

The GDCNC Barker

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Parting Words

A message from our Past President

Dear Dane friends,

We have managed to survive another year of shows, seminars, holidays and good times spent with friends and family and our favorite fur kids. This year has certainly not past without its challenges. As many of you know we almost lost our Elliot, he went in for a routine neuter and managed to leave with aspiration pneumonia which landed him right back in ICU for a little over a week.

It is times like this when we realize just how lucky we are to be a part of such a great group of loving, caring, supportive people. It is so much more than just showing dogs, it is the people in the Dane community that make it all worth while.

The time has come after four short years in office to pass the Gavel on to New Incoming President Nancy Hawkes. Nancy comes with experience and a love for the breed. I hope you all show Nancy the support you have shown me over the past four years. I would also like to welcome re-elected Vice President Pete Fredotovich, New Treasurer Bill Labiak, re-elected Corresponding Secretary Everett Van Dyken, re-elected Recording Secretary Mabel Labiak, GDCA Delegate Jane Chopson, re-elected board member Laura Craig and new board members Pat Dousman, Jenny Kenton and Terry Toops.. I would like to thank our out-going Treasure Dana Wardner for his 10 years of service providing detailed budget reports, writing checks, taking care of the club insurance and all other banking aspects. Thank you Dana!

See you at the next meeting and ring side -
Immediate Past President,
Kathryn Netser

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Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2009

The meeting was called to order on January 31, 2009, at 11:03 a.m. by Kathryn Netser. In attendance were officers and board members Kathryn Netser, Peter Fredotovich, Everett Van Dyken, Dana Wardner, Mabel Labiak, Laura Craig, Nancy Hawkes, Bill Labiak, Conley Netser, Pepper Riddle, and Brittany Williams. Jane Chopson was absent. Additionally, fourteen club members and one guest were in attendance.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS—Pat Dousman introduced her husband, Mick Dousman.

MINUTES—On a motion by Everett Van Dyken, seconded by Pete Fredotovich, the minutes of November 15, 2008 were approved as presented. Passed.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS—None.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

New place for Holiday / Awards Brunch—The Pleasanton Hotel has closed its doors. Ann English and Bari Castello have checked out The Liberty House, a restored old hotel in Pittsburg. It is located downtown by the water. They can provide a brunch, not on the order of the Pleasanton Hotel, but less expensive. Mabel Labiak made a motion, seconded by Barbara Moffett, to hold the GDCNC Annual Holiday/Awards Brunch at The Liberty House in Pittsburg. Passed.

Ann English and Bari Castello will draw up a contract and make necessary arrangements with the restaurant. Ann English will use the \$100.00 refund she got back from the Pleasanton hotel to put down on the Liberty House for a deposit.

Barker—Thanks and congratulations to Brittany and Denise Williams for doing such a great job on the Barker.

Meeting Minutes—The President stated that the meeting minutes need to have a bit more detail in the motions.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Incoming:

- GDCA 4th Quarter Bulletin.
- 11/26/09—Welcome letter from the Sacramento Council of Dog Clubs, Inc.
- 12/01/08—GDCA Charitable Trust letter

approving an educational grant in the amount of \$1000.

- AKC letter approving Sandra Petrari as sweepstakes judge for the 6/6/09 Contra Costa KC supported show.
- B-Match & Obedience flyer from Sacramento Valley Dog Fanciers Association. March on Saturday (3/7/09) at Dixon Fairgrounds.
- Sacramento Council of Dog Clubs flyer for symposium to be held February 7: Thyroid, Vaccine and Nutrition issues with Dr. Jean Dodds; cost is \$100.

Outgoing:

- 11/2008—Letter to GDCNC members announcing candidates for board members and officers.

TREASURER'S REPORT



There was discussion about how to use trophy donation monies versus supported entries monies. Discussed the possibility of setting up a Trophy fund that can be used for supported entries as well. Trophy donation money collected for the GDCNC specialty is for the Specialty any extra collected goes into profit. Supported entries awards typically go to Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Winner's Dog, and Winner's Bitch, donations would have to be specifically for supported entries.

Dana has done an exceptional job in his ten years as Treasurer for the GDCNC.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Education

Barbara Moffett reported that the annual education seminar was awesome. Attendees want to know what comes next. The seminar brought in over \$8000; spent about \$5500; leaving a profit of \$2449.97. Barbara Moffett made a motion, seconded by Ann English that the profit stays in education. Passed.

There were unexpected expenses for Dr. Hutchinson including, but not limited to, a request for a rental car in addition to being picked up from the airport and an airline cost of over \$600, compared to a cost of about \$400 for Dr. Orlandi. A detailed summary of education expenses and income is attached.

There are no plans for a seminar next year.

Barbara Moffett announced that she is resigning from the education position.

Membership

New members Steven Bakondi and Greg Schuler, Corrine Meservey, and Bree Williams have been published twice and need to be voted on.

Show

- Everything needs to be submitted to Everett Van Dyken for the premium list by Wednesday, February 4, 2009.
- There are two volunteers for the auction committee, looking for one more.
- Need a person to volunteer for decorations and the centerpieces.
- Need volunteers to transport judges from/to the airport.
- There will be a Match and barbeque (Pete Fredotovich) will handle the BBQ on Friday.
- There are two sweepstakes this year.
- Obedience and Rally will be held Saturday morning.
- Junior Showmanship is scheduled for Sunday only.
- Ceil and Dana Wardner are in charge of judges' hospitality.
- Pete Fredotovich will oversee "general" hospitality.
- Pat Gallup is getting trophies appropriately engraved.
- If you wish to volunteer for anything—see Everett.
- Kitty Kenyon will offer OFA cardios for the cost of \$180. Kitty works with a human cardiologist who does echos, but Kitty will sign off as the attending veterinarian. If members know of other sources who will perform this exam, must let Everett know by Wednesday, February 4, 2009.
- Pete Fredotovich has carts he purchased for show use in his truck if anyone wants to see them.
- Pete Fredotovich would like to be included in the group that goes to view the Sycamore Lane show site.

Supported Entries—Ceil Wardner reported (and showed members) that boxes created by Barbara Kreszyn would be handed out as trophies for the Merced shows on Friday and Saturday. For the Saturday and Sunday Woofstock show (2 days only) at Vallejo in June, a lava lamp will be given for Best of Breed, then colored hand towels with Woofstock on them for other trophies. Sandra Petrari is the sweeps judge for the June 6 Contra Costa show.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Detailed list of missing challenge trophies — There were only two trophies missing from the challenge trophies and they have been replaced.

NEW BUSINESS

Standing Rules:

#23 The mid-summer publication of the Barker will include announcement to members in good standing that they should notify the President or Vice-President of the GDCNC if they are interested in seeking the nomination for a board or officer position and indicate their preference. (11/15/08)

#24 Upon the appointment of a Nomination committee, notification will be sent to all members in good standing as to the members of the committee and encourage those seeking to run for an office or board position to contact a member of the committee stating their preference. (11/15/08)

Bill Labiak made a motion, seconded by Pete Fredotovich that the By-laws be published on the GDCNC web site. Discussion ensued as to whether or not the By-laws should, in fact, be published on the web site or not. On a vote by the members, twenty-four (24) in favor; one (1) opposed. Passed. There was further discussion as to whether or not the Standing Rules should be published on the GDCNC web site. While no motion was made, the majority of members agreed that the Standing Rules are fluid and would not be practical to publish on the GDCNC web site.

Barbara Moffett suggested that the GDCNC check with Umpqua Bank regarding the procedure to properly obtain and use a credit card machine for members to pay dues, make donations at the auction, registration fees for educational seminars, purchasing speaker's books, etc. She noted that PayPal worked very well for registration to the education seminar. Pete Fredotovich will check out use of a credit card machine, procedure for obtaining and operating same, and costs.

Election of Officers and Board of Directors: Denise Williams read the letter of January 31, 2009, which was submitted to Officers, Board Members and Regular Members of the GDCNC. The Nominating Committee submitted the following as nominees:

President Nancy Hawkes
Corresponding Secretary Everett Van Dyken
Vice President Peter Fredotovich
Recording Secretary Mabel Labiak
Treasurer Bill Labiak
Delegate Jane Chopson

Board:
Laura Craig
Pat Dousman
Jenny Kenton
Terry Toops (1 year term)

Denise Williams made a motion, seconded by Everett Van Dyken, to accept the slate as proposed. Passed.

Election of New Members:

Everett Van Dyken made a motion, seconded by Judy Benjamin, to approve Steven Bakondi and Greg Schuler, Corrine Meservey, and Bree Williams as new members of the GDCNC.

Vote on Honorary / Founding Member:
Everett Van Dyken will talk to Jane Chopson to see whether she wants to be only an Honorary member or continue as a paying member in order to keep her Delegate standing on the Board.

Everett Van Dyken made a motion, seconded by Bill Labiak, to confer honorary membership to Jane Chopson contingent on her agreeing to accept such membership, but still pay her dues in order to maintain her Board position as Delegate. Passed.

Meeting Schedule:

February 21, 2009 at Royce Farms (11:00 a.m.)—open meeting
March 21, 2009 at Vallejo (after BOB)—open meeting
May 16, 2009 at Vallejo (after BOB)—open meeting

Members were reminded to turn in their judges' nominations forms today.

ADJOURNMENT

Nancy Hawkes moved that the meeting be adjourned; Kathryn Netser seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Mabel Labiak, Recording Secretary



Welcome new members!

**Steven Bakondi
& Greg Schuler**

Corrine Meservey

Bree Williams

International BRAGS

Int'l CH. Mia

Lampes Prima Mia owned by Nancy Bruno achieved her International Championship in Santa Rosa in January. Mia is also bragging about her sister Lampes Eleanor Sweet Honey Lager who just finished her championship in Palm Springs and was recently bred to Ch.Shillrest Sure Fire 1 N'Only (Rowdy). Will be seeing you all soon at the shows: So good luck to everybody this spring!

Int'l CH. Summer Wins

Intl. ch. Destiny's Some Like It Hot out of:
Intl. ch Blk Destiny Calls x BISS Am Intl. CH
Almosta Avatar V Destiny aom
Summer had a great weekend at the international show against some stiff competition winning
2 Best Bred by puppy and one best puppy wins that took her to:
2 Best Bred By Group 1 wins and 1 Best Puppy group 1 win.
It was a very exciting weekend.

Bragging! Rights!

New Champ!

"Sean" (Bayside Just Another Day In Paradise

Finished his championship on the last day in Portland at 10.5 months old and all owner-handled by Vince Mulligan.

Valinor Great Danes

is proud to announce its newest champion, Ch. Valinor's Rebel Yell. Billie became the 22nd champion for us by finishing with her fourth major at the Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon on January 16, 2009. She was Best of Winners under judge Carl Liepmann for her final four points. Billie was expertly handled through all of her points by her friend Terri Dillistin. Billie is out of Ch. Valinor's Pink Floyd and Ch. Valinor's I'll Take You There. She will be bred this Spring to Pacific Winstar Shot In The Dark.

On February 5th at the Lost Dutchman KC, we added a new champion to the Valinor family. It is now Ch. Valinor-Cheshire For the Ride who won his fourth major under Ms. Judith Brown. Tonka is out of Ch. Valinor's Pink Floyd and Ch. Valinor's I'll Take you There. Today (2/8/09) we just heard Tonka is now BISS Ch. Valinor-Cheshire For The Ride winning the Great Dane Club of Arizona specialty under Ms. Karen McFarlane. What an awesome "Ride" it is! Tonka was bred by Valinor Great Danes and is owned by Everett Van Dyken and Shalein Bonney.

Braggs from the Gallup's!

Daynakin's Quite the Kisser (Izzy) won WB @ San Mateo in December under Mr. Tacker for 1 pt.. and WB /BOW's in Fresno under Mrs. Zelenski for 2 points.

Daynakin's Oh I'm Tuff Too (Tucker) got his 2nd major @ Santa Clara under Mrs. Sinclair. Tucker needs 2 points to finish. Thanks to everyone for all your support at ring side. Bob, Pat, Tucker, Nikki, & Izzy

Exciting News from KC Danes

Mack:

KC Danes Mackenzie River made his presence be known at the Willamette Valley GDC Specialty #1 taking Winners Dog / Best of Winners and Best Puppy for a 4 point Major under Judge Mrs. Nancy Simmons. He went on to take a 4 point Major Reserve win at the #2 specialty later that afternoon under Judge Mr. James E. Taylor. In Santa Clara Mack took Reserve Winners Dog under Judge Ms. Lynn Jech.

In Hanford at the Kings KC show Mack took Best of Winners for 2 points under judge Mr. Jay Richardson.

Mack is definitely starting the year out on a positive note.

We are very proud of this young man. Mack is littermate to Laney, he lives with his momma Katie and the Douglas family where he is quite pampered. Mack is presented in the ring by his other owner/breeder Kathryn Netser.

Jefferson:

Am /Int'l Ch. KC Danes National Treasure CGC took Best of Breed on Sat & Sun in San Mateo under judges Mr. Ekarat Sangkunakup and Mrs. Maggie Alhino. Jefferson AKA Jeff is out of BISS Ch. Windy Hills Gold Plated and Ch. Sherons Betty D Grandy ROM, AOM. Jeff lives with and is loved and cared for by Carrie Muir. He shares himself with Breeder/handler Kathryn Netser.

Laney:

Int'l Puppy Ch. KC Danes Delaney River took Reserve Winners Bitch at her first AKC show in San Mateo under Judge Mr. Ekarat Sangkunakup. Laney is out of Ch. Sarjack's Ain't Whistlin Dixie ROM x Ch. KC Danes Mystic River

She was bred by Susan Douglas and Kathryn Netser. Laney lives with and is loved by the Netser household where she torments all the other four legged fur kids.

More wins for the **Midas Kids!!** (Am/Int'l CH.Olympus' The Midas Touch)

"Rhea" (Amare's Earthly Pleasure v Olympus) won WB under Beverly Capstick for 1 pt. and then took a major RWB under Mrs. Schoen. Owned by Bob Santimays & Denise Williams, Bred by Patti Nehr.

"Mesha" (Marcliff's Golden Touch From Olympus) had a great weekend in Hadford! She was WB under Mr. Fetter for 2 pts. and then WB again for another 2 pts. under Mr. Jay Richardson. She is owned by Sherri Moore and Nancy Hawkes. Bred by Nancy Hawkes.

The Paxton Puppies

are starting off with a BANG ~ showing and winning before 9 months !!

Paxton's Happen Chance "Rylee" was WB/BOW/BOB over a special TWICE for her first 2 points at the Cow Palace benched show in January ~ Thank you breeder judge Dana Cline and judge Arley Hussin!

And what a weekend it was too In addition, littermate sister Paxton's Phat Chance "Piper" was RWB both days and littermate brother Paxton's Chance Spartan Glory "Linus" was WD/BOS over a special under judge Dana Cline for his first point owner handled by newbie show mom Linda !! Go Team !!

Meanwhile, Paxton's a Chance Encounter at De Robles, "Lena" was piloted by mom Shari Ziegenbein to two RESERVE wins ~ one in Ventura under breeder judge Dana Cline, and one in Hanford under Judge Donna Buxton!! Way to go Ladies! I think I see points just around the corner.

Moving right along to the Santa Clara shows, where my "Rylee", Paxton's Happen Chance, was awarded WB for a 3 point MAJOR from the Bred By Class under judge Janet Sinclair. Whooo Hooo!! And as if that weren't enough, littermate sister Piper (Paxton's Phat Chance) is awarded the Major Reserve. Both these girls live with and are loved by Rich and I, Rylee has been 100% owner/breeder/mom handled and Piper is to, for the most part, except when I'm in a pickle and someone lends a helping hand.

Last but not least, Paxton's Happen Chance, "Rylee" was recognized again, this time at the superstition Kennel club where she went RWB to a Major from the Bred By class !

These Lovely puppies are out of my Schatzi (CH Shady Crk's Lady Smith N Wesson CHIC) and Shari's Chance (BISS CH De Robles Colorado Caper CGC CHIC), and as Grammy partner's in crime we could not be more proud and pleased with each and every one of them. See everyone Ringside!

Education CORNER

If you didn't attend the GDCNC-sponsored Breeders Symposium in January, you missed a fabulous opportunity to learn about genetics & canine reproduction from some top dogs. Saturday, Dr Claudia Orlandi presented her ABCs of Dog Breeding, a genetically-based approach to explain why these popular beliefs -- and lots others -- are **false**:

§ It's alright to breed a lesser quality dog as long as he/she has an excellent pedigree.

§ Breeding to the littermate of a favored dog is the same as breeding to the favored dog himself.

§ The pedigree is more important than the dog itself.

And on Sunday, Dr Robert Van Hutchinson discussed canine reproduction in an enlightening and entertaining question-and-answer format. Dr Hutch shared his insight about how to time a litter when YOU want it, how to safely delay heat cycles to maximize reproductive health, why treating a bitch with pyo without spaying her is often the most medically appropriate decision, and much, much more.

People from many breeds attended, from as far south as San Diego and as far north as Portland. Some comments from attendees:

§ "THANK YOU! What a wonderful symposium -- it was so worthwhile to fly in for! I would love to hear about any upcoming symposiums that you have planned."

§ "I can't believe it wasn't a sellout! I'm surprised that your entire club wouldn't attend seminars like these two."

§ "I really enjoyed the seminar. You guys did a fabulous job!"

§ "Thank you again for all the hard work in putting together this opportunity for all of us. There was much valuable information shared, and I was glad to be able to attend. Keep me on your mailing list for future seminars, please!"

We'd like to express our gratitude to the GDCA Charitable Trust for providing a grant to help make the symposium possible. And again, a huge thank you to Education Chair Barbara Moffett for organizing such an incredible weekend of canine education.

Meeting Minutes

February 21st 2009

GDCNC Meeting: February 21, 2009

The meeting was called to order on February 21, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. by Nancy Hawkes.

In attendance were officers and board members Kathryn Netser, Peter Fredotovich, Nancy Hawkes, Bill Labiak, Conley Netser, Pat Dousman, Terry Toops, and Brittany Williams. Jane Chopson, Mabel Labiak, Everett Van Dyken were excused. Absent were Jenny Kenton and Laura Craig. Additionally, four club members and two guests were in attendance

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS-

Nancy Hawkes introduced Lyn Williams.
Terry Toops introduced Karen Dutra

MINUTES—on a motion by Kathryn Netser, seconded by Terry Toops, the minutes of January 31, 2009 were approved as presented. Passed. As there was not a quorum present this vote will need to be redone at the next meeting

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS—

Corporation Status
Rescue
Meeting Minutes being posted on the website
Food Vendors at the show

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The following Standing committee chairs were named:

Show 2010 - Everett Van Dyken
Membership - Everett Van Dyken
Education - Barbara Moffett has graciously agreed to continue on as the Education Chair
Ways and Means - Peter Fredotovich
Website - Kate Jackson
Disciplinary Committee - Peter Fredotovich chair
Terri Toops
Tom Hawkes
Pat Dousman
Supported Entries - Open

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Nancy Hawkes reporting for Everett Van Dyken that he sent welcome letters to the new members that were voted in last month

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bill Labiak is working on a report to be presented at the next meeting.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Education- Terry Toops reporting for Barbara Moffett.

Barbara has asked for an education corner in the Barker for articles, she is working with Denise Williams on this and has asked for suggestions on content from the membership.

No planned seminars at this time.

Show:

Nancy Hawkes reporting for Everett Van Dyken.

Premium list to be sent to the printers on the 24th of February.

Discussion on food vendors being a conflict with Hospitality and Meals, this matter was tabled due to lack of a quorum. Concerns were expressed about contracts being entered into without Board approval and about additional charges for electricity from the show site, this matter was tabled due to lack of a quorum.

Trophy – Kathryn Netser reported that donations of over 600.00 dollars have been received and more are expected.

Meals – Nancy Hawkes reports that caterers are in place and plans are coming together.

Old Business:

Pete Fredotovich reported additional information on credit cards and PayPal usage, more information is needed and he will continue to research the matter.

New Business:

Karen Dutra a guest wanted to bring to our attention her concerns about the Northern California Great Dane rescue she will be sending in a complaint letter to the Parent club and will send GDCNC a copy as well.

It was discovered that our Corporation status is listed with the State of California as being Suspended Bill Labiak will find out what is happening and try to get it straightened out. Terry Toops stated that it has happened before and is not a major issue to get the proper forms filed to bring us up to date.

Kathryn Netser expressed concern over the minutes being posted on the website without membership approval. Discussion was held that the Barker is posted on the website and that the minutes are in the Barker. Nancy Hawkes stated that her intent was to get the minutes to the membership so that they could be read prior to the next meeting.

Nancy Hawkes will have Kate remove the minutes from the website until it can be brought up to the membership, and instead have a mass email to the membership of the current minutes.

There was discussion of the need for an updated Membership list, need to bring this up to Everett Van Dyken

Next meeting:

3/21/09 after BOB in Vallejo and 5/16/09 after BOB in Vallejo

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:24 pm on a motion by Pete Fredotovich seconded by Conley Netser and passed by the membership.



Pat Hastings'

STRUCTURE IN ACTION

Presented by the Dalmatian Club of Northern California

This seminar combines Pat Hastings' Puppy Puzzle Presentation, as well as Hastings' discussion of the value of structurally evaluating adult dogs that are being considered for a breeding program, working trials or performance competition, along with local veterinarian Wendy Wallace's perspective on how to reduce the risk of structural injuries in working and performance dogs.

Pat is well respected in the dog-world as an educator, author and AKC judge. She evaluates the structural quality of over 300 litters per year. Wendy Wallace is a bay area veterinarian who competes in conformation, agility and obedience.

When: Sunday, August 23rd, 2009
8:30 am until we are done!
Doors open at 8 am

Where: Concord, California

Early Bird Registration: \$90 prior to 7/30/09
Late Registration: \$120 after 7/30/09
includes continental breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack

Hands on evaluation of attendees' dog limited to the first 15 registrations.
Fee: \$10

Contact dcncseminar@yahoo.com for further information



Mail registration and payment (payable to DCNC) to:
DCNC Seminar
2328 Windy Springs Lane
Brentwood, CA 94513

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
Email: _____
Phone #: _____

___ Yes, I would like my dog considered for evaluation at the workshop
Breed: _____ Age: _____



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2009 GDCNC Board and Officers

The 2009 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.

Nancy Hawkes	President (2011)	hawkes9@yahoo.com
Peter Fredotovich	Vice President (2011)	Pete@rickermachinery.com
Everett Van Dyken	Corresponding Secretary (2011)	valinor@caltel.com
Bill Labiak	Treasurer (2011)	bmlabiak@clearwire.net
Mabel Labiak	Recording Secretary (2011)	bmlabiak@clearwire.net
Jane Chopson	GDCA Delegate (2011)	janechopson@cs.com
To Be Filled	(2011)	
Terry Toops	(2010)	tltoops@sbcglobal.net
Pat Dousman	(2011)	skyranchdanes@hughes.net
Conley Netser	(2010)	kcdanes@comcast.net
Jenny Kenton	(2011)	jayhawkgirl97@yahoo.com
Brittany Williams	(2010)	Brittany@ioneca.net

Calendar Of Events

March 21 Meeting

Vallejo after BOB
- open meeting

May 16 Meeting

Vallejo after BOB
- open meeting