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# TOPLINES

## Miniature Schnauzer Club Of Michigan



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#### Officers 2016

President: Mark Jaeger  
V.President: Margo Heiden  
Secretary: Donna Giles  
Treasurer: Sue Schauer



### Best Schnauzer Halloween Costumes





# MSCM BRUNCH, MEETING & FUN MATCH

October 23, 2016 at 11am-3pm.

The Canine Workshop  
34300 Klein Road, Fraser, MI 48026

Brunch @ 11 am, meeting & fun to follow.  
There will be an agility course set up, and a  
conformation & obedience/rally area. If you  
are working a dog on the floor, the club is  
asking for a \$5 per dog donation to help  
offset the cost of the building rental.

Please RSVP to Sue Quinn at  
[quinndixie@gmail.com](mailto:quinndixie@gmail.com) or 586-532-0725 or  
Yahoo group. Please mention what you are  
bringing for the brunch & which activities  
you would like to try with your dogs.

## 2016 Calendar of Important Events



### **OCTOBER 23**

Meeting at Canine Workshop in Fraser. See Page 3 for details

### **NOVEMBER 30**

MSCM Membership

**EXPIRES TODAY** if dues are unpaid!

### **DECEMBER 10**

MSCM Christmas Banquet at Coral Gables Restaurant, East Lansing @ 4:00 p.m.

## MSCM Nominations for 2017

President—Mark Jaeger  
Vice President—Sue Quinn  
Secretary—Donna Giles  
Treasurer—Diana (Sue) Schauer  
Board Member— Margo Heiden

The duty of this committee is to prepare a slate of candidates for Club officers for the following year. At least three months (September) prior to the Annual Meeting, the Committee shall mail to each member a list of names they have placed in nomination for each Club office. Any member may make nominations, which must be seconded by another member. All nominators shall incur the consent of each nominee before placing their name on the slate. All nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary by the regular October meeting. The election shall take place during the Annual Meeting in December.

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Sue Quinn, Chair  
Terri Harmon  
Debbie Herrell



## 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!***

## 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 9, 2016

Lynn Baitinger  
5400 Orion Rd.  
Rochester, MI 48306

## **THANK-YOU!!!!**

A huge thank-you goes out to the members that gave of their time and presence at this year's Specialty Show!!! Without the hard work and strong dedication of a portion of the membership, our Specialties would not be the success that they are!



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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



by JoAnne Scott

Owner

### Socializing Your New Puppy

One of the most important things you can do to get a puppy off to a good start is properly socializing him. This is particular true for puppies that you want to enjoy performance sports with. Socializing is exposing your puppy to people, places, things and experiences that he may encounter in his life. It teaches the puppy that these things are not dangerous and need not be feared. It is generally accepted that the optimal age for socialization is between the ages of eight and twelve weeks and may continue through sixteen weeks. This process should be done with planning and careful thought to get the best results. If puppies are rushed through the process or forced to deal with situations that are unduly upsetting or frightening to them, socializing can do more harm than good. Every puppy is different, so pay close attention to his reaction so that he doesn't feel overwhelmed.

When I got my last puppy, Flash, I did a lot reading about the socialization process. I found a comprehensive list of people, places, things and situations to expose Flash to. It seemed a little daunting at first, but when I broke it into weekly goals, I was surprised at how much I was able to accomplish. I also discovered how many businesses and stores in Battle Creek will allow dogs in their stores! My least favorite was pet supply stores, where we were likely to encounter other dogs with too much freedom to approach Flash. My favorite store was the local Lowes. Flash was usually the only puppy in the store and attracted a great deal of positive attention. We also had a lot of fun sitting outside the local library where she met people of all ages, genders and ethnicities, as well as bicyclists and skateboarders. The following list of people, places, things and experiences that I found on "http://pets.webmd.com" can be used as a guide:  
Babies, toddlers, children.  
Teenagers, adults, elderly people.  
People with wheelchairs, crutches.  
In-line skaters, cyclists, skateboarders.  
Drunk people, people with odd gaits.  
People in uniforms, veterinarians.  
Repair people, delivery people.  
People with umbrellas, helmets, masks.  
People with hats, beards, glasses.

- People with parcels, capes, sacks.
  - People with strollers, wagons, shopping carts, flat bed carts.
  - People of various ethnicities
  - Kids at school grounds and parks.
  - Crowds, clapping, cheering.
  - People yelling, loud speakers.
  - People dancing, singing.
  - Livestock, waterfowl.
  - Other puppies, friendly adult dogs.
  - Other species of pets.
  - Traffic, buses, trains, motorcycles.
  - Boats, jet skis, snow mobiles.
  - Manhole covers, grates.
  - Shiny floors, tiles, icy streets.
  - Gravel, cement, mud.
  - Revolving signs, swinging bridges.
  - Walks after dark, walks in bad weather.
  - Hot air balloons, airplanes, helicopters.
  - Lawn mowers, lawn tractors, trimmers.
  - Elevators, automatic doors, revolving doors.
  - Balconies, stairs.
  - Drive-thrus, car washes, tunnels.
  - Electrical appliances, washers.
  - Vacuum cleaners, hair dryers.
  - Construction and machinery noises.
  - Wind, rain, thunder, snow.
  - Fireworks, sporting events, fairs.
  - Veterinary hospitals and clinics.
- Socialization is essential for helping your puppy develop into a happy, fun and safe companion. It also gives us

## Performance Show Calendar

### Obedience & Rally

2016  
Nov. 4 Rally, Nov. 5-6 Obed.  
Companion DTC of Flint  
Flint, MI  
Closes 10-19

Nov. 10-13 Obed. & Rally  
Various Kennel Clubs  
Kalamazoo, MI  
Closes 10-26

Dec. 10-11 Obed. & Rally  
OTCGL  
East Lansing, MI  
Closes 11-23

### Agility

Nov. 4-6  
Rhodesian Ridgeback Club  
Lapeer, MI  
Closes 10-21

Nov. 11-13  
Fort Detroit GWP Club  
Lapeer, MI  
Closes 10-27

Nov. 18-20  
Mt. Pleasant KC  
Midland, MI  
Closes 11-4

Nov. 25-27  
Canine Combustion  
Grand Blanc, MI  
Closes 11-11

Dec. 2-4  
Capital City Agility Club  
East Lansing, MI  
Closes 11-17

Dec. 9-11  
Mich. Boxer  
Midland, MI  
Closes 12-2

Dec. 17-18  
Midland MI KC  
Midland, MI  
Closes 12-2

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

## Conformation Show Calendar

October 29 & 30 Delaware OH KC  
Delaware, Ohio  
Entries Closed

Nov. 3-6, NE Ind.KC, LaPorte Cty KC, Mari-  
on KC, NE Ind. KC  
Ft. Wayne, Ind.  
Closes 10-19

Nov. 10-13, Pontiac KC, Grtr Muskegon KC,  
Kzoo KC, Gr. Rapids KC  
Kalamazoo, MI  
Closes 10-26

Nov 17-20 Sandusky KC, Dayton KC, Lima  
KC, Ctrl Ohio KC  
Columbus, Ohio  
Closes 11-2

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an opportunity to talk to people about the benefits of purchasing a purebred dog from a responsible breeder and showcasing our beautiful puppies with the public. Most important, have fun socializing your puppy and starting a wonderful life together!

## Braggs

### AKC, CKC, UKC, Int. Ch. Mythago's Royal Blue RATI

Kayce completed the requirements for his International Championship at the IABCA shows in Birch Run on September 3rd.

Kayce received 5 V1 ratings ((highest possible rating). In four shows Kayce won the Terrier group four times, Best Bred By in group four times, RBIS Bred By Exhibitor once, RBIS Overall twice and BIS Bred By Exhibitor twice . Kayce has completed 3 championships since April.

Kayce completed the requirements for his AKC championship on August 6th at the Sturgis Kennel Club show in Marshall, MI. On Friday August 5th Kayce went BOB, BOBOH and OH group 1. He also made the cut in the Terrier group. On Saturday he went BOW/BOBOH for his third major and championship. This is Kayce's third championship, all earned from the Bred By class. Kayce was Select Dog on Sunday October 2nd at the Monroe Kennel Club show for 4 grand championship points. He was also awarded Best of Breed Owner Handled.

Thank you to everyone for your support and encouragement. Special thanks to Debbie Herrell for putting Kayce's mom, Kaia, in my hands and helping me find the right stud dog, to Carol Orzechowski for giving Kayce his first win and teaching me to roll his coat and Donna Giles for letting us share hotel rooms along the way.

