



THE SCARLETT LETTER

**THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE IRISH SETTER CLUB, INC
JUNE 2011**

May was a busy month with the ISCA National and our Specialty weekend. We'll start this month's news off with these two weeks of shows.



Irish Setter Club of America National Specialty - "Black Gold * Red Dogs", Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK, May 1 - 7th.

Our trip to Oklahoma City was a cold and rainy one. The sun appeared as we approached OKC. The week started off a cool and windy, but a SUNNY one. By Friday, it was 97! It was simply a beautiful week. The host hotel was right in the city. The grounds were flat and the hotel set up was very convenient. It was a little noisy next to the interstate, but soon the noise was blocked out.

ISCA has a schedule of meetings and events throughout the week. They decided to have an Irish Town Hall meeting on Thursday to discuss both the good and the concerns of the membership. Deb went to that meeting. It was quite productive. We'll see if, and how, things progress with a remedy about the concerns. Approximately 40 people attended with two ISCA board members at each of 6 tables. Each table discussed their concerns and then it went to the room as a whole. The general consensuses about the positive issues were; people are pleased with the MEMO, the website and Flea-bytes for communications. The concerns included; not making small clubs and new members feel welcome, not receiving answers from the ISCA board or committee chairs when a question is emailed, whether from an individual or from a local club; breeders not being up front with puppy buyers, and many more categories. The committee promised to set a goal to resolve these concerns and keep the membership abreast of the ongoing progress. This was a very well organized event. If you have a concern with the parent club, I am sure you can contact any of the three officers/board members to make them aware. These three ladies are Heidi Llaabs, Debbie Davis and Debbie Hamilton. The board meeting minutes will follow at the end of the newsletter. Deb was happy to see the items she listed as a major concern are in the minutes and will be addressed.

There were two raffles; one for the ISCA Rescue and one for the ISCCO. Our Pittsburgh basket went to the OK club raffle and they were very thankful, as only THREE local clubs donated a basket. Joan put together a basket for rescue adding GTISC along with her name. Thank you, Joan, for adding us to your generosity. Congratulations to Joan for winning two baskets. Congratulations to Coleen for winning the Booster Bath AND 5 free hotel nights for the OK club room raffle!! Skip won the centerpiece from the Awards Banquet. It looks lovely on the Lawrence dining room table!

Members can apply for awards each year for accomplishments of their dog(s) in many different areas. It's a shame that so many awards either had no applicants or only one. You don't have to have a huge record of accomplishments to apply. If you are a member of ISCA, the MEMO gives the description for each award. Applying is free. There is one winner and one runner up in each category which is listed in the August MEMO each year.

Next year the National will be held in Santa Rosa CA. The theme is "Wine Country Reds", to be held in Napa Valley/Sonoma Wine Country, June 11 - 15, 2012. Host Club; Irish Setter Club of the Pacific. Should anyone be interested, Deb, Joan and Coleen picked up packets.

See results under Dog News.



Memorial Weekend, now named Freedom Cluster

A Message From our President:

Dear Fellow Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club Members,

As yet another successful Irish Setter Specialty Show draws to a close; I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for all your hard work and dedication this year. Putting together a show of this magnitude requires a great deal of planning, love (doggie) and talent.

This weekend, I received many compliments; as I'm sure you did, from show entrants, breeders, and judges. I couldn't help but feel proud to be a part of such a fine group.

While your organizational talents are always appreciated, your contributions were truly above and beyond even your own high standards. With your help, we exceeded our previous outings and had majors all five days ...apparently, the word is spreading that the show to attend on Memorial Day Weekend is the GTISC show. Hey!...what's not to like...good food, excellent entries, camaraderie and a chance to win a prize.

I am very excited about the work that we will complete and the contributions that you will make in the future. Your love of the Irish Setter Breed shows...enjoy the moment...you deserve it.

Thank you again for such a stellar performance.

Sincerely,

Bob

GTISC – President

WOW..What a successful weekend! We could only hope for majors, and ended up with not only 4 point majors for both of our specialties, but also majors all three of the other days. Thursday - 3 pts., Friday - 4 points and Monday - 3 points. Having the entries is half the battle!

It started out with storms on Wednesday evening, rain on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. With gradual improvement, we ended the weekend with sun and 94 degrees!

Teamwork was in abundance!

Thank you to:

- >Tally and Joan for working our Vendor booth on Thursday.
- >Robin and Bob for working our vendor booth on Friday, with Joan in and out both days!
- >Tally and Dan for working the raffle tables at our ring on Saturday.
- >Robin for working the remaining raffle at our ring on Sunday.
- >Ellen and Paula for running the Silent Auction for Rescue on Saturday.
- >George, Joan and Ruth for handling the trophies and marking the catalog on Saturday and Sunday.
- >Laureen and Petey, along with Joan, for handling our hospitality to perfection! We could not have done it without them!
- >Shirley Semich for her outstanding stuffed cabbage that she was not getting out of making!
- >John and his nephew, Michael for grilling the burgers and dogs on Sunday.
- >Sally Evans for providing the lovely pots of shrubs and flowers for the ring.
- >Ruth for providing the vases of fresh cut flowers for our Awards Table
- >Skip for being the club courtesy chauffer for not only our needs, but for the needs of transporting judges, other handlers and dogs.
- >Skip for being the Savior of everyone when the electric was tripped, fixing things that didn't work and for handling the 'heavy work' that needs a man's ability.
- >to all of our members for donating food for hospitality.

- >to all of our members for donating to our raffle.
- >Joan for lending us the use of her motor home and anything else we needed.
- >Coleen for her ability to communicate with the Show Committee for anything we needed.
- >Deb for organizing the baskets for the raffle.
- >Deb, Skip, Joan, Coleen, and Robin, who spent Wednesday through Monday at the grounds doing miscellaneous work that needed to be done.
- >**TO EVERYONE for every effort and amount of help that was put forth!!!!**

We again, as a club, have pulled together in one way or another, no matter how big or how small, to put together this weekend of complete success! The feedback from our 'guests' all weekend was overwhelming. Many exhibitors were attending for the first time and before leaving told us that they will be back again next year. We are a small club that does NOTHING small! Each year, our entries increase and successes grow.

Congratulations to all of you for your hard work and time that went into making this weekend an event to be proud of. THANK YOU!!!!!!

Congratulations to all of the winners! Full results for all 5 days can be found at www.infodog.com

See member results under Dog News.



Dog News

Congratulations to:

ISCA National

>Joan and "Dewey", **Int'l AM CH Kenobi Just Do It, RN TT TDI, CGC**, for placing 4th in his Veteran's Sweepstake Class, age 8 - 10 years.

>Deb & Skip with "Claire", **BISS GCH Courtwood Cobblestone CGC**, for receiving the 3rd Award of Merit, from a specials class of 65. This gave her a Crufts 2012 & 2013 qualifying Certificate. So, Coleen, do you want to go to England?

Thank you to Coleen for handling "Dewey" and "Claire" to the wonderful placements.

>Deb & Skip, with "Claire", **BISS GCH Courtwood Cobblestone CGC**, for Select Bitch at the Ravenna KC Sunday show, for 1 GCH point.

Memorial Weekend, now the Freedom Cluster:

>Joan with 'Dewey', **Int'l Am CH Kenobi Just Do It, RN, CGC, TDI, TT** for Select Dog Thursday for 4 GCH points.

>Joan and 'Dewey' for Select Dog on Sunday for 4 points and completing his Grand Championship. 'Dewey', now **Int'l AM GCH Kenobi Just Do It, RN, CGC, TDI, TT**

>Deb & Skip with 'Claire' **BISS GCH Courtwood Cobblestone, CGC** for going Best of Breed on Friday, BOS on Saturday and Select on Monday, earning 11 GCH points.

Thank you to Coleen and Christina with her assistance, for handling 'Claire' and "Dewey".

>Ruth with "Todd", **O'Dorsey's Formal Attire** for BOS on Saturday and BOW & BOS on Sunday, for 2 points.





Smiling Shamrocks - Tally Ling

Birthdays

Ed Prichard - 5th
Pam Prichard - 5th
Tim Halloran - 14th
George Towle - 24th



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



Please keep George's girl, "Callie" in your prayers. She is having some trouble getting up and around easily.



Congratulations to Nichole Grieder, RN (no, not rally novice) on her graduation from CCAC's Nursing School in May.



Time for Reflection....

When one door of happiness closes, another opens, but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us.

- Helen Keller



Website - www.gtisc.org

Stay tuned to our website for all club news and updates.



Events & Activities

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.

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.

The first fund raiser is a raffle for a HONDA 2000 GENERATOR (a \$1200 value). If you do not want the generator, \$500 cash will be awarded. Tickets are \$5 each with the drawing on or about June 15th of this year. With short notice, if you want to purchase any ticket, please contact Patty Fanelli, Nat'l Show Chairperson, kinlochis@juno.com as soon as possible.

ATTS testing - scheduled for JUNE 4th at Ruth White's. The information is on our website and the ATTS website. This Saturday, and we are hoping as many members as possible can make it! Leftovers from the shows will be provided for lunch.

LOTTERY - JULY 2011 - PLEASE GET YOUR TICKETS SOLD. WE HAVE 5 FULL WEEKENDS IN JULY AND NEED TO SELL AS MANY AS POSSIBLE. OUR GOAL IS 500. Proceeds benefit 20% to our Trophy Fund and the balance is our working money. Coleen has the tickets if you need additional books. All tickets, stubs and money are due to Coleen before July 1st. THANK YOU!

RDO - Our next event we will be planning and preparing for will be RDO in September. Details will be available as things are in place.



from the Rescue side....

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Maggie Halloran for having a Lemonade Stand and raising funds (\$20) that she donated to the GTISC Rescue Fund!!! Thank you MAGGIE!

Joan picked up a boy; about 8 years old, from a Venango kill shelter. The dog was found running the neighborhood after the owners moved and left him behind. He was caught and kept for only a few days before the family had to turn him over to the shelter. Joan was called but we were in OK, and the dog was gone by the time she returned the call. The dog will be going to the Regional Irish setter rescue to be placed in a forever home. Joan reports he was quiet and well-behaved and very active for an older dog.



Tails From the Hills

As reported by Bella O'Shea, ace canine reporter

Well fellow pooches its June now, but May was quite a "howl". I treed the telephone man...twice! Actually he was on a big yellow ladder thing and he was looking quite ominous with his yellow hard hat. At first encounter I mustered my best and most ferocious bark and growl and I nearly scared myself! It was awesome! Ed told me that the man wasn't bad and to be nice to him. When he came down from the pole, I discovered he was a friendly person and fun to play with. I did the traditional Irish jig dance, of course, and then we played. He let me lick his chin and everything! He even threw a stick for me to fetch. Phone men are pretty cool.

Ed has been installing insulators for electric tape around his horse pastures. He has allowed me to "hang" with him as long as I don't stray too far. I've been pretty good so far but it's so tempting to go exploring the creek and just a bit further than Ed is comfortable with. Also I discovered a big raccoon that was caught in a live trap by our neighbor. He had been scattering the garbage in the garbage bin and hadn't been discovered as yet. I found him! It took me some time to respond to Ed's call. I barked and backed away several times, signaling that something was awry on the property. I hope I can maintain my good self control. I did leave the property once to visit a lady walking dogs up the road and Ed was beside himself. Poor Ed, he is such a worry wart! He made me return immediately, sort of. LOL I am getting more and more liberty time as I build Ed's trust in me.

The state road was up Goose Creek in May. It seems that the whole hillside was slipping into the road and blocking traffic. They brought in a big yellow dirt digger to remove some dirt from the slip. I barked out orders right and left but I guess they couldn't hear me for that noisy machine. I would have helped them dig but Ed wouldn't let me leave the property. Anyway, they finally opened the road back up to traffic.

Did you know that we have been invaded by alien avian creatures? Pam ordered ten hens, two turkeys, two ducks, and two geese to come live with us. I didn't know that meant in my house! She puts those noisy duck and geese birdies out in my turn out lot and I don't like it much. I hope how soon they are fully feathered and are taken to the barn. Oh, the baby chickens are already in the grain room at the barn and I visit them every day. Ed lets me to look at, but not play with them. They will become his brown egg layers soon. I am good with chickens and turkeys but I don't know yet about ducks and geese, as they are unfamiliar to me. Ed and Pam let me visit them in the yard. Pam was a bit nervous that I might try to harm them but all I wanted to do is check them out. I got to sniff a turkey's butt and it didn't seem to mind much. When I lived with Aunt Joan for awhile there were birds everywhere and I never bothered them.

My siblings and I are still running daily with Ed and Pam supervising. I listen better than those rascal doxies. They either run ahead or lag behind the parade route. Can you imagine two humans trying to keep five doxies, one poodle and me together at liberty? Heh, heh, heh. It's still very muddy here and we all got baths not too long ago. I am sure that another bath will be forthcoming. Are you guys staying clean, flea less, and worm free? You best, because show time is upon you! Do your best and make your humans proud.

Ed trimmed the horse's hooves not too long ago and saved the trimmings for us pooches. He saved the biggest piece for me. I really love to gnaw on horse hoof. It's edible and very good for my teeth. The problem is, those rascal doxies eat theirs quickly and like to steal my treasure! A few days back Ed put my dinner bowl in his captain's chair so I could eat in peace. That "Mouse" the Doxie jumped up in the chair and began to chow down on my dinner. I went to Ed and cried about the dire situation. Ed intervened and guarded over me while I ate. Ed is a fine Feller. Pam is also a fine Mistress though her detangling skills need improvement. Ouch! I love Pam a whole big bunch, a whole lot....

Just a little tune for you pups.....

Well life on the farm is kind of laid back
Not anything an Irish gal like me can't hack
I'm early to rise and early in the sack
Thank God I'm a Goose Creek Girl

Life in Butler is fine they say
But living here in West Virginia is still OK
Just running the fence and sniffing the hay
Or lying in the yard soaking up the rays
Thank God I'm a Goose Creek Girl.

Well it is dinner time here and I don't want to be late. That rascal "Mouse" you know, I will get back with you next month and let you know of all the latest "doings" on Goose Creek. Keep your toys hidden and your bones buried from your siblings. Have a great show season!

Until the next time, "Woof Woof."

Miss Bella O'Shea



A little chuckle~~~enjoy.....

Mom, may I take the dog for a walk around the block?'

Mom replies, 'No, because she is in heat.'

What's that mean?' asked the child.

Go ask your father. I think he's in the garage.'

The little girl goes to the garage and says, 'Dad, may I take Belle for a walk around the block? I asked Mom, but she said the dog was in heat, and to come to you.

Dad said, 'Bring Belle over here.' He took a rag, soaked it with gasoline, and scrubbed the dog's backside with it to disguise the scent, and said 'OK, you can go now, but keep Belle on the leash and only go one time round the block.

The little girl left and returned a few minutes later with no dog on the leash.

Surprised, Dad asked, 'Where's Belle?'

The little girl said, 'She ran out of gas about halfway down the block, so another dog is pushing her home.'

~~submitted by Ed Prichard



Club News and Reminders

Annual Awards - were received by members on Saturday following Breed judging.

Congratulations to the following dogs and their owners:

Sally Evans - 'Dugan" and "Quincy" for earning their CGC.

Deb & Skip Lawrence - 'Claire" for earning her CGC and GCH title.

Joan Fiser - "Dewey", "Drummer" and 'Diddle" for earning their International titles.

Joan Fiser- "Drummer" and "Diddle" for earning their CGC.

Lorrie - "Mulligan" for earning his Rally Advanced title and CGC.

Debbie Calmbacher - "Cassie" for earning her CGC and Therapy Dog certifications.

The Halloran Family received their rescue Certificate from GTISC for "Bailey".

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 22nd at 7:00 at the Semich's.



The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club, Inc



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