



The GDCNC Barker

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President's Message

Thank you to all of you who showed up for our annual meeting. Quite a large group of people who seemingly had a good time interacting with one another. I believe that a lot of the camaraderie displayed is due to the positive direction Denise Williams has taken the club in over the past few years. Thank you, Denise, for having served as our past President! Our finances are also in better shape than they have been for a while due to the efforts of our past treasurer, Bill Labiak and I am sure Mabel will also be as diligent in her duties as Bill was. Thanks also to Pete Fredotovich who not only served as our past Vice-President but also as show chairman, on the Ways and Means committee and the Finance committee. He is to be commended for his efforts on our behalf and for his friendship. I am also grateful for all of the efforts put forth by Brittany Williams who was our youngest board member but held her own. I am looking forward to working with continuing board members and officers and our newest members: Sam Gillette and Debbie McMurdie.

I believe our focus as a club in the next few years should be directed on the area of education. Melissa Pevy (Education chair person), Debbie McMurdie, Megan Hundley and Laura Craig have been hard at working on developing new ideas for education. Please feel free to contact them or any of the board members if you have any ideas that might further the causes in educating ourselves on the issues relating to the breed we all love. Please make an effort to volunteer for committees within the structure of the Great Dane Club of Northern California and especially for the specialties coming up in April. This is a working club and we would love to see you pitch in any way you can. I look forward to working with you soon.

Everett

Specialty Planning Continues...

GDCNC members continue working to make sure our 2013 Specialty Extravaganza offers something for everybody! The fun starts Friday, April 26th, with show set-up followed by conformation and rally/obedience matches, a handling clinic and a hot dog BBQ potluck. Saturday we'll offer two Rally and Obedience trials, as well as Conformation and Sweepstakes. On Sunday, we'll have Junior Showmanship in addition to Conformation and Sweeps.

Catalog Ads

As always, the 2013 GDCNC Specialty Catalog will outline Saturday's and Sunday's events and list details about all of the dogs competing. For the amazing low price of \$25, you can have your own page in this year's catalog!

Catalog pages aren't just for advertising your dog or kennel. Think about buying a catalog page to wish other exhibitors luck, announce a litter, congratulate somebody on an achievement, offer a service, share a recipe – or anything! The deadline is March 31st, but sooner is better so we can help you design your page. Contact kate@qantel.com to start working on your catalog page!

Speaking of our Specialty Catalog, we raffled pages three lucky members at the January 12th meeting. Pablo Grodnitzky is the winner of the coveted inside front cover. The inside back cover belongs to Jayne Peterson. And Tamara Holt owns a page elsewhere in the catalog.

Raffle Items

To make sure our Specialty Raffle is a huge success, we're asking each club member to donate a raffle item. Please let Laura (jcvclaura@sbcglobal.net) or Denise (dkmatulich@sbcglobal.net) know what you plan to donate. If you can't bring the item to Specialty, make arrangements to get it to Laura or Denise ahead of time or have somebody else bring it to the show.

Challenge Trophies

This year we'll offer challenge trophies to the breeder(s) of Best of Breed and Best of Winners. We've always offered challenge trophies to owner(s) for many awards; adding challenge trophies designated for the breeder is new for us.

Challenge trophies are perpetual awards offered until they are won three times by the same owner(s) or breeder(s). Per AKC rules, challenge trophies can be offered for Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Winners Dog, Winners Bitch and first in any regular or non-regular class.

Think about donating a challenge trophy in the memory of a special dog or person. The memorial trophy you offer will be listed in every specialty catalog until the trophy is retired. It's too late for more new challenge trophies for this year's shows, but you might consider donating one for our 2014 shows and beyond. Contact Denise Williams (olympusdanes@olympusdanes.com) for more information.

Looking for Mr Right

One of the most difficult things breeders struggle with is finding the right stud dog. There are quite a few dogs out there, but there is only visibility to a small percentage of them.

We all know who the latest National BOB/BOS winners are and we are usually pretty familiar with the dogs in Top 20 and the dog specials in our local areas.

What about all those other dogs that are finished and spending their days on the couch or out on the patio in the sun?

What about the dogs that did not finish or maybe were shown on a very limited basis, or not at all, that are quite worthy for breeding? We rarely if ever have visibility to those dogs.

Ideally we seek out dogs that are excellent in attributes we want to improve upon. We may be looking for dogs of a particular color or pattern, maybe we need to worry about croups or topline or missing teeth.

How do we sift through dogs to find those with the particular attributes we are seeking? How do we even know they are out there?

Well, a breeder friend of mine was struggling with just this issue and thought, "Wouldn't it be nice to have something like 'Match.com' for dogs?"

I happened to be looking for a Web project to work on and thought this was a cool idea. So now we have it!

Introducing, Dane Quest!

Dane Quest is a Website linked to a database where any registered Great Dane male from any country world wide can be submitted for visibility on the Internet.

Dane Quest is not an advertising space where artistic ads are developed to market the dog. It's simply a listing of the dog by its attributes with a picture and contact information.

Here's how it works. There is a Web-based submission form that you as a stud dog owner and/or breeder will use to create a record of the dog. The record needs to include a picture that will be attached to the dog's record. The picture and pertinent information on the dog is made visible to bitch owners seeking stud dogs.

The form allows you to enter the contact information for yourself as the submitter and then identify the breeder and the owner of the dog. Then you identify the dog by its registered name, including any titles or awards you want as prefixes or suffixes on the registered name. You have up to 100 characters to use for this purpose.

Then enter the dog's registration number and identify the registry that issued the registration number from a drop down listing. The page asks for the date of birth and date of

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death. The date of death only needs to be populated if the dog is not living.

There is a checkbox to indicate that the dog lived past age 9. We all would like to have longevity in our lines.

You have the opportunity to objectively assess the dogs attributes based on criteria outlined in the standard for the breed. Be objective here. No dog is perfect and we don't expect them to be.

You can identify the breeding availability of the dog. There are checkboxes to capture if the dog is available for live cover, fresh semen, fresh chilled or frozen semen breeding.

At the bottom of the page, there is a file field where you can browse to a picture on your local hard drive and when you click submit, the picture is uploaded to the server and the information about the dog is written to a record in the database. Voila! The listing on the dog is created.

There are a few fields that are required on the page. Not all the attributes have to be checked for the dog to be submitted, but leaving out an assessment on any attribute is going to make your dog less visible. Be honest, nobody but you will see the assessment you enter on the dog.

The bitch owner seeking the perfect stud dog has a search page available on the site. On this page,

you can select the attributes you are seeking in a stud dog.

Now the premise here is that nobody will go looking for a dog with a bad topline and 10 missing teeth, so any selection criteria, other than color or semen availability, is going to be used to find dogs that excel in those attributes. Those are the dogs that were submitted with an "excellent" in that attribute.

Once the criteria are entered and the search button is clicked, the dogs that match the selection criteria are found in the database.

The results page provides the contact information for the breeder and owner, the identification information on the dog including DOB, DOD and semen availability, and the picture of the dog. That's it! The details of the assessment entered on that dog are not visible in the search results.

The goal is to provide visibility to a wider variety of dogs for the bitch owner that is looking for dogs with particular strengths.

With the basic details on the dog and the contact information for the owner and breeder of the dog, it is up to the bitch owner to make contact and start a dialog to see if this is truly Mr. Right.

There is also a resources page on the site where I have provided links to the AKC dog lookup page, a list of dog registries world wide with Web site and contact information, databases for researching

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pedigrees, health testing and other information that may be of assistance to the breeder in obtaining further information on any particular dog. The site does have a User Guide which can be accessed from any page.

Lastly, there is a contact button you can use to ask for assistance, provide suggestions for additional resources or feedback in general.

The best part about it is that it is free! There is no listing or subscription fee at this time. So enter your stud dogs at will!

I want to see this put to good use. The upload of dogs and search functionality will not be fee based at any time. I may use the site to promote advertising of related products at some point in the future, but the site itself will always remain free.

Please check out the site and review dogs for your next breeding or submit your dog today!



<http://www.daneaffaire.com/danequest.html>

Great Dane Club of Northern California

2013 Committee Appointments

Education:

Melissa Pevy, Chairperson
Kate Jackson (PEC)
Debbie McMurdie

Membership:

Pat Dousman, Chairperson
Jenny Kenton
Megan Hundley
Lorrie Spencer

Ways and Means:

Denise Matulich, Chairperson
Brittany Williams
Jenny Kenton
Lorrie Spencer

Website:

Kate Jackson, Chairperson
Irina Maderych
Mick Galvin

Discipline:

Sam Gillette, Chairperson
Jan Purdy
Pete Fredotovich

From GDCA Affiliate Club Representative Dale Tarbox:

"The GDCA is looking for a webmaster for the GDCA site. Glenn Matherly will continue to host the site on his server. We are looking for someone who has the time and a knowledge of Dreamweaver software. It is estimated that it will require about 4 hours a week, working with Nancy Lerch to post items in a timely fashion. If you know of anyone interested, contact Dave Miller or Nancy Lerch.

Final ballots are out for the 2014 judges....please vote as a club and as individuals. Your participation is VERY important.

We had a productive GDCA Board meeting in Orlando and then most of the Board was able to drive up to Ocala for a Charitable Trust fundraiser at the lovely home of Mario and Ann-Marie Gatto, hosted by them, Steve and Jody Hill and Dave and Jay Miller. It was a fun night with good food, good friends and plenty of raffle and auction items. Ray Streeter and Chip Rainwater were the auctioneers! This is my 2nd fundraiser of this kind and the time and effort that goes into them is not unnoticed. I hope they made lots of money for the Trust.

The Bulletin will be out soon..."

FOR SALE

2000 Fleetwood Flair 32v Ford Triton V10 Class A - Gas
\$28,500

Onan Marquise 5500 generator with 7373 hours – very quiet

34' w/two slide outs, two air conditioners, Hydraulic leveling jacks, sofa sleeper, dinette sleeper, queen bed in master, Large closet in master. Well kept, very clean, smooth ride. New 15' awning; New slide out topper; New Roof; New 32" Flat screen TV; New transmission, Transmission Brake and Wiring, (Future Ford Truck Center) Smogged 2/10/13

AND

1995 6x10 Wells Cargo Storage Trailer, 2 door. \$1800
Great condition, newly painted floor

Contact Melissa for more info
Melissa.pevy@sbcglobal.net

PENDING MEMBERSHIP

Dail Ann Koehler

Sponsored by Donnell Giambastiani & Everett Van Dyken
1st Publishing

Bruce Matulich

Sponsored by Everett Van Dyken and Pat Dousman
1st Publishing

Finance Report

Financial information will be disclosed to club members on request.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

We want to know what interests you! Is it a full day seminar by Dr. Carmen Battaglia, Pat Hastings or Dr. Jean Dodds? Are you interested in Mini-Clinics on Tracking or Dancing with Dogs? Interested in a Home Study program with a follow up seminar for participants? Do you have suggestions for an education event? Please take our poll and let us know what interests you and any suggestions you may have!

Survey located at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QXKG36T>

The Great Dane Club of Northern California is excited to offer a Rally Workshop led by Sue Hunt of the Hangtown Kennel Club!

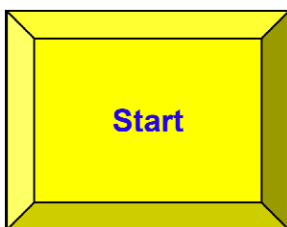
Rally Workshop

Date: Sunday, March 10, 2013

Time: 11:00 am

Place: 7201 Dragon Point Road
Shingle Springs, CA 95682

Price: \$5 for GDCNC Members
\$10 for non-members



Bring a crate or ex-pen, dog treats and/or toys, a water bowl (outdoor faucets available), a chair, and lunch & drinks for yourself. Bring shade, too, if it looks like it's going to be a hot one!

Call Debbie McMurdie at 530.305.4268 with any questions.



Pre-Registration Required



Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Indicate your level of experience so we can set up appropriate courses:

Mail completed form and check payable to GDCNC to:

Debbie McMurdie, 7201 Dragon Point Road, Shingle Springs, CA 95682





WINNERS CIRCLE

Paradise Danes

Patrick (Ch. B & K Sean's Grand Slam V Paradise) went to Portland to start his show career after finishing at a young age of 9 ½ months. He is now just 2 and took Select at one of the Specialties. The next day he took BOB over 15 Specials. He then got pulled in Group. He took Select again the next day. What a great weekend. His repeat breeding sister, **Party (B & K I'm Here for the Party in Paradise)** at 9 months took Best In Sweeps and Best Puppy at the Specialty and was pulled for the points. She continued to take first in a class of 6 every day except for 2 shows. Her brother, **Dane (B & K Just Another Dane In Paradise)** took 1st half of the time.

Danu Danes

UKC BPIS Danu's Atomic Hero "Ozzy" takes Best of Breed Puppy and UKC Best Puppy In Show !

Danu's Atom Eve "Eve" also picks up a UKC Best of Breed Puppy.

AKC/BIS MBPIS UKC/Int'l CH Four Ds RainMaster Explosion at Danu "Trinity" and **Ryn Pevy** return to the ring four months post whelp and take Back-to-Back UKC Best of Breed, a Group 1 placement and a Group 4 placement. Welcome back Team **TaRYNity**.

Danu's Cygnus Nova Explosion of Rome and Roses "Cooper" picks up Back-to-Back Winners Dog/Best Opposite Sex in Fresno handled by Gary

RainMaster Danu Rogue Explosion "Rogue" takes Winners Bitch and Best Opposite over Specials for another 2 points.

Tered-DBM Great Danes

Tered-DBM Great Danes is very proud of our boy "**Rio**" **GCH Sasdania-Vitag's Deal No Deal Alto Gavea AOM CGC** who went Best of Breed on Friday at the Rose City Classic Show up in Portland. He also was Select Dog at the Specialty Show earlier that week. Other notables from the same cluster was a BOS in Sweeps for **Wilbur** and a 5pt major reserve for **Major**.

We are pleased to announce Proud to announce that **Rio's** win in Portland placed him tied for #12 in the Top 25 and #13 in All-breed!!!



WINNERS CIRCLE continued...

Great Danes of Lore

New Champion! **CH Longo's Miller That's Amore' of Lore** finished on January 18, 2013! He is bred and owned by: Tootie Longo, David and Jay Miller and Lorraine Matherly.

Olympus Great Danes

"Midas" (Am/Int'l CH. Olympus' The Midas Touch) kids in England continue their winning streaks! Some of the highlights include:

"Logan" (Danelyne Look My Way) from the **Midas x Taylor** litter in Australia, won Challenge Bitch and BOB plus Best Puppy in Group! At a previous show, she won Best Exhibit in Group and **Best Puppy In Show!** **Logan** is bred and owned by Vic & Zena Place.

"Isis" (Danelyne She's Got The Look For Tantallon), owned by Inez Cooke in England, has still been winning big. Her latest victory was winning the Junior Stakes.

Isis will be shown at Crufts next month! There are over 130 danes entered. Gooooo baby **Isis!** We'll be rooting for you!

Midas has a new litter of puppies born in Rome, Italy, bred by Emiliano Gentili. 2 fawn males and 1 fawn female. We are looking forward to watching them grow!

Braggs from the Valinor family:

We went down to visit friends on January 5th and then attended the Palm Springs Kennel Club show on Sunday. **Valinor's Dance Little Sister (Ch. Valinor's Southern Rock CND X Valinor's Pink Martini)** went Best Bred by Exhibitor under Nikki Rigsbee. **"Sara"** took a reserve under Bert Rettick at the Sun Maid Kennel show on February 2. She was bred by Jan Purdy and Everett Van Dyken and is owned by Everett and Paul Picciau.

At her third show our **"Joey"** went Best of Bred out of the 6-9 month class at the Sun Maid Kennel Club under Polly Smith. She is officially known as **Valinor's J Bonnamassa (BISS Ch. Cheshire's Tailor Made V Longo X Ch. Valinor's Rebel Yell)** and was bred by Everett and Paul Picciau. Joey is owned by Everett and Lorrie Spencer.

GDCNC Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2013

Members in Attendance: Denise Williams, Laura Craig, Renee Broden, Jan Purdy, Shannon Rich, Linda Lauermann, Tamara Holt, Jerry Loeffler, Sue Dubie-Holbrook, Terri Burley-Hammond, Bill Labiak, Mabel Labiak, Conley Netser, Kathryn Netser, Lorrie Spencer, Donnell Giambastiani, Janet DeYoung, Gary Romerosa, Debi Romerosa, Michelle Gillette, Sam Gillette, Kate Jackson, Mick Galvin, Melissa Pevy, Taryn Pevy, Kevin Forrest, Debbie McMurdie, Brittany Williams, Pete Fredotovich, Megan Hundley, Everett Van Dyken

Meeting was called to order at 11:09am by President Denise Williams; a quorum was established.

Introduction of Guests: Blythe Fredotovich, Dail Koehler

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Pete Fredotovich with the correction to add Ceil Wardner (chair) and Sue Holbrook as part of the nomination committee and to re-label "Judges Committee" to "Nominating Committee", seconded by Donnell Giambastiani. Megan Hundley abstained. Passed.

Additional Agenda Items: 2014 Specialty judges (Everett VanDyken)

President's Report: Denise Williams

- *Brunch 2012* - Denise wanted to say how much fun the brunch was and that we have photos on the website of the event. She also wanted to thank Ann English for the beautiful Dane wreath and Christmas trees she made. She also wanted to thank Barbara Kreszyn for her amazing job on the Dane heads that were used as centerpieces, they came out so nice. She also thanked Brittany Williams for her design work and Mr. John Hopper for the wood crafting.
- *AKC Public Education Certificate of Appreciation* - An award was presented to Megan Hundley at the GDCNC Awards & Holiday Brunch for all her hard work for the club and the specialty. Award presented by Denise.
- *Nose Work Workshop* - Irina Maderych set up a workshop, limited space available.
- *Outgoing Message* - Denise expressed her appreciation to all the members and that she enjoyed her term as President. She thanked everyone for all the support and help along the way.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Everett Van Dyken

Incoming Mail

- AKC asking for updated officer list, Received letter from Lynda Moriarty for a officer update for the GDCA.

Outgoing Mail

- Sent in 2014 judge selection for GDCA Nationals

Treasurer's Report: Bill Labiak

Account balances are available to members upon request.

Education: Jenny Kenton (absent)

Megan Hundley reported that after our meeting she was going to conduct a training and demo on how to obtain a CGC. AKC now recognizes this as a title and pointed out that it would qualify towards the Versatility Award from the GDCA. Megan and Laura went over what each exercise is and what would pass or not pass. A practice course will be set up at our next meeting in hopes to prepare those testing at our specialty in April.

Membership: Pat Dousman (absent)

Denise reported that one application was received by Dail Koehler who was present at this meeting.

Ways and Means: Ceil Wardner (absent)

Denise reported that she had tickets available for the raffle. If you interested in selling, get them from her.

Website: Kate Jackson

Website is looking good, Irina doing a great job keeping it updated. Photos still welcome, please send to Kate or Irina if you want them posted.

Disciplinary Committee: Melissa Pevy. No report.

Show Committee: Megan Hundley

- *Member Only Raffle* - Names of all members were put in a bag, 2 names were drawn for free ads in the 2013 Specialty catalog. The winners are Jayne Peterson (back inside cover) and Pablo (front inside cover). Another name was drawn for a member present winner and it was Tamera Holt. Kate offered to put ads together for those who want to advertise. A full page ad is \$25.00, so get with Kate if interested. If you have an ad ready please send it to her as well.
- *Raffle* - If you have something for the raffle please let Laura Craig or Denise Matulich know.
- *Challenge Trophies* - Denise proposed the introduction of Breeder Challenge Trophies. A motion was made by Bill Labiak to introduce 2 new challenge trophies for breeders at the 2013 specialty. They are Best of Breed and Best of Winners. Additional breeder trophies may be offered in the future. For permanent possession, the trophy must be won three times by the same breeder(s), not necessarily with the same dog nor at consecutive shows. Seconded by Everett VanDyken. Passed.

Judges Committee: Everett VanDyken

- Everett needs judges selections for 2014, please email him if you have someone you would like to include. Email by the end of January.
- GDCA ballots for 2014 judges will be coming out soon the GDCA members, please make sure to fill out and return

Unfinished Business:

- *Trailer Tires* - Everett reported that the tires look good on the trailer and at this time do not need to be replaced.

New Business: None

Election: Brittany Williams reported, prior to the election, Melissa Pevy withdrew her nomination as VP due to unforeseen circumstances. Ballots were presented to general membership. The following slate was voted in:

President - Everett VanDyken
Vice President - Denise Matulich
Treasurer - Mabel Labiak
Corresponding Secretary - Denise Williams
Recording Secretary - Laura Craig
GDCA Delegate - Jane Chopson
Board - Pat Dousman, Sam Gillette, Debbie McMurdie

Meeting Schedule:

- February 9, 2013: 11am at Royce Farms
- March 30, 2013: 11am Royce Farms; CGC run through available after the meeting

Meeting adjourned at 12:16pm, motioned by Pete Fredotovich; seconded by Denise Williams. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Craig, Recording Secretary



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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.

Everett VanDyken President (2015)	valinor@caltel.com
Denise Matulich Vice President (2015)	dkmatulich@sbcglobal.net
Denise Williams Corresponding Secretary (2015)	OlympusDanes@OlympusDanes.com
Mabel Labiak Treasurer (2015)	bmlabiak@clearwire.net
Laura Craig Recording Secretary (2015)	jcvclaura@sbcglobal.net
Jane Chopson GDCA Delegate (2015)	janechopson@cs.com
Pat Dousman (2015)	skyranchdanes@gmail.com
Debbie McMurdie (2015)	debbiemcm@hughes.net
Jenny Kenton (2014)	jenny@adelaidegreatdanes.com
Sam Gillette (2015)	gillettes@mac.com
Kevin Forrest (2014)	forrestglenn@hotmail.com
Lorrie Spencer (2014)	blkdane43@aol.com

Mark Your Calendar!

March 10, 2013 11:00 a.m.
Shingle Springs
Rally Workshop with
Sue Hunt

March 30, 2013 11:00 a.m.
Royce Farms
Annual meeting & CGC run
through

April 27-28, 2013
Back-to-Back Specialty
Shows
Sycamore Lane Kennels,