



The GDCNC Barker

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President's Message

Another specialty has come and gone, and I would be remiss if I didn't thank some of the key players. The organizational and professional skills of the show chair and her capable assistant, Megan Hundley and Kate Jackson respectively, were evident in the smooth of operation of the shows. I'm amazed at their talents! Thanks also to Debbie Romerosa, who was the "novice" but did an exceptional job in the silent auction and assisting the capable raffle chairs, Laura Craig and Renee Broden. Mabel Labiak multi-tasks (treasurer, judge's liaison) very well and had a ready smile for all. There were a lot "behind-the scenes" workers who gave it their all and deserve a big thank you. I won't remember them all but some of the names that come to mind are Roc, Pete, Lorrie, Conley, Timmi, Laura, Denise, Brittany, Andrew, Megan. Many of them stayed to help with the show clean up! Thanks to all!

The only downside to the show was the evidence of poor sportsmanship by a few. Making out-of-town visitors feel bad is not something I would like to see repeated. They are all there to enjoy the good reputation the show and the Sycamore Kennel site has to offer. Negative comments and blatant gossiping do not help to build the show; it tears at the fabric of the show that Megan and her crew have built up. Let's demonstrate better sportsmanship at future shows and remember that if you have nothing positive to say about a person or their dog, then don't say anything. We are there to enjoy the fellowship of friends, fellow Dane fanciers and the Great Danes themselves. Let's keep it positive!

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By now, most have you have heard of the passing of a great lady and a true friend of the Great Dane. Jane Chopson was a person who excelled in demonstrating good sportsmanship ringside and we will certainly miss her presence greatly. Please read further in the Barker to see how you can donate to the GDCA Trust in her honor.

Regards,
Fverett

Message from Your Show Chairs

Again our club has hosted a wonderful Specialty Show. We would like to extend a tremendous thank you to everyone who participated in making this year's event a fabulous one. The next meeting is June 15, 2013. The Show will be on the agenda at this meeting, so please bring any comments or suggestions for improvement to this meeting.

We have our date and our judges for our 2014 Show (pending show date approval): April 26 and 27, 2014.

Our judges are Saturday:

Obedience/Rally: Ms. Dee Dee Anderson Sweeps: Pending

Breed: Ms. Karen Martin

Sunday: Sweeps: Mr. RC Williams

Breed: Ms. Jane Gray

Congratulations to the exhibitors, winners and all the club members for a great show!

Kate and Megan

Great Dane Club of America Awards Program

The Great Dane Club of America offers an award program for members. Some awards are tabulated by the GDCA Awards committee; however, to be eligible for some awards such as the Breeder Certificate and Venerable Great Dane require submission by an owner to be considered for the award.

Award applications are due into the committee by July 1, 2103.

Please see the link below for details: <http://www.gdca.org/awardsprogram.html>

JANE CHOPSON MEMORIAL

The Board of Directors of the GDCA and the Trustees of the GDCA Charitable Trust announce the passing of our colleague and friend Jane Chopson. Jane left us last night, May 25, 2013 @ 7:35PM.

Many in the Great Dane World and in this Sport knew her and called her their friend. To those that did not know her personally most certainly knew who she was.... and if not...this is who she was.

Jane was a person of great intellect. She was wise and her wisdom will prevail. She was passionate about this breed, her first breed, the Great Dane. She was born to this breed. Her father was a breeder and exhibitor before Jane was born. She showed her beloved Great Danes from the age of 4 years. Through the years she stretched herself as a breeder, exhibitor and professional handler as well as personally through her professional and personal life.

Jane was equally as passionate about many breeds not just the Great Dane. In reality she has owned and bred multiple Champions and Best In Show winners in Great Danes, Vizlas, Dobermans, Cocker Spaniels and recently Field Spaniels. She was friends with the best and the greatest in the Sport of Pure bred dogs. She was a mentor to many who will always be grateful for her patience and to whom she willingly shared the depth of her knowledge and as much of her experience in a way that the best teacher you ever knew could.

Jane achieved great heights in this sport as she did in the "real world". Professionally she retired from being a Sr. Director of Social and Health Services in Marin County, CA. In this capacity, as ever a sponge, she sought the opportunity to soak up new knowledge and experiences. She worked with many non-profits to help those in need, and for whose benefit she worked for 30 years. Her experience in this area provided her with the skills that we needed for the GDCA Charitable Trust. Jane working with two other Trustees and the GDCA in 2001 started to develop and weave the fabric of an enterprise that has sponsored Research, Rescue, Scholarship, and Education for both the Breed, the stakeholders of this breed as well as to all of us, the guardians of the breed. The Trust has expanded to 9 Trustees and to date has raised and spent funds approaching \$650,000.00 to support ventures ascribed to its charter which is the health and overall well-being and welfare of this breed.

Jane was a leader to the GDCA. She had guts and penache. She was a woman of style. She served as one of its most respected Presidents. She had served most diligently as a member of its Board and on many Committees which were only too grateful for those pearls of wisdom for which she was so well known and which she unsolicited would often drop. She was a great advocate for Health testing in this breed. She preached the benefits to breeders of health testing and what it meant to the future of this breed.

Jane passionately spoke about Coat Color genetics. She published articles in breed specific publications about this topic and spoke to the controversies surrounding the issue in those days (30+ years ago) when it was a forbidden subject and at a time when ignorance prevailed as a guiding light. Today we know differently. Jane worked in the past with many people in this breed to not only plant the seeds for change but to fertilize these ideas and bring them to fruition. Jane was not so much a rebel but a believer that truth and facts should prevail and they should be guiding and leading us.

For those who knew her well enough to have enjoyed her unique sense of humor (she did not often get ours), she always had a story. Her story about clients of hers from the past viz. Tim and Tammy Tommeny and their dog Tonka is a well-known Jane classic.

Jane, just before she died, expressed how grateful she was that the membership of this Club had selected her to judge the Breed at the Great Dane National in 2014. She did not believe that she would have achieved that honor without having a Judge's License. This meant so much to her. The honor was given to her ... the act of doing so denied.

We are grateful to Jane for all that she has done for us and this breed. Most of all Jane we will keep you in our hearts as a true friend. In the coming weeks and months there will be many accolades for Jane and all of these will speak to the woman and human being that she was.

Jane you were and still are a part of our history and who we are, Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Rattlesnake

Avoidance Training



When: August 10, 2013

Where: Shingle Springs

Cost: \$ 70 per dog

As many as
300,000 dogs are
bitten by venomous
snakes each year!

Your dog will learn to recognize the sight, sound, and scent of rattlesnakes found all over California. This 15-30 minute session could save your dog from a painful, expensive, and life-threatening bite.

If your dog has previously been through rattlesnake avoidance training , it may be time for a refresher course. Training is most effective when repeated periodically to keep it fresh in your dog's memory.

Sponsored by the Great Dane Club of Northern California and offered by Tracy Presson of High On Kennels.

Contact:

Jenny Kenton

916.765.2149

jenny@adelaidegreatdanes.com

50/50 Raffle

Total Jack pot: \$769

Congratulations Allison Paxton!

LITTERBOX

G And D Danes and **DeYoung Danes** are very pleased to announce the arrival of our much anticipated litter on 4/20. Photos (new coming soon) can be seen my my website (gnddanes.com).

Delta Breeze Great Danes is Proud and Happy to announce an ultrasound confirmed Pregnancy of CH Delta Breeze Life of Riley ~ Int. CH Allegro Delta Breeze Poetry In Motion RA, CGC~ Barrett due date of July 5.

PENDING MEMBERSHIP

Morgan Conn

Sponsored by Everett Van Dyken and Laura Craig
1st Publishing

Gwen DeBaere

Sponsored by Lucinda Harwin & Lorraine Matherly
1st Publishing

Jane Chopson

As you already know, Jane passed away on May 25, 2013 after a valiant battle with cancer. We will all truly miss this outstanding woman who placed the welfare of dogs before people's personalities. She was a mentor to many of us ringside and a good friend to the members of the Great Dane Club of Northern California; a club her father founded in 1948.

To honor her contributions to the club, and to the Great Dane fancy in general, the club will be contributing \$500 to the Great Dane Club of America Trust. We would like to ask that our individual members contribute what they can to honor Jane as well. We are proposing to send the club's donation along with individual donations to the GDCA Trust in one lump sum.

If you would like to honor the memory of Jane in this way, please make out your tax-deductible donation to the GDCA Trust and send it to Mabel Labiak, our club treasurer, by June 21, 2013.

Mabel's address is:

330 Laurelwood Lane
Ripon, CA 95366.

Regards,

Everett Van Dyken, President
Great Dane Club of Northern California

Finance Report

Financial information will be disclosed to club members on request.



WINNERS CIRCLE

Debbie McMurdie

WindyCity-Orion's Edge of Glory, RA, RN CGC "Viola" earns her second RE leg at the Specialty Show!

Delta Breeze Great Danes

Mirabile Visu's Charm'd by Piper N Riley V GRR Saturday April 13th, O/H, WD/BOS 5 pt major (over 4 Specials) under James A Moses, in Perry GA @ Peach Blossom Cluster

Proud and Happy to announce an ultrasound confirmed Pregnancy of **CH Delta Breeze Life of Riley** ~ **Int. CH Allegro Delta Breeze Poetry In Motion RA, CGC~ Barrett** due date of July 5.

Also after 36 years in Education I have joined the Retired Club!

Olympus Great Danes

"Sy" (Olympus' Victory Of Poseidon) won WD at the Butte KC show for 1 pt under Ms. Carmen Haller.

It was his first time back in the ring in a year since his eye injury. Thank you to all our friends and family that have supported Sy during the difficult time of recovery. Some of you have been my rock and I'm not sure Sy and I could have gotten through all this without you. Our boy was bred by Bob Santimays and Denise Williams; co-owned by Denise Williams, Bob Santimays and supporting co-owners Jayne Peterson & Stephan Sam.

Sy has the best team which includes the named co-owners plus Brittany Williams, Bree Williams, Roger Williams, my mom and dad, and our supportive friends.

"Midas" (Am/Int'l CH. Olympus' The Midas Touch) kids overseas are still going strong in the ring! Some of the highlights include:

"Logan" (Danelyne Look My Way) from the Midas x Taylor litter in Australia, has continued on in her specials career. Her latest wins include another BOB and Group 3! Logan is bred and owned by Vic & Zena Place.

A Midas grandson, **Ryan**, recently won Challenge Dog and is on his way to his Aus. championship. He is sired by a Midas son and bred/owned by Vic and Zena Place.

"Isis" (Danelyne She's Got The Look For Tantallon), owned by Inez Cooke in England, has been doing very well in the show ring garnering 2 Challenge Certificates and 3 Reserve Challenge Certificates. One more CC will make her a UK Champion.

Midas and Fanny (Nord CH. Int CH. WJW10 DKV10 DKC11 KBVH12 Maxidane's Penny Lane) have a beautiful litter in Denmark. The puppies are 8 weeks old now. Bred by Winnie Mertz who takes the cutest puppy photos.

Midas and Poppy (Ch Nerakdane Evanescence for Rydane EJW'09, Jnr Ch, JD) are the parents of an adorable litter of girls in Ireland. They are 2 weeks old. Bred by Clare Ryan and Karen Fitzgerald who also take cute puppy pics.

Midas and Java (CH. Summit View's Morning Ambition) have a lovely litter in Texas. They are 3 week old. Bred by Norma White and Steve Arnold who also take nice puppy pics, just wish there was more of them.



WINNERS CIRCLE continued...

Danu Danes

The specialty was extremely kind to us. Saturday **Danu's Atom Eve "Eve"** won Winners Bitch for her second major at 7 months old, and Best Bred By Exhibitor. **CH Four Ds RainMaster Explosion at Danu "Trinity"** and **Ryn** earn an AOM and Best Brood Bitch. **WindyCity-Orion's Edge of Glory, RA RN CGC "Viola"** earned her second RE leg with her Mom Debbie McMurdie. Sunday, **Eve** took Best in Sweeps and **UKC BPIS Danu's Atomic Hero "Ozzy"** Best Opposite in Sweeps with **"TaRYNity"** bringing home Best Junior in Show and reaching for the stars taking **BEST IN SPECIALTY SHOW!**

At woodland, **Eve** takes Winners Bitch and Best of Winners Saturday and Reserve Winners Bitch Sunday. **Ozzy** takes Back-to-Back Reserve Winners Dog, and **TaRYNity** picks up Best Opposite Sex and Select for 2 more Grand Championship points. In UKC **Eve** takes Best of Breed and a Group Four and **Ozzy** takes Back-to-Back-to-Back Best of Breed and Group Fours gaining his UKC Championship. In Placerville, **Ozzy** takes Winners Dog. That same weekend, **"Betty" Danu's Atomic Bombshell** took Winners Bitch her first weekend out, making ALL three show puppies from **"The Atoms Family litter"** pointed by 8 months old.

Paradise Great Danes

Voyageur's Return of the Jedi finished his championship in six straight shows at ten months owner-handled. **Stig** is Sean's son from **GCH Daystar Voyageur Gimmie Heaven**.

Party, B And K I'm Here for the Party in Paradise went Best In Sweeps at the GDCNC and the next day went WB for 5 points. At the Camellia Capital KC show **Dane, B And K Just Another Dane In Paradise** took WD and **Party** took RWB. **Patrick** took Best Of Breed and **Posey** took Select bitch. At the Santa Cruz KC **Dane** took WD and **Party** took BOW, and best BBE and a Group three BBE, **Patrick** took Best Of Breed and **Posey** took Best Opposite Sex. It was a family event as **Patrick** and **Posey** are from **Sean's** first litter and **Dane** and **Party** are a repeat breeding. **Party** needs two points to finish. At Placerville on Sat., **Patrick** took BOB on the first day and his brother **Dane** took WD. On Sunday, **Posey, Patrick's** sister took BOB and **Patrick** took SD. **Dane** again went WD and BOW to his sister, **Party**, who took her last point to finish her **Championship**. On Monday **Patrick** took SD and **Party** took BOS. It was a weekend filled with fun. **Patrick, GCH B & K Sean's Grand Slam V. Paradise** took 3 Best of Breeds at Gridley and went on to a Group One on Sunday. It was a great weekend but it got to be very hot on Sat. and Sun.

Valinor Great Danes

Valinor Great Danes is proud to announce a new champion. It is now **Ch. Valinor's Stairway to Heaven (Ch. Valinor's Sothern Rock CND X Valinor's Pink Martini)** owned by Sammy Badkin and Phil Pinheiro. "Zep" was bred by Everett Van Dyken and Jan Purdy.

Valinor-Sanshar Wind In My Sails went WD in Pomona on the Memorial Day weekend. **Brody** is out of **BISS Ch. Cheshire's Tailor Made V Longo** and **Ch. Valinor's Rebel Yell**. He was bred by Everett Van Dyken and Paul Picciau and is owned by Sharon Johns.



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2013 GDCNC Board & Officers

The 2011 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!

June 15, 2013 11:00 a.m.
Royce Farms
Annual meeting

August 10, 2013
Rattlesnake Avoidance
Training
Shingle Springs