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happy  
valentines

Feb 5,6,7	SnoBASH
Feb 20,21	Santa Clara Kennel Dog Show (at the fairgrounds)
Mar ???	General Meeting
Dec 17	Christmas Party

## AMAZON SMILES

We have signed up with Amazon Smiles. 1.5 % of sales on Amazon through Smiles comes back to BASH. Use the following link and earn money for BASH.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/77-0410632>



Keep thinking SNOW!

# SnoBASH

Mark your calendars February 5,6 & 7

Watch the website...there is 80-84 inches of base snow at Bear Valley Cross Country. (we are a few hundred feet lower) With El Nino predictions there could be a large amount of snow coming in February. We aren't worried about no snow to sled on. We will still update the BASH list for last minute information. Right now the only reason to cancel will be a winter storm warning for the area.

Over the years we have fewer drops for dogs at the sledding location. We have limited drops that are owned by BASH which means we won't have places as in the past for EVERYONE to drop their dog. You will need to purchase some from Nordkyn.com. We will have limited harnesses and Alaskan collars available to purchase.

Friday—

2 to 5 pm set up drops

1:30 to 3:30 finish fun runs and clean up to go home.

Saturday

7:30- 9:30 breakfast

10:00 to 12:00 rides

12:00 to 1:30 lunch

1:30 to 3:30 rides

5:00 meeting

6:00 dinner

Sunday

7:30- 9:30 breakfast

10:00 to 11:00 Sourdough Race

11:00 to 12:00 rides if time allows

12:00 to 1:30 lunch



A group will be staying at Tamarack Pines. We will have a meeting at 5 pm on Saturday night and dinner about 6 pm for those that want to join us. The parking lot is small so either park there or next door at the Tamarack Lodge. You must be able to drop your dogs off your vehicle or leave them in your vehicle during dinner.

Right next door to the pines is -  
Tamarack Lodge at Bear Valley  
18278 Highway 4, Bear Valley  
Tamarack, CA, 95223, United States

[tamaracklodge@hotmail.com](mailto:tamaracklodge@hotmail.com) -

\$115 to \$245 per night. "209-736-9902" messages "209-753-2310" onsite  
209-768-5346 cell

BASH has stayed here in the past and recently they again are renting to individuals. NO PETS in rooms. They have single rooms and out buildings for families.



For those that want dogs in their room or can't drop off the car, there are places to stay in Arnold and Angels camp. Which are 30-45 minutes drives from where we are.

### **SnoBASH etiquette.....**

A long time ago, BASH had drops for up to 100 dogs and a large enough space to set them up and 20 members that helped set up. Now we have about 6-8 members that help set up and maybe 20 drops. This year people will need to bring their own drops (available through Nordkyn.com) or check with others going that you can share their drops. Dogs stay on drops not leashes so that we have less of a chance for a loose dog and avoid dogs that might argue. You can't help with other teams if you are always holding your dog. We will have Alaskan Collars to buy or loan (all dogs must have an Alaskan Collar to sled (no buckle, pinch or chokes allowed) and have SOME harnesses to buy or borrow.

We only take 4-6 dogs out on our sled runs. We HAVE to have at least 2 dogs that have experience and they need to be in the lead. If you want one or two of your dogs run, you will need to help others on their runs also. We don't have many leaders so the last time we ran we had a number of people that are out on our 1 mile trail to help guide or hold teams as needed.

***We want people to come and enjoy running their dogs, but plan on helping to accomplish this.***

### Glossary

Drops- (aka Cable pickets) are snaps on 12-16 inch drops off a main cable...can be 2-3-4 or more drops per cable. They are usually attached to two trees (with a second cable). You attach your dogs to these while preparing to sled or eating lunch.

## Sunday Morning on Alameda Creek -- A 'short notice' Husky Hike January 24

We arrived at 8:30 at the Isherwood staging area near Quarry Lakes Park to find more cars than expected, and a few more people than would normally turn up on any random Sunday morning. Everyone in the area was looking for this same break in the rainy weather, first weekend in weeks to run or walk without umbrellas.

Just as Kai, Dennis and I we got settled with coffee at the lone picnic table, Stella arrived leading Candace, and Captain Jack and Freya brought Gabriel, Keegan, Karen and Brian. They had to park across the bridge as the parking area was filled and it took a while to find us.

A little after 9:00, we took a short hike down the Alameda Creek north side trail, and found few people on the way. The unpaved surface was ideal – well drained, sure footing, no puddles or mud. Intermittent sunshine and the cool moist atmosphere were a delight! We had grey, no wind, and comfortable cool temperatures.

We turned around just before we reached the Decoto Street bridge, came back to the park, then made the circuit around Quarry Lakes to enjoy more green grass and water scenery. Paths here were level and well drained gravel as well, and a pleasure to tread. Dogs enjoyed the trek, too. A little after noon we were back to the picnic table to finish off our snacks and enjoy conversations about dogs, the upcoming Snow BASH, and life in general. A simple but very enjoyable, refreshing outing!

Consensus was that we should come back here in a couple of weeks for another hike – the walking surfaces are great for even inclement weather, the scenery calm and restful, and people were very friendly to our dogs. This may be our 'go to' place for short notice hikes during the rest of the rainy season (it may not be so pleasant on hot afternoons later in the year). There are options for hikes and side trips all along Alameda Creek – Niles Area, Vallejo Mill, and the Coyote Hills end of the creek.

Drop me an e-mail [dkoehns@att.net](mailto:dkoehns@att.net) if you know of other bay area spots where the trails aren't muddy and we can enjoy bringing the dogs ... Be sure that you are on the BASH e-mail notification list to be sure to get notices of upcoming Husky Hikes! We'd love to see you!





# Rescue January 2016



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Jessi, is a 1 to 2 year old siberian that was surrendered to the shelter because he kept jumping a 4 foot fence. We are learning more about him but for now we know that he needs another dog because he does not like to be by himself (which is probably why he jumped, he is ok with a 6 foot fence). He is ok when left with another dog. He would do best in a family with another dog and people who are around most of the time. He does need training. He wants to please so much that he wiggles all around you.

He is a neutered Male, 18 months old, Housetrained, has Rabies vaccinations, has DHLPP vaccinations, microchipped.



Beth Chamberlain [b.d.c@comcast.net](mailto:b.d.c@comcast.net) (408) 859-3101

This is the new boy we are getting this weekend. What we know is he is very friendly. He is about a year old and was a stray to Pennisula HS. He is about 55#'s. He plays great with other Siberians and northern breed dogs. He listens to other dogs while playing and backs off when corrected by them. He was also introduce to chickens and really didn't care. He was not available to adoptions because they said he didn't play well with other breed of dogs. We will find out more soon. Contact Beth for more information on him.

He is neutered Male, 1 year old, Rabies, DHLPP, Bord and microchipped.



# Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

Membership Renewal and Associate Application 2015-2016

Membership \$35.00

Date _____
Name(s) _____
Mailing address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Area code and phone _____
E-mail Address _____
Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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Make checks payable to BASH. All memberships and subscriptions are valid through March 31, 2017. Send membership renewal form and check to:

Bay Area Siberian Husky Club, 2633 S Bascom Ave, Campbell CA 95008

## Bay Area Siberian Husky Club

[www.bayareasiberian.org](http://www.bayareasiberian.org)

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### Upcoming Adoption Fairs

First Saturday  
PetsMart, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
850 W. Hamilton, Campbell  
408-371-1841

Second Saturday  
Pet Food Express 11 am – 2 pm  
1902 S Bascom Ave, Campbell,  
(408) 371-5555

Check with foster homes if they will  
be at a specific adoption fairs.