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Tidings

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-TARTAN SPECIALTY 2008-



It was a beautiful day for a dog show! You couldn't have asked for a nicer day than Columbus day 2008 for the TarTan Specialty held in South Windsor CT. The day dawned warm and clear, the foliage was beautiful and our beautiful black and tan breed was well represented by our entry.

Our judging panel of Susan Tapp, sweepstakes; Pat Mowbray-Morgan, regular and non-regular classes; and Tibby Chase, obedience and rally all voiced their appreciation for the dogs as well as for the club membership. My thanks to all who entered and a HUGE thanks to the whole show committee for working hard to make this Specialty "special"!

Robin Marshall

Best of Breed - Ch Woodsmoke Five O'Clock Whistle

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**Best of Opposite Sex - Ch Valley View Spring Cait 'E' Did
VERY proud owner/handler Sherrie Grober and her girl 'Cait'**

***Save the Dates! TarTan Supported Entries at 3 Specialties!
BASS February 5th! , Secaucus, New Jersey – February (closes Jan 14, Rau)
NESGA, Fitchburg, Massachusetts – March 14 & 15 (closes Feb 25, MB-F)***



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Preferred appointment time 8a.m.- 12 p.m. _____ 12 p.m. – 4p.m. _____

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BREEDING AND FUTURE LITTER ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a planned, March 2009, breeding between my Brodie, (Ahoy's Pride of the Glens JH, Ch Sandpiper's Shore Enough x Ch Ahoy's Iona of Skye) and Isabell, (Satucket's Bonnie Isabell, TJR's Chips Ahoy x TJR's Little Lady Fingers). Isabell is owned by Susan Brooks of Brewster, MA.

Brodie is OFA hips & elbows - good, Thyroid - Normal and CERF certified (www.offa.org/display.html?appnum=1335843#animal). Isabell is scheduled to be tested prior to any breeding and breeding will only take place upon receipt of favorable results. Isabell is a very pretty girl and this breeding should produce some very nice pups. This will be both Brodie's and Isabell's first breeding.

I will be pleased to answer any and all questions that might arise.

Jim MacWalter
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September 22, 2008

Susan K. Chandler
41 Old Brunswick Road Freeport, ME 04032

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Goshen, CT 06756

To Whom It May Concern:

I adopted Morgan from you in early summer of 1996. I met a woman down in Old Orchard Beach, Maine around 11:30 at night to greet Morgan and welcome him to his new home. He was 2 years old at the time. Even in the light of the street lamps I could tell he was a gorgeous boy. We had a long ride home that night and I stayed up until about 2 a.m. just petting him and helping him get used to his new home. He rejected all of the bedding I had purchased for him and he promptly jumped into my bed with me, rolled onto his back and claimed his spot on the bed. One of his most endearing qualities was his snuggly nature.

Morgan passed away on Friday, September 19th. He seemed to have a sudden stroke and lost all ability to move. I rushed him to the vet where we put him down humanely.

I so appreciate the wonderful placement by your group of this beautiful boy with me. He has brought me 12 years of joy and lots of love. The world feels somewhat empty without him. I don't know how long that feeling will last but I will go through it as well as remember all of the wonderful adventures we had together.

He was a wonderful hiking dog, he loved Popham Beach and running in the water, he loved camping and long walks. He was so loving and always accepting. He stood new me when I was tearful and he would be excited when I was happy. For whatever reason, I took a day off of work on Thursday, the 18th, and I worked in the yard and he played outside all day with me. He chased bugs, slept new where I was working and just enjoyed basking in the sun. I am so glad that this was the way he spent his last day.

Thanks again for letting me share Morgan's life. I would love to have another Gordon Setter someday and will let you know when that time comes.

Sincerely,

Swan Chandler



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





Winners Bitch-Best of Winners -
 Windcrest Kiss Me Kate
 From the American Bred bitch class came
 owner/handler Elizabeth Maher....hard to believe
 this has been her first show dog as an owner/
 handler



High in Trial -
 Pinebirch Just Jake RA JH MX MXJ OF
 TarTan member Maureen McLatchy proudly
 represented our breed at the 2008 AKC Agil-
 ity Invitational.
 With four Gordons in attendance, Maureen
 was there with 1/2 the Gordon entry with her
 two 'wonder-dogs'....mother and son...Molly
 and Jake

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FEATURED DOGGIE YUMMY!

From Cooking the Three Dog Bakery Way
Peanut Butter Training Bites

2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup whole wheat flour
1 teaspoon molasses
2 tablespoons unsalted peanut butter
2 tablespoons canola oil
Preheat oven to 350 F

Stir together the flours in a bowl and set aside. Cream together the molasses, peanut butter, and oil in a large bowl. Add 1/2 cup water to the molasses mixture and mix well. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and mix until smooth.

Divide the dough into golf-ball-size pieces and roll each into a log the diameter of a training bite, typically 1/2 inch. Slice the logs into 1/2 inch thick disks. Arrange on two ungreased baking sheets and bake approximately 30 minutes, until golden brown and crunchy. Cool completely before serving. (hah, try and do that with Ronan around!)

Store in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks, or wrap well and freeze for up to 2 months.

Ronan_loves_these, almost as much as the Banana Mutt Bread! They're easy to put in your pockets for training and don't leave a greasy mess.

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

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for publication in the Newsletter!!

Rescue Report August 16, 2008

We have not taken in any dogs since the last board meeting, and we have gained a few prospective homes. We have also had two people change their minds, so far, about placing dogs; in both cases TarTan members have assisted with ID-ing the dogs and/or with training ideas.

As testimony to the caliber of most of our regional breeders, three breeder members have taken dogs back that have been surrendered. Two breeders have also made donations to TarTan Rescue after we assisted with placing dogs, and we greatly appreciate that.

We received a phone call this week from a Connecticut vet checking for a mailing address; a Gordon owner (name still not known) had passed away, and the family wished donations in memory of the woman be made to Gordon Setter Rescue; Phyllis and Vanessa put the vet in contact with me.

We have applied for a funding grant available from GSCA; according to the application, the money will be given to all who apply but the amount will be unknown until all applications are in (deadline is Sept. 1).

We also have stood ready to help a Gordon owner who was ill; Bill Mansfield was hospitalized and Dr. Sue was contacted by his family. She was ready to take his dogs but transport was required. I used the Gordon email list set up by Karol Paduch to see if anyone might help, and the MacWalters immediately offered assistance, which in the end was not necessary since Bill came home. I didn't want to use our foster network for this purpose, but the show email list worked well under these conditions.

We are hoping to attend the Capital District Scottish Games in Altamont, NY again, to participate in the Parade of Scottish Breeds and have our rescue booth. There has been discussion of participation in other Scottish Games, and I believe that will come to the board today or at an upcoming meeting, as coordination is necessary.

**Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Shanahan**

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*The American Kennel Club/
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Fund was specifically
established to sponsor health
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Jani Wolstenholme

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"Bronwen"**

**CanCH Sassenach Ring-
wraith SureShot**
loved and missed
Judith Brown

Susan DeSilver

**In Memory of "Tyler"
Ch Kingpoint Gordon
Hill Ducati**

CD,JH,RE,OA,NAP
loved and missed by
Bill & Diane Dargay

Beth Beatty

**In Honor of
Jerold Bell DVM
He is a very special
person**

New Titleholders – August 2008CONFORMATION:

Ch Sandpiper's Firethorn Wave Review (B) August 22, 2008
(Ch Firethorn's Denver Bronco x Ch Sandpiper's Catch The Wave JH)
Br: NM & NM & NM, Ow: NM & NM & Paul Reilly

Ch Sassenach Roads Scholar (D) August 24, 2008
(Rokeena Swagman x Ch Sassenach Limited Edition CD)
Br: Judith M Brown, Ow: Jani M Wolstenholme & Judith M Brown

PERFORMANCE & FIELD:Field Champion

DC Blackburn Sir Launcelot JH (D) August 23, 2008
(Ch Hcask Splbnd Gone With The Win JH x Ch Tartana Dame Tinka Belle JH)
Br/Ow: Jane De Casteja

Novice Agility Jumper

Woodsmoke Stella By Starlight JH NA NAJ (B) August 9, 2008
(Ch Gordon Hill Seagem Sportster JH x Ch Kingpoint Woodsmoke Echo JH)
Br: Cindy Fitzgerald & Elizabeth Wilshere, Ow: Elizabeth Wilshere, Beth Beatty & Cindy Fitzgerald

Master Excellent Jumper Preferred 4

MACH Pinebirch Southern Promise CD RE JH PAX OFF (B)
August 9, 2008
(Ch Timbaray's Southern Comfort CDX RN x Ch Pinebirch Guilty As Charged
UD RE JH NA OAP OJP)
Br/Ow: Maureen A McLatchy

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Lynn Tenny has graciously updated the
TarTan web-site. Membership should visit our
web-site often at www.TarTanGSC.org.

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Wags and brags

The CT/NC Consortium of Cindy Fitzgerald, Beth Beatty and Liz Wilshere would like to proudly announce their new Master Hunter - SeaGem Woodsmoke Blues Diva, MH !!!

Bess and best friend Walter Cruz finished off their last two legs at the very cold and windy PANE hunt tests here in CT in November. There is not enough we can say about Walter, a finer gentleman would be hard to find...he loves his dogs and they love him in return. I'd like to think he had a special relationship with Bess, she was a 'thinker' and sometimes found it hard to do things the way Walter thought they should be done.

She did not get to this feat alone as there was a huge support system accompanying her all the way; first and foremost was Walter's wife Joelle who out-thought Bess much of the time as Walter's training partner, thank you to breeder Patte Schattner for letting Bess join our crew and a huge hug to Candice Bell, Bess's most stalwart supporter

Buddy's Story



Article and photo by Jim Dillon

A phone call from friend Cindy Fitzgerald was the starting point. "Do you have any room for a Gordon that needs help?" "I do, but only for a short time." "Can you go down to the Norwich pound and pick up a dog?" "Sure." No one can refuse Cindy, she just has that Cindy thing she does, it's always for a good reason and you just do it 'cause she's Cindy and she asks so nicely. I gave the Norwich ACO a call and drove down not knowing what to expect. When I met Michelle, she told me a little of why the dog was there. He was signed over by the owner's mother-in-law as a neighbor had called in a complaint about abuse. The owner had refused to meet with the Animal Control Officer. She warned me that I was not going to like what I was about to see.

I heard the Gordon voice first and then saw the skinny black shape running back and forth in the indoor/outdoor run. He was highly stressed and was afraid of everything around him. We did a little paperwork and then we had to get him out of the run. I went outside and he ran in, Michelle dropped guillotine door. He just cowered in the corner of the pen. She put a lead on him and he came out with wide eyes and trembling. She got him into a crate in the back of my car and I thanked her for the help. "Thank the club for giving him a chance, because he had no chance here." "What's his name?" "What ever you want it to be; they never told me." "Well he will be someone's best buddy once he gets over this." "That's a good name for him, Buddy."

The ride home from the pound was no treat - thank God it wasn't too cold, as all the windows were down and the heat was cranked up. The smell of a pound animal is overpowering. I thought, I hope I can get him back out of the car. I just put a flexi on him and walked back about ten feet and he popped right out on his own. He followed me out to one of the big runs at my place and walked right in. Once he was off the lead he headed to the far corner until I got out the door. Right away he tried to make friends with the big Irish Setter in the next run. James is a big easy-going guy and Buddy just started following him and mimicking what he was doing. 5pm is dinner time and that was a big hit. He polished off 2 cups of Eukanuba with a little wet food in a flash. The evening come in to the house was not easy, it took two hours of sitting in the run on the ground before Buddy would come close enough to let me scratch his ear and slip on a lead. Once on the lead it was a piece of cake getting him into the house and settled in a crate. Not a peep all night.

The next day was a trip to visit the Vet. The scale told me just now bad things were: 42.5 pounds for an 11 month old Gordon male. He is mostly field stock, but the Vet said he should be 50 pounds minimum and would like to see a little more. He was infested with ticks, had more than one type of G.I. tract worm and tested positive for Lyme disease. We got him started on the right meds and the road to a much healthier life.

The week was one of little victories, one step forward at a time and sometimes a half step back. By the end of the week Buddy was up at the fence wagging his tail waiting for dinner like all the other Setters that live here. Then came the call. Ellen had a for real home for Buddy in New Hampshire. Sunday morning he started off for a meeting with Laura Bedford at Flaherty Field and the trip to a new home.

This dog is the product of a person that produces a litter every time a little extra cash is needed. Unfortunately this person doesn't seem to care where they go or how they are treated. TarTan rescue has seen far too many of this person's production over the years. I hope you notice that I don't call him a breeder. Breeders are caring, responsible people.

Ch. Woodsmoke Five O'Clock Whistle



2008 TarTan G.S.C. Specialty Best of Breed

Thank you Judge Pat Mowbray-Morgan
Breeders: Cindy Fitzgerald & Liz Wilshere
Owners: Nancy & Earl Smith & Cindy Fitzgerald

I received my Tar-Tan Tidings in early September and enjoyed reading about Why a Gordon and Tips...? Of course I was flattered Merlin and I made such an impact on someone's life back in 1984. I immediately got on the phone to Jani. Told her the fun and challenges I was having with my two sibling Gordons, Tagg and Cosby. I told her I would write about our visit for our glamour shots with these two beauties. Last year, a friend, who does grooming and has obedience classes, was having a doggie Halloween party and I took Cosby and Tagg. He went as a pirate and she as snow white. The owner of the building and the pet supply and "do your own dog wash" shop down stairs, was also providing an opportunity to have dog's portrait done. I decided I'd like that as my dogs were getting older at 9 years old. The gal photographing was a bit inexperienced and as we all know, Gordons are hard to photograph. The picture came out like the dogs had car lights shining on them. She offered me my money back or another sitting. I chose to come back for the winter scene for the second sitting. It was beautiful but getting two dogs of this large size and different personalities to both look good at the same time was a challenge. Cosby, my big male (29" and 90 lb), was beginning to tire and stress. I suggested we do a shot of both of them lying down. The challenge now was that her cubes for the props were a bit too small or she did not have enough. We arraigned them as spread out as we could and still hold the dogs. I said, "Let's place Cosby where we want him, he'll stay put. Tagg is like a cat and we can put her anywhere." So we did that and I had to sit behind Tagg holding her butt up. You see the picture came out great. The bittersweet ending is that two days after I spoke to Jani, on his 10th birthday, Cosby died of a heart attack in my husband's arms. I had a birthday party planned for the next day. For my doggie kids, I had invited the sibling, Piper, and mother Eva (16 years) Nancy Large still owns. (I have always celebrated the 10 birthday of my Gordons.) It was a celebration of their life with a sad twist. He was a big sweet glunk. He always reminded me 'he was not so dumb'. He got his CD and one leg on his Rally O and I had started training him in tracking. He loved doing anything with us.

Bye, Big Boy.

Alice Pickett-Hale



Hunting Hints:

This is a new category for the tidings and one that we hope will generate a lot of excitement, interest and other suggestions. For those of you who do hunt tests, field trials, or hunt period, I think a nice addition to the Tidings could be helpful hints to those of us who don't, or don't do it often. For instance, what do you use on your dogs' coat to protect them from the environment (i.e. burrs, etc), or is there a something you do in particular to prepare, etc. Any helpful training hints? places to train in the area, whatever sounds as if it would be helpful to those of us with little or no knowledge.

Ramblin' the Coverts

By Jim Dillon

Some of the older members may remember articles written under this title from years in the past. Well, just before leaving on a hunting trip to New Brunswick, I received an email from the editor. "Can you revive your old column? We have lots of new people interested in doing things in the field with their dogs." So here we go once again. The first thing you have to know, this is not about field trials, we as a club are lucky to have many members well versed in that area of competition and are most of the time willing to share their knowledge. This column is about hunting and the many things that pertain to what the breed was meant to do, hunt. Before anyone gets all crazed, this is not about politics. Long before there were show rings, trial courses and all the rest of the things we do with our dogs, there was hunting and that is why we have Gordons as a breed. If you are doing any of the things with your dog that the good forks at the A.K.C. have come up with, good for you. At least that means you're dedicated to doing something with your dog and willing to put in some time and money.

As I said, I just returned from a trip to Atlantic Canada, where I was hunting Ruff Grouse and Woodcock with a couple of my dogs. Many of you know that I have setters of more than one breed and it happens that I took two of the white dogs. Both Maggie and Nigel are show champions and the week before had had been entered at the ESCNE specialty. I can hear the sucking sound of some of the people that show right now. Yes they left dripping in coat, but guess what, they came back still ready to go to a show after a bath. Well not to lie, one is a little worse for wear, but I'll get to that a little later. Hunting with a show quality dog takes a little work, but is not a major feat. To begin you must prepare like you're going to a show. A bath and a good conditioner are a must do. I use *The Stuff* sprayed on and combed though while wet. The day you go out spray on a little *Show Sheen* and work in a little *Cowboy Magic* to the bib area. You don't have to make your dog a grease ball, too much is just a waste of money. When you come back, lightly spray any areas of burrs with *The Stuff* and comb out. Never comb out a dry dog, always use conditioner. You can get away with this method for a few days of hunting without another bath. I'm sure that Nigel could make the "cut" tomorrow, if we were off to a show. The English have the hardest coat to maintain of the setters and this method works just fine.

The next issue I want to take up is the health and safety of your dog. Don't go out into the field with a dog that has been sitting on its backside all summer. You are asking for a trip to the Vet at best and something you will never forgive yourself for at worst. When hunting, your dog covers 3 to 4 miles for every mile you walk and he or she sure isn't doing much walking. On a good day hunting, I cover as much as 5 miles and I have a bad leg. I'm asking my dog to run a marathon and it may be in the 60s or 70s. Take plenty of water and use your water bottle often for both of you. Physical training should start for both of you not later than Labor Day, if you plan to hunt early in October. There is plenty of light after work at that time of year to get in an hour of running for both of you.

Now for the dog that came back from Canada a little worse for wear. Maggie and Nigel were playing, she was chasing him around at the camp and she was trying to nip his tail. He rounded my cousin's truck and Maggie being smaller and quicker cut a little closer into the truck. The trailer hitch knocked her flat! I mean out cold for a minute, with a big split between her eyes. What would you do? The closest Vet was well over an hour away. Years ago I found something from *TBI Dog Supply* in Texas, it is *Creative Pet Products* first aid kit. It has just about everything in it that you would find in your Veterinarian's bag and a really good first aid book. No I didn't have to use the staple gun in the kit, just some butterflies, antibiotic ointment and a cold pack. This accident could have happened in the back yard or on vacation or just about anywhere. Are you ready for the day the Vet is not available? She's fine, yeah setters are hardheaded in more than one way.

Well I hope that you got something out of my ramblin's this issue. If you have a question email me at huntlysetters@sbcglobal.net

Best of Opposite in Sweepstakes -
Sunrunners Uncensored

And all the way down from
Canada-Robert McGowan



Winners Dog - Celtic Fly
Me To The Moon

*Flyer finished his
championship at TarTan and
then received his CD and
JH within the next two
month's!!!*

Best in Sweepstakes -
GrtScots Hero At Moonstone



With proud owner
Deb Hemmings-Cournoyer
looking on



Best Junior Handler -
Katelyn Barber
&
Ch Kingpoint Woodsmoke Echo JH

Katelyn and Ella have been
showing together less than a year!

2008 TarTan Specialty ResultsSweepstakes - Judge Ms Susan Tapp (NJ)9-12 dogs (1)

1 GrtScots Hero At Moonstone

15-18 dogs (1, 1 ab)6-9 bitches (1)

1 Sunrunners Uncensored

9-12 bitches (1)

1 Indian Sky Xmas Comet Of Coppersox

12-15 bitches (1)

1 Sandpiper's Taking Off For Shore

15-18 bitches (2)

1 Leadra's Leal Loinneil Lemon

2 Windcrest Leather And Lace

Best in Sweeps: GrtScots Hero At Moonstone**Opposite: Sunrunners Uncensored**Junior Showmanship – Mrs Patricia Mowbray-MorganNovice Intermediate (1)

1 Natalie Fitzgerald & Ch Kingpoint Woodsmoke Decision

Open Intermediate (1)

1 Katelyn Barber & Ch Kingpoint Woodsmoke Echo JH

Open Senior (1)

1 Victoria Sweeney & Ch Windcrest Some Kind Of Wonderful

Best Junior: Ms Katelyn BarberObedience – Judge Mrs Elizabeth ChaseObedience Open A (1) NQObedience Novice B (1)

1 Pinebirch Just Jake RA JH MX MXJ OF (Ch Woodsmoke's Just Looking CDX RN JH OA AXP NAJ AJP x Pinebirch Southern Promise CD RE JH FAX OFP) Br/Ow Maureen McLatchy - Score 195

Rally – Judge Mrs Elizabeth ChaseRally Excellenet A (1)

1 Jake - Score 96

Rally Advanced A (1) - NQRally Novice B (2)

1 Ch Sassenach Roads Scholar, Jani Wolstenholme & Judith Brown, Score 87

2 Moonstone's Gem-N-I CD, Deborah Hemmings & Cythia O'Connor & Ashley Procopio, Score 79

Regular Classes - Judge Mrs Patricia Mowbray-Morgan (MA)6-9 Months Dogs (1)

1 GrtScots Hero At Moonstone (Ch Grtscots Demolition Man x Ch GrtScots Cats Pajamas) Br D & E Salyer, Ow Deborah Cournoyer

12-18 Months Dogs (1)

1 Locust Grove Stardust (Osage Ridge Peacemaker x Kahlya VT Blockuijs) Br S Walker & C Edwards, Ow Brenda Campbell & Sally Ann Walker LVT

Bred-By Exhibitor Dogs (4, 1 abs)

1 Celtic Fly Me To The Moon (Ch Celtic Jedburgh Abbey x Seagem Woodsmoke Diva SH) Br/Ow Beth Beatty & Cindy Fitzgerald

2 Windcrest Movin' Out (Ch Windrose Don't Blame My Mother x Ch Windcrest Lyin' Eyes) Br D Sweeney, S Scovil & L Jones, Ow Cora Hebert & Denise Sweeney

3 Noah's Ark Druid's Inspiration (Noah's Ark Beltane's Braveheart JH x Noah's Ark Spirit Of Holly Hollow JH) Br, I Frankel, Ow Iris Kay Frankel & Grances Glynn

American Bred Dogs (3)

1 Orion's Shore Fire (Ch Sanadpiper's Shore Enough x Ch Orion's Anastasia) Br/Ow Kirstie Whittall & Art Yarosh

2 Sastya Ragdge Road To Trilogy (Ch Sastya Kilernan Sorrisi x Raggededge Raisin Spirits) Br S Sealock, J Hafer & L Orndorff, Ow Karol Paduch & Mary Ann Leonard

3 Dundee's Lock N Load (Ch Trilogy Beacon Hill x Dundee's Lass Of Holly Hollow JH) Br William Hardie, Ow Tami Desrosiers

Open Dogs (3)

1 Buteo's Southern Patriot (Ch Buteo's Bass Trapper x Ch Heavenly Osage Coalition) Br C Edwards, Ow Cheryl Edwards & Halie Endicott

2 Ahoy's Pride Of The Glens JH (Ch Sandpiper's Shore Enough x Ch Ahoy's Iona Of Skye) Br A Treadwell, Ow James & Joyce MacWalter

3 Sandpiper Dicar Rumor For Shore (Ch Sandpiper's Shore Enough x Ch Sandpiper's Catch The Wave JH) Br J Beattie & M McLoughlin, Ow Janice Beattie

Winners Dog: Celtic Fly Me To The Moon**Reserve Winners Dog: Windcrest Movin' Out**6-9 Months Bitches (1)

1 Sunrunners Uncensored (Ch Cascades Sunrunner Here Comes The Son x Ch Sunrunners One More Time) Br B Tompkins & T Tompkins, Ow Robert McGowan & Barbara Young Tompkins

9-12 Months Bitches (1)

1 Indian Sky Xmas Comet Of Coppersox (Setanta Top Gun x Tartana Indian Sky Champagne Mist) Br C Ring, Ow JoCelena Goodwyn

12-18 Months Bitches (3)

- 1 Leadra's Leal Loinneil Lemon (Ch Sandpiper's Castle's By The Sea x Ch Leadra's Lilac Leannain CD RA) Br/Ow Sandra & Steve Nicoll
- 2 Sandpiper's Taking Off For Shore (Sandpiper's Brynbar For Dam Shore JH x Ch Sandpiper's Catch The Wave JH) Br J Beattie & M McLoughlin, Ow Donna Grant & Janice Beattie & Paul Reilly
- 3 Windcrest Leather And Lace (Ch Windcrest Take It To The Limit x Ch Windcrest Some Kind Of Wonderful) Br/Ow Denise Sweeney, Sue Scovil, Victoria Sweeney & Deidre Dunbar

Bred By Exhibitor (7, 2 abs)

- 1 Sea Gems Lasting Impressions (Ch Raggededge Justmoor Surreal x Ch Sea Gems Precious Black Satin) Br/Ow Patte Shattner & Deb Eckert
- 2 Ahoy's Here's Your Sign For Skye (Ch Sandpiper's Shore Enough x Ch Ahoy's Iona Of Skye (Br/Ow Allison Smith Treadwell
- 3 Buteo's Gale Warning (Ch Purbeck's Excellent Idea x Ch Buteo's Heavenly Fireworks) Br C Holland & S Kilby, Ow Craig Holland
- 4 Mountainview's Sas Sea (Ch Sandpiper's Castles By The Sea x Ch Mountainview's Greta Garbo) Br/Ow Shareen Brown

American Bred (4)

- 1 Windcrest Kiss Me Kate (Ch Brodruggan Black Knight x Ch Windcrest Gold Dust Woman) Br S Scovil & D Sweeney, Ow Anthony & Elizabeth Maher
- 2 Sandpiper's Sound Wave (Ch Sandpiper's Shore Enough x Ch Sandpiper's Catch The Wave JH) Br J Beattie & M McLoughlin, Ow Donna Grant, Janice Beattie & Paul Reilly
- 3 Moonstone Maggie Mochuile (Moonstone Max Million x Moonstone's Marguerita Lace) Br D Hemmings & D Kennedy, Ow Connie Kanoff & Deborah Hemmings Cournoyer
- 4 Sastya Trilogy Two For The Road (Ch NCM's Chairman Of The Board x Ch Sastya Sundance Free To Be Me JH) Br M Leonard & S Puhalla & D Smith, Ow Karol Paduch & Mary Ann Leonard

Open (8, 1 abs)

- 1 Arrowood's Blue Mist (Ch Braxfield Man In Black x Ch Arrowood's Evening Mist) Br/Ow Ardys McElwee
- 2 NCM's Heavenly Heart's On Fire (Ch Heavenly's Last Dance x Ch NCM's Witchcraft) Br L Summers, Ow Carmen & Gail Paludi
- 3 Sandpiper's Wash-A-Shore (Ch Brigadoon's Repeat Offender x Ch Sandpiper's Ship-To-Shore) Br J Beattie, M McLoughlin, C McWeeny, Ow Janice Beattie
- 4 Orion's Starfire (Ch Sandpiper's Shore Enough x Ch Orion's Anastasia) Br/Ow Kirstie Whittall & Art Yarosh

Winners Bitch: Windcrest Kiss Me Kate**Reserve Winners Bitch: Sea Gems Lasting Impressions**Field Trial Dogs (1)

- 1 DC Blackburn Sir Launcelot JH (Ch Hcawsk Splbnd Gone With The Win JH x Ch Tartana Dame Tinka Belle JH) Br/Ow Jane de Casteja

Veteran Bitches (5)

- 1 Ch Kingpoint Woodsmoke Decision (Ch Gordon Hill Seagem Sportster JH x Ch Kingpoint Bagheera) Br T Verho, C Fitzgerald, Kinnike Knls, Ow Cindy Fitzgerald
- 2 Ch Grousewood Diamond Jubilee JH (Ch Conobtra Megabyte VIP CDX JH NA x Ch Brentwood's Diamond Ice) Br D & S Gould, P Krothe, Ow Susan & Derek Gould
- 3 Windcrest Gold Dust Woman (Ch Windcrest Once In A Blue Moon x Ch Windcrest Let Time Go Lightly) Br S Scovil & D Sweeney, Ow Elizabeth & Anthony Maher & Sue Scovil
- 4 Ch Brentwood's Diamond Ice (Ch MacAlder Upland Hunter x Ch Tri-Sett Vanity Fair JH) Br K Gatchell & C & P Krothe, Ow Susan & Derek Gould

Brood Bitch (1)

- 1 Dundee's Lass Of Holly Hollow JH (Ch Pineridge Sutton Of Holly Hollow SH x Ch Dundee's Dhru Of Tri-Sett) Br/Ow William Hardie

Breed (6 dogs, 5 bitches)Dogs:

- Ch Kingpoint Either Or (Ch Windcrest Once In A Blue Moon x Ch Kingpoint Afterthought) Br T Verho, Ow Cindy Fitzgerald, Minnea Torola, Tujja Verho
- Ch Woodsmoke Five O'Clock Whistle (Ch Gordon Hill Seagem Sportster JH x Ch Kingpoint Woodsmoke Echo JH) Br C Fitzgerald & L Wilshire, OW Nancy & Earl Smith & Cindy Fitzgerald
- Ch Sandpiper's Shore Enough (Ch Spring Run's Take It Easy x Ch Sandpiper's Ship-To-Shore) Br J Beattie, C Kirby, M McLoughlin, Ow Donna Grant, Paul Reilly, Janice Beattie
- Ch Sea Star's Rhapsody In Blue JH (Ch Hillock Orion Bright Star x Ch Merlot's Forget Me Not Roxanne) Br R Rodgers & N Jones, Ow Sharon Samelson & David Wentworth
- Ch Windcrest Travelin' Prayer (Ch Windrose Don't Blame My Mother x Ch Windcrest Lyin' Eyes) Br L Jones, D Sweeney, S Scovil, Ow Kristeen Davidson-Christman
- Ch Leadra's Leading Lennox Lad CD RA (Ch Saniver's Payton For Leadra CD x Ch Sandpiper's Lone Leadra Lass CDX RA) Br/Ow Sandra & Steve Nicoll

Bitches:

- Ch Valley View Spring Cait "E" Did (Ch Triseter Ebonie Nirvana x Valley View's All About It) Br J Van Aller, Ow Sherrie Grober & Joanne Van Aller
- Ch Purbeck's High Octane (Ch Purbeck Excellent Idea x Ch Tri-Sett Living Legend CD JH) Br F Becker & K Becker, Ow Ellen C Jones
- Ch Sea Gems Satin Doll Ch Bordon Hill Seagem Sportster JH x Ch Sea Gems Precious Black Satin) Br P Schattner & T Pierce, Ow Lynne LaVigne
- Ch Celtic Heart's Breezy Spirit Akara (Ch Greenglen's Glass Treasure x Triseter Ebonie Victoria) Br D & R Novak, Ow Donna & Frank Traeger & Debbie Novak
- Ch Windcrest Some Kind Of Wonderful (Rokeena Swagman x Windcrest Skies The Limit) Br D Sweeney & S Scovil, Ow Denise Sweeney, Sue Scovil, Victoria Sweeney & Deidre Dunbar

NEW TITLES – September 2008

CONFORMATION:

Ch Kingpoint Either Or (D) September 21, 2008
 (Ch Windcrest Once In A Blue Moon x
 Ch Kingpoint Afterthought)
 Breeder: N/M, Owner: NM & Cynthia Fitzgerald & NM

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 2008
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Submitted by Karol Paduch
 trilogygordons@aol.com

PERFORMANCE & FIELD:

Companion Dog

Pinebirch Just Jake CD RA JH MX MXJ OF (D) Sep-
 tember 15, 2008
 (Ch Woodsmoke's Just Looking CDX RN JH OA AXP
 NAJ AJP x MACH Pinebirch Southern Promise CD RE JH
 MXP4 MJP4 PAX OFF)
 Breeder/Owner: Maureen A McLatchy

Senior Hunter

Holly Hollow's Outrageous Oliver SH (D) Septem-
 ber 13, 2008
 (Ch Pineridge Sutton Of Holly Hollow CD SH x Ch Pin-
 eridge Remember Rose CD JH)
 Breeder: NM, Owner: Lawrence J Clifford & NM

A couple of titles to take a look at for the holidays:

That Sky, That Rain

Carolyn Otto/Megan Lloyd author/illustrator

Thomas Y Crowell, publisher

This is a fun book for youngsters that has one of our Gordons playing a role in the storyline. What makes this book interesting is that a late GSCA member provided the inspiration for the illustrations for the book.. Dorothy Israel's Gordons were so wonderful that Ms Lloyd used her dogs for the drawings. I love that it is a simple story and love that the Gordon is so prominently displayed. Great gift for the young reader in the family.

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!

DOGS

Yann Arthus-Bertrand

This is one of the best books of dog portraits to be found. It is quite lengthy and has all kinds of breeds that we are not familiar with here in the States. I brought this book to work and everyone was thoroughly involved in finding the funkiest, funniest or weirdest breed and their people. The photographer is French and is world renowned. (I stumbled upon this at an old bookstore). There is a pocket sized version that makes it even more accessible. The 3 Gordons are great! A nice gift for someone.

Mollie Williams

Florida

Speaking for Spot

Speaking for Spot, by Dr. Nancy Kay, was written to teach people how to be effective medical advocates for their four-legged best friends. Some questions that are answered in the book are?

- How do I find a vet that feels just right for me and my dog?
- How will I be able to afford my dog's health care? Is pet insurance the way to go?
- What are the important questions I should be asking my vet?
- When is it appropriate to get a second opinion? Where should I go to get one and how can I avoid offending my vet?
- Am I doing the right thing? Am I doing this for him or for me?

\$19.95 from Dogwise

TarTan Annual Banquet

Annual Awards

General Membership Meeting

Guest Speaker: Jan Adams

"From Pup to Partner: The Making of a Fidelco Guide Dog"

RAFFLE!

Saturday, February 14, 2009

Storowton Tavern

West Springfield, Massachusetts

Cocktails at 6:00 Dinner at 7:00

Please join us as we rekindle friendships and create new ones, share stories about our dogs and family, learn something new, and have a wonderful time!

Once again, our club has generously agreed to subsidize the price of a dinner for members, so the benefits far outweigh the cost!

In keeping with tradition, proceeds from our raffle will go to our scholarship fund, so dig out those long-forgotten items, doggie or otherwise, and bring them in, with the expectation that you will be going home with new goodies.

Dinner Reservations

Name _____

Number of members @ \$20 _____

Number of guests @ \$30 _____

Send reservations with check to: Laura Bedford, 11 Shafer Road, New Hartford, CT 06057

Questions?: halcyondog@aol.com 860-489-9908

Deadline January 17

Annual Awards Application

Any dog owned by a member of the TarTan Gordon Setter Club, which has earned a title during the calendar year 2008 is eligible for an award.

Dog's registered name: _____

Title(s) earned: _____

Date and event where completed: _____

Owner's name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Send Awards Application to: Coleen Banks, 28 Kenilworth Drive West, Stamford, CT 06902

Questions?: aileyfan@yahoo.com 203-969-9069













-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 TarTan

Banquet in February . Tickets will be \$5.00 each.

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: wdsme85@aol.com

or

Robin Marshall, 61 Middlefield Rd. Peru, MA 01235 Email: rpix05@aol.com

Quotes from our members.....

It was a picture-perfect day for our Specialty and the gorgeous foliage was the perfect backdrop to our Gordons. The obedience judge, Tibby Chase, kept commenting on how beautiful our dogs looked with this background! She was also very creative in her design of the Rally Obedience course when we couldn't find the orange cones for the spiral - she confiscated pumpkins!

My only concern with that was to keep Ronan focused through the pumpkins so as not to, um, mark them.

The pot luck was fabulous and I don't think anyone went home hungry. The show committee did a fantastic job, as usual.

Thanks for a terrific day. Jani



Woodsmoke

Proud of our Talented Juniors



Katelyn Barber & “Ella”
Best Junior - 2008 TarTan GSC Specialty



Natalie Fitzgerald & “Lena”
Veteran Bitch Class Winner
2008 TarTan GSC Specialty

TarTan Fall Field Trial

The TarTan Fall Field Trial was held on October 25-26; the weather forecast was grim, but this time, the weather guess was wrong. The forecast storm on Saturday produced only clouds and wind until dark; rain came overnight, but Sunday was a great day for running dogs.

As always, special thanks go to Larry Clifford, who is a great secretary, a great help, who always remembers what I forget and always maintains good cheer. Many thanks to our judging panel: Patrick Callahan, Jim D'Amico, Rich Murphy, Ed Sawicki, and Robert and Jean Webb.

Ralph Schmid and Candice Bell ran the absolutely awesome TarTan kitchen throughout the weekend and organized the always massive clean-up. Our excellent Judges' Dinner on Saturday night was provided by firehouse chef, Jim Blaschke, with two exquisite cakes for dessert donated by pastry chef, Carol Murdock, one with the TarTan logo, and one with a beautiful Gordon on point. The bounty was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

It was a good weekend for TarTan member Gwynne McDevitt, who finished her FC Doubledee Danni's Amateur Field Championship at our trial. And welcome to the Bell's Master Hunter, Smith, who made his field trial debut at this trial. It's wonderful to see our member's dogs out there.

Jane deCasteja was chief line marshall and kept the trial running smooth as silk. Bird planting and marshaling duties thanks to Jim D'Amico, Susan Gregory, Debby Freidus, Ken Kohles, Dianne Tuttle, Laura Bedford, and Keith Culver. Jim D'Amico was a great help getting us going in the morning with first bird liberation and picking up pieces at the end of the day. Special thanks to Susan Gregory for cleaning the bird room and scrubbing bird room pans and to Liz Gordon for being part of the die hard clean up crew. Thanks again to all the wonderful help and support we get from all folks inside and outside our club and our breed.

Open Limited Gun dog (18 all breed starters)

Judges: Pat Callahan & Ed Sawicki

1. PT
2. ES
3. ES
4. IS

Open Derby (5 all breed starters)

Judges: Pat Callahan & Jim D'Amico

1. PT
2. Falcons Jasmine (Sanborn)
3. IS
4. Witheld

Amateur Gun Dog (7 Gordon Setter Starters)

Judges: Jean Webb & Robert Webb

1. FC Doubledee Danni (McDevitt)
2. Belmors Lookn Stylish (D'Amico)
3. DC/AFC Indian Sky Gordon Hill Scout (DeSilver)
4. DC Gordon Hill Odyssey (DeSilver)

Open Gun Dog (15 all breed starters)

Judges: Rich Murphy & Ed Sawicki

1. GSP
2. PT (Freidus)
3. IS
4. IS

Open Puppy (4 all breed starters)

Judges: Jean Webb & Robert Webb

1. GSP
2. ES
3. GSP
4. PT (Gregory)

Amateur Limited Gun Dog (11 all breed starters)

Judges: Rich Murphy & Robert Webb

1. NFC/FC/AFC Sandy Creek Skedaddle (Kohles)
2. BR
3. GSP
4. FC Doubledee Danni (McDevitt)

Susan DeSilver, Chair

Save the Date!
TarTan Banquet is a sweet-
heart of a deal, on
Valentine's Day, February
14th, at Storrowton Tavern,
West Springfield, MA

Our Adventures – Part 2

The second installment in the continuing saga of a Gordon Setter and his man.

Joyce, there is a knock at the door. Din ye bother, I'll answer it.

Hello, what ever brought ye oot on such a terrible afternoon? Come in, come in, before ye catch yer death. It's such a braw day oot today with the wind ranting and the rain coming doon sideways. What ever possessed ye to venture oot on such a day?

What's that ye say? Ye wanted tay hear anither tale about Brodie? Git on wi' ye. Ye must be daft to be coming to my door with your wee bairns in tow on such a day for the sake of listening to this old dodger rattle on about past adventures wi' his dog.

Very well, let me take your coats and hats. Ye must be soaked tay the bone. Tak a seat by the fire and warm yourself. Here, let me give the fire a wee poke, that's better.

Brodie, keep ye an eye on the bairns, dinna let them into any mischief.

Joyce, we have visitors, could ye put the kettle on luv? My Joyce is a great lass, I dinna kin what I would do without her. Would ye care for a wee dram?

All right now, where did we leave off? Ahh, right ye are, we had just brought the wee pup home hadn't we.

Well we named that wee pup Brodie. We thought the name had some strength to it and it rolled off the lips fairly easy when we called him. We had a wee crate and he accustomed himself to it rather quickly. Joyce and I were amazed at how fast this wee pup house trained. I dinna think it took more than a day or two.

The wee lad had a tremendous curiosity and was soon into everything. There was nay a thing at floor level that was safe any longer. It took a bit of patience and gentle persuasion, but after a while he began to understand that only what was given to him could be considered his.

Many were the excursions taken by Brodie, myself, and yes, Joyce also to the local woods and fields to get the boy accustomed to being amongst the fauna and flora. All of this was a new world to him and each tuft of grass, every rabbit or groundhog hole had to be investigated. If a leaf blew across the field it was an invitation to chase.

It was good exercise for all concerned. Brodie came back from the fields with a good appetite. After eating he and I usually took a nice nap together on the coach.

As time went on, it came closer to pheasant season. Now the lad was only ten months old, but I thought to myself that it couldn't hurt to take him out with the big boys. I did not expect very much from him, after all, he was very young.

The big day arrived and I packed the old shotgun, Brodie and myself into the car for the forty-minute drive to the local state reservation. We arrived about a half an hour before sunrise. Good timing. This left me time to enjoy a cup of coffee before legal shooting time. Brodie was aware that something exciting was about to occur, but he didn't have a clue as to what it was.

Other cars began to arrive and the hunters and their dogs began to mill about the parking area.

Other dogs! Now this was something my wee lad understood. "These are potential friends" he says to himself. The wining and shuffling about in his crate intensified. "All right" says I, "I'll take you oot to meet the others". He had a grand time making the acquaintance of the others. They were mostly Labs too be sure. But there was the occasional German Shorthair. Tried as he might, he could find no dogs like himself

The hunters gathered around. Some didn't kin what breed Brodie was and made the inquiry. Before I could answer some of the older gents said quietly "that's a Gordon Setter son, you don't see them around here much anymore. Nice looking dog mister". I beamed in pride as Brodie attempted to tie my legs together with the lead. "Does he hunt?" How do I answer this question and maintain dignity for Brodie and myself? Well, I have found that honesty is the best policy, "That's what I am here to find out. My dog is only ten months old so I would be happy just for him to get some scent up his nose". The older gent nodded knowingly, "Good luck to you, It's now officially sunrise so let's head in boys", and off we went up the long dirt road to the pheasant fields.

Soon shots could be heard. Brodie and I worked the fields with no result so there was little choice, we had to now work the tougher cover of scrub oak and pine. Two hours later, a tire dog and a much more tired hunter extracted themselves from the heavy cover back out to a large field.

There weren't very many hunters left. Possibly one or two left in my field of vision and they were several hundred yards away. "Well Brodie, we had a fine walk in the woods" I comfortingly said to the lad. I prepared for the long walk back to the car. The field we were walking in had to have been worked over several times by hunters and dogs so there was no reason to be on alert and I proceeded in a most casual manner.

What's this? What is that dog up too? Ach, he must have an old scent of where a pheasant must have been. But that's good. That is all I really wanted from today anyway.

Brodie proceeds to vigorously work a small area of the field when all of a sudden he locks up on point.

I was stunned. Here is my young setter locked up on point like something from a Currier and Ives painting. Up from the grass where she was hidden so well springs a female pheasant. And like a green youngster on his first hunt I stood there with my mouth open. I suddenly realized that I was expected to shoot. I quickly brought up the shotgun and fired. This bird must be wearing a flack jacket I thought, it's still flying! I take aim a second time, taking my time this time and fire again; Doon tumbles the bird to the base of a pine tree. Brodie is off and comes on point a second time on the downed bird.

I sauntered over and calmly retrieved the bird from its resting place. Pretending to any that may be observing that this is something that Brodie and I do everyday.

I could nay have been any prouder of that wee pup had he just won Best in Show at Westminster. Brodie now knew what he was born to do, hunt birds. To this very day hunting pheasant and quail are Brodie's passions and it is my distinct pleasure to accompany him and watch him perform.

Ach, would ye look at that. Your bairns have fallen asleep upon Brodie. I do hope it was nay my tale that put them such.

Joyce luv, do we have any of those marvelous cupcakes that you made this morning? I am quite sure our guests would like one with there tea.

If ye dinna mind, I'll just pour myself another wee dram.

Do I have any more tales to tell? Aye, I might possibly have one or two, but that for another day, din ye kin?



TarTan Membership News

New Membership Applications

Samelson, Sharon & David Wentworth - Regular members
 28 Vincent Rd.
 Attleboro, MA 02703
 508-639-9525
 They were endorsed by Candace and Jerold Bell
 (at least I think it is Jerry's signature)
 They own: CH Sea Star's Rhapsody in Blue JH wh 1/7/00
 Sire: CH Hillock Orion Bright Star JH
 Dam: CH Merlot's Forget-me-Not Roxanne
 They are interested in Dog Shows, Field Trials, Hunting Tests,
 Obedience, Tracking, and meeting other owners.

Williamson, Joanne - Regular member
 360 Reed Farm Rd.
 Boxborough, MA 01719
 978-263-9485
 balgrar@ix.netcom.com
 She was endorsed by Maureen McLatchy and Richard Dwyer
 She does not own a Gordon
 She is interested in Agility, Dog Shows, and Obedience.

Membership Change of address

Chuck Kushell
 2308 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Suite 207
 Alexandria, VA 22301
 m: 917.923.0037

Applications continued

Churchill, Steve & Pat Lovett - Regular members
 466 Salisbury St.
 Holton, MA 01520
 508-829-9211
 SetterSandwich@aol.com
 They were endorsed by Cynthia Fitzgerald and William Mansfield
 They own: Valley View's Hershey Kiss wh 1/15/00
 Sire: CH Wind Rose Don't Blame My Mother
 Dam: CH Valley View's Xmas Cookie
 They are interested in Agility, Hunting Tests, Obedience,
 Tracking, and meeting other owners.

Membership renewals

Durham, John
 20 Lake Drive Madison CT 06443
 203 421-4620
 rpd39@juno.com

Gallagher, Mark K
 7 Oakwood Rd. Meredith NH 03253
 603 455-9719
 ticket@metrocast.net

TarTan Gordon Setter Club, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Saturday, August 16, 2008- Goshen, CT

Call To Order:

President Larry Clifford called the meeting to order at 11:25 am

Attendance:

In Attendance: Cindy Fitzgerald, Laura Bedford, Larry Clifford, Anita Lustenberger, & Nancy Smith, Robin Marshall & Ellen Shanahan

Absent: Richard Dwyer

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 corrected : "TarTan will again donate the trophies and \$250 towards getting raffle items"

Corrected: "TarTan will again donate the trophies and \$250 will be spent on raffle items to be reimbursed from the proceeds".

Anita Lustenberger seconded and all present voted affirmative to accept.

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;

- Various AKC announcements and requests: Club event approvals and close outs, AKC announcements regarding new agility secretary rules and requirements, okay for video and teleconferencing at club Board meetings, request to join MyAKC managerial services, request for ads for the 2008 National Obedience and National Agility Invitational. Cindy Fitzgerald made a suggestion that TarTan send in an ad for the agility invitational highlighting member Maureen McLatchy's accomplishments. The Board agreed unanimously and Laura Bedford offered to take care of it.

- Various Thank you notes from the '08 GSCA National Trophy committee for our donation and from Alicia Pickett-Hale for her scholarship award (published elsewhere in the newsletter)

-Request from the '08 GSCA National Championship for hospitality money- Board discussion yielded a negative this year but will send it's usual trophy donation.

-Received the AKC CHF 2008 Grants for Research accounting

Report of Action Taken by the Board between meetings: No action

Treasurer: Nancy Smith reported a balance of \$13,399.03. She is working on the year end report. She mentioned that it was a good year as we were able to give back to our membership and our breed.

Committee Reports:

Agility: Maureen McLatchy- Maureen sent her financial report showing a profit of \$4,627.66 for the August 8 & 9, 2008 trials held in NH.. Her report of the event will also be published along with the financial report. The next agility trial dates will be Jan 31 & Feb 1, 2009 in NH and a one day the following weekend on Feb.8, 2009 also in NH. There was discussion again on member participation. Since the agility trials are the biggest fundraiser for TarTan, we need to encourage and 'nag' members to participate and volunteer to help out. Robin offered to be Maureen's official 'nagger' to get members committed to working the event.

Archives: Karen Gatchell –no report

Awards: Coleen Banks-no report

Banquet: Laura Bedford- reported that the date was set for February 14, 2009 at the Storrowtown Inn in West Springfield, MA. Everyone thought that the event worked so well that we would not change anything this coming year. There was discussion regarding getting someone from Fidelco to speak this year.

By-Law Review and Revision: Robin Marshall reported that all the preliminary steps had been taken and Cindy needs to retype and submit the final version to the membership, then to the AKC and then to the membership for vote...this will be on hold temporarily until she has time to handle it.

'08 Fall Field Trial: Susan DeSilver- no report but trial secretary Larry Clifford said that all approvals were forthcoming and things were progressing.

'08 Fall Hunt Test: Ralph Schmid /Richard Dwyer-no report. Nancy Smith does have the financial report from the Spring Hunt test showing a small loss of \$65.65.

Health & Genetics: Candice Bell-Candice sent a lengthy report which will be published in this newsletter, but as a summary, she requested that TarTan sponsor three AKC/CHF grants: 1. Grant #1081 for \$7,000 (Postional Cloning of the Genes that cause Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Digit) 2. Grant 1119 for \$1,000 (Research into Cranial Cruciate Ligament Rupture) 3. Grant 1124 for \$1,000 (Research studying the affect of dacarbazine in dogs with oral melanoma). She said that it leaves us with over \$10,000 still in our Donor Advised Fund. Laura Bedford made a motion to accept the Health & genetics Committee recommendations, Robin Marshall seconded and all present agreed. **Inventory:** Laura Bedford-There was discussion regarding getting raincoats and a request from a member for polo shirts with pockets. Laura said that the inventory would be at the specialty. Candice Bell suggested that we buy Gordon Setter pens through Diane Dargay to hand out with catalogues at the specialty and to use the balance as favors at the banquet. The Board agreed with the request and the pens were purchased.

Library: Phyllis Lundy – No Report.

Membership: Dorie Viguers reported a few address changes as well as a few new members who would be published in the newsletter. As of July 1 she had received not quite 1/3 of the membership renewals prompting her to send out individual notices to more than 1/2 of our membership. She requested that the Board consider a late fee. This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Newsletter: Jeff & Jessica Martin/Karol Paduch/ Jani Wolstenholem –nancy requested that Jeff get his bills to her on a monthly basis because it would be easier for her from a bookkeeping standpoint. The Board discussed what a great job everyone was doing, how the membership loved the format and how the 'team' seemed to be working well together.

Picnic: Robin Marshall- The picnic had a good turnout and was a fun day. The financial report will be published, but in general, it was deemed a success by all standards.

Public Education: Jani Wolstenholme agreed to temporarily serve as the Public Education Coordinator as she is already keeping a list of Scottish festivals and events in the region. Hopefully this committee will get fleshed out over the next year.

Rescue: Ellen Shanahan sent her report which will be published as well as Kerry Scott's financial report for rescue. The committee seems to be in good financial shape with lots of membership support. There was a request from the GSCA rescue Committee to donate a 'basket of goodies' for their raffle at the 2008 National Specialty. The Board agreed to promote a basket but ask members to donate items. (Note: The response was phenomenal from our generous members and Donna Grant & Paul Reilly carried out a huge amount of donations which Donna put together. TarTan's basket was the biggest in size as well as the biggest fundraiser....TarTan Rocks !) Ellen and Cindy also started a discussion regarding how rescue might deal with breeders who do not take responsibility for their puppies. We have had quite a few come through our rescue from the Hunte Corporation as well as a local non-TarTan non-GSCA breeder. Our thoughts were that we should develop a certified letter that is mailed out when TarTan rescues one of their puppies. It will obviously do nothing in making them more responsible, but it just might irritate them if they have to go to the post office to pick it up. Laura, Anita and Cindy agreed to work on a draft.

Scholarship: Candice Bell- reported one scholarship would be awarded this year, to Alicia Pickett-Hale .Candice also requested that TarTan change their criteria for our scholarships and 'open' the criteria up in order to include and encourage more applicants. She reminded the Board that we have had only one applicant for the last few years. The Board had a lengthy discussion resulting in Robin Marshall making a motion to keep the criteria as published, but to change the award to one (1) yearly scholarship of \$1,500. Laura Bedford seconded the motion and all in attendance concurred.

'08 TarTan Specialty: October 13, 2008 at the Rotary Pavilion Grounds in South Windsor, CT. Specialty chairman Robin Marshall reported that all committees were in place. We will meet at the grounds on the Sunday before at 1:00 pm in order to set things up. Cindy Fitzgerald brought up a suggestion for the future. It appears that due to the economy and the general drop off of entries, since we continually lose money on the specialty, we might have to consider making some changes. There was discussion into looking at an all setter (English, Irish, Red & White and Gordon Setter) weekend thereby sharing much of the economic issues as well as possible fostering a larger entry from people who have multiple setters. We could share grounds and tent fees, judges, secretary and catalogues, combine rally and obedience to lessen the fees for each club, etc.. The Board decided to investigate this possibility over the next few months.

Supported Entries: Karol Paduch- no report;

Trophies: Beth Beatty-No Carolina pottery bought for specialty

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:

AKC new event requirements: Anita Lustenberger had looked into the requirements and feels that TarTan fulfills all that is needed to comply.

Appoint State Legislative Watchdogs: Jay Kitchner has graciously offered to keep the membership aware of any issues through the newsletter.

TarTan Informational Pamphlet: Laura Bedford reported that there was a prototype done and she handed it out at the meeting. The Board thought that it was a 'job well done' and it will be produced and available for hand outs at events.

New Business:

Next Meeting:

11:00 am on November 15, 2008 at Nancy Smith's house in East Hartford, CT.

Laura Bedford made a motion to adjourn, Nancy Smith seconded and the Board voted in favor.
President Larry Clifford called the meeting adjourned at 1:04 pm

Agility		Date: August 9/10, 2008
Chairman: M. Mclatchy		
Description:	Income:	Expense:
AKC Fees/ Application		\$ 200.00
Birds:		\$ 1,991.00
Donations:		
Publications/Flyers		
Printing Fees:		
Advertising:		
Sales:		
Postage:		
Entries:	\$ 11,323.17	
Insurance:		
Hospitality:		\$ 442.75
Raffle:		
Grounds:		\$ 1,800.00
Horses:		
Judges/Gunners:		\$ 1,183.68
Gifts:		
Meals:		
Fees:		
Expenses:		\$ 302.38
Veterinary:		
Telephone:		
Misc. Secretary:		
Ribbons/Rosettes:		\$ 571.38
Trophies:		
Other:		\$ 204.32
Photo Contest		
TOTAL:	\$ 11,323.17	\$ 6,695.51
Net Gain/(Loss):	Gain: \$4627.66	

From Karen Gatchell

GSCA Newsletters --

To complete our records of Gordon Setters --

We are in need of the following

GSCA Newsletters #1- thru #27, #58, #60, #86-88, #90, #29-94, #96, #117-#126 and #526 (which would be the March 1997 issue) to today ---- instead of putting these in the trash, please advise what you are willing to donate, so I can complete our records...

Also looking for several copies of the GSCA National Specialty that the TarTan club hosted, in 1998, Warwick RI. I can not find that we kept any copies for our records ..

Thanks for all the CD's that I have received already -- and thank for dating them as well --- Events and Dates are very important on the info sent to Archives

Dear TarTan Gordon Setter Club;

Thank you so much for choosing me to be the recipient for your 2008-2009 National Scholarship. The money I have received will be a great help in paying for my books and other school supplies.

This scholarship is especially special because of the ties that I have to the TarTan Gordon setter Club. I showed my Gordon "Tagg" (Ravenwoods Larken MacWalter) for many years at the TarTan specialties in both Jr. handling and regular breed classes and it is an experience and memory that I will treasure for years to come.

Again, thank you!

Alicia Pickett-Hale

Attention Members!!!!

The TarTan winter agility trials will be held on Jan. 31 & Feb 1, 2009 and also on Feb 8, 2009 at American K9 Country in Amherst NH.

Volunteers to work the trial are greatly appreciated,

FMI please contact
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or

Robin Marshall

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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 walkthrus 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. I must add that Bill got in a round of golf at a local golf course too O

Sunday mornin^g found us back at the trial site again at 6:30 ready for another day. Larry Clifford returned to work hard for the club, no surprise there! Liz Wilshere and Diane and Bill Dargay were ready to pitch in and work wherever needed. Nancy Large joined us for the day 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 MACHI 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.

From my calculations (and Nancy Smith will have to verify this as I may be missing something?) we made a profit of \$4627.66 which is wonderful for a two day event. I was able to save some money this year on the worker raffle. I didn't have to buy any items

as I was able to donate a bunch of toys that the McLatchy dogs have won this year (and didn't need). I also won some stuff in other club's worker raffles that I kept to donate to our trial. Liz provided a boatload of Wellness products and I had a bunch of leftover stuff from the TarTan banquet raffle that didn't get taken back in February. My good friend Robin donated some embroidered items that she made so it was a decent raffle with donations only this time, which was nice.

I've filled out the trial applications for the three February 2009 dates and sent them on to Nancy Smith to sign as a club officer and put checks in with them to AKC so we should be all set there. Judges are committed for all club agility dates in 2009 (Jan 31/Feb 1) (Feb 8) (Aug 8/9) I have one judge committed to the Feb 2010 weekend and am working on getting judges for the other dates in 2010.

Guess that is all, any questions, please holler. Thank you.

Maureen

TarTan Tidings
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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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