



# THE SCARLETT LETTER

THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE IRISH SETTER CLUB, INC  
DECEMBER 2010



Happy Holidays to all! WHERE has the year gone? As we begin December and the season of giving, remember those in need, those who have lost loved ones, others who are struggling. Give of your hearts, share your time and enjoy your family, friends and pets. Have a very Merry and Blessed Christmas Season.



Dog News

*Congratulations to:*

>Coleen with "Eddie", *My Kyna Oncore Edition* for a major reserve to his brother in Columbus on Sunday.

Turley Cluster, Howard Co. MD

>Coleen and "Eddie", *MyKyna Oncore Edition* for RWD, WD and BOW for another 3 points.

>Joan and "Diddle" , *Redheart Kenobi Over the Moon CGC*, for RWD all 3 days.

>Deb & Skip, with "Claire", *BISS GCH CH Courtwood Cobblestone, CGC* for BOB, Select Bitch and BOB.

All three we handled by Coleen, as always! Thanks to Coleen for a wonderful weekend!





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

Club events and news is updated frequently. Please watch the website to keep informed!



*A time for Reflection~~~~*

Our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but WE are responsible for who we become.



*A thought.....*

Life is a series of lessons. If we don't use what we learn, we're missing the point



Smiling Shamrocks - Tally Ling

Birthdays

Skip Lawrence - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Paula Fannin - 9<sup>th</sup>

**Happy Birthday!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**





### Rainbow Bridge....

>Just 2 months short of age 16 years, Wagner left to rejoin Bill at the Rainbow Bridge on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Diagnosed with diabetes just two weeks prior, developed pneumonia which led to other complications. Most members know Wagner's story of being dumped in a shelter at age 9  $\frac{1}{2}$ , then to a kennel. Wagner was rescued from the kennel by Coleen and GTISC at a time where 86 year old Mr. Bill White contacted us for a senior dog. Wagner was placed with Bill and lived several wonderful years with him. Wagner came back to GTISC in May of 2007 upon the passing of Bill. Wagner has been loved and cared for by Coleen, with the members of Golden Triangle as part of his family. Fulfilling Bill's last wishes, Wagner's ashes will go to Bill's final resting place where the two will again go for coffee and a shared donut.

*May the shamrocks fall softly....*



Remembering Wagner.....

Jan. 1, 1995 - Nov. 8, 2010

You can read Wagner's stories at [www.gtisc.org](http://www.gtisc.org) under Coleen's Meet the Members page and Rescue Happy Endings Bill White.

>Condolences to Jeff and Paula Fannin and their family on the loss of their almost 12 year old, "Keegan", Kenobi's Kid Keegan on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Jan 25, 2000 - Nov. 11, 2010

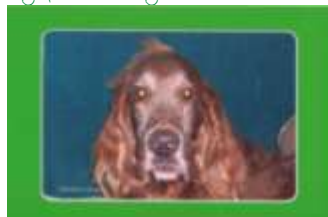
*May the shamrocks fall softly for "Keegan".....*



Remembering "Keegan".....

>Condolences to Joan on the unexpected loss of "Harry", CH Kenobi Grand Rendition, CGC, TT, TDI on November 14<sup>th</sup>. "Harry" was Joan's first champion Irish Setter. May 9, 1998 - Nov. 14, 2010

*May the shamrocks fall softly for "Harry".....*



Remembering "Harry".....



## Events & Activities

Lottery Jan 2011- All tickets, sold and unsold, are to be turned into Deb Lawrence or Judy Roberts by December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you need additional tickets, you may contact Deb and she will mail them to you. Our goal is 500 tickets sold. Thank you to Judy for recording and checking the tickets daily throughout the month of January. 20% of the proceeds benefit our Trophy Fund.

November - annual Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting. was held at the home of Bob, Shirley and Holly Semich. A beautiful thanksgiving feast was shared among many members following our general club meeting. Thank you to everyone for donating one dish to our dinner. Thank you to Bob and Shirley for having us in their home.

Santa Photos - Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> noon till 5:00 p.m. **We have a new location this year...** Butler Agway 500 Karns City Road, Butler 16001. Proceeds will go to Rainbow Refuge, with food donations also being accepted. We will have to take our own décor, so if you are attending and have some type of small Christmas tree or floor item we can add to the scenery, please bring it along. Please plan to come and help. Our Photographer will be Bob and Santa is George.

December - annual Christmas Dinner / meeting Our annual party will be at the Lawrence's on Sunday January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:00. We will have the annual gift exchange if you want to participate. Bring a wrapped gift of no more than \$25. Members are asked to bring a side, salad or dessert. Contact Deb at [dlawrenc@verizon.net](mailto:dlawrenc@verizon.net) with an RSVP and what your choice of food will be. Deadline is December 29<sup>th</sup>.

Dyson Raffle - each household was mailed one book of tickets. Please contact Joan for additional tickets. Proceeds are to help cover the cost of our specialties. Tickets and cover letter were included with your membership renewals.

### Specialties 2011

#### MSDA - March 2011

We will be supporting the entry of Irish Setters at MSDA show on Saturday March 5, 2011. Trophies will be engraved wooden ornaments from East Coast Laser for BOB, BOW, BOS, WD, RWD, WB, & RWB.

#### Memorial Weekend Cluster

George reports that required documents have been filed and approved. We know that our Judge on Saturday will be Judy Zawikowski and Sunday's will be Erich Ringle. Sweeps judges will be Friday - Ray Filburn, Saturday - Candy Wall, Sunday - Evie Sullivan and Monday - Janet Narushka. .

Trophies have been decided and should all be purchased by year's end. Thursday will be embroidered towels; Friday will be embroidered towels; Saturday will be Boar Bristle Hair brushes; Sunday will be non-skid crate mats and Monday will be engraved wooden items by East Coast Laser. We have Added Select Dog and Select Bitch Trophies for our Specialties only.

Hospitality will be handled by Laureen and Petey.

Basket Raffle - Deb already has several baskets for our raffle. The Dyson has been purchased at a discount for that raffle.

Our Show Secretary is Dee.



ISCA National Specialty 2011 - "Black Gold \* Red Dogs, Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK, May 1 - 7<sup>th</sup>  
The host club, Irish Setter Club of Central Oklahoma, is raffling two Granada grooming tables, (similar to Setter-rite) to off-set expenses. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. See the Irish Setter Club of America website for all current national information.



From the Rescue Side ~~~~

Welcome back to Laura, Bailey and Ruby after a very difficult year. May faith and strength get them through this holiday season and into the new year....

### "WALKING IN A RED DOG WONDERLAND"

Sleigh bells ring are you listening  
In the lane red dogs missing  
A big crazy sight, we're frantic tonight  
Tracking dogs in Red Dog Wonderland

They've chased off all the blue birds  
Still enticing all the new birds  
Their singing a song  
But they won't be here long....  
Walking in the Red Dog Wonderland.

In the meadow we can build a snowman  
And pretend that he is Parson Brown  
He'll say are you licensed we'll say "no man"  
"We'll stop and get our tags when were in town."

Later On, we'll conspire  
Big red dogs 'round the fire  
We'll face unafraid, the mess that they've made  
Walking in a Red Dog Wonderland

In the Meadow we can build a snowman  
And pretend that he's a circus clown  
We'll have lots of fun with Mr. Snowman  
Until the dogs decide to knock him down

When it snow's ain't it thrillin'  
Dogs want treats and their grillin'  
We'll frolick and play  
The Red Irish Way  
Walking in a Red Dog Wonderland!





## Tails From the Hills

By ace canine reporter Bella O'Shea

**WOOF! WOOF! Well it's finally DECEM "BURRRRR".** Ed and Pam got me a beautiful Kelly green overcoat in November. It's great. I need help to get it on though. I've never quite figured out those Velcro closures. It is very comfy on those frosty mornings and it also keeps the ice balls off my skirt. Ed says it's easier to get burrs and snow off the blanket than my long red fur. I just hate being detangled after a good run! Ouch! It takes about all the patience I can muster to sit there and have my fur pulled out!

Pam and Ed took that rascal "Mouse" to Wal Mart for a coat because she was always shivering. I think the mouse was just doing that for attention!. Pam asked the greeter if she could take the little doxie in the store. The greeter told her that only service dogs were allowed in. Ed then told the greeter that the mouse WAS a service dog and that Pam needed her for her emotional health and that Pam would cry if she couldn't hold her. The greeter told them to go ahead. She got a "hoodie", WAAH!

I nearly lost my privileges in November! I have things to see and exploration to do! The chilly fall air has heightened my sniffer and it sometimes runs me crazy. All those new and strange smells! When I am at liberty and I disappear from Ed's sight for over a minute or two he starts yelling frantically. I need to hurry back or get grounded. Ed says I cover too much ground too fast! He knows that I am micro chipped and well tagged but he's afraid I will get lost, dog napped, or a booger will get me! What's a "booger"? Poor Ed, sometimes I make him a nervous wreck!

When I am at liberty coming from the barn after the morning and evening horse feedings, I like to run the outside of the chain link fence and taunt those rascal doxies. They can't go. Hee hee hee I get to go "cause" I'm special. I even get to walk into the poultry coup with Ed...I don't bother Baby the tom turkey or Henrietta his companion chicken. I don't bother kitties either! Those rascal doxies chase kitties and bite the fowl. Not me, I'm a good girl! I am sure Aunt Joan would be so proud of me. I'm a PA girl and I'm proud of it!

I had one major mess up in November. I took too long returning to Ed when I was at liberty. That evening Ed put me back on lead to the barn. Uh Oh, I knew I had messed up big time and would have to prove myself to him again. I was perfect! I Got an A+. I stopped and sat when he stopped and I kept my eyes on him to see what his next request would be. I passed with flying colors and got my liberty back! These humans sure do expect a lot out of us gals and guys. ☺ Of course we do the best we can to please, don't we? We all love our humans in spite of their imperfections....

I have made a new friend. Her name is Storm and she is an Alaskan Husky. She is snow white and nearly my size. Her parents jumped their fence and ran away never to be seen again! They weren't tagged and micro chipped like me! Storm was despondent over the loss of her parents and spent her days digging holes, destroying garbage bags, and hiding under her owner's porch. Ed and Pam thought that some socializing was in order and invited her up the hill for a sleepover. Storm and I spent the day getting to be friends. Morgan and Dana, those rascal doxies, scared her so much she covered under Ed's air conditioning system till they went back in the house. I brought her out of her "funk" and now she is better adjusted knowing she is not alone. Ed let me out at 2:30 that night to be with her. I whined and banged on my crate till he woke up. My crate is beside Ed's bed you know. Next morning he caught us playing patty cake on the front deck. Ed was really tickled at the sight of this. Storm still visits on occasion when she gets lonely. I visit her every time I go to the barn and now she even allows Ed to pet her.

Don't tell anyone but I've got this problem to share with you. Sometimes when I get bored, I chase my tail. I also get excited and turn in fast circles while waiting at the door to be let out in the yard to play. Do you pooches ever have the same problem? Is it normal? Is it something in the water here? You think we need to talk to the dog whisperer?

Well it seems that I have run out of things to woof about again till January. I hope you guys are staying warm, getting good pets, regular meals, and plenty of running in this cold weather. I hope Santa Paws is good to all my canine friends in PA this year. I am planning on getting" lots stuff" because I'm a good girl. Till then, here's barking at you.....

From the hills,

**Bella O'Shea**





### NOT IN THE MOOD FOR CHRISTMAS

I'm not in the mood for Christmas  
I don't care what you say

You can bring the snow  
And the ho ho ho's  
I refuse to join the fray.

Fabulous sales  
And sparkling décor  
Have no appeal for me.

I guess I'm a grump  
But my house is a dump  
Not fitting for a tree.

The dog hair is floating  
In clumps on the floor  
Magazines are piled up  
And bills are galore.

I've yet to get summer clothes  
Packed away for the season  
The setters are no help  
They don't see a reason.

For dust doesn't bother dogs  
Cobwebs—don't see 'em  
Muddy footprints are secure  
They stay where they leave 'em.

Now don't come here wagging  
and looking to play.  
Don't lick my face and  
take your place to  
make me feel okay.

For how can I gloom  
when you look at me  
GRINNING  
The dustballs can wait,  
the setter is winning.

Christmas is coming  
you say and I hear it  
All I needed was a setter  
to get in the spirit

~~unknown





## Club News and Reminders

Membership renewals have been mailed and are due before January 31, 2011 to Coleen.

The Annual Christmas Dinner party is Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Lawrence's, 1:00 p.m. RSVP please. See attached invitation.

Nominations and Elections - The Nominating Committee was hard at work getting the slate of officers in place for our January elections. Our Chair person is Shirley Semich with the committee as Skip Lawrence, alternates Lisa Edwards, Sally Evans and Tally Ling. Our slate for 2011 is at this time, President - Joan Fiser, Vice President - Bob Semich, Cor. Secretary - George Towle, Recording Secretary - Coleen McGee, Treasurer - Deb Lawrence & Board Member #1 - Ruth White. The position of Board Member #2 is open at this time.



## The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club, Inc



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

Rescue - Joan Fiser  
Caring Shamrocks - Tally Ling  
AKC Liaison - Dee Hasley  
Newsletter - Deb Lawrence  
Editing - Coleen McGee & George Towle  
"From the Rescue side...." - Laura Williams  
"Tails from the Hills" - Ed Prichard  
"Dog News" information provided from members  
ALL articles welcomed!

**Life isn't about how you survived the storm...  
it's about how you danced in the rain!**



Merry Christmas

Annual Christmas Party & Meeting



You are invited to our annual Holiday Celebration  
To be held on Sunday, January 2, 2011  
At the home of Deb & Skip Lawrence.  
Arrival time to begin at 1:00 p.m.  
With appetizers beginning at that time  
Dinner to begin at 4:00 p.m.

Our meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Please bring a covered dish.

We will have our annual gift exchange if you would like  
to participate.

Please bring a wrapped gift of NO MORE than \$25

RSVP by December 28<sup>th</sup> to Deb.  
Please let her know your choice of covered dish so we  
can put together a full menu.

Deb & Skip Lawrence  
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Have a safe and blessed holiday season. As we  
celebrate friends, family and the dogs that we love,  
please keep those who are not well in your thoughts and  
prayers.

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