



THE SCARLETT LETTER

THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE IRISH SETTER CLUB, INC
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Happy Easter! Welcome spring!!! We are all very anxious for warm weather, green grass & trees and the smell of spring flowers in the air!



Dog News

Congratulations to:

MSDA - GTISC supported the entry of Irish Setters on Saturday.

>Coleen with 'Bea', *Courtwood Quilting Bee*, for WB and BOW on Saturday for her third 3-pt. major. On Sunday, 'Bea' went RWB.

>Deb & Skip with 'Claire', *BISS GCH Courtwood Cobblestone CGC*, for BOS on Saturday and BOB on Sunday, for 7 GCH points.

>Coleen with 'Eddie', *MyKyna Oncore Edition* for RWD on Sunday.

All three dogs were handled by Coleen, Thank you to her for a great presentation of these dogs.

New Addition~

Welcoming to Joan's family is 'Marley', a 10 year old rescue girl from VA. "Marley" has settled into her new home with the 4 boys quite comfortably. Congratulations to the Fiser family!



'Marley"

St. Patrick's Day - Joan and "Dewey", *CH Kenobi's Just Do It, RN, CGC*, TD, TT, spent the afternoon at the first annual "ShamRockin' Pittsburgh", the place to be after the parade. This is an Irish celebration sponsored by the Irish Partnership. Joan reported that she and "Dewey" had a great time.

Lorrie and "Mulligan", *Santera's Charmin' Mulligan RA CGC*, participated in the Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day parade. Lorrie reported they had a great time and the weather was co-operative after all. Next year for those of us who weenie out!

ISCA HEALTH COMMITTEE MESSAGES:

First one:

It is very important that the ISCA study on HOD (Hypertrophic Osteodystrophy) currently being done at Clemson University get more samples from affected dogs.

Just so we are clear, the dog does not currently have to have HOD. Samples are valuable from ANY Irish setter at ANY age that had HOD in their lifetime. Despite the fact that many dogs have had this disease, to date we only have about 30 submitted affected samples, and we need 100 for the research to be valid!

If you know of ANY Irish setter who has had this disease, please urge the owner to send a blood sample to our study. Blood can be sent directly to Drs Starr and Murphy. There is no need to contact anyone else--it can be done completely confidentially! Should there be an issues with the person needing money to have the sample shipped, Dr. Starr can help with that.

Here is her contact info, in case the person you know does not want to store the sample via CHIC, and prefers to make it a one step process by sending it directly to Dr. Starr. Her office number is 864 656 0191

The link to her website is posted below:

http://www.clemson.edu/cafls/departments/genbiochem/people/faculty_web/kmurphy/projects/hod.html

There will also be a FREE DNA collection clinic at the Irish Setter Club of America National in Oklahoma on May 11th

To find out about other studies sponsored by the ISCA Foundation via the ISCA Health Committee, visit the ISCA website at www.irishsetterclub.org

There are ongoing studies on epilepsy, HOD, osteosarcoma, hemangiosarcoma, lymphoma, and gastric cancer

Anne Marie Kubacz
ISCA Health Committee Chair

Followed by:

Unfortunately last night it was brought to our attention that the link that was sent is not active. I emailed Dr. Starr and she found out that their website is under revision and none of the links are working at this time.

This email has 3 forms attached: one explains how to collect and ship the samples and the other two are information and consent forms. The forms will be added to the ISCA website within the next week.

Dr Starr's email address is Alison Starr <ASTARR@clermson.edu>; please feel free to contact her via email or phone with any questions
Her office number is 864 656 0191

I appreciate the prompt response from so many of you to get the word out that our study needs MORE samples from affected HOD dogs. If there is anything you need from me, don't hesitate to ask!

Anne Marie Kubacz
ISCA Health Chair



Website- www.gtisc.org

It's time to get those spring photos in for our homepage. Email your favorite photo to Deb.

A time for Reflection~~~~

If you believe in yourself, have dedication and pride and never quit, you'll be a winner. The price of victory is high, but so are the rewards.

- Paul "Bear" Bryant

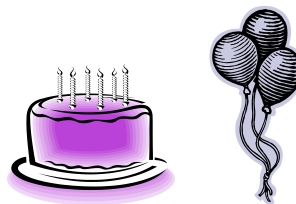


Smiling Shamrocks - Tally Ling

Birthdays

No member birthdays this month. If your birthday is not listed, please get the month and day, NO YEAR, to Deb to be included in our Birthday Wishes each month.

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



Enjoy~~~~

Glossary of Dog show Terms - trying again!

ANGULATION - Degree to which dog handlers will bend over backwards to impress judges

BALANCE - a) How to arrange the checkbook so your husband won't know how much money you spent on dog shows last month. Usually done in the bathroom with the door locked; b) Ability to hold coffee, danish, leash, treats, and entry form all at once.

BITCH - a) Proper name for a female dog; b) Name often heard at dog shows, not always to describe a female dog.

BLIND RETRIEVE - When you can't see the toy under the furniture.

CGC - Canine Gastrointestinal Catastrophe (aka GAS)

COAT - The hairy covering of a dog that usually falls out about one week before the Specialty show.

CRABBING - What you do when the judge doesn't like your dog.

DAM - a) A female dog with puppies b) Expression frequently overheard at dog shows as losers leave the ring.

DISTEMPER - Shown by those competitors who just lost to someone they can't stand.

DOG - To chase a judge from show to show in an effort to attain more breed wins.

DOUBLE BLIND - Finding two toys under the furniture.

ELBOW - Method of getting to ringside quickly when late.

EXPRESSION - 'Sweet' look adopted by hungry dogs while staring ravenously at chunks of liver.

FANCIER - Degree to which some gentlemen handlers dress more than others.

FORCE FETCH - Dog drops the toy under the furniture, scratches at the carpet until you're forced to 'fetch' it.

FRONT - Part of the dog often facing outside of the ring.

GUARD HAIR - An activity in which one watches intently as the dog's hair falls out, in clumps, just after entries are mailed.

HEEL - a) What you feel like when your dog beats the one you had just sold to an eager novice;
b) Expression often screamed to attract the attention of deaf dogs.

HOCK - A way of financing your dog shows by the use of jewelry such as wedding rings.

KENNEL - Where you go when the kids fight and your husband is in one of his moods.

LITTER - Trash left all over the building and parking lot after a dog show.

MASK - What to wear when you have to show your gorgeous pick of the litter that fell apart a week before the show.

MUZZLE - What to put on your kids at a dog show to prevent them from calling your competition what they overheard you call him last night.

NOSEPRINTS - Cute marks left all over your French doors.

OUTCROSSING - What your husband tells the minister you are doing out in the kennel with the dog and the bitch.

OVERSHOT - Running so fast as to pass the 1st place ring marker and plow into the judge and the stewards.

PEDIGREE - Dog food with lots of coupons.

POINTS - Minute, invisible awards for winning which you cannot convince your spouse are more important than cash prizes.

PUPPIES - Small, dog like food processing machines with the ability to stink up an entire house and collectively deafen a band of magpies. (These creatures have not yet been perfected, as they come with leaky systems, and can also be dangerous to weak hearts and bank accounts.)

QUALIFYING SCORE - Just the 170.5 you got in obedience today.

RIBBONS - What competitive exhibitors with distemper (see above) will cut you into when your dog places over theirs.

SPECIALTY - Whatever your dog is good at, like bringing home dead cats or chewing on walls.

TYPE - What your dog has.....if you turn down the lights and squint a little.

UTILITY - The kind of vehicle you need to haul around your dogs



Events & Activities

Specialties 2011

MSDA - March 2011 - We are very pleased with the entry at this show. Thanks to MSDA for asking us to support the entry. Again, with supported entries were majors both days. Congratulations to the winners all weekend, which also included "Bea" and "Claire".



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.. Thursday's IS setter judge is Jim Martin (LHKC), Friday's Judge (Trumbull) is Lawrence Stanbridge and Monday is Carol Sommerfelt. (NCKC)

Trophies-I purchases are complete. Thursday will be embroidered towels; Friday will be embroidered towels; Saturday will be Boar Bristle Hair brushes with BOW an embroidered towel; 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. Saturdays, main entrées are ham bbq's, meatball hoagies and stuffed cabbage. Sunday will be our cookout picnic menu. It is now time to let Laureen know what your side dish choice will be. Bob will be contacting everyone.

Decorations will be chaired by Sally Evans. If you would like to help, please contact Sally.

Dyson raffle - chaired by Joan - We have until the day of the drawing, May 29th. Please take time to sell some tickets. Dyson Model is the Animal DC17. Please return tickets as you sell them so we know where we stand.

Basket Raffle - Deb already has several baskets for our raffle. Please gather your basket items and get those to Deb. Each member is asked to donate one basket to our raffle. Please try to get your basket to her by the end of April.

Baskets so far:

Cat, 5 dog, 3 wine, Red White & Blue, Safety, Girl Scout Cookies, Auto Road Kit, Dog Water Fountain, 2 Irish, 1 Irish apple green Wine, Christmas Candles, Jewelry bling, assorted gift cards, photo/scrapbook, Anniversary Clock, basket to Relax By.

A huge thank you in advance to Mary and Jamie Lamphier who will be donating a basket to our raffle.

Our Show Secretary is Dee.

Donations - Shirley Semich has agreed to again contact the companies by email that we've received products from each year. Coleen will hand out the letters and talk to the vendors at the shows. **NEEDED** is someone who can visit local businesses, such as Sam's Club, Wal-Mart, Petco, Agway, etc. for gift card donations. Please contact Shirley if you are willing to do help with this task.

Silent Auction - Ellen will chair this event along with Paula. Our shows this year will be in Memory of Sue Rosko. Sue's family, at the request of Sue, has donated all of Sue's Irish Setter possessions for the auction. If you would like to help Ellen and Paula, please contact either one to let them know.

Our catalog ad has been submitted for all five days dedicating our Shows this year in Memory of Sue Rosko.

Money Tree - Thank you to Ruth for adding three \$2.00 bills to our tree for a total of \$183 for the tree.

MEMBER PARTICIPATION is needed at the Saturday and Sunday specialties. Saturday is the busier of the two but we still need a few people for Sunday. Please think about what you like to do and volunteer to help out in that area. Our raffle items will be ringside with the vendors on Thursday and Friday. Help there is needed if you are attending those days. Rotating shifts, or relief shifts for the people that are there all day is important. Also, help to move the items to our specialty ring area is needed on Friday at the end of judging.

Bob will contact each member by phone to get as much organized by our next meeting. Everyone's help is **GREATLY** and **ALWAYS APPRECIATED!**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NATIONAL IS ALSO IN MAY THIS YEAR SO PLEASE DO NOT WAIT TO GET YOUR BASKET TO DEB. At this time, Joan, Coleen, Deb & Skip are going to Oklahoma.



ISCA National Specialty 2011 - "Black Gold * Red Dogs, Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK, May 1 - 7th
The host club is the Irish Setter Club of Central Oklahoma. See the Irish Setter Club of America website for all current national information. It will be here before we know it! Deb, Skip, Joan and Coleen will be traveling to Oklahoma.

Our Pittsburgh Basket is coming along nicely...so far it includes; Steelers shirt, Penguins shirt, Pirates cap, Terrible Towel, Isaly's BBQ sauce, water bottle from Idlewild Park, Mr. Rogers book, Isaly's Book, 'Pittsburgh dialect book, Pittsburgh map, Sarris candy bar. Heinz ketchup and hotdog relish, Steelers 'green' grocery bag, bottle of local wine, 1 yellow toy, zagnut & Clark bars, Teaberry gum. **Needed;** Kennywood item, Pitt item, Iron City Beer, anything from the area you can find... Get your items for the basket to Deb. (by April's meeting, please)

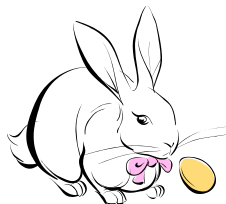


Upcoming Events:

July Lottery - tickets have been ordered from the printer by Joan. Coleen will chair this lottery sale. One book of tickets will be mailed to each member. If you would like more when they arrive, contact Deb and she'll mail the total amount. Profits benefit 20% of the trophy fund and the balance is our working money.

Everyone should have received the schedule for the year. If you misplaced it, go to our website Calendar of Events and it is all listed by month with Details to be announced as finalized.

ATTS - Temperament Testing Saturday June 4th at Ruth's house. All forms and information is on our website and the ATTS website. That link available through our site. Membership help is needed for this event. There are 10 stations with a person at each one. Testing will begin at 9:00 a.m.. Please plan on helping out this day. We need 25 dogs. Joan is receiving inquiries and entries. Dogs must be at least 18 months old. This is for any breed and mixed breed dog. If you have any questions, please contact Joan.



From the Rescue Side ~~~~

Welcome again to 'Marley' into the Fiser home. You can read about 'Marley' on Joan's link on our website.



Tails From the Hills

Hello, Bella O'Shea, ace canine reporter here. I will be reporting on the "doings" for March here on Goose Creek in Wild Wonderful West Virginia. RAIN, FLOODING, RAIN, and more FLOODING was the norm for my neck of the woods.

It didn't seem to deter Ed and Pam from driving me to the feed store in Ed's new old farm truck with four wheel drive. They had to drive over the hill to get out of the hollow as the main road had ten feet of water over it most of March. I came in after each walk with water and mud on my feathers and belly. Life is good on the creek.....

I walked a lot with my siblings last month. I should say I started with them and finished with them because they are little Doxie runts and can't keep up with an Irish! Ed says I'm awesome on the run. I have Ed trail wise now. When I am gone for a few minutes, he'll call me so I can make my grand entrance over and over again. I sure can make the mud fly!

I have kept my mistress, Pam, busy with my grooming. She says I must look my best when meeting the public. I really enjoy the oohs and ahh's I get from the public. I'm awesome! At least my master and mistress think so....

I was told that March was for winds and April was for showers. Does it mean it will rain all this month too? I hope not! Ed says we have wild jonquils blooming. That's those yellow flower things. They don't taste very good. LOL There are also clumps of green grass appearing on my trail to the doggie playpen area.

Ed got a newer "old farm truck" with extended cab just for me. He has placed a gray wool navy blanket in the floor so I won't soil his carpet. That way I can go with him all the time and I do. He's my best "Bud". I have almost finished his and Pam's training. They are coming along well for humans. :) They are a lot slower learners than we Irish you know...smile.

Well I'm off for another romp in my fields and trails. I might just invite those rascal Doxie siblings to go along for the entertainment value. I love to rush bye them and sling mud then smile as Pam bathes them. (Snicker) You city setters stay clean because you got shows coming up. Your people will appreciate that I am sure. I wish you pooches the best in all your endeavors. Bring the gold home to GTISC! Till next month this is Bella O'Shea with the rest of the story.

From the Hills,

Bella O'Shea





Club News and Reminders

Please plan to help out at our specialties. Teamwork is the key to success.

Our next meeting is Wednesday APRIL 27th at the Denny's Harmar, 7:30 p.m. The back room has been reserved. This is our last general meeting before Memorial Day weekend. PLEASE try to attend.

THANK YOU TO ALL MEMBERS FOR THEIR TIME AND HELP THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!!!!

Annual Member Awards have been ordered. They will be on display at our Saturday Specialty and can be picked up that day following our show.

April 18th...Tax filing deadline

REMINDER: Our May general Meeting will be Saturday, May 28th, at the show site following our days' events.



The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club, Inc



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