



The Scarlet Letter

The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club,
Inc
July 2007



Summer is upon us! Holidays, picnics, celebrations and friends! And many dog shows! Outdoors have been beautiful, sometimes rainy, but always fun! I like our "evening group picnics" best. It's a nice time for us to sit and relax, have dinner and maybe that glass of wine! And the Fourth of July...a time to celebrate our freedom and to realize how lucky we are to live in the USA. Celebrate safely.....

Dog News

Just to update.... "Wagner" now lives with Coleen, "Creed", "Quest" and "Glory". He will remain there for the rest of his life and Bill's family thought that was best. Bill wanted "Wagner" to go back with Coleen should something happen to him, before "Wagner". Isn't "Wagner" so lucky to have spent those last few years with Bill, so lucky to have had each other? What a team! The club voted to pay Wagner's food and medical bills for the remainder of his life. He has been declared our club Mascot!! And now "Wagner" is lucky to not only have Coleen and her gang, but the entire GTISC as his family!

A message from Crystal...one of our newest members sent us the following email ...can you "hear" her excitement?

Meet STARS 'n Stripes Forever Meant-to-be (Toby), CGC
And STAR's Gimme Shelter Sam (Sammy), CGC, TDI!!!!

Oh, that's totally right. Both my boys took their CGC and TDI tests today. I was initially only going to get their CGC but after the test one evaluator told me that Sammy was essentially born to be a therapy dog so I went ahead and paid the extra moola for the TDI paper, too.

SO, Sammy, poor abused and shy little Sammy from the shelter, is a certified therapy dog. :) And Toby passed his test but I wasn't going to pay the extra money to have him certified for therapy, so he's got to settle with a "CGC" only. :p

Immensely proud,
Crystal (aka MOM)
Toby, CGC
Sammy, CGC, TDI

A HUGE congratulations to Crystal, Sammy & Toby !!!

South Hills -Congratulations to Dee and Judy for (Thursday) RWB with "Lacey", **Graemar's Queen Anne's Lace**. (Friday) WB & Best of Breed, & (Saturday) RWB. Ya-hoo!

And on Sunday...

Congratulations to Ruth for "Sooty", **O'Dorsey's Fireside Sweeps**, who went WD & BOS and "Dusty" **O'Dorsey's Apricot Delight** for WB, BOW and Best of Breed!!! WAY TO GO!!!

Bushy Run Kennel Club - Saturday - Congratulations to Dee & Judy for RWB with "Lacey", **Graemar's Queen Anne's Lace**.

Congratulations to Sally Evans, one of our newest members, for RWD with "Dugan", **Saxony's Boutonnière**.

Congratulations to Linda Scopa and "Jada", **Captiva's Catalina Race to Ohkom**, for going WB & BOS.

Congratulations to Davis and "Bailey", **Courtwood's Always Bailey**, for going Best in Match Saturday evening.

Bushy Run KC - Sunday - Congratulations to Dee and Judy for another RWB with "Lacey".

Congratulations to Davis and "Bailey", **Courtwood's Always Bailey**, for going WB and BOW !! Great job! Those two are just growing up together so nicely!

AND congratulations to Deb, Skip & Coleen...for "Callie's", **CH Stoneypoint's Spell Breaker**, 4th and final Best of Breed win! Coleen, who was having a fantastic day, had 4 dogs in group, asked Annette Pusey to take "Callie" back in for group. "Callie" went on for a Group 3, followed by Coleen and "Ruby", **CH Sweetbriars Brilliant Gem** with a Group 4.

From Deb & Skip;

We want to thank Coleen for the three and a half years she put into "Callie". It wasn't always easy...sometimes very frustrating. Competition is brutal and "Callie" can be difficult! But no matter what the circumstances of the day, Coleen showed "Callie" to her very best. They have been a great team!! To us, they were winners at each and every show!! I thank Coleen for allowing me to travel to the shows with her and being a part of "Callie's" career. We thank Mary for working hard, including going to classes, to help show "Callie" at a few shows, including the ISCA National in Michigan and our Saturday specialty this past May. These past several years have been fun and very rewarding...and thanks to all of you, for being there, supporting us and helping out, but most all, for being a great bunch of friends and "family" !! We wouldn't trade it for the world! It was decided when we entered this

Bushy Run show, it was "Callie's" last, no matter what. What a way to end a career! Now we will sit back and hope for puppies...and until our next one in the ring....we will continue to be there to cheer for everyone else and enjoy every moment! Thank you!



New Membership

A Big Club WELCOME to two new members voted in unanimously at our June meeting.

Crystal Collins, of the Indiana PA area, is interested in helping in Rescue. Crystal owns an English setter, *STAR's Gimme Shelter Sam CGC, TDI "Sammy"*; and Irish setter, *STARs 'n Stripes Forever Meant-to-be , CGC "Toby"*. Mary and Linda H. met Crystal at dog training with "Sammy". Crystal later contacted Mary that there was an ad in her local paper for an Irish Setter, free to a good home. Mary asked Crystal to pick him up and we'd put him into our rescue. Crystal fell in love with "Toby" and decided to keep him. How lucky for these two boys! While attending every meeting will be difficult, Crystal is anxious to participate in as much as she can. Crystal is sponsored by Mary and Linda H. Welcome, Crystal, "Sammy" and "Toby".

Sally Evans is from New Bethlehem, PA. Sally is a returning member to GTISC. While attending meetings will be difficult, Sally is interested in helping and participating where she can, and wants to "stay in touch" with the world of Irish Setters. Sally has owned Irish Setters for many years. Sally is the proud owner to *Saxony's Boutonniere*, "Dugan", who went WD on Thursday and Monday at the Memorial Day Cluster. Sally is sponsored by Coleen and Deb. Welcome to Sally and "Dugan".

Both of these ladies will need to get a "bio" together and some photos, sent to Mary, to be added to our website.

We had some inquiries at Bushy Run. Several people with Irish Setters stopped by. Information will be sent out since they do not have internet access.

As we continue to grow by leaps and bounds..... how exciting!!





Breeze's Column of the Month

Happy 4th of July! Everything is red, white and aroooooooooooooooooooooo...
My mom says we live in the land of the free. If stuff is free, how come we have to go to PetsMart and give them that green stuff mommy keeps in her wallet? For toys, biscuits, everything. I can't even take stuff out of the open bins and eat it. Mom says "No Breeze. We have to pay for that". What's that all about? I guess some stuff is free.
Now that I think about, the best stuff in the world is free.. like

Walks with mom and dad at the farm are free.
Lying in the grass with the sun shining on me....free....
Kisses from the little yellow haired humans that my mom and dad seem to like... (sticky, but free)
The feel of my blanket in my crate...soft, warm, fuzzy...and free
Running loose with my brothers in the fields.....no cost..
Belly rubs.... Free.....and very, very, very good. (my favorite, actually)
Getting a drink from the spring that runs thru the game lands where we hunt.. free
High five's from the other dogs in my agility class for a clean run...free
Waking up in the morning and hearing my mom say my name real soft.. hmmm..so nice.. and free!
Having my mom throw the ball for me for the 99th time.... Fun.. and free!!!
Rides in the car with my dad, and hearing him call me "my little Breezie girl"... nice!
Food being dropped from the high chairs of the little yellow- haired humans...free...
Chasing birds from the yard .. free
Trips to the park.. free
The love of a mom for her dog, ...the biggest free thing ever!

Let freedom ring.....

Love,

Breezie

Word of advice: If the fireworks scare you, just hide by your mom and dad. You'll be fine



Events and Activities

Sarris Pretzels - Thank you to Sally O'Neill for this idea and fund raising project! We are finished with this project and Sally reports we sold 81 boxes! Thanks to ALL club members for participating in this. Another successful venture under our belts!

Lottery - what a successful fund raiser! We sold 552 tickets for our first try. Our winners claimed a whopping total of \$1325.00! The club voted that 10% of our profits will benefit our trophy fund, which is, of course, \$136.83. We have voted to do a lottery ticket again. This next one will be for the month of January 2008. Tickets will be printed and distributed within the next month or two. Dee will again, chair this activity.

RDO- September 15th at Pittsburgh Mills Mall.- the proper insurance policy addendum has been received from the insurance company. Sally O. is the chairperson, with Deb as her co-chair. The time is set at 11:00 - 5:00, with arrival to set up between 10:00 and 10:30. We have "Health" as our theme for this year. There will be our Chiro-vet, Dr. Savko, Doug Kneuen, who is Veterinarian that specializes in holistic care and acupuncture, and dental products and information from a RVT friend of Mary's from Alaska. All donations will be sent to the ISCA Health Foundation. The club voted to matching those funds, which will be sent to AKC Canine Health Foundation. We have also added "Meet the Breed" since it is very popular with the public. Deb will get the ad in the local paper again. AKC will be contacted with our participation and "plan". This event also full-fills one of our AKC requirements for holding a show.

Sporting Dog Match - October 20th at Ruth's. Details and planning are in the works. Judges have been discussed and will be asked. George is handling the paperwork for AKC. Joan and Lisa will also conduct CGC testing first, followed by the match. We will end the day with a bon-fire and wiener roast. This also fulfills an AKC requirement.

Photos With Santa - still in the planning stages by Joan.

Specialties 2008

Planning has begun. We have agreed to support the entries for a day of MDSA in March, adding to offer sweepstakes, too.

Memorial Weekend Cluster - A deposit has been sent to reserve the building(s) once again, and to include them for all 5 days. A vote was taken to stay under cover, with a majority voting yes. Trophy purchases will be made as we find "bargains" at the end of the season. We have ALL veteran's trophies left over, so none will need purchased for these categories.

Judges gifts were purchased in advance to get volume pricing, so that also is done. Planning will continue monthly at each member meeting. We hope to again, be in order by fall. If anyone has ideas for trophies for our specialties, let Coleen know or bring your ideas to the monthly meeting.



Rescue

We received a \$25 donation to our rescue fund from a family in Altoona who requested help from our club in obtaining a rescue dog. When Mary returned the call, they had already gotten a rescue and sent the donation for rescue as a "thank you" for the club's time and help. Thank you to the McCullough Family. Best wishes and welcome to their new dog.



"from the Rescue side...."

Hi Everyone,

WOW, I'M FAMOUS 😊. Mom showed me my first column from the Newsletter. That was so Cool. I gave it a good looking over before I shred it all over the living room floor. That's not a problem these days because Mom bought a new heavy duty vacuum cleaner. Actually, since I've been here Mom has bought lots of new cleaning "toys". I guess they're toys, my little sister Ruby and I chase her around the house when she uses them. There's the new vacuum with the light on it. Ruby isn't a fan of that; she follows Mom through the house barking at the light. I don't see what the big deal is, I just stretch out on the floor and let Mom make a circle around me.

Then there's something called a "shop vac". Mom uses that for the baseboards. They were white when I moved in, but now they usually have plenty of red hair on them. When it rains Mom has this cool mop that sprinkles water in front to clean up our slippery messes on the kitchen floor and then there's the super water shampoo vacuum that's great for muddy paw prints on the carpet. Mom use to keep her toys in the basement, but now I see they are all lined up in the hall closet. Guess she likes to keep them handy these days.

Of all my Mom's new cleaning toys I like the swiffer the best. Mom wears that one in a holster 😊. She can whip out that swiffer and do a quick red hair removal from the furniture lickity split. Actually, she just changed the swiffer pad and left the dirty one

here on the table. I had to take a quick break from my column to go make some of my world famous "confetti" out of it. Opps gotta run Mom's going for one of her "Toys" again. 🤪

This is Bailey ~ Sending out Big Happy 4th of July Big Barks from Baltimore!

AKC issues

While this business with the new "dog Laws" concerning mandatory spaying and neutering makes ones' head spin, I try to read what I can. It looks like CA passed their bill to mandate the law. With AKC threatening to cancel the Eukanuba National Show in December, now there are going to be changes concerning those that breed and show dogs. Please refer to your AKC Gazette for the latest news or go to www.akc.org Please see the following release by AKC:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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AKC DELEGATE BODY PASSES RESOLUTION OPPOSING CA AB 1634

New York, NY -A resolution proposed by the American Kennel Club® Board of Directors opposing California Assembly Bill 1634 was unanimously adopted by the AKC® Delegate Body at its quarterly meeting, held Monday, June 11, 2007, in Las Vegas. The bill would require all dogs and cats over the age of four months to be spayed or neutered unless the owners qualify for and obtain an intact animal permit. The AKC Delegates, who represent 599 member clubs out of the nearly 5,000 AKC affiliated clubs nationwide (more than 460 of them in California), issued the following resolution on Monday in response to proposed Assembly Bill 1634:

"Be it resolved that the Delegates of the American Kennel Club declare that the enactment of AB1634 in the State of California would 1) be detrimental to the sport of purebred dogs; 2) fail to achieve the humane results it purports to espouse; and 3) cost the State of California and its communities tens of millions of dollars in lost revenues.

Be it further resolved that the Delegates of the American Kennel Club urge the Governor, the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California to defeat AB1634." "This resolution represents our steadfast opposition to this bill and any others which unfairly target the responsible breeders that make up our constituency," said AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung. "We are deeply concerned about the problems irresponsible dog owners, irresponsible breeding, and inadequate animal control can cause a community; however, mandatory spaying and neutering has proven to be an ineffective solution because it fails to address the heart of the issue-irresponsible ownership. The AKC and its clubs support non-discriminatory, fair, effective and enforceable legislation that addresses the pertinent animal issues in the community. "

The American Kennel Club, founded in 1884, is a not-for-profit organization which maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world and oversees the sport of purebred dogs in the United States. The AKC is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Along with its nearly 5,000 licensed and member clubs and its affiliated organizations, the AKC advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership. More than 20,000 competitions for AKC-registered purebred dogs are held under AKC rules

and regulations each year including conformation, agility, obedience, rally, tracking, herding, lure coursing, coonhound events, hunt tests, field and earthdog tests.

Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and the AKC Museum of the Dog. For more information, visit www.akc.org.

In the June MEMO, the ISCA President, Bob Robinson, requested in his President's Message, that all club President's email him with our "plan to fulfill" the AKC show requirements. Mary composed a letter and Coleen sent it off to ISCA. Following is that letter, which clearly explains our plan, which we are doing anyhow, and our mission as a "club for the breed".

June 21, 2007

Hello Bob

As per your request in the June 07 Memo, I am writing to inform you what steps the Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club in Pittsburgh is taking to comply with AKC eligibility requirements for holding shows.

Part A: We are required to host at least one of the activities, and our plan is to hold a sporting dog match on October 20, 2007.

Our club has been quite active in the past year, under new officers and members. We hosted a Temperament Test this spring, and we are planning a CGC test later this summer. One of our members has a working therapy dog that has assisted with READ programs at the local library, in addition to their volunteer visits at a local nursing home and hospital. This dog, (CH Ohkom's Angel in Disguise, CD, RN, CGC, TDIA) in addition to being an AKC champion, has an obedience title, a rally title, a Canine Good Citizen title, and a TDIA certification. The sight of a well behaved Irish Setter sitting in the lobby of a big city hospital certainly promotes dialog, allowing for public education on an informal level. I believe their community involvement may satisfy an active public education program requirement. Our Responsible Dog Ownership day event scheduled for September 15, 2007, has a canine health focus, which would satisfy the AKC Veterinary Outreach activity. Joining us in this event will be a chiropractor, Dr. Michael Savko, that specializes in Orthopedic Veterinary Manipulation. We will have on hand to answer questions Dr. Doug Knueven, who specializes in holistic veterinary care, including accupuncture. We have a veterinary dental display and hand-outs available. We are working with AKC Canine Health Foundation for resources to supply to the public. Donations collected that day will benefit Irish Setter Health Foundation, and the club has voted to match donations raised that day and donate that same amount to the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

Part B: We would need to conduct two activities.

To satisfy one of these requirements, we have added a Breeder Referral link to our webpage, www.GTISC.org. In addition, as we have for the past two years, our RDO activity has included a Meet The Breeds event. Our members have brought their Irish, and some members also have English Cockers, a Standard Poodle, an Irish Wolfhound, English Setters, and a Spinone Italiano. Additionally, we invited members of our respective training clubs to bring their breeds, so we included Golden Retrievers, and multiple other breeds. We handed out AKC brochures discussing how to find the right dog for you, etc, and members were on hand to answer questions and provide resources. We advertised in the local paper, as well as on the website of the Mall (Pittsburgh Mills Mall), and a nice turn-out. Our therapy dog was there, and several people said they made the trip just to talk about how to get their dog involved in therapy dog work, etc.

Our club's Mission Statement has changed with its' new leadership and members. We share an altruistic view of our responsibility to represent this breed that we are so passionate about. We want people to feel good about dog owners, and Irish Setter owners in particular. We feel our club and its' outreach is precisely what AKC is trying to achieve.

Sincerely,

Coleen McGee
President
Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club

Mary received an email from AKC saying we must start ending year 2007, in 2008, filing a tax return...we are checking into protocol.

AKC sure has been busy.....geez!

PR - Judy Roberts

Get well wishes went out to Dee for a speedy recovery! And it worked! Dee had foot surgery and will be off her feet for awhile. (Cutting the lawn with a riding mower does not count, so Dee says!) She is off work until August. Enjoy the rest!!!

Birthdays

Bob Semich - 4th
Bill Hutchinson - 13th



Happy Birthday !!!!

On the health of our dogs...

Request for Lots of Setter Zen please.....

Bill & Jean's girl, "Zoe" has seemed a little exercise intolerant lately, breathing more heavily than Madeline, accelerated heart rate at rest, etc. Her vet recommended a heart ultrasound, so Jean went back to our resident specialist, Dr Caslow, who had provided Madeline with such good news a few months ago. Well, that is not to be the case for our beloved Zoe. She has a tumor in her heart, some bleeding out around the heart (in the pericardial sac), and some abnormality in her liver. The tumor is inoperable, and prognosis is poor. We can muster some of our world famous zen that this tumor is benign, slow growing, and the bleeding has been occurring for some time and is also very very slow leak, and all that could buy Zoe some time. She is famous for her 'bad hair days', achieved her TT certification two years ago, is the much beloved sister of Chase and Gunner, and has previously been employed as administrative assistant to the CEO of Timberline Packaging

Company (Mr. William Hutchinson). Zoë will be resting at home, enjoying leash walks and limited physical activity. Sending love to this adorable redhead....

Chase's news... **Ch Ohkoms Angel in Disguise, CD, RN, CGC, TDIA** underwent surgery for the removal of a growth on his left front leg. While he was under anesthesia for that, he was neutered to prevent future health problems. We've received word that the biopsy done on the growth showed it to be benign, which is great news. We wish Chase a speedy recovery

Get well to Coleen's "Creed"...**the Bad Moon on the Rise**...he has colitis and gave her a scare! He is on the mend, as well.

It is with great sadness that we extend condolences to Linda Scopa on the loss of her beloved "Angel", **Ohkom's Shimmering Angel, CD**. "Angel" is mom to (Mary's) "Chase", "Gunner", (Jean's) "Zoë" & "Madeline " "Angel" is also mother to Linda's Buttercup and Migel.



May the shamrocks fall softly

Club News and Reminders

Anyone who has not received their bylaws, or signed the paper to accept club emails, will receive their paperwork in the mail. Please return your signed email sheet to Mary as soon as possible.

Mary also put together a nice "Welcome" packet for new members. This includes a letter, business card, membership card and a copy of our bylaws.

PLEASE NOTE MEETING LOCATION CHANGE!!!!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 26th at the Dynasty International Buffet, Freedom Road, at 7:00 pm. (please note week change from the 3rd Thursday to the 4th for this month.) I looked at Mapquest and it's right off the turnpike exit. Go south on 19 to Freedom Road, less than a mile. Laura Williams will be visiting at Joan's. Holding our meeting at this location will allow for Laura and Joan to attend. As soon as a location is confirmed, an email message will go out. Please watch for it!

Our meeting at Dee & Judy's will be rescheduled.



The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club, Inc



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