



# The Scarlet Letter

The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club,  
Inc  
November 2007



We are already into the month of giving thanks. Things to be "Thankful" for; good friends, our health, the love of our dogs and our dogs to love! And that is only the beginning of a plentiful list that I am sure we all have!

## Dog News

### Congratulations to;

To Coleen and the Spinone, "Ruby", *CH Sweetbriar's Brilliant Gem*, for BOB both days in Aliquippa.

To all of our members dogs that passed their *CGC* test at our event October 13th;

(English Setters) *BJ's Silverline Echo of Emrock, CGC* - "Echo" and  
*Huntwood Paslee Print by Davis, CGC*, "Paslee", owned by Davis Denny and Nancy O'Neill

(Spinone Italiano) *Sweetbriar's Diamond's Are Forever, CGC*, "James" owned by Dee & Judy and Dana & Dan Graff

(Irish Setters) *O'Dorseys' Vision-Quest, CGC*, "Quest" AND *Sirius Bad Moon on the Rise, CGC*, "Creed" AND *CH Ballymera's Walkin' on Water, CGC*, "Glory" AND THE MOST

DESERVING dog of the day, our rescue "Mr. Wagner, CGC" , Coleen's entire gang!!!!  
Ya-hoo....what a crew!

(pointers) New membership applicant, Karen Gaupp and her pointer, *Cumbrian Trinity, CGC*, "Triton".

To Davis and "Bailey", *CH Courtwood Always Bailey, CGC*, for going BOS both Saturday and Sunday, in Cumberland MD. And also Davis, with "Echo", *BJ's Silverline Echo of Emrock, CGC*, for RWB on Sunday.

Leesburg VA, Saturday

Davis and "Paslee", *Huntwood Paslee Print by Davis* for WB for 2 points!

Karen Gaupp and "Triton" *Cumbrian Trinity* for WB, who are our prospective new Pointer members!

And on Sunday, to Karen again, for WB with "Triton".

Deb & "Peter", *CH Touchstone's Fire and Ice, CGC* has now achieved his Novice Rally Title!! They started training last February and after many months of HARD work for a very novice pair, and in three trials, three qualifying legs and a New Title! Thanks for MUCH encouragement from Mary to give this a try...and to the instructor that was SO supportive and encouraging, Jay Beaver, at WCOTC! And to Joan and Lisa for his Basic Obedience classes, which probably took record time to pass!!! And Coleen who said "You go, Girl!!!"

Ruth forwarded an article from Healthy Pet magazine that featured Olivia Newton-John with her Irish Setter, Jack. Olivia loves the breed, and this is the 5th Irish Setter in her life! She states when she was recording "If Not For You", her first Irish setter, Jordy, knocked in to the microphone stand and groaned. The sound made it into the final cut! She also recorded a song "Where Have You Gone? (Sam)", in memory of her Irish Setter, "Sam". She describes the perfect day as "getting up on a day that is just beautiful outside, making a cup of tea, meditating, sitting out in the sun for a bit, and taking 'Jack' for a walk". Sounds like the perfect day to all of us. Thanks for sharing, Ruthie!



The "Word from the Woods" by Gunner (Ohkom's Honky Tonk Angel, PRD)

Well, Gunner's long awaited favorite day in the world has arrived. The first day of small game season here in Western Pennsylvania was on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. While other club members' dogs were busy earning their CGC, Gunner was earning his PRD title (point, retrieve and drop) – a title he himself made up! It began with a long trip to the Game Lands with Hank and Chase (Breeze is indisposed due to her heat cycle). When they hit the woods, the first dog to find a bird was Chase. Hank wasn't quite ready, and his safety on the gun was toggled between the two barrels, and he wasn't able to get a shot off. Gunner shook his head in disgust, and told Hank to be ready! Not long afterwards, the trio was enjoying the beautiful fall day, the crisp mountain air, and the wonderful fall scenery. Gunner was ranging nicely, sniffing the

air, and went on point. Hank fired, and saw the bird drop. He then heard rustling in the woods, and it appears the bird had fallen, but was not dead. That was when Gunner decided just pointing the birds wasn't quite enough, so he went and got it, and dropped it in front of Hank.. thus the Point Retrieve Drop title he has now bestowed upon himself.  
Let the season begin.....



all in a day's work!

It's official!! The announcement of calendar photo winners has been made..and "I Saw Breezie Kissin' Santa Claus" made a small December photo. Congratulations to "Breezie", Mary and our club "santa", George!! Calendars can be ordered by downloading a form on the ISCA website, or from the MEMO. Proceeds benefit the ISCA Health Foundation

## Events and Activities

CGC Tests & Sporting Dog Fun Match - Oct 13 @ Ruth's.... Although it was little cool, the sun was shining and it was a beautiful day for our event!! We had 8 dogs pass CGC. Thank you to Lisa for conducting our CGC Testing. We had 15 entries between Sweeps and Regular classes. Thank you to Coleen for judging our Sweeps and to Leah Lang for judging the regular classes. We had an array of sporting dogs, to include pointers, vizlas, many golden retrievers, English Cockers, English Setters, Irish Setters, Spinone, and labs! Congratulations to these winners!

Best in Sweeps was 9-12 month male Golden owned by Pat Depp  
Best Jr Puppy was Lab owned by Carollyn Locker  
Best Sr. Puppy was the Best In Sweeps Golden owned by Pat Depp  
Best Adult was another Golden owned by Pat Depp  
Best In Match was the Lab puppy

We had an old-fashioned wiener roast over the bon-fire for all those in attendance. Photos of winners and placements were taken by Joan and printed for each one to take home. A HUGE thank you to Joan for providing all of the ribbons through The Pet Wellness and Training Center!!! Club members George, Coleen, Mary, Joan, Lisa, Deb, Skip, Bob, Holly, Davis, Sally O., Ruth, Jean, Bill, Dee & Judy were able to be there to host our event. Also, helping out for the day were prospective new members Karen Gaupp and Nancy O'Neill.

Thank you to; Ruth for her property to hold this fun event! Ruth's son, Wayne, for getting the property ready for us. Dee & Judy for the Toy Box raffle item. Karen Gaupp, for the fall basket of dog items for an additional raffle item. Joan, for the photos. Nancy O'Neill for the homemade Wedding soup, and the rest of the food and beverages were provided by Dee & Judy, Mary, Jean & Bill, Deb & Skip, Coleen, Sally & Davis, George, Bob, Shirley & Holly. Members hauled tables, chairs, canopies and anything else needed. With the generosity of our members providing many items towards this event, we did make a few

dollars profit after covering the expenses. THANK YOU CLUB MEMBERS!!! These two events fulfill AKC requirements to hold a show. ( I think we've surpassed our minimum requirements...)

Photos With Santa - Saturday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 12:00 - 5:00 @ Brenkle's Greenhouse and Nursery, Butler. Please let Joan know if you can attend. All proceeds to go to the purchase of the Pet Rescue oxygen masks. Photos will be \$5 each.

Christmas Meeting / Dinner @ Atria's, Perry Highway, Wexford, Saturday Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Judy received an invitation for her and a guest (Mary) for a complimentary dinner to taste their fall menu. Mary reports that her and Judy had a wonderful time! Atria's out did themselves in their hosting of this event that was free to all of those invited! Please go to [www.atrias.com](http://www.atrias.com) and then to Private dining menu. Please look at the menu items and choices and email your choices to Deb. ([dlawrenc@verizon.net](mailto:dlawrenc@verizon.net)) A tally of all choices will be made and presented at the November meeting for finalization. Reservations will need to be made, and we will have the information and deadline ready for November's meeting also. We have agreed to have our Chinese Grab Bag / gift exchange again. This was Sally Stewart's idea last year, and it was so much fun, we want to continue with this! Gifts are set at a \$15 minimum. (limits just don't seem to work with us!!!)

Sarris Candy sale - Please see Sally O. for candy. Candy sale goes through December. This is getting off to a great start! Proceeds benefit club expenses and the purchase of one set of oxygen masks.

Lottery Tickets - Please see Dee to get your tickets. Tickets are being sold through December. We want to surpass the total sales of the June 07 tickets of 547! PLEASE bring what tickets you have sold to the meeting and / or let Dee know what you have sold, either way. We are down to two months to get as many sold as we can. Proceeds to cover club expenses for activities, with 10% to the Trophy Fund., and one set of oxygen masks.

Oxygen Masks - this project is moving along nicely. Three more sets are ordered and have arrived to be distributed. Mary composed a Cover Letter to put with these masks when given to the EMS locations so they are sure where they came from and why they received them. If you have not already, please line-up your local EMS / Fire department. George has his lined up next, Penn Township Ambulance Association, Irwin. When you locate them, ask if they have a set of the Pet Masks and if not, would they like a set, and also, ask do they need to be shown how to use them? You will then need to contact a local Veterinarian's office to ask if they would take the time to do that. It was decided by the members overall, to take proceeds from each fund raiser to buy one set of masks until all member's areas are covered. The Santa Photos monies will all go for this cause.

Cloud star - Mary came across this company while online. This company sells dog items that include biscuits, food, shampoo, and clothing (both dog and human). Orders will be taken between Oct 15<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Please bring order forms and checks for payment to the November meeting. Once the order is sent in, the company will send the orders out direct, which means we DO NOT have to deliver anything...and we will receive 25% of the order back to us. How easy can that be? Hand out catalog and forms; collect them back with the completed order form and payment..give to Mary and that is it! No fuss, no muss! If you

did not get forms or catalog, contact Mary OR go to <http://www.cloudstar.com> , browse the catalog and make your list. Orders MUST be turned in through us for our club to get the credit. This is worth giving it a try.



### **Specialties 2008**

MSDA - We will be offering Supported Entries for Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>. Trophies will be purchased.

ISCA Nationals - Scottsdale AZ, April 2008

May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> - Coleen has been in contact with Paula Mondock concerning the specialty weekend. For the Saturday show, Leah Lang has agreed to judge sweepstakes. Steve Keating has been chosen to judge the regular classes. Coleen and George will get the proper paperwork out to each of them confirm this assignment. For Sunday, Sweepstakes judge chosen is Bill Hossler. The judge for regular classes has not yet been chosen. Coleen will contact the host dog club to see who their judging panel is.

Thursday, Friday & Monday - supported entries May 22, 23 & 26 - plans for trophies are getting under way.

We will again have the Basket raffle and Silent Auction for Rescue (Saturday). Each member is asked to make a basket with a theme of their choice. Deb will organize and put the baskets together. She will start collecting these things in January. A list of items left from last year will be made to see what we have to start with for both the raffle and the auction. And for Sunday, we will again have the \$5 raffle ticket that has 3 chances to win on one ticket. These are to be determined pending what Mary hears from companies that letters have been sent for a donation. We will need to make a decision at the November meeting to have tickets printed and ready for distribution at the December meeting.

Joan suggested checking about renting tables for the weekend instead of people trying to haul tables there with everything that needs to be taken to the site. Everyone agreed, so Joan will check around Butler for prices. Hospitality and other committees will need to be decided soon. Please keep this in mind and think what committee you would like to help with.

### Trophies

Deb, Mary and Coleen are pleased to announce that the trophies have been chosen and we are beginning to get them all purchased. With major sales in the Petedge catalog and by utilizing the Cloudstar fund raising idea, the cost of the trophies are coming in at less than half the cost of last year. PLUS, this is with the club purchasing ALL trophies. Last year, a large percentage of the trophies were donated by members. How exciting for all of us that our goal of being able to "stand on our feet" as a club, and to not depend on the huge generosity of members to donate a large portion, has been met in only two years. All of the members' hard work and perseverance has definitely proven our strength as a "team". A strong, heartfelt, congratulations to all!



Breeze's Column of the Month

November is when we celebrate Thanksgiving! Yum! All I can think about is all that good food. Dogs have a different way of looking at food than their humans. For example, dogs' food groups are different.

The Five crucial Food Groups According to Dogs:

1. In the bowl. (A good foundation, but important to supplement with other groups.)
2. Off the table. (Most varied group, but best eaten when no one is looking.)
3. On the floor. (A nutritious way to snack between meals.)
4. Grass - taken at least once a day to enable vomit activity. (Vomit activity best engaged in while on the good rugs)
5. Inedible ingestibles. (At least once a month for overall digestive happiness.) Plastics containing electronic components are frowned upon.

If you think you will not be discovered doing this, be aware the evidence will surface somewhere in your back yard within 48 hours and your secret will be out....

In any event, I'm thankful for my family, my friends, my life... and my food!

Bon Appetit!

Love

*Breeze*

Thought for the day: "A dog's kennel is not the place to keep a sausage"

*Danish Proverb*



"A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself."

~Josh Billings taken from Hugs for Pet Lovers

**PR - Judy Roberts**

Birthdays

Crystal Collins - 19th

Mary Hummert - 21<sup>st</sup>

Joan Fiser 22<sup>nd</sup> (Thanksgiving Day)



Happy Birthday !!!!!!!

As a follow up to the status (from August newsletter) of Sue Rosko, former club member and officer: Sue is resting, when she is home, at her mother's. She will be admitted to the hospital when receiving chemo treatments. If you would like to send Sue a card, her address is 200 Union Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15221. Please keep her in your prayers.

Bob Semich has reported that he is feeling better than ever! We have to agree, as he looks wonderful! Keep up the great recovery....we are thrilled you are well!



**New Membership**

Welcome to the Holleran Family, Tim, Ellen, Conner and Maggie, home to "Molly" that they adopted in August through the Irish Setter Club of Ohio Rescue. Ellen attended RDO and the September meeting. The Holleran's are sponsored by Mary and Dee.

We are pleased to announce that the club UNANIMOUSLY voted Nancy O'Neill as a member. She is added in as a family member with Davis and Sally. Nancy has been to EVERY club event we have had since the O'Neill's have joined. She has donated MUCH time and her knowledgeable experience, along with food items (homemade..YUM), help to sell our fund

raising items. .. and tons of other things behind the scenes. As a club, we have decided that her dedication, company and friendship have made her a member! And we PROMISE she can stay in the status that she has maintained all along! So, Nancy..you are stuck with all of us!!! WELCOME! We enjoy your company!

An application has been received by Karen Gaupp of Greentree. Karen owns pointers and has applied for membership. Karen attended the Sporting Dog Fun Match and the October meeting, which meets our bylaw requirement of two events, with voting at November's Meeting. Karen is sponsored by Coleen and Mary.



**Rescue**

The Rescue Placement Contract has been revised and updated to suit current needs. These needs were updated per ISCA contract that Mary requested a copy of, and to help eliminate issues we have already encountered.

*And from the rescue side ....*

Hi All,

I can't believe how much I LOVE FALL... Does everyone know about LEAVES ?... they are really lots of fun. The only negative I see with them is the plucking from my tail when I re-enter the house. Otherwise,,, I'm all about those fun little toys dropping from the sky. 😊 This weather is right up my alley. Ruby seems to be snuggling closer to Mom since it got a little cooler, but for me,,, it's perfect.

So,,, new this month... We have a housekeeper, since Mom went to work and committed to the "One on One time" with Ruby and I she needs a little help around the house. Her name is Stephanie and she's making Mom very happy these days, and Ruby and I like her too. It's pretty crazy how much mess Ruby and I create in a week,,, but with Stephanie coming now, Mom is very relaxed and she's not pulling out her cleaning toys as often.

A week or so ago, Mom asked Stephanie to look in the yard for a missing remote. Now I'm sure you are all thinking why would the remote be in the back yard? Sometimes it's just in the sofa, but Mom always wonders if we were playing with it. So anyway, Stephanie went out back and didn't find the remote but came up with Mom's lost cell phone. Now just let me say right now "I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT." 🤪

So anyway, Stephanie came back and said "No remote, but I found a cell phone." Well, let me tell you the cell phone story. Again, I have to say, "I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT. Turns out Mom was sharing some pictures off her phone with her friends at Kocos and then she came home. Since she uses that phone as her alarm she went for it at bedtime and realized it was missing. She called all of her friends and no luck,,, no phone. Then she

called AT&T and they said "someone made a call at 10pm" Mom knew she lost the phone before 10pm so she canceled the service.

Anyway, back to my story. Stephanie found the phone, covered in mud, and it still worked. It was RUBY. Remember how I told you she looks for gum in mom's purse? well this time she found the cell phone. Now, the big joke was "WHO DID RUBY CALL AT 10PM?" Ruby is pretty tricky so Mom was concerned, as for me, I sat relaxed on the big green chair while Mom tried to figure it out. Did I tell everyone "THIS TIME IT WASN'T ME?" Yeah,,, well maybe it's just me, but since I've done my fair share of messing up I want everyone to be clear it was my little sister.

So Mom tried to figure out who RUBY called. Turns out it was just a call back to her voicemail so no big deal. I gotta tell you, I was secretly hoping for a call to China. It would have been cool to see that look on Mom's face and this time not in my direction. Come on everyone,,, after all my antics,,, that would have been funny.

So the cell phone is back and so is the remote, by the way it was under the sofa. And Mom moved on to the next adventure with us. She lets each one simply pass by,,, because before you know it,,, there's something else to figure out with Irish Setters in the house.

But hey,,, She really doesn't seem to mind anymore. Not much gets her excited,,, but many things make her laugh. So, if Ruby and I keep her smiling instead of wondering then we're doing our job.



Happy November everyone,,, This is Baltimore Bailey signing off.

P.S. Does anyone know about this Thanksgiving event coming up? I'm hearing quite a bit about turkeys and pies. Now that sounds like a day I'd really enjoy. Do Setters have Thanksgiving? I sure hope so. 😊

*A subject I'm sure we can all relate to.....*

"Muddy Floors"

It's raining here in Baltimore  
the floors are wet with mud galore  
While Bailey gives me "shimmy shakes" (that's giving Mom a paw)  
Ruby seems to be his bait...  
He nibbles her leg like it's a nice treat  
I remind him again "she is truly not meat"

There's a big long stretch  
Then they share a big hug  
While they wrestle around  
spreading mud on the rug  
Again to the yard all full of wet dirt  
and when they return of course I'm alert...

Are all the chairs covered with washable sheets?  
I really do try to keep the house neat  
They're making a mess all over the place  
"Please work with me dogs, this is just in bad taste."

So while I try to be so aware  
It's clear to me now that they simply don't care  
Are they on the same page?, I don't even ask  
Cleaning up after them is simply my task

I'm grateful today for these muddy floors  
and all of the hugs and the kisses and more  
It's amazing to me how we calculate  
what's truly important, and simply what's fate

For me I've been blessed with a wet rainy day  
Being a Mom, watching healthy dogs play  
~~~~~Laura Williams



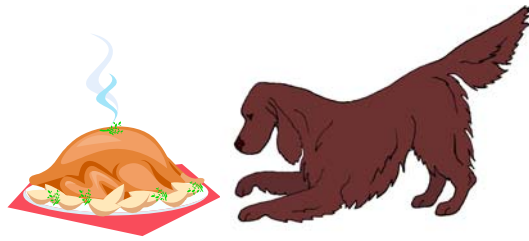
### **Club News and Reminders**

Mary reported that both the ISCA and AKC Health Foundations sent letters of thanks for our donations, raised at RDO, to their cause.

Nominations for Elections for 2008 - Judy Roberts has again agreed to be Nomination Chair since she does such an outstanding job! Nominations begin in November with elections in January, per GTISC By-laws.

**Notices for the 2008 membership dues go out this month. Please update your contact information.**

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at Dee & Judy's, 7:00 p.m. Members are welcome to arrive anytime after 6:00 p.m. Once again, Dee & Judy will host a Thanksgiving buffet. PLEASE RSVP to Judy, by the weekend prior, so they know how many guests to prepare for. They reside at 339 Marbury Road, Bethel Park. Phone # 412-833-1836, or you may use Mapquest.



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ALL articles welcomed



Have a colorful autumn!!!