



President's Message

Hello Carolina Working Group Members,

Our dinner meeting March 29th at Afton Tavern, Concord NC was a spectacular event. I'd like to personally thank each and every one of you who participated in our meeting and celebrated with us as we commenced with delicious food and libations. A warm thank you to Judith Coates for providing us with a new watering hole to come together as a team. It was so very good to have Glenn Niske there to tell us of his adventures, illness and recovery. He expressed his thanks to the club members that gave him and his wife the knowledge that we care. It is wonderful to have him with us again and in perfect health. Each one of us is a valuable entity of this club. The beautiful baskets and flowers provided by Kathy Toomey were an added bonus to those who won them and made for some added fun. It was a shame she could not join us to see how wonderful it was for those that won!

Ms. Linda Fowler has developed a rewards program for members obtaining titles and she rolled this out at our meeting. Everybody really seemed to like it! Always looking to improve what we can offer our members, I thank her for developing this for us!

Jay Kuster is our hero for his dedication to make our 1st AKC point show in the fall a success! I believe all of the heads of committees are in place and I encourage fellow club members to step up and volunteer for our upcoming event. This is going to be historic! Please contact Jay or myself to make a contribution of time. It takes a small village to run a show and we **really need** your gracious help.

NOW is the time for each of you to contact your specialty clubs and request a supported entry or specialty/sweeps! It may seem early, but specialties need to be into AKC in May and supported entries need time to plan. Our trophy information needs to be into MBF **July 1**.

If you want to support your breed, **NOW** is the time for you to donate trophies. Matt and Susan Townsend are heading up that with a dedicated website - <http://tiny.cc/CWGAtrophies>. Just go there and charge your trophy donation, or send them a check, an email or call. It is easy!! Just do it! We want this to be one of the best supported shows we have as it is our first! There is more information on the trophy fund in the newsletter.

Currently we are patiently waiting on AKC's approval of our match. Progress makes perfect and I am thrilled to say our club is growing and maturing into what I had always dreamed.

Important News: The fall venue that we are a member of this year is moving in 2015 to week 22 of the corresponding date calendar. That will be May 28, 2015. Please make note of this change. Hopefully we can move with them.

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, Concord, North Carolina November 16, 2013

Attendees

Members: Jim Owen, Matthew Townsend, Susan Townsend, Vicki East, Lorraine Rainwater, Sharon Pflueger, Bob Busby, Sallie Cummings, Beverly Eichel, Peter Gaeta, Doug Toomey, Sherry Harmon, Judi Randall, Kathy Toomey, Judy Coates, Linda Fowler, Jay Kuster, Pat Randall, Memory Armstrong, Dionne Reep, Rosemary Tindal, Robin Jennings, Billy East, Dawn Hitchcock, Elizabeth Dotson, Cathy Rubens

Guests: Tina Walters, Paul Walters, Charles Ferguson, Tara Finley, Peggy Burns, Teri DeBluhl, Yana Romanenko

Meeting called to order at 5:45 pm

Minutes: Bob Busby made motion to accept previous meeting minutes as reported. Peter Gaeta seconded. All approved.

President's Report:

- * Thanks to all involved in getting AKC approval for the club.
- * AKC pointed show to be held in November of 2014 at the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center. Show will be held on Thursday prior to the Speedway Cluster.
- * Club will look at the possibility of holding a Obedience/Agility Match in March 2014 at the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center. Need to have individuals with a knowledge and experience to help out with this project.

Recording Secretary's Report:

*No report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: *No report.

Treasurer's Report:

*Balance in bank: \$8597.23. Reminder to please get membership dues mailed.

COMMITTEES

AKC Liaison:

* Compliance requirements for AKC need to be planned in advance and held on a regular basis.

Show-2014

*Jay Kuster will be show chairperson for the show to be held in November 2014.

*Jay will be emailing out committees for the show and asking for volunteers to sign up.

*Matt Townsend will be the Trophy Chairman. See him with any donations and/or ideas.

OLD BUSINESS

* President Cathy Rubens asked if there were any additional nominations for the officers/board of directors from the floor. None made. Bob Busby made motion the nominations be closed. Memory Armstrong seconded the motion. All approved.

NEW BUSINESS

*Peter Gaeta made motion to approve revised Constitution and ByLaws. Bob Busby seconded motion.

All approved.

* Cathy Rubens asked if anyone might be available to help her at the Responsible Dog Ownership Day on Dec.1,2013 at the Piedmont Kennel Club. Hours:12pm-4pm.

(Nov. 16 minutes, continued)

HOSPITALITY

*Connie Alexander to handle the planning of the December Meeting in Winston Salem. It will be Dec. 7th after BIS. Carol Brown to coordinate the "Dirty Santa" gift exchange.

The Carolina Working Group would like to thank Judith Coates for the very informative information she shared with us concerning Blastomycosis infections in dogs.

Respectfully submitted by:
Vicki East

Welcome New Members

Elizabeth Dotson, Shelia Goffe,
Kay Lackey, Doreen Luhrs,
Grace "Louise" Schmidt, John
Schmidt, Olyn "Skip" Schnibben,
Anne Taylor

CWGA Meeting Schedule for 2014

Date 2014	Location	Coordinator/ Contact person	Program	Notes
June 7	Fletcher, NC	Billy & Vicki East	No	Cookout at their motor home.
July 26	Greenville, SC	Dawn Hitchcock	?	City Range?
August 16	Greensboro, NC	Robin Jennings	?	
November 15	Concord, NC	Sharon Pflueger, Judith Coates	?	Afton Tavern http://www.aftontavern.com/default.htm
December 6	Winston-Salem, NC	Connie Alexander	No	Ryan's Restaurant Christmas Party!! Hawthorne Inn? Rooms and dinner at discounted rate!

NEWSFLASH!

The Star Awards Program has been approved by the Board.

Kudos to Linda Fowler!

Carolina Working Group Association

STAR Awards Program

The CWGA will have an STAR award program for all dogs who attained a new AKC (only) title 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 is a ceramic star ornament with the dog's call name, the new title(s) and the year engraved on it. The cost for each star is approximately \$8.50.

These STAR awards will be distributed at the annual Holiday Gathering /Meeting, which will encourage members to attend. Those not attending who request that their stars be mailed will be required to submit a postage fee prior to the mailing.

An application for the awards will be e-mailed to each member approximately one month prior to the deadline, which is going to be dependent upon the lead time needed for the manufacturing and the date of the Annual meeting. Proof of the title earned will be submitted with each application.



**CWGA 1ST AKC LICENSED SHOW
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13TH, 2014**

**AWARD SPONSORSHIPS
AVAILABLE NOW!**

Group 1: \$100-Champagne Bucket with CWGA logo

Group 2: \$55-12 inch porcelain tray with CWGA logo

Group 3: \$50-12 inch porcelain tray with CWGA logo

Group 4: \$40-9 inch cookie jar with CWGA logo

BOB: \$25-Your choice of the following items:

Salt and Pepper Shaker Set with CWGA logo

Beer Stine with CWGA logo

7 inch Cookie Jar with CWGA logo

TO SPONSOR AN AWARD VISIT

<http://tiny.cc/CWGAatrophies>

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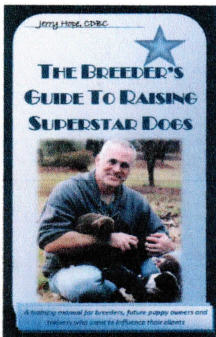
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Photos from the March 2014 Dinner/Meeting in Concord, NC

Thanks to Cathy Rubens





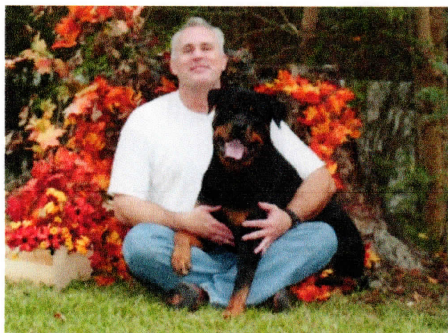
Jerry Hope
Raising Superstar Dogs
 May 17-18, 2014
 Simpsonville SC

*The Puppy Nanny LLC and Rubicon Greyhounds are pleased to sponsor Jerry Hope's **Raising Superstar Dogs** seminar.*

Jerry's book, "The Breeder's Guide to Raising Superstar Dogs" was released in 2008. The book explains the "Superstar Program" that Jerry created. The program was developed to prepare puppies to be better members of our society. Through early socialization and imprinting techniques, the Superstar program gives puppies a head start on life and drastically decreases the chances of behavioral problems.

Jerry's program produces dogs with much more stable temperaments which is a huge advantage to anyone planning on competing in Conformation, Agility, Obedience, or for prospective working police or SAR dogs.

This seminar is intended for breeders of all breeds, anyone thinking of obtaining a new puppy, and trainers that advise clients on puppy selection or breeders on preparing pups for life.



Jerry is the owner of the Canine Behavior Clinic. Since its conception in the mid-1980s, Canine Behavior Clinic has been involved in solving complex behavior problems in dogs. Jerry has been training dogs professionally since 1975 and has more than 30 years experience including a formal education in the area of psychology and an in-depth understanding of learning theory. Jerry has titled dogs in obedience, agility, tracking, and personal protection. He has competed in several different countries and under many different organizations.

Saturday, May 17 – 9am – 5pm: A detailed look at Jerry's program, including Early Neural Stimulation and other exercises and techniques. Jerry will explain not only what he does, but -hy and how. Also there will be an in-depth look at the developmental stages of puppies. Jerry's program gives age specific exercises that enhance puppies' natural abilities at each stage.

Sunday, May 18 – 9am – Noon – A hands on demo of the program basics. We will have a litter of puppies for this demo.

Saturday only \$95 – Includes snacks and lunch

Saturday and Sunday - \$145 – Includes snacks both days and Sat. lunch.

We are looking for a litter of puppies that will be between 5 and 10 weeks of age for the Sunday portion of the seminar. If you will have a litter that you would like Jerry to work with, please contact Sue Conklin 864-907-2599. Owner of the litter will receive both days of the seminar free.



***BISS, GCh. Vykon's Kumata Heart's On Fire, RN, CGC
(Elvira)***

won the Group at the Douglasville KC show. Group Judge was Dawn Hansen, handler Michelle Scott, owner, Vicky Jones.



From the Newfoundland Club of America's
National Specialty in Lancaster, PA!



Becker Reep

BEST JUNIOR HANDLER in SPECIALTY SHOW!

Proud mom, Dionne Zick Reep supplied this "unofficial" photo showing Becker and Old Bay's Cool Hand Luke at Belle Harbour (Luke) with judge Paula Nykiel.

★ ★ ★ **BRAGS!!!** ★ ★ ★

We had fun at the Newf National, too!

photo by Susan Garrett



3rd Place, Veteran Obedience
Judi Randall & CH Bear N Mind
Cru's Guitar George CDX RE
WD1 (George)



2nd Place, 12-15 month Puppy Sweeps
3rd Place 12-15 month dogs, Amy Ryan
& Cru's Sunshine Superman (Donovan)

photo by julie Spadt



3rd Place, AmBred Bitch,
Judi Randall & Bear N Mind
Cru Love Me Two Times
(Dora)



1st Place, Bred By Dog, Pat Randall &
Cru's I'm Your Man (Duncan)



Our "loot!"

★ ★ ★ **BRAGS!!!** ★ ★ ★

Mike & Sherry Harman had a pretty good weekend at the Komondor Club of America's National Specialty in



*Best in Sweeps
Meadow View Virginia Gentleman
(Bowman)*

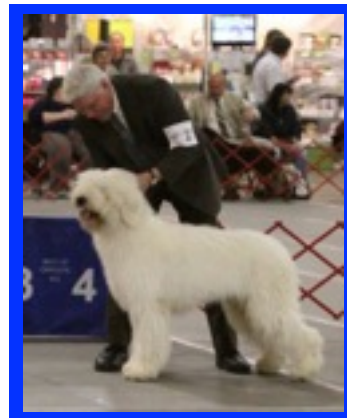


(photo) by Judi Randall

*Best Opposite in Sweeps
Meadow View Quintessential Victorious
(Tori)*



Bowman



*ALSO...
Columbia KC 3/27/14 (Supported entry)*

*WB/BOW 4 point major:
Meadow View The Battle of Brices
XRoads*

At IrishCords (Brice)

*Reserve WB:
Meadow View Quintessential Victorious
(Tori)*

*Greater Monroe KC, 3/29/14
WB/BOW 3 point major:
Meadow View The Battle of Brices
XRoads At IrishCords (Brice)*



More from the Komondor National!



*First place, Bred By Bitch, BBE Group 3,
Debbie Miller & Kevilyn's Fischer Finley
of Meadow View (Finny)*

BREED MENTORS

**If you are a Breed Mentor, or are looking to
be mentored, please contact Carol Brown:
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