



# The GDCNC Barker

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## President's Message

### Welcome 2012 and happy new year to all!

Looking back, our club had a great year in 2011. Working together, we took care of business and made some notable accomplishments. We became a little more proactive in rescue again. We brought back a focus on educational activities. Our club helped to host the 2011 GDCA National, and did so very successfully! Our membership has grown!

We are trying a new way to bring in revenue with our 50/50 raffle. So far, ticket sales have been strong and are expected to increase as we near our Specialty show when the winning ticket will be drawn. Also new, is the raffle "ticker" that can soon be viewed on the club's web site which shows our current ticket sales, so you can get an idea of how much the winning ticket might be worth.

The GDCNC has a Facebook page now, so be sure to "like" it to stay up to date on club news.

In the education department, Megan Hundley has crafted a terrific Rally program. Not only is it introducing dane enthusiasts to the world of Rally, but it also offers a way to prepare for the Rally competition at our upcoming Specialty. In addition, the next Rally workshop, to be held on March 10th at the SVDFA Match in Dixon, will explain the new AKC Rally regulations which will help exhibitors succeed in future trials.

We had a really nice turn out for our Annual meeting and Election. Welcome aboard new BOD members Denise Matulich and Kevin Forrest. Welcome back, Jenny Kenton.

Looking forward, I would like to see our club also support a local organization that is working to protect our rights as dog owners and breeders. I'll bring this up for discussion at the next meeting on February 11th.

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Our show chair, Megan Hundley, and her committees are working tirelessly to orchestrate an incomparable Specialty weekend. Please contact Megan, if you haven't already, and let her know that you'd like to help. Also, please be sure to send in your trophy donations to Kathryn Netser. Any raffle donations can be given to Laura Craig. A reminder that our raffle is a very important source of income for the GDCNC, so your donations are GREATLY appreciated – as well as your trophy donations.

We're becoming more diversified in our membership. In response, we're offering new club awards for dogs doing Scent work and our Junior members will now be recognized for earning Best Junior Handler wins. We'll also be offering a Highest Combined Award in Rally at our 2012 Specialty show.

Diversity is one of our strengths, combined with our hard working folks who generously share their talents, or skills, and offer their time. While we have a number of glorious conformation champions owned, and/or bred by successful breeders, handlers and owners, our membership also includes people working in many other important areas such as Obedience, Rally, Junior showmanship, Tracking, the new Scent work trials, etc. How lucky we all are to have each other to learn from!!

Wishing you all a successful and prosperous year!

Serving you as President,  
Denise Williams

## SPECIALTY SHOW CHAIR UPDATE

We are pleased to announce the winners for the Member Only Raffle for free advertising in our Specialty Show Catalog. The winners are Debbie McMurdie and Nancy Hawkes! Look for their ads in the 2012 Specialty Show Catalog!

Additionally, plans for the show are progressing nicely. A few anticipated highlights for February include the signing of the contract on Sycamore Lane, finalizing the judges' transportation, and putting the final touches on the Premium List.

If you are looking for ways that you can help, please consider contributing something to the raffle (Laura Craig is the contact for the Raffle team), making a trophy donation (Kathryn Nester is the contact for trophy donations), or offering an auction item (Jane Chopson is the contact for the Silent Auction).

Contact Information:

Laura Craig: jcvclaura@sbcglobal.net  
Kathryn Nester: kcdanes@comcast.net  
Jane Chopson: janechopson@cs.com

We are looking forward to a great show in April! As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding the Specialty Show.

Kate (kate@qantel.com) and Megan (mehundley@yahoo.com)

## LITTERBOX

### Echo Danes

We are expecting fawn puppies from **VZTop's Medal of Honor (Gunny)** and **Echo's Last Dance to Heaven (Mimi)**. They are due on February 26th. We're very excited because this was an implant, and it worked! Call Timmi Williams at 559-683-7455 if interested.

## Second Rally Workshop Update

On March 10th following Great Dane judging at the SVDFa Match in Dixon, we will hold a rally workshop for Great Danes and their owners. The purpose of this event is to introduce handlers to some impending changes to Rally regulations. These changes go into effect on April 4, 2012; so if you are planning to compete in Rally at our Specialty, this event may be for you.

The flyer is included in the Barker with more details. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- This event is free to all GDCNC members.
- Dogs and handlers of all skill levels are welcome!
- The start of this event is tied to the conclusion of the Great Dane conformation judging so we can't predict an official start time.
- Even though this event is free to members, please register via the form in the Barker by March 4, 2012. We need to know if you are coming so we can have enough hand-outs for everyone.

## Obedience Seminar!!!

On Monday, April 30, 2012 from noon until 5 pm in San Jose, Denise Fenzi is hosting a Great Dane only obedience seminar. The seminar has two ways to participate: working spots and auditing spots. A working spot allows you and your dog to work as a team with Denise on any specific training challenges you currently have. An auditing spot provides you full access to the event but without your dog. You are able to actively participate and ask questions while the other teams are working.

You can learn more about Denise Fenzi and her training methods by viewing her blog (<http://denisefenzi.com/>) or her website

(<http://www.spritebelgians.com/>).

If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Megan Hundley ([mehundley@yahoo.com](mailto:mehundley@yahoo.com)) by March 1, 2012 for details.

## Finance Report

Financial information will be disclosed to club members on request.

## PENDING MEMBERSHIP

### Irina Maderych

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### Olga Maderych (Junior membership)

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### Taryn Pevy (Junior membership)

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### Lou Gundell

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Lorrie Spencer & Everett Van Dyken  
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### Janet DeYoung

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### Donnell Giambastiani

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## WINNERS CIRCLE

### Destiny Great Danes

Destiny Great Danes is pleased and excited to announce that "**Sophie**" **Destiny's One Hot Reflection** is now a National and International puppy Champion with a Best Of Breed Puppy and a Best of Breed Bred By Puppy as well as a group 2 win to her credit. We are so excited about this second generation home bred girl.

Not to be outdone Grandma, "**Ava**" **BISS.Am. Intl. CH. BLK Almosta Avatar V Destiny** took 4 Best Of Breed Veterans and 3 Best In Show Veteran awards.

At 7 years young Ave still went out there and worked it like the star she is.

### Danu Danes

**Int'l/Nat'l CH Double D's Party Like a Rockstar "Zeppelin"** Danu Danes has a golden wrapper in the ring! Zeppelin is out of BIS BISS CH Lagarada Reach for the Starz "Rocket" x CH Double D Daynakin Gold Digger "Holly". Many thanks to Angie Smith and Jane Chopson for entrusting us with him.

Zep warmed up for his AKC debut at the IABCA shows earned his Int'l/Nat'l Puppy Championship and taking Best of Breed puppy and Group 2 TWICE! The following weekend, at Golden Gate Kennel Club, Zep took Winners Dog and Best of Winners for his first point!

**Danu's Cygnus Nova Explosion of Rome and Roses "Cooper"** and his dad Gary Romerosa took Back-to-Back RWD in Fresno.

**UKC CH/ Int'l BISP BBE Danu's ThermoNuclear SuperNova CGC "Neo"** and **Ryn Pevy "Team Legs"** finished off 2011 in UKC Top 10 AND ranked #7 Great Dane Junior Handler. We have big goals for 2012!

### Megan Hundley and Michael Wilcoxon

On Sunday February 5, 2012 **Elphaba's Wicked Dream, CDX, RE "Elphie"** certified in all three odors for Canine Nosework and **Valinor's Black Diamond in the Ruff "Guster"** certified in the first two odors.



## WINNERS CIRCLE continued...

### Adelaide Great Danes

Adelaide Great Danes is proud to present two International Champions; **GCH Divine Acres Sugar and Spice Girl "Cinnamon"** and **CH Divine Acres Talisman "Taz"**. Cinnamon was awarded BOB and a group 3 in one of the shows. In addition there is a National/International Puppy Champion **Adelaide's Gridiron "Sweetness" "Payton"**. This was Payton's first show experience and what a debut it was. Payton turned the heads of many spectators and judges. Payton was awarded three BOB BBE and one BOB puppy. He went on to take groups twos; two BBE group twos and one BOB puppy group 2. What a great way to start a show career.

**Taz** was shown at the end of January at Cow Palace. On Saturday he was awarded BBE and Sunday was awarded WD for the final point. Yes, you see that right. I thought he was finished in November. Well upon looking and speaking with AKC he was one point short.

Somewhere, somehow along the line I lost a point I thought he had. AKC had him at 13 points and I had him at 15 points but could only prove 14 points. I am glad I take pictures at all the shows we win at and another good reason to confirm points when it's all said and done. Anyhow, Taz obtained that last point he needed and I am waiting to confirm with AKC. So Taz should be officially **CH Divine Acres Talisman**. Whew, what a time that was.

Finally, **Adelaide Gridiron "Sweetness"** AKA **Payton** had his first AKC show at the end of January at Cow Palace. Payton was a rock star. He loved socializing with everyone and did awesome. He took Best Puppy on Sunday and RWD on Sunday. He was mainly there for the exposure and to have fun. We are so proud of our boy.

### Paradise Danes

With the new AKC rules they have added a new class at some shows that pull owner handlers out of the winners class and they will then go on to compete for Best in Show. Vince and **Sean (GCH Bayside Just Another Day In Paradise CGC)** were chosen at the Dog Fanciers Assn. of Oregon. Vince and Sean then took Group one and **BEST IN SHOW**. It was a nice win as AKC is promoting this and will give the owner handler a chance to do well at a show. It was a nice win and the only Great Dane that has done this as of yet but the year is young and many will follow.



## WINNERS CIRCLE continued...

### Olympus Danes

"Atlas" (MIBSS Am/Int'l Olympus' Pillar Of The Heavens) kids:

"Hades" (Am/Int'l CH. CADRMN Olympus' Embrace The Darkness) won two Group 1's and a Group 2 in competitive Working Groups at the Int'l shows, plus two BBE Group 1's and a BBE Group 2!! Owned by Tami Welch, co-owned/bred by Renee Broden and Denise Williams.

"Midas" (Am/Int'l Olympus' The Midas Touch) kids:

"Newman" (WCK's Full Throttle) won a 4 pt major at a Specialty in Florida under breeder-judge Warren Simon. This is Newman's 2nd major and now he just needs 3 singles to finish. Bred/Owned by Mel Eso.

"Rush" (WCK Olympus' Rushville Rocket) won WB for another 2 pts at the Douglasville show under Italian judge Nicola Imbimbo. Rush was bred by Mel Eso, owned by Mel Eso and Denise Williams.

The Danelyne puppies in Australia did it again! Their latest wins include: "**Midas Jr.**" (**Danelyne Touch O Midas**) winning CH. dog and "**Brooke**" (**Danelyne Golden Touch**) winning CH. bitch, BOB and Best Puppy in Show! Bred and owned by Vic and Zena Place. Midas' 3rd Australian litter was whelped on Jan. 31st, 2012! A beautiful litter of 9 puppies out of the stunning "**Taylor**" (AUS CH. **Danelyne's Who's That Girl**). Bred by Danelyne.

### Shameera and Olga

**Paraclete Venus Goddess of Love RA CGC "Shameera"** and 17 year old **Olga Maderych** are currently ranked in the Top 10 Dane Juniors of 2011 At the National, this team got first place and the only qualifying score in Time2Beat (agility). Shameera also passed her 3 ORT's (odor recognition test) for Nosework, and is on her way to trialing for an NW1.

**Vesta CD RE CGC NW1**, who is not a Great Dane but Olga's 10 year old Golden Retriever, is currently working on her RAE (she has 6 out of 10 qualifying legs). Vesta completed her final 2 ORT's, and is soon going to trial for her NW2.

# Great Dane Club of Northern California Rally Novice Workshop with Lora Cox



**March 10, 2012 at the Dixon Fairground  
Following Dane Judging**

The purpose of the workshop on March 10 is to provide another opportunity for Great Dane owners to practice rally with Lora Cox before our Specialty Show on Saturday April 28 and to introduce the new rally regulations that will go into effect on April 4, 2012.

## Session Outline:

- Review of the signs used in Novice Rally, including a demonstration of how each sign/station is performed
  - New signs have been added since our first session, so please come out and join us!
- Experiment with your dog on a Rally course like you would at a show with the distractions of a dog show
  - We will have at least one course set up for handlers—if space permits, we will set up two courses for participants to use to practice.

## Cost:

- GDCNC members: Free
- Great Dane Owners who are not members: \$10 a person

## Workshop Presenter

**Lora Cox**—an accomplished dog trainer and AKC judge—will be conducting this session. Over the years, Lora has owned and trained multiple dogs to multiple obedience, rally, tracking and herding titles. In addition to showing her own dogs, Lora currently teaches rally and obedience classes and judges all over the world. One of her more notable judging assignments was our specialty show in 2010. Lora's fun and upbeat attitude make her training classes fun and exciting. As such, this will be a seminar that you don't want to miss.

# Great Dane Club of Northern California Rally Workshop with Lora Cox

## March 10, 2012 at Dixon Fairground immediately following Dane Conformation Judging

This event is open to all Great Dane owners. Members may attend for free and non-GDCNC members may attend for a fee. For planning purposes we need to know how many people and dogs are attending. Please send the following information to Megan Hundley ([mehundley@yahoo.com](mailto:mehundley@yahoo.com)) by March 4, 2012.

Owner name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of first dog : \_\_\_\_\_

Name of any additional dogs: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner email address: \_\_\_\_\_

GDCNC member: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

This waiver will be provided on site and must be signed before participating in the event. It is provided her for you to read and familiarize yourself with in advance of the session.

### Waiver of Liability (must be signed to participate)

I agree to hold the Great Dane Club of Northern California (GDCNC) , its officers, directors, members, the Owner of the premises and any employees of the same harmless in any claim of loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused by my dog or any person or thing on the premise grounds. I personally assume all responsibility and liability for such claims. In addition I hold the aforementioned parties harmless in any claim for loss or injury to myself, my dog, my children by any means. I assume responsibility for the actions of my dog, my children, myself as it affects others and their property. I understand either the GDCNC or the Dixon Fairgrounds assumes the right to expel from the grounds any person or dog which in its opinion engages in conduct that may be prejudicial to the sport of dog obedience.

Signed and Dated: \_\_\_\_\_







# AKCSanctioned Breed Match

*in conjunction with the*

GDCNCBack-to-Back Specialty Shows

**Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Sycamore Lane Kennels

5111 West Sargent Road

Lodi, California 95242

*Judge: Mrs. Valerie Metcalf*

## Particulars:

- ◆ Entries\* taken ringside from 3:30pm until 4:00pm
- ◆ \$10 entry fee per class
- ◆ Cash or checks (payable to GDCNC)
- ◆ Judging Begins at 4:00pm

\* pre-entries will **not** be accepted

## Match Classes (divided by sex):

- ◆ 3 - 6 months
- ◆ 6 - 9 months
- ◆ 9 - 12 months
- ◆ 12 - 15 months
- ◆ 15 - 18 months

**Match Secretary:** Laura Munro, 8249 Bonnie Oak Way, Citrus Heights, CA 95610; 916-721-3767; email: [laura@daneaffaire.com](mailto:laura@daneaffaire.com)

## GDCNC AKC Sanctioned Breed Match – April 27, 2012

*Day of Match Entries Only* ◆ *No Dogs with Major Points* ◆ *No Ear Racks or Tapes*

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex:  Dog  Bitch

Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Class (*circle one*):

3 - 6 months

6 - 9 months

9 - 12 months

12 - 15 months

15-18 months

Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

*I agree to hold the Great Dane Club of Northern California, its members, Directors and Officers free from any claims or loss or injury that may result from this match. I further assume all responsibilities and liability claims and accept all responsibility for loss, inquiry or death of my dog.*

Signature of Owner/Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# GDCNC Meeting

January 7, 2012

A Quorum of Members was established. Those in attendance included officers and board members: Denise Williams, Pete Fredotovich, Everett Van Dyken, Laura Craig, Brittany Williams, Ceil Wardner, Pat Dousman, Melissa Pevy, Bill Labiak, Dana Wardner, Gary Romerosa, Debi Romerosa, Timmi Williams, Kevin Forest, Conley Nester, Kathryn Nester, Megan Hundley, Mike Rogers, Sam Gillette, Mabel Labiak, Sue Dubie Holbrook, Denise Matulich.

The meeting was called to order on January 7, 2012, at 11:14 a.m. by Denise Williams, President.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Terry Toops

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Bill Labiak, seconded by Pete Fredotovich to approve the minutes from board meeting on November 19, 2011 with no correction. Passed..

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

- a) Raffle Drawing for Club Members-Megan Hundley

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:** Denise Williams

a) Still have raffle tickets available for to 50/50 drawing which will be held at our 2012 specialty. Please get with Denise to get your tickets. Sales are going well so far.

b) Extra Reference Material from Nationals was handed out at the meeting

c) Contract for 2012 Christmas Brunch was reviewed. A motion was made by Ceil Wardner to see if we could find another location for our 2012 brunch. If another location is not found by the February meeting we will stay in Antioch for 2012, seconded by Timmi Williams. Passed

d) Denise thanked Dana and Ceil Wardner for their hard work for the club and as board members.

**REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** Everett Van Dyken reported:  
*Incoming:*

- a) Letter from AKC needing updated officer and board member list

*Outgoing:*

- a) Letter to AKC regarding the clubs opposition regarding the realignment of the groups.

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER:** Bill Labiak reported:

Ending Balance for the checking account	\$xxx
Ending balance for the CD	\$ xxx

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:**

1) Education: Jenny Kenton: Still working with ideas for a seminar for 2012. Melissa working with the homeopathic vet for available dates.

2) Membership: New applications received: Olga Maderych & Irina Maderych

3) Ways and Means: Ceil Wardner & Pete Fredotovich- 50/50 raffle ticket sales are under way, the drawing will be held on Sunday of our 2012 show. Tickets are \$1.00 each ticket and we ask each member to sell if possible

4) Web Site: Kate Jackson (absent) Melissa reported: Working on updating the site.

5) Disciplinary: Melissa Pevy; no report

6) Show: Megan Hundley; Melissa motioned to accept Megan's proposal to offer an additional award for Rally High Combined at our 2012 Specialty, Pat Dousman seconded. Passed. Megan also reported that a Rally seminar will be offered at the Sac Valley match in Dixon in March.

7) Show/Finance: Bill Labiak, Kathryn Nester, Megan Hundley; no report

8) Finance: no report

- 9) Sunshine Committee: Denise Williams; no report
- 10) Judges Committee: Received very low response for judges for 2013, have until January 15th, 2012 to cast your vote. Please email to Megan Hundley.
- 11) Rescue Committee: no report
- 12) Barker- Melissa Pevy ; no report
- 13) Nomination Committee: Everett VanDyken reported; Elections will be held at this meeting.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) Paypal: Melissa is going to print off fees and present at the next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Raffle Drawing for club Members: Megan Hundley; Offering 2 advertisements in our 2012 Specialty catalog. All members' names were put into the drawing and you didn't need to be present to win. 3 names were drawn in case either of the first two didn't want the ad. The winners as drawn in this order, Debbie McMurdie won the front inside cover. Tom Hawkes won the back inside cover and the alternate was Debra Henderson. Megan will contact winners.
- b) Gifts for Specialty & Judges Gifts: Megan Hundley; A motion was made by Kathryn Nester to purchase mugs to engrave our club logo on them with Megan offering her labor for free. These mugs will be used as committee gifts and judge's gifts. The club would also cover 50% of her fee for laser which will not exceed \$35.00 and the mug purchase will not exceed \$125.00, Seconded by Timmi Williams. Passed
- c) Nose Work Award: Bill Labiak; Proposed that the club offer an award for Scent Work competition. One award per dog for first scent level completed. A separate award is given for each level of trial. The motion was made by Jenny Kenton, seconded by Pat Dousman. Passed
- d) Best Jr. Award: Melissa made a motion that the club offers a Best Junior Award for Best Jr. received at an all-breed show or at the National show, seconded by Mabel Labiak. Passed
- e) Election: A motion was made by Everett VanDyken to elect the slate as published, seconded by Mabel. Passed
- f) Standing Committee: A motion was made by Jenny Kenton and seconded Pete Fredotovich to accept the following standing committee positions as appointed by Denise Williams, President. Passed
  - a. Membership-Pat Dousman
  - b. Ways & Means- Ceil Wardner
  - c. Education-Jenny Kenton
  - d. Website-Kate Jackson
  - e. Disciplinary-Melissa Pevy(Chair), Gary Romerosa and Timmi Williams

#### **2011 MEETING SCHEDULE (and other pertinent events)**

February 11th, -11 a.m. General Meeting at Royce Farms

March 3rd, 11 a.m. General Meeting at Royce Farms

May 2011, this meeting will be held after judging at the Camilla Capital show in Woodland

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m. Motion made by Everett Van Dyken, seconded by Pete Fredotovich. Passed.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Craig, Recording Secretary



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## 2011 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.*

Denise Williams President (2013)	OlympusDanes@OlympusDanes.com
Peter Fredotovich Vice President (2013)	fredot@volcano.net
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Bill Labiak Treasurer (2013)	bmlabiak@clearwire.net
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Ceil Wardner (2012)	cnddanes@caltel.com

### Mark Your Calendar!

February 11 11:00 a.m.  
Royce Farms Open meeting

March 3 11:00 a.m.  
Royce Farms Open meeting

May Camelia Capital show  
in Woodland following Dane  
judging Open meeting