

Tidings

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"So then someone said; Let's all go to the World Show next year in Sweden!"

By Cindy Fitzgerald

That is how I remember it, I don't remember who said it or when they said it, but someone did definitely say it.... I think the original touring group started out with 5 or 6, but as the year progressed our 'group' dropped to only two hearty adventurers- me and the 'ever ready to try anything' Beth Beatty. So we started making plans....silly to go all the way over the Big Pond for only a week and doubly silly to go all the way to Sweden and not visit all my friends in Finland, so.....

Our numbers quickly turned from two to three when we agreed to bring a Gordon puppy from the States to my friend in Finland. Puppy #10, soon to be named Sabine, was a much better traveler than I, although it should be noted that SHE did not have to travel in the VERY FULL cabin for an 8 hour flight with about a million families and all their accompanying toddlers . Okay, I am over that now.....

We landed in Helsinki , met by our friends Pirjio and Krista (some of you might have met Pirjio when she came to the 2006 GSCA National with me) who then whisked us away to see a local dog show. I'll tell you...now THAT was an eye opener. Talk about informal! No ring gates, just tape stretched onto the ground and if you needed to talk to someone across the way, just walk through the ring and dodge the dogs being judged and there you are!

In any case, we had a lovely visit at Pirjio and Petri's home in Lappeeneanta (about 13 kil from the Russian border) visiting with their children and Gordons (relatives as well) and also spent two days and an evening at the cabin at the lake.

These lakeside cabins or camps are something that many Finns have and are a very integral part of their lifestyle. Interesting-electric and internet but no running water, hmmmm, but very beautiful. Field trialing and hunt tests had made me pretty comfortable with 'outside facilities' but I balked at the "sauna - dump hot water over your head - jump in the lake' method of bathing. Back to Helsinki where we stayed with more friends (and their Gordons of course) for a few days. Beth and I spent one whole day just wandering around the beautiful harbor area visiting the open air marketplace and buying our obligatory t shirts and drinking way too much coffee and eating way too many wonderful pastries at the sidewalk cafes. Thursday evening we all loaded up into three cars (8 people and 10 Gordons with various crates and luggage) to head to the overnight cruise ship that would take us from Helsinki to Stockholm.



The ship was full of dogs and their owners headed to the show. It was a wonderful evening, a smooth trip and great fun.

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ATTENTION MEMBERS!!!!

Membership Renewal was due July 1st!!!!!!!!

If you did not send in your membership dues and renewal form already then this will be your Iast Tartan Tidings that you will receive!!!!!

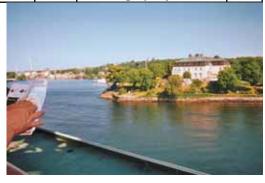
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When we arrived in Stockholm the next morning, the trip into the harbor was chock full of magnificent shoreline and scenery. The 'girls' took the cars and the dogs and all the luggage to the hotel and Beth and I took a bus into the heart of Stockholm to spend the day 'just wandering'. Beth had told me that I was in good hands as she had lived in Stockholm- what she neglected to tell me was that she lived in Stockholm when she was touring with Marlena Dietrich! hmmmmmm.

In any case, we spent the day walking through 'Old Town' amidst the narrow cobblestones streets, even running into a German couple with their Gordon and English Setters (who must have thought we were NUTS when we whipped out our cameras and begged them to pose for us!)





We finally arrived at our destination...the 2008 World Dog Show held at the Stockholm International Fairs hosted by the Swedish Kennel Club. All I can say is 'WOW' Over 23,000 dogs entered from 57 countries with judging spanning four days and 58 rings spread out into 3 huge halls.

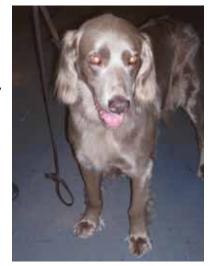
I was immediately put to work handling some of my friends' dogs (of which I am proud to say I actually either bred or had a hand in their existence). The judging procedure is quite different from ours and I was occasionally in the wrong place at the wrong time but still ended up doing quite nicely. (I have scanned the description of judging from the show program and it is actually much easier to understand than my explanation would be)

Basically you went into your class and each dog is judged individually and given their breed assessments and a written critique. Only those dogs receiving an excellent or very good rating can return to the class for the placements. I was lucky enough to show a lovely puppy in the Junior classes who eventually went on to win the title of 2007 World Junior Winner. Then I was honored to show my 'Ella's' Russian brother in the Working class (for field titled or qualifying dogs) and although we only went second, it was a pleasure to get my hands on him. Then came poor Ruben, my friend Minna;s 'middle child' and Ella's 'other brother'- Kingpoint Either Or- who was being shown in the Champions class. So having just met....off we went, Ruben and I, and lo and behold we won that class and then continued on to win the male CACIB (which is kind of like our Winners Dog but you compete against ALL the male dogs entered) and making him a **2008 World Winner**.

Although the Group 7 dogs (Pointing Dogs) were all being judged the same day...it was nearly impossible to see all that we wanted....besides the English and Irish Setters (who were in rings next door) I did get a chance to watch Labs, Flats and Welsh Springers- any of which I would have been thrilled to take home with me. There were many 'unfamiliar' pointing breeds which made me give them a second look- Italian Pointing Dogs, Hungarian Wire-haired Pointing dogs, French Wire-haired Korthals Pointing Griffons, Drentse Partridge Dogs and the Long Haired Weimaraners and many familiar breeds with 'different' looks- Rottweilers and Old English Sheepdogs with long tails!

We ended up coming back on the following day to see some of the other breeds and to do what we REALLY came for...SHOP! Of course I had to watch my purchases because of space in my luggage but I was able to do some damage anyway!

Our flight home was uneventful and everyone at both the Stockholm and Helsinki airports could not have been nicer, especially as I was bringing home with me my 'new BFF' Ruben Gordon Setter and was being a bit of a nudge checking up on him (Gee- I wonder if I remembered to tell my husband that Ruben was coming home with me...oh well)



All in all it was a perfectly delightful trip and I was thrilled to have been able to participate in such a momentous occasion.

WHY A GORDON?

I've asked myself this question many times over the past 22 years since I picked up a feisty little girl that I named Gemma. When I chose a Gordon it was initially because I wanted a setter, but was not pleased with the Irish being bred at the time, I knew I'd always compare one to my Casey who was big and very smart. The English setter didn't 'grab' me. And then I met Merlin at dog training camp. He was already an American and Canadian champion, had his CD, and his owner kindly let me take him to handling classes 'to get the feel for one'. I wanted one of these black and tan beauties for myself from that moment on. In 1986, with no internet to search, I was forced to write letters to breed clubs, hoping somewhere there was a Gordon litter brewing! Again, it was Alice, Merlin's owner who phoned one night to tell me there was a litter right here in Rhode Island! I phoned Sue, yes, she had one bitch left, the darkest and the biggest girl. Yes, I could meet her at a show that weekend and if I liked her, she was mine! Did I like her? How could I not? She was the largest girl, seemed to be the leader of the pack too. Of course, you know I took her. And my life hasn't been the same since then.

Gemma, aka LTK's Kiowa Maiden, CD, CGC - what can I say about this pushy, bossy, smart, and very pretty lass? Training was a challenge from the start as Gemma always had a better way to do everything - her way. Yet, we muddled through somehow and while I showed her occasionally in breed, it was obedience where Gemma shone. She hated the boring circles of the breed ring (yet she managed Winners Bitch at Westminster KC!), but loved to prance, head high, tail wagging, in the heeling exercises, with the figure eight being her forte. Oh, and the stand stay like a rock! Then I decided I wanted to have a son from Gemma and sent her up to New Hampshire to meet Reggie (Am/Can CH Valley View Mister Debonaire, CD). Nine babies arrived in due course, but the pick boy of the litter was not the one I fell in love with. No, from his first breath, it was 4th pick boy, Gavin, who was for me. Gemma was none to pleased to be living with one of her sons after the rest of the litter went to their homes, but she tolerated him ever so slightly. She also made it abundantly clear that under no circumstances will she ever go into another show ring! So, I had her spayed, which, in the long run, may have saved her life. Over the years Gemma developed several cancerous mammary tumors, but all were excised safely. It wasn't cancer that killed my beautiful Gemma, it was old age. At fifteen years, seven months she went to the Rainbow Bridge in her yard, safe in my arms.

Gavin - No breeder in his or her right mind would have kept this dog. He had heavy shoulders and light eyes and he didn't much care for other dogs. But from his first breath, he was mine. Gavin made it through three levels of obedience training, but I could not once leave him on a sit or down stay across a room, he had to be with me. He didn't mind showing in the breed ring as long as he didn't have to deal with the other dogs! Not a fighter, still, he grumbled a lot, raised his hackles, and was, in general, a nuisance to show. So, we stayed home. Why did I love this dog that didn't like to travel, wouldn't do anything in obedience, and couldn't be shown? He was cute, he was extremely cuddly, and he was sweet to all who knew him. And darn, I loved him. More than any other dog besides my sorely missed Labrador, Daphne. Gavin was my Velcro-dog, my bed warmer, my 'Bubba' and I freely admit that letting him go has been the hardest event I've experienced since my father died. I still miss him horribly and he will always be in my heart.

And then came Ronan. Wow, what an impact he's made in my life. I've met so many people because of him, and he has made more friends around Newport and everywhere we travel with his outgoing, sweet personality. Half Canadian and half Australian, Ronan is all Gordon Setter, especially when it comes to his stubbornness and cheekiness. Can a person have more than one "heart" dog? I think so, because I am living with one right now.

So, does that answer my question about why a Gordon? You all probably know exactly why you have a Gordon, just as I do. Because there is no other dog.

By: Jani Wolstenholme

-TarTan Super Raffle-

Prize winner will get a week in September '09 at Eden House in Bar Harbour Maine.

Tickets will be sold at: the Picnic, by mail, and at the TarTan Specialty in October.

The drawing will be held at the Specialty. Tickets will be \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.

The proceeds will go to the Health and Genetics Committee.

The prize is being offered by Gary and Betsy Cabit. There are pictures of the house on their website you may request raffle tickets from Robin Marshall or Cindy Fitzgerald via email or snail mail Cindy Fitzgerald, PO Box 155, Goshen, CT 06756 Email: wdsmke85@aol.com

or

TarTan Gordon Setter Club, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Saturday, May 1, 2008- East Hartford, CT

Call To Order:

President Larry Clifford called the meeting to order at 11:03 am

Attendance:

In Attendance: Cindy Fitzgerald, Laura Bedford, Larry Clifford, Anita Lustenberger, & Nancy Smith,

Absent: Richard Dwyer, Robin Marshall & Ellen Shanahan

Quorum Certification:

The Secretary certified a quorum was present.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Laura Bedford made a motion to accept the Minutes of the last meeting as published.

Anita Lustenberger seconded and the motion was passed by all present Board members.

Officers' Reports:

President: Larry Clifford –no report. Gave various correspondence to secretary

Vice President: Laura Bedford-No report at this time

Secretary: Cindy Fitzgerald reported various correspondence;

- -Thank you notes: Bell's and Karol Paduch for recognizing them at out banquet, from the Leonards for donating trophies to BASS, from the Dargays for inviting Diane to speak at the banquet and a thank you from the Brandywine GSC for our donation to the 2008 GSCA Veteran Sweepstakes (which will be published in the newsletter)
 - Various AKC announcements and requests
 - Notices of upcoming seminars (which will be sent to the newsletter for publication)
 - -Various advertisments

Report of Action Taken by the Board between meetings:

-Email and phone discussion concerning the upcoming GSCA National being hosted by the Brandywine GSC. Due to their past support of TarTan hosted events, especially when we hosted the Nationals, the Board discussed various ways to help support the club

Cindy Fitzgerald made a motion: "I, Cindy Fitzgerald, make a motion to have the TarTan GSC donate \$1,000 to the 2008 GSCA National Specialty Committee specifically towards the sponsorship of the 2008 GSCA National Veteran Sweepstakes." Motion seconded by Ellen Shanahan. Voted approval by all voting members of the Board. Nancy Smith was directed to send a check to fundraising chairman Kristeen Christman.

-Request from Health & Genetics Chairman Candice Bell to set aside \$800 from the proceeds of the February Agility trial to pay for TarTan members to donate their dog's DNA to the CHIC GS DNA repository. Limited to the first 80 dogs owned by TarTan members who sign up at a designated clinic draw at an event. Email and phone discussion resulted in a motion being made: "I, Cindy Fitzgerald, make a motion to allow the TarTan Health & Genetics Committee to set aside \$800.00 from the February '08 TarTan agility trial proceeds to pay for the first 80 TarTan members who donate their Gordon's DNA to the CHIC GS DNA repository at a blood draw set up by the H&G committee."

Motion seconded by Laura Bedford. Voted approval by all voting members of the Board.

Treasurer: Nancy Smith reported a balance of \$12,678.84 with all expenses current including trophy donations to the GSCA National Field Trial, reimbursement to Karol Paduch for the yearly AKC results subscription, tents and grounds for fall specialty. Only looking towards paying insurance in July.

Committee Reports:

Agility: Maureen McLatchy- Maureen's report said the August 9 & 10, 2008 trials in NH was ready to go with all approvals and judges set up. Her report indicated that the February trials were a huge success, financially as well as operationally. The trial made a profit of \$5,794.05 which is donated to the TarTan H&G committee for distribution in our AKC/CHF TT Gordon Setter Donor Advised Fund. The financial report was submitted by Nancy Smith and will be published in the newsletter.

Archives: Karen Gatchell –no report **Awards:** Coleen Banks-no report

Banquet: Laura Bedford- Laura reported that we had a great turnout this year and the new room was a success. Everyone seemed to love Diane Dargay's speech on FlyBall and the raffle made lots of money as always. Nancy Smith submitted the financial report and although we had a loss of \$598.41, it should be noted that the dinner is to recognize and celebrate our members and that the Club subsidized member's dinners as well as handing out the new club "TarTan Rocks' decals to those in attendance. The report will be published in the newsletter.

(By-Law Review and Revision: The Board decided to take this out of order and hold this matter until after lunch due to the potential length of discussion.)

'08 Spring Field Trial: Susan DeSilver- no report but Nancy Smith had the financial statement which showed a very small loss of \$150.94.

'08 Spring/Fall Hunt Tests: Ralph Schmid /Mark Gallagher-no reports

Health & Genetics: Candice Bell-Candice sent an in depth report explaining that the committee's focus continues to be building the CHIC Gordon Setter DNA Repository. The report will be published in its entirety accompanying these minutes in the newsletter.

Inventory: Laura Bedford-There was more discussion regarding getting raincoats. Laura said that the inventory would be at the picnic as well as the specialty.

Library: Phyllis Lundy - No Report.

Membership: Dorie Viguers sent her suggestions, as membership chairman, for changes to the membership section of the Constitution and ByLaws. (to be discussed)

Newsletter: Jeff & Jessica Martin/Karol Paduch/Jani Wolstenholem —At the newsletter staff's suggestion, there was discussion regarding offering an email version of the newsletter to members. The thought was to compile a list of members interested in receiving it electronically and having a pdf distributed. The Board suggested that the newsletter staff poll the members to check out interest and act accordingly. Jeff also suggested (and sent an example) of a newsletter with selected color pages. He did not feel that the cost was prohibitive. The Board's discussion resulted in having the staff 'give it a go' and see how it was received by the membership and to see what the resulting costs would be.

Nominating Committee: Chairman: Richard Dwyer, Committee members: Anita Lustenberger, Steve Bedford, Ralph Schmid, Shareen Brown, Alternates: Debby Freidus and Deb Burke.

The proposed slate is: President- Larry Clifford, Vice President- Laura Bedford, Secretary-Cindy Fitzgerald, Treasurer-Nancy Smith, Boardmembers – Ellen Shanahan and Robin Marshall. Cindy reported that, to date, there have been no nominations from the floor.

Picnic: Robin Marshall- Her report stated that the picnic, with our annual membership meeting and elections will be on June 22, 2008 at the Flaherty Field Trial Area in East Windsor, CT.. Schedule will be similar to last year's: fun match with Anita Lustenberger, novice bird work with Richard Dwyer and Ralph Schmid, fun and games with Val Schmid and lots of food and fun. She will do a separate flyer to the membership to encourage participation.

Public Education: No chairman yet, committee specifics still 'in the works'. Cindy asked if we were still interested in participating in the **Fidelco Walk.** Consensus was 'yes' and the club will again donate \$100 to get the fundraising started. Cindy mentioned that Phyllis Lundy would be doing the organizing this year.

Rescue: Ellen Shanahan sent her report noting that we had two rescues with successful placements and two breeder referrals in the past 3 months. She mentioned all the members that made these things happen and thanked them for their support.

Scholarship: Candice Bell- reported no applicants to date. The deadline is May 31, 2008.

'08 TarTan Specialty: Specialty chairman Robin Marshall reported that all judges had been hired: Sue Tapp (IWS) for Sweepstakes, Patricia Mowbray-Morgan (IS & GS) for Breed and Junior Showmanship and Elizabeth "Tibby" Chase for Obedience and Rally. All AKC approvals have been received and we will be promoting the specialty with ads in both the GSC and TarTan newsletters. TarTan will again donate the trophies and \$250 towards getting raffle items.

Supported Entries: Karol Paduch- Reported on our supported entries;

Big Apple Sporting Society in Seacaucus, NJ on 2/7/2008 was a low entry (due to a Thursday date) but good for PR

Two supported entries at the New England Sporting Group Association in Fitchburg, MA. on 3/15 and 3/16, 2008 were a success with good entries.

Ladies' Dog Club in Wrentham, MA will be on 5/31/2008 and she is organizing a pot luck luncheon Northwestern Dog Club in Goshen, CT in September, 2008.will be our last of the season

Trophies: Beth Beatty-No report. Cindy said that they would again be NC pottery.

Website: Lynn Tenny- No report.

Delegates Reports:

Flaherty: Susan DeSilver- No report. **HELDCA:** Maureen McLatchy- No report.

GSCA Liaison: Jane Matteson has been sending us all correspondence received by the GSCA from the AKC and various sources. Relative information will be sent to the newsletter.

Old Business:

Stationary is in stock and available to whomever needs it.

Candice Bell and Laura Bedford are still working on developing a TarTan brochure similar to the PANE brochure . It was noted that it would be a big step towards Public Education as well.

Reminder of the fundraiser for the AKC CHF TarTan Donor Advised Fund: Gary and Betsy Cabit have generously donated a week at their rental property, "Eden House' in Bar Harbor, Maine for a raffle with all proceeds to go to the AKC CHF TTGSC Donor Advised Fund. Robin and Cindy will be handling this raffle which kicked off at the 2008 TarTan Banquet in February and will culminate with the winner being

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FEATURED DOGGIE YUMMY!

CHICKEN FLAVOR DOG COOKIES

3 cups white flour
3/4 cup yellow cornmeal
I cup chicken broth
4 tablespoons softened margarine
I egg
I tablespoon milk

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Combine flour, cornmeal, chicken broth, and margarine. Knead dough for 3 minutes. Apply a light layer of flour to rolling surface and pin. Roll dough to ¼ inch thickness and stamp out with cookie cutter. Beat egg and milk together and apply to top of biscuits with brush. Bake at 325 degrees for 35 minutes on an ungreased cookie sheet. Makes 2 dozen.

Board minutes continued

New Business:

Do You Remember...?

As you read in your previous Tidings, the editors are introducing a new column, which premiered in a recent issue.

Please remember, your story may be funny, serious, educational, informative (perhaps sharing memories of influential members who are no longer with us) or other things/events that are an integral part of TarTan.

We look forward to receiving and sharing your remembrance.

- The Editors

Got a favorite Gordon Goodie or a special treat you would like to share? Send your Recipe Ideas and Suggestions to

Karol: trilogygordons@aol.com
or
Jani: vger4@verizon.net
for publication in the Newsletter!!

New AKC Event Regulations was visited with much discussion. Anita Lustenberger will investigate if and how we comply, although the consensus is that we look to be in pretty good shape in meeting all the requirement

Discussion of Appointment of State Watchdogs ensued as it appears that our membership needs to be kept updated on legislation (State and Federal levels) that would adversely effect them and their animals. Anita agreed to research groups who monitor legislation and report back to the Board.

Jani Wolstenholme suggested that TarTan might want to look into an internet club list specifically limited to club business similar to some other clubs. Board discussion leaned towards it not being necessary at this time, but will leave it open to revisit at a later date.

Meeting broke for lunch at 12:37/ Resumed at 1:45pm

<u>ByLaws/Constitution Review and Revision:</u> Robin Marshall. In Robin's absence, Cindy Fitzgerald ran the discussion, outlining the committee's progress so far.

Robin had solicited suggestions from the membership with requests in two newsletters. Cindy had compiled the suggestions and incorporated them into the existing Constitution.

She presented each Board member with a copy of the draft document. The Board discussed all edits, changes, deletions and clarifications, making minor revisions as well as agreeing to most of the members' suggestions. The Board then discussed and made revisions to Article III –Board of Directors section. The Board approved the first draft, with minor revisions. The secretary will publish the first draft (clearly identifying all changes, edits, additions and deletions) in the newsletter for final member comment. If there are additional comments or concerns from members, the Board will again visit the revision. Once the committee is sure that the draft is updated to its fullest extent, the secretary will then send out a ballot to all members in good standing per club and AKC voting guidelines. (Cindy noted that she will be unable to handle this function until sometime in the Fall- the Board approved the delay) After the Club membership votes on the revised Constitution, IF the revisions are approved by the membership, it will be submitted to the AKC for approval. If the revisions are defeated, the review process will be renewed subject to Board approval.

Next Meeting:

11:00 am on July 13, 2008 at Nancy Smith's house in East Hartford, CT.

(Since that time, the Board voted to postpone the meeting...it will now be held at 11:00 am on August 16, 2008 in Goshen, CT..

Laura Bedford made a motion to adjourn, Nancy Smith seconded and the Board voted in favor.

ATTENTION....

Tag Sale Season is almost over and summer basement/attic clean out projects must be winding down ,so....

Please remember your donations for the 2008 TarTan Specialty Raffle...animal OR human items are welcome.

You may bring it to the specialty but please let Cindy know you have something to add....

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Do You Remember...

Old Friends Not Forgotten

In 1981 I was thinking of breeding my Gordon Setter Bonnie (Ch Claymore's Autumn MacGregor x Ch Tallydoon Farm Fancy Alina). She was of the Afternod/Loch Adair lines and was a fantastic gun dog. She also was my children's couch pillow for watching TV and their protector. She hated bullies and wouldn't let them play with my kids.

I had heard of a Connecticut Gordon that was beautiful and very birdy. His name was Ch Gordon Hill Run For Daylight and was called Rip. His sons and daughters were making names for themselves also in the field and in the show ring.

I called his owner Phyllis Perrelli and we talked hunting. Her husband Frank was an avid bird hunter and Rip was steady to wing and shot and retrieved to hand.

When I brought Bonnie to the Perrelli home, Frank had just returned home from duck hunting on Long Island Sound. It was December and the weather was terrible, but he said he had a ball and had Buffle Head ducks to prove it.

Both Bonnie and I were impressed by this loving couple and also with Rip. Phyllis had been carefully grooming him for a show the next day and he was beautiful.

Phyllis had to go out shopping for a coming wedding and as she left, she looked at the three of us and said, "Be good boys." Frank was telling me a story about hunting with Rip. He said that Rip had pointed and retrieved two cock pheasants and Frank was showing them to a game warden friend. The warden said, "I don't know if I should arrest you or Rip." Turning around Frank saw that his dog had retrieved a crippled pheasant. Thinking fast he said, "That's your bird" and Rip gave it to the warden.

We were laughing at this tale when Frank said, "Do you want to see him work?" We crossed the road to a big field and Frank said "Get the bird." Rip took off quartering the field, but found no bird. Then he swam across a creek and hunted the other side. Frank called him in and said, "We had better clean him up before Phyllis gets back or I will be killed!"

We returned to the house and combed and rushed and blow dried and Rip slowly returned to his former show dog image.

Phyllis returned from shopping and we were innocently drinking coffee and watching TV. She felt Ripper over and said, "You missed drying between his toes boys."

About nine weeks later, Bonnie had nine beautiful puppies – seven girls and two boys. My children picked one flashy puppy and called her Flash Gordon. For twelve years, she was as fine a dog as her parents.

My kennel was started by Frank and Phyllis and their beloved Rip.

Thank you.

Bill Hardie

Donations to the AKC/CHF TarTan Gordon Setter Donor Advised Fund

The American Kennel Club/Canine Health Foundation (AKC/CHF) Tar-Tan GS DAF Fund was specifically established to sponsor health research for our breed. It is through your generous and continued support we are able to subsidize qualified researchers investigating genetic disorders affecting the Gordon Setter. Donation forms can be found in the TarTan Tidings, or downloaded at the TarTan web-site www.tartangsc.org Contributions are tax deductible. This month's donors are:

Anonymous Friends
In Memory of "Shadice"
Raggededge Shadice JH
loved and forever missed
by Ralph & Val Schmid

Allison Treadwell
In Memory of
Pam Backman

Jani Wolstenholme
In Memory of "Maggie"
South Sea's Black Pearl,JH
CGC

loved and missed by Kristi Boehm

Karol Paduch
In Memory of "Jodie Marie"
Ch. Sastya Trilogy Tradition
loved and missed by Karol Paduch

Lynn Tenny has graciously updated the TarTan web-site. Membership should visit our

web-site often at www.TarTanGSC.org.

Also, now listed on our web-site is a link to ALL Canine Health Clinics throughout the United States.



Celebrate Columbus Day By Joining Your Fellow Gordon Setter Exhibitors at the 2008 Independent TarTan GSC Specialty Monday, October 13, 2008 Rotary Pavilion, South Windsor, CT.

Breed & Junior Showmanship: Mrs Patricia Mowbray-Morgan

Puppy Sweepstakes: Ms. Susan Tapp

Obedience & Rally: Ms Elizabeth "Tibby' Chase

Trophies will be lovely North Carolina Pottery
Special prizes for Junior Showmanship Classes – Savings Bonds

TarTan will again be hosting their super raffle and delicious luncheon And who will not enjoy New England's famous fall foliage !!!!

Show Chairman: Robin Marshall Obedience Chairman: Phyllis Lundy Raffle: Cindy Fitzgerald & Liz Wilshere Hospitality: Karol Paduch

Catalogue Ads: Laura Bedford Trophies : Beth Beatty

Grounds: Larry Clifford/Richard Dwyer

Show Secretary: New England Dog Events Services - info@nedogs.com

Whether you have an entry or not, it is ALWAYS a great day to enjoy watching our beautiful Black and Tans and spend time with friends and family....

Meeting new friends or reminiscing with old ones!

TarTan Gordon Setter Club, Inc. General Membership Meeting Minutes Sunday, June 22, 2008- East Windsor, CT

President Larry Clifford called the meeting to order at 1:10pm A sheet for attendance was circulated and 29 members signed.

A quorum was certified.

Motion was made by Anita Lustenberger to accept the Minutes of the last meeting as published. Candice Bell seconded the motion and all voting members in attendance voted affirmatively.

Election of Officers: With no nominations from the floor, the secretary-Cindy Fitzgerald- cast one vote to accept the nominated slate as published:

President: Larry Clifford
Vice President: Laura Bedford
Secretary: Cindy Fitzgerald
Treasurer: Nancy Smith

Board members for a two year term: Ellen Shanahan and Robin Marshall

Board members Anita Lustenberger and Richard Dwyer were not up for re election.

Officers' Reports:

President: Larry Clifford-No report **Vice President**: Laura Bedford-No report **Secretary**: Cindy Fitzgerald.-No report

Treasurer: Nancy Smith – Balance in our general account is \$8,887.79 with most outstanding expenses already paid including the generous donation to Veteran Sweeps at the '08 GSCA National Specialty. With dues and the trial forthcoming, Nancy felt

confident in our accounts.

Committee Reports:

Agility: Maureen McLatchy –Reported the dates were August 9 & 10, 2008 in New Hampshire. Entries had filled in two days. The trial will be indoors and air conditioned

And she welcomes all members willing to come to help out- no experience needed....plenty of work for all. Larry wanted to remind everyone that this was TarTan's single most successful fundraiser and we should be as supportive as we can.

Archives: Karen Gatchell- No report

Awards: Coleen Banks reported that all awards had been successfully delivered and that they had enough medallions and rosettes for next year.

Banquet: Laura Bedford –No report.

ByLaw Review & Revisions: Robin Marshall-Robin reported that the members had been solicited and the resulting suggestions for edits, clarifications, etc had been compiled and presented to the Board. The next step will be the prospective ByLaws to be published in the newsletter for final member input, then a ballot to vote on the changes will be mailed out. Cindy added that she will not have time to handle this endeavor until the Fall.

'08 Fall Field Trial: Susan DeSilver- No report at this time

Health & Genetics: Candice Bell said that she had AKC DNA swab kits available and reminded everyone that they would need this AKC DNA in order to enter any parent club events. She said that they have micro chipping and CHIC DNA collecting available today as well. Candice reported that TarTan would be hosting a CHIC DNA blood draw at the GSCA National Specialty in September and encouraged all those going to the event who had not already contributed their dog's DNA to the CHIC repository to consider doing so. All forms may be downloaded from the TarTan website.

'08 Fall Hunt Test: Mark Gallagher- No report

Inventory: Laura Bedford is away but Robin Marshall had brought inventory here to the picnic

Library: Phyllis Lundy reported that she had the tapes here and available for any member's use. Candice Bell mentioned that the CHF also has podcasts available which are very interesting.

Membership: Dorie Viguers -No report.

Newsletter: Karol Paduch, Jani Wolstenholme, Jeff & Jessica Martin: Karol reminded everyone present to continue to send information for publication and everyone commented on the great work the editors have been doing and especially the new format with color pages.

Picnic: Robin Marshall reported that 'we are here'....and things seem to be going along well with everyone having a good time even though we could not get birds and had to forgo that portion of the picnic. She thanked everyone for coming and for Maureen and Diane giving demos on agility and flyball and letting people and their dogs try out the equipment.

Rescue: Ellen Shanahan could not come but she sent a report. She thanked Phyllis for her past rescue work and applauded the new committee members for their quickness to volunteer. She announced Tracy Murch as the Permanent Home Coordinator and mentioned that she and Jan Vassallo would soon have the rescue database up and running. She hoped to attend a few Scottish festivals this year like she and Robin and Jeff attended last year and thanked everyone behind the scenes for all the hard work that they do for Rescue.

Scholarship: Candice Bell was proud to announce that TarTan will award their \$750 scholarship to Alicia Pickett-Hale this year, a TarTan member from NH..

'08 Specialty: Robin Marshall reported that the judges and secretary were all set for the specialty. It will again be held at the Pavilion in South Windsor, CT. Karol Paduch had offered to handle the hospitality organization but Robin requested that everyone plan on pitching in to make it more successful.

Supported Entries: Karol Paduch reported that the NE Sporting shows in March and the Ladies show in June were all very successful and had good entries. The next supported entry will be at Northwestern Dog Club in Goshen, CT on September 21 and the judge will be Joseph Gregory.

Trophies: Beth Beatty- No report but Cindy said that they were bought and all ready to go.

Website: Lynn Tenny –No report

Delegates Reports:

Flaherty: Susan DeSilver – No report HELDCA: Maureen McLatchy –No report. GSCA Liaison: Jane Matteson- No report.

Old Business: New Business:

Next General Membership Meeting: A very brief luncheon meeting at the specialty in October Candice Bell made a motion to have the meeting adjourned. Robin Marshall seconded, all voted in favor and President Larry Clifford called the meeting adjourned at 1:36 pm

Submitted by: Cindy Fitzgerald, TarTan GSC Secretary

On behalf of the 2008 GSCA National Specialty Committee and Brandywine Gordon Setter Club members, I would like to extend our sincere and grateful appreciation to TarTan Gordon Setter Club for your donation to our Veteran Sweepstakes. TarTan's reputation of generosity, support, and cooperation within the Gordon Setter community is well-known and well served.

The Veteran Sweepstakes event should reflect the esteem and love we feel for our senior setters. This gift from TarTan will assist in creating a program equal to the deserving qualities of our wonderful, mature Gordon Setters.

Friends helping friends...a true testament to the wonderful people within our organization. We look forward to continuing in that manner!!!

Sincerely,
Kristeen J. Davidson-Christman, President
Brandywine Gordon Setter Club

You're invited!

The Irish Red and White Setter Association, Inc. will be holding a sanctioned AKC Hunting Test on Sunday September 14, 2008 at the Skungamaug Fish & Game Club in Amston, CT (Just south of Hartford - easy commute from all of New England).

While qualifying scores for hunting test titles will not be awarded, you will help the Irish Red and White Setter Association gain acceptance with the AKC so they can hold qualifying tests in the future. All of the judges are fully licensed with the AKC and will help novices who want to begin competition. Also, experienced handlers will get the chance to "tune up" their dogs for the upcoming Fall schedule at a reduced price with both chukkar and quail.

Please join with the Irish Red and White Setter Association as they seek to gain full acceptance with the AKC by holding this sanctioned Hunting Test. Club members will be there to assist all and will be providing food and drinks in a relaxed setting at a beautiful site. Come on down (or up)!

Irish Red and White Setter Association OFFICERS

President.
Vice President.
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Treasurer

Kathy Pellerito, 601 Burtis St., Bricktown, NJ 08723 Robert Devlin 5127 N Tischer Rd. Duluth MN 55804 Jane Benedetto, 3829 Davis Dr., Charlotte, NC. 28270 Deborah Cournoyer, PO Box 763 W. Kingston, RI 02892 Marilyn Braychak, 302 W. Rutland Rd. Milford CT 06461

HUNTING TEST COMMITTEE

Chris Orcutt Chairperson, 46 Pepperidge Rd Portland CT 06480 Debbie Cournoyer. Tami Orcutt, Richard Dwyer, Kathleen Raubacher, Kathy Pellerito, Wayne & Lee Robinson

| Tartan Gordon Setter Club, Inc Agility Trial February 2 & 3, 2008 Financial report | |
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| Income | |
| Entries | \$11,474.81 |
| Expenses | |
| AKC Late Fee | \$50.00 |
| Site Rental | \$1,875.00 |
| AKC Application Fees | \$200.00 |
| Judge | \$891.74 |
| Worker's Lunches- Sunday | \$168.00 |
| AKC Recording fee | \$1,977.00 |
| Ribbons | \$110.49 |
| Judges Dinner- Saturday Night | \$64.70 |
| Raffle Items | \$52.60 |
| Worker's Lunches- Saturday | \$113.00 |
| Worker's- Snacks/Drinks | \$120.73 |
| Snack Food | \$31.93 |
| Postage | \$9.31 |
| Miscellaneous Supplies | \$16.26 |
| Total Expenses | \$5,680.76 |
| Total Income | \$11,474.81 |
| Total Expenses | \$5,680.76 |
| Profit | \$5,794.05 |
| Tartan Gordon Setter Club, Inc Banquet February 16, 2008 Financial Report | |
| Income | |
| Dinners | \$778.00 |
| Raffle | \$330.00 |
| Expenses | |
| Dinners | \$1,320.00 |
| Flyers | \$105.93 |
| DVD | \$24.90 |
| Baskets for honorees | \$100.00 |
| Room for Speaker | \$104.58 |
| Travel Expense for speaker | \$51.00 |
| Total income | \$1,108.00 |
| Total expense | \$1,706.41 |
| Loss | \$598.41 |









| Field Trial April 26& 27, 2008 Financial report Income Birds \$50.00 Donations \$80.63 Entries \$3,485.00 Food \$102.14 Dinner \$312.66 Expenses AKC Application Fee \$25.00 AKC Recording Fee \$216.50 Birds \$689.00 Catalog \$42.40 Postage \$150.95 Food \$88.14 Grounds Rental \$150.00 Horse Rental \$1,610.00 Judges \$225.00 Judges' Dinner \$233.66 Judges' expense \$155.43 Trophies \$75.27 Entry Refunds \$45.00 Judges' Rooms \$462.00 DEP \$7.00 Rosette Shipping \$6.40 Total Income \$4,030.43 Total expense \$4,181.37 | Tartan Gordon Setter Club, Inc | | | | |
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| Loss \$150.94 | Loss | \$150.94 | | | |

HEALTH & GENETICS COMMITTEE

Our focus continues to be to building the CHIC Gordon Setter DNA Repository. Without this very necessary GS DNA, breed specific genetic research will be a very slow go. To date there are 219 GS registered in the CHIC database. TT plans to have a blood draw at our general membership/election of officers and picnic in June, as well as the GSCA National Specialty in September. It is our hope GS owners/breeders recognize the importance of donating their dog's DNA in order to improve the genetic health of our breed.

\$800.00 from the proceeds of the February 2008 TT Agility trial has been allocated for TT member's dogs donor blood. This will pay for 80 dogs owned by TT members. The money will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. If, after the draw in June we have any remaining dollars, these funds will be carried over to the GSCA national specialty where, any TT member who is donating their dog's blood will have the \$10 fee pick up by the TT Club.

We have had no TT members pre-register for the TarTan draw in June. To date we have 15 people pre-register for the draw at the GSCA national in September.

Our petitions for researchers for GS PRA and Juvenile Renal Disease research has still not generated any interest from researchers. TT H&G committee will consider soliciting for additional research.

AKC/CHF TT Gordon Setter Donor Advised Funds raised **January 2008 - April 30, 2008 =** \$7,935.00 \$440 is from the 2007-2008 annual renewal of membership; \$5,000.00 is realized from TT Agility trial during the month of February 2008. Note should be made we have had 2 very generous donations from the Sacramento Valley Dog's Fanciers Association totaling \$1,400.

To date, there has been **no report received** from Dr. Denny O'Brien regarding the TT's funded research on AKC/CHF Grant #A-1006 "A DNA Marker for an Autosomal Recessive, Lethal, Neurological Disease of Gordon Setter Puppies"

Respectfully submitted Candice Bell

Member Book reviews

GOOD DOG, STAY Anna Quinlan

Good Dog, Stay Random House - 2007 Amazon.com \$10.17

This is another insightful piece by one of my favorite authors. The book is a treasure to read and a wonderful gift to our dog friends who are facing the sad ending of their pet's life. Ms. Quinlan addresses the joys of dog ownership and the enrichment that they bring to our lives; in a warm, funny, anecdotal manner. Don't miss this one.

CALL TO MEMBERSHIP:

Have you read a book you think would be useful to others? Did a certain book or author make a difference in your life, training approach or outlook on life and you would like to share that with others? Send your book recommendations along with a review of the book and author in 500 words or less to our editors!

Karol: Trilogygordons@aol.com Jani: vger4@verizon.net

Merle's Door... Harvest Books - 2008 Amazon.com - \$10.20

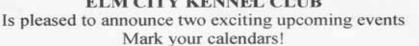
This book was given to me because I am a "doggy person". It sat for a long while because its title was so off-putting to me. I finally picked it up and was amazed at how engrossing the story line was. The author develops a remarkable bond with a dog that finds him. The story recounts Merle's life with the author; one that explores a fantastic relationship a person can have with their dog. Merle is no different than most of our dogs but Mr. Kerasote has an uncanny ability to relate to him. The story is set in the mountainous west and is beautifully written. The ideas presented by the author

regarding dog behavior were very thought provoking; he also explores canine history and how it relates to the present day dog. This all sounds a little dry but it was a beautiful read. As far as a dog person goes, this book showed me that there is a lot more to learn regarding our guys and a different perspective to view their behavior. I have passed this one on to another "doggy person".

Mollie Williams Florida



ELM CITY KENNEL CLUB





ELM CITY KENNEL CLUB AKC SANCTIONED B-OB MATCH & CGC Test

Saturday September 6, 2008-Bauer Park-Copse Road, Madison, CT

Breed Classes: Classes divided by sex, Puppy 3-6 month, 6-9 month, 9-12 month, Best of Breed Puppy Novice, Bred by Exhibitor, Open, Best of Breed Adult

> Dogs with major points may show FOR EXHIBITION ONLY. Handlers may only exhibit dogs owned by them. No dogs under 3 months of age allowed on show grounds. Registration on site starting at 8:30am

For more information contact match Chairperson: Marla Doheny-valhalafcrs@yahoo.com

Directions: I-95: - Exit 61 Follow Route 79 North for 500 feet and turn left onto Hunter's Trail. Follow for 1/2 mile to intersection with Copse Road.

And

HANDLING CLINIC WITH ANNE BOWES

Elm City Kennel Club is offering a one day Handling Clinic presented by Anne Bowes of Heronsway Pembroke Welsh Corgis. Anne has been involved in all aspects of the sport since 1967 and is now offering her expertise by instructing an all breed Handling Clinic for novices and experienced handlers. "I particularly enjoy teaching owners how to condition and show their own dogs in the breed ring so that they can compete successfully with the professional handlers." Anne Bowes

Saturday October 11, 2008, 9am to 5pm -Paws Pet Resort and Spa-312 East Johnson Ave-Cheshire. CT

Classes Offered: Level I: Have yet to complete a championship on a dog, Level II: Have finished at least one champion, owner-handled, Observer: No participation with a dog

> Participating at Level I or Level II - \$60 per handler Observer Only (no dog) - \$30 per person All fees include lunch and drinks

For more information or to register, please contact: Laurel Crowley-860-716-7660-laurelawood@comcast.net

Elm City Kennel Club welcomes new members. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month (excluding July and August), at 7:30 at Paws N Effect in Hamden.

FMI: Abby Patrizio – <u>caraby@snet.net</u>, 860-669-2720 or Linda Sullivan - <u>sullivan@etcsupport.com</u>

September 18, 2008 – Pekinese Breed Presentation

TIPS for GORDON SETTER GLAMOUR SHOTS

By Valerie Schmid

So we all know that I'm crazy for Maysie and crazy in general (in a good way) but I think I outdid myself this time. Since Maysie was an Anniversary/Valentines present for Ralph six years ago, I decided that for his anniversary present this year, Maysie and I would have Glamour Shots done. So on Saturday, January 26th, off Maysie and I go for our day-long Glamour Shot photo shoot at the Buckland Hills Mall, with our three different outfits - sexy, casual and outrageous, and no makeup because we will have a make-over when we get there. For anyone that wants to do this in the future let me give you a few tips:

- Gordons don't like malls. Use a door as close to your destination as possible.
- Gordons don't like being put in an employee break room while you have your makeup and hair done for an hour. They will eat employees' lunches that are accessible, and whine and scratch at the door.
- Make-up artists don't like trying to do your hair and make-up when you have a Gordon in your lap when it absolutely refuses to stay in the break room and, of course, gets its' own way.
- Gordons don't like the close quarters and the bright lights of a photo-studio. The lights that are on poles and tripods will be knocked over when the Gordon flips out.
- Taking the orange, heavy duty hunt collar off and replacing it with a red glittery glam scarf for affect in the photo is not a good idea. When the Gordon breaks away from the photo shoot and starts running loose in the mall, the scarf is not robust enough to catch them with.
- Gordons pant when nervous, not exactly an attractive pose for the shoot. You can get the Gordon to put their tongue back into their baggy-lipped mouth by blowing strong bursts of air into their face and then quickly turning back to the irate photographer with a big smile.
- Don't let Glamour Shots talk you into a "boudoir" shot wrapped in a piece of red satin holding a rose with the Gordon. Not only is it weird, but the Gordon will knock the wrap off you at some point during the pose, showing the photographer much more of a 57 year old than he cares to see.
- Put the Gordon in the car before you look at your proofs. Stop at Friendly's on the
 way out and get the Gordon a grilled cheese in reward for putting up with you.
 Present the Glamour Shots to your husband labeled "With Love from your Two
 Bitches". I think now I know why we never see Gordons on greeting cards, commercials, etc.



Val and Latimer's Maysie Bo Schmid

NEW TITLES - May 2008

CONFORMATION:

Ch Damon's Olympic Conquerer (D) 5-31-08 (Ch Triseter Ebonie Nirvana x Ch Damon's Times Square)

Br/Ow: Gail E Paludi & Carmen A Paludi Jr

PERFORMANCE & FIELD:

Master Agility Excellent Preferred 3

MACH Pinebirch Southern Promise CD RE JH MXP3 MJP2 NFP (B) 5-11-08) (Ch Timbaray's Southern Comfort CDX RN x Ch Pinebirch Guilty As Charged UD RE JH NA OAP OJP)

Br/Ow: Maureen A McLatchy

Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 3

MACH Pinebirch Southern Promise CD RE JH MXP3 MJP3 NFP (B) 5-26-08)

(Ch Timbaray's Southern Comfort CDX RN x Ch Pinebirch Guilty As Charged UD RE JH NA OAP OJP)

Br/Ow: Maureen A McLatchy

Ch South Sea's Tautahi Laka (BIS NZ Ch Charnnah Private Eye x Am/Can/Intl/Natl Ch Karrelene's Anail O Muir JH) wrapped up her AKC Championship title with 3 back-to-back-to-back majors, 2 in San Antonio 7/12 & 7/13 and the 3rd in Houston at the Reliant shows on 7/19/08. Not only did she go Winners Bitch for 3 pts, but she went Best of Breed over 2 dog specials that included a previous BIS winner for a 4th point. In the group ring, Laka was in wide-eyed wonder as she looked around at the hundreds of onlookers in the grandstands, but she performed like a seasoned

showman and made the final cut under Mrs. Linda C. More.

Laka is bred by/owned by Kristi Boehm.

This win was especially poignant as Kristi's first Gordon, II -year old Maggie, died the day before from complications of an acute neuropathic illness



On June 6 our boy Tango (co-owned by Ellen Isham and Ellen Shanahan and co-bred by Ellen Shanahan and Mike and Donnah Brnger) began his show career at the Taconic Hills Kennel Club show. One month later, at the Holyoke Kennel Club show, Tango completed his championship on July 6, finishing with 3 majors and a Best of Breed. We are very proud of our boy, now Ch. Tamarack Fashion Plate Daddy, and thank Stacy Snyder-Work for showing him to his championship! Tango is sired by Ch Sandpipers Castles By The Sea, and his dam is Ch Brynbar's Good Golly Miss Molly JH CD

TARTAN'S AUGUST 9 & 10, 08 AGILITY TRIALS

The August 9 and 10 agility trials held in Amherst NH were a great success. Our entries filled on the second day of opening back in early June so we had a great entry for both days. It was a pleasure to be indoors and air-conditioned, no worries about the weather. Things went very smoothly each day, the course changes were done quickly and efficiently. Many exhibitors stepped up to the plate and volunteered to work classes they weren't running in. Our judge Kim Reeher and secretary Noreen Bennett of PawPrint Trials were a pleasure to work with as always.

Friday evening's setup went smoothly with my chief course builder and good friend Joanne Williamson at the helm, club members Shirley Laflamme (who is my right hand at running these trials) and Bill and Diane Dargay who came all the way from NJ to show and help out. Local exhibitor Jane Plamondon also came to help us get things ready for Saturday morning.

On Saturday we started course building at 6:30, had walk thrus at 7:15 with the first dog on the line at 7:30 Saturday morning found President Larry Clifford, who is such a hard worker for the club, ready to handle any job necessary. Phyllis Lundy came and worked several classes throughout the day. Liz Wilshere arrived to show Stella and work wherever necessary. Liz also provided wonderful additions to our worker raffle each day from the Wellness company. Thank you Liz! Bill and Diane Dargay worked several classes and Diane ran her young boy Travis. Bill was able to get in a round of golf at a local golf course too J

Sunday morning found us back at the trial site again at 6:30 ready for another day. Larry Clifford returned to work hard as he always does. Thank you Larry! Liz Wilshere and Diane and Bill Dargay were ready to pitch in and work wherever needed. Nancy Large joined us for the day, working hard and stayed till the bitter end of cleanup.

On Sunday we had two dogs earn their MACH (Master Agility Champion) titles. Sheltie Lily with owner/handler Melody Lynn earned her MACH and Border Collie Echo with owner/handler Ken Fairchild earned their MACH I title!!! (not a typo, that was Echo's eleventh MACH title, she is twelve years old and still runs like a youngster)

For Gordon Setters entered, we had a record four competing. Diane and Bill Dargay's boy Travis ran in novice standard each day. Liz Wilshere's Stella ran in open standard and novice jumpers. For my two dogs, Molly ran in excellent jumpers each day and Jake ran in excellent standard and excellent jumpers each day. Saturday saw three Gordons qualify: Stella in Novice Jumpers, Molly and Jake in Excellent Jumpers. High scoring dog was Jake running 5.11 yards per second. Molly ran 4.62 yps and Stella ran 4.15 yps. Sunday we had two Gordons qualify: Molly and Jake qualified in excellent jumpers with Jake being High Scoring dog running 5.17 yards per second, Molly following with 4.84 yps.

Thank you to all club members who helped make the trial a success- Maureen

Candid Photos and Videos Needed for the TarTan Archives

If you have any of the following, please consider donating them to the TarTan Archives:

Any candid photographs of the 2007 National Specialty at, Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc, WI or the National Championship and Field Trial. Cloverdale Farm, Sutherlin, Virginia. Please send photos to archives on a CD if possible. (High resolution images provide the most flexibility for future use.)

Videos of past TarTan specialties or parts of the specialties. (If you can burn a copy to CD or DVD, that'd be great, but ask Karen what format she'd prefer.)

Thanks for your help!

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