



## President's Message

What an exciting time for our club! We have our first A match completed and AKC Accepted and are ready to apply for our second A match! **LETS GET IT DONE!** But first, let's take time to celebrate! Plans are in motion to have a bang-up celebration at our December meeting during the Winston-Salem shows. More info to follow from Vicki East, who is working feverishly to get it organized, all after being match secretary and doing our match report. Can you say Vicki is Amazon Woman ?!

Sitting in a place of honor at our celebration may I congratulate **ALL OF YOU** who always are the ones that step up to help and/or donate. Can more of you come to help us **PLEASE?** We volunteers are few and tired. Please, even if you don't have any previous experience, a position can be found where your talents are useful. Just step up and let us know if you can give of your time and help! We will help you succeed. This was the first time Vicki has been a match secretary and the first time Mary Gentlesk has judged an AKC match. If you want to get to know people and be included in everything, volunteering is the way!

Number 1 is Jay Kuster who has been our **Match Chair Extraordinaire**. His team of assistants and donators are many and in addition to the ones he has identified as his saviors on and before the day of the match, may I thank Lou Guthrie for helping on the paperwork, Bob Busby and John Schoeneman for letting us have room to display and collect on our basket raffles, Karen Cole for always helping me to sort out the fine points, and to all the team who put this match together in record time! I understand that those who could not be there kept up their end by donating and Kathy Toomey says that more people brought items to fill the crate with during the day. You all blow me away by coming out to help and support when you cannot be there behind the scenes!

**Cathy Rubens**

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**CAROLINA WORKING GROUP  
ASSOCIATION  
General Membership Meeting  
Greenville, SC  
July 28, 2012**

Cathy Rubens, President called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Peter Gaeta made the motion to move forward and address the immediate business at hand. Vicki East seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve.

Peter Gaeta made the motion to adopt the revisions that the AKC suggested to the CBL's. Judi Randall seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve.

Jerry Cole presented an application for membership from Ben Chandler. Jerry made the motion to accept Ben as a member. Peter Gaeta seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve.

Jay Kuster made the motion to accept the minutes as printed from the March, 2012 meeting. Glen Niske seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to approve..

Jay Kuster, Match Chair reported that he is trying to hold our "A" Match if approved by the AKC Friday, November 16, 2012 in Concord, NC at the Cluster. He is just waiting for the approval.

Vicki and Billy East suggested that we have a Social/Meeting at Raleigh, NC in September. After a brief discussion we decided to let Vicki and Billy make the arrangements.

Judi Randall reminded everyone to send in news and brags to the newsletter.

Lou Guthrie asked everyone to work on getting their breed DVD's or education materials to her for our club library.

Vicki East made the motion to adjourn. Jerry Cole seconded the motion. Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Respectively submitted by  
Karen Cole  
Recording Secretary

Members present were Christine Evans, Kathy Toomey, Sally Cummings, Lorraine Rainwater, Jay Kuster, Cathy Rubens, Vicki East, Billy East, Pat Randall, Judith Randall, Dionne Zick Reep, Andrea Jung, Glenn E. Niske, Cindy Niske, Bob Vandiver, Jerry Cole, Peter A. Gaeta, Lou Guthrie, Jim Owens, Bob Busby, John Schoeneman, Judith Smith, Karen Cole, and Doug Toomey. We had one visitor - Connie Alexander.



## Our first "A" Match Nov. 16, Concord, NC

CWGA held its first "A" Match on November 16, 2012 in Concord NC. What a great success it was!! I can't Thank everyone enough, for the support that was given to complete this Match. I was most proud, that everyone worked together, as a team, to accomplish this goal.

There are a few people I do want to personally recognize for their hard work. Vicki East, did an excellent job as our Event Secretary. She volunteered to do this job at the last minute, and performed the Secretary job stupendously! This is the first time she has ever taken on this position, and that makes what she accomplished even better. Thank you Vicki!!!

I also want to thank our two Judges. Mrs. Connie Alexander and Ms. Mary Gentlesk, for the outstanding job of judging they did. Kathy Toomey did it again! Her team's Raffle baskets were outstanding again. Everyone who donated to the Raffle, thank you also. We made a good profit (*see Vicki's report below*), with stiff competition from other clubs holding Raffles at the same time. Thank you Kathy.

Thank you to Terri Cogdill , for putting together the Judges gift bags, and everybody who helped with the day of preparations , and running of the Match. Now onto the next one! We have set the

bar high with this past show. With the cooperation and team work we displayed, the next Match has to be even better! This next Match is our "Money" Match. The AKC has given us a few things to work on, and they expect perfection on our final "A" Match. I know we can do it!!

Thanks again for everybody's hard work and dedication.

Jay Kuster, Match Chairperson

*from Vicki:*

Our first "A" Match was approved and held as planned, on Friday, Nov. 16, at the Concord, NC cluster. It was a huge success with a total of 14 entries.

The Raffle made \$291.00 for the club. The AKC has accepted our Match Report. One down, one to go!

*Editor's note: Many thanks to Andrea Jung for the Match photos!*





And  
the  
winners...



**Group 1, Best In Match  
BOXER**

*Britlyn's Steel Magnolia*  
Owner: Raynetta Buchholz



**Group 2  
DOBERMAN**

*Schohaus Winter Vanguard*  
Owners: John & Lori Schoeneman



**Group 3  
AKITA**

*PPK's No Limits no Boundaries*  
Owners: Peery Jr. & Paula Wells



**Group 4  
PORTUGUESE WATER DOG**

*Sweetgrass' Tempestade Perfeita*  
Owners: Lorna Robinson-Roush & Daniel Roush

*Thanks to Andrea Jung for all of the*

## More Match Photos





## NCRAOA News & Views

September, 2012



### Words Are Weapons

The old refrain goes "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never harm me." Contrary to this belief words are used to harm all the time, and the harm they do can be long lasting and irreversible. Words and phrases oft repeated tend to become accepted as truths and are not easy to refute. That is the danger. Some examples:

**Puppy mill:** A substandard kennel, at one time used mostly to refer to a commercial kennel though now used to refer to any person who owns several intact dogs

**Overpopulation:** Previously meant too many pets being reproduced with the result that homeless young puppies were filling facilities and being euthanized because of lack of space and people to home them. Now refers to all dogs and cats of any age temporarily housed within a facility

**Pet parent:** Used to denote someone who cares for and provides sustenance to pets. Term often interchanged with guardian. Supplants the term "owner" and has detrimental legal implications

**Potentially dangerous dog:** Because a dog may belong to a certain breed or perhaps be a crossbreed that resembles that breed he is discriminated against from birth, and perceived to be criminal even though he himself has always been well behaved

**Hoarder:** Someone who harbors more pets than they can care for. This is a subjective term that is usually no more than the opinion of the observer rather than having any validity. Being used more and more often as the reason to stage raids

**Abusive breeder:** Anyone who breeds animals

**Rescue:** A pet that is harbored temporarily before being sold/ adopted for a fee. Often a small fluffy dog that is acquired by a raid on an "abusive breeder" who operated a "puppy mill" Currently all pets get a certain status by being called rescue, no matter their origin

These are some of the terms that are being used with more and more frequency by those whose goal is to end all interaction between animals and man. Because they've been publicized so often by proponents of the animal rights agenda they are also being repeated more and more frequently by the press, legislators, and the general public. Who would believe members of any organization with the words humane or ethical in their title is a proponent for domestic animal eradication? Animal rights organizations portray themselves as kind to animals. Anyone who does not subscribe to their beliefs and methodology is portrayed as criminal. Gentle readers, when we also use these same words to complain about one another the danger to all of us who actually are proponents of animal welfare becomes much greater. Be more circumspect before you carelessly decide to throw a verbal weapon at a fellow owner because he did not agree with you. It often becomes a petty "my breeding is better than his breeding," "my grooming is better than his grooming," or "my kennel set-up is better than his kennel." Though these words often used might be very detrimental to the reputation of your fellow in the short run, in the long run your words may be used to deliver a death knell to all of us. *By Barbara Axel*

## NCRAOA News & Views

November, 2012



### National Monument for Military Working Dog Teams

The first national monument to pay tribute to military dogs will be unveiled in California in just two months. The U.S. Working Dog Teams National Monument will honor every dog that has served in combat since World War II. The monument depicts the modern military handler and four dogs — a Doberman, German shepherd, Labrador retriever and Belgian Malinois — all breeds used in wars.

The silicon bronze handler stands more than 9 feet tall and weighs 1,500 pounds. Each dog is about 5 feet tall and weighs 550 pounds. The figures will stand on a pedestal, in front of a large granite wall. One side of the wall will have photos etched in black marble veneer showing dog teams in combat from the different wars.

The public will get a sneak peak of the monument at the Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena on Jan. 1, when a floral replica will be used as Natural Balance's float. When the float goes on display afterward at Victory Park, the real bronze monument will make its public debut next to it. Then the bronze monument will go on tour as it heads to its permanent home at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. Lackland AFB is the home of the 341st Training Squadron responsible for training Military Working Dog Teams of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard since 1958. It is also home of the new Department of Defense Military Working Dog (MWD) Veterinary Service Hospital.



*Stubby wearing his "blanket of military awards"*

#### World War I – Sergeant Stubby

Although the United States military did not have a War Dog program in place during WWI, there were plenty of military mascot dogs in the trenches with the American troops. The most famous was a dog named Stubby, described as either a pit bull or bull terrier, that became the first American War Dog Hero, the most decorated war dog of World War I, and the only dog to be promoted to sergeant through combat.

Stubby's first battle injury was from gas exposure. He was nursed to health in a field hospital, but his near death experience made him very sensitive to the smell of gas. A few weeks later the Germans launched an early morning gas attack. The men in Stubby's trench were sleeping. Stubby sniffed the air and then quickly ran through the trench barking and biting at the sleeping soldiers. Stubby's alert saved many soldiers from injury.

Stubby was an expert in locating wounded men in the "no man's land" between the trenches of the opposing armies. Stubby would listen for injured men shouting in English. He would then run to them and bark for the paramedics.

*Click here to read the full newsletter:*

[http://www.ncraoa.com/newsletter/2012/NCRAOA\\_NewsNovember2012.pdf](http://www.ncraoa.com/newsletter/2012/NCRAOA_NewsNovember2012.pdf)





***CH Eloc's Atomic Cover Girl,  
aka "Lou"***

**1st Award of Merit  
American Bullmastiff Association**

Jerry & Karen Cole are the proud breeders of Lou. She lives with co-owners Bobby & Tracy Hibben, who graciously allowed them to have her for a while to show.



***CH Nautique's Starstruck Solstice  
(new) CD, RN, BN, WWD  
aka "Cosmo"***

earned his **CD**

his *first weekend* in the  
Novice Obedience ring!

Cosmo is owned by Linda Fowler



★ ★ ★ **BRAGS!** ★ ★ ★

*(new) CH Southwind's Pouch Cove Dark Star  
aka "Crosby"*

finished his AKC Championship at the Concord, NC shows, by  
going Winners Dog and Best of Winners *all three days!*

Crosby is owned by Andrea Jung



★ ★ ★ **BRAGS!** ★ ★ ★



*Kevilyn's Finley Fischer of Meadow View  
Best in Sweepstakes*

2012 Komondor Club of America, National Specialty  
Greensboro, NC

“Finny” is co-owned, and was bred by Debbie Miller and Sherry Harman

Debbie also shared some photos of her “G” Litter, born 11/5/12



10 hrs old



3 weeks old



☆ ☆ ☆ **BRAGS!** ☆ ☆ ☆

CWGA’s Junior member, **Becker Reep**, and his Newf, Stella  
 (*GCH HoneyLane's Bee Creek Mtn-to-Sea Stella*) have continued their winning ways!

***Becker’s most recent “Bests!”***

- 9/15/12 Chattnooga KC, Judge Audrey Lycan- *this qualified him for Westminster 2013*
- 9/29/12 Warrenton KC, Judge Connie Clapp
- 9/30/12 Old Dominion KC of Northern VA, Judge Ron Horn
- 10/27/12 Kennesaw KC, Judge Patricia Hess
- 11/3/12 Tennessee Valley KC, Judge Donald Gill-- *#1 BJIS for Westminster 2014*
- 11/17/12 Greater Monroe KC, Judge Nancy Johnson-- *#2 BJIS for Westminster 2014*

As of October 10, 2012 (end of the AKC/Eukanuba year) Becker is:

**#1 Newfoundland Junior Handler**

**#2 Working Group**

**#7 All Breed Junior**

For the 2012 Calendar year (*with the Eukanuba & Savannah shows still to come*),  
 Becker has been awarded

**\*\*\*12 Best Juniors in Show\*\*\***

As if that wasn’t enough, he also has an *Owner Handler Group III*, and  
 completed Stella's *Bronze Grand Champion!*



10/27/2012 Kennesaw KC, Judge Patricia Hess



11/03/2012 Tennessee Valley KC, Judge Donald Gill

**\*\*\* WEBSITE BREED PROFILES \*\*\***

*Our website Breed Profile section is still mighty thin... If your breed is not there yet, please take a look at the format (<http://carolinawga.com/> and please send a short write-up and photo(s) to our webmaster: Bob Vandiver at ([rlvandiver@charter.net](mailto:rlvandiver@charter.net)).*

**\*\*\* BREED MENTORS \*\*\***

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

**\*\*\* NEXT MEETING \*\*\***

**Lunch meeting, 12:30PM, Saturday, December 8, at the Forsyth Co. KC show in Winston-Salem. For more details, contact Vicki East ([veast0416@aol.com](mailto:veast0416@aol.com))**

**\*\*\* NEXT NEWSLETTER \*\*\***

**The next newsletter is scheduled to go out on January 15, 2013 so PLEASE have all items (approved minutes, reports, news, ads and brags to me ([crunewfs@comcast.net](mailto:crunewfs@comcast.net)) by January 5!!!**