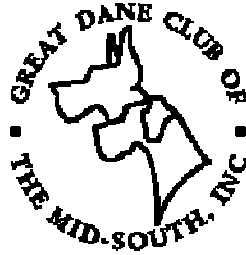


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Newsletter for March, 2008

Next Meeting: **NOTE NEW DATE & TIME FOR THE APRIL MEETING:**

Immediately following our Sunday Specialty, **April 13th** – we'll pull our chairs & stand around the food table for a **VERY** brief meeting!

No Board Meeting

Greetings Friends and Members!

We have received membership applications for the following people:

Jay Berkowitz

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Fayetteville GA 30214

jwberkowitz@hotmail.com

Sponsors: Sandra Melton & Noel Clarke

Walter Jung

14 Woodlawn Avenue

Hampton GA 30228

Jung14@charter.net

Sponsors: Noel Clarke & Sandra Melton

Heather Weed

1615 Trellis Crossing

Alpharetta GA 30004

danelover_17@yahoo.com

Sponsors: Jenn Carr & Heather Fick

Hannah Fick (Junior Membership) (Mom is Heather Fick)

145 Victoria Station

Woodstock GA 30189

Sponsors: Tina Brandt & Connie Adams

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Shannon Soafer (Junior Membership) (Dad is Glen Soafer)

171 Brook Lane

Roswell GA 30075

ssoafer@comcast.net

Sponsors: Dave Miller & Connie Adams

According to our revised Bylaws, the names have to be published in two newsletters prior to voting on by the General Membership. (This is the second posting.) We will vote at the April meeting.

Upon receipt of the completed application, the Secretary shall publish the name and address of the applicant, as well as the names of the endorsing Members in the succeeding two (2) Club Secretary's letters.

Hope to see lots of you at our Specialty on Sunday, April 13th, and don't forget to hang around afterwards for a brief meeting – the purpose of the meeting is to review the new membership applications – may last a whole 10 minutes!

Connie Adams

President

Minutes, General Meeting

March 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President, Connie Adams at 8:05 pm.

Guests in Attendance: Jay Berkowitz, Hannah Fick, Heather Weed

Members in Attendance: Connie Adams, Noël Clarke, Laurie Cronin, Heather Fick, Sandra Melton, Susanne Roberts-Phillips, Dana Sikes, Angela Stillwell, Trish Thurow, Yvonne Weed

President's Report: Guests were welcomed.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were approved as received.

Treasurer's Report: Not available.

Chuck will give an update on membership at the April meeting.

Awards: Awards will be presented at the May meeting.

Combined/Prestige: Transportation is all taken care of for our April Specialty Judges. 2009 Spring and Fall Judges have all confirmed. Setting up table help is needed Saturday afternoon in Perry. If you are staying over Saturday night, please come and help Chuck & Darcy set up tables Saturday afternoon.

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Education: Plans are to watch some of the DVD Puppy Puzzle, by Pat Hastings. Email ideas for 2008 to Sandra at slm2110@gmail.com

GDCA Delegate: No report

Hospitality: A motion was made/seconded/discussed for Noel to spend \$200 on food for our April Specialty. Noel brought a menu and everything sounds delicious!

Rescue: 4 adopted in February and as of 3/12, 8 needing homes.

SE Division: Dave Miller sent our club a form to fill out, which is the Affiliate Club Authorization Form and Financial Arrangement Form. Discussion was held and a motion made/seconded for Angela Stillwell and Yvonne Weed to represent our club on all aspects for the 2009 Great Dane Club of America National Specialty Show. Connie will mail the signed forms to Dave Miller with a copy to Nikki Riggsbee (as requested).

Trophies: Susanne brought a couple of the trophies for our Specialty in April. Absolutely gorgeous!

Ways & Means: People brought donations to this meeting for our Specialty Raffle/Silent Auction. Angela will be in Raleigh before the Atlanta Show to collect donations, but any donations after that will go towards the Fall Specialty. Thank you everyone for the great donations. Don't forget, Angela is going to need all club members help on setting up the raffle table, selling tickets and keeping an eye on things so they don't walk away! (\$20 will get you an arm-span length of tickets – Hey Dave Miller! Be sure to hang around the raffle table so we can all use your arm span!)

Website: No report

Old Business:

New Business: It was decided to hold the April meeting after our Specialty in Perry (on April 13th). Membership applications will be the main topic of the meeting.

(Attached is a flyer for a match sponsored by the Conyers Kennel Club, on Sunday April 20th at the Rockdale County Rec Area)

There being no further business, the meeting then adjourned at 8:45 pm and Brags were held.

Respectfully submitted,
Noël Clarke, Secretary

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Braggs

From Heather Fick:

On February 23rd, Hannah entered the Newnan match where she was in the Novice Junior Class. She took first place in her class and went on to compete in Best Junior Handler. She won Best Junior Handler where overall she beat 12 other children.

On March 8 & 9th in Franklin, TN; Hannah took a 4th place in Junior Showmanship and on Sunday took a second place in her class. She now has a total of **16** Junior Points!

From Dana Sikes:

Ashton's Absolute All-Star RN, CGC won Winners Dog, Best of Winners, and Best of Opposite Sex at the Southeast Alabama Kennel Club show. He won Winners Dog and Best of Opposite Sex at the Greater Panama City Dog Fanciers Association show and the Okaloosa Kennel Club show. Alex also won Winners Dog, Best of Winners, and Best of Opposite Sex at the Pensacola Dog Fanciers Association show. The following day at the Pensacola Dog Fanciers Association show in addition to earning Winners Dog and Best of Winners, he also won Best of Breed over specials. Alex is bred, owned, and handled by Dana Sikes.

Ashton's Beguiling Bombshell CGC won Winners Bitch at the Pensacola Dog Fanciers Association show. The following day at the Pensacola Dog Fanciers Association show Blake won Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite Sex over specials. Blake is bred, owned, and handled by Dana Sikes.

CH Paquestones Master Of Suspense RA, CGC obtained the first leg of his CD title and third place at the Okaloosa Kennel Club trial. Spencer also obtained the first leg of his Rally Excellent title and fourth place at the Okaloosa Kennel Club trial. Spencer is owned and handled by Dana Sikes.

From Yvonne Weed

Mavro N RHYDTs Chance of a Lifetime, "Chance", in February, became a UKC Champion with a Group 1 win. Chance is owned by Yvonne & Heather Weed and handled by Yvonne.

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From Glen Soafer:

Legacy's Force's of Nature, "Lance", won BOB in Franklin, TN. at the Maury County K.C. show on Sunday March 24th. A couple of weeks prior, Lance also received BOS Saturday & Sunday in Hilton Head, SC. Shannon continues to exclusively handle Lance, and she also shows him in the Junior Showmanship ring, where she won Best Junior for one day of the past three weekends in a row (in Greenville, Hilton Head, and Franklin). Nice start to the year guys!

Shannon also has an article in the AKC "Gazette" March issue regarding her experiences in breeding, training, and showing her Great Danes. It's in the "Future Fancy" section, if you happened to miss it.

From Angela Stillwell:

Rain (Lobato's Southern Storm), bred by Joy Lobato, owned by Angela Stillwell and Joy Lobato, handled by Angela took the following during the Panhandle Circuit shows in February:

- * Friday - February 22 - in Valdosta, GA under judge Terri Berrios - Rain took WB/BOW for her first point.
- * Sunday - February 24 - in Tallahassee, FL under judge Luella Steele - Rain took WB/BOW/BOB over five specials (including Top 20 ranked and Westminster AOM appointed specials) for two points.
- * Tuesday - February 26 - in Marianna, FL under judge Richard Chashoudian - Rain took Best Puppy and a Puppy Working Group 1.
- * Thursday - February 28 - in Ft. Walton Beach under judge Brian Meyer - Rain took WB/BOW/BOB over specials for one point.
- * Friday - February 29 - in Ft. Walton Beach under judge Sam Houston McDonald - Rain took WB/BOW/BOB for one point.

Stryker (BISS Ch. Lobato's Lock 'n Load) - bred by Joy Lobato, owned by Joy and Angela, handled by Earl Shore recently took the following:

- * Best in Specialty Show (BISS) in Des Moines, IA
- * BOB and a Group 2 the following day - also in Des Moines, IA.

Duncan (BISS BIS Ch. Lobato's Thr Can Be Only One) - bred by Joy Lobato, owned by Joy, Angela and Karrie Franks achieved his CGC in Des Moines, IA and was handled by Karrie for that event.

Congratulations Everyone! Way to go!