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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Terry Reed

Hello IWPA Members,

Well another season is just about in the books.

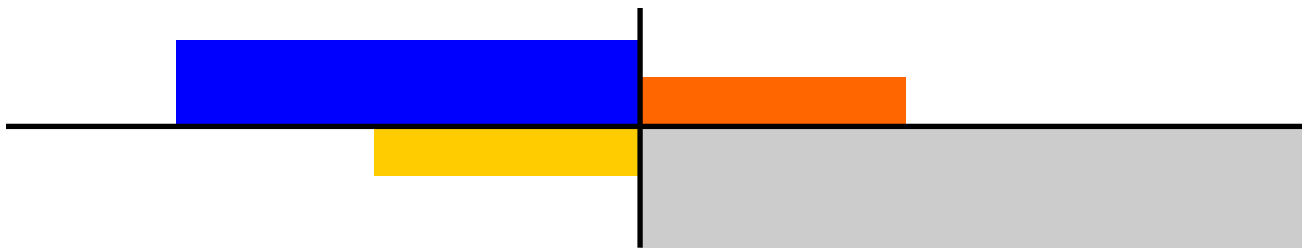
If you were not able to make it to the Championships you missed out on a good time. There was really good food on Friday night, Great competition all weekend and lots of fun catching up with old IWPA friends and making new ones. I even saw the most interesting footwear for a snow pull I have ever seen.

The only thing left to close out the season is the annual board meeting. If you have anything you would like the board to discuss or any ideas please send them to Secretary to the Board Robbie Reed at "Reedtr9@comcast.net". As always members are welcome to attend the meeting as observers. We will also have positions to fill so interested persons should also reply to Robbie.

It has been my honor to serve you as President this season.

Until next season, have a great summer.

Terry Reed
2012-2013 President



CHAMPIONSHIP PULL RESULTS

North 49 International IWPA Championships

Rocky View, Alberta Canada (261055 Cross Iron Blvd.)

Pull: 108 -- Organizer(s): Hammell, Sean

Snow on Snow Region 3

Track: Sticky, as the day went on

Date: 04-May-

Weather: Sunny and warm

Day 1 of 2

Chief Judge: Steve Jackson

20 # Class (1 thru 20 pounds)

20# Start weight, 30# Increment, Cart weighs 20#

Donna Daymude also judges

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Ceasar	9	50	5.19	18	2.78	0.0	Richard Felice Sr	Miniature Schnauzer
Princess Bekah	9	50	6.62	20	2.50	0.0	Robbie Reed	Boston Bull Terrier
Prince I-Da Mack	9	20	4.22	19	1.05	0.0	Terence Reed	Boston Bull Terrier

40 # Class (21 thru 40 pounds)

Judged by Robbie Reed

90# Start weight, 60# Increment, Cart weighs 90#

Bob Sencenbaugh also judges

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Keisha	5	270	6.59	36	7.50	0.0	Wendy Leister	Siberian Husky
Daffodil	9	210	4.34	37	5.68	0.0	Rodney Martin	Norwegian Elkhound
Lexis	9	210	4.59	36	5.83	0.0	Cheryl Martin	Norwegian Elkhound
Kula	3	90	4.41	39	2.31	0.0	Patrick Morrison	Mixed

60 # Class (41 thru 60 pounds)

Judged by George Ferrari

90# Start weight, 60# Increment, Cart weighs 90#

Bob Daymude also judged

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Mole	5	570	7.25	56	10.18	0.0	Wendy Leister	Alaskan Husky
Junior	5	450	9.47	55	8.18	0.0	Steve Jackson	Mixed
Tog "The Terrible"	9	390	6.87	45	8.67	0.0	Rodney Martin	Norwegian Elkhound
Demond	9	330	4.69	45	7.33	0.0	Cheryl Martin	Norwegian Elkhound
Whiteface	5	330	6.84	49	6.73	0.0	Steve Jackson	Alaskan Husky
Jynx	3	270	3.97	58	4.66	0.0	Sean Hammell	Olde English
Zapper	2	270	18.93	47	5.74	0.0	Donna Daymude	Siberian Husky
Donte	3	210	4.13	58	3.62	0.0	Joey Caluori	Am. Pit Bull Terrier
Chief	9	210	4.25	43	4.88	0.0	Rodney Martin	Norwegian Elkhound

80 # Class (61 thru 80 pounds)

Judged by Terence Reed

90# Start weight, 60# Increment, Cart weighs 90#

Rodney Martin also judged

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Galyith	9	540	18.62	77	7.01	0.0	Richard Felice Sr	Mixed
Deizel	3	360	4.04	74	4.86	0.0	Shane Vollmann	Am. Pit Bull Terrier
Lucky	5	360	5.82	69	5.22	0.0	Steve Jackson	Alaskan Husky
Riddick	3	180	4.50	74	2.43	0.0	Mickey Hays	Olde English
Kush	3	180	14.06	66	2.73	0.0	Shane Vollmann	Am. Pit Bull Terrier
LGK's Conan	3	90	2.69	72	1.25	0.0	Sean Hammell	Olde English
Isis	3	90	4.02	75	1.20	0.0	Shane Vollmann	Am. Pit Bull Terrier

100 # Class (81 thru 100 pounds)

Judged by Cheryl Martin

90# Start weight, 90# Increment, Cart weighs 90#

Wendy Leister also judged

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Tango	3	450	24.97	84	5.36	0.0	Patrick Morrison	Am. Pit Bull Terrier
WHB's Brutus	3	360	4.71	85	4.24	0.0	Sean Hammell	Olde English

Samantha	9	270	4.58	97	2.78	0.0	Sue Schneider	Newfoundland
Tux	2	180	6.41	97	1.86	0.0	Marcia Ezell	Alaskan Malamute

125 # Class (101 thru 125 pounds)

Judged by George Ferrari

90# Start weight, 90# Increment, Cart weighs 90#

Cheryl Martin also judged

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Bridger	9	720	5.38	106	6.79	0.0	Teresa Petterson	Gr. Swiss Mtn. Dog
Gus	3	630	5.96	121	5.21	0.0	Scott Pearce	Am. Pit Bull Terrier
Owen's Jack	3	360	4.36	105	3.43	0.0	Mark Owen	Am. Bull Dog
Prince Mufasa	9	360	9.56	112	3.21	0.0	Robbie Reed	Dogue De Bordeaux
Autumn	10	180	5.60	122	1.48	0.0	James Galli	Alaskan Malamute

150 # Class (126 thru 150 pounds)

Judged by Donna Daymude

90# Start weight, 90# Increment, Cart weighs 90#

Terry Reed also judged

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Micky	6	540	7.59	132	4.09	0.0	Jean Wilson	Newfoundland
Shaman	10	540	23.93	141	3.83	0.0	James Galli	Alaskan Malamute
Stormie	2	360	9.50	130	2.77	0.0	Sue Ferrari	Alaskan Malamute

Unlimited Class (over 150 pounds)

Judged by Bob Daymude

90# Start weight, 90# Increment, Cart weighs 90#

Steve Jackson also judged

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Noble	5	1170	24.78	211	5.55	0.0	John Gordon	Mastiff

North 49 International IWPA Championships

Rocky View, Alberta Canada (261055 Cross Iron Blvd.)

Pull: 109 -- Organizer(s): Hammell, Sean Wheel on Carpet Region 3

Track: Level cement pad covered by thin green carpet Date: 05-May-

Weather: Sunny and hot Day 2 of 2

Chief Judge: Steve Jackson

20 # Class (1 thru 20 pounds)

Judged by Donna Daymude

60# Start weight, 60# Increment, Cart weighs 60#

Steve Jackson also judged

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Ceasar	9	360	14.63	18	20.00	0.0	Richard Felice Sr	Miniature Schnauzer
Prince I-Da Mack	9	300	8.88	19	15.79	0.0	Terence Reed	Boston Bull Terrier
Princess Bekah	9	180	5.88	20	9.00	0.0	Robbie Reed	Boston Bull Terrier

40 # Class (21 thru 40 pounds)

Judged by Bob Sencenbaugh

380# Start weight, 120# Increment, Cart weighs 200#

Robbie Reed also judged

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Lexis	9	980	10.43	36	27.22	0.0	Cheryl Martin	Norwegian Elkhound
Kula	3	860	6.50	39	22.05	0.0	Patrick Morrison	Mixed
Daffodil	9	860	8.47	37	23.24	0.0	Rodney Martin	Norwegian Elkhound
Isis	3	860	14.87	27	31.85	0.0	Whitney Weston	Am. Pit Bull Terrier
Zane	3	620	52.72	37	16.76	0.0	Sonja Crowder	Staffordshire Bull

60 # Class (41 thru 60 pounds)

Judged by Bob Daymude

490# Start weight, 210# Increment, Cart weighs 200#

George Ferrari also judged

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Junior	5	1750	11.72	55	31.82	0.0	Steve Jackson	Mixed
Jynx	3	1750	11.78	58	30.17	0.0	Sean Hammell	Olde English
Mole	5	1750	12.47	56	31.25	0.0	Steve Jackson	Alaskan Husky

Angel	3	1540	34.06	41	37.56	0.0	Whitney Weston	Am. Pit Bull Terrier
Zapper	2	910	8.28	47	19.36	0.0	Donna Daymude	Siberian Husky
Demond	9	910	9.19	45	20.22	0.0	Cheryl Martin	Norwegian Elkhound
Chief	9	490	5.37	43	11.40	0.0	Rodney Martin	Norwegian Elkhound
Tog "The Terrible"	9	490	5.72	45	10.89	0.0	Rodney Martin	Norwegian Elkhound

80 # Class (61 thru 80 pounds)

Judged by Rodney Martin

590# Start weight, 210# Increment, Cart weighs 200#

Terry Reed also judged

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Galyith	9	2270	51.56	77	29.48	0.0	Richard Felice Sr	Mixed
Gunner	3	1640	56.28	65	25.23	0.0	Matthew Hryciuk	Am. Pit Bull Terrier
Kush	3	1640	58.38	66	24.85	0.0	Shane Vollmann	Am. Pit Bull Terrier
LGK's Conan	3	1010	5.57	72	14.03	0.0	Sean Hammell	Olde English
Lucky	5	1010	6.87	69	14.64	0.0	Steve Jackson	Alaskan Husky

100 # Class (81 thru 100 pounds)

Judged by Wendy Leister

680# Start weight, 210# Increment, Cart weighs 200#

Bob Daymude also judged

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Tango	3	1940	9.00	84	23.10	0.0	Patrick Morrison	Am. Pit Bull Terrier
WHB's Brutus	3	1940	35.91	85	22.82	0.0	Sean Hammell	Olde English
Jack	2	1520	42.03	94	16.17	0.0	Marcia Ezell	Alaskan Malamute
Samantha	9	1520	55.94	97	15.67	0.0	Sue Schneider	Newfoundland
Tux	2	1100	7.89	97	11.34	0.0	Marcia Ezell	Alaskan Malamute

125 # Class (101 thru 125 pounds)

800# Start weight, 210# Increment, Cart weighs 200#

George Ferrari also judged

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Bridger	9	2690	9.35	106	25.38	0.0	Teresa Petterson	Gr. Swiss Mtn. Dog
Gus	3	2480	10.25	121	20.50	0.0	Scott Pearce	Am. Pit Bull Terrier
Prince Mufasa	9	2270	59.06	112	20.27	0.0	Robbie Reed	Dogue De Bordeaux
Autumn	10	1850	27.22	122	15.16	0.0	James Galli	Alaskan Malamute
Owen's Jack	3	0	0.00	105	0.00	0.0	Mark Owen	Am. Bull Dog

150 # Class (126 thru 150 pounds)

Judged by Terence Reed

800# Start weight, 240# Increment, Cart weighs 200#

Donna Daymude also judged

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Stormie	2	2720	28.84	130	20.92	0.0	Sue Ferrari	Alaskan Malamute
Micky	6	2720	36.06	132	20.61	0.0	Jean Wilson	Newfoundland
Shaman	10	2240	11.38	141	15.89	0.0	James Galli	Alaskan Malamute

Unlimited Class (over 150 pounds)

800# Start weight, 600# Increment, Cart weighs 200#

Bob Daymude also judged

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	%	Score	Handler	Breed
Noble	5	5000	33.66	211	23.70	0.0	Laura Lautner	Mastiff

*The IWPA Board Meeting is scheduled for June 1-2, 2013. The location of the meeting is at
Seattle Hilton Airport Hotel
17620 Pacific Highway South
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Meeting begins at 8:00 AM

"Masks for Mutts" – Rising From The Ashes

by Sheryl Franklin

30 year veteran Alaskan Malamute breeder, Lori Hicks, loves doing for others. Lori loved Malamutes as a child and once out on her own got 3 from a back yard breeder - Makita, Sasquatch and Yukon Jack. They each had health issues. Determined to improve, Lori obtained her next generation of Mals from respectable breeders. In honor of those first dogs she loved dearly, she named her kennel MASASYU from the first letters of each of their names. Never forgotten.

Lori says she's dabbled in showing, obedience, and finally weight pull. Her "dabbling" includes being an Obedience instructor for 3 decades, and now working on obtaining her professional trainer's license. For the past few years she's also organized the Canandaigua Winter Classic weight pull in December. You may have seen some of her dogs on the results pages - Kaos, LT, Elim and Trouble. This season she started apprenticing to be an IWPA judge.

The worst nightmare for any dog owner descended upon Lori and her husband Harold last November 27th late in the evening. Startled by the smoke detector, she woke Harold and went to check on her moms in the basement whelping room. Smoke and flames greeted her. The fire department arrived within 5 minutes. Working frantically, Lori rescued 4 of the adults. Trying to get back in to rescue more, the police told her, "your hair is on fire, and you can't breathe". They escorted her off the property. She and Harold both spent time in the ER for smoke inhalation. The firefighters saved other dogs, including Salem who suffered burns on her face. The firefighters used a human oxygen mask for Salem that saved her life. The fire was out within 20 minutes. Lori and the surviving dogs were off property overnight when the fire rekindled about 5am the next morning, and the house burned to the foundation. In the end, Lori lost 7 adult dogs and 12 puppies, as well as 8 house cats. Each of those puppies had homes waiting for them across the globe. Horribly, this was the breaking news on all local stations. It wasn't happening to someone else, it was happening to her. Many of us saw her heart-wrenching interview the next day, where she stated her concern that no one would forgive her because dogs and cats died.

Right away an immense outpouring of concern and donations began. Some she knew about, much she didn't because her phone and computer perished in the blaze. Online the Malamute community, lead by Jen Remazki, started a cash collection, as well as a Facebook Group - Masasyu Relief Group (539 global members). The IWPA Region 5 group got involved. Cash donations reached over \$12,000 including contributions from Australia and Europe as well as North America. Item collection included Grooming Supplies, Dog Toys, Dog Equipment, 6 new weight pull harnesses, Clothing, Furniture, Kitchenware, and Household items. Locally, Boomtowne Canine Campus started collections and fundraising (\$1500) for their beloved trainer, Lori. Boomtowne called Royal Canin, who in turn donated 1200 lbs of dog food. Three rooms filled up with donated items very quickly.

Several Region 5 caravans showed their support by dropping off items. From PA, Wendy Leister & Kari Hunyadi made the trip north with their donated items as well as those from Steve Jackson, Diane Geitzenauer, Shawn Henderson and Sheryl Franklin. From NY, Michele Izzo and John Aiken headed west to Canandaigua with their donations, along with those from Brandy & Heather Thompson, and the Gallaghers. Steve and Joan Albro also made the trip west carrying with them not only their contributions, but donated items from their church as well as those from daughter Tori's soccer team. Dave and Sue Gallagher from VT also made the trek west, bearing a spinning wheel for Lori enabling her to continue to spin yarn from dog fur. Eileen Rogers fundraised with Region 5 T-shirts that said "We Pull Together". Other Region 5ers such as Laura Lautner, Shana Rowan, Laura Yaghy and possibly others also sent items. Many in the region said prayers, lit church candles and sent healing thoughts.

Her local vet clinic fundraised for her (\$2500), and Tractor Supply donated \$1500 in supplies to her.

In the midst of all this, Lori's high school friends set up a fundraiser. She asked that all proceeds go to her new cause, "**Masks for Mutts**". Heart full of gratitude that Salem was saved by a human oxygen mask, she decided to turn personal tragedy into life saving for others. Lori was determined to provide the 4 responding fire departments with canine oxygen masks. They raised \$1300 in 4 hours, with 200 in attendance.

Anxious to get out of the motel, they were able to rent a house just a 10-minute walk from their property, where the dogs were now kenneled in the garage. Eventually they got water to the property so they didn't have to haul it, and later on electricity so flashlights weren't needed all the time.

Her scheduled December weight pull at Boomtowne Canine Campus was fast approaching. Lori declared, "the show must go on" and IWPA regional rep, Wendy Leister replied, "ok, but I'm doing the paperwork, you've got enough on your plate". During the weight pull, Malamute folks from Canada showed up with an SUV full of donated items for Lori, Harold and the dogs. IWPA member, Eileen Rogers, won the 50/50 raffle for "**Masks for Mutts**" and donated back her winnings. In all \$403.00 went to the cause.

County Care Givers, with whom Lori has been involved in the trap and release program for cats, threw a benefit for her raising more funds for "**Masks for Mutts**".

Uncomfortable being on the receiving end of this outpouring of support, Lori is most comfortable giving back. Donated items she can't use, she has in turn donated to the local Veterans Administration. Using donated yarn, she's also knitting lap blankets for those at the VA. She's proudly presented \$300 to each of the 4 fire departments, as well as 3 canine oxygen masks to each. Salem accompanies her on each trip, showing off her burned face healing nicely. During one of those trips Salem got to see the man who carried her down the driveway and saved her life. He cried while they hugged each other. Despite being clad in a three-piece suit, he rolled around on the floor playing with Salem.

Lori's goal now is to get masks to every fire department in Ontario County, NY. Industry experts believe that 40,000 to 150,000 pets die each year in fires; most succumbing to smoke inhalation. In most states, emergency responders are not equipped to deal with the crisis because they lack specially designed pet oxygen masks.



The insurance process is moving slowly for Lori and Harold, who hope to be joining the dogs on their property in the coming months in a new house. The surviving dogs are thriving, while still emotionally healing from their trauma. Lori is rebuilding her kennel with three new brood bitches, replacing those she lost. Each one is a gift from 3 different malamute breeders. One, Fancy Pants, is related to Elim and Havoc, both lost in the fire. Lori reports that Fancy Pants is very much like Elim. While Lori was out shoveling and snow blowing this winter, her two surviving brood bitches had way too much fun with the boys. Those puppies, all spoken for, are almost ready to go to their homes.

How did the fire happen? Initially the fire department believed it was an extension cord used for a heater in the whelping area. Lori, already full of guilt over losing her precious ones, went into a tailspin believing



she was the cause of the fire. The final forensics shows that the extension cord was plugged into a power strip, and the power strip was the problem. It did not trip as designed. The fire specialist said he does 30-40 power strip fire forensics each month. The problem power strips are made in China and while they have a UL listing, they are not as good as those made in the US. Lori encourages everyone to check their power strips making sure they are made in North America. It's worth the extra dollars!

While **"Masks for Mutts"** and rebuilding her kennel have provided Lori with focus, she's still dealing with grief and guilt. It's all too close to the surface. Those of us who know her, realize her guilt is misplaced. Thankfully, Lori begins counseling this month to deal with her guilt and grief. Hopefully she'll soon be able to work through it and get everything into proper perspective.

In the meantime, she's still fundraising for **"Masks for Mutts"** for Ontario County. When asked what the rest of us can do for our local areas, she directed me to Project Breathe at Invisible Fence. (<http://www.invisiblefence.com/giving-back/project-breathe>). Invisible Fence® Brand started the Pet Oxygen Mask Donation Program to provide oxygen mask kits to first responders. Each kit includes a small, medium, and large mask; fire departments are eligible to receive one kit per station.

Slowly, but surely, Lori, Harold, and Masasyu are rising from the ashes. While they are, with thankful hearts for the global generosity they've received, they're doing their best to save other lives.



SAVE A LIFE... donate to

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General Membership Meeting May 4th, 2013

President Terry Reed called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. There were approximately 25 members present. Several members came and went during the meeting.

Terry Reed asked if anyone had questions or comments for the board. Wendy Leister advised several members asked her to inquire about the time frame it is taking for checks to get cashed. Treasurer Cheryl Martin advised that organizers have 5 days to submit paperwork to Statistician Sue Ferrari. Sue will process checks and may wait a few days to mail her checks to Cheryl Martin. Then after Cheryl receives the checks she may hold them for a week or so before depositing them in the bank so she doesn't have so many trips to the bank. Wendy Leister added the time delay has created some issues with the people who've written them as they are expecting the checks to get cashed fairly quickly. The suggestion was made for people possibly get money orders so the money's taken out of the bank accounts and no longer sitting in the account and not withdrawn. Cheryl Martin advised she has had numerous members submit checks to committee chair persons in the committee persons name. That may also delay the checks being cashed as the committee chair person may not get to the bank right away until they need to. All checks submitted to the IWPA need to be written to the IWPA not the committee chair person. Additionally, checks that may have been submitted to Donna Libbey had been held by her for sometimes numerous months.

Wendy Leister also brought up questions about Working Dog Degrees. She asked about the time frame of 2 years in a row for the dog to earn the degree. She explained sometimes, especially for the Working Dog Superior and Excellent degree's, that the dog may not get enough pulls in 2 years; especially difficult for the larger weight classes. She asked for the board to discuss this and consider revising the 2 years in a row to obtain a working dog degree.

Sean Hammell also brought up Working Dog Degrees being obtained several times and being able to document such as Working Dog in the 3rd Degree (3 times obtaining that degree).

The time frame of working dog applications being submitted the following season was also brought up. Members would like to be able to submit applications passed the following season required within the application. This would allow a person to apply because a dog earned it and they hadn't applied within the following season.

Sean Hammell advised most of the questions he has received as the Web Site Inquiry Chair Person were questions about getting a certified judge in their area. President Terry Reed indicated there have been members who travel to neighboring regions to apprentice at 2 pulls to get enough pulls as required and then submit the judge's application. He also suggested perhaps the organizer bring a qualified judge to their area and that organizer than apprentice at their pulls.

Treasurer Cheryl Martin explained that the \$5.00 fee submitted to the IWPA by organizers is allotted to specific line items in the budget; \$1.00 for travel fund, \$1.00 for drug testing fund and \$3.00 to the general fund. She added any member pulling at the Championships that traveled 300 miles or more will receive travel money calculated by their mailing zip code to the zip code for the location of the Championships.

Membership Chair Rodney Martin explained issues he has had with membership submissions. Rodney indicated some applications he receives he couldn't read and or decipher what was written. It was asked if the Membership Application could be placed on the Web Site in a template form to merely fill in and print then submit to the Membership Chair person. Rodney will get with Web Master Sheryl Franklin to discuss this option.

Sean Hammell thanked the Western Canada weight pullers for their help in making the Championships a success. Sean also thanked all those in attendance for traveling to Canada to compete at the Championship's.

President Terry Reed advised the IWPA Board meeting is scheduled for June 1st and 2nd in Seattle, Washington. He encouraged anyone interested in attending to contact a board member for additional meeting information. Also if anyone had something they wanted the board to discuss to submit that to Secretary Robbie Reed.

President Terry Reed adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted
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