



# The Scarlet Letter

The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club, Inc

April 2008



Spring has FINALLY arrived! At least on the calendar! Outdoor activities are on the horizon. Flowers are appearing, leaves are almost in sight! Let's hope for very little rain and many warm and sunny days!

## Dog News

*Congratulations to;*

Conformation~~~~

### MSDA weekend:

>Davis and "Echo", BJ's Silverline Echo of Emrock. , for going Best in Sweeps both Saturday and Sunday. Way to go!

>Deb and Skip, and Coleen, with "Claire", Courtwood Cobblestone, for A Major reserve on Saturday, along with Best Puppy and A Puppy Sporting group 3. Then another Best Puppy on Sunday. (they did not stay for group). This was "Claire's" debut weekend and a HUGE thank you to Coleen for handling "Claire" for all of this.

### Marietta weekend:

Thursday and Sunday, Blennerhassett Kennel Club  
Friday and Saturday - Clarksburg WV kennel Club

>Davis and "Bailey", CH Courtwood Always Bailey, CGC, for going Best of Breed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, along with a Group 4 on Saturday.

To add to the excitement of the day, "Bailey" and Coleen were interviewed by the local TV station, WTAP in Parkersburg WV and made the local newscast. The interview was also the station's website. Whoo-hoo!

>Mary and "Breeze", Limerick's Against the Wind, CGC for Reserve Winners bitch on Saturday.

>Karen and "Triton", Cumbrian's Trinity for Best of Breed over specials on Friday and Saturday. (Pointer)

>Dee & Judy with "James", *CH Sweetbriar's Diamonds are Forever* for Best of Breed on Friday and Saturday. (Spinone)

>Coleen with spinone, "Luigi", *Sweetbriar's Diamante D'Italia*, for going Best of Breed out of the Puppy classes on Thursday and Sunday. Coleen is a co-breeder with Dana and Dan Graff.

>Davis and "Echo", *BJ's Silverline of Emrock*, for WB & BOS in York, both Saturday and Sunday, for 2pts. each day, leaving her needing only her majors!



Agility~~~~~

>Mary & "Breeze", *Limerick's Against the Wind CGC*, went to the YABTC agility trails in Washingtonville Ohio on Saturday and Sunday. (March 15 & 16). On Saturday, Breeze got her first leg in Novice Agility, earning a 1st place on the Standard Course. On Sunday, she got her first leg in Jumpers With Weaves, again earning a 1st place ribbon. A lot of border collies had surprised looks on their faces when this redhead went flying past wearing her "Kiss Me I'm Irish" collar. Way to go!!!!

Coleen is excited to announce that "Glory", *CH Ballymera's Walkin' On Water, CGC* is expecting a nice sized bundle of 9 or more. The little darlings are expected the first part of May. Sire is *CH Red Hat's Deja Blue*, Owned and bred-by Patty Clawson of Ballymera Irish setters. How fun! And a lot of puppy breath! ahhhhhh

#### WPKA weekend

>Davis & "Bailey", *CH Courtwood Always Bailey, CGC* for BOS on Saturday & Sunday.

>Karen & "Triton", *Cumbrian Trinity* for Winners & BOS on Saturday & Sunday. (Pointer)

>Dee & Judy with "James", *CH Sweetbriar's Diamonds are Forever* for BOS on Saturday. (Spinone)

>Deb & Skip & "Claire", *Courtwood Cobblestone*, for WB & BOW for her first point, on Saturday. On Sunday, went RWB. Thank you, Coleen.

>Mary & "Breeze", *Limerick's Against the wind, CGC* for a qualifying score and 1<sup>st</sup> place in Agility Jumpers & Weaves on Sunday! Yeah, Breezie!

>Linda and "Simon", *Briarcreek Simply Simon, RN* for qualifying for his first leg in Rally Advanced on Sunday. (Standard Poodle)

>Deb & "Ian", *Touchstone's Chills n Thrills, TT, CGC* for his first qualifying score in Rally Novice on Sunday.

>Coleen and "Luigi", *Sweetbriar's Diamante I'talia* for BOW on Saturday for a 4 point major and then BOB on Sunday, for a 5 point major!!Way to go! (Spinone)

>Lisa & her Berner bitch for RWB. She forgot to tell me her name....

**PR - Judy Roberts**

## Birthdays

Scott Stewart - 6<sup>th</sup>

Dee Hasley - 10<sup>th</sup>

Jean Hutchinson - 20<sup>th</sup>



# Happy Birthday!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Plenty of Setter Zen and get well wishes are needed for several our "senior" dogs. "Quest" is still holding his own. "Wagner" was having a bit of trouble with moving around. He hurt his front leg & shoulder and, as all of us who creak, was finding himself having a hard time getting around.

Joan's "Skye" is having a bleeding issue which required a blood transfusion and frequent blood tests to keep an eye on him. All test for tumors and such, have come back negative. This is a puzzling situation, so we must keep hoping for him to continue to improve.

Sally Stewart reports that "Kismet" has made a full recovery from her accidental poisoning from sugar free gum.

"Bob" was the curious cat and went into "dad's" briefcase and helped himself to Aleve. A trip to the emergency vet allowed for a quick treatment and Jean reports all is well. Geez, these guys love scaring us.

"Mulligan" came down with a case of HODS that Lorrie responded quickly to. She reports he is doing great and will need rest for another 6 - 8 weeks until the swelling disappears.

Get well wishes for Ruth to "get back on her feet". Following our February meeting, Ruth tumbled off her sofa and hurt her ankle. After several weeks and members scolding her, decided to go to the emergency room to find a sprained ankle and 3 fractured bones in her foot.

Ruth reports that she has heard from Sue Rosko. Sue is getting stronger and hopes to be back to work soon. Sue is a former club member and past officer, and 'mom' to her 6 year old Irish, "Layla". We were very excited and happy to see Sue at the WPKA Sunday show. Sue looks wonderful and tells us her leukemia is in remission.. That famous "setter zen" does work!!

Please continue that 'setter zen', along with our prayers, for Shirley as she continues her treatments preparing for surgery. Bob and Shirley, along with the girls also came to see the Irish at WPKA on Sunday. Shirley is feeling well while undergoing a different chemo.



Breeze's Column of the Month

This month is my birthday. I had 11 brothers and sisters, and we were all born on the same day!! April 23, 2005. My mom always does nice things for me on my birthday, This year, I'd like to send HER a birthday wish from me.

You feed me when I'm hungry  
You keep water in my dish  
You let me sleep on anything  
Or anyplace I wish.

You sometimes let me lick your hands  
Or even lick your face  
Despite the fact I've licked myself  
In every private place.

You taught me how to come when called,  
You taught me how to sit  
You always let me go outside  
So I can take.....a walk..... (*hee hee*)

I've been with you through oh so much  
Through laughter and thru tears  
I hope you live to be a hundred  
(that's 700 in doggie years)

Love  
The Birthday Girl.....

*Breeze*



### **Events & Activities**

Maryland Sporting Dog Association (March 1 & 2) Coleen, Mary, Sally, Davis, Nancy and Deb made the trip down to Maryland. There were majors both days and we are proud to have supported the entry in Irish for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Compliments of our club's support were made to Coleen.

St. Patrick's day parade, Pittsburgh, was held on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Once again, Sally Stewart, along with new member, Lorrie Nogrady, marched in the parade. Sally reported the weather was "not bad". While Sally &

Lorrie were the only club members present, there were 14 Irish Setters and their owners that participated. As always, thank you to Sally Tress for organizing this parade every year.



A Race for The Cure - Sunday, May 11. As a sign of support for Shirley Semich in her fight against breast cancer, we decided to form a team to walk in the Race for the Cure. Forms were handed out at the meeting and are available on our club website. Please let Mary know if you are interested in participating. Deadline for pre-registration is April 14<sup>th</sup>. Registration is \$25.00 and includes a race t-shirt. We can choose to do the 5k walk/run or the proud in the crowd or the 1 mile fun walk.

Those of you not able to walk with us are certainly welcome to sponsor a walker! If you would like to be part of "Team GTISC" in support of Shirley, please go to our website and download the registration form, fill it out and mail it to Mary with your fee. All t-shirts, etc. will be sent to Mary's (Team captain) home prior to the walk.

Sarris Spring Candy Sale - Thank you to Sally O'Neill for having a "one-time pre-order" of Sarris Candy for the spring sale. This order made us a nice little profit without any effort at all. Thank you, Sally for doing this and driving to Canonsburg to get the order. Every effort is a bonus to help defer the cost of the Specialties.

Lottery Fund raiser - We are once again having a one month lottery ticket. This has been quite successful. Lottery tickets have been ordered and will be ready soon. The tickets will be for the month of July 2008. Thank you to Joan and the Pet Wellness Training Center for providing our tickets. If you are interested in chairing this, contact Coleen.



## **Specialties 2008**

Chairpersons are;

### Dyson - Coleen

Raffle tickets sales are under way. If you haven't gotten your tickets, see Coleen. We are on our second box of 1000 tickets. The winner will be drawn at the Sunday shows. Thank you Joan and the Pet Wellness and Training Center for providing the tickets.

### Donations & Requests - Mary

Mary is our "Queen" for getting those donations for our shows. Letters were composed "just so", that the donations from companies started coming in within days! Way to go, Mary!

### Hospitality - Nancy O'Neill

Please remember to let Nancy know what side, salad or dessert you will bring. She is handling the main part of our entrees. We will be offering hospitality both Saturday and Sunday.

### "Silent Auction for Rescue" - Sally Stewart & Ellen Holleran

It will be held at the Saturday Show. A list of auction items will be emailed to members. If you have a "special item" to donate to the auction, please get it to Sally or Ellen.

### Basket raffle - Deb & Lorrie

Please get your basket to Deb by the April meeting. Help will be needed to man the raffle tables. See Deb or Lorrie if you would like to help. The raffle will be held at Saturday's shows.

### Trophies - Deb and Mary

All trophies are bought and ready to go for all 5 days. Many thanks to Joan for donating all of the treats and sample bags of dog food for the trophies.

ISCA National Specialty 2008 - Deb has put together the PA/Pittsburgh basket to donate to the national raffle. Once again, we have out done ourselves with gathering items. Thank you to the members that made a contribution. Deb & Skip are leaving April 2<sup>nd</sup> to head to Arizona. The national is April 6 through the 12<sup>th</sup>, followed by the ISCAZ Specialty on the 13<sup>th</sup>.



"Red Tails in the Sunset" ISCAZ

Also: Dee and Judy are off to the Spinone national in Illinois, the week of April 6th. Fun and good times, along with best wishes, to those traveling to their breed nationals. Travel safely.

### Rescue Parade ISCA 2009 - Mary & Joan

Mary has started getting all of her letters ready to send out to companies, along with her "ideas", for our participation with the Rescue Parade for the ISCA National 2009, Lancaster. We will be putting together the bags that each Rescue entry will receive

Events Schedule For 2008 - We do have the requirements for AKC to complete in order to hold our shows in 2009. A schedule of events was discussed at our meeting. We will plan a CGC testing. Also, RDO is tentatively scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Pittsburgh Mills. Sally O'Neill will contact the mall to confirm that date. We should know at our next meeting.

We need our "Community Service Project". Mary thought of possibly doing something involving bullet proof vests for Police Dogs. Sally O. will check with a Canine officer that she knows to get further information. Once the information is gathered, we will decide on a plan.

Our very successful "Photos with Santa" will be held. We do need charities for both RDO and the photos, and also a "theme" for RDO, along with "Meet the Breed." BRING YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS TO next month's meeting.

## A message from Animal Friends.....

### Tell us your "tail"!

Many of us have wonderful stories of how our pets have enriched our lives. Has taking your dog for a morning walk helped you lose weight? Have your children learned to be more responsible by caring for their cat? Has your pet helped you deal with the loss of a loved one? Studies show there are significant physical, emotional and developmental benefits that come out of the pet/human bond for both pet parent and pet, *and we want to hear your heartwarming, funny, touching and compelling stories about the positive impact your pet has had on your life!*

The *Power of Paws™* Patrol will be coming to Animal Friends (562 Camp Horne Road, Pittsburgh) on Friday, April 4th from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Saturday, April 5th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and we would like to videotape you telling your story about the unique relationship you share with your dog or cat. We recognize the mutual value of that special bond and continually marvel at how a pet's unconditional love translates into powerful emotional and physical benefits. You are even welcome (but not required) to bring your pet with you to help tell your story. If you bring your pet, please ensure that all cats are in carriers and dogs are on leashes, and all animals must be wearing collars and tags.

Your videotaped tail might be posted on *PowerofPaws.com*, a new website celebrating our four-legged friends' selfless acts of kindness!

For taking the time to share your story, we'll give you a goodie bag filled with samples and coupons from brands that support our *Power of Paws™* program, including *Kibbles 'n Bits®*, *Milk-Bone®*, *Meow Mix®*, *Pup-Peroni®*, and *Snausages®*, as well as make a food donation to Animal Friends to help feed dogs and cats in your area. Persons under the age of 18, or who are minors in their state of residence, must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian to participate in the promotion.

If you have a story you would like to share, please contact Tracey Shechtman at (212) 253-8777 or email [tracey@grandcentralmarketing.com](mailto:tracey@grandcentralmarketing.com) to schedule a time.

Thank you!



Rescue



From the Rescue side.....

Hi Everyone,

Mom and I had a little "writer's block" this month. We have been so settled in and all.

Today is actually St. Patrick's Day... Turns out Mom goes out to Party with friends on OUR day... Ruby and I protested. We totally thought St. Patty's Day meant we get to go to the Pub too. When Mom returned home she had a great smelling container with her and I am not one to complain when I get corned beef mixed in with my dinner. Ruby wasn't complaining either. Between you and me, that's the only reason I wanted to go to the Pub anyway. 😊

Another thing Mom brought home was a thought for our story. While out with friends she shared a little about our "writer's block" and her friend said "why not share how we went on vacation and Bailey did so well." Mom was all about that idea and when she shared that with me I totally agreed. Actually, I thought it kind of sweet.

I personally didn't realize how worried Mom was about me when she went on vacation. She and friends spent a week at a villa in the Caribbean. Ruby had a house sitter and for me, well I'm a bit of a handful, so Mom had me stay at the kennel where she works.

The day she left me I heard her crying and I was a bit worried about her. I also heard her co-workers telling her that all is going to be fine. "Go and enjoy your vacation."

Turns out, Mom was afraid that I would once again feel I was being abandoned. Personally, I was completely ok with all of it. I like Mom's friends at work. They give me baths, they kiss me, they give me my meds and I knew for sure that Mom was coming back to get me. While I wasn't surprised that Mom came back for me, what I was surprised about was how much Little Ruby missed me.

When I got home Ruby and I wrestled so hard we knocked a couple of things over,,, but Mom just let us go at it. She seemed so happy that Ruby and I didn't miss a trick and picked right up where we left off. I did have to keep going over to Mom and give her big Bailey hugs. Between you and me... Mom is kind of needy sometimes.

That first night I did have to stay close to Mom. She just kept making me come over and kissing me and,,, blah blah blah,,, "Mom I'm OK... get a life!" So I slept on the bed with her and Ruby till they fell asleep, and then I crawled into my favorite closet area and breathed a big sigh of relief. And as I drifted into sleep, back home with my family I thought? to myself "Thank God I'm back,,, what would Mom and Ruby do without me

This is Big Confident Bailey, signing off... I sure know my place in this family... MOM AND RUBY NEED ME HERE....



**MANS BEST FRIEND, Author Unknown**

**A dog is truly a man's best friend.  
If you don't believe it, just try this experiment.**

Put your dog and your wife in the trunk of the car for an hour.  
When you open the trunk, who is really happy to see you?

### Club News and Reminders

As a follow-up to last month's message from Sally concerning toxic food, Jean also sends information about other poisonous foods for dogs that include raisins, macadamia nuts, chocolate, onions and grapes.

GTISC wants to thank Raylene Hoover of Your Critters Sitters for advertising our Dyson raffle in her Spring Newsletter and to her clients. Deb received requests for ticket purchases. Again, thank you!

Our next meeting is on April 24<sup>th</sup> at Deb & Skip's at 7:00. ALL member raffle basket items need to be in at the meeting.

It is important to try and make this meeting. Final details and plans for the specialties will be set and organized at the meeting. We are getting "down to the wire" for planning and it is important to have our "well oiled wheels" and Teamwork in tip-top shape. If you cannot make the meeting, please contact the appropriate chairperson to let them know where and when you can help out AND Nancy for the side dish, salad or dessert you can send for our hospitality either Saturday and / or Sunday. ALL raffle baskets / items must be to Deb or Lorrie by this meeting.



### The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club, Inc



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