

April 2003



GDCNC Barker

The Newsletter of Great Dane Club of Northern California

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Specialty Weekend Events

April 25th-27th
Sycamore Lane Kennels
Lodi, California

Friday:

The GDCNC is providing a chicken barbeque for those helping to set up – and we welcome exhibitors to join us for food and conversation. Bring a dish to share and your appetite! Plans are to start serving around 4:30pm. Please contact Paul Picciau at valinor@gotnet.net or (209) 786-1530 to tell him what you'll be bringing.

Saturday:

- "Cardio Clinic" provided by Dr. Lori Siemans (board-certified cardiologist). Forms for OFA submission will be available. Cost of clinic is \$125 per dog (limited to 15). Contact Kate at kate@qantel.com to sign up for this great opportunity to get your dog's heart certified!
- Wear (or display) your dog's smile with pride! We'll take a fun picture of your dog for only \$10 – and make it into a t-shirt transfer or refrigerator magnet or a window decal. Proceeds will benefit GDCNC.
- Meal packages are still available – the \$45 package includes lunch on Saturday and Sunday (with your choice of sandwich and trimmings) and a Texas-style BBQ feast on Saturday evening. "Dinner-only" tickets are available for \$30. The dinner and program promises to be another memorable event. Please contact Ann English at ann@lyonwyck.com or call (510) 889-1373 to reserve now!
- Canine Good Citizen (CGC) testing provide by members of the Golden Valley Kennel Club. Cost is \$10. Bring a six-foot leash, proof of rabies vaccination and brush (optional). Testing will be done both days of the Specialty.

Sunday:

In addition to sweeps, regular classes, non-regular classes and junior showmanship, the GDCNC fund-raising raffle will be held during lunch. Tickets will be available all day Saturday and up until the drawing on Sunday. Please contact Lorraine Matherly (lorraine@loredane.com) if you have something you'd like to donate to the raffle.



From the President...

Well, here it is less than two weeks from our annual back-to-back specialties. Things are falling into place and it looks as if we have another great event in the making: looks like we'll have 5-point shows both days! A big "thank you" to Ann English, Paul Picciau, Lorraine Matherly, Pete Sorenson and Kate Jackson for all their hard work. These are only a few of the people making all of this work but they have done an admirable job in shouldering a substantial portion of the work

We have a great meal package available so please get your reservations (and money) into Ann English before the deadline. Thanks to the efforts of Terri Burley-Hammond, we will be offering a cardio clinic at our specialties on Saturday. Please contact Kate Jackson for details and sign-up. If you still haven't signed up with Lucretia to support a class trophy, there still is time to contact her and help out with your donation.

For those of you setting up on Friday, we will be having a potluck get-together after the equipment and rings are in place.

Saturday we will have our obedience event with Ms. Lois Seibak judging. Ms. Helen Briscoe will judge conformation, including veterans. We will also have the Canine Good Citizen testing being done by the Golden Valley Kennel Club. Dr. Lori Siemans will do echocardiograms for those dogs signed up for this testing. That evening, we will have our annual dinner, auction and program.

Sunday, we start off the day's events with Mr. Ron Acena judging sweepstakes followed by the Parades of Champions, Veterans and Titleholders. Ms. Cathy De La Garza will be doing conformation, non-regular classes and junior showmanship. Canine Good Citizen testing will also be offered once again. The day will end with all our volunteers helping to pack things up. Thanks in advance to all of you who have offered your support in this endeavor.

Our next club meeting will be held May 17th in Castro Valley. The business portion of the meeting will be kept to a minimum, with the larger portion of the time being devoted to a discussion forum lead by our own Michele Andreetta. It promises to be worthwhile and I hope you will take the time to attend this educational meeting.

Finally on a different note, I wanted to offer Ann English our club's condolences on the passing of her father last month.

My best to you all,
Everett

Financial Report

February Checking Balance

Beginning: \$2,101.89
Ending: \$2,296.88

March Checking Balance

Beginning: \$2,296.88
Ending: \$3,488.90



ATAGLANCE

Friday

- 3pm: Show Site Set-Up
4:30pm: BBQ (chicken provided; bring a dish to share)

Saturday

- 8am: Obedience
8:30am: Conformation (regular classes followed by veterans and BOB)
On-going: CGC Testing, Health Clinic
6pm: Dinner, Auction and Program

Sunday

- 8am: Sweepstakes
8:45am: Parades (Champions, Veterans, and Titleholders)
9:00am: Junior Showmanship
9:15am: Conformation (followed by veterans, BOB, and brood bitch)
Lunchtime: Raffle Drawing
On-aoina: CGC Testina

Membership Update!!!

GDCNC Welcomes New Member Elizabeth Artle

Second Publishing:

- **James Curnett**
Sponsored by Everett Van Dyken and Molly Johnson-Smith
- **Mick Galvin**
Sponsored by Kate Jackson and Lucretia Marcus
- **Mabel Labiak**
Sponsored by Everett Van Dyken and Ann English

First Publishing:

- **Terri Burley-Hammond**
Sponsored by Clyde Malloy and Everett Van Dyken

GREAT DANE CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

February Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on February 22, 2003, at 11:20 a.m.

Attending the meeting were officers and board members Everett Van Dyken, Timmi Williams, Sue Dubie-Holbrook, Ann English, Dana Wardner, Judy Benjamin, Ceil Wardner, Kathryn Netser, Conley Netser. Excused were Paul Picciau, and Lucretia Marcus.

Approval of the minutes will be delayed till the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report was discussed. Ending balance (checking) \$2,101.89; (CD) \$6,090.67. M/S/P to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report - a newsletter from GDCA.

SHOW

- Ann was told to have Chuck go ahead and purchase the PA System.
- Gail Hunt reported on center pieces for the tables.
- Ann reported on the caterers and prices for meals. The contract for the caterer has been submitted. The price for the dinner and two lunches is \$45.00.
- Jane is doing the program.
- The get-together on Friday will be catered by the good members appearing for setup. Any exhibitors arriving early may join us and donate some food items. This will be noted in the confirmation of the entries.

MEMBERSHIP

- Applicants being published for the first time are Mick Galvin and Mabel Labiak.
- Applicants being published for the second time are Elizabeth Artle and Jim Curnett.
- M/S/P to extend a grace period to Linda Cullins, Yvonne Messimer, Ron & Carol Ring, Pam Preston, Debra Ping, members who have not renewed their membership. These members will be contacted by phone.

WAYS AND MEANS

- There was a discussion on having photos of the dogs taken and put in frames. Another suggestion was to photograph the dogs and have them transferred onto t-shirts. Kate offered to try doing this at the specialty to make money. More discussion is forthcoming.

WEBSITE

- M/S/P to accept no links for solicitation, including pop-ups on the club website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The contract for the Christmas brunch has been signed and delivered with a deposit of \$250.00. The brunch will be at the Pleasanton Inn again this year. The date will be December 7, 2003.

NEW BUSINESS

- M/S/P - To purchase new sheets as tableclothes for the trophy tables. Ceil and Timmi will coordinate the size and colors. The maximum amount to spend is \$100.00.

CEIL'S BIRTHDAY

- Happy birthday to Ceil. We had a great cake, for those of you who did not attend the meeting!!

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timmi Williams, Recording Secretary

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March Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on March 29, 2003, at 11:10 am.

Present: Everett Van Dyken, Ceil Wardner, Dana Wardner, Sue Dubie-Holbrook, Lucretia Marcus, Paul Picciau, Kathryn Netser, Conley Netser, Judy Benjamin, Beth Sanders, Cheri Moses, Bill Labiak, Mabel Labiak. Absent
Excused: Timmi Williams

M/S/P – To approve the minutes of January 25, 2003 meeting as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report was discussed. M/S/P to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Paul received 2 bulletins from GDC of America and 3 AKC rule changes and the AKC annual report.

EDUCATION

- Everett reported he had received an email from Gail Hunt, Monterey Bay Club, suggesting that our two clubs sponsor a meeting with Dr. Hutchinson in November 2003. The projected cost for Dr. Hutchinson is \$200/hr plus expenses. This is an informational report only at this time.
- Michele Andreetta will conduct a discussion on Puppy Problems at May 17 meeting.

SHOW

- P.A. system: M/S/P – To increase allowable expenditure by \$100 not to exceed \$600.
- Caterer; lunches – To date: 12 sign ups, need at least 100
- Trophies – Trophy check to Dana in the amount of \$1760; \$600 still outstanding.
- Cardio clinic – Dr. Lori Siemans will conduct echocardiograms during Saturday's show. \$125 per dog; club receives \$25 per dog for each dog over the 8-dog minimum. 8 dogs signed up to date.
- Setup "get together" – Announcement included in judging program. Attendees please let Paul know what you will bring.
- Welcome – Kathleen Davis is in charge.

NEW BUSINESS

- Committee Badges – M/S/P – To purchase 20, 1x3" plastic show badges bearing the Great Dane Club logo at \$5.00 each.
- M/S/P – To rent a small generator at \$25 per day for 3 days for a total amount of \$75.
- M/S/P – To buy a 150 quart ice chest for a cost not to exceed \$70.
- Fresh flower arrangements to be made by Paul and Ceil.

MEMBERSHIP

Received application from: Terri Burley-Hammond (sponsored by Everett Van Dyken and Clyde Malloy)

NEWSLETTER

At present we will continue with a monthly newsletter and will in the future consider an abbreviated version on alternate months.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Benjamin, Acting Recording Secretary

Braggs! Brags! Brags!

At the Arizona GDC Specialty, Diane Collings expertly guided Kathleen Davis', "Tyranny" (Davishire's Impetuous a'la AJ) to BOS in sweeps under Lorraine Brown, WB/BOW/Best Puppy for a 5 point major under Dale Tarbox, then RWB/Best Puppy (over Winner's Dog!) the next day, under Cathy De La Garza! A fabulous weekend and to be awarded by 3 breeder judges, made it that much MORE special! At 11 months, Tyranny currently has 11 points, with a 5 point major under her belt and Kathleen couldn't be more excited or proud of her first home bred show girl and "Abigail", for producing her! Meanwhile, Tyranny's sister, Amore, is not wasting her time waiting for her sister to get out of her way, but tearing up the agility course in her mother's wake. She hopes to see y'all soon!



Temple Dell's Dane Lore V. Schurstein (CH Lore's Favorite Son x Brier Chaney Good Friday) was winner's dog for two points at the Kern County Kennel Club show on March 29th. Danno was also WD both days at Coso/Ridgecrest, bringing his total points to six. Danno is handled exclusively by Doug Toomey. Danno is co-owned by Stephen Temple, Ann and Stan Schurstein, Margaret Schnorr and Lorraine Matherly. Bred by Ann and Stan Schurstein and Stephen Temple.

GDCNC Health Clinic



Dr. Lori Siemans, a board-certified cardiologist, will be available to do echocardiograms at Saturday's show (April 26th). She'll have the forms for OFA submission available, too. This is a great opportunity to get your dogs' heart health certified -- for only \$125!

An echocardiogram uses ultrasound waves to create an image of the heart, providing a picture of overall heart structure and function. A normal echocardiogram displays normal heart chambers and valves. It also shows normal heart movement. An abnormal echocardiogram may indicate cardiomyopathy or a number of other heart abnormalities.



No preparation is required for an echocardiogram; the dog lies on its side and the doctor places a device called a transducer on the chest and aims it at the heart. The transducer sends out and receives sound waves that bounce off the heart. A computer takes these returning sound waves, or echoes, and turns them into a picture of the heart. The procedure should only take about 5 minutes.

There's a limit of about 15 dogs -- and places are filling fast. Email kate@qantel.com if you want one or more of your dogs to be included.

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Calendar

April 26th & 27th:

Specialty Shows

May 17th:

**Meeting & Discussion
Forum: Heart Problems
(led by Michele Andreeta)
Prudential Building
Castro Valley**

June 28th:

**Meeting & Discussion
Forum
Topic TBA
Prudential Building
Castro Valley**



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