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# GDCNC Barker

The Newsletter of Great Dane Club of Northern California

www.greatdaneclub.org

## From the President

Well here we are, already in the month of February, only two months to go until our third annual back-to-back Specialty Shows. We had an outstanding annual meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Royce Farms Restaurant. Thank you to the thirty plus members who showed up to discuss the upcoming specialties and vote in our three board members: Jane Chopson (GDCA delegate), Ann English and Lucretia Marcus. Not only did we take care of business, we also had an excellent time doing some much needed socializing. I'm beginning to get the idea that we are becoming a "social club" with the great times we had at both the Awards Brunch and again at our recent meeting. Lots of fun!

Some updates about the Specialty Shows:

- April 2<sup>nd</sup> is the deadline for catalog advertisements. Please contact Kate Jackson for availability of spaces, costs and other questions. Her email is kate@qantel.com
- Lorraine Matherly will be our assistant show chairperson this year. Please direct all difficult questions to her...just kidding!
- Jane Chopson will once again handle the auction. Please contact her if you have anything to donate that would make suitable auction items. Her email is jchopson@compuserve.com.
- Elizabeth Artle will be helping out with the Challenge Trophies this year. We'll be scheduling a trophy clean-up and trailer organization get-together in early April.
- Ceil Wardner and Kathryn Netser have been busy planning for decorating the dinner tables. It will be a "black and white" theme this year. Sample decorations were displayed at the meeting and they looked good!
- Chuck English will be in charge of grounds again this year and could use help for setting up and breaking down. Please contact us (before we find you) to sign up to help with setup on Friday (April 23<sup>rd</sup>) or teardown on Sunday (April 25<sup>th</sup>).
- We will be having a match this year – open to puppies 4 months of age and older – which Ms. Diane McClelland has graciously agreed to judge. The match is scheduled to start on Friday (setup day) at 4pm. Terri Burley-Hammond, Kate Jackson and Tami Welch are taking on the responsibility of putting it together.
- Denise Williams has offered to do hospitality once again this year. We'll be doing our own coffee this year and we look forward to the goodies that will go with it.
- Mabel Labiak will be our judge's liaison for the second year in a row. She did a great job last year in welcoming and looking after the judges.
- Ann English is in charge of meals again this year. The meal package price will be dropped \$5 and individual meals can be purchased.
- Lorrie Peterson will be doing the Parades again this year.
- We will be doing the pictures in the ring this year with a background screen put together by the club.

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# Specialty Show Planning Is Underway!

Listed below are the many Specialty committees and their chairpersons and contacts.  
If you'd like to help, contact any one of us below, and we'll be happy to put you to work!

Show Chairperson	Everett Van Dyken	valinor@gotnet.net
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Come to our next meeting at  
**Royce Farms Restaurant in Stockton on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 11am** –  
 it promises to be productive and a great chance to visit with club members!

# From the President

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- Sue Dubie-Holbrook is our obedience chairperson. Obedience will be held at 8:30 AM on Saturday with Ms. Cathy Dutra judging. The obedience ring will be where the conformation ring was last year. Canine Good Citizen (CGC) testing will also take place there; conformation judging will be where obedience and CGC testing was last year.
- Sycamore Lane Kennels is doing the parking. RV parking is limited so get your reservations in early. You can bring your RV in on Friday between 1pm and 11pm. If you arrive on Saturday, you need to be in before 7:30am or you will be denied access until after judging is completed. Day parking is available for \$5 per day and you can leave/return one time for free.
- Renee Broden (reny4fun@aol.com), Gail Hunt (ghunt683@aol.com) and Dianna Morgan (kiplingdanes@yahoo.com) are taking on the responsibility of the raffle. They are looking to put on a fabulous event and ask that you all consider donating something. Please contact Renee, Gail or Dianna if you have something to contribute or have questions.
- Dana Wardner is in charge of packing up the trailer on Sunday. We need lots of volunteers! We hope to finish the show reasonable time and ask that you volunteer an hour of your time to help with teardown, loading the trailer, and post-show cleanup.
- Lucretia Marcus is our trophy chairperson again this year. She has done a terrific job in the past and we are looking forward to seeing her trophy offerings this year. She is looking for contributions, so if you haven't signed up for a class donation yet, please contact her. Lucretia's email is bellemarc@sbcglobal.net or you can call her at (925) 831-6172.
- Bill Labiak has volunteered to be the Ring Steward for both shows. He is a bit apprehensive due to a lack of experience but, given his performance last year stewarding in the Obedience ring, I am sure he will do well with our support.
- Pete Sorenson will, once again, be our vendor chairman. We are offering reduced rates for vendors who contribute something for either the raffle or the auction. His email is avopete@msn.com.
- Kathleen Davis will be doing the "welcome bags" again this year. Please contact her if you have something that would be appropriate for the "bag". Her email is davishiredanes@earthlink.net.
- Breeder's Choice will once again be one of our corporate sponsors and deserves your thanks and support.
- Another sponsor is Louise Peterson who does the beautiful Great Dane sculptures. This year, she is flying in and is limited in the number of pieces she can bring. Please check out her website and contact her if there's anything specific you want to pre-order. Her website displays many of her works as well as contact information – be sure to visit [www.danesculptor.com](http://www.danesculptor.com).
- We will be working on planning for the Specialties again on February 21, 2004. The meeting will be held at Royce Farms Restaurant. Please come and join us as we work out the final details.

At our last meeting, we unanimously elected Ms. Betty Thomas and Ms. Colleen Leahy-Spears as honorary members. This honor was bestowed upon them for their contributions to the Great Dane breed in their role as Great Dane Rescue coordinators. They have been at this for years and deserve our accolades and support! Thank you both.

On a final note, we discussed membership. Kate will be adding a FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) to the website to answer some of the questions asked by new applicants. We are **not** a "by invitation only" club. There is no meeting requirement. You need to be listed (published) in the newsletter twice before you can be voted in. We added more members to the membership committee headed by Ann English, and we'll be developing a business card with appropriate contacts (membership, rescue, referrals) for distribution to potential new club members.

Please consider adding your name and email to the website list for ease of contact. I personally think our biggest "membership perk" is our members. We're a fun group of people to hang out with both ringside and in our meetings!

Regards,  
Everett

*Our condolences to Terri Burley-Hammond and Eddie Hammond who had to say goodbye to Quake, Int'l Ch. ESQ's Aftershock V Daneridge, in December. We also wish to express our sympathies to Molly Johnson-Smith and Jeff Smith on the loss of their Star, Keystone's Stargate Keeper who crossed the Bridge just after New Year's Day.*

# Braggs!!!



The weekend after Thanksgiving was a good one for our most faraway club members, Cindee Carlson, up in vet school in Washington State. Her 8-month old harlequin bitch, "Sterling" (Rau's Every Cloud Has One v. Esq), took Winners Bitch and Best Of Winners for one point at her very first show, owner-handled by Cindee, under breeder judge Garry Newton. The next day, under judge Judith Goodin, she again took Winners Bitch with Cindee on the end of the lead. So, Miss Sterling is 2 points on her way towards her championship. Cindee mentioned that she has become friends with some folks many of you knew here in Northern California years ago -- Barnette and Bob Harris -- who also were competing with their lovely fawns in these shows, along with the Burkes from Montana and many others.



Lola (bred by Dee Guerra) won a five point major (owner-handled by Lorraine Matherly) at the Great Dane Club of Tucson Specialty on January 10<sup>th</sup> under breeder-judge Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis, RWB the next day at the back-to-back Specialty under breeder-judge Mrs. Lourdes Carvajal, and was WB/BOW for her second major, a four-pointer (handled by Jane Chopson) at the Willamette Valley Great Dane Club Specialty January 16<sup>th</sup> under Mr. Dennis Morgan. G'Nhydane's La Terremotos of Lore needs five singles to finish.



KC Danes Americas Sweetheart "Lacey" took WB, BOW and BOS over a bitch special on Sunday at the Skyline show in San Mateo for two points. What a great way to start out the New Year! Lacey is out of Ch. Oneidas Nash Bridges & Ch. Sherons Betty D Grandy. Of course, Lacey got to go toy shopping after her big win and she was so thoughtful she picked out a toy for her mama Betty, too.



Capstone's Ode to the West Wind ("Odie") went Winner's Dog at the Golden Gate Kennel Club show in San Francisco under Judge Robert J. Shreve for one point. Odie was expertly handled by Sonda Peterson and is owned and loved by Jim Curnutt and Elizabeth Artle and family. We had a great time at this the benched show, talking to people about Great Danes for two days. And Odie is an awesome ambassador for the breed and always a crowd favorite – we're thinking of changing his name to Al Gore, as he gets the popular vote but usually not the electoral. ☺



It was a great weekend for the Grimadis at the benched Cow Palace show! Their just-turned-12-month-old "Dazzle" KC Danes An Affair to Remember v Oneida (Ch. Oneida's Nash Bridges x Ch. Sheron's Betty D. Grandy) took WB and BOW – and went on to BOS over a Special. Dazzle was bred by Kathryn Netser, is owned by Judi & Ed Grimaldi, and was handled by Ed. And if that wasn't enough, Dazzle's Papa Nash (Ch. Oneida's Nash Bridges) went BOB – for the fourth year in a row! Nash is owned, bred, and handled by the Grimaldis.



## Membership Update

### Second Publishing:

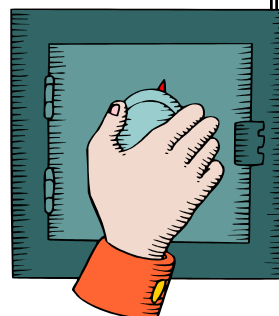
- *Connie Andronico*  
Sponsored by Eric Evangelista and Tim Sutherland

### First Publishing:

- *Sherry Wood*  
Sponsored by Denise Williams and Terry Toops

## FINANCIAL REPORT

GDCNC financial  
information is  
available to club  
members on request



# CONGRATULATIONS New Champions!!!



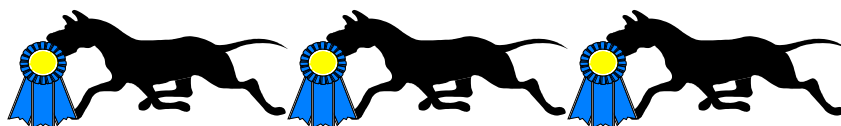
Hooray for Donnell and Sherman!!! On Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at the Willamette Valley Great Dane Club Specialty in Portland, OR, under Judge Pat Hastings, Sherman went Winners Dog and Best of Winners to become Ch. G And D's Dn't Squeeze DA Sherman. Sherman is out of Ch. Chevalier Fifty Seven and G And D's Isabella Gotcha – he was breeder owner handled all the way!!!

Ch. Lore's Mr. Nice Guy finished with a four-point major at the Willamette Valley Great Dane Club Specialty on January 16<sup>th</sup>, handled by Sonda Peterson under judge, Mr. Dennis Morgan (a boxer breeder). Cooper is the littermate to Ch. Lore's Tutta Bella. He is owned by Jackie Tom and bred by/co-owned by Lorraine Matherly.

Davishire Danes is pleased to announce that "Tyranny", took BBE BIS and BIS overall at the International show in Santa Rosa, January 25<sup>th</sup>, to make her Am/BIS Int. Ch. Davishire's Impetuous a'la AJ !! Fürst D'Shire Von Der Ofnethohle took Best Puppy in Breed at the same show and his first 2 AKC points, at 7 months of age, at the Skyline show! He and his sister Ghia are both now, Jungsten National Champions coming home from the International show, to do their German and American families proud.

## And Let's Hear it for BISS x 2!!!

BISS CH Sasdania-Vitag's Frozen Asset was BOB under Mrs. Lourdes Carvajal at the Great Dane Club of Tucson Specialty and again at the Willamette Valley Great Dane Club Specialty for his second BISS in a week. Oscar is owned by Lorraine Matherly, Jane Chopson and breeders Steve Stevens and David Vitagliano and is presented by Jane.



### Advertise in the Specialty Catalog

Boast about your champion, puppy hopeful, performance achievements – or just wish exhibitors good luck! Catalog ads are just \$35.00 for a full page with one photo; \$10.00 for business card ads.

Ad material can be submitted anytime between now and April 2<sup>nd</sup> – that's the deadline for advertising copy. Please make checks payable to GDCNC and send your advertising copy and pictures to:

Diane Heldebrant  
2474-244 Walnut Street  
Cary, NC 27511



# Litter Announcements

## PUPPIES, PUPPIES, PUPPIES!!!

Rosie (Echo Danemar A Taste of Rose') and Tommy (Echo's Justice of the Peace) are the proud parents of 11 boys!! Yes, you read that right---11 boys!!! The all fawn litter was born on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Mom and babies are thriving! All but two are spoken for. Please direct inquiries to Timmi at [timmi@sierratel.com](mailto:timmi@sierratel.com).



## Twinkles in Daddies' Eyes...



A harlequin-mantle breeding!!! Ch. Daneridg-Tered Somelikeithot and GMJ's The Fortune Hunter II were bred with puppies expect around February 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Terri Hammond at (530) 620-4683 (evenings).



Tami Welch and & proud papa Louie are happy to announce a futurity nominated litter due February 29, 2004 out of Am/Int'l Ch. Belldane's Louie Louie and Kenyon's Wyatt Aldea Anij CD. These babies are expected to be blue and black. We have high hopes for these kids!

We're hoping that "Abigail", Am/Int. Ch. Express D'Shire's Lady in Wait'n is brewing up some little black and white babies via repeat breeding to "AJ", BISS Ch. BMW Architect of Jericho ROM. Ultrasound is scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup>. Should the breeding take and give us some spots and collars, these will be futurity nominated babies, looking forward to Futurity and 6-9 puppy classes at the 2004 Texas Nationals!

BISS AKC/UKC/Int'l Ch Lagarada's Aspen Gold x Affaire's For Your Eyes Only. Futurity nominated, all fawn litter expected around May 1. Please see <http://home.surewest.net/daneaffr> and click on the Upcoming Breedings link for more information. Inquiries to Laura at [daneaffr@surewest.net](mailto:daneaffr@surewest.net).



## We forgot...

At the Awards Brunch on December 7<sup>th</sup> we honored the breeders, co-breeders, owners, co-owners and stud dog owners for their accomplishments this year – and we failed to recognize Terri Burley-Hammond whose harlequin Norma Jean completed her AKC championship in 2003. Congratulations (and apologies) to owner-breeder Terri and Ch. Daneridg-Tered Somelikeithot!!!



# GDCNC MEETING MINUTES: January 24, 2004

The meeting was called to order on January 24, 2004, at 11:08am. Attending the meeting were officers and board members Everett Van Dyken, Timmi Williams, Sue Dubie-Holbrook, Dana Wardner, Ceil Wardner, Kathryn Nester, Conley Nester, Ann English, Lucretia Marcus, Jane Chopson and Judy Benjamin. Excused was Paul Picciau.

The minutes were approved as printed.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Available to GDCNC members on request.

## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

A newsletter from GDCA, a thank you from Beve Hauer, a thank you from CAR/AKC.

## **GENERAL ELECTION:**

Ann English, Lucretia Marcus and Jane Chopson were reelected to their respective positions on the board.

## **STATUS OF THE BY-LAWS:**

GDCA will be changing their by-laws and then we can resubmit our revised by-laws.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

- Connie Andronico is being published for the 2nd time. Sherry Wood from Reno, Nevada is being published the first time.
- M/S/P to establish business cards for the club and use them around the rings at the dog shows for people interested.
- Timmi Williams, Eric Evangelista, Tim Sutherland, Lucretia Marcus and Elizabeth Artle will join the Membership committee in helping to promote the club at the shows.
- Chuck English will get the business cards done.
- It was suggested that regularly asked questions and answers on becoming a member be posted on the website.

## **EDUCATION:**

Lucretia Marcus would like any suggestions as to topics desired for education. Please forward all suggestions to her.

## **NEWSLETTER:**

Kate Jackson will provide newsletters a minimum of every two months at her discretion.

## **SPECIALTY SHOW:**

- Jane Chopson is planning the auction again this year. She is requesting auction items be donated to her.
- Ceil discussed the decorations. The format will be black and white.
- The dinner will be catered by the same company as last year. The price will be \$25.00 if purchased alone. It will be \$40.00 including two lunches. The lunches will be \$10.00 per day if purchased separately.
- Sue Dubie-Holbrook requested that the obedience classes begin at 8:30 a.m. The judge will be Cathy Dutra.
- M/S/P to hold a match on Friday evening if viable.
- Vendors will have their booth rental fee reduced if they make a donation to the auction or raffle.
- M/S/P to allow up to \$200.00 to buy items for the welcome bags/boxes.
- M/S/P to provide rosettes for Great Danes who finished their championship at our Specialty. There will be no dates on the rosettes so that they can be used for other years.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- The Holiday and Awards Brunch will be at the Pleasanton Hotel again this year. The date will be December 12, 2004. M/S/P to release the deposit for the brunch.
- M/S/P to offer Betty Thomas and Colleen Leahy-Spears honorary memberships in the club.
- The schedule for the meetings before the Specialty will be:
  - February 21 at 11:00am at Royce Farms Restaurant, Stockton
  - March 13 at 11:00am at Royce Farms Restaurant, Stockton

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Timmi Williams  
Recording Secretary

## 2003 GDCNC Board and Officers

At the GDCNC election on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, members voted unanimously that Ann English & Lucretia Marcus continue to serve on our Board and that Jane Chopson continue her role as GDCA Delegate.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>:**  
Specialty Planning Meeting  
Royce Farms Restaurant, Stockton

**Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>:**  
Specialty Planning Meeting  
Royce Farms Restaurant, Stockton

**Friday-Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>:**  
Conformation Match & Specialty Shows  
Sycamore Lane Kennels, Lodi

**Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>:**  
Holiday & Awards Brunch  
Pleasanton Hotel, Pleasanton



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