



TOPLINES Schnauzer Club of Michigan



May the spirit of Christmas bring
you peace,
The gladness of Christmas give
you hope,
The warmth of Christmas grant
you love.
~Author Unknown

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'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE WHELPING

'Twas the night before
whelping, if we figured it
right
Sixty three days, this must be
the night,
The box and the tools were
laid out with care
In hopes that a litter would
soon be there

Our girl was nestled all snug
in her bed
Every inch of paper torn to a
shred
And Mum with her coffee
and I with my beer
Were taking bets as to when
they'd be here

When from the next room
there arose such a great
clamour
"Do you think this is it ?", I
asked with a stammer
"It must be" said wife, as she
scanned through the book
"We'd better get in there
and take a look"

As we raced through the
door, our girl gave us a
smile
This was pain number one, it
would still be a while
It was our first time and I
think she knew
Cause this happened eight
times before we were
through

By 3.00am we'd about given
up, when low and behold
There came the first pup

With white gown and tools, I
felt pretty racy
My wife told me latter, I
looked like Ben Casey

With eagerness and confi-
dence we were poised to
help
Then stood there amazed
as she delivered the whelp
We studied for months, and
read many a book...
Two seconds flat, that's all
she took

The first was a bitch, a
Champion for sure
I could tell at first glance,
why she had furnishing and
all
And eat, my lord, you
should have seen her scoot
I think she had a radar built
into that snoot

As we stood there admiring
this pup so new
Our girl very quietly had pup
number two
A dog, just as cute as can
be
"Two Champions!" we shout-
ed and jumped with glee

From this point on, it was like
Christmas toys
More little girls and more
handsome boys
For six long hours with hardly
a pause
Our girl came through like
Santa Clause

When finally it stopped and
there were no more
Mum and I settled down to
count the score
Believe it or not, our little
mate
Had given birth to a
healthy, hungry eight!

We paused at the door for
a final look
It's a picture , believe me,
right out of a book
With a tear, Mum said, "It's
quite a sight"
I sniffled and said" It's been
quite a night"

Our girl and her charges
settled down for a rest
It was hard to leave that
bustling nest
Finally turning to leave, you
could hear us both say
"We've had our good bless-
ing, this whelping day"



MSEM Christmas Party

Saturday, December 10, 2016



Coral Gables Restaurant

2838 E. Grand River Avenue

East Lansing, MI

Ph. (517)337-1311

Dinner, Business Meeting, Election of Officers & Christmas Party with Gift Exchange

For the Gift Exchange bring a wrapped gift marked for a lady or man. Limit \$12



Dinner at 4:00 pm.

Open Menu

Business Meeting and Party to follow!

As Always, Guests are Welcome!!

E-mail or call

Karin Jaeger to let her know that you are coming (or post to the list)

(karinjaeger@voyager.net) (517-351-0412)

Directions: Take I-96 to Exit 110 (Okemos Rd.) Go North on Okemos Rd. to M-43 (Grand River Ave.) Businesses on that corner include: Bennigan's Restaurant, Marathon Gas Station, BP/Amoco Station. Turn Left on to M-43 (Grand River). After the bridge over the railroad tracks, there is a traffic light at Park Lake Rd. and another at Northwind Dr. (there's a Farmer Jack's on the southwest corner of the intersection). **Coral Gables** entrance is the 4th on the right following this light (after Tom's Party Store, a Hollywood Video & the new Oriental Market). If you get to the Brookfield Shell gas station, you've gone too far.

2016 Calendar of Important Events



NOVEMBER 30

MSCM Membership **EXPIRES
TODAY** if dues are unpaid!

DECEMBER 10

MSCM Christmas Banquet &
Awards-Coral Gables Restaurant,
East Lansing 4:00 p.m. (Details on
page 3)



The Whelping Box

No litters to announce at this time

*The quality of your litter should not only be
evaluated by the best in the litter....but by
the least. If you are breeding quality
animals, even your pets should be good
examples of the breed!*

*Christmas is not a time nor a
season, but a state of mind.
To cherish peace and good-
will, to be plenteous in mercy,
is to have the real spirit of
Christmas.*

—Calvin Coolidge

My Gift To Jesus

I wish someone had given little Jesus a dog
As loyal and loving as mine,
To sleep by His manger and gaze into his eyes
And adore Him for being divine.

As Our Lord grew to manhood, His own faithful dog
would have followed Him all through the day,
While He preached to the crowd, and made the sick
well
And knelt in the garden to pray.

It's sad to remember that Christ went away,
to face death, alone and apart,
With no tender dog following closely behind
To comfort its master's heart.

And when Jesus rose on that Easter morn,
How happy He would have been,
As His dog licked his hand, and barked it's delight
For the one who died for all men.

Well, the Lord has a dog now, I just sent him mine,
My old pal so dear to me,
And I smile through my tears on this first day alone
Knowing they're in Eternity.

MERRY SCHNAUZER CHRISTMAS



AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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The AKC FAST Class Is Getting Faster!

Beginning January 3, 2017 the FAST Class will be revised to allow clubs to offer one course that Novice, Open and Excellent/Masters can walk and compete in. The goal is to reduce the amount of time that it takes to build separate courses and do multiple walk throughs. It also allows more flexibility in the way the Sends can be designed. At the club's discretion, any of three levels of challenges may be combined into one course with embedded Sends to allow one course build and walk through for all levels. The following is a summary of the changes:

New Send Distances: More flexibility will be allowed in the distances from the Send line for these classes.

Novice – Two obstacles will be required at a minimum distance of five feet to a maximum distance of ten feet.

Open – Two or three obstacles will be required at a minimum distance of five feet to a maximum distance of twenty feet depending on the number of obstacles used. If only two obstacles are used in the send then one of the obstacles must be between ten and fifteen feet. If three obstacles are used then at least one obstacle must be between ten and fifteen feet. No more than one obstacle may be less than

ten feet and no more than one obstacle can be greater than fifteen feet. Excellent/Masters – Three obstacles are required at a minimum distance of five feet to a maximum distance of twenty five feet with a change of direction or obstacle discrimination. No more than one obstacle may be less than fifteen feet, and no more than one obstacle may be greater than twenty feet.

Additional changes:

All class levels will be allowed to walk together (at the club's option) with Send lines noted for each level.

All obstacle point values will remain the same for the different class levels. Nine to twelve weaves poles will be required in all levels of FAST, including Novice.

The running order should be what works best for the club.

The Sends can be embedded all together or there can be multiple Send lines on the course. Two levels could be embedded in one area of the course while the third would be in a different area. There will only be two separate Send areas on any one course

Three tunnel passes will be allowed in FAST, however, only two tunnel passes in any one Send.

The point value structure for the Send remains the same with a minimum of five points and maximum of fifteen points.

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.



Combos can be used and noted with one point value as follows:

Excellent/Master: Two to three obstacles must be executed properly in a specified order.

Open: Two to three obstacles must be executed properly in a specified order, or any single obstacle within the combo can be taken for points if the combo is not included for Open.

Novice: Two obstacles must be executed as specified or any single obstacle within the combo can be taken for points if the combo is not included for Novice

Once any of the obstacles are engaged within the combo, the combo is live. If any faults occur prior to the successful completion of the required number of obstacles, the combo is negated.

One dual pointed obstacle is allowed on the course. If the dual pointed obstacle is in the body of the course it must be bi-directional, with different point values for the two different directions. If the dual pointed obstacle is used in the Send it may be unidirectional with the first pass getting the higher value and the second pass getting the lower.

A tunnel and only a tunnel in the Send portion of the course may be done a

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Show Calendar

Obedience & Rally

Jan. 19-22 Obed & Rally
Livonia/Oakland Cty KC
Closes ??

Feb. 24 Rally, 25-26 Obed
Sportsmen's DTC
Warren, MI
Closes 2-8

Agility

Dec.30-31, Jan. 1
Central MI Agility Club
Midland, MI
Closes 12-16

Jan.6-8
CCDAC
Lapeer, MI
Closes 12-23

Jan. 13-15
Wolverine Belgian Terv Club
Midland, MI
Closes 12-30

Jan. 19-22
OCKC
Novi, MI
Closes 1-4

Jan. 27-29
Weimaraner Club
Lapeer, MI
Closes 1-11

Feb. 3-5
CCDAC
Lapeer, MI
Closes 1-20

Feb. 3-5
Grand Rapids Agility Club
Wyoming, MI
Closes 1-20

Feb. 11-
Michigan Boxer Club
Midland, MI
Closes 1-20

Feb. 18-
Central MI Agility Club
Midland, MI
Closes 1-27

Feb. 24-26
CCCAC
Lapeer, MI

Conformation

Dec. 8-11, 2016
Richland Co. KC, Medina
KC, Western Reserve
Cleveland, OH
Closed

January 19-22, 2017,
Livonia KC, Oakland KC
Novi, MI
Closes 1-4



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second time without an obstacle in between. This second consecutive pass must be in the same entry end of the tunnel. Dogs cannot come out of tunnel and then turn around and re-enter the same end they just exited. The finish obstacle may be pointed. If the finish obstacle is pointed it must be a jump and bi-directional. A tunnel can be used as a finish obstacle but may not be pointed.

The Tire is not allowed on the course.

Confusing? I agree, but I'm happy to see the changes to reduce the amount of time required for multiple course changes and walk throughs. I've already heard one club member say that their club will hold FAST more often with this streamlining.

FAST is a fun, challenging class that requires both the ability to work closely with your dog and to be able to direct your dog to obstacles at a distance. Run FAST and have fun!

Brags

On October 9, 2016 Loneacre Drunk on You (Alize) went WB and Best of Breed, from the 9-12 Puppy Class and over 2 Specials, at the Fulton County Ohio Kennel Club show in Wauseon, OH. Judge was Robert Hutton. Alize is owned by Joanne Forster and Beth Santure



2016 MSCM Annual Awards

If you have a new 2016 AKC Champion or Obedience title winner, please send the following information to Lynn Baitinger:

1. The complete name of the dog with all of it's titles exactly as they are to be engraved
 2. The name and date of the show that the dog finished at
 3. The name (s) of all of the dog's owners
- Please send your information to Lynn by January 15, 2017

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