



# THE SCARLETT LETTER

THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE IRISH SETTER CLUB, INC  
DECEMBER 2011



The holidays are upon us. While the warm weather makes it difficult to "feel the season", it sure is nice to not have to juggle packages in heavy coats. Enjoy the month while preparing for the Christmas season. Many blessings to our families, friends, dogs and those we care for. Keep others less fortunate in your holiday prayers.



## Dog News

We have all types of celebrations for many accomplishments this month! This list shows the many different talents of our breed.

### *Congratulations to:*

- >Robin Morris with "Malachee", *Captiva Believe In Miracles, TT* for earning his *CGC* certification.
- >Deb Calmbacher with "*Ginger*", for earning her Obedience Certification.
- >Ed & Pam Prichard with "*Bella O'Shea*" for getting her photograph in the 2012 Adopt-a-setter Rescue Calendar. Contact Ed if you would like to purchase a calendar from Irish Setter Rescue.
- >Joan with "*Marley*" for also making the photographs in the Adopt-a-Setter calendar.
- >Deb & Skip with "Claire", *BISS silver GCH Courtwood Cobblestone, CGC TT*, for BOS both days in Columbus and earning 3 *GCH* points.
- >Deb and Skip with "*Claire*" for BOS all 3 days in West Friendship, MD and adding 5 *GCH* points.



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

Thank you to Tammy for a wonderful year and her work for keeping our website up to date.



*A time for Reflection~~~~*

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



**Smiling Shamrocks - Tally Ling**

Birthdays

Skip Lawrence - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Paula Fannin - 9<sup>th</sup>  
Maggie Halloran - 11<sup>th</sup>

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



**Get Well wishes:**

>Coleen and "Creed", who were attacked by a pit bull while going for an evening walk near home. While "Creed" sustained a few scrapes and one puncture wound, he managed to get away and be saved by a neighbor. Coleen on the other hand, received the brunt of the attack with severe bite wounds to her calf and lower leg. Both are very lucky and charges were filed by the police and dog warden.

>Holly and Emily Semich, who were in a car accident where a man rear ended them while stopped in traffic. He never slowed down or braked. Emily had a trunk full of clothes and items that cushioned the impact. Holly suffered neck injuries and knee/leg injuries causing her to miss school. Emily suffered some back injuries. Her car was totaled. Both girls are recovering at home and will be okay.

>Holly, Bob & Shirley Semich for yet another accident, 9 days later. Again hit from behind while at a stop sign by a young girl who did not stop. Air bags from the rear deployed preventing serious injuries. All three were checked at the hospital for neck injuries.

Please keep both families in your prayers for a quick recovery.

**New Membership**

We have received an application from Jessica Meyer. Jessica is an owner of puppy, Gannon. Jessica and Gannon attended our Member Fall Fun Day Event in October, and also our November Meeting. Jessica contacted Joan through the club website, interested in getting an Irish Setter. Joan helped her find a puppy through Jeannie Wagner out of Ohio. Jessica is originally from New Castle, a graduate of Pitt and lives & works in the Pittsburgh area. Jessica is sponsored by Joan and Deb Lawrence.

For your enjoyment~~

Submitted by Ed Prichard

### Why Some Men Have Dogs and Not Wives (or vice versa):

1. The later you are, the more excited your dogs are to see you.
2. Dogs don't notice if you call them by another dog's name.
3. Dogs like it if you leave a lot of things on the floor.
4. A dog's parents never visit.
5. Dogs agree that you have to raise your voice to get your point across.
6. You never have to wait for a dog; they're ready to go 24 hours a day. > >
7. Dogs find you amusing when you're "tipsy".
8. Dogs like to go hunting and fishing.
9. A dog will not wake you up at night to ask, "If I died, would you get another dog?"
10. If a dog has babies, you can put an ad in the paper and give them away.
11. A dog will let you put a studded collar on it without calling you a pervert.
12. If a dog smells another dog on you, they don't get mad. They just think it's interesting.
13. Dogs like to ride in the back of a pickup truck.  
And last, but not least:
14. If a dog leaves, it won't take half of your stuff.

To test this theory:

Lock your wife or husband and your dog in the garage for an hour. Then open it and see who's happy to see you.

### AKC Updates

>Reserve Best in Show and Puppy 4 - 6 month class placements will begin in June of 2012.

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#### Points for Reserve at a National

The Board reviewed a proposal from the Progressive Dog Club to amend remove Chapter 16, Section 1 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, to create a new three-point major for the Dog designated Reserve Winners Dog and the Bitch designated Reserve Winners Bitch at one National Specialty each year, specified by the AKC Breed Parent Club. The three points may only be awarded to the RWD or RWB, if the class competition in that sex is double the number required for a five point major. This will be discussed further at the November meeting when the Board will be presented with a statistical report on the subject.

The ISCA Board voted to support an AKC proposal to award The Reserve Winners Dog and Reserve Winners Bitch at a National Specialty a 3, 4, or 5 point major, depending on the size of the entry. This proposal still must be voted on by the AKC.

>It looks like there will be another title to earn in conformation, Certificate of Merit. It's very difficult to read the AKC Gazette online, so a little more research will be needed to understand what it all involves. So far it looks like it is something earned, with a different type point system, also based on entry, while competing in Conformation, Best of Breed and Best of Opposite.





## Events & Activities

### Specialties 2012

#### MSDA - March 3 & 4, 2012

We will be supporting the entry of Irish Setters for the March 3<sup>rd</sup> show. Trophies will be Drs. Foster and Smith Flexi-leads for BOB, BOW, BOS, WD, and RWD. WB & RWB. There are no other details at this time.



### Memorial Weekend Cluster

2012 Memorial Cluster, New Castle PA - The reservations for the grounds have been paid for next year. Our judge's gifts are bought. George has filed the final paperwork with AKC. He is waiting for confirmation from both AKC and ISCA.

Our show secretary is Laureen Sholtz.

Sweepstakes Judges for the 4 days have all confirmed and are in place.

Our specialty judges have been chosen, breeder judges from Arizona, Bob and Pat Robinson. .

Trophies have been decided. Thursday will be Cool Clothes, Friday and Monday will be embroidered towels, Saturday will be assorted items consisting of duffle bags, 6 pack coolers and cool clothes, and Sunday House Afire Clayworks from Kathy Ericson. Everything has been ordered and will be dropped off or embroidery and screening.

Hospitality - Laureen and Petey. THANK YOU to these two ladies. We couldn't do it without them.

Decorations - Sally Evans

## **WE WILL BE HAVING A RESCUE PARADE AT OUR SATURDAY SPECIALTY.**

Please pass the word. We would like to have as many participants as we can invite.



ISCA National Specialty 2012 - "Wine Country Reds", to be held in Napa Valley/Sonoma Wine Country, June 11 - 15, 2012. Host Club; Irish Setter Club of the Pacific. Reservations began October 3<sup>rd</sup>. See the ISCA website for information. Joan and Sally are making their plans to attend.

ISCA National 2013 - this national will be held in Richmond VA, with the ISC of Richmond as the host club. As always, we will participate and support their fund raising efforts. It is nice we have several years to get the Rescue bags together.

### Upcoming Events;

Santa Photos - Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11- 4 . Please join us on Saturday at the Butler Agway. Thank you to Joan for organizing this event with the Agway, and advertising with the Butler Eagle and around town. Thank you to Agway for helping with the advertising.

Steelers Raffle- all tickets, stubs and money should be back to Deb Lawrence before Saturday. You can turn them in at Santa Photos if you attend. The drawing will be at the end of the Santa Photo session.

Christmas Dinner Party/Meeting - It was decided to have our Christmas party meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. at Lawrence's home. Our menu will be Thanksgiving dinner and we will also have our gift exchange. If you want to participate bring a wrapped dog or dog related gift, MAXIMUM cost of \$25. We'll hold the exchange in the same fun manner. We will work on the menu after the holidays. We will hold Sunday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> as a snow day in case of weather issues for Saturday. Also, should the Steelers have a playoff game scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our event on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

January 2012 Lottery raffle - Coleen is the chairperson. Tickets were ready at our Oct. meeting. Anyone who did not attend the meeting was sent a book of tickets in the mail. Proceeds are split to our working general fund with 20% to the trophy fund. All tickets, stubs and money are due back to Coleen by December 31<sup>st</sup>. These make great stocking stuffers and holiday card inserts. Our goal is to sell 400 tickets. Thank you to Joan for handling the ordering and for picking up the tickets from the printer.

### From the Rescue Side ~~~~



Rescue

Joan has had inquiries recently from area Irish Setter owners interested in Fostering Rescues. Fortunately, we don't often get rescues. It was decided we should get a Fostering Policy put together with guidelines and a protocol set. Joan and Bob will work on a rough draft of an application and policy that we will finalize.



Tails From the Hills

As told through the eyes of Bella O'Shea

Woof, woof, woof! There have been some exciting things happening to me in November! I'm really excited! Mistress Pam entered photos of me taken by Ed into the 2012 Irish Setter Rescue calendar. Ain't that just special? Can you picture me being a calendar girl representing GTISC Rescue? Wow, that's exciting. If I don't get placed I hope someone from our group does as I have several very beautiful GTISC rescue siblings. Wouldn't it be nice if the calendar included all the GTISC pooches? That would be awesome! I have no news of the results as of this "telling" of the "Tails".

### Update:

**Woof, Woof, Woof I'm an Adoptasetter Calendar Girl for 2012. A GTISC Rescue. Fancy that!**

Needless to say, my adoptive parents, Ed and Pam as well as Aunt Joan Fiser, are pleased. They have always said I was pretty cute and sort of photogenic. I am just so proud to represent GTISC and finally be a winner at something. Ed says he is going to get a bunch of calendars for his family. Hee, Hee, Hee

Now for my latest set of "trials and tribulations" here on Goose Creek. In November Ed let the turkeys out early one morning to pick, cluck, and gobble. One evening about dusk, Snow White, the white turkey hen, came up missing. She had been wandering off as of late to lay eggs because Ed and I had been stealing her eggs to take to the house. That is, I find and Ed steals, LOL. In November the hungry predators run rampant on Goose Creek and so we thought that a "booger" might have gotten Snow. Ed marched the two tom turkeys, Baby and Sonny, back into their secure area for the night before hunting for Snow. While frantically hunting for his only turkey hen he realized that I was also missing. That really put Ed into a tizzy!

No! Not his Bella too... He thought maybe I could be searching for Snow as well. Did a "booger" get me, his most beloved pet? He ran to the back of the horse barn and called for me. He ran to the front of the barn and called for me. He checked the horse stalls and no Bella. He mounted his trusty John Deer tractor, put it in high gear, and began his frantic search for me. He checked at the homestead and at all the neighbors and up the road to no avail. Ed was beside himself! He returned to the barn despondent. About that time Miss Snow appears, unscathed, right in front of the barn. Bick, bick, waak, waak waak was her response. I think she was just telling us that she had been out for a stroll and had lost track of time. And then my whereabouts were discovered as he ushered her into the turkey coup. Unbeknownst to Ed, I followed behind him into the coup and was trapped with the toms. Twenty five minutes trapped with those tom turkeys! It rendered me barkless! I heard him call numerous times but I just don't generally bark that much. As he opened the door and ushered Snow into the coup, there I sat sad eyed. I was rescued! I could tell he was upset so I just sat there outside the coup waiting to see if I were to be corrected. He bent down and patted me on the head and told me he was so glad that I was safe. Ed loves me you know... I hope you Irish and your people had a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope your people didn't give you turkey bones as they can sliver and perforate our bowels. Ouch! Also too much table scraps can give us bloat or the runs. Ed's daughter, the veterinarian, recommends **no table scraps for us!** She is right, but don't tell Ed.....

The new TN Walker foal, Starr, has been taking walks with the doxies and I to the "playpen" area. This sometimes gets very exciting because baby horses are unpredictable and flighty. One time I rushed out of the brush to be greeted by a foal wanting to defend herself from a mountain lion or something. It's a good thing Ed always has a good hold on her or I might have a bad dent in my forehead. I guess I scared her by approaching so fast. We usually get along real well but we doggies must be very cautious around big baby horses. Ed keeps a watchful eye out for our safety.

Did you know that this is my twenty sixth edition of **Tails From the Hills**? That means that I have been with Pam and Ed for more than twenty six months. Time sure does fly by when you are healthy, happy, loved, and have lots of toys to scatter about the house. I have a whole big bunch, a whole lot of toys!

Well I guess you show pups have raked in a lot of Honors, ribbons, etc. over the show season which is about over for the year. This West Virginia country dog is so proud of her show cousins. I could have been a contender, maybe....

Till next time,

Bella O'Shea  
From the Hills



### Club News and Reminders

Nominations/Elections - Chair Person, Shirley Semich and committee, Skip Lawrence and Tally Ling have presented the slate for 2012. Alternates are Sally Evans and Lisa Edwards.

Slate for 2012;  
President - Bob Semich  
Vice President - Coleen McGee  
Corresponding Secretary - George Towle  
Recording Secretary/Treasurer - Deb Lawrence  
Board Member #1 - Ruth White  
Board Member #2 - Joan Fiser

Membership Renewals - Renewals have been mailed or handed out. These are due by January 31, 2012. These get returned to Deb Lawrence.

Our next meeting will be Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. at the Lawrence's home. Besides this being our Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner party/meeting, it will be considered our Dec/Jan meeting. Elections will be held at this meeting. Menu, invitations and RSVP will be next month. Mark your calendar.

We (the Board) will have our annual Reorganizational Meeting (FEB) after our elections. This includes a plan for the 2012 year. If you have any ideas for events or fund raising, please send them to Bob. Toss those ideas around in your mind for the next few months and see what you can come up with to share. Also, if you have any concerns, let Bob know.



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"Dog News" information provided from members  
ALL articles welcomed!

