



# The Scarlet Letter

*The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club, Inc*  
*June 2007*



## Dog News

ATTS last month...an apology to Nikki, as I missed including Nikki and her dog "Max" for also passing the test. Congratulations to Nikki and "[Max TT](#)".

Talmadge Ohio - Congratulations to Davis and his Aunt Nancy for getting the first points on their English Setter, "Paslee", [Huntwood Paslee Print by Davis](#).

Delmont - "Breeze", [Limerick's Against the Wind, CGC](#), entered her first Agility Trial this month! She was THE ONLY IRISH SETTER ENTERED IN FIELD OF 142 ENTRIES ON SUNDAY! She made us very, very proud, as she **completed** both the Jumpers Course and the Standard Course. She did not qualify as she did not complete the down on the table in the Standard course --although she did complete 13 other obstacles!!! Mary states: " I guess I did not make myself clear... she got down OFF the table instead of laying down ON the table-- handler error :) so we nq'd ) but it was a magnificent start to her Agility career! In the jumpers course, we got off to a rocky start, but she completed the second half of the course without a mistake, and there was great celebration at the end of it!!" Nice work, Breeze!

St. Clairsville, OH - Saturday & Sunday - Congratulations to Davis for going WB with "Bailey" [Courtwood's Always Bailey](#).

Congratulations to "Bailey", who is now [Courtwood's Always Bailey CGC](#). "Bailey" also has a portion of her TDI complete.

New Castle weekend...see "Specialties 2007" section.....



### Breeze's Column of the Month

"Many of you know me, and know all the fun things I do with Mom (Agility, Rally, Conformation). Since June is the month for Fathers' Day, I thought I'd share a page out of my diary showing what a close relationship I have with my Dad...

5:00 am Started the day as a hero! When the sound of the newspaper man putting the paper in the box woke me from a deep sleep, I realized that no one in the house was awake! I woke my dad first, by jumping on his chest and licking his face. He appeared very angry at himself for having overslept, shouting and waving his arms. His bad temper seemed directed at me at some point, but that is silly since it is I who saved him from being late for work. Funny thing though; he didn't go to work, but spent the morning leafing through a very large newspaper and drinking coffee. He seems to do this once a week and I don't know why.

7:30 am Invaders!!! The people who live next door came out into their yard, obviously getting ready to lay siege to our home. Snarling and barking, I let them know in no uncertain terms that I was prepared to tear them limb from limb if they came any closer, and was able to repel the invasion. As this is an almost daily occurrence, you think they'd learn. My dad added his voice to the fray as well, yelling angrily. I am sure the people couldn't hear him, but it was nice of him to lend his support.

10:00 am I was forced to move, as the patch of sun in which I was laying had, for some reason, slid over a few feet. It's not easy being a dog. Thru my sleepy haze, I heard Mom said she was going out for the day, but my Dad was going to take care of me. I guess that will be okay....

1:00 pm I have the most thoughtful Dad ever. While it is true he did leave me alone in the house for several hours while he took my brothers to the Gun Club, he did set out a treat for me on the kitchen counter. It was gift wrapped, a courtesy I wished he'd skipped, since it led to me having a lot of plastic stuck between my teeth. The roast was delicious, although still frozen in the center.

2:00 pm Most unpleasant experience when Dad returned home and was furious that I had not eaten all the plastic wrap which had been covering my present. He kept pointing at the small pieces of Styrofoam and other debris and yelling. I am sorry, but he should know I can't eat that stuff..it upsets my stomach. When he began rolling up a newspaper, I realized he'd lost all reason and bolted for the door, which was fortunately open a crack.

5:00 pm Having spent some time outside playing "you can't catch me" with Dad, he finally went back in the house. I took advantage of my outside time by giving the lawn a thorough going over.. and was richly rewarded! While my digging didn't yield any thing of interest, I did find a dead bird. It must have been there for a while, and it smelled wonderful! I rolled on it for a few minutes, and then I noticed Dad was looking out the door at me. More loud noise from Dad, and he made me stand outside in the chill air while he shampooed and rinsed me. Every time I shook water from my fur he, too, became drenched, and in the end he was shivering. Why in the world does he do stuff like this?

9:00 pm Mom's home. Time to sleep. Oh the life of a dog... Goodnight Mom.... 'night Dad. I love you...

Happy Fathers' Day."

Love, Breeze

## Events & Activities

Wal-Mart - May 12<sup>th</sup> Many members gathered together to sell our raffle tickets, lottery tickets, VPG tickets and Sarris pretzel rods. These included Sally O., Davis, Deb, Mary, Linda H., Ruth, Bob & Holly, Coleen, Dee, Judy & George. "Chase" attended as our resident Therapy Dog, showing off his skills for the public. "Creed" and "Quest" spent the afternoon entertaining the people. "Lacey" was showing off her beauty! Thanks to Sally O. and Davis for organizing our day at Wal-Mart. The day was very relaxing and successful, another great club event! Thanks to those who just gave cash donations to our cause without any type of purchase. Thanks to Wal-Mart for matching our funds. A check will be in the mail to us soon.

## Specialties 2007

After a year of planning, it has come together!

Trumbull KC - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> - Congratulations to Ruth for going RWD with "Sooty". [O'Dorsey's Fireside Sweeps](#) AND to Dee and Judy for RWB with "Lacey", [Graemar's Queen Anne's Lace](#). These winners, of course, being our English Cocker members.

New Castle KC - Friday - Congratulations to Dee and Judy for WB, BOW & BOS with "Lacey" [Graemar's Queen Anne's Lace](#) and to Ruth for RWD with "Sooty". [O'Dorsey's Fireside Sweeps](#) and RWB with "Dusty", [O'Dorsey's Apricot Delight](#).

Coleen was able to arrange with New Castle for the club to have an area near the rings and with the vendors for us to be able to set up our tables of raffle baskets, along with the raffle and lottery tickets. What a great and perfect location for us! Thanks to Deb, Skip, Mary, Ruth, George, Coleen, Dee, Jean, Judy and Sally O & Davis who manned the tables for two days...selling many tickets.

Butler KC - Saturday -

Congratulations AGAIN to "Lacey" and Dee and Judy for RWB and to Ruth with "Sooty", RWD.

**Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club Specialty** - Congratulations to Davis and "Bailey", [Courtwood's Always Bailey](#) for going Best in Puppy Sweepstakes! Way to Go!!

At the Puppy Match held Saturday Evening by the Butler KC, Davis was "Best in Match" with "Bailey".

Thank you to Joan for chairing and organizing the Hospitality for today. We had a great menu of ham and turkey sandwiches, stuffed cabbage from Coleen's sister, salads, sides, and desserts, many homemade & donated by members. Thanks to Dee for having our turkey donated by her employer, Joan cooked and carved the ham, Ruth made her famous potato and macaroni salad. And so much more!! The food was fabulous and the Irish Setter guests were very complimentary to all of it!

This was our Chinese Auction / Raffle Baskets, Basket of Cheer and "Silent Auction for Rescue" day. Sally S. chaired the silent auction which ended up being the best ever remembered with the proceeds received. Everyone set up and worked the raffle basket table throughout the day. We had 29 baskets and items that were donated for the cause. All but 2 were "claimed". The Basket of Cheer was all donated items and netted a nice little profit. The people, who bought tickets, whether they were lucky enough to get one that they wanted, said the baskets were a big hit! They were very impressed with the creativity and generosity of our members.

#### Trumbull KC - Sunday

Congratulations to Dee & Judy and "Lacy" for RWB and Ruth with "Sooty", RWD.

#### **Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club Specialty -**

Congratulations to Davis for his second Best In Sweeps with "Bailey". What a team!!

Today, hospitality was chaired and organized by Mary. She made her famous Ham Bar B Q's. Again, all of our members made and donated the salads, sides and wonderful desserts!! The Irish Setter guests were very pleased and thankful. Once again, the Club was complimented by the "quality" of our hospitality!

Thank you again to Joan, who also made her Motor home available to Mary and Linda H. to stay overnight. This made storing and preparing all of our meals for hospitality very convenient for everyone. The "club team" pitched in with providing tables, coolers, and anything else necessary for two great meals!

Today was our raffle ticket and VPG day! The VPG pendent went to Shirley Opp from Michigan, sold by Coleen. The 1<sup>st</sup> place ticket on the raffle was our Booster Bath and went to a very happy Davis!!! The 2<sup>nd</sup> place ticket was the VPG statue that went to Sandy Perco of Pittsburgh. The 3<sup>rd</sup> ticket, the HUGE doggie basket went to Elaine Brogan. Both raffles were a financial success.

#### New Castle KC - Monday

We all had fun!!

Throughout the weekend, our members with their Irish entered were Joan & "Dewey", [CH Kenobi's Just Do It, RN !](#), Mary and "Breeze" [Limerick's Against the Wind, CGC](#), Davis & "Bailey" [Courtwood's Always Bailey CGC](#), Deb & Skip with "Callie", [CH Stonepoint's Spell Breaker](#). Holly Semich with "Rhett" [Kenobi's Never Miss A Beat .....](#)

And of course, our English Cocker members, Dee & Judy with "Lacy" [Graemar's Queen Anne's Lace](#) and Ruth with "Sooty", [O'Dorsey's Fireside Sweeps](#) & "Dusty" [O'Dorsey's Apricot Delight](#).

Now, our President and "resident handler"..... congratulations to Coleen for going BOB Sunday and Monday with the spinone she co-owns, [CH Sweetbriar's Brilliant Gem](#) aka "Ruby", owned and bred by Dan and Dana Graff. Coleen and "Ruby" were also the Group 2 placement

on Monday! What a way to end 5 exciting days! Coleen also got points on the German Shepherd Dog, "Allie", [Kaimacha Alicia Plu Perfect](#), owned by Linda Burger.

Thank you to all club members for their time, generous donations for the raffle baskets and hospitality, and enthusiasm in club participation. Nearly every member, Coleen, Ruth, George, Mary, Deb, Skip, Linda H., Sally O, Davis, Sally S., Jean, Bob, Shirley, Holly, Lisa, Nikki, Joan, Dee, & Judy were able to come during the two days and help out somewhere throughout the craziness! Also we had Jervas Carr, and Linda Burger, friends of Coleen's, and Davis' Aunt Nancy jump in and help wherever they were needed.

A HUGE thank you to our sponsors who provided items for all of our raffles and fund raising activities;

Drs. Fosters and Smith  
Dog Gone It  
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And we cannot thank Virginia Perry Gardiner enough for her generous donation of the Irish setter pendent!!

The Club also thanks New Castle, Butler and Trumbull Kennel Clubs for being gracious hosts, providing whatever we needed or asked for.

And to the Winners....congratulations and best wishes for the future!!

A year in the making...yes, it was overwhelming at times...but how wonderful and successful the weekend was! We have proven that this can be done and done well. We organized, planned, met, SOLD, and did we sell!!!!. Whatever it took. With our members covering a great portion of Western PA, we have learned to organize and communicate well from a distance. Thank you to our long-distance member from Baltimore, Laura and "Bailey" for their contributions to our shows! Laura made raffle donations and sold tickets!! Thank goodness for cell phones and the internet!! This is definitely the Best Team ever!!!

Lottery tickets - All tickets and money should be turned into Dee at this time. It looks like 508 were sold...not bad for the first time. If you have any tickets & / or money, please get these to Dee ASAP.

RDO - September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Pittsburgh Mills Mall. This will be another great day out together for those able to make it. Our Theme is Health, with our donations going to the ISCA Health Foundation. Also, Mary acquired items from the Canine Health Foundation to be used for collecting donations also. Our members voted to "match" our donations collected for ISCA, and donate the matching funds to CHF. Our Chiro-vet will be in attendance along with several others in different areas of health. We will also arrange for "Meet the Breeds".

Sporting Dog Match- the plans for holding a sporting dog match at Ruth's have been started. Details will be made available as we progress. Tentative date is October 20<sup>th</sup>. CGC may also be this date.

Photos With Santa - Joan will check with the greenhouse to see about another "Photos with Santa" Day. Everyone agreed it was a fun and relaxing event and want to repeat that activity. The date TBA.

### Specialties / Shows 2008

With our club supporting entries again for the MSDA show, Coleen suggested offering sweeps to bring in entries. A sweeps judge will be "looked into" along with sweeps judges for our specialties in May. Some trophies have already been purchased on one of Mary's "shopping frenzies". As we end our specialties of 2007, the never-ending work for 2008 begins! What fun!



### New Membership

Mary received an application from Crystal Collins, of the Indiana, PA area. Mary met her at dog classes last summer. Crystal owns a rescue English Setter and Irish Setter. She alerted Mary to the Irish in the newspaper last summer. Mary asked her to pick him up and we would get him. She loved him so much that she kept him. Crystal joined us in New Castle for the weekend to help out, get her feet wet and find out what we are all about. Nothing like jumping in to our busiest weekend and event of the year to get a feel of things! A "brief meeting" was held to formally meet Crystal and "Toby", and do a quick summary of the shows' events. She is sponsored by Mary and Linda H.

We also received an application for Membership from Sally Evans, another past member rejoining us! Sally lives in New Bethlehem, PA. Sally attended our meeting. She is sponsored by Coleen and Sally O'Neill. Sally owns "Dugan", [Saxony's Boutonniere](#), who was WD on Thursday and Monday of the Memorial Day Cluster! Congratulations to Sally & "Dugan"!

Per by laws, their applications will be voted on at the June meeting.

PR - Judy Roberts

Birthdays - George 24<sup>th</sup>



Congratulations to Henrietta and Bob on the birth of their granddaughter, Evelyn Rose.

With a very heavy heart...

..On Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, Coleen received a phone call to come and pick up "Wagner", our old rescue boy. "Wagner's" owner, Mr. Bill White was sent to the hospital. Something that had gone on periodically over the few years that Bill had "Wagner", so not necessarily a worry. Jean went to get "Wagner" and delivered him to Coleen, per Bill's instructions, at the New Castle show grounds. After arriving home on Tuesday, Coleen called to see how Bill was doing, and a family member gave Coleen the sad news that Bill had passed away Saturday evening after Bill knew Jean had safely delivered "Wagner" to Coleen.. So, at this time, "Wagner" is living with Coleen. "Wagner" is in a familiar, loving home with Coleen, and his pals, "Quest", "Creed" and "Glory". Bill will be deeply missed by Coleen and "Wagner", and all of the members of the Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club that had the privilege to cross Bill's path. Heinrich Funeral Home, Claysville Thursday & Friday 2 -4 and 7 - 9 with the funeral service at 1:00 Saturday.

May the Shamrocks fall



softly.....



Rescue

On an update concerning the Irish Setter reported running loose in the Perrysville area, he has not been seen as far as we know. Mary has not had any more contact from the attorney that first reported it. Hopefully, the dog is back home with the owner. We will keep our ears and eyes opened.

Proceeds from the ATTS event and "Silent Auction for Rescue" were added to our "Rescue Account " balance.

Presenting our newest "column....."



*From the Rescue side.....*

Hi Everyone,

My name is Bailey. I'm sure you all remember me from the last few Scarlett Letters. I live in Baltimore now with my new Mom and little sister "Ruby". Mom says I've been here for going on 3 months now. I made myself right at home and was hoping that I was going to be asked to stay. I'm real happy to share that I was. I was a bit nervous initially, but I relaxed when I met my new Vet Dr. Lance. Then Mom made a green folder with my name on it and it has all my papers and emails and cool stuff about me in it. Once that green folder hit the file cabinet I pretty much knew I was "IN". Well that and the constant kisses on the head. 🐾

Now, Mom tells me we get to share some of our adventures with our Club. How cool... I have a new Home, a new Mom, a new Little Sister "Ruby" and I'm in a Club. I must say I'm feeling pretty special these days.

One thing before I go. We all shared our first Mother's Day together. Not only did Ruby and I get a little Boston Chicken in our dinner on Sunday, I got to meet my Grandma. Yes,,, I have a Grandma too. Her name is Fizzle. She's absolutely the coolest. She stayed with us all weekend and we played, watched movies and hung out in the backyard. I could not wait to wake her up first thing Sunday morning. I ran in, jumped on her and gave her lots of wet kisses right on the mouth. Fizzle started giggling and said some words I didn't recognize. They must both be from the same place because she speaks the same foreign language my Mom uses when I take the clean folded towels out to the back yard 😊. I was sorry to see her go home, she's a great head scratcher, she shared her tin of key lime pie cookies with Ruby and me (which by the way are sweet but they give you a pretty good pucker) and she holds your face and looks you sweetly in the eye when she gives a nice warm cheek kiss. I just love her.

Well, Mom wants to check her email so I have to go for now... So until next time this is Bailey sending out Big Barks from Baltimore.

~~~Laura & Bailey, along with Ruby

## Club News and Reminders

For those of you who are familiar with "The Monks of New Skeet", they have an 11-part series on Animal Planet. It airs Mondays at 8:00 p.m. and repeats throughout the week at different times. For those not familiar, they have written books on dog behavior and training.

If you did not receive your copy of the bylaws, see Mary. Also, you will need to sign a paper to agree to receive messages and notices by email. This requirement for email is per AKC instructions. If you do not see Mary soon, she will mail out the paper to be signed and returned to her ASAP.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. at Panera in Monroeville.



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