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1 REASONS TO BE A MEMBER

1. The Seger dog run only exists because of members. It is maintained by the non-profit Seger Park Dog Owners Association (SPDOA) and everything was paid for by dues, contributions, and grants.

2. Free dog training event! Certified trainer Leigh Siegfried, CPDT and Training Director, at OpportunityBarks has offered a free talk for members at the dog park on Saturday, May 10th from 1:00 to approximately 2:30 PM. SPDOA officers will have the list of current members and you can join on site or pay \$5 as a non-member for this event.

3. Information – monthly e-mails, quarterly newsletters, and advance information about events like the annual fall cocktail party and silent auction

SPDOA will be contacting each member who provided an e-mail address a month before their membership runs out. You may also send an e-mail to Susan at VPMemComm@segerdogrunonline.org if you want to know your status. The PayPal link is available at www.SegerDogRun.org and those snazzy SPDOA leashes and baseball caps are still available for contributions beyond the basic \$35 level.

On Saturday, May 10th, SPDOA will hold a membership drive. We will also have a table at the Seger Park Festival on May 4th. Officers will walk around the dog park on other days providing information and handing out membership forms. If you can help do that, please contact Andy at VPFundraising@segerdogrunonline.org. There are also forms in the white plastic boxes at the dog park and available at www.SegerDogRun.

2 YOUR SKILLS WANTED...

Would you rather contribute an afternoon of help than dollars? Do you have abilities to apply for the good of dog-kind? Artists, computer people, bench painters, party organizers, and any one with a skill is invited. Please contact Jessie at VPCommunity@segerdogrunonline.org.

3 JUNK INTO WOOD CHIPS

SPDOA will have a table at 10th and Lombard streets during the community-wide flea market on Saturday May 17th (rain date is Sunday) from 9 AM – 5 PM. We welcome your contributions to sell with 100% of proceeds benefiting the dog run. Please come buy great items and refreshments!

4 VACATION IDEAS FROM JOHN

Have you the desire to travel to Europe but dislike paying for the air fare or the high exchange rate on the dollar or can you afford to go to Europe but do not want to travel without your dog in coach or business class and dislike the feeling of being jet lagged? You might then want to consider going to St. Michaels on Maryland's Eastern Shore and checking into The Inn at Perry's Cabin, an Orient-Express Class Hotel.

This is a high end hotel and rather expensive, however, you would save money on airfare and most importantly, you can bring your dog. On www.petswelcome.com, the web site of the hotel was listed as www.perrycabin.com. The pet policy was \$75 pet fee per pet, non-refundable; pet must be 75 pounds or less.

The Hotel itself is situated on approximately 35 acres upon which you can relax on Cape Cod style chairs with your dog next to you while you enjoy a drink and gaze up at the spectacular vista of the Chesapeake Bay.

The Hotel also has a restaurant and though dogs are not permitted, a canine room service menu prepared to order is provided. Among the choices on the dog menu when I was there were boneless lamb shank, braised beef, corn fed chicken and tender ground angus. The portions ranged from 16 to 20 ounces and the prices from \$16 to \$20. All were served with a side portion of Purina Dog Chow or small bits. I remember how excited my dog Toby was when the



John at the SPDOA cocktail party (not on vacation)



In Memoriam

A dog who saw the dog park from earliest discussions to its current maturity passed away earlier this spring. Happy trails to Sport after many good days with Norman and Emily.

waitress arrived with a silver dome covered dish of beef and barley on a tray. It looked and smelled so good when the cover was removed, that I almost ordered one for myself!

There is plenty to do in St. Michaels as well but the best times I had was being with my dog and taking walks around the town. One of the stops on our walks was Flying Fred's (www.flyingfreds.com), a pet store featuring unique pet gifts and where dogs were welcome and the treats free. When I was there, I purchased a life jacket for Toby for him to wear on the Patriot. The Patriot, a dog friendly river boat, coasts down the Miles River, part of the Chesapeake Bay Estuary. The deck was fenced in so Toby did not really need the life jacket but I felt safer with him wearing it, nonetheless. I can tell you that I never saw a dog smile so much as when we took that cruise. For more information about the Patriot, see www.patriotcruises.com.

One other great thing about going to St. Michael's Maryland is that it is relatively close to Philadelphia. It took us a little over two hours to drive there. For more information on St. Michaels itself you can consult www.stmichaelsmd.org/about/what2do.html.

5 CALANDAR

Thursday, April 17th – Monthly SPDOA meeting 7:30 – 8:30 PM at the Seger Rec Center (the brick building with the red door at the Lombard Street entrance to the park). All are welcome.

Sunday, May 4th – Seger Park Festival. *Come visit the SPDOA table!*

Saturday, May 10th - Dog training tips presentation from 1:00 – 2:30 PM and membership drive in the dog park

Thursday, May 15th – Monthly SPDOA meeting 7:30 – 8:30 PM in the dog park weather permitting, otherwise at the Seger Rec Center

Saturday May 17th (rain date, Sunday) - SPDOA flea market table at 10th and Lombard from 9 AM – 5 PM. Please bring items to sell and come buy items and refreshments!