



# Herd the News

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## AVMA's newly amended policy on ear cropping and tail docking

New York, NY (November 21, 2008) -- The American Kennel Club® was advised this week of the [AVMA's newly amended policy on ear cropping and tail docking](#) following its adoption by the AVMA Executive Board at the recommendation of their Committee on Animal Welfare on November 15, 2008. Historically, the AKC has worked closely with the AVMA to ensure that the rights of individual dog owners, and breed standards, remain protected. However, the AKC was very disappointed to not have been consulted regarding this latest iteration of the policy, despite having been in frequent contact with the AVMA in recent months.

At a joint meeting this Wednesday AKC explained to the AVMA that we recognize ear cropping and tail docking, as prescribed in certain breed standards, are acceptable practices integral to defining and preserving breed character, enhancing good health, and preventing injuries. These breed characteristics are procedures performed to insure the safety of dogs that on a daily basis perform heroic roles with Homeland Security, serve in the U.S. Military and at Police Departments protecting tens of thousands of communities throughout our nation as well as competing in the field.

Mislabeling these procedures as "cosmetic" is a severe mischaracterization that connotes a lack of respect and knowledge of history and the function of purebred dogs. Breed standards are established and maintained by AKC Parent Clubs (each of the 158 AKC registered breeds is stewarded by a breed-specific Parent Club) keeping foremost in mind the welfare of the breed and the function it was bred to perform.

As a not for profit organization that has been devoted to the advancement and welfare of dogs for 125 years, the AKC believes that all dog owners bear a special responsibility to their canine companions to provide proper care and humane treatment at all times and that responsible dog owners, in consultation with their veterinarian, have the right to make decisions regarding appropriate care and treatment of their pets.

AKC's policy on the issue, which remains unchanged, states:

*The American Kennel Club recognizes that ear cropping, tail docking, and dewclaw removal, as described in certain breed standards, are acceptable practices integral to defining and preserving breed character and/or enhancing good health. Appropriate veterinary care should be provided.*

Dog owners who would like to contact AVMA directly regarding their policy should direct comments to Gail Golab, head of the AVMA Animal Welfare Division: [ggolab@avma.org](mailto:ggolab@avma.org) or 847-925-8070.

Special points of interest:

- **General meeting**  
**December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

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**8 pm = 25<sup>th</sup> of each month**

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*NO exceptions.....*

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# ★★ NSHGC ANNOUNCEMENTS ★★

Awards Committee Brad Zacho, Heidi Lund, Karen Neilsen, Jean Runge, and Judy Johnson

NSHGC Holiday and Awards Party with annual meeting will be January 11 2009 at Gulden's 61 Restaurant in Maplewood MN See form below

North Star Herding Group Club is having its annual Obedience & Rally trials January 24 & 25 up at Total Recall in Hugo. This year all four trials are limited entry: 1 Rally & 1 Obedience each day. We're also offering Team as a non-regular class on Saturday only.

**NSHGC Calendar:**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**December 18, 2008 - Shoreview Perkins**



## Club Information

### NSHGC Officers, Board, Contacts

President	Louanne Brooks	1-651-345-3749	hillhaven1@earthlink.net
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### 2008 Committees:

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Show Chair - August	Beverly Capstick	763-295-6206	avagator@tds.net
Show Chair - January 2009	Anne MacKay	952-472-1257	ann@avonleamalinois.com
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Newsletter Editor - Web site	Jean Runge	507-695-2334	quaintkid@yourstarnet.net

George Heitzman, renowned Best in Show judge, and husband of judge Barbara Dempsey Alderman had a stroke on Friday November 21, 2008 on his way into Chicago shows.

Cards should go to Barbara's address: 114 Spring Run Road Ext., Moon Township PA 15108



**Treasurer Report**

NSHGC November 2008 COMMENTARY  
 FUNCTION AMOUNT DATE SOURCE/PAYEE

Opening Bank Balance  
 Begin \$26,171.38 10/31/2008  
 Deposit \$0.00  
 Subtotal \$26,171.38  
 Checks written newsletter Feb & Mar

6 months webserver

Subtotal \$0.00  
 Current total \$26,171.38  
 Checks Not yet Presented  
 3385 \$10.00  
 3450 \$50.00  
 3434 \$32.00  
 3438 \$32.00  
 3455 \$52.00  
 3464 \$688.16  
 total \$864.16

Opening Balance/ Bank	\$26,171.38
Deposits	\$0.00
Checks Written	\$0.00
Closing Balance/ Bank	\$26,171.38
Checks Not yet Presented	\$864.16
Adjusted Bank Balance	25,307.22

Read and approved  
 21-Nov-08  
 Mary Murphy

**NSHGC August Specialty 2008**

<b>Expenses</b>	
AKC Application	100.00
Judges Fees & Expenses	479.00
Potluck items	98.99
Grounds supplies	36.03
Trophies	<u>298.82</u>
SubTotal	\$1012.84
<b>Income</b>	
Entries	<u>1932.67</u>
Total Income	\$919.83

**NSHGC Meeting**

November 20<sup>th</sup> 2008  
 Not available at printing time

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## NORTH STAR HERDING GROUP CLUB Membership Renewal 2009

Membership renewal will not be accepted with incomplete information. Dues for the year must accompany the application. Applicants under 18 years of age must have parent's signature on application.

**(Dues must be paid in order to vote at the annual meeting)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Breed(s) owned: \_\_\_\_\_

### Check all areas that apply: (AKC events in the past 2 years)

Breeder: Indicate the number of litters whelped within the past 3 (three) years: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor:  Conformation,  Obedience,  Agility,  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge:  Conformation,  Obedience,  Agility,  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor:  Conformation,  Obedience,  Agility,  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Interested dog owner

### Areas of interest or committees on which you would like to serve:

Educational Programs  Performance Events  Breed Referral  Match/Show Organization

Community Service  Publicity  Fund Raising Activities

Trophies & Awards  Hospitality  Social Events

Others: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please contact me, I would like to volunteer for the following:

NSHGC Specialty January 2, 2009.  LOLKC January 3-4 Tours

LOLKC January 3-4 Ring Hospitality

*Note: Parking pass will be provided for volunteers at the January 4-6 event upon approval.*

NSHGC Rally/Obedience Trial  January 24 2009  January 25, 2009

SCVVC August 2009 at Lake Elmo  Steward  Trophies  Help wherever I am needed

Do you have any special skills or talents that may be of benefit to the club? (photographer, artist, writer, computer skills, etc.) If so, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

I / we, the above-named, do hereby apply for membership in the North Star Herding Group Club (NSHGC) and have enclosed dues for the year \_\_\_\_\_.

I / we agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the NSHGC and the American Kennel Club.

Dues: Individual \$15.00, Family \$25.00, Junior \$5.00, Associate (non-voting) \$10.00

I would like to make a donation to NSHGC Junior Program. Scholarship \$\_\_\_\_\_ Stipend \$\_\_\_\_\_

**I wish to receive my newsletter by e-mail to the e-address listed above.**

*(You will not receive a paper copy of the newsletter if you make this selection)*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign and submit to the address below with membership dues. Do not mail cash. *Total Enclosed:* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Submit completed application and dues to:  
Patti Kleven, Members Sec.  
8619 Jenner Lane, Cottage Grove, MN 55016  
Additional comments or questions see back of this form.

SHAPING AWAY CANINE AGGRESSION:  
Constructional Aggression Treatment  
April 18 – 19, 2009. S t . P a u l, Minnesota

Cost: Both days: \$190 if registered by 3/1/2009; \$210 after 3/1/2009. Single day: There is no single day option. Parking: \$5.00 a day	LOCATION: University of Minnesota Continuing Education and Conference Center 1890 Buford Avenue St. Paul, MN 55108
Hosted by: Twins Cities Voyageur English Springer Spaniel Association <b>For further information:</b> Email: TCVESSA@gmail.com Website: www.TCVESSA.org Phone: Kristin Radermacher 763-441-0299	

**Come get Your Pets Photo with Santa!**

When: Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> Time: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$5

Where: Pampered Pooch Playground Pampered Pooch Playground 7020 Walker Street St. Louis Park 952-922-8183

Sponsored by: Minnesota Boxer Rescue Photos by Modern Life Photography

All dogs participating in Santa Paws photos must have proof of current Bordetella vaccination.

**News from AKC**

**Group Realignment Committee Report**

The Board reviewed a copy of the report submitted by the Group Realignment Committee. It was VOTED (unanimously) to accept the report with the gratitude and appreciation of the Board; to direct staff to publish the report; and to encourage input. General input should be sent to the Executive Secretary: James Crowley, Executive Secretary

American Kennel Club

260 Madison Avenue

New York, NY 10016

Email: [grouprealign@akc.org](mailto:grouprealign@akc.org)

Fax: 212-696-8252

Breed-specific comments should be submitted through the breed Parent Club. ★

**I RESCUED A HUMAN TODAY**

<http://rescuemedog.org/dog-blog/i-rescued-a-human-today-by-janine-allen/>

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels.

I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her.

I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid. As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the overworked shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them. As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life.

She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship. A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well.

Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms.

I would promise to keep her safe.

I would promise to always be by her side.

I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes.

I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors. So many more to be saved. At least I could save one.

I rescued a human today.

*Submitted by Kathy Duvall*



**The Puli** (plural Pulik), or Drover, has been an integral part of the lives of Hungarian shepherds for more than 1,000 years. Other names are Hungarian Puli, or Hungarian Water Dog. The Puli is the ancient sheepdog of Hungary, introduced by the migration of the Magyars from Central Asia.

Records show Pulis working the plains of Puszta as early as the 9th century. Some believe the Puli existed as a working sheepdog for thousands of years prior to this, perhaps as early as 4500 B.C. The Puli was quite similar to the Tibetan Terrier, which may well have been its foundation stock. This breed is possibly the ancestor of the modern Poodle. The ancestry of the Puli, however, is not known with certainty as there are some references to Ancient Rome.

Invaders decimated Hungary during the 16th century. The Puli intermingled with the sheepdogs of France and Germany and the Pumi was the result. The names Puli and Pumi were used interchangeably for many years, and the Puli breed was nearly lost.

In 1912, Emil Raitsits began a program to reconstitute the Puli. Two types of coats were noted: shaggy and curly. The first standard for the Puli was written in 1915 and, in 1924, the standard was approved by FCI.

The newly reconstituted Puli was shown at the Budapest dog show in August, 1923. The breed was divided into three classes: ancestral or working Pulik with shaggy coats, luxury or show Pulik, and dwarf Pulik. The 1934 standard divided the Puli according to height: large (19.7 inches or larger); medium (15.7 to 17.7 inches); and dwarf (13.8 inches or smaller). In the Hungarian *Stud Book* dated January 9, 1935, the Puli is recorded in four size classifications: large police Puli, medium or working Puli, small Puli, and dwarf Puli. The Puli was accepted by the AKC in 1936, and the Puli Club of America was founded in 1951.

The Puli is a compact, square appearing, well balanced dog of medium size. He is vigorous, alert and active. Agility, combined with soundness of mind and body, is of prime importance for the proper fulfillment of this centuries-old task herding flocks on the plains of Hungary.

The Pulis are very intelligent. They are cheerful little dog, who are loyal to their owners and wary of strangers but should never be aggressive,. They are highly active and keep a puppy-like energy for the entirety of their life. As a family dog, they make good security dogs and faithful family guardians and will adapt to most surroundings and circumstances. Their innate intelligence makes them easy to train. They can be extremely independent and obstinate. As a working dog, the Puli is very obedient, focused and determined when assigned a task . They are suited to all climates..

Puli non-shedding, hypo-allergenic coat is unique to the dog world. The undercoat is soft and wooly and very dense, but the outer coat is long and profuse and eventually cords after puppyhood. There are variations of more felt-like coats and more rope-like corded coats. The coat is the result of a controlled matting process when the corded coat begins to form around the age of 6 months when the soft woolly undercoat intermingles with the harsher outer-coat. The mats thus formed should be separated by hand very regularly at this stage. Bathing is as easy as washing a sweater but drying does take some time, with a dryer a fully corded Puli coat will take several hours and without a drier can take around 2 days to be fully dry. The coat can be trimmed short regularly for easy maintenance... The Puli is a solid-colored dog that can be black, white, gray, or cream. There is also a variation of the cream coat in which the dog has a black mask.

Dogs 16 to 17½ inches, Bitches 14½ to 16 inches. Dogs 25-35 pounds, Bitches 20-30 pounds

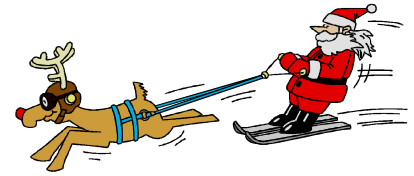
The Puli is a very hardy breed, though there are no major health problems known within this breed. All reputable breeders will test their stock for hip dysplasia and will eye test,. They live 12 or more years of age.

#### References

1 puliclub.org. 2 Akc.org. 3 puliworld.com. 4 en.wikipedia.org. 5 en.wikipedia.org



**You're Invited!**



NSHGC Holiday and Awards Party  
Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 11, 2009 11:00 am – 2:30 pm Buffet Meal \$16.00*	Gulden's 61 Restaurant 2999 Highway 61 N. Maplewood, MN
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Buffet Menu

Oven Roasted Turkey

Sliced Roast Beef

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Fresh Vegetables

Dinner Rolls & Butter

Lettuce Salad

Pasta Salad

Coffee



Gulden's is located south of 694 and north of Beam Ave. on the west side of Highway 61 N. Remember to bring a wrapped White Elephant Gift for the Gift Exchange. We will have a silent auction to support the Junior's Program, so please bring something to donate.

\* If you worked at least 5 hours for the NSHGC this year, you are eligible for "\$5 for 5" (\$5 off the price of your meal = your meal cost will be \$11.00). Please document on the Reservation Form below.

*If you wish to attend only the Annual Meeting at 2:00, there is no charge.*

NSHGC Holiday and Awards Party Reservation Form

Send by January 5, 2009 to:

Vicky Peterson

2621 Aspen Court

White Bear Lake, MN 55110

(651) 747-1331

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\$5 for 5: I (we) worked at least 5 hours each for the club this year. Please document who, which event, what you did and hours worked \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ (make checks payable to NSHGC)

American Kennel Club News Article  
AKC Announces New AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program

November 25, 2008

The American Kennel Club® announced today that it is rolling out a new training program geared towards puppies and their owners. The AKC S.T.A.R.<sup>sm</sup> Puppy Program will reward responsible owners who take the time to train and socialize their new puppies. The program is a natural pre-cursor to the AKC Canine Good Citizen® Test. "S.T.A.R." stands for **S**ocialization, **T**raining, **A**ctivity and a **R**esponsible owner, all of the things a puppy needs to have a good life.

Start life on the "right paw." "The AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program will provide dog owners with the tools to raise and train their dog responsibly and prepare the puppy to become an AKC Canine Good Citizen," said Dr. Mary Burch, AKC CGC Director.

To get started, owners enroll in any puppy or basic training class that is at least six weeks long and instructed by an AKC Approved CGC Evaluator. Classes will include valuable training tips for puppy owners – such as how to housetrain – and lessons on practical skills for puppies -such as coming when called. The program is open to all dogs. Puppies can begin training as soon as they have the necessary vaccines and they can enroll in AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy at any point up until their first birthday.

"We want to do our part to make sure all puppies have a good life," added Dr. Burch. "Early training and socialization along with teaching the owner the necessary skills is the key to having a well-behaved, well-adjusted dog and ensuring that dogs don't end up in shelters because of behavior problems."

At the end of the training course, the CGC Evaluator will administer the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy test. Upon passing, owners and their puppies will be enrolled in the AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program and will receive an AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy package which includes:

- A frameable certificate
- AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy medal
- AKC Puppy Handbook
- Discount enrollment in AKC Companion Animal Recovery
- Subscription to monthly e-mail newsletter that includes training tips

[Find a CGC evaluator in your area](#)

For more information on AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy, see [www.akc.org/starpuppy](http://www.akc.org/starpuppy)

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope all have enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving. I ate too much, but what the heck! It is part of Thanksgiving tradition to exceed a few bounds in that department, right? Tomorrow is our match at Animal Inn, and I am resting up for that, looking forward to seeing many of you there.

The Nominating Committee is winding up their work. You will find the proposed slate of officers and Board members for 2009 within the newsletter. Thanks to the committee for their efforts, to those who are willing to continue to serve another term, and to the new folks joining our ranks. There are so many talented, helpful people in this club, it is very rewarding to serve with you.

We will have a monthly meeting December 18 at 7:30, Perkins, Shoreview. Ann MacKay has done a super job as Show Chair for our Specialty coming up on January 1 at the River Center. We want to make sure to give her all the help and support she needs. If you haven't yet volunteered, there is still time! We can use help on show day, as well as "Tours of the Dog Show" and manning the Information Table over the weekend. Please contact Ann directly ([ann@avonleamalinois.com](mailto:ann@avonleamalinois.com)), or Deb Johnson ([mfiacg@aol.com](mailto:mfiacg@aol.com)). This year we have added Sweepstakes and a Veterans Special Attraction for every herding breed. It should be lots of fun – hope you can make it. Then you can share your brags in the January Newsletter!

We have moved the Holiday Party to January this year in hopes that more of you will be able to make it after the busy part of the Holiday Season is behind us. This is the first year we will hold our party independent from the Working Group Club, and also the first year we will combine it with our Annual Meeting. The party is on Sunday, January 11, 2009 at Gulden's Restaurant, Maplewood. Please fill out the Reservation Form and send it with your payment by January 5, 2008. If you worked 5 hours or more on behalf of the NSHGC this year, you are eligible for \$5.00 off the cost of your meal. We hope you can make it, and give us feedback on the new format and location. We will have the White Elephant gift exchange and the Silent Auction to support the Juniors Program again this year, so be thinking about what you can bring. The Annual Meeting will be held after lunch at 2:00 if you wish to attend just the meeting and not lunch (no charge for just attending the Annual Meeting). If you have any agenda items for the Annual Meeting, please get them to me by the reservation deadline.

Happy Holiday to all of you!  
Louanne Brooks, President

### Members Brags

On November 9th, 2008 I showed my Special Australian Cattle Dog, CH Hillhaven's Li'l Shenanigan (aka "Lily") at the Minneapolis Kennel Club in Breed and Juniors. We took Best of Breed and a Group 4 under judge James Frederickson, and I got 4th in my Juniors class. This was my second weekend as an Open Senior. I was pretty happy that day! Amelia Brooks

### North Star Herding Group Club Membership Meeting

Thursday November 20, 2008

**President's Report** Not too much to report. The match is coming Saturday November 29 at Animal Inn in Lake Elmo. Patti Kleven is handling the match and has it all under control and ready to go.

**Secretary's Report** The minutes from September and October were published. No requests for changes or corrections. Deb Johnson made motion to accept both, Anne Mackay 2nd. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** Copy of current treasurers report shared. A request was made for financial reports by venue and a Budget, or financial plan to be created for 2009. Suggestion made that we table this discussion for the new year due to possible changes in the board, and to make the current years reporting style consistent for the full year.

Agility Committee No report, agility committee not yet working actively toward the next year. Karl reported that this years trial went well with very few issues other than perhaps one or two more people needed for keeping scoring records.

Herding Committee No new update at this time, Louann recapped the previous months meeting, the herding committee is looking into a location and requirements for our next events.

Obedience Committee Dawn Fisher reported that all is in place for the January obedience and rally trial, except that we are checking with the working group to see if they are doing the food this year as we did the last years trial. Dawn is coordinating stewards, so volunteers can contact her.

Conformation Committee Anne Mackay is the show chair and she has received conformation from Land O Lakes that all is in place for the January show. There will be multiple requirements for volunteers to work, including set up on Thursday and teardown. Anne will be working with several people to coordinate the volunteers needed. We will need set up people, stewards, tours, etc. Please look requests on the yahoo group.

Junior Showmanship Committee John Weninger reported that juniors is going well. They will be at the fun match to work and help steward.

Membership Committee

New members 1st Reading

Patty Fulton– Pembroke Welsh Corgis Very active in all performance venues

Willing to assist with Agility

Sponsored by Chris and Deb Johnson

Trophy/Awards Committee All awards are in place for the January show. Kathy was not sure if we had awards for the Obedience Trial. Dawn will double check that.

Education Committee No report

Hospitality No Report

FSS Report John Peterson indicated nothing new at this time

Old Business Fun Match the 29th Animal Inn Training Center

New Business Karen Neilsen Suggested that the group needs new updated business cards. Suggestion made to only create a few, but to have a master that can be updated kept on the website. Louann to look into having a new one done.

**Note from the Editor:**

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***NO exceptions.....Starting January 2009 issue***



AUDITING OPPORTUNITY  
HERDING CLINIC WITH KENT and LORI HERBEL  
January 30, 31, February 1, 2009

Hosted by:  
Jim and Louanne Brooks  
31835 Oak Ridge Ave. Way  
Lake City, MN 55041  
651-345-3749  
[hillhaven1@earthlink.net](mailto:hillhaven1@earthlink.net)

Kent and Lori Herbel have been giving clinics in MN for a number of years. They have trained and trialed many breeds, and are nationally competitive at the highest levels of herding competition.

Kent's well-thought-out methods are based on a lifetime of working with stock and dogs. He is an effective communicator and educator. Visit their web site at [www.xpranch.com](http://www.xpranch.com) for more information.

Kent and Lori Herbel will be at the Brooks Farm for a 3 day clinic. We will work in the 60' x 70' indoor arena, unless the weather permits being outside. The arena is not heated so dress accordingly. Entries limited to twelve dogs per day. The clinic is full, but auditors/spectators are welcome for \$15/day, which includes lunch.

Please call or email Brooks if you would like more information or plan to attend.

Directions:

Brooks Farm: Lake City is located on MN 61, 1 ½ hr. drive SE from Mpls/St.Paul, and 1 ½ hr. north of LaCrosse, WI. At the north end of Lake City, with Lake Pepin on the east side of MN 61, go west on Goodhue Co. 5 (also called Grant St. in town). Travel 5.4 miles, then turn right (north) on Oak Ridge Ave. Way. Follow that 1 ½ miles to the end of the road. Watch for parking signs. Or: from downtown Red Wing on 61, take a right on MN 58 (toward Goodhue). Go about 5 miles, passing the Tech school and High School, to Goodhue Co. 5 by the big red and white microwave tower. Turn left on Goodhue 5 and travel about 9 miles to Oak Ridge Ave. Way; turn left and go to the end of the road. Time: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm daily.

Nomination for 2009 Officers and Board Members

President.....Louanne Brooks  
Vice President.....Anne Mackay  
Treasurer .....John Peterson  
Recording Secretary.....Dawn Fisher  
Membership Secretary.....Patti Kleven

Board Members .....Lynette Gangl  
Barb Zusan  
Bev Capstick

Many Thanks to the outgoing officers and board members for their past service.  
We would like to thank the nominees for the their work that will be done in 2009.  
A club is only as good as its membership and we are blessed with a fabulous members.

The Nominating Committee:

Dawn Fisher, Jim Brooks, Barb Stoffel, Lynn Stoltzman, and Garrett Ramsey

\* [NOTE : January Newsletter deadline 12/25/2008 8 pm](#)

