



The Scarlet Letter

The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club, Inc
December 2007



A Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club Christmas Carol...

In the months before Christmas
These thoughts started forming
We now have a calm
Where before we had storming

What a difference two years makes
It's not even funny
The leaks in our wallets
Are all now stuffed with money

With good humor and judgment
Our leadership leads
Everything that they've touched
Has seemed to succeed

The things we've accomplished
The fun that we've had
Erases the memories
Of times that were bad

Our passion is clear
We've embraced just one mission
Good works will be done
It's become a tradition

Actions speak for themselves
Our reputation is better
Everyone sees that we're here
For the good of the Setter

As we close out this year
As the Christmas bell chimes

We cherish the gifts
Of good friends and good times

May all hear us exclaim
As Christmas snow starts to fall
Can't wait 'till next year
We're all having a BALL!

Happy Holidays to everyone!!! It's hard to believe that another year is coming to an end! Time really DOES fly, when you are having fun! December is always an exciting month. Getting ready for the holidays, decorating, shopping, the last of the dog shows for the year, friends, families and celebrations of many kinds....be safe through out the season. As this holiday season approaches, and the year comes to an end, please keep those who have had a difficult year in your prayers. Many holiday wishes and blessings to all!

Thank you to Dee and Judy for hosting a very tasty, Thanksgiving buffet for the November Meeting. What a wonderful way to kickoff the holidays! It was a very nice evening spent with good friends, some old, and welcoming the new, the Holleran family and Karen Gaupp. Welcome to the "gtisc family".

Dog News

Congratulations to;

- >"Bailey" *CH Courtwood Always Bailey, CGC* for her television debut demonstrating the oxygen masks that we are distributing.
- > Davis and "Bailey", *CH Courtwood's Always Bailey, CGC*, for going BOS in Columbus, Lorain County KC, on Saturday!
- > Davis and "Echo", *BJ's Silverline Echo of Emrock, CGC*, for WB & BOS Friday and Saturday and Sunday and also BOW Friday and Saturday. PLUS Best Puppy on Friday at the Salisbury MD Show, Nov 9 - 11,
- > Davis and "Bailey", *CH Courtwood's Always Bailey, CGC* was BOS on Saturday in MD.
- > Davis and "Echo", *BJ's Silverline Echo of Emrock, CGC*, for a major RWB at the Columbus Shows, (Saturday) with "Bailey" going BOS to her Father, *CH Captiva Quitte Ou Double* .

"CHRISTINA CARR WAS NICE ENOUGH TO SHOW PASLEE FOR US AT THESE SHOWS WE HAD A GREAT TIME WITH COLEEN, KAREN, DANA, CHRISTINA AND JERVAISE (SORRY I DON'T HOW TO SPELL HER NAME) THE LOSSES ARE MUCH EASIER AND WINS MORE EXCITING WHEN YOU CAN SHARE THEM WITH FRIENDS.

THANKS
SALLY"

Howard County MD -

On Saturday.....

> Davis and "Echo" **Bj's Silverline Echo of Emrock CGC**, for a major reserve and Davis and "Bailey", **Ch Courtwood's Always Bailey CGC**, for BOB. "Bailey" also made the cut in the Group.

>Karen and "Triton", **Cumbrian Trinity**, also for a major reserve.

On Monday.....

> Davis and "Echo" **BJ's Silverline Echo of Emrock, CGC** for WB, BOW & BOS

> Davis and "Bailey", **CH Courtwood's Always Bailey**, for going Best of Breed and ONTO HER FIRST GROUP 3! A big hurrah!!

> Karen and "Triton" **Cumbrian Trinity**, WB and BOS over a special!

What an exciting way to end the Thanksgiving weekend!

Welcome to Ruth's new English cocker, an orange boy, "Drew", and she is still deciding on a kennel name.. He is four months old. Best wishes to Ruth on her newest addition.

Deb and Skip are excited to announce the arrival of "Claire", **Courtwood's Cobblestone**, who came from Sue Hahnen (MN) & Diane Carl, who lives in Michigan, and is 3 months old.



The holiday celebration has included Lisa and her Bernese Mountain Dog, "Gus" marching in the Pittsburgh "Celebrate the Season" Christmas Parade. Lisa's Berner Club marched with their dogs pulling carts.



PR - Judy Roberts

Birthdays

Skip Lawrence - 2nd

Happy Birthday!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Get well wishes went out to Ruth. She was under the weather with shingles. It was nice to see her back on her feet, attending the November meeting / Thanksgiving buffet.

Please keep Shirley Semich and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Health issues have occurred for the family again. Many blessings and prayers are sent to them, especially throughout this holiday season.



New Membership

Welcome to Karen Gaupp and her pointer, "Triton", **Cumbrian Trinity**. Karen has been voted in unanimously at our November meeting. Karen is sponsored by Coleen and Mary.



As we continue to grow.....



Breeze's Column of the Month

Merry Christmas everyone! This is one of my favorite times of year. Many of you will have me (your favorite columnist) on your Christmas list, so I thought I'd give you a heads up what NOT to get your favorite dog for Christmas:

A chew toy shaped like a shoe, which we will immediately confuse with the right sneaker of your favorite pair, resulting in unpleasantness for both of us.

Knitted dog clothes of any kind. Not stylish, not fashionable, not funny.

Doggie antlers. Not wearing them. Not even for pictures.

Anything Garfield.

A CD of cats meowing popular Christmas songs. Making me look around for them is like when you pretend to throw the ball.

A manicure/pedicure

A new crate (aka jail)

A bath

A membership to my Vet's "Shot of The Month" Club

A cat.

Peace on earth.....goodwill towards dogs.....

My mom says dogs are as close to angels as anyone is ever going to get.....thanks Mom.

Love

Your Christmas Angel.



Breeze



Events & Activities

Oxygen Masks - What a great Community project! With the TV interview, thanks to Sally O., we are "out there"! Deb has received several inquiries to purchase masks for other EMT's. Of course, if anyone hadn't caught it, Sally does have it on CD for your viewing pleasure! As we told the TV crew, we do nothing small!!

Cloudstar - Mary is pleased to announce that with little effort, we have earned \$125 for the club from our orders. This will defer a portion of the cost of the Dyson. Thank you to Mary for finding this offer which was 25% of the sales back to our organization. Not bad for a small and last minute fundraiser!

Photos with Santa - Dec 1st @ Brenkles' Greenhouse in Butler. While the photos proceeds are going to purchase the Oxygen Masks for Pets, we will also be taking along the Sarris candy and the Lottery Tickets.



Lottery Ticket Fund Raiser - Dee still has the tickets to sell. All tickets and money must be turned into Dee no later than December 30th. Our goal is more than 547 sold. Proceeds go to club expenses, 10 % to the trophy fund and one set of rescue masks.

Christmas Dinner / Meeting - Saturday, Dec. 8th at Atria's in Wexford. The time is 6:30 p.m. The reservation deadline is Dec. 2nd. Judy will be making phone calls to get your choice of entrée. The cost is \$42 per person and includes tax and 20% gratuity. Please send your check to Deb by the deadline. We will once again offering the participation of those interested, in the Chinese gift exchange. This has a \$15 minimum and should be "dog related" in some way. Do not put a name on your package.

Sarris candy - this is winding down. All bars are gone and Sally O. has several boxes of the pretzels yet to sell. No more orders will be placed. We need to sell the remaining candy. Please contact Sally if you can sell anymore pretzels.

Specialties 2008

Is everyone thinking about their "basket theme"? It will be fun to see what everyone comes up with. Deb will start taking baskets in January. She can put together the baskets for those who don't want to. We are asking each club member (family) to donate a basket of their choice for the Chinese raffle.

Again, fund raising items for our specialties will be the raffle ticket item, silent auction and basket raffle. Tickets will be ready for distribution to begin in January. The raffle ticket item will be a Dyson Animal vacuum. We have decided to have only one item on the ticket, with the ticket cost as \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.

Deb, Coleen and Mary are excited to announce that ALL trophies are purchased for 2008!! Final embellishments for the trophies will be done after the holidays. The most exciting news concerning the trophies is that the cost came in at almost \$200 less than last year. AND last year, many members donated a portion of the trophies. This year, the club covered all costs. This is another example of how hard we've worked & how far we've come in two years. Coleen & George are working on the final details & paperwork for the Specialties.

ISCA National Specialty 2008 will be held in Scottsdale AZ. It looks like Deb and Skip will be attending with an entry this year. While they are very excited with this adventure, they will miss Coleen along on this trip. "Claire's" Grandma Diane will step into filling in for Coleen. Deb & Skip will be VERY PROUD to represent GTISC in Arizona!



Rescue

Joan was pretty busy this past month. She helped to transport a Great Pyrenees and three cockers for the cocker rescue. They were on their way from Kansas to New York.



From the Rescue side.....

Bailey's Christmas "Ode to a Forever Home"

I've run the streets of West PA
and glad to say I've found my way
My thinning body and patchy hair
have been replace with loving care

I'll never know a shelter again
because my new Mom is truly my friend
No longer a need to search any logs
We belong to the family who love the red dogs
I'll never have to move again
Where my life began is where it will end
I know there's nothing wrong with me
It just took a home that was meant to be
I prayed for a Mom to call my own
and I found it here in my Baltimore home
So glad she found my crazy plight
cause her and I we fit just right
We still talk of Shannon from time to time
and I reassure Mom that everything's fine
No longer need math to find a warm bed
I fall asleep where I lie my head
I still enjoy chatting with other pups
and it's for sure when something's up
But now it's just about getting together
always including the two Irish setters
I sure hope my PA friends keep in mind
how much I appreciate they were so kind
Helping my Mom as she made the long drive
the first time she hugged me I felt so alive
My Mom made the curious drive from afar
and with each passing day I am clear I'm her star
And my chip and my tag and my crate and my bag
Compare nothing at all to the proud tail I wag
Sure my bowl's full throughout times of the day
I take that for granted as I run and play
There's no need to stress over such simple things
I'd much rather share how my heart has spread wings
I really care less of the fence and big gate
I'd rather share how time with Ruby is great
I've just grown accustomed to all things out back
and as I freely play there is nothing I lack
I can't say enough how I love each new day
But I feel in my heart I have ONE thing to say
For those lonely rescues still doubting their fate
We'll I'm living proof that it's never too late !

**Merry Christmas to All Waiting Rescues and to those
that will find room in their hearts to become a Forever
Home.**

**And a very special Christmas Blessing to the "ones who
love Red Dogs" who figured out first that Mom, Ruby
and I BELONGED TOGETHER.**

SO, ON MY FIRST CHRISTMAS IN MY FOREVER HOME I

REMAIN... ONE GRATEFUL BAILEY!



Club News and Reminders

Annual Dues Notices will be going out. Please be sure to get those to Mary before January 31st to avoid Membership Lapse.

Nominations for officers are being taken by Judy Roberts. Elections will be in January. With our new by-laws in effect, and with the changes made by AKC, we must add one more "Board Member" position. If you are interested, or want to nominate a person for this spot, please contact Judy. All persons nominated must accept the nomination.



The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club, Inc



President - Coleen McGee

Vice President - Ruth White

Treasurer - Deb Lawrence

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Corresponding Secretary - George Towle

Board Member - Ways and Means - Joan Fiser

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

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Newsletter - Deb Lawrence

Editing - Coleen McGee & Mary Hummert

"Breeze's column of the month - Mary Hummert

"From the Rescue side...." - Laura Williams

"Dog News" information provided from members

ALL articles welcomed!



"I can only wish....."