



## **Ma-Mow-We-Tak & Canadian Challenge International Mushing Symposium May 22-24, 2015**

Welcome,

After many years of talking about it, we have finally decided to put words into action. Sponsored by Ma- Mow-We-Tak, and the Canadian Challenge Sled Dog Race, and organized by Akela's Den Sled Dog Supplies, with a lot of help from Anna Bolvin, we are putting on an engaging mushing symposium with incredibly knowledgeable speakers and the opportunity to shop from attending vendors. Location is, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada.

This is a great opportunity, not to be missed! We are very excited to be able to offer you a weekend with awesome speakers, a lot of fellowship and storytelling among mushers and dog lovers. Hope to see you there!

Stefaan and Tanja De Marie-Tabel  
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### **Contact:**

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to send us an email to [info@sleddogsupplies.ca](mailto:info@sleddogsupplies.ca) or, call us at 306-982-2046.

### **Symposium Location:**

Parkland Hall  
1511 - Southwest corner of 15<sup>th</sup> Street West & 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. West / Prince Albert / Saskatchewan / Canada

### **Symposium Price:**

Thanks to Ma-Mow-We-Tak and the Canadian Challenge vet fund, we are able to put this great event on for \$75 per person. Included in this price are the presentations; drinks (coffee/tea & water), with a snack during breaks; lunch and supper on Saturday. Separate supper tickets only, are available for the price of \$25 per person.

**Payment: Pre-registration is required**, by May 18, 2015, to make organizing easier. We have the following payment options:

- Please send a check payable to Ma-Mow-We-Tak, to the following address:

Akela's Den Sled Dog Supplies  
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- E mail money transfer:

To the following email address: [info@sleddogsupplies.ca](mailto:info@sleddogsupplies.ca)

- By Pay Pal:

Check the following website: [www.mamowwetak.homestead.com](http://www.mamowwetak.homestead.com)

### **Speaker's Bios:**

#### **Michelle Phillips:**

*Of Tagish Lake Kennel, has run dogs for 17 years. Her race history includes competing in the Yukon Quest 300 (two-time champion), the Percy De Wolfe, the Kobuk 440, the Klondike 300, the Cantwell Classic, the Gin Gin 200 (best finish 1st), the Denali Doubles, and the Copper Basin 300.*

*Michelle Phillips is a six-time competitor in the Yukon Quest, with a personal best finish of 4th place. Michelle Phillips has earned "Rookie of the Year" in both the Percy De Wolfe and the Copper Basin 300 races. Michelle has also run the Iditarod 6 times.*

*In 2010 Michelle completed her first Iditarod, placing 27th out of 71 mushers. The next year Michelle finish 17th out of 62 in the Iditarod. In 2012, she again competed, improving her personal best by finishing 16th among 66 teams. Michelle was honored to receive the Herbie Nayokpuk Award, presented to the musher who best exemplifies the sportsmanship and love of dogs that Mr. Nayokpuk demonstrated in his life.*

*Michelle Phillips took first place in the 2013 Yukon Quest 300, beating Aliy Zirkle by a mere eight seconds in a thrilling race to the finish line. In 2015 Michelle returned to the Yukon Quest 300 and won again, this time by a large margin.*

*In 2013 Michelle finished the Iditarod in 24th place. The next year, in 2014 she improved to 20th place, a race many considered to be the most grueling Iditarod in history.*

### **Tim White:**

*Minnesota musher, early Iditarod veteran, participant and prize-winner of the major North American and European races (including The Pas World Championship, Yellowknife Canadian Championship Dog Derby – 6 times, Alpirod, Pirena, Alpen-Trail, etc), ex-president of the IFSS Tim White is worthily considered to be one of the greatest figures in the mushing world. Iditarod's Race Marshal, Mark Nordman says, "Sleddog sports are his life. His every thought and action is somehow connected to dogs." Besides being an international champion, Tim is an expert innovator and sled builder. He has designed the quick change runner (QRS) system that changed the whole sport. He was also the first musher to use the modern-day toboggan sled with its low runners and plastic bottom. It was the sled that took Rick Swenson to his first victory in 1977 and since then, Tim White type toboggan sleds have entered the mushing tradition forever.*

*White has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Mush with P.R.I.D.E for his never-ending energy in being goodwill and promotional ambassador for sleddog sports worldwide. White is also known for his knowledge as a mushing historian and is a co-organizer of the Mushing History Conference that is annually held in Alaska.*

### **Paws n' Paddles Wilderness Tours:**

You will find PAWS'N'PADDLES Wilderness Tours located in a beautiful wilderness setting where Northern Saskatchewan's boreal forest meets the Canadian Shield. Rugged rock formations line the shores of more than one hundred thousand lakes. The vast wilderness with its sparse population provides the ideal surrounding for a truly adventurous experience.

Paws'n'Paddles began operating in 2004. The family owned business started out of our passion for wilderness travel and well... yes, to cover the ever growing dog food bills. Over the years our business expanded from dog sled rides and canoe tours in our local area to expedition style adventures as far as the imagination goes.

We still do what we love: Heading out into the vast wilderness and discovering the natural and historic treasures of Northern Saskatchewan and beyond. The only difference is that now we take small groups of guests along. Our tours are designed flexible to meet your expectations and level of experience. Oh, and yes: The dogs are now earning their own keep.

## Friday, May 22

### **6 - 8pm: Set up of vendor booths and early registration**

Avoid the Saturday morning rush and pick up your name tag and info package

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### **7:30 – 10pm: Ma-Mow-We-Tak AGM**

Contact Donny Poulin, president of Ma-Mow-We-Tak for more information

## Saturday, May23

### **8:00 - 8:45am: Vendor booths open and registration**

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### **8:45 - 9am: Welcome word of the presidents of the 2 organizations**

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### **9:00 - 10:30am: Michelle Phillips – Mushing 101: Kennel Management**

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### **10:30 -11:00am: Break- Vendor booths open**

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### **11:00 - 12:30pm: Tim White – My Story**

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### **12:30 – 2:00pm: Lunch-Vendor booths open-auction bidding**

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### **2:00 - 3:30pm: Michelle Phillips - TBA**

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### **3:30 -4:00pm: Break- Vendor booths open**

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**4:00 - 5:30pm: Tim White – Mushing, Then & Now – equipment, dog care, etc...**

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**5:30 -6:00pm: Vendor booths open, and/or extra time if we run late**

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**6:00 - 7:00pm: Supper and Ma-Mow-We-Tak awards**

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**7:00 - 8:30pm: The Old Way North, Mushing with the Barren Ground Caribou** presented by Miriam Korner from Paws n’ Paddles Wilderness Tours

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**9:00 – 11:00pm: Social and visiting time**

**Sunday, May 24**

**8:00 - 8:45am: Vendor booths open**

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**9:00 – 10:30am: Michelle Phillips – Training for Mid-Distance Racing**

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**10:30 -11:00am: Break- Vendor booths open**

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**11:00 – 1:00pm: Moderated Panel for Questions and Answers: Michelle Phillips & Tim White**

**1:00– 2:00pm: Wrap up and last minute shopping!**

**NOTE:** We may have to cut the breaks short if the speakers go over their time to keep up with the itinerary. Please **shut off your cell phones**, or at least turn the volume off. We are all here to enjoy a wonderful weekend!