



The GDCNC Barker

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President's Message

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ARE YOU READY??!!

Our Specialty show is just around the corner!!

Dear treasured GDCNC friends:

Our Specialty is only a few weeks away. Our VERY talented show chairs, Megan Hundley, and Kate Jackson (co-show chair), and their committees are working tirelessly to orchestrate our specialty which promises to be a fun-filled weekend for everyone!

Friday Fun

Friday, the Conformation Match (chaired by Laura Munro), the Rally Match (chaired by Megan Hundley), followed by a Handling Clinic (headed by our Education Chair, Jenny Kenton), kicks off the weekend. More details can be found in this issue of the newsletter. Please let me, or Jenny Kenton, know if you're interested in helping out. A hot dog BBQ, sponsored by Pete Fredotovich, will wrap up our day. Please bring a side dish or dessert and join the party!

Club donations for the Specialty show

Jane Chopson is spear heading our silent auction. Please contact her if you plan to make an auction donation. Laura Craig is in charge of our Raffle, so please give your raffle items to her on Fri.

Working together

Our specialty show will offer many activities – something for everyone -- and a chance to learn, show and have fun! We need many volunteers to make this successful. So, please feel free to join in and assist where ever you can. No previous experience or knowledge required! As GDCNC members, we are all working towards a common goal and that is to put on one of the BEST specialty shows ever for our exhibitors and spectators, some who are traveling long distances to be here.

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Rally Workshop

A huge thank you to Megan Hundley for another very successful Rally workshop held at the SVDFa match!! Look for Megan's write up elsewhere in this issue

GDCNC web site face lift

Irina Maderych has given our club site a wonderful, professional new look! Please take a look if you already haven't. Our Web chair, Kate Jackson, help guide Irinia in the site's development. Megan Hundley had her fingers in this as well. A BIG thank you to the ladies for all your hard work!! Please send any photos, brags and announcements to Irina at: irinam1@yahoo.com

50/50 Raffle

Another reminder that our 50/50 raffle ends April 29th. The winning ticket will be drawn on Sun. at our Specialty show. We have more tickets available for sale. Please contact me (Denise Williams) if you'd like to pick up some tickets to sell or purchase for yourself. The cash pot is growing!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

I want to extend a warm welcome to our newest members Donnell Giambastiani, Lou Gundell, Janet DeYoung, Taryn Pevy (jr. member), Irina Maderych and Olga Maderych (jr. member). We are happy to have you!!

Looking forward to the Specialty

While it's our love of danes that bring us together, it's also about the human experience. I look forward to working with you, showing with you and visiting with you during our big weekend and sharing the experience together.

GOOD LUCK everyone and I hope to see you all at the show!

Serving you as President,
Denise Williams

SPECIALTY SHOW CHAIR UPDATE

The show is quickly approaching! The Premium List is out and full of information about the show. It's been posted to our club website (www.greatdaneclub.org), announced on Great Dane email lists, emailed to members, and sent via US mail to entrants of the 2011 show.

We have another event that we would like to share with club members that didn't make it into the premium list: a handling clinic. On Friday we will have a handling clinic which will be held in the ring following the conclusion of the conformation match. The price for each dog is \$5.00 and the dog may enter the ring an unlimited number of times. We will have club members on hand to serve in the role of judge and some to provide feedback if you would like it. Please come out and join us for this event!

We want to give a huge THANK YOU to everybody who has already stepped up to make the 2012 show a reality—we simply could have not gotten this far without your help! But we still need more of you to come forward and be part of what's destined to be another great Specialty Weekend! We've described some of the volunteer opportunities below—please contact the people listed to say how you can help make this show great!

Show Setup

If you can assist in setting up canopies, tables and rings, plan to arrive at Sycamore Lane Kennels about 11am on Friday, April 27th. If you'll be in an RV, please email Megan at mehundley@yahoo.com to make sure we can park you early (RV parking doesn't officially begin until 1pm). If you can't come early Friday, we can always use teardown help Sunday afternoon!

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SPECIALTY SHOW CHAIR UPDATE

Raffle and Auction Items

Help us make 2012 another great auction and raffle year! To help our chairs prepare for the events, please contact Jane (janechopson@cs.com) about auction items and Laura (jcvclaura@sbcglobal.net) about raffle items to let them know what you can contribute. Please bring raffle and auction items to the show.

Performance Ring Steward

Sadly Randy Valentine—our longtime obedience steward—won't be able to join us this year. As a result, we're looking for an obedience/rally steward for Saturday, April 28th. No experience is necessary. If you're interested in learning more, please contact Megan Hundley (mehundley@yahoo.com) or Jenny Kenton (jenny@adelaidedaneclub.com).

Hospitality Assistance

We need another volunteer to assist with hospitality during the weekend. Duties would include picking up donuts and ice from the store early Saturday and Sunday morning and assisting at the hospitality table during the show. If you can help out with morning goodies, please contact Megan (mehundley@yahoo.com) or Kate Jackson (kate@qantel.com).

The Voice

We need someone to be The Voice of the Show. This person will sit at the conformation ring—with a great seat—and call the classes into the ring. Please don't be shy about volunteering—we'll tell you what to say. If you can assist for any portion of Saturday or Sunday, we'll gladly welcome your help. Please contact Megan (mehundley@yahoo.com) or Kate (kate@qantel.com) for more information.

Drivers

We need some club members to assist with judges transportation. Please contact Mabel Labiak at bmlabiak@clearwire.net if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity. Reimbursement for gas will be provided.

Be sure to visit our new & improved website!

www.greatdaneclub.org



Rally Workshop

On March 10th following the Dane judging at the Dixon Match, we hosted our 2nd Rally Workshop. The purpose of this workshop was to introduce our club members to the new rally regulations that become effective on April 4, 2012.

In spite of the wind and flying rally signs, we had a great event with participation from 10 club members.

Olga Maderych took photos of the events that you can find here:

<http://gadaboutphotography.com/PhotoGallery/main.php?cmd=album&var1=Conformation+Obedience+Rally+Shows+and+Matches%2F03+10+2012+SVDF+A+Match%2FDane+Rally+Workshop/>

Remember! We have two rally shows at our specialty show on Saturday, April 28th; so at our shows you can earn two of the three "legs" needed to earn a rally title! For those of you who want to practice, please join us for a rally practice session on Friday, April 27th at 4 pm.

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) by March 1, 2012 for details.

PENDING MEMBERSHIP

Tamara Holt and Jerry Loeffler

Sponsored by:
Terri Burley-Hammond & Denise Matulich
1st Publishing

Dana Crews

Sponsored by:
Denise & Brittany Williams
1st Publishing

NEW MEMBERS

Olga Maderych (Junior membership)

Irina Maderych

Taryn Pevy (Junior membership)

Lou Gundell

Janet DeYoung

Donnell Giambastiani

Finance Report

Financial information will be disclosed to club members on request.

50/50 Raffle

The 50/50 purse is currently at \$750 total or \$375 for the 50/50 prize... and growing!
Be sure to get your tickets.

The New AKC Owner/Handler Series:

The Owner/handler Series is a new attraction offered following the Best of Breed competition which was initiated by the AKC in 2012. This is a great way for owner/handlers to show case the quality of their breed, be recognized, and compete against their peers. The owner/handler series is just now starting, thus only a select number of shows is offering it currently. If the owner/handler series is offered there will be a box next to the signature line and phone number to check indicating your dog is eligible. There is no extra fee associated with this series.

Note: The Owner/handler Series is **NOT** associated with the regular Amateur-owner-handler class.

When you enter either paper or electronically, you must check the appropriate boxes in order to be entered into the Owner/handler Series. This is not an automatic entry.

The entry will look something similar to the following when you enter electronically (which this box is located just below the class entry):

Owner-Handled Best of Breed (if offered)
Please verify Owner-Handled Best of Breed is offered and read the eligibility requirements for entering the Owner-Handled Best of Breed Competition in the premium list.

The entry will look something similar to the following when you enter on paper:

SIGNATURE of owner or his/her agent duly authorized to make this entry _____	
TELEPHONE # _____	
Are you a new exhibitor? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Owner/Handler Eligible? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

The owner/handler series includes all dogs competing for Best of Breed, Winners dog, and/or Winners bitch who are owner/handled. The dog must contain an eligible owner/handler throughout the competition. If a replacement handler is needed it must be an eligible owner/handler. Therefore, a dog cannot compete in the series with a professional handler even if the dog is owned or co-owned. The definition of a professional handler is defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay. A dog cannot be handled by a professional in 12-18 and take winners and then be able to compete in the series with the owner.

If the Best of Breed winner is an owner/handled dog, that dog automatically wins the owner/handler series and will go on to compete in both the regular group and the owner/handler series group. In the event the BOB winner is not eligible, the BOS is eligible; they will compete against the other eligible of the other sex. So if a dog is Best Opposite Sex, then all eligible bitches will compete for Best Owner/Handler including Winners bitch. All other dogs will be excused. If neither BOB nor BOS are eligible, the judge is to chose from the eligible Select dogs/bitch and the eligible winners dog/bitch. If there is one select eligible and no BOB or BOS, the sex of the select and the remaining opposite sex will compete for the owner/handler series. For example, if a bitch is eligible and the dog is not, the select bitch will compete against the eligible remaining dogs. If no BOB, BOS, or selects are eligible and there are remaining BOB competition and winners dog/bitch that are eligible, they will compete in the owner/handler series. Whichever sex is given Best of Winners, the other sex cannot compete in the owner/handler series. For example, if Winners dog was given Best of Winners, he has already beaten the Winners bitch, therefore she will not compete if she is owner/handled.

A quick summary: The dog who moves to compete in the Owner/Handler Series Group competition is an owner/handled dog representing each breed (i.e., it will either be BOB, BOS, selects, any BOB contender, or WD, WB, BW competing). If all winners of a given breed are not eligible then that breed will not be represented in the Owner/Handler Series Group.

There is a points system assigned to the owner/handler series wins. The points are awarded to the owner/handler series, but do **not** go toward the AKC Championship title. The points are awarded as such: BOB = 5 pts, Group 1 = 30, Group 2 = 20, Group 3 = 15, and Group 4 = 10. A Best in Show placement = 100 pts. The top ten owner-handlers of each breed will be invited to compete at the end of the year.

Best of luck to everyone in the new AKC Owner/handlers Series.

All information obtained from the AKC website. For further information please see <http://www.akc.org/ohs/about.cfm>



WINNERS CIRCLE

Valinor

Handled expertly by Denise Williams, our girl **Ciara** went Winner's Bitch on both days of the Santa Clara shows held February 19th and 20th. Awarding the points to **Valinor's Summertime Dream** were Mr. Carl Liepmann and Colonel Joe Purkhiser. Ciara was bred by Valinor Great Danes out of **Ch. Valinor's N' Our Wildest Dreams** and **Ch. Valinor's Rebel Yell**. She is loved and owned by Jan and Bob Purdy and co-owned with Everett Van Dyken.

Danu Danes

Int'l/Nat'l CH Double D's Party Like a Rockstar "Zeppelin" Zeppelin takes WD/BOW at Santa Clara Kennel Club.

WindyCity-Orion's Edge of Glory, CGC "Viola" earns her CGC with her Mom Debbie McMurdie.

UKC CH/ Int'l BISP BBE Danu's ThermoNuclear SuperNova CGC "Neo" and **Ryn Pevy "Team Legs"** picked up three more First place wins in Open Junior. What a great start to the new year.

Danu's Cassiopeia Explosion "Cassi" owned by Debbie McMurdie, takes Best Opposite sex at the Dixon Match

Shameera and Olga

Paraclete Venus Goddess of Love RA CGC "Shameera" and **Olga** take home another **Best Junior In Show** in Vallejo!

Vesta CD RE CGC NW1, The Golden that thinks she is a Great Dane and Olga pick up leg 8 and 9 out of 10 qualifying legs for her RAE.

Adelaide Danes

Adelaide Great Danes is thrilled to have our newest puppy hopeful out in the show ring. **Adelaide's Gridiron "Sweetness"** AKA **Payton** went **Best Puppy in Match** March 17 at the Kennel Club of California Sierra following his mom's (**Int'l & GCH Divine Acres Sugar and Spice Girl** AKA **Cinnamon**); footsteps as she was also **Best Puppy in Match** at the same show three years prior. The following weekend Payton made his real show debut, where he actually had to behave, at the Vallejo shows the following weekend. Payton won his class two of four days and took RWD from the BBE class at a show that was 2 pts shy of a three pt major. What a way to start out and he just turned 8 months old. Continue to watch this baby boy as he hits the ring in 2012.

Olympus Danes

"Orion" (**CADRMN Among The Stars At Olympus**) won WD/BOW at the San Mateo K.C. show under Mr. Robert Smith. Orion was piloted to this win by his mom, Laura Craig!!! Orion was bred by Renee Broden and Denise Williams, out of **"Atlas"** (**MBISS Am/Int'l CH. Olympus' Pillar Of The Heavens**) x **"Whitney"** (**CADRMN PTMDS Waiting To Exhale**). Co-owned by Renee Broden and Denise Williams. Way to go, Laura and Orion!! We are soooo proud of you!!!

"Athena" (**Am/RBIS Int'l CH. CaMe Olympus' Athena**) won Select Bitch both days of the Oakland K.C. shows garnering a 3 pt. major and a 2 pt win towards her Grand Championship. Bred by Isabelle Messier, out of **"Atlas"** (**MBISS Am/Int'l CH. Olympus' Pillar Of The Heavens**) x **"Jazz"** (**Can. CH. CaMe California Sunshine**). Loved and owned by Jayne Peterson, Stephan Sam and Denise Williams.

"Marcus" (**CaMe Olympus' Epic Victory**) earned his Nat'l/Int'l puppy Championship. Bred by Isabelle Messier, out of **"Herky"** (**BIS UKC/Int'l CH. Olympus' Heroic Victory**) x (**Can. CH. CaMe California Sunshine**). Owned and loved by John, Sharon, Michelle and Marissa Carmichael.



AKCSanctioned Breed Match

in conjunction with the

GDCNCBack-to-Back Specialty Shows

Friday, April 27th, 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

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: February 11, 2012
Board/General Meeting

A Quorum of Board members was established to conduct regular business. However, the Board was one member short to reach the 2/3 required for voting on pending memberships. Those in attendance included officers and board members: Denise Williams, Pete Fredotovich, Laura Craig, Ceil Wardner, Bill Labiak, Dana Wardner, Sue Holbrook, Tom Holbrook, Jenny Kenton, Kevin Forrest, Denise Matulich, Mabel Labick, Debbie McMurdie. Excused absences: Everett Van Dyken, Jane Chopson, Pat Dousman, Brittany Williams, Melissa Pevy

The meeting was called to order on February 11, 2012 at 11:12 a.m. by Denise Williams.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Terry Toops, Jerry Loeffler, Tamara Holt

MINUTES: Brittany Williams was not present at the last meeting. After the correction to the minutes a motion was made by Pete Fredotovich, seconded by Jenny Kenton to approve the minutes from January 7th, 2012. Passed.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: Denise Williams

- Rally workshop will be held after the Spring Match in Dixon on March 10th.
- Raffle Tickets still available to sell for the drawing which will be held at our Specialty in April, please see Denise or Brittany for tickets.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Everett Van Dyken reported:

Incoming:

- No report

Outgoing:

- No report

REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Bill Labiak reported.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- **Education:** Jenny Kenton; There will be a handling clinic the Friday of our Specialty. More information to come.
- **Membership:** Pat Dousman not present. Denise Williams reported that there are 6 pending membership applications. Due to not having 2/3 of the board present, we were unable to vote. Vote tabled until March meeting.
- **Ways and Means:** Ceil Wardner & Pete Fredotovich; 50/50 raffle ticket sales are going well, this raffle will be held at our Specialty, the drawing will be held Sunday of our 2012 show. Tickets will be \$1.00 each ticket and we ask each member to sell if possible. Please don't wait til the last mintue to turn in monies.
- **Web Site:** Kate Jackson not present. Denise Williams reported that Kate and Irina are updating the GDCNC website. A committee was formed, consisting of Denise Williams, Denise Matulich, Bill

Labiak, Jenny Kenton and Pete Fredotovich, to navigate around and see if there are any changes before going public.

- **Disciplinary:** Melissa Pevy; no report
- **Show:** There was discussion about changing the AOM awards. A motion was made by Pete Fredotovich and seconded by Jenny Kenton to offer two AOM's like last year. Passed
- **Show Catalogs:** Discussion was brought up to charge for our catalogs at our specialty. A motion was made by Pete Fredotovich, seconded by Dana Wardner to leave the same as last year. Each exhibitor will receive a catalog at no charge. Extras will be sold. Passed
- Denise Williams reported that Premium lists will be mailed to exhibitors who entered last year. The premium will also be available on the GDCNC web site and the show secretary's site.
- RV power and parking at Sycamore will be the same as last year. Generators may be used from 7am–10pm.
- **Meal Chair:** Pete Fredotovich reported that there will be a slight increase on meals this year. A motion was made by Bill Labick and seconded by Pete Fredotovich to increase dinner to \$20.00 per plate. Passed.
- **Show/Finance:** No report.
- **Sunshine Committee:** Denise Williams; No report.
- **Judges Committee:** 2013 Specialty judges will be Dale Tarbox on Saturday and Ms. Margaret Shappard on Sunday
- **Rescue Committee:** No report
- **Barker-** No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Awards Brunch will be held at the Lone Tree Golf Course in Antioch in December. A motion was made by Pete Fredotovich, seconded by Kevin Forrest. Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed making Dane head centerpieces to be raffled off at the Awards/Holiday Brunch. Proceeds would help subsidize the cost of the brunch. Denise Williams will report back with confirmation from Mr. Hopper to cut out wooden Dane heads.

Meeting Schedule

2011 MEETING SCHEDULE (and other pertinent events)

- March 3rd, 11 a.m. General Meeting at Royce Farms
- May 2012, this meeting will be held after dane judging at the Camilla Capital in Woodland

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. Motioned by Pete Fredotovich , seconded by Jenny Kenton. 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.

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Denise Matulich (2014)	dkmatulich@sbcglobal.net
Kevin Forrest (2014)	forrestglenn@hotmail.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 12 Camelia Capital
show in Woodland following
Dane judging
Open meeting

December 9th
Holiday & Awards Brunch
Location to be announced