



The Scarlet Letter

March 2006
The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club, Inc

The month of March has quickly approached...and with St. Patrick's Day this month, how appropriate for the "Irish" in our lives! Here is a picture of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Pittsburgh, from March 2003. Are we all ready to go again this year? The parade is Saturday, March 11 @ 10:00 a.m. Report at 9:00 a.m. at the Mellon Arena. Sally Tress is once again organizing this event. Please call her for information 724-941-5672 or email rtress@comcast.net. Practice is at South Park ice rink on Saturday March 4th @ 11:00 a.m.



Our "Bit 'O History" for this month.....the Best of Breed winner for the GTISC first independent Specialty was CH McCamon Marquis (dog) owned by L Gough & S Karpas of Syosset NY. Not that any of us, except maybe Ruth, knows who that is, but I thought it was interesting! History is history....

The website is finally moving along nicely, thanks to the hard work and persistence of Mary. Construction is still in progress. If you have already sent Mary your photos, they will be online soon. If you haven't sent photos...please do. Include a bio or blurb of some kind, so that all of those thousands of people logging on to our site will know who you and your dog(s) are. www.gtisc.org

Specialty Updates;

May 26 – The premium list is nearly ready to go to Diane to be printed. It is a group effort of Coleen, Deb, George, Ruth and Mary. I think we are "getting it". Please remember to sell your raffle tickets, and the ads for the catalog. An advertisement page will be attached for your customers to fill out. All ads and payment are to be mailed to Dee Hasley. Please contact Judy Roberts for more raffle tickets. The information and a photo of the head study are on the website. We would like to sell all of the tickets we had printed. Everything in is order for the Rescue Parade, also.

May 29 – Trophies have been purchased for this show. Everything will be completed with the exception of the premium list and the entries.

July 15 – Plans are coming along...most of the trophies have been purchased and Mary is in the process of having the embroidery done. We'll finalize details soon. *I made a mistake last month.* Sally Stewart WILL be able to chair the "silent auction" BUT she must have a few people to help. This is too

much for one person. If you are not entering a dog that day, please consider attending to watch and help. It is a fun day for all. Remember, it takes many people to be successful.

MSDA – March 4 & 5 in Maryland. Due to a mistake in printing by MSDA, we are now supporting the entries for both days. MSDA has covered a portion, and Coleen will be offering the other portion of the trophies. Thanks to them for their generosity. Best wishes to Breeze, Callie, Glory, & Lacey, who will be attending.

On the National Specialty Level;

Our black & gold Pittsburgh themed basket is progressing. Mary has emailed everyone with the list of purchases, and what we would like to add. Please bring your basket items to the next meeting. Thanks to everyone that has made purchases and donations so far.

The Irish Setter Club of America Health Foundation is selling raffle tickets to support their extremely important efforts. See the February MEMO or the ISCA website for information if you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets. Or just ask Deb, Mary or Coleen to get you the info from their MEMO. These are ALWAYS beautiful prizes with the proceeds benefiting a great cause.

New Membership Applications

Welcome to another “returning” club member, Linda (Jacobelli) Scopa. Although Linda is extremely busy with her dog training business, she has decided to join us and help whenever and wherever she can. Linda was sponsored by Mary Hummert & Deb Lawrence. Welcome back, Linda!!!

As we continue to grow.....

Sunshine Committee

Judy Roberts has volunteered to head this committee as long as she can have the title of PR Person. As long as she smiles, she can call herself whatever she wants!! So, if you have any PR to spread..see Judy. And be sure you are smiling!

Dog News

Mary reports from the George Alston Handling Seminar, that she attended this past weekend in Harrisburg, was great fun! Very informative and well worth the time. Anyone interested in showing dogs would find Mr. Alston very personable, knowledgeable and entertaining. There were 38 people attending with 36 breeds of dog!! A Briard, a basenji, a beagle, a Vizla, PBGV, Ibezian Hound, Irish Wolfhound were just a few of the breeds represented. He shared much of what he learned over the many years that he handled dogs. He has over 600 Best in Show wins to his credit, and has trained many of the top handlers through the years. The weekend ended with a tough handling competition. Mary reports, Mr. Alston remarked, as they were all setting up our dogs stacked, “I haven’t heard this much heavy breathing since high school...and “Stress is a killer, isn’t it?”.... When he began his first of 7 much anticipated “cuts”, much to Mary’s amazement, the first thing he said was “May I have the Irish Setter please?”...and, yes, Mary is still alive and well today, she ended up with 2nd place, and a huge red rosette to display.

Mary was overheard this morning telling “Breeze”...’Now, for the rest of your show career, if we don’t win, it’s your fault.”

The lovely young Irish with Mary at the seminar was none other than Coleen’s “Glory”. Coleen is a wonderful mentor, always willing to help, and Mary is very appreciative that she was able to enjoy this wonderful weekend with the always *glorious*, “Glory”.



Deb attended the Red Cross Pet first aid class. Did we learn anything? Maybe, but Deb does not do well in a critical moment. But the good part is, we have a book that includes pictures and illustrations,

when all else fails..there is always the pictures! Did you know when a dog is choking that you pick them up by their back legs and shake? Sounds funny..but true. You also can use the Heimlich maneuver if need be. It was an interesting class.

CLUB News and reminders;

We are pleased to announce that all dues are paid in full for the year. Yeah !!

The AKC Liaison for gtisc is Dee Hasley. Mary has notified AKC and we are looking forward to any news that Dee may bring to our attention.

On a sad note, Ruth's dog, Hunter, has not yet been found. He has been missing since February 2nd. While every effort to get the information out to the public has been done, we are all still hoping and praying for his safe return. With the cold, winter weather, we are all sure that he is with someone in a comfy environment, and when the weather begins to warm, he will be returned.

Our next meeting is Thursday, March 16th at Joan's Wellness and Training Center, Butler. The building is located on the corner of Main Street and New Castle Road. Enter on the New Castle side. Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Joan has arranged for an informational presentation on healthy feeding of your dog, following a brief club meeting. Please email Joan to let her know whether or not you can attend. She is planning on serving food and needs a count. joanfiser@zoominternet.net

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