



The Scarlet Letter

The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club,
Inc
February 2007



Happy Valentine's Day and welcome to the month of "love" and "friendship". The year has started off with a smooth beginning. Elections were held at the January meeting. Congratulations to the officers for the year 2007!

President – Coleen McGee
Treasurer - Deb Lawrence
Corresponding Secretary – George Towle
Board Member (Ways n Means) – Joan Fiser

Vice President - Ruth White
Secretary - Mary Hummert

Committee Chairs –
PR – Judy Roberts
AKC Liaison – Dee Hasley
Rescue – Sally Stewart (local) Joan Fiser (National)

Dog News

Rubber City Kennel Club, Tallmadge OH – Congratulations to Davis for going RWB with his English Setter, "Paslee", **Huntwood's Paslee Print by Davis** on Saturday. Also on Saturday, Davis was 2nd in his 9 -12 mos puppy class with his Irish setter, "Bailey", **Courtwood's Always Bailey**, went on to RWB with her on Sunday! Good job, Davis! What a nice Birthday for Davis!!!

Congratulations to Ruth and "Sooty", **O'Dorsey's Fireside Sweeps** for going BOW on Sunday for 2 points!!

And for our resident handler, Coleen, congratulations on her major to finish a vizsla, and her Breed win on the Spinone bitch, that she also co-owns. No Irish entries for Coleen this weekend.

Ruth has chosen a name for her newest addition, **O'Dorsey's Apricot Delight** AKA "Dusty". This is her orange bitch from her Roy and Carly English Cocker litter.

Website

We are proud to announce our one-year anniversary of our www.gtisc.org . I'm sure we all agree that Tammy has done a wonderful job! We have renewed our contract with TJB Consulting for the 2007 year. Please look at your individual page and update any information or photos. Please get all of that to Mary, to have sent on to Tammy. Also, check all updated links. Mary has been working with Tammy to get the latest information listed. Many people from all over the US see our site and read it. Mary, Deb and Coleen have received much positive feedback in person and online. We have a lot to be proud of..so let's get it out there!!



Specialties 2007

Deb and Mary were on a mission "shopping trip" and have nearly completed the purchase of all trophies. Sally O also went shopping for us.

MSDA shows, March 3rd & 4th. We are supporting the entry of Irish at the March 3rd show. Trophies for this show are all purchased. Mary did her "magic" with crafty ideas for embellishment. It is the "cool theme". BOB and BOS are aqua blue folding chairs with the Celtic circle as the edging and the Irish with a rosette, and MSDA included. BOW is a cool cloth, with WB and WD as crate fans.

ISCA National, Ocala FL- April 2007 - An ad for our club and the specialties will be placed in the National Catalog. The ad was designed by Mary, and will be sent in with the appropriate fee.

Trumbull County KC - Thursday, May 24, 2007 - It was decided to go ahead and support the entry of Irish Setters for this show also, since we are doing the other 4 days.

Coleen spoke with the appropriate person(s) to have this approved and added to the premium list and schedule. Trophies are bought and ready to go.

New Castle Kennel Club supported entries - May 25 and 28, 2007 - all trophies are purchased and will be packed to go.

Specialty May 26 - Our raffle tickets are on sale. PLEASE get yours from Dee and Judy. Tickets are; 1st prize of the Booster Bath, 2nd prize is the bronze Irish setter statue. After Coleen dug this item out of her box of inherited treasures, it was discovered it is NOT a Danny Quest item. We will be posting that correction on the website. Sally O. suggested we take a black marker and cross out the words Danny Quest from our tickets before we sell them. The 3rd place prize is our huge doggie basket. For the Booster Bath, a bath towel and shampoo are being added to that prize, making the value at approximately \$400. A trophy for Obedience will be offered on Saturday by Mary, also.

Specialty May 27 - We are in NEED of donated "Silent Auction" items. This auction benefits our rescue fund. We have exhausted our supply of auction items. Here is what we have so far;

(2) 1975 ISCA Pictorials

(1) 1986 ISCA Pictorial

Fire extinguisher/smoke alarm home safety package (donated by Sally S)

Book - "The New Irish Setter by William Thompson"

1 Irish Setter Avon Bottle

1 small Irish setter pillow

A framed ad from the Saturday Evening POST from 1952

A HUGE setter statue (for the floor)

Last year we generated \$539 from the auction which also included many donated items from Joan and Ruth. We sold all of our supply of nice items. Most of the vintage pieces, etc. were donated by Coleen from the boxes of things she inherited from Marita. This includes the 4 pictorials, one of which we sold online to buy the Booster Bath for this year's raffle. There are some inexpensive statues that have not drawn any interest. We need to think of something creative to do with them. So, if you have creative ideas, please come forth.

Our other raffle we did for the first time last year was a hit. We did the "Chinese Auction" of baskets. We did generate \$231.00 from these, most of which were donated by several club members. Ruth also donated her old publications of Setter World and MEMO to the Members, which also were all sold. We did well for throwing that idea together at the last minute, not having a lot of time to prepare as a group.

It was brought up at the Board Meeting and the regular meeting to ask each family to donate a basket to this raffle with a theme that best represents them or something that interests them. So far, Mary is making a "Wine Basket" and a "Dog Bath Basket". Ruth is interested in gardening, so she is considering that theme to represent herself. Deb has a Fleece throw with all "three Labrador retrievers in a grassy field" pattern. Plus she has already started some pet baskets and two baskets with Bath and Body shop items in them. If you do not want to put the items together into baskets, Deb has offered to do

that. She has some small baskets, and the cello wrap, ribbon, etc. Just make your purchase(s) and get that stuff to her. Also, she will "collect" the finished baskets to finalize everything for the raffle, and get them to New Castle. Here, again, is where your creativity will be on display.

Items are needed for the huge doggie basket that is the 3rd place prize on our \$5 raffle ticket. Mary will be collecting these items. We, again, are asking each member to donate to this basket. Our goal? It is of course, to make it bigger than last year's basket! Is that possible?

IMPORTANT NEWS TO REMEMBER..... THE DEADLINE TO HAVE ALL COLLECTED ITEMS IS APRIL 28th. (at the temp test)

DOGGIE BASKET RAFFLE ITEMS to Mary

CHINESE AUCTION RAFFLE ITEMS / BASKETS to Deb

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS to Deb, who will in turn, get them to Sally Stewart

Also, any lottery tickets & raffle tickets that you know you will not be able to sell, need to be **returned back to Dee by April 28th**. They will need to be tallied and then will be given to Sally O'Neill for the day at Wal-Mart, Pittsburgh mills. This will be a great opportunity to try and get all tickets sold in advance. Whatever is left, if any, will be put on display at the show grounds.

Coleen has received permission to also sell chances on a "Basket of Cheer" to be raffled at the Memorial Weekend shows, with the drawing on Sunday, following BOB. The "cheer" has been already donated. Deb will try to print tickets or we may end up using the rolled tickets.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS are needed for HOSPITALITY for Saturday, while Mary will chair Sunday. The hospitality needs to be discussed and organizing started at the February meeting. Remember, the Chairperson takes charge and "organizes". They DO NOT do it all themselves. As with everything we do, this is a group effort of participation. As of now, Coleen, George, Deb, Mary and Ruth already are up to their ears in chairing "jobs". We already have a great reputation for the BEST hospitality, so we must keep this status.

Coleen received permission for us to set up a table between the restaurant and rest rooms at the fairgrounds. We will be going up Thursday morning to display our raffle items and sell tickets. Deb and Coleen will be up there. Anyone else, who can spend sometime at this table, please let Deb or Coleen know. It would be great to set a "schedule" of people to man the table. Coleen CANNOT be at the table on the days that she has dogs to show. Hopefully, the club members who own other breeds will be able to man the table while the Irish are in the ring. The raffle ticket drawing will be on Saturday following BOB. The "Silent Auction", "Chinese Auction" and the basket of Cheer drawings will be on Sunday, following BOB. Our items will be moved to our ringside area on Saturday and Sunday. Monday, we can all relax and enjoy!!!

Member participation is needed in all areas for the days of the specialties. Think about which job(s) that you may like to do. Besides any ringside duties, Sally will need help with the "Silent Auction" and also someone will need to man the Chinese Raffle table, along with a co-worker there.. Someone will be needed to sell the raffle tickets on Saturday. These will be at our specialty site.

Mary will have all areas of "needed help" posted on the website, along with Specialty Updates and information. "Help Needed" list will include ALL EVENTS upcoming. Please look for this and help where you are available.



Breeze's column of the month

In a recent survey conducted by the AKC, 34% of female dog owners endorsed the statement "if my dog was a man, he'd be my boyfriend".

Breeze agrees there's a lot of love going on between dogs and owners, and has a few words on the subject...

Love comes with responsibility. Love takes time and effort. When someone loves you and counts on you, you have to be there to do your part. Sometimes this means putting their needs ahead of your own.

Play is important. Love is fun. Love is great. And when you love someone, play with them, and enjoy each others' company.

Poop happens. Yep, sometimes that ends up where you wish it hadn't, but that's okay. It's part of the whole package. Clean it up and get back to the good stuff. Learn to forgive and forget.

Don't take love for granted. Surprises and little gifts for no reason other than to show love is good. Toys are nice. So are biscuits.

Good relationships take work. Sometimes there is nothing more you'd like to do than kick back and take it easy, but don't. Get up. Take me for a walk. It's worth the effort.

Respect each others boundaries; we both need our own space. But sometimes I can sleep in your bed, and you can get in my kennel if you want.

It's important to spend time together. You don't always have to be doing something special. Sometimes just being together is special.

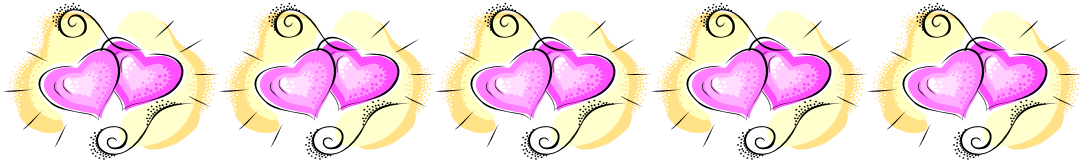
Happy Valentine's Day everyone.

Ps: Mom... I love you..

Hugs

Breeze

Who ever said "money can't buy love" never bought a dog...



PR - Judy Roberts

February Birthdays.....

Holly Semich - 4th



Happy Birthday!!!!



New Membership

Welcome to new member, Nicole Leighton, Joan's niece. Nikki attended our Meet & Greet dinner and one meeting. Nikki has a shelter mix dog of her own, and has the desire to join in with our club "fun" and events. Nikki was voted as a new member, unanimously, at our January meeting. She was sponsored by Joan and Lisa. Welcome, Nikki!!

We also welcome Sally Stewart's husband, Scott. Scott has attended meetings and events, and has decided that he likes us!! AND also, Jean's husband has joined us as a member! Welcome, Bill!



We are growing.....

And growing.....

And growing.....



Rescue

Bailey has been returned to us and is at Coleen's. He will be in need of a "forever" home, which must have a fenced in yard. He is a very active young boy that requires plenty of exercise. Sally has had inquiries from a young couple for a rescue dog and she will be researching to see if that home fits Bailey's needs. He is a very sweet dog with a pleasant temperament, but is very active and needs training, exercise and a firm hand of consistency.

AKC LIASION - Dee Hasley

Here is the up-to-date information sent to Dee from AKC;

" Attention Pennsylvania Dog Breeders

Dog Breeders, Owners, Co-owners, Handlers, Boarding Kennels, Shelters and Rescues Groups,
These proposed regulations could affect YOU!

On December 14th the newly appointed Dog Law Advisory Board held a meeting in Harrisburg PA. New proposed regulations on how the existing Pennsylvania Dog law would be administered were presented. The contents of this proposal will be posted in the PA Bulletin on 12/16/06 and will call for public comment. The public Comment period will last 60 days, starting when the proposed regulations are posted in the PA Bulletin on December 16. Comments must be in writing to count.

Some of these regulations could be devastating to many phases of the dog fancy.

For more information about this issue and how you can help please contact; the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs Inc.

Website www.paonline.com\pfdc

e-Mail pennafeddogclubs@aol.com "

Also included in this particular site is once again, the WARNING on using Cocoa Mulch. The bottom line is that it is poisonous to our dogs should they eat it. NOT ALL BAGS HAVE THIS LISTED AS SUCH!!! **Refer to Newsletter from June 2006.** If you did not print it,



Events and Activities

St. Patrick's Day Parade, Pittsburgh - the basic information for the Pittsburgh parade has been forwarded to us. The parade is Saturday, March 17th in Pittsburgh. Meeting time is at the arena at 9:00 a.m., to begin at 10:00. Practice is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 10 at South Park. Final information will be forwarded

to us when it becomes available. Sally Tress, once again, is in charge of organizing this. Please feel free to contact her with any questions at 724-941-5672 (h) or at work 412-647-0635.

Temperament Test - April 28th 2007 - at Ruth's. PLEASE contact Joan to let her know you can help. We need the help of everyone. It looks as if we may have a large number of applicants. Several other dog clubs have already asked if we are holding the testing again. Cost is \$35 per dog, with \$10 of that for our club rescue fund. Remember, this is the deadline for the collection of the Specialties raffle items. All ATTS testing info is on our website.

CGC - Joan is in the process of organizing a date to hold CGC testing at her training center, which is located in Butler.

Sally O'Neill made arrangements at the Wal-mart @ Pittsburgh Mills, to be able to set up a table on May 12th, to sell our raffle and lottery tickets. If you want to spend time there, let Sally know. We can take the booster bath and our items with us to display and draw attention and interest. If we can generate any nice donations for additional, and separate, raffle items (Mary is working on that) we can also take those along to sell.

RDO will need to be set. Sally O. suggested getting a date set with the Mills Mall again, before they change hands in management. We were so well received there last year, it seems to be somewhere to consider returning to. That will be discussed at the February meeting. If you have any ideas for the event, or anything else concerning this event, please bring that idea to the meeting.

Sally O'Neill has a ton of great ideas. Let's be prepared to help wherever you are able to when she presents all of her great ideas at the next meeting. Thank you, Sally!

Club News and Reminders

An annual Board meeting was held on Monday, January 15th at Mary's. Only Joan was not able to attend. A year "planner of events and activities" was discussed. The specialty final details and trophies were discussed, along with Rescue and Membership. A "review of 2006" report was gone over. Everything was then taken to the regular club meeting and presented to the members at large.

AKC sent back the by laws with the corrections / additions that we were requested to do. They, in turn, returned the by laws with additional requests. Many of which they had us remove the first time. Go figure... George has rewritten these and they were signed by the members at our meeting, and then resubmitted. Hopefully, soon to be approved! The last time, they lost our cover letter and when Mary called them, it was then taken care of and the mistake found. A HUGE thanks to George for working on the details with AKC to get these revisions approved. His time and patience is greatly appreciated. Once approved, they are asking for one additional Board Member. At that time, the position will be filled.

The next meeting is Thursday, February 15th, 7:30 at Atria's in Wexford, where we held our Christmas dinner. RSVP to Judy is essential. We have a room reserved. We will be using the gift cards that we received.

Happy Valentine's Day!!!!

