



# THE SCARLETT LETTER

THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE IRISH SETTER CLUB, INC  
FEBRUARY 2012



Happy Valentine's Day...

This day's about love, I'm sure we agree  
But I won't wait for gifts, but "that is just me"  
There won't be flowers with a knock on the door  
More likely a mess to clean up on my floor  
No box of sweets, all full of candy  
Just sweet Irish kisses and love that is dandy.  
I don't think I'll get a card full of hearts  
More likely I'll find something torn up in parts  
Don't think I'll find a love note on my bed  
Just a couple of dogs wanting rubs on their head  
But, all in all, as I seek Valentine  
I have lots of Red Love, I know that is Mine.

~~Laura Williams from 2008

Elections were held at our January 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Thank you to our Nominating Committee (Shirley Semich, Tally Ling & Skip Lawrence, Alternates - Sally Evans and Lisa Edwards) who worked to get the slate of officers and board members put together. Congratulations and thank you to our Officers and Board Members 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





## Dog News

One of WEST VA members, Debbie Calmbacher, spends a great deal of time with the Belmont County Animal Shelter. As a "Friend" with Debbie on Facebook, I get the opportunity to read about so many wonderful dogs that need homes. If you know of anyone looking to add a pet to their family, look at Deb's FB pages. Or contact Debbie for more information. Debbie has two dogs from Rescue/shelters, an Irish Setter, "Cassie", and a golden / Irish mix "Ginger". Miss "Cassie" is a Therapy Dog who does weekly visits to nursing homes. "Ginger" is still in training.

*"Not every person knows how to love a dog, but every dog knows how to love a person."*

### *Congratulations to:*

>Deb & Skip with "Claire", **BISS GCH Courtwood Cobblestone CGC TT** for BOS both Saturday and Sunday at the Rubber City KC shows for 2 GCH points. "Claire" was handled by Kim Haupt.

>Deb & Skip with "Claire", for BOS at the Carroll KC and Annapolis KC shows, West Friendship MD. Picking up another GCH point, "Claire" was handled by JR Handler, Jamie Lamphier.

>Deb and Skip with "Claire" for BOS at the Erie KC show, picking up 2 more GCH points. "Claire" was handled at this show by Karen Booth,

Deb and Skip wish to thank Kim, Jamie and Karen for taking "Claire". Coleen's years of hard work and training has proven how well they have done as a team. Claire can now be handed off to other handlers and behave for them and show her heart out. We can't ask for more than that.



**Smiling Shamrocks - Tally Ling**

### Birthdays

Al N. - 10<sup>th</sup>  
Laureen Scholtz - 21<sup>st</sup>



# Happy Birthday!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Our condolences to George Towle on the loss of his 14 year, 3 month old girl, "Callie". Aralyn Hiland Irish Elegance~~~~ George's "Irish Rose".

May the shamrocks fall softly~~~~



## Time for Reflection....

**“Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you will find one at the end of each of your arms. As you grow older, you will discover you have two hands, one for helping yourself, and the other for helping others.” ~~~~Audrey Hepburn**

**Never compare your journey to someone else's. Your journey is YOUR journey, not a competition.**



## Events & Activities

Lottery January 2012 - thank you to Coleen for chairing this fundraiser and also, to the members who sold and purchased tickets. We sold 400, surpassing last January's total. Congratulations to the winners! Proceeds benefit 20% to our Trophy Fund with the balance to the general account.

Penguin Hockey Tickets - This is our spring fundraiser that is a replacement for the July Lottery. A pair of tickets was purchased from Lorrie for the March 27<sup>th</sup> Penguins vs. Islanders game. Once our raffle tickets are delivered from the printer, we will send out a book of 10 tickets to each member. Raffle tickets will sell for \$3 each or 2 for \$5. All stubs, money and unsold tickets should be returned no later than the March member meeting, where the winner will be drawn. The date of meeting is the 15<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds benefit 20% to the Trophy Fund and the remainder to the general fund. Deb Lawrence has the tickets but if anyone would like to chair this, please let her know.

MSDA - March 3 & 4, 2012 - We are supporting the Irish entry Saturday and trophies are purchased. Trophies are Drs Foster and Smith flexi-leads. The trophy list and Catalog ad with our Specialty information has been sent onto MSDA.



2012 Memorial Cluster, New Castle PA (Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup> thru Monday May 28<sup>th</sup>)

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. He will hold an Organizational Meeting in March. This plan worked well for us last year, and Bob wants to continue to do so. Decorations will be chaired by Sally Evans, and hospitality by Laureen Scholtz 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. Coleen also received more items from Betty Fleming in Prince4ton NJ to add to the auction. 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 25<sup>th</sup> - Joe Holava  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> - Victor Wojciak  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> - Diane Kepley  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> - James Steele Jr.

Regular Class Judges approved so far;

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> - Patrica Robinson  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> - Bob Robinson  
Monday - 28<sup>th</sup> - Jon Cole

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

## **WE WILL BE HAVING A RESCUE PARADE AT OUR SATURDAY SPECIALTY.**

Please pass the word. We would like to have as many participants as we can invite.



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. Reservations were open on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. It looks like Joan and Sally will be off to California!

The catalog ad will be sent after it is finalized. Instead of a Pittsburgh Basket, a check will be sent to the host club to make up a basket for us.

### Health News

Target will now be carrying pet prescriptions, and also have a Generic plan for \$4 scripts. Information can be found at [http://sites.target.com/site/en/spot/page.jsp?title=petrx\\_dog\\_medications\\_by\\_condition](http://sites.target.com/site/en/spot/page.jsp?title=petrx_dog_medications_by_condition)



*from the Rescue side....*

Rescue has been busy! Joan and Deb received an email through our club website from a couple in the Squirrel Hill area. They are looking for a young Irish and Joan put them in touch with ISCA rescue. Deb and Skip did the home visit, and told them that if they need anything or have any questions, please contact us. Hopefully, they will keep in touch.

Joan also received a second inquiry and is still waiting to hear feedback from that contact. This was also a family from Pittsburgh.

Joan did a home visit for Save our setters for a young man in Cranberry area....

It's all "wait and see" and hope these families get that special dog.

A huge thank you to Paula for taking our St. Francis of Assisi Medals to work and selling them. She had requests for them and offered to sell them. Paula sold all that we had and Joan called the Nuns to get a new supply. These are blessed medals for pets that can be added to their collars. If you haven't gotten yours, contact Joan. The cost is \$5.00. The proceeds go to our Irish Setter Rescue Fund.



## Tails From the Hills

As told by Bella O'Shea, ace canine reporter

Woof, woof, woof! Well I'm glad that January is finally over. They should rename it "Muduary"! My mistress's floors had to be swept and mopped almost daily! The horse's stalls were always in need of extra mucking from the extra time being stalled up and my siblings and I were limited on our runs. Other than that, January was still a great month to be an Irish "princess" on the creek. BTW, I know I'm a princess because Ed tells me so every day while he checks for and cleans the "goop" out of my eyes! I have a slight case of entropion. My lower lids are just a little folded under but not enough to need corrective surgery. They are folded under just enough to create a little goop on occasion. Ed's daughter, the veterinarian, says they are not serious enough to rectify surgery. She also admonishes our Humans to keep their dirty fingers out of our eyes because that could cause an eye infection!

My mistress, Pamela, is a "bed princess" because when she is not working she likes to sleep in. After I leave my crate for the night and take care of "Nature", I love to join her on the foot of the bed to play with my toys and maybe nap a little longer too. That Doxie, the mouse, is still biting at my lips and ears when I climb in bed with Pam.. It doesn't hurt much even when she is hanging in the air off my lips. I like putting her whole head in my mouth and getting it all wet. You know what they say about paybacks... Ed thinks all his girls are spoiled rotten. We are and he has made us that way! That is what Pam says...☺

My people are amazed that I often pace the floor with a toy in my mouth. If, Pam puts my toys in a place I find scary or one of those rascal Doxies has one of MY Toys, I just sit in front of Ed and complain to him till he moves! I do not allow him to watch the debates till HE DOES MY BIDDING! I have him trained well! When we go to the feed store, I must always have a new pig ear! I know exactly where they are kept. I dig around in the big box of lose pig ears till I find the perfect one. I carry it around the store in my mouth and only drop it when there is someone new to greet. When I get home Ed crates me with my ear to keep those rascal Doxies from getting it from me. I never show aggression over my stuff other than a low growl which those Doxies ignore. Being a hobby farm Irish here in the hills has it perks though.

Can you imagine adding two Chinese Swan Geese to my pack? It was really strange. The male ducks had gotten overzealous with the geese and had roughed them up pretty bad. Pam, put them in the guest bathroom which has linoleum for a day or two to recuperate. This was just at night so they wouldn't freeze. Talk about a mess! The house smelled of pine sol during that time. While Pam was touching up the messes they had made they would step across the hall and visit with me and my siblings. Though we didn't bother them, we made them nervous and they hung by Ed's knee for safety and protection. They sure were a noisy couple of birds and I am glad they are back where they belong...OUTSIDE! My siblings and I are fully bird tested now. We ignore them.

Last month during one of my grooming sessions, the knotted fur between my toes was removed by Pam and Ed trimmed my nails. Those knots can become very painful and can be mud and ice collectors. Also the long nails will more easily scratch when I am being playful so my people give me frequent pedicures, just like a real Diva! BOL (barking out loud)

Pam has been at it again.... She found a boy Irish in Tennessee but Ed said it isn't happening! No how, no way!!! His name is Rusty and He is 20 months old...

Hmmm a boy to beat up would be great but Ed said he only has so much love to spread around and He is spread too thin as it is...  
Again I have run out of things to bark and growl about so keep your paws clean and your skirts detangled until the next time. Happy tails to you.

Cousin Bella O'Shea,  
From the Hills of WV



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

As we move into 2012, Deb would REALLY appreciate bio updates and current photos of your dogs. Please email those to her to add to your page on the website. If you are one who has not written your bio blurb at all, this would be a great time to do so. Our website gets a lot of visits from across the US. This is a great place to show off your dog.



#### **New Membership**

Welcome to the GTISC family, Jessica Meyers and "Gannon". Jessica contacted us through the website and spoke with Joan. Joan helped Jessica locate "Gannon" and they are living Happily Ever after. Originally from New Castle, Jessica resides in Verona and is a Pitt graduate. She works in Pittsburgh. Jessica and "Gannon" came to our Members Fall Fun Day event and meeting, which was a perfect day to meet everyone and their dogs! Jessica also attended our November meeting. She is sponsored by Deb and Joan. Unanimously, they are officially members.

We received a Membership Application from Cheryl Scheck. Cheryl owns "Flyer", a wire haired pointing griffon that Coleen handles. Deb and Coleen met the Scheck's last spring and they have become friends. Cheryl, wanting to join our family of fun and good times, says "Flyer" doesn't mind that he is not red. "Flyer" is in love with "Beatrice, she is red and that is good enough for him". Cheryl attended our January Christmas Party Meeting. The membership will vote at our next General Meeting. Cheryl is sponsored by Coleen and Deb.



#### **Club News and Reminders**

Member Renewals were due January 31<sup>st</sup> to Deb Lawrence. Please get those to her if you have not, before the grace period lapses. A member application will have to be submitted should your renewals not be received in time. Membership cards will be in the mail.

Annual Member Awards 2011 - the application for the member awards is available online. This is for any member's dog who has accomplished an AKC title, or a certificate, such as GCG, ATTS, Therapy Dog and the new Nose work certification. Please fill out the application and send it to Deb Lawrence BY MARCH 31, 2012. You must have been a member in 2011 and current for 2012. Award applications can be found on our website.

At the November Meeting, Jessica asked about Pet Insurance. Paula provided brochures to Jessica on several companies and plans. Paula noted that these need to be purchased when the puppy is a few months old to get the best benefit from it. She suggests the new route of Care Credit. This is a medical credit card that can be used for humans or pets. If paid off within 18 months, it is **interest free**. This could be beneficial for all of us to have. Paula will provide that information to us. A Care Credit application can usually be obtained at any vet's office or human medical official.

Future Scarlett Letter News - watch for new columns written by members Paula F, about Pet Health/tips/experiences, and Debbie C., about Life with a Therapy Dog.

The reorganizational Board Meeting was held Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. This includes a review of the previous year, an audit of the books and planning for the new year. Ideas are always welcome and encouraged, so please 'jump in' with anything you want to share. A 2012 Year Plan will be available at the meeting.

Our next general meeting is Wednesday, February 22, 2012, 7:30 p.m. at Denny's Restaurant in Harmar. We will have a new member to vote on, the reorganizational meeting to go over and updates on where we are with our Specialty weekend.

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"Tails from the Hills" - Ed Prichard  
"Dog News" information provided from members  
ALL articles welcomed!



Let your smile change the world but don't let the world change your smile!