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GORDON SETTER CLUB, INC

Tidings

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Spring Field Trial Results

The TarTan Field Trial on April 14 - 15 at the Flaherty Field Trial Area enjoyed lovely Spring weather for the people, but it was a bit warm for our canine competitors. I cannot say how valuable a Secretary Larry is; he keeps the event smoothly moving forward with no fuss and a cheerful attitude.

Many thanks to our judging panel: Steve Anker, Jeanne and Kevin Culver, Debby Freidus, Michelle Sala and Skip Schaeffer.

Thanks to committee members, Laura Bedford, Candice Bell, Larry Clifford, Robin Marshall, and Ralph Schmid. Our once again excellent Judges' Dinner feast on Saturday night was prepared by superb firehouse chef, Jim Blaschke and the lovely Brenda Scully.

Robin Marshall, Laura Bedford, Jim D'Amico and our wrangler, Jake worked long hours both days planting birds. Larry, Candice and Laura also kept everyone coming to the line on time. Our often present angel, John Bunker, together with his pointer bitch companion, was invaluable help cleaning the bird room and the clubhouse. Larry was busy sweeping up and finishing up the last details long after most had departed.

We were delighted to see new participant Deb Burke out there. Thanks to all who entered and who helped out.

Open Gun Dog (13 all breed starters)

Judges: Michelle Sala & Skip Schaeffer

- 1. VZ
- 2. BR
- 3. BR
- 4. Ch. Gordon Hill Ready or Not (DeSilver)

Open Derby (8 all breed starters)
Judges: Jeanne Culver & Kevin Culver

- 1. Halcyon Wing and a Dare (Fedell)
- 2. Bracadale DDG Tachum of Gordon Hill (Lloyd-Smith)
- 3. PT
- 4. Belmors Auntie M (Blaschke)

Amateur Gun Dog (11 all breed starters)
Judges: Steve Anker & Debby Freidus

- 1. 2XNFC/NAFC/FC/AFC Milomix Roy (D'Amico)
- 2. PT
- 3. IS
- 4. IS

Open Limited Gun Dog (10 all breed starters)

Judges: Kevin Culver & Debby Freidus

- 1. 2XNFC/NAFC/FC/AFC Milomix Roy (D'Amico)
- 2. VZ
- 3. BR
- 4. Milomix Duane (Showers)

Open Puppy (6 all breed starters)

Judges: Jeanne Culver & Michelle Sala

- 1. Bracadale DDG Tachum of Gordon Hill
- 2. GSP
- 3. Gordon Hill Tempest (DeSilver)
- 4. VZ

Amateur Walking Derby (7 all breed starters)

Judges: Steve Anker & Michelle Sala

- 1. PT
- 2., 3. & 4. Withheld

Susan DeSilver, Chair



A Yank Goes To A Dog Show In Canada

I can't believe I live within eight hours of one of Canada's coolest dog show weekends and it's taken me thirty years to get there! Thanks to my friend, Sherrie Grober, and her Gordon boy, Cedric, I spent a lovely weekend in Long Sault, Ontario (in August 2011) at one of the prettiest show sites I've ever seen. Set on the shores of the St. Lawrence River on a series of small islands, the park is beautifully maintained and filled with wildlife and gorgeous trees.

On Friday, we attended the GSCC specialty in the afternoon. Seventeen lovely black and tans paraded around the ring and the winners got neat prizes like dog beds, water buckets. and very fashionable snoods. Everyone there was having fun, win or lose, and the friendliness of the entire group made my first visit way more enjoyable. And I had the distinct pleasure of showing Ronan's older half sister, Brandy, Can. Ch. Sassenach Premier Edition, CGN, CD, RN, best veteran bitch, in best of breed when her owner took in their special. She's very full of herself almost twelve at years

Canadian shows are just a wee bit different from U.S. ones. Having two shows in one day is kind of unusual for us, but because of how incredibly well organized these shows are, it wasn't confusing at all. The superintendent's was occupied by friendly, informative desk people, who also had a pair of elderly Lowchens supervising the desk. Anyone making inquiries had to feed these two or receive dirty looks! Results are quickly recorded at the desk, and we were able to determine how many points Cedric got easily. Any questions were pleasantly answered as they tolerated these dunderheaded Americans who, the first day anyway, were clueless.

Photos on the facing page show, at top, the wedding site and, bottom, the Lowchens.

To show how relaxed the entire show was, there was a wedding held there Saturday night on the shoreline near where we were parked. And it was the man who directed the parking who was getting married! Whether his future bride knew it or not, he was happily inviting one and all to bring lawn chairs and join them at the scene. The next day, he was back at work, wearing his crazy leprechaun hat. The ceremony was a success and everyone had a great time.

Sunday was a wild and woolly day with the northern bands of Hurricane Irene sweeping towards us. It got windier, and wetter, as the day progressed, but being true Canadians, no one blinked an eye. Everyone just put on foul weather gear, wellies, and slogged on. The Gordons finished the second show just before it started pouring. I never heard a discouraging word (to borrow a phrase from an old song!).

All in all, I had a great time there, and so did Sherrie, especially when Cedric finished his Canadian championship that Sunday! I must say, I did not try the poutine that the food truck was selling left and right. It just looked like something I'd rather not talk about. :) But we had a super hotel, a gloriously beautiful spot to groom near the water, and got to meet some really nice Gordon people and their dogs. I can't wait to go back next year!

Jani Wolstenholme

Do you have a Gordon-related story to share? If so, please send it to the Editors at ttgscnews.com

Please submit as a .doc or .docx word document.

Changes to Pointing Breed Hunting Test Regulations

At its November meeting, the AKC Board of Directors passed a number of changes to the Regulations for AKC Pointing Breed Hunting Tests. All the following become effective January 1, 2012 except #6 and #8.

1. CHAPTER 1, SECTION 4. TESTS OFFERED, ENTRY REQUIREMENTS, NO SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS. A

Hunting Test giving club shall not accept an entry fee other than that published in its premium list or entry form, or in any way discriminates between entrants. Except a club, at its discretion, may allow for a reduced entry fee for dogs handled by juniors. A junior handler is someone less than 18 years of age on the first day of the test.

The inclusion of the "no special inducements" clause means the entry fee for everyone wishing to enter a testing level must be the same. (No special deals for select individuals.) Except a club may offer at its discretion a lower entry fee for junior handlers as a way to promote youth involvement in the sport.

2a. CHAPTER 2, SECTION 3. SENIOR HUNTER TITLE (SH).

Dogs that have acquired a Senior Hunter title at an AKC licensed or member Hunting Test are <u>eligible</u> to enter Junior Hunting Tests. <u>No JH title will be issued.</u>

2b. CHAPTER 2, SECTION 4. MASTER HUNTER TITLE (MH).

Dogs that have acquired a Master Hunter title at an AKC licensed or member club Hunting Test are <u>eligible</u> to enter Junior and Senior Hunting Tests. <u>No JH or SH titles will be issued</u>. This modifies the current Regulation that says once a dog has earned a title at a higher level, it may not enter lower level tests. The AKC has received requests from owners with elderly dogs that are no longer capable of performing at a high level but the owner would like to run the dog for the enjoyment of the dog and owner. This change may also find application with a professionally handled dog whose owner would like to try handling but does not feel comfortable entering a high level test.

3. CHAPTER 3, SECTION 12. HUNTING TEST

COMMITTEE, Weather. Weather is an important consideration for the hunting test event committee. The safety of participants and animals is of utmost importance. Extreme weather such as lightening, strong winds, heat or cold, snow or heavy rain can create hazardous conditions. The hunting test event committee, in consultation with the judges, has the responsibility to decide if an event should be halted due to weather and at what point the event shall resume. If a weather delay results in an entrant being unable to participate, the refund of entry fees, in whole or in part, will be at the discretion of the event committee. If an entire event or part of an event is cancelled due to weather, the refund of entry fees, in whole or in part, will be at the discretion of the event committee.

This is meant to clarify that the event committee has the responsibility of deciding when an event should be

stopped/started due to weather conditions. The event committee also has the right to decide how to handle entry fees from participants when weather causes delay or cancelation.

4. TRACKING DEVICE REGULATIONS, #10.

The use of tracking devices is at the discretion of the host club. For Hunt Tests, the premium list must state they are <u>not</u> allowed, otherwise they will be allowed.

This change makes the premium list wording regarding the use of tracking collars consistent between hunting tests and field trials. As is currently the case for field trials, a Hunt Test premium list must state tracking devices are not allowed, otherwise it can be assumed they are allowed. A recent AKC survey of Hunt Test premiums indicated that well over 50% of the tests allow the use of tracking collars.

5. CHAPTER 1, SECTION 6. Judges' Eligibility and Approval.

In order to Apprentice Judge:

- [Must attend one AKC Pointing Breed Hunting Test Seminar.]
- Must handle a dog to at least one qualifying leg at the level to be judged or higher.

In order to be an Approved Judge:

- Must apprentice judge twice at the level to be judged or higher.
- Must attend one AKC Pointing Breed Hunting Test Seminar.
-other requirements remain the same.

This modification allows more flexibility in meeting the judging eligibility requirements. Under the modified requirements, a prospective judge may apprentice judge if the opportunity arises prior to attending an AKC Pointing Breed Hunting Test Seminar. A Seminar must be attended before the individual is approved to judge. Before this change, a prospective judge was required to attend a seminar prior to apprentice judging.

6. EVENT APPLICATION FEE

The AKC Board passed an increase in the event application fee to \$35.00 (previously \$25.00) for all event held on or after April 1, 2012, unless the event has been applied for prior to December 12, 2011. The current Hunt Test Application fee has been in effective since the beginning of the program in the mid-80s.

7a. CHAPTER 3, SECTION 4. Motorized Vehicles.

Birds may be liberated from horseback and/or All-Terrain Vehicles on the back course as long as it can be done without interference to the working dogs. Judges may ride 4-wheelers/ ATVs at the discretion of the host club. If judges will be using 4-wheelers/ATVs it must be clearly stated in the event premium. The vehicle must be turned off while a judge observes a dog's bird work. If one judge uses a 4-wheeler/ATV the other judge must also use a 4-wheeler/ATV or walk. For safety reasons the mixing of 4-wheelers/ATVs and horses for judges is not allowed. The 4-wheelers/ATVs must meet all applicable state and federal government requirements and their use must be allowed by the land owner/governing agency. These vehicles are not allowed in bird fields.

In order to control the number of vehicles on course, apprentice judges may not ride their own 4-wheeler/ATV. If the vehicle used by the judge is designed to safely accommodate two individuals, an apprentice judge may ride with the judge or an apprentice judge may walk.

7b. CHAPTER 3, SECTION 6. Horses.

Judges may ride horses, walk <u>or ride 4-wheelers/ATVs at the club's discretion</u>. For safety reasons, one judge may not use a 4-wheeler/ATV while the other judge rides a horse.

This modification allows a third option for judges – they may ride horses, walk or ride 4-wheelers/ATVs. This past spring the Performance Events field staff in conjunction with several hunt test clubs conducted an experiment with judges riding 4-wheelers/ATVs. The results were extremely favorable. 92% of the participants had no issues of any kind. 89% of the judges felt the use of 4-wheelers had no meaningful impact on their ability to evaluate a dog's performance. Three advantages were identified by host clubs:

1) a significant cost savings over the need to rent horses, 2) it greatly expanded the pool of prospective judges, and 3) it speeds up the event as judges were able to move more quickly from the end of the course to the starting line. This option will not be needed by all clubs and will not work in all situations. High cover, difficult or sensitive terrain, narrow paths and land use restrictions can make the utilization of 4-wheelers/ATVs unfeasible. However it can be used in many locations and potentially provide a significant cost savingsto the club. Pictures of clubs using 4-wheelers/ATVs at hunt tests can be viewed on the AKC Performance Events – Pointing Breed Hunt Test website at:

www.akc.org/events/hunting_tests/pointing_breeds/articles/4wheelers.cfm.

8. "ADVANCED" HUNT TEST TITLES – The Board also approved three new Pointing Breed Hunting Test titles – Junior Hunter Advanced (JHA), Senior Hunter Advanced (SHA) and Master Hunter Advanced (MHA). The intent of these titles is to provide an incentive for participants to maintain their involvement with their Hunt Test clubs and events. The new titles will become effective February 1, 2012. Complete information about these new titles will be e-mailed to all licensed clubs in the near future.

Editor's Note: The above information was received in a letter from the AKC. Please go to their website to read the complete rules. www.akc.org

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

The American Kennel Club/Canine Health Foundation (AKC/CHF) TarTan 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:

Beth Beatty

In honor of:

CH South Sea's Tautahi Laka CD JH Laka recently completed her CD obedience title which was the final hurdle in her quest for the coveted GSCA "Brains, Beauty & Birdsense" award. Laka is owned and loved by TarTan member Kristi Boehm

The All Setter Symposium

By Jim MacWalter

On Saturday, April 14th, I was privileged to assist with the bird work at the All Setter Symposium at Camp Newhoca in Vernon, CT.

My side-kick, Artie Thorne came along with me as Artie will drop everything to help dogs with any form of field work. We left my home at the wee hour of 5:00AM and arrived at Camp Newhoca at about 8:00AM. The bird work was to commence at 8:30AM. We met up with Gail Ryan and Paulette Peckol who were also assisting in the bird work. We discussed how we would split up the list of people, Paulette and her crew taking half of the list to the upper area and Gail, Artie and I taking the other half to the lower area.

The birds arrived on site and we were off. We alternated planting birds in the wooded area and all dogs were required to be on lead to avoid any excitement of a loose dog who was reluctant to return on call.

The quality and age of the dogs ran the gamut, from the excited pup to the old veteran, from the not so interested to the over-the-top, I don't want to stop, this is too much fun dogs.

All four varieties of Setters were well represented at the Symposium, although the Gordons we observed lingering at our bird field were far too young to be participating in this activity, but their time will come and we did take the time to introduce them to Mr. Robert White Ouail.

There were even a few dogs who were surprisingly good. We recommended to the owners that they enter these dogs at the next available hunt test, because they are ready to go now.

Although we were kept away from the rest of the Symposium with our bird work, we did observe Greg McCarthy showing some Setters and their owners how to handle themselves in a conformation ring and Shareen Brown instructing in the finer points of grooming a Setter.

The lunch bell rang and we took a short break. What a feed they put on, great food, delectable deserts and plenty to go around even for us, ahem, heavy eaters.

The Irish Setter Club of Central Connecticut and the English Setter Club of New England put on a really great day and I highly recommend that this event be put on your calendar for next year. Election of Officers will take place at the June Meeting (Picnic)

Nominating Committee:

Chair: Sherrie Grober

Committee: Larry Clifford, Ginette Desrosiers,

Maureen McLatchy, Phyllis Perrelli Alternates: Jim Dillon & Liz Wilshere

Proposed Slate:

Officers:

President- Laura Bedford Vice President- Ralph Schmid Treasurer- Nancy Smith

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GSCA National May 6 through 10, 2012 Judging Schedule on next page

Supported Entry—Ladies Dog Club June 2, 2012, Wrentham, Massachusetts Judge Mr Jeffrey Pepper (FL) & Sporting Group Closes May 16; Entry fee \$32.00 Premium list at www.infodog.com

TarTan Picnic Sunday June 24, 2012Dr John Flaherty Field Trial Area
East Windsor, Connecticut

2012 National Judging Program

JUDGING PROGRAM

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2012	5:00 PM - RING 2 - VETERAN SWEEPSTAKES (INDOORS) Judge: Mr. Gordon Chamber	Mineral Ridge, Ohio Veteran Sweepstakes Dogs 2 - 7 years & under 8 years 1 - 8 years & under 9 years 1 - 9 years & under 10 years 2 - 10 years & under 11 years 2 - 11 years & under 13 years	
SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2012 11:00 AM - RING 2 - OBEDIENCE	(INDOORS) Judge: Elizabeth (Tibby) Chase Monson, MA 01057	3 - Utility "8" 1 - Utility "A" 1 - Versatility 3 - Open "8" 1 - Open "8" 4 - Novice "8" 1 - Beginner Novice "8" 1 - Veteran	Control of the contro

15 Total Dogs

Rally Excellence Class "A" W: 1 - Excellence "A"	Rally Advanced Class "B
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9:00 AM - RING 1 - PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES (OUTDOORS)

Judge: L. Alison Rosskamp

MONDAY, MAY 7, 2012

Rally Advanced Class "A" Walk-thru	Rally Novice Class "B" Walk-thru
1 - Advanced "A"	4 - Novice "B"

6- 6- 9 months

Sweepstakes Dogs Glenmoore, PA

7 - 9-12 months

6 - 12 - 15 months 5 - 15 - 8 months

Walk-thru	
Rally Novice Class "A"	2-Novice "A"

5- 6- 9 months 5- 9-12 months 11-12-15 months

Sweepstakes Bitches

7-15- 8 months

52 Total Dogs

10 Total Dogs

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2012

Ir. Gordon Chambers

JUDGING PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012 9:00 AM – RING 1 – (OUTDOORS) GORDON SETTER BITCHES Judge: Dana P. Cline Loves Park, IL	7 - 6 - 9 months 5 - 9 - 12 months 17 - 12 - 18 months 1 - Amateur Owner Handler 15 - Bred By Exhibitor 11 - American Bred 12 - Open	11 - Veteran Bitches 1 - Field Trial Bitch 6 - Hunting Bitches
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012 9:00 AM - RING 1 - (OUTDOORS) GORDON SETTER DOGS Judge: Dana P. Cline Loves Park, IL	5 - 6 - 9 months 7 - 9 - 12 months 11 - 12 - 18 months 2 - Amateur Owner Handler 7 - Bred By Exhibitor 10 - American Bred 9 - Open WINNERS DOG	6 - Veteran Dogs 3 - Hunting Dogs 3 - Stud Dogs 2 - Brood Bitches

65 Total Dogs

5 - 9 years & under 10 years 5 - 10 years & under 11 years 3 - 11 years & under 13 years

1 - 13 years & over

29 Total Dogs

3 - 7 years & under 8 years 4 - 8 years & under 9 years

Veteran Sweepstakes Bitches

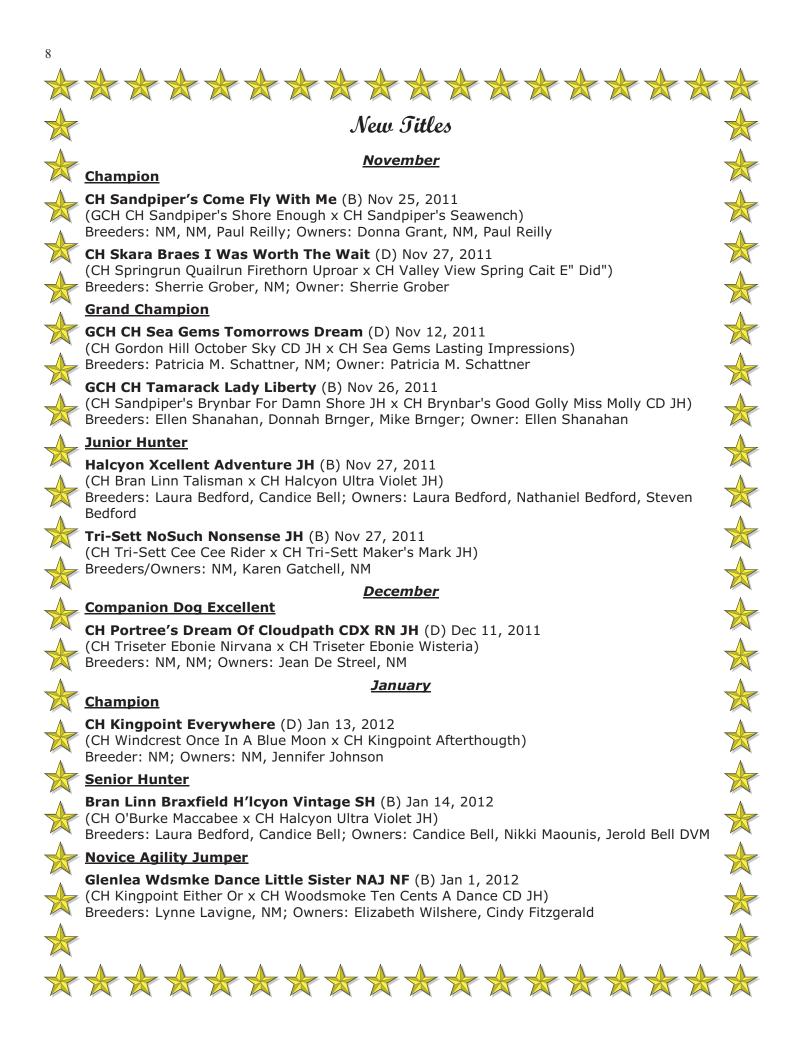
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012 ING 1 - (OUTDOORS)	There will be a 15 minute break before Best of Breed.
JUNIOR SHOWMANISHIP Judge: Dana P. Cline Loves Park. IL	36 - Best of Breed (19 -17)
1 - Novice Jr	122 Total Dogs
1 - Open Jr. 3 - Open Sr. 1 - Open Intermediate	Best Puppy Best Bred By Exhibitor

6 Total Dogs

The judge will take a lunch break at his discretion.

There are 218 dogs entered in this show, with a total of 299

For your conventionce, the following division of sexes has been carefully tabulated; however, neither the Club nor the Show Secretary assumes responsibility for absolute accuracy.



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TARTAN GORDON SETTER CLUB, INC. NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The TarTan Gordon Setter Club, Inc. has applications available for one (1) \$1,500 (US) scholarship for the 2012-2013 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 2012-2013 academic year
- Major field of study shall be related to Animal Sciences (including, but not limited to, veterinary, zoology, wildlife man agement, 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:

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The deadline for submitting completed applications is May 31, 2012.

2012 AKC POINT SCHEDULE GORDON SETTERS

New AKC Point Schedule - Effective May 16, 2012 As published in the AKC Events April 2012

	1 POIN	NT	2 POINT	TS	3 POINT	TS	4 POINT	TS .	5 POINT	ΓS
	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches	Dogs	Bitches
Div. 1	2	2	4	4	5	5	8	10	12	18
Div. 2	2	2	3	4	4	5	6	8	9	12
Div. 3	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	8
Div. 4	2	2	4	4	5	6	6	9	8	10
Div. 5	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	6	8	8
Div. 6	2	2	3	5	4	7	8	8	9	11
Div. 7	2	2	3	4	4	6	5	8	7	12
Div. 8	2	2	4	4	6	6	8	7	9	8
Div. 9	2	2	3	4	4	5	5	7	7	10
Div. 10	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6
Div. 11	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6
Div. 12	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6
Div. 13	2	2	3	5	4	7	5	8	7	9
Div. 14	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	7	6	8
Div. 15	2	2	3	3	5	5	8	8	10	10

Div. 1: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

Div. 2: Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania

Div. 3: District Of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

Div. 4: Florida, Georgia, South Carolina

Div. 5: Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio

Div. 6: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska

Div. 7: Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas

Div. 8: Oregon, Washington

Div. 9: California, Arizona

Div. 10: Alaska

Div. 11: Hawaii

Div. 12: Puerto Rico

Div. 13: Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming

Div. 14: Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi

Div. 15: Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin

For complete Conformation Championship requirements see Chapter 16 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows

The Points toward a Championship shall be awarded to the Winners Dog and Bitch of each breed or variety based on the actual number of dogs or bitches competing in that breed or variety.

2012.

Please note: If a state name is in **bold**, then it has

been moved to a new division effective May 16,

If the dog designated Winners Dog or Winners Bitch is also awarded Best of Breed or Variety, the dogs of both sexes that have been entered for Best of Breed or Variety competition and that have been defeated in such competition, shall be counted in addition to the dogs that competed in the regular classes for its sex in calculating championship points.

If the dog designated Winners Dog or Winners Bitch is also awarded Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed or Variety, the dogs of its own sex that have been entered for Best of Breed or Variety competition that have been defeated in competition for Best of

Opposite Sex, shall be counted in addition to the dogs that competed in the regular classes for its sex in calculating championship points.

After points have been computed for Winners Dog and Winners Bitch subject to the above two stipulations, the dog awarded the Best of Winners shall be credited with the number of points calculated for Winners Dog or Winners Bitch, whichever is greater. In counting the number of eligible dogs in competition, a dog that is disqualified, or that is dismissed, excused or ordered from the ring by the judge, or from which all awards are withheld shall not be included. Any dog which shall have won fifteen points shall become a Champion of Record, if six or more of said points shall have been won at two shows with a rating of three or more championship points each and under two different judges, and some one or more of the balance of said points shall have been won under some other judge or judges than the two judges referred to above.

Submitted by Donnah Brnger

When I Am Old

By The Laird O' Glen 'Mor

When I am an old pheasant hunter, I shall wear old comfortable, worn shirts ...and beat-up old brush pants, and a hunter orange baseball cap that suits me just fine. I shall spend my social security on good, single malt Scotch whisky and dog biscuits.

I'll sit in my kennel house and converse with my Gordon Setters. I will sneak out in the early morning hours to once again chase the elusive Ringneck pheasant through the woods and fields, if my old bones will allow.

When people come to call, I will smile and nod as I walk past the gardens to the kennel house and show, instead, a newly whelped litter of Gordons inside, all snug and warm with their mother in the whelping box.

I will work and sweat and occasionally swear like a drunken sailor and I will be an embarrassment to all who have not yet found the peace in walking a pheasant field, to have Gordon Setters as a best friend, a friend who waits at hours before daybreak with anxious wiggle and an impatient whine and loving eyes for the kind of man I will be when I am old.





"I just know there's a bone under there..."

Photo of a Dundee puppy by
Ginette Desrosiers



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