



THE INFORMER

The Newsletter for the Sierra Nevada Dog Drivers
Spring 2024

SNDD 2024 Board

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Happy Spring!



Fall 2023 training started really well. This year I added twelve dogs to the kennel, ages range from two to ten years. All have race experience except a couple of the younger dogs and two are solid leaders. Along with most of dogs came a complete kennel.

All the equipment one would need to set up a kennel 40 -50 harnesses at least 30 are new.

Freezers, meat, runner plastic, over 1300 booties and much, much more.

This all belonged to an Iditarod musher that passed away. Thanks Lora for thinking of me.

I was training 20 dogs this fall, most of them for me, the others for my friends David and George.

The snow gods have not been kind to us this season with most races being cancelled, so now it's time to start thinking about next season and planning.

For SNDD we had no Chester Race this year ...

I hope to get back next season with some changes; going add a 20 mile trail for starters. And again have a meet and greet, last year's 2023 race was huge success.

Looking to have a club campout in the June time frame, location TBD.

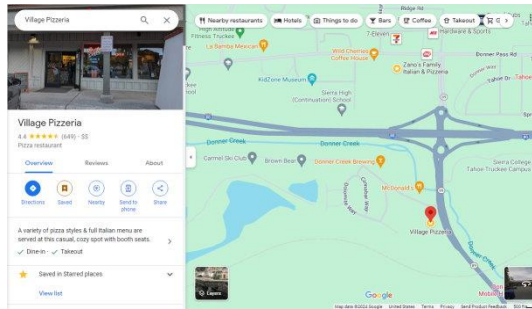


Spring 2024

SNDD MEETING

Our meetings are held in various locations every 3-4 months.
Sometimes in conjunction with a current event.
Lunch is provided free to all attendees.
You do not need to be a member to attend but hopefully afterwards you might decide to join our small but dedicated group of people striving to keep our club and this wonderful sport alive for generations to come!
Elections are held at the April Meeting

**Next meeting is April 28, 2024
Village Pizzeria in Truckee, Ca*



April 28th 2024 Meeting Agenda

- Call to order
- Approve minutes of last meeting
- Presidents report
- Vice Presidents report
- Treasurers report
- Secretary's report
- Positions needing to be filled Treasurer

Race

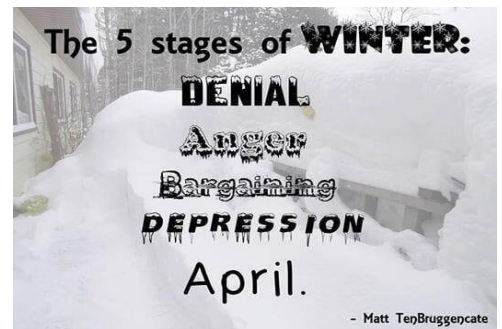
- Chester race Follow up. Looking at other sites.
- Chester Race Crew

New Business

- Fun Run September
- Mushing Clinic Basic October
- Fun Run November
- Newsletter : April
- Web Master Follow up: April

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- June 2024 -
 - Campout
- September 2024 -
 - Fun Run
- October 2024 -
 - Fun Run
- November 2024 -
 - SNDD Mushing Clinic (Chester Race Site)
 - SNDD MEETING, Sunday after Mushing Clinic
- WINTER 2025 -
 - Chester Sled Dog Race





CHESTER RACE UPDATE

It wasn't easy to bring this race back after 6 years absent. We had lots of issues throughout the years, no snow, too much snow, then came the Dixie Fire, resulting in Collins Pine closing the area to all public access. Now that the logging has finished, Collins Pine has opened the race site to SNDD once again to hold the Chester Winterfest Sled Dog Race.

A first for the Chester Race was the Meet and Greet this was mandatory for all Mushers, held at the Holiday Market. This was for the communities to come and meet the Musher's and the K9 athletes. This was an over-the-top success and will be a new Chester tradition.

Note from Hugo:

I found a replacement snowmobile so we will be able to drag my groomer to put trails in for our next races!



Welcome New Board Members

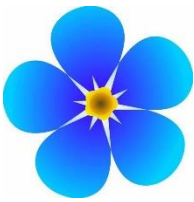
- Shirley Austin-Peek is our new Secretary
- Christina Soloski has moved to Member-At-Large

Interested in becoming a Board Member?

SNDD is looking for a new **Treasurer!** Duties include maintaining the club checking and savings accounts, handling our taxes, writing checks. You do not have to be an accountant, but accounting knowledge helps. Mostly, you just need to be willing to learn and want to help out! For more information, please contact Hugo Antonucci or Preston Springston.



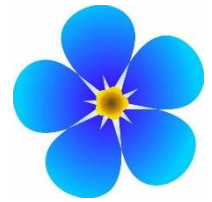
April has been doing a great job with the website and has agreed to take over the newsletter for now.



General Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2023

Truckee, California



12:46 p.m. Begin

President's Report:

- Treasurer Preston Springston is stepping down.
- Snowmobile: Club snowmobile burned at last event. Hugo votes for snowmobile purchase: \$2,000 max price was recommended with an interest free loan and end date. Trail maintenance to be deducted from SNDD. Motion will be made after Treasure's report.

Vice President's Report:

- Barbara is not here.
- Minutes are approved as written.

Treasure's Report:

- Preston is stepping down after 13 years
- 501(c)3 needs to be filed annually
- Insurance policy needs to be renewed yearly
- Certificate for Colin Pines has 2M liability.
- In 2010 there were no records, Pete had thrown the ledgers away.
- Wells Fargo 7 years of accounts
- Lost tax exempt status but Preston got it back.
- Quicken has all accounts, paypal and savings.
- Checking/Savings are combined. Wells Fargo will need a new profile for the new treasurer
- Thank you Preston.
- Charlene motioned, Shirley seconded and all others approved

Secretary's Report:

- April nominates Shirley to be Secretary, Hugo seconds, everyone in agreement
- Hugo nominates Christina to be Member-At-Large, everyone agreed, Charlene noted her husband was slighted.
- Preston left at 1:35 PM – family birthday

Chester Race:

- Went as planned, move site, need more advertisements
- Hugo requests a dedicated, committed race crew to put in a trail and that all checkers be handled by the same person next year.
- Sarah Brock and her friend did an excellent job helping this year.
- Next mee/ng will be held in a timely fashion. Goal is to meet and identify responsibility of race crew. Race crew to meet in summer to map the trail and keep dedicated. Overall, everyone was happy with the race in spite of early setbacks.

April 30, 2023, General Meeting Minutes Con't

Forest Hill Race:

- April motions vote for Forest Hill race early March
- Forest Hill provided the forest service approval to come back.
- Paperwork is needed
- Spectator parking
- For Hillside Dog Committee
- Cleaning the parking lot – disinfect
- Walkie Talkies/Intercom
- Will the open the lodge for musher housing?

Updates need to be made to Board member

Email list. New Business:

- Charlene motioned to give Hugo up to \$2,000.00 interest free loan with a promissory note stating the loan will be paid back in 5 years. Hugo will get a \$500 credit for ever race for putting in the trail. Caitlin second the motion. All in favor.

Fun Run September:

- Fun run is typically held in September – this year's date is to be determined
- Hugo or Kathy will pick the date
- Location to be determined

Mushing Clinic:

- Basic clinic is in October, may also do advanced clinic if there is interest
- Hugo will come up with dates for mid-late October (**NOTE: PROPOSED DATE IS NOW NOVEMBER 4/5 IN CHESTER, CALIFORNIA**)

Fun Run in November:

- Date will be proposed
- Looking for someone to head up, possibly Kathy (**KATHY IS SUGGESTING 11/18-19, JOHNSON LANE, MINDEN**)

Newsletter:

- Need photos from Chester Race
- Include a meet and greet success story

Webmaster Follow Up:

- April is making progress

2:24 PM Shirley motions to adjourn and Caitlin seconds. All in agreement.

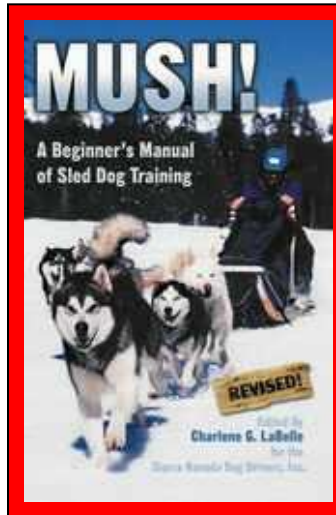
The Snake

Walrus is the largest and strongest dog I have ever owned. He is fearless ...there is no trail to tough for Walrus. Add a small snake into the equation and he becomes a different dog. Awhile back, I was out of town so my friend April cared for my dogs in the morning. A small gopher snake came into his area so grab it big mistake he no sooner had snake in his mouth and let it go that quick we think the snake bit him he dropped it that fast. April scooted the snake along to different part of the yard. The snake left a lasting imprisonment on Walrus . The next Morning I went into the kennel and dang there was another snake in Walrus's area a much bigger snake walrus wanted nothing to with this one. Walrus was up on his platform watching the snake from a safe distance as I moved it along.



A must read for every musher!

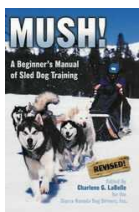
MUSH! Book has been recently updated and is now available at <http://sndd.org>, click on SNDD Store.



Makes a great holiday gift for friends and family who want to know more about your mushing experience.

Check out the SNDD store:

<http://sndd.org/store.html> Below are some of the great items you can purchase!



Below are a small sample of what you will find on <http://www.cafepress.com/SNDD>



Aprons

Variety of Hats



Bags



Large Selection of T-shirts



Cool Sweatshirts

Clocks



Mugs



Yard Sign



SET OF 4



Teddy Bear

Sierra Nevada Dog Drivers, Inc. - Membership Application & Renewal Form

Regular and Associate memberships both include the newsletter and racing privileges. Regular members must be at least 18 years old and have voting privileges. Individuals who do not wish to have voting status, or who are under 18 years old and have written consent from their parents, may apply for an Associate membership. New members must join as Associate and then apply for Regular status after one year if they wish to have voting privileges. Membership paid at any time during the year are all renewable on October 1.

DUES: Same for either membership type: \$25.00 per year for individual + \$10.00 for each additional member at the same address, or \$35.00 for a family membership. Dues are due every October.

Membership enclosed for: _____ Associate _____ Regular _____ New _____ Renewal

Name(s) _____

Children (under 18 who are members) _____

Street address/P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone(____) _____

Email _____ ISDRA # (if applicable) _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

Fill out above form and with check made payable to SNDD, mail to:
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