



# The GDCNC Barker

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## Editor's Message

Warm weather is upon us! It could only mean that our Specialty show is fast approaching. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who have been feverishly organizing and working on last minute details to put a great show on. It's easy to take for granted the behind the scene work involved in organizing a show. From getting the word out, securing the show site, making sure all the judges and their transportation and accommodations are lined-up, putting together and getting the premium and the catalog to the printers, soliciting for and packaging prizes for the raffle and auction, soliciting sponsors for ribbons and trophies, the set-up and break down of all show related equipment and paraphernalia, and of course, the welcome party! It often seems that these are thankless jobs, but from the bottom of my heart, I salute every single one of our members and officers responsible for putting on the show!

As a side note, please continue sending your brags, announcements, and photographs. I know we have plenty, I see it on Facebook ☺. Also, if anyone feels so inclined to be the first member featured for the member profile that I've mentioned in the past, please let me know via e-mail or Facebook and I will forward you the questionnaire I have. Hope everyone is having a great summer and see you at the shows!

Gary

## 2014 Specialty Show Update

### Join Us at Sycamore Lane Kennels: April 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

Whether or not you have a dog(s) entered in the GDCNC Specialty Shows, the weekend promises lots of Great Dane camaraderie! Join us for any or all of these activities:

- Friday, 1pm: Show Setup
- Friday, 4pm: Conformation & Performance Matches
- Friday, 6pm: Welcome Party
- Sunday, 3pm: Show Tear Down & Cleanup

Or be a spectator:

- Saturday, 8am until mid-afternoon: Rally & Obedience Trials
- Saturday, 8:30am until mid-afternoon: Sweeps & Conformation Judging
- Sunday, 8:30am until mid-afternoon: Junior Showmanship, Sweeps & Conformation Judging

We've got lots of opportunities for you to go home a winner, whether or not you've entered the shows:

- All day Saturday until lunchtime on Sunday you'll be able to bid on items at our silent auction, the proceeds of which will be donated to the GDCA Charitable Trust in Jane Chopson's memory.
- You can also buy 50-50 raffle tickets for a chance to win a BIG cash jackpot -- you don't even have to be present to win! We'll be drawing the winning ticket at lunchtime on Sunday.
- And we'll be selling tickets for our HUGE prize raffle\* until winners are drawn after lunch on Sunday (be sure to collect your prizes before we pack up!)

\* We're counting on all GDCNC members to donate raffle goodies!

If you have any questions about Specialty Weekend 2014, contact Kate Jackson ([kate@gantel.com](mailto:kate@gantel.com)).

## **What: Conformation & Performance Matches**

**Where: Sycamore Lane Kennels, Lodi**

**When: Friday, April 25th**

### Conformation "B" Match

We're delighted that longtime Great Dane fancier Joan Mulligan will be judging our conformation match! These classes will be offered: 4-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-15, and 15-18 months. Entry fee is \$10. Day of match entries will be accepted starting at 3:30PM; the match begins at 4:00PM.

### Obedience "OC" and Rally "RC" Match

Classes offered: Novice, Open, Utility, and a Rally nested course for Novice, Advanced and Excellent. \$10 per run-through with maximum 10 minutes in the ring (except 15 minutes for Utility). No food permitted in the performance rings. Toys are allowed. Collars must comply with AKC regulations. Corrections limited to verbal corrections or gently guiding the dog. Bitches in season are not permitted to participate. Entry fee is \$10. Day of match entries will be accepted starting at 3:30PM; the match begins at 4:00PM.



## **CGC Testing to be offered at Specialty**

**Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>: 1:00-3:00PM**

Canine Good Citizen (CGC) is an AKC title; that means it qualifies toward the GDCA's Versatility Award. Through the courtesy of the Golden Valley Kennel Club, CGC testing will be offered at Sycamore Lane Kennels during the GDCNC Specialty Show on Saturday, April 26th from 1:00-3:00PM. The cost is \$10.00 per dog. Bring your dog (of course!), a 6' leash, proof of rabies vaccination, and a brush (optional).

# SILENT AUCTION

It's not too late to donate for the Silent Auction. If you are able to help out with an item for this fundraiser, please let me know as soon as possible so I can plan for the event. This year's auction is being dedicated in memory of Jane Chopson. Thank you in advance, and if you have any questions, feel free to call or email me.

Sincerely,

Debi Romerosa

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THANK YOU FOR HONORING THE GREAT DANE BREED!

## 50/50 Raffle Tickets

Back by popular demand! We're doing the 50/50 Raffle again!

The winning ticket will be drawn at our Specialty show on Saturday, April 26, 2014. The winner will receive 50% of the money collected for all raffle tickets sold. This fund raiser has been very successful. Previous winners have won \$700 and \$900!

By selling tickets to your friends, family, co-workers, etc., you are supporting our club, since the other 50% funds club activities. I will have the tickets at most shows and club meetings for anyone who wants to pick up some to sell, or purchase. Just come see me after judging, or a meeting. Be sure to purchase tickets for yourself since you could be the big winner. :o) – Denise Williams.

# GDCNC General Meeting Notes

## January 11, 2014

**Members in attendance:** Everett Van Dyken, Laura Craig, Mabel Labiak, Bill Labiak, Pat Dousman, Brittany Williams, Denise Williams, Sue Holbrook, Denise Matulich, Bruce Matulich, Renee Broden, Sam Gillette, Kevin Forrest, Lorrie Spencer, Donnell Giambastiani, Janet De Young, Janet Purdy, Megan Hundley, Gary Romerosa, Debi Romerosa, Ann English, Bari Costello.

Excused: Debbie McMurdie, Lorraine Matherly and Jenny Kenton

Meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m. by Everett Van Dyken, a quorum was established

**Introduction of Guests:** Terry Toops

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Mabel Labiak and seconded by Sam Gillette to approve the minutes as written. Passed

**Additional Agenda Items-** Memo from Vince Mulligan

**President's Report: Everett Van Dyken-** Everett will appoint committee jobs at the next meeting, if interested please contact Everett. New committee position will be added, this person will be responsible to help out with social events. (E.g. Christmas Party)

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Denise Williams

Incoming Mail:

1. Received a thank you letter from Chantel Johnson for judging sweeps.

Outgoing Mail:

1. Sent letters to Ceil Wardner and Dana Wardner about becoming honorary members.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mabel Labiak- Paid insurance, no report this month due to move.

Contacted CPA regarding annual audit, Mabel will get that set up soon.

Membership Drawing: Megan Hundley offered a free ad in our 2014 specialty catalog. Bruce Matulich was the winner. This drawing was offered to all of those who attended the January meeting.

**Education:** Laura Craig: Working on final plans for the Dr. Battaglia seminar. Vince Mulligan offered to do a presentation to the club about breed type.

**Membership:** Pat Dousman-No report

**Ways and Means:** Denise Matulich- Showed us two types of jackets she would like to offer for our club with logo. Also asked club if we wanted to get the hot/cold cups with club logo on them for the specialty to sell. A motion was made by Pat Dousman to give \$400.00 to Denise Matulich to purchase the cups for the specialty, seconded by Denise Williams. Passed  
Denise Matulich and Jenny Kenton will continue as chairs.

**Website:** Kate Jackson- No update

**Disciplinary Committee:** Sam Gillette-Sam will continue as chair, no report

**Show Committee:** Megan Hundley; everything is on track, still have a few open chair positions to fill, if interested please contact Megan or Kate.

**Judges Committee:** Megan Hundley, Jenny Kenton, Denise Matulich and Everett Van Dyken

**Unfinished Business:**

1. **Christmas Party:** Ann English- Will be held in the same location, working on dates
2. **Judges Slate-** Please vote for your selection for our 2015 Specialty, ballots will be out in the mail soon

**New Business:**

1. **Board Slate- Everett;** A motion was made by Sam Gillette to accept the slate as presented to fill the open board positions, seconded by Denise Matulich. 1 opposed. Passed

**Meeting Schedule: February 22, 2014, 11 am at Royce Farms**

Meeting adjourned 11:50 am. Passed (missed who made motions)

Respectfully submitted

Laura Craig  
Recording Secretary

## **GDCNC Meeting Minutes**

### **February 22, 2014**

**Members in attendance:** Mabel Labiak, Bill Labiak, Pat Dousman, Denise Williams, Sam Gillette, Mick Galvin, Kate Jackson, Gary Romerosa, Debi Romerosa, Megan Hundley, Nancy Bruno, Dail Koehler

**Meeting was called to order** at 11:12 a.m. by Denise Williams, who is filling in for Everett Van Dyken since he is absent, and a quorum was established.

**Introduction of Guests:** No guests today.

**Approval of Minutes:** We do not have a copy of the minutes from the January 11, 2014 meeting. Laura Craig is absent today and Debi Romerosa volunteered to take the minutes for today's meeting.

**Additional Agenda Items:** Procedures for Judge Selections – Kate Jackson

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Denise Williams said there was not any incoming or outgoing mail as of this date.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mabel Labiak presented the treasurer's report for the last three months. Copies are available from Mabel if anyone would like one.

## **Report of the Committees**

**Education:** We do not have anyone that is in currently in charge of this committee. Mabel Labiak reported that the Seminar with Dr. Battaglia was held on Saturday, February 1, 2014. Overall there was not a large turnout for this event, and after expenses, we lost \$615.00 on this event. Laura Craig did an excellent job planning and setting up the seminar. There was discussion on possible reasons for a low turnout and it was mentioned that there was a show this weekend of the event, and also others had been to this seminar before. It was the same one he held at Nationals. The facility was superb, but there was a high expense for the audio visual equipment used. The raffle had taken in \$160.00 during this event. Megan Hundley said that we held the event and now we are in compliance with AKC to proceed with our upcoming show.

**Membership:** Pat Dousman said that we do not have any new members at this time.

**Ways and Means:** Denise Williams has 50/50 raffle tickets available if anyone would like to sell some. We will also be selling them at the raffle booth at our show in Lodi. Kate Jackson had a cup with her that was used at the Monterrey shows for their raffles. People used these to put their tickets in and it came with the raffle prize. It was approved at the last meeting for Denise Matulich to spend up to \$400.00 for this purchase.

**Website:** Kate Jackson said that we have PayPal on our GDCNC website now. It is her PayPal account, but if anyone would like to make a trophy donation online, please feel free to use this and she will forward the money to the Club.

**Disciplinary Committee:** Sam Gillette has nothing to report today.

**Show Committee:** Megan Hundley said there will be many changes at our Specialty Show this year. We do not have anyone on the food committee at this time, so Megan Hundley and Kate Jackson decided to work on this together. Megan will be meeting with Royce Farms this afternoon to see if they will still be able to set up a booth at our show for the lunches on Saturday and Sunday. The prices may be a little bit higher than last year, but she thinks they are still interested in doing this. Megan Hundley and Kate Jackson brought up the topic of the Saturday evening BBQ. It was discussed by the group and decided to change this to a welcome party at 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening instead. Our Club will provide chicken, and tri tip for the event and other items would be brought by members. Megan thought this could be held in the RV area, and said there is a group of four that would like to put their RV's together for this. Debi Romerosa suggested having one of the Club member's park an RV in the front spot by the ring and then use the grassy area in front of that so there is room for a group to gather. She said this would also be a good way to promote the Club and be visual for all. Someone thought the idea wouldn't work for some because of their kennel setups. Sam Gillette suggested that we use the dog show ring, and set it up with tables and chairs like the Southern California Club did at their last specialty. This encouraged people to stay and visit. Last year at our BBQ many just picked up the food and went back to their RV's and there wasn't a large area to sit down. Megan and Kate will see what they come up with, but it will be on Friday night for sure. That will be listed in the program/schedule so people coming to the show will be aware of this.

The Raffle Booth will be run by Everett Van Dyken and Lorrie Spencer. Please be sure to bring items to donate for this booth. If anyone would like to help, please speak with Everett or Lorrie.

The Silent Auction Booth will be run by Debi Romerosa. Kate Jackson asked the Club if we could dedicate our Show this year to the memory of Jane Chopson. A motion was made by Lorrie Spencer, seconded by Pat Dousman and approved. A motion was made by Kate Jackson for the proceeds of our Silent Auction that go to GDCA to be submitted in memory of Jane Chopson also. This was seconded by Bill Labiak and approved.

Megan Hundley said we have some issues right now with AKC regarding paperwork for our show. Everything has been approved at this time, but we are having some delays with AKC and their delays in getting information posted regarding our shows. Once it is posted, we can distribute our flyers and proceed.

Friday for the show set up, Megan Hundley asked that we not arrive before 12:00 p.m. We will not have access to the show grounds until then. RV's can start arriving at 1:00 p.m. Our contracts have all been paid and signed with Sycamore Kennels; however, they do have us on warning due to issues with "poop". There was a problem especially in the dog run area and by the large tree and disposal of feces was not happening, and droppings were left on the ground. There was club discussion and it was brought up that the bags we had in the trash bins they left us did not fit so clean up was a very messy procedure. We all need to be aware of this so we do not lose this site for future shows.

If anyone is available, please assist with set up for the event on Friday. Megan has plenty of opportunities for us to help, and we hope that everyone in the club will assist her with this.



There will be a CGC event on Saturday in the Obedience Ring. Time will either be from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., or from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Megan Hundley asked for a discussion regarding having Scan In A Van at our show. They are going to donate an echocardiogram for one of the prizes in our silent auction regardless of what we decide. For them to attend, they want a guarantee of at least ten echoes to be done. After discussion, it was decided that due to the fact that they would not have a cardiologist with them and papers would have to be sent out to get OFA, that this may not be the right time for them to come here. Some other shows upcoming will have these done at a lower price and papers are given to you at the same time.

**Barker:** If you have any items or information you would like in The Barker, please let Gary Romerosa know. It was questioned why minutes were not in there, and it was because none were submitted to him. They are not on the website either.

**Unfinished Business:** We do not have any unfinished business at this time.

**New Business:** Kate Jackson asked for discussion regarding the procedures we use for the voting of judges. She thought the Club may want to consider having a meeting where we can all discuss the different ideas we have and figure out which judges are the best for us. Dail Koehler said in the past we used to do this and it was a very long procedure with votes allowed each step of the way. The reason we switched to the voting system via mail was to shorten this procedure, avoid personality conflicts, and make it easier for our club members. Kate thought maybe a judging committee could decide this. The 2015 judge's selections/votes were already completed so at this point, doing any changes for 2015 would not be reasonable. Megan Hundley books the judges ASAP once we have the names. If there is a delay, we may not be able to secure judges for the 2015 shows. Maybe if there is a Club interest in this, it can be discussed at a later meeting when Everett is present. Topic was tabled for today.

Pat Dousman asked if anyone knew if we could use electronic cells or devices during our meetings when people cannot attend. It needs to be checked into with GDCA. Apparently they have done some changes where they are allowing this due to members being all over the country, but the ruling does not say whether this is just for GDCA, or if other clubs can do this at their meetings. It was suggested that possibly Denise Matulich may be able to find out more information regarding this and how it would apply to our club.

**Meeting Schedule:** The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2014 in Merced, CA at the Yosemite Kennel Club show.

**Meeting adjourned** at 12:18 p.m., motioned by Bill Labiak, seconded by Sam Gillette and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Debi Romerosa, Board Member

**General Membership Meeting**  
**Merced, CA**  
**April 5, 2014**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Members in attendance:

Jan Purdy, Denise Matulich, Denise Williams, Brittany William, Everett Van Dyken, Bruce Matulich, Irina Maderych, Olga Maderych, Kevin Forrest, Jenny Kenton

Meeting called to order at 11:00 A.M.

Denise Williams (Correspondence Secretary) reported that there was no incoming mail but that she had sent out the ballot for the 2015 National Specialty judges. Members selected Cathy de la Garza, Nikki Riggsbee, Phil Gray and Bill Shelton for conformation judges and selected Denise Williams and Everett Van Dyken for Futurity judges.

Denise Matulich discussed the drinking glasses to be sold at the show. She showed us the "girl" glass (blue with rhinestones) proposed to sell for \$12 and the "boy" glass (lime-green) proposed to sell for \$10. Both glasses display the club logo and no date so they can be sold or donated at a future event.

Denise Matulich showed us the jacket she has determined to be the one for club member purchase. The embroidery is solid and of nice detail. It will have the club logo on the back and members can choose to have a personalized smaller logo on the front. The jackets are of excellent quality; have a removable inner lining; deep pockets and can be machine washed. The color choices of the jackets are: Hunter, Navy, Red, Black and Royal Blue. The cost is estimated to be \$150. Denise moved that the club pay the \$125 "set up" fee which was seconded by Everett. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.



# Welcome Party & Potluck

Friday, April 25th at 6pm  
Sycamore Lane Kennels

We'll provide chicken & tri-tip —  
we're asking GDCNC members to bring  
an appetizer, side dish or dessert  
to fill out the menu

Please RSVP to Kate Jackson  
kate@qantel.com  
916.759.8375

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

*In FCI governed countries, the Great Dane belongs to Group 2 - Pinscher and Schnauzer / Molosser and Schweizer Sennenhunde?*

## **WINNERS CIRCLE**



## **Tered-DBM Great Danes**

Tered-DBM Great Danes is very proud to announce our "NEW CHAMPION"

After a long drive up to Albany in hopes of winning the ONE day there was a major, Tered - DBM's Go Big or Go Home "Major" did just that by going WD/BOW under respected judge Robert Shreve. The win earned him his 2nd major to finish and we could not be more proud of our new home bred champion! He followed up the two remainder shows by going Select Dog and beating out other specials for his first Grand Champion points!!

Meanwhile...Tered-Dbm's Brightest Star "Siri" went Reserve Winners 3 of the 4 shows in Albany. Siri also went Reserve Winners at the San Jose show just prior to Albany and then was Reserve winners 3 of the 4 days at Hanford. We are so proud of the promise that she shows.

We made the trek up to Albany once again at the end of March for the Willamette Valley Great Dane Specialty. This time, Coolspring's Fly Me to the Moon V Tered-DBM "Franki" won her large competitive class and went "Best Puppy". Not to be out done, GCH Sasdania-Vitag's Deal No Deal Alto Gavea "Rio" also impressed from the large BOB class by going Select Dog twice and BOS the final day!

## Olympus Great Danes

We have a Crufts winner in the family! "Isis" (BISS CH. Danelyne She's Got The Look For Tantallon), sired by Midas (Am/Int'l CH. Olympus' The Midas Touch) and owned by Inez Cooke in England, won BOB at Crufts!! She also went on to make the "short list" in the Working Group!! We are honored that Isis' breeders, Vic and Zena Place, chose Midas as the stud dog for their beautiful girl, Taylor. And, so proud of Inez for piloting Isis to such success. Dreams really do come true!

## Valinor Great Danes

It is now Ch. Valinor's J Bonamassa. Joey finished under Paula Nykiel at the Santa Clara show on Sunday. She went on to take a BOS the following day garnering her first two Grand Championship points. Joey was Select Bitch in Vallejo last month and in Las Vegas last weekend which were both major wins. Under Chuck Trotter in Vallejo, she was Best of Opposite Sex for another major. Joey is owned by Everett Van Dyken and Lorrie Spencer.

Valinor's Dance Little Sister was Winner's Bitch in Albany, OR last month under Christine Hubbell. Sara was handled by Georgia Hymmen and is owned by Everett Van Dyken and Paul Picciau. She is now singled out and looking for those majors.

## Delta Breeze Great Danes

Delta Breeze Timeless Memories!~Harrison out of CH Delta Breeze Life of Riley CGC~Int CH Allegro Delta Breeze Poetry in Motion RN CGC~Barrett .Harrison started his show career in Fresno under respected judge John Wade taking Reserve Winners Dog. Harrison attended the Vallejo shows joined by his littermates, Delta Breeze It's My Time To Shine!~Lia, Delta Breeze It's About Time!~Vinnie and Delta Breeze Time Of My Life!~Gus. Under respected judge Ann Katona, Harrison attained a Major Reserve. In Merced, under respected judge Eva Berg he received WD BOW for his first point on his 9 month Birthday. This past weekend in Sacramento under Judge Doug Holloway he was Reserve dog and on Sunday under Respected judge Clay Cody, Harrison was WD for his second point. We both are totally enjoying this wonderful journey!

# WINNERS GALLERY



"Sara", Valinor's Dance Little Sister. Owned by Everett Van Dyken and Paul Picciau. Handled by Tiffany Baggaley.



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## 2014 GDCNC Board & Officers

*The 2014 GDCNC Officers & Board were elected at the Club's Annual Meeting in January. The note in parenthesis following each name is the expiration year of that person's term.*

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### Mark Your Calendar!

**April 26-27, 2014**  
**Back-to-Back Specialty Shows**  
**Sycamore Lane Kennels**  
**5111 W. Sargent Road**  
**Lodi, CA 95242**