



President's Message

I hope you and your families had a wonderful holiday season a great beginning of the New Year.

Our new board is in place and I want to invite all members to give them input. The business of an AKC club is generally run by the officers and board. Each of us value your ideas and thoughts on the direction you feel this club should take. So if you have any input please feel free to communicate with us.

This is an exciting time for our club! We are putting into place the structure to have our first show Thursday, November 13, 2014 at the Cabarrus Arena preceding three all-breed club shows where supported entries, specialties and nationals are already in place.

In the interim were planning to do our Obedience A Match at the Concord shows in March so that we can apply to have an Obedience trial incorporated into our first show. Skip Steuben has volunteered to be our Obedience and Rally Chair. She will need help, so please contact her and let her know what expertise you have and how you can assist. Even if you don't have any previous Obedience experience you can at least be a post!

Jay Kuster is our Show Chair and will also need lots of volunteers. There will be plenty of work for everyone! Bob Busby is our Judges' Selection chair so if you have any names you wish to drop, he would be delighted to entertain them. Matt Townsend has graciously volunteered to be our Trophy Chair. More committees are outlined on page 2.

This year we are going to put in place venues for our upcoming meetings and I hope to find one person to coordinate a fun filled program. So if you know any venues within our territory that you think would work, let us know.

As many of you are members of specialty clubs, consider approaching them about holding a specialty, supported entry or sweepstakes for our inaugural show.

The officers and Board are in the process of recruiting new committee chairs, so if you're interested in anything please, please let us know. We would be delighted to let you use your imagination and creativity to build on the groundwork laid and to continue so that we are a premier club of the future.

We have a new trifold brochure, produced by Memory Armstrong, that we will put on the website, and we invite everyone to print a few off and distribute at local shows.

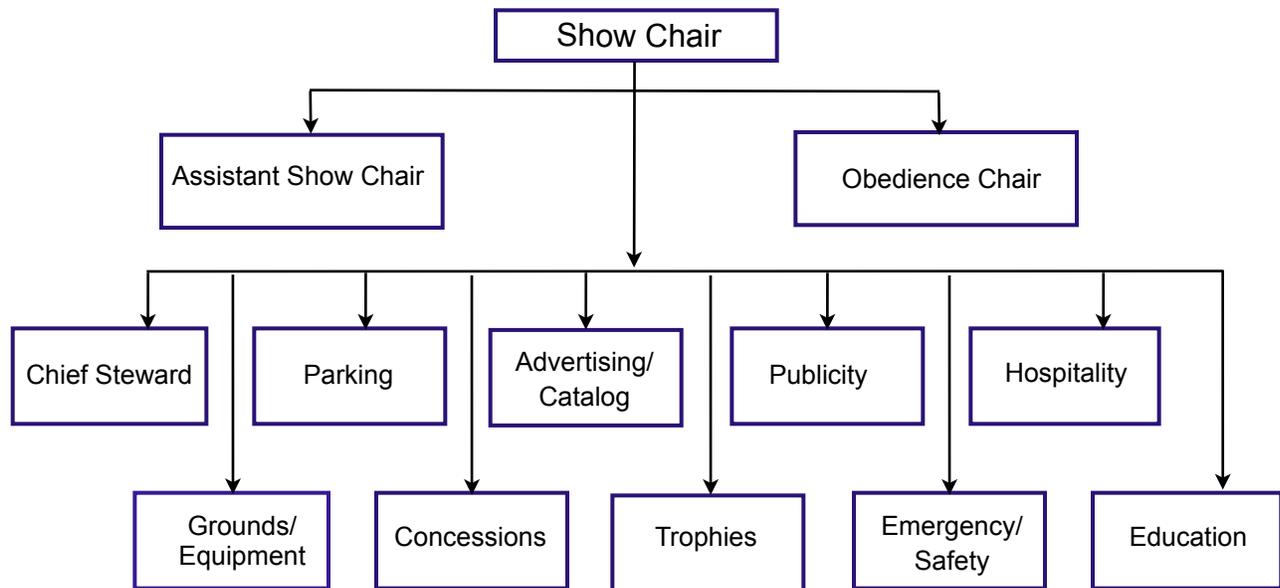
Start NOW to get the word out about our show to your friends so that they can mark their calendars and request vacation time to attend our inaugural event!!!

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General Membership Meeting, Charlotte, North Carolina September 28, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Rubens, President at 6:35 PM.

Roll Call was called with each person present introducing themselves and telling their breed of dogs. There was a quorum of members present.

The Minutes from the June Meeting were approved unanimously with Peter Gaeta making the motion for approval and John Schoeneman seconding the motion.

Karen Cole, Recording Secretary announced that the Carolina Working Group Association was now a Licensed Club but with a few changes to the CBL's. The letter of Licensure is attached.

Cathy Rubens added that the first pointed show would be held November, 2014 with the Concord, North Carolina Cluster. Jay Kuster has agreed to be the Show Chair and Cathy Rubens would be his Assistant Show Chair.

Cathy pointed out that the Cluster Rule should be adopted concerning who can show and who can not show being CWGA club members. Peter Gaeta made the motion to follow the Cluster Rule. Bob Vandiver seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Peter Gaeta, AKC Liaison pointed out that now we have to start thinking about and adhering to the AKC Compliance Rules that we have to abide by. A copy of The Statement of Compliance with AKC Policies

Governing the Approval of Dog Shows was included as part of the Agenda at the Asheville, NC meeting and at the Charlotte, NC meeting.

Jerry Cole, Membership Chair presented applications for two new memberships. Carol Brown and Memory Armstrong were voted in as new members by secret ballot.

Peter made the motion to adjourn. Bob Vandiver seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Thank you to the Shakers and Movers for inviting us to join them at this show for pizza and desert.

Respectively submitted by Karen Cole, Recording Secretary
(approved Nov. 16, 2013)

Members attending:

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| Jerry Cole | Karen Cole |
| Cathy Rubens | Mary Gentlesk |
| Beverly Eichel | Lou Guthrie |
| Terry Cogdill | Bob Vandiver |
| Ben Chandler | Peter Gaeta |
| John Schoeneman | Linda Fowler |

Visitors attending:

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| Tara Finley | Nicole Hitchcock |
| Amy Lee | Memory Armstrong |
| Peter Eckenbrecht | Robin Steinmeyer |
| Kelly Durham | Daniel Rous |
| Dave Rego | Connie Rego |
| Charles Robinson | Kathy Clark |
| Nancy Vernall | Carmen Pitts |
| Debbie Hess | |

A special note from Cindy & Glenn Niske...

Hello Fellow CWGA members...

Happy New Year to all! I can assure you, it's going to be a great one for Glenn and I. As most of you already know, Glenn suffered a massive heart attack and subsequent brain bleed, while standing center stage judging the dance contest at the Great Dane National's Welcome party at the Lancaster Host hotel, in Lancaster, PA. Amazingly, there were 5 or more nurses and an EMT who sprang into immediate action, administering CPR with deep compressions literally within seconds of his event. The Cardiac Surgeon who placed the stent into his blocked artery gives full credit to this group of individuals, saying THEY are responsible for saving Glenn's life! Only 3 % of people suffering "out of hospital events" like Glenn's survive. Of those who do, only 30% survive once they arrive at the hospital. Most people who are CPR certified don't understand the importance of DEEP compressions, which is required to keep that blood circulating thru the body.

After 10 days in Trauma Neuro ICU because of the brain hemorrhage, Glenn was moved to a regular room, and literally improved on a daily basis, and was discharged to the local rehab hospital. It took a while for him to improve enough to be transported back home to Columbia, SC, but we finally made it. He spent time as an inpatient at HealthSouth, and was discharged to out-patient therapy. Glenn has worked very hard to overcome his residual deficits, which are incredibly minor, given the extremely tedious nature of his medical condition. Each of his doctors, and he has many, just shake their heads in amazement when they see how well he's doing. But although his doctors have been the best of the best, we all know it was God who is responsible for his recovery. Glenn's goal is to get back into the ring very shortly. Don't be surprised if you see him soon, and when you do, please give him a warm welcome back. He's fought a long, hard battle and done so with determination. He's not the kind of man who'll let something like this keep him down.

...O! And PLEASE! Go get your CPR. You may be needed to save someone's life!

Thank you all for your love, support, thoughts and prayers. Your generous contribution will no doubt help us with the medical bills incurred during this ordeal. You've reinforced what friendship and camaraderie is all about. God Bless you.

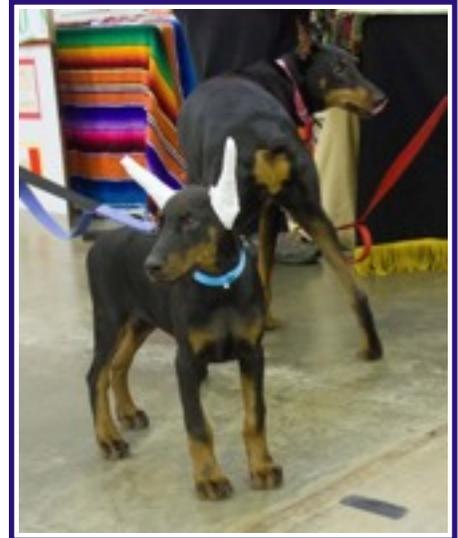
CWGA participated in the Piedmont KC Responsible Dog Ownership Day, Nov. 23, 2013



Meet The Breeds

(photos by Harmon Dotson)

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Christmas Meeting & Party Winston-Salem, NC, December 7, 2013

Many thanks to Harmon Dotson for these great photos!



*Christmas Party
Winston-Salem, NC, December 7, 2013*



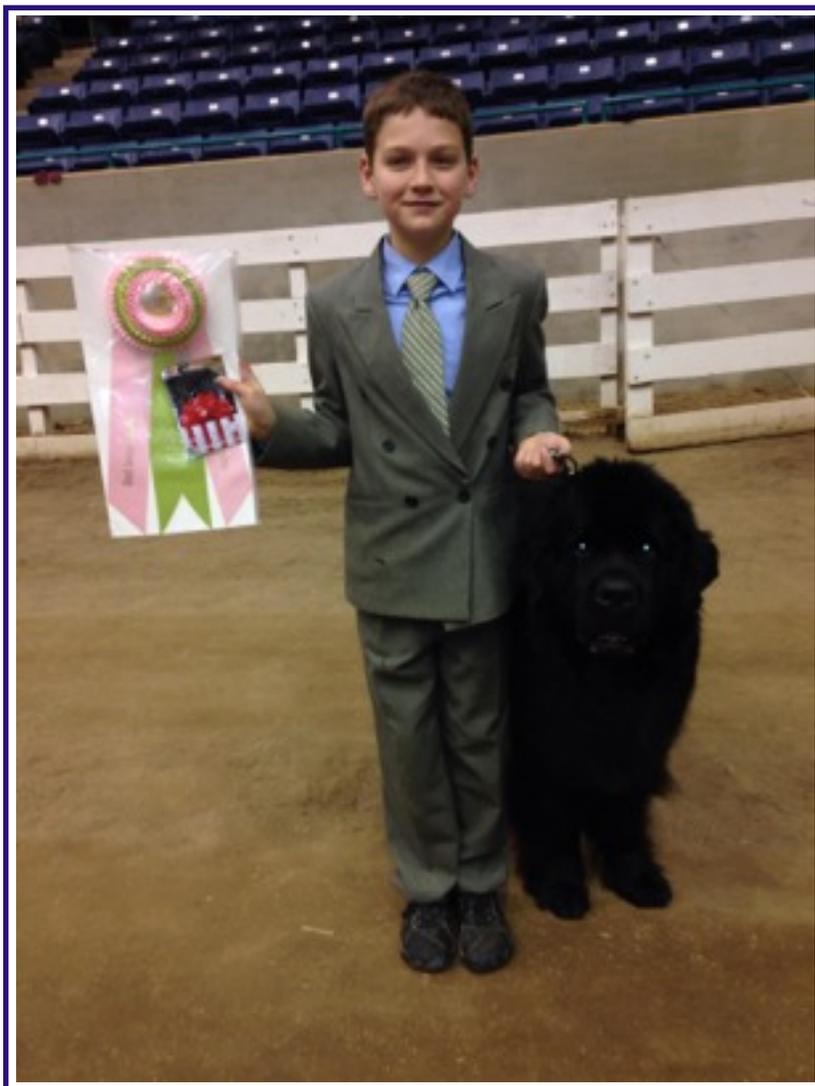
*Thanks for all the
photos, Harmon!*

Happy New Year!



This is what we call “Starting the year off right!”

Gavin Reep (another of the brilliant Reep boys) has shown Newman (CH Mtn-To-Sea Stella's Choice Newman) four times, with three first places, a second and TWO BEST JUNIORS in Show! The most recent was under Judge Frost in Clemson, January 5, 2014 (no “official” photo yet).



Announcements

**The ASHEVILLE KENNEL CLUB
is pleased to host THREE
Parent Club-Approved Judges' Education Seminars in
conjunction with our 2014 dog shows.**

The BOERBOEL: Saturday, June 7 at 8 AM

This Miscellaneous breed hopes to enter the Working Group in 2015!

Pre-register with Kerri Dale at knicholson@carolina.rr.com

The WIREHAired VIZSLA: Saturday, June 7 at 9:45 AM

This exciting breed will enter the Sporting Group in July, 2014.

Pre-register with Amanda Johnson at birdmtnl@gmail.com

The AMERICAN HAIRLESS TERRIER: Sunday, June 8 at 8AM

New to the Miscellaneous Class, they have a Non-Sporting Group designation. Pre-register with Teri Murphy at wudnshu@me.com

There is no charge to attend the seminars, but pre-registration is expected. The seminars will be held at the show site, Western North Carolina AgCenter, in Fletcher, NC. All presenters hope to have dogs available for a hands-on workshop in the afternoon.

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

***If you are a Breed Mentor, or are looking to be mentored,
please let Lou Guthrie know (roughseaspwds@aol.com).***

2014 Meeting Schedule

***March 29:** Concord, NC (with program)
Judith and Mary organizing a Dinner*

***June 7:** Fletcher, NC (no program)
Cook-Out hosted by Billy and Vicky East*

***July 26:** Greenville, SC (program?)*

***August 16:** Greensboro, NC (with
program)*

***November (TBA):** Concord, NC, prior to
and/or following our show*

***December 6:** Winston-Salem, NC (no
program) Party, Ryan's Restaurant Party
organized by Connie Alexander*