



# THE SCARLETT LETTER

THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE IRISH SETTER CLUB, INC  
FEBRUARY 2011



For the month that celebrates Valentine's Day; a month of friends and family, a story about both~~~

## The Wooden Bowl

I guarantee you will remember the tale of the Wooden Bowl tomorrow, a week from now, a month from now, a year from now.

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year-old grandson.

The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered.

The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor.

When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess.

'We must do something about father,' said the son.

'I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor.'

So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner.

There, Grandfather ate alone while the rest of the family enjoyed dinner.

Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl.

When the family glanced in Grandfather's direction, sometimes he had a tear in his eye as he sat alone.

Still, the only words the couple had for him were sharp admonitions when he dropped a fork or spilled food.

The four-year-old watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor.

He asked the child sweetly, 'What are you making?'

Just as sweetly, the boy responded,

'Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up'.

The four-year-old smiled and went back to work.

The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks. Though no word was spoken, both knew what must be done.

That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table...

For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. And for some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

On a positive note, I've learned that, no matter what happens, how bad it seems today, life does go on,  
and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles four things:  
a rainy day, the elderly, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

I've learned that making a 'living' is not the same thing as making a 'life.'

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands.

You need to be able to throw something back sometimes.

I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you

But, if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others,  
your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

I've learned that every day, you should reach o out and touch someone.

People love that human touch -- holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back..

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.

~~~~submitted by Sally Evans



**Dog News**

### *Congratulations to:*

>Deb & Skip with "Claire", **BISS GCH Courtwood Cobblestone, CGC** for Select Bitch at Rubber City KC both Saturday and Sunday.

>Deb & Skip with "Claire" for BOB and BOS in Hamburg at the KC of Buffalo and Ashtabula KC shows Saturday and Sunday.

#### West Friendship MD

>Coleen with "Eddie", **MyKyna Oncore Edition**, for BOW and WD Saturday & Sunday for 2 more pts. "Eddie" is now at 14 points with both majors.

>Coleen with "Bea", **Courtwood Quilting Bee**, for RWB on Saturday and WB/BOW on Sunday for 2 pts.

>Deb & Skip with "Claire", **BISS GCH Courtwood Cobblestone CGC**, for BOB on Friday, BOS on Saturday and Select Bitch on Sunday.

Deb & Skip wish to thank Coleen for a wonderful presentation of "Claire".

>Announcing a new addition to the Calmbacher Family... "Prince", a golden/yellow lab mix was adopted into the family. While "Cassie" was not sure on a new 'brother', Deb's parents lost their black lab. "Prince" then went to live with her parents. "Prince" is settled in and a well-behaved puppy, making him a perfect companion to the family.



"Prince"



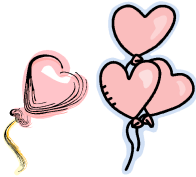
Smiling Shamrocks - Tally Ling

Birthdays

Emily Semich - 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Holly Semich - 4<sup>th</sup>  
Laureen Sholtz - 21<sup>st</sup>



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



Please keep Joan's boy, "Skye" in your prayers as his cancer has returned. He was first diagnosed in September. Surgery to remove the tumor was done and he had been doing quite well.



Rainbow Bridge

>condolences to George on the loss of "Elizabeth" on December 31<sup>st</sup>. "Elizabeth" had not been well for several months.



May the shamrocks fall softly....

Recipe time.....

Paula's covered dish for our party was "Christmas Crunch Salad". Here is her recipe for all of who wanted it;

raw/fresh cauliflower, broccoli and cherry tomatoes  
1  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup lite mayonnaise  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup vinegar  
splenda 2 - 3 packets  
salt & pepper to taste

mix ingredients and toss with vegetables lightly.  
sprinkle crumbled bacon on top as a garnish.  
refrigerate.





## The Dog

~~~~submitted by Paula Fannin

An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of.

He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head; he then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep. An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out.

The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour. This continued off and on for several weeks.

Curious I pinned a note to his collar: 'I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap.'

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar: 'He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 - he's trying to catch up on his sleep.. Can I come with him tomorrow?'



*Time for Reflection....*

"Being happy doesn't mean everything's perfect, it means you're able to deal with life's imperfections. " ~~~ Jaime Lamphier



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

Our website has been renewed for 2011. Thank you to Tammy for her wonderful work. Please get your photos in to be added to our site.



## Events & Activities

Annual Christmas Party Meeting - Our annual celebration was held on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Lawrence's. The weather was beautiful, no worries about bad weather travel. We held our meeting, had our gift exchange and shared a wonderful buffet meal provided by all who attended. Happy New Year wishes to all. Thank you to those members who provided a covered dish. Till next year.....

January 2011 Lottery raffle - Thanks to Judy Roberts for keeping track of the numbers and winners. Thank you to the members who sold and bought tickets. 20% benefits our trophy fund with the balance going to our general fund. Congratulations to the winners.

ATTS testing - scheduled for JUNE 4<sup>th</sup> at Ruth White's. The information is on our website and the ATTS website. Updates will be added as needed. Joan is the Chairperson.

### 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 except we're are awaiting AKC paperwork for NCKC. 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) and Monday is Carol Sommerfelt. (NCKC)

Trophies are all purchased and nearly complete. Some embroidery out to be completed on some towels. 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. Menu ideas are welcome for Saturday. Sunday will be our cookout picnic menu.

Decorations will be chaired by Sally Evans.

Dyson raffle - chaired by Joan - We have until the day of the drawing, May 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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 or Coleen 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.

We will be placing catalog ads for all five days Dedicating our Shows this year in Memory of Sue Rosko.

**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. Four- six people is not enough, which is what we had the past two years. There are still a few jobs that need covered. All members are asked to donate one basket for the raffle and also a hospitality item. WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO HOLD SUCCESSFUL SHOWS. OUR REPUTATION FOR A JOB WELL DONE PRECEEDS US.**

Please think about what you like to do and volunteer to help out in that area. Contact the chairperson to make arrangements. 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.



BLACK GOLD \* RED DOGS ISCA National Specialty 2011 - "Black Gold \* Red Dogs, Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK, May 1 - 7<sup>th</sup>. Reservations are now being accepted. See the ISCA website for the form and contact information. All order forms for reservations for the week's events is available online or in the MEMO.

Our national catalog ad is complete and will be sent to the committee. This year we will be able to include our specialties.

The parent club has several raffles to help cover the cost of the National. One raffle is two Granada Grooming tables. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Contact Jean Brodersen at [JBrodersen@aol.com](mailto:JBrodersen@aol.com). Or you can send a check made out to ISCCC to Jeanne Broderen, 309 Eccell Court Norman OK 73072

The other raffle is two rooms at the host hotel. There are presale on the OK t-shirts for \$20 + \$5 for mailing. The information should be in the next issue of the MEMO.

We will be donating a Pittsburgh Basket to the host club. Anyone who wants to donate a Pittsburgh themed item can get that to Deb. The club has set an amount to purchase items also. Deadline for these is April 17<sup>th</sup>.

The annual ISCA Calendars have been sent out. If you would like to order one, the information and form can be found on the ISCA website. Proceeds from the calendar benefit the Health Foundation.



from the Rescue side....

Coleen received a call about a 3 ½ year old girl needing a home. The family could not keep her and did not want to drop her into a shelter. Coleen made arrangements for our friend, Mary Lamphier to pick her up and we would get

her from Mary. Before we had a chance to meet Mary, she called Coleen and said she had a perfect home. So thank you to Mary for all of her help and for finding a forever home for this young girl. She is now at home in Georgia.

"Miss Cassie" Calmbacher is a therapy dog, who visits a nursing home regularly. Deb and "Cassie" are quite a team and always busy. Deb & Pat have given "Cassie" a wonderful Forever Home and keep her busy with her therapy dog visits, obedience classes and her grandchildren!



## Tails From the Hills

By Bella O'Shea, ace canine reporter

Woof, Woof!!! By the time you read my byline, it will be a full-blown winter. Winter has a few perks. Snow, indoor playtime with Ed, and did I mention snow?

January has been a learning time. I have learned to work off an imaginary leash. All summer and Fall Ed has called me to him when I disappear out of sight or get more than three hundred yards from him. He suffers from paranoia you know! He thinks some dog-napper will get me or I'll get lost by wandering too far from him. Sooo, when I can no longer see him, I pause and wait on him for the "ok" to begin running again. Poodle the farm dog has shown me some real nifty dens under tree roots to sniff at. I love to sniff. We haven't found any quarry yet but we both keep trying.

I have also discovered that if I whine and bang my crate around 6:00 in the morning and say I have to potty that I get let out of my crate. When Ed lets me back in the house he is so sleepy that he fails to crate me. I bide my time until Ed and Pam has snuggled back in and then I kick into my stealth mode. Slowly I climb upon the foot of their bed and settle in by my Mistress. It would take an explosion to wake her! Hee, hee, hee. Later I slide in between them both and dream of butterflies and little birdies till the alarm goes off. It's so wonderful to be able to lounge with my people. I have already trained my Mistress to let me lay behind her on the couch. Oh, I have also learned to sit on command by responding to a hand signal from Ed. Thumbs up means buns down. This one has earned me lots of treats!

Pam started back to school for her RN to BSN program as well as working 32-40 hours at the old, sick people's house. Sometimes Ed and I take her to Marshall and then go to the feed store to get feed for the horses. When we go, I get to go in Southern States and choose my own special pig's ear, yum. Ed and I wait for my mistress at Marshall. I sit in Ed's lap and chew on my pig's ear while he stares at the coeds. I think he is afraid that one of those young ladies might try to take my pig's ear! Not!!! Of course he could just be looking for my Mistress.

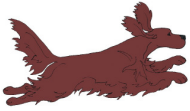
When I see Ed get my Kelly Green outside coat I get so excited I just can't seem to sit for Ed to put it on me. I am all over the place! That's one thing I haven't learned yet..... Also when Ed says "Let's go Bye bye" I go nuts. I just can't wait to see where I am going to get to go.

I love to play "fight" with my sibling that Ed calls the mouse. She bites hard! Ed won't let me bite her back very hard. He says she is a baby. Monster Baby I think, but she will play with me. Eleven pounds of she devil! I really do like her though. We Irish are a friendly bunch as you know.

It's getting late and I have to take Ed to the barn and then run him afterwards. He is not so quick in the step these days. The cold and snow slows him down a bit. He tells me he must save his energy for the big wrestling match this evening. I just might even let him win for a change.

This is Bella O'Shea wishing you all a happy and prosperous new year from the Hills.

Bella



## Club News and Reminders

Membership Renewals were due by January 31<sup>st</sup> to Coleen. Please contact her if you have not sent that in. Per bylaws, there is a 30 day grace period before needing to fill out a new member application.

Elections were held on Saturday January 29<sup>th</sup>. The Officers for 2011 are as follows:

President - Bob Semich

Vice President - Coleen McGee

Recording Secretary/Treasurer - Deb Lawrence

Corresponding Secretary - George Towle

Board member - Ruth Whitey

Congratulations and best wishes to the new officers and board members for 2011.

Please watch your mail for an important notice about an amendment to our bylaws. A membership vote will take place at our February meeting. It must then be sent on to AKC for approval before it goes into effect.

Please keep in mind that if should anyone contact you for phone numbers or addresses of members, please take the information of the person inquiring and contact the member that is trying to be reached. Let that member do the contacting before giving out that information to anyone.

For those people that wanted the website of the artist that made the note/greeting cards seen in our gift exchange, here it is! [SGRGALLERY.com](http://SGRGALLERY.com) Suzanne Gail Richardson

Annual Awards - the application and information for Annual Awards can be downloaded and printed from our Website. If you have trouble printing your copy, contact Deb Lawrence and she will either email it as an attachment or drop a copy in the US mail. Award applications are due by March 31, 2011 for any title or certificate earned in 2010.

Our next meeting will be Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. at Semich's.

The annual reorganizational board meeting was Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, prior to the general club meeting. The meeting included an audit of the books, an outline of the 2011 calendar of events and any fundraisers. If you have any ideas for fund raisers or events, please pass those along. New and fresh ideas are always welcome. Approved events and fundraisers will be posted on our website on the events calendar.



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Vice President - Coleen McGee

Recording Secretary/ Treasurer - Deb Lawrence

Corresponding Secretary - George Towle.

Board Member - Ruth White

Rescue -Joan Fiser

Caring Shamrocks - Tally Ling

Newsletter - Deb Lawrence

Editing - Coleen McGee & George Towle

"Tails from the Hills" - Ed Prichard

"Dog News" information provided from members

ALL articles welcomed!

"We can never judge the lives of others. It is one thing to think you are on the right path but it's another to think yours is the only path." ~~~ Jaime Lamphier

