



# *The Scarlett Letter*

*The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club, Inc*

*January 2009*



**Welcome 2009!** A new year, and a fresh start, as we concentrate on our future.



Looking back on 2008 - a year in review~~~

We had two very successful Specialties. We are proud to have supported the Irish entries for 6 shows. We held several events; RDO and Santa Photos, both proving to be great days of Teamwork and Fun. Our Community Service Project; the K9 Officer and his Bite Suit, was another event with effort to be proud of. Our Red Cross presentation was an evening of information and education. We had our fund raising; Sarris, the lottery and Home Interior Candles, all being a great success with little effort. We were instrumental in rescue placements to wonderful new Forever Homes. We've added new members. We added MANY new puppies, some purchased and others were rescue placements. We continue to grow and move ahead. Our wonderful dogs and great friends got us over the bumps in the road and helped us to weather the storms. We stand strong and remain a team and family, helping us to grow closer. So we welcome the New Year, and will continue to be proud.

## **Dog News**

*Congratulations to~~~~~*

Cleveland Crown Classic

*Conformation~~~~~*

›Dee & Judy with "James", [CH Sweetbriar's Diamonds are Forever](#), for going Best of Breed all 4 days.

›Coleen and "Bea", [Courtwood Quilting Bee](#), for a major RWB, Best puppy, winning the puppy sporting group and then on to Best Puppy in Show, on Thursday. What an exciting day!

>Davis and "Brody", [Beaubriar Signature Etched in Emrock](#), for WD for the major both Friday and Saturday from the 6 - 9 month puppy dog class..

>Deb & Skip with "Callie", [CH Stonepoint's Spellbreaker, CGC](#), that has completed and passed all requirements for her Therapy Dog INC certification.



*From the Dog's Point of view~~~~*



### **I Rescued A Human Today.**

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her. I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid. As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy and I didn't want her to think poorly of them. As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life.

She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship. A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well. Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms.

I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes.

I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor.

So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors.

So many more to be saved.

At least I could save one.

I rescued a human today.

~~~~submitted by Sue Rosko



A time for Reflection~~~~~

**You Raise Me Up - A Prayer**

(hymne a l'amour)

"When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary;  
When troubles come and my heart burdened be;  
Then, I am still and wait here in the silence,  
Until you come and sit awhile with me.

You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains;  
You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas;  
I am strong, when I am on your shoulders;  
You raise me up ♦ To more than I can be"

*"I would like to dedicate this psalm/prayer to the members of our club and all of our four-legged angels who own us.*

*With love, Judy  
Happy New Year"*

~~~~~as submitted by Judy Roberts, taken from the song "You Raise Me Up" by Josh Groban  
(music & lyrics by Edith Gassion/Margurette Monnot/Geoffrey Parsons)

**PR - Judy Roberts**

Laura Williams - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Davis Denny - 6<sup>th</sup>

Sally Evans - 12<sup>th</sup>

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



Condolences to Coleen on the loss of "Quest", [O'Dorsey's Vision Quest](#), on December 12<sup>th</sup> following a year of declining health. Remembering "Quest".....



May the shamrocks fall softly.....

The members of GTISC express our deepest sympathy for Sally and Scott Stewart on the sudden passing of Sally's mom, Nancy Werner, on Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please keep Scott and Sally, along with George and Coleen, in your prayers through this holiday season and into the New year.

## Events and Activities

Santa Photos - Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> at Brenckle's. We wish to thank Brenckle's for having us for our 3<sup>rd</sup> year. What a great success!! Each year we take more photos than the year before. This year's total was 94. We had many children and several cats to photograph, also. THANK YOU to Bob for taking the photos and to our own "Santa George"! Thank you to Joan for arranging and advertising this event. Thanks to Judy, Sally Evans, Coleen, Deb, Joan, & Lisa for helping out all day. Proceeds from this event go to the K9 officer and the bite suit.

Holiday Raffle Baskets - Our raffles were a huge success with proceeds benefitting Rescue. A huge thank you to Joan and Sue.

Congratulations to Peggy Miller and her three labs as the winners of the basket at Joan's training center, "Pet Wellness And Training Center", Butler.

Congratulations to Sherri, owner of a wheaten terrier, "Maddi" as the winner of the basket at Sue's grooming shop, PAWS-ITIVELY PETS. Sherri and "Maddi" visit Sue's shop every three weeks.



"Miller family labs"



"Sherri and Maddi"

Christmas Party - Thank you to Deb and Skip for offering their home for the Christmas party. There was a large turn out with most all members able to attend. The menu provided by the members was fabulous. There was plenty of great food. Our annual gift exchange continues to be entertaining and fun. We went with Shirley's idea to leave the gifts completely wrapped while going through the "exchange". The mystery until the end was an exciting addition. We were very blessed with a warm, sunny day of nearly 70 degrees, allowing us to not have any worry with traveling to and from. Get well wishes were expressed to the two members who were under the weather at the last minute and were unable to attend.

Lottery January 2009 - All lottery tickets, stubs and money should have been returned to Dee as of December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you still have tickets, please contact Dee to make arrangements for her to get them.

Senior Project - Holly Semich - Holly's Rescue Event is in the final planning stages. This will be held on a Saturday in February. Her plans should be complete within the next few weeks. She will let us know where she needs our help.

Temperament Test - April 26, 2009. South Park, PA. Joan has completed the paperwork with AKC. Coleen has reserved the grove at the park. Joan has reserved the Head Tester. Directions and further information will be available on our website.



## Specialties 2009

MSDA - February 28 & March 1, La Plata MD. We are supporting the entry of Irish Setters on Saturday. Trophies are embroidered towels.

Memorial Day weekend, New Castle - May 21 thru 25, 2009

Back to back Specialty Shows.

George reports that we have received AKC approval for Sweeps and the Rescue Parade.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sweeps judge is Carolyn Frey, regular class Judge is Bill Cunningham.. Trophies are embroidered tote bags, BOB, BOW, BOS, WD, RWD, WB, RWB, Best Puppy & Best Bred-by.

"Rescue Parade" - we have been granted approval by all areas to hold the Rescue Parade on Saturday. Joan has the ribbons and Deb will help Joan make our own version of Rescue Gift Bags for our participants. How exciting! If you have any ideas or want to help, please contact Joan.

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> - Sweeps on Sunday - Kelly Photopoulos and regular class Judge - Dick Fox. Trophies are embroidered aprons, BOB, BOW, BOS, WD, RWD, WB, RWB, Best Puppy & Best Bred-by.

Chairpersons:

Hospitality - Coleen and the McGee sisters., along with Shirley Semich. Members are asked to bring their favorite side, salad or dessert. Coleen & Shirley will be gathering this information soon.

Trophies - Deb & Coleen. The trophies have been decided and will soon be ordered and completed.

Decorations- Sally has again volunteered to chair decorations. (Pending January Board Meeting approval) Please let Sally know if you would like to help her.

"Silent Auction for Rescue" - Ellen Holleran will also again chair the Silent Auction, (pending January Board Meeting Approval). She would like a co-chair. Please let Ellen know if you would like to help her out with organizing both in advance and also at the show. She needs someone to help man the tables the day of the event. Coleen has acquired some donations from the vendors at the Cleveland weekend. Joan has several items and anyone who may have a great auction item, please get them to Ellen. This will be held on Saturday.

Chinese Basket Raffle - Deb - Members are asked to donate a basket of their choice. Please start gathering these in January and get them to Deb. She will wrap and put your basket together. Deb would like a co-chair. Let her know if you are interested in helping. This will be held on Saturday. Coleen has donated the first basket for this year, "Christmas in July", and it is quite lovely. Thank you, Coleen.

Dyson Raffle - to be held Sunday. It has been decided to raffle the Dyson Animal Vacuum once again. The generator is too expensive at this time and the general consensus from the members was to raffle the Vacuum. Tickets will be printed and the vacuum purchased. A chairperson is needed. Contact Coleen if you are interested in doing so. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00.



Supported entries:

>Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, Laurel Highlands KC - we will support the entry of Irish Setters. Trophies are Buddy Wash shampoo BOB, BOW, BOS, WD, WB..

>Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Trumbull KC - we will support the entry of Irish and are offering Sweepstakes. Trophies - embroidered towels - BOB, BOW, BOS, WD, WB. Sweeps Judge is David Miller.

>Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, New Castle KC - we will support the entry of Irish and offer Sweepstakes. Trophies - embroidered towels - BOB, BOW, BOS, WD, WB. Sweeps Judge is Jaylyn Beaver.



**ISCA National**

Rescue Gift Bags - Requests for donations to the rescue bag project are underway. If you have any donations, please get them to our Chairperson, who is Joan. Coleen has had offers from Irish Setter owners from other states to provide items for these bags. We also have Laura and "Bailey" raising funds in Baltimore.

VPG raffle - raffle tickets are printed. Contact Deb to get tickets. There are 4 chances to win on one ticket for \$5.00. The value of the moving Irish pendent is \$110 and the pewter statues are valued at \$65 each. Proceeds from this raffle go towards the rescue bags. The drawing for these items will be on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, following BOB.



Pittsburgh Black & Gold Basket - donations are already being collected for our annual donation to the host club of the ISCA National. This year's Host Club is EISA. We are proud to continue to provide a basket to help out the Host Club. Please get your items to Deb. We have plenty of Pittsburgh Pirates items. Thank you, Lorrie.



ISCA "I SUPPORT IRISH SETTER RESCUE" VINYL CLING DECALS - don't forget to get your decal from Joan. They are \$6 each or 2 for \$10. We are selling these to help the ISCA rescue National event.



From the Rescue side.....



HI EVERYONE,,,,

HAPPY NEW YEAR'S.... OK,,, I'm a bit embarrassed that I really never know what these celebrations are actually about... BUT IF MOM IS CELEBRATING,,, THEN SO AM I... 🤪

So we talked,, you know, the way we do,,, and she wants us "IN SHAPE" for our travels in June. She wants to be a little more fit to walk around and do things with her friends... as for me,,, she just wants me a little more attentive and not my usual "crazy train" on the trip. I've agreed. I don't think that's too much to ask for.

So here is OUR resolution....

It's clear there's a New Year Resolution on board  
I wasn't quite sure what that means  
There are no more cookies in the house  
We're eating better it seems  
There is a mission down the road  
I've heard our adventure's in June  
We must prepare to show our manners  
We have to be in tune  
We have a room, where we will stay  
And we can't wait to arrive  
Only my best manners I'll bring with me  
On that I'll work and strive.  
Mom's promised me walks round the lake  
Learning to settle at last for God sakes  
And while I'm very clear I'm not a "show dog"  
Mom says that completely OK  
"Let's Just Exhibit A good rescue boy"  
"and show them that too is a way"  
"That even a big boy who once got rejected"  
Is now proud to Bark "I'm finally accepted"  
So, Mom and I will dig in our heels  
We're planning our walks and planning our meals  
We plan to show up and not "play the fool"  
We simply must share "Tough Rescues Can Rule.."

Ok,,, so now that we have written the January column,,, I'm a bit anxious. Looks like we are gearing to get in shape for the Lancaster Nationals. Mom is very excited and since I'm going with her and I love her so much... I'll do what it takes to arrive and make my Mom proud.

But I'm not going to be shy and get real excited when I see My Red Dog Aunts, they will certainly get a full kiss on the lips when I see them. Because no matter what Mom thinks... I adore them for landing me here. That is simply between me and them...

Wish us well in the new year... and of course,,, we will let little Ruby walk with us around the lake... Mom has several friends to join in.

LOVE THE BALTIMORE CREW....



Website [www.gtisc.org](http://www.gtisc.org)

Our club website has pages "under construction". Our 2009 Events page will soon have all information concerning our specialties (raffles, hospitality, etc.), our participation with the ISCA Rescue bag project, the Temperament Test, etc. We are also working on adding background music and a Memorial Page to the website. We have a little change in our look with adding our club logo in color. Our Webmaster, Tammy, has a few wonderful suggestions also. While we are busy getting the club information updated and in order, members are asked to get their page updated. Look at other members' pages, read their bios, and work on yours. It can be brief, or contain more information, that is up to each individual. Please try to get this completed by the end of February and sent to Deb.



#### Club News and Reminders

Nominations are now closed. Elections will be at the January Meeting. The following has been submitted by the Nominating Committee, Chair Judy Roberts;

President - Coleen McGee  
Vice President - Joan Fiser  
Recording Secretary - Bob Semich  
Corresponding Secretary - George Towle  
Treasurer - Deb Lawrence  
Board Member #1 - Ruth White  
Board Member #2 - Dee Hasley

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, at Lawrence's beginning at 7:30. A brief board meeting will be at 7:00.

Membership Renewals are due to George no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, membership is considered lapsed. A new Membership application would need to be submitted.

For those who are also members of ISCA, membership renewals were due Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, payable until January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Coleen reports that we have received the 501c4 status from the IRS instead of what we requested which was 501c3 and that was due to the fact that our Articles of Incorporation which were established in 1976 did not include anything to do with rescue.



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Board Member - Ways and Means - Joan Fiser  
Board Member - Sally O'Neill  
Rescue - Sally Stewart (local) Joan Fiser ( National)  
PR - Judy Roberts  
AKC Liaison - Dee Hasley

Newsletter - Deb Lawrence  
Editing - Coleen McGee & George Towle  
"From the Rescue side...." - Laura Williams  
"From the Dog's Point of View" - member submissions  
"A Time For Reflection" - Judy Roberts  
"Dog News" information provided from members  
ALL articles welcomed!

As we look towards our future, here is wishing everyone  
a prosperous and fulfilling New Year!  
Welcome 2009!!!

