

*The Samoyed Club
of South Australia*

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*The Samoyed Club
of South Australia Inc.*

Club Activities

The club supports members involved in a range of activities including:

Dog Shows	Sled Dog Racing
Obedience	Weight Pull
Herding	Pack Hiking
Agility	Tracking

The club is affiliated with the SA Canine Assoc. and maintains close links with other like-minded clubs and organisations such as the Siberian Husky & Alaskan Malamute Club, the SA Sled Dog Club and the Wild Dog Musers Assoc.

Membership

Single:	\$ 5 per year
Household:	\$10 per year

Financial Year: October to September

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*The
Samoyed
&
Sled Dog Sports*



Sled Dog Sports

Although the dogs of the nomadic Samoyede tribes of North West Siberia were used primarily for herding reindeer, these versatile animals also made their mark hauling sleds - a quality not lost on the early polar explorers. Indeed, it has been claimed that a Samoyed, Roald Amundsen's lead dog was the first non-native to reach the South Pole.

The Samoyed Club of SA encourages its members to participate in activities that prove that the breed of today maintains the qualities so cherished in the past. Several of our number are actively engaged in sled dog racing, weight-pull competition and pack hiking. The club runs an awards program to recognise working achievements.



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Sled Dog Racing

OK, there's a slight technical problem - no snow! So instead of sleds, we use scooters for one and 2 dog teams, and 3-wheeled gigs for larger teams.

Racing is held in the winter months in the pine forests of Mount Crawford and Kuitpo. In deference to our climate, race distances are fairly short - from about 2 to 8 km, depending on the size of the team and the experience of the musher.



Advice and assistance is available from club members on scooter building and on ordering of harnesses and other equipment.

Weight Pull

Competitions are subdivided into several weight classes so that dogs compete against other dogs of similar size.

A 4-wheeled cart is used to carry the weights and the pulling surface is generally carpet over concrete, although pulls can also be held on a "natural" surface. Dogs wear a special harness which is attached to the cart via a tug line. The competition starts with an empty cart (about 120 kg). At the completion of each round, weight is added to the cart.

A successful pull requires the loaded cart to be pulled a distance of 5 metres within 60 seconds, and allows the dog to progress to subsequent rounds. In each weight class, the winner is the dog that successfully pulls the greatest weight. In the event of a tie, the fastest time wins.



Pack Hiking

This is a non-competitive activity, although credit can be gained towards a working certificate if certain criteria are met. Basically, you take your dog for a walk, but the dog wears a backpack (saddlebag) which can be loaded up with food, water, spare clothing etc.



Clubs

The Wild Dog Mushers Assoc. runs SA's premier sled dog race, the Derby, in July each year. (Contact: Michael Herbst 8524 3352 or 0418 818 816) <http://www.wilddogmushers.com/>

The SA Sled Dog Club holds a series of races throughout winter, and weight-pull competitions in Spring and Autumn. (Contact: Greg Goodfellow 0412 716 223) <http://www.sasleddog.org.au/>

The Siberian Husky & Alaskan Malamute Club was the instigator of sled dog sports in SA, and continues to hold racing and weight-pull events. (Contacts: Kerry Todd 0418 849 692, Hayley Davis 0407 453 577) <http://www.shamclubsa.com.au/>

The Samoyed Club holds an open sled dog race, The White Flash Bash, in the Mt. Crawford Forest. This is an annual event. The club also holds open weight-pull competitions when opportunities arise. For more information, contact the Secretary, or visit the club's web site at: <http://www.samoyedclubofsa.com>

Yahoo Group

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/samushing/>

Membership Application/Renewal October 2009 to September 2010

Name/s

Address

Postcode

Phone No/s

Mobile

Email

Kennel Name (if applicable)

Name of Dog(s)

Membership:

Household \$10.00

Single \$ 5.00

Signature

Date

Please make cheques payable to "The Samoyed Club of SA Inc." and forward to:

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c/o The Secretary
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