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Announcements

ALRC Specialty Chairman Thoughts

The 24th annual GALRC back-to-back specialty is in the books. Even though we had a bit of a rough start between my unexpected eye surgery in early June and some shuffling of committee heads I believe that the specialty overall went smoothly and was extremely well received by the exhibitors and judges. I was pleased with Gordon Show Secretary Services. Susan Gordon was very professional and timely with her work for our show and was extremely easy to work with.

All of the committee chairs and members put their best foot forward and worked extremely hard; honestly I can't praise them enough, it truly takes a village to put on this show and everyone rose to the occasion. Julia Kuni, Hospitality Chair, (also took judges to dinner on Friday night), along with new member Terri Hooks and non-member Jody Laseter worked tirelessly from the wee hours in the morning both days and until the late hours of Saturday evening. I know these ladies felt they were chained to the kitchen, although they not once expressed that sentiment. Without Jody Laseter's physical assistance and culinary skills I'm not sure what we would have done. Jody also donated a large amount of paper & plastic goods to the club for our hospitality use, which was a financial blessing. I think for future shows we need to seek perhaps, some paid help to work hospitality to give our members a break; I do understand we will have to be careful with acquiring help, since we have not always had good results with that in the past. I do have a few contacts that my sister could help with, (who lives in Cumming), through her church and school.



Announcements

Non-member, Donna Smith, (was a GALRC member years ago before moving away and then back) was instrumental in helping with judges transportation from and to the airport, picked up the cake for Saturday and assisted in other areas.

Debbie Winn worked tirelessly in her duties as Trophy/ Prize chair, Decorations Chair and judges hospitality. She wore many hats and was instrumental in the success of the show. From helping with lunch tickets, working the club table, setting up poop buckets and bags at the hotel, running coffee and my overall helper.....Debbie was my right hand woman. Her husband, Ken, drove up from Columbus, Ga and assisted with parking, grounds and clean up.

Ashley Chastain Swartzentruber, Raffle/Silent Auction Chair, did a fabulous job. This was Ashley's first time ever running, organizing and orchestrating this type of event for a club or organization. Ashley and I are grateful for Flo Jones and Lynette Loeffler's help and expertise with setup on Friday, preparing bid sheets, and helping on Saturday morning. Carol Quaif did an excellent job with the stud auction and made sure all dogs auctioned had the appropriate information; we appreciate Carol's assistance with set up and other times when she could lend a hand. Carol's assistance with the judges and as my show Rosette organizer was instrumental and appreciated.

Anne Key was a huge help with setup on Friday and was extremely helpful on Sunday with the finalizing of bids, raffle pulls and with breakdown in the raffle/auction area and wherever else she could lend a hand. We appreciate Dale Staples's assistance on Sunday. Joyce Woods, and her daughter helped sell tickets and manned the table along with Marion Daniel (who also helped with setup on Friday) and Melanie Wilson Daniel's daughter, Beckett.

Ashley had the idea of acquiring the potty trailer and secured outside funding for the bulk of the financial cost. The potty trailer seemed to be the “belle of the ball” and was very appreciated by exhibitors and club members alike.

Tom O’Hern, Grounds Chair, and Assistant, did a great job of preparing the grounds, making sure things were delivered and setup in a timely manner; he picked up a large portion of club items from the rented storage building for setup and brought it to the grounds. Tom also secured and negotiated the contract with the Springhill Suites as our host hotel. The hotel was nice and was very accommodating to the exhibitors. As of Monday afternoon, 11/18, checking with the front desk the hotel management/staff said there were no issues and all exhibitors were courteous and kept the hotel and grounds clean. We had enough rooms booked for one comped room which was awarded to Karen Arlin for coming from the St. Louis area and working as our onsite show secretary, which is a thankless job. Unfortunately, not as many rooms were booked as we hoped; cancellations, exhibitors staying in Air B&B’s and other hotels contributed to that factor.

Neil and Jodi Martin were a huge help. After purchasing the club trailer, they went to the storage building loaded all of the tables and the remaining club items which was then brought to the grounds and offloaded. They both did a repeat on Sunday, by helping with breakdown and reloading of club property. Of course, breakdown on Sunday was definitely all hands on deck with most members present helping and contributing to the cleanup. I am so grateful to each and everyone’s help. Many hands make little work! Thank you Jodi, for acquiring the cash that was needed and keeping us on track, your assistance was very appreciated in all areas over the weekend.

Karen Arlin, our onsite show secretary rose to the occasion and did a fabulous job. Karen wore many hats too: from show secretary, to taking match entries, selling the couple of lunch tickets we had left, selling catalogs and to helping run the match with Debbie Winn. Karen was one busy lady who always had a smile on her face.

Jim Griffin and Lisa Bailey both helped with setup on Friday, once again many hands make little work. I know Linda Rehkopf lended a hand over the weekend as well. Michelle Blank came up on Sunday and helped with judges transportation to the airport, which I appreciated immensely. Ken Walker (Amy Walker Wall's father), assisted in RV and exhibitor parking, which was very much appreciated. We also had numerous club members that brought water and soft drinks to help out with club hospitality. I hope I did not leave anyone out that contributed and helped, if I did, please accept my apologies and know that I can't express my gratitude enough.

Although I have chaired quite a few specialties over the years, this was my first time chairing the GALRC specialty. Thank you to all who had faith in me that I could. Each specialty is different and has its own challenges. I learned from this specialty what worked and what didn't. I think lunch scheduling on Sunday was much better than on Saturday. With such a large entry there really is no way to stop both rings for everyone to have lunch at the same time, which is what we tried on Saturday, but did not repeat on Sunday. We exceeded our number of lunches sold but still had food left over both days, so after examination I think those numbers can be tweaked for the amount of food needed. The same goes for catalogs. Although I was able to procure an extremely reasonable printer which kept our cost way down, and I believe we covered our cost through catalog sales, not as many catalogs were needed even though the entry numbers were up. I think there are other areas we can tweak, but consideration and viability will need to be given to those thoughts.

I am thankful to the show chairs and members before me for laying a good solid foundation. Once again thank you to all of the members, non-members and exhibitors for your help and participation, without you, we would not have such a fabulous specialty weekend every year!

Cheryl Little
GALRC Show Chair

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Club Minutes

Nothing sent in to be recorded in the newsletter.

Member Brags

Please, when you see our members that have earned titles, take a minute to congratulate them. We all know how time consuming and costly it is to exhibit our dogs in these venues. Thank You!!

CONGRATULATIONS LINDA REHKOPF!!

Teaser, aka Macland's There's A Word For This CD BN RN DJ CGC (GCH CH Bellathatch Dancing In The Rain x Forge Page After Page-In Macland Manor RN DN CGC), took third place in a large novice class at the Orlando Dog Training Club. At the same trial, Teaser was first with a perfect score in Rally novice, followed by a fourth-place 99.

She is bred, trained and handled by owner Linda Rehkopf.



Club Meetings

MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

*Regular meetings are held on the fourth **Thursday** of each month at 7:00 pm.

LOCATION

Cherokee Cattle Co.
2710 Canton Road
Marietta GA 30066
770-427-0490



As always, all club members are invited. The date might change due to conflict with near by shows or Holidays.

We hope to see you there!



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Your Kennel Name, Contact person, Website URL, email address and a brief description of your practices. You may include any updated information about current litters.

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