

Klondike Derby:

Lake Minnetonka

Sleddog Races...

A History

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As a sample of Gary Lillie's artistic talents: a few years before he died in July of 2016, Gary Lillie emailed the author this painting he had done fairly recently.

Acknowledgements

Writing this brief history of the sleddog races on Lake Minnetonka has been akin taking a trip down memory lane. Not only was the author fortunate to have participated in many of the races, but she was also acquainted with most of the players. The sadness came, though, from learning in the course of her research of Gary Lillie's death in July 2016. Lillie's contributions to early North Star Sled Dog Club's history were significant.

The author is grateful to those who racked their memories to recall facts about these races. For most it was a long time ago, but for others, it seemed like yesterday. It was a joy to go back to another time and relive these events and make contact with the participants. Chuck Gould, especially, was a source of valuable information. An artist himself, he also graciously gave permission to use the drawing he did to commemorate the 1977 reenactment of the 1917 race from Winnipeg to St. Paul made by Dennis LaBoda and his friend Randy Herman. The 1917 race was made into

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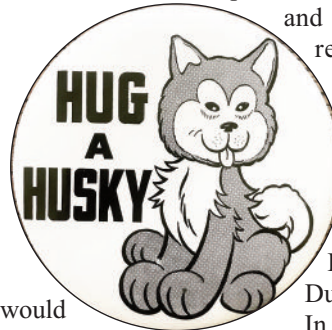
Note that the NSSDC logo shown here is the revised logo. The logo on page 7 is the original NSSDC logo designed by Chuck Gould.



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A History of Sleddog Races on Minnesota's Lake Minnetonka

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Winter celebrations have always been a popular cold weather event in Minnesota. In the 1920s and '30s, a few of the cities in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area had winter festivities. The St. Paul Winter Carnival was perhaps the

where neighborhood kids would hitch Fido up to whatever sort of sled they might have had at their disposal, and race around the lake for a half mile or more.

Sled dog racing in Excelsior didn't

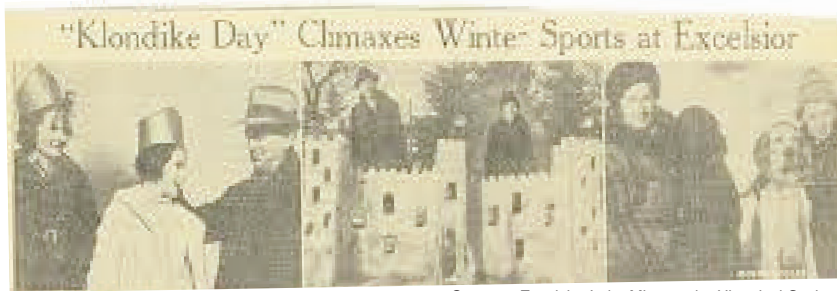
During its heyday, though, mushers would gather for a race and afterwards spend countless hours "talking dogs" and otherwise partying at a restaurant/bar or in the motel rooms. Distance racing hadn't yet come onto the scene, only sprint racing. Distance racing didn't catch on until the 1980 John Beargrease Marathon in Duluth.

In the 1970s, Excelsior saw a revival of sled dog racing. The greater Excelsior Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored a series of races with North Star Sled Dog Club (NSSDC)⁴, bringing in fun, annual winter festivity to the community. NSSDC had a vibrant membership. Its meetings were well attended and could sometimes get rowdy. Heated opinions abounded.

In this one-day, 1973 race, starting and finishing in The Commons, dog teams raced out to Big Island and around Smith Bay and Lafayette Bay. There were multiple classes, including a junior race. Hug-a-Husky buttons were sold at local shops, and hot cider, bratwurst and kraut sandwiches were served up as refreshments for racers and spectators alike.

The 1973 Excelsior race brought 68 teams to the start chutes. With a purse of \$300, it had a large field of entries: 8 teams in the Open Class A, running 12.5 miles; 9 in the 7-dog B Class, going 7 miles; 17 in the 5-dog C Class, running 5 miles; and 34 in the junior/novice class, running on a 1.75-mile trail. Many of the mushers went on to distance racing to carve out illustrious careers on the trails. Tim White went on to enter the Iditarod in Alaska in 1974 and carve out a career on the distance and mid-distance circuits. He later became president of the International Federation of Sleddog Sports and in 2019 the US Federation of Sleddog Sports. White, a structural engineer by training, also developed the

"quick change runner system," or QCR™, for sled runners. This system allowed mushers to quickly change the plastic on the bottom of their runners



Courtesy Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Historical Society

best known. Its mutt races, initially on Como Lake, were very popular and elicited a lot of press.¹ However, Lake Minnetonka, on the western edge of the Minneapolis metro area, was not left out of the festivals and festivities. These celebrations usually included crowning of royalty and plenty of action for youngsters. Among the most popular was some kind of sled dog race, often a kids' race or a mutt race. A dog, a kid, a sled: a perfect combination.

In the 1930s, Excelsior, on Lake Minnetonka, held an annual "Klondike Day" as part of the WPA (Works Progress Administration)² recreation project's Hennepin County program of ice carnivals. The event featured the coronation of an ice princess and ice queen, a masque nighttime skating party, and a dog derby. The dog derby was held on College Lake,

end in the 1930s, however. The 1970s began the golden age of dog sledding, or mushing, in Minnesota.³ It extended well into the 21st century, with subsequent sleddog activities being tied to North Star

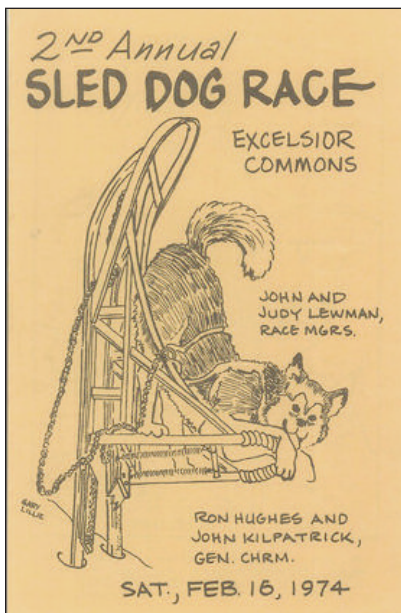
Sled Dog Club (NSSDC). Unfortunately, lack of snow and personnel marked the decline of the sprint sector of the sport.



Collage by Bethany Hway

without all the hassle of previous methods, which involved removing the glue on them, sanding it all off, and applying a different set of plastic. This is similar to what skiers do to adjust their skis to varying weather and snow conditions.

This era also capitalized on the family nature of the sport. The Hendricks family of Brainerd, the Kaspers in Brainerd, and the Hartigans of Big Lake all had their kids competing. Chuck Gould of Eden Prairie had his entourage of youngsters (his neighbor kids) entered. One of them, Dennis LaBoda, went on to be a distance racer living in Minnesota's Arrowhead in Hovland. And David Lee, son of Gene, was just getting started, racing in the Junior/Novice class. Rick and Annette Johnson of Mahtowa, Minnesota, were getting started in the sport, too. Rick later became the president of North Star Sled Dog Club for many years and was known for making cable gang lines. Annette went on to be the *Tugline* editor for many years. In these early years there developed a couple of relationships that ended



in marriage. Dee Dee Holt and Dave Niswander and Cynthia Aultz and Mike Deck exchanged the "I do" vows.

In 1973, Mike Murfin, of Big Lake, who was running Dom Blodgett's coon hounds, placed first in the Open A Class, the class open to as many dogs as a musher wished to field. Other mushers have quipped that Murfin won because other teams could hear his dogs barking and shied away. Murfin, though, liked the speed of the dogs and their energy. They also seemed better able to handle the pressure.

Rick Birkholz, of Howard Lake,



clearly recalls this 1973 race, his first entry into the world of sleddog racing. With a cheering section from his place of work, he entered the 5-dog class with Ardis Wells dogs and no leader. He placed dead last, almost 20 minutes behind the team ahead of him and 30 minutes behind the leader. He was embarrassed beyond words. Said he: "I could have walked faster than they ran it! They stopped for everything, to pee, scoop snow, anything!" Other mushers, though, displaying their "Minnesota nice," came to Rick's rescue, offering him tips and better dogs. Rick returned Ardis's dogs and eventually hooked up with Mike Murfin and later Gene Lee and Merv Hilpipre of Iowa.

Ardis Wells was a story in itself. She was a professional country singer. Known as the "yodeling sweetheart," as part of a western band, Ardis played at the Grand Ole Opry and had many engagements in Minneapolis during the 1950s. She was inducted into the Minnesota Rock and Country Hall of Fame in 2005. Somewhere along the line, she found time to raise and race Siberian husky sled dogs from her Alexandria, Minnesota, home. They then became her prime interest, with her entertainment career taking second. Ardis was later known for the fancy pompoms she decked out her teams in; each dog had a pompom on its head whenever she raced. She lived to the ripe age of 95, dying in 2013.

For the 1974



Photo courtesy Lillie family Gary Lillie

Excelsior race, Gary Lillie, an art teacher, was instrumental in the planning and art work. This year saw 70 teams vying for prizes with a purse of \$425. Lillie also contributed his talents to penning many cartoons for NSSDC. He was a musher and competed in the races with an "open class" dog team of 10 to 16 dogs. His wife, Joyce, was the first editor of NSSDC's newsletter, *The Tugline*. It was printed in purple ink on the old mimeograph machines. News of the 1974 race reached the pages of the *Minneapolis Tribune* newspaper, too.⁵ This newspaper had a huge circulation throughout the Minneapolis area.

Merv Hilpipre entered the Minnetonka scene in 1974, capturing first place in the open class. Now, there is a character! A small man, not over 5'5", Merv was an auctioneer by trade. This hyperactive man kept so many dogs that he had a hard time remembering who was



Photo by Sally Bair Merv Hilpipre, ca 1995

who. And his dogs were as hyper as their owner. Sally Bair recalls helping his 10-dog team to the start chutes in the 1997 Minnetonka race. It took a person holding each dog to get the job done. Unfortunately, the person holding the dog next to Bair's didn't have a good grasp, and the dog flew up hitting Bair squarely in the eye area, resulting in a doozy of a black eye. It was good that they were in a snowy area, for other mushers scooped up snow to ice-pack her eye area.

Hilpipre was also known for his announcing skills. At several races when there was little action in the staging area, Merv would make up an outlandish story about some catastrophe out on the trail. Handlers in the staging area got all anxious, but when their respective musher came over the finish line, these intrepid drivers were dumbfounded to be getting such questions about a happening that



Photo from *Tugline* archives
John Cooper announcing

never happened! However, one cannot dispute Hilpipe's skills on the racing trails.

Rick Birkholz improved his standing in the 1974 race, rising from dead last in the 5-dog class in 1973 to 11th out of 19 teams, and ceding the red lantern to Rick Johnson. John and Judy Lewman of Mound, Minnesota, were the race managers, responsible for the planning and execution of a smooth event. Judy Lewman also was the editor of NSSDC's *The Tugline* at this time.

The Excelsior Chamber of Commerce and NSSDC planned for a 1975 race, but, unfortunately, the Chamber decided to cancel the event because the date, March 1st, was thought to be too late to safely build a trail on the lake. That ended attempts to stage a sled dog race until 1980.

The 1980 race partnered with T-Butcher Block Restaurant and was set up in Excelsior at the T-Butcher Block Restaurant—since torn down—at the old Excelsior Amusement Park. The purse



Photo by Sally Bair
Chuck Gould ca 1995

was \$1000. T-Butcher Block was a lovely restaurant on the lake, and the proprietors provided morning coffee and rolls for racers and spectators. The mushers meeting was held at 8:00 AM before the race start. By the 1980s, most races were two-day events. Also by 1980 the Hartigan, Hendricks, and Kasper kids had grown up and left the nest, and Charlie Gould's entourage mostly had moved on.

Charlie Gould was instrumental in planning the 1980 race and laying out and grooming the trail. Working closely with Gould was his good friend, John Cooper, whose favorite pastime was announcing. He stood on the back of a pickup truck and took the mic like a pro. He knew the racers and the dogs. And...he didn't concoct stories when there was a lull in the activities. Gould and Cooper worked hard to get good trail lengths: the Open class ran a trail of 16 miles; the 7-dog was 10 miles, the 5-doggers ran 5 miles, and the junior/novice



Photo, courtesy Sally Bair
Sally Bair's team, the only known picture of the 1980 race

trail was 3 miles.

Trail preparations were usually a problem. On a big lake such as Minnetonka, when laying in and building the trail, one had to be mindful of overflow places as well as the ice roads leading to fish houses...and the fish houses themselves. Sally Bair recalls the 1998 race where her experienced leader, for some reason, took the ice road, and she had everything in her power to avoid the fish houses. A snow hook wouldn't catch on such glare ice. Also at this time snowmobiles, which had become very popular, could create a problem. A great trail might be all in by Friday only to be wrecked by snowmobiles that night. Grooming the trail was a difficult task, often made harder by strong winds and cold.

However, NSSDC had a solid plan for staging races. Race judges were secured and responsibilities carefully delineated. Bob Jones, who was from

Cannon Falls and president of NSSDC, was the race manager and chief judge. A veterinarian was "on call," and NSSDC had a set of carefully thought-out race rules. John Cooper was the announcer. This race went off very smoothly since it started at an early hour, before the snowmobilers could congregate and interfere with the teams. Snowmobilers generally were known to be late risers on the weekends.

Another proverbial problem was either loose neighbor dogs or people who insisted on bringing their pet canines to the race site. On her Sunday heat Sally Bair encountered a man way out on the trail with his small dog right in the middle of her path. That was an anxious moment, and she lost some time trying to avoid the little animal. Luck prevailed, though; the little dog got safely back into the arms of its owner.

Jump to the 1990s. North Star Sled Dog Club joined forces with the Northwest Tonka Lions Club for a series of races. NSSDC had, along with most races, switched its format from odd-numbered teams to even-numbered teams. It also put more emphasis on the 10-dog class rather than the open class. The total purse for the 1995 race was \$3500, a substantial improvement over the 1970s. The 1995 race, held within walking distance from the Mound VFW, saw the addition of skijoring into the classes of events. Gale Havrilla, an accomplished skier, ran a pair of standard poodles and garnered a lot of attention. Sixty-five teams made it



Photo courtesy of Gale Havrilla
Gale Havrilla with his standard poodles

to the start chutes on the first day. Rick Johnson was trail boss and had a hard time laying in a trail. There was little snow, and what there was had gone through a major melt and refreeze. Mushers were given the choice of withdrawing with no penalty and money back. Several did. Some withdrew after the first day, and all trails had to be cut back to 3.5 miles due to the bad snow



Photo by Dave Parish
Denny Hitchcock's 10-dog team
Westonka 1996 race

conditions. Dave Parish of Elk River lent his photographic talents to the race, taking pictures.

The 1996 race was the year of Prancer's Perils. Prancer was Canadian musher Dave Hochman's lead dog. She managed to escape her handler and took off for parts unknown. [See article from *The Tugline*, March, 1996.] Ninety-four teams signed up for this 1996 event, vying for a purse that was \$5000. Again, NSSDC partnered with the Northwest Tonka Lions Club. As usual, trail conditions were iffy. Joe Cappuccino, with his 10-dog team, remembers getting off the trail and running alongside a feeder stream. Unable to set a snow hook, he seriously entertained thoughts of drowning and was downright scared. He breathed a big sigh of relief when a snowmobile appeared, having been sent out to rescue him.



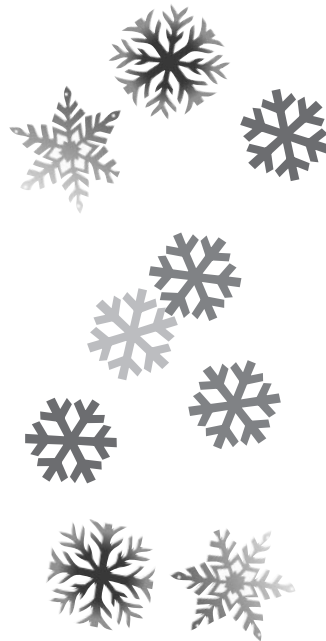
Photo by Dave Parish
Skijorer Matt Weik

The 1997 race was cancelled. It seems that although there was plenty of snow, it fell too early before the lake could properly freeze, opening up potentially dangerous overflow conditions.

However, a race in 1998, with a purse of \$7500, went off but with the usual adverse trail conditions. According to musher Steve Bergemann, when the competitors arrived at the race site on Saturday morning, they were greeted by a DNR (Department of Natural resources) official who announced that there had been a "fish boil" the previous night, and part of the trail would have to

be rerouted. He explained that a fish boil occurs when a bunch of fish congregate and cavort in the same place, thawing the ice. Was this some sort of feeding frenzy maneuver? A full moon? Who knows? Such a phenomenon was news to everyone.

Although Saturday was warm, Sunday's temperatures rose to a warmer 41°, making for a slushy trail for the 10-dog and 6-dog classes. Because of the



From TUGLINE, June, 1969. By Gary Lillie

fish boil and the warm temperatures, all classes, therefore, ran the same, 3.6-mile trail both days. Since all classes ran the same trail, it's interesting to compare the times for the different classes to see how the number of dogs affected times. Steve Bergemann won the 10-dog class with a total time of 20:36.94. Merv Hilpipe took first in the 4-dog class with a time of 22:21.54. [See appendix for all race results.] The 1998 race was the last one on Lake Minnetonka, which NSSDC deemed to have snow conditions on the lake that were unstable and not conducive to staging a good and safe race.

This hiatus lasted until 2020 when a group of enterprising mushers and mushing fans formed a committee to revive the Klondike Derby, this time making it a mid-distance race and spearheaded by Bethany Hway.

Endnotes

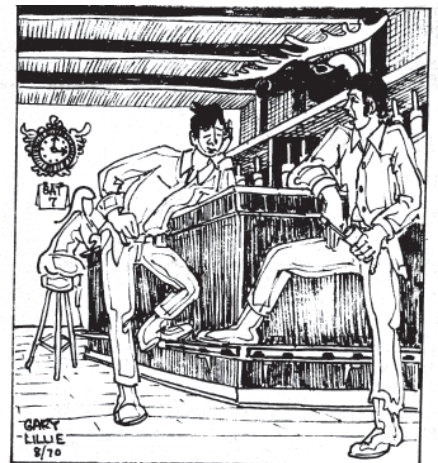
¹ Sally Bair, "The Din of the St. Paul Winter Carnival Mutt Races," *The Tugline*, North Star Sled Dog Club, March 2012.

² The WPA was an ambitious employment and infrastructure program created by President Roosevelt in 1935, during the bleakest years of the Great Depression. Over its eight years of existence, the WPA put roughly 8.5 million Americans to work.

³ For NSSDC history, see *The Tugline*, "NSSDC's Memory Lane" and "North Star Notables," August 2003.

⁴ Most issues of North Star Sled Dog Club's *The Tugline* are archived at the University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) Library in the archives section.

⁵ Ben Kern, *Minneapolis Tribune*, Sunday, February 24, 1974, page 4F.



"I JUSH DON'T UNNERSHTAND WHY MY SHECOND DAY TIME IS ALWAISH SLOWER THAN THE FIRSH."
- Gary Lillie cartoon, TUGLINE, 8/70

The Perils of Prancer

by Lorrie Ham & Sally Bair

The following story was first reported in *The Laker* newspaper, Mound, Minnesota, Saturday, January 27, 1996, by Lorrie Ham, staff writer for *The Laker*. It is reprinted from *The Tugline*, March 1996.

Prancer is home.

The two-year-old sled dog, who belongs to Dave Hochman of Winnipeg, was in Mound, Minnesota, the weekend of January 13 and 14 for the Westonka Winterfest Sled Dog races on Lake Minnetonka. Prancer is the lead dog for Hochman's second 10-dog team.

During the Saturday races, Hochman's first 10-dog team left the gate, and Prancer got a little excited. While handlers tried to hold her back, she broke loose and took off after her teammates.

Mushers and spectators saw the loose dog, and a wild chase ensued. Eventually several snowmobilers circled the canine and tried unsuccessfully to catch her. Prancer broke through and took off, disappearing under a bridge and off onto land while spectators and mushers looked on helplessly. The local police and radio station were notified of the loose soul, who was all dressed up in a harness and ready to go sledding.

On Saturday afternoon there were a few spottings of Prancer, but no one was able to catch her. On Sunday the animal

still hadn't been found, and after two days Hochman was forced to abandon his search for Prancer, and he headed back to Winnipeg with the rest of his dogs.

Bobbie, Stephanie, Justin, and Jay McCoy of Independence, Minnesota, a small town about five miles from the race site, had also been to the races and had seen Prancer get loose. On Monday afternoon, January 22, Stephanie, Justin, and Jay went out to their barn to feed and tend their animals, and there was Prancer, huddled in the shadows, hungry and tired. How long she had been there and exactly where she had been for almost ten days no one knew. At last, however, Prancer was rescued! She seemed delighted, too, to be in human hands again.

The children's mother, Bobbie, quickly notified neighbors and NSSDC members and mushers Dan and Cathy Moll that they had found the missing dog. Having competed in the Westonka races, the Molls were well aware of Prancer's situation.

Prancer was taken to a local vet and treated for some minor injuries. A gash on her leg needed stitches, and when she was found, her harness had slipped around one of her legs and caused some chafing. She also was weak and had obviously lost some weight. The Molls pre-

sumed that she had made some meals on the cats' food in McCoy's barn, for she had diarrhea for a few days after being found. Otherwise, she appeared to be in good health, considering the harrowing experience she had suffered. Although Prancer would most likely miss the rest of this year's races, the vet reported that she would be as good as new for next year.

The Molls took the dog home, where she stayed in a dog kennel in their dining room until she appeared stronger and was well on her way to recovering from the diarrhea. The Molls also seemed to feel that psychologically she was okay as well. In fact, said Cathy, "We fell in love with her. She was so well behaved! It was like a miracle that Prancer made it through this ordeal!"

The Molls also quickly got in touch with Hochman, who by this time had given up almost any hope of ever recovering Prancer. Needless to say, Hochman was extremely happy to learn that his leader had been found in good shape and would soon be on her way home.

Musher Clyde Dockter of Brainerd, Minnesota, who just happened to own Prancer's mother, offered to get Prancer from the Molls. Hochman then made the trip from Winnipeg to Brainerd and retrieved the wayward canine. Cathy Moll reported that she saw Prancer at the Winnipeg races, "wagging her tail and looking perfectly happy." For their part in the happy ending, the McCoy children received a monetary reward from Hochman.

About the Authors

Sally O'Sullivan Bair was a limited class musher who retired from a secondary special education teaching career (learning disabilities and remedial reading) and hung up her harnesses in 1999 after 22 years on the trails. She was then appointed to a position as secretary general for the International Federation of Sleddog Sports (IFSS), serving until 2012.

She traveled a great deal in this position, meeting with mushers worldwide. She subsequently became the secretary for the US Federation of Sleddog Sports, a position she still holds. She is also a certified IFSS canine doping control officer. She was the editor for North Star Sled Dog Club from 1993 to 2016 and regularly designed and put out the club's brochures and flyers as well as *The Tugline*. She now lives with her partner Doug on Lake Berthiaume in Buffalo, Minnesota.

Bethany Hway is founder of the Lake Minnetonka Klondike Dog Derby and serves as the President of the Board of Directors

and Race Coordinator. She owns Grayscale Business and Brand Building, a strategy-driven design company in Excelsior, Minnesota. Bethany is a brand consultant, graphic designer, and visionary with a passion for helping small businesses and organizations succeed and grow. Growing up in the woods of

Northern Minnesota, Bethany was born into mushing.

With her mother and father, Joyce and Stan Passananti, she raised and raced sled dogs for many years, competing in her own races and handling for her dad's races in the Midwest, Maine, and Alaska.

Bethany moved to the Twin Cities in 2003 to pursue a degree in graphic design. She now lives near Excelsior with her husband and their three young children. She enjoys spending time in her hometown of Ely, hiking the deserts and mountains of western US, adventuring to national parks with her family, cooking, reading, and learning new things.



Race Results



1st Annual Excelsior Sled Dog Race

Excelsior, MN
February 17, 1973 (Saturday)
\$300 Purse

Sponsored by the Excelsior Chamber of Commerce
Excellent trail conditions. All on the lake. Overcast sky,
windy. Saturday temperatures about 18°F; Times are in
minutes, seconds.

A Open Class: 12.5 miles		Sat. Time
1. Mike Murfin, Big Lake, MN		50:25.50
2. Dave Krider, Anoka, MN		54:23.50
3. Dave Niswander, Lindstrom, MN		57:42.50
4. Hugh Reynolds, Saginaw, MN		57:44.00
5. Tim White, Taylor's Falls, MN		60:09.50
6. Gene Lee, Stacy, MN,		60:18.00
7. Gary Lillie, Coon Rapids, MN		60:49.00
8. Arleigh Jorgenson, Grand Marais, MN		66:25.00
B Class 7-Dog: 7.5 miles		Sat. Time
1. Lois Vennewitz		23:24.00
2. Georgia Hartigan, Big Lake, MN		33:13.50
3. Derek Hendricks, Brainerd, MN		34:37.00
4. Donn Mattsson		35:00.00
5. Cynthia Aultz, Coon Rapids, MN		35:39.00
6. Kay Frederickson, Cambridge, MN		37:10.50
7. Roger Beecroft, Frederic, WI		42:10.50
8. Dennis Ingvaldson, Blackduck, MN		43:10.50
C Class 5-Dog: 5.0 miles		Sat. Time
1. Debbie Kasper, Brainerd, MN		20:08.00
2. Sandy O'Reilly		21:19.00
3. Tom Kasper, Brainerd, MN		21:31.00
4. Linda Kasper, Brainerd, MN		22:09.50
5. Matt Millich		22:35.50
6. Anita Hartigan, Big Lake, MN		20:59.30
7. DeDee Holt, Lindstrom, MN		23:25.00
8. Ardis Wells, Alexandria, MN		23:37.50
9. Keith Johnson		23:49.00
10. Joan Carlson, Cook, MN		24:58.00
11. John Brevik, Stanchfield, MN		25:17.00
12. Todd Maistrovich, Coon Rapids, MN		25:31.00
13. Chuck Gould, Eden Prairie, MN		26:56.00
14. Pat McLaughlin		27:43.00
15. Steve Fonest		28:47.50
16. Dennis Busick		33:52.00
17. Rick Birkholz, Howard Lake, MN		50:05.00
3-Dog Junior/Novice Class: 1.75 miles		Sat. Time
1. Jeff Blom		7:43.50
2. Mary Kasper, Brainerd, MN		7:45.00
3. Carol Ogden		7:48.00
4. Dennis LaBoda, Eden Prairie, MN		8:03.00
5. Doug O'Reilly		8:10.50
6. Mike Hines, Anoka, MN		8:15.50
7. Peter Stenehjem, Eden Prairie, MN		8:22.50
8. Mike James } tie		8:30.00
Roy Thielbar } tie		8:30.00
10. Dawn Hendricks, Brainerd, MN		8:35.00
11. Joan Carlson, Cook, MN		8:37.50
12. Barry Wencil		8:41.50
13. Gary Lillie, Coon Rapids, MN		8:42.00
14. Greg VanWert		8:50.00
15. Pat McLaughlin		8:50.50
16. Al Milliman, Mora, MN		9:09.50
17. Steve Holt		9:16.50
18. Anita Hartigan, Big Lake, MN		9:26.00
19. Donna Hanson		9:27.00
20. Dallyce Hendricks, Brainerd, MN		9:35.00
21. Terry Cleys		9:40.00
22. David Lee, Stacy, MN		9:43.50
23. Julie Hartigan, Big Lake, MN		9:44.50
24. Kim Busick		9:54.50
25. Joan Stolz		10:25.00
26. Mike Stedt		11:16.00
27. Sheri Brevik, Stanchfield, MN		11:17.00
28. Annette Johnson, Mahtowa, MN		12:06.00
29. Joan Hanson		12:14.00
30. Craig Thom		12:17.00
31. Brad Savola		12:28.00
32. Bob Young		13:28.00
33. Dana Hartness		14:24.00
34. Shane Granzow, Clearwater, MN		15:29.00



2nd Annual Excelsior Sled Dog Race

Excelsior, MN
February 16, 1974 (Saturday)
\$425 Purse

Sponsored by the Excelsior Chamber of Commerce
Excellent trail conditions. All on the lake. Times are in
minutes, seconds. Results are reprinted from NSSDC's
The Tugline, March, 1974.

A Open Class: 13.0 miles		Sat. Time
1. Merv Hilpiper, Cedar Falls, IA		49:50.00
2. Dave Krider, Princeton, MN		54:06.00
3. Bob Kasper, Brainerd, MN		54:21.50
4. Ron Aasness, Anoka, MN		54:30.00
5. John Brevik, Cambridge, MN		54:57.00
6. Dave Niswander, Lindstrom, MN		55:21.50
7. Lois Vennewitz		55:53.00
8. Todd Maistrovich, Coon Rapids, MN		64:13.00
9. Gene Lee, Stacy, MN		64:13.00
B Class 7-Dog: 7.5 miles		Sat. Time
1. Mike Murfin, Big Lake, MN		30:37.00
2. Chuck Gould, Eden Prairie, MN		31:28.00
3. Debbie Kasper, Brainerd, MN		32:12.00
4. Cynthia Aultz, Coon Rapids, MN		33:06.00
5. Bob Lugo, Milaca, MN		33:19.00
6. John Frankson		34:52.00
Dave Steele, Ogden, IA		34:52.00
8. Dave Johnson		35:07.00
9. Gary Frederickson, Cambridge, MN		35:09.00
10. Frank Thompson, Mora, MN		37:58.00
11. Sally Murfin, Big Lake, MN		38:48.50
12. Wes Granzow, Clearwater, MN		41:20.50
13. Pat McLaughlin		46:45.00
C Class 5-Dog: 5.0 miles		Sat. Time
1. Mike Murfin, Big Lake, MN		16:57.50
2. Dennis LaBoda, Eden Prairie, MN		17:32.50
3. Roger Beecroft, Frederic, WI		18:07.00
4. Tom Kasper, Brainerd, MN		18:12.00
5. Linda Kasper, Brainerd, MN		18:13.00
6. Dinah Shipman, Anoka, MN		18:14.00
7. Ron Kuschel, Minneapolis, MN		19:06.00
8. Annette Johnson, Mahtowa, MN		19:22.00
9. Ron Negaard, St. Cloud, MN		19:33.00
10. Joan Carlson, Cook, MN		20:05.00
11. Rick Birkholz, Howard Lake, MN		20:18.00
12. Jeff Johnson		22:07.50
13. Mike Thompson		22:18.00
14. Ardis Wells, Alexandria, MN		23:12.00
15. Gail Alar		24:02.00
16. Eldon Nelson		24:07.00
17. Greg Larson		24:09.00
18. Keith Johnson		24:25.00
19. Rick Johnson, Mahtowa, MN		43:21.00
3-Dog Novice Class: 2.0 miles		Sat. Time
1. Al Millman		9:22.00
2. Eric Negaard		9:33.00
3. Chuck Gould, Eden Prairie, MN		9:36.00
4. Lee Thorson, Bovey, MN		9:39.00
5. Les Stenehjem, Eden Prairie, MN		9:57.00
6. Kathy Larrington		9:59.00
7. Judy Lewman, Mound, MN		10:59.00
Dennis Ingvaldson, Blackduck, MN } tie		10:59.00
Pat McLaughlin		10:59.00
10. Craig Thom		11:15.00
11. Annette Johnson, Mahtowa, MN		11:26.00
12. Donn Mattsson		11:54.00
13. Cynthia Aultz, Coon Rapids, MN		11:56.00
14. Lyn Goodwin, Minnetonka, MN		12:04.00
15. Pete Seitz, Sandstone, MN		12:20.00
16. Maggie Roderick, Minnetonka, MN		12:47.00
17. Dave Brodigan		12:55.00
18. Kay Frederickson, Cambridge, MN		13:04.00
19. Jackie Singer		13:11.00
20. Juanita Ingvaldson, Blackduck, MN		13:49.50
21. Barb McLaughlin		14:09.00
22. Ardis Wells, Alexandria, MN		17:17.00
23. Sharon Nelson		17:45.00
24. Pat Jones, Cannon Falls, MN		21:44.00
3-Dog Junior Class: 2.0 miles		Sat. Time
1. Mary Kasper, Brainerd, MN		8:31.00
2. John Hardigan, Big Lake, MN		8:46.00
3. Pete Stenehjem, Eden Prairie, MN		9:25.00
4. Ken Negaard, Jr.		10:51.00
5. Glayde Thompson		10:57.00
6. Roxanne Loritz, St. Paul, MN		13:42.00
7. Shawn Granzow, Clearwater, MN		14:50.00
8. Shane Granzow, Clearwater, MN		19:49.00

The Tugline, March 1974:

February 16th was sunny and calm with temperatures around 30 degrees – a fantastic day for the spectators who turned out in droves to eat bratwurst sandwiches and watch the Excelsior race. Granted, it was a little warm for the dogs, but more than 70 teams showed up! The trail was very good and easy to follow, and the race ran smoothly once stray dogs were caught and tied up.

Despite their problems this year, Mike and Sally Murfin didn't let Excelsior down. Mike, definitely a "favorite son" in Excelsior, showed up driving a team of newly acquired coonhounds!

The "Dead Heat" race, sponsored and run by Tufty Dog Food and the Excelsior Farm & Garden Store was won by Mike Hines of Anoka. Mike received a trophy and \$100 for having the fastest 3-dog team on a ¼ mile track. Jim Bixler, of Excelsior Farm & Garden, promises to be a little more organized next year and run an even better "Dead Heat" race.

With the number of teams showing up at these one-day races, next year we'll be taking advance registrations for entries and also be starting earlier so that all the teams can be run before dark!

T-Butcher Block Restaurant Sled Dog Race

Excelsior, MN

February 16-17, 1980

\$1000 Purse

Race Marshal: Bob Jones

Well packed trails. Sunny both days. Saturday temperatures in the teens; Sunday's in the lower 20s F. Times are in minutes, seconds, hundredths.

	Sat. Time	Sun. Time	Total Time
A Open Class: 16.0 miles			
1. Chuck Gould, Eden Prairie, MN	50:24.50	51:58.80	102:23.30
2. John Brevik, North Branch, MN	53:02.20	52:17.40	105:19.60
3. Tom Trost, Chaska, MN	56:52.30	56:09.20	113:01.50
4. Gene Lee, Stacy, MN	57:38.20	58:31.30	116:09.50
5. Tim Wallace, Anoka, MN	57:51.20	60:38.10	118:29.30
6. Bob McWilliams, Bemidji, MN	58:23.60	60:17.40	118:41.00
7. Byron James, River Falls, WI	63:01.80	60:53.10	123:54.90
8. DeeDee Niswander, Lindstrom, MN	59:52.60	64:10.90	124:03.50
B Class 7-Dog: 11.0 miles			
1. Rick Birkholz, Howard Lake, MN	42:40.10	43:33.20	86:13.30
2. Chuck Gould, Eden Prairie, MN	45:01.10	43:34.20	88:35.40
3. Gary Roderick, Mound, MN	44:48.30	45:56.70	90:45.00
4. Bob Lugo, Milaca, MN	47:44.70	46:50.20	94:34.90
5. Lee Thorsen, Bovy, MN	47:25.40	48:08.20	95:33.60
6. Mike Donnelly	46:46.90	50:11.20	97:08.10
7. Tom Lerum, Lake City, MN	49:51.10	50:55.10	100:46.00
8. Don Frink, McGregor, MN	51:27.60	49:49.40	101:17.00
9. DeeDee Niswander, Lindstrom, MN	47:23.70	54:22.30	101:46.00
10. Jerry Vanek, Angus, MN	54:46.80	56:12.10	110:58.90
11. Oscar Reed	58:30.00	56:51.20	115:21.20
12. John Davis	81:37.80	DNF	
C 5-Dog Class: 6.0 miles			
1. Sue Bergstrom, Elk River, MN	18:56.90	18:33.40	37:30.30
2. Sally Bair, Big Lake, MN	18:51.20	18:49.70	37:40.90
3. Rick Birkholz, Howard Lake, MN	19:29.50	19:17.30	38:46.80
4. Pat Jones, Cannon Falls, MN	20:32.70	20:31.50	41:04.20
5. Gary Geisler	20:37.50	21:05.00	41:42.50
6. Maggie Roderick, Mound, MN	20:59.30	20:55.20	41:54.50
7. Roger Hagland	21:38.70	20:59.80	42:38.50
8. Marc Provost	22:20.40	21:49.90	44:10.30
9. Todd Lerum, Lake City, MN	22:06.10	22:20.50	44:26.60
10. Brian Reed	22:38.70	24:14.50	46:53.20
11. Terry Marshall	24:04.10	23:13.00	47:17.10
12. DeeDee Niswander, Lindstrom, MN	25:51.40	30:48.20	56:39.60
13. Libby Hutchins, Alexandria, MN	27:49.70	29:49.80	57:39.50
14. Vince Beyl	28:02.50	31:19.50	59:22.00
15. Doug Gallagher	38:10.40	28:12.20	66:22.60
Junior Class: 3.0 miles			
1. Dan Gullickson	17:38.70	16:41.40	34:20.10
2. Brian Reed	17:09.60	17:14.00	34:23.60
3-Dog Novice Class: 3.0 miles			
1. Mike Frink, McGregor, MN	16:44.10	16:37.00	33:21.10
2. Steve Scott	17:46.20	17:25.40	35:11.60
3. Sue Thorson, Bovey, MN	18:28.00	18:17.90	36:45.90
4. Shonie Block	20:36.70	18:53.80	39:30.50
5. Dan Moll, Maple Plain, MN	20:10.90	19:51.30	40:02.20
6. Mike Braaten	23:22.00	21:03.90	44:25.90
7. Don Block	27:40.40	25:03.80	52:44.20
8. Sally Bair, Big Lake, MN	26:35.60	DNR	

Westonka Winterfest Winner's Circle

Mound, MN: January 14-15, 1995


Icy, hard trail; temp: approx. 25°F both days

Purse: \$3500

	Sat. Time	Sun. Time	Total Time
10 Dog Pro: 3.5 miles			
1. Ted Wallace	11:19.07	11:07.16	22:26.23
2. Chuck Gould	11:32.60	11:19.06	22:51.66
3. Mike Marsch	11:31.90	11:32.50	23:04.40
4. Dave Steele	11:44.14	11:38.08	23:22.22
5. Tim Pfeifle	11:47.83	11:39.67	23:27.50
6. Jim Jackson	12:25.49	12:08.32	24:33.81
7. Ross Curry	12:35.89	12:24.03	24:59.92
8. Denny Hitchcock	12:43.84	12:29.23	25:13.07
9. Tim Wallace	13:21.27	13:27.66	26:48.93
10. Rick Johnson	14:59.05	12:15.20	27:14.25
11. Al Stead	13:53.00	14:33.67	28:26.67
12. Dan Lawrence	16:35.09	15:27.70	32:02.79
Joe Cappuccino	DISQ	DISQ	DISQ
6 Dog Pro: 3.5 miles			
1. Dave Steele	12:11.52	11:42.91	23:54.43
2. Tim Pfeifle	12:24.92	11:54.15	24:19.07
3. Rabbit Smallwood	12:43.57	12:13.82	24:57.39
4. Chuck Gould	13:00.07	11:59.67	24:59.74
5. Ted Wallace	12:41.99	12:20.20	25:02.19
6. Bob Garland	12:22.22	12:47.91	25:10.13
7. Mark Cooper	12:41.40	12:31.03	25:12.43
8. Greg Einberger	12:35.03	12:50.33	25:25.36
9. Jim Jackson	12:51.72	12:41.45	25:33.17
10. Rick Johnson	12:53.45	12:51.80	25:45.25
11. Geoffrey Gooding	13:45.34	13:52.63	27:37.97
12. Denny Hitchcock	15:01.24	13:38.89	28:40.13
13. Robin Gaspard	13:37.52	17:35.73	31:13.25
Tim Wallace	13:27.33	DISQ	DISQ
Pat Jones	16:48.63	DNR	DNR
Lance Heald	15:48.98	DNR	DNR
Pat Faherty	13:33.47	DNR	DNR
6 Dog Novice: 3.5 miles			
1. Dean Coan	14:00.90	14:46.83	28:47.73
2. Michael Gaspard	16:30.39	18:27.28	34:57.67
3. Bob Lawrence	19:29.49	17:40.18	37:09.67
4. Arne Engstrom	26:20.98	19:12.96	45:33.94
Michelle McAdams	14:17.17	DNR	DNR
Skijoring Pro: 3.5 miles			
1. Matt Weik	12:26.86	13:28.90	25:55.76
2. John Stetson	13:56.46	15:37.85	29:34.31
3. Scott Dahlquist	14:44.55	15:40.21	30:24.76
4. Lynda Bennett	15:22.89	16:08.88	31:31.77
5. Tim Dehmer	17:12.45	17:42.56	34:55.01
6. Cathy Moll	16:35.63	18:39.51	35:15.14
7. Bill Hannahs	16:10.37	19:42.19	35:52.56
8. Carol King	17:24.66	19:56.07	37:20.73
9. Darnele Huerkamp	20:14.97	21:42.42	41:57.39
10. Richard Bunten	19:04.27	23:06.14	42:10.41
11. Gale Havrilla	26:19.53	28:07.22	54:26.75
Skijoring Novice: 3.5 miles			
1. Brett Schulze	16:14.27	16:43.89	32:58.16
2. Julie Peterson	28:16.44	30:15.29	58:31.73
4 Dog Pro: 3.5 miles			
1. Kim Marsch	11:34.79	12:04.33	23:39.12
2. Bob Garland	11:45.84	12:28.95	24:14.79
3. Dean Coan	12:22.86	12:52.76	25:15.62
4. Tim Pfeifle	13:00.29	12:42.70	25:42.99
5. Clyde Dockter	13:17.46	12:50.15	26:07.61
6. Tim Wallace	13:02.71	13:10.28	26:12.99
7. Annette Johnson	12:53.77	13:33.73	26:27.50
8. Randy Kurth	13:39.45	14:00.21	27:39.66
9. Ann Stead	14:00.61	13:49.12	27:49.73
10. Greg Einberger, Jr.	14:17.42	14:57.08	29:14.50
11. Dan Moll	15:58.82	16:33.35	32:32.17
12. John Lielzke	18:35.12	18:07.88	36:43.00
13. Travis Chisholm	28:58.33	13:53.27	42:51.60
14. Gene Perry	44:28.17	25:56.64	1:10:24.81
3 Dog Novice: 3.5 miles			
1. Ayono Itoh	13:38.88	14:57.79	28:36.67
2. Janelle Chisholm	17:34.13	17:47.93	35:22.06
3. Jessica Einberger	18:46.76	16:48.26	35:35.02
4. Susan Guy	17:11.84	19:46.05	36:57.89
5. Rebecca Bernard	23:03.17	21:00.45	43:03.62
6. Luke Herring	28:29.62	25:43.28	54:12.90
7. Willie Bomier	33:25.11	24:42.00	58:07.11
8. Erick Jensen	36:22.61	31:31.39	67:54.00

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Westonka Winterfest Winner's Circle

Mound, MN • \$5000 purse
January 13-14, 1996

Saturday saw warm temps (40s), soft trail; Sunday it was colder (20s) with a hard-packed trail.

	Sat. Time	Sun. Time	Total Time
4-Dog Pro: 3.5 miles			
1. Travis Chisholm	13:21.18	12:36.35	25:57.53
2. Dean Coan	12:42.13	13:49.70	26:31.83
3. Annette Johnson	13:37.21	13:14.59	26:51.80
4. Marilyn Peterson	13:46.54	14:04.86	27:51.40
5. Zachary Dockter	13:29.40	14:31.20	28:00.60
6. Judy Bergemann	13:55.14	14:20.44	28:15.58
7. Robyn Johnson	14:06.76	15:40.78	29:47.54
8. Clyde Dockter	13:29.09	16:45.65	30:14.74
9. Phil Swain	14:22.57	16:02.21	30:24.78
10. Greg Einberger	14:57.92	18:52.38	33:50.30
11. Doug Johnson	14:39.47	19:54.18	34:33.65
12. Jean Bergerson	19:33.53	20:09.00	39:42.53
13. Matt Nystrom	32:14.26	20:33.55	52:47.81
14. Dan Nystrom	34:45.56	20:18.61	55:04.17
Sally Bair	14:34.47	DNR	DNF
3-Dog Novice: 3.5 miles			
1. Richard Lansard	13:39.04	14:06.50	27:45.54
2. Kelley Franck	16:10.63	15:32.96	31:43.59
3. Paul Bennett	16:08.14	16:32.27	32:40.41
4. Janelle Chisholm	18:00.83	16:25.12	34:25.95
5. Lynn Congdon	17:04.13	17:29.48	34:33.61
6. Vicki Meyer-Janzen	19:16.40	20:57.19	40:13.59
7. Brian Harvell	20:14.85	24:41.33	44:56.18
8. Karen Gross	25:22.84	24:46.97	50:09.81
3-Dog Junior: 3.5 miles			
1. Willie Bomier	20:58.71	21:24.70	42:23.41
2. Luke Herring	22:14.71	21:30.50	43:45.21
3. Cole Herring	21:16.76	22:33.53	43:50.29
4. Rebecca Bernard	24:53.23	24:42.27	49:34.50
Skijoring Pro: 3.5 miles			
1. Lynda Bennett	17:14.37	16:42.01	33:56.38
2. Scott Dahlquist	16:29.38	17:41.60	34:10.98
3. Gary McCollom	18:01.53	17:17.68	35:19.21
4. Carol King	17:38.88	18:17.49	35:56.37
5. Ellen Rudquist	19:01.70	17:45.60	36:47.30
6. Brett Schulze	15:41.98	21:27.82	37:09.80
7. Cathy Moll	19:11.40	18:23.55	37:34.95
8. Allen Rudquist	19:23.12	18:32.79	37:55.91
9. Bill Hannahs	22:18.43	17:36.19	39:54.62
10. Mark Messer	22:00.39	18:34.86	40:35.25
11. Julie Speck	23:14.77	21:06.35	44:21.12
12. Darnele Huerkamp	23:56.95	21:04.29	45:01.24
13. Gale Havrilla	22:46.09	26:06.66	48:52.75
14. Tricia Topley	24:26.73	25:57.80	50:24.53
15. Charles Burnett	23:53.93	30:08.50	54:02.43
16. Robyn Smith	29:10.89	24:56.58	54:07.47
17. Kurt Olson	30:06.11	32:01.65	62:07.76
Skijoring Novice: 3.5 miles			
1. Ron Toensing	34:58.46	34:00.91	68:59.37
Jim Teymer	DNR	49:19.14	DNF
6-Dog Pro: 5.7 miles			
1. Carolyn McCormack	21:35.19	19:43.19	41:18.38
2. Dave Hochman	21:39.08	20:52.87	42:31.95
3. Claes Aschberg	22:03.22	20:54.57	42:57.79
4. Rabbit Smallwood	22:09.97	20:57.12	43:07.09
5. Chuck Gould	22:39.67	21:14.47	43:54.14
6. Pat Jones	22:42.76	22:04.73	44:47.49
7. Sandra Perry	24:03.33	21:10.17	45:13.50
8. Dean Coan	23:08.22	22:06.32	45:14.54
9. Gary Dixon	25:07.65	22:28.27	47:35.92
10. Steve Bergemann	24:42.46	23:02.77	47:45.23
11. Clyde Dockter	26:12.51	21:46.13	47:58.64
12. Roy Perry	26:53.79	21:09.67	48:03.46
13. Ann Stead	25:33.15	22:52.75	48:25.90
14. Greg Einberger	24:59.17	23:31.24	48:30.41
15. Tim Wallace	24:32.26	24:00.86	48:33.12
16. Geoffrey Gooding	25:11.92	23:42.98	48:54.90
17. Lance Heald	26:20.94	23:40.90	50:01.84
18. Robin Gaspard	31:26.53	21:59.54	53:26.07
19. Mark Cooper	27:56.07	26:17.70	54:13.77
20. Dan Moll	28:44.74	26:49.46	55:34.20
John Swenson	26:52.55	DNR	DNF
Jim Jackson D/Q	22:09.70	21:56.57	44:06.27
6-Dog Novice: 5.7 miles			
1. Carol King	28:09.43	27:11.25	55:20.68
2. Ellen Rudquist	31:05.01	30:56.16	62:01.17
3. Michael Gaspard	34:25.11	28:33.80	62:58.91
4. Shelley Walker	35:24.40	28:29.35	63:53.75
5. Bob Lawrence	35:13.26	36:36.86	71:50.12
6. Ib Jensen	50:44.58	39:06.06	89:50.64
7. Mike Huerkamp	54:55.81	50:06.48	105:02.29
Janice Luke	DNR	44:30.35	DNF
Jean Bergerson	39:25.50	DNR	DNF
10-Dog Pro: 8.7 miles			
1. Dave Hochman	26:55.74	27:25.74	54:21.48
2. Carolyn McCormack	27:41.41	27:25.74	54:45.71
3. Chuck Gould	28:37.39	27:14.44	55:51.83
4. Claes Aschberg	28:44.78	27:10.05	55:54.83

5. Richard Lansard	28:45.77	27:16.25	56:02.02
6. Neal Johnson	30:14.58	27:01.32	57:15.90
7. Ted Wallace	29:16.39	28:07.58	57:23.97
8. Merv Hilpipe	30:14.87	28:03.42	58:18.29
9. Steve Bergemann	30:35.76	28:06.17	58:41.93
10. Jim Jackson	30:01.26	29:46.46	59:47.72
11. Rick Johnson	32:04.78	29:08.86	61:13.64
12. Rabbit Smallwood	31:55.95	29:53.85	61:49.80
13. Gene Lee	32:46.99	30:35.39	63:22.38
14. Joe Cappuccino	33:21.52	32:35.87	65:57.39
15. Al Stead	35:37.01	31:57.55	67:34.56
16. Tim Wallace	35:53.79	32:18.22	68:12.01
17. Dan Lawrence	36:45.80	36:06.28	72:52.08

Westonka Winterfest Winner's Circle

Mound, Minnesota • \$7500 purse
February 14-15, 1998

Temperatures were around 32°F. on Saturday with a somewhat undefined but hard packed trail. Sunday's temperatures rose to 41°F., making for a slushy trail for the 10-Dog and 6-Dog teams. Due to warm temperatures preceding the race, all classes ran the same, 3.6 mile trail. Times are in minutes and seconds and hundredths.

	Sat. Time	Sun. Time	Total Time
10 Dog Pro Class: 3.6 miles			
1. Steve Bergemann, St. Croix Falls, WI	10:16.23	10:20:71	20:36.94
2. Ted Wallace, Wrenshall, MN	10:23.68	10:24.51	20:48.19
3. Charlie Gould, Isabella, MN	10:22.04	10:28.17	20:50.21
4. Merv Hilpipe, Cedar Falls, IA	10:12.51	10:37.86	20:50.37
5. Paul Riegert, Ely, MN	10:47.97	10:41.77	21:29.74
6. John Swenson, Holyoke, MN	11:31.43	10:42.45	22:13.88
7. Rick Johnson, Mahtowa, MN	11:34.17	11:43.91	23:18.08
8. Jerry Lee Chilton, Strawberry Lake, MN	12:00.20	11:57.93	23:58.13
9. Gary McCollom, Pinewood, MN	13:04.97	12:52.50	25:57.47
10. Dan Timmerman, Waukon, IA	14:36.87	11:27.35	26:04.22
Dean Coan, Tower, MN	16:36.22	DNR	DNF
6 Dog Pro Class: 3.6 miles			
1. Merv Hilpipe, Cedar Falls, IA	10:15.49	10:56.19	21:11.68
2. Paul Riegert, Ely, MN	10:40.40	11:00.90	21:41.30
3. Robin Gaspard, Big Lake, MN	11:07.88	11:41.12	22:49.00
4. Ted Wallace, Wrenshall, MN	11:29.35	11:44.73	23:14.08
5. Clyde Dockter, Brainerd, MN	11:03.88	12:12.74	23:16.62
6. Jim Jackson, West Fargo, ND	11:35.58	12:36.89	24:12.47
7. Pat Jones, Cannon Falls, MN	12:00.76	12:18.02	24:18.78
8. Henry Csabak, Kakabeka, ONT	12:27.42	12:22.12	24:49.54
9. Dean Coan, Tower, MN	12:34.36	12:42.53	25:16.89
10. Kelly Harris, Cambridge, MN	16:31.14	12:11.96	28:43.10
11. Chuck Gould, Isabella, MN	18:34.06	28:32.37	47:06.43
6 Dog Novice Class: 3.6 miles			
1. Michael Gaspard, Big Lake, MN	12:32.41	13:35.55	26:07.96
2. Mike Congdon, Big Lake, MN	12:39.32	15:03.65	27:42.97
3. Jerald Anderson, Princeton, MN	14:12.41	14:46.60	28:59.01
4. Brian Harvell, Zumbrota, MN	14:47.11	16:26.89	31:14.00
5. Nichole Lansing, MN	14:36.32	17:28.42	32:04.74
6. Carol King, Hinckley, MN	12:51.43	21:30.50	34:21.93
7. Susan Anderson, Princeton, MN	15:58.25	18:40.36	34:38.61
8. Jena Boen, Fergus Falls, MN	14:16.62	21:42.45	35:59.07
9. Daniel Ward,	13:16.16	26:35.34	39:51.50
6 Dog Siberian Pro Class: 3.6 miles			
1. Ann Stead, Duluth, MN	12:03.23	12:53.74	24:56.97
2. Chris Novak, Forest Lake, MN	13:24.23	14:25.82	27:50.05
3. Gary Crooks, New Germany, MN	14:13.80	15:31.65	29:45.45
4. Dave Lundberg, Monticello, MN	25:36.62	22:04.03	47:40.65
4 Dog Pro Class: 3.6 miles			
1. Merv Hilpipe, Cedar Falls, IA	10:55.44	11:26.10	22:21.54
2. Zachary Dockter, Brainerd, MN	12:28.92	11:26.76	23:55.68
3. Marilyn Peterson, Park Rapids, MN	11:53.92	12:23.84	24:17.76
4. Eric Chilton, Strawberry Lake, MN	12:07.19	12:15.98	24:23.17
5. Dean Coan, Tower, MN	12:07.28	12:35.91	24:43.19
6. Clyde Dockter, Brainerd, MN	12:42.86	12:03.40	24:46.26
7. Kelly Harris, Cambridge, MN	12:44.54	12:12.25	24:56.79
8. Annette Johnson, Mahtowa, MN	12:54.87	12:13.85	25:08.72
9. Henry Csabak, Kakabeka, ONT	13:24.65	12:02.03	25:26.68
10. Dan Timmerman, Waukon, IA	13:06.46	13:07.43	26:13.89
11. Jim Jackson, West Fargo, ND	13:40.70	13:04.22	26:44.92
12. Jeff Wells, Fergus Falls, MN	14:07.45	13:02.73	27:10.18
13. Jena Boen, Fergus Falls, MN	13:44.95	14:04.33	27:49.28
14. Willie Bomier, Mankato, MN	15:12.06	13:46.10	28:58.16
15. Emily Ward	18:05.05	15:05.28	33:10.33
16. Brian Johnson, Finlayson, MN	17:03.30	17:56.43	34:59.73
Sally Bair, Big Lake, MN	18:53.61	DNR	DNF
Skijoring Pro Class: 3.6 miles			
1. John Thompson, Shoreview, MN	12:27.75	12:29.97	24:57.72
2. Phil Swain McCollom, Pinewood, MN	13:33.33	13:45.97	27:19.30
3. Scott Dahlquist, Woodbury, MN	13:41.29	14:09.35	27:50.64
4. Ron Toensing, Newport, MN	13:37.62	15:06.38	28:44.00
5. Richard Bunten, Bemidji, MN	14:37.59	16:14.60	30:52.19
6. Kimberly Kelker, Mpls., MN	15:15.34	16:10.68	31:26.02
7. Carol King, Hinckley, MN	15:15.19	17:03.32	32:18.51
8. Michael Hartung, Park Rapids, MN	15:45.20	17:21.36	33:06.56
9. Lynda Bennett, Hinckley, MN	16:15.01	17:28.39	33:43.40

10. Jim Teymer, Lodi, WI	17:28.52	17:01.31	34:29.83
11. Mark Johnson, Woodbury, MN	15:36.36	19:30.10	35:06.46
12. Peter VonGrossman, Excelsior, MN	16:58.27	18:35.94	35:34.21
13. Mike Gunderson	16:28.49	19:30.37	35:58.86
14. Kevin Murphy, Lino Lakes, MN	19:55.20	22:53.36	42:48.56
Skijoring Novice Class: 3.6 miles	Sat. Time	Sun. Time	Total Time
1. Gary McCollom, Pinewood, MN	17:20.77	19:33.40	36:54.17
2. Jerry Sivets, Medina, MN	19:39.75	21:01.95	40:41.70
3. Jody Higgins	22:41.53	19:05.33	41:46.86
4. Dale Hammons	22:37.32	22:42.30	45:19.62
5. Mark Messer, Woodbury, MN	25:16.47	24:38.87	49:55.34
6. Peter Hindman, West St. Paul, MN	27:20.73	34:33.18	61:53.91
3 Dog Novice Class: 3.6 miles	Sat. Time	Sun. Time	Total Time
1. Kelley Franck, Rochester, MN	12:37.60	14:13.22	26:50.82
2. Linda Dockter, Brainerd, MN	14:23.93	14:33.13	28:57.06
3. Karen Gross, Pine Island, MN	14:02.21	16:17.47	30:19.68
4. Kari Haug, West Fargo, ND	14:59.80	16:09.87	31:09.67
5. James O'Conner	17:19.30	19:16.13	36:35.42
6. Thuy Dihn, Woodbury, MN	19:30.40	24:56.45	44:26.85
Junior Class: 3.6 miles	Sat. Time	Sun. Time	Total Time
1. Jenny Carlson, Erhard, MN	12:01.14	13:12.58	25:13.72
2. Dennis Coan, Tower, MN	14:44.58	15:05.69	29:50.27
3. Chris Schunicht, St. Paul, MN	15:18.50	16:44.69	32:03.19
4. Jean Congdon, Big Lake, MN	19:00.26	19:04.14	38:04.40
5. Becky Bernard, Marine St. Croix, MN	20:13.53	17:54.60	38:08.13
6. Nathaniel Kaar, St. Paul, MN	20:20.84	21:36.98	41:57.82

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