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Not even a torrential downpour that greeted us during setup and throughout Friday evening and Sunday morning could dampen the spirits of members and exhibitors who attended our 123rd and 124th Specialties. To start the weekend of festivities, the fun match was held indoors with a pretty sizeable entry judged by our own Joan Mulligan. Though it was raining cats and dogs outdoors, indoors was ruled by exuberant puppies. This was followed by a wonderful welcome party with lots of food and friendly banter among fellow Dane lovers, some of whom we only get to see once a year.

Once again raffle prizes were fantastic and our silent auction raised a sizeable amount of money donated to the Great Dane Club of America's Charitable Trust. As usual, the venue was a hit with exhibitors and judges. My heartfelt congratulations goes out to all the winners and their proud owners. Plenty of kudos again to our show chair and assistant show chair, the various show committees and all club members who made this year's Specialty a resounding success. I am looking forward already to next year!

Gary

Show Chair Update

It's a Wrap!!!

Our 2014 Specialty Shows are behind us – and we'd never have made it without your help! This year's shows were dedicated to the memory of Jane Chopson. We hope we did her memory proud through the sportsmanship and fellowship of the weekend.

In the paragraphs that follow, we mention a few highlights of the weekend and extend some thank yous. If we fail to mention your name, please forgive us. It's just not possible to list everybody who helped during the weekend.

We'll start with an extra big shout out to **Kathryn Netser**! Our grounds chairperson, **Conley Netser**, had an emergency appendectomy a few days before the shows. Since he couldn't be there on Friday to manage ring setup, Kathryn was all over it! (We were thrilled to see Conley back on his feet Sunday, with both he and Kathryn working until everything was put away and the trailer locked up 'til next year.)

Everybody looks forward to the Friday afternoon events that kick off the show weekend! **Kevin Forrest** set up for the obedience/rally match and **Laura Munro** orchestrated the puppy match (which included a last-minute move to the building due to rain). Our first-ever welcome party was a big success thanks to decorators/organizers/contributors **Terri Burley-Hammond**, **Denise Matulich**, **Sharon McCrary**, grill master **Bruce Matulich** (with a supporting role by **Mick Galvin**), and everybody who brought yummy salads and other goodies to share and otherwise helped with organization and cleanup. A good time was had by all!

Exhibitors were greeted with a welcome bag of goodies, thanks to **Laura Craig**. Thank you **Timmi Williams** for getting up extra early to make sure there was hot coffee, juice and lots of other goodies before the shows. **Mick Galvin** kept the sound system in check and pinch-hit by finding the National Anthem to play before each day's show. Thanks also to **Sue Dubie-Holbrook** and **Jenny Kenton**, our performance chair people. They organized the event across the parking lot and ensured the exhibitors had a good time.

A big thank you to our conformation ring stewards **Bill Labiak** and **Sue Dubie-Holbrook** for getting exhibitors to the ring and ensuring the actual show ran smoothly. We'd be remiss if we didn't give a special thanks to our judge's liaison **Mabel Labiak** who was ringside all weekend long doing whatever needed doing while keeping our judges and stewards fed, hydrated and comfortable.

Thank you **Dail Koehler** for organizing the parade and collecting and sharing a bit about the honorees – great to learn something about the dogs in the ring! And the personalized rosettes **Denise Matulich** chose for parade entrants were beautiful and worthy of their accomplishments.

Debi Romerosa worked overtime in soliciting a beautiful array of items and managing the silent auction tables – \$1782 was raised for the GDCA Charitable Trust! Huge thanks to **Lorrie Spencer** and **Everett Van Dyken** for selecting and soliciting a whole bunch of awesome raffle prizes, selling tickets,

and organizing and manning the tables all weekend long. The prize raffle is a big money-maker for the club, and it's tough to recruit volunteers to oversee it – well done, Team! **Denise Williams** did an awesome job making sure the 50-50 raffle was successful and profitable: over \$600 of 50-50 tickets were sold!

Challenge trophies were presented beautifully (thanks to **Denise Williams** and **Brittany Williams**). **Sam Gillette** and **Everett Van Dyken** worked hard soliciting donations for and selecting the really nice trophies awarded to the winners. THANK YOU!!!

Extra-special appreciation to these guys who were everywhere, doing whatever grunt work needed doing: **Kevin Forrest** and **Gary Romerosa**. Big thanks, too, to **Lou Gundell** who had to work at his real job most of the weekend but made a special trip from Carson City to help with teardown Sunday afternoon. Other setup/teardown helpers deserving special thanks include **Mick Galvin**, **Bob Purdy**, and **Michael Wilcoxen**. Last but not least, a big thank you to **Everett Van Dyken** for storing the club's trailer all year long and getting it to and from the show site.

Please join us at Royce Farms on June 21st at 11am when we meet to officially review the shows. As the show chairs, we'd really like to hear what you liked, didn't like, and your suggestions to make the shows even better next year. We hope to see you there!

Thanks again!!!

Megan and Kate

2014 Specialty Show Results

Saturday, April 26, 2014 Judge: Ms. Karen Martin

BISS: GCH DAVISHIRE V ROCKNSPOT'S LONE WOLF

WD/BP: PAQUESTONE'S FLASHY FABIO RWD: EBJ'S DARK DEFENDER'S WILD RIDE WB/BOW: BIGNUTT'S CAN'T TIE ME DOWN

RWB: VALINOR'S DANCE LITTLE SISTER

BOS: CH DESTINY'S ONE HOT REFLECTION

SD: GCH SUNSTRIKE SPELL BINDER AT KARMEL, CGC

SB: CH B AND K ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

AOM: GCH BAYSIDE JUST ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE

CH DOUBLE D'S PARTY LIKE A ROCKSTAR

BBE: DELTA BREEZE TIMELESS MEMORIES!

BV: GCH BAYSIDE JUST ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE

Sunday, April 27, 2014 Judge: Ms. P. Jane Gray

BISS: CH B AND K I'M HERE FOR THE PARTY IN PARADISE

WD: B AND K'S DOUBLE EAGLE V LO NEVADA

RWD/BP: JOURNEY'S N DBL-D'S HOT UNDER THE COLLAR V HAUER

WB/BOW: BIGNUTT'S CAN'T TIE ME DOWN

RWB: VALBYDANE DAYNAKIN MY DESIGN FOREVER

BOS: CH PAQUESTONE'S WE NV THE DASHER

SD: GCH SUNSTRIKE SPEELBINDER AT KARMEL, CGC

SB: CH DESTINY'S ONE HOT REFLECTION AOM: GCH DESTNY'S SOME LIKE IT HOT

GCH BAYSIDE JUST ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE

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WINNERS CIRCLE



DELTA BREEZE

I am extremely proud to announce that Best Brood Bitch at the GDCNC Specialty was awarded to Int.CH Allegro Delta Breeze Poetry In Motion, RN,CGC with her get, Lia ~Delta Breeze My Time To Shine, Vinnie~ Delta Breeze It's About Time! And Harrison~ Delta Breeze Timeless Memories! Harrison was also BBE under respected judges, Karen Martin and Mrs. Jane Gray. So proud of these puppies and their owners. I am truly blessed.

Baby boy Harrison at ten months old took back-to-back WD on May 25 and 26, 2014 at Hangtown KC and Kennel Club of the California Sierra in Placerville, CA under respected judges Dr. Judith E. Newton and Walter Pinsker.

Harrison continued his hot streak by taking WD under respected judges Dana Cline at Shasta KC, Christina Hubble at Butte County KC, Bart Miller at Lake County KC, and WD/BOW under respected judge Karen McFarlane at Lake County KC! Harrison is out of Ch Delta Breeze Life of Riley CGC and Int Ch Allegro Delta Breeze Poetry In Motion RN CGC ~Barrett. We are so proud of our baby boy! He is now singled out and looking for majors!

G And D Danes

At her first show, (Coyote Hills KC) our girl Stevie - G And D's DntstoptknbouttomoroVDeYoung took WB/BOW! She is out of Ziggy, CH Deyoungs Siegfried V Bubba Rondo and Girlie, G And D's Harlwood Centerfold. Now I really better start training.

Valinor Great Danes

Ch. Valinor's J Bonamassa has continued her winning ways! On May 11 she took BOS under Dr. Pritchard at the Santa Cruz KC show. She garnered a Breed win under James Noe and went on to secure a Group 2 under Walter Pinsker at the Hangtown KC on May 24. The following day it was another BOS placement under Dr. Newton. On the next day at the Kennel Club of the California Sierra, she went Best of Breed again under Walter Pinsker and went on to a Group 3 under Garry Newton. At the Shasta Kennel Club shows, she took BOS under Christine Hubbell and John Wade. She stayed on the BOS track at the Vallejo shows this weekend with nods from Karen McFarlane, Mary Ann Brocious and Robert Stein. She is now a Grand Champion! Joey is loved and owned by Everett and Lorrie and is always superbly handled by Tiffany Baggaley.

At the Contra Costa County KC show today, Valinor's I've Got Dreams To Remember won her first points under Robert Stein taking BOW. Redding won out of the 9-12 class just days before moving up to the next age group. Redding is co-owned by Everett, Paul Picciau and Jan Purdy and is out of the Tino (Lorraine Matherly) and Ciara (Jan & Bob Purdy) breeding.

Olympus Great Danes

Midas (Am/Int'l CH. Olympus' The Midas Touch) offspring achieved the following:

"Beri" (Rydane Beri Bootiliscious at Nerakdane) continues her winning streak in Ireland, taking two more Green Star Bitch wins out of the puppy classes. She is owned by Karen Fitzgerald, co-bred by Clare Ryan and Karen Fitzgerald.

"Tiril" (Maxidan's This Girl Is On Fire) won Best Female from the puppy class in Norway. She was bred by Winnie Mertz, owned and handled by Elisabeth Olsen.

We are so proud of these babies and their owners! Well done!

Specialty Candids































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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!

June 21, 2014 at 1100 General Meeting Royce Farms 10880 N. Hwy 99 Stockton, CA 95236