



The Scarlet Letter

The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club,
Inc
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Celebrations all around!!! Happy Fourth of July to everyone!!! We are nearly half way through the summer months already.

Specialty News;



ISCA National Specialty

Mary, Deb and Skip report what great fun the week at the ISCA National was. Bellaire, Michigan is a beautiful resort area, tucked in between forest and lakes. The employees of the Shanty Creek Resort were so accommodating and wonderful. This was their first dog show and had no idea what to expect. What they found was that dog show people sit around the rings all day and food is not a priority. The little food station that the Shanty Creek had set up near the rings had a line throughout the day. The restaurant, staffed with many people, found that they were not needed. We were set up right on the golf course fairway....that was grass mowed as if it was carpeting and the dogs loved it! The week started out very cold (41 in the mornings), and our need to layer clothes. By Wednesday afternoon, we had to change at noon into shorts and by Friday the temperature was 92 and on Saturday, 96.

The rescue parade had those that stayed ringside to watch, just sobbing. The owners of the rescue dogs traveled from as far as Rhode Island and southern Indiana for 10 minutes to be in the spotlight. From the 3 surviving puppies of the parvo virus, to the boy dumped on the highway with hip problems and recovering from a total hip replacement, they were just as proud to gait around that ring as any other Irish entered all week.

We signed up to attend everything. The dessert buffet was formal and held by the ISCA health foundation. It followed the Veterans Sweepstakes and Parade of Titleholders on Wednesday evening. Thursday was Region 2 hospitality which included a Hula Hoop contest. Randy Kubacz was the spotlight, and the only one who could actually do it. Friday night's dinner, hosted by the ISCM, was excellent. Two comedians were the entertainment and had the audience rolling on the floors. Saturday night's Award dinner was also excellent. The judges had an opportunity to speak of our breed and did a very nice and professional account of their experience. A slide show was put together of member's dogs that ran simultaneously with a video of past national shows and their winners. Of course, Mary and I sent in our dog photos that were part of the slide show.

Breeze and Mary made the first cut in both sweeps (class of 23) and the regular classes (of 49). Congratulations to both. Making a cut at the National is a big deal. Callie and Mary, well...let's just say, Mary needs the award. Callie was Callie and was her usual "stinker self" when she realized that it was not Coleen taking her in to the ring. That's her "Stoneypoint" personality and I wouldn't have it any other way! Callie met with her Stoneypoint (human) Grandma, Peter with his Courtwood (human) Grandma and Breeze with her Dad, "CH Kellyglen's Sweet Baby James". As always, it was a wonderful reunion week, to see all of the beautiful examples of Our Irish Setters, and the people we communicate with by internet all year long. We met the people that we did not know and have been emailing with all year, meeting old friends and new ones.

The basket raffle was too fun. Deb won a basket that is a seat/tack bag combo filled with various supplies. Now Mary, she won THREE baskets! Then she asked for help to carry them. Can you imagine? Our Pittsburgh Basket went to "Chris" and we were so excited that we forgot to get her information!

Congratulations to all winners and placements! Congratulations to CH Jewelset's Up Up and Away (Windy) for her BOB win, CH Saxony's Snow in August (Fonzie) for BOS and to Militza'a Starry Starry Night for BOW. A big applause for the Irish Setter Club of Michigan for hosting an outstanding event. It truly was a wonderful and fun week. Next year, Ocala Florida, hosted by the ISC of Jacksonville. Room reservations are to be made on or after August 1st. We can't wait!



GTISC Specialty

Our second and final specialty for 2006 is approaching very fast. Everything seems to be organized but help will still be needed during the show. If you have not let Coleen or George know if you are attending, please do so as soon as possible. Donations of some food items would be appreciated. Mary is chairing the hospitality. She has purchased a ham. Dee & Judy are providing the turkey breast. Deb will take care of the coffee and supplies for breakfast, along with making some flavored breads to grab and run. Joan and Sally Stewart are bringing several dozen bagels and fruit is also being provided (apples, oranges, and bananas) for breakfast. Condiments and breads for the sandwiches are coming with Coleen, along with almond pound cake and watermelons for dessert. Pop and bottled water will be available. Some side salads and dishes would be appreciated, if anyone can provide.

Coleen and Skip are working as the ring steward and assistant. Sally and Ruth will be working the silent auction and raffle. They could use another person to help. Only Mary and George will have dogs entered. Deb will be helping wherever, with getting the food out to be served and who knows what else. She could use help with getting the food set up.

We need items donated for both the raffle and the silent auction. Proceeds from the auction will benefit rescue. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit our general account to run the club. We have 3 doggy baskets for the raffle, which will be held as a Chinese auction. We have some Irish items donated by Coleen, some items we have from last year, a silver bracelet of Ruth's that she donated, a doggy door, a doggy basket and ISCA Pictorial which will be a portion to rescue and a portion to the club fund. Mary is making bitch pants to sell. Please try to donate to these fund raisers.



Dog News;

While we are on the subject of celebrations....we have an assortment.

Congratulations to Coleen and Ballymera's Walkin' On Water, "Glory" for her WB/BOW at the Erie County show on Sunday June 18th for another point. Glory is now looking to get her majors. Way to go...

Also, to Holly Semich. At the shows on Sat & Sun in Greene County, Holly and Kenobi's Never Miss A Beat, "Rhett" went WD, BOW & BOS both days for two more points. Also, last month at the Saturday St. Clairsville show, Rhett went WD for the point. Rhett, too is now looking to get his majors. It's nice to have some youngsters in our club. Congratulations to Rhett and Holly.



On Sunday, Mary and Limerick's Against the Wind, "Breeze", went reserve at South Hills KC. Congratulations to Breeze and Mary.

New members, Sally O'Neill and her son, Davis have added Bailey to their family. Bailey is "Courtwood's Always Bailey" from Sue Hahnen. Bailey became part of their family, which includes two Weims, over the Memorial Day weekend.

From Linda.....Kaylee, "Okhom's Lovin' Spoonful, RE, OA, OAJ, CGC" has moved to the Preferred Class in agility and got her first 2 Novice Standard Preferred Legs. Megel, "CH Ohkom's Rock n Roll Angel, RA, CGC" earned his Rally Advanced Title and his first Novice Standard Preferred Leg in Standard Agility. Not bad for a 7 year old! Way to go!! And congratulations!

From Joan....."An update on Dewey and her crew. Joan wanted to say thank you to Club Members Deb and Skip Lawrence and Mary Hummert for picking up the ribbons and Medal from the National Irish Setter Club. Joan was unable to attend because of work and the health of her rescues. Dewey is still doing his Obedience as a demonstrator at Joan's Training

Center and at the Butler Humane Society. Lisa Edwards is also working with him when Joan is not, toward his Rally Advanced title. Duffy, Paddy and Chauncey are all slowing down but are doing fine with the heat. Skye and Harry are looking like the leather sofa that they lay on more and more each day.”

Last week, the Public Libraries were sponsoring a Reading Program involving pets. Mary and CH Okhom’s Angel in Disguise CD, RN, CGC, TDIA, “Chase” were invited to the People’s Library in Lower Burrell. The program included toddlers, and a 6 year old boy, sat on the floor with Chase and read to him, *Dr. Seuss’ Green Eggs and Ham*. It was clearly a heartwarming experience. Chase is our resident therapy dog and was contacted through the therapy dog association to participate.



New Members;

Welcome to Sally O’Neill and her son, Davis Denny. They were unanimously voted into GTISC and we’re thrilled. Sally and Davis have two Weims and a new Irish puppy, Bailey. Welcome to Sally and Davis!! Sally and Davis were sponsored by Deb & Mary.

Public Relations;

On a very sad note; It came to attention of Coleen a few weeks ago by a ring steward, that that Aida Watson, mother of Nancy Watson passed away. We do not know the date of this sad news, but our sympathies have been sent to Nancy once we received this information. Nancy and Aida Watson, up until this year, had been GTISC members for many years. *May the shamrocks fall softly.....*



Rescue;

Another Happy Ending without us knowing; Mary reports that a classmate from Breeze's training class called about an "ad for an Irish setter, free to a good home, what should she do?" Mary told her to pick it up and we would get it. Well, the family fell in love with this young dog and decided to keep it. How fortunate for this dog to have found his forever home in this manner.

Submitted from Mary....our humor for the month !

The "new" Irish Setter Standard!!!

Appearance

The Irish Setter is an active, aristocratic bird dog, rich red in color, substantial yet elegant in build. It has the most incredible sense of humor and should be quite inventive, if not devious, in the antics it can come up with to keep life interesting for an unwitting human.

Balance

At their best, the lines of the Irish Setter so satisfy in overall balance that artists have termed it the most beautiful of all dogs. The correct specimen always exhibits balance, whether standing, sitting, spinning, dashing through mud puddles after a new bath or circling round and round and round to find the true and correct spot on the sofa.

Each part of the dog flows and fits smoothly into its neighboring parts without calling attention to itself. with possible exception to the tail, which has the uncanny ability to knock over a fresh coffee cup on any coffee table, computer desk, and especially from the cup holder in your new leather-seated vehicle.

Size, Proportion, Substance

There is no disqualification as to size. The inherent ability to counter surf and to remove the bag of bread flour shoved way to the back of the counter or to reach the brand new roll of paper towels must not be compromised by a lack of size.

Proportion -- the Irish Setter is slightly longer than it is tall. This allows even an average sized setter to be able to stretch up and reach objects like a new bag of rawhide chewies from the top of the refrigerator.

Substance- The Irish has a well-developed skeletal system that is made of fairly rubbery bones. It can ricochet off a kitchen cabinet or stove with style and grace as it chases a tennis ball. This substance is easy confirmed as you become the ricochet wall and go flying to land face-first in said muddy yard when moments ago you were very vertical, waiting for all the potty stops to get done so you can go off to work. The size of the mud puddle is directly proportionate to the price tag on your new suit.

Head

Beauty of head is emphasized by delicate chiseling along the muzzle, which is often clearly defined by the delicate little drool bubbles and the amazingly long strand of drool that swings and sways with the dog's every movement.

Expression soft, yet alert. In the blink of an eye can express begging, pleading and when accompanied with a soft sigh and a chin droop to the human's knee has the ability to get whatever it wants! Can also switch from soft & alert to down-right gleaming with devilment as the setter suddenly remembers that there is a BLT sandwich on the kitchen counter while it's foolish human turned to get a beverage from the refrigerator.

Muzzle moderately deep, jaws of nearly equal length, the underline of the jaws being almost parallel with the top line of the muzzle. The lower

lips must not have the ability to hold water, each setter must make repetitive trips to the water bucket, drooling and slobbering a minimum of half the bucket over any freshly waxed floor. This standard changes only if there is a new or valuable carpet area ANYWHERE in the house, and then the setter is able to carry approximately 4 cups of water to said area before the flukely flews do their deed.

Feet rather small, very firm, toes arched and close. And must have the power of a jackhammer when your exuberant little darling decides that you have made the mistake of finding the true and correct spot on the couch. The nimble setter leaps over the arm of the couch landing firmly and squarely on your unprotected stomach with rather small, very firm feet. As you roll up into a ball on the floor, trying to regain your breath, your lovely redhead is going around & around to re-establish that true and correct spot, and once settled down, will reach down and give you a nice wet doggy kiss.

Coat

Short and fine on head and forelegs. On all other parts of moderate length and flat. Feathering long and silky on ears; on back of forelegs and thighs long and fine, with a pleasing fringe of hair on belly and brisket extending onto the chest. Fringe on tail moderately long and tapering. The hair coat itself can grow to dramatic lengths, but even the shortest piece of hair has the ability to grow legs and travel rapidly across a kitchen floor to evade the broom. Setter hair also has the ability to grow microscopic wings, enabling it to fly from room to room, as well as from the very back of your car to the driver's area. It has a strong affinity for ocular moisture, and will invariably slam you right under your upper eyelid as you attempt to merge onto the freeway at rush hour.

Gait

At the trot the gait is big, very lively, graceful and efficient. Especially when your freshly bathed, but not yet dry setter escapes his English leash & hits the back doggie door to gambol around the mudholes left from the thunderstorms. There are some properties in mud water that interfere with a setter's hearing as you scream at him to come back, as well as to his balance, as he repeatedly trips and falls in the deepest, muddiest areas of the yard. And the flips you off with that famous setter grin, and ROLLS in the muck!

Temperament

The Irish Setter has a rollicking personality. It has the quickest mind to devise mischievous antics designed to drive it's humans into fits of hiccupping laughter and well as mutterings of how this particular dog is going cause a human drinking problem. An outgoing, stable temperament is the essence of the Irish Setter. HAH!!!! STABLE??? An Irish scoffs at the idea, and then lives each day to convince you that they are anything but! Stable? You want stable? Go get some wood and build one! You can use it to store all your valuable antiques, art work, porcelains and those good oriental carpets

Club News and Reminders;

Once again, any help and / or contributions for the July 14th specialty are needed. Please consider and contact either George or Coleen.

A fundraiser is being considered for in the fall. Information from Dee and Judy, about a restaurant on the South Side, that works with non-profit organizations to sponsor an event of dinner and presentations. We are considering the fall so there is enough to promote and sell tickets and line up vendors to speak or display their service(s). In order to get a better understanding, our meeting next month will be held at that restaurant, at 7:00 p.m., on July 20th. Please RSVP to either Dee or Coleen BY Monday, July 17th. They would like a head-count in order to provide us with a complete presentation of what they have to offer. This will give us an opportunity to try the menu and talk with the manager to see if this is something we should proceed with. Please try to attend as we would like to have everyone's input on this project. We hope to have all members participating. This should be a fun event! [Paparrazi's 2100 East Carson St. Pittsburgh 15203 ph#412-488-0800 \(on the south side\)](#) We will be on the 2nd floor. Do not call the restaurant to RSVP, please call Coleen or Dee.

Plans to organize next year's specialties are now under way. While we are waiting to get dates and places confirmed, please keep an eye out for sales and specials for items that can be trophies. If you have trophy ideas, bring your ideas to the meetings or email Coleen. Also, watch for sales for dog items to have for our raffle. We will again sell raffle tickets to include a huge doggie basket. Mary will be sending out letters to different companies to see if we can get a huge raffle item at a reduced or donated cost to the club. Coleen has a Danny Quest statue that she will donate as the second prize in the raffle. We have an entire year to get everything together and organized without feeling overwhelmed.

It will soon be time for Responsible Pet Ownership Day in conjunction with AKC. We will be organizing that soon. RPO is in September.

George is helping Deb finalize the Bylaws. Hopefully, only the second submission will be needed for approval. We hope to get that mailed back to AKC within the next week or so.

The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club, Inc.

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