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**BREAKING NEWS! Mutation for CCA Identified—Test available**  
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## TarTan Specialty 2012



**Best of Breed**

**Ch Bromwich's Cauzin' A Commotion**

Judge Mrs Madeline Fish, Co-Owner/Handler Pam Radonis Scott & "Jimmy"





## Best in Sweepstakes & Reserve Winners Bitch Valley Views Summertime Dream

Judge Mrs Nancy Connor, Handler Evan Threlfall, "Eve" & Show Chair Robin Marshall

Monday, October 8, 2012 - South Windsor, CT

### Puppy Sweepstakes

Judge: Mrs Nancy Connor

#### Puppy Dogs, 6-9 Months (1)

1) Schofield Rio Debonaire Of Damon's

#### Puppy Dogs, 9-12 Months (2)

1) Sea Gems Harbor Breeze

2) Sea Gems Harboring Mischief

#### Junior Dogs, 15-18 Months (1)

1) WP Red, White & Blue Spruce

#### Puppy Bitches, 9-12 Months (2)

1) Valley Views Summertime Dream

2) Showpoint Jolene To Woodsmoke

#### Junior Bitches, 12-15 Months (1)

1) Windcrest Follow That Dream

#### Junior Bitches, 15-18 Months (2)

1) Dundee's Skye Of Glen Mor

2) Sandpiper's Sounds Of Nantucket

Best in Sweepstakes: Valley Views Summertime Dream

Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes: Sea Gems Harbor Breeze

Trinity Kennels and the Martin family are proud to announce.

## OUR NEWEST CHAMPION!

**“Maura”**

**CH Skara Brae Trinity's Can't Wait to be Great**

(Ch Springrun Quailrun Firethorn Uproar x Am/Can Ch Valley View Spring Cait “E” Did)

Bred By Sherrie Grober And Joanne Van Aller

And she certainly lived up to her name!



Maura began her show career in June 2012 under the expert care and magnificent handling of Kristyn McCartney. Daughter of Am/Can Ch Valley View Spring Cait “E” Did, bred by Sherrie Grober and Joanne Van Aller, she finished in only 18 shows and almost 7 weeks to the day she started! Finishing her whirl-wind tour with back to back major wins and a Best of Winners win at Harrisburg Pennsylvania in August from Judge Mrs. Mareth K. Kipp and the Harrisburg Kennel Club!

We could not be any prouder of our girl!

Thank you to Kristyn McCartney, and Kristyn's entire family! Your wonderful care, loving attention and expert handling are what got Maura to where she is today!

A very special THANK YOU to Sherrie Grober who allowed us first pick of the litter and in doing so gifted us with such a Beautiful, Special and Loving girl.

Now that she no longer has to “stay clean and pretty” Maura is excited to finally be able to chase birds and start her Hunt Test Trials this fall!



### Statement from Dr. Bell

The inherited neurological disorder Cerebellar Abiotrophy (CCA) causes progressive incoordination and a high stepping gait. It has been diagnosed in Gordon Setters at least over the past 50 years. While it occurs at a low frequency; over the years it has involved top winning Gordon Setters in both conformation and the field. Research on this autosomal recessive disorder began in 1978, and culminates with the following announcement from North Carolina State University about their finding the causative gene. This finding would not have been possible without the financial support from the TarTan Gordon Setter Club, and work by the TarTan Health and Genetics Committee to collect DNA samples for the research.

The genetic test can be performed with cheek swabs, at a not-for-profit price of \$51 per dog. It is recommended that you submit your test results to the OFA health registry database ([http://www.offa.org/pdf/dnaapp\\_bw.pdf](http://www.offa.org/pdf/dnaapp_bw.pdf)). In this way, offspring of two normal-testing parents can receive clear-by-parentage (CBP) ratings that do not require testing. Clear-by-parentage ratings require parentage verification through AKC DNA profiles (<http://www.offa.org/cbp.html>).

Please read the release from NC-State carefully, and take heed that you do not restrict the health and diversity of the Gordon Setter gene pool by removing quality carriers from breeding. You can prevent affected dogs from being produced, and lose the single defective gene by replacing quality carriers with quality, normal-testing offspring. A genetic test should increase your breeding options - not limit them.

## Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed in Sweepstakes

### Sea Gems Harbor Breeze

Judge Mrs Connor,  
Handler Katelyn  
Barber & "Raven"



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## Identification of Mutation for Cerebellar Degeneration in the Gordon Setter

The mutation causing cerebellar degeneration (also known as cerebellar abiotrophy, cerebellar ataxia, cerebellar cortical degeneration, CA) has been identified in the laboratory of Dr. Natasha Olby at North Carolina State University.

Cerebellar degeneration has been documented in the Gordon Setter as an autosomal recessive inherited disorder since at least the 1960s. It causes a progressive loss of coordination resulting in the hallmark ataxic gait characterized by dramatic overstepping, particularly obvious in the forelimbs. Onset of signs ranges from 6 months to 4 years of age and disease progression tends to be slow, occurring over several years.

The mutation was identified following extensive mapping of cerebellar degeneration in Old English Sheepdogs. Testing of the mutation discovered in Old English Sheepdogs revealed that both breeds of dog have the same mutation. This implies that it is an old mutation that has existed in these populations of dogs at a very low level until more recent times. The mutation has not been described previously, and to date has only been found in the Old English Sheep dog and the Gordon Setter.

Cerebellar degeneration has been seen in Gordon Setters worldwide, including the US, Canada, Europe, and Australia. It has been documented in both conformation and field lines. While the mutation is old and dispersed in the breed, we do not expect it to be present at a high frequency in the breed. Genetic testing for the mutation will allow an assessment of the gene's frequency in the breed.

The Veterinary Genetics Laboratory at North Carolina State University will be offering genetic testing for the mutation to owners and breeders in early October. The cost of testing will be \$51 per dog, and the test can be run on blood, cheek swabs or semen. Please see <http://www.cvm.ncsu.edu/vhc/csds/vcgl/index.html> for more details.

Genetic test results for the mutation will be normal, carrier (one copy of the defective gene), or affected (two copies of the defective gene). Now that a genetic test is available, no dog has to be eliminated from breeding due to cerebellar degeneration carrier status. Quality carriers should be bred to normal-testing dogs, preventing any affected dogs from being produced. Quality normal-testing offspring should replace the carrier parent to diminish the frequency of the defective gene in the breed. In this way, selection against cerebellar degeneration will not impact the genetic health or diversity of the breed.



We are grateful for the support given to our research by breeders and owners of Gordon Setters who donated DNA from their dogs, by the TarTan Gordon Setter Club for their continued support, and by our collaborators, Drs. Dahlia Nielsen and Alison Mottisinger Reif of the Bioinformatics Research Center, North Carolina State University, Dr. Jerold Bell of the Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Andrew Singleton of the Neurogenetics Laboratory at NIH, Drs. Kerstin Lindblad-Toh and Noriko Tonomura of the Broad Institute and Drs Dennis O'Brien and Gary Johnson of the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine.

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### Obedience

Date: Monday, October 8, 2012

Judge: Laurey Weiner

#### Novice B (1)

1) **Ch Leadra's Luthmhor Leannain RA** Score: 186

Ch Sandpiper's Castles By The Sea x Ch Leadra Lilac Leannain  
CD RE(Br/Ow (S & S Nicoll)

#### Rally

Date: Monday, October 8, 2012

Judge: Laurey Weiner

#### Novice B (3, 2 NO)

1) **Leadra's Lennox Loinneil Lass** Score: 80

GCh Leadra's Leading Lennox Lad CD RE x Ch Leadra's Leal  
Loinneil Lemon RN (Br/Ow S & S Nicoll)

#### Advanced B (2)

1) **Ch Leadra's Leil Loinneil Lemon RN** Score: 54, Time: 2:43

Ch Sandpiper's Castles By The Sea x Ch Leadra Lilac Leannain  
CD RE (Br/Ow S & S Nicoll)

2) **Vintage Just A Whisper RE** Score: 54, Time: 2:50

Ch Pineridge Sutton Of Holly Hollow SH x Ch Highland's  
Glenlivet Jubilee JH (Br B Toupin , Ow S Adams-Conley DVM, D  
Conley)

### Excellent B

1) **Vintage Just A Whisper RE** Score: 82

(S Adams-Conley DVM/D Conley)

2) **Ch Leadra's Luthmhor Leannain R** Score: 70

(S/S Nicoll)

### Obedience Challenge Trophy Retired

The Obedience Challenge trophy in memory of CH Alilou's Amber Enchantress UD JH WD "Tess" has been retired. This award was created to honor the memory of my first Gordon and foundation bitch. Tess was my first "everything" dog- hunting, obedience, show but most importantly she was a beloved family member. Through her remarkable temperament and willingness to try, she was a patient teacher who taught me so much. The generations who followed her certainly benefited from her teachings.

To retire the trophy, a person must win High In Trial at the TarTan Specialty three different times, not necessarily with the same dog. This is not an easy feat.

The trial is held outdoors in October which makes that a challenge in itself. Gordons would much rather be hunting outdoors on a brisk, fall day instead of heeling off lead around a ring with precision. I am very happy to report that Sandra Nicoll has retired the Challenge trophy by winning High In Trials with the following dogs:

2009 CH Sandpiper's Lap Leadra's Lass  
CD RA "Ainsley"

2010 CH Leadra's Luthmhor Leannain RN  
"Kamden"

2012 CH Leadra's Luthmhor Leannain RN  
"Kamden"

Congratulations to Sandra and her multi-talented Gordons!

Maureen McLatchy



## High in Trial Ch Leadra's Luthmhor Leannain RA

Owner/Handler Sandra Nicoll,  
Kamden & Judge Laurey Weiner



## What A Weekend At Woodsmoke !



### GlenLea Woodsmoke Dancing Thru Life- 'Nessa Rose'

Finished her AKC Championship  
With her third major under breeder judge Patricia Mowbray-Morgan

Always beautifully handled by Stacy Snyder

'Nessa Rose' was bred by Lynne Lavigne and Greg McCarthy  
By AmCh RuCh EstCh Kingpoint Either Or- 'Ruben' and  
Out of Ch Woodsmoke Ten Cents A Dance, CD, JH 'Tess'

Owned by Natalie and Cindy Fitzgerald and Greg McCarthy  
Woodsmoke-Goshen, CT wdsmske85@aol.com



## What A Weekend At Woodsmoke !



### Woodsmoke Me and My Gin, CD-'Ginny'

Finished her Master Hunter Title  
Trained and Handled by the talented Janie Bristow, NC

'Ginny' was bred by Cindy Fitzgerald, Beth Beatty and Liz Wilshere  
By AmCh RuCh EstCh Kingpoint Either Or- 'Ruben' and  
Out of Ch SeaGem Woodsmoke Blues Diva, CD, MH-'Bess'

Owned by Ralph and Valerie Schmid  
Clinton, CT





## Winners Dog,/Best of Winners Holly Hollow's Bodacious Bomag

Judge Mrs Fish, Handler Candy Carswell & "Bo"

### Regular Dog Classes

Judge Mrs Madeline Fish

#### Puppy Dogs, 6-9 Months (1)

- 1) Schofield Rio Debonaire Of Damon's  
Ch Winteridge Rio Bravo x Ch Schofield Take Me  
To D'Limit JH (Br R Schmidt, Ow C & G Paludi)

#### Puppy Dogs, 9-12 Months (2)

- 1) Sea Gems Harboring Mischief  
DC Sun-Yak Spellbnd Heaven Scent x Ch Seagems Lasting Impressions  
(Br P Schattner, J Johnson, Ow D Eckert, P Schattner)
- 2) Sea Gems Harbor Breeze (P Schattner)  
DC Sun-Yak Spellbnd Heaven Scent x Ch Seagems Lasting Impressions  
(Br P Schattner, J Johnson, Ow D Eckert, P Schattner)

#### Junior Dogs, 12-18 Months (1)

- 1) WP Red, White & Blue Spruce  
GCh Windcrest Take It To The Limit x WP Mistress Of The Dark Pines (Br/Ow S Adams-Conley DVM)

#### Novice Dogs (1)

- 1) Gordon Hill Tailwind  
Can DC Bracadale' DDG Buck x DC/AFC Indian Sky Gordon Hill Scout (Br S DeSilver, Ow D & S DeSilver)

#### Bred-by-Exhibitor Dogs (2)

- 1) Sea Gems Black Sabbath  
Ch Gordon Hill October Sky CD JH x Ch Sea Gems Lasting Impressions  
(Br P Schattner, D Eckert, Ow P Schattner, D Golden)
- 2) Windcrest Take Me To The Pilot  
GCh Windcrest Take It To The Limit x Ch Windcrest Some Kind Of Wonderful  
(Br D & V Sweeney, D Scovil, Ow D & K Pilotti, D Sweeney)



American-Bred Dogs (3)1) **Sea Gems Memories In Time**

Ch Gordon Hill October Sky CD JH x Ch Sea Gems Lasting Impressions

(Br P Schattner, D Eckert, Ow P Schattner, K Holroyd)

2) **Sandpiper's Smoke On The Water**

GCh Sandpiper's Shore Enough x Ch Sandpiper's Firethorn Rave Review

(Br J Beattie, P Reilly, Ow L Nicoll, J Beattie)

3) **Holly Hollow's Helluva Heat Wave**

Ch Pineridge Sutton Of Holly Hollow SH x Holly Hollow's Remembrance Of Rose JH

(Br/Ow S Linhares)

**Winners Dog: Holly Hollow's Bodacious Bomag**

**Reserve Winners Dog: Sea Gems Black Sabbath**

**Junior Showmanship**

Judge: Mrs Madeline B Fish

**Junior Showmanship, Open Intermediate (1)**

1) **Anna L Gillis w/Ch Ahoy's Pride Of The Glens JH CGC (J/J MacWalter)**

**Best Junior Handler: Anna L Gillis**

Open Dogs (4, 1 Abs)1) **Holly Hollow's Bodacious Bomag**

Holly Hollow Expialidocious x Holly Hollow's Summer Surprise

(Br/Ow S Linhares)

2) **Sandpiper's Man Overboard**

GCh Sandpiper's Shore Enough x Ch Sandpiper's Firethorn Wave Review

(Br J Beattie, P Reilly, Ow B Porterfield, D Grant, P Reilly)

3) **Sandpiper's Dashing In The Dunes**

GCh Sandpiper's Shore Enough x Ch Sandpiper's Firethorn Wave Review

(Br J Beattie, P Reilly, Ow P Haynes, P Reilly)

## Award of Merit

### Ch Firethorn & Spring Run's Truth Or Consequences

Co-Owner/Handler Greg McCarthy, "Baby Ruth" & Judge Mrs Fish



## Reserve Winners Dog Sea Gems Black Sabbath

Judge Mrs Fish, Co-Owner/Handler Patte Schattner & "Ozzie"



J MAC Photography



**Judge Mrs Fish and her lineup for Winners Dog.**

### Regular Bitch Classes Judge Mrs Madeline Fish

#### Puppy Bitches, 9-12 Months (2)

- 1) **Valley Views Summertime Dream**  
Ch Oakrise Night Vision x Ch Valley View's Spring Kate "E"  
Did (Br J Van Aller, S Grober, Ow J VanAller)
- 2) **Showpoint Jolene To Woodsmoke** (Imp Finland)  
Ch Kingpoint Academy Award x Showpoint Gates Of Eden  
(Br O Huovila, Ow C Fitzgerald, L Wilshire, E Fryquist)

#### Junior Bitches, 12-18 Months (4)

- 1) **Albanach Braveheart**  
GCh Seasac's Rumor Has It JH RN x Poinsetter Fantasia JH  
(Br T & A Albers, Ow K Parke, E Desimore, T & A Albers)
- 2) **Sandpiper's Sounds Of Nantucket**  
Ch Sandpiper's Castles By The Sea x Ch Sandpiper's Sound Waves (Br/Ow J Beattie, D Grant, P Reilly)
- 3) **Dundee's Skye Of Glen Mor**  
Ch Ahoy's Pride Of The Glens JH x Dundee Thistle Of Trilogy JH (Br W Hardie, Ow S Linhares, J MacWalter)
- 4) **Windcrest Follow That Dream**  
GCh Windcrest Travelin' Prayer x Ch Windcrest Some Kind Of Wonderful (Br D & V Sweeney, S Scovil, Ow D & V Sweeney, S Scovil, K Davidson-Christman)

#### Novice (1)

- 1) **Halcyon Xemplar**  
Ch Bran Linn Talisman x GCh Halcyon Ultra Violet JH  
(Br L Bedford, C Bell, Ow D & M Myers)

#### Bred-by-Exhibitor Bitches (4)

- 1) **Damon's Fire & Rain**  
Ch NCM's Tradition Of Heavenly x Ch Damon's Times Square  
(Br/Ow C & G Paludi)

#### 2) **Sandpiper's Shore Why Knot!**

GCh Sandpiper's Shore Enough x Ch Sandpiper's Firethorn Wave Review  
(Br J Beattie, P Reilly, Ow J Beattie, P Reilly, D Grant)

#### 3) **WP Mistress Of The Dark Pines**

Ch Holly Hollow Rem'b'r Sam's Sons JH x Ch Highland's Glenlivet Jubilee JH  
(Br B Toupin, S Adams-Conley DVM, Ow S Adams-Conley DVM)

#### 4) **Leadra's Lennox Loinneil Lass**

GCh Leadra's Leading Lennox Lad CD RE x Ch Leadra Leal Loinneil Lemon RN (Br/Ow S/S Nicoll)

#### American-Bred Bitches (2)

##### 1) **Valley View Elvira**

Ch Springrun Quailrun Firethorn Uproar x Ch Valley View's Liberty Bell (Br/Ow J VanAller)

##### 2) **Sandpiper's Ceilidh For Glen 'Mor JH**

Ch Sandpiper's Castles By The Sea x Ch Sandpiper's Yes I'm Shore JH  
(Br J Beattie, P Reilly, Ow J & J MacWalter, J Beattie, P Reilly)

#### Open Bitches (2)

##### 1) **Bran Linn Braxfield Xpert Advice**

Ch Bran Linn Talisman x GCh Halcyon Ultra Violet JH  
(Br S Bedford, C Bell, Ow N Maounis, C & J Bell DVM)

##### 2) **Glenlea Woodsmoke Dancing Thru Life**

Ch Kingpoint Either Or x Ch Woodsmoke Ten Cents A Dance JH CD  
(Br L Lavigne, G McCarthy, Ow N & C Fitzgerald, G McCarthy)

**Winners Bitch: Bran Linn Braxfield Xpert Advice**  
**Reserve Winners Bitch: Valley Views Summertime Dream**