



THE SCARLETT LETTER

THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE IRISH SETTER CLUB, INC

MAY 2011

April showers bring May flowers... a cute quote I remember from my childhood. We can only hope the 'showers' are soon coming to an end as we anxiously await the beautiful spring weather. A late season Easter is behind us already and the Easter Rabbit is happy he survived.

May brings the beginning of outdoor dog shows and warmer weather. The ISCA National and our Specialty weekend are right around the corner. The summer holiday kickoff celebration for Memorial Day is always exciting and unpredictable. It's time to camp out, cook out and hang out with friends, family and dogs! Enjoy the beginning of summer~~~~

Dog News

Congratulations to~~~~

WPKA- Monroeville

›Ruth with "Todd", *O'Dorsey's Formal Attire* for BOW on Saturday for 1 point and WD on Sunday.

›Deb & Skip with "Claire", *BISS GCH Courtwood Cobblestone, CGC*, for BOS both days, and an additional 2 GCH pts. Thank you to Coleen for her handling of "Claire".

Harrisburg KC

›Deb & Skip with "Claire", *BISS GCH Courtwood Cobblestone CGC*, for Select Bitch, with 1 GCH point..

Life is quite an adventure. Sunday and Monday were cancelled later Saturday evening due to flooding. If anyone has been to the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, the back field is used for motor home and preferred parking. By 5:30 the water was nearly to the top of the loading dock. Coleen and Deb went back at 10:00 p.m. to collect crates, etc. and had to drive through water on the opposite side of the building, and into a section of the building that was already under a few inches of water. People were allowed in all night to retrieve belongings and dogs and there were no injuries to anyone. By 1:00 a.m., a section of the building was under 3 feet of water. The site control committee did a wonderful job of getting people in and out safely. Unfortunately, several vans and motor homes did not make it out of the water in time.



Cherry Blossom Cluster, Timonium MD

>Joan and "Dewey", [Int'l and AM CH Kenobi Just Do It RN, CGC TDI TT](#), placing Select Dog for a 5 pt. GCH major, on Saturday at Old Dominion KC.

>Deb & Skip with "Claire", [BISS GCH Courtwood Cobblestone CGC](#), placing Select Bitch for a 4 GCH point major, at the Potomac Irish Setter Club Specialty on Friday. On Sunday, "Claire" went BOS at the Baltimore KC show for a 4 GCH point major..

"Claire's" armband also won the \$100 gas card raffle held by Old Dominion KC.



Smiling Shamrocks - Tally Ling

Birthdays

Coleen McGee - 4th

John Sholtz - 8th

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



Rainbow Bridge....

Condolences to Joan on the loss of "Skye", Irish Gold Wandrin Minstrel on April 11th. "Skye" was diagnosed last September with a rare tissue cancer.



"Skye" June 22, 1998 - April 11.2011



May the Shamrocks fall softly~~~~

A time for Reflection~~~~

We come to love not by finding a perfect person, but by learning to see an imperfect person perfectly.



Events & Activities

Lottery July 2011 - Coleen is our chairperson. Each member that was not at the April meeting has been mailed one book of tickets. If you need more, let Coleen know. All unsold tickets, stubs and money is due back to Coleen before July 1st. 20% of the proceeds benefit our Trophy Fund with the balance going to the general working fund.

Specialties 2011

ISCA

National Dog Show;



"Black Gold * Red Dogs, Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK, May 1 - 7th
Oklahoma City, 'here we come'. Skip, Deb, Coleen and Joan are looking forward to a wonderful week at the National. Our "Pittsburgh Basket" for the Oklahoma IS Club raffle and the Rescue Basket donated by Joan are wrapped and ready to go! Thank you to those members who contributed to the Pittsburgh basket.



Memorial Weekend Classic

Judges:

Thursday - Jim Martin

Friday- Sweeps - Ray Filburn Reg. judging - Lawrence Stanbridge

Saturday - Sweeps - Candy Wall Reg. Judging - Judy Zawikowski

Sunday - Sweeps - Evie Sullivan Reg. Judging - Eric Ringle

Monday - Sweeps - Janet Narushka Reg. Judging - Carol Somerfelt

Trophies - READY TO GO! Thursday -embroidered towels; Friday - embroidered towels; Saturday - Boar Bristle Hair brushes (BOW - towel) ; Sunday -non-skid crate mats (Select - combs) and Monday - 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. Details were finalized at our April Meeting. If you haven't spoken with Bob or Laureen, please contact one of them. Saturday's Menu is Meatball hoagies, Ham BBQ's and Shirley famous stuffed cabbage. Sunday is our grilling day and picnic food. There will also be an array of yummy sides, salads and desserts each day Thank you to everyone who is bringing a side. Thank you to Laureen and her husband, and to Petey, for chairing this huge job.

Basket Raffle - Deb already has approximately 30 baskets for our raffle. If you haven't gotten your basket to Deb, please get it to her by the 20th or take it to the show site.

Dyson - Tickets are available through May 29th. Contact Joan if you need more..

Our Show Secretary is Dee.

Decorations - Sally has her beautiful flower pots purchased and ready to be filled!

Money Tree - We will again have our Money Tree. Amount so far is \$173. Contact Deb if you would like to add to it. Thank you to Ruth for three \$2 bills to add this year.

Silent Auction for Rescue - Ellen and Paula are our chairpersons. Along with Sue's possessions, we would like to thank Kim and Nancy Haupt for donating some of their treasures to the auction. Kim and Nancy are from Ohio.

Members Annual Awards - have been ordered and will be on display during our Saturday show. Please pick up your award following judging.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE IN NEW CASTLE!!!

ATTS - Temperment Test at Ruth's - Saturday June 4th, beginning at 9:00. Member help is needed. There are 10 stations plus a few other jobs to cover. Please try and attend. Members should report by 8:00. Joan has received some applications. Our goal is a minimum of 25 dogs. Final details will be arranged at our next meeting.



The Ten Commandments of a Responsible Pet Owner as Dictated by Our Pets.

1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.
2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.
3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainments. But I have only you.
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.
7. Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I have teeth that could easily crush the bones in your hand, and yet I choose not to bite you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long or my heart might be getting old or weak.
9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You too will grow old.
10. On the difficult journey, on the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there. Because I love you so. Take a moment today to thank God for your pets. Enjoy and take good care of them. Life would be a much duller, less joyful thing without God's critters.

From the Rescue Side~~~



Tails From the Hills

WOOF! WOOF! Hello again. This is Bella O'Shea, ace canine reporter, reporting from the hills of West Virginia. April wasn't much different than March in the weather department. Ed and Pam are still getting flooded in and my runs to the end of the property are still very sloppy! Ed says I smell very "doggie" and need for Pam to give me more baths! Loads of bath towels are being laundered here every day!

Not long ago I found a big, smashed, frog in the driveway but Ed said I couldn't have it..... it was really cool and it smelled funny! I can see turkeys and deer out the French door a lot now and the grass, spring flowers, and weeds are beginning to grow fast. I am still making my trips to the barn daily to observe Ed feed the horses and the chickens. Then it's time for the big run up the hill and to the end of the property. Every time is an adventure! I wait for Ed at the top of the driveway and then off I go with Ed following. He hasn't put on his "winter fat" because of me. He complains of sore leg muscles a lot...he's getting old!

At present time I am tormenting Ed as he tries to type my newsletter for me. I haven't learned to type yet because my paws are so big. I know just how to push Ed's buttons. I jump up in his lap and lick his glasses till they are blurred and he has to dry them! I also put my two paws on his shoulders and lick and nibble at his ear till he does what I want! LOL He says I drive him to distraction!

He just tricked me into going outside on the deck so he could finish this newsletter for me. It didn't work! I am at the window beside his computer scratching and begging to get back in. It's a very dirty window. I just stand there, howl, and look sad till he lets me back in and then I'll begin again. How is he going to know what to write in this newsletter without my dictation?

I found one of Pam's winter gloves yesterday. I had great fun with it till there was nothing left but scraps of insulation and shredded nylon. I'm really not destructive! I found it on the floor so it must have been left there for my entertainment. Ed didn't take it from me. I lay there on the sofa and disassembled it as Ed watched CNN. He got thirty minutes of quiet time out of it! I usually demand constant attention from Ed..... He told Pam that if I didn't give him some alone time that he was going to send me back to Aunt Joan. NOT!!!!

As soon as I get a grooming and smell like a flower garden, I am going to go again to visit Granny Prichard at the old lady's home. It's sad that she doesn't remember me from one visit to another. She always asks how long I have been in the family and where I came from. It doesn't matter. I just lie on her bed for pets as if it were only yesterday that I visited last.....

As of late I have had sleep over siblings in my crate for the night. My favorite is "Bubby", aka Tanner. He is the neutered long hair doxy male. He is small and takes up little room. I also have enjoyed the company of Morgan the Doxie or "Poodie" the poodle, but then it is a bit crowded with them. I have six siblings to play with, and I do, but my preferred playmate is ED. He takes me everywhere and buys me pig ears like he is supposed to. ☺

Well that's it for this month. I am looking forward to a warm dry June, aren't you? Try to keep your feet clean and your fur detangled. Try to give your people some quiet time or Aunt Joan might get a house full. LOL

Till next time, here's barking at you,
Bella O'Shea





Website- www.gtisc.org

Watch the website for all current information. PLEASE SEND SPRING PHOTOS OF YOUR DOGS!!!!

Club News and Reminders

Our next meeting is Saturday May 28th, at the show site in New Castle, following our days' judging.



The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club, Inc



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