

## TARTAN

Tidings

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GORDON SETTER CLUB, INC

# Teamwork Earns An Awesome Placement At Eukanuba!



Maureen and Jake proudly display their second place overall rosette.

The AKC Agility Invitational invites the top five dogs of each breed to compete. If anyone in the top five declines an invite, then a second round of invites goes out to those next in line. The show has been held the past five years in Long Beach CA but will be moving to Orlando FL next year.

I've attended all five years, four times with Jake and twice with his mom Molly. I really love this show, the atmosphere is very friendly and it is a great opportunity to see some terrific dogs from a variety of breeds. It is also fun for me to see the other wonderful Gordons who compete successfully in agility from around the nation. The five dogs who attended this year showed the world how much fun our breed can have while doing agility. Their enthusiasm for the game was evident in the way they ran with such joy and exuberance. They were great ambassadors for our breed.

All dogs get to run in four classes over two days. The number of dogs competing in each height class determines how many dogs will go the the final round. This year had 101 dogs entered in the 24-inch class with 95 who actually competed, so 12 dogs would make it to the finals. It is not an easy task to remain clean through four or five rounds. Only 13 out of 95 ran clean through four rounds of competition. Only 6 of the 12 dogs in the finals went clean. I was lucky enough to have one of those dogs as my partner. He is ADCH MACH2 Pinebirch Just Jake CD RE JH MXF and he finished in second place overall.

Jake and I flew to Long Beach Wednesday morning with our good friend and TarTan member Joanne Williamson, who went as a spectator this year. Last year Joanne was there to compete with her Bearded Collie Flash but, unfortunately, she got very sick and couldn't even attend the show on Saturday or Sunday. So Flash ended up running at the trial with me as his handler. This year it was my turn to be sick, although mine was not the serious illness that Joanne had last year. It was just an annoyance for me, and mine did not warrant a trip to the hospital.



Above: Jake clears the triple jump in the finals.

Below: Jake sailing over a jump in the finals, with Maureen on the right.



Our usual routine is to go to the dog beach and parks and enjoy our downtime while there. This year was different, as I arrived not feeling well, so poor Jake (and Joanne) were stuck in a hotel room with me for days. Jake was a real good sport about the lack of exercise he got and remained in bed with me with no complaints. Because I was not so well, I was concerned about how I would be able to handle him.

Friday's warm-up class proved that I wouldn't have the air I needed to move and handle like I normally do. It also proved that Jake would not have a start line stay either, as he was pretty wired and was not going to wait for me to lead out ahead of him. He wanted to run! This made my handling a bit tricky as I could not get a head start.

Saturday morning's first class was standard and he ran well, despite my running out of air near the end. He ended up in 7<sup>th</sup> place. Saturday afternoon we had jumpers and again he ran very well and moved up to 4<sup>th</sup> place overall.

Sunday morning's jumpers course seemed to be the trickiest one. as this is where many of the top teams had a fault. Jake handled it beautifully and then moved up to 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall. The fourth round was a hybrid which is like a combined standard and jumpers course. Here my lack of a lead-out cost me a bit in time as I needed two changes of side over jump number two, but despite that wide turn, we remained in 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall and we were going to the finals!

Jake was the only bred-by entry to make the 24-inch finals and I am very proud of him. The opening sequence of the finals course was very technical and Jake handled it like a pro with a lovely tight wrap over the back side of jump number two. I am so proud of how well he ran the whole weekend, especially in the finals. He made the tightest turns he could and did his very best for me. He is such a showman, he loves it when the crowd cheers, it makes him want to run even harder.

I am thankful to have such a great teammate in Jake. Anyone who knows him outside of dog shows, knows that I only "borrow" him for these competitions. His one true love is my husband John and Jake would rather be doing anything with him over this show dog stuff with me. But thankfully he is also a very good actor and humors me as well. Good dog, Jake!

Submitted by Maureen McLatchy



CH Woodsmoke Stella By Starlight JH OA OAJ OF (B) November 14, 2010

(CH Gordon Hill Seagem Sportster JH x CH Kingpoint Woodsmoke Echo JH NAP NJP NFP)

Breeder: Cindy Fitzgerald & Elizabeth Wilshere; Owner: Elizabeth Wilshere & Beth Beatty &

Cindy Fitzgerald

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### **Membership News**

#### Address Change for Carol Chevalier:

321A Thomaston Road Morris, CT 06763

### <u>TarTan Gordon Setter Club, Inc.-Board of Directors Meeting Minutes</u> <u>Saturday, November 11, 2010- Warwick, RI</u>

President Larry Clifford called the meeting to order at 10:12 am

### Attendance:

In Attendance: Cindy Fitzgerald, Laura Bedford, Larry Clifford, Robin Marshall, Jani Wolstenholme, Ralph

Schmid, Nancy Smith Absent: Ellen Shanahan **Ouorum 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. Robin Marshall seconded and all present voted affirmative.

### Officers' Reports:

**President:** Larry Clifford –Minimal correspondence from the AKC for various events, rescue report from rescue treasurer Kerry Scott will be addressed later in meeting. Larry reported a phone call from Paumanauk GSC treasurer Larry Posner (who now lives in CA). Larry P said that Paumaunak currently has only about 5 members and limited officers with approximately \$1,200 in their treasury. Larry P requested that TarTan look into the possibility of absorbing Paumanauk.

Discussion- TarTan has limitations due to their AKC status, environs, and corporation legalities. We are not allowed to 'legally' absorb Paumanauk. Larry C will contact Larry P and explain the circumstances, but offer our help in whatever capacity their club feels is acceptable.

Vice President: Laura Bedford-No report at this time

Secretary: Cindy Fitzgerald reported limited correspondence;

- Various AKC event closeouts and approvals
- Request from Candice Bell to consider nominating Jack Page for the Bird Dog Hall of Fame and the Flaherty Honor Wall. The Board would be willing to look into this although discussion about the high cost of nomination to the Bird Dog Hall of Fame might make it unwise to pursue at this time. Laura Bedford will contact Susan DeSilver to find out the particulars for both nominations and report back to the Board.
- Introduction from manager of Wide World of Indoor Sports in N Smithfield, RI (note: Maureen McLatchy is contacting the facility for potential use during the 2012 National)

### Action Taken by the Board between meetings: None

**Treasurer:** Nancy Smith –To date balance in account is \$16,219.36. There are no major bills due and Nancy is still compiling/waiting for the financial reports for the Specialty and field trial.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Agility:** Maureen McLatchy- No report. Next trials will be February 5 & 6, 2011 and February 12, 2011 in NH. AKC requires at least 5 club members be in attendance at all times. Each trial we are VERY close to that number, so please try to attend if possible.

**AKC Legislative Liaison:** Jay Kitchner- No report.

**Archives:** Donnah Brnger- Has acquired all archives from Karen Gatchell and will begin the sorting/ inventory process

**Awards:** Coleen Banks-No report. Candice Bell sent a request that TarTan consider doing our awards similar to what the Pointer Club does: original achievement is a rosette and each additional achievement is an additional ribbon added to the rosette. The Board thanks Candice for her input and will forward the information to the awards chair for further discussion.

**Banquet:** Laura Bedford- Reported the banquet will be at Storrowton Inn in West Springfield, MA again this year on February 19, 2011. She is looking into getting a speaker for the banquet.

By-Law Review and Revision: Robin and Cindy-on hold

'10-'11 Field Trials: Susan DeSilver- No report but trial secretary Larry Clifford said they did run until dark and he thought there might be a small profit once the 'books' are all closed. Spring dates will not be solidified until the December Flaherty meeting.

Health & Genetics: Candice Bell-No report.

'10-'11 Hunt Tests: Ralph Schmid- Reported the one day trial here in CT will be December 11<sup>th</sup> at Flaherty in East Windsor. He also mentioned a phone call from Mark Gallagher expressing his distress that the Board did not adequately poll NH members before they changed the hunt test to a CT location. The Board apologizes and recognizes their 'lack of judgment' in the matter and hopes to amend the situation with Mark and the NH committee members when discussing future hunt tests. Ralph had a few questions regarding insurance, emergency plans and fees which various board members answered. There was minimal discussion regarding a spring hunt test as well as the potential of sharing hunt test weekends with other clubs. Both these items will be pursued.. Inventory: Laura Bedford-Nothing huge to report. Items selling slowly. She will make sure inventory is at

**Membership:** Kathy King- No report. Two suggestions from members were discussed. One was that we rely more on email communication for dues deadlines and renewals and the other was the possibility of allowing members to pay for multiple years of due. The Board will relay these suggestions to Kathy.

**National Specialty-2012:** Cindy Fitzgerald- Minimal discussion as there will be a National Specialty committee meeting following this meeting but there are issues that directly involve TarTan:

Inventory money- Cindy made a motion that TarTan loan up to \$2,000 to the 2012 National Specialty committee to buy inventory to be sold beginning in June 2011. Robin Marshall moved to accept the motion, Jani Wolstenholme seconded, all board members in attendance voted approval.

Fundraising ideas- Discussion regarding donating (for one year only) 1 day profits from the February agility trials. The Board felt that was a reasonable donation but would need to have agreement from agility chair Maureen McLatchy and H&G chair Candice Bell before proceeding.

Changing dates to accommodate judge- The Board felt that there would be minimum impact to move the specialty dates forward by one day in order to accommodate the conformation judge. Again, discussion with the agility chair and the hunt test chair would be the deciding factor.

**Newsletter:** Karol Paduch/ Jani Wolstenholme/ Ginette Desrosiers- Jani reported that Karol has been without internet but that the double color edition is on track and will be ready as planned. There are a few paid ads this edition, which will help defray some of the additional costs.

**Nominating Committee:** The Board discussed possible members for inclusion on the nominating committee. Names mentioned were Donnah Brnger, Jani Wolstenholme, Charlotte Smith, Jim MacWalter & Sheri Grober (Alternates: Anita Lustenberger & Ellen Jones

Positions up for election are all officers and two board positions

Cindy or Jani will contact members to ask if they are willing to serve on the committee.

**Picnic:** Robin Marshall reported that the picnic date would be June 26, 2011 and there has been discussion as to what we will be offering at the picnic, probably informal birdwork, possible formal rally work and maybe CGC testing

Public Education: Jani Wolstenholme

Fidelco: Val Schmid

upcoming hunt test.

No formal report but TarTan will again be participating in the Fidelco Walk, Robin Marshall said that she is considering her trip to Acadia Park as a Public Education 'event' because she had a lot of public interest in the dogs and she did her best to educate people about Gordons.

**Setter Symposium:** Shareen Brown- TarTan is now a formal participating member of the symposium day. Shareen reported that the annual Setter Symposium will be April 30, 2011 at Camp Newhoca in Tolland, CT. There will be conformation handling, beginner grooming demos, obedience and rally intros, birdwork and CGC along with a pot luck luncheon. Shareen will get all the information and sign up sheets in the newsletter but she wanted people to 'hold the date' so they could participate as well as volunteer to help.

**Rescue:** Treasurer Kerry Scott sent the financial report and Ellen Shanahan sent a short report-Bill Mansfield's two Gordons are 'settled'; the Cosma's, long time TarTan members, have adopted Raven and Black Jack, recently diagnosed with JRD, will be adopted by a friend of Dr Sue's who is familiar with the issues. The Mansfield's donated \$100 to rescue in Bill's name. We have a 10 year old female, Kissme who was turned into a shelter by her owners. Larry Clifford transported her from the shelter to Dr Sue's for foster.

**Scholarship:** Ginette Desrosiers- No report

'11 TarTan Specialty:, Robin Marshall reported that the date will be October 10,2011 at the Rotary Pavilion in South Windsor, CT. This is the weekend that we coincide with the English Setter specialties that are held at the pavilion. This will impact our Sunday set up so we are hoping to work with the ES club and share equipment and labor duties.

There was discussion about continuing to get area judges in order to save on our expenses as the show does not make a profit.

Robin said that she also had communication form Joanne Fenn about having the Irish Setters join us at some point for a combined specialty. Although it would be a great idea to try to combine all three setters, brief discussion brought up a few potential problems- TarTan's corresponding date with the AKC is based on the Columbus Day holiday where the other clubs' corresponding dates are linked to a specific weekend of the year so the days would only work together every three years or so and the Rotary Pavilion would not be big enough to accommodate more than one breed at a time so other grounds would have to be found. The Board has discussed this possibility a few times and will continue to 'keep it on the back burner' for future consideration. (Since the meeting, judges have been hired- Judith Brown will do sweepstakes, Tom Baldwin will handle conformation and juniors and Ellen Adomelis presides over the obedience and rally entries.)

**Supported Entries:** Karol Paduch-No formal report but prior discussion with Karol suggested that we keep the Maine supported entry for one more year to allow members to promote it more extensively, but to not support the Big Apple show in NJ. because rumor was that the show would not be held this coming year.

**Trophies:**. Liz Wilshere is the new trophy chair and she has already started buying trophies for the Fall.

**Website:** Donnah Brnger-various emails relating progress on the website (Donnah has been very busy): reminder about linking photos to names on the titleholders pages and using the photo icon to display picture, she has been archiving all the pictures that she uses on the website, she is working on developing a search box so you can search within our website, and she has been working on the TarTan forum to keep spam out and keep it user friendly

### **Delegates Reports:**

**Flaherty:** Susan DeSilver-No report but Ralph Schmid said the Flaherty meeting would be Dec 12<sup>th</sup> and he would be attending

**HELDCA:** Maureen McLatchy-No report **GSCA Liaison:** Jane Matteson –No report

### **Old Business:**

-Grooming Video; Anita Lustenberger is looking into financial aspects of video, she has many of the particulars worked out but needs to finalize a few items before presenting the board with a cost estimate.

### **New Business:**

-Support Brandywine/MidAtlantic in their effort to 'save' the February specialties. Cindy Fitzgerald made a motion to make a one time only donation of \$500 to Brandywine GSC to be used to supplement expenses at the 2011 February specialties. Laura Bedford moved to accept the motion, Robin Marshall seconded, all members in attendance agreed.

Nancy Smith will send a check to Denise Sweeney.

### **Next Meeting:**

11:00 am on Saturday March 5, 2011 at Nancy Smith's house in East Hartford, CT

Robin Marshall made a motion to adjourn, Jani Wolstenholme seconded and the Board voted in favor. President Larry Clifford called the meeting adjourned at 11:55 am

### Startup Fundraising

Fundraising efforts have begun to materialize for the TarTan hosted 2012 GSCA National Specialty.

Fundraising chair Robin Marshall and her team has been working to make sure we have inventory items 'ready to roll out' at the 2011 GSCA National in June.

One of our 'projects' is a special recipe book spearheaded by Liz Wilshere. This will be a spiral bound notebook with two main sections that we hope appeal to BOTH Gordon Setter owners and their extended families.

At this point we are soliciting recipes from our TarTan members (and their friends and families).

Recipes will be divided into a few categories:

Section 1: Specialties

Scottish Receipes
Upland Game bird recipes
New England recipes
Dog Treats

Section 2: Traditional

Everyday fare Holiday/special event fare

Attached, please find a word document template for you to type your recipe in. If you have problems typing into the form, we can also do it for you. We also added a 'sample' receipe so you can see how the template looks....

You may send your recipes electronically to:

Karol Paduch <u>Trilogygordons@aol.com</u> or Liz Wilshere <u>devonwood4@aol.com</u> or You may mail or fax them to Liz at 85 Hickory Road, Torrington, CT 06790 (860) 489-6503

We also are collecting pictures of your Gordons 'enjoying' themselves in kitchen activities (helping wash dishes, licking the brownie beaters, taste testing the cookies, etc) to possibly use as 'fillers'.....

Please send them to:

Jani Wolstenholme vger4@verizon.net

We have a deadline though.....

Please make sure to submit all receipes by February 28th so we can begin production.

Thanks everyone,

Cindy Fitzgerald

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### Barley Beef Biscuits

Submitted by Donna Traeger

1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil1 tablespoon garlic granules4 tablespoons parsley 2 cups beef broth2 cups barley flour3-4 cups rye flour

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 ° F (180 ° C).

In a large bowl, combine olive oil (extra-virgin olive oil is more expensive, but lower grade olive oils are blended with other vegetable oils that may contain corn or soy), garlic and parsley. Heat the beef broth (it's best to make your own, canned or condensed broths have added salt, sugars, and preservatives) or water until steaming and add to the olive oil mixture. Stir in barley flour and let cool until lukewarm — or cool enough to work with. Gradually blend in rye flour, adding enough to form stiff dough.



Transfer to a floured (rye flour) surface and knead until smooth (about 3-5 minutes). Shape the dough into a ball, and roll to 1/4-inch (6 mm) thick. Use the cookie cutter of your choice (we prefer to make small bones) or cut into small squares. Transfer to ungreased baking sheets, spacing them about 1/4 inch (6 mm) apart. Gather up the scraps, roll out again, and cut additional biscuits.

Bake for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and turn over. Bake for an additional 30 minutes, or until golden brown on both sides. After you finish baking all batches of biscuits, turn off the oven, spread all the biscuits in one baking pan and set them in the oven to cool for a few hours or overnight. The extra time in the oven as it cools off helps make the treats crunchier.

Makes several dozen small treats that keep and freeze well.



### TARTAN GORDON SETTER CLUB, INC. NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The TarTan Gordon Setter Club, Inc. has applications available for one (1) \$1,500 scholarship for the 2011-2012 academic year.

### Applicant requirements:

Owns a Gordon Setter or

Is the child or spouse of someone who owns a Gordon Setter Will be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited institution of higher learning for the 2011-2012 academic year

Major field of study shall be related to Animal Sciences (including, but not limited to, veterinary, zoology, wildlife management, ecology, behavioral science, etc.) or Comparative Medicine (including, but not limited to) microbiology, pathology, biotechnology, genomics, molecular genetics, etc.)

The application can be downloaded from the TarTan GSC Inc. website; www.tartangsc.org;

or is available from:

TarTan GSC Inc. c/o Ginette Desrosiers 32 Baggs Hill Rd. Granby, MA 01033-9508 (413)467-7919 email: ginetteld@comcast.net

The deadline for submitting completed applications is May 31, 2011

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Cocktails at 6, Dinner at 7 General Membership Meeting Annual Awards in us in welcoming our evening's special speak Bev Savoie of the New England Canine Rehabilitation and ningss Cearter in Longmendoni, MA.

### DINNER RESERVATIONS

Name:

Number of diners at \$30:

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

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

### ANNUAL AWARDS APPLICATION

Any dog owned by a member of the TarTan Gordon Setter Club, which has earned a title during the calendar year 2010 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



OK! Who's the wiseguy that put Super Glue in the snowflakes?!

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