



President's Message

Hello Carolina Working Group Members,

Finally SPRING!

We had a great Match in March; I cannot say enough good things about the team that pulled this off in record time. We had the best trophies and rosettes, some wonderful entries and we even made money. Yes, we learned a lot, especially that the membership of this club works so well together that we can surmount all odds. Our April meeting was sweetened with cake of match celebration and the hail on the roof was applause to the match giving team!

Don't forget our June meeting in Asheville with a cook out and loads of fun.

We are making great strides in moving this club forward:

- Jay has already received AKC acceptance of our match and is organizing for the next one in November. Please offer your help to him now.
- Bob Vandiver, [Website](#) committee, has been updating the website. Please, now is the time to give him a short write-up for your breed, a photo, and the link to the breeders who want to be on our web site (see the Doberman Pinscher for a template). If your committee could use a little recognition on website, please connect with him.

If you wish to become involved, just say the word, send an email, criticize, anything and we will soak up every bit of boredom you may have. Until then, see you at the shows!

The next meetings for our club are at the Asheville KC NC Shows Saturday, June 11, 2011. Vicky East will be organizing a BBQ/Cookout! The General Membership meeting will be 30 minutes following BIS.

Cathy Rubens

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Best Adult in Match



Leonberger, “Copeland,”
owned by Susan Townsend

(check the website for more photos)

<http://carolinawga.com/>

Best Junior Handler

Brittany Phelps

Best Puppy in Match



Akita, “Darcy,”
owned by Elea Warf, handled by Brittany Phelps

The CWGA held its first Sanctioned “B” Match on Saturday Mach 12, 2011 at the Piedmont Kennel Club show site, in Charlotte, NC, in conjunction with the *AKC Canine Experience*. The show started 30 minutes after the *Canine Experience* event was complete. The CWGA was also represented at the *Canine Experience*.

We had a total of 15 entries with one Junior exhibiting.

For our first show, it went off flawlessly. We had numerous compliments from the exhibitors on how well we represented the Club. From the trophies, ribbons, raffle, hospitality set up & cleanup crew and especially our Judges, everything was First Class.

To all that helped I want to personally “Thank You” for all that you did. If we can keep this momentum going, the CWGA has a bright future.

The AKC has given us a passing grade on our paperwork and it has become part of our permanent file. Now it is time to start looking forward to the future.

The Show Committee has tentatively scheduled our next “B” match on Friday November 18, 2011 in conjunction with the Speedway Classic of the Carolinas in Concord, NC.

Again, I want to Thank everyone for their continued support on making the CWGA have bright future.

Jay Kuster, Match Secretary

From the Editor:

As Editor, I am pleased to announce that the Board has agreed to allow the incorporation of “brags” and paid advertisements in the CWGA quarterly newsletter, beginning with the July 2011 issue. The following price structure has been approved (per issue, unless otherwise noted):

Brag	FREE
Full page	\$25 (includes 1 photo)
Half page	\$15 (includes 1 photo)
Quarter page	\$10 (logo/drawing OK, no photos)
Classified Ads	\$5 (per 25 characters*)
Business Cards	\$20 (4 issues)

Brag: Show wins, major birthdays, anniversaries. Just a couple of sentences, no photos! If the brag includes a photo, it will have to go into the paid advertising section, and will be charged by the size of the ad (full/half/-page)!

Advertisements of half- or full-page includes 1 photo. There will be \$5 charge for additional photos.

Classified ads: Either dog-related equipment (crates, grooming supplies), vehicles for sale, or dog-related services (grooming, handling). *At the moment number of characters will determine price.

I do have a scanner, but would much prefer digital files (jpg) of any/all photos. Ditto for any artwork (i.e. logos). Text and layout should be “print-ready.”

CWGA will reject any submission that contains inappropriate content. Questionable content will be referred to the Board for final acceptance/rejection. In addition, there will be a disclaimer stating that ads do not imply endorsement by the club, its officers or members (haven’t got the exact wording yet).

If you’d like to submit an ad, email it to me (crunews@comcast.net). Please send hard copy (or photos to be scanned), and a check payable to CWGA, to Judi Randall, CWGA Editor, 7238 Highway 162, Hollywood, SC 29449-5606.

Some reminders:

*****Our website Breed Profile section is mighty thin... If your breed is not there yet, please take a look at the format and please send a short write-up and a photo to our webmaster, Bob Vandiver (rlvandiver@charter.net).***

*****If you are a Breed Mentor, or are looking to be mentored, please let Lou Guthrie know (roughseaspwds@aol.com).***

Board Meeting Minutes Saturday, February 19, 2011, Greenville, SC

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM.

Present were Vicki East, Lou Guthrie, Bob Vandiver, Lorraine Rainwater, Bob Busby, Cathy Rubens, Jay Kuster, Linda Fowler, Barbara Finch, Karen Cole and Jerry Cole.

President - Cathy Rubens opened the meeting. She went over her goals for 2011. Adding to them the need to increase membership.

Recording Secretary – Karen Cole asked if there were any corrections or additions to the December minutes. The minutes had been emailed to the Board seven days prior to the meeting. There were no corrections or additions. Bob Busby made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Jay Kuster seconded the motion. Passed Unanimously. Karen also went over the letter from the AKC giving us club sanctioning. She handed out maps marking our revised membership area around Charlotte. In this area we have to have at least 25 households residing. We have to have a minimum of 30 households total (those within the area and outside of the area).

Treasurer – Bob Busby reported that he had received \$1950 in membership dues. There was one disbursement of \$25 to the North Carolina Federation of Dog Clubs for 2011 dues. Current balance is \$6619.41.

AKC Liaison - The position of AKC liaison needed to be filled after Karen Cole resigned. After a short discussion, it was decided to ask Peter Gaeta to fill this position.

Corresponding Secretary – Vicki East will send out an email for breed information to be sent to Bob Vandiver for the Website. If Bob does not receive breed information from the members, he

will download the breed information that is on the AKC website.

Committee Reports:

Judges Education and Ringside Mentoring Program – Lou Guthrie reported that ringside mentoring for our members has not had any requests. Ringside mentoring is just a phone call or email away. She also reported that we had the individual AKC breed cassettes donated to the club.

Match Report – Our first “B” Match will follow the AKC Canine Experience at the Piedmont Kennel Club Show place on March 12. Jay reported that he had not had a lot of response to his email about volunteers to help with the match. He did have the letter of Match Approval from the AKC. Bob Vandiver will add a section on the website for the match. Match pictures will be posted on the website with the capability for exhibitors to download their picture/s. Bob Busby also offered to help get trophy donations.

The board voted to allow \$200 for Ribbons and Rosettes. Hopefully we can order enough ribbons and rosettes to cover all of the matches. There will be no concessions at our match.

Insurance – Cathy reported that insurance would cost us between \$500 and \$600. Sportsmans Insurance is willing to insure our club. Bob Busby said he thought he could get a better rate from Bob Caswell at Fireman’s Insurance. He is to call and secure insurance if it is less.

Standing Rules – Standing Rules were tabled until the next meeting.

Board Meetings – It was suggested that we have teleconference calls for as many future board meetings as possible. An April conference call needs to be set up.

April Meeting - It was suggested that we move our April meeting from Piedmont Kennel Club Show to Concord Shows and that we hold the membership meeting during lunch break on Saturday, April 2, 2011. It was pointed out that the membership had to vote on this.

Planned Events – Vicki East suggested that we plan a cook out at the Asheville, NC shows in June. It will be discussed at the April meeting.

Bob Busby motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:53 PM. Bob Vandiver seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Respectively submitted by

Karen Cole, Recording Secretary

Minutes unanimously approved April 5, 2011.

General Membership Meeting Minutes Saturday, February 19, 2011 Greenville, SC

General Membership Meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM.

Cathy Rubens welcomed everyone and had each person introduce themselves.

Recording Secretary – Karen Cole reported that the minutes from the December meeting had been emailed to everyone. There were no additions or corrections. She asked if anyone had any additions or corrections. Sherry Harman made the motion to accept the minutes as printed. Vicki East seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve. She also reported that the AKC had given us Sanctioned Club status. We all need to read the sanctioning letter that was sent with instructions from the AKC. She also pointed out that the

Membership area had been extended and passed maps around so people could see the new area.

President – Cathy Rubens read her Goals for 2011.

AKC Liaison – Cathy Rubens announced that Peter Gaeta would now be our AKC Liaison.

Corresponding Secretary – Vicki East pointed out that we did not have a meeting from April to September. So she suggested that we have a meeting and cookout in Asheville, NC.

She also reminded members to send in their breed write for the website to Bob Vandiver. If they did not send one in to Bob then he would just use the one on the AKC website.

Treasurer – Bob Busby reported that he had received \$200 in membership dues at this meeting bringing the Balance to \$6819.50.

Judges Education and Ringside Mentoring – Lou Guthrie reported that no one had contacted her wanting ringside mentoring. She was available to take requests for Piedmont Kennel Club shows.

Newsletter Editor – Judi Randall reported that the next newsletter deadline was April 15. She wanted to put the newsletter out in April.

Advertising in the Newsletter was brought up. After a brief discussion it was referred to the Board.

Match – Jay Kuster reported that the AKC had approved our first “B” Match for March 12 following the AKC Canine Experience Event at the Piedmont Kennel Club Show Place.

Treasury Ideas – Jay resigned from this position considering his new position as Match Chair. After a discussion Cathy Rubens assigned the position to John Schoenemen.

Meetings – It was brought up by Cathy Rubens to change the meeting site for our April meeting from Piedmont Show Site to the Concord Show Site.

Also we could meet during the lunch break instead of 30 minutes after Best In Show. At this point a vote to move the site was taken. It was more than a majority of votes to keep the meeting at Piedmont. At this point Vicki East spoke up and said that the membership had already voted on the site and the time in her survey that she had taken in December. If we are going to take surveys and do votes then we need to stand behind the vote.

At 6:07 PM Jerry Cole made the motion to adjourn. Judy Randall seconded the vote. Unanimous vote.

Respectively submitted by

Karen Cole, Recording Secretary

Members present at the meeting:

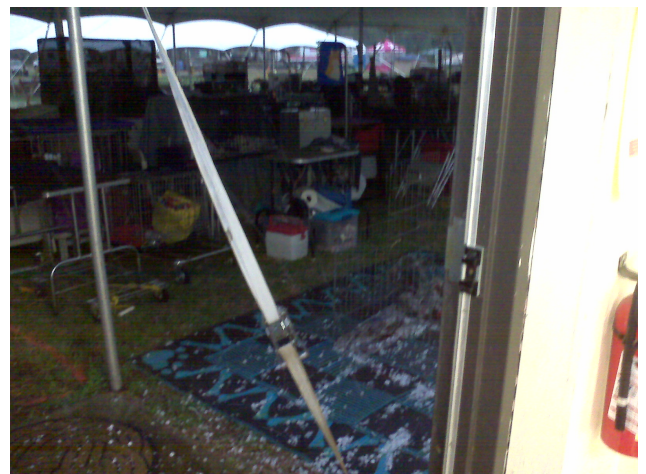
- Dan & Jo Fleitas
- Lynne & Bob Sizemore
- Pat & Angie Sutler
- Judy Smith
- Vicki & Billy East
- Cathy Rubens
- Jay Kuster
- Lou Gutherie
- Jerry & Karen Cole
- Sherry & Mike Harman
- John Schoeneman
- Beverly Eichel
- Bob Busby
- Judi & Pat Randall

Next CWGA Meeting

BBQ/Cookout at the Asheville KC show, Fletcher, NC,
 Saturday, June 11, 2011, 30 min following BIS.
*Vicki East will be sending details as they become available
 (and may it be not quite as exciting as the last one!)*



Jay Kuster



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Hail photos taken at the CWGA meeting in Charlotte!



Jay Kuster

The noise was SO LOUD that the meeting had to be put on hold because we couldn't hear each other speak!



Jay Kuster

April 9 in Charlotte, NC



Judi Randall



Judi Randall

Speaking of storms...

This timely (pre-hurricane season) article comes to you courtesy of the Newfoundland Club of America. It is available on the web at:

<http://www.squidoo.com/when-disaster-strikes>

When Disaster Strikes- Are You Prepared

Ranked #179 in [Pets & Animals](#), #4,796 overall

Emergencies are not planned BUT you can plan for an emergency.



by Ann Thibault, General Education Committee, Newfoundland Club of America, reprinted from NewfTide 2001

How many times have you turned on the news to watch coverage of an earthquake, flood, fire or other disaster? Families left homeless, pets left to fend for themselves. What if it happened to you? Who would take care of your dogs or other pets? In a time when emotions run high and your world has turned upside down, the steps you take now to be prepared may be your saving grace.



I grew up in southern California, the [land of](#) earthquakes, fires and floods. I've never forgotten the day the sky stayed dark the entire day, the sun obliterated by the thick smoke of several canyon fires and a mountain on fire. Ashes fell from the sky like [snowflakes](#). I was nine years old. Clothes were packed, photo albums and important documents placed by the door. I went to bed that night knowing that if the fire jumped the freeway we would have to evacuate.

The wind direction changed and the fires continued in a different direction but I'll never forget my mother going through the house taking irreplaceable items and setting them next to the front door.

Tip # 1: You may have little or no warning to gather your belongings and escape. Whether you have one dog or 20, you should have an emergency plan. Designate two out-of-state contacts to supply with instructions, phone numbers and addresses of pertinent relatives and friends who must be notified. The reason for two contacts is that one of these people may be unavailable. With one phone call you can put your emergency plan in to effect.

Important Documents

Download these Fill and Print PDF Forms

[Disaster Preparedness Checklist](#)

Use this form to make sure you have all your bases covered when preparing for an emergency.

[Emergency Care Directive](#)

This form allows you to designate someone to make decisions regarding your pet if you are deceased or incapacitated.

[Individual Pet Record Form](#)

Keep an up-to-date- record form for each pet

[Window and Wallet Cards](#)

Make sure first responders can get your information when needed.

Food and Water

FOOD & WATER: Keep extra bags of dog food and canned food on hand. Rotate the stock using the older food first. Prescriptions should be kept filled and a first aid book and kit for both dogs and humans should be kept in a central location. Water can be stored in large containers. You can also purchase water purification tablets at sporting goods stores to keep on hand.

Tip #3: Don't forget that you can also fill the washing machine and bath tub. This water can be used to flush toilets or for bathing.

Dogs

If you have several dogs, who will take care of them? You may need to have dogs distributed between several dog friends. Special needs, veterinarian information and medications will need to be addressed. Depending on the emergency, you may have local friends who can step in to help you. There should be a person to contact on that list who can take charge of your dogs or delegate where the dogs should go. In fact, they may have to arrange transportation to get your dogs and it could be weeks before you are able to get your dogs back with you.

What they eat, medications, veterinarian, their name and call name should be some of the information supplied. This information does not need to go to the contacts but to whomever you have designated to be in charge of your dogs. If you have several dogs or a kennel, have at least one central person with the dog information. This person can then relay the pertinent facts to others who may need to house your dogs for you.

Tip #4: Make use of your NCA roster or regional club list. When the new membership lists arrive, don't throw the outdated material away. Keep a copy in your car, basement and at work.

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