The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta

The Guardian

May/June 2016 Issue

Your Monthly Newsletter from
The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta

From the President

It has been a busy few months for many of us with spring shows, spring puppies, futurities and social events such as weddings and graduations. Our **GUARDIAN** Editor, Stacey Pollio, has been busy teaching giving her little time after her regular dog duties and home chores. For May and June this issue of The Guardian will be a combined edition.

Nominations:

May is the month nominations from the floor are made for Officer and Board positions. If the individual being nominated from the floor is not present to accept the nomination, the Club Member presenting the nomination must have written consent from the person they are nominating. The written consent will be placed in the minutes of the May meeting in accordance with the By-Laws of the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta.

Nominated Slate:

Thank you **Betty Ann Frederick** for presenting the Club with a strong Nominating Committee. Each candidate is dedicated and a strong supporter of the German Shepherd Dog. The nominated slate is as follows:

President – Connie Irvine
Vice President/Training Director - Erika Tracy
Recording Secretary – Genie Jones
Treasurer – Joan Turner
Member at Large – Joye Evans
Member at Large – John Conley
Guardian Editor – Stacey Pollio
Past President – Nancy Harper-Mulvaney

Education: We had an educational program in May consisting of a DVD which showed us examples of the German Shepherd in motion – hope those of you who attended the meeting enjoyed it!

JUNE MEETING/ ELECTIONS

June is an important month for our club. There will be two elections at the June Meeting. The first vote will be to elect our Officers and Board for 2016-2017. Per our club's adapted By-Laws, the newly elected Officers and Board will begin their responsibilities at the conclusion of the June Meeting. There were no nominations from the floor during the May general meeting for positions of Officers or Board therefore, the slate as presented at the April meeting stands. Newly elected Officers and Board will immediately take their positions upon election results at the June meeting. Thank you to these members who have agreed to give their time and energy to the club – we can look forward to outstanding leadership in the coming months. The fiscal year begins at the July meeting.

Following election of Officers and Board the club members will then vote on Conformation Judges for year 2017 and Performance Judges for year 2018. In 2017 our club will offer Obedience only.

FALL SHOWS 2016:

This Fall we are teaming up with the North GA Club to offer four, yes FOUR Specialty Shows, two Obedience shows, two Rally shows, and one CGC event. All in the same weekend, same site. A great opportunity to draw a large entry. Please volunteer to assist – we need "all hands on deck" – it can be fun to prepare for these shows if we all work together to make it successful.

Vince Battaglia has agreed to Chair the Fall Specialty Shows. We will be offering four Specialty Shows same weekend, same location! **Thank you Vince!** Please contact Vince and offer your assistance. Vince will need all the help he can get, please, step up to the plate and lend a hand to make this year the best we have ever had. This is a great opportunity for our club to prosper, while enjoying the competition.

Our thanks to **Betty Ann Frederick** for organizing and contacting Officer and Board candidates – great job Betty Ann!

Thank you to **Jessica Ball and Barbara Stamper**, for heading up the Judges Selection Committee. And thank you to the following club members for volunteering their time and effort:

Vince Battaglia: Show Chair
Joan Turner: Show Committee – Joan submitted applications to AKC with payment, secured show grounds Wills Park, requested & received release from All Breed Club to eliminate GS.
Genie Jones: Show Committee - Secretarial work for combined shows
Andrea Washburn: Show Committee - Trophies & Ribbons
Connie Irvine: Show Committee - Trophy Donations
Barbara Stamper: Show Committee - Hospitality – (Barbara with assistance from Jessica Ball – has always been there with EQUIPMENT and FOOD - thank you Barbara!!!
Erika Tracy: Show Committee - Performance Chair
Nancy Harper-Mulvaney: Show Committee - Assist Show Chair & Hospitality

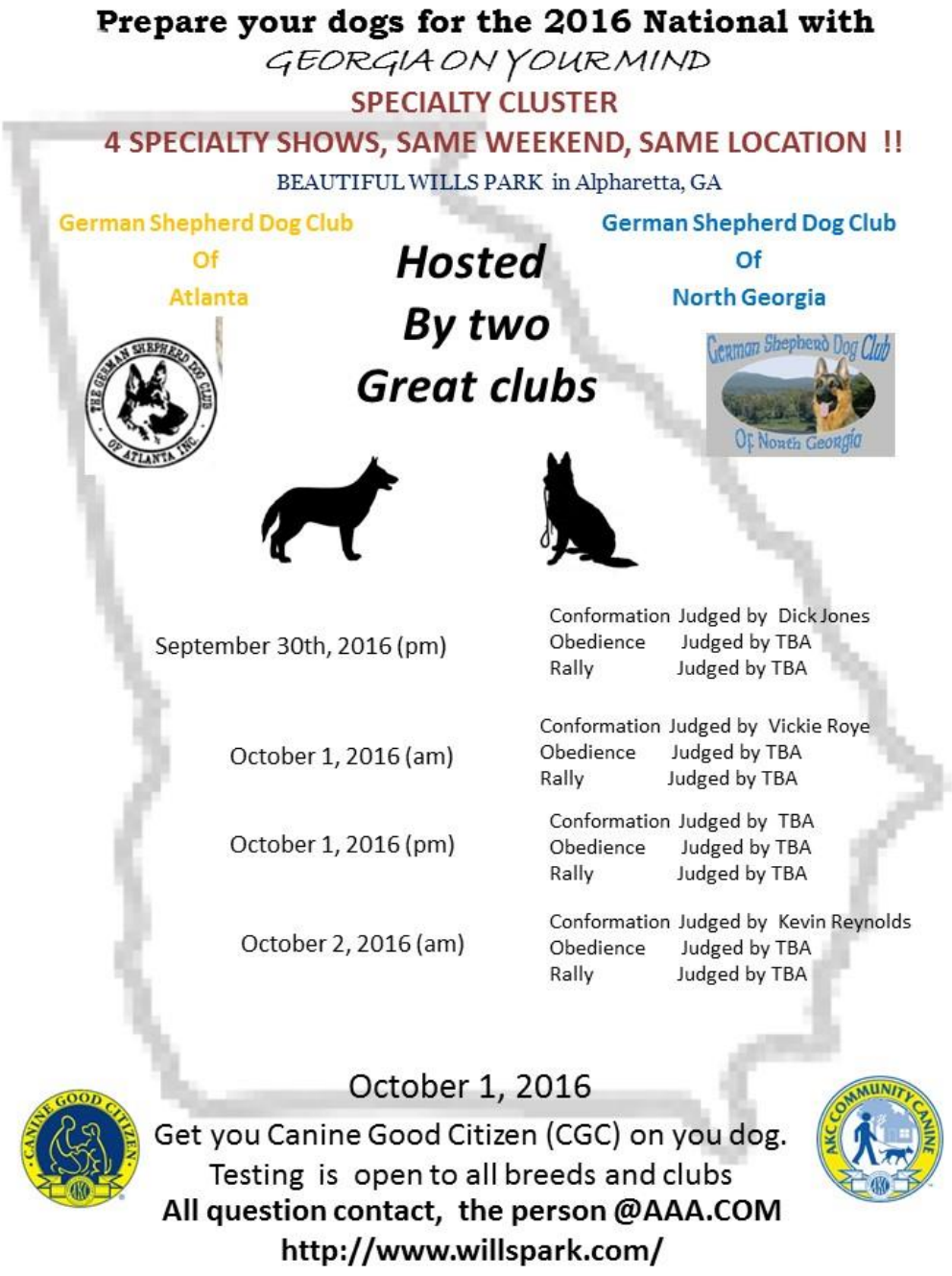
Due to a family wedding, out of town guests, followed by Graduation at UT, and attendance at the SE Futurity, the promised article on rear structure of the German Shepherd Dog has not been completed. The article will be included in a future edition of The Guardian. Thanks for your patience.

Have a great summer – remember to nominate those litters for the Futurity/Maturity.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer.

Nancy Harper-Mulvaney,
President

Here is a preview of the advertisement we are working on for our fall Specialty Shows.



Member Achievements

Congratulations again to our very own junior handler, Miss Phoenix Crowe. Phoenix showed her lovely bitch, Ch. Van Cleve's Katherina V Heinerburg, to her GRAND Championship (pending AKC approval) in Perry, GA. Phoenix has shown Katie through her entire Grand Championship and two majors and is thrilled to have been able to put her first title on a dog!

Phoenix also showed her other bitch, Tina (Kaleef's Proud Mary V Zahnarz't) to Winners Bitch for Tina's first two points toward her championship. Way to go Phoenix, you are becoming quite a talented handler, we are so proud of you!

April was fantastic for Caretti's Blues Man (Zeke). Zeke was shown in 9 shows and he won 8 BOB's, two Group 4's and one Group 3. He won under some of the most knowledgeable judges in the shepherd world; Gloria Birch, Doug Crane, Jimmy Moses, and Sheree Moses. We thank everyone for honoring Zeke with this recognition. Zeke was bred by Cyndi and Jim Flautt and he is owned by John Conely, Ed Farrell and Cyndi Flautt. He was shown to his best by Scott and Loren Yergin.

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Miracle's Darlin Hello Darlin TC went Winners Bitch and Best of Winners at the all breed shows in Birmingham, Alabama in April, earning two more points toward her championship. She now has six points! Darlin is sired by Ch. Winsome's Dreamlovebear Peddacre out of Van Cleve's Francesca V Miracle TC. Darlin is owned by John & Stacey Pollio, bred by Stacey Pollio & Nancy Battaglia, professionally handled by Scott Yergin.

Member Achievements cont'd

In April, Joan Turner's Missmic Sanric Penolope won a three point major reserve in Jacksonville Florida, and a five point major reserve in East Tennessee. Penny has only been shown those two weekends since January. Penny's sister, Missmic Sanric Tallulah, who is owned by Linda Clark, Joan Turner, and Sandy Steinkopf, finished her championship in January at nineteen months. Also, Sater Nordlich Chase of Crimson finished his Grand Championship with four majors!!! He is owned by Sandy Steinkopf and Joan Turner.

Club Meetings

Our monthly club meetings are at the Atlanta Humane Society, 981 Howell Mill Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30318.

CLUB MEETINGS – Held on - 2nd Thursday of each month at 8PM except for July, October and December. Visitors welcome, no need to call, just come and well behaved dogs on leash are welcome as well.

For directions to Club Meetings see our website, or click here –> DIRECTIONS to the Atlanta Humane Society, 981 Howell Mill Road, NW, Atlanta GA, 30318.

Guests and Friends are always welcome. Bring your dogs; a great opportunity to socialize your young dogs or puppies. All dogs must be kept on leashes, make sure your dog is up to date on vaccinations. Come and learn about the club and its German Shepherd Dog related activities. Refreshments are offered during break time. We are fortunate to have many knowledgeable breeders, exhibitors, and performance members. Educational programs are offered throughout the year.

Our next club meeting is on June 9th!

Regional Club Challenge

Attention club members! It's time to tally club points for the parent club's annual Regional Club Challenge. If you have put ANY titles on one or more of your dogs this year, please email your information and copies of the certificates (or other proof) to the editor at this new email address: gsdatleditor@outlook.com

We're an accomplished bunch, and we have done well on our Regional Challenge in past years. Our club won First Place in 2011 and 2013, and an honorable mention in 2012. There are many ways to earn points for the club … you can review them on the GSDCA website, click on the link below:

http://www.gsdca.org/images/pdf_items/Regional_Club_Challenge_Award_Form.pdf

Puppies!

Outstanding puppies available to show home. Out of GCH CH Wonderland's Force of Nature ROM (Francesca/Penny). Penny is OFA hips and elbows. Penny's first litter produced four grand champions which includes a 2015 National Select Bitch and a BIS winner. Her second litter includes three bitches that have won major shows from the puppy classes and a BIF at the 2016 NE Futurity. Penny was also the number six winningest shepherd in the country in 2014. The sire is GCH CH Caretti's Blues Man OFA hips and elbows. Zeke is currently the number five rated shepherd in 2016. Two beautiful males and two gorgeous females available to show homes. Contact: John Conely at conelyj@aol.com

AKC Breeders of Merit

Breeders of Merit are listed on the websites of the American Kennel Club, The German Shepherd Dog Club of America, and the German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta. The requirements to be an AKC (American Kennel Club) Breeder of Merit are as follows:

1. Must have a history of at least five years of involvement with AKC events.
2. Must have earned AKC Conformation, Performance or Companion* event titles on a minimum of four dogs from AKC litters they bred/co-bred.
3. Must be a member of an AKC club.
4. Must certify that applicable health screens are performed on breeding stock as recommended by the Parent Club (OFA Hips/Elbows, GSDCA Temperament Test).
5. Must demonstrate a commitment to ensure 100% of puppies produced are AKC registered.

GSDCA ATLANTA MEMBERS
AKC BREEDERS OF MERIT:

Dr. Carmen Battaglia, Roswell
Nancy Hart Battaglia, Roswell
Kim McNamara, Newnan
Joyce Quick, Palmetto
Nancy Harper-Mulvaney, Roswell

About the Club

Records are vague, but it seems that The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta was founded in 1955 when a small group of breeders and owners interested in the German Shepherd Dog met in Atlanta, Georgia.

The first President was Mrs. Michelle Leathers Billings who passed away in October 2013. The purpose of the club was the improvement of the breed. Today, the club's goal is the same. Through programs and activities, members learn about all aspects of the German Shepherd Dog, including mental and physical development; the breed standard; working ability; breeding; care and rearing of puppies, etc.

Programs are presented at monthly meetings held on the second Thursday of month, except for July, October, and December. Meetings are at 8:00 PM. Both prospective members and non-members are welcome. The club holds numerous special events including two breed Specialty shows each year and also Obedience and Rally competitions. Puppy matches, Temperament Testing and AKC Good Citizen tests are scheduled through the year.

In July, at the Annual Awards Banquet, trophies are presented to members whose dogs have earned titles over the year. A Holiday party is held in December.

If there is an interest, show handling classes are offered to members.

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Classified Advertising

Our website offers free Classified Listings for litters and dog advertisements for 90 days. Your dogs'

picture is free for one year. Paid advertisements for stud dogs, kennels and breeders are $12/year. Deadline for submissions is on the 15th of the month prior to issue. Dogs and puppies advertised must be AKC registered German Shepherd Dogs. Members and Breeders of Merit are listed free on our website. To place an ad, contact the editor: **Stacey Pollio, email:** gsdatleditor@outlook.com

Reminders

If you would like to join the conversation on Facebook, you can find the club's FB Group here: www.facebook.com/groups/177807582290973/

Information about The German Shepherd Dog Club of America Inc. (aka 'The Parent Club") can be found on the parent club website, see the web link here: www.GSDCA.org

German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta
www.gsdcatlanta.org

American Kennel Club
www.akc.org

German Shepherd Dog Breed Standard
www.akc.org/dog-breeds/german-shepherd-dog/

PUPPIES AND LITTERS: Give Connie Irvine information on puppies and litters. Connie handles the Club phone; she will direct callers to members who have puppies, studs, or older German Shepherd Dogs available.

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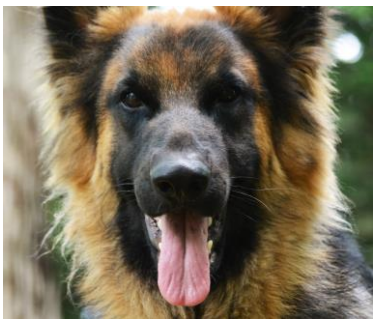
Complimentary Guardian

To send a complimentary copy of The Guardian to puppy buyers, friends, or prospective members, Contact the editor, Stacey Pollio, at gsdatleditor@outlook.com

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