

President's Message



2016 is gearing up to be one awesome year for the Carolina Working Group Association!

Premium for our 2 Concurrent Group Shows is out! Please share the flyers and links to the shows with all your dog friends. I think we are going to have a great turnout!

<http://ch.infodog.com/prm/709/prm709.pdf> VLC
<http://ch.infodog.com/prm/5396/prm5396.pdf> CWGA

Remember: premier crating space is being offered to members who assist with the show and/or the Raffle. We'll need hands on from set up to clean up on Friday and Saturday. Many hands make for light loads!

Please pitch in, wish we could pay you, but giving you perks is the best we can offer. Please email me and let me know if you wish to be in our premier crating area .

Our new board is rocking this year. Our website (<http://www.carolinaworkinggroup.org/>) and AKC Marketplace (<http://marketplace.akc.org/cwga>) are stunning and linked to each other and our Facebook page! Go and take a look at them. Laura Rader needs your website/write up for breeds you represent. Dave Roberts needs input as well. Thank you guys for creating lovely pages for our club!

Information to send to Dave and/or Laura for incorporation into AKC Marketplace and/or website:

1. Breed
2. Kennel Name
3. Location
4. Contact Person
5. Telephone Number(s)
6. Email Address
7. 1 or 2 of your favorite win photos
8. A brief bio about their kennel/yourself
9. Any add-ons such as AKC Breeder of Merit, etc., that you would like included.

And we all need to pat all of the wonderful volunteers on the back, including our newsletter editor! All past newsletters are on our Website!

After this show, we are going to work towards AKC member club status. (we are currently a licensed club). There is an AKC chart on the benefits of being a member club elsewhere in the newsletter.

We are still in need of someone who can help organize some entertainment/educational events for our meetings. If you have a desire to have programs, we need some fresh ideas. Even if you just want to chair one meeting; or suggest inviting a particular speaker or a topic discussed. Anyone interested in a roundtable discussion over breeding issues? We have some members with a lot of expertise!

2016 OFFICERS

President: Cathy Rubens
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 Board Members: Crystal Brooks,
 Judith Coates, Laura Rader, Dave
 Roberts, Louise Schmidt

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So SPRING in and get involved with our group club! Support your club and get to know fellow working dog members along the way.

cathy rubens



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MEMBER CLUB BENEFITS

In response to our 2001 Annual Survey, several clubs asked about the benefits of membership. Our thanks to Jim Crowley, AKC Executive Secretary, and to Ann House, Delegate, Pensacola Dog Fanciers Association for their input and assistance.

Value	Member Clubs	Licensed Clubs
Representation	<p>Only member clubs have Delegates (representatives). Delegates vote on rules governing the sport. Delegates vote on by-laws governing the AKC. Delegates elect the AKC board. Only a member club delegate may serve on the AKC board. Delegates have an Important advisory role to the AKC board through standing delegate committees and ad hoc delegate committees.</p>	<p>Licensed clubs are not formally represented during discussions on the rules of our sport, on by-laws votes, or the election of AKC board.</p>
Protection	<p>Member club delegates approve a club's AKC membership status. Only a 2/3 vote of the delegates can expel a club from membership. Chapter 2, Sections 2 and 3 give absolute legislative protection to a member club's corresponding date and show territory. Rules can only be changed only by the member club delegates. Member club by-laws (and all changes to them) must be approved by the AKC. Since 1949, member club by-laws must be democratic and the club must be operated on a not for profit basis.</p>	<p>The AKC board approves licensed status for a club. A club's licensed status may be removed by a majority vote of the Board. Although the Board has extended date and territorial protection privileges to licensed clubs, changes or exceptions to policy pertaining to an individual club can be made by Board vote. AKC reviews the by-laws of licensed clubs and comments on provisions it does not feel to be appropriate. However, AKC approval of licensed club by-laws is not mandatory. In extreme cases where the changes could be detrimental to the sport or to the democratic operation of the club, the AKC staff could recommend to the Board that the club's licensed status be suspended or removed.</p>
Financial	<p>One-time initiation fee: \$250.00 \$25.00 annual dues. No fee for 1st show each year / \$15.00 for 2nd. No fee for 1st trial each year / \$15.00 for 2nd. (Fees to hold two all-breed / obedience shows each year: \$25 annual dues + \$0 for the 1st show / trial + \$30 for the 2nd show / trial (\$15 + \$15)) = \$55 total annual fees. Delegates set the amounts of initiation fees, dues, and fees for member club events, as well as the amount of any recording fees for entries in dog shows, field trials, and obedience trials. Changes to member club fees or dues require a 2/3 affirmative vote of the delegate body.</p>	<p>\$100.00 for each all-breed show. \$50.00 for each obedience trial, specialty show, and \$35 for field trial or hunting test. (Fees to hold two all-breed / obedience shows each year: \$150 for the 1st show / trial (\$100 + \$50) + \$150 for the 2nd show / trial (\$100 + \$50))= \$300 total annual fees. \$15.00 for each designated Specialty. License fees may be increased at any time by a majority vote of AKC Board.</p>
	<p>Corresponding events with an entry of 30 or less will <u>not</u> be required to pay a license fee, with the exception of a Designated Specialty</p>	

Board of Director Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2016

Attendees

Members: Cathy Rubens, Doreen Luhrs, Sherry Harman, Bob Busby, Judith Coates, Vicki East, Ricki Silveria, Crystal Brooks, Dave Roberts, Louise Schmidt, Laura Radar.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes: Bob Busby made motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting. Seconded by Dave Roberts. All approved.

President's Report:

*Welcome to our new officers and directors and thanks to the outgoing officers and directors.

- President: Cathy Rubens
- VP1: Doreen Luhrs
- VP2: Bob Busby
- Treasurer: Sherry Harman
- Corresponding Sec.: Ricki Silveria
- Recording Sec.: Vicki East
- Board of Directors:
 - Judith Coates
 - Crystal Brooks
 - Dave Roberts
 - Louise Schmidt
 - Laura Radar

* Contract from Dixie Stewards for review. Decision made to hire Dixie Stewards made by previous BOD.

*NC Federation of Dog Clubs membership dues are due. Do we wish to continue to belong? Dues are \$25.00. Motion made by Doreen Luhrs for the CWGA to remain a member of the federation and pay the \$25.00 membership fee. Motion seconded by Bob Busby. All approved.

*Letter received from AKC asking for support for the AKC Canine Legislative Support fund. It was discussed. Motion made by Louise Schmidt to include the letter in the newsletter for our

members who would like to donate can do so if they so choose. Seconded by Dave Roberts. All approved.

Recording Secretary's Report:

*No report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

*No report.

Treasurer's Report:

*Emailed. Balance in bank is \$xxxxx. Sherry is going to mail out reminders to members for them to pay their membership dues.

COMMITTEES

AKC Liaison:

*No Report.

Show-2016:

*Preparations for the shows in 2016 are moving along on schedule.

*Crystal Brooks (trophy chair) sent out trophy list today to members.

*Need to make the Group 1 trophy better than other group trophies.

*Motion made by Bob Busby for the CWGA to cover the cost for Gr.2, 3, & 4 trophies. Seconded by Dave Roberts. All approved.

*Motion made by Vicki East for the CWGA to pay for the judges' dinner. Seconded by Sherry Harman. All approved.

*Judith Coates is recruiting raffle baskets and items to make baskets. Also needs volunteers to help man the table and sell tickets.

Membership:

*No new applications

OLD BUSINESS

*Dave Roberts to try his hand at the AKC Marketplace for the club.

NEW BUSINESS

*Laura Radar to continue to update our new website. Link the breeds to members websites .

(Board minutes, continued...)

Add link to our Facebook page and to the AKC Marketplace. Update AKC website with CWGA new website url.

- ***Meetings for 2016:** Tentative schedule
 - March-Concord Shows
 - May-Saturday night following CWGA shows. Cookout and annual awards at Billy and Vicki East’s RV.
 - July- Greenville SC Shows
 - August- Greensboro Shows
 - November- Winston Salem Shows
 - December- Winston Salem Shows

- * **Committees and the new chairs:**
 - *AKC Liaison= Peter Gaeta
 - *Public Education= Dave Roberts
 - *Newsletter= Judi Randall
 - *Legislative Liaison Representative/NC Fed. Of Dog Clubs= Debbie Miller and Judith Coates
 - *Show Chair= Vicki East
 - *Breeder Referral Contact= Vicki East

- *Cheer= Jo Fleitas
- *Program Chair= Doreen Luhrs
- *Membership Chair= Bob Busby
- *Calendar Chair= Cathy Rubens
- *CGC Chair= Connie Alexander
- *Social Organizer= Vicki East
- *Treasury Ideas (Ways and Means)=Kathy Toomey
- *Website=Laura Radar
- *AKC Marketplace= Dave Roberts
- *Judges Education and Ringside Mentoring= Carol Brown
- *Club Awards= Linda Fowler
- *Historian= Sallie Cummings
- *Disaster/Adversity Chair= Kathy Toomey

Motion made by Bob Busby to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Cathy Rubens. Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Vicki East



2015 CWGA STAR AWARDS

Memory Armstrong

HUGO

Great Dane

Grand CH

Edward & Francine Brown

ROSE

(Cane Corso)

Grand CH

SETTE

(Cane Corso)

CH & CGC

Vicki & Billy East

CIRCE

Boxer

CH

Chris Evans

TSULALA

Komondor

CH

Sherry & Mike Harmon

JACK

Komondor

CH & Grand CH

ACE

Komondor

CH

Vicki Jones

ELVIRA

Alaskan Malamute

RE

Laura Rader

DANCER

Newfoundland

CH

TEDDY

Newfoundland

CH

RAZZMATAZZ

Newfoundland

CH

Judi & Pat Randall

KARMA

Newfoundland

RN

NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF DOG CLUBS

February 6, 2016 Meeting of the Officers and Board, NCSU-CVM Research Building ground floor lecture room, Raleigh, NC.

Board Meeting Call to order: President Steve Wallis called the meeting to order at 12:26 PM. A quorum was present.

President's report: President Wallis stated new officers and board members would be elected at delegate meeting.

Secretary's report: The secretary asked for a motion to approve minutes as mailed. Chuck Adams made a motion, Mary Bennett second and motion passed. Secretary reported that she had mailed and emailed minutes and dues notices to known delegates of the NCFDC. She has received 12 checks for dues at this time. She will also make a list of AKC clubs that are non members of The Federation for President Steve Wallis. The secretary will also send 2016 dues requests along with the next mailing of minutes.

Treasurer's report: Chuck reported bank balances. Report accepted as given.

Fund Raising: Steve Wallis reminded the board that Patti Strand will be giving a seminar at the Raleigh circuit as a fund raising event for the legislative fund. This will be the only event Patti Strand will be having in NC this year. We need to let all our clubs and fellow exhibitors about this event called "Saving purebreds, Challenges & Opportunities."

Legislative: This was a short term of the legislature. Legislators have to restructure their redistricting bill since the Supreme Court found it unconstitutional. They will most likely revamp HB159 (formerly "a dog law") to a new redistricting bill. HSUS has a new area director. Since our funds are low and the need is not as great as in the past we will not be hiring a lobbyist this year. We will need to keep raising funds for 2017.

Discussion: We will need volunteers on March 25, 2016 to set up & take down room and to take donations at the door for Patti Strand event. We will also check with cafeteria about arranging possible snacks and drinks. Steve will invite Commissioner Steve Troxler and other legislators. Alice Grubbs will make fliers for hand out at the circuit. Bill reminded us that we cannot let our guard down on fund raising or the influx of AR bills being promoted by HUSU, ASPCA, PETA, etc. Since the AKC has a presence in NC we are a target for these groups and they will not stop.

Chuck Adams made motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Delegate Meeting Call to order: President Steve Wallis called the meeting to order at 1:14 PM. A quorum was present.

Announcements

From Judy Coates:

I have volunteered to Chair the Raffle at this year's CWGA Show.

This year the Board has decided to run the Raffle for 2 days:

Friday and Saturday June 3 & 4.

This raffle is a big money maker for CWGA and I need YOUR help to insure that we have a great raffle with lots of items to raffle and lots of tickets to be sold and many of you volunteering to help!

To this point I have not heard from anyone about volunteering to work at the show selling raffle tickets, working at the raffle tables or making baskets or bringing items to be used for our raffle.

I know that many of you will help once you are there, but **I need to know that you will be there to help sell raffle tickets, and that you will contribute items and baskets that we can raffle!!!**

I will be at the Concord show on Saturday, April 2nd between 11a.m and 1:30 p.m. I will hang out near the food concession tables.

I will be wearing a name tag for those of you who don't know me.

Please come over, introduce yourself and sign up to help the day of the raffle, make baskets, and volunteer to sell raffle tickets etc..

In addition, you can bring items to be raffled and/or you can bring me baskets already made up :-)

We can promise you

Premier Grooming Spaces for the show as a reward
for helping to make this Raffle fund raiser a huge success!



BRAGS!



From Cathy Rubens:

*I wish to congratulate Shelia Goffe, one of our members, for her promotion!
Please join me in celebration of her new position and dedication to the sport of
pure bred dogs. Way to go Shelia!*

From: Jim Crowley [<mailto:JXC@akc.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 12:19 PM

To: Delegates

Subject: AKC Staff promotions

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact: Brandi Hunter

Date: April 13, 2016 **Phone:** 212-696-8220

Email: bth@akc.org

THE AMERICAN KENNEL ANNOUNCES STAFF PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

New York, N.Y. – The American Kennel Club (AKC®), the world's largest dog registry and leading industry authority and advocate for dogs, is pleased to announce the promotions and appointments of several of its employees...

Sheila Goffe has been appointed Vice President, Government Relations. She oversees AKC legislative policy strategy and AKC outreach at the federal, state and local levels, works with legislators, legislative staff and regulators on key issues in canine policy, and supervises the AKC Government Relations team...

"We have seen a lot of exciting advancements from our staff in the past year," said Dennis Sprung, President and CEO of The AKC. "The appointments and promotions for these employees are well deserved and I look forward to seeing even greater achievements from the entire team in the coming year."



BRAGS!



From Ricki Silveria:

Pipa

GCH Trillium Blue's Sweetgrass Purple Reign announcing the birth her two boys on 2/19/16.

Sire: Trillium Blue's The Spy Who Luv'd Me

From Pat & Judi Randall:

Karma

GCH Cru's Instant Karma RN earned her CD at the Charlotte Dog Training Club trial on 2/6/16

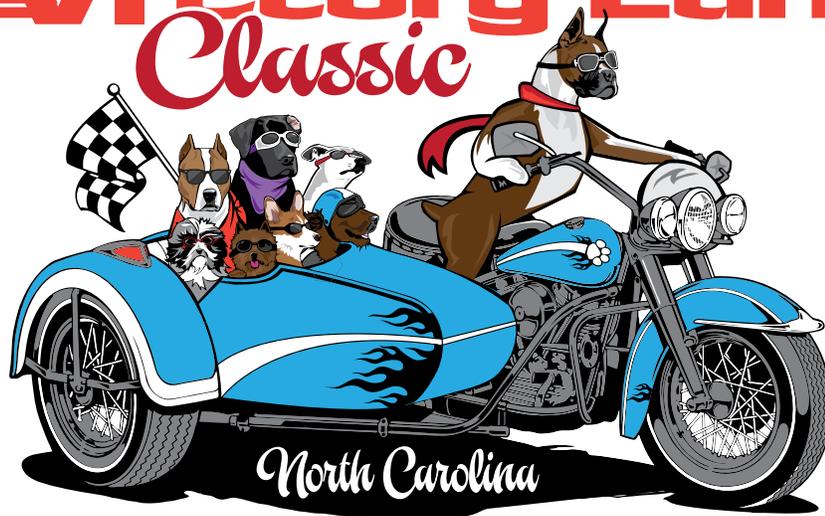


From Connie Rego:

Ruben

New CH Miraval Rapaz Ruben, expertly handled and groomed by Don Powell and Liz Holle.

Victory Lane Classic



On Their New Dates

"Nothing Could Be Finer than to be in Carolina"

**4 All-Breed Dog Shows,
Combined Specialities
2 Group Shows**

★ **One Location** ★

Thursday, June 02, 2016

Greater Hickory Kennel Club

Friday, June 03, 2016

Fayetteville Kennel Club

Carolina Working Group Assoc.

Saturday, June 04, 2016

Salisbury NC Kennel Club

Havanese Club of America

Carolina Working Group Assoc.

Central Carolina Chihuahua Club

Sunday, June 05, 2016

Salisbury NC Kennel Club

American Rottweiler Club

"Best In Cluster" Junior Showmanship Competition

★ **NADD Diving Dogs** ★

AKC "My Dog Can Do That"

Health Clinics Saturday

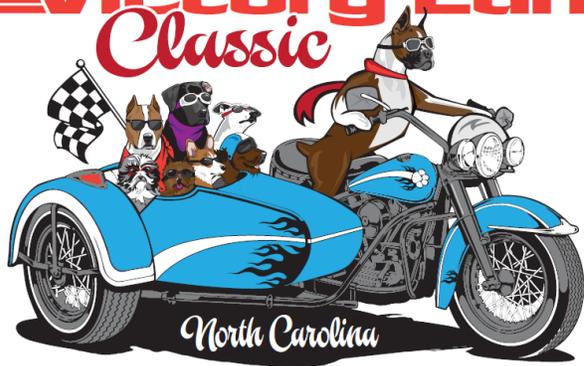
Cabarrus Arena & Events Center

Hwy 49, Concord, NC

**pending AKC approval*

Don't Miss! Victory Lane Classic

Victory Lane Classic



June 2-5, 2016
Cabarrus Arena & Events Center,
Concord NC

All in 4 days':

- 4 All-Breed Shows
- 2 Carolina Working Group Shows concurrent
 Friday and Saturday afternoon, *giving working breeds 6 chances at winning!*
- Havanese Concurrent Specialty on Saturday
- Chihuahua Concurrent Specialty on Saturday
This gives Havanese & Chihuahuas 5 chances!
- Rottweiler Designated Specialty on Sunday



ESTEEMED JUDGES

- Vicki Allenbrand, USA
- Carol S. Brown, USA
- Warner Cespedes Arias, Costa Rica
- Linda Berberich, USA
- Rick Blanchard, USA
- Richard Bohannon, USA
- Carrie Chase, USA
- Linda Fowler, USA
- Peter Gaeta, USA
- Celeste Gonzales, USA
- Peggy Hauck, USA
- Shelley Hennessy, USA
- Sandra Pretari Hickson, USA
- Cheri Hollenback, USA
- Kim LeBlanc, Canada
- Ron Menaker, USA
- Vldimir Mihaljcic, Serbia
- David Miller, USA
- Thomas Parrotti, USA
- William Rodriquez, Costa Rica
- Cathy Rubens, USA
- Sally Yancey, USA

** Pending AKC Approval. Will probably be adding a few breeder judges!
 PLUS -

- Barn Hunt ★ Dock Driving ★ Weight Pull
- AKC "My Dog Can Do That"
- Health Clinics Saturday