

The  
**German Shepherd Dog**  
Club of Atlanta



# The Guardian

Your Monthly Newsletter from  
The German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta

## July 2016 Issue

### From the President

Dear Club Members,

Well a new board has been voted in and I look forward to working with this fantastic group:

**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 Conely**  
**Guardian Editor – Stacey Pollio**  
**Past President – Nancy Harper-Mulvaney**

My priority is our organization first and the future of our club. I have sent three invitations to join us and asked Stacey to send them a Guardian. Nancy found two of the contacts in the New Member Application section of the Review. Let's continue to be watchful and invite new people to join us.

I am very excited about our joint venture with North Georgia. Lee and I have discussed the possibility a few times over the years but, until now, timing was not on our side. We will be doing all we can to make sure this is one heck of a show weekend. With our shared good ideas and dedicated team work, the joint shows will be a win - win adventure. And I invite all of you to join in.

I also encourage all members to offer suggestions for some Fun Day activities such as Betty Ann's Herding Instinct day last year. Perhaps a Tracking Day if we can find a suitable field or Lure Coursing, etc... and don't forget there is no regular club meeting in July but watch for information on our upcoming awards picnic later in July.

Try to stay cool folks and keep your dogs safe.

Respectfully submitted,

*Constance Irvine*  
*President*

### **REMINDER: DUES ARE DUE!**

Just a reminder folks, annual club dues are due. If you would like to apply for membership, come to our next event and fill out the membership application which you can find on our website. Dues are only \$25/year for an Individual and \$35/year for a Family.

If you are already a member, please send your dues in to Joan Turner as soon as possible.

## Beat The Heat!

This summer is already HOT HOT HOT. Please remember your dogs in the heat. Our club members know that when a German Shepherd Dog must be kept outdoors, he needs shade, and plenty of water just to stay alive, especially during the late afternoons. If you can't or won't bring your dog indoors into the air conditioning when the temperature soars into the nineties, there are other ways you can keep your best friends comfortable during the hot summer months.

One of my favorite ways to play is chase with the water hose! If you don't have a swimming pool in your backyard you can get a plastic kiddie pool, fill it up with water in a shady spot, and let your pooch splash around with a ball or two.

Keep a spray bottle of cold water handy, especially when traveling. Spray water onto the pads of your dog's feet and into his or her mouth, like the professional handlers do to keep their dogs cool in the show ring. Cold treats like ice cubes, frozen yogurt, and even a little ice cream are favorites. Fans help a lot and keep mosquitos and flies away.

I'm sure you all know walking your dog on BLACK PAVEMENT in the heat is a big NO NO! It will burn the pads of your dog's feet quicker than you may realize. Remember the five second rule ... hold the back of your hand on the ground for at least five seconds. If the ground burns your hand, it's too hot to walk your dog! And of course, *never* leave your dog in the car in the summer. Even if you think it's cool enough in the shade, windows down, etc ... you never know when someone else might think otherwise and call the police to "rescue" your dog.

Stay cool, stay in the shade, and enjoy summer!

## 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 Canine Good Citizen event. All in the same weekend, at the same site. This will be a great opportunity to draw a large entry. Please volunteer to assist – we need “all hands on deck” to make it a success.

**Vince Battaglia** has agreed to Chair the Fall Specialty Shows. Please contact Vince and offer your assistance. Vince will need all the help he can get, so 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.

**Vince Battaglia:** Show Chair

**Joan Turner:** Show Committee – Joan submitted applications to AKC with payment, secured show grounds Wills Park, requested 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

**WE NEED RING STEWARDS!!!** Please get in touch with Mary Lee Jewel to volunteer.

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

**Prepare your dogs for the 2016 National with  
GEORGIA ON YOUR MIND**

**SPECIALTY CLUSTER**

**4 SHOWS, SAME WEEKEND, SAME LOCATION !!**

Beautiful WILLS PARK in Alpharetta, GA



**German Shepherd Dog  
Club of  
ATLANTA**



**German Shepherd Dog  
Club of  
North Georgia**

**Hosted  
by Two  
Great Clubs**



Friday, Sept 30 (PM)  
**GSDC of North GA**

Dick Jones - Conformation

Saturday, Oct 1 (AM)  
**GSDC of Atlanta**

Vickie Roye - Conformation  
Connie Parish - Obedience/Rally

Saturday, Oct 1 (PM)  
**GSDC of North GA**

Kevin Reynolds - Conformation

Sunday, Oct 2 (AM)  
**GSDC of Atlanta**

Bart Bartley - Conformation

**GSDC of North GA**

Pat Pierce - Obedience/Rally  
Richard Mullen - Open/Utility



**October 1**

**Get your Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Title.  
Testing open to all breeds.**



## Member Achievements

Congratulations to Connie Irvine's THEO! **Heinerburg's Eye Of The Eagle V Drum** (OFA prelim - good, elbows normal) went Reserve Winners Dog at the GSDC of Houston in March under Judge Gloria Birch and Judge Doug Crane. Theo also went Third Junior Maturity Dog under Judge Bart Bartley. Theo is loved and owned by Constance Irvine; Breeder/Co-owner Nancy Harper Mulvaney. Sired by **Ch. Cedar Knolls Malcolm V Van Cleve** out of dam **Ch. Heinerburgs Gone With The Wind DePahl**. Nice work Theo!



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Joan Turner's Sater Nordlicht Morgan of Crimson OFA had an exciting June as she received 5 more points including a 3 point major and 4 & 5 major reserves. Morgan now has 7 points and is owned by Sandy Steinkopf and Joan Turner.

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**GCH Malcolm** is in Canada and went WD, BOB and Group 1 and Group 2! Malcolm is owned by breeder Renee West, Nancy & Ron Mulvaney Heinerburg's Liberty Belle was RWB at her first all breed show a few weeks ago. Belle was RFB, RWB from Novice and WB & BOW for 5 points from Novice last spring. Belle is co-owned by Nancy Harper-Mulvaney and Holly Bryan. Nancy is also happy to announce **that Ch Dee ROM, Ch Sophie,** and **Am/Can Ch Meghan O'Shea** are all now eligible for the 13 YEAR CLUB.

## Club Meetings

***NO CLUB MEETING IN JULY!***

Our next club meeting is on **August 11<sup>th</sup>**!

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.

## New Member Application

Gloria Loop has applied for membership.



## Annual Awards Banquet

Our Annual Awards Banquet is coming up soon. If you've been a member of an active committee or attended meetings, and you've finished a title or two or three, let Barbara Stamper know what goes on your new-title plaque. If you've been working on our Versatility stuff (see club page on same) let Joye Evans or Erika Tracy know what you've been up to. To make sure you receive your plaques and certificates, send an email with ANY achievements for awards, versatility points, and club records to:

Barbara Stamper (770) 922-0969  
[barickshep@bellsouth.net](mailto:barickshep@bellsouth.net)

If you have a lot of performance titles and health tests for Versatility, please email the full list to Erika Tracy at [gramma510@hotmail.com](mailto:gramma510@hotmail.com)

If you and your dog have your Barn Hunt Masters or Dock Diving Junior or something else not on the list, we do want to know about it.

## 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 Stacey Pollio at [gsdatleditor@outlook.com](mailto:gsdatleditor@outlook.com)

We're an accomplished bunch and have done well in the Regional Club Challenge in the past. Our club won First Place in 2011 and 2013, and honorable mention in 2012, 2014 and 2015.



There are many ways to earn points for the club. Please review them on the GSDCA website, click on this link:

[http://gsdca.org/images/pdf\\_items/Regional%20Club%20Challenge%20Form%202016.pdf](http://gsdca.org/images/pdf_items/Regional%20Club%20Challenge%20Form%202016.pdf)

Then, email those certificates to Stacey!

## Puppies!

Outstanding puppies still 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](mailto: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.

## **CLUB OFFICERS**

### **President:**

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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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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/](http://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](http://www.GSDCA.org)

German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta  
[www.gsdcatlanta.org](http://www.gsdcatlanta.org)

American Kennel Club  
[www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

German Shepherd Dog Breed Standard  
[www.akc.org/dog-breeds/german-shepherd-dog/](http://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.

## **COMMITTEE PHONES**

### **Club Phone:**

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### **Hearts & Flowers:**

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### **Herding/Library:**

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### **Trophy Chair:**

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