



THE SCARLETT LETTER

THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE IRISH SETTER CLUB, INC
MARCH 2011



Our Irish Eyes are smiling....

An Irish Blessing

Wishing you always -
Walls for the wind
And a rood for rain
And tea beside the fire.
Laughter to cheer you,
And those you love near you,
And all that your heart might desire!



Dog News

Everyone stayed home in February and just relaxed in front of the fireplace or TV. Or maybe actually got some work done around the house!

AKC NEWS

AKC has been very busy coming up with new classes, placements and titles this past year or so. The new Grand Championship title has been in place since last May and has proven successful for AKC and club entries, but also has been a fun title to track. It was a bit confusing in the beginning, but after following it and several calls to AKC for explanations on different areas of requirements, we almost have it understood completely. Along with earning the title, AKC also ranks the dog in two categories; point totals by year and Lifetime. You can also look it up by State. The State list shows all dogs in each state that not only have the GCH title, but also dogs that have accumulated points. GCH points are accumulated by going BOB, BOS, Select Dog or Select Bitch, under the discretion of the judge. The number of points is based on total entry, minus no-shows.

The February 2011 AKC Gazette has announced it has now added a 4 -6 month puppy conformation category for all breed and Specialty shows. It is a pilot program for 2011 and available to any club that wishes to add that class to their show. Under the pilot program, AKC is approving 4 - 6 shows per month for this year. Apparently, any interested club must contact AKC for approval.

On the agenda for June 2011 for voting, AKC is considering adding Group 5 and Group 6 placements for any group with 12 or more dogs, and also a RESERVE BEST IN SHOW. If approved, these go into effect January 2012. How much fun will that be?

Another local star~~~



"Benny", following in "Gus' "footsteps!

"Benny" has become the new "spokes-dog" for Elliot's Tire Service in Butler. "Benny" is owned and loved by Lisa.



Website- www.gtisc.org

Follow our website for current information and all updates.



Smiling Shamrocks - Tally Ling

Birthdays

Nichole Greider - 8th

Lisa Edwards - 23rd

Lorrie Nogrady



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



Events & Activities

UPCOMING EVENTS;

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. Coleen and Deb will be attending and delivering the trophies.

St. Patrick's Day Parade, Pittsburgh - Our message from Sally Tress, Irish Setter group organizer:

Guess what time it is? It's time to recover from the Super Bowl loss and look forward to the 2011 St. Patrick's Day Parade!
The Parade will be held on Saturday, March 12, at 10:00 a.m. in downtown Pittsburgh. Please mark your calendars.
I have attached the website for your information and will send more information when it becomes available.
www.pittsburghirish.org/parade
I am looking forward to seeing you all again. Please feel free to share this with anyone that I may have missed, as well as new participants.

Please note, this is NOT a GTISC event...it is for ANYONE with an Irish Setter that would like to participate.



Memorial Weekend Cluster

George reports that required documents have been filed and approved except we're 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), 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. Menu ideas are welcome for Saturday. Main entrées are ham bbq's and stuffed cabbage. Sunday will be our cookout picnic menu.

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.

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 are 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.

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. 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 was 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 JBroderson@aol.com. Or you can send a check made out to ISCCC to Jeanne Brodersen, 309 Eccell Court Norman OK 73072

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

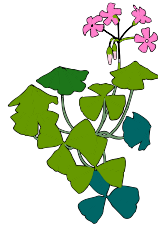
We will be donating a Pittsburgh Basket to the host club. Anyone who wants to donate a Pittsburgh themed item can get that to Deb. The club has set an amount to purchase items also. Deadline for these is April 17th.

ATTS Testing - Saturday June 4th at Ruth White's. Starting time is 9:00 a.m. until??? Joan is chairing this event. All information is on our website. MEMBERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP OUT WITH THE STATIONS. PLEASE LET JOAN OR BOB KNOW IF YOU ARE ATTENDING!

Here is a little tidbit that Joan found out:

ATTS started in 1977. They gave these numbers as of June of this year. Irish Setters tested 142, with 128 passing the test and 14 failing. That gives a 90.1% rate. Please let people know that mixed breeds are welcomed to be tested. People should really do this for insurance purpose it would help them if they have a breed that the homeowners Ins. do not want to insure. Please go to www.atts.org and read up on the test and whatever other breed you would want to check out.

*"When they tell you it can't be done, dream bigger!
~~~ Jamie Lamphier*



### *Time for Reflection*

*"May today there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be.*

*May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith in yourself and others.*

*May you use the gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you.*

*May you be content with yourself just the way you are. Let this knowledge settle into your bones*

*and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us."*



### *New Membership*

There seems to be a little misconception as to who can become a member. We are finding out that most people believe that you must show dogs to be a club member. We need to let those inquiring know that is not the case. We are all members because we love the breed. More of our dogs are couch potatoes and never have stepped a foot in the ring. Yes, a few members do agility or obedience & rally, and we have our therapy dogs. We have members whose passion is rescue. These areas are nice hobbies and interests for those who want to "do something" with a dog. Filling a void after children leave the nest gets some of us interested in these areas. Other dogs just love to play in the mud and hang out and eat and sleep. So no matter what yours or your dog's interest is, we, as the humans, just love to have a reason or two, for hanging out as a group and having fun! So reassure those inquiring about joining us that we love to have fun and enjoy our dogs, no matter what the breed!





from the Rescue side....

It has been a busy with rescue this month. Joan helped ISCO with a transport of two Irish Setters from Harrisville to Ohio. The two then went on to their forever home.



### Tails From the Hills

Posted by Bella O'Shea's master Ed

Greetings from the Wild and Wonderful hills of West Virginia. I thought I might give Bella O'Shea a month off to enjoy this winter. Anyway, while walking with Bella sometime back, a melody kept running through my head. I am getting older and "soft headed" you know.... Well, please forgive me but I wrote some new lyrics to Na nah nah nah. It's a little "hokey", but true Irish lovers may well understand. If, not you can just say that something in that well water is having an adverse effect on Ed.....

Ode to Bella O'Shea

(Sung to a popular melody with singing to yourself required)

Nah na Nah na, Nah na Nah na, Oh oh oh, Nah na Nah  
Bella Bella, Bella Bella, Oh oh oh, my Bella Belle  
She's a fine dog, she's a good girl  
Oh oh oh' my Bella Belle  
I take her walking, and she goes running,  
She goes seeking as we go  
Inspecting tree trunks, smelling bushes, sniffing fence posts  
All in a row  
Bella Bella, Bella Bella, Oh oh oh, my Bella Belle  
She walks my pounds off, my head is spinning, and I'm turning pale,  
The ninth inning!  
The pastures calling, says she must go, Chasing butterflies  
To and fro  
She likes to chase them, "I cannot see", you must come back now  
Come back to me!  
She loves her playtime, Oh boy, oh boy, Only thing is,  
Seems I'm her toy!  
She's my sweet one, my Bella Belle, A true blood Irish,  
Oh can't you tell?  
And when its bedtime, and she's not willing, she wants to stay up  
Now ain't that thrilling?  
She wants a big drink, then out to "potty", I am her best friend,  
She's not that naughty.....

When in the morning, she and wants to sleep in, she finds a warm spot,  
Then crawls right in  
She just lies there, on her folk's bed, she likes to stretch out  
Near Pam and Ed  
She is a fine girl, and pretty too, she's a good dog,  
My Bella Boo  
She is so spoiled, she is so rotten, mistakes are many,  
But soon forgotten

If you could see her, you'd love her too, She's my Irish,  
Through and through  
I will not swap her, oh can't you tell? She is family,  
I CAN NOT SELL!  
She's of great value, more than a million, for me though,  
Twould take a "zillion"  
For joy to old ones, and young ones too, and many blessings  
She'll bring to you  
Bella Bella, Bella Bella, Oh oh oh, my Bella Belle  
She's there to greet you, for play and fun  
Oh. oh, oh, you better run!  
For she's my sweetie, my little "Hun", my only Irish  
My only one!  
Nah na na nah, Nah na na nah , Oh oh oh, my Bella Belle

Well, now that I got that over with..... (smile) Though the lyrics may seem a bit silly, they were written from the heart. She truly is my Bella Belle! Anyways, Bella will be back in true form for the next issue of "Tails from the Hills"

Ed Prichard,  
In the Hills of WV



#### Club News and Reminders

Annual awards are due by March 31<sup>st</sup> to Coleen. Forms can be downloaded from our website or contact Deb if you can't print one and she will mail it to you. You must be a Member in 2010 and 2011 to be eligible for an Award. One award per household but can include multiple dogs and titles or certificates. All information is on the form.

Any member renewals are all in. Thank you to everyone for getting those in on time.

Get your raffle basket to Deb early. She will wrap it.

Decide on what job you want to help with for our Specialties and contact that chairperson.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at the home of George Towle. An email reminder will go out about a week in advance.

Here is a draft of our club events for the year. Please take note and mark your calendar. Events without specific dates will be announced closer to finalizing the details. Member participation is needed to continue our success. **Big Thanks** to all who have helped in the past and will continue to help in the future!

#### GTISC Calendar of Events for 2011

**January** - Lottery proceeds to general fund after 20% trophy fund

**May** - Memorial Cluster w/ specialties

"Silent Auction" - using Sue Rosko's personal possessions with proceeds to GTISC Rescue Fund

Chinese Basket Raffle - baskets donated by members with proceeds to cover the costs of holding the specialties

Dyson Raffle - proceeds to cover the costs of holding the specialties

Money Tree - proceeds to cover the costs of holding the specialties

Costs include, but not limited to; grounds, hospitality, judge's gifts, decorations, AKC fees, trophies, catalog ad

**June** - ATTS Testing event at Ruth's - proceeds to GTISC Rescue

**July** - Lottery - 20% to trophy fund with balance to general fund

**September** -RDO - Pittsburgh Mills - Proceeds to benefit Animal Protectors with the purchase of Agway Gift card

**Fall** - Celebrating home Candle Sale - proceeds to be used for purchasing the May 2012 raffle item (TBD)

**Santa Photos** - December at Butler Agway to benefit GTISC



## The Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club, Inc



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"Tails from the Hills" - Ed Prichard

"Dog News" information provided from members

ALL articles welcomed!

*'The past cannot be changed, but the future is ahead waiting for you to make something of it' ~~~Jamie Lamphier*



May your troubles be less, May your blessings be more, and  
May nothing but happiness come through your door.