



The Scarlet Letter

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



March....it is **OUR** month! AND we have definitely seen the "gold" at the end of the rainbow!!! It is not defined as in money value, but in the value of the friendships we have found and the precious red dogs that we own (AND the English cockers, English setters and the berners, too!). What we have in this club can never be measured in numbers or by a dollar value...but by what is in our hearts! I doubt if anyone would disagree.



Dog News

An exciting adventure has begun.....Breeze, Dewey, Bailey & Peter have started Rally classes. Dewey already has his RN, under the direction of Lisa. Mary is now taking on the task of handling Dewey to the next rally title. Yeah!!! And those of us in novice will watch and learn. It's been so much fun already!!

Well, Buffalo was snowed under, and everywhere from here to there. It was decided to cancel the weekend and Callie stayed home. All groomed and no where to go...



PR - Judy Roberts

March Birthdays

Lisa Edwards - 23rd

Happy Birthday!!!!!!



On the health of our dogs....

"Creed" is doing much better on his meds. "Quest" has recovered from bronchitis..still a little coughing, which may remain. "Gunner's" tail is still short, but has hair, is all healed!

Lots of Get Well wishes go out to Jean & Bill's girl, "Madeline". She is under the weather with some health issues that resulted in good news from the specialist. Yeah, Madeline!



Rescue

Best wishes to "Bailey" and his new mom. Laura. It looks like his new home will have a 6-foot wooden fence, a screened in "doggie deck", AND a sister, "Ruby", to have for a playmate and companion! His new mom works from home. It can't get any better than that! His new home is out-of-state. Laura was so excited when she met "Bailey" and has promised to keep in touch and send lots of photos! Best wishes to "Bailey", "Ruby" and Laura!

Club Events and Activities

MSDA show March 3rd in Maryland. Coleen, Mary & Deb will be attending for the day. They will deliver all the trophies for the supported entries of Irish Setters. And of course, sell tickets! Miss Breeze, Ch Glory and Creed are entered.

Reminder that members are asked to donate a basket that best reflects their personality or interest for the Chinese auction. Please get these to Deb. Items are also needed for the

Silent auction (Sally S) and the huge doggie raffle basket (Mary). Deadline is April 28th on all Specialty events, tickets & items.

The following are detailed in January/February newsletter. Please see those for reference. See our website, also, or contact the chairperson.

- 1) Lottery - on-going through the end of May. See Dee for "more" tickets!! Sales are moving along nicely. Unsold tickets due April 28th at Temp test.
- 2) Raffle tickets - See Dee for your tickets. Sell, sell, sell! Unsold tickets due April 28th at temp test.
- 3) Temp Test - April 28th at Ruth's. Contact Joan to schedule your time to help. Or see the members page "help Needed" section.
- 4) CGC - in the works. Joan is organizing this.
- 5) Wal-Mart- May 12th. To sell our tickets for the lottery and raffle items. Contact Sally O'Neill to let her know if you are helping out. She has us scheduled from 8:00 a.m to 8:00 p.m. Please pick a time slot that best fits your schedule.
- 6) RDO- in the planning stages yet.
- 7) St. Patrick's Day Parade - Saturday March 17th. Sally Tress is organizing this....see the website. Mary, Deb, Skip, Coleen, Joan, Sally O. so far, are planning on going.



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NOTE: See our website member page for the "jobs needed" list! Participation is needed!

Specialties 2007

New Castle weekend - Thursday, Friday, - supported entries. Mary, Skip, Deb & Coleen will be there Thursday and Friday to set up the table at the restaurant. Help is needed throughout the days to man the table. We will be selling our raffle and lottery tickets. Please contact Deb to let her know if you can help. A time schedule will be done after ring

times are published. We'd like to work this so everyone can watch or show their dogs. Coleen has a variety of dogs to show that weekend.

Saturday Specialty - tables of items will be moved ringside. Help will still be needed. We will be selling raffle tickets on Saturday. The hospitality chair-team is Joan, Nikki and Henrietta for this day. They will be organizing the menu and what is needed. The meal is ham and turkey as in the past. The ham is covered so far.

Sunday Specialty - tables will still be ringside. This is our "Silent Auction" for rescue and the "Chinese Auction". Several people for each auction are needed. Mary is chairing hospitality and will have the list of needed items ready to be discussed at a meeting.

Monday - Supported Entries - No sale tables today. Have fun! Shop the vendors!! Show and watch dogs!!

All trophies for the 5-day week of shows are purchased. A few items are out having embroidery finished. When these items are completed, trophies will be boxed per show, per day, ready to grab and go. Yeah!! Finished MONTHS in advance!

Club Event follow-up..Dr. Michael Savko

Did anyone catch Dr. Michael Savko on the TV? KDKA news ran a nice segment on his chiropractic care of pets. "Peter" is still seeing him, and improving nicely. Dr. Savko also has become involved with the local 4-H Club and has the opportunity to take care of some miniature horses. This "connection" came from our dinner in November. Congratulations to Dr. Savko! And, another job well-done for our club! What we set out to do was accomplished, introducing people in the world of animal services, and getting the word out!



Website

Once again, please update any photos and "bio's" to Mary. We are in the process of getting our specialty information and our scheduled events up online.

Ways and Means - Joan

Sarris' candy - Sally O'Neill came to the meeting with information on selling Sarris' chocolate covered pretzel rods. They come two per package and sell for \$1.00 each. Profit is based on number of boxes sold. Sally suggested that we go in with her church ladies

group and order as one to get the higher profit margin. Sally has agreed to order candy and work with the church ladies. It was agreed to order 34 boxes and split them with the church ladies. This is on-going and can continue as long as we want. We have many events going on, Wal-mart, specialty weekend, etc..along with members having places and connections to sell a box or two. Contact Sally to get your candy.



Breeze's Column of the Month

"Breeze" would like to begin by sharing a little St Patty's Day Humor

A farmer named Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside except for a pet dog he doted on. The dog finally died and Muldoon went to the parish priest saying, "Father, the dog is dead. Could you possibly say a mass for the poor creature?"

Father Patrick told the farmer "No, we can't have services for an animal in the church, but I'll tell you what. There's a new denomination down the road apiece, and no telling what they believe in, but maybe they'll do something for the animal."

Muldoon said. "I'll go right now. By the way, do you think \$50,000.00 is enough to donate for the service?"

Father Patrick replied, "Why didn't you tell me the dog was Catholic?"

Breeze, Peter, Bailey and Dewey have some obedience trials in their future, as they are all attending classes. Breeze, who lives with an obedience titled dog, has a quiz to help all of you who hope to someday compete in obedience, better understand the rules.

Heel on lead means:

- a. Walk kinda behind your handler, always staying out of peripheral vision.
- b. Have fun playing; this may include biting the lead, pants, or a playful nip to the heel of the handler.
- c. This is really a towing exercise. Either tow your handler or be towed by them.
- d. None of the above.

Figure Eight is for:

- a. Making friends with the posts.
- b. Your last chance to play with the lead.
- c. A good time to practice those Stays
- d. All of the above.

The Stand for Exam is for:

- a. Licking the judge
- b. Sleeping
- c. Checking out the audience and finding new folks you want to meet.
- d. All of the above.

Heel Free means

- a. Sniff until something interests you and then wander away from your handler.
- b. Time to meet those friends people you had your eye on during the Stand
- c. Time to show your potential for Utility and do a "Go Out"
- d. All of the above.

Recall means:

- a. Hmm. I don't recall what this means.. maybe I better just stand here
- b. Run as fast as you can to your handler and then jump on them.
- c. Run to that spot that smelled so interesting and proceed to check it out.
- d. Alternate all of the above responses.

Stays are for:

- a. Twitching and looking around to freak out your handler
- b. Licking yourself.
- c. Playing with any other dogs within reach
- d. Just pick one or two of the above



Membership

Welcome to our three newest members...Nicole, Scott & Bill.

Clubs News and Reminders

Please refer back to the past two newsletters for detailed information on everything that is going on or in-the-works!

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 15th @ 7:30 at Panera Bread in Monroeville, Miracle Mile. The room is ours from 7:00 - 10:00.

Congratulations to Ruth for passing her driver's test!



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