



The Scarlet Letter

*The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club, Inc
December 2006*



before



after??

The holidays are upon us...the hustle and bustle....shopping ...wrapping... decorating cooking.....midnight church services... SNOW (maybe)family....friends....Christmas Carols.....fa la la la la la la la la la!!!! Celebrate and be thankful for the things in life we have been blessed with.

Dog News

Howard County, West Friendship MD - Congratulations to Coleen for going RWB with her own Irish, "Glory", **Ballymera's Walkin' on Water**, at the Saturday Show at the Chesapeake Kennel Club of MD. On Sunday, Coleen and Glory went on to BOW at the Upper Marlboro KC Show. Congratulations to Coleen and "Miss Glory", on a great weekend!.

On the agility side.....

Congratulations to "Megel", **CH Okhom's Rock n Roll Angel, RN, NAP, CGC** who has completed his novice agility Preferred Title, with two perfect scores of 100 and one score of 95. He placed with one first and two seconds. He also earned his first JWW leg with a perfect score of 100 and a second place.

Also, to "Buttercup", **Okhom's Shimmering Angel, CD, AXP, AXJP, CGC** for completing her Excellent JWW A preferred title with a score of 100 and a first place.

"Megel" and "Buttercup" are owned by Linda Scopa and are 7 ½ years old.



Ways n Means - Events

The Blessing of the Animals has brought \$128 in sales, so far, of the St Francis medals. There are still requests for these medals, so a check will be sent after all medals are sold, for the total amount, to the Rainbow Animal Refuge. There are 3 medals left at this time. See Deb if you are interested.

The Dinner at Paparazzi's was not only a success, but a very educational and informative evening. The speakers were a wealth of information on subjects and services that fascinated everyone. A total of 73 tickets were sold. We had 9 speakers. The raffle baskets were a hit, with the "Fall" basket going to a guest and the other two were won by members. Joan won the "Winter and Warm and Fuzzy" basket, and while Hank said that he prefers that Mary start winning some CASH, Mary won the Christmas basket, her 5th basket win of this year!! Congratulations to the winners of all three baskets! Basket values were around \$100 each. Thanks to Dee and Judy for handling the details at the restaurant. Thanks to Deb, Mary and Jean for putting the baskets together, much of which were "donated items" by each of them. Thank you to Joan for donating the bottles of spumonte for each basket. AND thanks to the members for selling tickets, with Coleen and Mary selling around 20 tickets each. I lost track! This event was 100% member participation! Another "idea" that snowballed into another job well done! Several of the speakers have told Mary or Coleen that they would be interested in attending other club functions, whether as a speaker or a guest.

Photos With Santa is this Saturday, December 2nd. The time is 12:00 noon till 5:00 p.m at Brenkle's Greenhouse on Route 68 in Butler. This is north out of Butler towards Karns City. Cost per photo is \$5.00, with proceeds to our club Rescue Fund. Mary found photo Christmas cards for each picture. This will now coincide with the greenhouse Holiday Open House. As with everything else we do, we will make a fun day of this! Contact Joan if you can help. 724-445-3179 or joanfiser@zoominternet.net .

NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGE; our annual Christmas Meeting / Dinner will be held at Atria's, located at 12980 Perry Highway, Wexford, on December 8th at 6:30. We will have a separate room and have chosen from a group party limited menu. It includes appetizers, salad, choice from 3 entrees, dessert, and beverages. There will be a cash bar available. Cost per member will be \$25 per person, payable in advance, if possible. The club will pay with one check. Send advance payment to Deb Lawrence 1210 Lane Ave., Natrona Heights PA 15065, by Dec 1st. (made out to gtisc) RSVP to Judy Roberts by December 3rd @ 412-833-1836. This location is centrally located to be convenient for all members to be able to attend. If you would like to participate in a gift exchange/ game, please purchase and bring a wrapped dog -related gift (can be dog or human item) with a \$15 limit. Once again, a

brief club meeting and then a fun time and great food to follow! Thank you to Judy for arranging the reservations for our party.

Raffle tickets will be ready for distribution by the Cleveland shows. They are \$5.00 each for the month of June 2007. Each member is asked to help sell tickets. With 6 months to get them sold, we should be able to sell all 1000 tickets so we can earn the full profit amount. Dee & Judy will chair this fund raiser. Thank you, Dee and Judy. Joan is taking care of getting these printed for us. Thanks to Joan, also. Joan is offering a \$50 gift card to the Olive Garden to the person that sells the most tickets! Thank you to Joan for the very generous incentive!

Temperament Testing - April 28, 2007 at Ruth's. Members are needed to work. Contact Joan. Information and the application form are available on our website. Final details later...PLEASE mark your calendar. Cost is \$35 per dog, with \$10 going to our club rescue fund.



Specialties 2007

George and Coleen report that we now have all approvals up to this point. We should now be listed in the ISCA Member MEMO. We are waiting for approvals to be finalized for the Butler and Trumbell Kennel Clubs.

Joan is having the raffle tickets printed to be ready for distribution by the Cleveland shows. Once again, all members are asked to participate with selling tickets. The drawing for this is at the May 26th Specialty. Cost is \$5 per ticket. First prize: Booster Bath with pedestal legs and ramp. (valued at approximately \$400). Second Prize: Vintage collector's Danny Quest piece with 2 setters donated by Coleen. Third prize: a huge doggie basket. We would once again like to have this at a value of at least \$100.00. We will be hauling around the tickets for the raffle and the lottery to the dog shows! Many tickets were pre-sold last year for our raffle in many different states. These will also be on our website.

For the Sunday, May 27th specialty, we will again have our "Silent Auction" for rescue and our "Chinese Auction" for general fund expenses. Once again, if you can contribute an item or two, it will be appreciated.

All of these raffles were successful last year and should only get better. Our reputation for success has been set. Members are asked to watch for items on sale to be used in either the basket, silent or Chinese auctions. Thanks to Davis, we already have several items to be

used for the Sunday auction / raffle, which includes a \$90 piece of Irish setter jewelry.
Keep up the good work, Davis!



Website

It is coming up on one year since we have hired Tammy to be our webmaster. It has proven to be a wonderful investment. Mary, who is the web contact person through the email address, has had many emails concerning purchasing our raffle tickets, dinner tickets, puppy purchases and rescue placements. As we all know, the results were beyond expectations for the first year. We were able to make connections for families to purchase new puppies from wonderful breeders. We also made placements for "forever homes" for rescue dogs. Not only are the dogs in loving homes, we have had the pleasure of new membership through several of these inquiries - Sally and Davis O'Neill and Dana Davis. What great new friends we have had the pleasure of gaining.

Mary reported that the website will need updating, with several great ideas for additional links...for example, one to follow up on our activities to include photos of the events. (RDO DAY at the Mills Mall) Also, please get updated photos to Mary to have added to your link. If you have not written your little bio as of yet, please do so. If you look at the bottom of the home page, we have had nearly 12000 hits on our site. The public is "watching". That is wonderful news!

"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog.
You are his life, his love, his Leader. He will be yours,
faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart." ~
author unknown



Breeze's Column of the Month

Breeze has decided to be extra good this year, so that Santa will come. She has made a list of promises she intends to keep:

1. Not all the presents under the tree are mine. I promise I will not open them all again this year.
2. I will not eat the Christmas tree light bulbs, Christmas ornaments, Christmas stockings or tinsel. They are not food.
3. I promise not to take the Christmas rawhides from my brothers and hide them in mom's closet.
4. I will not try to drag the Christmas tree lights outside thru the doggie door again this year.
5. I will not dive into the Christmas tree to eat the candy canes that are hanging there. They are not for me, and last year the wrappers made me throw up.
6. I will not eat anything that will make my mom have to call the vet on Christmas.
7. I will not get tangled in the Christmas tree lights and then pull the tree down as I run to the window to bark at the squirrels.
8. The bowl under the Christmas tree is not a dog dish. I will not drink the water. I will get sick and my mother will have to call the vet... on Christmas...

And what does Breeze want this Christmas?

A pat on the head
A rub on the belly
A treat in my hand
And a place in my heart

Until next time

If a big man with a white beard and a very loud laugh comes out of your fireplace, don't bite him.



New Membership

There has been quite the interest stirred with the spouses of our members! These spouses have attended the last several club events, (some with bamboo shoots under their nails), but have since decided that we are having too good of a time for them to continue to pass up!! So, now, that memberships are due, let's see how high our membership will grow!!! Guys, we've been telling you..."it's a great place to be" ..so now, come and join us!!!

PR - Judy Roberts

Condolences from everyone at the Golden Triangle Club, to Jean and Bill Hutchinson, on the loss of their grandchild, born to their son and daughter-in-law, who reside in Florida.

"Icicle" (the cat) Hummert 6/89 - 11/05/06, who left peacefully.....

May the shamrocks fall softly.....

A get well card has been to Jean. She is recovering from foot surgery. Many get well wishes from all of us to Jean!

"Peter" reports that his chiropractic care is coming along nicely. He likes Dr. Mike- from a distance! "Chase" is also buddies with Dr. Mike, and has started his treatments.

Get well wishes to "Gus", Lisa's Berner, who is recovering from ACL surgery.

Get well wishes for Mary's boy "Gunner". Finding an injured tail and then an immediate trip to the vets, Gunner was taken to surgery late in the evening to have about half of his tail removed. It seems he had broken and injured the end of it, which included a severed spinal cord. It was also infected and quite painful. Mary has reported that Gunner is doing well. It's good that Gunner is on "hunting hiatus" with deer in season. By the time that small game is back, he'll be ready to go!

December Birthdays...



Skip Lawrence - 2nd

Happy Birthday.....

AKC Liaison - Dee Hasley

“AKC ENDORSES THE “ANIMAL ENTERPRISE TERRORISM ACT”; ACTION EXPECTED IN CONGRESSIONAL “LAME DUCK” SESSION

The AKC has endorsed S. 3880, the “Animal Enterprise Protection Act” (AETA). The bill was introduced by Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK) and principal co-sponsor Sen. Diane Feinstein (D-CA) in early September, and passed the Senate by unanimous consent on September 30, 2006

just before the election recess. It is expected to be taken up by the House of Representatives early in the post election "lame duck" session. The AKC is asking all fanciers to contact their U.S. Representative to urge them to support the AETA.

To read more about this bill please visit AKC's website: [The American Kennel Club](#)

Thank you for your continued support of Canine Legislation"

Take a moment to enjoy....composed by Mary ...

TWAS THE MONTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS.....

Twass the month before Christmas, the Irish were busy
Keeping up with their antics had all in a tizzy.

Club members were calling, there's work to be done
The fund-raising funding has only begun
There's shows to put on, in the summer that's coming
Rescue dogs needing grooming to be made quite becoming

For now all the members were resting and sleeping
Content that the friends that they've made are worth keeping
While owners were nestled, all snug in their bed
Trouble was brewing in each little red head

The big puffy bow they had put on the wreath
Had been mangled and shredded by some canine's sharp teeth
The eggnog tipped over, the cookies all gone
Was it "Peter" and "Ian" unattended too long?
The suspects were questioned by Ruth and by Mary
They pointed their fingers-- said it could have been "Harry"

The moon was a full one, it wasn't yet dawn
When "Gunner" appeared out on the front lawn
Away to the window "Chase" flew like a flash
"Breezie" wants to be good, but good intentions won't last
They called out to "Maddie", and "Zoe" and "Squirt"
Let's play in our yard; we can dig up some dirt

Now Sadie and Callie, new champions they
Resisted temptation -at least for this day
But not this next three, they won't even try
Out for a good time came Rhett, and Bailey and Skye
Behind them came Baily and Katie and Glory
They all started digging--that's another whole story

The Berners and Cockers don't act up this way
But Irish are different, they just love to play
Their owners they worry, they're sometimes so bad
What if Santa does come and there's no gifts to be had?

For good dogs like "Quest" and like "Chauncey" and "Creed"
Just for these sweet redheads, their cases we'll plead
We must blame ourselves, we spoil them rotten
Their naughty behavior just must be forgotten.
So bring them some stuffies and goodies and toys
They really are good little red girls and red boys

As Christmas time came and snow fell from sky
The dog star was spotted and we wished it "goodbye"

As we end up this year our plan is quite clear
Good dogs and good friends are things to hold dear

Club News and Reminders

A huge thank you goes out to Judy and Dee for their hospitality at the November meeting. They had decided to have a Thanksgiving themed dinner for everyone who could attend. The food was wonderful and their kindness appreciated! Thank you very much from everyone! Good food, great friends, FABULOUS meeting!

Nomination Committee, Jean and Judy report that all elected officials are nominated to stay where they are. Each officer accepted the nomination. The slate must be read at December's meeting, and again at the January meeting, when elections take place. If you are interested in running, contact Judy or Jean.

Trophy fund - The idea of having a trophy fund has been discussed over the passed several months. It has been decided, and voted on unanimously, to start a Trophy Fund beginning with our Raffle Tickets. It was agreed to set aside 10% of the final profit from the raffle tickets towards trophies. Deb will keep track, on paper, the trophy fund balance. We are now financially stable, which gives us the ability to do this. We hope to soon be able to provide all raffle items, etc. in the future, without *depending* on donations from our members. Of course, no donation will be turned away! Kindness and generosity are always appreciated.

A year end summary.....

We are winding down our first year of great change within our club. The positive began with a complete change of officers that brought new and fresh ideas to the club. We've added 6 new members. We have a great new website. We've had much success in raising funds for PAWS with A Cause, The Rainbow Animal Refuge, and our own Irish Setter Rescue Fund. We've had two fun and successful specialties. We made our "presence" known at the ISCA National show. We generated operational funds for the club through hard work and determination as a group. We have our "foundation" in Ruth White, along with her "history" in the club and her knowledge and experience with the breed. We have the experience of George Towle, along with all of Coleen's knowledge of the dog shows and AKC rules. These three people have been our mentors, our teachers. We are grateful! Coleen, you have been a wonderful "leader", teacher, and friend, to all. This year has been a perfect result of members working well together as a club, and we ARE getting pretty darn good at organizing events and functions from all over Western PA. Communication can not get any better between everyone. We should be very proud of what we have accomplished in 2006. We end 2006 and begin 2007 with pride. While we have had some happy events in our personal

lives, we've also had some very sad. I'm sure we all agree that we end this year being grateful, thankful and very blessed with the "family" we have become. We move forward.....

A note from Deb: this has been a fun year putting together this newsletter with help from many of you. Information, ideas and suggestions are always welcome. I think for the first newsletter of 2007, I would like everyone to "write" a few words and thoughts to "sum up" their experiences, good and / or not so good, for 2006. I try to keep this interesting and fun, along with informative and educational. I try to add photos of our dogs and activities to each newsletter. The stories and Blurbs, and **Breeze's Column of the Month**, I think are entertaining and fun. So, ANYTHING you may want to add...please email to me. Most importantly, **IF** you have any kind of Dog News, please get it to me. If I am not at the shows, I may not know you have any news. Also, for our Irish members with other breeds, sometimes we have ring time conflicts and can't watch each other, therefore missing the good news. I feel it's important to include everything we can in our newsletter about the dogs or activities. Besides being fun, this keeps everyone "in the loop" even when you can't always make it to every meeting and event. Communication is one of the keys to our success. To another great year..... your editor, Deb Lawrence



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Vice-President - Ruth White

Treasurer - Deb Lawrence

Recording Secretary - Mary Hummert

Corresponding Secretary - George Towle

Board Member - Ways n Means - Joan Fiser

Rescue - Sally Stewart (local) Joan Fiser (national)

Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to all!!!

