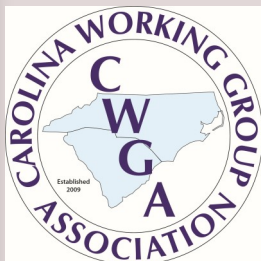




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2017 Officers

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Find in this newsletter more than you got before with breaking news for 2018. With our 2017 shows behind us, I would like to take a moment to thank all of those that came out to support our club, with or without an entry. Every show has its challenges and this one was unique. This year taught me that a dedicated group of people can make miracles happen!

Yes, we had a flu frenzy event, but we kept the virus in check by cleaning, mopping and spraying everything! I am so impressed with all of you! It takes a Village and you all did it. It has been an honor and a pleasure to work together and get to know many of you better.

- From the preparation months before with trophy preparations, premium and schedule help, raffle preparations, transport/lodging arrangements, facility provisions, specialty clubs, motor homes, grooming, etc.
- to those who showed up, set up, attend to our show and raffle
- to those who kept things cleaned, mopped AND disinfected around the entire facility
- to those who moved tables and chairs daily.
- to those that answered questions and gave directions over and over in a pleasing manor to those asking.
- And to those that stayed until 7 o'clock+ on Sunday cleaning and packing up!

I appreciate all of you, I that want you to know that. We had so many compliments regarding our motorhome crew and new system, reserved grooming new system, band Saturday night, music during Sunday's show, and more. We are just getting started, so come to me with your ideas!

So what is in our future?

1. CWGA is on track to become a member club with AKC. We have applied to AKC, and are waiting. It will take months for the process before we hear anything.
2. **BREAKING NEWS!!!** In 2018 we are going to have both of our shows on Wednesday, May 30, 2018. One in the morning and the other in the afternoon. We will have a dedicated building (Gold Hall, the big side). So there will only be Working Breeds shown and no late night! And we might have some time for a meeting and fun stuff following (we are working on this if you want to get involved, call me) !!!

There is more **breaking news for** our shows in 2018! The Victory Lane Classic is attracting more specialties! This coming year we will be hosting **TWO NATIONAL WORKING DOG SPECIALTIES!!**

The Cane Corso Association of America National and Regional Specialties

The United States Neapolitan Mastiff Club National Specialty

Please talk to your specialty club and make sure they know that CWGA and Victory Lane are offering money back and rosettes for your specialties!!! Elsewhere in this newsletter is **a flyer for you to share with your specialty clubs board of directors**, so that we can all play together at these immaculate facilities and make a few \$ for our clubs!

We will be repeating the band on Saturday Night as it was a hit last year. And we are going to try to get the music to work every day.

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

Always grateful for everyone's support,

Cathy Rubens

The Victory Lane Classic All-Breed Dog Shows Cluster invites you to join us and we are willing to make it **financially lucrative** for your club!! We have a few years under our belt and we are committed to the Cabarrus Arena & Events Center in Concord, NC. Dates below.



Understanding how difficult it is to make any money in today's world, we have tailored our package to help you be financially successful. We would love to have you join us and will work with any club to hold a specialty in conjunction with our shows! We are planning for 2018!

Specialty information contact: Cathy Rubens, 919-949-4122 email:
cathy.rubens@gmail.com



What can

we offer? How can you beat this!

- **Money back from entries**
- A free/or reduced rate judge from our panel
- Rosettes for your winners
- Free rings and stewards
- Free preferred reserved grooming and free tables for trophies or raffles, based on entry.
- Free sweepstakes judges

Currently, there are 4 days of all breed competition and as we add specialties the prospects grow for each breed. We currently have 6 opportunities for Working Breeds to attain wins and the Dobermans will have 8 shows in **4 days** in 2017! The Chihuahua and Havanese have 5 shows. That is a great savings to the exhibitor for travel expenses.

This year we have a new team for motor home parking adding new enhancements.

The Victory Lane Classic will provide the facility for you to hold an Independent Specialty at no cost to you.

The Victory Lane Classic will pay your club \$1 per dog for realized increased entries by the all-breed clubs over **ALL 4 Days** of shows!!! So if you encourage your supporters to bring them, we will pay you!!!

In addition! Victory Lane is giving specialty clubs:

1. Rosettes for BOB, BOS, WD, WB, and Best in Sweepstakes, if Sweepstakes is offered. For National Specialties a rosette will also be offered for BOW.

2. Special reserved preferred crating/grooming area for your breed's entry.
3. Discounted Puppy and BBE classes.
4. *A ring of adequate size related to the size of the entry and the breed.*
5. If your club holds your specialty during the All-Breed show, we will work with your club to hire the specialty/breeder judge of your choice, if possible. Also, the hired panel of judges will be available to the Specialty club for judge's selection in the event we are unable to secure your requested judge. If you wish to hire your own judge, we allow you to do so.
6. Your club may hire a sweepstakes judge or we can locate a free sweeps judge(s) for you. We will work with you to make your club dreams a reality within your club's budget.
7. Provide trophy table(s) and at your ring and auction tables, number based on entry.
8. Provide ring stewards. We will provide stewards during events in conjunction with our all-breed club days. For independent specialties we will help locate someone locally if you need assistance finding good stewards, usually for free.
9. A free page of advertising in the catalog
10. Since your club will be responsible for reviewing and adhering to AKC Regulations as it pertains to Specialty Shows, we have a "Specialty Concierge" to assist your club with any show items or knowledge where you may need help. We realize that all clubs need guidance, so we have assigned a knowledgeable individual that is willing to work one on one with your club to make your event a success.

Our future dates for your planning are:

2018	May 31 – June 3
2019	May 30 – June 2
2020	May 28 - May 31

Nothing could be finer than to be in Carolina!

Cathy Rubens cathy.rubens@gmail.com

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CAROLINA WORKING GROUP ASSN., INC.
GENERAL MEETING
Saturday April 1st, 2017
Cabarrus Arena and Events Center

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MINUTES

Roll Call

The General meeting was called to order at 10:06 aM by the President, Cathleen Rubens.

A motion to accept the minutes of the General Meeting of March as sent by the Secretary was made by Susan Townsend and seconded by Lorna Rader. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Report of the President. Cathy Rubens and Laura Rader updated all on show preparations and details were discussed surrounding timing, raffle, etc.

Report of the Secretary. NA

Report of the Treasurer - The Treasurer, Sherry Harman, reported via email as of 30March2017 a Checking Balance which was shared with those in attendance.

2017 Show Report - Laura Rader reported and trophy leads were presented by Jessica Davis so we could see what they are going to be like.

Membership - There were no new applications for membership presented at this meeting.

Unfinished Business - the new Constitution and By-Laws, with requested changes to incorporate AKC Delegate and other comments sent by AKC, were voted on and passed.

New Business - NA

Program - Panel discussion topics: Shows, Prescription medications (what to use and where to obtain), Breeding, Genetics,

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted -

Cathy Rubens

21 Members in Attendance -

Connie Alexander, Memory Armstrong, Crystal Brooks, Kathy Clark, Judith Coates, Sally Cummings, Jessica Davis, Billy East, Vicki East, Christine Evans, Linda Fowler, Doreen Luhrs, Sharon Pflueger, Judith Randall, Constance Rego, Cathleen Rubens, Anne Taylor, Douglas Toomey, Kathy Toomey, Susan Townsend

Carolina Working Group Association -



GCH Phillmar Lois Lane



GCH SharinNick of Dynasty RC Kennel



GCH Pouch Cove in the Paint

2017 CWGA Raffle





Responsible Dog Ownership Day

**September 09, 2017
North Carolina State Fairgrounds, Gov. James Holshouser Building
Raleigh, NC**

March 2017

Dear NC Clubs:

Once again, we invite your club to join in the fun of our annual flagship AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day celebration! **This year's event will be held on Sat., Sept. 09, 2017 from 10 am – 3 pm in Raleigh.** Hundreds of AKC Clubs and other dog-loving organizations will be celebrating with us across the country! Whether your club participates with AKC or does its own event, we know this year will be a big success. Last year several thousands of eager pet owners or soon-to-be owners attended the Raleigh flagship event.

AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days are always well-received public events and help AKC towards educating the public about responsible dog ownership. We strive to help families choose the right breeds for their lifestyles.

As we did in past years at the Raleigh event, the AKC will have a Meet the Breeds area. Participating in Meet the Breeds is a great way to promote responsible dog ownership, but it is also a great way to help prospective dog owners find the right dog for their family.

AKC invites all clubs in NC to join us. We will provide assigned booth space depending on breed size. We realize each breed has different needs, and we will do everything we can to accommodate those needs.

Each breed should be represented by two people and two well-socialized dogs. No Flex-Leads allowed on the grounds at any time.

****Please bring proof of current vaccinations and Rabies certificate****

We encourage you to break the day into shifts so your representatives can take time to walk around and see the demos and the other events at RDO Day. A concession stand will be open for participants to purchase lunch

The Meet the Breeds area will focus on promoting purebred dogs. As a participating club this may help meet your educational requirements for the 2018 calendar year. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to educate the public and gain positive exposure for your breed, your club and the AKC. Your participation will help ensure the program's success, while benefiting dogs and dog owners everywhere!

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are able to participate by completing the enclosed form and providing the names and contact information of members who will participate, as well as the breed(s) if you are an All-Breed Club. **Please respond no later than August 25th, 2017.**

DNA Live! Reduced DNA Pricing — Event Special Only!

DNA Live! Will be at the AKC booth! Special pricing offer — \$35 per sample (regular price is \$50.) All samples must be turned in by 2pm the day of the event to get the special pricing.

Sincerely,



Christine Weisse
RDO Meet the Breeds/Clubs Coordinator

Penny Leigh
NC RDO Coordinator



AKC RDO DAY — 2017 NC EVENT

I. Contact Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Home Phone:

Email Address:

II. Club Information

Print Club Name:

III. Breed(s)

Please provide name of breed(s) attending: (this is important if an All-Breed Club)

IV. Breed Parade

Do you wish to participate in the breed parade: Yes No

If yes please provide breeds below:

FAX OR MAIL THIS FORM TO:

Christine Weisse, Special Services
American Kennel Club
8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite 100
Raleigh, NC 27617-3390
Tel: 919-816-3813
Fax: 919-816-3770
Email: NCRDODay@akc.org

Once we have confirmation of your participation you will receive more details on the booth space assigned to your breed(s) and other logistics in advance of the event.

If we do not receive this form back by August 25th, 2017, we will not be able to include your breed/club in this event.

THANK YOU!

Braggs and Announcements

Laura Rader and Julie Fitzer have a new champion – CH Avalon Bay's Something Wild-Eyed and Wicked, otherwise known as Darth Vader.



Memory Armstrong's puppy, Izya's Scarletoak Back to the Future (Marty to his friends) made his debut in Ashville Memorial Day weekend where he was RWD on Sunday and BOW for 2 points on Monday. He was entered Saturday and Sunday in Concord where he was BOW on Sunday, June 4, for a 4-point major. Then back to Fletcher for another point on June 10. Not bad for six months!



Ricki Silveria's BCGH Trilium Blue's Sweetgrass Purple Reign CGC was BOB at the inaugural Siberian Husky Club of Greater Greenville over the Memorial Day weekend.

Connie Alexander and Anne Taylor's Kachina AnnDra Call of Duty was BOW for his second major at the New River Kennel Club on August 6 under our very own Bob Busby.

From Judi Randall:

A new Champion from Bred by Exhibitor – CH Cru’s El Condor Pasa completed his title last October in Marietta, GA last October. He is Judi’s 7th champion to earn all of his points from BBE and is co-owned by Shirley McGreal. Right before he was about to go in the ring, he decided to visit a cute Berner girl and broke Judi’s finger but she soldiered on and won. Pictiure was taken after a visit to the ER with pain meds on board.



Also from Judi:

Nine-year old GCH Cru's Instant Karma, CD has added several new titles to the end of her name – RA (on February 4, 2017), CGC (on March 8, 2017) TN – Novice Trick Dog (on April 25, 2017) , NCA Water Dog 1 and NCA Draft Dog 2.



Linda Fowler's Portuguese Water Dog, CH Aquartass Play it Again Starstruck, AKA Icy, earned his CGC, Junior Water Certificate and Appretice Water Dog titles.



CWGA 2016 Star Awards

Edward & Fran- cine BROWN	SETTE GRAND CH 2016	GCH Basilicata Chicago My Kind of Town, CGC
Kathy CLARK	CASH CH, CGC 2016	CH Deerchases Barefoot Man in Black, CGC
Linda FOWLER	ICY CH, CGC 2016	CH Aquatass Play It Again Starstruck, CGC
Vicky JONES (Malamute)	PENNY CH 2016	CH Vykon's Ixa Heart of the Matter
Vicky JONES	FIONA GRAND CH 2016	GCH Vykon's Burn Notice
Laura RADER	PARIS CH 2016	CH Avalon's Bey's Five Minutes 'Til Midnight
Laura RADER	STARINA CH 2016	CH. Avalon Bey's Dancing Queen
Laura RADER (Newfoundland)	JIMI CH 2016	CH. Oceandabydale's Xpecting Jimi Hendrix @ Avalon Bey

<p>Laura RADER (Newfoundland)</p>	<p>RAZZMATAZZ GRAND CH 2016</p>	<p>GCH Avalon Bey's LS Kharben Kopy</p>
<p>Judi RANDALL (Newfoundland)</p>	<p>KARMA CD 2016</p>	<p>GCH Cru's Instant Karma, CD</p>
<p>Judi RANDALL (Newfoundland)</p>	<p>BLUE CH 2016</p>	<p>CH Cru's El Condor Pasa</p>
<p>Connie REGO (Portuguese)</p>	<p>RUBEN CH 2016</p>	<p>CH Miraval Rapaz Ruben</p>