



The Guardian

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Our Fun Match is over and what a good time there was for those who attended. Lots of nice puppies to see and many old and new friends to share in each other's fun. It was a picnic like atmosphere. Our club events are fun. We have food and a lot of nice people and German Shepherd puppies to see. Our breeders are proud of their accomplishments.

The program for April will be on "Scent Theory and Application". It begins at 8 PM. See specific directions below. Everyone will find this speaker interesting.

Don't forget to bring your pup or dog to club meetings. About half of those attending bring their dog. It is a great outing for the dog and it is a good training opportunity.

Remember if you are a GSDC of Atlanta member and you would like for us to link to your website please contact please contact me at cbattaglia@mindspring.com. Use LINKS as your subject. Send me an email and tell me how you want to be listed and linked. Google spiders find web sites faster if they are linked to other sites. This is a good way to increase your visibility and help your club. Complimentary copies of the Guardian will be sent to your friends and any potential member. The best bargain is a paid advertisement. It is just \$12/year for your stud dog, kennel or anything else. Visit our club website site and see some of the new features. (www.gsdcatlanta.org).

Thanks for reading along.

Editor

PROGRAM FOR APRIL

Program begins at 8:00 p.m. The topic will be "Scent Theory and Applications". If you think your dog can track or want to introduce your dog to tracking, BE THERE. Our very own Erika Tracy, club member and board member of our club will be our speaker. She is a trainer for the Four River Canine Search, Rescue and Recovery Team and a consultant to the North American Schutzhund Assoc. At the present time she teaches a scent class for our club, every Tuesday evening. Our speaker will be

You will not want to miss this program

MINUTES OF CLUB MEETINGS: The minutes will be posted on the website.
<http://www.gsdcatlanta.org/>

NEW MEMBERS – MARCH - Stephen Gebbia

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS – Vince Battaglia, Farris Lyons

GUESTS IN MARCH WERE: Faith Ann Fletcher, John Hastings

TRAINING CLASSES - TWO LOCATIONS (N. DeKalb & Windy Ridge Parkway)

NORTH DEKALB MALL

Start: March 27th for six weeks

Classes – each Tuesday

Location: North DeKalb Mall, 2050 Lawrenceville Hwy, Decatur, GA

Start Time: 7:30. A six-week beginning scent work class will start on Saturday, January 14 at 4:30, registration beginning at 4, covering the basics of scent theory and the introduction of the dogs to the handler's preferred target scent. Contact Erika (gramma510@hotmail.com) for more information.

Rates: \$25 member; \$75 non-members. The PetsMart rates are \$125.

Contact: Elaine Leroy: edbleroy@bellsouth.net or Erika at: gramma510@hotmail.com

Directions: North DeKalb Mall is at the intersection of the Lawrenceville Highway (29), Stone Mountain Highway (78/410), and Druid Hills Road. How about this for finding the location in the Mall parking

The specifics to reach our classes: Find the service entrance between AMC theatre and Macy's. There will be a post office on your right and a furniture store on your left. This is where you will walk in with your dog, it's not for parking. The back door to the site is to the right and on the left. We will have a sign on the door. Look for Rm. 4010.

WINDY RIDGE PARKWAY PARKING GARAGE

Start: March 27th

Classes – each Tuesday

Location: 3301 Windy Ridge Parkway Parking Garage main level.

Start Time: 7:30 p.m.

Offerings: Rally and Obedience classes plus Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Classes.

Rates: \$25 member; \$75 non-members. The PetsMart rates are \$125.

Contact: Elaine Leroy, edbleroy@bellsouth.net who will manage the basic/CGC class test. Or Joye Evans (770) 438-2285 or Email jevans@hardinconstruction.com

BRAGS

Erika Tracy reports that: Bar-Mill Tales of Hoffman BN RN HT PT ran his first two started-sheep entries at the Dogwood Rottweiler Club's herding trial. Took second in the started class with a 91 and Reserve High in Trial, and on the second he took first in the class with a 97, which was worth High In-Trial. The previous weekend he took Best Opposite Adult at our match (brains AND beauty).

FUTURE EVENT DATES:

Combined Specialty Weekend – 2 shows - September 28 and 30, 2012

German Shepherd Dog Clubs of Atlanta and Augusta

Location: Wills Park Equestrian Center, Open Field, Alpharetta, GA

September 28 and 30, 2012 - Augusta GSDC Show

Breed Judges: Kathy Potter and Carmen Battaglia

All Breed Obedience and Rally Judges: Barry Roland and Richard Mullen

Show Secretary: Diane Boykin (706) 284-6455 drboykin@bellsouth.net

September 29, 2012 (two shows) AM & PM - GSDC Atlanta

Breed Judges: Mary Ann Imhoff and Ellen Migliore

All Breed Obedience and Rally Judges: Marlene Burford and Stephen Picciulo

Show Secretary: Kathy Gross (678) 480-1822 atlgdshowentry@att.net

October 08 to October 14, 2012 - GSDCA National Specialty in Denver, CO

See www.gsdca.org

Nov 3 & 4th, 2012 Speciality Show – N. Ga. German Shepherd Dog.

Location: Ellijay, GA

Judges: Dick Jones and Dan Dwier

May 18-20, 2012, -National Universal Seiger Show (NUSC)

2013 - October 07 to October 13, Phil., PA (100 Yr. Celebration and World Trial).

2013 - WUSV World Championship, Philadelphia, PA.

- Oct. 09, Wed. GSDCA Conformation concluding with BOB competition on Saturday the 12th.
- Oct. 11, 12, 13. GSD Friday, Sat and Sun Performance events
- Oct. 12 and 13. World teams arriving
- Oct. 14 and 15. Mon & Tues. World teams practice at stadium
- Oct 16. Wed. World Competition begins.
- Oct. 20. Sunday - Conclusion of WUSV events

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB AND LOCAL NEWS

As of May 16, 2012, the new Schedule of Championship points for Conformation events will go into effect with a new realignment of divisions. The number of divisions will also increase for 2012 from 13 to 15 to enhance the ability of exhibitors to have "majors" in their own divisions. The schedule, released annually, sets the number of points needed by each of the 174 AKC-recognized breeds by geographic division. For the complete schedule of championship points visit: http://www.akc.org/events/conformation/point_schedule.cfm

Genetic Tests

Science continues to move us forward. Here is the link to the list of genetic tests:
<http://www.akchf.org/canine-health/genetic-tests>.

MICROCHIPS -Contact: Connie Irvine - 770)507 7408. She has chips for \$10/chip

CLUB MEETINGS - held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8 PM, EXCEPT FOR JULY, AND DECEMBER. Visitors welcome.

DIRECTIONS TO CLUB MEETINGS

Location: Humane Society at 981 Howell Mill Road NW Atlanta, Georgia 30318. Specific directions are on the GSDC of Atlanta site (<http://www.gsdcatlanta.org/>) which you can find with this link.

CLUB OFFICERS:

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Equipment - Barbara Stamper, (770) 922- 0969

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Regional Challenge – Stacey Pollio, (404) 353 - 0588

Versatility - Joye Evans, (770) 438-2285

Awards - _____

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Free litter advertisement for 90 days and your dog's show picture is free for one year.

Paid advertisements for stud dogs, kennels and breeders are \$12/year

Breeders of Merit are listed FREE on the websites of the: American Kennel Club, German Shepherd Dog Club of America and German Shepherd Dog Club of Atlanta

For more information contact me: cbattaglia@mindspring.com.

COMPLIMENTARY GUARDIAN - a complimentary will be sent to puppy buyers, friends and prospective members upon request. Contact Mary Gattone 770-922-2172 and give her the contact information.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS is on the 15th of the month prior to issue.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The AKC has always opposed breed bans on the basis that there are no bad dogs, just bad owners.

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