



January 2008

New Year's Traditions

Consider the tremendous influence of Scottish traditions on our own New Year's Eve celebrations. From the song that we sing Auld Lang Syne, by Robert Burns, to our New Year's resolutions, a tradition invented by the Scots and even our New Year's Eve toast. Many of our common New Year's Eve traditions originated in this wonderfully diverse and rich country.

In the late 1500s, the Scottish Reformation took a strong stand against Catholic celebrations and abolished Christmas. They abolished it for over four hundred years and as such Christmas was not publicly celebrated nor was it a day off work for most Scots until almost 1960. However this went very much against Scottish nature as Scots like to party and have fun. So in the early 1600s, they changed the date of New Year's from March 25 to January 1 and began celebrating Hogmanay.

Hogmanay (New Year's Eve) or Night of the Candle is a two-day holiday on January 1 or 2 filled with all kinds of festivals, parties, bonfires and fireworks. Foods such as three cornered biscuits called Hogmanays are eaten as are other foods that are special at this time of year. These include wine, cordials, cheese, bread, shortbread, oatcake, currant loaf and scones. In addition to the parties and celebrations that occur on New Year's Eve, many parts of Scotland still celebrate a midnight mass on New Year's Eve as well. After the bells have rung people would go visiting friends and family, or first footing as it is known in Scotland

Ever wonder why guests are told to BYOB to New Year's eve parties? It is thought to be because of the Scottish custom called "first footing". This tradition consists of a dark handsome young man being the first to cross the threshold of a home as soon as the bells ring at midnight on January 1st. This stems back to when unwelcome visitors to the shores were Vikings who were short and fair-haired. This gentleman would bring a black bun or shortbread, a lump of coal and most importantly a bottle of alcohol (typically whiskey) into the home as gifts to signify good luck and prosperity for the new year. However, it is also considered unlucky to have women, red haired people or someone empty handed be the first through your door on New Year's Day. To have this occur is thought to bring bad luck to the household the rest of the year. Unfortunately Scottish hospitality prevents the unlucky visitor from being turned away. Because of this, it is not unusual for households to choose a first footer and make arrangements prior to Hogmanay in order to ensure good luck for the coming year.

A guid New Year to ane an' a' and mony may ye see

A good New Year to one and all, and many may you see.



Jim MacWalter and Brodie at their dog training club's holiday party. What more appropriate dress could there be for a bonnie, braw highland laddie like Brodie than his kilts! Brodie was the hit of the night and won first prize in the contest!

Congratulations Brodie!!

TarTan Highlights

- **RESCUE:** A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!
- **Events:** A National Field Trial First!
- **Awards:** Annual Banquet in February!
- **Newsletter:** Meet the new Newsletter Staff!

WAGS AND BRAGS:

- SeaGems Woodsmoke Blues Diva received her first SH leg at the **last** test of her spring season. It is fitting that she finished her Senior Hunter title at the **first** tests of her fall season. Her trainer Walter Cruz added a MH leg before she came home for the holidays. "Bess" is proudly owned by Cindy Fitzgerald, Beth Beatty and Liz Wilshere.
- Not to be outdone, her 1/2 sister- Woodsmoke Stella By Starlight achieved her Junior Hunter title at TarTan's fall hunt test in NH this past November. Stella is also owned by 'The Girls' - Liz Wilshere, Cindy Fitzgerald and Beth Beatty.

Meet the Staff

Jani Wolstenholme:

My name is Jani Wolstenholme, many of you know me as Ronan's mom. I've had a Gordon in my life since May 11, 1986 when I picked up Gemma, who was eight weeks old. Before that I had Casey, an Irish Setter for twelve years, and Daphne, a sweet yellow Labrador for almost fifteen years. Gemma, and eventually her son, Gavin, got me involved in the world of conformation shows, although neither finished. I've put obedience titles on both Daphne and Gemma, and hope to someday with Ronan. Right now he and I are mostly taking a sabbatical from the show ring until the spring.

At the present time, I work for the Navy as the office manager/anesthesia assistant at the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery clinic in Newport, RI. However, I've recently submitted my retirement paperwork and will be retiring after forty years of federal service on February 1st, 2008. I am also a Navy veteran and served during the Viet Nam War era.

I'm honored to a part of the TarTan Tidings team and look forward to assisting Karol in the "hunting and gathering" part of the job. Feel free to send me ideas or suggestions for articles, news, or fun stuff you might want to see in your newsletter.

Jeff Martin:

Most of you don't know me as I am a newer addition to the TarTan club thanks to Candice Bell and several others whom I met at the hunt trials last fall. My name is Jeff Martin and my family has mostly been into the Irish and English Setters for my entire life and my first Gordon was "Nikki" Tri-Sett Knick-Knack Trinity, who was originally owned by my parents and now lives quite comfortably on the couch in my home.

I spent my younger years in 4-H doing conformation and obedience and then took time off for college. I graduated from Oregon State University with a Degree in Business and Animal Science in 2000 and then completed a second degree in Veterinary Technology in 2006. I currently own and operate my own kennel business and work as an ER Vet Tech on the weekends. Currently we have two Gordon, Three Irish and a new English girl at home.

Although I have shown the Irish off and on in the ring for the past few years, I seriously returned to the AKC scene with "Parker", my second Gordon in the fall of 2006 and managed to put both hunting and obedience titles on him in the past year. We are hoping to have him out in conformation next year as well and are looking forward to that experience. I am very excited to be a part of the TarTan Tidings Newsletter team with Karol and Jani and look forward to getting to know everyone! I am working on the production and layout portion of the Newsletter and as such welcome any and all comments, suggestions or ideas the members have in regards to the look and feel of your newsletter.

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From Maureen McClatchy:

Entries for the February agility trials are full both days with a long wait list. If any members wish to come and help, we will be running from 7:30 am to about 5pm each day.

FMI contact:

Maureen McLatchy
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pinebitch@juno.com

TarTan GSC agility trials
Feb 2 and 3, 08
held at American K9 Country 336 Rt. 101 Amherst NH
www.americank9country.com

trial hours:

7:30 am to 6pm daily

Join us, won't you?

TAR TAN GORDON SETTER CLUB ANNUAL BANQUET

Saturday, February 16, 2008

Storowton Tavern
1805 Memorial Drive
West Springfield, Massachusetts

Welcome our guest
DIANE DARGAY
as she speaks about Flyball!

Cocktails at 6:00 pm
Dinner at 7:00 pm
Buffet dinner: \$18 for members
\$28 for guests
Cash bar

Presentation of
Annual Awards
(form on reverse)

Send checks, made out to TarTan GSC, to:
Laura Bedford, 11 Shafer Road, New Hartford, CT 06057
Deadline: Saturday, February 2, 2008
Questions? Phone 860-489-9908 or email: halkyondog@aol.com

Please make plans to join us at the Annual Banquet on Saturday evening, February 16th. Once again, the site will be the wonderful Storowton Tavern in West Springfield, Massachusetts. A guest speaker, familiar to so many of us, Diane Dargay, will fill us in on Flyball, we will be hosting an auction of "valuables," and, of course, the annual awards will be presented

TarTan Gordon Setter Club Annual Awards 2007

Any dog owned by a member of the TarTan Gordon Setter Club, who has attained a title within the calendar year 2007, is eligible for an award. Online application forms are also available on the TarTan Gordon Setter Club website, www.tartangsc.org

Please provide the following information. Copies may be made of this form if more than one dog is eligible for an award.

Registered name of dog: _____

Call name: Registration Number: _____

Category of award (circle one):
_____ field _____ conformation _____ obedience _____ agility _____ rally _____

Title (s): _____

Event and date title finished: _____

Owner's name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please mail completed application, by **January 31**, to:
Coleen Banks, 28 Kenilworth Drive W, Stamford, CT 06902

NEW TITLES – October 2007

CONFORMATION:

Champion

Ch Gordon Hill Phoebe (B) October 20, 2007

(Gordon Hill Black Brook JH x Ch Westerogle Gordon Hill Bonny JH)

Br: Susan De Silver & NM & NM Ow: NM & Susan De Silver

PERFORMANCE & FIELD:

Junior Hunter

Portree's Dream Of Cloudpath JH (D) October 20, 2007

(Ch Triseter Ebonie Nirvana x Ch Triseter Ebonie Wisteria)

Br: NM & NM Ow: Jean De Streel & NM

Agility Fast Novice

Pinebirch Just Jake RA JH AX AXJ NF (D) October 13, 2007

(Ch Woodsmoke's Just Looking CDX RN JH OA AXP NAJ AJP x MACH Pinebirch Southern Promise CD RE JH MXP2 MJP2 NFP)

Br/Ow: Maureen A McLatchy

Master Agility Excellent

Pinebirch Just Jake RA JH MX AXJ NF (D) October 14, 2007

(Ch Woodsmoke's Just Looking CDX RN JH OA AXP NAJ AJP x MACH Pinebirch Southern Promise CD RE JH MXP2 MJP2 NFP)

Br/Ow: Maureen A McLatchy

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Submitted by Karol Paduch

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AWARDS AND EVENTS:

My First National Field Trial

By Jane De Casteia

My first dog to Field Trial has made me very proud. He went to the Nationals to run with the best in the country and had a super run which left me breathless and oh, so proud. Loch, Blackburn Sir Launcelot is sired by Rhett, CH Hcask Splbnd Gone With the Win and my Tinka, CH Tartana Dame Tinka Belle. From his first introduction to field work with Jim Basham, he showed as Jim said, "a desire to go in the pursuit of game." Soon after, someone who was watching Loch said he has "fire in the belly". He has never stopped. Earning Puppy points and Derby placements with Jim, he then moved on to Jesse Chapman and finished his Derby points in a month. He earned a 4th Place Derby Dog of the year in 2006 with only three placements.



When Loch won his Major Gun Dog placement last spring at 2 ½ I began to think about possibly having him run at the Nationals. I was hesitant because he was so young, and I was also new. After encouragement from Jesse, Susan DeSilver, and Marianne Goodwin, I thought why not. He is after all my first Field Trial Dog. It was an experience of a lifetime for someone who has become fascinated watching a Field Trial Dog work.

The Trial was held on a beautiful farm in Virginia. From the minute I arrived I felt the electricity and the excitement, meeting for the first time both people and the dogs I had read about from across the country, as well as renewing acquaintances with many of the owners I knew from Trials on the East Coast. The atmosphere of the lovely place where we ate sumptuous meals brought us all together, talking nonstop and trading stories.

Loch was in the 4th Brace the first morning, my heart was pounding praying he would run the course and not get picked up. The gallery of followers on horseback was awesome in number. There was even a gigantic John Deere tractor pulling a large wagon for many to ride and follow the dogs. Unlike many Trial areas, one could see much of the dog work. Loch had a beautiful cast-off and went tearing down the line in his pursuit of game. My elation was at seeing the expert way he rimmed the harvested bean and cornfields as well as his smarts at getting deep into cover where birds were likely to be found because of the wind and heat. He had 2 nice finds, holding his point staunchly and handling beautifully for Jesse to the end. I was so excited by his performance and soon received praises from many who had seen him run. A Judge told me later that they had carried him in 4th place until the very last brace, so he was close to getting a cherished placement. But at 3 he has many more years to run. Loch is a large boy with a big set of wheels and is put together so that they work for him.



Jane de Casteja

2008 TarTan Supported Entries

Big Apple Sporting Society

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Secaucus, New Jersey

Judge: Bonnie Threlfall (NC) Ms Threlfall will also judge Puppy Sweepstakes Group and Sporting Group

Entry Fees: \$30.00 except puppies and Junior Show which are \$20.00; sweeps entries are \$15.00

Closing Date: Noon, Wednesday January 23, 2008

Superintendent: Jim Rau Dog Shows www.raudogshows.com

BASS also will offer Bird Dog Classes as a non-regular class, and Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes, which will be judged by Janne Radcliffe (TX)

NON-REGULAR CLASSES INVOLVING SINGLE ENTRIES

Bird Dog Classes - Class for dogs & class for bitches that have earned Working Dog (WD) or Working Dog Excellent (WDX) titles from the Parent Club or have received a qualifying score at any AKC Hunting Test or have received a placement at an AKC Field Trial. Classes to be held after Winners Bitch and before Best of Breed.

Veteran Classes. Classes for dogs & bitches 7 years & under 9 years; 9 years & under 11 years; 11 years and over. Sexes divided. Veteran Dogs & Bitches are eligible for Best of Breed/Variety competition and thus must be intact.

New England Sporting Group Association (1)

Saturday, March 15, 2008

Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Judge: Lorraine W Bisso (LA)

Group: Dr Donald Sturz Jr (NY)

New England Sporting Group Association (2)

Sunday, March 16, 2008

Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Judge: Debra Davis (MI) Provisional

Group: Mrs Bisso

Entry Fees: \$28.00

Closing Date: Noon, Wednesday February 27, 2008

Superintendent: MB-F, Inc www.infodog.com

NESGA will also offer Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes, which will be judged by Ms Robyn Haskin (NY) on Saturday and Andrew Batey (WA) on Sunday.

Ladies' Dog Club

Saturday, May 31, 2008

Wrentham, Massachusetts

Judge: W Everett Dean, Jr (VA)

Entry Fees: \$25.00

Closing Date: Noon, Wednesday May 14, 2008

Superintendent: MB-F, Inc www.infodog.com

Northwestern Connecticut Kennel Club

September 2008

All information will be updated as it becomes available.

Karol Paduch

Supported Entry Chair

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

TarTan Gordon Setter Club, Inc.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 27, 2007- East Hartford, CT

Call To Order:

President Larry Clifford called the meeting to order at 11:30 am

Attendance:

In Attendance: Cindy Fitzgerald, Laura Bedford, Larry Clifford,

Anita Lustenberger, Robin Marshall, Nancy Smith, Richard Dwyer

Absent: Ellen Shanahan

Quorum Certification:

The Secretary certified a quorum was present.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Robin Marshall made a motion to accept the Minutes of the last meeting as published.

Laura Bedford seconded and the motion was passed by all present Board members.

Officers' Reports:

President: Larry Clifford –various correspondence, some that was duplicates of Secretary's correspondence.

-Report from CHF to be forwarded to Candice Bell (Health & Genetics)

Vice President: Laura Bedford-No report at this time

Secretary: Cindy Fitzgerald reported various correspondence;

CERF membership application/forms; Discussion led by H&G committee member Anita Lustenberger felt that joining would be redundant for TarTan as the GSCA already receives reports and lists as well as accessibility on websites.

The Board agreed with Anita and will not pursue.

A copy of the CHF newsletter which is sent to all donors (clubs and individuals)

AKC correspondence regarding a \$110 late fee incurred by late paperwork (all paid and events have been authorized)

Thank you from Maureen McLatchy for various issues.

AKC approvals for November 3 & 4, 2007 Hunt Test.

Treasurer: Nancy Smith reported a balance of \$16,441.69. There was discussion of AKC raising event fees. Anita Lustenberger said that it had been disputed but all rumors indicated that the fees would go into effect in January 2008.

Committee Reports:

Agility: Maureen McLatchy- No formal report but Nancy Smith had the financial report from the agility trial which was held August 11 & 12, 2007 in Westfield, MA and there was a profit of \$4,860.15. (**report to be published in the newsletter**).

Cindy Fitzgerald reminded the Board that next August the event will be held indoors in Amherst, NH which will make it easier for the committee to run due to no setups or breakdowns as well as being in an air conditioned building. There will be less rings, but because of being indoors, they can run for a longer amount of time.

The February agility trial will now be a two day trial with the profits still being designated to the CHF TarTan GSC Donor Advised Fund.

Archives: Karen Gatchell –No report but it was noted that Karen has placed a box ad in the newsletter asking for membership donations to Archives. Cindy reported that Joyce MacWalter had taken many pictures at the Tar-Tan Specialty and had sent a CD for the newsletter and website with it eventually going to archives.

Awards: Coleen Banks reported that all of last year's awards had been sent out and that she would be replenishing the supply of rosettes for this year. She will be working with the banquet chairman to get the awards application out in the newsletter and on the website.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes continued

Banquet: Laura Bedford reported that the banquet would be at Storrowtown Inn in Springfield, MA again on February 16, 2008. It will be a buffet at \$24.00 (plus tax and tip) per person and TarTan will again subsidize \$10.00 to each member's dinner. Kathy King has offered to help Laura organize the dinner. Laura will be sending out individual mailings to the members as well as putting it in the newsletter and the website. She will be asking Diane Dargay to give a talk on FlyBall for the membership.

By Laws Revision: Robin Marshall reported that the current Bylaws was published in two newsletters (as well as on our website) with a request to the membership to study it in its current form and send her their comments, concerns, etc. She received two comments and she and the committee will be moving forward within the next few months.

'07 Fall Field Trial: Susan DeSilver-no event this fall but Nancy reported that we had paid \$150 for the grounds to save our seniority date with the association.

'07 Fall Hunt Test: Richard Dwyer reported that in actuality Mark Gallagher is the Fall hunt test chairman and Ralph Schmid is the Spring hunt test chairman. The test is November 3 & 4, 2007 in Hopkinton, NH .The premiums had been sent out, entries all over have been low and there has been a problem with birds, but Richard feels all will go as planned.

Health & Genetics: Candice Bell sent a report and Anita Lustenberger presented the pertinent points to the Board. Rather than synopsis it, we are printing the report in it's entirety in order for the membership to realize the importance of the committee and all the work that has been accomplished since it's inception. **(report to be published in the newsletter)**. Anita suggested that the saturation of information from this committee in various mediums is necessary to encourage other clubs into the venue. Laura Bedford took a moment to commend the committee for their dedication and hard work.

Inventory: Laura Bedford reported a new acquisition- denim shirts (which Robin modeled for the board members). She will send the inventory up to the hunt test and to the agility trial in February.

Library: Phyllis Lundy- No report but it was noted that there is a 'standing box ad' in the newsletter.

Membership: Dorie Viguers reported two new member applications: A.Candy Carswell and Donna Grant and Paul Reilly. There was discussion regarding Jeff and Jessica Martin's 2007 application. Due to an extreme lag in getting the application published, the Board decided to extend their membership to include the upcoming year as well. Robin Marshall will notify Dorie of the decision.

Dorie sent out the newest membership list as well as a 'Willing To Serve' list which Cindy will distribute to the chairmen.

Newsletter: Karen Becker/Karol Paduch/Ellen Shanahan –No Report.

Karen Becker had given her resignation as newsletter editor effective at the end of the year Jani Wolstenholme had expressed an interest in helping out, but felt that the production end of the newsletter was too technical for her so she has offered to co-manager the newsletter with Karol Paduch and will serve as the 'hunter/gatherer' of information. The Board is on a search for a production manager to replace Karen. (**Since the meeting, Jeff Martin has taken up the reins and he will be producing the newsletter as of the first of the year)

Picnic: Robin Marshall reported the date for the picnic will be June 22, 2008 at Flaherty's in East Windsor, CT.. She is sticking with the same format as it had appeared very successful. Richard Dwyer has offered to handle the bird work (and will ask for help from Larry Clifford, Ralph Schmid and Bill Fralick), Anita Lustenberger agreed to handle judging the Fun Match and Robin will ask Val Schmid to handle the games again. She will also contact Susan DeSilver in order to reserve the date at the Flaherty meeting next month.

Policies and Procedures Revision: (see Bylaw review and revision)

Public Education: Currently there is no chairman. Discussion evolved when Robin mentioned that it is very difficult for one person to get a handle on this committee due to the area coverage. There was discussion that we need a committee of state delegates to stay informed and handle the coverage adequately and also that it almost appeared to be a 'spin off' of rescue. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Rescue: Ellen Shanahan sent in a report.: Stanley and Maggie have both been successfully placed, Jeff Martin, Ellen Shanahan and Robin Marshall all attended the Altamont NY Scottish Games and had a busy and successful rescue booth with lots of PR. Ellen is currently getting Jan Vassallo all the information to start inputting data in her role as Rescue Statistician and Cindy Fitzgerald reported that all the Foster Questionnaires had been mailed out to the membership and she anticipated a good response.

Kerry Scott also sent an amended rescue Financial Report **(to be published in the newsletter)**

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes continued

Scholarship: Candice Bell sent in a report naming Alina Evans as the sole applicant for our 2007-2008 scholarship. She will be receiving one of the two \$750.00 scholarships. She also stated that the committee recommended modifying the current restricted field of study by broadening the requirements. The Board discussed the committee's recommendations and those discussions, along with the committee's recommendations resulted in a slight change to the requirements for the 2008-2009 scholarship. The report also commended both the Board and the membership for their generous contributions to this fund, the membership renewals generated \$140.00 towards the scholarship.

'07 TarTan Specialty: Cindy Fitzgerald reported that the specialty was held on September 23, in Goshen, CT with Norht-western Dog Club All Breed show and appeared to have a successful turnout with many members coming to enjoy the lovely fall weather and excellent hospitality afterwards. Joyce MacWalter took lots of photos which we will enjoy on the website and in the newsletter.

The Board decided to skip the 2008 Specialty until after lunch break and continued in the meeting with:

Supported Entries: Karol Paduch had mentioned that she and Cindy had been in touch with NESGA regarding trophies for our March 2008 supported entries. With Board approval we ordered trophies through the association and Nancy will send them a check. As a reminder, it is a two day supported entry in Fitchburg, MA.. We are also supporting the entry at the Big Apple Sporting Group show in NJ in February to show our support. New member Donna Grant is handling all the communications and we will be donating 'left over' pottery trophies to that supported entry. Laura Bedford will do ads for both the NESGA and BASS catalogues.

Trophies: Beth Beatty will continue to handle trophies.

Website: Lynn Tenny- No report.

Delegates Reports:

Flaherty: Susan DeSilver- No report although it was noted that their annual meeting will be coming up in December..

HELDCA: Maureen McLatchy- No report but Richard also mentioned that their meeting to choose dates, etc is also usually in December.

GSCA Liaison: Carmen Paludi has resigned from the GSCA Board of Directors so we will have to assume that we will be assigned a new liaison at the next GSCA board meeting..

Old Business:

Candice Bell and Laura Bedford are still working on developing a TarTan brochure similar to the PANE brochure .

Richard Dwyer brought up an old discussion regarding the Board agreeing to make a monetary donation to the HELDCA grounds. He has finally spoken with the Corps and they have decided on accepting TarTan's donation of a new information/posting sign for the grounds. Richard said that the recommended sign would cost about \$899.

Richard made a motion for TarTan to approve the donation of \$899 to purchase a sign for the HELDCA grounds. Anita Lustenberger seconded and all members in attendance agreed. Richard will communicate with Nancy as to when and where to send the check to purchase the signage.

New Business:

Cindy Fitzgerald mentioned the need to order more club stationary. The Board directed her to pursue ordering.

Robin Marshall also extended a very generous donation by members Betsy and Gary Cabit. The Cabits have offered one of their rental properties in Acadia, ME (near Bar Harbor) for 1 week in September for a raffle to benefit TarTan.(the Board will make a recommendation to the Cabit's that the fundraising benefit the AKC/CHF TarTan Donor Advised Fund).Cindy Fitzgerald offered to help Robin in organizing the raffle details. It was suggested that tickets would be sold for \$10 each or 3 for \$25 and the raffle would 'kick off' at the annual banquet in February 2008, culminating at the 2008 specialty in October for use of the property in September 2009. The Board asked Robin to thank the Cabit's for such a generous offer and looked forward to making this a success.

The Board broke for lunch at 1:00 pm

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes continued

Meeting resumed with discussion of the **2008 TarTan Specialty:**

Board agreed to go back to an independent specialty on October 13, 2008 at the Rotary Pavilion Grounds in South Windsor, CT.. The grounds have already been reserved and preliminary AKC paperwork has already been processed. Robin Marshall agreed to serve as chairman. She will ask Karen Gatchell to help her with AKC paperwork and judges' communication and will ask Phyllis Lundy to serve as Obedience Chairman again.

Judges were discussed; asking Tibby Chase for Obedience and Rally was unanimous and after some discussion it was decided to ask Joan Colbourn from Canada to judge conformation with Pat Mowbray-Morgan as another possibility. Sweepstakes suggestions included Pete Campbell, Sue Tapp and Lee Robinson. (*since this meeting, Sue Tapp has agreed to judge*). Larry Clifford offered to handle Grounds with assistance from Richard Dwyer and Nancy Smith handling the tents. Laura Bedford agreed to do advertising again and Cindy volunteered Liz Wilshere for the Raffle. Robin will ask Karol Paduch about doing Hospitality, although Nancy agreed to handle the morning coffee and donuts and will ask Karen Gatchell to do her rosette ordering again. Beth Beatty will again bring up North Carolina pottery and the Board decided to continue having the club subsidize the trophy purchase.

There is an issue with needing a secretary for the specialty as Karen Becker will be unavailable, although she would be willing to help with some of the preliminary work.

Each Board member was asked to research this position and get back to Cindy with suggestions within two weeks.

Next Meeting:

January 19, 2008 at 11:00am 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 2:40 pm.

TarTan H&G Committee Report 10/27/2007

This report is to update the TarTan GSC Officers, Board Members, and membership regarding the efforts of your H&G committee to date.

It is the mission of this committee to provide a source of health information for owners, breeders, and health professionals that will assist in breeding healthy Gordon Setters.

AKC/CHF TTGSC DAF Donation Process:

Each donation received by the TT H&G, which is designated for our AKC/CHF TarTan GSC Donor Advised fund (AKC/CHF TTGSC DAF), is acknowledged by the TTGSC H&G Committee with a personal thank you letter to the donor. Notification of the contribution is submitted to the Tidings editor for print in the newsletter, and a personal letter is sent to the honoree's family notifying them of the donor's kind consideration. All donor checks received by TT are made payable directly to the AKC/CHF TTGSC DAF. The incoming dollars are logged into a spread sheet reflecting pertinent data. The checks are then forwarded to the CHF where they are deposited into the TTGSC DAF account. The CHF sends the donor a thank you letter to the donor, this letter serve as their federal tax deductible receipt. They also notify the honoree of the donor's contribution to CHF.

Donation Dollars:

Contributions to the AKC/CHF TTGSC DAF as of September 27, 2007 are \$14,142.43. In addition there is \$440.00 in our TT general treasury targeted to H&G as a result of considerations received from members through this year's annual renewal membership applications. This is a huge sum considering the size of our community of TT friends and members.

TarTan H&G Committee Report 10/27/2007 Continued

Research, Progress, Promise

CCA:

The first CHF funded research effort by TarTan was as a primary sponsor to AKC/CHF Grant #407. TarTan, along with the Old English Sheepdog Club of America, The Scottish Terrier Club of America, and the American Staffordshire Club of America, supported AKC/CHF Grant #407 The Genetics of Canine Cerebellar Degeneration; Dr. Natasha Olby, North Carolina State University. TTGSC donated \$2,500 towards this effort. As reported before: The Gordon Setter was the breed with the least number of DNA samples, having only one family of CCA affected dogs. Based on this research grant, the best hope for identifying the defective gene in the Gordon Setter was to have a successful discovery in the AmStaff or Old English Sheepdog breeds. Dr. Olby noted that it is more important to have complete samples from an affected dog and its family than to have incomplete collections of samples from multiple families. While the Gordon Setter DNA samples from the two related affected dogs and their family was fairly complete, it was not statistically sufficient for genetic screening in the breed. Unfortunately, if the research in the other breeds is not fruitful, more CCA affected Gordon Setters will have to be identified, and blood samples collected from their families for Gordon Setter specific genome screening.

Update CCA:

AKC/CHF Grant #407, which was a 2 year grant for Dr. Olby has been closed. The findings are promising for the breeds involved. Dr. Olby has recently been approved for two separate AKC-Canine Health Foundation grants to use the newly available canine genome screening chips (Single Nucleotide Polymorphism – SNP) to search for the defective autosomal recessive gene causing cerebellar atrophy in Old English Sheepdogs and Scottish Terriers. If, with this promising new technology, a defective gene is found in either or both breeds, then it can be determined if the same gene(s) cause the disease in the Gordon Setter, and a genetic test for carriers can be developed. Information has recently been brought to the forefront of more Gordon Setters affected with CCA. Dr. Olby has been in contact with these veterinarians and hopes to acquire more GS DNA samples. This is a promising development which we trust will result in more DNA samples of affected GS becoming available for our breed specific research.

CHF Research Petitions:

During the month of February 2007, the TTGSC H&G Committee solicited the Canine Health Foundation (CHF) to petition researchers to investigate Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) and Juvenile Renal Disease (JRD) in the Gordon Setter. To date, we have not had any researchers take up these challenges. We continue our search for qualified researchers into PRA, and JRD. There has been dialogue with potential researchers interested in both of these disorders/diseases.

CHIC GS DNA Repository:

Given the obvious inability to have any meaningful breed specific research proceed without GS DNA, it became a primary goal of the TTGSC H&G Committee to take a leadership role and establish a GS DNA Repository. During the month of September, 2006 TarTan contacted The Canine Health Information Center (CHIC), and in conjunction with the OFA, CHF and AKC, TarTan established the first GS DNA repository. The blood DNA samples are housed at the University of Missouri; the cheek swab DNA samples at UC Davis, CA. Our initial endeavor at sample collection was held at the TarTan Specialty and TarTan Field Trial in October 2006. This rendered over 50 GS DNA samples being collected, initializing the GS repository.

As a result of the TarTan's efforts, one short year later, we have over 200 GS DNA samples in the CHIC DNA Repository database which include: Canadian GS, UK GS, and Australian GS, and Gordon setters from most of the 48 contiguous states. TarTan supplied all of these donors with collection kits, and continues to supply individual breeders/owners throughout the country and abroad with the necessary material to continue to build this all important research database.

In July 2007 TT H&G was contacted by the Nodrog GSC of Michigan concerning the possibility of a DNA blood draw at their two specialties September 22 & 23, 2007. TarTan **partnered** with Nodrog by supplying them with all the individual blood collection kits, forms, pedigrees (where needed), cheek swab kits, instructions, and moral support for a successful collection. I am proud to say Nodrog/TarTan collected 42 blood samples and 7 cheek swab samples for the CHIC GS DNA repository during this two day event.

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During the AKC/CHF Parent Club conference 10/20/2007 it was reported by CHIC/OFA that the total number of DNA samples received by CHIC stands at 4,000 samples. Through our efforts the Gordon Setter has donated over 5% of all the DNA in the CHIC repository. Our goal is to double that number during the next calendar year.

Future:

TarTan has approached the 2008 GSCA National host committee (Brandywine) requesting permission to sponsor a GS DNA repository blood draw at the GSCA National 2008. This is a challenge we take seriously and enthusiastically accept. We are resolute in our efforts to afford researchers the necessary means to move towards a genetically healthier breed of Gordon Setter.

Our committee wishes to acknowledge, thank, and express our deep appreciation to the TarTan Board, TarTan officers, and entire TarTan membership for their leadership role in the field of Gordon Setter health research. Personally, I cannot say enough for the unconditional support you have given this hard working H&G committee of Anita Lustenberger, Jerold Bell, and Candice Bell. I thank you, our breed thanks you.

Respectfully submitted,

Candice Bell

TarTan Health & Genetics Chair

Rescue News

Thank You Cheryl!

- TarTan Rescue would like to send out a very special thanks to **Cheryl Standley** of South Hamilton, MA for her generous holiday donation to rescue in memory of her husband Frank and their "beloved Gordon Setter Digger, who lived to 16 with very few problems." What a special gesture!
- **Rescue dogs:** we currently have a 9-month-old female field-type Gordon for whom we are referring inquiries to her breeder. Sadie is listed on Petfinder and had 88 "hits" the first 3 days her listing was posted. She, unfortunately, does have a health issue, it appears that she has mega esophagus; we are still evaluating that condition and will continue to forward inquiries to the breeder so interested families have the most accurate picture of what to expect. She is a loving little girl who gets along with kids, cats, and other dogs.
- Everyone's favorite rescue boy, Stanley, is doing well and will be moving back east with his owner and his Gordon brother! Paul sends pictures and updates regularly and is house-shopping for a place perfect for his two Gordons. Thanks to Phyllis Lundy for keeping us updated on Stanley's progress!

Got a story? Want to thank someone in the club for their help? Maybe you want to remember a past beloved Gordon or an old friend, if so please send your stories, thank you letters, or memorials to our production Staff

Karol: Trilogygordons@aol.com

Or

Jani: vger4@verizon.net

new membership application:

Tracy & Michael Murch

- Regular members
(Tracy is rejoining after her membership lapsed)
2 Maynard Dr.
Belmont, NH 03220
603-556-7746

mmurch@metrocast.net

They were endorsed by
Laura and Steven Bedford

They own:
Holly Hollow Beyond the
Sea wh 8/6/03

They are interested in
Agility, Dog Shows, Field
Trials, Hunting Tests,
Obedience, and Meeting
other owners.

TarTan Agility**TarTan Gordon Setter Club, Inc.****AGILITY TRIAL
FINANCIAL REPORT
August 11 & 12, 2007****EXPENSES**

AKC Application Fees	\$70.00
AKC Recording Fees	2180.00
Grounds	250.00
Tent Rental	770.50
Equipment Rental	1950.00
Ribbons	813.97
Judges	2321.63
Grounds Fee	80.00
Judges, Workers Lunches	238.25

Chairman Expenses

Judges & Workers Soda	192.46
Catalog Postage	6.84
Judges Gifts	100.00
Toys for Prizes	457.45
Water	19.95
Ribbons	21.80

Total Chairman Expenses **798.50****TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$9472.85****INCOME****Entries, Etc.** **\$14333.00****PROFIT** **\$4860.15**



TARTAN GORDON SETTER CLUB, INC. NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The TarTan Gordon Setter Club, Inc. has applications available for two (2) \$750 scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year.

These scholarships will be awarded nationally, to an owner, or child, or spouse of someone who owns a Gordon Setter, who is in college and enrolled in Animal Sciences (such as, Ecology, Zoology, Wildlife Management, etc.) or Comparative Medicine (such as, Pathobiology, Molecular Genetics, etc.) or is in a Veterinary college.

The application consists of four one-page essays. There is no age limit for applicants.

The application can be downloaded from the TarTan GSC Inc. website; www.tartangsc.org ; or is available from TarTan GSC Inc., c/o Candice Bell, 4 Stepping Stone Drive, Broad Brook, CT 06016; (860) 749-8348.

The deadline for submitting completed applications is May 31, 2008.

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!
Karen Gatchell, Archives PO. Box 449, Moody, ME 04054
trisett@maine.rr.com, 207/646-3339

The next meeting of the TarTan GSC Board of Directors will be Saturday, January 19th at Nancy Smith's house in East Windsor, CT.

As usual, all members are welcome to attend.

As a committee chairman, you are requested to send in your reports if you have anything that needs to be included in the agenda. Please send them to me, either electronically or by snail mail, in enough time for me to get them downloaded and printed for distribution to the other board members.

Thank you for all the time that you give to the Club

Cindy

PS; Remember to send in your banquet reservations and award applications !!

