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*"Never let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do."
- John Wooden*

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Our Louisville Kentucky Trip

[Beth, Lindsay & Joanne]

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The trip to the Kentuckiana Cluster Dog Shows in Louisville was a welcome escape from the already too long winter in Michigan. Heading considerably further south, we expected sunshine and warm t-shirt weather. (Ok, that's a lot to ask for in March!). What we got was what we thought we left behind- wind and cool temps with occasional sun. The only difference we could see from Michigan was that the Kentucky trees were in bloom and the grass was green! At least there wasn't even a HINT of snow!!

We drove my van this time as it is the extended version and we needed the extra room. Yes, we've been on enough trips to know that we take WAY more than we need! As it was, we probably should have rented a U Haul! Beth's daughter Lindsay ended up with a half seat width of space with a crate dolly looming almost over her head. She was literally enclosed in her cubby hole! If we could have found the camera, we would have taken a picture! At one point Beth told Lindsay to look at the beautiful horse farm on her right. Unfortu-

nately Lindsay's only view of the outside was to her left! Beth and I had a good laugh but I'm not so sure that Lindsay thought it was funny! This being my first time to these shows, I was overwhelmed at the size of the complex. It was wonderful, however, that all of the venues were able to be held under one roof! After a lot of walking and pretty much seeing the whole complex, we finally found our reserved grooming spots.. What a novel idea, I might add. It sure eliminates the mad rush for that PERFECT GROOMING SPOT!! As usual we crammed as much as we could into our allotted space and hurried back to the motel. What should have taken us 10 minutes to get to the motel ended up taking more than 1/2 hr. Our fault, tho, as usual. Let's just say that there were 4 gates open when we got there to unload and only one gate open to leave. Of course, it took us 3 full trips around the WHOLE complex to realize that!!

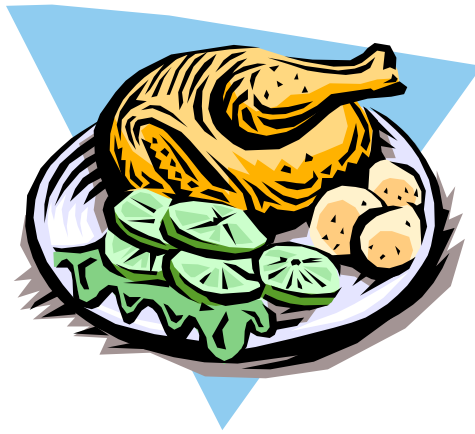
Our ring set up was nice; a large, carpeted ring with a bleacher at each end for addi-

tional seating. Our reserved grooming was situated behind the vendors, out of site from the rings and the public. I can't really comment much on the judging or the dogs, as I really didn't get the chance to see much of it. I only had one dog to get ready, and can't imagine the work involved for those that had multiple entries in dogs AND bitches all 4 days! Way too much work for me!! I like to have fun!

The highlights of the weekend for me had to be the Costume Party on Thursday night, and Friday night's first ever AMSC Miniature Schnauzer Obedience Trial! I'll have to admit that I didn't think the Costume Party was going to be much. That is until we entered the room that was FULL of dressed up, green (for St. Patrick's day) schnauzers! What a riot! I took as many pictures as I could, but they didn't do justice! Big CONGRATS to Lynn and Morgan for winning the contest! If there had been a 2nd place, I'm sure it would have went to Lindsay and Candy, the Hula Girl-dog!

Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan
Dinner/Meeting
April 29, 2006

Bavarian Inn Restaurant
713 S. Main Street
Frankenmuth, MI 48734
Phone (800)228-2742



US-23/75 to Exit 136 (Birch Run)
Turn East & proceed to M-83, turn left, proceed to downtown,
on the right after the covered bridge

Cash Bar Social Hour at 5:30 pm
Dinner served at 6:00 pm
General Meeting to follow

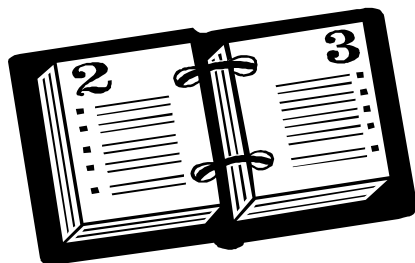
MENU:

Family style chicken dinner with all of the accompanying
side dishes. Coffee and tea included. Cash Bar.

Cost is \$21.00 per person (tax & gratuity included)
Children under 12 get a discounted price.

Reservation **REQUIRED** by Monday, April 24 Contact Diane Gardner (810)789-
6605 or email: gardnerdiane@hotmail.com

2006 Calendar of Important Events



APRIL 29

MSCM Dinner Meeting- Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth (see page 2 for details)

JUNE 25

Annual MSCM Outdoor Potluck Meeting & (unconfirmed) Eye Clinic at Debbie Herrell's, Grass Lake

AUGUST 19

Outdoor MSCM Fun Day & Potluck Meeting- Milan, MI Home of Beth & John Santure

SEPTEMBER 29

MSCM Fall Specialty Show-Monroe, MI-Monroe County Fairgrounds

OCTOBER 6-8

Montgomery County Weekend-Pennsylvania

OCTOBER 21

MSCM Dinner Meeting-Place To Be Announced in the Battle Creek Area

DECEMBER 10

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards-Coral Gables Restaurant



"Don't care what others think of what you do; but care very much about what you think you do."-

St. Frances DeSales

Our Louisville Kentucky Trip....continued from page 1

Even though the Obedience Trial was held late in the day (30 min. after BIS judging) on Friday, it was WELL worth the wait!

It was a welcome break from the seriousness of the conformation ring. We laughed at the silly antics of some of the schnauzers and applauded the team's efforts even when they disqualified. It was nice to see a handful of other AMSC members ringside, showing their support for the first Obedience trial. Who knows, maybe for the next one scheduling will allow for more members to attend. Kudos

goes to the Obedience Chairperson, Sonny Lelle for a great job putting it all together!

Although the weekend was full of fun, dogs, and events, the ultimate highlight of our weekend was being able to see and spend quality time with our good friend, Sonny Lelle! Talking by email just isn't the same as talking in person. We laughed, ate, drank, talked dogs until late at night, and laughed some more! When it came time to part, we shed a few tears, but look forward to the next time we can get together.

As I have said before, a dog show is just a dog show without good friends and good fun!



The Whelping Box

Born April 8, 2006 a litter of 6 (3 males, 3 females)

Dam: Downwind's Misty Morning

Sire: Ch. Phil Adore's Medicine

Proud owner: Barry Christy

Fundraising

We still have MSCM T-Shirts available! Sizes Small through Extra Large. As soon as we sell all of this design, we can order more with a different design. Email me with your order or save shipping and attend a meeting where I always have them with me!



Member Profile-Jean Bargiel



My name is Jean Bargiel and have been married to my loving husband Ray for 45 years. Together we have raised 2 sons who in turn have given us 3 grandsons and a granddaughter.

I have always loved Terriers and over the years have owned 3 Airedales. My last Airedale, Dixie earned her Companion Dog Title. When Ray and I retired 12 years ago and moved to the Thumb area from Dearborn, I met Joanne Forster as a groomer for Dixie. There at Joanne's I met and fell in love with the Miniature Schnauzer, the dog world's best kept secret! When Dixie died, I talked to Joanne about purchasing a puppy from a litter she had. She was honest with me and told me that she didn't have what I was looking for in that litter. She put me in touch with Ann DeWald who recently had a litter. I fell in love with a 3 week old male puppy from her litter that had perfect natural ears. Five weeks later Buddy came home with us. He has been such a

delight to Ray and I. He has quite a vocabulary, knowing all of his toys by name. Buddy is also a certified Therapy Dog. Being a member of the Miniature Schnauzer Club of Michigan has truly been a rewarding experience for me. There is a wealth of knowledge within the membership and all are willing to share....all you have to do is ask. I have made some new friends with whom I share a common interest...the fun loving Mini!!

"The best day of your life is the one on which you decide your life is your own. No apologies or excuses. No one to lean on, rely on, or blame. The gift of life is yours; it is an amazing journey; and you alone are responsible for the quality of it." - Dan Zadra



IGNAUGERAL OBEDIENCE TRIAL HELD AT OUR NATIONAL SPECIALTY!

What a thrill it was to attend and participate in the first ever all Miniature Schnauzer Obedience Trial held in Louisville, Kentucky, as part of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club's Roving Specialty.

Obedience was held on Friday evening, March 17th at the Kentucky State Fair and Exposition Center. We were honored to have as our judge, Mr. William Oxandale of Crestwood, Missouri. Mr. Oxandale and his wife, Marilyn, have been in schnauzers for many years. In fact, Mr. Oxandale titled the first OTCH Miniature Schnauzer!

Due to the evening time constraints the trial was limited to 31 dogs. It filled very quickly as many of us were excited to participate in this historical event. All regular classes were held as well as a Veteran's class for our senior obedience schnauzers.

Lots of hard work, went into the

Performance Corner by Lynn Baitinger

groundwork that is always necessary in a "first" event. I know that everyone in the schnauzer obedience community sent out a heartfelt thank you to the Obedience Chairman and Trial Secretary, Sonny Lelle, of Austin, Texas. Her tireless efforts on behalf of the AMSC in making this event a reality did not go unnoticed. During Sonny's welcome speech, you could feel our "buttons burst" with pride in being part of this event. Quite a few of us had a tear or two in our eyes as well! Much laughter and fun was had during the group picture - we filled up the ring with Schnauzer beards!!

During the trial, exhibitors surrounded the ring in order to support and cheer for each schnauzer team, but I do think that the most beautiful moment came during the stay exercises. The long sits and downs in the Open and Novice classes were a beautiful site to see - a line up of perfectly groomed schnauzers all in a row. Their expression said, "Look at us!! Aren't we great!" The AMSC offered beautiful Club Medallions with the AMSC logo as well as a variety of engraved silver plates for prizes. The complete results of the trial

will be in the AMSCOPE newsletter, I'm sure, but several MSCM members did well at this event. Congratulations to:

HIGH IN TRIAL

Pat Heinzelman & CH Mythago's Moonlight Mirage, UDX, MX, MXJ (Raja)

Breeder: Lisa Martin and Anne Pettit, by Cobony's I Will x Ch Hycourt Mythago's Double Take

VETERANS - 3rd Place

Sue Quinn and Daisy's Frizzleface Duke, UD, RAE, AX, AXJ (Duke)

Breeder: Darwin Hougendoorn, by Frizzleface Griffin x Dar's Black Baby.

VETERANS - 4th Place

Beth Santure and CH Loneacre's Simply Smashing, CD, AX, MXJ (Smash)
Breeder: Beth Santure, by CH Shegar's Simple Toni x CH Loneacre's Trimmed in Lace

New CDX Title

Lynn Baitinger and CH Loneacre's Small Town Girl, CDX, RN, MX, MXJ (Morgan)

Breeder: Beth Santure, by CH Sumerwynd Seventh Wonder II x CH Loneacre's Just My Style, OA, OAJ.

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Just A Dog

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "that's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog."

Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog." Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise."

"Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy.

"Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that makes me a better person.

Because of "just a dog", I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future. So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment.

"Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog", but the

thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man or woman."

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog", just smile -- because they "just don't understand."

-- Author Unknown



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.



One reason a dog can be such a comfort when you're feeling blue is that he doesn't try to find out why. ~Author Unknown

Vinegar increases killing power of bleach

Adding white vinegar to diluted household bleach greatly increases the disinfecting power of the solution, making it strong enough to kill even bacterial spores. Researchers from Micro-Chem Lab, Inc. in Euless, Texas, report their findings today at the 2006 ASM Biodefense Research Meeting. Sodium hypochlorite (NaOCl) in the form of laundry bleach is available in most households. The concentrate is about 5.25 to 6 percent NaOCl, and the pH value is about 12. Sodium hypochlorite is stable for many months at this high alkaline pH value. "Laundry bleach is commonly diluted about 10 to 25-fold with tap water to about 2000 to 5000 parts per million of free available chlorine for use as an environmental surface disinfectant, without regard to the pH value of the diluted bleach. However, the pH value is very important for the antimicrobial effectiveness of bleach," says Norman Miner, a researcher on the study. At alkaline pH values of about 8.5 or higher, more than 90 percent of the bleach is in the form of the chlorite ion (OCl-), which is relatively ineffective antimicrobially. At acidic pH values of about 6.8 or lower, more than 80 percent of the bleach is in the form of hypochlorite (HOCl). HOCl is about 80 to 200 times more antimicrobial than OCl-." "Bleach is a much more effective antimicrobial chemical at an acidic pH value than at the alkaline Ph value at which bleach is manufactured and stored. A small amount of household vinegar is sufficient to lower the pH of bleach to an acidic range," says Miner. Miner and his colleagues compared the ability of alkaline (pH 11) and acidified (pH 6) bleach dilutions to disinfect surfaces contaminated with dried bacterial spores, considered the most resistant to disinfectants of all microbes. The alkaline dilution was practically ineffective, killing all of the spores on only 2.5 percent of the surfaces after 20 minutes. During the same time period the acidified solution killed all of the spores on all of the surfaces. "Diluted bleach at an alkaline pH is a relatively poor disinfectant, but acidified diluted bleach will virtually kill anything in 10 to 20 minutes," says Miner. "In the event of an emergency involving Bacillus anthracis spores contaminating such environmental surfaces as counter tops, desk and table tops, and floors, for example, virtually every household has a sporicidal sterilant available in the form of diluted, acidified bleach. "Miner recommends first diluting one cup of household bleach in one gallon of water and then adding one cup of white vinegar.



Cool Websites!
Check these out!

www.dogbirthdaysandparties.com/Qstore/dogbirthdaycakerecipe.htm

www.simplyschnauzer.net/main.html

EARTHDOG PRACTICE

Motor Cities Fox Terrier Club

Earthdog Practices

April 15, May 6, June 17,

July 15, August 12

Practice will begin at 10 am, ending promptly at 2 pm or earlier based on participation.

Non-member practice fee: \$6 per dog, \$5 each additional dog

Held at William's Residence

4565 DiehlRd.

Metamora, MI

All of the info is on their website

www.motorcitiesfoxterrierclub.org/

Brag

From Bethany Hoover--"The only brag I have is that Bailey finally plays fetch and DROPS THE BALL instead of playing keep-a-way. With this dog, I grab my successes where I can! She is the STUBBORNEST dog I have ever seen, and that's saying something for a schnauzer.!"



From Bailey: Little does she know that I've known all along what I was supposed to do, I was just teaching her patience!

From Sue Quinn-- For Daisy's Frizzleface Duke UD, RAE, AX, AXJ, NJP at the Louisville, Ky. Shows March 16, 17, 18

Thurs. Agility—Novice Preferred Standard, 1st Place, 1st Leg

Fri. Obedience—AMSC Specilaty, 3rd Veterans Novice

Sat. Agility—Novice Preferred Standard, 1st Place, 2nd Leg
Open Preferred JWW, 1st Place, 1st Leg

From Joanne McCallum-- My 10 year old Mini, R-Jo's Diamond in the Ruff CGC, UD, AJWWWN, AA, RA, ASCA CDX, SK CDX was awarded, in the Front & Finish Magazine from AKC, a 4th Place in the Top Ten of the Terrier Group for her UD accomplishment and a 2nd Place in the Top Ten of Miniature Schnauzers for 2005!!

Congratulations!

"When we put a limit on what we will do, we put a limit on what we can do."

- Charles Schwab



MUTTS

