



# The Scarlet Letter

The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club, Inc

May 2008



April Showers bring May Flowers. Happy Spring! Nice weather is finally here. Dog shows move outdoors. It is always nice for the change to sun and fresh air! Let's hope this rain soon ends.

## Dog News

*Congratulations to~~~~*

>to Davis and "Bailey" *CH Courtwood Always Bailey, CGC* for going BOB on Sunday at the Harrisburg Blue & Gray Cluster.

>Coleen and "Luigi", *CH Sweetbriar's Diamante D'Italia*, one of her a co-bred spinone, for his 3<sup>rd</sup> major to finish in Harrisburg. He finished in ONLY 7 shows! He had a point, then a 4 point major, followed by 2 5-point majors! He also has a NAVHDA prize 3 and 2 legs on his JH title. How exciting!

>Sally Evans & "Dugan", *Saxony's Boutonniere*, for WD Thursday and Friday and RWD Sunday at the Harrisburg weekend. (no points on the first day, but that's ok)

>Karen and "Triton", *Cumbrian's Trinity*, for BOW Friday through Sunday in Harrisburg for the points each day!

>Sally Evans and "Dugan", *Saxony's Boutonniere*, for RWD at the Specialty in Timonium, MD. "Dugan" is handled by Coleen.

>Dee & Judy with "James", *CH Sweetbriar's Diamonds are Forever* for Best Puppy, Best in Sweeps, his first leg for his JH title and making the cuts in the BOB ring at the Spinone National in Illinois. What exciting accomplishments!

>Davis and "Bailey", *CH Courtwood Always Bailey, CGC.*, for going BOB both Saturday and Sunday in Lewisburg, WV, then on to a Group2 Sunday. Way to go!

>Lisa and "Gus", *Greenway's Gus* for starring in his own television commercial for Elliot Tire, located in Butler. "Gus" is pulling a wagon....too cute! It's saved to Deb's computer, so remind her and she'll play it at a meeting! We are getting quite a few celebrities in our club with all of the TV coverage recently! Too fun!

PR - Judy Roberts

Coleen McGee - 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sally Stewart - 11<sup>th</sup>

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



Ruth is reported coming along with her foot healing. Estimated healing time for those broken bones is 6 - 7 weeks. Ruth has started PT. But then she has now added to it, her broken toe on her other foot!

Shirley Semich is finishing her chemo. Surgery is scheduled for June. Continue your prayers for Shirley and her family.

Condolences to Laura Williams on the passing of her great-aunt.

Condolences to Linda Hughes on the loss of her young, seven year old cat, Cassie . She became unexpectedly ill at such a young age.

*May the shamrocks fall softly.....*



### **New Membership**

As membership application has been received from Sue Rosko. Sue is a past GTISC member and officer. We are pleased to have her re-join us. Sue is sponsored by Mary and Deb. Per by-laws, Sue will attend a meeting and our events in May and then voted on. As we continue to grow.....

### **Website**

Mary has had an inquiry from a family for interest in owning an Irish Setter. The family has asked for some of our Irish to visit them in their home. Joan has offered to take "Dewey". Mary has been corresponding with the family and answering their wonderful questions concerning owning an Irish as a family pet.



Breeze's Column of the Month

## Summertime...and the livin is Breezie.....



Yipee.....it's here! Summer! My favorite time of year. The grass is green and the ground is perfect for digging: . Word of advice on digging: Rather than digging a BIG hole in the middle of the yard and upsetting your human, dig a lot of smaller holes all over the yard so they won't notice. If you arrange a little pile of dirt on one side of each hole, maybe they'll think it's gophers.

Another summer plus: the backyard pool is open for business. I love the sound my ball makes when I drop it in the water. My mom and Dad go crazy for it too!.. they jump in and swim with my ball, and Dad hollers "get it out before it gets stuck in the filter. " So hilarious!

The little yellow haired humans my mom and dad like so much come up a lot, and they are fun to play with outside. Their toys are just my size, and when they share them with me, I run, and everyone chases me, which is a way to make sure my humans get plenty of exercise!

It gets light early, and stays light late in the summer, This is a good time to train your humans. Ask to go out, ask to come in, ask to go out, etc. --a great summer game! Sometimes Mom and Dad put food on the outside tables, which are just about my height, making summer snacking so fun and easy. Another good thing about summer is sleeping with the windows open. It allows all the outside noises in, giving me a reason to bark late at night (that is so fun.. it sounds **so much louder** at night!). There is no more secure feeling for a human than to keep waking up in the middle of the night and hearing your protective bark, bark, bark... Mom and Dad look so funny when they sit straight up in bed when I 'big bark'. It makes me laugh so hard. Summer is such a fun time. Hope you enjoy yours!

Love  
Breeze

Hint of the month: It is perfectly permissible to lie on the new couch after all your humans have gone to bed.

## Events and Activities



ICSA National, Scottsdale AZ - WOW is all I can say! The weather was sunny every day. While it was in the 80's, the wind was cold calling for jeans and a jacket until Saturday. By Sunday, it was 97. The show site was great and the ISCAZ did a fine job. Diane Mendelsohn came looking for me to thank us for the basket donation and our generosity. They were very appreciative, complimenting the work our club does. Mary received an email through our club site from the winner of the basket! She has printed it out and will have it available for you to read at the next meeting. There is a short message in our "Guestbook" also on our website. The Welcome bags we received are beautiful. .

The host hotel site, Embassy Suites North, was more than accommodating to the dogs. Your stay at that hotel comes with a full, cooked to order eggs and omelets. Talk about service!

While "Claire's" littermates had class and sweeps placements, "Claire" did make the cuts. She was also in Brood bitch and they placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of 7 entries. She was a very naughty little girl! She also discovered birds and that is not pretty!

I attended the grooming Seminar held by Anne Marie Kubacz. I think I learned a lot and we'll see when I practice the skills. It was well worth it for me to attend this hands-on learning experience. Poor Peter! I'm sure he has a different opinion!

Of all the events scheduled, we only attended the Saturday night awards dinner. Congratulations to Davis for winning the New Member award with 13 wins. Runner up had 9 wins. I also picked up Joan's Rescue bag and Linda Scopa's RN Medallion for "Jada", *Captiva's Catalina Race to Ohkom, RN*, for her first title. It is nice to bring back club earnings.

I spoke with Marilee Larson about our participation in the rescue part of the 2009 National. She is very excited we offered our help. She will touch base with Mary and Joan about what we are doing.

We stayed for Sunday's ISCAZ specialty. I am pleased to say that "Claire" won her 6 -9 Puppy class over 11 lovely puppies. Sweeps were not offered so people could get on the road to return home.

Attending a National provides the opportunity to see so many lovely dogs. The puppy classes are large, so the competition will be strong and a win, quite rewarding. I am looking forward to "Claire" in the puppy classes. Most of the attendees were west coast members giving me an opportunity to put faces and names together. I met so many wonderful people!

Congratulations to the ISCA National Winners...

BOB *CH Ashton Peaceful Easy Feeling* bred by Nancy Godbey and the owners, Janet Jenkins and Gary Hylton, from California.

BOW - *Shadagees' Caught Red-Handed*, owned by Debbie Burke of New York.

BOS - *CH Herihunda's Unending Encore*, owned by David and Missy Head of Texas.

Winners for the ISCAZ specialty...

BOB *CH Beaubriar's Premier Event "Eloise"*, owned by Shelly DeChambeau

BOW *Shadagee's Caught Red-Handed*, owned by Debbie Burke

BOS - **CH Ramblin Red Tax and Spend** "Spencer" owned by the Kubacz'

Next year, ISCA National in Lancaster will be the week of June 15<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>. The Host hotel is the Lancaster Host resort. The show will be on-site there so there will not be traveling between the host hotel and the show site. Deb brought home packets. Copies of the basic information, including the registration form, are available for those members interested in going. See Deb for the information. The EISA is the host club and the theme is "The Redcoats are Coming". And all in our backyard, too, what more can we ask for?

~~~~~reporting on the national by Deb

For our members who own rescue dogs, the rescue parade is on the 20<sup>th</sup>, which is Saturday, so hopefully you can make it. The Rescue Parade is a very wonderful part of the festivities to watch. I never miss it! See Joan and Mary for Rescue information.



A Race for The Cure - Sunday, May 11. Mary has sent in all registration forms and payments. We are proud to have enough for Team GTISC in support of Shirley. Mary received the shirts and has started passing them out. If you have not received yours, please contact Mary.

Lottery - Lottery tickets are ready to go. These are for July 2008. Lorrie Nogrady volunteered to chair this project. Please see Lorrie for your tickets. All unsold tickets, ticket stubs and money are due back to Lorrie by June 28<sup>th</sup>.



### **Specialties 2008**

Dyson raffle - See Coleen for your tickets. All unsold tickets, along with any stubs and money are due the day of the drawing.

Hospitality - Nancy O'Neill

If you were not at the meeting, or have not yet done so, please contact Nancy with what item you are bringing for hospitality. Nancy has chosen a very "yummy" two-day menu. There will be ham, meatball sandwiches, fried chicken, stuffed cabbage, roast beef and soup. Beverages and paper products are covered. Nancy has the list so she will be able to let you know what is still needed.

Silent Auction - Sally Stewart & Ellen Holleran

Ellen has our boxes of auction items. If you have anything to contribute to the silent auction, please let Sally or Ellen know what it is so the bid sheets can be prepared in advance.

Basket Raffle - Deb Lawrence & Lorrie Nogrady

All baskets should be in to Deb. The deadline was the April meeting. If you need to get anything to Deb or Lorrie, please do this right away so all details for the raffle can be completed before the Memorial Day weekend. If you are still working at your basket idea, please let Deb or Lorrie know your basket contents or theme so all bags and tags can be made in advance. Those baskets can be taken directly to New Castle.

Also, help is needed manning the raffle tables. Tables will be set up on Thursday and Friday near the main rings. It will move to our ring for Saturday and Sunday. Contact Coleen, Deb, Lorrie, Ellen or Sally S. if you would like to help out.

Awards - Thank you to Sally O'Neill for chairing this new category for our club and our members. We are proud to add to our Specialties this year, our awards presentation. This is now an annual event.

RDO- tentatively scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup>. While we are still hoping for the Pittsburgh Mills location, we need to have a second choice in mind. Pittsburgh Mills has now decided that there is a \$350 fee. Sally had a great point mentioning we have been there for two years now, and the public has already made inquiries on if we will again be doing RDO. Sally is working with the Mills to see about getting the fee waived. Also, our theme will be Animals and the Law. The details are in the works! Our project for the year will be providing a "Hot Box" for the police cruiser with Police k-9's. Sally spoke with the Verona Canine Officer about this item. It was a unanimous vote for this idea. Cost will be researched and donations collected this year will be designated for covering the cost of the Hot Box. This will be worked in to the theme of RDO.

Enjoy.....

#### IF I DIDN'T HAVE DOGS

ANYMORE... Anonymous

I could walk around the yard barefoot in safety. My house could be carpeted instead of tiled and laminated.

All flat surfaces, clothing, furniture, and cars would be free of hair.

When the doorbell rings, it wouldn't sound like a kennel.

When the doorbell rings, I could get to the door without wading through fuzzy bodies that beat me there.

I could sit on the couch and my bed the way I wanted, without taking into consideration how much space several fur bodies would need to get comfortable.

I would have money....and no guilt to go on a real vacation.

I would not be on a first-name basis with 6 veterinarians, as I put their yet unborn grand kids through college.

The most used words in my vocabulary would not be: out, sit, down, come, no, stay, and leave him/her/it ALONE.

My house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby gates or barriers. My house would not look like a day care center, toys everywhere.

My pockets would not contain things like poop bags, treats and an extra leash.

I would no longer have to spell the words B-A-L-L, F-R-I-S-B-E- E, W-A-L-K, T-R-E-A-T, B-I-K-E, G-O, R-I-D-E.

I would not have as many leaves INSIDE my house as outside.

I would not look strangely at people who think having ONE dog/cat ties them down too much. I'd look forward to spring and the rainy season instead of dreading 'mud' season.

I would not have to answer the question 'Why do you have so many animals?'

from people who will never have the joy in their lives of knowing they are "loved unconditionally by someone as close to an angel as they will ever get



## Rescue

Joan received a message about an Irish Setter in a shelter in Kittanning. Deb contacted them to find that they are in the process of interviewing for a home. The contact person with the shelter was very nice and said that if the home falls through and if they ever get any Irish in again, that they will contact us. She did say that it is very rare for them to receive an Irish Setter into their shelter. They are more than happy to contact us and allow us to find a home. "Penny" will be going to her forever home this week and the shelter will give her our information.

Laura assisted in placing a rescue in the Baltimore area. She was pleased to be able to help by doing the home visit. Thank you, Laura.



From the Rescue side.....

Hi Everyone,

We always have something going on here in Baltimore... this month... it is a little experiment. "How to we wear Bailey from his Kennel?" Personally, I walk to my kennel anytime Mom says I should. Turns out "SHE" does not want me in my kennel as much as I have to be. So of course, I will accommodate her 😊.

Little by little, I am left out with Ruby. Sometimes it's 30 minutes, sometimes 2 hours, sometimes I think It's more, but honestly, after 2 hours I don't keep count.

I do get a bit anxious when it's longer rather than shorter and I have to make a statement. We won't talk about that. 😊

My first long time out "I heard Mom sharing that" was 4 hours when she was having dinner with friends. When she came home I placed an umbrella in the middle of the living room floor. Not torn up, just placed. And hey, it rained the next day. So I was named "clairvoyant" that I gave her the umbrella she needed the next day.

There were very bad times when Mom just gave up for months at a time. Coming home to a hurricane is not her idea of a good time. But, turns out she is "Up for it again."

I thought I might share with you her "List". This is the "List" that Mom has decided is not a problem to tackle before she leaves for work. She use to finish her make-up and leave at 7:30 am. Now, she finishes her make-up at 7:15 and tackles the "List" to leave at 7:30.

- 1.) Unplug the laptop and put it on the high shelf.
- 2.) Move the kitchen and living room trash cans to the deck (behind closed doors.)
- 3.) Hide the mail, very chewable stuff.
- 4.) Place all remotes in the "treasure box" on the coffee table.
- 5.) Close the bedroom and bathroom doors. God knows, what I could do with those two rooms in 6 hours.
- 6.) Remove all fluffy blankets and replace them with sheets on the living room furniture as (I still like to shred anything fluffy).
- 7.) Remove the centerpiece from the bistro table and chairs at the front windows.
- 8.) Make sure there are no visible pillows from behind the big green chair that I sleep on. Honestly, If Ruby pulls them out, I will for sure make them confetti.

Then she throws down some towels and a big water bowl, looks around just one more time.... and guess what...

When she got home, Ruby and I decided to open a hat box full of electronic stuff and spread it all around the living room.... we never touched it before, but today, we did. Full of things like her IPod, and some computer cables and her magic 8 ball and 20 question computer game.

She was nervous for a minute until I saw her smile... we didn't chew any of it up, we just spread it around the living room to remind her "MOM,,, YOU FORGOT SOMETHING"

The next day I got to go to work... Maybe my long day out, while not too bad, was just slightly more than she was ready for. What do I care, I got an oatmeal bath and got to hear everyone at work saying to Mom... "Does Bailey Kiss you as much as he kisses me?"

Now, how proud am I, when Mom walked me out of work, into the room of her clients with so many dogs around, I was the MOST BEAUTIFUL of them all. Her clients complimenting her on "such a beautiful boy" and as I saw My Mom roll her eyes a bit... I know she was thinking "Yeah, you should have seen him yesterday, when he kicked my butt and made me add just one more thing to my list. So, as we left work I had to say to her "Mom, don't forget the hat box next time"

We are home once again, and I'm resting by her side.... (she loves that part of me) and I'm not sure what tomorrow brings, it might be the kennel, it might be in the big house with Ruby or it might be another day at work.... Honestly, I could care less. I love everyday here.

Hugs to all,,, Big Bailey, Little Ruby and My Mom of course. 😊



## Club News and Reminders

Please finalize whatever you are helping with for the specialty weekend to the appropriate chairperson. As always, this is a "team effort".

Please contact Lorrie for your Lottery Tickets.

Upcoming Fall fundraisers will be Yankee Candle and Cloudstar. Coleen brought the Yankee Candle sample form. It was voted to go ahead and do these two in the fall. Both products make great Christmas gifts!

Our liability insurance company has been changed. Unhappy with the changes to the old policy, Coleen checked into other companies and the switch was made to the one that best fit our needs.

Dr. Michael Savko, our ChiroVet, is no longer treating humans and looking to get into animals only. He is asking for us the "SPREAD THE WORD" to vets in the Pittsburgh area. He has been treating "Peter" for a year and a half now. Without him, "Peter" would be in constant pain. He was a guest at our "Meet, Greet and Eat" event and is quite appreciative of the PR he has received.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, following Hospitality.

**See you in New Castle!! We are a small group that does nothing small!!!**



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