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# GDCNC Barker

The Newsletter of Great Dane Club of Northern California

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## Canine Massage Demonstration

Our first post-Specialty meeting is going to be on May 1<sup>st</sup>, following Great Dane judging at the Mensona Kennel Club show. Our guest speaker will be Linda Pullen, a fellow Dane fancier and canine masseuse. She will demonstrate canine massage using any available Dane. Here's a bit about what Linda has to say about herself, her experience and Great Danes.

*"I moved to Santa Rosa from Fayetteville, Arkansas, although I have lived in California before. I've been licensed in Arkansas in massage since 1994, and as a Master Massage Therapist since 1997. I've been certified in canine massage since 1995, and have offered both that service as well as canine massage seminars since that time.*

*"I got hooked on Great Danes in 1992, with my first Dane and show dog, Ch. Jamara's Chance Von Shrado. Once I started showing him, I fell in love with the camaraderie I found at the dog shows. Chance was followed by his daughter, Ch. Toto's Sabrina V Kacheke, who I eventually co-owned with Susan Hoke. I am currently owned by an almost 8-year-old bitch, Glory, out of my one and only breeding.*

*"I've been a member of the GDCA since 1994, and a member of the Greater Dallas Great Dane Club as well. In 1996, I got divorced and my lifestyle changed! I've attended some shows but have not actively shown since. I'm looking forward to getting back into showing and plan on looking for a male show puppy within the next few years."*

This should be a very interesting demo!

## Specialty Meals

GDCNC has contracted with local caterers to provide lunches at our Specialty shows and a buffet dinner Saturday night.

**Meal reservations must be  
postmarked by April 10<sup>th</sup>!**

(details in this newsletter)



Call Lucretia at  
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bellemarc@sbcglobal.net

**Entries for the Specialty Shows close at 6pm, Wednesday, April 7th**

# The Prez Sez: Specialty Update & Big Thanks

## Work Party:

Thanks to those people who showed up on March 13<sup>th</sup> to put in some time on getting things ready for the upcoming show. Ceil and Dana Warner along with Conley and Kathryn Netser got the trailer into good shape and reorganized everything. Things should go smoother in getting things loaded up on the last day of the show now that we know where things should go when we pack up. Big thanks also to our Challenge Trophy chair person, Elizabeth Artle and her very able assistant Jim Curnutt. The trophies are all shiny and ready to be won by some very lucky exhibitors. We had lunch, worked hard, and had a great time – thanks!

## Entries Close:

April 7<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for entries. Please get them in the mail on time. If you need a premium list, the information is on the website. If you are looking for an entry form only, you can use this general entry form: <http://www.akc.org/pdfs/AEN999.pdf>. Entries must be mailed to Diane Heldebrant as stated in the premium.

## Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>:

- **Setup** begins at **noon** on Friday – please don't arrive before that time! We'll set up the obedience & conformation rings and get the dining room ready, too. Please make yourself available wherever you see a need. Thanks!
- **Match** entries will be accepted starting at 2:30pm with judging by Ms. Diane McClelland to begin at 4pm. The youngest puppy class is 3-6 months – be sure your babies have their vaccines!
- **Puppy Evaluation:** At the conclusion of the match there will be an informal evaluation of 8 week-old puppies. Please feel free to observe and/or participate.
- **BBQ Potluck:** Coals will be lit at the conclusion of the set up. The Club will provide hotdogs with buns and condiments. Please bring something to share for 4-6 of your fellow Club members and exhibitors.

## Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>:

- **Obedience** will start at 8:30am in the ring where conformation judging was last year. Please bring a chair and root on the obedience participants!
- **Sweepstakes** will commence at 9:00am (not at 8:00am as indicated in the Premium List) with Ms. Bert Rettick judging our entries.
- **Conformation** judging is expected to get under way around 10:15am with Ms. Gina Jaeblo judging. Lunch will be at her discretion but will most likely begin after dogs are judged. Please get your **meal tickets** from Ann English – she needs your meal reservations by April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Junior showmanship** will be held on Saturday only.
- **Relax...** There should be plenty of time for you to unwind after the show, get your pictures taken, feed and exercise your dogs.
- **Dinner & Auction:** We are planning on a 6:30pm start time for the dinner which will be catered and is an "all you can eat" affair. There will be no program this year but the auction following dinner promises to be a good one. Ms. Jane Chopson is again the outstanding auctioneer.

## Sunday, April 25:

- **Conformation** judging begins at 8:30am with Mr. Leon Reimert judging both regular and non-regular classes.
- **Parades:** We are planning on doing our parades toward the conclusion of lunch before conformation judging reconvenes. Please plan to attend this wonderful event celebrating the many accomplishments of our Great Danes!
- **Teardown:** When judging concludes (and before you pack up your own things), please help us all out and assist in breaking down the equipment, storing it in the trailer and helping with general cleanup. We are only asking for 30-40 minutes of your time and it is only once a year! Please help out your club by giving a little of your time.

**May meeting:** Our next meeting will be at the Mensona Kennel Club show in Santa Rosa on May 1<sup>st</sup> following Great Dane judging. Our education chair person, Lucretia Marcus, has arranged for a dog masseuse to demonstrate the benefits of massage for your pet. It is a free demonstration and is open to all.

**Big thanks** to all Committees for their outstanding work! Please give them a pat on the back, a hug or a "thank you" for all of their efforts! It's a lot of work to put on our shows, but the task is that much easier when lots of members pitch in. I hope to see you all in three weeks enjoying the weather, the grounds, the dogs and each other's company.

Everett

# Conformation Match

In conjunction with the Specialty Shows, GDCNC will be having an AKC-Sanctioned Breed Match judged by Diane McClelland. We'll be accepting day-of-match entries **only** starting at 2:30pm on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, with judging scheduled to start at 4pm. We've opened entries up to puppies as young as 3-months old – please be sure your precious little ones are properly vaccinated.

Classes will be divided by sex and include: Puppy (3-6 months, 6-9 months, and 9-12 months), Junior(12-18 months), and Open (over 18-months). Ribbons and toy prizes will be awarded to the top four exhibits in each class. Rosettes will go to Best Puppy, Best Opposite Sex to Best Puppy, Best Junior, Best Opposite Sex to Best Junior, Best Adult, and Best Opposite Sex to Best Adult with additional recognition to Best in Match. The cost is \$10 per entry. It promises to be great fun!!!

The Match Chair is Tami Welch, Kate Jackson is the Match Secretary, and Terri Burley-Hammond is our Ring Steward. If you have any questions, please contact Tami, Kate or Terri.



## Make Your Meal Reservations Now!

For your enjoyment and convenience, GDCNC has contracted with local caterers to provide mouth-watering lunches both days and dinner Saturday for only \$40 per person. Saturday and Sunday lunches will be an array of cold deli sandwiches with a variety of chips and beverages. Saturday Night's "All You Can Eat" Texas BBQ Buffet includes mesquite-smoked beef brisket and chicken, creamy potato salad and coleslaw, cowboy beans, cornbread, Hall of Fame Peach Cobbler and a variety of beverages. Lunches can be purchased separately for \$10 each; dinner can be purchased separately for \$25. Lunches will be available 10 minutes after morning conformation judging is completed. Dinner begins at 6:30pm.

**Note: There will be no Food Vendors at the Show.**

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**Advance reservations and payment are required. Reservations must be postmarked no later than April 10th.**

Make checks payable to GDCNC and mail with your completed meal form to:

Ann English, 23258 Henry Court, Hayward, CA 94541-3582

If you have any questions, email [Ann@Lyonwyck.com](mailto:Ann@Lyonwyck.com) or call (510) 889-1373.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

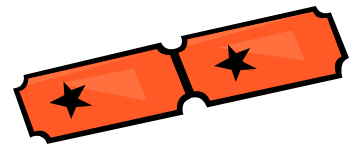
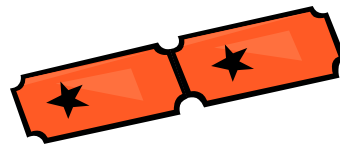
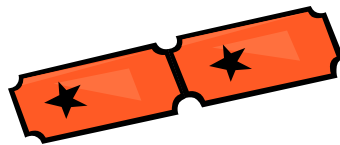
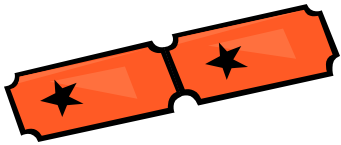
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Hello!

We are writing to request your help for the Great Dane Club of Northern California Specialty Raffle, which will be held in April. The Specialty will be here before we know it. Let's join together and make this the best, biggest fund raiser ever!

Usually when we think of dog show raffles, we think of those involved having to hit all the local pet shops and feed stores begging for donations. It would be nice to go beyond dog-related items and make our begging universal! If you have an inside to a non-dog related retail establishment, perhaps you could ask for a contribution: anything that you would consider a good item will be happily accepted. Even a \$5. gift certificate from any retail chain would be great. No donation is too small or too large!

Liquor/wine baskets are always popular. How about a candy basket (we all could use a sugar-rush to finish the weekend!). If you can contribute one item for either of these, We would be happy to put the baskets together. We would need the items as far in advance of the specialty as possible.

Of course we still want to include all of those fun dog items. Baskets/bowls filled with toys, treats, grooming supplies and etc. are nice. Dog food, crates, and dog beds are wonderful.

We will be making a poster with a list of the names of all who donate (everything counts!) and displaying it at the raffle table. We are hoping for a LONG list!

Please let us know if you have any ideas or can offer a couple hours to sell tickets & oversee the raffle table at the Specialty.

Please contact us and let us know what you are donating:

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Gail - ghunt683@aol.com

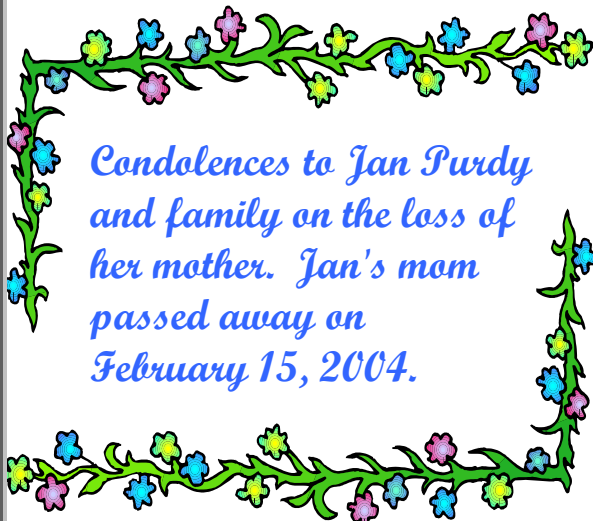
Thank you in advance for your help,

Renee Broden

Gail Hunt

Dianna Morgan

Raffle Chairs



# Braggs!!!

Valinor's I'll Take You There (Mercy) earned her first point under Judge Col. Purkiser at the Santa Clara KC show on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Proud owners are Everett Van Dyken and Paul Picciau.

Delta Breeze Artistry'N Rhythm (Ch. Meadowoods Nirvana V Tremain and Am/Int'l Ch. Allegro's Delta Breeze Rhapsody, CGC) got his Canine Good Citizen certificate one night in March. He was bred by and is loved by Jim and Barbara Moffett.

The last weekend in February was a great one in Hanford for Gail Hunt and Meribell! SandyOak's Mardigras Meribell started off by taking RWB on Thursday at the Sequoia KC, and on Friday was awarded WB for 1 point by Jane E. Treiber. To top off a great weekend, Meribell picked up another point going WB at the Kings Kennel Club show on Sunday under James E. Frederiksen. Meribell is owned and spoiled by Gail Hunt and is handled by Jane Chopson.

"Lacey" KC Danes America's Sweetheart (Ch. Oneida's Nash Bridges x Ch. Sherons Betty D Grandy) won another 2 points at the Kings Kennel Club show in Hanford on February 28<sup>th</sup> under Judge Clay Coady. Lacey won Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and Best Bred By. And then, to top the day off, she won GROUP 1 in the Bred By Exhibitor competition under Judge Clay Coady. The Netsers are (rightfully!) very proud of their little girl!



It is now: Champion G'NHydane's La Terremotos of Lore. Lola finished within a month of shows with three majors including two specialty majors (two majors owner-handled and one handled by Jane Chopson). Lola was bred by Dee and George Guerra and is owned by Lorraine Matherly.



After a year off, lollygagging around the house, Hero (aka Lore's the Works V. Ironwood) went WD for two points at the Apple Valley KC shows. He needs just three singles to finish. Hero was bred by Pamela Gray and Lorraine Matherly and is owned by Lorraine. Oscar (BISS CH Sasdania-Vitag's Frozen Asset) had that weekend off, but the following weekend at the Coso Dog Fanciers shows, he was Best of Breed both days and also garnered a Group 2. Oscar is owned by Lorraine Matherly, Jane Chopson and breeders Steve Stevens and David Vitagliano and is presented by Jane.



Barbara Kreszyn is THRILLED to announce that Dart (B And K Dartmouth) took BOB over specials and BOW both days and sister Vassar took WB both days at the Sun Maid KC shows in Fresno March 6-7<sup>th</sup>. Then, just two weeks later, at Saturday's Oakland KC show, Dart was awarded WD and BOW TO FINISH!!! Vassar needs 5 singles to finish -- not bad, eh? Owner/breeder handled and hardly shown -- Barbara is so pleased!

# Puppy News

## On the ground...

Far-away club members Bobbie and Clyde Malloy of Lost Coast Great Danes are grandparents!!! Their Annie (Riverwood's Ann's Dream) and Oden (Riverwood Dundee's Oden) are the proud parents of three pups: Riverwood's Snow White by Lost Coast Great Danes (a white female), Riverwood's Baby Eva by Lost Coast Great Danes (a show marked harl female) and Riverwood's I'm Oden Too by Lost Coast Great Danes (a show marked harl male). Everyone is doing fine, except the grandparents who are mothering the pups and have been taking round-the-clock shifts in the whelping box.



## Coming Soon!

It is with great excitement that Donnell Giambastiani of G And D Great Danes announces an ultra-sound confirmed, futurity-nominated, linebred litter: Ch. Harlwood Dark Horse ("Hoss") x G And D's Polar Ice ("Allie"). If all goes well (and we sure hope it does!), they expect to have some nice harlequins available in April!

Barbara Kreszyn has puppy news, too! She has bred Sunshine (aka Daynakin-Danelind Freya B & K, mom of new champion Dart and Vassar, who needs only 5 singles to finish) to Ch. Champagne's Private Stock ("Maverick"). We hear Sunshine is already huge – fawn and brindle puppies are due April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Question: How do you make a small fortune breeding dogs?**

**Answer: Start with a very large fortune!**

## Flea Free, Naturally

From some Collie folks in hot South Texas – people who use it say they've never seen a flea or tick on their dogs or cats!

- Take a BIG fat lemon (the more rind the better) and slice it paper thin.
- Put in a bowl with a tablespoon of crushed rosemary leaves (or a 6 inch sprig of fresh).
- Pour a quart of hot, near boiling water over the lemon/rosemary mixture.
- Let steep overnight.
- Strain and put into a large spray bottle.
- Keep in fridge.
- Shake well before applying. The d-limeone in this spray along with the rosemary oil will give your dog a beautiful shiny coat and keep fleas and other bugs away (including mosquitoes, so you get extra heartworm protection).

If your dog has dry skin or allergies add a teaspoon of tea tree oil and a tablespoon of Aloe pulp. Use the spray at least twice a week to keep the scent on the coat to repel bugs, and spray it around your doors and through the carpets. If it's a bad flea time, spray daily on the belly and feet to repel them. This has worked wonders for many years – and not only for the dogs, but for people, too, when hiking or walking in the woods. No bug will get near this stuff. And, of course, it's all natural.



# GDCNC MEETING MINUTES: February 21, 2004

The meeting was called to order on February 21, 2004 at 11:10 a.m. Attending the meeting were officers and board members Everett Van Dyken, Timmi Williams, Sue Dobie-Holbrook, Dana Wardner, Ceil Wardner, Kathryn Nester, Conley Nester, Lucretia Marcus and Judy Benjamin. Excused were Paul Picciau, Jane Chopson and Ann English.

The minutes were approved as published.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report is available to Club members on request.

## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Betty Thomas accepted her honorary membership.
- AKC approved our specialty show dates

## MEMBERSHIP:

- Connie Andronico was voted in as a member.
- A new application for Connie Hastings was read. She is sponsored by Kitty Kenyon and Timmi Williams.

## MEETING DATES:

The meeting scheduled for March 13 was changed to a work meeting at Everett's. Next meetings:

- May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Santa Rosa show
- June 26<sup>th</sup> location to be announced

## SHOW COMMITTEES:

The following show committees gave progress reports:

Auction, Catalog Advertising, Decorations, Grounds, Hospitality, Match, Meals, Obedience, Parking, Raffle, Ribbons, Sanitation, Trailer, Vendors, Welcome

## NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Mark Neff of UC Davis talked to us about genetic testing and handed out DNA kits for those interested in tracing three generations.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timmi Williams, Recording Secretary

## FINANCIAL REPORT

**Account balance  
information is available  
to Club members on request**

## Membership Update GDCNC welcomes new member *Connie Andronico*

### Second Publishing:

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

### First Publishing:

- *Connie Hastings*  
Sponsored by Kitty Kenyon and Timmi Williams

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

**Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>:**  
GDCNC Meeting at Mensona KC Show  
Guest Speaker Linda Pullen  
(see details in newsletter)

**Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>:**  
GDCNC Meeting  
Details to be announced

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



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