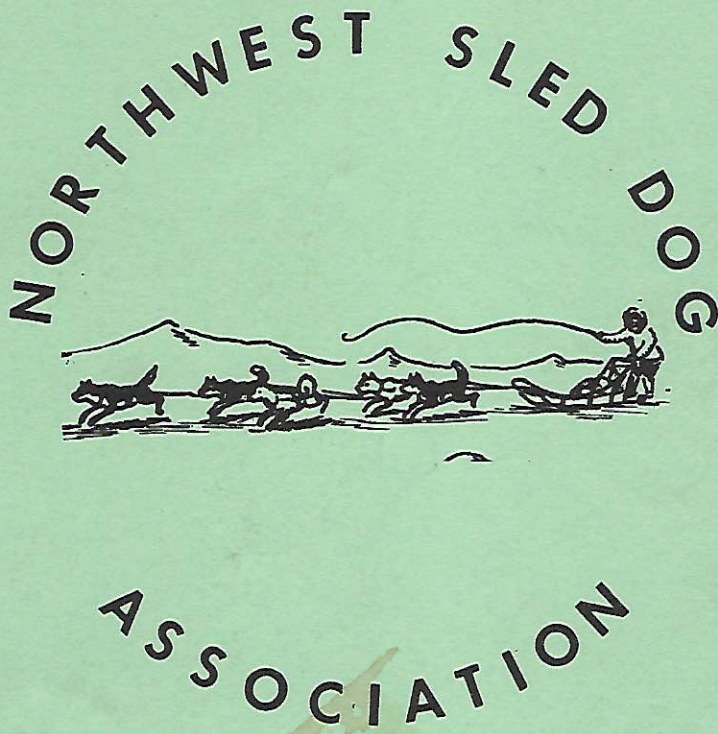


NORTHWEST SLED DOG DERBY



12 miles east of Snoqualmie Summit

January 19-20 1963

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to the

FIRST ANNUAL NORTHWEST SLED DOG DERBY

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HISTORY
of
NORTHWEST SLED DOG ASSOCIATION

The organization of NWSDA stems from a growing interest in the breeding and training of Arctic dogs and other dogs of the working group in the Pacific Northwest.

To start with there were numerous Samoyeds and Elkhounds in this area, but very few Malamutes and Siberian Huskies, and as these also became available, a sizeable group of potential sled dogs resulted, and, in consequence, also a sufficient number of dog owners to form a club.

The Northwest Sled Dog Association was formed in 1959 by a small group of people sincerely interested in working with dog teams for pleasure. The effort was spearheaded by Ruby and Raymond Thompson of Alderwood Manor, who had dog teams years ago in Northern Alberta.

The initial founding group included Dick and Dianne Ross, Bothell (Malamutes); Bill and Jeanette Bedingfield of Bothell (Samoyeds); Bob and Dorothy Black of Monroe (Samoyeds); Bud and Janus Stanton of Seattle (Elkhounds); Bill and Beverly Ackerman of North Bend (Siberian Huskies); Ray and Ruby Thompson of Alderwood Manor (Siberian Huskies); the Mel Lightles and Walter Moores, both of Auburn (both Elkhounds). Bob Black was elected President for the first year term, and Janus Stanton Sec'y-Treasurer. Bill Ackerman was elected for the second year term, with Jan Stanton remaining as Sec'y-Treasurer.

Activities during these first years have consisted mainly in regular Club meetings of NWSDA, and outing trips with dogs and sleds in or beyond Snoqualmie Pass. More and more dogs were trained to the sled and serious thought was given to sled dog racing.

Already organized for sled dog racing in Oregon, a group headed by the Christensens and aided by the Kooglers and others, held races in the Cascades south of Salem, Oregon last winter and several of our NWSDA teams participated. The enthusiasm generated at the Oregon meet was great indeed. As a result the Oregon group has joined with the Washington group, with the amalgamation still carrying the name of Northwest Sled Dog Association.