

TOPLINES



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Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

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The Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan mourns the loss of a dear friend and club member, Sue Schauer. Our condolences to John & their family.



Officers 2018

President: Sue Quinn
Vice Pres.: Beth Santure
Secretary: Donna Giles
Treasurer: John Schauer

2017 MSCM Titles.....by the Numbers!

Conformation:

AKC Championships – 5
GRAND Champion – 1
IABCA Nat’l CH – 1
Honor’s Champion – 1
Int’l Champion – 1
Grand CH Bronze - 1
UKC Champion - 1

Obedience:

PCDX - 1

Barn Hunt:

RAT-Master – 1

Trick Dog :

ATD - 1

AKC Agility:

MX – 1
XF – 1
T2B2 – 1
MJB – 1
MJB3 – 1
PACH2 – 1
MXP7 - 1
MXPS – 1
MJP6 – 1
MJPS - 1
PAX2 – 1

Total Titles Earned
in 2017
22

Club Members
Competing
11

Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan

Meeting/Picnic

June 16, 2018

At the home of Beth & John Santure
200 Begole Rd. Milan, MI 48160

—Potluck Lunch at Noon—
Business Meeting to follow



Bring x-pens, shade for sun/cover for rain and chairs

Members are asked to bring a dish to pass for the lunch. Please RSVP Beth by email at bsanture@gmail.com to let her know if you are planning to attend and what dish you are bringing.

Guests are ALWAYS welcome!

DIRECTIONS:

US-23 to Exit 31 (Willis Rd.). West onto Willis Rd. to Platt Road (stoplight). Left (south) on Platt Rd. for 2 miles to Begole Rd. Right onto Begole Rd, over RR tracks, only house on the right.



Club
News:

MSCM Agility Trial

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

July 27-29, 2018

All Dogs Can LLC

2232 North Lapeer Road

Lapeer, MI 48446

REMINDER FOR THE TRIAL!!

Members should bring raffle and silent auction items to the June meeting. These items will be used to prepare for our annual raffle/auction at the July agility trial.

Already prepared baskets are desired but not necessary. Individual items will also be accepted. Silent auction items should be designated as such with an opening bid attached. Items should be new or "like new" and in clean, good condition.

Gift cards are great to donate too!!

Terri is looking for a volunteer to help package baskets & help the day of the trial. Please contact Terri if you can help out.



2018 Calendar of Important Events

June 16-

MSCM Meeting @ Beth Santure's House, Milan, MI

July 27-29th-

MSCM Agility Trial, All Dogs Can, N. Lapeer Road, Lapeer, MI 48446

August 11-

MSCM Meeting @Joanne Forster's House, Elkton, MI

September 28th-

MSCM Specialty, Monroe County Fairgrounds, Monroe, MI

October 1-4-

All Terrier Agility Trials, Pennsylvania

October 4-7-

Montgomery County Weekend, Pennsylvania

October 13-

MSCM Meeting/Fun Match @ Canine Workshop, Fraser, MI

December 8-

MSCM Meeting & Christmas Party , East Lansing, MI

PUPPIES

Terri Harmon has 2 male puppies available.
Contact her at harmonta@aol.com if you know of anyone looking.

The objective of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan is to advance the principals and scientific practices in the breeding of purebred Miniature Schnauzers: foster co-operation between breeder, owner, and veterinarian; encourage the exchange of information and experience among the club members and between show-giving clubs; to conduct sanctioned and licensed specialty shows and matches; and to encourage the adherence to the high standards of conduct and to the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.

PerformanCe



Owner

Doubt

Daisy Peel is one of the top agility trainers and handlers in the world. Daisy and her Border Collie, Frodo, had been preparing to attend the USA World Agility Championship Tryouts in 2017 when Frodo sustained a severe injury during a routine hike in the woods. As accomplished as she is, Daisy went through a period of serious doubt about her and Frodo's future in the agility ring. She wrote the following article about her battle with doubt for the 2018 Agility Challenge and has given her permission to members of the Challenge to share it.

“Ok, on to the topic of this week's newsletter, and really, one of the main reasons I went to Germany: **doubt**. Those of you who have been following me know that last year, I was prepped and ready for Team USA World Agility Championship Tryouts, only to be sidelined by injury. Just a couple of weeks before Tryouts, Frodo got hit on the trail by another dog, and had a traumatic and complete tear of his CCL. Less than 48 hours after that, he had a TPLO. If you don't know what that is, Google it - it's pretty wild. Basically, the dog's leg bone is sawed off at the top, and the head of the bone is realigned and screwed back on, so that the knee mimics a human knee, rendering the CCL not necessary any longer. Needless to say, I was devastated. I had been to Germany the month before, to compete, spend time with my best friend, and then head to Crufts to represent the USA in the International Competition. I was as ready as I'd ever been.

Less than a full year later, and we've just gotten back from another trip to Germany. In the past year, I've gone through so much with the dogs, and with my approach to the sport. Frodo's injury knocked the wind clean out of me. And, when he was rehabilitated and it was time to go back in to the ring, I found that I was terrified - terrified and afraid in a way I'd never experienced before. I've had my doubts competitively, sure, but I've always prided myself on being brave, fearless, and assertive in the ring. For some reason, after Frodo's injury and return to sport, I found that I walked in the ring filled with.....**doubt**.

Doubt is a funny thing - it's NOT the same as not knowing! Doubt has an element of suppression to it. If I doubt myself or my abilities as a handler, I suppress curiosity at what is possible. Not knowing...that has an element of curiosity to it! Much better to not know than to doubt.

And so, this year, I made plans to head to Germany...again. Like last year. A couple of weekends of competition on nice turf, with awesome courses, in a country that is undoubtedly at the top of the heap in the sport at the moment. Last year, it was just...preparation. Preparation for Tryouts, and Crufts, and FUN. This year...this year was all about overcoming **doubt**. I honestly can't tell you why doubt has become such a demon for me in the past year, other than Frodo's injury rocking my world - it may as well have been MY knee that was injured, based on all of the reading I've done about what athletes deal with during and after an injury. Except, it was my dog...a creature who I ask to play this game with me. And, yes, he was injured in a way that was completely unrelated to agility, but for some reason, our return to the sport seemed so fraught with peril that it terrified me.

So, we headed to Germany again in March this year. My main goals for our runs were to keep my own doubt in check, and instead, if I found I was unsure about how to handle a sequence, stick with "*I don't know*" and leave it at that. Experiment. Be OK with failing. Don't let it erode my self confidence as a handler further. Step to the line looking to attack rather than being fearful about what might happen. Practically speaking, I know that Frodo and I are not a flashy, whiz-bang fast team; he's just not that kind of dog. So, acceptance was also a goal for this trip. Running as the demo dog at the German Tryouts was amazing, but it also meant that I'd be faced with comparing my times with those of the best teams in the world, and accepting our best as good enough, without over trying, or wallowing in disappointment, which only saps the fun out of the game. If there's no fun....there's no point. I'm competitive as all heck, and I want to win, BUT, if it's not fun, and there's

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no joy in attacking the course, a win is completely meaningless (and honestly, winning and losing is meaningless anyway, if we're being honest!).

Now that I'm back home, I can say that my trip was an unqualified success. We ran seven of nine courses clean - and all four courses at German Tryouts we ran clear! That was with me walking with everybody watching (and in one round I walked the course **WRONG** several times, until somebody helped me out from the sidelines, oops!), and then me running **FIRST**. The following weekend, I ran two out of the four courses clean. In one run, Frodo dropped the first bar because of where I set him up, and **DOUBT** reared its ugly head **RIGHT AWAY**. Oh my God, he dropped a bar, he never drops a bar, is he sore, is he injured, is he ok, and what do I do. The rest of the run was garbage, because my head was not in it. So...a mental fail, 100%. In another run, there was a challenging weave pole entry, and instead of choosing safe, I chose the method I thought **LEAST** likely to work, because instead of doubting, I just...didn't know. And, it didn't work. But, I got some great feedback on that course, and I can't wait to set it up and work on it.

Most importantly, I came home feeling like I whipped the Doubt Demon into shape. I don't think I'll ever step to the line again without doubt - if you watch the videos in this playlist, you may not see doubt, but doubt is there, along for the ride, the whole time. The difference between winning and losing in these runs is that I'm **okay** with doubt, at least for the moment. I'm embracing it, welcoming it, saying hello to it as a friend, and thereby taking away all its power to sap the enjoyment out of my runs. I **love** this sport. I love running my dogs, and I love feeling like a hunter on the attack, chasing bunnies with my dogs on course. Doubt overwhelms any sense of enjoyment, saps my bravery, and kills my curiosity, and I refuse to let doubt win any more.

I imagine you've dealt with the Doubt Demon yourself - but remember, there is a **HUGE** difference between the mindset of doubting, and the mindset of simply not knowing. It's ok to not know...to not know if a move will work on course, to not know if you'll make it through - that's part of the thrill, after all, the discovery of things you didn't know would work. Sometimes they do, and it's spectacular, and sometimes you get some feedback to take back to your training. But doubt? Doubt kills that. I don't know about you, but I do not want to let the Doubt Demons get the better of me again. I'm happy to take them along for the ride, to welcome them as friends that I'm familiar with, to embrace them and recognize them for what they are, but they definitely don't need to get in the way of my enjoyment, or my not knowing, my uncertainties, or my curiosity. Once I accepted the Doubt Demons, finally, on the last day of competition...my enjoyment skyrocketed and my results reflected that. Frodo and I made it to the Finals at the last competition and got second place.

This is a process, to be sure - I'm going to have runs where doubt gets the better of me, and then, my challenge will be to not dwell on that and let my confidence be further eroded. I imagine several of you are nodding your heads right now - this is not a unique experience! But, like this month's mindfulness challenges, the trick is not to work too hard to not get distracted in the first place, but to recognize that every time you **ARE** distracted is an opportunity to flex your muscles and get back on track as quickly as possible. Every time doubt gets the better of us, our goal is to get back to being comfortable not knowing, without having doubt in the picture. The more we practice getting back on track with that, the better we'll get. For me, I expect doubt will always be there. Moving forward - my goal is to keep working to recognize it, embrace it, and move forward with it, rather than letting it stifle my enjoyment or curiosity."

I never would have imagined that someone of Daisy's skill and experience would be plagued by doubt. Knowing that she deals with it just like the rest of us is encouraging for me. Knowing that even the top handlers don't always know exactly the right plan for every course is also encouraging. It's OK to have doubts and to fear that you don't have a good plan for running a course. Learning to deal with these feelings in a positive way is the key.

Daisy and Frodo recently competed in the 2018 Team USA World Agility Championship Tryouts in Minnesota. They were clean in all rounds, winning first place in three rounds. They earned a spot on the next WAO team and will be representing the USA in Sweden.

SHOW CALENDAR

2018

July 6-8 Breed/Obed/Rally
Ann Arbor KC
Monroe, MI
Closes 6-210

July 13-15 Breed/Obed
Holland/Battle Creek KC
Marshall, MI
Closes 6-27

July 27-29 Obed/Rally
Kalamazoo KC
Kalamazoo, MI
Closes 7-11

Aug. 3-5 Breed
Sturgis/Berrien KC
Marshall, MI
Closes 7-18

Aug. 10-12 Obed/Rally
Obed. TC of Greater Lansing
Lansing, MI
Closes 7-25

Aug. 18-19 Breed
Macomb Kennel Club
Davisburg, MI
Closes 8-1

Aug. 18-19 Obed & Rally
St. Joe Valley Agility Club
Buchanan, MI
Closes 8-1

Agility 2018

June 29-July 1
MI Boxer Club
Midland, MI
Closes 6-15

July 6-8
Central MI Agility Club
Midland, MI
Closes 6-22

July 13-15
AADTC
Whitmore Lake, MI
Closes 6-29

July 19-22
Southern MI Weim Club
Lapeer, MI
Closes 7-5

July 27-29
MSCM & GWP
Lapeer, MI
Closes 7-12

Aug. 4-5
Capital City Club
Williamston, MI
Closes 7-21

Aug. 10-12
Northern MI Agility Club
Midland, MI
Closes 7-27

Aug. 17-19
Rhodesian Ridgeback Club
Lapeer, MI
Closes 8-3

Aug. 24-26
Companion DTC
Midland, MI
Closes 8-8

Braggs

GCH Loneacre's Bottoms Up "Fanny" earned her Grand Champion Title on April 28. Owned by Sue Quinn & Beth Santure. Bred by Marcia Coffman & Beth Santure.

GCHB Loneacre's Grand Slam PCDX,CD,BN,RA,MX,MXJ,OF,T2B "Dodger" earned his MX agility title on June 1st. Owned by Sue Quinn. Bred by Beth Santure.



MINIATURE SCHNAUZER CLUB OF MICHIGAN

MSCM Club logo decals and magnets FOR SALE

DECALS 7" are \$10

MAGNETS 7" are \$10

MAGNETS 9" are \$15

Contact Debbie H. at sercatep@yahoo.com if you are interested.

Mutt Mats are also still available to purchase.

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