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# The Greater Swiss Mountain Mail

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## GSMDCA 2006 National & Regional Specialties

*Alison Burns*

### Bring 'Em Home!!!

In less than five months there will be the Sound of Swissies all through the Rocky Mountains and our club is responsible for bringing the GSMD home to their Alpine roots!

(or pretty darn close without having to cross the ocean!)

All this being said, now is the time for everyone to jump in and help out in making this one of the BEST National Specialties in history. We have the perfect location and great members to all chip in and make this a memorable week for all. There will be people traveling from all over the country, and most have never been to the Rocky Mountains!

If you have not been to the web site yet, it has been up and running and is full of great information around the event. There are many opportunities for members young and old to help out.

[www.gsmdcr.org/2006NS](http://www.gsmdcr.org/2006NS)



To date, there has been a ton of behind the scenes work done towards this event - and many thanks to all of you who have been creatively thinking, organizing, and scheduling behind the scenes. From visits scoping out the location, booking the hotel and grounds, arranging judges, creating logos and selling merchandise - lots of work is already done...but we still have 5 months of work ahead of us.

Please visit the web site and see if there is an area that you can help out with. Let Sandi Snyder know and get ready to have a blast helping out. More detail is inside this newsletter!



Swissies in the Mountains - how perfect

# What is New with the Members?

## New Members

Jennifer Rowe and Joe Tumbarello from Parker Have joined the club with their Beautiful Entle named Bella. Bella has joined us on many occasions with the “big dogs” and is more than comfortable amongst the Swissies. You can see Bella with Jennifer and Joe romping around Chatfield on the weekends. Welcome Bella to the club!



## Winter Events and Results

Winter of 2006 started with a Road-Trip by some of the club members out to Palm Springs, CA for the Western Regional Specialty. There was a Pack Hike, Weight Pull, and three great days of Dog Shows. It was great to meet all of the Swissies from the West Coast, as well as some that traveled out from the East Coast.

Club Member activities and results were:

Pack Hike –

- Novice Pack “leg” earned by Lillabit (CH Cordillera’s Lil Bombardier) Wednesday

Weight Pull –

- Jackson (CH BlueMist Yuletide Jackson) earned a “leg” both Friday and Saturday to complete his WWD title and earning him the VGS title!
- Trigger went out and showed us how it was done!
- Lillabit pulled the empty cart and decided she wanted to go eat! She left the work up to Jackson ☺

Conformation-

- Topaz (Cedarcove’s Jem Stone) won the Puppy Sweeps at both Specialty Shows as well as Reserve in Saturday’s Specialty
- Denali (Cedarcove’s Conquering Denali) took Reserve in Friday’s Specialty
- Kai (CH Cordillera’s Future Legend) won Best of Breed at both Specialty Shows
- Jackson and Lillabit each took an Award of Merit at both Specialty Shows

***Congratulations to all the traveling Members and their Dogs!***

# More Winter Events

In February the club members were also active in the local Denver show as well as the gracious hosts of Meet-the-Breed. As usual, the booth was full of people interested in learning about the breed and club members sharing their knowledge. Thanks to all that volunteered to come out and work the booth.

As for the dogs – wow, what a great weekend in the ring!

Friday:

- Truman (Cedarcove's Jacksonville) took Winners Dog and Best of Winners
- Inga (Derby's Great Inga) took Winners Bitch
- Lillabit (CH Cordillera's Lil Bombardier) took Best of Opposite
- Kai (BISS CH Cordillera's Future Legend) took Best of Breed

Saturday:

- Truman (Cedarcove's Jacksonville) took Winners Dog and Best of Opposite
- Inga (Derby's Great Inga) took Reserve
- Topaz (Cedarcove's Jem Stone) took Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, and Best of Breed

Sunday:

- Truman (Cedarcove's Jacksonville) took Winners Dog and Best of Winners (**New Champion!**)
- Topaz (Cedarcove's Jem Stone) took Winners Bitch
- Maverick (Snowy Mountain Wild Card) took Reserve
- Lillabit (CH Cordillera's Lil Bombardier) took Best of Opposite
- Kai (BISS CH Cordillera's Future Legend) took Best of Breed

Monday:

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- Inga (Derby's Great Inga) took Winners Bitch
- Lillabit (CH Cordillera's Lil Bombardier) took Best of Opposite
- Kai (BISS CH Cordillera's Future Legend) took Best of Breed

Also in February some of the Club Members met up at Eldora Mountain for a Snow Shoe with our Swissies and Friends. There were 9 Swissies and two Labs enjoying the day with their owners and friends! The day was beautiful and there were plenty of stops made to explain to fellow snowshoers and hikers about our dogs and the club. Thank you to Heather for coordinating and for all the members who came out to enjoy the day!



## **New Titles / Awards for Members**

CH Alki's Bit Of Paradise **CD** (Zelda), Harry Austin/Patricia Lavallee

**CH** Cedar Cove's Jacksonville (Truman), Jon Krauss

CH BlueMist Yuletide Jackson **CD NDD WWD VGS** (Jackson), Todd and Sandi Snyder/Judy Grindstaff

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Terry-All Kennel Club**

Brighton, CO

Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> - Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>

Conformation and Obedience Trials

### **Draft Test**

April 22, 2006

BMDC of the Rockies (Bernese Mountain Dog Club)

Cherry Creek State Park - CO

8:00 - 3:00

<http://www.bmd.org/bmdcr.html>

### **Durango Kennel Club**

Cortez, CO

Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> - Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>

Conformation and Obedience Trials

### **Flatirons Kennel Club**

Longmont, CO

Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>

Conformation and Obedience Trials


### **Colorado Springs Kennel Club**

Colorado Springs, CO

Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> - Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>

Conformation and Obedience Trials

***Spring Fling Swissy Social***



# GREATER SWISS MOUNTAIN DOG

Club of the Rockies

## 2006 GSMDCR GENERAL ELECTION

### Elections Committee

Carolynn Wamsley  
Teri Goldberg  
Sandi Snyder (Chair)

It is time again to elect a new Board of Directors to serve for the 2006 to 2008 term. All Household and Individual members in good standing are encouraged to participate, whether residing in Colorado or not. Anyone who is interested in becoming a Club Officer or Director should submit a Letter of Intent to the address at the bottom of this letter. A Letter of Intent need not be elaborate, and should include your name, address, position desired, and any other information on why you want to run and what you would like to accomplish in your term.

The Board is comprised of the following positions, and all need to be filled:

- President
- Recording Secretary
- Treasurer
- Vice President
- Corresponding Secretary
- Director (2 positions)

Any individual who wishes to run for an Officer or Director position must be a full voting member of the GSMDCR in good standing, which includes having paid dues for 2006. No person shall be a candidate for more than one position. Here is how the elections process will work:

- ✓ Letters of Intent must be received no later than noon, April 22nd.
- ✓ The initial list of candidates will be mailed to each voting member by April 24th.
- ✓ If you change your mind and decide to throw your name in the hat, additional Letters of Intent will accepted, provided that they bear the signatures of three (3) voting members of the GSMDCR, and they are in the P.O. Box by noon, May 24<sup>th</sup> (see below for full address).

At this point, if there is only one club member volunteering for each position, the initial list of candidates will be declared elected and the election process will end. If this happens, the newly elected Board Members will begin their terms on July 1st. The results of the election will be announced in a special Elections Edition Newsletter.

If two or more individuals decide to run for any of the positions, a ballot listing the entire slate of candidates will be mailed to each voting member by May 25th. Completed ballots must be in the P.O. Box by noon, June 25th. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each position shall be declared elected. The results of the election will be announced in a special Elections Edition Newsletter, and the newly elected Board Members will begin their terms on July 15th.

All Letters of Intent should be mailed to:

Sandi Snyder  
GSMDCR Elections Committee Chair  
P.O. Box 987  
Castle Rock, CO 80104-0987

If you have any questions, please let me know!

Sandi Snyder

sandi@swissy.com or 303 688-9109

# **GSMDCA 2006 National Specialty and the Rocky Mountain Regional Specialty**

From August 22-27 this summer, the GSMDCA will be hosting the 2006 National Specialty Show in Snowmass Village near Aspen. Over 100 swissies from around the country will join together with their owners for this exciting event.

Don't be fooled- this isn't just a "dog show". It is a week packed with activities for you and your dog (s). There will be daily outings like hikes and golf. Raffle table will be full of swissy dog related items. There will be prizes and trophies for all events. Full details including hotel information can be found through a link at [www.GSMDCR.org](http://www.GSMDCR.org).

**If you would like to be involved either before or during the event, please let us know!**

## ***TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS***

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### ***Tuesday, August 22nd***

#### **Herding**

This includes a basic instinct test for owners and their swissy who have not had any prior herding experience. Does your swissy chase children around the block? Does he nip at the heels or behinds of your houseguests? Come to the herding event and find out if your swissy has a real herding instinct.

### ***Wednesday, August 23rd***

#### **Weight Pull Competition**

Open to all swissies with or without experience. See if your swissy has the aptitude to pull weight on a cart as well as he pulls you down the street. Or just come watch the best swissies in the country pull between 3,000 and 4,000 pounds. (Also on Friday)

#### **Puppy Match**

A very informal conformation match for puppies 12 months old and younger. This is a good place to reload on puppy kisses.

#### **Welcome Party**

Enjoy appetizers and drinks while gazing out over the Aspen valley.

## ***Thursday, August 24th***

### **Obedience/Rally**

Watch and learn about Obedience and the new sport of Rally. Rally is much more relaxed and fun than standard obedience. Obedience with swissies is always entertaining. They typically don't perform in perfect unison with their owner; rather they inject swissy antics into the competition. (Also on Friday)

### **Draft Trial**

A Draft Trial showcases swissies doing what they were bred to do. The swissies are pulling a cart and are guided through a maneuver course by their handler.

### **Puppy Puzzle Seminar**

Pat Hastings shows how to evaluate a puppy to determine if it is structurally sound enough to do what we will ask of it in its lifetime. (Sign up sheet on next page)

## ***Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>***

### **Conformation Show**

It is quite a sight to see 50 swissies in the ring at the same time!

### **Fun Day**

An afternoon filled with fun activities and games for you and your swissy. We will also hold a Canine Good Citizen test and Therapy Dog testing. No experience required, although you should read up on what will be tested.

## ***Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>***

### **Conformation Show**

Same as Friday, and includes Junior Showmanship

### **Awards Banquet / Silent Auction**

Dine in the Roof Garden restaurant that overlooks the Aspen valley. The silent auction raises money for the club's rescue and health funds. Many wonderful swissy related items are included and can be viewed in advance on the web site.

## ***Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>***

### **Pack Hike**

A ten-mile hike through the Maroon Bells Wilderness area that will count as a leg towards a pack dog title.

Prizes to all entrants

# PUPPY PUZZLE PRESENTATION

*Presented by Pat Hastings*

**August 24, 2006**

6:00 p.m.

Snowmass Conference Center  
Snowmass Village, Colorado

Based on Pat Hastings' acclaimed video, "Puppy Puzzle: The Hastings Approach to Evaluating the Structural Quality of Puppies," this presentation has information to benefit everyone working with dogs and every puppy out of a conscientious breeding program. The single most important decision we can make for our puppies is to determine whether each puppy is structurally sound enough to do what we will ask of it in its lifetime. Whether the hope is for the show ring and whelping box or obedience, agility, field trials or flyball, we owe it to our dogs to know in which lifestyle each may best flourish.

Topics:

- Evaluating puppies as they meet the breed standard
- The importance of breed integrity
- How to examine each portion of puppy anatomy to judge soundness and breed type.
- Topline problems in relation to front and rear structural weaknesses
- Movement as a function of front and rear assemblies
- Skull growth and how to predict whether the head will meet the breed standard
- How to determine if the neck is too short or too long
- How to make sure the puppy is balanced in bone and muscle
- How to identify the beginnings of a broad spectrum of potential problems as the puppy becomes a dog.

Directions and host hotel information will be sent with receipt of Registration. Please note that preference will be given to members of the GSMDCA as this is being held as part of our National Specialty. Non-members will be notified via e-mail during the first week of August of their status.

*GSMDCA Members can choose to pay on August 1<sup>st</sup> with the other Specialty Events. We do need a headcount before then, so please mail this form into Harry if you plan to attend to reserve your spot.*

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Name:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Please choose one:

**\$30** GSMDCA member

**\$40** Non-GSMDCA member

Please make check payable to **GSMDCA** and send registration form and payment to:

**Harry Austin, 1559 E. Emerson Avenue**

**Salt Lake City, UT 84105**

[harryaustin\\_490@msn.com](mailto:harryaustin_490@msn.com)

## Regional Trophy Sponsorships Are Now Available

Please review the list below and contact Alison Burns with your selection. You can sponsor a trophy in your name, in memory of a lost Swissy, a business name or kennel.

Email your preference to [alison@bitaswissy.com](mailto:alison@bitaswissy.com) today to reserve the selection of your choice! GSMDCA members have already reserved a few, but most of the list has been left to allow for the local representation to show their support. Sponsor names will be listed in the show catalogue.

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPECIALTY TROPHY SPONSORSHIPS

Trophy	\$\$	Sponsor	Trophy	\$\$	Sponsor
<b>Specialty Conformation Regular</b>			<b>Veteran Sweepstakes</b>		
Best of Breed	\$ 70.00	Filled	Dogs 7 and under 9	\$ 25.00	
Best of Winners	\$ 50.00		Dogs 9 and under 11	\$ 25.00	
Best of Opposite	\$ 50.00	Filled	Dogs 11 and over	\$ 25.00	
1st Award of Merit	\$ 50.00		Bitches 7 and under 9	\$ 25.00	
2nd Award of Merit	\$ 50.00		Bitches 9 and under 11	\$ 25.00	
3rd Award of Merit	\$ 50.00		Bitches 11 and over	\$ 25.00	
4th Award of Merit	\$ 50.00		Best Veteran	\$ 40.00	
Winners Dog	\$ 40.00		Best of Opposite Veteran	\$ 30.00	
Reserve Winners Dog	\$ 25.00		<b>Puppy Sweepstakes</b>		
Winners Bitch	\$ 40.00		6-9 Puppy Dog	\$ 25.00	
Reserve Winners Bitch	\$ 25.00		9-12 Puppy Dog	\$ 25.00	
6-9 Puppy Dog	\$ 25.00		12-15 Puppy Dog	\$ 25.00	
9-12 Puppy Dog	\$ 25.00		15-18 Puppy Dog	\$ 25.00	
12-18 Puppy Dog	\$ 25.00		6-9 Puppy Bitch	\$ 25.00	
Novice Dog	\$ 25.00		9-12 Puppy Bitch	\$ 25.00	
Bred By Dog	\$ 25.00		12-15 Puppy Bitch	\$ 25.00	
Am Bred Dog	\$ 25.00		15-18 Puppy Bitch	\$ 25.00	
Open Dog	\$ 25.00		Best Puppy	\$ 40.00	Filled
6-9 Puppy Bitch	\$ 25.00		Best of Opposite Puppy	\$ 30.00	
9-12 Puppy Bitch	\$ 25.00		<b>Obedience</b>		
12-18 Puppy Bitch	\$ 25.00		High in Trial	\$ 45.00	
Novice Bitch	\$ 25.00		High Combined	\$ 40.00	
Bred By Bitch	\$ 25.00	Filled	High Score Utility A	\$ 20.00	
Am Bred Bitch	\$ 25.00		High Score Utility B	\$ 20.00	
Open Bitch	\$ 25.00		High Score Open A	\$ 20.00	
Best Veteran	\$ 40.00		High Score Open B	\$ 20.00	
Veteran Dog	\$ 25.00		High Score Novice A	\$ 20.00	Filled
Veteran Bitch	\$ 25.00		High Score Novice B	\$ 20.00	
Stud Dog	\$ 25.00		High Score Rally Novice A	\$ 20.00	Filled
Brood Bitch	\$ 25.00		High Score Rally Novice B	\$ 20.00	
Brace	\$ 25.00		High Score Rally Advanced A	\$ 20.00	
Generations	\$ 25.00		High Score Rally Advanced B	\$ 20.00	
			High Score Rally Excellent A	\$ 20.00	
<b>Weight Pull</b>			High Score Rally Excellent B	\$ 20.00	
			Pre-Novice	\$ 20.00	
			Veterans	\$ 20.00	

## Thank You For Supporting Your Club

# Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of the Rockies

(in case you have forgotten to renew)

## 2006 Membership Renewal

*NOTE: If you are upgrading from an Associate membership, you will need sponsorship from a club member.  
Please contact Sandi for details.*

(check one)

Household Membership  
\$32.00

Individual Membership  
\$20.00

Associate Membership  
\$18.00

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Membership is for the year 2006  
Voting privileges apply to  
Household and Individual  
Memberships only.

Please complete this form and  
enclose along with a check  
payable to  
**GSMDCR**  
and send it to:  
**Sandi Snyder**  
**P.O. Box 987**  
**Castle Rock, CO 80104**

*ng information ever year.*

Member's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make sure these are the best number and e-mail address to reach you regarding club business.*

Children's Names and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

GSMD AKC Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Whelp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Breeder: \_\_\_\_\_

AKC Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME: _____	SIGNATURE: _____
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