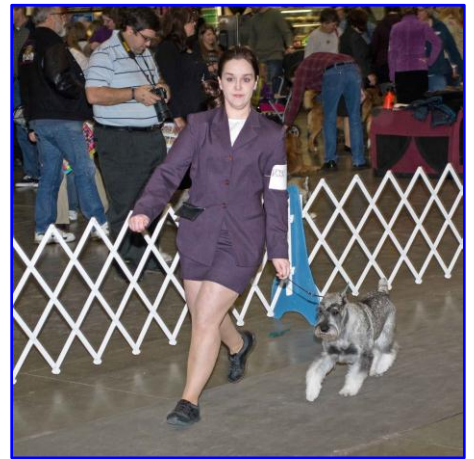
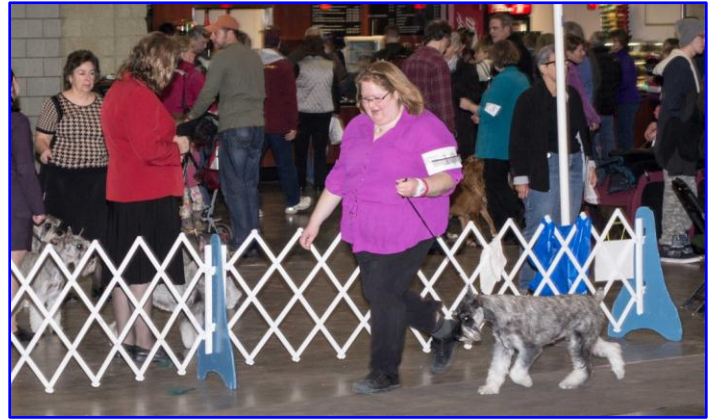
*"Play us a song, you're the Piano Hound
Play us a song tonight,
Well we're all in the mood for a melody
and Dex has us feelin' alright."*

*"And the piano sounds like a carnival
And the microphone smells like Milkbone,
So we trudge thru the snow on our way to a show
Wondering "Dex, when are you coming home?"*

HSSC What – Where – When

- ★ **March 22, Sunday Brunch Awards Banquet at Vivo Kitchen, Apple Valley**
- ★ **March 1, 2015 HSSC Obedience Fun Match,
Bloomington Obedience Training Club**

Land O' Lakes Show, Dec. 3, 2015



*And the 'winner' is . . . Alfonso who got to take his new little buddy **Hunter** Maytag Kaszas home with him to California. Now **THAT** is a trophy of which to be very proud. Good luck lil' dude!*



Club Member Profiles



Linda & John Limpert

We have enjoyed Standard Schnauzers since 1985 when we brought our first one, Faith von Sondergeist, into our home. As you all know, Standards become a part of the family and they helped raise our two children, Jennifer and Kyle. We could not imagine raising children without a dog or two. Children, puppies and Standards have been a fun mix for our family through the years.



We live in Rochester. Linda keeps busy with her own grooming shop at home and John is a project manager at IBM. We like to be active with our Standards in agility, rally, obedience and conformation. We've also done search and rescue, tracking and herding. When not doing human fun stuff, our Standards love to hunt their backyard for squirrels, rabbits, and birds which they proudly bring back to us. We think barn hunting will be in our future at some point.

We have had a limited breeding program through the years with Ariel (Schmidthausen), Angie, Believe and

Challenge. Having a litter every three years or so. We have been fortunate to produce puppies that are good representatives of our Standard Schnauzer breed. Showing puppies to their breed and performance titles is very fulfilling. The titles include: CH, MACH, MX, MXJ, AX, AXJ, OA, OAJ, NA, NAJ, UD, CDX, CD, BN, RE, RA, RN, CGC, V, VX. Standards love to learn by keeping it fun.

We do like showing in the breed ring and meeting all the great people in our breed. Our daughter, Jennifer, has also been showing our dogs since her early days of junior showmanship. Showing puppies that you've bred to their breed championship is very satisfying. But our true joy comes from teaming up with our



Standards in the performance events of agility, rally and obedience. We have always felt it important to demonstrate the versatility of Standards. In 2014, Linda and Challenge earned their MACH and

were the top 5 Standard Schnauzer team in the US. We attended the AKC Agility Invitational in Orlando, FL and a fun time was had by all. John is active with Dreamer in agility, rally and obedience but as always left the conformation showing to Linda and Jennifer.

We've been members of HSSC since its beginning. Living in the '' of the Greater Twin Cities'' area for our club does not allow us to make all the meetings and events. We wish we could, but it has been great to see HSSC grow into the organization it is today.



The HSSC Awards Banquet will be a Sunday Brunch at Vivo Kitchen, 15435 Founders Lane, Apple Valley March 22nd starting at 11:30. Be certain to put this on your “*Things To Do List*” and check out our website for nomination forms & details. Go to vivomn.com to view their menu.

'Bone' Appetit

Recipe courtesy of Bullwrinkle.com



Cheesy Bacon Biscuits

Ingredients:

3/4 cup whole wheat flour
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1 stick margarine, softened
2/3 cup brown sugar
1 egg, slightly beaten
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
1 1/2 cups regular oats, uncooked
1 cup (4 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese
2/3 cup wheat germ
1/2 lb. bacon, cooked crisp, drained, and crumbled

Directions:

Combine flour, soda and salt; mix well and set aside. Cream butter and sugar; beat in egg and vanilla. Add flour mixture, mixing well. Stir in remaining ingredients.

Drop dough by rounded teaspoons onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350° for 16 minutes. Cool on baking sheet for a minute or so before removing to cooling rack.

Please submit contributions for publication in the Heartbeat by the 10th of January, March, May, July, September and November for inclusion in the issue for those months. Thank you!

*Each issue of the **Heartbeat** newsletter is a means for the club to communicate, inform and hopefully, entertain the readership. All readers 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 also appreciated which are your 'take' on what is important to you that you feel the club members might like to be aware.