



THE SCARLETT LETTER

THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE IRISH SETTER CLUB, INC JANUARY 2012



We welcome 2012! Wishes for good health and a prosperous New Year are sent to all! Winter has arrived!



Our Year in Review:

>It was a year of great successes; several fundraisers and raffles, our specialty show weekend, RDO, ATTS testing, Members Fall Fun Day, Santa Photo event....and contributing some of our funds raised to shelters.

>we had titles earned that included Champion, Grand Champion, Silver GCH, and Rally Novice.

>we had certificates earned; CGC, ATTS, and Nose Work.

>three dogs received invitations for qualifying for the Eukanuba Invitational.

>On the human side; Nikki Greider received her RN and no, not Rally Novice! She graduated from nursing school. Paula Fannin earned her Companion Laser Therapy certification.

>We welcomed new dogs to several families;

"Marley" to Joan's family

"Jill" to John and Laureen's family

"Ginger" to Pat and Deb's family.

>And we also had losses;

George's "Elizabeth"

Joan's "Skye"

>Unusual events; the cancellation of Dog Shows due to extreme weather; flooding in Harrisburg, excessive rain in Ebensburg and snow in Leesburg

As we end 2011 and begin 2012, we count our friends and blessings. We've proven to be quite a "Team". We go into this next year on the same path of success....with our friends, family and dogs. Blessings to everyone!



Dog News

Congratulations to~~~~

>Coleen with "Bea", [Courtwood Quilting Bee TT](#), for Winners Bitch in Cleveland at the Richland KC show for 2 points.

>Deb & Skip with "Claire", [BISS GCH Courtwood Cobblestone CGC TT](#), for BOS and Select Bitch on Saturday (Richland KC) and Sunday (Western Reserve KC) in Cleveland for 5 GCH points.

>Robin Morris with "Malachee", [Captiva Believe in Miracles CGC TT](#), for passing one "Scent/Nose" test. A very interesting test and training to do with your dog, take a look at the website www.funnosework.com and read about it. It is the National Association of Canine Scent Work. (NACSW).



Smiling Shamrocks - Tally Ling

Birthdays

Laura Williams - 2nd

Sally Evans - 13th

Tally Ling - 31st

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



>Please keep Robin Morris' senior girl, Lucy in your thoughts and prayers. Lucy was diagnosed with cancer.

>Get well wishes and prayers for Jessica's puppy, Gannon. While walking in the neighborhood, Gannon was attacked by a neighbor's dog and required stitches in his hind leg.

Where have these attacking dogs come from? Two in a month's time. Coleen is still recovering and Creed is all healed.



A time for Reflection~~~~

"Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each year find you a better man."
~~Benjamin Franklin



Events & Activities

Santa Photos - Our most successful photo event thus far! We did 117 photos, up from last year. Some generous folks gave additional donations. Justin, Coleen and Laureen's nephew, used his young charming personality and sales skills to do an outstanding job selling our Steelers raffle tickets and some January Lottery tickets. It was steady all day. Each year as we grow, we find an area where we can improve. This year, Tammy Boice and her niece came. Tammy helped with her laptop and took care of glitches. Next year our improvement will be a regular Kodak printer that prints out pictures in a few seconds. Members who were able to bring their dogs were Nikki with "Tini", Lorrie with "Mulligan", Joan with "Dewey", Ruth with "Lacey" and "Todd", Lisa with "Benny" and new member applicant, Jessica with "Gannon". Thank you to our Santa George, Photographer Bob, Laureen and Coleen who assisted Justin and manned the cards, sales and kept things in order; Joan and Lisa who helped with the dogs and getting the photos done; Joan, Lisa and Deb for setting up Friday night; Tammy, Brianna and Deb for working on printing the pictures. Thanks to Dee Hasley for the Santa suit. A special thanks to Agway for having us. This was another event well-done.

Steelers Tickets - Thank you to all members who helped sell tickets. The winner was sold by Aaron Lawrence.

January 2012 Lottery - Our chairperson is Coleen. All unsold tickets, stubs and money should have been returned to Coleen by Jan. 1st. Good luck to everyone. Thank you to the members who sold tickets. Proceeds benefit our general fund with 20% to the Trophy Fund.

Coleman Cooler/Gas card raffle - Our raffle to help cover costs of our specialty weekend will be an electric Coleman Cooler with a \$150 gas card. We will soon be getting those tickets printed and out to everyone in the next month or two.



Specialties 2012

MSDA - March 3 & 4, 2012

We are supporting the Irish entry Saturday and trophies are purchased.

Memorial Weekend Classic

We are on top of everything as far as AKC paperwork, trophies, judges and judge's gifts are concerned. Our raffle ticket and the basket raffle will be the two fundraisers to help cover costs. Joan is chairing the raffle ticket. Deb will oversee the baskets, etc, but as in the past, we ask each member/family to donate a basket. This is a great time of year for big sales. Basket items can be given to Deb starting now.

Bob is asking for members to think about where they can help out for the specialties. Decorations will be chaired by Sally Evans, and hospitality by Laureen Sholtz and Petey. Think about what you would like to do. Membership help is needed for both days, with Saturday as the busiest. We need people to help man the raffles at the vendor booths on Thursday and Friday. Our items will be moved to our ring Friday evening. We will need help to man the raffle table on Saturday. Kim and Nancy Haupt have donated several Irish Setter items of theirs to be auctioned at our show for Rescue. Someone is needed to chair that table. Bob suggests we have the table for both days and announce the winners of the auction items on Sunday following breed. Help is needed for setting up on Friday evening, and final clean up on Sunday evening, and also ringside with trophies. Whatever amount time you can offer, it can be scheduled in shifts. Check your schedule, and whatever works best for each person can be arranged.

Judges approved for Sweeps:

Friday 25th - Joe Holava

Saturday 26th - Victor Wojciak
Sunday 27th - Diane Kepley
Monday 28th - James Steele Jr.

Our Specialty Judges are Pat and Bob Robinson, breeder judges from AZ.



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. Joan and Sally will be off to California.



Website- www.gtisc.org

Our Santa Photo Event is on our website. It is time to start sending winter photos for our site. Any updates should be sent to Deb Lawrence.

New Membership

We received an application from Jessica Meyers. She is sponsored by Joan and Deb. She owns puppy "Gannon". Jessica lives in the Pittsburgh area.

From the Rescue Side~~~~



Tails From the Hills



**As seen through the eyes of
Bella O'Shea, ace canine reporter**

By the time you read this epistle, "Santa Paws" will have come and gone again. Did your people get you pups a lot of "stuff"? I got chewy bones, pig's ears, and stuffed toys. I go through a lot of stuffed toys. I play very rough with them. As soon as the stuffing shows, Pam throws them away. She says the stuffing might make me very sick. I hope you and your people had a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. As for me, 2011 was a wonderful year. Every day with the Prichard family was an event to be remembered. It has been interesting being a working Irish on a West Virginia hobby farm. From keeping all of Pam and Ed's critters in line, being the greeting committee chairman, to carrying turkey eggs to the house for Ed, it has been a real howl. BTW, Ed won't let me

carry chicken eggs 'cause they break when I drop them. Turkey eggs have a thicker shell you know. I feel so important when I am put in charge of egg transport!

And now for the monthly Wag:

December seemed a bit unusual to me. Alternating from warm and wet and then to cool and wet half way through December. I hope you pooches got some snow for Christmas way up there in Pennsylvania. My feet stayed muddy most of December as Ed took me for three short runs each day. I sniffed and hunted as he just plodded along as usual. That old feller needs to take some vitamins I think! He has such a time keeping up. How am I to keep this farm secure from "boogers" if my backup man is lagging behind? Well at least he goes with me, sorta. ☺

Two bucks and two doe have been taken off the property this hunting season. The bucks were a ten point and an eight point. I was present for the taking of one doe. Boy was that gun loud! I did not run or even flinch from the report of that big gun. I guess it's my hunting dog heritage, don't you think? It must be as I also do a lot of pointing at things. You know; leaves, sticks, toads, etc. I just stand there on three legs till something else gets my attention. I'm a fearless hunter! (Ed is snickering as he writes)

I received many oohs and aaahs in December from shoppers as Ed and I waited in the truck for Pam to do things. My mistress seems to always have to do things. Ed and I spend a lot of quality time bonding while waiting in the truck for Pam. Ed rolls down the passenger's side window just enough for me to stick my head out and say hello to everyone. I received lots of extra pets in December by the people passing by our parked truck. Ed says he thinks I act like I'm a starlet. Well, I think I am. After all I am a calendar girl....tee hee hee

Did you know that I share my food every night with three Doxies? That's right, three Doxies! They are Trinket, the Mouse, and Tanner. They want to eat with me because Chief Ed prepares my special dinner every night. My dry kibbles are slightly moistened with warm tap water and sometimes garnished with doggy healthy veggies or rice. It's just a little tight when all four of us reach for a bite at the same time. We never growl or fight with each other over the food and the Doxies always lick the bowl clean for me. I love my siblings.

You know, Ed complains a lot when writing for me. Maybe it's because I dictate the Tails From the Hills as I lay sprawled across his lap. He says I get in the way of his typing. I just want to make sure that he gets it right! Also, I have only had two runs today so I have to keep reminding him that his "princess" must have another run before Pam gets home. There are places to go and things to see before Momma comes home for the day! And as head of farm security, I insist that he hurry up and get to it.

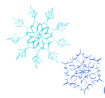
And now as I slip into my pretty Kelley Green coat that keeps the weather off me and drag Ed out the door for another romp through the property, I again wish a belated Happy New Year to All and a prosperous new show season for all you show pups and their people in PA.

Till next time here's barking at ya,



Bella O'Shea

"Every person you meet can be your teacher, if you are willing to learn and listen."



Club News and Reminders

Our Christmas Party / Meeting will be January 14th. **See invitation insert at the end of this newsletter.**

Membership renewals due by January 31st. Please mail or give your renewals to Deb Lawrence.

Elections will be held at our January 14th meeting for officers/board for 2012. Nominations Committee; Shirley Semich, Chair; Skip Lawrence & Tally Ling. Alternates; Sally Evans and Lisa Edwards. Slate for 2012;

President - Bob Semich
Vice President - Coleen McGee
Corresponding Secretary - George Towle
Recording Secretary/Treasurer - Deb Lawrence
Board Member - Ruth White
Board Member - Joan Fiser

A Reorganizational Meeting will be scheduled to be held after elections. This is a review of the year, including financial audit, and also our year planning meeting. IF you have any ideas for events or fundraisers, please bring those ideas to the meeting or email President, Bob Semich. We need to find a fundraiser to replace the July Lottery. The January and July Lottery are our General fund and 20 % Trophy fund money makers. These were the only fundraisers designated towards General Fund money in the past.



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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!



*You are cordially invited
to
Golden Triangle Irish Setter Club's
Christmas Party*

Saturday January 14th, beginning at 2:00 p.m

*to be held at the home of Deb & Skip Lawrence
1210 Lane Ave.
Natrona Heights PA 15065*



*Menu will be Thanksgiving themed
Turkey provided by Deb & Skip*



*Christmas Gift Exchange
if you want to participate in this annual fun, bring a dog or dog related gift,
wrapped without any names. (\$25 LIMIT)
Numbers will be drawn and gift chaos will begin!*

*Our General December / January combined meeting will be held.
Elections will take place.*

*Please RSVP by January 8th. Let Deb know what side dish you plan to bring.
Beverages - coffee, tea, pop and wine will be provided.*

*In the event of severe weather or the Steelers having a play-off game on the 14th,
the party/meeting will be Sunday January 15th.*

RSVP by the 8th to dlawrenc@verizon.net or 724-224-5986