



President's Message

Hello Carolina Working Group Members,

As I have heard somewhere: *We have come a long way! But there is still more to do.*

As our 1st show is just around the corner, I am both excited and anxious. Thanks to all of you who have worked so hard to make this a reality! In the meantime, please invite your friends far and wide to exhibit in the first show. It should be a very memorable afternoon. And yes, we will try to keep the judging in the afternoon, based on entries.

Don't forget— our dinner meeting will follow Saturday's show at 7pm, at Afton Tavern, Concord, NC (see details on p. 13). Remember to send your check (made out to CWGA) to Judy Coates, 2209 Green View Dr., Waxhaw, NC 28173.

I know we are all eager to get on with our first show, but the Board has already been setting up for our second show to be held May 28, 2015 and the entire premium with trophies and paperwork is required by January! So if you want to volunteer for this year or next or if you have a judging request: email or call JAY KUSTER who has volunteered to again be our show chair!!!! YEAH!!!! Jay must be a glutton for work, guess that is why he owns working dogs.

NOW is the time for each of you to contact your specialty clubs and request a supported entry or specialty/sweeps for May 28, 2015! It may seem early, but specialties need to apply to AKC and supported entries need time to plan. Our trophy information needs to be into MBF by January.

Once again I thank you all for your unswerving dedication, accountability and acts of service to our club.

cathy rubens

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Membership Meeting Asheville, NC June 7, 2014

Attendees

Members: Linda Fowler, Jay Kuster, Cathy Rubens, Connie Alexander, Bob Vandiver, Barbara Finch, Dione Reep, Vicki East, Billy East, Jay Kuster.
Guests: Cathy Clark, Dawn Moyer, Diego Garcia, Eve Garcia, Rodney Fair, Raquel South.

Meeting called to order at 6:15p.m.

Minutes: No minutes approved.

President's Report:

* No report. Would like to thank Judy Randall for her excellent job with our newsletter.

Recording Secretary's Report:

*No report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

*No report.

Treasurer's Report:

*Cathy Rubens reported that balance in bank was \$9158.02

COMMITTEES

AKC Liaison:

* No report.

Show-2014

*Jay Kuster, show chairperson reported that all is on track for our first pointed show in November.

*Thanks to Matt and Susan Townsend all breeds are covered for trophies.

*Linda Fowler is Chief Ring Steward. Will be looking for volunteers to help out.

*There will be a sweeps offered for all breeds. If you have a suggestion for a sweeps judge please let Bob Busby know.

*The Owner-Handler Series will be offered at our show. Carol Brown will judge this group.

*Please don't hesitate to volunteer to help out in any capacity.

Breeder Referral:

*No activity.

Membership:

*1 new application received. It is to be reviewed by the membership committee. Will be voted on at the meeting in Greenville, SC.

Website:

*No report.

OLD BUSINESS

* Please send any fund raising ideas you have to Kathy Toomey.

*Linda Fowler reported on the "Star

Awards” program. Cut-off for the year will be October. Awards will only be for AKC recognized titles. She will need the dogs’ AKC name , call name and title achieved.

NEW BUSINESS

*New show date for 2015. It will be in May, the 22nd week of the calendar. Hope to be able to hold back-to-back shows on our date.

HOSPITALITY

*Thanks to Billy and Vicki East for hosting the cookout. Thanks also goes out to all the others that brought the delicious side dishes and desserts. It was a meeting of great food and good friends!

*Congratulations to all of our members who had “brags” on their outstanding wins over the past few months.

*Motion to adjourn made by Bob Busby. Seconded by Dione Reep. All approved.
Time adjourned: 6:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Vicki East

***NEXT MEETING: 7/26/14 in Greenville SC. Meeting to be held at Travinia Italian Kitchen. Time ; 7:00pm
Menu can be viewed at www.traviniaitaliankichen.com.

***** BREED MENTORS *****

*If you are a Breed Mentor, or are looking to be mentored,
please contact Carol Brown at
carol_s_brown@msn.com*

Carolina Working Group Association

STAR Awards Program

The CWGA has initiated a STAR award program for all dogs who attained a new AKC (only) title(s) during the year.

- Eligible members must have renewed membership for the year prior to the deadline or joined the Club prior to July 1 of the year of the award.
- Eligible dogs must be owned by and reside with the member.

The award will be printed with the dog's call name, the new title(s), and the year – 2014 (up to 18 characters and spaces - TOTAL). If the dog received more than one title you can include it. Please list only AKC titles.

These awards will be distributed at the annual Holiday Gathering /Meeting so please plan to attend and **CELEBRATE** your achievements. (Those not attending who request that their stars be mailed will be required to submit a postage fee prior to the mailing.)

Notifications MUST be received by October 15, 2014.

Please mail or email the following information:

Call Name of Dog:

New Title (s) / Year:

Your Name:

*****Don't forget to include a copy of the dog's AKC award certificate.**

TO:

Linda M. Fowler.....1004 Cold Branch Drive, Columbia, SC 29223-5540.....
or e-mail to..... h2odogs@bellsouth.net

ALSO let her know if you will not be at the Party (or if you have any further questions), so she can mail your ornament, after you submit the postage payment.

Dogs who receive a title after the deadline for this year can be acknowledged the next year with a star with the previous year's date.

Don't Miss!

Victory Lane Classics

**On Their New Dates
"Nothing Could Be Finer
than to be in Carolina"**

3 All-Breed Dog Shows,
Combined Specialties
and a Group Show
★ One Location ★



***Combined Specialties**
Thursday, May 28, 2015

***Carolina Working Group Association**

Thursday, May 28, 2015

Salisbury NC Kennel Club

Friday, May 29, 2015

Fayetteville Kennel Club

Saturday, May 30, 2015

Salisbury NC Kennel Club

Sunday, May 31, 2015



Specialties ★ Supported Entries
Cabarrus Arena & Events Center
Hwy 49, Concord, NC

*pending AKC approval

RAFFLE TIME!

November at our first show:

**We gladly accept donations of money, items
both doggy and non-doggy. Just saying!**

**Contact Kathy Varian Toomey
(kvathome@hotmail.com)**



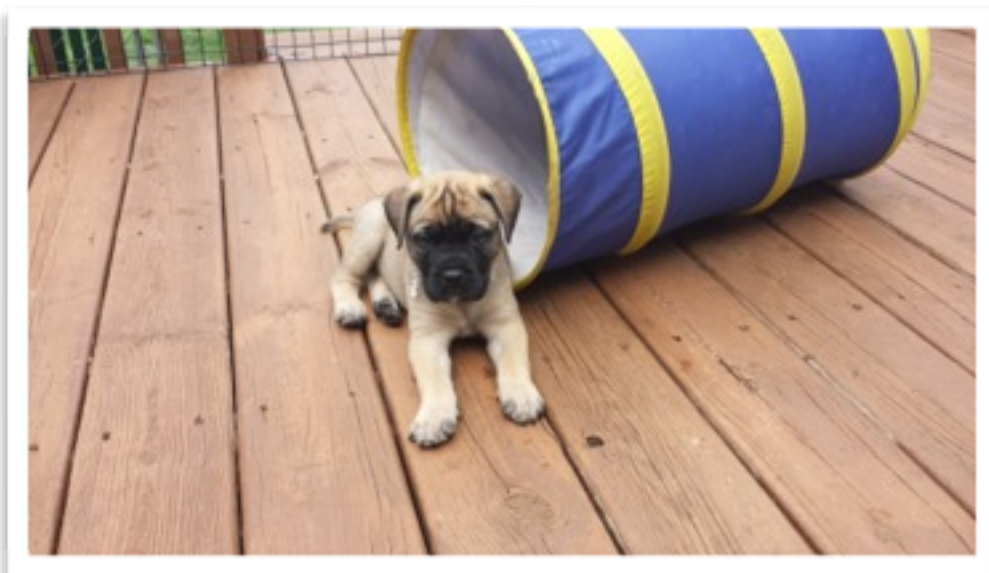
Introducing:

Watchtower N Goldhills O My Darlin Clemmentine

Born July 9, 2014

Look for
"Connie" in the
show ring in
2015!

Owned and
loved by
Terri and Steve
Cogdill
*Watchtower
Bullmastiffs*



☆☆☆☆ **BRAGS!** ☆☆☆

From Vicky Jones:

We took our beautiful Malamute special "Elvira" to the *Malamute Specialty in Houston in July and she went Best in Specialty Show for the 2nd year in a row!!* The judge was breeder-judge Larry Chu.

Elvira also won the *Breed at the Texas Working Dog* show under breeder-judge Cheryl Paterson from Canada. We were so thrilled to win under these two judges. Elvira also earned her Rally Advanced title at the shows in Atlanta in August, winning 2 placements for her 99 & 96 scores. Her full name is now:

Multi BISS Bronze GCh. & BIS Int.Ch. Vykon's Kumata Heart's on Fire, CGC, RA.



☆ ☆ ☆ **BRAGS!** ☆ ☆ ☆

And more from Vicky...

We also took our *puppy "Gabe"* to the July Houston shows and he came home with both majors from the 6-9 mo. puppy class! His second set of shows were the ones in Atlanta in August, where he won 3 more majors, ***and finished his Championship in two show weekends with 5 majors!*** His hair was falling out by the handful (puppy coat blow) so he looks a little "sparse" of coat in his finishing photo, but we were still very pleased. Gabe came to us from our friend Sue Ellis in the U.K. and

his name is

Ch. Chayo Vykon's In Your Eyes.



☆☆☆☆ **BRAGS!** ☆☆☆

From Dionne Reep:

Becker Reep and his Newfoundland bitch, Stella won Best Junior in Show in Atlanta at the Conyers Kennel Club Show under Judge Shelley Hennessy in a large Junior entry.



And another *Best Junior in Show for Stella and Becker* in East Ridge, TN at the Chattanooga KC show under Judge Sharon Candace Way.



Proud mom also reports that son *Becker is # 1 Newfoundland Junior* through Sept. and son *Gavin is # 3 in Newfs* (& #3 in GSPs)!

FLASH!!! Becker earned **BJIS #7** (Hanover KC in Wilmington, NC, under judge Karolynne McAteer), to qualify for *the Garden!!!*

★ ★ ★ **BRAGS!** ★ ★ ★

From Memory & Jimmy Armstrong, ScarletOak Great Danes:

At the Moore County Kennel Club of NC show in Pinehurst on 9/14/14
Scarlet Oak Equiss Double Kissed Candy Girl (aka *Sugar*) went

Best BBE

BBE Group 1

and

Best BBE in Show!!!

She has come a long way!!





From Andrea Jung:

VN Ch Southwind's Pouch Cove Dark Star CD RE WRD TDD ("Crosby") earned his senior water rescue title (***WRD***) this summer, thus finishing the requirements for his ***Versatile Newfoundland (VN)*** award from the Newfoundland Club of America. He also finished his ***Rally Excellent (RE)***!



☆☆☆☆ **BRAGS!** ☆☆☆

From Matt & Susan Townsend, Sforzando Leonbergers:

GCH Sforzando's Fioritura ("Fio") has had a great year! As a puppy she won ***Puppy and Bred By Groups***. After just two years, she has become the ***#1 Owner Handled Leonberger***, the ***#1 Leonberger Bitch (All-Breed)***, and the ***second bitch to ever win a AKC Working Group***.

The first bitch to ever win an AKC working group was her great grandmother. We could not be more pleased with all of her successes in limited showing! She is such a pleasure.



Announcements and Reminders

Next CWGA Meeting:

*The Dinner Meeting of the Carolina Working Group Association will again be held at **AFTON TAVERN** on **Saturday evening November 15th at 7PM.** This will be a celebration dinner following our show! In order to provide a private room for our dinner meeting, the Club must guarantee the restaurant a minimum.*

Therefore, in order to secure your reservation, CWGA is requesting a deposit of \$10.00 per person on or before Nov 1st. This deposit will be returned to you when you attend the dinner. Guests are very welcome, and we will have some prizes for the evening.

Please mail your deposit to: (check made out to CWGA) :
Judy Coates
2209 Green View Dr
Waxhaw NC 28173

We look forward to seeing everyone at our dinner meeting !!!

The restaurant's website is: [Afton Tavern Restaurant in Afton Village, Concord, NC](#) ..come join us !!!!