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The Newsletter of Great Dane Club of Northern California

Nominating Committee Named; **Calls for Candidates**

The Nominating Committee was named at the October 29th meeting. It includes: Chairperson:

Everett Van Dyken; email: valinor@gotnet.net

And members:

Terry Toops; email: ttoops@sjcoe.net Kate Jackson; email: kate@gantel.com Lorrie Spencer; email: blkdane43@aol.com

Denise Williams; email: OlympusDanes@SureDial.net

Three two-year Board positions will be open in 2006 for interested members. If you would like to be considered for a Board position, please contact Everett Van Dyken (Nominating Committee Chair) in writing by November 18, 2005 (email is acceptable, but please confirm that your intention of candidacy was received by Everett). To qualify for a Board position you must be a GDCNC member in good standing for at least one year.

The Nominating Committee will make their recommendations at the Board meeting on November 19, 2005.

January 14th: Annual Meeting & Election

Saturday, January 14, 2006, is our Annual Meeting. It's an important one – we'll be electing our new Board and we need a quorum to do so. We'll be meeting at Royce Farms Restaurant in Stockton, starting at 11am.

Directions to Royce Farms Restaurant:

- → Take Highway 99 to the Eight Mile Road Exit (East)
- → Turn right on Frontage Road
- → Restaurant is on the left and across from a Chevron gas station





First-Timer Reviews Top Twenty Event

By Kate Jackson

The 2005 GDCA National was my first, but there's no way it'll be my last! I've already told my employer that he can expect me to be sick for about a week every October from here on out (and yes, I've already reserved by room for the 2006 National in Topeka, KS). There's WAY too much to talk about here, but I've got to mention what was to me one of the real highlights: the Top Twenty Invitational.

What a thrill is was to see all those famous dogs: Emmie, Oscar, Truley, Ty, Poker, everybody – totally breathtaking! I'll tell you something that experienced folks already know: pictures don't come close to telling the whole story! I'd seen many of my dog heroes in magazines, but they were certainly sights to behold in person – especially under crystal chandeliers exhibited by handlers decked out in evening finery.

In my own newbie understanding, here's how the Top 20 works: First, you've got to work all year (in this case, 2004) to be among the twenty Great Danes in the country with the most breed points. Then, on the night of the Invitational (quite a formal affair!) three judges (a breeder-judge, an all-breed judge and a handler judge) independently evaluate each exhibit. Their score sheets are then tallied (by an accountant, no less) and the dog with the top score is the winner. Congratulations to all Top 20 competitors and to the people behind them. Seeing all those awesome dogs was an incredible experience!

The exhibition was Tuesday night; the winner wasn't announced until the Awards Dinner Saturday night. This year's Top 20 Winner was CH Warwick's Truley Scrumptuous, the Doug Toomey-handled lovely black bitch many of us have had a chance to see at occasional Northern California shows. I mention that Truley won only as an afterthought as every one of the Top 20 dogs was certainly spectacular and a winner in his own right.

Puppies!!!

CH B&K Vassar (Dyna kindanlind's Freya x CH Avanti' All For One Elan) had a beautiful fawn litter sired by CH Oneida's Nash Bridges (CH Dana's Tallbrook Town Crier x CH Oneida's Current Affair) at the end of September. Just about everyone is spoken for, but one pet male and one show bitch are still looking for perfect homes. Contact Barbara Kreszyn at BKGr8tdane@aol.com or 209-295-7060.

New Puppies!!!

Puppy breath in the Valinor household! Puppies are sired by BIS/BISS CH Servadei Electa Khanson of Thor ("Kahn") and out of CH Valinor's I'll Take You There ("Mercy"). Puppies were born on November 8th. There are seven boys and five girls in an all black litter. For more information, contact Everett Van Dyken at valinor@gotnet.net or 209-786-1530.

Puppies-To-Be!!!

Echo Danes has puppies on the way – due on Thanksgiving Day! Mom is the lovely black bitch Bella (Kenyon Echo's Dance in the Dark) and proud dad is Evan (CH Surfside Stairway to Heaven v PBJS) owned by Mort and Bev Evans. This is a black to fawn breeding. Contact Timmi Williams at timmiw@sierratel.com or 559-683-7455.

De ar Dane Friends,

I hope all that went to the National enjoyed it as much as we did! It was great to see familiar faces and to put new faces with names only seen on emails and mentor lists before. Working in the raffle / hospitality room was a blast! I can't wait to go again next year!

Anyone looking to chair a fun match after set up Friday before our Specialty, please see contact Exerett. I believe there are still a few other positions to be filled as well.

The GDCNC's annual Holiday Brunch is coming up real soon — December 11th at the Pleasanton Hotel from 9:30am to 1:00pm, This has always been a very fun event, promising great food and company. Hurry and reserve your seat before they are all gone! To purchase tickets for this event please contact Ann English. (More details in enclosed flyer.)

There is a Board Meeting scheduled for November 19th at Royce Farms, this is for Board members only. The Annual Election and meeting has been scheduled for January 14, 2006 (also at Royce Farms).

I look forward to seeing you all in Turlock, Stockton and San Mateo. Have a Great Turkey Day!

Your Humble President, Kathryn Netser

GDCNC Members Show Well at the National

Huge congratulations to club members and their dogs for their very notable placements at the National!

In the Futurity:

- ❖ In the 5-7 month puppy dog dass, Chase (Affaire's Storm Chaser) bred, owned and handled by Laura Munro, placed third in an entry of 31!
- In the 12-15-month junior dog dass, Wiley (CH Daynakin Bricarlo Mischief in Black and Gold), owned by Nancy and Tom Hawkes placed first. And Kohl (aka Davishire's Furst Knight) bred by and owned by Kathleen Davis placed third. There were 14 entries in this class.
- The KC Dane puppy girls (bred by Kathryn and Conley Netser) did great in the 9-12 puppy bitch dass: KC Danes Gone With The Wind placed third followed by her sister KC Danes Mystic River in fourth place. These placements in a dass of 25!
- In the 12-15-month junior bitch class of 14, we had two member placements as well: First place went to Tim Sutherland's and Eric Evangelista's Cali (Lagarada's California Gold) and third place was awarded to Kathleen Davis's own Blush (Davishire's Furst Blush).

All Futurity placements are listed in the National Specialty Daily Newsletters accessible from www.gdca.org.

Regular Conformation:

- ❖ Valinor's Pink Floyd won the 9-12 black puppy dog dass. Floyd was bred by and is owned by Everett Van Dyken & Paul Picciau.
- Lorrie Spencer's boy Celestial's Back In The Cash placed fourth in the 9-12 harlequin puppy dog dass
- Bari Costello's Flether (Hauer-Goldstar Arrowmaker) placed third in the open fawn dog dass
- Terri and Eddie Hammond's Charlie (Tered's Confidential Affair) placed third in a very big open harl dass
- Kathleen Davis's Kohl (aka Davishire's Furst Knight) won the open mantle dog dass
- ❖ The winning 6-9-month brindle puppy bitch was the Mulligan's Nellie (Daynakin's No It All V Paradise)
- The winning 9-12-month black bitch was Valinor Etar's Kiss My Brass bred by Everett Van Dyken & Paul Picciau
- KC Danes Mystic River won the 9-12 fawn bitch dass
- Cali (Lagarada's California Gold) placed fourth in the 12-18-month bitch dass
- The winner of the novice bitch dass was Kathleen Davis's Klass D'Shires Furst Symphony
- The second place American-bred bitch award went to the Mulligan's Winnie (Paradise's Winning Ways)
- Amador's Dream Catcher, bred by Michele Andreeta and owned by Michele and John & Lisa Ellison won second place in the open black bitch class
- G And D's Film Noir, bred by and owned by Donnell Giambastiani, was awarded third place in the open harl bitch class
- Davishire's Furst Blush (one of Kathleen Davis's mantle twins) placed third in the open mantle bitch class
- The Best Veteran was none other than the Grimaldi's Nash (CH Oneida's Nash Bridges)
- The Giambastiani's G And D's Isabella Gotcha placed fourth in the 8-years and older veteran bitch class

In Breed competition, two of our very own member dogs took Awards of Merit:

- Oscar (CH Sasdania-Vitag's Frozen Asset) owned by Lorraine Matherly and Jane Chopson
- Trudy (CH Aldawn's I'm The Intruder) bred by Kim and Gordon Cross

Complete conformation, junior showmanship, obedience and rally results are online at www.jbradshaw.com.

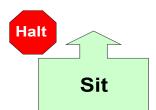


Intimidated by Obedience?



Serpentine Weave Once







By 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 thru the whole course. So for anyone wanting to do obedience, but worried about the "formality" of it, or worried about being off lead with a young or new or untried dog. Don't worry! For anyone worried about the cost or equipment needs or the danger of a sport like agility, don't worry!

For all those in conformation who have never tried out any 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 going 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 "officiando" and agility will be for the exhibitor with access to equipment at least. But Rally was made for "every man" 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, 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 you 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, check out these sites: http://www.rallyobedience.com/http://www.akc.org/rules/rally.cfm

And, RALLY ON!!!

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Wanted: Raffle Committee Co-Chair

We're still looking for one more person to ∞ -chair the Raffle Committee for the 2006 Specialties. Laura Craig has volunteered to take on some of the duties of the Raffle Chair; however, Laura is both new to the Club and to the show organization. Can you help out? We need someone who knows how to spend some money to buy things and solicit donations that will appeal to Great Dane exhibitors. Please consider helping us out and ∞ ntact Everett (valinor@gotnet.net), Kathryn (knetster@exelics.com) or Kate (kate@qantel.com) with your offer to volunteer.

Thank you!!!

Process for Board Candidacy

Three board positions will be vacated in January and the Nominating Committee is working to present a slate of qualified candidates. The board members whose positions expire in January are Conley Netser, Lucretia Marcus and Ann English.

The Nominating Committee has until November 19, 2005, to present a slate of candidates to the board which will then take action on the proposed slate. The Corresponding Secretary will send out a letter informing the general membership of the slate by the first of December and announce the details of the annual meeting which will be January 14, 2006.

Club members not on the slate, and who have been GDCNC members for at least for one year, may submit their names for board candidacy as per the by-laws. Briefly, interested parties need to submit their name in writing along with five sponsoring members' signatures and deliver it to the President and the Corresponding Secretary by December 15th.

Hopefully, this helps to clarify the nominating process. We appreciate those members already volunteering to become candidates and look forward to having more of you playing active roles in the Great Dane Club of Northern California.

Please feel free to contact Everett or any of the Nominating Committee members for clarification.

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Cali Named Best Junior In Futurity

Members' Futurity results were listed elsewhere in this newsletter, but what it didn't say there is that Tim and Eric's lovely Cali was BEST JUNIOR IN FUTURITY!!! This very special win was awarded by Breeder-Judge Joy Lobato at the GDCA National. In the regular dasses at the National, Cali (who is officially known as Lagarada's Califomia Gold) earned a fourth place award in a very large and very competitive 12-18-month dass under Breeder-Judge Arlene Davis. Cali was sired by BISS AKC/UKC/INT'L CH Lagarada's Aspen Gold, ROM out of CH Lagarada's Show Stopper and is owned by Tim Sutherland, Eric Evangelista and breeder Fran Lass.



Paradise Girls Shine in AZ

Nellie (Daynakin's No It All V Paradise) took first place at the National, winning the 6-9 brindle dass of seven. And Winnie (Paradise's Winning Ways) took second (out of an entry of 14) from the American-bred class. The Mulligans are very proud of their girls!!!

Charlie Picks Up A Point – And Places in HUGE Open Harl Class at National

WOO-HOO!!! Charlie (Tered's Confidential Affair) was Winners Dog and Best Of Winners at the Two Cities Kennel Club show under Judge Chuck Doran – just a few more singles and we'll be calling him "Champion Chuck-Chuck." At the National Charlie was THIRD in a hugely competitive open harlequin class of 18! WTG, Team Charlie!!! Charlie was bred by and is owned by Terri & Eddie Hammond. He's most often handled by Mom Terri – except at really important shows like *The National*, where Mom decided her nerves would shoot straight down the lead if she handled him. Thanks, Denise, for bailing her out s



Lots of News from KC Danes

The KC Dane kids AKA "The Brat Pack" – the beautiful puppies out of CH Sherons Betty D Grandy by BISS CH Windy Hills Gold Plated – made us proud in Chandler, Arizona!

- Elliot (KC Danes The Untouchable E Nes) placed second in his class at the Great Dane Club of Arizona Specialty under judge Mrs. Jill Ferrera. Elliot lives with Mom "Betty" and half sister "Lacey" where he owns Conley and Kathryn Netser and is trying to run the Netser household.
- ★ Katie KC Danes Mystic River placed fourth in her dass at the Great Dane dub of Arizona specialty under judge Mrs. Jill Ferrera. She then placed fourth in her dass for Futurity under breeder judge Mrs. Joy Lobato. She then went on to Win her dass at the Nationals under breeder judge Mrs. Arlene Davis. Katie was a Very strong contender for Winners Bitch, she made it through all three cuts and was number three pick out of the four finalist. That was exciting! On Katie's return from the National, she took Reserve Winners Bitch at the Del Valle show in Pleasanton. Katie lives with the Douglas family where she definitely rules the house. Her staff (Mike, Susan, Matt & Ben) are elated with her success as a show girl. She is co-owned and shown by her Breeder Kathryn Netser.
- Summer KC Danes Gone With The Wind placed 3rd in her Futurity dass under breeder judge Mrs. Joy Lobato. Summer was expertly shown by Terri Dillistin and is loved and cared for by Dick and Loy Ann Jones.

The Brat Pack is Betty's second litter – her first litter blessed us with "The Girls" – beauties Dazzle and Laœy. Dazzle (BISS CH KC Danes An Affair to Remember V Oneida) took BOS at the Del Valle show on her return trip from the National where her daddy CH Oneida's Nash Bridges took Best Veteran. Dazzle is owned by Ed & Judi Grimaldi and spends her days hanging out with Daddy Nash and Grandma Deja. Her sister Lacey is just a major away from her championship.

Hannah Takes WB/BOW Honors at SFD

- Wanted to make sure that everybody knows that Pete Sorenson's black bitch Hannah (Hannah Full Of Grace Von Der Ofnethöhle) picked up a nice win at the Sir Francis Drake KC show in September. Breeder Judge Cathy De La Garza picked Hannah, handled by Pete, out of the crowd,
- Hannah, handled by
 Pete, out of the crowd,
 awarding her Winners
 Bitch and Best of
 Winners. Congrats Pete
 and Hannah!!!

Meeting Minutes: Saturday, October 29, 2005

The meeting was called to order on October 29th at 12:15pm. The officers and board members present were Kathryn Netser, Conley Netser, Everett Van Dyken, Ceil Wardner, Dana Wardner, Ann English, and Mabel Labiak. Guests in attendance were Pepper Riddle, and Pat and Bob Gallup. Member Sherry Wood attended her first meeting. Excused board members: Timmi Williams and Sue Dubie-Holbrook.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with the correction that Sue Dubie-Holbrook was present at the 9/17/05 meeting in San Rafael. Her name was accidentally omitted – sorry Sue ©

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:

Nominating Committee

Kathryn appointed a 5 member nominating committee comprised of Terry Toops, Kate Jackson, Lorrie Spencer, Everett Van Dyken and Denise Williams.

M/S/P that Everett will be the chairperson of the nominating committee.

We discussed that anyone who would like to run for office they should contact Everett (chair of the nominating committee) in writing (e-mails are OK too). Kate will publish a note regarding the above in the next Barker.

By-Law Status

The By-Laws approved at the last meeting have been submitted and approved by the parent dub and are now at the AKC awaiting final approval. We discussed that the By-Laws would be more convenient if we printed them in half sheet sized pamphlets. The issue of format will be investigated further. Terry Toops has volunteered to check into this. Pending approval by the AKC the dub's new By-Laws are expected to be printed and distributed at our 2006 Specialty.

GDCA Health Testing Ballot

Final results of the GDCA Health Testing Ballot are in:

- 1) One parent having at least one health test for Futurity Failed
- 2) CHIC requirement of parents for Futurity Failed
- 3) Stud Dog/Brood Bitch having at least one health test Passed
- 4) CHIC for breeder referral GDCA Failed

	Yes	No	% Yes	% No
1	174	196	47%	53%
2	125	253	33%	67%
3	198	172	54%	46%
4	148	230	39%	61%

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

- Incoming Mail
 - Sept 20th and 21st 2005 5 letters from AKC regarding our '06' Specialty show (4/29/06 4/30/06) and Sweeps (4/29 4/30)
 - Oct. 4th 2005 Diane Powers from GDCA emailed that our new By-laws were voted on and approved.
 - Oct. 17th 2005 James Stevens from AKC/Companion Animal Recovery (CAR) thanking us for our donation of \$1000.00 for Hurricane Katrina relief.
 - Oct. 20th 2005 Dr. Battaglia AKC/CAR another thank you for our donation for hurricane Katrina relief. Dr. B noted that they are recovering a pet every 7 minutes. He reports their efforts would be greatly helped if more people microchipped their companion animals. 100% of our donation went directly to relief efforts!!!
 - Oct 28th 2005 email from MBGDC stating that they had decided not to join our specialty show in 2006.
- Outgoing Mail
 - Oct 4th 2005 letter to AKC from the By-laws committee seeking approval for By-laws.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Account balance information is available to members on request.

- \$ 484.00 was paid for our liability policy covering directors and officers. This is one of the 3 policies the dub carries.
- The new trailer is ready. We discussed picking it up on Friday (11/4) and transferring supplies on Sat. After the transfer the old trailer will be traded in.
- We discussed updating our inventory in the trailer when we make the trailer change. It was also noted that the new By-Laws, once approved, will change the fiscal year of the dub.

EDUCATION:

No contact from Lucretia regarding a health dinic or round table discussion.

- No update on a rally clinic either.
- Terry Toops proposed looking into using the Sycamore Lane Kennels for a handling dinic. They have a completely
 matted and mirrored indoor area that would be perfect. We discussed finding several different instructors so that we
 could do several rotating groups. Terry will check into this and report back at the next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Several people have been printed once but we haven't yet read their applications they are Pat and Bob Gallup,
 Pepper Riddle, and Paul and Agneta Keesler.
 - Pat and Bob are sponsored by Kathryn and Conley Netser.
 - Pepper is sponsored by Ceil Wardner and Everett Van Dyken.
 - Paul and Agnita are sponsored by Ed Grimaldi and Denise Williams.
- No new membership applications since the last meeting.
- Membership application has been updated to add new address to send the application to (available online)
- We discussed publishing a new membership roster. There were questions regarding whether the list should be published online with names and emails or a hard copy printed and distributed. The dub is leaning toward online listings of names with e-mails and/or phone numbers additional information can be added at the member's request.
- No new members to vote on this time.

SPECIALTY SHOW:

- Auction monies discussion tabled until the business meeting in November.
- Sweeps judges Barbara Kreszyn will judge sweeps on Saturday and Jennifer Jacobs on Sunday.
- A match chairperson is still needed for Friday.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Standing Rules

These are rules, other than By-Laws, by which the dub operates under and conducts business.

- M/S/P #1 All meetings will be held on Saturday unless otherwise specified.
- M/S/P #2 All meetings will commence at 11 am unless otherwise specified.
- M/S/P #3 The show Chair will select judges for the specialty show from a standing list provided and maintained by the dub membership.

More to come on standing rules.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

- Closed Board Meeting scheduled for Saturday, November 19th at 11am at Royce Farms. This meeting is for Board members only.
- Annual Meeting

Kathryn and others are researching days in January that are open enough to ensure good membership turnout. At this meeting we will be electing board members. Perhaps the 12th or 28th of January.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.

Humbly submitted, Allison L. Paxton Acting Recording Secretary



FINANCIAL REPORT

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Membership Update

First Publishing:

Bob Gallup
 Sponsored by Kathryn Netser and Conley Netser

Second Publishing:

Pat Gallup

Sponsored by Kathryn Netser and Conley Netser

Paul and Agneta Keeslar

Sponsored by Ed Grimaldi and Denise Williams

Pepper Riddle

Sponsored by Ceil Wardner and Everett Van Dyken



GDCNC Holiday Brunch

Date: Sunday, December 11, 2005

Place The Pleasanton Hotel

Main Street, Pleasanton

Time: 9:30 AM until 1:00pm

Food: Champagne Brunch

All You Can Eat & Drink

A GREAT BIG SMORGASBORD of Food

Optional: If you want to participate in the great fun of our

"anonymous" gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift (dog-related or not) and let the games begin!

Cost: \$25.00* for Club Members

if Paid by 11/30/05 (includes Tax & Tip)

* The GDCNC has again voted to pay the difference for early reservations. Space is limited! We've sold out the last THREE years so please... Reserve Now!!!



Contact Ann for Reservations:

Ann English, 801 Bluerock Dr., Antioch, CA 94509 Phone: (925) 779-9330; Email: ann@lyonwyck.com

Name:	Number in P	Number in Party:	
Phone:	Email:		

2005 GDCNC Board and Officers

The 2005 GDCNC Board is listed below; the note in parenthesis following each name is the expiration year of that person's term.

Kathryn Netser , President (2007)	knets@msn.com
Ceil Wardner, Vice President (2007)	cnddanes@aol.com
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Dana Wardner, Treasurer (2007)	cnddanes@aol.com
Timmi Williams, Recording Secretary (2007)	timmiw@sierratel.com
Jane Chopson, GDCA Delegate (2006)	jchopson@compuserve.com
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Sue Dubie-Holbrook (2007)	tdxdane1@yahoo.com
Ann English (2006)	ann@lyonwyck.com
Mabel Labiak (2007)	billlab@earthlink.net
Lucretia Marcus (2006)	bellemarc@sbcglobal.net
Conley Netser (2006)	knets@msn.com
Everett Van Dyken, Immediate Past President (2006)	valinor@gotnet.net

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board Meeting: Saturday, November 19th



Annual Meeting & Election: Saturday, January 14th Royce Farms Restaurant, Stockton



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