



# The Scarlet Letter

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



September brings us Labor Day picnics and the celebration of summer's end. It also is the beginning of school and football season. And soon the fall holidays will be upon us. The coolness of the air will be a welcome relief to the unbearable heat of August! And the rain.....all summer's worth in one month! Arghhhhhh.....

## Dog News



*Congratulations to;*

- Davis and "Bailey", [Courtwood's Always Bailey CGC](#), for WB Thursday at Fort Steuben KC, Canfield.

- Davis and "Bailey", for BOB over two specials at Perkiomen Valley KC, Eagleville PA..WOW way to go....

- AND to Sally O for driving from home to Canfield for Thursday, then to Eagleville for Friday (PAST Harrisburg) and back to Canfield for Saturday and Sunday. Now who deserves a BIS for driving endurance here???? Oh, my.....

At Canfield, Saturday - Beaver County KC .....

-Davis & "Bailey" for BOW for 2 more points, leaving one major left to go! Davis and "Bailey" have become a really fabulous team!

- Linda H. & "Simon", [Briarcreek's Simply Simon RN, CGC](#) for a qualifying score of 83 in Rally Novice. While Simon is already RN, they were out for a day of fun and staying in practice, getting ready to work on that RA Title!

- Coleen and "Ruby", [CH Sweetbriar's Brilliant Gem](#) for another BOB. AND to "Ruby's" sister, "Pearl", [Sweetbriar's Cultured Pearl JH](#), going BOW for her New Champion title. And on the other end of "Pearl's" lead was Dee. What an exciting day in the spinone ring!

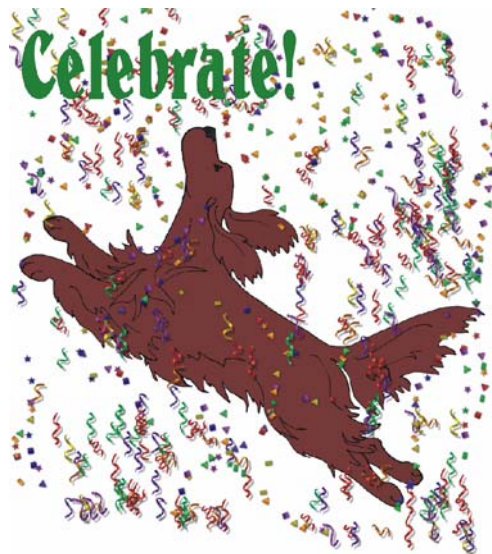
- Davis and "Bailey", [Courtwood's Always Bailey CGC](#) for WB, BOW & BOS over specials on Friday in Harrisburg!

- **AND** announcing [CH Courtwood's Always Bailey CGC](#) for going BOB over specials, Saturday in Harrisburg to get the major and finish!!! **CONGRATULATIONS DAVIS AND "BAILEY"!!!**

- Crystal and her rescue "Toby", [CGC](#) on their first try at an CPE Agility Trial! It proved to be a great run for a "first" for both Crystal and "Toby"! What fun!

-On the "fun" side of things, Mary, Linda H. and Deb entered a Nascar Rally event at the Westmoreland Training Club in Delmont. While "Chase" and "Simon" already have their RN titles, this was a first try with "Peter". While all lost points were "handler error", "Peter" finished the course with a score of 89! "Chase" gave the advance course a whirl, showing his "true Irish Setter" personality! [Let's see what the judge is doing; oh, my.is that a water bowl off to the side?, and I really do want that toy!!!](#) "Simon" did very nice job with his turn! It was definitely a fun evening!

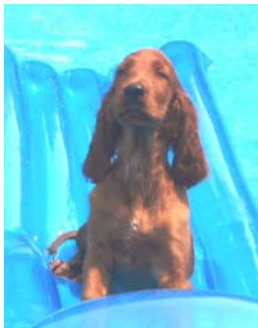
- Davis and "Echo" [BJ's Silverline Echo of Emrock](#), for going WB & 2 points, Saturday at Sugarbush KC, their first weekend out with this six-month-old English Setter! Then on Sunday, Western Reserve, for going WB & BOB for another two points! WOW, what an exciting weekend for these two!



## Puppy news!!!

The Story of "Bob".....by Mary Hummert

Some very exciting puppy news this month! Enter: "Brynmoor's Skye Pilot", aka "Bob". It all started when Mary's friend Tye (from Virginia) was shipping a puppy up to Pittsburgh with her husband, Lew. The new owners were to meet Lew here, and pick up the pup. Well, circumstances changed and they decided not to take a puppy at this time. That left Lew with a serious commitment, as he was in town chairing a National pistol- shooting event. Long days in 90 plus degree weather, a room at a local hotel, and a 10 week old puppy = a call for help! Hank and Mary offered to let the pup stay with them for the week, and thus began the story of "Bob". He very quickly began his excellent adventure, joining Hank and Chase, Gunner and Breeze in daily runs at the farm, trips to the gun club, lounging in the air conditioning, trips to "grandma's" and days at the pool. It became apparent this was no ordinary puppy... a real charmer! Questions to Hank when discussing plans usually ended with "What about Bob?".. the answer was always.. he's going with us!!! And it just as quickly became apparent "Bob" was going nowhere....particularly back to Virginia! He had wormed his way into the hearts of all that met him, particularly Hank. Mary knew that if she didn't find the PERFECT home for "Bob", the alternative was going to be *her home*. That started her thinking, and the answer came to mind....Jean and Bill!!!! Maddie and Zoe had been 'only children' long enough. Bill needed another man in the house!!! Some photos were exchanged, and "Bob" was on his way! He settled in quickly, and has now become the love of their lives. Mary and Hank love this kid, and have promised to be his doG-parents for life.



Welcome" Bob"!!! [Brynmoor's Skye Pilot](#)

"When you leave them in the morning, they stick their nose in the door crack and stand there like a portrait until you turn the key eight hours later." ~~~  
Erna Bombeck, taken from HUGS FOR PET LOVERS

PR - Judy Roberts

Birthdays

Shirley - 25<sup>th</sup>

Deb - 27<sup>th</sup>



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

And a correction..Ruth is 81 NOT 82!!!! OOPS..SORRY, Ruth!

Get well wishes to Bob Semich, who was hospitalized with a mild heart attack. Bob is doing well and on the road to recovery.

Also, to Sue Rosco. Sue is a past officer and member of GTISC. Sue is seriously ill with pneumonia and other complications.

Please keep these two in your thoughts and prayers.

On the health of our dogs.....

With the unbearable heat and heat advisory / warnings that we have encountered through the first several weeks of August, the "discussion" on the setters list is worth mentioning. Several posts were about people giving their dogs ice and ice water in the extreme heat, only to have them go into distress and / or to bloat. All dogs recovered without major problems remaining. While many uncertain circumstances cause bloat, this is one that needs to be added to that list.



### Breeze's Column of the Month

September is the month when kids go back to school. School is where teachers teach and kids learn. Well, I believe that dogs teach and people learn! I've taught my mom and dad all about virtues. Virtues are what is good about us. Here are some examples..

Teach **Courage**: Go outside very late at night and bark like crazy. This works best when your mom is home alone. She has to come out and see what you are barking about. If you have a bat or a snake or a groundhog, she'll touch it if she has to get it off of you.

Teach **Humility**: When your mom takes you for a walk, pick the busiest, most visible spot to go 'poo'. Take your time and make sure everyone watches you, and if possible grunt as loudly as possible. This works particularly well if your mom has forgotten to bring a plastic bag

Teach **Patience**: When you outside to go 'pee', sniff around the entire yard as your mom waits. Act as if the spot you choose to go pee will ultimately decide the fate of the earth. This works well when she is trying to leave for work.

Teach **Perseverance**: Let your mom compete with you, in Agility (what is that table all about???), Obedience (Chase the "Sit Stay? Me?" boy told me about this one) or Conformation (what do you mean I lack forechest?) and they will surely learn the meaning of perseverance.

Teach **Prayerfulness**: Act like a convicted criminal when your humans come home. Put your ears back, your tail between your legs, chin down, and act as if you have done something really bad. Then, watch as the human's frantically search the house for the damage they think you have caused, praying they don't find anything.

And finally, teach **Enthusiasm, Loyalty, Joyfulness, Gentleness, Tolerance** and **Understanding**: Just be yourself .... These will all fall into place.

Class dismissed....

Love.

Miss Breeze, teacher at large...



## Events & Activities

RDO - September 15, 11:00 - 5:00 @ Pittsburgh Mills Mall. The activities are falling into place. "Meet the Breed", Chiro-vet Dr. Savko, holistic vet Dr. Doug, have been scheduled and confirmed. Sally O. has received the materials from AKC. Please let Sally know your plans of attending. Information is on our website.

Sporting Dog Match - Oct 13<sup>th</sup> @ Ruth's. CGC testing is in the morning, and the match follows at noon. Judges have committed, Coleen for Sweeps and Leah Lange for regular classes. Advertising has been sent to InfoDog and Match Show Bulletin. All information is on our website.

Photos with Santa - Dec 1<sup>st</sup> @ Brenkles' Greenhouse in Butler. Joan has confirmed this date from noon till 5:00. This is also on our website.

Lottery Ticket Fund Raiser - January 2008 Drawing. Dee has the tickets and has begun distribution. Please see Dee for your tickets.

Christmas Dinner / Meeting - has been confirmed for Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at Atria's in Wexford. A deposit has been made to reserve the Private Lounge. Thank you to Judy for doing this.

## Specialties 2008

We NEED trophy ideas!!!! It's time to hit some summer clearance sales for items. Ruth has a great idea of which Mary has pursued. Current status of all specialty information will be discussed at the next meeting.



### Rescue

We are excited to announce that Dee did a home visit to place an Irish rescue from Ohio. She lives 3 miles from the family, and Deb called to ask Dee to do the visit. Dee was so supportive and helpful to the family and left her name, etc. just in case they had any questions. Ellen Holleran and her family will be picking up their new addition, "Molly" after they return home from vacation. Best wishes to the Holleran family and "Molly".



*From the Rescue side.....*

Hi Everyone,

It's hard to believe that the summer is nearly over. It was so hot here in Baltimore all summer long. Mom kept Ruby and I cool in our house with the big white window boxes. When she first turns them on I sleep right in front of it. There were a couple of times when Mom didn't turn on the window boxes soon enough for me. I just stood right in front of it looking for the cold air and then looking back at Mom. Eventually she understood I needed help turning it on.

Ruby doesn't seem to mind the heat; she actually likes it. There are times when she lays right out in the sunshine and takes a little nap. Sometimes I do join her but only for a little while. IT'S TOO HOT FOR ME! I'm not very fond of the warm weather. Mom won't let me stay out very long when the temperature is up. She knows I'll just start panting and run around with my big tongue hanging out. When she sees that she changes the big water bowl and throws in a couple of ice cubes. Boy does that ever hit the spot. 😊

There's been a big development with our family. My Mom went back to work. Our Vet Dr. Lance needed some help at the animal hospital and asked Mom to work there. I hear her tell everyone that she really likes her new job. As for me,,, I WANT MOM HOME! Once again, Ruby goes with the flow. Which brings me to some thoughts about my little sister. When I look at her she is just the same as me. All Irish,,, I'm bigger of course but otherwise we seem the same. So why is it she seems so content no matter what's going on? Sure, she'll chew up a stray envelope here and there, and sometimes she'll find something interesting in the back yard. When she does she always brings it to the big green chair and Mom takes it away from her. Personally, I think she brings it right in front of Mom so she will come over and take it away. Mom always says "Now Ruby, you know I'm not going to let you eat that" and she takes it and it's over.

Not me, I have to find a box, even better if it has stuff in it. I drag it outside and chew it all up throughout the yard. By the time Mom figures out I'm missing it's a real chore to clean up my mess. Every time she seems surprised and every time I get scolded real good. For some reason I can't seem to help myself. I guess I haven't figured out how to "GENTLY" get Mom's attention like Ruby does.

Lately, I've been chewing up my bedding. Mom caught me when I started on my new Steelers Bag. Now why would I do that? It's so comfortable and when she takes it away I end up with a blanket instead. Now I can only have it at bedtime when we all sleep together. There were old stories about me chewing up bedding but I stopped that when I came here. Lately, it's looking good to me again. I even like dragging Mom's clothes around and I have to admit I'm doing quite a bit of digging in the yard while I bark at nothing. Maybe if I make a big enough mess Mom will quit that job and stay home with me. 😊

When I'm especially naughty Mom calls Aunt Joan. She thinks I'm sleeping, but I listen. I'm glad we have someone to help us find our way. I like it here and I really don't want to disappoint her. Whenever they talk Mom tries some new things and they are always good.

Now Mom comes straight home from work, no errands. So I'm alone as little as possible for now. When she gets here she spends some real quality time with me and Ruby. No chores or anything, just us. I really like that. Plus, I have to admit, she isn't gone all that long. Also, if I come in from the yard when she calls instead of barking I get a small treat. We both like that.

I have a secret to share, but don't let Ruby know. Mom says that mid September the boarding kennel where she works slows down to nothing. There are big runs in the back and the door is right behind her desk. She told me if I'm good, maybe I can go to work with her once in a while. I'll get to run in the long kennel and hang out with the Doctor's dog. Plus, the best part is Mom can come in and visit me a couple of times a day while she's working. She said there are lots of people there that will stop and say hi. That might be fun. That means I get two car rides in the same day with just me and Mom. I think that might be something to look forward to.

Hmmmm,,, if some of these changes work out, Mom going back to work might actually benefit ME ..... 😊

Have a Howling Labor Day All... this is Bailey sending out big barks from Baltimore (Mom and Ruby say



Hi too!)

### Club News and Reminders

Our next meeting is Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. @ Ruth's. There were will many loose ends to tie up and touch base with since August meeting was cancelled. That happens occasionally, but keeps us on our toes..no slacking from this club!!!



## The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club, Inc



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