

The GDCNC Barker

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President's Message

Gearing up for the 2011 GDCA National in Litchfield Park, AZ in October

This year, our club, as part of the Western Division, has the opportunity to help host this prestigious event. This chance only occurs once every six years. I hope that all of you will be able to participate in some way, whether you plan to attend or not. The National is a huge undertaking and we need everyone's assistance – and there are so many different ways in which you can, whether it be through donations or volunteering your time. The Western Division is counting on our help.

National Education Seminars

I want to encourage you to please take advantage of the great opportunity to attend any of the seminars offered. The prices are so inexpensive and the information you'll receive is invaluable! Here's a wonderful chance to gain new knowledge in many aspects of raising, breeding and caring for our treasured danes, which will help us become better owners and breeders. There's something for everyone. The topics are wide and varied. I hope to see many of you there! There's a list of seminars and a registration form in this issue of the newsletter.

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Please sign up early since space is limited.

Also, don't forget about the fantastic opportunity to have an echocardiogram performed on your dog(s) for only \$75 each! That is an unbeatable price! As an added bonus, this will be the 4th year that our board certified cardiologist, Dr. Tyrrell, will be conducting the echos, so he is well-versed in Danes.

Help Needed !

Transportation: I'm looking for volunteers who can pick up guest speakers from the airport and bring them to the host hotel, and vice versa. Even if you can only transport a speaker in one direction (only bring them to the hotel, or only take them back to the airport), it would be a tremendous help. It's approximately a 30 minute trip one way. PLEASE contact me (Denise Williams olympusdanes@olympusdanes.com) if you are interested in helping to transport and/or for more information.

Manning tables: I also need volunteers to help with Education and the Raffle room. Again, please contact me if you are interested in helping and/or would like more info. I have a couple of volunteers (THANK YOU!!!), but I still need a few more.

Basket donations for Raffle: The GDCNC club is donating a basket to the raffle. We need more items. We have a flip phone and wine (thank you Megan Hundley!) and others have suggested adding in walnuts and candles. The items should represent our region. If you have an item to donate, please give it to Brittany or myself by Sept. 30th. Brittany and I will be putting the basket together and we'll bring it to the National.

I want to acknowledge Laura Craig who has secured 600 pieces of the small size rollover to go in the National welcome bags. Way to go Laura! That will fulfill one of the requirements as a Western Division club. Now the fun part, putting club labels on them. Anyone looking for a good time?

On the home front...

Rally seminar: Megan Hundley is spearheading our upcoming rally seminar with Lora Cox. Please mark your calendars for Sept. 24th at Royce Farms. It should be a lot of fun and I look forward to the learning experience. More info will be coming soon.

Rescue: Melissa Pevy and I are working on some new ways to participate in rescue. Our club is making it's way in giving back to our breed and helping others.

Facebook: If you haven't already checked it out, please visit GDCNC's new Facebook page and click "like." Thank you Melissa Pevy for setting this up for us! Check it often for updates and announcements.

I would like to congratulate the Monterey Bay Great Dane Club on their successful shows. I was not able to attend myself since I was home with puppies, but Brittany was there representing us. I hear the show was terrific, as usual.

And finally, don't forget to attend our next meeting which is Aug. 13th at Royce Farms (11am). It's good food and good friends. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely yours,
Denise Williams, President

Rally

What is Rally?

AKC Rally is a newer dog sport targeted to dog owners who enjoy training their dog, but might not be excited about formal obedience, or have not participated in performance events. The main objective of rally competitions is to reward and showcase dogs that have been trained to behave in the home, in public places, and in the presence of other dogs, in a manner that will reflect positively on the sport of rally at all times and under all conditions.

In Rally, the dog and handler team complete a “course” designed by the judge. Each course includes 10-20 stations. At each station the dog and handler team will encounter a sign and have to complete the activity on that sign before moving forward to the next station. Rally signs include pictures, descriptions and directional arrows to help the handler through the exercise. The signs are numbered to make it easy to find the next station when navigating the course. Additionally, while navigating the course you may talk to you dog and repeat your commands. However, touching the dog at any time, providing harsh corrections or collar tugs—even gentle ones—are not allowed.

Am I Eligible?

To be eligible to compete in AKC Rally trials, a dog must be:

- Registered with the AKC
- 6 months of age or older

Levels of Competition

There are three levels of competition in AKC Rally:

Novice – this is the first level for those just getting started in competition. To earn your RN title you must receive 3 qualifying scores (70 points or higher) from 2 different judges.

- All exercises are performed with the dog on leash.
- There is a requirement of 10-15 stations to complete with no more than five stationary exercises.
- The exercises performed vary from turning 360 degrees to changing paces during the course.
- Exhibitors at this level may clap their hands and pat their legs through the course.

Advanced – this is the second level, which includes more difficult exercises throughout the course.

To earn your RA title you must receive 3 qualifying scores (70 points or higher) from 2 different judges.

- All exercises are performed off-leash.
- There is a requirement of 12-17 stations with no more than seven stationary exercises.
- Exercises include a jump as well as calling your dog to the front of you instead of to a heel position.

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Excellent – this third and highest level of AKC Rally is the most challenging. To earn your RE title you must receive 3 qualifying scores (70 points or higher) from 2 different judges.

- Exercises are performed off-leash except for the honor exercise.
- There is a requirement of 15-20 stations, with no more than 7 stationary exercises.
- Handlers are only allowed to encourage their dogs verbally. Physical encouragement is not allowed at this level.
- The Excellent-level exercises include backing up three steps, while the dog stays in the heel position and a moving stand, while the handler walks around the dog.

Rally Advanced Excellent: RAE—this is an additional titling class that requires the dog and handler to qualify in both the rally Advanced and Excellent levels at the same trial. Once a team has accomplished this task 10 times, the title of RAE is earned.

Qualifying Score

All dogs and handlers begin with a perfect 100. A dog and handler team is awarded a qualifying score if it retains at least 70 points after the course has been completed. Once the team has completed the course, their score will be posted ringside. Each performance is timed, but times are only counted if two dogs earn the same score.

How do I get started in Rally?

Our club is hosting a 2 hour seminar with Lora Cox—an obedience and rally judge—on September 24, 2011. During this session, Lora will introduce handlers and their dogs to Rally Obedience and to provide them with the information and experience necessary to successfully navigate any Novice level course. This session is geared to handlers and dogs of all levels from very beginners to those with experience in other AKC competition sports.

Please see the attached flyer in the Barker. We hope to see you there!

References:

AKC Site: http://www.akc.org/events/rally/getting_started.cfm



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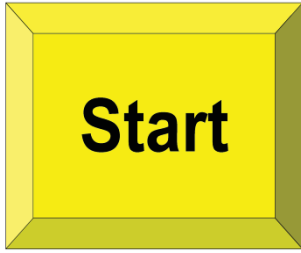
For more information contact:

Laura at laura@daneaffaire.com

Pictures & video at:

<http://www.daneaffaire.com/litters.html>

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



**Date: Saturday September 24, 2011
5 pm until dark**

**Location: Royce Farms BBQ
(10880 N Highway 99, Stockton, CA 95212)**

The purpose of this session is to introduce handlers and their dogs to Rally Obedience and to provide them with the information and experience necessary to successfully navigate any Novice level course. This session is geared to handlers and dogs of all levels from very beginners to those with experience in other AKC competition sports.

Session Outline:

- Overview of each of 31 signs used in Novice Rally, including a demonstration of how each sign/station is performed
- Brief overview of important rules and scoring
- General handling and course navigation guidelines, such as how to motivate your dog on the course, when to repeat a station, etc.
- Experiment with your dog on a Rally course like you would at a show

Each participant will receive:

- a copy of Calendar Year 2010 Rally Standings for the Great Dane Club of America
- a photocopy of the AKC booklet "Rally Signs - Descriptions and Symbols for Rally Signs". This booklet provides descriptions and symbols for all Rally signs (Novice through Excellent).
- rally novice course maps

Workshop Presenter

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

Workshop Photographer

Olga Maderych at Gadabout Photography will be our official photographer for the event. Learn more about her and her work at www.gadaboutphotography.com

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This event has been fully sponsored by the Great Dane Club of Northern California; however, for planning purposes we need to know how many people and dogs are attending. Please send the following information to Megan Hundley (mehundley@yahoo.com) by **September 16, 2011**.

Owner name: _____

Name of first dog : _____

Name of any additional dogs: _____

Owner email address: _____

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

Waiver of Liability (must be signed to participate)

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

Signed and Dated: _____



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Weave Once**



HURRY and reserve your spot for the Education seminars at the 2011 National! Space is limited.

These are bargain seminar prices, but the information is invaluable!

Education Seminars

Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011

- OBEDIENCE/RALLY SEMINAR
By Noelle Pilat
- HANDLING CLASS FOR NEW COMERS
(Following the conclusion of Futurity judging)

Monday, Oct. 31, 2011

- HANDLING CLASS FOR NEW COMERS
(Following the conclusion of Futurity judging)

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011

- CANINE REPRODUCTION AND ULTRASONOGRAPHY by Dr. Autumn Davidson, DVM and Dr. Tom Baker, DVM
Topics include: Top Reasons for Failure to Make Puppies, Resorption, Whelping problems, Failure to lactate, Mastitis, Obstetrical Ultrasound and recognition of problems during pregnancy, plus much, much more.
- COLORS OF MY WORLD: Coat Color in Our Great Danes by JP Yousha
Come and learn how to get the colors you want to see in your litters and how to avoid color faults and outright mismarks!
- ACUPUNCTURE AND CHIROPRACTIC CARE by Dr. Lindsay Croom, DVM
- CANINE NUTRITION by Dr. Lindsay Croom, DVM
The pros and cons of feeding kibble and raw diets

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011

- HOMEOPATHY AND HOLISTIC CARE by Dr. Gwen DaBaere, DVM and Dr. George McKay, DVM

Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011

- ANIMAL COMMUNICATOR by Candi Cooper
30 minute lecture followed by animal readings.

Please visit the National web site for more information. You can also register online for the seminars. Deadline is Oct. 15th. Please contact Denise Williams at olympusdanesh@olympusdanesh.com with any questions.

CARDIO ULTRASOUND (Echo) Clinic Wed. Nov. 2nd & Thurs., Nov. 3rd. 8am-5pm

By Dr. Williams Tyrrell, Jr. DVM, Diplomate, ACVIM

Assisted by Dr. Steven Rosenthal, DVM, Diplomate, ACVIM

OFA Echos \$75 per dog (this is a discounted rate made possible by a grant from the GDCA Charitable Trust)

OFA application fee \$7.50 (this is a 50% discount for the echos performed at this cardio clinic)

Please visit the National web site for more information and to pre-register:

http://www.2011national.gdca.org/education_general.html

The deadline to pre-register is Sept. 15th.



Education Seminar Registration Form

Mark in the check box of all the seminars you would like to attend and/or check the master's program & save \$45!

Save \$45

Master's Program - \$100

Package Deal - 5 Seminars

Attend as many or as few of the following as you like.

- Canine Reproduction & Ultrasonography *2 for 1
- Colors of My World: Coat Color in our Great Dane
- Acupuncture & Chiropractic Care
- Canine Nutrition (Kibble, Raw Diets, & More!)
- Homeopathy & Holistic Care *2 for 1

A La Carte Courses

For more details on these seminars, go online to:
www.2011national.gdca.org/education_general.html

Canine Reproduction & Ultrasonography - \$35
Best Deal! Get 2 seminars for the price of 1

Homeopathy & Holistic Care - \$35
Best Deal! Get 2 seminars for the price of 1

Colors of My World: Coat Color in our Great Dane - \$25

Obedience & Rally Seminar - \$50

Acupuncture & Chiropractic Care - \$25

Animal Communicator - \$65
(includes 30 minute lecture & 15 minute reading!)

Canine Nutrition - \$25
Kibble, Raw Diets, and More!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to GDCA Western Division & mail check & form to: General Education Chairman, Denise Williams: 2689 Cheyenne Ct. Lone, CA 95640. Or pay online at the GDCA national website store - www.store.gdca.org. Email questions or comments to OlympusDanes@OlympusDanes.com

Deadline to register is October 15th, 2011. Register early. Space is limited!



Great Dane Club of America, Inc - Western Division
2011 National Specialty



\$75
per dog

Great Dane Club of America Cardiac Ultrasound (Echo) Clinic

By **Dr. William Tyrrell, Jr. DVM, Diplomate, ACVIM**
Assisted by Dr. Steven Rosenthal, DVM, Diplomate, ACVIM

Wednesday, Nov. 2nd and Thursday, Nov. 3rd. • Clinic Hours: 8am – 5pm

In scheduling appointments, priority will be given to danes who are any of the following: adult 4 years old and up, male, intact, have no previous history of cardiac ultrasound exam. Strict confidentiality procedures will be followed by clinic volunteers. Only the owner(s) and the cardiologist will see or have a copy of the echo results. The name of your dog(s) will not be written on any of our paperwork. The cardio clinic will be held on show days, so please indicate what class your dog will be entered in, if applicable.

Please note that the discounted rate on echocardiograms is made possible by a grant from the GDCA Charitable Trust which will help pay for the clinic costs.

OFA is offering a 50% discount on the OFA application fee for the echos performed at this cardio clinic. Discounted fee is \$7.50.

Pre-registration is required by September 15th, 2011. Please mail this completed form along with your check (\$75 per dog) to: **Denise Williams, 2869 Cheyenne Ct., Lone, CA 95640**. Make checks payable to GDCA Western Division. Credit Cards are also accepted via the GDCA web store.

You will receive confirmation of your appointment date and time after the close of entries. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Williams at olympusdanes@olympusdanes.com , or (209) 274-2988.



CARDIO CLINIC PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ E-mail: _____

Dog's age: _____ Gender: _____

Previous ultrasound or OFA cardiac exam? Yes No Intact or produced a litter? Yes No

Class dog will be entered in: _____

Time preference: None Wed. AM Wed. PM Thurs. AM Thurs. PM

Time preferences will be scheduled on a first come, first serve basis and therefore cannot be guaranteed.



WINNERS CIRCLE

Paradise Danes

It was a great feeling when you finish your dog. I have been pleasantly surprised that Sean's first litter has produced a champion at 9 months. Patrick, **B & K Sean's Grand Slam V. Paradise** finished his championship on Sunday at the Del Monte K. C. Show by going BOW for 4 points. It was a fantastic day as Sean, **GCH Ch. Bayside Just Another Day In Paradise** went BOB with a huge entry of around 50 Great Danes.

Valinor Danes

Valinor's Little Miss Sunshine went Winner's Bitch on back-to-back shows in Mt. Vernon, Washington on July 2nd and 3rd. We were up visiting family so it was nice to 'show off' in front of them. Sunny was handled by Georgia Hymmen and the judges were Robert Shreve and Carmen Haller. Sunny is out of **Pacific Winstar Shot In The Dark** and **Ch. Valinor's Rebel Yell**. She is owned and loved by Everett Van Dyken and Paul Picciau.

Valinor' La Regina of Bruport went Winner's Bitch in Woodstock KC shows for two days from the 9-12 class on July 14th and 15th. Gina is out of **Ch. Valinor's N' Our Wildest Dream** and **Ch. Valinor's Rebel Yell**. She was owner-handled by Susan Reiter under judges Bill Hossler and Patricia Laurans.

Valinor's Galway Girl V Darkhorse went Winner's Bitch, Best Puppy and Best of opposite at the Evelyn Kenny Club on July 15th for her first two Canadian points under judge Dr. John Reeves-Newson. She followed that up by going Best of Winners July 30th for two more points under Donna Buxton. Gallow is out of **Ch. Valinor's N' Our Wildest Dream** and **Ch. Valinor's Rebel Yell**. She was owner-handled by Marni Kueber at both shows.

BISS Ch. Valinor-Cheshire's For The Ride took Best of Breed at the Monterey Great Dane Club afternoon specialty. Tonka was handled by Brianne Rock under judge Karen Martin for this exciting win. He is out of **Ch. Valinor's Pink Floyd** and **Ch. Valinor's I'll Take You There** and a sister to **Ch. Valinor's Rebel Yell** "Billie". Tonka is owned by Shalein Bonney, DVM and Michael Shields.



WINNERS CIRCLE continued...

Danu Danes

BIS MBPIS UKC/Int'l/Nat'l CH Four Ds RainMaster Explosion at Danu "Trinity"

Trinity has been on a roll earning seven WB wins in four show clusters. Trinity is looking for that final major and 2 singles.

UKC CH/ Int'l BISP BBE Danu's ThermoNuclear SuperNova "Neo" and his Junior Handler Ryn Pevy

This team debuted at the Monterey Bay Great Dane Club Specialty earning two Best Junior in Specialty Show and winning their class in all breed Junior competition the next day.

In the UKC Ring, Ryn handled Neo to his UKC Championship earning **FIVE** BOB over specials, TWO Group Ones, a Group 3 and a Group Four.

Melissa Pevy "Mom," was blessed to handle Neo to two more Best Bred By Accolades, taking Best Bred By Exhibitor under Ms. Karen Martin at the Monterey Bay Great Dane Specialty, and in the UKC ring Best Bred By Exhibitor AOM under Mr. Carlos Rodriguez.

Danu's Cassiopeia Explosion "Cassi" went BOB in the UKC ring taking a Group Three!

Olympus Danes

"Hades" (**CADRMN Olympus' Embrace The Darkness**) won a 3 pt major at the Monterey Bay Great Dane Specialty under respected breeder-judge, Treasure Hauer-Wylie. Handled by Brittany Williams. Hades is out of "**Atlas**" (**MBISS Am/Int'l CH. Olympus' Pillar Of The Heavens**) and "**Whitney**" (**CADRMN PTDMS Waiting To Exhale**), bred by Renee Broden & Denise Williams. Owned & loved by Tami Welch, Renee Broden & Denise Williams.

"Athena" (**RBIS Nat'l/Int'l CH. CaMe Olympus' Athena**) won a 4 pt major at the Del Monte K.C. show under Mrs. Mary Ann Brocius. Handled by Brittany Williams. Athena is also out of "**Atlas**" (**MBISS Am/Int'l CH. Olympus' Pillar Of The Heavens**) and "**Jazz**" (**Can. CH. CaMe California Sunshine**), bred by Isabelle Messier. Owned & loved by Jayne Peterson, Stephan Sam & Denise Williams.

"Midas" (**Am/Int'l CH. Olympus' The Midas Touch**) is a proud father in Australia again! There are 3 boys and 2 girls, bred by Rhonda Harvey of Underane Great Danes.

GDCNC Members' Meeting

June 25, 2011

A Quorum of Members was established. Those in attendance included officers and board members: Denise Williams, Everett Van Dyken, Laura Craig, Dana Wardner, Brittany Williams, Jenny Kenton, Pat Dousman, Melissa Pevy, Bill Labiak. Members in attendance included: Sue Dubie-Holbrook, Megan Hundley, Mabel Labiak, Kevin Forest. Guests in attendance included: Terry Toops, Taryn & Ethan Pevy and Lauren Kenton.

The meeting was called to order on June 25, 2011, at 11:08 a.m. by Denise Williams, President. This meeting was a combined board and general meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Terry Toops, Taryn & Ethan Pevy and Lauren Kenton

MINUTES: A motion was made by Everett Van Dyken, seconded by Bill Labiak to approve the minutes from March 19th with no correction. Passed.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

- a) Membership Mailing List
- b) Sacramento Council of Dog Clubs renewal

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: Denise Williams

- a) Awards Brunch-Contract has been signed for our annual awards brunch for 2011. It will be held at the same location as last year and December 4th. There will be some slight changes for this coming year. It will cost \$2.00 more per person but this will allow you non-alcohol beverages of your choice for no additional charge.
- b) Received a letter from our Sweeps judge Cat Urner, thanking the club for her gift.
- c) Nationals 2011:

Welcome Bags- Bill made a motion to provide 600 Natural Balance rollovers "Chubbys" with our club name and logo on them. Everett seconded. Passed

Raffle Room-As a club it is our obligation to cover the raffle table on October 31st. This will require several people during lunch and after judging. If you are able to cover the table please see Denise Williams.

Raffle Basket- We need to provide to the raffle some sort of assorted basket. It was discussed to provide things of our area like wine, glasses, assorted nuts etc. 2 flip cameras have also been donated to the basket by Megan Hundley. If you have something you can contribute please see Denise or Brittany, they will be putting the basket together.

Nationals 2011 Hotel Information- Updated hotel information has been provided on the website as well. There is a list of hotels close to the show that have rooms available, please check the website for update.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Everett Van Dyken reported:

Incoming:

- a) Letter from Sandy Garza (GDCA) regarding our club donation for the welcome bags.
- b) GDCA 2nd quarter bulletin
- c) Mandy Tandy (GDCA) regarding the club provide her an email list of members so they can work on getting catalog donation
- d) AKC outreach Program
- e) Sacramento Council of Dog Club renewal
- f) Thank you from Alvin Emg

Outgoing:

- a) Ballot returned to the GDCA for 2012 judges

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Bill Labiak reported:

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| Ending Balance for the checking account | \$ |
| Ending balance for the CD | \$ |
| Show income for 2011 (pending some changes) | \$ |

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

- 1) **Education:** Jenny Kenton reported; still has lay out of Grand Champion points and how it works, discussed when we could present again to the club. Megan Hundley presented several ideas to the club as well. Denise also asked Dr. Stacy Pettigrew of Jackson Creek Veterinary Clinic if she would be available to do a first aid seminar for the club. She said she would be willing to do that, she gave Denise some fees but also said if it was close and only a few hours she could do something possibly at no charge.
- 2) **Membership:** Pat Dousman; 3 applications were received and read for their first reading:
 1. Sam and Michelle Gillette sponsored by Kate Jackson and Pat Dousman
 2. Debbie McMurdie sponsored by Melissa Pevy and Tom Weissner
 3. John, Sharon, Marisa and Michelle Carmichael sponsored by Denise Williams and Brittany Williams
- 3) **Ways and Means:** Ceil Wardner and Pete Fredotovich; no report
- 4) **Web Site:** Kate Jackson; no report
- 5) **Disciplinary:** Melissa Pevy; no report
- 6) **Show:** Pete Fredotovich; no report
- 7) **Finance:** no report
- 8) **Sunshine Committee:** Denise Williams; no report
- 9) **Judges Committee:** Saturday's Judge Carolyn Mobley, Sunday's judge Katie Edwards, still working on sweep judges. For obedience and Rally we have Pat Alvarez

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) none

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **GDCNC Facebook page:** Melissa Pevy wants to start a Facebook page for the club. This will allow posting of show results, specialty winner picture's and etc. Everett made the motion to have a Facebook page, Pat Dousman seconded. Passed
- b) **Rally Workshop:** Megan Hundley proposed to the club that we host a Rally workshop with Lora Cox. We have already put aside funds for this workshop and thought it would be a fun thing for the club. Everett motioned that we host a Rally workshop, Jenny Kenton seconded. Passed. The workshop will be held September 24th at Royce Farms, more information to follow in the Barker.
- c) **Specialty 2012:** Megan Hundley proposed that the club hold 2 performance events at the upcoming 2012 Specialty. This would require a fraction of cost and we can use the same judges. Everett motioned that we have 2 performance events at our upcoming show, Jenny Kenton seconded. Passed
- d) **Printer for Barker:** Melissa Pevy is in search of a printer that she can do black/white copies double sided at her home to save on some costs with taking the barker to an outside printer for the 20 or so we have still receiving hard copies. If anyone has something or can help her out please contact her.
- e) **West Coast Mastiff Rescue:** Working on getting information to the club about the WCM rescue and their involvement in helping Great Danes as well. We are researching if we can put them on our website without liability to the club. They are an active 501(c)3 club and have helped Mastiffs, Great Danes and St. Bernard's. Melissa and Denise to look into and get back to the club.
- f) **Raffle Tickets for GDCA National 2011:** Everett has tickets available for the raffle that will be held prior to Nationals for the package which includes your stay at the host hotel and much more. If you would like to buy a raffle ticket please see Everett, they are also available on the National website as well as more information.

Meeting Schedule

2011 MEETING SHEDULE (and other pertinent events)

August 13, 2011-11:00 a.m. Royce Farms Open meeting
September 24, 2011- Rally Workshop at Royce Farms. Time TBA
November 19, 2011- 11:00 a.m. Royce Farms Board only

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m. Motioned by Everett Van Dyken, seconded by Jenny Kenton. Passed

Respectfully submitted by Laura Craig, Recording Secretary

GDCA WESTERN DIVISION MEETING
July 15, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 4.26 p.m.

In attendance: Cindy Harwin, MBGDC/GDCNC, Diane McClelland, MBGDC, Brittany Williams, GDCNC, Judy Martin, GDCLV, Lucretia Marcus, MBGDC, Everett Van Dyken, GDCNC, Jami Harshfield, GDCA, Cathy Schaefer, Dick Schaefer, Jimet Achu, GDCC, Brunson Achu, GDCC, John Garcia, MBGDC, Denise Matulich, MBGDC, GDCNC, Kathy Munyan, GDCAZ, Linda Tonnancour, GDCC, Bob Tonnancour, GDCC, Barbara Garcia, Putt RichardsGDCA, GDCHI, Lynda Moriarty, GDCA Paul Hardiman, GDCA, MBGDC, Shari Ziegenbein, GDCC, GDCA, MBGDC

Putt welcomed everyone and started off by commending Brunson Achu and Rich Friedlen for the outstanding job on the menu for the National.

Brunson stated that menu done w/ a few minor changes to be made. He will finalize menu and get up on website ASAP. Meal budgeting was also discussed. Dinners tentatively \$40-\$45, lunches \$25.

Grady Harp stated that the Welcome Party would be serving Mexican Food.

There was some discussion re: the decoration budget. Everyone involved agreed to work within the budget. Each club has donated as much as possible for the decoration budget. No more money is available.

John Garcia stated that RV parking is all set. 9 spots were available at the time of this meeting.

Judy Martin inquired about day of show parking. Several responded that it was "limited".

Putt stated that if you wanted to be considered for a room at the host hotel, to please call and get your name on the waiting list!

Discussion then turned to the decision of showing inside or outside. Both Cathy Schaefer, Dick Schaefer and several others felt it was very important that the showing was tented.

Diane McClelland questioned the affect it would have on vendors and sponsors. Corporate vendors need to be next to ring.

Grooming/crating area will be available. Half of building will be used for raffle, other for crating/grooming.

Mike Boa asked about the banners. Dale Tarbox said to contact her to have clubs bring banners.

Lucretia Marcus commented that she's only heard from 2 people regarding meeting rooms. She inquired about the size of the rooms.

Education chair is also coordinating with next year chair for continuity.

Ways and Means-Denise Matulich- New items will include logo pins, possibly souvenir plates. The throw must be pre-ordered. It will ~not~ be available at the National. Suggestion to have 10 at the show.

Premium list goes out 8/15, and closes 10/5.

PENDING MEMBERSHIP

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Adelaide Great Danes

Adelaide Great Danes is so excited to announce puppies are here. The proud parents are BIS, BISS CH Elan's Command Decision Reimroc (Gable) and my girl GCH Divine Acres Sugar and Spice Girl (Cinnamon). We have four boys, three brindles and 1 fawn born on Monday July 18, 2011. Everyone is doing well and it is so fun watching these little guys grow. This litter is futurity nominated for 2012.

If you are interested in this litter please visit

www.adelaidegreatdanes.com

GDCA & Charitable Trust both NEED YOUR HELP

Please contribute to the newest Great Dane research projects including Wobblers, MegaEsophagus, and a Dane-specific genome project. You can contribute to these by samples, data and financial support.

You can contribute directly to the Charitable Trust or through the Canine Health Foundation.

*For more information please see:
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Finance Report

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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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Mark Your Calendar!

August 13 11:00 a.m.
Royce Farms Open meeting

September 24 5:00 p.m.
Royce Farms

November 19 11:00 a.m.
Royce Farms Board only

Awards Party
December 4 9:30-1:30 p.m.
Lone Tree Gold Center,
Antioch, CA
Remember to make your
Reservations with Ann
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