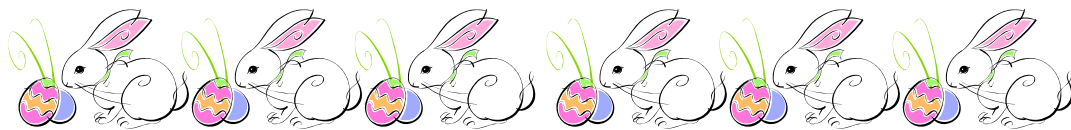




# The Scarlet Letter

The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club,  
Inc  
April 2007



**Happy Easter! Happy Spring!!** Those little flower bulbs should be sprouting by now. Spring is in the air!! (well, maybe in our minds!) With the bitter cold of February, then carrying into March, I am sure we all agree that we are quite anxious for the warm and sunny weather! Will the snow ever end?

## Dog News

MSDA - March 3<sup>rd</sup> in La Plata MD. - Coleen, Mary and Deb made the trip to La Plata. We are very excited to announce that Mr. "Creed" went WD for the points, needing one major to finish. He is definitely a **"Bad Moon on the Rise"**!! Congratulations to Coleen and "Creed". Miss "Breeze" and Miss "Glory" were absolutely beautiful in the ring! A fun time was had by all!

Marietta - Congratulations to Dee & Judy at the Blannerhassett KC show. **Graemar's Queen Anne's Lace** aka "Lacy" went WB & BOS with Coleen on the other end of the lead.

Also, congratulations to Dana Graff with going BOB the three days that Coleen had her spinone, "Ruby", **CH Sweetbriar's Brilliant Gem** in the ring. "Ruby" is co-owned by Coleen.

WPKA - Pittsburgh Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> -

Congratulations to Mary and "Breeze", **Limerick's Against the Wind**, for going RWB. Way to go, girls!!

And to Ruth, going RWD with "Sooty", **O'Dorsey's Fireside Sweeps**.

AND congratulations to Davis and "Bailey", [Courtwood's Always Bailey](#), for not only going WB, but also Best of Breed over 4 bitch specials!! "Bailey" just turned one year old! What an exciting day for a couple of youngsters!!

WPKA - Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>

Not an April Fool's day for Ruth! Congratulations Ruth for going WD with "Sooty", [O'Dorsey's Fireside Sweeps](#).

And a HUGE congratulations to Coleen! Coleen had "Ruby" [,CH Sweetbriar's Brilliant Gem](#), that she co-owns with owners Dana and Dan Graff. "Ruby" was BOB both days and then went on to get a Group 4 on Sunday! Her very first group placement! "Ruby" is a Spinone that is not quite two years old!



Rescue

We are VERY happy to announce that "Bailey" has settled into his new home with Laura and "Ruby", rather quickly I may add. After only a few days of getting adjusted to his new home and sister, all is going well! Here is Laura's "Ode to Bailey". Get the Kleenex!!

#### Ode to Bailey

Running streets in West PA; Couldn't seem to find his way  
Thinning body patchy hair; Learning life can be unfair  
In a Shelter numbered days; Lonely dogs in separate bays  
A caring worker searched the logs; And called the Ones who love red dogs  
Bailey's network started there; It grew just like his patchy hair  
He moved a bit from place to place; While setter ladies made his case  
"Bailey's good" they always said; These ladies loved the dogs of red  
Briefly landed in a home; Only to return alone  
Some things are not meant to be; Bailey thinks "What's wrong with me?"  
The Shelter's gone thank God for that; And I am fed, I get my pats  
My crate is clean, they wash my face; They give a loving warm embrace  
But I can tell it's not my home; I want a Mom to call my own  
And who would know what was in store; a lady down in Baltimore  
Was searching on a google site; And ran across my crazy plight  
She had a red dog many years; Who passed in spring, which left her tears

She has another little red; But I know math, that leaves one bed  
In chatting with the other pups; We all agreed, that something's up  
Anticipation surely growing; My foster Mommy's face is glowing  
A few days later my new Mom and friend; Began to put my heart on the mend  
They drove up North packed me up in the car; And all the way home made me feel like a star

Now I got a chip,. And I got a tag; I got a huge crate with a big down bag  
My water's cold and my food taste great;  
Got a shadow box fence with a big wood gate  
I have a little sister who don't mind the play; But best of all, I've been asked to stay!  
~~~~~ Laura Williams

## Events & Activities

St. Patrick's Day Parade, Pittsburgh - Well, St. Patrick's Day this year was snowed out for most of us! Besides inches of snow, the temperature of 25 degrees with a wind-chill of 10 made it an easy decision to stay home! Let's hope for better parade weather in 2008! This is always a fun activity that members look forward to. Congratulations to Sally Stewart for attending and representing gtisc and the members who "weenied out" !!

Temperament Test - April 28<sup>th</sup> at Ruth's. Once again, it is essential that all available club members help out. Mary had the sign up sheet at the meeting. If you missed the meeting, please contact Joan to let her know if you can be there. This is a club participation event. So far applications for 8 dogs have been received. Application fees include a \$10 fee for our rescue fund.



## Specialties 2007

Memorial weekend- May 24 thru 28<sup>th</sup>.

Paperwork - Coleen received the premium for approval and corrections. She did all necessary changes and sent it back. All the trophies are listed, and she added that we will be providing hospitality for lunch at our specialties.

Hospitality - It has been decided that we should be okay with refrigeration for food. George, Joan, Dee and Coleen will have motor homes and trailers there. Deb and Skip also have an electric cooler and college sized refrigerator, if needed. Joan will be traveling back and forth since she lives close. She will keep some food at her home and then transport it to the show grounds.

Saturday - Joan, Nikki and Henrietta are chairing this day. Ham and turkey sandwiches will be the choice. Deb has the ham purchased and in the freezer. Dee's employer is providing the turkey. Joan suggested getting fruit salad from Sam's instead of trying to cut watermelons. Any kind of fruit works. Additional sides, desserts, etc. will be determined as soon as the numbers for entries are in.

Sunday - Mary is chairing this day. She will be making her famous ham BBQ's. Coleen will have her sister make stuffed cabbage. Once again, sides, desserts, etc. will be determined after numbers for entries are in.

Coffee will be available both mornings. Since we are beginning mid- morning, no breakfast will be provided. Deb and Joan have enough coffee pots available. Inventory of paper products will be taken so we can make a shopping list.

Raffle - Tickets are moving slowly. We are hoping to pick up sales as the show nears. Mary will be posting on setters - L and our website with everything we have available. Also, we should be able to get tickets sold at Wal-mart. We will drag the tub and statue, and hopefully, the doggie basket will be ready to display. Most of those tickets sales will be at the show grounds. Everything from this sale is all profit. It was also confirmed that the piece we first thought was a Danny Quest is actually an early sculpture of Virginia Perry Gardner from 1982. It is foundry bronze and valued at over \$450.00.

Basket raffle / Chinese auction - Baskets and items are steadily coming in. Deb is collecting these items. Please get those to her as soon as you can. All baskets and items will be numbered ahead of time with a bag for each for dropping in tickets. So far we have a Wine Basket, a Car care basket, three dog baskets for dogs of different size, a cat basket, two Bath and Body baskets, a huge doggie pillow, & a fleece blanket with labs.

Silent Auction for Rescue - Collections for this is going well. Please get these items to Deb also, so Sally Stewart can have it organized in advance. All money from this auction goes to our club rescue fund.

We have been very fortunate to have received a donated piece by Virginia Perry Gardner to raffle. The tickets for this are \$5.00. See the website for a photo of this item. It is a pendant of a shamrock with an Irish setter head in the center. Thanks from the entire club to VPG for her generosity.

Tables will be set up on Thursday and Friday near the restroom / restaurant area at the show grounds. We will display raffle items and sell tickets for both. If you have not signed the sheet to help, please contact Mary. Items move ringside for Friday and Saturday. All drawings will be completed by Sunday evening.

Trophies - All trophies are bought and nearly ready to go. Mary is still waiting on the embroidery items to be returned to her. Judges gifts are still being decided. A trip to Etched in Glass provided several nice ideas. Sally Stewart is checking on another place to see what they have to offer. Then a decision will be made at next month's meeting.

REMEMBER; ALL UNSOLD TICKETS AND ALL BASKETS AND SILENT AUCTION ITEMS ARE TO BE RETURNED AT THE TEMPERAMENT TEST ON APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>. We need to have everything to take to Wal-Mart. After that date, we will know exactly what we have when we head to the show grounds.

CGC Testing - Joan will be conducting CGC testing at her Training Center. A date for that needs to be set for after the specialty weekend. Joan will include "students" from her

training classes and several members have their own dogs to test. Please contact Joan if you are interested.

### **Ways n Means - Joan Fiser**

Our activities with fund raising are moving along nicely. After May's shows, we can sit back and relax and enjoy other events. We are looking forward to the RDO, maybe Santa Photos again...who knows? These are fun times and monies donated to other causes.

Wal-Mart - remember to let Sally O. know of your availability to help out on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Wal-mart will match us dollar for dollar collected. A sign up sheet was passed around at the meeting.

Sarris' pretzels - Sally O. is also chairing this fund-raiser. It started off with a bang! Mary gets the prize for selling her first box in 11 minutes!! All 34 boxes that Sally had delivered were distributed in a week's time, with many boxes sold right away and the money returned to Sally! Additional orders have been picked up. This sale is on-going through the end of May. Hurrah!!!!

Lottery tickets - See Dee. A portion of this sale goes to our trophy fund. Dee is asking to "push" the tickets to get them sold. It is important with this particular sale that we sell all 1000 tickets.

RDO - Sally O'Neill is working on getting that date set for September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Pittsburgh Mills Mall. We were well received there and are anticipating even a bigger turn-out this year. The theme for the Event we choose will be "Health". Several great ideas are evolving, as always. Since we have a better idea of protocol to be followed to have the event at the Mills Mall, we should be able to have more time to cover more areas of advertising. Since we are choosing the Health of our pets, we have decided that the money collected will go to the ISCA Health Foundation. We will also have another "Meet the Breed" along with it. Having dogs there is always a crowd pleaser!



### **New Membership**

An application has been received from Linda Hughes. Linda attended our meeting and is sponsored by Deb & Mary. Linda is a friend of Mary's who owns a standard black poodle, "Simon". Linda and "Simon" traveled to the ISCA National in Michigan last year with Mary. Linda also attends classes with Mary, earning a rally novice title on "Simon". Linda decided that she wanted to join in the "fun" we are having and is interested in participating in club events! Per club by-laws, voting will take place at the next meeting.

An Associate Membership will be sent to Laura Williams, who now owns "Bailey". After one year, if Laura chooses, she can then join as a full member. Welcome, Laura! See our site

under Happy Endings to view pictures of "Bailey" and his sister, "Ruby". This is definitely a happy ending for "Bailey"!!!

#### On the health of our dogs....

Easter baskets full of "get well" and "speedy recovery" wishes to Bill & Jean Hutchinson and "Maddie". "Maddie" had follow up tests from her Vets visit last month, and it was determined that she needed surgery. The results were good, removing a spleen that had only scar-tissue and nothing bad! CH Okhom's Raspberry Ms. Madeline came through the surgery like a champ and is home in her own bed getting pampered. As it should be!

Dog Food recall - This is no doubt, a very scary situation!! We are all very fortunate that this has not affected any of our dogs. But how long can this go on? And how many more brands will actually be recalled? We must stay on top of this. The internet has been great at posting updated information. The CNN website has a lot of information. Deb & Skip receive emails from Purina as information is available. Purina manufactures their own food....thank goodness! They belong to the Purina Pro-Plan Club and are registered online. And then there is our club networking of getting the information out to all members. In the meantime, the dogs are enjoying some home cooking!!

#### PR- Judy Roberts

#### April Birthdays!

Scott Stewart - 6th

Dee Hasley - 10<sup>th</sup>

Jean Hutchinson - 20<sup>th</sup>

Happy Birthday!!



"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

It's tax time. Please have your human prepare a tax return on your behalf so you don't get in big trouble! Here is the information they will need

Label: Registered Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rabies Tag Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Your human's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Kennel Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Filing status: Show dog \_\_\_ Family dog \_\_\_ Yard dog \_\_\_  
Rescue dog \_\_\_ Guard dog \_\_\_ Top dog \_\_\_

Exemptions Puppies (specify number and ages) \_\_\_\_\_ Fleas \_\_\_\_\_  
(dependents) Ticks \_\_\_\_\_  
Worms \_\_\_

Income: Dog shows (include all awards/trophies, ribbons) \_\_\_\_\_  
Stud Fees \_\_\_\_\_  
Puppy Sales \_\_\_\_\_  
Compensation for Watching/Hunting/being good \_\_\_\_\_  
Rewards for special tricks \_\_\_\_\_  
Stolen Food\* \_\_\_\_\_  
*(\*you must declare stolen food items. All statements are confidential)*  
Capitol gains  
a. Appreciation of Dog House \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Appreciation of family jewels \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Appreciation of buried treasurers \_\_\_\_\_  
d. Appreciation of other canines' assets \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR TOTAL INCOME \_\_\_\_\_

Expenses: Medical (vet exams, flea control, all medication) \_\_\_\_\_  
Travel (boarding kennel, hotel/motel damage reimbursements) \_\_\_\_\_  
Toy Replacement (limit 12 per dog) \_\_\_\_\_  
Waste fees (for making unauthorized deposits in restricted areas) \_\_\_\_\_

Deductions: Wear and tear on house, auto, furniture, toys \_\_\_\_\_  
Losses (tennis balls, bones) \_\_\_\_\_  
Unappreciated retrievals (possums, squirrels, cats ,etc) \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Credits Veterinary Discounts \_\_\_\_\_  
Good Behavior in Waiting Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Prompt acceptance of Rectal thermometer \_\_\_\_\_  
Getting on the scale (voluntarily) \_\_\_\_\_  
Controlling inappropriate bodily functions during exam \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL EXPENSES, DEDUCTIONS, AND TAX CREDITS \_\_\_\_\_

Balance: Subtract expenses, deductions and tax credits from total income \_\_\_\_\_

Sign here: \_\_\_\_\_



**Club News and Reminders**

Mary went over briefly, the new requirements now set forth by AKC for annual pre-requisites to all clubs who hold shows. We will need to sit down and see exactly what we are currently doing that qualifies us for full-filling the requirements. Now, that we are an active club, it looks like we are already doing some of these requirements, which includes the CGC Testing. All requirements are to be done the previous calendar year to permit holding the shows for the following calendar year. We need to be sure we have everything in order during 2007. Further questions will need to be asked of AKC to define more clearly the exact requirements of each choice given. To see this information, go to AKC.org or it can be read in the current AKC Gazette under the AKC Board meeting minutes.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> following the temperament testing at Ruth's.



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