

The GDCNC Barker

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Editor's Note



Like many people I know, I have become an avid user of social media. It provides an easy and convenient avenue to stay in touch with family, friends and people with common interests (read: Great Danes). I even belong to several groups dedicated to the Great Dane in one shape or form. Mind you not all groups are created equal, but they all have their relative value. Some are truly informative with lots of up-to-date information to peruse, that it can and truly hold my attention for long stretches. Some can even commandeer your precious downtime with content that's fit for daytime soap operas; a Danes of Our Lives of sorts. Whether you love it, hate it, or apathetic towards social media, it's here to stay.

The biggest benefit I derive from it, is it allows me to "meet" and network with like-minded individuals, some of whom I truly consider friends, although I have yet to meet them face to face. I hope to remedy that situation in a couple of weeks, as I will have the opportunity to meet some in person for the first time at our National. Until then, please feel free to friend me or share something on my timeline!

Gary

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PENDING MEMBERSHIPS

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MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

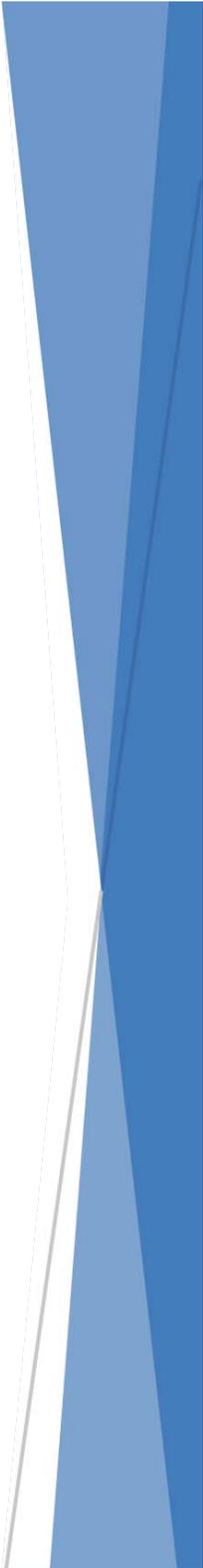
Annual membership dues are due to the GDCNC treasurer, Mabel Labiak, by November 1, 2014. Couples dues are \$50 and singles are \$30. Please make checks payable to GDCNC. Each member/couple should have received a reminder in the mail. This year we are trying to verify members' contact information, so please complete the form enclosed with the reminder letter and return it with your dues payment. If you didn't receive your letter, please contact Mabel at treasurer@greatdaneclub.org or 209.887.2483.



IN THE NEWS!!!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO BE THE NEXT EDITOR OF THE BARKER. IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OUR CLUB, PLEASE CONTACT ME, SO I CAN GIVE YOU ALL THE DETAILS I KNOW YOU ARE DYING TO KNOW ABOUT ON BECOMING THE NEXT EDITOR!

~ GARY~



IN MEMORIAM



PAUL PICCIAU

June 20, 1952 – September 10, 2014

Last month we lost a long-time club member due to injuries sustained in a head-on collision on September 8, 2014. Paul was an integral part of the "Valinor family". He co-owned and co-bred over 25 champions and was an active member of the Great Dane Club of Northern California. Paul fulfilled roles as trophy chairman, decorations chairman and Corresponding Secretary over the past twenty years. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and fellow club members who remember his smile and willingness to help others.



GDCNC Meeting Minutes, September 6, 2014

Board members in attendance: Everett Van Dyken, Lorrie Spencer, Mabel Labiak, Debbie McMurdie, Pat Dousman, Kevin Forrest

Board members excused: Lorraine Matherly, Sam Gillette, Denise Williams, Laura Craig, Debi Romerosa, and Denise Matulich

Members in attendance: Megan Hundley, Kate Jackson, Janet Purdy, Bill Labiak, Dail Koehler, Sue Holbrook, Nancy Bruno, Mick Galvin,

Guest: Dorothy Forrest

Meeting called to order at 11:20 A.M. at Royce Farms.

Corresponding Secretary, Denise Williams, was absent. No report.

Treasurer, Mabel Labiak, went over budget reports for June and July. One exhibitor's check was returned and we incurred a NSF bank charge. Everett is working with the exhibitor to get reimbursement owed to the club. In the future, this exhibitor will be asked for cash or money order when entering dogs in the upcoming specialties.

Dues letter will be sent out this month. Dues are payable by November 1, 2014.

Education. PEC chair person, Kate Jackson, has been forwarding AKC legislative news bulletins. She noted that the Federation of Dog Clubs (not sure of title but we are a member) is more politically active in our state. Governor Brown just signed a bill allowing dogs to be in outdoor eating establishments that allow it.

Membership chair person, Pat Dousman, noted that Dorothy Forrest needs to be published one more time and then can be voted into membership.

Ways and Means. Pat Dousman, on behalf of Denise Matulich, mentioned that all jacket orders need to be into Denise by September 15.

Web site chair person, Kate Jackson, noted that the web site was up to date but she and Irina would welcome any suggestions.

Show report:

- Megan Hundley will be serving her last term as show chair person in 2015. She was commended for the excellent job she has done over the past years. We are looking to fill that position for the 2016 specialties. If someone would be willing to consider it, Megan would be willing to act as their mentor over the course of the next two years.
- Sweeps judges will be selected for the 2015 shows by the judges committee already set up and voted in by the board.
- Motion made by Everett and seconded by Bill to set up a committee to meet with MBGDC to discuss combining specialties if the Monterey Club is willing. Committee members will consist of Megan, Bill and Everett. Everett will contact Kim Cross, President of MBGDC, to determine if and when a meeting can be held.
- Discussion on performance events led by Bill Labiak. Topics included difficulties in transitioning from performance events to conformation events and scheduling conflicts. The committee is considering the possibility of different day from conformation events and then to include all breeds. The club may want to consider training for club members interested in furthering their knowledge of performance events including, rally, obedience and CGC.
- Changes in performance events may happen for the 2016 specialties depending on

further work by the performance committee.

- Motion made to include a "Versatile Dane" award made by Bill and seconded by Everett. Motion passed. Committee set up to delineate what the award would be comprised of including, but not limited to, more than one performance area (rally, obedience, GDC) and a conformation title (AKC and/or International?). Committee members are Debbie McMurdie, Bill Labiak and Kevin Forrest.
- Megan made a motion to accept the new fee structure as proposed by the show committee. This was seconded by Bill. Motion passed. Fees would be \$30 for regular classes; \$20 for sweeps, veterans and additional classes; \$23 for puppy classes and BBEX; \$15 for parades and non-regular classes; junior handlers would be \$10.
- Megan made a motion to follow the show committee's recommendation and do away with welcome bags and the silent auction. This was seconded by Kate. Motion passed. Contributions to the GDCA Charitable Trust will now come out of raffle proceeds on a percentage basis still to be determined.
- Megan made the motion to charge for catalogs at a cost of \$7-12. Pre-ordered catalogs would cost less but the final price will need to be made with the input from our show secretary. Catalogs sold at the show will most likely cost \$10 for the two-day event. Motion was seconded by Kate and passed.
- Much discussion happened on the topic of turning over on-site show secretarial duties to a knowledgeable person who does not necessarily have to be a club member. The "show secretary" cannot show in the ring but could have a dog entered. They would have the opportunity to "call a friend" and contact our off-site show secretary should a major issue arise. This would save the club \$500. Some members felt that this would be setting up someone to receive a lot of grief should a major incident occur. The motion was made by Megan and seconded by Bill. Six members voted to approve; four nays and 3 abstentions. Motion passed.
- Discussion followed regarding meals. The motion was made by Megan and seconded by Mabel to approve the show committee's recommendations. The Friday Welcome potluck with the club contributing up to \$200. We would keep and expand the Saturday and Sunday hospitality. The Saturday and Sunday lunches would be contracted to a community service organization like Elk's Club, Rotary Club, Special Olympics, etc. Exhibitors would pay for lunches and the club would be doing community outreach. Everett and Dorothy will contact organizations. Motion passed.
- Everett has been filling in for Ceil Wardner in her capacity as supported entries chair person. He asked for a volunteer to purchase prizes and be the new contact person with our two supported entry shows: Golden Valley and Richmond Dog Fanciers. Kate Jackson volunteered to take over.
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- Vince Mulligan has generously offered to take us through a power point presentation of the Great Dane standard and is willing to share pictures of Great Danes he judged in Australia. We will contact him to see if he is available to do this at our second meeting in 2015.
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- It was assumed (incorrectly) that Denise Matulich would be in attendance as it was her birthday, Kate brought a delicious treat which we all shared in Denise's absence.
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- Lorrie Spencer moved to adjourn the meeting with Kevin seconding the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted for Laura Craig in her absence by Everett Van Dyken.



Delta Breeze Great Danes

Proud to announce the birth of ~Wilson~2 lb. Fawn Boy out of CH Delta Breeze Life of Riley & CH B&K Rookie of the Year!~Posey. Loved by Rachel Bloomgren &family and all the Grandmas!

Tered-DBM Great Danes

We are proud to announce our newest addition to the Tered-DBM family. Payaso Karpe Diem V Tered-DBM Alto Gavea "Phineas" comes to us from Brazil. Phineas is out of BRCH Jackie O Do Alto Gavea and BRCH Inca Do Alto Gavea. He was bred by Cindy Harwin, Walter Salles Jr and Fernando Cherpe. He is owned by Denise Matulich, Terri Burley-Hammond, Cindy Harwin and Walter Salles Jr.

WINNERS CIRCLE



Valinor Great Danes

At the Two Cities Kennel Club show, "Redding", Valinor's I've Got Dreams to Remember (Ch. Longo's Miller That's Amore of Lore X Valinor's Summertime Dream) was Judge Cindy Meyer's choice for Best of Winners picking up two more points. Redding was bred by Janet Purdy and Everett Van Dyken and is owned by the breeders and Paul Picciau. Redding is beautifully handled by Tiffany Baggaley.

On September 27 and 28, at the Bonanza Kennel Club shows in Carson City, "Nicco", Valinor's Dreams Come True (Ch. Longo's Miller That's Amore of Lore X Valinor's Summertime Dream) went back-to-back Best of Winners garnering five points and his first major. Nicco was bred by and owned by Janet and Robert Purdy and Everett Van Dyken. He was handled to his wins by the talented Denise Williams. At the Donner Trail Kennel Club shows, Nicco picked up two more Best of Winners awards adding three more points to his total under judges Mrs. Voran and Mr. Olvis.

Tered-DBM Great Danes

Coolspring's Fly Me To the Moon "Franki", made us proud at the Reno Kennel Club Show in August and came away with Winner's bitch and then again went WB at the Bonanza Kennel Club show in September.

Olympus Great Danes

Midas' (Am/Int'l CH. Olympus' The Midas Touch) daughter, "Ida" (Maxidan's Trace Of Gold), continues her winning streak in Denmark garnering BIM/BOS CAC, CACIB wins. She is bred/owned by Winnie Mertz.

New AKC CHAMPION daughter for "Herky" (Int'l CH. Olympus' Heroic Victory)!! "Hope" (BPIS/BPISS/AM/Can CH CaMe Sunshine Odyssey) took WB/BOW/BOS for her final two points under respected breeder-judge Stephen Hubbell!! We had the privilege of driving out to the show in Missouri and watching Hope show and finish. It was so exciting! She finished with three majors with very limited showing. Hope is owned/bred/handled by Isabelle Messier. Our sweet Herky is loved and spoiled by Paul and Agneta Keesler, and bred/co-owned by Denise Williams.

Another celebration occurred last month when Herky turned 8 years old! His mom gave him a special cupcake, complete with a birthday candle. Nothing's too good for Herky! Thank you Paul and Agneta for all the love and care you give to our beautiful boy each day.

Delta Breeze Great Danes

Delta Breeze Timeless Memories! ~ Harrison was WD BOW for a major under respected judge Ms. Joanne Paulk. Harrison now has 12 points including a major. He is out of CH Delta Breeze Life of Riley and Int. CH Allegro Delta Breeze Poetry In Motion RN CGC~ Barrett. We also got to see and show Delta Breeze Somewhere In Time! ~Laurel from AZ. She was Best Bred By on Sunday.

Pup Culture (From AKC News), submitted by Kate Jackson

By Bud Boccone

Victoria Victorious: Women and the Sport of Dogs

During her 63-year reign, Queen Victoria was closely associated with at least 15 breeds. She helped define the look of some and popularized several others. Victoria also single-handedly made it acceptable for women to exhibit dogs. In so doing, she opened the door for women to compete with men on their own terms.

In 1861 Victoria's husband and fellow dog fanatic, Prince Albert, died at age 42. The queen never stopped mourning Albert's sudden death and wore widow's weeds for her remaining 40 years. She filled an emotional void with a passion for all things doggy. The imperious queen surrounded by a swirl of canine companions became a familiar sight to her subjects.



Victoria's puppy love had far-reaching implications. In an age when competitive sport for women was frowned upon, it was acceptable in Britain and America for women to compete at dog shows—mostly because Victoria said so. If the queen herself enjoyed breeding and showing dogs, who would dare call it an improper pursuit for a lady?

In the show ring, men and women have always met on a level playing field—no handicaps, no courtesies. This undoubtedly attracted many competitive women with few other outlets. Others used it as a way of finding themselves. “When I was 13, I was as tall as I am now—six-foot-two—and that’s very tough on a girl,” Anne Rogers Clark wrote. “Dogs were a passageway for me.”

World War II was perhaps the female fancy's finest hour. Some women contributed to the war effort directly, like Short Seeley, who bred sled dogs for the K-9 corps. Others held together the home, family, and kennel while their men were at war.

Many stories typify the female spirit of the war years. One concerns Hollywood star and Great Dane fancier Lina Basquette, who in the 1930s was introduced to her biggest fan, Adolph Hitler. When he got too handsy with Basquette, the legend goes, she hauled off and kicked *der Führer* right in the *goebbels*. Surely apocryphal, but Americans wanted to believe that a petit but plucky woman could deliver this mighty blow for freedom, and so it became part of dogdom's folklore.

How frustrating it must have been for such spirited women to be denied a voice in the governing body. By 1952, more than 40 percent of AKC judges were women. Yet, in that year the all-male Delegates voted down a proposal to seat female Delegates. The motion would not carry until 1974. And when the walls of the boys' club finally came crashing down, it wasn't due to boycotts and protests. It happened simply because women had so firmly established themselves as the sport's backbone that to further deny them would be ludicrous.

To this day, dog sports remain a popular outlet for female self-expression. And it's still one of the rare sporting venues where women compete dead even against men. No doubt, that's the way Victoria would have wanted it.



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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!

November 15, 2014
Board Meeting
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