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Members Take High Honors at Specialty Shows

GDCNC's 2004 Back-to-Back Specialty Shows were a huge success, with members' dogs taking the coveted "BISS" title both days. On Saturday, the honor was awarded to Tyranny (Ch. Davishire's Impetuous A'La AJ), bred by and owned by Kathleen Davis – a happy day for Kathleen that started with her import, Fürst (Fürst D'Shire Von Der Ofnethöhle) taking Best of Opposite in Sweeps. Sunday's big winner was Dazzle (KC Dane's An Affair to Remember V Oneida), owned by Judi and Ed Grimaldi, handled by Ed and bred by Kathryn Netser. Dazzle collected the trophies for Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and Best of Breed. Best of Opposite was awarded to Oscar (Ch. Sasdania-Vitag's Frozen Asset) both days, owned by Lorraine Matherly and Jane Chopson. Emerson (Ch. Delta Breeze Artistry's Fire 'N Fury) owned by Judy Sears and Barbara Moffett, bred by Barbara Moffett and beautifully handled by Brittany Williams was an Award of Merit winner.

Saturday's Winners Bitch and Best of Winners went to Melody, Lagarada's Gold N Melody, owned by Eric Evangelista, Tim Sutherland and Lucretia Marcus. (We all applauded Eric's handling debut when he took Mel in for Breed!) Reserve wins were also enjoyed club members both days: On Saturday, RWD was Donzi (Daynakin Danelind New Year's Resolution) owned by Renee Broden and RWB was none other than Meribell (Sandyoak's Mardigras Meribell) owned by Gail Hunt. On Sunday, Devin (Kenyon's Sevy Check Out Devin) owned and bred by Kitty Kenyon was named RWD (after going Best in Match on Friday), and Trudy (Aldawn's I'm The Intruder) owned by Diane McClelland and bred by Kim Cross took the RWB and Best Puppy awards. Best Veteran honors on Saturday went to Ch. Sir Lucas George, owned by Vince & Joan Mulligan and on Sunday to Blanton's Lit'l Bit Country, owned by Kim & Dannie Blanton.

Complete results (with pictures!) are available online at www.greatdaneclub.org.

Many Thanks from Everett

With another specialty behind us, it is time to gear up for next year's event. However, before beginning with that project, I want to thank some of the people who made this year's event better than ever. I want to first thank some of the set up crew: Pete Sorenson, Dana Wardner, Ed Grimaldi, Kathryn and Conley Netser (Super Workers), Bill and Mabel Labiak, Renee Broden, Timmi Williams, Larry Carstensen, Sue and Tom Holbrook, Denise Williams, Tim Sutherland (my singing partner), and Mick Galvin.

The match was held on Friday afternoon with Ms. Diane McClelland doing a nice job in selecting the winners. The match was put together by Kate Jackson (match secretary), Tami Welch (match chair) and Terri Burley-Hammond (ring steward). The match was well-organized (thanks, too, to day-of-match helper Bill Labiak) and well-attended. It was great seeing all those puppies out there. Nice job ladies – and Bill!

Sue Dubie-Holbrook along with hubby Tom did another outstanding job in getting the obedience event put together. It is a joy to watch the dogs do their event and I hope that more of you will take the time to watch it next year. Thanks Sue and Tom!

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SWEEPSTAKES RESULTS - Judge: Ms. Bert Rettick

Best in Sweepstakes: **BRF'S You've Got Mail**

Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes: **Furst D'Shire Von Der Ofnethohle**

OBEDIENCE RESULTS - Judge: Ms. Cathy Dutra

High-Scoring Dog in Trial: **Chauffeuired Wit'zn's Katsmeow, CD, NA, NAJ, NAP, NJP**

CONFORMATION RESULTS

Saturday
Judge: Ms. Gina Jaebon

Sunday
Judge: Mr. Leon Reimert

Best of Breed:	Ch. Davishire's Impetuous A'La AJ	KC Dane's An Affair to Remember V Oneida
Best of Opposite:	Ch. Sasdania-Vitag's Frozen Asset	Ch. Sasdania-Vitag's Frozen Asset
Award of Merit:	Ch. Riverwood's BOR Little Girl	Ch. Delta Breeze Artistry's Fire 'N Fury
Award of Merit:	Ch. Elrid's Quintessential Prinz	Ch. Chanoz's Chosen One
Best of Winners:	Lagarada's Gold N Melody	KC Dane's An Affair to Remember V Oneida
Winners Dog:	NEW Ch. Danelind Geoffrey Daynakin	Paquestone's Trendsetter Tobias
Winners Bitch:	Lagarada's Gold N Melody	KC Dane's An Affair to Remember V Oneida
Reserve Winners Dog:	Daynakin Danelind New Year's Resolution	Kenyon's Sevy Check Out Devin
Reserve Winners Bitch:	Sandyoak's Mardigras Meribell	Aldawn's I'm The Intruder
Best in Bred by Exhibitor Class:	Paquestone's The Sky's The Limit	Paquestone's Trendsetter Tobias
Best Puppy in Regular Classes:	BRF'S You've Got Mail	Aldawn's I'm The Intruder
Best Veteran:	Ch. Sir Lucas George	Blanton's Lit'l Bit Country

Membership Update

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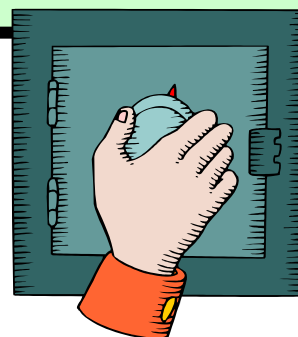
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FINANCIAL REPORT

Account balance information is available to GDCNC members on request.



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Jane Chopson is to be commended for once again putting on a fabulous auction which raised more than \$4000 for the club. She encouraged bidders to spend more and more of their money before the "Going once, Going twice.....Sold". Thanks Jane!

The trophies were beautiful this year with the credit going once again to Lucretia Marcus. She raised the money for the trophies, purchased them and then made sure that everything was in order on the day of the show. Another outstanding job by Lucretia....thank you!

The Challenge Trophies became the responsibility of Elizabeth Artle this year. She and Jim Curnutt polished them and helped with getting them in the photos. At the conclusion of the show the trophies were neatly packed away for next year. Great job, Elizabeth and Jim!

A special thank you goes to Bill and Mabel Labiak. Bill did an outstanding job as ring steward with help from MaryAnn Wilson on Saturday and from Mabel on Sunday. This was his first time as our ring steward. He did an awesome job doing the stewarding and an exceptional job announcing all while feeling "under the weather." Mabel not only did the name tags but was, once again, superb as a Judge's Liaison paying attention to all the details involved in her job. A big thank you to both!

Denise Williams and daughter Brittany took on the job of hospitality again this year. In addition to providing a fabulous assortment of goodies, they also made room for the coffee provided by the club. Thanks to Dana for starting up the coffee in the wee hours of the morning. The "Williams Girls" did a great job!

The "welcome boxes" were another success this year. Kathleen Davis did a great job on them again with lots of contributions from different club members, non-members and Breeder's Choice. Are we starting a tradition? A sincere thank you to Kathleen for her outstanding effort!

Breeder's Choice has been our corporate sponsor for the past three years and deserves thanks from both the club as an organization and from its individual club members. This company has given us a cash donation each year, supported the trophy fund and has provided lots of the "freebies" seen in the welcome boxes. Please visit their website www.Breeders-Choice.com to thank them for their continued support.

The lunches and dinner were well-organized thanks to the efforts of Ann English and Beth Sanders. Meals were on time and the food was excellent. Ann does a nice job in keeping track of meal tickets and the monies involved in such a large-scale function. Thank you!

The decorations were a result of some hard and time-consuming labor by Ceil Wardner and Kathryn Netser. I think the end result was worth the effort. The dinner tables looked great and the center pieces were raffled off at the conclusion of the dinner. Excellent job ladies!

A special thank you to Lorrie Spencer for taking Gina Jaebon to and from the airport. Also, thank you to Dana Wardner for picking up Leon Reimert from the airport on Saturday.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our "acting" show secretary, Pamela Preston. I had asked her to "help out" so we could use our show secretary who had moved to South Carolina this year. We just needed someone to be at the show to keep the paperwork in order and that was all the job had intended to be. Instead Pamela became the show secretary in name and had to be put in some really difficult situations in order to make all of it come together as smoothly as it did. She went way beyond what was asked of her and deserves our sincere appreciation for a job well done. We are making tentative plans to use her talents next year but in a support capacity only. Thanks Pamela for all of your effort!

A REALLY BIG THANK YOU to those people who stayed after the show on Sunday to help put things away. After working on getting things set up for the shows, it is amazing how tired you can be and still have so many things to do. So a big thank yous to Bob Santimays, Ed Grimaldi, Dana Wardner, Ceil Wardner, Conley Netser, Kathryn Netser, Lorrie Spenser, Jim Curnutt, Elizabeth Artle, Elizabeth Sanders, Pete Sorenson, Terri Burley-Hammond, Kate Jackson, Mick Galvin and Laura Munro. There may have been others who also helped out but I was so brain-dead by that time I may have forgotten. If I did, please accept my apologies and a heart felt thank you.

The shows were a success once again due to the effort of many people. I am hoping that next year more of you will become a part of the effort and thus easing the burden on the aging and health-impaired members that are always part of the process (you know who you are---thanks).

Congratulations to club members who did so well at their local specialty! Kathleen Davis took Best in Specialty with Tyranny on Saturday and then Ed and Judi Grimaldi took top honors with Dazzle on Sunday. Tim Sutherland and Eric Evangelista took Best of Winners on Saturday with Melody. Congratulations to all! Don't forget to visit www.greatdaneclub.org for complete results and photos!

I leave you with some emailed comments made by exhibitors and judges:

- *What a fabulous weekend! I didn't hear one complaint about anything.*
- *Thanks to everyone who worked so hard, everything from the food to the show site was a job well done!!*
- *I had a wonderful time judging your specialty and want to thank you for making my visit an enjoyable one.*

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- And, hats off to the GDCNC for their, as usual, lovely specialty show
- On another note, I thought the Specialty was better than ever this past weekend. Maybe a little too hot but you can't help that, and I'd rather have hot than wet! Everyone seemed to be pulling together and I saw no evidence of anyone complaining about anything.
- Hello GDCNC club members:
I want to say how wonderful the show was out in Lodi, CA. I went there from Illinois as a passenger with my girlfriend...We had such a good time there. The members of the club and the exhibitors were so friendly and so kind that my girlfriend Lori and I just can't say enough about the show site, the hospitality and the great time in that hot weather that we had. I just want to take this time to congratulate all the winners and give you all a thumbs up on the ringside friendliness and never once did I feel far from home. That is what is so nice. You can travel 2,000 miles away from home and when at ring side you can feel like you are with friends...thanks allot....would love to make it an annual trip. The auction was a blast and I got to meet faces with names I know. Thank you all, for the fine time and great show site.
- I can support your report of the Lodi shows. It was the most fun I had experienced in a long, long time. The hurried up atmosphere of the combined specialties held with big all breed shows have changed the laid-back fun loving educational experiences of the stand alone specialties. The GDCNC is truly a worthwhile experience and the whole club is to be commended. Everyone should experience it.
- It looks like you had another wonderful specialty, with rave reviews from your first time visitors.
- In 30 years of showing dogs, I think this was one of the prettiest show sites I've ever been on. The drive up to the grounds was like "Alice in Wonderland".
- It was so nice to come from the still chilly Midwest to enjoy the sun and the warmth and dry too boot. I just had such a great time and enjoyed the company and the weather so much....thanks Californians!!!!
- I really enjoy and look forward to our specialty too and I know it's the same for the rest of the gang, despite the work that comes with it. ;o) We have a GREAT team of folks in the club that put their all into the show AND it's like a mini-nationals for me, in that one of the things I enjoy the most at the nationals is visiting, catching up with and talk'n shop with those that I don't get to see in person the rest of the year.
- I for one am happy God has allowed us to create Great Danes and have such Great people to share them with. Thanks again for the wonderful show experience.

Thank you for your support,
Everett



Look Who Has Puppy Breath...

It's with GREAT excitement that Donnell Giambastiani announces the latest G and D litter: SIXTEEN little bundles of joy were born April 5, 2004, including nine show marked harlequins (two boys and seven girls), one show marked mantle boy, and six mantled merles (two boys and four girls). The proud parents are Ch. Harwood's Dark Horse (Hoss) and G and D's Polar Ice (Allie). Photos are on Donnell's website (<http://home.earthlink.net/~gnddanes625>).



Tommy (Echo's Justice of the Peace) and Loren (International Ch. Danemar's Chenin Blanc de Blanc) were blessed with 8 fawn puppies on Saturday, May 22nd. The 5 girls and 3 boys are thriving! All inquiries can be sent to Timmi at timmiw@sti.net. You might also want to check out the new Echo Danes website – hopefully puppy pictures will be posted in the coming weeks: www.echodanes.com.



Cindee Carlson is proud to announce two litters sired by her champion harlequin Denali son, "Remington" (Ch. PCH Esq's The Smokin' Gun). The first is in Missouri, out of one of the top performance (obedience/agility) Danes in the country, "Vanna", who just needs her majors to finish in conformation. The Remington-Vanna litter includes three show marked harlequins. The second litter is in Western Washington, out of a well bred DonPar bitch, DonPar's Marquis Diamond, a mantle great granddaughter of Rondo with old BMW on both sides. She had 8 puppies -- 6 mantles and 2 harlequins. At least four of the mantles and both harls are classically show marked. Feel free to contact Cindee (esqdaner@colfax.com or cynthia@vetmed.wsu.edu) for more information on these litters, and about another that is due any time in Spokane, WA.

Something to Shout About!!!



Fletcher, aka Hauer-Goldstar Arrowmaker, became a Canine Good Citizen in January. Fletch passed his CGC test with flying colors, much to Mom Bari's amazement and delight!!! Fletch is owned & loved by Bari & Tom Costello.

Speaking of Canine Good Citizens, Kate and Mick are very proud of their rescue boy Duke – he was awarded his CGC certificate during testing at Saturday's GDCNC Specialty Show.

Cindee Carlson sends a brag about her harlequin girl, Rau's Every Cloud Has One v. Esq. Sterling won her first two shows (WB both days and BOW the first day) at just over 8 months of age. She has since won four more shows, including two Best of Breed wins from the classes, and several BOWs. These were small shows, so Sterling now has 6 points and is starting to hunt for her majors.

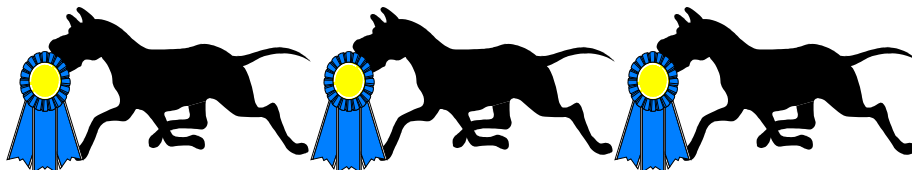
Gail Hunt is very proud of her Meribell! Sandyoak's Mardigras Meribell was Winners Bitch for two points at the Chief Solano KC show on Sunday, April 18th. The following week, Meribell took a very impressive five-point Major Reserve at Saturday's GDCNC Specialty Show.

KC Danes had a good weekend in Vallejo at the Chief Solano shows in April 17-18th. Dazzle (KC Danes An Affair to Remember v Oneida) took WB, BOW & BOS for two points at the Chief Solano show on Saturday. Dazzle is owned by Judi and Ed Grimaldi and bred by Kathryn Netser. And on Sunday, Lacey (KC Danes America's Sweetheart) was awarded RWB, Lacey was a strong contender for the points, but decided jumping around in the rain was lots more fun than acting like a show dog. Lacey is owned by Kathryn & Conley Netser and bred by Kathryn Netser.

A memorable day for Judi and Ed Grimaldi!!! Dazzle, aka BISS KC Dane's An Affair to Remember v Oneida won the 104th GDCNC Specialty on April 25 2004, under Judge Leon E. Reimert. Dazzle who was just 15 months at the time was owner-handled by Ed, and got the BISS by first winning the 12-18 month class (with an entry of 13) and was then named WB for a 5-point major. Not to be stopped, Dazzle then went on to get BOW and beat out 20 specials for the BISS title. Her breeder, Kathryn Netser, was also more than a little excited about Dazzle's performance!

Davishire Danes is thrilled and honored to have a BISS in the house! All the more special for us, to win the trophy donated by John and Linda (Express Danes), who trusted me enough with Abigail and continue to be my strength, sounding board and best friends. Tyranny (BISS/Int. BIS Ch. Davishire's Impetuous a'la AJ) has exceeded my highest hopes for her, right out of the box and still doing so at every turn. I'm even more honored that she's received most of and her highest praises from breeder judges, whom I respect and admire. She just turned two a couple of weeks before the specialty and she's carrying a BISS/Int. BIS before her name. I couldn't be prouder or more thankful for the fabulous ringside support from our friends and wonderful handling/friendship of Diane Collings. At the same time, the young man of the house, Fürst, is SIZZLING! He's got 8 points now, still in the 9-12 puppy class -- on his fourth consecutive win! Hopefully, most of you got to meet Fürst's breeder, Albert, at the Specialty. He's extremely proud of his young boy and thoroughly enjoyed meeting all of his new American friends.

The Mensona KC shows in early May were good ones for Pat Gurtner and Coleridge. On Saturday, Tori (Coleridge's Blue Mys Tori) was Winners Bitch out of the Open Blue class and Romeo (Ch. Coleridge's Romeo True as Steel) went Best of Opposite to Jean Bell's Michelle (Ch. Michelle My Belldane). And on Sunday, Nona (Colridge's Blue Nona Begonia) was WB out of the American Bred class and Romeo went Best of Breed. The Bostons also did well! Pat's Ch. Casino's Luck Be A Lady v Coleridge (Pepper) was BOB both days over Pepper (Ch. Coleridge's Chunky Monkey) who took BOS. Most exciting was that Pepper went on to take a Group 1 on Sunday – that was really a thrill!



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 26th:

GDCNC Meeting
Details to be announced



Sunday, December 12th:

Holiday & Awards Brunch
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