

GREAT DANE CLUB OF CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA



1st Quarter 2015 ~ Newsletter



March Meet 'n Greet at Tarheel Show, Raleigh Fairgrounds
Chili Cookoff Winners – Richard Cyr-McMillon, Pat Ragan, Dennis Todd, & Christy Balazs (1st place)

Articles for the newsletter are welcomed. Please send articles and advertising copy to the editor:
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The Great Dane Club of Central North Carolina, Inc. was formed in March 2004. We are AKC accredited and GDCA affiliated. We are certified to hold our very own specialty show. This club was founded to provide a place where all Dane owners can come together to share their knowledge and experiences.

Visit our webpage at www.GDCCNC.org

2014 Board of Directors:

President: Richard Cyr- McMillon
Vice President: John Rider
Treasurer: Christy Balazs
Corresponding Secretary: Carol Ragan
Recording Secretary: Colleen Assell-Carra
Board Member: Terri Dillistin
Board member: Wanda Hepler

Meetings of the Great Dane Club of Central North Carolina

1/17/15 - 1st Board Meeting & Annual Planning Meeting – Done!
2/21/15 - 1st Club Meeting/2nd Board Meeting – Done!
3/20/15 - Durham KC Supported Entry Show – Done!
3/21/15 - 2nd Club Meeting/3rd Board Meeting - Meet n Greet @ the Tarheel show
(Raleigh KC) – Done!
4/22/15 - 3rd Club Meeting - Telephone Conference Call
5/17/15 - 4th Club Meeting/4th Board Meeting
5/28/15 - Carolina Working Dog Association Supported Entry Show - No Sweepstakes.
6/17/15 - 5th Club Meeting - Telephone Conference Call
7/11/15 - 6th Club Meeting/5th Board Meeting
8/15/15 - 7th Club Meeting/6th Board Meeting
9/5/15 - Durham KC Supported Entry Show – No Sweepstakes
9/5/15 - 8th Club Meeting
10/3/15 – National & Specialty Conference Call – To Be Determined
10/25 - 31/15 - GDCA National Specialty
11/1/15 -GDCCNC Independent Specialty
12/7/15 - 9th Club Meeting/7th Board Meeting and Annual Holiday Party

Member News:



Birthday greetings go out to Jim Cataudella, Kathy Eckhart, Devon Corrigan, Tracy Cyr-McMillon, Nikki Conneen Holmes, Alice Corrigan, Gavin Britz, & John Rider who all have January, February & March birthdays — Happy Birthday!

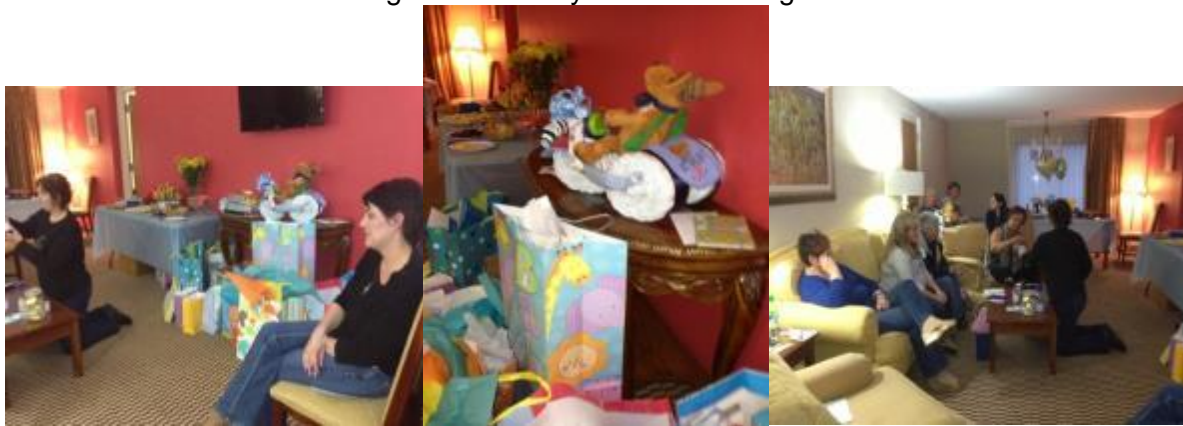
Nikki Connen-Holmes Baby Shower



Wonderful food, decorations,



Games – guess the baby food flavor – ugh!



And lots of great gifts!



Meeting Highlights:

January 17, 2015 GDCCNC Board Meeting

Location: Richard & Tracy Cyr-McMillon's home, 416 Rock Circle, Clayton, NC 27520

The main agenda for this meeting is to establish the 2015 Club Calendar. Would like to have more telephone conference call meetings, at least two.

Calendar of Activities

Discussed proposed activity dates:

January meeting at Richard & Tracy Cyr-McMillon's home, 1:00pm

February meeting at Carol & Pat Ragan's home, 1:00pm

March 20th, Supported Entry at the Durham KC Show - No Sweepstakes

March meeting at the Tarheel show grounds, Meet & Greet, noon time/after Great Dane judging. Chili Cook-Off Contest.

April meeting - Telephone Conference Call

May meeting at the Pavilion in Clayton @ Clemmons Educational State Forest

May 28th, Supported Entry at the Carolina Working Dog Association Show - No Sweepstakes

June meeting - Telephone Conference Call

July meeting at Terri Dillistin's home - 1:00pm

August meeting at the Greensboro Show, after Great Dane judging. The GDCA Hotel Room Raffle Drawing to be held at this meeting.

September 5th, Supported Entry at the Durham KC Show - No Sweepstakes

September meeting at Amedeos Italian Restaurant, 3905 Western Blvd, Raleigh, NC, after Great Dane judging. John will coordinate the meeting with the restaurant.

September 15th?, AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day

October 3rd? – National & Specialty Telephone Conference Call – To Be Determined

October 25th – 31st, GDCA National Specialty, SE Division at Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel, Myrtle Beach, SC

November 1st, GDCCNC 1st Independent Specialty at Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel, Myrtle Beach, SC

December meeting and Holiday Party at Christy & Matt Balazs' home, after Great Dane judging.

Reports of Committees:

Judge Selection Committee: Richard gave the voting results for the January 2015 Judge List.

Rank	Judge	Total Votes
1	Mrs. Donna J. Buxton	11
2	Mrs. Lowell (Arlene) K. Davis	8
3	Mr. Warren Benoit	6
4	Mr. Dana P. Cline	6
5	Mr. Lowell K. Davis	6
6	Mrs. Gina Jaebon	6
7	Mr. Warren K. Simon	6
8	Dr. Linda M. Fowler	5
9	Mrs. Norvel Alexander Benoit	4
10	Mr. Steven D. Gladstone	4
11	Mr. Joseph E. Gregory	4
12	Mrs. Michelle Conroy	3
13	Ms. Margaret Shappard	3
14	Mr. William P. Shelton	3
15	Mr. James Conroy	2
16	Ms. Beverly Capstick	1
17	Mr. Dennis J. Gallant	1
18	Mr. Richard F. Greathouse, MD	0

New Business:

March 21, 2015 Supported Entry Show:

Will have a Meet & Greet after Great Dane judging is completed/ around noon. We will have a Chili Cook Off contest. Prize = 1st - 4th. Big bottle of Bean-O. Terri will be the bean counter for the vote tally. Wanda hopes to volunteer Chris to oversee the Meet & Greet event, John will help.

May 28, 2015 Supported Entry Show:

Dede will take the donated trophies to the show since she is a club/committee member of the Carolina Working Dog Association.

September 5, 2015 Supported Entry Show:

Carol will ask club members for trophy pledges for BOB, BOS, BOW, WD, WB awards.

Richard suggested that we consider having a perpetual trophy for our Specialty after Nationals this year. The trophy would be dedicated to Nikki's Conneen Holmes father, Robert Conneen, as is the Specialty. Richard will look into trophy ideas. Memory suggested a source, Hodges Badge Co. Inc. Do not recall if there was a vote on this item.

Grins & Gripes:

Richard, Tracy, Pam & Aaliyah fostered two blue puppies for the Great Dane Rescue Alliance. They were both placed in good homes.

February 21, 2015 GDCCNC General Meeting

Location: Carol & Pat Ragan's home, 801 Nolstead Court, Raleigh, NC 27614

Reports of Committees:

Judge Selection Committee: Richard Cyr-McMillon – He spoke to Dennis McCoy regarding the 2016 Fall Specialties. For the Great Dane judge, he will get Edd Bivin for the All Breed Show on Saturday. We need to get the judge for the Specialty show.

Richard will be the Show Chairperson for the Saturday & Sunday 2016 Concurrent Specialty Shows, Labor Day weekend. Christy will be the Show Secretary and Terri will be the co-show Chairperson.

Membership Committee: Wanda Hepler – No new applications to report. She requested that Colleen add to the Guest Attendance Log a section for their home & email address. Colleen needs to give this information to Richard, Carol & Christy.

Rescue Committee: Brittany Dail – no report. Per Pam, foster homes are needed.

Way & Means committee: Richard to send out an email request to the membership for a Ways & Means Chairperson.

- Colleen – Showed a sample of the Vehicle Sun Shade, is too small for vans. This project is on hold right now, the vendor is researching other companies for a larger size.

Unfinished Business:

- 2015 Fall Specialty – Pam had nothing to report. Colleen showed the Best of Breed & Best Junior Handler Trophies to the members. She also showed the Danny Quest statue donated by Nikki Conneen & her mom for the Special Raffle table.
- Richard talked about the Challenge trophy, he needs more clarification from the AKC about the wording of the award description. Looking for more ideas. Rose is working on a base idea.
- Per John, Patty placed the order for the Club Apparel shirts for the members that ordered them.
- Chris talked about the Drool Towels for the GDCA National SE Division Welcome Bags. He is waiting to hear from Terry Wagner for a commitment the quantity of either 500 or 800. Per John, he suggested Chris place the order for 500 towels and tell the SE Division we could not wait for their reply.
- Pam and Wanda talked about the Baby Shower for Nikki. It will be held March 21, 2015 in the evening at the Ramada Inn on Blue Ridge Road. It is a "Floating Shower", so people can come and go. Nikki is registered at Target & Babies R Us. Pam and Wanda are in charge of this and will post it on Face Book and emails to the club members.

New Business:

March 21, 2015 Durham Kennel Club Supported Entry Show:

Christy reported that everything is set for the show. Colleen showed the trophies to the membership. John needs tents, tables and side toppings & dishes for the Chili Cook Off contest. He updated the 1st Prize to a Chili trophy. Voting will be with the greatest number of beans per entry. Each person will be given one bean, extra beans need to be purchase @ \$1.00 per bean.

May 28, 2015 Carolina Working Dog Association Supported Entry Show:

Per Chris, the trophies need to be at there by 8:00am. All trophies are being donated by the club members.

August 15, 2015 Carolina Kennel Club Supported Entry Show: Chris will send out an email to the membership for trophy donations.

September 5, 2015 Supported Entry Show:

Carol will ask club members for trophy pledges for BOB, BOS, BOW, WD, WB awards.

Face Book Group and Page for the Club: Richard wants to have the Face Book Page list any show wins from the club members. Wants "Likes" from outside Great Dane people, this can promote Club information. Guy made a motion and seconded by Chris to have any show wins by club members sent to Carol to post on the Face Book Page and in the Newsletter. Motion passed unopposed.

GDCCNC General Meeting

Date: March 21, 2015

Location: NC State Fairgrounds after Great Dane Breed judging, Raleigh, NC

Reports of Committees:

Judge Selection Committee: Richard Cyr-McMillon – He is entered at the upcoming Alabama shows and will talk to Donna Buxton about judging the 2016 Specialty.

Membership Committee: Wanda Hepler – Introduced & welcomed the guests attending the meeting. Christy read two applications: Debbie Martin and Dawn Kelly.

Rescue Committee: Brittany Dail – No report given. Wanda spoke about the New Bern's 7th Annual Fur Ball on Saturday, April 18, 2015. Proceeds benefit: Great Dane Rescue Alliance, Pals for Paws, Saving Grace Pamlico Animal Welfare Society, New Leash on Life, Colonial Capital Humane Society.

Ways & Means committee: Colleen volunteered to be the Ways & Means Chairperson. Rose volunteered to help. She showed some examples of her work that we could sell. Some members want to place an order for these items, a list was sent around with their names and order.

- The Sun Shade project is on hold. Waiting to Susie Specialties to find a vendor that sells the larger size sun shades.

Unfinished Business:

- 2015 Fall Specialty – Pam Blackmon – no report given. She did send to Richard a request to adjust the trophy budget of \$500 up to \$700. Colleen talked about the budget increase, as the show committee wants to upgrade the first place ribbons to rosettes; give a trophy to 1st – 4th placements. Terri made a motion to increase the trophy budget from \$500 to \$700. Memory seconded the motion. All accepted the motion. Cornelia said that she and Dennis would give a \$50 donation towards the trophies.
- Wanda talked about the Fall Specialty being dedicated in memory of Robert Conneen. She also spoke about the One Time Special BOB trophy that she was hoping to donate to the club for this Specialty. Unfortunately, she will not be able to as it is too treasured of an award to her and Chris. Rose volunteered to make something as a One Time Special trophy.
- Per John, Patty placed the order for the Club Apparel shirts for the members that ordered them.

New Business:

- **March 21, 2015 Durham Kennel Club Supported Entry Show, Raleigh, NC:**
Christy reported that everything went well at the show, except that the ring we were given was very small. Colleen handed out the trophies to the winners.
- **May 28, 2015 Carolina Working Dog Association Supported Entry Show, Concord, NC:**
Per Wanda, the trophies need to be at there by 8:00am.
- **2015 GDCA National SE Division Bronze Sponsor:** Patty suggested that if every club member (estimated 40 members) donated \$25, the club could get a Bronze Sponsorship for the 2015 National.

Grins & Gripes:

Memory - Hugo won SD at one of the Tennessee shows.

Wanda - Murphy won his 1st SD major award at the 3/21 Raleigh show.

John announced the results for the 1st Chili Contest. Income of \$27.00. 1st place – Christy Balazs, 2nd place – Dennis Walker, 3rd place – Pat Ragan, 4th place – Richard Cyr-McMillon

Upcoming Events:



Southeast Division • Myrtle Beach, SC

**Great Dane Club of America 2015 National Specialty
Hosted by the Southeast Division
October 25-31, 2015**

Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel
2101 Oak St,
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

SPECIAL ROOM RAFFLE TICKETS – Contact Carol Ragan for tickets



2015 Special Room Raffle Package

Please Order Online at www.gdca.org

-OR-

Mail this form and check made payable to **GDCA SOUTHEAST DIVISION**

To: Gabrielle Kostjuk, GDCA SE Division Treasurer

1318 Baileys Corner, Marietta, GA 30062

Committee Chair: Carol Ragan – cragan2@gmail.com, 816-728-1009

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

❖ Seven Nights Lodging at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Hotel During the National, Dinner Meal Package for One, Futurity, Top 20 and National Catalogs, \$100 Worth of Raffle Room Tickets & National Sweatshirt.

Tickets are only \$10 each or 3 for \$20!

Number of Tickets: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

No Tickets Sold After August 1, 2015 – Drawing to be held on Saturday after the Great Danes Show at the Greensboro, NC Dog Shows. Winner Need Not Be Present to Win!

Newsletter:

Thanks to those who contributed to the newsletter!

Rescue:

If you have room in your hearts and homes, you can help a Great Dane in need by considering adopting from one of the rescue groups in North Carolina.

Great Dane Friends

Great Dane Rescue

The Great Dane Rescue Alliance



Gripes & Grins

From Memory Armstrong:

CH Fendane Scarletoak Storm Surge (Hugo) was SD for a major on March 8 in Franklin TN, and SD on Apr 11 in Perry GA.

From Jim & Carole Cataudella:

Henry received an AOM at Westminster Kennel Club, pic attached. Judge Ms. Satu Ylu-Mononen of Finland

