



GDCNC Barker



Supported Shows Yield Back-to-Back Majors

The GDCNC supported entries at the Richmond Dog Fanciers shows in Dixon the first weekend in August, netting two days of much-needed Majors. In addition to regular conformation classes, Sweepstakes was offered both days. Thanks to all who entered these shows to support the Club and make those Majors!

At Saturday's show, Sweeps judge Lin Jensen, found the Moffett's big & handsome brindle boy Higgins for the Best In Sweeps award. It was a great morning for brindle: Best Opposite In Sweeps went to the Mulligan's lovely Nellie. Judge Christine Pratt handed out the major points: the Port's harl boy Maxwell scored by taking Winners Dog, and BOSW Nellie was Winners Bitch and Best of Winners.

Sunday's Sweeps judge was Gloria Kerr – her Best In Sweeps pick was the Paxton's new fawn baby Schatz and BOSW was awarded to Laura Munro's natural-eared fawn handful Chase. Conformation judge Janne Radcliffe awarded major points to the Netser's fawn boy Elliot (WD) and to the Gallup's brindle Nikki (who was WB, BOW and BOS over Specials!).

While the morning ring times were appreciated (last year, the afternoons were sweltering), many dub members felt that the hosting club should have worked harder to avoid Sunday's judge change since we were supporting the show; at the very least, a non-provisional judge would have been a better choice. At a meeting following the Dixon shows, there was discussion about having the Club support more shows – that will be looked into in the coming months.

Good Book for New Puppy People

There's a book called *Big Dog Breeds* which covers the topic nicely for the first time big/giant dog owner. The first half goes over the extra responsibilities with an "extra large" dog, and covers feeding, exercise, training, issues of breeding and finding a breeder, and also how to pick a vet and how to talk to a vet. (It's written by a vet and includes an entire section on how to question your vet and how to *not* just take what you are told at face value.) The second half covers various big/giant breeds. It's not a perfect reference, but it's better than most and offers more than generic info. It actually says a lot of things giant breeders and giant dog rescues tell potential and new owners. It was written by a Dan Rice, DVM, and was first published in 2001 by Barrons. It's easily found in most bookstores and at online sources such as Amazon. (Thanks to JP Yousha for telling us about this book!)

President's Message

Dear Dane Friends,

GDCNC's Pet First Aid Seminar, held July 22nd, was taught by Marjorie Trebino – and it was a truly informative class. All that participated left with the knowledge of how to perform CPR on their dog or cat in the event of an emergency, as well as how to check an animal's vitals. Other emergency treatment techniques were covered to help you sustain your pet until you are able to get him or her to the vet. The class was not only informative; it was extremely interesting and super fun, too! Thank you, Marjorie Trebino, for taking the time out of your busy schedule to teach this class for us. It is a nice feeling to be trained to know what to do in an emergency situation so you are not second-guessing yourself and possibly inflicting more harm than good. And thank you, Mabel Labiak, for doing all the research, securing the location and making all the arrangements for this seminar. Great job! Oh! And I can't forget to mention those wonderful desserts Mabel made especially for the class – they were to die for!

The GDCNC chose to be a supported entry again for the Richmond Dog Fanciers show this year. Once again, the shows made Majors and we were assigned nicely early (and cool!) ring times. Thanks to all for showing your support of the club's participation in the Richmond Dog Fanciers shows.

If you haven't already done so, be sure to get your vote in for 2008 National judges. Votes must be turned into Everett Van Dyken by 9/14 (you can email your vote to Everett at valinor@gotnet.net).

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest GDCNC member Debra Henderson.

*Your Humble President,
Kathryn Netser*

Intimidated by Obedience? Give Rally A Try!

JP Yousha

Anyone can do Rally – really! The novice level (RN) title is done *all on lead*, just for starters. And you can talk your dog through the whole course. So for anyone wanting to do obedience, but worried about the formality of it or worried about having a young or new or untried dog off-lead, don't worry! And if you're worried about the cost of equipment or the danger of a sport like agility, don't worry!

For all those in conformation who have never tried out a dog sport, this is the sport for you! It may take a savvy dog to score near 100 (the perfect score in Rally), but it takes only a nice dog with basic skills and a happy, chatty owner to pass (70). Rally is the only sport where you can score higher for a "re-do" and rewards your repeated attempts to train and "do right" in the ring. So it's a great "break into training" sport. And lots of dogs and lots of owners who have never, ever been able to title or even wanted to attempt a dog sport are titling in Rally. It's the hottest AKC sport and had more entries in the first month than agility had in the first year. So try it!

Formal obedience will likely always be for the "aficionado" and agility will be for the exhibitor with access to equipment at least. But Rally was made for every person and every dog. It's fun and it's exciting and there are titles to be had. A lot of dogs and owners are delighted to find they can title here, and even place (especially in the "A" ring) – even though they have never tried anything like this before! Some even go on to do other dog sports. So take your pet or your Champion out for a spin! Show your great dog off to many "on the other side" of competition!



For more info and help starting out in Rally, see:

<http://www.rallyobedience.com>

<http://www.akc.org/rules/rally.cfm>

Plan to participate in GDCNC's first-ever Rally Workshop on Saturday, November 4th at 10am!

How Are Conformation Points Calculated?

Reprinted from "Frequently Asked Conformation Questions" on the AKC website at <http://www.akc.org/events/conformation/faqs.cfm>.

How does the AKC determine the dog and bitch counts necessary for attaining certain sets of points for the different divisions each year?

The point schedule is based upon a set of percentages using the previous three years' actual dogs in competition. It is calculated so that a certain percentage of the shows where there was an actual competition for a particular sex of a particular breed or variety will carry a certain number of championship points. The percentages are as follows.

Divisions 1-9*, 13, & 14:

- ◆ 1 Point - 95% of the shows where there was competition for a sex of a breed will carry at least one championship point.
- ◆ 2 Points - The two-point break is set midway between the one- and three-point breaks.
- ◆ 3 Points - The three-point break is set so that as close as possible to 18%. There will never be more than 20% of the shows in each division offering major points (3, 4 or 5 points.)
- ◆ 4 Points - The four-point break is set at one-third of the difference between the three- and five-point breaks.
- ◆ 5 Points - At least 1%, but less than 2% of the shows offering competition for a particular sex of a particular breed, will carry five championship points.

* California is Division 9

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Are Our Dogs Good With Children?

The following story titled "Are Bull Terriers Good with Children?" by Peggy Arnaud appeared in The Bull Terrier Club Of South Australia magazine in February, 1994. Feel free to substitute "Great Dane" for "Bull Terrier" – I know it's appropriate in my experience!

-Editor



Haven't we all been asked this question many times? Yes, if raised with children, a bull terrier is a perfect companion; gentle and aware of the child's fragility. Haven't we all watched a great lump of dog play quietly on the floor with babies, then without warning hurl itself upon an unsuspecting adult with sufficient force to practically land him in the intensive care unit? So, I would like to ask this question, "Are Bull Terriers good with adults?" Not one of my dogs has ever laid a tooth on me, but the damage to my person has, over the years, been considerable.

One rainy morning I was standing in the driveway watching my husband back out the car when Muffin came flat out around the corner of the house carrying a length of 2x4". What she was intending to do with this piece of lumber has never been determined – it's possible that she was becoming bored with the demolition trade and was about to enter the construction business. Turning at her approach, I received the full impact of the wood on my shinbone and was knocked to the ground by the force where I lay screaming with pain and fury. Muff observed this odd behaviour for a moment, then deciding that she had heard all those words before (usually directed at her anyway), she retrieved her wooden weapon, and spinning it around with the grace and

agility of a baton twirler, connected neatly with the back of my head as I was attempting to get to my feet. The impact returned me to my previous horizontal position, this time face down. My husband, who witnessed the entire performance informed me later that the timing was superb – worthy of the best Keystone Cops or Marx Brothers. But he delayed his departure, herded the menace into her kennel and inquired through his meniment if I was hurt. Stating I thought I might live long enough to murder the wretched bitch, I was helped to my feet but found I could not put any weight on the injured leg and my scalp was cut and bleeding – so a trip to the accident room of the local hospital was thought advisable.

Being my first visit for emergency treatment, I was not prepared for the volume of information required. Name, address, occupation are routine -but how, when and why... (I am an obstetrical nurse and our patients are admitted onto the floor with a minimum of questions. We know why they are there, and we know how it happened and we assume the patient knows too, although sometimes one wonders!)

The admitting nurse was efficient and thorough. With vital statistics came unexpected questions. "Now, how did this accident happen?"

"Well," I said, "You see my dog had this big piece of wood in her mouth and she hit me with it."

"Your dog?"

"Yes."

"I see. And the head wound?"

"Well, my dog did that too."

"With a piece of wood?"

"Yes. It was the same piece of wood actually."

"I see."



"Well," I said, coming quickly to Muffin's defense, "Of course she didn't mean to, she sort of spun around and she had this piece of wood in her mouth, you see – and, well – she hit me with it. I was sitting in the driveway at the time..." Our local hospital does not have a psychiatric floor but I could see by the expression on the nurse's face that she was aware of the desperate need for one. I was x-rayed, treated amid controlled giggles from the staff, and released.

The next major incident followed swiftly. (Minor ones occur almost daily.) The paddock gate is, of necessity, sturdily built of oak and heavy. It opens inward. Every day I collect each dog after his play period. I call them from whatever act of mayhem they may be committing, push open the gate and bend down ready to snap on the lead. For 364 days of the year Bloody Mary had galloped to the gate, come around it, and been leashed in the usual fashion. On this particular day, whether due to a whim, or perhaps because the moon was in Aquarius, she chose to project herself at approximately the speed of light from the far corner of the paddock, and instead of coming around the gate, she leapt at it with all the force of her fifty pounds of muscle, slamming it shut on my head. I went down like a pole-axed ox, and remained down and out long enough for the murderous beast to remove and eat the bait-biscuits from my pocket. She also removed and apparently ate the pocket. A small hairpiece I was wearing has never been seen again. Presumably it was quickly killed and buried.

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Her Journey's Just Begun

By Ellen Brenneman

*Don't think of her as gone away –
her journey has just begun.
Life holds many facets
the Earth is only one.*

*Just think of her as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.*

*Think how she must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.*

*And think of her as living
in the hearts of those she touched.
For nothing loved is ever lost –
and she was loved so much.*

Cody

Blanton's Country Affaire

February 11, 1998 - July 24, 2006

Bella

Meadowlark's La Bella Destiny

May, 2002 ~ August, 2006

And In Puppy News...

Mardiff Great Danes and Olympus Great Danes are pleased to announce the long awaited arrival of three beautiful fawn girls and one handsome fawn boy born on the 4th of July. They were sired by Int/Am CH Olympus' The Midas Touch (Midas) out of Int CH Marcliff's Long Distance Voyager (Hannah). The litter was bred by Nancy Hawkes and Denise Williams. Grandmas are *very* proud!



Lorraine Matherly is very excited to announce that her boy Hero sired a litter! CH Lore's The Works V Ironwood and CH Moredane's Forever Brigett are the proud parents of two brindle boys, two fawn boys and a brindle girl, whelped July 13, 2006. The litter is linebred on Rojon and is futurity-nominated for 2007. The breeder is Wendy Cox in Pennsylvania. For more information, email Wendy at wcox@adelphia.net and/or visit the Weco Danes website at www.wecodanes.com.



Echo Danes is very pleased to announce the arrival of four fawn babies! The three boys and one girl were born on August 27th to Glory (Echo's Save The Last Dance) and Evan (Ch. Surfside's Stairway to Heaven). In addition to finding perfect homes for the new babies, Echo is looking to place an eight month-old black girl in a show or companion home. Inquiries invited. Contact Timmi Williams at timmiw@sti.net.



Tashi (CH Legacy's High Society) has finally been bred – after many, many months of talk. She hasn't let us know if there are puppies yet, but if there are, she plans to deliver them at the National, where she'll have plenty of help. Just kidding! Puppies will mean that Kate is staying home this year, but we think it'll be well worth the sacrifice! The sire of the prospective brindle and fawn puppies is Tuff-E (Am/Can CH Whisper Hill's Tuff-E-Nuff).

How Are Conformation Points Calculated?

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Divisions 10-12:

- ◆ 1 Point - All breeds and varieties should be set at 2 dogs and 2 bitches.
- ◆ 2 Points - The two-point break is midway between the one- and three-point breaks (the same as for the other divisions.)
- ◆ 3 Points - As close as possible to 50% (but not exceeding 50%) of the shows in each division should carry major points (this is as opposed to 18%, never to exceed 20% in the other nine divisions.)
- ◆ 4 Points - The four point break should be set at one-third of the difference between the four- and five-point break, just as is done for the other divisions.
- ◆ 5 Points - As close as possible to 10% (but not exceeding 10%) of the shows in a division should be awarded 5 points.

National specialties are not included in the calculations, however the associated events around the national are included.

The point schedule is printed in the Events Calendar each year in the April issue. The new schedule becomes effective around the middle of May. The exact date is listed at the same time that the new schedule is publicized. It is also available on the AKC website.

AKC Divisions

As of May 15, 2006, AKC Divisions are as follows:

- ◆ Division 1: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont
- ◆ Division 2: Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania
- ◆ Division 3: District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia
- ◆ Division 4: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina
- ◆ Division 5: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio
- ◆ Division 6: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Wisconsin
- ◆ Division 7: Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas
- ◆ Division 8: Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming
- ◆ Division 9: California
- ◆ Division 10: Alaska
- ◆ Division 11: Hawaii
- ◆ Division 12: Puerto Rico
- ◆ Division 13: Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota

Are Our Dogs Good With Children?

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Staggering into a lawn chair I sat holding my head and considering an early retirement from dog breeding, while Mary amused herself by eating the geraniums. This pastoral scene continued for a while until my neighbour drove up, took one look at me, and insisted – yes, you guessed it – on a trip to the Emergency Room.

The last thing I wished to do on this earth was return to the Hospital where, after the Muffin episode, there exists some doubt as to my sanity. I am known locally as "that kook who lives up on the hill with those funny looking white things she says are dogs." But feeling too sick to argue or resist I was firmly placed in the car and hurried off to my fate. And so it came to pass that once again I presented myself at the local Emergency Room. Of course, the admitting nurse was the same as before, the staff also. Approaching the desk in embarrassed misery – torn clothing, wild hair, a great lump on my forehead and eyes blackening fast, I am greeted by an obviously wary nurse, "Goodness, Mrs. Amaid, sit down. Whatever happened to you now?"

I take a deep breath (God will get you for this Bloody Mary!) and with visions of padded cells looming large in my future, "Well," I said, "You see. My dog..."

Are Bull Terriers good with children? Oh yes, they are lovely. Are Bull Terriers good with adults? Well, I'm an adult and they are not good with me, and I have the scars — my body, my furniture, and my psyche – to prove it!



It's been awhile since we last bragged
And our successes have been many.
They're listed here without much fanfare
With hopes we didn't forget any!

Valinor announces its 17th Champion! On Saturday, July 22nd at the Conejo Kennel Club show in Oxnard, Stephen Hubbell awarded Emma Winners Bitch to FINISH!!! Leading up to her finish were some impressive wins in the last several weeks, including back-to-back wins in Long Beach under judges Sharon Cook and Beverly Capstick and a Major at the Del Monte KC show under Chuck Doran. New Champion Valinor Etar's Kiss My Brass is owned by Tina Dapello and Beth Witcher and was handled by Doug Toomey. Emma was bred by Everett Van Dyken & Paul Picciau out of Ch. Valinor's The Divine Miss M sired by Ch. Etar's Consider It Done O'Kyan. And there are more successes from the beautiful blacks at Valinor:

- ♦ Emma's littermate Floyd (aka Valinor's Pink Floyd) has a Major to boast as well: he was Winners Dog and Best of Winners for four-points under Joe Tacker at the Del Monte KC show in Seaside.
- ♦ Valinor's Chance At Blackjack (CH Servadeiecta Kahnsonofthor x CH Valinor's I'll Take You There) was Winners Dog and Best of Winners from the 6-9-month puppy class under judge Henry Gregory at the Bahia Sur KC show. He was bred by Everett Van Dyken & Paul Picciau and is owned by Brandi D. Boitnott.

And this news from Donnell Giambastiani and G & D Great Danes: As of June 24th, Pinkie is CH Harlow Intuition V G And D, finishing with three Majors! She is the first to finish from G & D's litter of 16 out of G And D's Polar Ice sired by CH Harwood Dark Horse. Fingers are crossed for more champions from this litter!

In spite of acting like a down in her class and bounding around for ringside laughs, Nikki (Daynakin's National Treasure) was awarded her first Major in Dixon under judge Janne L. Raddiffe! The Gallups are very excited with Nikki's SEVEN points – we know that she and owner-handler Pat will be earning more soon!

Tyra (aka Cadman Ptmd's Fashion Statement) has taken the show scene by storm! In just a few short weekends (debuting in the 12-18-month class), Tyra has picked up SEVEN points – including TWO majors! Here's the rundown:

- ♦ Winners Bitch at the Lost Coast Kennel Club show under Dorothy O. Hutchinson
- ♦ Back-to-Back Majors!!! Winners Bitch & Best of Winners at the Channel City KC show under Chris Walkowicz & Winners Bitch at the Ventura County DFA show under Mrs. Marion Dee Ward

Tyra is owned by Renee Broden and was bred by Renee Broden & Lisa Harm. She was sired by Renee's Donzi (CH Daynakin Danelind New Years Resolution) out of Lisa's Jade (Can/UKC GR Ch. Huerdane's Lucky N Love CGC).

Jean Bell's homebred boy is now CHAMPION Mick (aka CH Belldane's Breakin All D Rules)! Mick finished with a Major in Ventura under Mrs. Marion Dee Ward and really put the icing on the cake with his BIG Breed win in Seaside under Joe Tacker the weekend of the Monterey Bay Club's Specialty show.

John and Jenny Kenton's brindle girl Nalla (Adelaide's Sweet Nalla Piche) was the Winner at the Clackamas KC show in Canby, Oregon a couple of months ago – and judge Vince Mulligan awarded Nalla Best of Breed, too! Way to go, Jenny and Nalla!!! Noticed, too, when the Kentons were at the shows in Dixon, there was a little fawn girl following them around. Haven't heard any particulars, but I'll bet we see her in the ring with Jenny in a few months!

Barbara Kreszyn had a HUGE weekend with her 9-12-month puppies in Sonora at the Sierra-Tuolumne shows! On Saturday, B & K Chico was Winners Bitch and BOS, while her brother Stan The Man (B & K Stanford) won WD, BOW, and Breed over Specials under James Polk and... Drum roll, please... a Group 3!!! Sunday, Chico was again WB and BOS. Gotta wonder if Barbara's feet have touched the ground? Chico and Stan are out of Barbara's CH B & K Vassar sired by CH Oneida's Nash Bridges. Paternal Grandparents Judi and Ed Grimaldi are very proud of their boy Nash for siring these winners – no big surprise that Nash and his get were recognized at the Monterey GDC Specialty where he was awarded Best Stud Dog.

Braggs Brags Brags



Braus Braus Braus

The "KC Danes Brat Pack" continues to enjoy much success in the ring – including Major wins for both the boys!

- ♦ KC Danes Mystic River took Winners Bitch and Best of Winners honors for 2 points at the Butte County KC show under breeder judge Arlene Davis. Katie also won a nice Major Reserve at the Richmond Dog Fandiers show under Christine Pratt. Katie is owned and loved by Susan Douglas and Kathryn Netser.
- ♦ KC Danes The Untouchable E Nes has picked up 5 points in the last few weeks! Elliot joined his sister in the Winners ribbons at the Butte County KC show for two points under breeder judge Arlene Davis. He followed that up with a Major win at the Richmond Dog Fandiers show under Janne Raddiffe. Elliot is owned and loved by Conley & Kathryn Netser.
- ♦ KC Danes National Treasure was Winners Dog and Best of Winners for a 4-point Major at the Del Monte KC show under Chuck Doran. Jefferson is owned and loved by Carrie Muir and Kathryn Netser.

Way to go, Brat Pack! Katie, Elliot and Jefferson were sired by BISS CH Windy Hills Gold Plated out of CH Sherons Betty D Grandy, and all are proudly breeder handled by Kathryn Netser.

The Monterey Bay Great Dane Club Specialty was very exciting for a particularly lovely black puppy called Patrick. Patrick, aka Amador's Midnight Star, took his second walk into the ring and was awarded RWD to a Specialty Major – out of the 6-9-month class under Dana Cline! Patrick is owned by Frank & Michele Andreetta and was bred Michele Andreetta, Connie Andronico and Sharon McCrary.

Patrick's brindle girlfriend Teaks (Ashlex's Caribbean Soul V Legacy) couldn't be outdone: she strutted into the RWB award from the 9-12 class and was named Best Puppy at the MBGDC show. Teaks is owned by Sharon McCrary, Kate Jackson & Marnie Baker and is always flawlessly owner-handled by Sharon.

And some show news from Great Danes of Lore:

- ♦ Jack (Lore's Joyride) picked up a point in Gridley at the Shasta KC show under Barbara Morris. Jack was sired by Rudy (CH My-Jon's Valentino V Riverlor) out of Lola (CH G'Nhythane's La Terremotos Of Lore).
- ♦ And Kellie (Lore's Kindred Spirit) Jack's Oscar-sired baby sister, took her first win under Pete Dawkins from the 6-9-month class in Lompoc!
- ♦ Oscar continues his reign as the Number One Great Dane! Since the last *Barker*, he's been awarded many Group placements including several Group Firsts.

Andy and Debbie Port have every reason to be very proud of their big harl boy Maxwell (Payaso's Secret Star-Agent 86)! He's picked up several points – including his second Major – in the last couple of months:

- ♦ Winners Dog at the Lost Coast KC show under Chuck Doran
 - ♦ A Major win at the Richmond show under Christine Pratt
 - ♦ WD and Best of Winners at the Santa Barbara KC show under Dr. Peter Emily
- Maxwell now needs only one single to finish! WOO-HOO!!!

Higgins (Allegro Delta Breeze You R The Top!) was owner-handled by Barbara Moffet to a Best in Sweeps win under Lin Jensen in Dixon. The big brindle boy was bred by Suzanne & Ted Kelley sired by CH Allegro Strauss out of CH My Dane Allegro By Starlight.

The Paxton's fawn baby Schatzi (Shady Crks Lady Smith N Wesson) was the Best in Sweeps winner at Sunday's Dixon show under Gloria Kerr. Schatzi is always owner-handled by Allison and was bred by Jacqueline Lawrence and Brittany Akers.

The Mulligans also have something to brag about – Nellie (Daynakin's No It All V Paradise) has picked up a couple of wins, including her second Major!

- ♦ Nellie was Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and Best Opposite at the Lost Coast KC show in Ferndale under Chuck Doran.
 - ♦ And then in Dixon, Nellie started out Saturday with a Best Opposite in Sweeps – to top that off with a Major win under Christine Pratt, going Best of Winners and Best Opposite over Specials.
- Way to go, Nellie!!!



GDCNC presents its first-ever

Rally Workshop

Saturday, November 4th at 10am

Royce Farms Restaurant, Stockton

Debra Harper, a Rally & Obedience Instructor with over 20 years of experience in professional dog training, will lead the workshop. She'll be assisted by several Rally enthusiasts to offer lots of individual instruction. Rally-titled dogs will be available to demonstrate the various exercises.

Workshop participants will have a chance to walk through sample courses multiple times. No previous Rally experience is required to participate; however, your dog should know how to walk loosely on a lead. Solid heels, sits, downs and stays would certainly be an advantage.

**GDCNC will be offering Rally at its
2007 Back-to-Back Specialty Shows —
we hope to see LOTS of participation!!!**

GDCNC Meeting: June 24, 2006

The meeting was called to order on June 24, 2006 at 11:07am. Attending the meeting were officers and board members Kathryn Netser, Dana Wardner, Everett Van Dyken, Timmi Williams, Sue Dubie-Holbrook, Conley Netser, Mabel Labiak, Judy Benjamin and Connie Andronico. Excused were Jane Chopson and Ceil Wardner. The minutes were approved as published.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT:

The Dixon shows will be supported by our dub. There will be sweeps on both days. Flyers available on table.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Incoming

- ◆ Letter from GDCA for donation to Charitable Trust on behalf of Judy Harrington
- ◆ Thank you letter from Sunday's judge, Colette Jacobsen
- ◆ Letter from GDCA for donation to Charitable Trust
- ◆ Information letter from *Pets Educating People*
- ◆ Letter for trophy solicitation from 2006 National
- ◆ Ballot for 2008 judges for the National. Club vote needed.
- ◆ GDCA 2nd quarter 2006 newsletter
- ◆ Thank you from Great Dane Rescue for donation

Outgoing

- ◆ Letter to Sandy Schneider thanking her for the Eva Robinson memorial presentation

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Financial details are available to members on request.

MEMBERSHIP:

- ◆ Ruth Yaffe has been published once
- ◆ Debra Henderson was voted into the dub

COMMITTEES:

Education

There are not enough people signed up for the first aid seminar so Mabel will extend the invitation to local vets and other dubs.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ◆ Standing rule: no policy changes will be imposed at meetings at dog shows; too difficult to hear entire discussion at dog show. A vote can be taken to table decision until the next meeting. (M-Everett, S-Pete F., Pass)
- ◆ M-Everett, S-Timmi) - to increase the budget for the shed to house the dub trailer not to exceed \$1200.00. (Passed with 10 in favor, 5 opposed)
- ◆ Specialty judge selection process – Everett gave a brief description of the proposed plan for 2009 selection: Add judges to the list at the beginning of the year; general ballot picks the top 10, and then a second ballot. Jane is working with Everett on this. Vote is tabled until a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ◆ Appointment of Everett Van Dyken and Kathryn Netser as representatives to the GDCA Western Division. Passed with board approval (8 in favor, 1 opposed)
- ◆ Everett will contact Sandy Schneider about doing a rally clinic. Discussion on doing a rally clinic with all breed dub.
- ◆ We are looking in to going back to either Jack Bradshaw or MB-F to do our Specialty shows; Everett is waiting to hear back from J. Bradshaw.
- ◆ Obedience / Rally Chair for our specialty will be Kitty Kenyon on her OK with Elizabeth Artle as assistant.
- ◆ Discussion on renting rally equipment from Sycamore kennels.
- ◆ All ballots for the 2008 national judges need to be in by September 14th. Kate will run a reminder on the website.
- ◆ The fiscal year has changed to November 1; therefore, dues will be due November 1 and terminated after November 30. The mailing list needs to be updated and changes made 30 days before (August).
- ◆ The next meeting will be August 12th at Royce Farms, 11:00am
- ◆ The next meeting will be September 23rd at Royce Farms
- ◆ The business meeting will be on November 18th location TBA

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm (moved by Everett; seconded by Pete, passed)

Respectfully submitted,

Timmi Williams, Recording Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial details
are available to
members on request.

GDCNC Meeting: July 29, 2006

The meeting was called to order on July 29, 2006 at 11:07am. Attending the meeting were officers and board members Kathryn Netser, Ceil Wardner, Everett Van Dyken, Dana Wardner, Timmi Williams, Sue Dubie-Holbrook, Conley Netser, Connie Andronico, Pete Fredotovich, and Judy Benjamin. Excused were Jane Chopson and Mabel Labiak. The minutes had not been published as yet so the approval of the minutes was tabled.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Obedience/Rally: Sandy Schneider and Kitty Kenyon did a presentation on Rally. Sandy and Kitty are willing to help with a Rally workshop to be held at Royce Farms, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 5th. Both said they could provide the equipment needed.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT

- ♦ The first aid seminar was successful.
- ♦ Barbara Moffett brought up a location in Lodi for \$50.00 per year fee and can hold meetings as often as the dub likes for future seminars.
- ♦ It was suggested to move the awards back to the Holiday brunch since more time has been allotted for the dub's event. Moved by Kate and seconded by Conley (passed with one opposed)

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Incoming

- ♦ A letter from GDCA with the slate of candidates for board for 2007.

Outgoing

- ♦ Letter to Louise Peterson thanking her for donations to both the raffle and the auction.
- ♦ Letter to Jackie White in regards to the selection of Kathryn Netser and Everett Van Dyken as the GDCA's Western Division representatives.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- ♦ Financial details are available to members on request.
- ♦ Terry Toops suggested shopping around for better interest rates on the CDs coming up for reinvesting.
- ♦ An in-house audit of the books will be done at the business meeting November 18th. Terry Toops, Bill Labiak and Pete Fredotovich will be the auditors. The board passed the appointments by the president. It was moved by Judy Benjamin, seconded by Everett.

MEMBERSHIP:

- ♦ There are no new member applications.
- ♦ It was discussed that the by-laws should be mailed out with the applications so that prospective new members know them before being voted in. Also discussed adding to the membership application a box to check off for email notifications or not.

COMMITTEES:

Education

There was no report due to Mabel's being absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ♦ A new standing rule: with the exception of the GDCA Delegate, all officers and board members of the Great Dane Club of Northern California shall not be board members or officers of any Great Dane specialty dubs, concurrently, with the exception of the Great Dane Club of America. (Motion-Everett; Second-Timmi. Amended to change the verbiage as stated above. Motion-Judy B; Second-Pete F; passed.
- ♦ Everett gave us an update the dub trailer's new home and shared a picture of the almost completed shelter.
- ♦ A GDCNC business card sample was presented by Everett. Kate will revise and bring to the next meeting for review.
- ♦ Everett presented a timeline reference for Specialty planning.
- ♦ Judge selection for specialty shows will be tabled again until Jane can review the procedure.
- ♦ The dub's vote (so far) for 2008 National judges is: Dale Tarbox, Jane Trieber, and a tie between Susan Yotive and Betty Lewis; futurity judges are Georgia Hyman and Lorraine Matherly.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

*Welcome Debra Henderson
Our Newest GDCNC Member*

Second Publishing:

- ♦ **Ruth Yaffe**

Sponsored by Barbara Kreszyn and Everett Van Dyken

GDCNC Membership Chair Connie Andronico reminds you to advise her of any changes in your contact information, such as mailing address, email address, phone number, and cell phone number. You can reach Connie via email (candronico@andronicos.com) or by phone (510-526-0070).

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The Creation Story As Told By Snoopy

On the first day, God created the dog.

On the second day, God created man to serve the dog.

On the third day, God created all the animals of the earth to serve as potential food for the dog.

On the fourth day, God created honest toil so that man could labour for the good of the dog.

On the fifth day, God created the tennis ball so that the dog might or might not retrieve it.

On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the dog healthy and the man broke.

On the seventh day, God tried to rest, but he had to walk the dog.

-Unknown

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NEW BUSINESS:

- ♦ It was motioned by Barbara Moffett, seconded by Terry Toops and passed that we donate \$250.00 to support the "Strutt Your Mutt" day in Valley Springs on September 9th.
- ♦ The show superintendent for our 2007 specialty will be MB-F. Costs were discussed. There will not be an MB-F representative at the show.
- ♦ Everett Van Dyken will be the Show Chair again this year.
- ♦ The judges for our 2008 specialty will be Linda van der Vijen and Ray Goldstone. The sweeps judges have not been chosen yet.
- ♦ It was brought up by Kate that there was a judge change to a provisional judge at the supported Richmond show. Everett will write a letter to the Richmond show secretary to advise of our disappointment. It was decided to look for additional shows to support that would offer the club a few perks for the supported entry (e.g., input on judge selection, ring times, etc.) Kate will check into what clubs are offering supported entries.
- ♦ Discussion took place in regards to holding an auction at the Specialty dinner and the need for an auction committee.

The next meeting will be September 23rd at Royce Farms at 11:00am.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm (moved by Timmi; seconded by Judy)

Respectfully submitted,

Timmi Williams
Recording Secretary



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2006 GDCNC Board and Officers

The 2006 GDCNC Board is listed below; the note in parenthesis following each name is the expiration year of that person's term.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GDCNC Meeting

Saturday, September 23rd at 11am
Royce Farms Restaurant in Stockton



Rally Workshop

Saturday, November 4th at 10am
Royce Farms Restaurant in Stockton



GDCNC Business Meeting

(Officers & Board Only)
Saturday, November 18th
Time & Location TBA