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REMINDERS****SEPTEMBER 26, 2014****LAST DAY TO ORDER
CLOTHING ITEMS FOR THE
OCTOBER SPECIALTIES.**

All the details and forms for the
National Specialty are available
online at

www.ssca2014national.com

OCTOBER 1, 2014

1. ALL Entries must be received

INFODOG.COM—Conformation,
Obedience, Rally

ABBADOGS.COM—Barn Hunt
and Agility Entries

2. ALL Registration paperwork must be in to Liz Mohrenweiser

3. ALL dinner reservations for Friday and Saturday evening must be received and paid for. Forms to be sent to Liz Mohrenweiser.

**2015 SSCNC BOARD
NOMINATIONS**

Many have been called and few have responded so the Nominating Committee has come back with the following Slate for the 2015 Executive Board.

President—**Vacant**

1st V.P.—Janis Villas-Conway

2nd V.P.—**Vacant**

Secretary—**Vacant**

Treasurer—John Michelmores

Member-At-Large—Kim Studley

Member-At-Large—Dottie Michelmores

The lack of interest in serving on the Board has now placed SSCNC - the oldest regional Standard Schnauzer Club in the U.S. - in a bit of a Crisis.

Nominations from the Floor will be accepted at the November 1, 2014 Members Meeting.

Without Volunteers to run the day-to-day operations, we may be forced to place SSCNC in non-Active status.

If you were wondering.... **Qualifications** to serve on the Board 2.5 and 5 hours free a month and the ability to use email and the telephone.

**UPCOMING CLUB
EVENTS**

November 1, 2014 at Meadowlark Fields in Livermore we will be having a Demonstration and Getting to Know the Sport of Fly ball.

The event will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and includes basics of the sport, demonstrations by the "Pacific Pups" Flyball Team of Fremont and an opportunity to test drive your dogs prowess for this sport.

It is one of those sports that can be a year around activity for those dedicated to the sport.

We will also have a Members Meeting prior to this event.

For those who have not been to Meadowlark Fields before, it is 60 acres in Livermore that is open to dog walks and fresh country air.

HOLIDAY BRUNCH

Mark your calendars

Sunday, December 14, 2014

DoubleTree/Hilton Hotel

Pleasanton, CA

PICTURES FROM THE TREASURE ISLAND WALK AND WINE TASTING



As promised... a day away from the inland heat!

Note the wind through Shelbie's beard and the liberal use of Jackets and Sweatshirts....

Karri Goscinski and Vitor Periera were voted in as Members at the General Meeting and the November Flyball Event was scheduled for a Members event. Flyball is a sport that our breed seems to enjoy and members wanted to know more about.



THE SPORT OF FLY BALL



Standard Schnauzers loves the Race

Fly ball is virtually the only dog sport which requires multiple people and dogs to perform together as a single team.

In almost every other canine performance event, one handler and one or more dogs make up the competing unit. It's true for agility, dock diving, conformation, obedience, flying disc and sledding, to name just a few.

It certainly takes a lot of people to put on a sporting event, quite a huge team actually, or to create a top show dog, but when it comes time to compete, it's just the handler and the dog.

Not so in flyball.

You have your own dog, of course, plus three human and three canine teammates. That's quite a dynamic.

And you have another team running an identical course about 12 feet away at exactly the same time.

Rewards of the Race

Ask anyone who's ever competed on a flyball team, and they'll say it's just plain fun.

"It's a lot of fun," says Leerie Jenkins, president of the North American Flyball Association.

"We love our dogs and love doing things with them." As a matter of fact, his current team is called "Fur Fun."

Lonnie Olson, who literally wrote the book on flyball – "Flyball Rac-

ing: The Dog Sport for Everyone" (Howell Book House, 1997, \$14.95) – agrees. She's competed in just about every canine sport that exists. Yet, flyball is "the only sport I've liked enough that I'd sit there and watch it," she says. "You're just sitting on the edge of your seat watching a close race. There's nothing like it. It's a marriage of the handler and the dog. It's really great to see – people working in concert with their dogs."

One reason dogs love it so much is the reward they get at the end of a run – a good tug on a favorite toy. But only after running the two-foot wide, 51-foot long course, leaping the four jumps, pushing the lever on the ball box, snatching the ball and racing back to their handlers

Ins and Outs, or Downs and Backs

For the relay race, the dog has up to 50 feet from where his owner releases him to get up to speed before crossing the starting line. The trick, however, is that the previous canine runner, must cross that line before the next team member does. So, timing is critical. If two dogs are on the course at the same time, the dog moving onto the course too soon will be "red-flagged" and must run again.

Once past the starting line, the dog faces four jumps of the same height, determined by the shortest dog on the team. The jumps can be anywhere from seven to 14 inches high, but five inches lower than the shortest dog's height at the withers. The jumps are solid, unlike most agility jumps, and ideally each dog except the smallest dog on the team, the height dog, will make just one contact with the 10 feet of floor between each jump.

Fifteen feet from the fourth jump is the flyball box. Over the years, this device has changed significantly. In the early '80s, when Olson was getting started in the sport and helping to write the bylaws for the North American Flyball Association, the box had essentially an angled platform that the dog stood on to release

the ball. An arm, not unlike a trebuchet, stuck out from the back of the box and released the ball. Today, the box's multiple releases are inside, and the balls pass through holes just big enough to allow their exit.

Flyball is one of the few dog sports in which multiple handlers and dogs compete together.

Jenkins says something like a swimmer's turn is the key to efficiently releasing and catching the ball, while maintaining speed. He thinks it's one of the most challenging parts of the sport. If the dog does it well, it won't "lose momentum and have to start running again," he says. But to do that, the dog must jump on the release pedal, push it, grab the ball and turn all at the same time.

Various balls are used by each team, the ball's size and surface determined by each dog's needs and abilities. Smaller dogs often compete with smaller balls. Many use standard, bright yellow tennis balls.

"We've always got new people and dogs coming up," Leerie Jenkins, president of the North American Flyball .

This sport is all about speed and not breaking the rules. Dogs can't cross the start line too soon, interfere with a dog on the opposing team, enter the competing team's lane, go after the ball from the other lane or eliminate in the ring.

"We make new friends. It's fun to play with your friends and your friends' dogs."

The Ultimate Canine Competitor

Key to succeeding at flyball is a dog with good impulse control, Olson says. Dogs need "unflinching" control as they release their natural prey drives toward their goal – not the ball, but the toy at the end of the run. "That's part of what makes the sport so addictive," she says. The dogs are entirely focused on running the course as quickly and flawlessly as possible, just for a chance to grab and shake the plush, rope or rubber toy afterward.



SSCNC RESCUE & REHOME



We are pleased to introduce **K.O.** our recent re-homing candidate from the Sacramento area.

KO is 7 yrs old and a product of a Missouri puppy mill via an LA Pet Store. He was re-homed by the owner via Craigslist (*thank you Anita for letting us know about this boy*), due to young children in the home now.

Dottie confirms that KO is a sweet boy and he has undergone all his shots, grooming, teeth cleaning and health re-view and will be fostered by Karri Goscinski and Vitor Periera.



KO is a bigger boy (48-50lbs) and has some obedience training, is good in the car and at the Vet's office. He was still and quiet for his grooming and is house broken. He loves human companionship and would be welcomed in a home and around children who are used to being around Standards and are respectful of dogs. He seems neutral around other dogs (was

raised with a mini schnauzer) and is still very game for a walk and to be active, but does have a little arthritis in his knee. We are still evaluating his crate training.

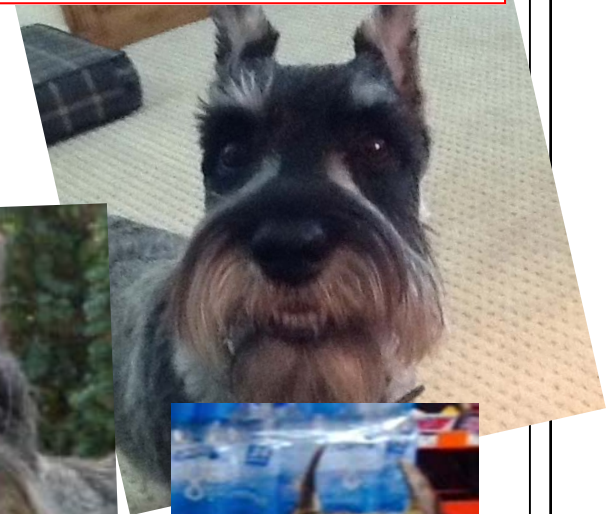
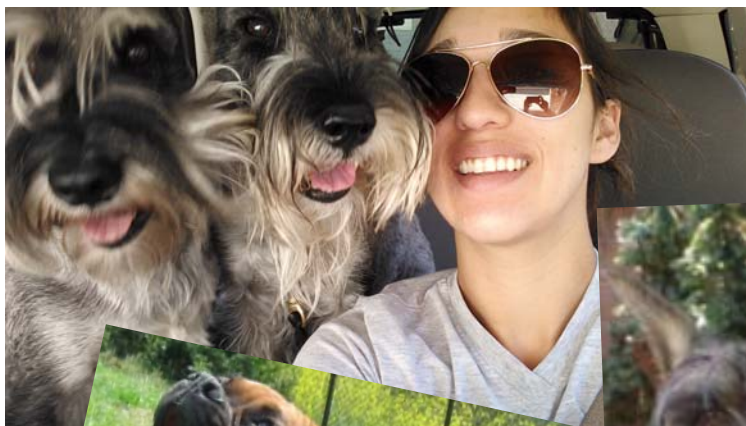
Thank you to Brigette Isham for grooming KO and as always,

none of this is possible without the dedication and network of Dottie and John Michelmores.

ODDS AND ENDS

Lance Wood is on the mend after a minor heart attack in August. He is doing well and taking time to mend and is planning to attend the October shows as always.

IT SEEMS EVEN THE SCHNAUZERS ARE IN TO "SELFIES" THESE DAYS



WE'RE ALSO ON THE WEB
WWW.STDSCHNAUZER.COM

Dedicated to preserving the health, welfare and working heritage of the Standard Schnauzer by promoting responsible Ownership and demonstrating true Sportsmanship among our members and within the Dog Showing Communities

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SSCNC approved correspondences originate with a member of the Executive Board and flow through the Secretary to our Members.

Additionally, SSCNC Sponsored Events are not to be used to promote Professional business activities.

Next SSCNC Activity

November 1, 2014

Flyball Demonstration and Intro

Meadowlark Field, Livermore
10:00 to 2:00

See the Separate Flyer for Details

**Members Meeting will be held from
10-11a.m. — ahead of the Flyball
Training event**

See separate Flyer for Meeting Notice

*Many thanks go out to all who have helped pull
together our 2014 Regional Specialty with generous
donation of funds and of your time.*

Our Regional Specialty will be held on

**Sunday October 19, 2014
Alameda County Fairgrounds**

**We will have prizes for Conformation, Obedience and Rally events
and will be recognizing the Owner Handlers for the National Owner-
Handler Series sponsored by the AKC.**