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The Newsletter of Great Dane Club of Northern California

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From the President

Hello fellow club members and Great Dane fanciers! I hope you all had plenty to be thankful for as you celebrated Thanksgiving with family and/or friends. I am writing this on Thanksgiving morning after having enjoyed "Thanksgiving" last night. In a few hours we will be on our way to San Mateo to show our puppies in the shows there this weekend. I am looking forward to spending time with friends and enjoying myself (and hoping our puppies do well).

On the topic of shows... Has the practice of applauding the contenders in the Winner's class lost its appeal to the exhibitors? In traveling to northern states this fall, I noticed that people observe the winner's class in stony silence and was grateful in the thought that we, in Northern California, still applauded our winners. However, I have noticed that we don't do it as often as I recall that we used to. It seems like it should be part of that good sportsmanship we pride ourselves in having. Go ahead and applaud the winners as they go around for the final time! Congratulate the point winner even though it has beaten your dog on that particular day. Soon enough, it will be your turn to receive the applause and subsequent congratulations.

On a different note, we have an annual meeting scheduled for January 24, 2004, at the Royce Farms Restaurant in Stockton. We are looking for a quorum to fill our three open positions. Lucretia Marcus, Ann English and Jane Chopson have all graciously consented to be candidates for the two open board positions and the GDCA delegate position. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us on January 24th (Saturday).

As the dates for our next back-to-back specialties draw closer, the importance of filling the committee slots becomes more and more important. I will, once again, be the show chairman and I am looking for an assistant show chairman. **Chuck English** has volunteered to be our grounds chairman; **Lucretia Marcus** is our trophy chair; **Mabel Labiak** is our judges' liaison; **Jane Chopson** will head up the program/auction committee; **Pete Sorenson** is the vendors chairman; **Ann English** is our food chairman. This year we have a trio sharing the responsibilities of the raffle committee: **Dianna Morgan**, **Gail Hunt** and **Renee Broden**. I am still looking for a hospitality chairman and a decoration chairman. I may already have asked someone to fill those positions but may have forgotten... Seems to be a daily occurrence! So if you were asked, please contact me and accept my apologies. We need to fill the last few positions and then add to the committee membership, so if something appeals to you, please contact me or the committee chair.

As a result of the recent Southern California fires, the board voted to donate money to those affected by the disaster and to set up a disaster fund. On behalf of the Great Dane Club of Northern California, we donated \$250 to Beve Hauer who is a fellow Great Dane breeder/owner and who lost her home to the fire. We also voted to donate \$250 to the American Kennel Club's rescue fund specifically set up to help those animals affected by the fire. Finally, we designated one of our CDs to be used for potential future disasters (we defined a disaster as a state "declared" disaster).

Our annual Awards/Christmas brunch will be held at the Pleasanton Hotel on December 7th. We hope you will be joining us for the festivities! Awards will be given to the following people in recognition of their Danes' achievements: Michele Andreeta, Jean Bell, Linda Borghi, Kathleen Davis, Pat Gurtner, Kitty Kenyon, Bill & Mabel Labiak, Bobbie & Clyde Malloy, Lucretia Marcus, Lorraine Matherly, Sharon McCrary, Barbara Moffett, Laura Munro, Judy Sears, Pete Sorenson, Lorrie Spencer, Everett Van Dyken, Ceil & Dana Wardner, Tami Welch, and Denise Williams. Please join us to offer these fellow club members your congratulations for a job well done.

As we head into the holiday season, I want to wish you all the best and hope that you have a safe and joyous time with family and friends.

Regards,
Everett

Happy Holidays

Award Winners Honored

At GDCNC's Annual Awards Presentation on December 7th, we honored the breeders, co-breeders, owners, co-owners and stud dog owners for their accomplishments this year. We have a nice variety of award winners, covering both performance and conformation success. We have performance awards for Companion Dog (CD) titles and an Open Agility (OA) title. Several members put a Canine Good Citizen (CGC) title at the end of their dogs' names. Our conformation awards cover AKC championships, International titles and a Best In Show award. Congratulations to all involved with the following dogs:

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| ❖ Ch. Amador's Madame Butterfly | ❖ Ch. Heidane's Diamond Solitare |
| ❖ Belldane's Shasta Blue, CD | ❖ Ch. Ironwood's Aspen Gold |
| ❖ Ch. Belldane's Louie Louie | ❖ Kenyon's Wyatt Aldea Anij, CD |
| ❖ BIS Ch. Bellemarc's The Painter of Light | ❖ Ch. Lore's Heartthrob |
| ❖ Ch. Caprata's Southern Charm | ❖ Ch. Lore's Tutta Bella |
| ❖ Int. Ch. Celestial Expressly Sirius | ❖ Lyonwyck's Gevalia Magic, CGC |
| ❖ Am/Int. Ch. Cheshire's Allthat N' Thensome, OA | ❖ Ch. Michelle My Belldane |
| ❖ Int. Ch. Cheshire's Valinor Custom Made | ❖ Int. Ch. Olympus' I Am The Acropolis |
| ❖ Ch. Coleridge's Blue Amidala | ❖ Int. Ch. Riverwood's Ann's Dream |
| ❖ Ch. Coleridge's Romeo True As Steel | ❖ Ch. Temple Dell's Dane Lore Schurstein |
| ❖ Ch. Davishire's Impetuous A'la AJ | ❖ Int. Ch. Valinor's Seven Come Eleven |
| ❖ Ch. Delta Breeze Artistry N' Fury, CGC | ❖ Am/Int. Ch. Valinor's The Divine Miss M |
| ❖ Int. Ch. Delta Breeze Artistry N' Revelation | ❖ Ch. Valinor's The Winning Shot V CND |
| ❖ Express' Misha, CGC | ❖ Ch. Von Riesenhof The Yellow Rose |
| ❖ Express' Sheba, CGC | |



**Membership
Update!!!**

**GDCNC
Welcomes
New Members**

***Bari Costello
Dianna Morgan***

First Publishing:

- **Connie Andronico**
Sponsored by Eric
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Election & Annual Meeting: January 24th

The Nominating Committee (Cecilia Wardner, Chair, and Cherie Moses and Janet Purdy) has nominated

- ✓ **Ann English**
- ✓ **Lucretia Marcus**
- ✓ **Jane Chopson**

to fill the three vacancies on the GDCNC Board. The election will be held at the GDCNC Annual Meeting on January 24th at Royce Farms Restaurant in Stockton. Please plan to be there – we need a quorum to vote in the new Board members.

Well, it's THAT time again, folks! Trophy donations for our 2004 Specialties are being solicited for ALL awards. You can sign up now and get your first choice. No need to pay until the first quarter of '04. You can either call or email Lucretia Marcus at (925)831-6172 or bellemarc@sbcglobal.net.



GDCNC MEETING MINUTES: October 19, 2003

The meeting was called to order on October 19, 2003, at 9:10am. Attending the meeting were officers and board members Everett Van Dyken, Timmi Williams, Sue Dubie-Holbrook, Dana Wardner, Ceil Wardner, Kathryn Netser, Conley Netser. Excused were Paul Picciau, Ann English, and Lucretia Marcus

The minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

There was no Treasurer's Report

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A newsletter from GDCA - the National Specialty Judges for next year are Lester Mapes, Judy Harrington, and Arlene Davis. The Futurity Judges will be Lorraine Matherly and Pam Winter.

MEMBERSHIP:

M/S/P new members Bari Costello and Dianna Morgan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Holiday Brunch and Awards Presentation will be at the Pleasanton Hotel again this year. The date will be December 7, 2003. Ann English is taking reservations and money for the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15am.

Respectfully submitted,

Timmi Williams

Recording Secretary



**January 24th
is the
Annual Meeting!!!**



*Look Who Has
Puppy Breath...*

The puppies are here! "Aurora", Int'l Ch. Olympus' I Am The Acropolis (AKC pointed), (Ch. Raedane's Graffiti Rika-Cyn x Angel Oak's White Diamond) whelped a litter of 7 fawns; 4 boys and 3 girls on October 27th. The sire is "Havoc", Ch. Brislyn Plain Havoc v Varick. Mom and babies are doing great. Contact Denise Williams at (209) 274-2988



Renee and Carl Broden are thrilled with their new arrival: California Dreamn's Center of Attention. The singleton harlequin boy was born to Missy (Dreamspinner A Mischiefmaker) by Speak'r (Ch. GMJ The CEO Speaks) on November 25th. Missy (BISS Ch. BMW Architect of Jerico x Ch. BMW Razzle Dazzle) is littermate to BISS of the 2002 National Ch. Dreamspinner's Antiquity. Sire Speak'r finished at 13 months with two 5-point Specialty majors and one 4-point major. We expect great things from our little Mr. Party of One!



Kitty Kenyon has litter of blue puppies -- 6 girls and 1 boy were born September 28th. Mom is "Shasta" (Belldane's Shasta Blue bred by Jean Bell) and dad is Aspen's Dante's Inferno V BBHill (from Terry Beck's Blueberryhill Danes in Texas). This was Shasta's second and last litter. Please forward puppy inquiries to DockKitty99@aol.com.

GDCNC MEETING MINUTES: November 16, 2003

The meeting was called to order on November 16, 2003, at 11:15 am. Attending the meeting were officers and board members Everett Van Dyken, Timmi Williams, Sue Dubie-Holbrook, Dana Wardner, Ceil Wardner, Kathryn Netser, Conley Netser, Ann English, Lucretia Marcus and Judy Benjamin. Excused were Paul Picciau and Jane Chopson.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Available to members on request.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

The date for the general meeting will be January 24, 2004. The location will be Royce Farms unless a new location somewhere in Tracy is found.

ELECTIONS NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

The committee consisting of Ceil Wardner, Sherrie Moses, and Jan Perdie submitted the names of Ann English, Lucretia Marcus and Jane Chopson for the 3 board positions open this year. We can still accept nominations before December 7, with 5 sponsors.

MEMBERSHIP:

There were no new applications for membership.

EDUCATION:

Lucretia Marcus will be taking over the leadership of the Education Committee. Another Health Forum will be scheduled for March. It was suggested that a stipend be paid to the vets who attend. Any new ideas for education should be forwarded to Lucretia.

SPECIALTY SHOW:

- Pete Sorenson requested we look into a match on Friday evening before the show.
- John Jarvis will not be available to do the Sweepstakes at the show. A list of potential judges was submitted to Everett.
- Michelle Hay from Canada is donating prizes for Best in Sweeps and Best Opposite in Sweeps.

NEW BUSINESS:

- M/S/P - To send Beve Hauer \$250.00
- M/S/P - To send AKC \$250.00 to be used for victims of the Southern California fires.

The above donations will come from the general fund.

- M/S/P - To establish a fund in the budget for relief in accordance with government guidelines. We will utilize an existing \$2,000.00 CD.
- M/S/P - To increase the amount donated to charity in honor of a family member's passing from \$25.00 to \$50.00.
- A motion to increase the donation to Great Dane Rescue was tabled until a future meeting. The board would like to see progress reports from the Rescue before any increase is made.

BUDGET:

The Board established the new budget for 2004.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Timmi Williams
Recording Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT

**ACCOUNT BALANCE INFORMATION
IS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS ON REQUEST**

Congrats New Champions

Delta Breeze Artistry Fire N'Fury (aka "Champion Emerson") finished his championship on Sunday of the Turkey Circuit in Stockton with a 4-point major!!! Emerson (Ch. Meadowood Nirvana v Tremain x Ch. Allegro's Delta Breeze Rhapsody) was bred by Jim & Barbara Moffett and is co-owned by Barbara Moffett; he's owned and spoiled by Judy Sears. Emerson was beautifully presented by Denise Williams.



It is now Champion Valinor's The Divine Miss M! Bette finished on October 18th under Judge Lester Mapes (handled by Georgia Hymmen). Bette is out of Ch. Cheshire's Tailor Made V Longo and Ch. Warwick's Valinor Flair, ROM – and makes Champion #6 for Flair. Bette is owned by Paul Picciau and Everett Van Dyken.



Cheshire's Allthat N' Thensome, OAJ, OA "Ali" is now a Champion! Ali was bred by Everett and Paul and is out of Ch. Cheshire's Tailor Made V Longo and Ch. Warwick's Valinor Flair, ROM. She earned her most recent agility title at the 2003 GDCA National. She has her open agility (OA) title in addition to the open agility jumpers (OAJ). With her championship, Ali now has titles on both ends of her name!

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Littermates B and Dartmouth and B and K Vassar (Ch. Avanti's All For One Elan x Daynakin danielind Freya B and K) have made their Momma proud! Dart picked up both his majors in October in Las Vegas, and Vassar has both of hers, too. Both pups are just a few singles away from "Champion"! Owner-breeder handled by Barbara Kreszyn.



Sunday, November 24th was a big day for Kitty Kenyon and her blue bitch Kenyon's Wyatt Aldea Anij. Not only did Anij win her first point under Judge Faye Strauss, she also got her first leg on her CDX title under judge Dorin Ladd. Big congrats to breeder-owner Kitty and Anij!!!



Olympus' Whiz Bang !, "Julie", took back-to-back wins at the Mesilla Valley KC shows. On 10/05, Julie won Winners Bitch under Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki for 2 points. The next day, she won Best of Winners under Mrs. Frances Cazier for another 2 points. But that's not all! The following weekend, Julie did it again with more back-to-back wins at the Valencia Valley KC shows!! On 10/11, she won Best of Winners under Norman Herbel (1 point) and the following day she was BOW once again under Wanda Spediacci for another point. Julie just needs one major to finish now. Big congrats and hugs to Julie's dad, Bob Santimays. Bred/co-owned by Denise Williams. Handled by Mari Lynn Dolan.



Meribel (Shady Oaks Mardigras Meribel) won 2 points on Turkey Circuit Saturday in Turlock. She and Ms. Jane (handler Jane Chopson) hadn't been out in over 6 months and they really did well – Momma Gail is very proud!!! Meribel (Ch. My-Jon's License To Thrill x Ch. Harrell's Pretty Woman) was bred by Tena Gilles and is owned and spoiled by Gail Hunt.



Valinor's All That Jazz took WD/BOW at the Del Valle show under Judge Jay Richardson out of the 6-9 Month Puppy class on October 20th. He is out of Ch. Cheshire's Tailor Made V Longo and Ch. Valinor's MVP Dream Girl and is owned by Cherie Moses and Everett Van Dyken. He was owner-handled.



Valinor's Seven Come Eleven won a 4-point major at the Golden Valley KC on November 22nd. Ace, expertly handled by Diane Collings, showed his best to Judge Lynton Moustakis. Ace is owned by Pete Sorenson and Everett Van Dyken. Ace needs just one more major to finish!



On 10/26/03 at the Sacramento Valley DFA show under Judge Helene Nietsch, Daynakin Danelind New Year's Resolution aka Donzi (Ch. Largarada's Timberline Gold x Can/Am Ch. Daynakin's You're So Vain) went Winner Dog and Best of Winners for 2 points. He is now singled out and is waiting for majors to finish. Donzi was handled by Colleen Leahy Spears in Winners, and by Mom Renee in Breed. Donzi is owned by Carl & Renee Broden and was bred by Edie & Bruce Lind, Georgia Hymmen & Jack Henderson.



Leahy Estate Purrfect Jaguar (Ch. Fireside's Batting A Thousand x Ch. Sunnyside's Holland Leahy) took Winners Bitch at the Sacramento Valley DFA show on Sunday, October 26th. She was handled to this very nice 2-point win by Diane Collings and is owned by Lisa Baleme & Daren Baleme & Tyler Petefish and was bred by Ronald Spears & Colleen Leahy Spears.



Lagarada's Gold N Melody "Mel" (BISS/AKC/UKC/INT'L Ch. Lagarada's Aspen Gold x Ch. Lagarada's Cover Girl) went Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, and Best of Opposite Sex from the 6-9 Months Puppy class under Judge Mrs. Patricia A. Gellerman at the Salinas Valley Kennel Club show in San Mateo on 11/28/03. Melody boasts 8 class wins and 4 RWBs already – and before her 8-month birthday! Melody is masterfully handled by Larry D. Schram and owns Tim Sutherland, Eric Evangelista and her Dane housemate and cousin "Promise". Melody is co-owned by Lucretia Marcus and breeder Fran Lass.



A Special Honor

At the National held in Orlando, Florida, Ch. Warwick's Valinor Flair, ROM, won the GDCA Top Brood Bitch for producing four champions in 2002. Flair is out of Ch. Verlin Caprata's Troubadour CD and BISS Ch. Warwick's Workin' Without A Net. She is owned by Everett Van Dyken and Paul Picciau and was bred by Anne and Doug Toomey.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, January 24th

Annual Meeting and Election
Royce Farms Restaurant, Stockton

Saturday & Sunday, April 24-25th

Annual Specialty Shows
Sycamore Lane Kennels, Lodi



"Ever consider what they must think of us?
I mean, here we come back from a grocery
store with the most amazing haul -
chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think
we're the greatest hunters on earth!"

- Anne Tyler



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