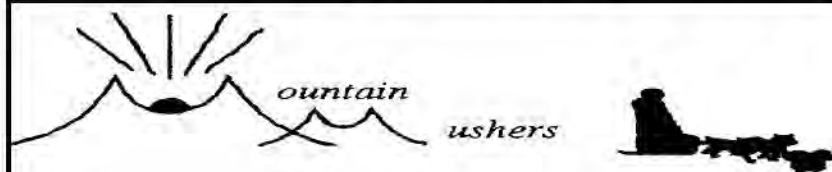


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Just a few words on the Winter Games.....

It is so seldom we find volunteers to help with races- to find a group of people willing to put together the whole event is a dream come true!

The folks in Pinetop did such a great job this year with all the details!

I would like to Thank Ron Miller for all the time spent gathering facts and folks to do his part in making this event happen. Thank you Jann and Melissa for a timing job well done. Great gratitude to the racers that came up to play and a big hug to all the weight pull people for a great show.

As the running season slows down lets all remember how much fun we had at Sunrise. If we continue to support them we can have a fun club event each year there and, who knows how big it

might grow!! Thanks again for your participation

—Cheri

WEIGHT PULL UPDATE:

Here are some weight pull dates to put on your calendar:

Weight Pull Practice @ Ft. Tuthill - 10:00am

*March 13, March 20, March 28

Weight Pull Competition sponsored by Arizona Feeds *April 3 @10:00 AZ. Feeds Parking Lot

For information call:

Grace White (928) 556-9547

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A cute Aussie waves his paw at his handler at the Sunrise Weight Pull—who does he belong to?

Have you visited our AMM website? <http://hometown.aol.com/azmtmusers/AMMhomepage.htm>



Marty Rotter and Justin, Gracie and Cammie



WEIGHT PULL - Kelly's Cup of Joe- Jan 31, 2004

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|----|--------|--------------|--------|------------------|
| 1. | Oakley | Grace White | 70 lbs | pulling 1180 lbs |
| 2. | Cedar | Mike Kentera | 79 lbs | pulling 980 lbs |
| 3. | Keno | Mike Kentera | 801lbs | pulling 780 lbs |

Bill Coan's blind Siberian pulling several times its body-weight...anyone dare say "handicapped?"



SUNRISE RACE RESULTS
February 2004—2 day total

3 Dog Race

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|----|----------------|-------|--|
| 1. | Ron Miller | 48.35 | |
| 2. | Dave Meredith | 52.29 | |
| 3. | Reignie Farley | 60.19 | |
| 4. | Bill Coan | 61.35 | |
| 5. | Barb Mayes | 70.24 | |
| 6. | Gery Allen | 72.12 | |
| 7. | Marty Rotter | 76.39 | |
| 8. | David Bradley | 77.37 | |
| 9. | Mary Uhlir | 81.51 | |

4 Dog Race

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| 1. | Frank Englehardt | 39.80 |
| 2. | Denise Edwards | 49.31 |
| 3. | Sheri Roesse | 77.57 |
| 4. | Frank Brown | 92.60 |



Mary Uhlir and her lead dog after finishing two days of three dog racing. Congratulations to all flat land desert mushers for: 1. Finishing the race 2. Not getting injured and 3. Having a great

Marty with Jazz in the Novice weight pull:-he pulled the max allowable! Another desert musher!



Greetings from the White Mountains,

I just wanted to thank all the AMM members for their help in making the 2nd annual White Mountain Winter Games a success. Special thanks go to Frank and Cheryl Englehardt and Denise Edwards who arrived Friday morning with tons of fencing and two snowmobiles to help with final trail duties. Their hard work and dedication are very much appreciated. That wasn't enough work for Cheryl, so she also volunteered as Race Marshal, spokesman, and all-around good sport. Jann Schmohl, Melissa Miller & Nancy Hegener served admirably as timers.

Before the race, we also had a cadre of mushers visit local schools to share their experiences with the students. Enthusiastic kids greeted them all. Barb Mays and Dave Meredith presented at the Snowflake and Taylor schools. Marsha Cheeseman and I spoke to three classes in Pinetop/Lakeside. Marsha and her husband also visited Show Low classrooms, while Frank Brown entertained visitors to the Show Low Chamber of Commerce. Thank you all.

I also really appreciated Bill Coan and Dave Bradley who helped me with the Celebrity cart race. The dignitaries got to see, first-hand, what it is like to hang on to a cart being pulled by excited sled dogs. They discovered that it isn't as easy as it looks!

Dena Anderson, Grace White, and Pam Foti did a wonderful job organizing and running the Weight Pull. Now that the White Mountains have been introduced to the sport, folks here want to see more! We are considering rotating the weight pull site so that each town feels part of the White Mountain Winter Games.

Many Arizona Mountain Mushers also participated in making 13 children's dreams come true when they loaned dogs and sleds for a peewee race back down the starting chute. Believe me, these kids are still talking about their mushing adventures.

The Games continue to expand. For those of you unable to attend this year, be sure and check out the web site: www.whitemountainwintergames.com. A newspaper article entitled "*Volunteers, Sponsors make Winter Games a Hit*" is on the site and discusses all of the many events that were included in this year's games. Pictures of AMM members in the article include Reignie Farley, Cheryl and Frank Engelhardt, and Barb Mays. More photos of the games will be included on the web page in upcoming months. Stay tuned.

Thanks again to everyone for helping and being part of the White Mountain Winter Games. None of this could have been done without the help of dedicated Arizona Mountain Mushers. We'll see you again next year!

— Ron Miller



For the latest on ISDRA Racing:
www.isdra.org.

MUSH ADO ABOUT.....

The following is taken from the April/May edition of the **Newsletter of the Senior Dogs Project:**
"Vaccinations: All Veterinary Schools in North America Changing Vaccination Protocols"

Recent editions of the Senior Dogs Project's newsletter have reported on the ever-broadening trend of eliminating vaccinations for adult dogs, except for rabies, where required by state law. We have now had a report that all 27 veterinary schools in North America are in the process of changing their protocols for vaccinating dogs and cats.

Here, in a nutshell, are the new guidelines under consideration: Dogs and cats immune systems mature fully at 6 months. If a modified live virus (MLV) vaccine is given after 6 months of age, it produces immunity, which is good for the life of the pet (i.e., canine distemper, parvo, feline distemper). If another MLV vaccine is given a year later, the antibodies from the first vaccine neutralize the antigens of the second vaccine and there is little or no effect. The titer is not 'boosted' nor are more memory cells induced. Not only are annual boosters for parvo and distemper unnecessary, they subject the pet to potential risks of allergic reactions and immune-mediated hemolytic anemia.

There is no scientific documentation to back up label claims for annual administration of MLV vaccines. Puppies receive antibodies through their mothers milk. This natural protection can last 8-14 weeks. Puppies and kittens should NOT be vaccinated at LESS than 8 weeks. Maternal immunity will neutralize the vaccine and little protection (0-38%) will be produced. Vaccination at 6 weeks will, however, delay the timing of the first highly effective vaccine. Vaccinations given 2 weeks apart suppress rather than stimulate the immune system. A series of vaccinations is given starting at 8 weeks and given 3-4 weeks apart up to 16 weeks of age. Another vaccination given sometime after 6 months of age (usually at 1 year 4 months) will provide lifetime immunity.



Need Homes: 10 week old Alaskan puppies (1 female and 2 males) Call me at 928-526-0445 if interested. Very people oriented, have had shots. Excellent bloodlines. Thanks, **JJ Callan** Jimmy.Callan@NAU.EDU

Spring Training

Lynn Whipple

Amazing how time fly's when your having fun! It is time to regroup from a hectic sledding season and head into Spring Training. (& we're not talking about baseball...) Who has time to work for a living? Of course, we are always hoping for more snow to get that last sled ride in before the season comes to an end; besides desperately needing drought relief.

Our club saw a good season with members coming from throughout the state for the Sunrise Winter Games and for those of us who traveled out of state for the ISDRA races. We all had some fun challenges and great learning experiences with new trail tales to share!

We're excited to be adding new members in our club adding to our growth, helping us to promote positive dog experiences in all formats. And, we have upcoming Weight Pull events prior to the dogs taking time off for summer vacations.

So, stay tuned and keep on training till you can't beat the heat.

Hope some of you followed the friendly competition throughout the season on the ISDRA website. These trails are challenging, well groomed and very well run races that I would highly encourage any musher to experience. All levels of dog teams compete at these races and experience true comradery together, sharing many learning experiences with some of the best in the country. It always amazes me of how much more there is to learn in our quest for the perfect dynamics of our dog team, the perfect trail and the perfect weather conditions! Could it be that we are totally nuts? Or once you get a taste of this sport, working together with your dogs as they perform from the results of your training, the rewards drives you on. Then, add in total exhilaration after the race! Total stress relief!

Let us know if you are interested in an end of the season BASH. We need to elect officers soon and would like to hear from you!

HAPPY TRAILS!

Lynn with six dog team at Lone Pine Race



MONTROSE RACE...Colorado

Frank and I went to the "*Siberian Rendezvous and Sammy's too*" race last weekend and had a great time. Just wanted to let everyone know this is a great pure-breed race-with all levels of competition. There were 5 junior mushers, 16 four-dog teams, 13 six-dog teams, and 5 eight-dog teams. Novice

people were running with experienced people and everyone was very extra friendly! This is a great race to get in touch with people just like us who want to have fun and who have their dogs best interests at heart. If you would like to earn miles toward your sled dog titles, this is the place to do that. This race is designed for Siberian huskies to compete against Siberians. Folks that have never won or placed before in other races earned money and trophies for the first time in their years of racing. They offer a class for "rescued Siberians" with no papers so you can still compete with "like" dogs and earn trophies. If you have an interest in this race, I hope to see you attending this one next year!

Cheri

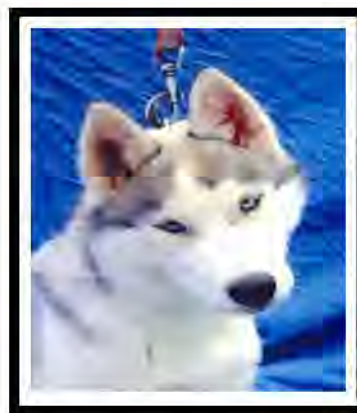
The purpose of the Arizona Mountain Musers is to promote dog sled sports by sponsoring cart races, sled races, weight-pulling contest, backpacking trips, behavior classes, obedience classes, and nutritional development classes. And to engage in any other activity relevant to those listed above intended to promote the welfare of dogs and persons associated with dogs.

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- Coconino county Animal Control, \$30.00 certificate, dogs only, must have county dog license, 774-4518.
- Flag PALS, 25% of cost of s/n, 526-3415.

In the Phoenix area:

- Az. Animal Welfare League, \$50.00 for spaying, \$40.00 for neutering. They will mail you a discount card and give you a list of participating vets, 273-6850.

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