



President's Message

Hello Carolina Working Group Members,

It's been a great year so far. We have our show for 2015 behind us and I want to take a moment to thank again all of the key players who chaired sections of our event and are always on hand to help promote our club and sport, as well as those who came to exhibit and help. Each person's contribution helped to make a great show weekend. We had many words of appreciation and congratulations from the time people came into the

building or parking area. It is the club members who set the atmosphere and a fantastic weekend was had by all. If you were there to help all weekend, you get special KUDOS from our entire team! The camaraderie across the clubs fostered new friendships and a cohesive group of fun loving people! What a great way to make new connections and have fun. Due to the cross-functional team effort, the work load was not as hard as predicted (many hands make for light load).

Special thanks to members Jay Kuster, our Show Chair; Karen Cole and Terri Cogdill, our Trophy Chairs; and Judith Coates, Mary Gentlesk and Crystal Brooks, our Raffle chairs (the raffle brought in a great addition to our treasury!). John Schoeneman was there to get us organized, get the motor home area mapped out and off on the right foot! Teams from all the clubs, including our own Mike Harman and Billy East helped to keep the motor home folks happy. Bob Busby was busy with vendors as well as Judges' shuttle and hospitality. The grooming room was managed by CWGA's Linda Draper, Connie Alexander and Anne Taylor.

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Linda Fowler, Chief Steward for CWGA, was most impressive, as always (see Linda's separate "thanks" on p. 3)!

The members all helped with the set up and take down as well as moving posters, table and chairs, many times over during the weekend. They helped to get boxes for recycling and even swept the hair into piles! They then went all around the motorhome parking lot collecting trash for the dumpster. By Monday our cleanup was minimal!

Now onto 2016!

There is breaking news for our shows in 2016! The board has elected to propose to AKC for 2 shows: Friday and Saturday afternoons, to follow the All-Breed Shows! This will mean that in 2016 there will be 4 All-Breed shows and 2 CWGA shows! Mark the dates and share with your friends! There will be 6 opportunities to finish that CH, GCh, get that BOB, Group placement etc...

2016

Thursday, June 2: All Breed
 Friday, June 3: All Breed and CWGA
 Saturday, June 4: All Breed and CWGA
 Sunday, June 5– All Breed

Having 2 back-to-back shows is a challenge and our energetic and competent members are already stepping up to the task! Vicki East has volunteered to be Show Chair; Crystal Brooks has volunteered to be Trophy Chair; Judith Coates has volunteered to chair the Raffle; and Linda Fowler will oversee stewards. We are going to need many hands and minds to help us be successful, so PLEASE JUMP IN TO HELP!

We are growing in numbers and wish to include everyone in the planning of events. So if you want to be part of the team, write to me at cathy.rubens@gmail.com. With our 2016 show, we are going to ask some of our member judges to assist us in containing costs by volunteering their time to judge. If you can offer your services in that regard, please contact either Vicki East at veast0416@aol.com or Bob Busby at DIDIOK9@aol.com. If your breed desires a specialty judge, contact them also. We would really love to have a few more specialties in conjunction with our events, so please approach your breed club and see what we might offer them to come in with us.

The board will be designating a nominating committee for selection of officers and board the end of this

year. So if you wish to be on the committee or hold an office, now is the time to let us know. Remember, in order to hold office you have to have been a member for a year. The Constitution and By Laws are on our new website: <http://www.carolinaworkinggroup.org/>

Speaking of our new website, THANK YOU LAURA RADER FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE!!! If you have any suggestions regarding the website, contact Laura at CatSquareRader@aol.com

Remember – Sallie Cummings is our historian, so if you have any items or articles that we should retain for future generations, please them send to her at dmani_5@msn.com!

We are not meeting in Greenville as only a few will be there and there will not be a quorum. The next meeting is in Greensboro in August, at the tables

between the ring and grooming areas, where we have met before— exact time TBA (after lunch and before the groups). We will discuss the upcoming shows for 2016, which will be at the Cabarrus Arena in conjunction with the 4 day all-breed shows (see dates above). The CWGA shows will begin when the rings from the all-breed are done. The Carolina Terrier Club will be doing a Group show in Greensboro, after the all-breed show, like we will be doing in 2016, so please watch and note any good things we might incorporate into our event.

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

I am grateful for everyone’s support.

cathy rubens



**Board Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2015**

Attendees: Members: Cathy Rubens, Vicki East, Sherry Harman, Mary Gentlesk, Debbie Miller, Linda Fowler, Jay Kuster, Kathy Toomey, Dawn Hitchcock, Judith Coates.

Meeting called to order at 7:50 p.m

Minutes: Sherry Harmon made motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting. Seconded by Judith Coates. All approved.

President’s Report:
* Notified Foothills Cluster of the decision made by the BOD of the CWGA that the club is not going to hold 2 shows this year and that we would not be moving to their July cluster in Greenville, SC.

Recording Secretary's Report:

*No report.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

*No report.

Treasurer's Report:

*Balance in the bank is \$xxxxx

*55 members have paid their dues.

COMMITTEES**AKC Liaison:**

* No Report.

Show-2015:

*Everything is on schedule.

*Need to remind people of the closing date and get those entries in to MB-F.

Membership:

*Membership committee has approved the following for membership in the club:

Madelaine Colbert, Janice Riley

Approved for membership by the board members present. Motion made by Vicki East and seconded by Sherry Harman. On to general membership for final approval.

*Membership chairmen will scan application to the BOD after approval by the membership committee.

Corresponding Sec. to notify new members when voted into membership. Also needs to notify the newsletter editor.

*Update to application: Add where the new member would write in what committee they would chair/volunteer at the next 2 shows. What committees can you work on at our next show. Add that we are a small club and you will be expected to work on the committees you select at and prior to the show date.

Motion made by Linda Fowler to add these changes to the membership application. Seconded by Judith Coates. All approved.

OLD BUSINESS

* Linda Fowler reported on the "Star Awards". April 1st. deadline for 2014 awards.

*_Dawn Hitchcock will help with the website until a new webmaster can be located. She suggested we move to a new website located at <http://dogwebspremium.com>. That way anyone can pick up and maintain once Dawn puts website together. Keep the website that we have with a link to the new site since the current domain has been purchased for 2 years @\$107/yr. Vicki East made motion to move to the new web page. Seconded by Jay Kuster. All approved. Need to put out "feeler" to the membership to see if someone wants the job of webmaster.

NEW BUSINESS

* Club Raffle: Need someone to step up and run the raffle. Need to have items donated to be raffled off at our show. Someone needs to be responsible for seeing that the raffle tickets are sold. Mary Gentlesk has volunteered to chair the raffle committee.

*Membership Meeting to be Saturday, 3/28 in Concord at 3pm. Meeting to be held in the cafeteria area. Need to be sure and get

enough members there for a quorum so new applicants can be voted in to the club.

Respectfully submitted by:
Vicki East

*Motion made by Bob Busby to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Vicki East. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

***Next meeting: Time and location to be announced.



From Linda Fowler. Chief Ring Steward:

Once again, I would like to thank all who assisted with Ring Stewarding at our May show:

- *Jo Fleitas*
- *Dan Fleitas*
- *Carol Brown*
- *Ricki Silveria*
- *Jessica Kuster*
- *Vincent Chianese*
- *Sandy Foster*
- *Kathy Clark*

Your valuable service toward keeping the activities "on time" very much contributed to the success of the show!



From Vicki East:

The annual CWGA picnic was a huge success. There were approximately 25 members and guests in attendance. Billy East did a wonderful job in manning the grill and everyone did a great job in bringing their special dish. Everyone had a great time celebrating the success of the CWGA's second pointed show and enjoying some good food at the same time. KUDOS to all of those who attended that made this such a fun evening of fellowship and celebration. For those of you that didn't make it this year, please try to come in 2016. I promise you won't go away hungry!!



From Kathy Varian Toomey:

Correspondence:

*Thank you received from Karen S. Riddle.

*Closed Out Event Information and Next Year's Event Information from AKC dated June 25, 2015.



Our 2nd show Winners!



(photos courtesy of Bryan McNabb)

Group 1

CH Paragon's Absolutely Entertaining O' Kristari



Group 2
GCH Tallpine's
Life Of The Party



Group 3
GCH Big Beach's
Rhumba Man



Group 4
GCH Fame & VFW's
I'll Have Another



Our 2nd show Winners!



(win photos courtesy of Bryan McNabb)



***Best in Puppy Sweepstakes
Mtn-To-Sea Sassy In Silk
with Firewater***



***Best in Veteran Sweepstakes
CH Baycrest's Catch The Wave***



***Best Junior Handler
Hanna Fournell-Ferrall
(with) GCH Dark Waters Dream
Machine v Eternal Moon***



***Owner-Handler
Group 1
Britlyn's Game On***

Link to full results: <http://www.infodog.com/results/201569750I/201569750IMAP.HTM>

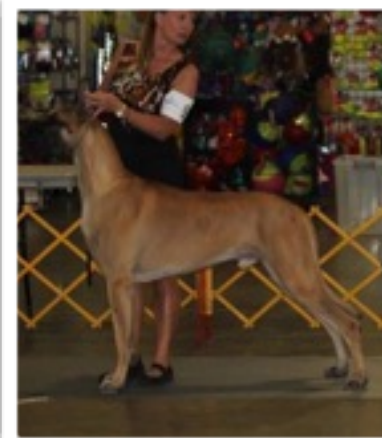
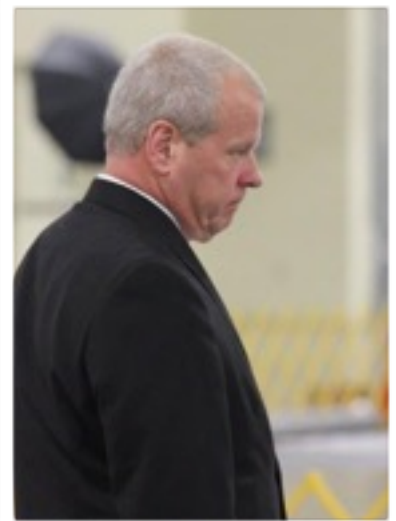
Thanks to Bryan McNabb for these candid, too.



More ringside pics
from our 2nd show
(from Bob Busby)!

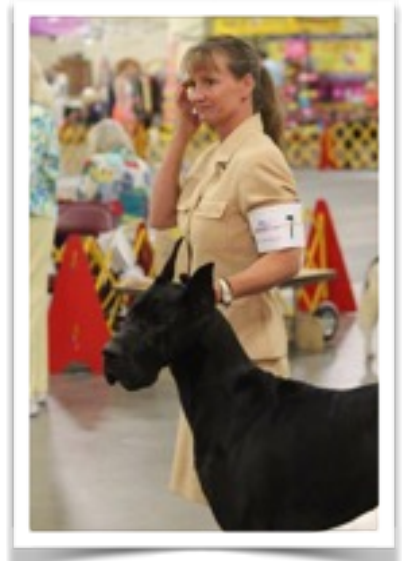


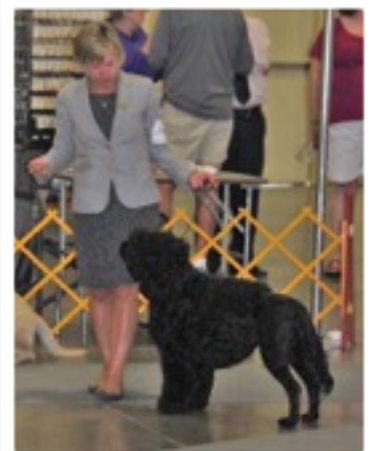
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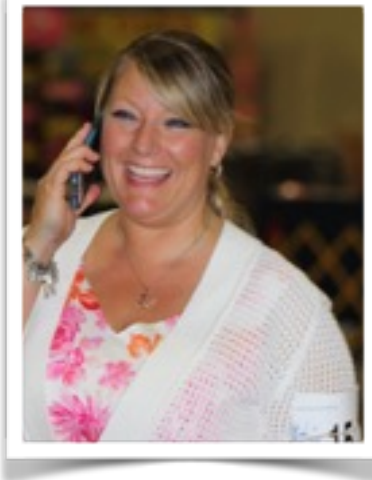
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More candids from the CWGA and Victory Lane Classic weekend can be seen on CWGA's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/CarolinaWGA?fref=ts>

★ ★ ★ **BRAGS!** ★ ★ ★

The Newf Club of America held its National Specialty in Rhode Island in May, and CWGA members ROCKED!!!



Crosby (VN GCH Southwind's Pouch Cove Dark Star CD RE TDD WRD3) owned by Andrea Jung placed 1st in the Versatile Newf class, and made it through to the final 11 dogs in Breed!

Duncan (Cru's I'm Your Man), bred and owned by Pat & Judi Randall, placed 3rd in the Bred By Exhibitor class.



Karma (GCH Cru's Instant Karma), bred and owned by Pat & Judi Randall, placed 3rd, her first time in the Rally Novice ring. She earned her 2nd leg at the National, and her 3rd leg and her RN at the Savannah Dog Training Club trial in June!

★ ★ ★ **BRAGS!** ★ ★ ★

Razzmatazz, (Avalon Bey's LS Kharben Kopy), bred and owned by Laura Rader, placed 1st in 6-9 Puppy Dog Sweeps



Krissy (Avalon Bey's Naughty Or Nice), owned by Laura Rader & Julie Fitser, placed 4th in 6-9 Puppy Bitch Sweeps



Hope (Avalon Bey's The Gift Of Pandora) bred and owned by Laura Rader, placed 4th in the 6-9 Regular Puppy Bitch Class



Walter (Avalon Bey's Sir Walter) owned by Beverly Eichel & Laura Rader, placed 2nd, in American Bred Dogs



BRAGS!



***NCA Top Twenty, Judges
Choice Award winner:
Zeus, BISS GCH Avalon
Bey's Little Bit Of
Thunder CGC***

Bred by Laura Rader, owner by
Steve & Becky Beauchamp &
Laura Rader

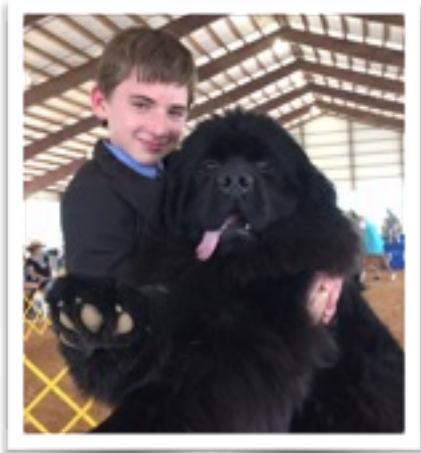


***Zeus went on to win an
Award of Merit***



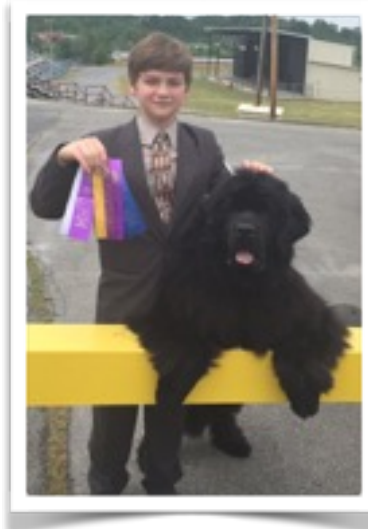
***Another Top Twenty contender:
Zeva (GCH Avalon Bey's Are The
Stars Out Tonight), bred by Laura
Rader, owned by BelleAnn &
Larry Bohannan and Laura Rader.***

★ ★ ★ **BRAGS!** ★ ★ ★



VeraWang (Mtn-to-Sea Sassy in Silk With Firewater) won Newfoundland Puppy Sweeps, and Best Puppy in Sweepstakes, and Best of Breed at the CWGA show (see photo p.5). Vera Wang was bred by Dionne & Becker Reep and Ginny Graham, and owned by Becker Reep and Nancy Stewart

Vera Wang finished her Championship at 17 months, under Judge Houston Clarke at the Western Carolina DFA show in Waynesville- she is now CH Mtn-to-Sea Sassy in Silk with Firewater. Love this oh so fun girl!



Pipa, (GCH Trillium Blue Sweetgrass Purple Reign) received a Group 3 on Saturday and a Group 2 on Sunday at the Western Carolina Dog Fanciers Association shows in Waynesville. Pipa is owned by Ricki Silveria.

FLASH!!! Dawn Hitchcock is proud to announce that **Boozer, Muti BISS GCH. Tallpine's Life Of The Party** is officially AKC's first Bernese Mt. Dog to become a Platinum Grand Champion!!! (see photo p.6)



BRAGS!



Jack is now **Grand Champion Meadow View Wildcard**. He finished his GCH in Concord on May 31, 2015 only 2 months after earning his championship at 1 year old.



...and, **Ace, Meadow View Winner Take All was WD all 4 days** in Concord, and only needs one major to finish!



Somogyi Betyar Java was **Best of Winners** at the KCA Supported Entry in Trenton, NJ.



Somogyi Betyar Java was **WB for 3 days** in Concord.

Jack, Ace and Java are owned by Mike & Sherry Harman

Announcements and Reminders

Next CWGA Meeting

***Note: the July meeting in Greenville, SC
has been cancelled.***

***Next meeting will be at the Greensboro
shows in August, at the tables between the
rings and grooming area (exact time TBA).***