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President's Message

Happy New Year to the members of the Greater Twin Cities Afghan Hound Club!

The club members have a busy schedule planned for 2012 with added CAT and Lure Coursing dates as well as a Fun Run in February and another Fun Run once again in June at the Lake Minnetonka Kennel Club Shows. The Specialty in August will be chaired by Sandy Nelson and will be perfection, of course. It will be a good year once again for this Club.

Louise and Rick Paulson hosted the Christmas Party in mid-January and it was a terrific time—beautiful house, lovely Christmas decorations, much variety in delicious food and lots of drink that made us merry. The club donated (brag bank funds) a roast that was totally melt in your mouth, that I think we all enjoyed very much. Louise organized an oven mitt gift opening game that was hysterical—if that didn't make you laugh then watching Lorene laugh at the rest of us trying to get the gifts open would certainly tickle your funny bone. It was a hoot and several went home with nice gifts, compliments of the Club as well. Thanks to Louise, Rick and Lorene for making such a fun Christmas Party possible.

On another note, the Afghan Hound fancy has been made aware that one of our own long time members has come under some terrible times. After losing her job and eventually losing her home she moved in with a friend. In addition to all of her stresses she was subjected to some very public criticism which made life a nightmare for this person when they needed help the most. I am pleased to say that many have reached out to help her by organizing a fundraiser. If you would like to send funds by PayPal, her address is: medinaafs@yahoo.com and her mailing address is Laurel Goodell, P.O. Box 194, Townville, SC 29689. Sometimes people just need a little help when times have been tough.

Anna Tyler

2012 SPECIALTY

Plans are moving forward for our specialty which will be held in August. Cynthia Dunahey will be the Chief Ring Steward. Barb Plum will also steward. Anna Tyler and Meredith Soboto have volunteered to be in charge of the raffle.

We need people to volunteer to help set up the ring and lunch area and to pick up the judge on Friday and bring him to the show site. Also, someone is needed to make sure there is a cooler of water and whatever type of softdrinks are wanted at the ring.

Once again we will be playing Bingo at our specialty party and Janet Williams, Bingo organizer, needs everyone's help. She will be collecting Bingo prizes throughout the year. She needs all sorts of things for prizes...white elephant, art, books, dog stuff, general household/kitchen items, clothing, anything you are thinking about "regifting." You can bring things to each club meeting and Sandy Nelson will keep

the donated items at her house. Make it good because you might win it back next August.

BRAGS, BRAGS, BRAGS

Lloyd (Janet Williams) went Best of Winners at the Granite City Show in St. Cloud on Sunday, December 11. Nice Job Lloyd!

Kirat (Vicki Fagre-Stroetz) was the All Breed Representative at the 2011 National Lure Coursing Championships in Cat Springs, Texas. Wow!!

Navy (Scott Kelly) was Select Bitch at the Granite City Show in St. Cloud on December 10 and Best of Breed on Sunday, December 11. She went on to take a Group 3. Congratulations!

Rio (Lorene French) earned his second leg in Obedience at the Chicago Land Show. One more to go Rio!

Parker (Susan Weatherhead) went Best of Opposite Sex on November 19 and was Select Bitch on November 20 at the Chicago Land Hound Association..went Best of Opposite Sex on December 10 and was Select Bitch on December 11 at the Granite City Show in St. Cloud...was Select Bitch on December 14 at the Space Coast Kennel Club Show of Palm Bay...and was Select Bitch on December 16 at the Central Florida Kennel Club Show. Whew!

Abba (Doug Korus) earned her Dual Championship—conformation and lure coursing—within two months of each other. Way to go Abba!

Note: Congratulations to everyone and their dogs for all of your accomplishments! Please report your brags at a meeting or email them to me at suemedure457@gmail.com

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Saturday, February 25 – Fun Run in Ramsey, Minnesota

Saturday and Sunday, March 31 and April 1 – CAT in Ramsey, Minnesota

Saturday and Sunday, April 21 and 22 – AB AKC Lure Coursing

Location to be Determined

Friday and Saturday, June 22 and 23 – AB AKC Lure Coursing
Princeton, Minneosta

NEW MEMBERS

At the December meeting, the Greater Twin Cities Afghan Hound Club unanimously voted in two new members. Congratulations to Nathan Wattenhofer from Ramsey, Minnesota and Barb Plum from Bismarck, North Dakota. Welcome Aboard!!

The next GTCAHC meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2012, at Noon. It will be held at Lynn LaBahn's house.

Anna Tyler: President

Lynn LaBahn: Vice-President

Sandy Nelson: Recording Secretary

Lorene French: Corresponding Secretary

Al Saiko: Treasurer

Sue Medure: Newsletter Editor